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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

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DAILY ORDERS PART I

by

LT-COL. T.H. SCOTT
No. 50

6 AUG 43

COMD 2/32 AUST INF BN

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Sentence of the Court: To suffer field punishment for eighty days and to forfeit all ordinary pay for eighty days.
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Sentence of the Court: To be reduced to the ranks and to be imprisoned with hard labour for two years.

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Bn Orderly Offr
Next For Duty

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258. SICK PARADE

Coy sick parade will be held at 0645 hrs each morning. Medical Orderly attached to each Coy will hold this parade. All personnel requiring attention by the R.M.O. will be placed on another sick report by the Medical orderly. Personnel will NOT report direct to R.A.P.

259. UNAUTHORISED REMOVAL OF SURVEY PEGS AND BEACONS

1. Instances have occurred recently where survey pegs and beacons have been removed from positions in which they were originally sited.
2. In order to prevent recurrences of this nature and to enable accurate surveys to be carried out, Comds will instruct their tps not to interfere with any survey beacons or pegs which might be encountered.

260. CENSORSHIP

1. The address for this area as for the rest of NEW GUINEA is as under :-

Number, rank, name
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2. It will be impressed on all ranks that the move of the division must be kept secret and franking officers will pay particular attention to all outgoing mail.
3. No mention will be made of movement or change of location and letters will contain nothing likely to indicate that the division, particular unit or individual is no longer in AUSTRALIA.
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ALL personnel are reminded of the following orders:-

- (a) Wearing of shorts in the MILNE BAY Area is forbidden (NGF order 271)
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All water in MILNE BAY Area is highly contaminated and will NOT be used for drinking, or for washing dishes, unless chlorinated and detasted. There are established water points in MILNE BAY Area where water is super-chlorinated prior to delivery.

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Personnel are warned that details of voyage, route composition of convoy etc, must not be discussed with, or conveyed to unauthorised persons.

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Pay is available 12 Aug 43 on a restricted scale:

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No. 52.

16 Aug 43

COMD 2/32 AUST INF BN

268. MALARIA AND IMPOTENCE

1. Inquiries suggest that a certain number of men inadequately trained, are still expressing the opinion that taking of ATEBRIN will result in loss of manhood.
2. If a man by his foolish ideas, refrains from taking ATEBRIN vicious results follow, for his blood will rapidly fill with MALARIA organisms, and he will become a greater danger to his fellows than the native whom we so rigidly exclude from our camping areas.
3. The beneficial effects of taking ATEBRIN are shown by the recently published figures of the MALARIA rate in a Bn moving down through NEW BRITIAN without either nets or suppressive tablets. Of this unit, 20 % died of MALARIA, while the remainder received such doses of the parasite that relapses after treatment are almost universal, and most will be chronic invalids for many years to come. Statistics of impotence among these men have not been taken, but it may confidently be stated that most were impotent as a result of their MALARIA before they had ever seen an ATEBRIN tablet; and in many of them proper treatment with ATEBRIN would have actually restored virility. No case of loss of virility from taking ATEBRIN has yet been recorded in scientific circles, and opportunities for investigation have been obviously extensive.
4. The subject matter of this instn will be brought to the notice of all ranks. They will also be informed that the MALARIA death rate in the Bn quoted was 400 per 2000 men, compared with the death rate of 1 per 2000 among troops able to avail themselves of standard protection. Any man of reasonable intelligence will carefully and correctly use his mosquito net, mosquito spray, and repellent lotion, he will wear his clothes correctly at night and he will take his ATEBRIN as ordered.

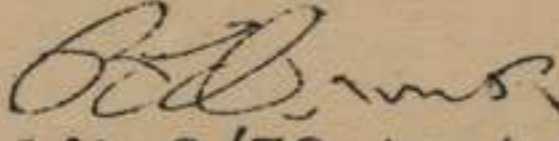
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1. In order to conceal sources of information about the enemy, all copies of supplement to MTP No 23 Part XX - Jungle Warfare (Provisional) - "Notes for Platoon and Section Leaders" will be amended as under :-
Page 9 Sec 3 - BLOCK OUT para (g)
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2. New pages to replace those mutilated are now being printed and will be distributed shortly. On receipt of these pages, those mutilated will be extracted and destroyed, amended sheets being inserted in lieu.

270. PARCELS FROM A.C.F.

210: RECORDED FROM BOOKS

1. 1190 parcels were received from the A.C.F. each containing -
1 handkerchief, 1 pr socks, 1 toothpaste, 1 shaving soap, 1 toilet soap, 1 washing soap, 3 chewing gum, writing paper and envelopes.


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1. Wherever possible, treatment of water by sterilising outfit for use with water bottles will be the responsibility of an NCO. Instructions printed on the inside surface of the lid will be read carefully and strictly followed.
2. Tablets will be protected from deterioration by keeping the bottles tightly corked. One outfit will be used completely before the next is opened in order to avoid deterioration by exposure to the air. For the same reason, no bottle of sterilising tablets will be kept for more than seven days after it has been first opened, as the efficiency of its contents cannot be guaranteed for longer than this period after the first opening.

272. WHARF PASSES - MILNE BAY

Passes are necessary to enter Wharf areas in MILNE BAY. Full detail are obtainable from Bn. HQ.

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Until further notice no applications will be submitted for leave of any kind, discharge or transfer outside the Division.

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279. COURTS MARTIAL

A DCM convened by Maj-Gen G.F. WOOTTEN Comd 9 Aust Div was held in the field on 20 Jul 43 for the trial of WX 14565 Pte Roy Bernard HAYES 2/32 Aust Inf Bn.

The accused was charged with:

WOAS absenting himself without leave in that he in the field WOAS absented himself without leave from 0300 hrs 12 Apr 43 to 2100 hrs 15 Jun 43. AA 15 (1)

The Court found the accused guilty except for the periods 0300 hrs 12 Apr 43 to 2359 hrs 19 Apr 43 and 27 Apr 43 to 15 Jun 43.

Sentence:

To suffer field punishment for 60 days and to forfeit all ordinary pay for 60 days

The accused was 5 days in close arrest awaiting trial. The finding and sentence were duly confirmed on 21 Aug 43 and promulgated to the accused in the field on 26 Aug 43.

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The accused was charged with:

WOAS absenting himself without leave in that he in the field WOAS was absent without leave from 0300 hrs 12 Apr 43 until reporting to his company at 2100 hrs on 15 Jun 43. AA 15 (1)

The Court found the accused Guilty except for the periods from 0300 hrs 12 Apr to 2359 hrs 19 Apr 43 and from 27 Apr 43 to 2100 hrs 15 Jun 43.

Sentence:

To suffer field punishment for 90 days and to forfeit all ordinary pay for 90 days.

The accused was 5 days in close arrest awaiting trial. The finding and sentence were duly confirmed on 21 Aug 43 and promulgated to the accused in the field on 26 Aug 43.

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The accused was charged with:

WOAS absenting himself without leave in that he in the field WOAS absented himself without leave from his unit from 0630 hrs 12 Apr 43 until rejoining his unit at 1650 hrs 26 Jul 43. AA 15 (1)

The Court found the accused guilty

Sentence:

To undergo detention for 150 days.

The accused was no days in close arrest awaiting trial. The finding and the sentence were duly confirmed and promulgated to the accused in the field on 26 Aug 43.

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The accused was charged with:

WOAS absenting himself without leave in that he WOAS in the field did absent himself without leave from 0630 hrs 30 May 43 until 0630 hrs 31 May 43. AA 15 (1)

The Court found the accused guilty

Sentence: To suffer field punishment for 14 days and to forfeit all ordinary pay for 14 days.

The accused was 1 day in close arrest awaiting trial. The finding and sentence were duly confirmed on 21 Aug 43 and promulgated to the accused in the field on 26 Aug 43.

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The Court found the accused guilty

Sentence:

To forfeit all ordinary pay for 70 days.

The accused was 48 days in close arrest awaiting trial. The finding and sentence were duly confirmed on 21 Aug 43 and promulgated to the accused in the field on 26 Aug 43.

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To undergo detention for 120 days

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The accused was charged with:

WOAS absenting himself without leave in that he in the field WOAS absenting himself without leave from 1400 hrs 5 Apr until rejoining his unit at 1800 hrs 17 Jun 43. Total absence 75 days. AA 15 (1)

The Court found the accused guilty except for the period from 1800 hrs 3 Jun until 1800 hrs 17 Jun

Sentence: To undergo detention for 120 days

The accused was 13 days in close arrest awaiting trial. The finding and sentence were duly confirmed on 21 Aug 43 and promulgated to the accused in the field on 26 Aug 43.

A DCM convened by Maj-Gen G.F. WOOTEN Comd 9 Aust Div was held in the field on 22 Jul 43 for the trial of WX 16759 Pte Ernest Andrew Leeds THOMPSON 2/32 Aust Inf Bn

The accused was charged with:

1. WOAS absenting himself without leave in that he in the field WOAS absented himself without leave from 30 Apr 43 until 1315 hrs 2 Jun 43. AA 15 (1)

2. WOAS conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline in that he at EASTWOOD WOAS was improperly in the possession of a document purporting to be signed by Lieut McCULLOUGH knowing that it was not so signed AA 40.

The Court found the accused guilty of both charges.

Sentence:

To undergo detention for 120 days.

The accused was 16 days in close arrest awaiting trial. The finding was duly confirmed on 21 Aug 43, but the confirming authority varied the sentence so that it shall read "to forfeit all ordinary pay for 60 days"

and confirmed the sentence as so varied. The finding, sentence of the Court and variation thereof were promulgated to the accused in the field on 26 Aug 43.

A DCM convened by Maj-Gen G.F. WOOTTEN Comd 9 Aust Div was held in the field on the 21 Jul 43 for the trial of VX 15515 Pte Arthur LARSEN 2/32 Aust Inf Bn

The accused was charged with:

1. WOAS absenting himself without leave in that he in the field WOAS absented himself without leave from 27 May 43 until 1300 hrs 17 Apr 43 AA 15 (1)
2. WOAS absenting himself without leave in that he in the Field WOAS absented himself without leave from 24 Apr 43 until 1530 hrs 17 Jun 43 AA 15 (1)

The Court upheld a plea of autrefois convict in bar of trial of the first charge and found the accused guilty of AWL from a date unknown to the Court after 24 Apr 43 until a date unknown to the Court prior to 17 Jun 43 on the second charge

Sentence:

To suffer field punishment for 30 days and to forfeit all ordinary pay for 30 days.

The accused was 5 days in close arrest awaiting trial. The finding on the first charge was confirmed on 21 Aug 43. Confirmation of the finding on the second charge and of the sentence was refused. The findings, sentence and fact of non confirmation thereof were promulgated to the accused in the field on 26 Aug 43.

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LT-COL T.H. SCOTT
NO. 55.

COMD 2/32 AUST INF BN

27 Aug 43

279. COURTS MARTIAL

A DCM convened by Maj-Gen G.F. WOOTTEN Comd 9 Aust Div was held in the field on 20 Jul 43 for the trial of WX 14365 Pte Roy Bernard HAYES 2/32 Aust Inf Bn.

The accused was charged with:

WOAS absenting himself without leave in that he in the field WOAS absented himself without leave from 0300 hrs 12 Apr 43 to 2100 hrs 15 Jun 43. AA 15 (1)

The Court found the accused guilty except for the periods 0300 hrs 12 Apr 43 to 2359 hrs 19 Apr 43 and 27 Apr 43 to 15 Jun 43.

Sentence:

To suffer field punishment for 60 days and to forfeit all ordinary pay for 60 days

The accused was 5 days in close arrest awaiting trial. The finding and sentence were duly confirmed on 21 Aug 43 and promulgated to the accused in the field on 26 Aug 43.

A DCM convened by Maj-Gen G.F. WOOTTEN Comd 9 Aust Div was held in the field on 20 Jul 43 for the trial of WX 14087 Pte Joseph Alexander BEER 2/32 Aust Inf Bn

The accused was charged with:

WOAS absenting himself without leave in that he in the Field WOAS was absent without leave from 0300 hrs 12 Apr 43 until reporting to his company at 2100 hrs on 15 Jun 43. AA 15 (1)

The Court found the accused Guilty except for the periods from 0300 hrs 12 Apr to 2359 hrs 19 Apr 43 and from 27 Apr 43 to 2100 hrs 15 Jun 43.

Sentence:

To suffer field punishment for 90 days and to forfeit all ordinary pay for 90 days.

The accused was 5 days in close arrest awaiting trial. The finding and sentence were duly confirmed on 21 Aug 43 and promulgated to the accused in the field on 26 Aug 43.

A DCM convened by Maj-Gen G.F. WOOTTEN Comd 9 Aust Div was held in the field on 29 Jul 43 for the trial of WX 11626 Pte F.R. JOHNSON 2/32 Aust Inf Bn

The accused was charged with:

WOAS absenting himself without leave in that he in the field WOAS absented himself without leave from his unit from 0630 hrs 12 Apr 43 until rejoining his unit at 1630 hrs 26 Jul 43. AA 15 (1)

The Court found the accused guilty

Sentence:

To undergo detention for 150 days.

