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**2nd Australian Imperial Force and Citizen
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2/2 Machine Gun Battalion

July 1943

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Unit 2/2 M.G. Bn.

Date and Time.—From 1 July 43 To 31 July 43

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	Shur	1100	A/C.O., Maj G. SEARLE, Capt's VARLEY, NICHOLAS, FISHER, GREEN, Lieut's	
	1		STUART and EDWARDS attending demonstration of inf Tanks	APPA - TRG.
	July 1943		at (ref GORDONVALE 1:63360) 321957 (four miles past TUMOULIN, Towards HERRBERTON.	
		1325	Air raid RED alert. GREEN at 1350 hrs.	
		0730	Lieut T.H. Southwell-Keely leaves, des as B(III) Brisbane Infers.	

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	Fri		Standing orders amended to have guard consist of 1 Sgt, 2 Cpls	appx " - R O's
	2 Jul		18 ORs.	
			Jap weapons here - lectures by Lieut Peachey, Sgt Palmer.	
			NX 54 444 Pte STEWART, A. marched out on Transfer to 3 Aust	
			Around Tps w/shops	
		0930	Engr Coy Comd here to select 60 ORs from our recruits.	
			NX 12356 Capt ERK STANILAND rej. unit ex hospital (evac 28 Jan)	
			Cpl Capt, 29. rejoins unit ex. Air photo Interpretation Course, YOUNGABURRA	
			Anti-mosquito squads, each of 1 NCO & 2 ORs to be formed in each Coy. Pte	
			Hawkins, JE. to train them.	

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	Sat	0800	QX 23680 Chaplain I.W. ALCORN, AACD, Trans 5 Aust MG Bn	
	3 Jul			
			NX 22914 Pte SMITH, DC., NX 25341 Pte SIMPSON, J.B., NX 33995 Pte WELCH, J., Trans to 2/24 Aust 7th Park Coy, RAE.	
			Four plato marched out to 2/24 7th Park Coy RAE, one to HQ RAE, eleven to 2/3 7th Coy RAE and three to 2/7 7th Coy RAE. (Total 19 temp att).	
			Soccer matches: D 2nd XI v HQ 2nd, 3-2; D 1st XI v HQ 1st XI, 12-1.	

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	Sunday	0900	Church parades.	
	4 Jul	0900	Capt Turner as Div for DCM.	
			Court of Inquiry by Capt Green, Lieut Stuart, on loss of tools from AASC veh in June.	
			Bn baseball Team & supporters visited MAREEBA to play 2 Station Hospital vs Army. Team defeated 12-3. Party (i/c Lieut M Peacock), entertained to dinner & cinema afterwards.	
			Bn Rugby XV & 2111 Aust Inf Amb 37-0	
			C Coy returned tonight from combined ops Trg with 24 Bde in CAIRNS area	

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	Monday 5 Jul		<u>Promulgation of DCM</u> : NX 58839 PTE MURRAY, F., convicted of charge of AWL for 57 days 16 ³ / ₄ hrs, sentenced to undergo detention for 9 months.	
		0900	Capt G M Turner on DCM awarded.	
		0930	Court of Inquiry on loss of tools from AAFC Truck continued.	
		1100	Dental unit arrives from 2/15 Bn area. Camped below 3rd Hd. (Capt ROBINSON, O.C.)	
		1700	Vehs for B Coy more in morning arrive. Visit of Commander-in-Chief, SWPA, Gen Douglas MacArthur to 9 Div area.	
			Sgt Power, G.S. adj unit on Calross' Course, GEE LONG.	
			Pte Murray, F. committed to 2nd Lt Capt FPC for transfer to Detn Bks CHARTERS TOWERS.	

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	Tuesday 6 Jul.		Engineer officers again here, to select personnel from our reports.	
		0500	R Coy leave with 20 Bde group for combined Trg in CAIRNS area. Trg to conclude 21 Jul.	
			NX 25624 Pte BIRD, W.S. Trans to 2 Ausst Coy.	
			NX 59747 Pte HAWKINS, J.E. re'und ex Malaria School, CAIRNS.	

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	Wed	0730	Nx 25719 Pte MASON, C & VX 82323 Pte MCCUSKER, R. Marched out on Trans	
	9 Jul		("B" class) to 17 (CAIRNS) Log C sub area.	
			No 55 Course for Div Mech (No 1 M.V.T.C.) commences today - attended by Pte COGGAN, AR. of Chermside.	
			Nominations closed for bookmakers at Saturday's KULARA meeting.	
			13 personnel (15 rifles) trans to 24 4th Coy RAE, 8 to 2/7 4th Coy RAE.	

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	Thurs		Reorganisation of the Signal Pl, HQ Coy under new W.E. Lt/Cpl Campbell, H.,	
	Fri		Pte Dicker, C.V and Dowell, G.I. from A/Cpl Signs	
			C.O. to conference at Corps HQ.	
			NX 21547 Pte REES, J. marched on for transfer 2/1 Aust HQ Col Br	
			VX 5160 Sjt POWER, G.J. apptd Sjt Cook (AACC).	

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	Fri			
	9 Jul	0845	HQ Coy dental parade @ Bn HQ ofrs.	
			C.O.'s Order - NX 69640 Pte COWLEY, W., fined £1 by CO on charge that on 25	
			Jun 43 he consumed an emergency ration without due cause. AA 40.	
			Hygiene lecture at Div HQ	
		1800	C.O. entertains visiting ofrs at mess.	

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	Sat			
	10 Jul			
			Rear EWING, T. Clerk of Course for races at KULARA today.	
		1800	C.O. at home, 2/3 Tk/A of mess.	