The accused was no days in close arrest awaiting trial. The finding and the sentence were duly confirmed and promulgated to the accused in the field on 26 Aug 43.

A DCM convened by Maj-Gen G.F. WOOTTEN Comd 9 Aust Div was held in the field on 21 Jul 43 for the trial of WX 10142 Pte Erbe Mervyn WALKLATE 2/32 Aust Inf Bn

The accused was charged with:

WOAS absenting himself without leave in that he WOAS in the field did absent himself without leave from 0630 hrs 30 May 43 until 0630 hrs 31 May 43. AA 15 (1)

The Court found the accused guilty

Sentence: To suffer field punishment for 14 days and to forfeit all ordinary pay for 14 days.

The accused was 1 day in close arrest awaiting trial. The finding and the sentence were duly confirmed on 21 Aug 43 and promulgated to the accused in the field on 26 Aug 43.

A DCM convened by Maj-Gen G.F. WOOTTEN Comd 9 Aust Div was held in the field on 28 Jul 43 for the trial of TX 12 Pte M.N. WEBSTER 2/32 Aust Inf Bn

The accused was charged with:

WOAS absenting himself without leave in that he in the field WOAS absented himself without leave from 1500 hrs 17 Apr 43 until 1400 hrs 10 Jun 43 AA 15 (1)

The Court found the accused guilty

Sentence:

To forfeit all ordinary pay for 70 days.

The accused was no days in close arrest awaiting trial. The finding and sentence were duly confirmed on 21 Aug 43 and promulgated to the accused in the field on 26 Aug 43.

A DCM convened by Maj-Gen G.F. WOOTTEN Comd 9 Aust Div was held in the field on 22 Jul 43 for the trial of SX 103 Pte J.J. EDMONDS 2/32 Aust Inf Bn

The accused with:

WOAS absenting himself without leave in that he in the field WOAS absented himself without leave from 2/32 Aust Inf Bn from 0600 hrs 24 Apr 43 till 1630 hrs 31 May 43 AA 15 (1)

The Court found the accused guilty

Sentence:

To undergo detention for 120 days

The accused was 48 days in close arrest awaiting trial. The finding and sentence were duly confirmed on 21 Aug 43 and promulgated to the accused in the field on 26 Aug 43.

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The Court found the accused guilty except for the period from 1800 hrs 3 Jun until 1800 hrs 17 Jun

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The Court found the accused guilty of both charges.

Sentence:

To undergo detention for 120 days.

The accused was 15 days in close arrest awaiting trial. The finding was duly confirmed on 21 Aug 43, but the confirming authority varied the sentence so that it shall read "to forfeit all ordinary pay for 60 days"

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Sentence:

To suffer field punishment for 30 days and to forfeit all ordinary pay for 30 days.

The accused was 5 days in close arrest awaiting trial. The finding on the first charge was confirmed on 21 Aug 43. Confirmation of the finding on the second charge and of the sentence was refused. The findings, sentence and fact of non confirmation thereof were promulgated to the accused in the field on 26 Aug 43.

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No 56.

28 Aug 43

280. BLISTERING FROM PEELING OF PARSNIPS

A number of cases of blistering of the skin has occurred in NEW GUINEA within the past few weeks. Experimental work has shown that the condition is due to the action of direct sunlight on skin which has been sensitised by peeling parsnips. All ranks are warned that sunlight in the presence of water and solid parsnips will cause severe blistering.

281. CHECK POST

A Check Post has been established west of pontoon bridge and south of 18 Bde road turn off. Drivers will produce a vehicle pass on request showing start point, load and signature of offr authorising tpt.

282. PROMOTIONS

	NX 13153	L/Sgt	STIRLING	J.C.	Prom	A/S/Sgt	28.8.43
	VX 35800	L/Sgt	MacCALLUM	C.C.	"	A/Sgt	28.8.43
x	NX 11570	A/Cpl	HODGES	C.W.	"	A/Sgt	28.8.43
x	VX 23238	A/Cpl	FOSTER	R.L.R.	"	A/Sgt	28.8.43
	VX 38291	Cpl	NORTH	H.B.	Apptd	L/Sgt	28.8.43
	VX 29714	Cpl	GILMORE	R.W.	"	L/Sgt	28.8.43
	WX 9706	Cpl	ROBERTS	L.S.	"	L/Sgt	17.8.43
	QX 1266	Pte	MORRISON	L.J.	Prom	A/Cpl	17.8.43
	VX 45553	Pte	ATWELL	R.M.	"	A/Cpl	17.8.43
	WX 1983	Pte	TROY	M.L.	Apptd	L/Cpl	17.8.43
	VX 14514	Pte	GRAHAM	D.	Apptd	L/Cpl	17.8.43
	WX 9727	Pte	BOATWRIGHT	N.L.	Apptd	L/Cpl	27.8.43
	WX 18638	Pte	HUMPHREYS	H.J.	Graded	Gp II Carpenter	2.8.43
	WX 12630	Pte	MARWICK	C.J.	Graded	Gp II Int Duties	1.5.43
	WX 9717	Pte	SKITCH	M.R.	"	" " " "	1.5.43

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283. CARE OF STORES EGPT ETC

Attention of all ranks is drawn to the necessity of definite action to prevent waste. It should not be necessary to point out that ALL stores, eqpt, clothing etc are difficult to supply and tpt to units; and that our war effort can seriously be impeded if waste is allowed.

From recent observations it must unfortunately be stated that some offrs and NCOs have no sense of responsibility and do not in any way attempt to control their men, apart, possibly from actual fighting. One instance observed during an exercise was that "Billycans" were covered with sox presumably to prevent noise.

284. PILFERING

Despite previous instns regarding pilfering there appears to be no improvement in this area. Stores in dumps for future ops have been breached.

Coy Comds will ensure that every individual is informed of the serious consequences of pilfering. It is impossible to prepare for ops if efforts are sabotaged by people, who, in effect, are assisting the enemy.

Comd 9 Aust Div has directed that personnel detected in the act shall be tried by Court Martial.

285. ASCORBIC ACID TABLETS

Commencing 30 Aug one tablet ASCORBIC ACID will be taken each day by all personnel.

286. AUSTRALIAN CEMETERY

Complaints have been received of personnel during visits to the Australian Cemetery in this area walking on graves and gardens.

Whilst it is undesirable to place this Cemetery out of bounds ALL troops are requested to observe the greatest care when in the Cemetery area.

287. DRESS

It is repeated that the wearing of shorts is strictly forbidden in this area. Personnel will wear long trousers and gaiters at ALL times. All offrs will ensure that this is carried out.

288. VEHICLES IN CAMP AREA.

Camp T.Os will ensure that strict supervision is given to vehicles under their control. Essential duties only will be executed with vehicles to minimise traffic in the camp area.

289. BATHING

Troops are still bathing after 1730 hrs. Duty Coy will provide a picquet of 1 NCO for beach patrol, to mount 1725 hrs and dismount not before 2000 hrs.

290. USE OF AN FPO OR APO AS POSTAL ADDRESS

The use of an FPO as an address for private correspondence is forbidden.

The use of an APO address may be permitted as an accommodation address in special circumstances, but only by express authority of the ADAPS or DADAPS.

291. SAFETY RAZOR BLADES

Stocks of safety razor blades held in NEW GUINEA are very low and it is anticipated that no further supplies will come forward for at least two months.

Strict economy in their use is therefore essential.

292. CARE OF MORTAR BOMBS AND FUZES

Mortar Bomb fuzes, under certain conditions, may become armed through rough handling and consequently it is imperative that the greatest care be taken with mortar ammunition. Boxes of bombs should always be carried from place to place. They must NEVER be thrown.

All fuzes that are dropped from aircraft are labelled accordingly and when subsequently examined by technical Ordnance personnel are certified "Safe to Fire".

If a mortar fuze is fired and does not detonate, it will in any case become armed and therefore exceedingly dangerous. No attempt will be made to interfere with or remove a blind bomb. It must on no account be fired from a mortar a second time.

Blind bombs will be destroyed in situ in accordance with the procedure laid down in GRO 407/43.

If any doubt is felt regarding the condition of mortar fuzes they should be set aside and reference made to an Inspecting Ordnance Officer or ammunition examiner.

293. SECURITY OF OPERATIONS AND MOVEMENTS

Examination of recently vacated camp sites in this area reveals gross carelessness in the observation of security regulations by outgoing units.

All ranks will be constantly reminded that all papers, addressed envelopes and other items which might give an identification of their units must be destroyed by fire prior to moving. To ensure that this order is carried out a thorough check will be made by coy offrs when any area is vacated.

294. BUNA WHARF AREA - BOUNDS

(a) The BUNA WHARF AREA is out of bounds to all ranks except those whose duty requires them to be in that area.

295. TELEPHONE SECURITY

The telephone is most insecure and the greatest care will be exercised by all ranks wherever they may be as to what is said over it. Military secrets should never be discussed in telephone conversations. Should it ever become necessary to do so in case of emergency, every possible attempt should be made to mislead possible listeners-in. Telephone conversations will be kept as short as possible.

296. MAIL

Outward mail closes at Bn H.Q. at 1430 hrs.

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The tail assembly of BOOMERANG aircraft is being painted white.

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Blasting of fish is NOT permitted. Disciplinary action will be taken against offenders.

299. TRADE GROUPINGS

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28 Aug 43
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Copy No.
1 Aug 432/32 AUST INF BN TACTICAL EXERCISE

Ref Map GORDONVALE 1/83360

1. GENERAL

This exercise will be carried out 2 Aug 43 - duration one day.

2. OBJECT

To practice the Battalion in picquetting of side tracks and clearings for the protection of the column advancing along Jungle Tracks.

3. NARRATIVE

The enemy has been advancing from the coast with the intention of occupying the ATHERTON TABLELANDS. They have established an Air Strip at rd 567387 to 569397 and are suspected of extensive patrolling forward of this Air strip east towards our line.

24 Aust Inf Bde are holding a line from WOMBERRY Ck 510377 to JUARA Ck 510393.

2/32 Aust Inf Bn have been ordered to proceed to Air Strip along PYTHON Hill tracks with the object of destroying aircraft and fuel dumps, damaging the strip and harassing the enemy. The strength of the enemy in the strip area is estimated at one Bn.

4. METHOD

Start Point rd junc 483387

5. START TIME 0830 hrs6. ROUTE S.P. to bend in rd 510384 thence along track towards PYTHON Hill 545377.

7. ORDER OF MARCH

Advance Guard	D Coy
	COMD Gp
	C Coy
	B Coy
	Bn H.Q.
	HQ Coy less Tk/A Pl
	R.A.P.
REAR GUARD	A Coy

8. WEAPONS Normal W.E.9. I SEC PERSONNEL One I Pte will be attached to each CoyADM10. DRESS Normal Battle Order with steel helmets and bed rolls less respirators.11. RATIONS Cut lunch will be carried.12. MEDICAL One S.B. will be allotted to Coys as from 0800 hrs 2 Aug 43 until completion of exercise.13. WATER All water bottles will be filled prior to leaving camp and strict water discipline will be enforced.14. INTERCOMSIGS Sig plan as ordered. Normal allotment to Coys.15. ORDERLIES Coys will send one orderly to ^{move} with Bn H.Q.16. WATCHES will be synchronised at Bn H.Q. 0800 hrs 2 Aug 43.

ACK

.....Capt.

ADM FOR EXERCISE

1. ENEMY will consist of Tk/A Pl plus personnel detailed from Mor Pl.
2. DRESS BATTLE order less bed rolls. Felt hats.
3. Instructions for enemy will be issued separately.

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Adjt 2/32 Aust Inf Bn

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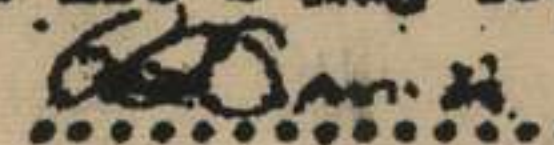
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15. ORDERLIES Coys will send one orderly to ^{move} with Bn H.Q.
16. WATCHES will be synchronised at Bn H.Q. 0800 hrs 2 Aug 43.

ACK

.....Capt.

ADM FOR EXERCISE

1. ENEMY will consist of Tk/A Pl plus personnel detailed from Mor Pl.
2. DRESS BATTLE order less bed rolls. Felt hats.
3. Instructions for enemy will be issued separately.

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.....Capt.
Adjt 2/32 Aust Inf Bn

DISTRIBUTION

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A	1
B	2
C	3
D	4
HQ	5
CO	6
2i/c	7
Adjt	8
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ADMIN INSTRUCTION

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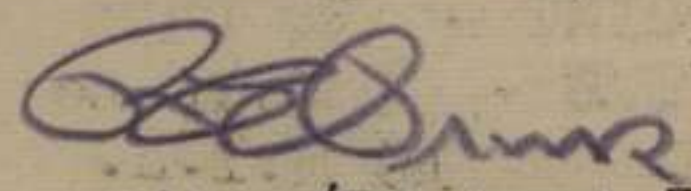
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4		C	6	1	7		
5		B	7	1	8		
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START POINT -- RD Ilunc *479388*

START TIME -- H Hour to be notified

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12 Bn HQ

5 RAP

1 RSM

1 CO.

79

2 us. lge

10 R.D.

6 hrs per truck

Postal

1 sec TABLES

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C.O.	Q.M.	
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TRAINING SYLLABUS.

Ref...CAIBNS....I..63360

DAY	0830 MORNING 1200	1330 AFTERNOON 1630
FRIDAY 6 Aug.	All Coys..Excercise See App "A"	All Coys...Swimming Pde. P.and R.T.
Saturday 7 Aug.	All Coys..Excedcise See App "B"	All Coys...Swimming Pde. P.and R.T.
Sunday 8 Aug.	Church Parade	Admin.
Monday 9 Aug.	All Coys..P.and R.T. Compass and Map Read.	All Coys..... Inter Coy.Sports.

SECRET.

COY. COMPASS MARCHES
(across hilly country)

App. "B"

Ref. Map.

7 Aug. 43

CAIRNS...I...~~63360~~63360

METHOD

Coys. will move by Pls. at 5 min. intervals.

S.T.

0815 hrs.

ROUTES

"A" Coy.	from 6I6863	bearing of	25°	for	900 yds.
"	"	"	284°	"	" "
"	"	"	200°	"	" "
"	"	"	89°	"	" "
"B"	6I6864	"	241°	"	900 yds.
"	"	"	189°	"	750 "
"	"	"	55°	"	900 "
"	"	"	98°	"	700 "
"C"	6I6865	"	212°	"	1900 "
"	"	"	150°	"	500 "
"	"	"	59°	"	600 "
"	"	"	5°	"	1600 "
"D"	6I6868	"	245°	"	800 "
"	"	"	355°	"	550 "
"	"	"	62°	"	1200 "
"	"	"	206°	"	900 "
"HQ"	6I6862	"	192°	"	2800 "
"	"	"	65°	"	700 "
"	"	"	358°	"	2400 "

DISTANCES

Have been calculated as far as possible, but should only be regarded as approx. when negotiating steep inclines. Some may appear out of proportion to other Coys., but this is necessary to avoid congestion and the longer distances are compensated for by easier going for the major part of the journey.

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All above bearings are GRID.

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TRINITY BEACH, NORTH

3. TIME

0900 hrs to 1200 hrs

4. Tps

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MAIN rd- short cut- ROBINSON LANE to TRINITY BEACH, NORTH.

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Watches will be synchronized at 0730 hrs.

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 A/Adjt 2/32 Aust Inf Bn Lieut.

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2/28	do (C Coy)	155
2/118	Fd Workshop	119
2/4	Lt A/A Regt	84
2/3	do	26
3	Aust Svy Coy	19
2/118	Fd Park	15
2/12	Fd Regt	5
HQ 9	Aust Div	1
HQ 20	Aust Inf Bde	1
2/1	Ltd Bn	1
156	Gen Tpt	1
	Total	<u>1204</u>

War Diary
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Ship's Orderly Room
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2/32 AUST INF BN TRG INSTN No. 62

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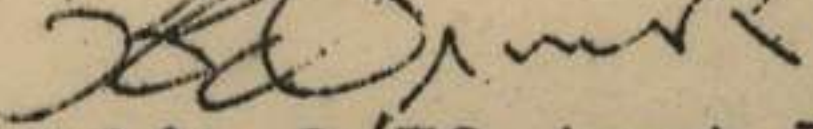
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BN HQ AND ADM PERSONNEL

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Appx "A" Reverse side.

 Capt.
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Distribution

1.	A Coy	7.	2 i/c	13.	Mtr Pl Comd
2.	B "	8.	Adjt	14.	Tk A Pl "
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Appx "A"

2/32 Aust Inf Bn Outline Trg Syllabus

Day No	Nature of Trg	Remarks
1.	Move out of all sub-units on recce tasks over area	
2.	Coy recapitulation of fixing encircling etc attacks	
3.	" " " " " "	
4.	TEWT all offr - Coys under CSM Sec & Pl trg	
5.	Pl & Coy Patrols	
6.	Movement through close & open country	
7.	Recapitulation of movemnt & formation in open country Tk A pl on Tk A range (19 Aug 43)	
Days to be notified	HQ exercise down to and including all coys HQ. Coy Trg OR Trg with LC	Dependant on availability of craft.

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3.	C "	9.	I.O.	15.	Pnr Pl "
4.	D "	10.	Q.M.	16.)	
5.	HQ "	11.	Sig Offr	17.)	War Diary ✓
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2/32 AUST INF BN TRG INSTN No. 62

GENERAL

1. During the present trg period the following general instns will be practiced on all possible occasions.
 - (a) Hard marching, which will include hill climbing, with men carrying their full loads of eqpt, rations and amm.
 - (b) Direction finding by sub-units from secs up.
 - (c) Pl patrols with a definite purpose of,
 1. Obtaining infm by means of fwd recce from the main body or,
 2. the occupation by a pl of ground vital to the success of further ops.

Some of these can be carried out from the present camp areas and should include daylight movement over difficult hilly country and movement by night through open country and coconut plantations. Where possible the umpires should accompany the pl patrols in order to criticise the operation.

- (d) Special attention must be paid to the care of all weapons to avoid deterioration from climatic conditions.

MOUNTAIN WARFARE

2. Where possible the principles of mountain warfare will be practiced. The following exercises will be conducted by Bde.
 - (a) TEWT attended by all offrs of each Bn. Bns will be divided into two syndicates commanded by CO and 2 i/c respectively.
 - (b) A Bn exercise with tps over the same grounds as the TEWT.

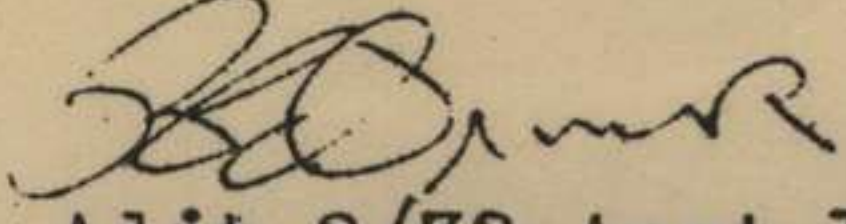
TRG OF HQ COY PERSONNEL

3. The following points in the trg of Hq Coy personnel should receive special study during the trg period. (Maj DIXON will supervise)
 - (a) Sigs - Comms on the move
Testing laying methods with new light assault wire.
 - (b) MMG- Man handling of weapons, essential stores and amm.
Mortars Tactical sighting of weapons.
& Tk A
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13 Aug 43

NOMINAL ROLL OF L.O.B. PERSONNEL

W.X.	529	Maj	G.E.	DIXON	
VX	14953	Capt	J.H.	BURN	
VX	35129	Capt	J.J.	THORNTON	
WX	11080	Lieut	T.R.	HAMILTON	
WX	9936	Lieut	M.J.	KELEY	
WX	9892	Lieut	J.N.	LIDDELL	
WX	2086	Woll		THOMPSON	N.L.
SX	1209	Woll		RODGERS	C.S.
VX	15353	Woll		BUCKLEY	T.C.
NX	13155	Sgt		STIRLING	J.P.
WX	158	"		SMITH	F.J.
WX	14011	"		CURLEWIS	F.D.
WX	9980	Cpl		NEEDHAM	E.W.
WX	15116	"		PHILLIPS	S.D.
WX	11405	"		SCOTT	A.F.
WX	12847	"		OVENS	G.T.
VX	25453	"		TOLLIDAY	W.
WX	9732	"		READ	J.W.
WX	9705	L/Cpl		SMAILLES	B.S.
WX	9717	Pte		SKITCH	M.R.
WX	10615	"		MELL	J.B.
WX	9735	"		HEALY	P.
VX	24750	"		STEELE	C.J.
NX	152124	"		WALLER	E.J.
WX	11476	L/Cpl		SNOW	E.W.
WX	9116	Pte		FREEMAN	A.H.
VX	37589	"		CAIRE	J.
VX	43094	"		STEPHENS	B.R.
WX	1976	"		MULLALY	J.S.
WX	11422	"		CRAMPTON	F.
WX	1702	"		THOMPSETT	R.
WX	16658	"		JONES	F.R.
WX	9704	"		REYNOLDS	R.C.
VX	38349	"		NANCARROW	W.
QX	609	"		ROGERS	H.C.
WX	17413	"		COLGATE	G.H.
WX	9787	"		FAIRLESS	C.C.
QX	3195	#		DOWNING	P.E.
VX	44743	"		MOORE	G.E.C.
WX	17491	"		WINCHOMB	E.
WX	9796	"		HILLS	E.C.
WX	2102	"		CLEMENTS	H.D.
QX	1332	"		ROBERTSON	D.
WX	19177	"		ISAACS	C.S.
WX	14289	"		MCKENZIE-MILLER	G.
WX	9102	"		HEALD	S.A.
WX	14196	"		RICHARDSON	A.F.
WX	10355	"		MONGER	T.E.
WX	15963	"		JONES	A.A.
VX	35853	"		OFFICER	W.V.
WX	17352	"		RAFFERTY	O.L.
WX	14266	"		KING	A.H.
VX	36879	"		ROWE	J.
WX	12854	"		BISHOP	E.
WX	14980	"		BROOKES	W.B.
WX	13978	"		MOIR	R.K.
VX	13724	"		CHAMBERS	H.S.
VX	40423	"		FERGUSON	H.
QX	220	"		SPARKES	W.R.
VX	41452	"		GANNAWAY	R.

2/32 Aust Inf Bn
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Bn H.Q.

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AdjT T/Capt R.G. CRONK
I.O. Lieut R.A. GARDINER

HQ Coy
O.C. Maj G.E. DIXON
Sig Pl Lieut W.D. LAING
MMG Pl Lieut E.E. IVEY
Mtr Pl Lieut J.N. LIDDELL
Tka Pl Lieut J.C. CLARK
Pnr Pl Lieut R.K. DOWNEY

QM Capt R.E. CARTWRIGHT
TO Lieut P. MEERS

A Coy

O.C. Capt J.E. WALKER *Capt Marich*
2 i/c Lieut G.M. GATWARD
7 Pl Comd Lieut R.T. LEWIS
8 Pl Comd Lieut T.R. HAMILTON
9 Pl Comd Lieut R.D. IRELAND

B Coy

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10 Pl Comd Lieut W.M. BUCKLEY
11 Pl Comd Lieut B.G. GREEN
12 Pl Comd Lieut R.R. KENNEDY

C Coy

2 i/c O.C. Capt H.G. DAVIES
~~13 Pl Comd~~ Lieut H.D. STEWART
13 Pl Comd Lieut K.A. GARNSEY
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D Coy

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2 i/c Lieut C.P. THOMPSON
16 Pl Comd Lieut *Smith*
17 Pl Comd Lieut S.F. NORTH
18 Pl Comd Lieut D.P. DAY

"X" LIST

Capt J.H. BURN
Capt C.G. LANCASTER
Lieut L.G. CARTWRIGHT
Lieut A.E. WILLIS
Lieut E.E. CRABB

SCHOOL

Lieut A. HAMILTON

2/32 AUST INF BN TRG INSTN No. 61

Ref Map GILI GILI 1: 25000

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SPECIAL PHRASES TO BE STUDIED

- #. (a) 1. movement across tropical terrain
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 - (c) hills and ridges
 - (d) vegetation - type i.e., jungle, forest or plantation, grass height and density.
Information is ESPECIALLY required about KUNAI Grass. Coys will recce areas enclosed in circles.

METHOD

4. Start point: Coy HQ
5. Start time: 0900 hrs (A & B Coys 15 Aug 43)
6. Route: as per attached sketch trace

ADM

7. Dress: Battle order less respirators
8. Rations: Cut lunch will be carried
9. Water: All water bottles filled prior to start of exercise.

INTERCOMM

10. Time: watches will be synchronised with sig officer at 0800 hrs.

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Adjt 2/32 Aust Inf Bn

1115 hrs
.....Time of Signature

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24 AUST INF BDE

TACTICAL EXERCISE WITHOUT TROOPS

Ref Map : MILNE BAY 1 inch to 1 mile

OPENING SITUATION

Under cover of darkness, despite last minute interception by our aircraft, a force of JAPANESE ~~made a~~ successful landing at two beaches on the southern coast of MILNE BAY, namely WAGA WAGA (456333) and IBULAI (482327) on night 13/14 Aug. It is estimated that approx two regts with supporting arms were landed. Two further convoys are reported to be on the water and the outcome of the present naval and air battle now raging will decidewhether these trps will be able to reinforce the initial landing.