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	Sun		First weekly amn expenditure return submitted.	
	11 Jul		C.O. leaves on "RODEO" Exercise, 6 & 7 DIVS. To be senior Role umpire, with 7 Aust Div.	
			PTE DEVINEY of HQ comd AASC — anti-malarial control.	

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	Mon			
	12 Jul			
		1100	Warning order received from Div for move. Div Troos not before 28 Jul. OOB generally as for current Tro	
			NX27799 Cpl JENKIN, J.E. marched w/ "B" class to Div Rec Camp, with OX B118 Pte RIDDELL, P.W.	
			NX53888 Pte WHITTAKER, W., VX6679 Pte HUNT, W.D., NX42752 Pte ORCHARD, G.A., NX80786 Pte CAMPBELL, J.P. NX88991 Pte DASH, R.E. — "B" class — Trans to 16 Aus Pers. Staging Camp.	

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	Lues	0830	Adm Instr no 7 received from Div	
	13 Jul		No 3 Cooking Course begins in unit lines, at HQ Coy kitchen — 10 ORs to be trials tested as cooks.	
		0900	NX 30186 WO (ii) PERRY, J. attending WO Caterers' Course, WONGABEL; NX 30560 (Zobdean) A/Cpl CLARKE, C.V. and NX 69901 A/Cpl REDFERN, P. attending NCO Cooks' Course. 6 personnel trans (Temp att) to 2/13 Yd Coy RAE, 1 to 2/24 Yd Pk Coy RAE.	
			NX 54372 Pte GWILLIM, J.E., 8X12277 Pte WHITE, P.P., NX 51182 Pte MAYES, E.R. NX 19256 Pte COBLEY, D.N.J., & NX 32530 Sgt SHEARWOOD (AMC att) marched out on Transfer — "B" class.	

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	Wed		Nominations required for Amenity's Offr. 9 Aust Div. Applications close	
	14 Jul		tomorrow for Sgt i/c mobile education unit, 9 Div.	

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	Thurs	0815	9 Aust Div Adm Instr no 8 received, with Order of battle.	
	15 Jul	1430	NX20382 A/Sjt TRESSIDER, R attending no 4 Comb. Can Course	
			NX51282 L/Sjt Roberts, HG; NX15848 Sjt Davidson, RA ; NX8926 Pte Van Gelder, W.M., reg	
			unit as hospital & X list.	
		1215	Amended O of B received from DIV.	
		1315	Amendments Div Adm no 8 received.	
			10 p.m. from 24 Aug 43	
			Following have been declared illegal absentees from this Unit by Courts of Inquiry: NX56980 Pte FARR, J. (29 Apr 43); NX27680 Pte SEWELL, F.D. (10 May); NX17710 Cpl MOSS, W. (24 May 43); QX1605 Pte GARLAND, A.F.L. (17 Jun).	
			QX19140 Pte J.E. DODS marched out GDD Redbank for Transfer to RAAF.	
			NX16460 Sgt KARTZOFF, M.E. marched out on occupational leave (to contest Federal election - Murray seat) tomorrow.	

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	Fri		NX 425, Capt C. L. FISCHER seconded to R Aust Corps as	
	16 Jul		AQ (hearer)	
		0930	NX 16460 Sgt M. KARTZOFF leaves for Rec Camp en route SYDNEY.	
			to stand as Ind. Soldier's candidate MERRIWA electorate in Federal	
			Election.	
			Returns asked for from Corps of personnel eligible to vote next election.	
			20 ORs (w/pts) Trans to HQ 26 Aust Div Bde. Ten Taken on strength this unit.	
			NX 26071 Lieut I. Y. MILLS rejoined unit ex HQ 9 Div.	
		0900	DCMs — Pte. MONAGHAN, RYDER.	
		1815	Orders received re g/pts baggage & kitbags. 20 Bde.	
			17 ORs marched in 26 R Aust Corps Rec Camp (from Tentfield Bg Bn) & Taken on strength	
			as reinforcements. One (Cpl Murray Dg) Trans 2/6 Aust Indep Coy	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	Sat		NX Capt C. L. FISCHER	
	17 Jul		Unit nominal rolls of A/Mosquito Squadron to DIV.	
			A 33s submitted for Maj Williams, Capt R W Cameron, P B Green as substantive ranks.	
			NX 26927 Sgt MILLICAN, F adj unit from Ammunition School, 2/2. ans 5 Inf W/shops	
			NX 25453 L/Cpl STREET, A. J. " " " " LHQ School of Mechanisation (hol wing)	
		1900	Cinema : "	
		2130	platoon MAHER & LOWICK returned to unit under escort.	

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	Sun		Church parades.	
	18 Jul			
			Combat Efficiency Report to Div.	
			Capt Green to take Summaries of Evidence, LOWICK & MAHER	
			NX 15867 Cpl STEWART, J.S.F. attending Mobile Wing Aust Army Weapon Try School, Course No R, (WONGABEL)	
		1500	Sgt BOYD, J.J. (Ammer) reports 2/7 adv. W/Shop, TOLGA, 2 Aust Corps Ammer's Course, commences tomorrow.	

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	Mar		Ranks Confused of 9 A/Sjts 15 A/Cpls w.e.f today.	R.O's
	19 Jul.		New posting of officers as from today	R.O's
		0700	D Coy on ^{rifle} range DANBULLA	
		0900	Capt G.M. Turner at Div on DCM.	
		0800	No 3 Hygiene Course - 2 of 5 NCOs - to report report daily 2 Aust Corps Hyg Code, 24	
			Bde area :	
			Packing surplus gear. Advice to G. Div. of tpt required to move surplus gear.	