NARRATIVE 1

By 1800 hrs 15 Aug the situation was as follows:

- (a) Using the two coastal tracks, the enemy had succeeded in reaching the line of the MAIWARA river where they are at present being held by 20 Aust Inf Bde.
- (b) Aerial recce reported enemy posns at track junc 313365 and movement of small parties along track to the NW (as far as HAWAGAUGAU (297377))

NARRATIVE 11

24 Aust Inf Bde has been ordered to move from its present location via track 280425 - 272410 - 313365 and cut the enemy L of C preparatory to annihilating the enemy in their present posns.

PROBLEM 1

As C.O. advance guard bn, give your outline plan, with composition of advance guard in detail.

NOTE: Main body of advance guard crosses start point 280425 0800 hrs 16 Aug.

Solutions to be submitted to D.S. 0900 hrs 16 Aug

24 AUST INF BDE

TACTICAL EXERCISE WITHOUT TRPS

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1. OUTLINE OF EXERCISE

- (a) The exercise will be held at 24 Aust Inf Bde HQ on 16 Aug 43. All offrs will assemble at 0900 hrs at Bde. Syndicate. D will be offrs 2/32 Aust Inf Bn.
- (b) All knowledge of terrain, natural obstacles etc. will be obtained solely by reference to MILNE BAY sheet.

2. ADM

- (a) It is anticipated that the exercise will be completed by 1230 hrs. Offrs will therefore return to their respective units for lunch.
- (b) Maps, notebooks and pencils will be carried.
- (c) 2/32 Aust Inf Bn will be transported under arrangements of Bde Tpt Offr.

(sgd) J.H.Wilton Capt

for Maj. M.B. 24 Aust Inf Bde

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2/32 Aust Inf Bn
18 Aug 43

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B Coy	DAPO
C Coy	FALA
D Coy	LERU
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18 Aug 43

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[Initials]

O O Report.

23 Aug 43

Hours of Duty:- 1800 hrs 22 Aug 43 1/5
1800 hrs 23 Aug 43.

Gd. Mounting:- Gd. mounted correctly
on time.

Inspected at 2045 hrs ~
1130 hrs. All sentries alert
& turned out correctly.

Meals:- Breakfast { All meals sufficient.
Lunch { Well served. Cooks
& bliners { doing a good job.

Hygiene:- latrines in good order.
Suggest that seats be put
over drains. No timber
available at present.

Anti-Malarial:- Precautions taken
• all personnel observing
same

Tines Inspection:- "A" Tines clean & tents ~
in good order
"B" Ditto. ✓
"C" Ditto. Cocoanuts ~
rubbish still to be cleared

at Reas of Lines. C.S.M. notified
"D" lines & tents in good order.
All kitchens were clean & tidy.

"B.H.R." Tents in good order. Lines
Heaps of rubbish & coconuts
in lines. Suggest duty Coy &
Supply working party to clean
same.

"H.Q." Lines. Need a clean of grass
Good raking needed. ✓
Tents. With the exception of 2
beds all beds off ground. ✓
2 beds need to go higher. Mr. ✓
Liddell notified also Mr. ✓
Smyth.

General: - Received an ~~excellent~~
Excellent report from field
officer of the Day (Capt. Kellibrand)
As there are still a lot of cocon-
nuts to be burnt or buried.
Suggest that Coy clean area before
for arrivals.

W. H. B. Smith
old O.O.

C. A. Walters
New O.O.

14
2/52 Aust Inf Bn
26 Aug 43

CAMP STANDING ORDERS

1. ROUTINE

0600 hrs	Reveille
0615 "	Adm Parade
0700 "	Breakfast
0800 "	Coy and Bn HQ lines in inspection order
0800-1145hrs	Trg period
0900 hrs	Kitchens in inspection order
1200 hrs	Lunch
1245-1600 hrs	Trg period Sport Swimming
1600-1700hrs	Coy Adm
1830-2100hrs	Night trg period
2205 hrs	Lights out.

2. Indiscriminate shooting is prohibited. Where it is desired to shoot a trg series application will be made to Bn HQ.
3. The area in which this camp is situated is highly dangerous and has not been de-loused. Personnel will not tamper with unexploded amm, booby traps etc, but will report the location of same to Bn HQ.
4. Coconut palms are protected and must NOT be damaged. Attention is drawn to the danger of falling coconuts.

5. AIR RAIDS

For this unit there will be no Air Raid alarms by day- no slit trenches will be dug -Cover will be taken immediately an air ATTACK starts. Trg will not stop for petty alarms.

6. MALARIA CONTROL

(a) Mosquito Repellant.

1. Mosquito repellant will be applied to all exposed parts of the body at 1645 hrs.
2. Repellant will continue to be applied at 3 hourly intervals from 1645 to 0630 hrs unless personnel are under mosquito nets.
3. Repellant will be carried at all times between 1645hrs and 0630 hrs.

(b) Swimming is not permitted after 1725 hrs

(c) Tents and mosquito nets will be sprayed before retiring each night

(d) The strict supervision of the taking of Atobrin by all ranks will continue to be carried out.

(e) Sleeves will be rolled down and buttoned at 1645 hrs.

7. HOOKWORM

Care will be taken that at no time do any personnel contact the earth with bare feet.

8. SCRUB TYPHUS

The Scrub Typhus mite is prevalent in many parts of this area - All ranks will ensure that clothing, insides of boots, gaiters etc, is well treated with repellant.

9. HYGIENE

- (a) The strictest hygiene discipline will be enforced by all ranks.
- (b) No water is to be used unless boiled and sterilised.
- (c) No used water will be thrown within 50 yds of wells.
- (d) All rubbish will be incinerated in incinerators provided for this purpose. Tins after ~~be~~ burned will be crushed and buried.
- (e) Water wells - Coys will ensure that all wells in their areas are surrounded by a rail fence at least ten feet from the well itself and that every well is picketed. Personnel will NOT wash themselves their clothing or anything else near a well on account of seepage.

10. DRESS

Dress throughout the day will be - Boots, long trousers, Shirts (with long sleeves) Gaiters.
 Shirts may be removed between 0630 hrs and 1645 hrs only when performing heavy manual labour.
 Hats Fur Felt - When hats are worn they will be worn correctly, unauthorised of dents, twists, and curls will cease forthwith.
 In this Bn puggarees will NOT be worn, a thin leather band may be worn (i.o., boot lace), - fancy plaits, knots, dingle dangles etc will NOT be permitted. The Australian is something to be proud of and the practice of trying to ape amateur soldiers, larrakins etc, is most undesirable.
 Puggarees and unit color patches may be worn only when on the Australian Mainland unless otherwise ordered.

1. COY AREAS.

Areas will be cleaned and inspected by OC Coys prior to Unit vacating same.

H. C. ... Capt.
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2/32 Aust Inf Bn
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- (d) All rubbish will be incinerated in incinerators provided for this purpose. Tins after ~~be~~ burned will be crushed and buried.
- (e) Water wells - Coys will ensure that all wells in their areas are surrounded by a rail fence at least ten feet from the well itself and that every well is picketed. Personnel will NOT wash themselves their clothing or anything else near a well on account of seepage.

10. DRESS

Dress throughout the day will be - Boots, long trousers, Shirts (with long sleeves) Gaiters.
 Shirts may be removed between 0630 hrs and 1645 hrs only when performing heavy manual labour.
 Hats Fur Felt - When hats are worn they will be worn correctly, unauthorised of dents, twists, and curls will cease forthwith.
 In 3 Bn puggarees will NOT be worn, a thin leather band may be worn (i.e., boot lace), - fancy plaits, knots, dingle danglers etc will NOT be permitted. The Australian is something to be proud of and the practice of trying to ape amateur soldiers, larrakins etc, is most undesirable. Puggarees and unit color patches may be worn only when on the Australian Mainland unless otherwise ordered.

COY AREAS.

Areas will be cleaned and inspected by OC Coys prior to Unit vacating same.

H. C. ... Capt.
 Adjt 2/32 Aust Inf Bn

Distribution :-

- A Coy
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- 12. R.S.M.
- 13. Maj. DIXON
- 14.)
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SECRET

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2/32 Aust Inf Bn Trg Instn No 8

The following trg instn and programme is issued to cover the period commencing 26 Aug 43

1. The following are some of the main points to be considered and studied in all trg.

- (a) Keeping Offrs and men fit for battle.
- (b) The approach march when minor opposition or ambush may be expected, complete with essential sups, eqpt and amm, over swampy ground interspersed with patches of kunai, plantations and drain forest. During this approach numerous river crossings will be necessary both with and without engr assistance.
- (c) River crossings by night.
- (d) Night patrols preparatory to night attacks across cleared ground.
- (e) Establishment, maintenance and protection of comms.

2. L.O.B.

L.O.B. personnel will be employed as umpires or enemy during exercises and will NOT act in their original capacities within their Units.

3. The following programme will be adhered to :-

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- 27 Aug TEWT conducted by Bde to be attended by all Offrs of Bn HQ, HQ Coy, Coy Comd and Coy 21/e.
- 29 Aug Bn exercise conducted by Bn.
- 31 Aug Bde exercise. If time permits examination of ground 1 Sept fought over by 18 Aust Inf Bde in BUNA attack. Numbers to attend will be notified.


4. TRAINING PARADES

On all trg parades full battle order, correct man loads of weapons, amm, rations etc will be carried. The practice of carrying mugs, billycans etc on the outside of equipment will cease immediately. Coy Comds will carry out frequent inspections of personnel to check the loads. Disciplinary action will be taken on all occasions where this instruction is not carried out correctly.

Battle conditions or as near to them as possible will be simulated at all times. Coys will regard this trg programme as the last trg period before actual battle and it should be point of honour that every man is as fit, hard and proficient as the strain of battle demands.

5. During trg light assault telephone wire will NOT be used.

6. As far as possible roads will NOT be used during trg and no troops will be permitted to use the road from the Camp Area to BUNA village except when detailed for duty in the BUNA vicinity.


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Adjt 2/32 Aust Inf Bnf.

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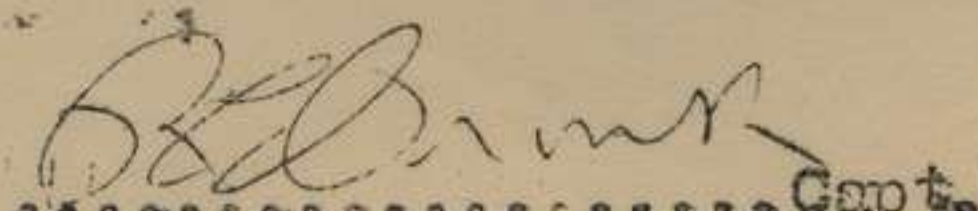
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9 AJ ST DIV ADM INSTN No. 5

WATER STERILISING

As individual water ster outfits have deteriorated, and complete issues of fresh tablets may not be available in sufficient quantities, the following notes are issued to assist units select alternative methods of sterilising water when individual tablets are not available.

1. In operational areas, all water, no matter how clear, probably contains DYSENTERY and other germs, and must be chlorinated. Clear water is more easily chlorinated than obviously dirty water.
2. The individual water sterilising tablets at present on issue have deteriorated and are too weak. Three weak tablets must be used in a water bottle instead of the single tablet normally recommended. Only one detasting tablet will be required half an hour later.
3. Bulk sterilising is desirable whenever possible. The quantity of WSP required for superchlorination should be calculated by a HORROCKS test, remembering that the test indicates the quantity for 100 gals; a 44 gal drum will thus require about half the amount of WSP indicated by the test.
4. Where a HORROCKS test cannot be performed a concentrated sterilising solution may be made up and quantities of this solution added to containers to be chlorinated as in the table below. The concentrated solution is prepared by placing four scoops of WSP in an ordinary water bottle, filling it with water, shaking vigorously, and allowing it to stand for a few minutes. A number of scoops of the concentrated solution are placed in the container to be sterilised, their number depending on the size container.
5. A scoop is attached to the lid of each tin of WSP. A scoopful is the quantity of powder contained in a scoop when the surface of the powder is level with the edge of the scoop.
6. A concentrated detasting solution may be made by dissolving four detasting tablets in an ordinary water bottle. These tablets are the large ones issued for bulk detasting, and not the small tablets contained in the individual water sterilising outfit.
- 7.

Containers	No. of scoops of concentrated sterilising solution required	No. of scoops of concentrated detasting solution required $\frac{1}{2}$ hr later
Water bottle	1	1
2 Gal Can	8	8
5 Gal drum	20	20

8. When bulk sterilising a 44 gal drum in the absence of a HORROCKS test, two scoops of powder should be added to it (preferably before the water is run in) and two detasting tablets added after an $\frac{1}{2}$ hr.

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HQ 24 Aust Inf Bde
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26 Aug 43

2/28 AUST INF BN
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COMS BDE HQ

STORAGE AND CARE OF EQUIPMENT

1. Units will withdraw immediately all personal anti gas equipment except anti gas capes and anti gas wallets which will continue to be carried on the man.

2. The storage and care of gas equipment, other than unit gas capes and anti-gas wallets, is the responsibility of OC Unit LOB personnel.

3. It is extremely difficult to keep anti gas equipment in a serviceable condition in this climate. The following are some of the difficulties liable to be encountered:

- (a) Ants get into connecting tubes.
- (b) Cannisters get wet and are ruined.
- (c) In damp warm places a fungus quickly develops on filter in cannisters. This fungus gives off an unpleasant odour and causes the wearer to cough.

4. The actual details of storage must be decided according to the circumstances in which the unit rear party finds itself.

Main considerations are storage off the ground and under a rain proof cover, in as dry a place as possible. Stack equipment so that there is no weight on respirators. This prevents distortion of facepieces.

Leave spaces between stacks to allow free air passage.

5. Frequent inspections are essential.

[Signature]

Maj.,
B.M. 24 Aust Inf Bde.

GROUPINGS OF 9 AUST DIV TPS IN CHIVALRY

1. Hereunder groupings of 9 Aust Div Tps in CHIVALRY area which will come into effect immediately.
2. These groups will come under command of their respective Commanders for training and certain aspects of administration.

<u>Group</u>	<u>Comd</u>	<u>Units</u>	<u>Approx Strength</u>
1. 24 Aust Inf Bde	Brig B. EVANS	HQ 24 Aust Inf Bde	102
		K Sec Sigs	47
		2 Pl 2/1 HQ Gd Bn	47
		2/28 Aust Inf Bn	779
		2/32 Aust Inf Bn	722
		2/43 Aust Inf Bn	739
		2/13 Aust Fd Coy	196
		2/3 Aust Fd Amb	255
		2 Sec 9 Aust Div Pro Coy	15
2. L.O.B. Gp	Maj R.L. BATTEN	HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde	3
	2/48 Aust Inf Bn	2/13 Aust Inf Bn	50
		2/15 Aust Inf Bn	94
		2/17 Aust Inf Bn	55
		HQ 24 Aust Inf Bde	11
		2/28 Aust Inf Bn	83
		2/32 Aust Inf Bn	57
		2/43 Aust Inf Bn	60
		HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde	27
		2/23 Aust Inf Bn	52
		2/24 Aust Inf Bn	49
		2/48 Aust Inf Bn	60
		2/4 Aust Indep Coy	32
		2/12 Aust Fd Regt	79
		2/4 Aust L.A.A. Regt	25
		HQ R.A.E.	13
		2/3 Aust Fd Coy	29
		2/7 Aust Fd Coy	46
		2/13 Aust Fd Coy	23
		2/24 Aust Fd Pk Coy incl	
		2/72 Aust LAD	61
		2/2 Aust MG Bn	68
		2/3 Pnr Bn	63
		2/9 Aust Div Carrier Coy	11
		9 Aust Div Sigs	11
		29 Pl 2/6 Sup Det Coy	28
		2/8 Fd Amb	4
		2/11 Fd Amb	4
		2/58 Aust LAD	17
		2/67 Aust LAD	15
		2/76 Aust LAD	15
		2/78 Aust LAD	9
		2/118 Aust Bde Wkshops incl	
		Ord Fd Pk	35
		2/122 Aust Bde Wkshops incl	
		Ord Fd Pk	95
		2/123 Aust Bde Wkshops incl	
		Ord Fd Pk	83

<u>Group</u>	<u>Comd</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Approx Str</u>
3. Div Tps	Maj THOMAS--	2/12 Aust Fd Regt	62
(a) Moving fwd with	2/11 Tk A Bty	2/4 Lt AA Regt	218
24 Aust Inf Bde Gp		Sec 2/1 Aust Mech Eqpt Coy	32
		"C" Coy P.I.B.	148
		2/118 Aust Bde Wshops incl	-
		Ord Fd Pk	61
		AASC 9 Aust Div	424
		9 Aust Div Postal Unit	16
		9 Aust Div Salv Unit	40
		9 Aust Div Sec Rec Camp	10
		Det ADCS	7
(b) Remaining in CHIVALRY		2/11 Aust Tk A Bty	164
		2/3 Aust Lt AA Bty	185
		2/4 Aust Lt AA Regt	78
		2/9 Aust Div Carrier Coy	137
		2/1 Aust Mech Eqpt Coy	32

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Majs,
B.M. 24 Aust Inf Bde.

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27 Aug 43.

GENERAL

1. (a) This instn deals with the administrative details for 24 Aust Inf Bde for the operation "POSTERN".

(b) It is possible that reliable information as to the tactical situation or the definite role of the Bde will not be available until after landing on the far shore, therefore it is impossible to lay down any definite maintenance plan.

The following paras give a broad outline which will be implemented according to circumstances and also gives sufficient data for units to commence their initial planning

AMN

2. (a) Each man will carry 150 rds in bandoliers. 100 rds of this may be dumped on arrival on far shore.

(b) As much first line amn as can actually be carried by unit personnel will be taken. This amn may be dumped in Div Maintenance Area.

(c) Amn surplus to the above will be returned to A.A.D. prior to embarkation.

SUPS

3. Voyage

Tps on LCIs - 1 day

Tps on LSTs - 1 day

4. Operations

(a) Carried on the man -

(i) 2 Emergency rations

(ii) 1 Fd Op ration

(b) Carried in sandbags by unit personnel in section lots -

(i) 1 Emergency ration

(ii) 1 Fd Op ration

These rations may be dumped in Div Maintenance Area.

(c) These rations will not be consumed on voyage other than in an emergency, and then only by orders of O.C. Tps of the respective ships.

(d) Fd op rations will not be removed from tins until actually required for consumption and it is suggested that one tin be shared between three men per meal in order that the contents of opened tins are not affected by the weather.

(e) Arrangements are being made to draw sufficient tea and sugar to allow each man to carry 2 oz of tea and 2 oz of sugar as a reserve.

WATER

5. Voyage

(a) Available on ships for drinking only.

(b) Personnel will land with waterbottles and unit containers full.

6. Operations

(a) Irrespective of appearance all water will be sterilized before using.

(b) Care will be taken not to foul streams. Units will be responsible for patrolling streams near their areas to obviate the likelihood of this happening.

FORWARD MAINTENANCE

- X 7.(a) Normal system of forward maintenance, when tactical situation warrants, will be by 9 Aust Div to Bde Dumps to units.
- X (b) Should the tactical situation not warrant establishing Bde Dumps, maintenance will be from SPS, PPS, APS on tracks.
- X 8.(a) Forward Bdes on the coast can anticipate maintenance by LCV(P) if beaches are suitable for beaching craft, and are suitably located.
- X (b) In all cases of forward maintenance by LCV(P) labour for unloading stores will be provided by 9 Aust Div, but the Bde will assume responsibility for stores and forward delivery when they are unloaded.
This will necessitate units supplying parties for this purpose when required.
9. The position regarding the availability of native porters is not known.
X In the event of porters being available, maintenance duties will be their first priority.
Units will not plan on receiving natives for porters.

EQUIPMENT AND UNIT STORES

- X 10. Personnel will carry only the standard man loads laid down by this H.Q. except that the pack will be left at CHIVALRY, and veils and gloves mosquito will be carried in heversack and spare trousers and shirt in blanket roll.
- X 11.(a) Unit stores etc to accompany unit must be kept to an absolute minimum as all equipment will probably have to be manhandled by unit personnel during the operation.
The possibility of the use of transport for moving stores must be disregarded.
- X (b) It will be the responsibility of the unit concerned to stack, guard and move its own unit and personal equipment during the operation.
- X (c) Unit stores etc landed on far shore will be packed so that NO package is heavier than two men can reasonably handle.

DUMPING OF SURPLUS AMM, SUPS, STORES ETC ON FAR SHORE

- X 12.(a) Unit dump areas for this Bde are being prepared in Div Maintenance Area if required, but this will depend on the tactical situation at time of landing.
- X (b) Should it be necessary to establish dumps, guides will be arranged by 9 Aust Div to meet incoming troops and guide them to the dumping areas.
- X (c) It will be a unit responsibility to stack and guard these stores unless otherwise ordered.

BLANKETS

- X 13.(a) Half blanket carried on the man and res of 20 blankets carried for RAP.
- X (b) Surplus blankets to be left at CHIVALRY.
- (c) Further stocks of blankets are being carried in Div res.

CLOTHING

14.(a) As laid down in standard man loads.

X (b) Stocks of boots and clothing are being carried in Div res.

GUNS, WEAPONS ETC

X 15.(a) Two 2 pr Tk A guns only will be taken.

X (b) All other weapons will be taken. Proportion of mortars, MMGs and Tk A Rifles may be dumped in Div Maintenance area on arrival on far shore.

The dumping of these weapons will depend on the tactical situation at time of landing.

TOOLS

16. All available tools that can be carried by unit personnel.

VEHICLES

X 17. It is anticipated that units will move with 4 Jeeps per unit; 2 of these Jeeps may have to be handed in to Div pool on arrival on far shore.

TENTAGE

X 18.(a) Two man shelters carried by units.

X (b) Accommodation tentage to be stored at CHIVALRY

SURPLUS EQPT, PACKS, VALISES etc.

X 19.(a) Surplus equipment etc will be stored at CHIVALRY, available to be called forward when required.

X (b) Units will leave 10 men, in addition to LOB personnel, to guard surplus stores.

SPECIAL DEMANDS

X 20. Demands for all items not in regular supply will be made on this H.Q., and NOT on the services concerned.

CASUALTIES TO WARLIKE STORES

X 21.(a) Casualties to warlike stores will be notified direct by units to "Q" 9 Aust Div by the quickest means possible repeated to this H.Q.

X (b) Replacements will be forwarded direct to units. This H.Q. will be advised when replacements are received.

CODE LIST

R.S.M. X 22. The code figure as shown in appx "A" will be used at all times in all references to articles enumerated in this list.

REC

X 23. Composite teams from 2/118 Aust Bde Wkshop will carry a mixed lot of spares and will be available for first echelon repairs to guns, sig eqpt and vehs.

MEDICAL

24.(a) Installations

(i) Three A.D.Ss. from 2/3 Aust Fd Amb will be established in 24 Aust Inf Bde area in support of each Bn.

(ii) M.D.S. from 2/8 Aust Fd Amb will be established in Div Maintenance Area.

(iii) 2/3 Aust C.C.S. will be established in Div Maintenance Area.

(b) Walking wounded collecting points at A.D.Ss.

25. Malaria Control

(i) The area in which the Bde will be operating is potentially highly malarious and a high casualty rate can be expected if all efforts to combat malaria are not sustained.

(ii) All Offrs and NCOs will ensure that all anti-malarial precautions as laid down in GROs and instns previously issued are enforced to the fullest extent.

(iii) Tents mosquito, veils and gloves will be carried by all personnel.

(iv) Atebrin - personnel will move with one month's supply.

(v) Mosquito repellent - each man to move with one full bottle.

26. Salt Tablets - personnel to take one tablet per day and will move from this area with one month's supply.

27. Ascorbic Tablets - personnel to move with one month's supply and only to be taken when ordered by R.M.O.

"A" RETURNS

28. As per Appx "B".

BURIALS

29. As per Appx "C"

P.W.

30. (a) Units will be responsible for escorting P.W. to Bde P.W. Collecting Post which will be established near Main Bde H.Q.

(b) Bde H.Q. will arrange escorts for moving P.W. to Div Cage which will be established initially in Div Maintenance Area.

POSTAL

31. (a) 9 Aust Div Postal Unit will be established in Div Maintenance Area. Mail will be sent forward by most expeditious means to F.P.Os located at Bde Dump.

Mail will be sent forward from Bde Dump with unit rations.

Outward mail will be sent back by the same method.

(b) If stamps are not available mail will be delivered by AIR throughout Australia if envelope is endorsed - "AIR MAIL - NO STAMPS AVAILABLE".

(c) Such endorsements as "FRONT LINE MAIL" and in "FORWARD AREAS" or similar areas are forbidden.

CANTEEN

32. (a) The following tobacco supplies will be issued free to all troops in forward operational areas irrespective of whether canteen supplies are available or not :-

(i) 2 oz Fine or Flake Cut tobacco per week

(ii) 2 packets cigarettes per week to cigarette smokers.

(iii) 1 tin 150 wax matches per fortnight.

Units will advise by 1800 hrs 31 Aug percentages of fine cut, flake cut and cigarettes required.

- X (b) A canteen bulk store carrying limited supplies, based on the following per man per week, will be established in Div Maintenance Area by D plus 3 :-

3 oz tobacco
3 pkts cigarette papers
2 boxes waterproof papers
Toothpaste and Soap in proportionate quantities

1/2 lb chocolate
Barley sugar if procurable

(c) Units will demand through supply channels for items available, demands to have endorsed on them the current fighting strengths.

(d) Immediate payment will not be required by canteen services, but units ultimately will be responsible for payment of goods purchased.

SALVAGE

33. Every effort should be made in the collection of salvageable material.

X Where possible, units will form salvage dumps in their areas, and pass salvage back through supply channels.

CAPTURED ENEMY MATERIAL

34. (a) To be treated as salvage.

X (b) Units will advise this H.Q. of the location of captured guns, vehs, stores and amm dumps etc which cannot be easily sent back through supply channels.

X (c) Enemy rations will NOT be consumed under any circumstances.