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	Tues			
	20 Jul			
			C.O. to 26 Bde HQ for Camp's Conference.	
		1200	all surplus offrs class reinter draft of 14 ORs to form cadre, to be administered by HQ Coy. OC - Lieut I. Y. MILLS. Lieuts C. P. Craven, W. B. Armstrong, R. C. Cann, R. J. Grain, R. R. McEwen, L. A. Wall, H. R. Edwards, H. Z. Gee, G. J. Jeffcoat, C. C. Hall, K. G. Kibble.	R-Os
			Sigs attached to Coys for discipline & admn, 1 Cpl, 4 ORs per Coy	R-Os
			Stretcher bearers also att (4 per Coy) to Coys for discipline and admn.	"
		1500	13 durs at A.DOS dump, with trucks, for duty.	
			NX 20728 Lieut V. C. MOULDER, rejoined unit re 2 AGH.	

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	Wed 21 Jul		<p>Promulgation of DCM - WX 10699 Pte MONAGHAN, J.L. - WOAS AWL from 1200hrs 29 Mar to 1800hrs 29 Apr 43 Found guilty, 16 Jul. Awarded for punishment 90 days & to forfeit all ordinary pay for 90 days. Confirmed & varied by GOC. "to forfeit all pay for 90 days".</p> <p>Returns of officers recommended for staff appointments & for appointments to command.</p>	
		1400	<p>2/3 Aust TK/A Regt d. In Aust Rules XIX, 7-9 = 4-7</p> <p>NX 33978 Pte MILLS, J.I. marched out to GDD Sydney for discharge under AMR 20 277 (xiii) - medically unfit for service, not occasioned by his own default.</p>	

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	Thurs 22 Jul		N.S.W. Comforts Auxiliary of the Bow has received a donation of £50, in memory of the late Sjt WEINSTEIN, by his fiancée. Any suggestions for the disposal of this gift are asked for in today's R.O.s.	
			Lieut G. J. JEFFCOAT apptd Salvage Offr, vice lieut J. Shevan, M.C.	
		0900	DCM - Pte MAER.	
		1100	C.O. to 2 Aust Corps HQ Additional clothing coupons.	
		1500	C.O. to Div HQ	
			NX25141 Cpl CHRISTIAN, F (AAMC att) prom Sjt (w.e.f. 13 Jul) vice Sjt Shearwood, NX 65508 Pte LAWRY, H.C. (AAMC) prom A/Cpl and QX20152 Pte COLLIER, D.A., apptd L/Cpl.	

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	23 Jul		<p>cold morning.</p> <p>allotment of 30* range & amm allotment for next week drafted by I.O.</p> <p>R/T procedure in G/Ho Mess.</p> <p>Nominal roll to be sent to 1 Aust Army Sig School, Sig's Refresher Course, 2-28 Aug 43.</p> <p>news received that Maj CC Brown (OC, CCoy) to be trans to 2/28 Aust Inf Bn as 2/c.</p>	

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	Sat 24 Jul		<p>Kit bags & sines for Kit Sine to go this afternoon (?).</p> <p>NX44388 Pte MELLON, S.L., marched out to GDD SYDNEY for discharge in compassionate grounds for family reasons - LHQ authority.</p> <p>Rank of W.O. (ii) of QX3240 A/WOii HOWE, D.W. and NX30180 A/WOii PERRY, J. confirmed as from 1 Jul 43.</p>	
		0900	<p>DCM - Faint & LOWICK.</p> <p>A33 for Rivet HERBERTSON.</p> <p>farewell party in GPO Mess to Maj C.C. Brown.</p>	

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	Sun 25 Jul.		<p>Church parades.</p> <p>Capt J G Cameron for DCM</p> <p>Bon Hockey team drew with 2/6 AG.H. (AMWAS), 3-3 at ROCKY CREEK.</p> <p>No football.</p> <p>Bon represented in Composite 9 DIV Baseball <u>IX</u> which played 2 ^{U.S.}AG.H. Station Hospital, at MAREEBA. Aus lost, 6-7.</p>	

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	Mon 26 Jul		<p>NX 12359 Major C.C. BROWN Trans to 2/28 Aust Inf Bn, as 2/c. Capt W.P. NICHOLAS assumes comd C. Coy in place of Maj BROWN & Lieut C.E. JACK now 2/c of A Coy in place of Capt Nicholas</p> <p>NX 65687 Lieut W.B. ARMSTRONG Trans from HQ (Cadre) to C Coy.</p> <p>C.O.'s Orderly Bn by Maj Seale (Adm. Comd) - QX 5961 Pte WEBBER, J.T & QX 17753 Pte CROMMELIN, A.K.</p> <p>C.O., B-Col E. Macaithur-Onslow, leaves for SYDNEY on special election leave - contesting</p> <p>B Coy on range (30x) today.</p> <p>A33 - Capt FRK Staniland</p> <p>VX 5160 Sgt POWER, G.J. (Sgt Cook) Trans to 2/2 AGH.</p> <p>Disposal of AR personnel discussed with DAAG.</p> <p>1900 B Coy doing night firing.</p>	R.O.S.

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	Tues 27 Jul	0900	Coy Comd conference held by Maj Seale — B Coy on 30 th range	
		1015	Lecture by Dn Hygiene Offr to Bn Parade.	
		1830	Lecture by Lieut W Athelville to offrs on R/T procedure.	
		1900	B Coy - night firing.	

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	Wed 28 Jul		Audit of unit accounts. A Coy on 30 th range. Lieut (T/Capt) BRERETON rejoins unit from detachment as ADC to Lieut-Gen MORSHEAD (Corps Comd) Preparation of Coy nominal rolls, etc., for move, now in progress.	

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	Thurs 29 Jul	0900	Orduly km - pte WALLIS. C. Cay on 30x range.	
		1900	C. Cay on night firing - 30x range.	

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	Jul 30 Jul	0900	<p>Rec'd BRERETON to Cairns, depending off in conspiracy case.</p> <p>Nominations fwded of 2 lieuts, 2 Spts 3 Cpls to assist 9 Div Rec Camp on coast. Lieuts Mills, McLaren, Sgt Buchanan, Rowe, Cpls Bonell, CA, Villiers, A.G. Brown (Beyl).</p>	

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	Sat 31 Jul	0830	Party for Rec Camp leave.	
		1000	<p>HQ Coy on 30th range. Kit bags hauled in to QM.</p> <p>Spats ground marked out for mfg tomorrow. Gun teams try for mfg race. HQ Coy has 2 guns from C Coy, w. recruited offrs as coaches to Cadie.</p>	
			<p>Final baseball match - US 2 SFA Hospital v 2 Aus Corps. Sp/Plt Davis, J.H. plus Flower, E., Kelly, M. J. This unit, with reps of all 7 regts = 2 Corps HQ. Score 9-9 at end of 9th inning, but US 1X won, 15-9 in 10th inning. Americans + visitors entertained after game by Aus players.</p>	
			<p style="text-align: right;"> <i>M Peachey Unit</i> <i>1.0 2/2nd Aust. mfg Bn</i> <i>G. Mearns</i> <i>Some comd</i> </p>	

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APPX "B"

MEDICAL DIARY

AAMC Personnel

Sjt SHEARWOOD, F C (NX32530) was marched out B class, and his appointment was taken by NX25141 Cpl CHRISTIAN, F.W., appointed Sjt as from 13 Jul 43.

General Health

General health of the Unit has ^{never} been better since arrival back in Australia. Personnel are fitter now than at any other time during the past 12 months.

Evacuations - 47

Non-urgent operations and invest.	10
Fractures	9
P U O	7

It will be seen that, for the most part, these evacuations are either non-urgent or came about by activities not strictly associated with Army service, e.g., football fractures.

Amongst the PUO of this month, which numbered 7, we had two scrub typhus, both from the same Coy, and almost certainly acquired during exercises on the coast. The diagnosis of both these cases was not evident until about the sixth day of illness, when a morbilliform rash appeared. Pending the appearance of this rash, the patient was not feeling very ill, but since evacuation to hospital the illness has been much worse. The diagnosis of these cases, in my opinion, during operations will present many difficulties, and I cannot see how they can be evacuated before presenting particular signs of the disease, such as rash or eschar, as they may not, previous to these symptoms, be very ill. During operational manoeuvres evacuation of everyone with a slight temperature above normal would soon incapacitate the Unit from any active phase of the fighting.

Hygiene

During the early part of this month the closed drainage system for disposal of all sullage water has been completed. The system is now working very well, and the two big disposal pits into which all water is collected is functioning very well.

Training

Anti-Malarial squads have undergone trg during this month. They have been divided into Coy squads, which will supervise the drainage and clearance of all malarious areas where the Coy moves to. The work performed by these people has been very good, and practical experience was obtained by draining the creek running across the NW corner of the camp area. Malarial surveys of the area were carried out by every person undergoing the course, and in my opinion could not have been bettered. These Coy squads are now instructing the Coys by Pls in necessary measures to be adopted once we enter malarious country.

Mosquito Nets

In spite of the statement of the AQ that all nets received by the Bn were new, it is my opinion that this is very doubtful. Approx one half of the nets are composed of cheese muslin material, which in tropical climates would be most unsuitable and liable to bring on attacks of heat stroke to any soldier lying underneath. This opinion has been confirmed by the ADMS 9 AUST DIV, and these nets should be withdrawn from circulation for troops serving outside Australia.

DENTAL STATE

Capt M.ROBINSON, OC E Sec, 2/5 Aust Dental Unit, began a Dental examination of the Unit on 7 Jul, and by 3 Aug 43 had examined 768 members of the Bn.

At 7 Jul 43 the following was the state, with the posn as at 3 Aug given in the second column :

	7 Jul	3 Aug	Treated
Extractions	54	4	87
Fillings	Simple	540	} 253
	Compound	396	
Scale & clean	289	265	38
Dressings			31
Dentures			
Full	1	-	1
Partial	99	77	22
Remodel	58	24	} 77
Reline	12	9	
Repair	43	3	
Fit	80	169	Made fit 100

*W. Peachey
10:30 pm
Aust. M. G. Bn.*

2/2 Aust MG Bn
War Diary
JUNE, 1943

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MEDICAL DIARY

AAMC Personnel - Unchanged.

General Health - Definitely on the improve, and evacuations to hospital, apart from non-urgent operations and non-urgent investigations, have been on the small side.

Evacuations for the month - 62

Main components were the following :

Non-urgent operations & investigations	28
Dermatitis venanata	10
P U O	5
Fractures	5
Scabies	2

It will be seen that the skin infections and rashes necessitating evacuation have decreased considerably over any other month that we have been here. This, in my opinion, is due to better precautions being taken by the troops, both in regard to avoiding the itch mite during bivouacs and avoidance of close contact with the sap of the pine tree which was giving us ~~max~~ dermatitis venanata.

Hygiene - Hygiene of the Unit is now really good, and one half of the drainage system for the kitchens has now been completed. This drainage is a closed system and avoid the unhygienic methods previously employed to dispose of sullage water.