TRAFFIC CONTROL

35. (a) On Div L of C fwd to Bde Dumps or areas by Div Pro Coy.

(b) Fwd of Bde Dumps by Bde Pro Sec.

STRAGGLERS

X 36. Personnel will not be allowed out of unit areas unless they are in possession of written authority.

SECURITY

X 37. (a) The utmost secrecy will be maintained in planning and execution of these operations.

X (b) The contents of this order, but only as much of it as is necessary, will be made known only to those who require knowledge of it.

X (c) Discretion will be used in marking of maps and diagrams and in the carrying of classified documents.

X (d) The operation will not be discussed in the presence of unauthorised persons and no mention made other than by MOST SECRET means.

X (e) Care will be paid to conversation in messes, quarters and transport vehs, and particularly in the presence of natives.

X Most natives know some English, and some do carry the news to the enemy.

ACKNOWLEDGE

Signed at _____ hrs
Issued by I.O.

[Signature] Capt.
S.C. 24 Aust Inf Bde.

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"Q"

Code	Item	Code	Item
A	White pers		
B	Natives		
C	White rations(complete)		
D	Native rations(complete)		
E	SAA 303 Bdr		
F	" " CTN		
G	" " Tracer		
H	" " Incendiary		
J	" " Strip belt		
K	380 Pistol		
L	9 mm SMG		
M	.55 Tk A Rifle		
N	Pistols Sig& Cart Illum		
O	" " " Red		
P	" " " Green		
Q	MOR 3" H E		
R	" " SMOK		
S	" 2" H E		
T	" " SMOK		
U	" " Illum		
V	" " " Red		
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X	2 pr Tk A A P		
Y	" " " H E		
Z	6 Pr Tk A		
2A	Befer H E		
2B	" SAP		
2C	" Special		
2D	25 pr H E		
2E	" A P		
2F	" SMOK		
2G	" Ctgs Normal		
2H	" Super		
2J	Grens 36 4 sec		
2K	" " 7 sec		
2L	" 63		
2M	" 69		
2N	" 75		
2P	TSMG 450		
2R	Rifles 303		
2T	OWENS SMG		
2U	Pistols 38		
2V	Rifles .55 Tk A		
2W	Tk A Gun 2 pr		
2X	" " " 6 pr		
2Y	25 pr light		
2Z	" hy		
3A	Jeeps		
3B	Lorries 3 ton		
3C	Trousers KD or JG		
3D	Shirts " " "		
3E	Sets underclothing		
3F	Blankets		
3G	Boots prs		
3H	Laces prs		
3J	Sox prs		
3K			

WD

EXERCISE SECRET
28 Aug 1943.

2/32 Aust Inf Bn Exercise.

Ref Map BUNA EAST Special 1:63560

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Section 2/3 Fd Amb.
3. OBJECT.
 - (a) to keep Offrs and Men fit for Battle.
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 - (c) to test load tables and personal loads.
 - (d) to test mov, maintenance of sups, coms over swampy grd and through plantations, kunai and forrest.
 - (e) practise river crossings and bridging.
 - (f) to practise night patrols.
4. OPENING SITUATION.

The 74 Regt of the HUTSI Div landed at SOENA plantation in sq 5216 during the night of the 27th and has advanced along the GERUA-HANAU-BIRASARI-NAIHINDA-WARISOTA stn track. At this point it met the opposition of two Bns of a MILITIA Bde, who have been steadily withdrawing North along the BUNA rd. However they have had considerable success in delaying the enemy. The last report at 0500 hrs 29 Aug reported heavy fighting at SIMEMI West.

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2/32 Aust Inf Bn Operation Order No 1

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METHOD

3. Route S P South-east along Coastal track to HARIKO (sq 3020) thence along track to WINSCONCIN (sq 2819).
4. Order of March Van Gd "D" Coy u/c 2 Sigs 4 SBs
1 NCO & 8 Pnrs
1 Int Sec.
- Main Gd 1 Pl "B" Coy
Comd Gp.
O. Gp Coy Comds of Main body
HQ Coy Comd LO.
"B" Coy HQ u/c 1 NCO & 6 Pnrs
4 SBs & 1 Int Sec
- 2nd Pl "B" Coy
Mtr Pl
3rd Pl "B" Coy
"HQ" Coy less Dets
(NOTE jeep may be available for the towing of 1 Tk-A gun)
- Main Bn HQ attached 2 Pnrs & 1 Hygiene
R A P
"A" Coy u/c 2 Sigs 4 SBs Pnrs & 1 Int Sec
B Ech
Section 2/3 Aust Fd Amb
- Rear Gd "C" Coy u/c (same as "A" Coy)
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These tracks will be picqueted until complete unit including LogC has past the point picqueted. It is anticipated that strength of these picquets will be one sec.
6. Timings Head of Main body will pass S P at 0800hrs.
7. S P Australian Cemetary 28252520
8. Distances Between Van Gd and Main Gd 150yds.
9. Bounds (a) BOREO village (sq 2922) Code Word TABLE
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Normal.
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ADM

12. Rations

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QM will arrange further supply of rations.

13. Medical

All precautions against malaria and Scrub-Typhus will be taken during exercise.

14. Arm

50 rds and 100 rds bandolier SAA will be carried on the man. Normal allotment of 56 grenades.
"B" Coy will carry 81 3" Mor Bombs. (NB these bombs will not be removed from waterproof carton)

15. Dress

Complete battle order and man loads.

INTERCOMN

16. Location of HQ

As per order of march

17. Wireless & Line

Instns issued separately. Coys will tee in and listen at times laid down in STANDING ORDERS.

18. ACK

Issued by runner

Time of signature 1600

[Signature]
Capt.
Adjt 2/32 Aust Inf Bn

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- B Coy 2
- C Coy 3
- D Coy 4
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- C.O. 6
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24 Aust Inf Bde Supply Instr No.10GENERAL

1. (a) This instruction deals with supply details for 24 Aust Inf Bde and attached troops for the operation "POSTERN".
- (b) It is to be read in conjunction with 24 Aust Inf Bde Adm Instr No.6. Groupings referred to are those laid down by 24 Aust Inf Bde on 27 Aug 43, ref No. G29/139/2, copies of which are at all Camp HQs.

RATIONS.

2. (a) Voyage Indents will be submitted forthwith for one days "Voyage Ration" by Units of Groups 1 and 3a. These indents will be submitted by the Units actually concerned and not by the present indenting parent body. LOBs will not be included.
- (b) Any emergency or FO rations required to complete holdings will be indented for forthwith. This includes LOBs.
- (c) Tea and sugar (2 oz of each) will be issued to Group 1 Units only. Indents required forthwith. Includes LOB personnel. Issues to personnel will not be made until last possible moment and supplies for LOB personnel will be held in Unit bulk at Chivalry. Suitable containers will be Unit responsibility.

MEDICAL.

3. (a) Any Medical Comforts etc required to complete Unit or Field Ambulance panniers will be indented for forthwith. Indents to be countersigned by a medical officer.
- (b) All personnel will carry 2 oz. of foot powder.

MALARIAL CONTROL.

4. Sufficient Atebrin and Mosquito repellent for maintenance in Chivalry and to enable Units to move with 24 Atebrin and one full bottle of mosquito repellent per man will be required.
5. Salt Tablets. Maintenance supplies for Chivalry on basis of one tablet per man per day will be required. Units will move with 30 tablets per man.
6. Ascorbic Tablets. Are not to be taken at Chivalry. Units will move with approx. 28 tablets per man. Distribution will be in the original bottles of 100 per 3 or 4 men.

EXPENSE ITEMS.

7. (a) One canned heat and water sterilising outfit per man will be carried. Hand sprayers will be carried by personnel.
- (b) Units will consult Medical Officers as to serviceability of water outfits. No fresh outfits are at present available. More of the white tablets than laid down may be required for efficient sterilisation.

INDENTS.

8. (a) Indents for deficiencies under paras 3b, 4, 5, 6 and 7a will be submitted forthwith. LOBs will be included and Units will ensure that their LOBs are left with quantities necessary for any required movement.
- (b) ALL indents will be submitted to Bde Sup Offr.

RETURNS etc.

9. (a) NO indents for rations etc will be required from Group 1 Units after movement from Chivalry. Group 3a will receive instrns on arrival far Shore.
- (b) Daily Ration Strength Return will be required from Units of Group 1 during operations. Form AFW3809 need not be used. Total ration strength only is required and must reach Bde HQ by 0830 hours (to be forwarded with AFW3006).

CERTIFICATE.

10. A certificate as per Appx 'A' will be submitted to Bde Sup Offr by 1200 hours : 2 Sep 43. This must be signed by the CO.

DISTRIBUTION.

COPY No.

2/28 Aust Inf Bn	1
2/32 Aust Inf Bn	2
2/43 Aust Inf Bn	3
24 Aust Inf Bde Sigs	4
2 Pt-2/1 Aust HQ Bd Bn	5
2-Sec 2/9 Aust Div-Pro Coy	6
Det 2/12 Aust Fd Regt	7
Det 2/4 Lt AA Regt	8
2/13-Aust-Fd Coy	9
C-Coy P.I.B.	10
Det AASC 9 Aust Div	11
2/8 Aust Fd Amb	12
Det 2/118 Aust Ord Fd Pk	13
Det 2/118 Aust Bde Wkshops	14
9 Aust Div Postal Unit	15
9 Aust Div Salvage Unit	16
9-Aust Div Rec Camp	17
Det A.D.C.S.	18
Comd	19
B.Ms	20
S.C.	21
LOs	22
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Appx 'A' to 24 Aust-Inf
Bde Supply Instr No. 10

CERTIFICATE

UNIT..... GROUP.....

I certify that the above Unit is ready to leave Chivalry

holding the u/mentioned stores:

1. RATIONS . emergency and . . . FO rations on the man.

Two . . . one
One emergency and one FO ration in Unit sandbags
One days "Voyage Ration" for personnel
X 2 oz of tea and sugar on the man.

2. MALARIAL SUPPLIES. 1 FULL bottle of mosquito repellent
24 Abebrin Tablets . . .
Sprayers hand being 20% of unit strength.

3. CHEMICAL SUPPLIES. Approx 28 Ascorbic Tablets per man
30 Salt tablets per man

4. EXPENSE ITEMS. One canned heat per man
One water sterilising outfit per man
2 oz Flour powder per man.

Except as otherwise stated the above certificate is based on
a strength of all ranks and includes LOB personnel.

.....
XXX. Commanding Officer.

'X' Only applies to Group I Units.


J.P. Buck Capt.
Sup.O. 24 Aust Inf Bde.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

(3)

Amendment to 24 Aust Inf Bde
Supply Instr No. 10

9 Aust Div Signal Q521 of 24 Aug 45 has laid down that one Ascorbic Acid Tablet will be taken per day. Para 6 is herewith amended. Indent for Ascorbic Tablets for maintenance purposes in CHIVALRY will be submitted forthwith. Stocks held will be used in the meantime.


Bde Sup O Capt

EXTRACTS FROM 9 AUST DIV GENERAL STAFF INSTN No 12.INTELLIGENCE1. P.W., Captured Documents & Enemy Equipment

- (a) All PW will be carefully and thoroughly searched on capture. All documents including paybook and identity disc will be removed suitably labelled and sent back with the escort.
- (b) A supply of tags and labels will be issued for attaching to PW, captured documents and equipment. It will be noted that the equipment labels make provision for subsequent disposal of material when no longer required for intelligence purposes.
- (c) It is considered that PW tags can be used most effectively if retained at Bde HQ.
- (d) Captured equipment should be labelled and returned to salvage. Items considered new or unusual should however be forwarded direct to this HQ.
- (e) Any Japanese document bearing a red wax stamp should be sent to this HQ by the quickest means.

2. Interrogators

- (a) Four ATIS personnel will be attached to this formation for the interrogation of PW and the translation of captured documents.
- (b) Three of these ATIS personnel are NISEI and are used only for the translation of documents. They are not suitable for interrogation owing to antagonism shown towards them by the PW. They will not go below Div HQ except in special circumstances.
- (c) The Australian interrogator will be available to Bdes for urgent interrogations.

3. Security in Forward Areas.

- (a) Marked maps will be kept to a minimum.
- (b) Any maps whether marked or not will be destroyed if in danger of falling into enemy hands.
- (c) Officers will ensure that no documents or personal papers showing unit identity or containing any information of use to the enemy, are taken by troops on patrol.
- (d) All security boxes will have suitable apparatus for the destruction of documents.
- (e) All units will ensure that the unit number is excised from mail before delivery to troops. To ensure delivery of mail to personnel who have been evacuated from units, postal orderlies have been instructed to apply a code number to all mail so that unit identity can be re-applied to unclaimed letters on their return to FPOs.

S. B. [Signature]
Adjt 2/32 Aust Inf Bn

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The following paras give a broad outline which will be implemented according to circumstances and also gives sufficient data for units to commence their initial planning.

AMM

2. (a) Each man will carry 150 rds. in bandoliers. 100 rds of this may be dumped on arrival at far shore.