*W. Peachey
10. 2/2 1943 Aust. MG Bn.*

2 /2 AU S T
MG BN
WAR DIARY
JULY, 1943

B COY DIARY

Tues 6 0445 Reveille
Jul 0615 On trucks
0645 RV with GT Coy and Carrier Pl, move in convoy.
1015 Arrive camp area
1400 OC at conference, Bde HQ.

Wed 0700 Coy moves out to demonstration at TRINITY
7 Jul BEACH by 532 ESB Regt.
Coy practises at intervals throughout the day, loading and unloading personnel with arms and eqpt LCVP.

Thurs
8 Jul 0700 Coy (by Pls) moves out to TRINITY and PALM
Beaches for further loading and unloading practices.
1700 B3 return early to fill guns for exercise on following day.

Fri
9 Jul 0700 B3 acting as enemy, move out to take up
posn on YORKEY'S PT to oppose landing - 4
guns together with personnel acting as
riflemen. Landing made by 2/13 Bn
B2 swimming parade ; B1 cleaning stores.
1700 B3 return from exercise.

Sat
10 Jul 1100 B1 move out on similar exercise, defence
of YORKEY'S PT.
1400 Attackers approaching shore, smoke screen
laid down. Very effective. Boats creep in
under its cover.
1700 B3 move out again on night exercise, acting
as enemy to landing force (4 guns used),
2/13 Bn.

Sun
11 Jul 1100 B2 Pl move out to act as enemy in posn at
YORKEY'S PT, opposing landing force with
MG and rifle fire.

Mon
12 Jul 0800 Coy moves out to TRINITY BEACH for practice
loading and unloading personnel, eqpt and
stores into LCI.
0930- First loading commenced. Short trip out to
1100 sea. Further practice till 1100 hrs, when
LCI taken over by 2/3 Pnr Bn (B Coy). Full
Coy engaged in this practice.
1300 B2 move out on night exercise opposing
shore landing.

Tues
13 Jul Normal trg. Cleaning guns, trg clinometer &
bar foresight. March to beach for swim.
NCOs cadre under Lieut FERGUSON in operation.

Wed 14
Jul

Pay drawn from 6 Div Cash Office at Bde.
Route march during morning. NCOs cadre
continues.

Practice loading LCI by B1 and B3 during
afternoon (token). B2 as observers.

OC outlines scheme of Bde exercise, and
Coy role therein (sand tray illustration).

Thurs
15 Jul

Pay acquitted.

Several conferences during day- OC, 2 i/c,
Pl Comd, CSM, CQMS. General preparation
for exercise.

B2 detailed to act as enemy, and leave camp
at 1500 hrs.

1700 B2 take up posn approx 800 yds North of
REDCLIFFE. Dug in with two guns, remainder
as riflemen. Pl of inf att, and placed on
North ridge, approx 50 yds away.

1800 Posn inspected by Major Gee, OC enemy.

1700 Remainder of Coy moves out to TRINITY BEACH.

1900 Embark on LCI with ASC and elements 9 Div.
Remainder of night on craft, cruising.

Fri
16 Jul 05x

0400 B2 (enemy) stand to. Landing force heard
approaching 0330. MG defensive fire signal,
plus two flares from inf.

0500 As first barges hit shore both guns open up,
continuing enfilade fire along beach as each
wave arrives. At dawn Pl of inf advancing
along beach wiped out by MG fire.

0715 Fire ceases. B2 section till this time kept
free of enemy till both guns knocked out by
mortar fire.

0730 B2 await trucks, which arrive 1530 hrs for
return to camp.

0950 LCI drives ashore (in rear of 2/17 Bn) (on
reserve mission), striking sandbank. Stores
landed through 3 ft of water. Pls come under
command respective inf bns.

Coy HQ established near Bde HQ. OC Coy on
recce and contact.

1100 Message received, exercise concluded.

1400 Coy HQ and Pl RV main road.

1555 Trucks arrive - Coy returns to camp.

S at
17 Jul 0800

Officers and NCOs move out to PALM BEACH North
for demonstration of rocket gun. Lecture by
American Army officer on gun. Were to fire on
three targets on DOUBLE ISLAND Beach. Land
mines sown in region of centre target did not
explod. Particulars of gun: Projectile approx
6½ lbs, trajectory when fired at angle of 45°
range 1240 yds. Fall vertical or with 1 or 2
degrees variation. 1 LCV 1 DUKW went out to
engage targets with gun. LCV carries 72 tubes,
from both craft however only 72 projectiles fired
on this occasion. Fired by electrical impulse.
Number of projectiles governed by selector.
Shooting erratic and inaccurate. First shots
short. Direction covered beach, but only ten

landed thereon. Fair amount of smoke given off. After 20 minutes craft withdrew. Members of observing party then went on DUKW to inspect target area.

1400 Swimming parade.

Sun 18
Jul

Preparation for move. FS, greatcoats, kitbags, respirators handed in.

2120 Warning order for return to Unit.

Mon 19
Jul 43

1015 Convoy moves, route as before.

1415 Arrive camp.

Exercise (MOST SECRET)

(British)

Problem (SECRET)

(American)

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7 Jul 43.

20 Aust Inf Bde Op Instn No.1

Reference Map CAIRNS 1:63360

To Lt-col G.E. Colvin DSO.
2/13 Aust Inf Bn

INFORMATION

1. Enemy

(a) An enemy force has effected a landing in the vicinity of CAIRNS where it is expected that they may use the harbour facilities to land Armoured forces for further operations.

(b) From information supplied by the local V.D.C. who are operating in the MACALISTER RANGE, the enemy have placed a light det on the Coastal Sector from EARLS HILL (653843) to the foothills of SADDLE MT. (630830). It is estimated at NOT more than one Bn strength.

(c) Movement has been observed in the vicinity of YORKEYS Pt which appears to indicate that the enemy is using this vantage Pt as a Coastal Watching Station.

2. Own Tps

(a) 9 Aust Div is still intact north of the enemy FDL'S and patrols from the 24 Aust Inf Bde which is advancing South in the Coastal Sector, have made contact with the enemy outposts in the vicinity of TOLL GATE (611911) BUCHAN Pt.

(b) It is essential that MAREEBA PASS be in our control and with this in view 20 Aust Inf Bde has been ordered to effect a landing behind the enemy FDL'S and so cut off his northern det.

3. My appreciation is that by making a landing at YORKEYS BEACH the Bde will be able to move south to the area of rd junc 645787 and so cut off the enemy det and gain control of the MAREEBA PASS.

4. You will establish a beachhead on YORKEYS BEACH to enable the remainder of the Bde Gp to pass through. Control of YORKEYS KNOB (680832) to the edge of the mangrove swamp near house (677817) is essential.

5. You will load at TRINITY BEACH (assumed for exercise purposes to be further to the north) in time to effect your landing on YORKEYS BEACH at 1200 hrs 9 Jul 43.

6. Air cover (imaginary) is being provided for the op from 1030 hrs until 1330 hrs when it is expected that you will be firmly established ashore.

7. The following tps come under your comd at 1800 hrs 8 Jul 43:-

- (a) B Bt Coy E Sh Coy 532 Engr Bt & Sh Regt.
One tp 24 Bty 12 Aust Fd Regt.
One tp (less one gun) 2/4 Aust Lt AA Regt.
Det 2/3 Aust Fd Coy.
One Sec 2/8 Aust Fd Amb
Det J Sec Sigs.
One Sec 1 Pl 9 Aust Carrier Coy
One Pl B Coy 2/3 Aust Pnr Bn.

(b) Representatives of the above units will be available for planning purposes at times and places set down by you.

(c) Personnel of "B" Coy 2/3 Aust Pnr Bn are for assistance in loading only.

(d) Two carriers will be loaded for the unloading of Bofors guns. on the Far Shore.

8. Adm Instructions are being issued separately.

9. Craft Available

40 LCV (P)
1 LCM
1 LCT
1 DUKW
1 Rocket Craft } Sp craft.

10. Air Sp

Calls for close air sp through Bde HQ after wireless has been broken.

INTERCOM

W/T - (a) Wireless silence until 1145 hrs
(b) ~~1st Lt~~ det from J Sec Sigs will accompany your force.

12. CODES

Landing effected	-	SOUP
All waves ashore	-	FISH
YORKEYS KNOB	-	APPLE
Track June (678823)	-	NUTS
LCV (No.....)	-	BUG (No.....)
LCM	-	SPIDER
LCT	-	BEEBLE
DUKW	-	FOUL
ROCKET	-	STAR
25 pr	-	BELCHER
BOFORS	-	CHUCKER

(b) Any additional code names to be employed by your force will be communicated to this HQ by 1800 hrs 8 Jul 43.

13. Bde HQ

Remains present location until Beachhead has been established.

14. SYNCHRONISATION OF TIME

Time signal ABC at 0800 hrs 9 Jul 43

ACK.

Issued through Sigs.

M. J. W. ... Brig
Comd 20 Aust Inf Bde

Signed at 1600 hrs.

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2/3 Aust Fd Coy	5
1 Pl 9 Aust Div Carrier Coy	6
B Coy 2/3 Aust Pnr Coy	7
2/8 Aust Fd Amb	8
J Sec Sigs	9
532 Engr Bt & Sh Regt	10 -13
9 Aust Div Trg HQ	14
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7 Jul 43

20 Aust Inf Bde Gp Adm Instn No. 2

1. Directing Staff

Director -- Brig W.J.V. Windeyer
A/Director -- Major B.V. Wilson

2. Umpires

Chief Umpire- Major A.M. Alison - 2/17 Aust Inf Bn
Umpires- 1 offr provided by -2/15 Aust Inf Bn
1 " " " 2/17 " " "
1 " " " 2/2 Aust MG Bn
2 offrs " " 2/3 Aust Pnr Bn
1 NCO per Fl provided by 2/13 Aust Inf Bn

3. Enemy

- (a) 1 Offr 20 ORs provided by B Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn
- (b) Comd Lieut ~~F.M.~~ FERGUSON
- (c) Tpt will be provided by Bde HQ, for movement to YORKEYS BEACH
- (d) Comd will RV this HQ at 0900 hrs 8 Jul 43.

4. Representation of Fire

Enemy ONLY - Blank amm
- Mirrors (LMG)
- Lucas lamp (MMG)

*see d. list.
mirrors
see Bde sig offr. 2 bells per gun.*

5. Dress

- (a) Tps taking part
Slacks, shirts (JG) gaiters or ankle puttees, Battle order including steel helmets.
- (b) Enemy, Directing Staff, Umpires
Slacks, shirts KD, hats fur felt and white armband on left arm.

6. Conferences

- (a) Umpires → 0900 hrs 8 Jul Bde HQ
- & OC Enemy 1400 hrs 9 Jul rd junc (678823)
- (b) All Officers - 1430 hrs 9 Jul rd junc (678823)
- (c) 2/13 Aust Inf Bn Gp - 1500 hrs 9 Jul rd junc (678823)
General address by Director.