(b) As much first line amm as can actually be carried by unit personnel will be taken. This amm may be dumped in Div Maintenance Area.

(c) Amm surplus to the above will be returned to A.A.D. prior to embarkation.

SEPS3. Voyage

Tps on LCIs - 1 day

Tps on LSTs - 1 day

4. Operations

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(ii) 1 Fd Op ration

(b) Carried in sandbags by unit personnel in section lots -

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These rations may be dumped in Div Maintenance Area.

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WATER5. Voyage

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6. Operations

(a) Irrespective of appearance all water will be sterilized before using.

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FORWARD MAINTENANCE

7. The position regarding the availability of native porters is not known.

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EQUIPMENT AND UNIT STORES

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TOOLS

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POSTAL

15. Such endorsements as "FRONT LINE MAIL" and in "FORWARD AREAS" or similar areas are forbidden.

CANTEEN

16. Immediate payment will be required.

SALVAGE

17. Every effort should be made in the collection of salvageable material.

Where possible, units will form salvage dumps in their areas, and pass salvage back through supply channels.

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STRAGGLERS

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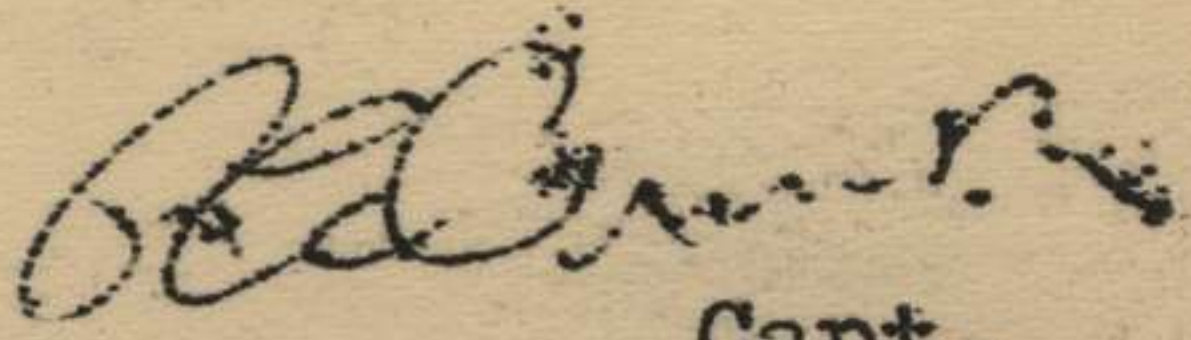
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War Diary

2/32 Aust Inf Bn 0 0 No 2.

Ref Map . BUNA EAST SPECIAL 1:63360.

- INF
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 2. Topography. }
 3. Own Tps } 2/32 Aust Inf Bn is part of the 24 Aust Inf Bde gp who have
 under cond C Coy PAPUAN Inf Bn.

INTENTION 2/32 Aust Inf Bn will adv to assembly area in the vicinity
 North bank of CAPE creek 3219.

METHOD

5. Route Coastal track BOREO-HARIKO-CAPE SUDEST.
 6. Order of March

A Coy
 Comd Gp
 1st and 2nd Pl C Coy
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 3rd Pl C Coy.
 HQ Coy less dets.
 Main Bn HQ. (I Offr in charge)
 R A P
 B Coy
 D Coy

Normal allotment of Pnrs Sigs Int personnel and S B.

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 9. Halts. Normal.
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 (b) 4 3" Mtrs.
 (c) 4 Tk A guns
 No more than half the personnel of the Tk A Pl will go on the
 exercise.
- ADM
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 two emergency rations.
 (b) Rations for consumption 1 and 2 Sep will be supplied in the
 field. QM will arrangs.
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 2 Sep SOB
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 that BLACK will be used for INTELLEGENCE.
21. Watches will be synchronised at 0745 hrs 31 Aug.
 22. Acknowledge.

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 Capt
 Adjt 2/32 Aust Inf Bn

ist List B
 Extra for Umpire.

2/32 Aust Inf Bn O O No 2.

Ref Map . BUNA EAST SPECIAL 1:63360.

- INF
 1. Key
 2. Topography.
 3. Own Tps } Issued separately.
 2/32 Aust Inf Bn is part of the 24 Aust Inf Bde gp who have under comd C Coy PAPUAN Inf Bn.

INTENTION 2/32 Aust Inf Bn will adv to assembly area in the vicinity North bank of CAPE creek 3219.

METHOD

5. Route Coastal track BOREO-HARIKO-CAPE SUDEST.
 6. Order of March

A Coy
 Comd Gp
 1st and 2nd Pl C Coy
 Pioneers
 Mtr Pl.
 3rd Pl C Coy.
 HQ Coy less dets.
 Main Bn HQ. (I Offr in charge)
 R A P
 B Coy
 D Coy

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1st List B
 Extra for Empire.

8/32 Bw
24 AUST INF BDE MOVEMENT ORDER NO 6

GENERAL

1. This order deals with the embarkation and movement of Landing Gp 3 from CHIVALRY to FAR SHORE.

DATE OF MOVE

2. To be advised.

TROOPS

3. The following troops will move in accordance with this movement order:-

HQ 24 Aust Inf Bde	15 offrs	63	One
24 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	2	42	
2 Pl 2/1 Aust HQ Gd Bn	1	44	
2 Sec 2/9 Aust Div Pro Coy	-	15	
2/28 Aust Inf Bn	33	731	
2/32 Aust Inf Bn	29	680	
2/43 Aust Inf Bn	34	695	
1 Aust Army Tk Bn	1	2	
Det 2/12 Aust Fd Regt	2	79	
Det 2/4 Aust Lt AA Regt	3	292	
2/13 Aust Fd Coy	5	200	
C Coy P.I.B.	5	147	
Det AASC 9 Aust Div	9	370	
2/3 Aust Fd Amb	11	197	
Det 2/118 Aust Ord Fd Pk	1	8	
Det 2/118 Aust Bde Wkshops	1	59	
9 Aust Div Postal unit	1	20	
9 Aust Div Salvage Unit	1	38	
9 Aust Div Sec Rec Camp	1	8	
Det A.D.C.S.	1	6	
1 Aust M.L. Gp	1	1	
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ALLOTMENT OF SHIPS

4. (a) 18 L.C.I. and 6 L.S.T. have been allotted for the move.
(b) Loading of personnel, stores and vehs as shown in Appx "A" & "B"
(c) L.C.I. will load in three waves of six and L.S.T. one wave of six.

TIMETABLE

5. Timings in Appx "A" & "B" are liable to variation as the ships allotted will have been used in the initial landing on D Day.

VEHICLES

6. (a) Batteries
(i) Fully charged and topped up at embarkation. Battery leads will be disconnected immediately vehs embark and will be connected just prior to landing. O.C. troops will pay particular attention to ensure that this is done.
(ii) The practice of running leads for lighting from batteries in MV will cease as it is imperative that batteries are charged for landing.
- (b) POL
Tanks and sumps full.
- (c) Lights and horns
To be disconnected before embarkation and NOT connected until after landing.
- (d) Non-skid chains
To be fitted before embarkation.

(e) Tow Ropes

All vehs embarking will carry a tow rope.

SECURING OF STORES ON VEHS

7. Where vehs are loaded higher than the frame of the body, particular care will be taken to lash the load securely, to prevent spilling of cargo by the movement of the ship.

WATERPROOFING ARMS, VEHS ETC.

8. (a) Will be carried out in accordance with practice developed in Australia to the extent that available materials will allow.
(b) Waterproofing grease is available from 2/123 Aust Bde Wkshop.

NOMINAL ROLLS

9. (a) 5 copies of unit nominal rolls for each ship or craft will be completed prior to embarkation in accordance with pro forma appx. "H" and handed to O.C. Tps and Loading Offrs in the assembly area.
(b) Distribution -
2 copies to Loading Offr for Beach Control Sec.
1 copy to O.C. Tps for Ship's Captain.
1 copy to O.C. Tps for disembarkation staff.
1 copy Unit file.

EMBARKATION

10. Staff

- (a) Loading Offrs as per appx "A" & "B".
Duties of Loading Offrs as per Appx "F".
(b) Beach Control Staff as appointed by HQ 24 Aust Inf Bde.

11. Beaches

- (a) L.C.I. - Strip pt.
(b) L.S.T. - BUNA village.
(c) Beach organization for embarkation will be issued separately.

12. Assembly Areas - Personnel

- (a) L.C.I. - see appx "C" } Issued
(b) L.S.T. - see appx "D" } later.

13. Timings

Timings for moves to assembly areas will be advised later.

14. Vehicles

- (a) As shown in appx "B" to be loaded ready for embarkation not later than 1200 hrs 3 Sep.
(b) Assembly areas for vehs, to be advised later.
(c) Loading plan will be issued to Loading Offrs only.

15. Stores

- (a) As shown in Appx "B", will be stacked in ship loads ready for loading not later than 1200 hrs 3 Sep.
(b) All types of Sups, Amn, POL, stores etc. will be tactically loaded so that particular stores are spread over all ships.
(c) Loading plan will be issued to Loading offrs only.
(d) Stores loaded on L.C.I. will be only such stores as can be carried by personnel. Personnel will not be permitted to return to craft after having disembarked.
(e) HQ 24 Bde, 2/28 Bn, 2/32 Bn & 2/43 Bn will have stores ready for collecting at 0800 hrs 3 Sep 43.
(d) Units are reminded that no package will be heavier than two men can reasonably handle.

16. Loadings

Vehs and stores will be loaded on Tank Deck of L.S.T. only and vehs will be lashed to the deck.

GUARDS

17. L.O.B. party will supply guards on stores dumped on the village beach and in vehs awaiting embarkation. OSC Guards will be held responsible for ensuring that stores are not pilfered. Any person found pilfering any stores will be Court Martialled.

TENTAGE

18. Tentage of personnel moving will be struck prior to vacating the area. The storage of the tents will be done by L.O.B. party.

VOYAGE

19. O.C. Troops

- (i) As appointed in Appx "A" & "B".
(ii) Duties of O.C. Troops as per Appx "E".

MEDICAL

20. (a) Medical personnel for Ships

One Medical Orderly from units and 2/3 Fd Amb with necessary eqpt will travel on each ship.

(b) Scrub Itch and Scrub Typhus

Prior to leaving CHIVALRY all ranks will treat their clothing with mosquito repellent vide Appx "G".

(c) Seasickness

Personnel liable to seasickness will take every opportunity of lying down during the voyage.

(d) Casualties during Voyage

To be evacuated to beach medical post.

UNLOADING ON FAR SHORE

21. (a) L.S.Ts. will unload personnel, stores, and vehs in that order.

(b) Labour for unloading will be arranged by M.L.O. from personnel already on Far Shore.

(c) 9 Aust Div is arranging guides to lead units disembarking from L.C.I. and L.S.T. to their assembly areas.


SECURITY

22. (a) Sec 24 Aust Inf Bde Adm Instn No. 6 para 37.

(b) All units having stores going forward will ensure that only War Office Serial Numbers are shown on the outside of cases etc.

23. ACKNOWLEDGE

Signed at 1330 hrs
Issued by LO

 Capt.
S.C. 24 Aust Inf Bde.

Distribution

Copy No

2/28 Aust Inf Bn	1
2/32 Aust Inf Bn	2
2/43 Aust Inf Bn	3
24 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	4
2 Pl 2/1 Aust HQ Gd Bn	5
Det 2/12 Aust Fd Regt	6
Det 2/4 Aust Lt A.A. Regt	7
2/13 Aust Fd Coy	8
C Coy P.I.B.	9
Det AASC 9 Aust Div	10-12
2/3 Aust Fd Amb	13
Det 2/118 Aust Ord Fd Pk	14
Det 2/118 Aust Bde Wkshps	15
9 Aust Div Postal Unit	16
9 Aust Div Salvage Unit	17
9 Aust Div Rec Camp	18
Det A.D.C.S.	19
Comd	20
B.M.	21
S.C.	22
T.O.	23
I.O.	24
Sup O.	25
Major R.L.BATTEN	26
Major M.R.JEANES	27
Major G.E.DIXON	28
File	29-30
War Diary	31-32

L.C.I. LOADING TABLE - LANDING GROUP 3

CRAFT			UNIT	PER) SONN- ML.	EMBARKATION			O.C. TROOPS	
TYPE	ARMY NO.	NAVY NO.			BEACH	ARRIVE D x 1	DEPART D x 1	NAME	UNIT
LCI	11 2		2/32 Aust Inf Bn	172	STRIP PT	1030	0900	Maj. K.F. MOLLARD	2/32 Bn D
LCI	12 3		2/32 Aust Inf Bn	172	do			Capt. J.E. WALKER	2/32 Bn B
LCI	13 4		2/32 Aust Inf Bn	173	do			Capt. J.J.G. DAVIDSON	2/32 Bn B
LCI	14 5		2/32 Aust Inf Bn	171	do			Lt-Col. T.H. SCOTT	2/32 Bn C
LCI	15 1		HQ 24 Bde	40	do			Capt. S.E. BIRCH	HQ 24 Bde
			Sig Sec	30					
			Cd. Pl.	45					
			9 Div Postal	21					
			2/28 Bn	42					
LCI	16 6		2/28 Aust Inf Bn	175	do			Lt-Col. C.H.B. HOWAN	2/28 Bn
LCI	21 7		2/28 Aust Inf Bn	175	do			Capt. T.R. STEPHENSON	2/28 Bn
LCI	22 8		2/28 Aust Inf Bn	175	do			Capt. J.C. NEWBERRY	2/28 Bn
LCI	23 9		2/28 Aust Inf Bn	175	do			Maj. C.C. BROWN	2/28 Bn
LCI	24 2		2/43 Aust Inf Bn	177	do			Capt. V.R.W. TUCKER	2/43 Bn
LCI	25 3		2/43 Aust Inf Bn	177	do			Capt. V.E.L. CATCHLOVE	2/43 Bn
LCI	26 4		2/43 Aust Inf Bn	177	do			Capt. J.D. GORDON	2/43 Bn
LCI	27 5		2/43 Aust Inf Bn	176	do			Lt-Col. Joshua	2/43 Bn
LCI	28 1		HQ 24 Bde	45	do			Capt. G.F. THROSBY	HQ 24 Bde
			Sig Sec	20					
			Det A.D.C.S.	7					
			1 Aust Tk Bn	3					
			9 Div Rec Camp	9					
			2/12 Fd Regt	81					
LCI	33 6		2/3 Fd Amb.	175	do			Lt-Col. W. Robertson	2/3 Fd Amb.
LCI	34 7		2/4 Lt A.A. Regt	175	do			Capt. Chapman	2/4 Lt A.A. Regt
LCI	35 8		C Coy P.I.B.	152	do			Capt. Lushford	P.I.B.
LCI	36 9		Spare						
			TOTAL	3854					

EX CHIVALRY

LOADING OFFR		ARRIVE RED BEACH D x 1	BEACH CONTROL OFFR		APPX "A" TO 24 AUST INF BDE MOVEMENT ORDER NO. REMARKS
NAME	UNIT		NAME	UNIT	
Lieut. F.D. Stewart	2/32 Bn	6015			
Lieut. P. Meers	2/32 Bn	2248			
Lieut. B.G. Green	2/32 Bn				
Lieut. C.P. Thompson	2/32 Bn				
Lieut. J.F. Worner	HQ 24 Bde				
Capt. H.J. Freedman	2/28 Bn				
Lieut. M. Maher	2/28 Bn				
Lieut. R. Burton	2/28 Bn		Major I.R. JAMES		
Lieut. N.F. Devlin	2/28 Bn		2/43 Bn		
Capt. A.E. Longbottom	2/43 Bn				
Lieut. L.H. Dost	2/43 Bn				
Lieut. C. Zeck	2/43 Bn				
Lieut. W.T. Adams	2/43 Bn				
Lieut. R.M. Clerke	HQ 24 Bde				
Lieut. J.E. McDonald	2/3 Fd Amb.				
Lieut. Hardie	2/4 Lt A.A.				
Lieut. Bruce	P.I.B.				

Appx 'B' to 24 Aust Int Div
Movement Order No. 6.

L.S.T. LOADING TABLE

LANDING

CRAFT Type	Army No.	Navy No.	UNIT	Per- sonnel	STORES (Deadweight)				VEHICLES									
					Sup	Arm	POL	Med	Unit Eqpt	Ord Stores	Jeeps	Trail ors	2 pr	3 ton Ord Fd Pk	3 ton Wk- shop	3 ton Engr		
LST	11		H.Q. 24 Bde Sig Sec 2/28 Bn 2/3 Fd Amb 2/118 Ord Fd Pk 2/118 Wkshops AASC 9 Aust Div 2/13 Fd Coy 9 Div Salvage Unit	2 2 9 6 2 10 63 34 39				3	2	7	612	8.6		1		1	12	5
LST	12		HQ 24 Bde Sig Sec 2/28 Bn 2/3 Fd Amb 2/118 Ord Fd Pk 2/118 Wkshops AASC 9 Aust Div 2/13 Fd Coy 2/4 Lt AA Regt	2 2 9 6 2 10 64 34 24				3	2	7	612	10.9		1		1	1	5
LST	13		2/28 Bn 2/32 Bn 2/3 Fd Amb 2/118 Ord Fd Pk 2/118 Wkshops AASC 9 Aust Div 2/4 Lt AA Regt 2/13 Fd Coy	4 9 6 2 10 63 24 34				3	2	7	814	11.8		1		1		5
LST	14		2/32 Bn 2/3 Fd Amb 2/118 Ord Fd Pk 2/118 Wkshops AASC 9 Aust Div 2/13 Fd Coy 2/4 Lt AA Regt	11 5 3 10 63 34 24				5(a)	4	7	116	12.9		1		1		5
LST	15		2/32 Bn 2/43 Bn 2/3 Fd Amb 2/118 Wkshops AASC 9 Aust Div 2/13 Fd Coy 2/4 Lt AA Regt	2 11 5 10 63 34 24				5(b)	3	7	1017	13.10		1		1		6
LST	16		2/43 Bn 2/3 Fd Amb 2/118 Wkshops AASC 9 Aust Div 1 Aust M.L.Gp 2/13 Fd Coy 2/4 Lt AA Regt	11 5 10 63 2 35 24				3	5	7	17	12.9		1		1		6
TOTAL				921	232	161	24	18	28	42	111	66.5		6	4	6	32	

GROUP 2

LA. MOUNTAIN

LIST SECRET

3 ton Ord Stores	Com- press or	Beach	Arrive D @ 1	Depart D @ 1	O.C. TROOPS		LO. DIR. CPT		E.T.A. RED BEACH D @ 2	Remarks
					Name	Unit	Name	Unit		
1		VILLAGE	0600 0600			Maj R.O.K.T. MOODIE	2/13 Fd Coy	Lieut R.J. GINN	L.O.B.	0100
1						Capt W.H. BROWNEN	2/13 Fd Coy	Lieut C.C. HALL	L.O.B.	
1						Capt J. HARVEY	AASC 9 Div	Lieut C.J. JEFFCOAT	L.O.B.	
2						Capt F.S. LAWRIE	AASC 9 Div	Lieut R.C. CANN	L.O.B.	(a) Includes 2 tons for 2/3 ANCU
2						Capt J.A. DONALD	AASC 9 Div	Lieut L.A. WALL	L.O.B.	(b) Includes 2 tons for 2/3 ANCU
2						Maj A.J. OVERRELL	AASC 9 Div	Lieut I.Y. MILLS	L.O.B.	BEACH CONTROL OFF Name Unit Maj G.E. 2/32 Bn DIXON
9	2			0900				Asst Lieut N.I. BRIGDEN	AASC 9 Div	

STANDING ORDERS

FOR OFFICERS APPOINTED OC TROOPS ON LANDING CRAFT

1. The duties of the officer appointed OC Troops on Landing Craft or Ships are as follows:-

2. Prior to Embarkation

He will

- (a) Make contact with Captain,
- (b) Ensure that all personnel possess such rations, water, blankets and equipment as are ordered,
- (c) Ensure that he has two copies of nominal rolls for each unit and that his loading officer also has two copies, and that they are amended during the voyage and disposed of correctly.
- (d) Allot berthing space to troops on board.

3. After embarkation, before departure.

He will

- (a) Contact comd of craft with view to assisting in AA or other fire,
- (b) Ensure that required amounts of rations and water for both washing and drinking are on board,
- (c) Hold conference with OSC holds.

4. During Voyage

Within two hours of departure he will

- (a) Ensure that all relevant parts of ships standing orders are promulgated to all personnel under comd,
- (b) If ships orders do not cover following points, issue in conjunction with craft comd, orders concerning
 - (i) smoking,
 - (ii) security of lights
 - (iii) hygiene
 - (iv) medical arrangements
 - (v) fire fighting arrangements
 - (vi) action in event of submarine, surface or air attack.

During voyage he will

- (c) Ensure that all necessary maintenance is done on vehicles and equipment,
- (d) Amend nominal roll if casualties are incurred,
- (e) In conjunction with craft comd, practice all personnel in action stations and other necessary drills within four hours of embarkation,
- (f) Ensure that adequate precautions are taken so that stores are not pillaged during the voyage

*Done
K. J. [unclear]*

5. Prior to disembarkation

He will

Organise for disembarkation of personnel to allow for quickest possible clearance on far shore.

6. On arrival at Far Shore

He will

(a) Liaise with beach organisation,

(b) Organise clearance of personnel from craft, including the necessary warnings before beaching.

J. J. Danvers

STANDING ORDERS

FOR OFFICERS APPOINTED LOADING OFFICERS ON LANDING
CRAFT

1. The duties of officers appointed Loading Officers on Landing Craft on ships are as follows:-

2. L.C.I.
Prior to embarkation

He will

(a) Contact OC Tps in the Assembly Area for any special instns.

(b) Collect two copies of nominal rolls from units of all personnel embarking.

(c) Report to Beach Control Offr at least 30 mins before his craft is due to start loading.

(d) Ensure that his craft beaches at the correct place.

(e) Advise OC Tps when craft is ready to start embarking personnel.

3. During embarkation

He will

(a) Check personnel onto craft and make any necessary adjustments to the nominal rolls.

(b) After embarkation of personnel is completed hand nominal rolls to Beach Control Sec.

4. After embarkation

He will

(a) Advise OC Tps when all personnel have embarked

(b) Advise OC Tps of any alterations to nominal rolls.

5. On arrival at Far Shore

He will

(a) Liaise with the beach organisation in connection with disembarkation, guides and movement of personnel to assembly areas.

(b) Advise OC Tps when all personnel have disembarked.

L.S.T.

(These duties apply mainly to officers travelling in L.S.T. appointed Loading Officers)

6. Prior to embarkation

He will

(a) Liaise with the Loading Officer from L.O.B. party re details of loading

- (b) Obtain two copies of the Loading Plan.
- (c) Obtain two copies of the nominal rolls of units embarking and hand to his Tally Clerk for checking personnel onto ships.
- (d) Contact OC Tps in the personnel assembly area for any special instns.
- (e) Report to Beach Control Offr at least 30 mins before his craft is due to start loading.

7. During Embarkation

He will

- (a) Supervise the loading of stores, vehs and personnel in that order, with the L.O.B. Loading Officer.
- (b) Ensure that all stores and vehs are loaded in accordance with the loading plan.
- (c) Ensure that skid chains are fixed on wheels of all vehs and that all vehs are waterproofed.
- (d) Have personnel called forward for embarkation after stores and vehs are loaded.
- (e) Assist his Tally Clerk to check personnel on board and ensure that necessary adjustments are made to the nominal rolls. Tally Clerk will retain the nominal rolls and hand same to the Beach Control Officer.

8. After Embarkation

He will

- (a) Advise OC Tps when the loading of all stores, vehs and personnel is completed.
- (b) Advise OC Tps of any alteration to nominal rolls or loading plan.

9. During Voyage

Within two hours of departure he will

- (a) Ensure that horns, lights and battery leads of all vehs on board are disconnected.
- (b) Ensure that adequate precautions are taken so that stores are not pilfered during the voyage.

10. During Voyage

He will

Ensure that all necessary maintenance is done on vehs.

11. Prior to disembarkation

He will

- (a) Ensure that batteries of all vehs are tested and horns and lights still disconnected.

(b) Ensure that engines are warmed, after ramp has been dropped, care being taken to guard against carbon monoxide gas affecting drivers.

12. On arrival at Far Shore

He will

(a) Liaise with the O.C. of the unloading party

(b) Organise clearance of personnel, stores and vehs in that order.

(c) Report to OC Tps when unloading has been completed.

13. Special Instn to L.S.T. Loading Officers.

Loading officers will ensure that adequate precautions are taken against pillaging of stores during loading and during the voyage.

Seen
H. Stewart Lieut.
Quares Lieut.
Blair Lieut.
Manson Lieut.
Walker Capt.

MOSQUITO REPELLANT LOTION FOR PREVENTION OF SCRUB ITCH
AND SCRUB TYPHUS

1. To treat clothing, the lotion should be poured into a flat tin so that fingers may be dipped into it and a thin film made by rubbing the hands together. The film is then transferred to the inner aspect of garments by rubbing the moistened hands quickly over the inner surface, trying to cover about one square foot of cloth before it becomes necessary to dip the finger again. The aim should be an even distribution without missing out any patch.
2. Shirt cuffs, trouser bottoms to 12 in above ankle, and waistbands must be turned inside out before lotion is applied in the manner described above. Socks need a more thorough impregnation. A rubbing and washing action must be employed, using nearly one teaspoonful of lotion to each pair.
3. In very wet weather it is desirable that the lotion be applied rather more liberally. The application is tedious and occupies possibly 10 mins to carry out, but it **MUST** be done efficiently. OSC tps are responsible that efficient treatment of clothing is carried out.
4. The application must be repeated after five days.