*Hand 1200 hrs.
exercise
ends
1345 hrs*

7. Transport

- (a) 1 x 3 ton will report to B Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn at 0930 hrs 9 Jul 43 for tpt of personnel to YORKEYS BEACH.
- (b) The following tpt will report to YORKEYS BEACH at 1430 hrs 9 Jul 43 under direction of Bde Tpt Offr.
 - 20 x 3 ton - supplied by Bde.
 - 25 x 2½ ton - supplied by 532 Bt & Sh Regt (US FORCES)

8. Spectators and Observers

- (a) will be distinguished by white armband on both arms.
- (b) will report to Capt HOLTSBAUM (Liaison Officer) at rd corner 685825 at 1130 hrs 9 Jul 43. Instructions given by Capt Holtsbaum will be obeyed implicitly.

9. Supplies

- (a) 3 days Emergency) on the man or in
2 days Op Rations) craft.
Cut lunches will be carried.

10. Ann

- (a) 1 day WET) on the man or
1 day WUR) in craft.
- (b) ~~Items~~ will NOT be loaded.

11. PRO

TCPs will be established by personnel of 9 Aust Div Pro Coy at rd junc 649779, rd junc 656777 and rd junc 678824.

H. G. Gair
Capt
SC 20 Aust Inf Bde.

ACK

Issued through Sigs.

Signed at 1730 hrs

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2/4 Aust Lt AA Regt (less 12 Bty)	5
2/3 Aust Fd Coy	6
1 Pl 9 Aust Div Carrier Coy	7
B Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn	8
B Coy 2/3 Aust Inr Bn	9
2/8 Aust Fd Amb	10
1 Sec 9 Aust Div Pro Coy	11
J Sec Sigs	12
532 Engr BT & Sh Regt	13-16
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Exercise (MOST SECRET) (British)

Problem (SECRET) (American)

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8 Jul 43

20 Aust Inf Bde Gp Adm Instn No.3

(issued in conjunction with 20 Aust Inf
(Bde Gp Op Instn No.2)

1. Directing Staff

Director - Brig W.J.V. Windeyer
A/Director - Major B.V. Wilson

2. Umpires

Chief Umpire- Provided by 2/17 Aust Inf Bn
Umpires -2 offrs provided by 2/4 Aust Lt AA Regt
1 offr " " 2/3 Aust Fd Coy
2 offrs " " 2/3 Aust Pmr Bn
1 offr " " 2/2 Aust MG Bn
1 NCO per Pl provided by 2/15 Aust Inf Bn

3. Enemy

- (a) 1 Offr 20 ORs provided by B Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn
- (b) Comd Lieut C.E. JACK
- (c) Tpt will be provided by Bde HQ for movement to **YORKEYS BEACH**
- (d) Comd will RV this HQ at 0900 hrs 9 Jul 43.

4. Representation of Fire

Enemy ONLY - Blank amm
- Mirrors (IMG)
- Lucas lamp (MMG)

5. Dress

- (a) Tps taking part
Slacks, shirts (JG) gaiters or ankle puttees, Battle Order including steel helmets.
- (b) Enemy, Directing Staff, Umpires
Slacks, shirts KD, hats fur felt and white armband on left arm.

6. Conferences

- (a) Umpires) 0900 hrs 9 Jul Bde HQ
&)
OC Enemy) 1600 hrs 10 Jul rd junc (678823)
- (b) All Offrs- 1630 hrs 10 Jul rd junc (678823)
- (c) 2/15 Aust Inf Bn Gp - 1700 hrs 10 Jul rd junc (678823)
General address by Director.

7. Transport

- (a) 1 x 3 ton will report to B Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn at 1130 hrs 10 Jul 43 for tpt of personnel to **YORKEYS BEACH**.
- (b) The following tpt will report to **YORKEYS BEACH** at 1630 hrs 10 Jul 43 under direction of Bde Tpt Offr,
20 x 3 ton - supplied by Bde
25 x 2½ ton- supplied by 532 Bt & Sh Regt (US FORCES)

8. Spectators and Observers

- (a) will be distinguished by white armband on both arms.
- (b) will report to Capt G. HOLTSHAUM (liaison Officer) at rd corner 335325 at 1330 hrs 10 Jul. Instructions given by Capt Holtshbaum will be obeyed implicitly.

9. Sups

- (a) 3 days Emergency) on the man or in
- 2 days Op Rations) craft.
- Cut lunches will be carried.

10. Amn

- (a) 1 day WET) on the man or
- 1 day WUR) in craft.
- (b) Rifles will NOT be loaded.

11. PRO

TCPs will be established by personnel of 9 Aust Div Pro Coy at rd junc 649779, rd junc 656777 and rd junc 678824.

[Signature]
 Capt.
 SC 20 Aust Inf Bde

ACK.

Issued through Sigs.

Signed at 1700 hrs.

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2/3 Aust Fd Coy	6
1 Pl 9 Aust Div Carrier Coy	7
B Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn	8
B Coy 2/3 Aust Pmr Bn	9
2/8 Aust Fd Amb	10
1 Sec 9 Aust Div Pro Coy	11
J Sec Sigs	12
532 Engr BT & Sh Regt	13 - 16
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2 1/2 MG B

9 Jul 43

20 Aust Inf Bde Gp Adm Instrn No.4

1. Directing Staff

Director - Brig W.J.V. Windeyer
A./Director - Major B.V. Wilson

2. Umpires

Chief Umpire - OC B Coy 2/3 Aust Pmr Bn
Umpires- 1 offr provided by 2/15 Aust Inf Bn
1 " " " 2/3 " Pmr Bn
1 " " " 2/2 " MG Bn
1 " " " HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde
1 " " " 2/3 " Fl Coy.
1 NCO per pl " 2/13 Aust Inf Bn

3. Enemy

- (a) 1 Offr 20 CRs provided by B Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn
- (b) Comd Lieut H.R. EDWARDS *G.T. Ferguson*
- (c) Tpt will be provided by Bde HQ for movement to PALM BEACH
- (d) Comd will RV this HQ at 1400 hrs 10 Jul 43.

4. Representation of Fire

- Enemy ONLY - Blank amm
- Mirrors (IMG)
- Lucas lamp (MMG)

5. Dress

- (a) Tps taking part
Slacks, shirts (JG) gaiters or ankle puttees, Battle Order including steel helmets.
- (b) Enemy, Directing Staff, Umpires
Slacks, shirts KD, hats fur felt and white armband on left arm.

6. Conferences

- (a) Umpires) 1400 hrs 10 Jul Bde HQ
and)
OC Enemy) 0900 hrs 11 Jul Bde HQ
- (b) All Offrs - 0930 hrs 11 Jul Bde HQ

7. Transport

- (a) 1 x 3 ton will report to B Coy 2/2 MG Bn at 1800 hrs 10 Jul 43 for tpt of personnel to PALM BEACH.

8. Spectators and Observers

- (a) will be distinguished by white armband on both arms.
- (b) will report to Capt HOLTSBAUM (Liaison Officer) at house 619898 at 2000 hrs 10 Jul 43. Instructions given by Capt Holtsbaum will be obeyed implicitly.

9. Sups

- (a) 3 days Emergency) on the man or in
2 days Op Rations) craft.

10. Amn

- (a) 1 day WET) on the man or
1 day WUR) in craft.
- (b) Rifles will NOT be loaded.

11. Stores

Stores will be left dumped and picquetted until morning of 11 Jul when they will be handed over to 2/17 Aust Inf Bn at 0900 hrs for exercise being carried out by 2/17 Aust Inf Bn on 11 Jul 43.

12. Orders and Instructions

The Bn will be responsible for notifying the Chief Umpire of times and places that orders and instructions are being issued.

W. H. ...
SC 20 Aust Inf Bde

ACK.

Issued through Sigs.

Signed at 1600 hrs.

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1 Pl 9 Aust Div Carrier Coy	7
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B Coy 2/3 Aust Pnr Bn	9
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J Sec Sigs	12
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10 Jul 43

20 Aust Inf Bde Gp Adm Instn No. 6

1. Directing Staff

Director - Brig W.J.V. Windeyer
A/Director - Major B.V. Wilson
2. Umpires Chief Umpire - Maj H.G. Gillan, 2/13 Aust Inf Bn
Umpires - 1 offr supplied by 2/2 Aust MG Bn
2 offrs " " 2/3 Aust Pnr Bn
1 offr " " 2/3 Aust Fd Coy
1 offr " " 2/13 Aust Inf Bn
1 NCO per pl " " 2/17 Aust Inf Bn
3. Enemy
 - (a) 1 Offr 20 ORs provided by B Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn
 - (b) Comd Lieut H.R. EDWARDS
 - (c) Tpt will be provided by Bde HQ for movement to ELLIS BEACH
 - (d) Comd will RV this HQ at 1030 hrs 11 Jul 43.
4. Representation of Fire

Enemy ONLY - Blank amn
- Mirrors (LMG)
- Lucas lamp (MMG)
5. Dress
 - (a) Tps taking part
Slacks, shirts (JG) gaiters or ankle puttees, Battle Order including steel helmets.
 - (a) Enemy, Directing Staff, Umpires
Slacks, shirts KD, hats fur felt and white armband on left arm.
6. Conferences
 - (a) Umpires) 1030 hrs 11 Jul Bde HQ
and)
 - (b) OC Enemy) 0900 hrs 12 Jul Bde HQ
All Offrs) 0930 hrs 12 Jul Bde HQ
7. Transport
 - (a) 1 x 3 ton will report to B Coy 2/2 MG Bn at 1300 hrs 11 Jul 43 for tpt of personnel to ELLIS BEACH
 - (b) Bde TO will arrange tpt to carry all tps back to unit lines after exercise.
8. Spectators and Observers
 - (a) will be distinguished by white armband on both arms
 - (b) will report to Capt HOLTSBAUM (Liaison Officer) at house 589927 at 1400 hrs 11 Jul 43. Instructions given by Capt HOLTSBAUM will be obeyed implicitly.
9. Supps
 - (a) 3 days Emergency) on the man or in
2 days Op Rations) craft.
10. Ann
 - (a) 1 day WET) on the man or
4 days WUR) in craft.
 - (b) Rifles will NOT be loaded.
11. Stores
 - (a) Stores will be left dumped and picquetted until morning of 12 Jul.
 - (b) Tpt under Bde arrangements, will report to 2/17 Aust Inf Bn at 0830 hrs 12 Jul to take a working party consisting of one pl B Coy 2/3 Aust Pnr Bn supplement by personnel of

continued of

2/17 Aust Inf Bn to ELLIS BEACH for back-loading of stores.

(c) Dummy stores representing Bde Gp surplus stores will be delivered to PALM BEACH on 10 Jul 43 under Bde arrangements.

12. Orders and Instructions

The Bn will be responsible for notifying the Chief Umpire of times when orders and instructions are to be issued.

[Signature]
CAPT
SC 20 Aust Inf Bde.

ACK.

Issued through Sigs.

Signed at 1030 hrs.

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10 Jul 43

20 Aust Inf Bde Gp Op Instn No.7
 (Issued in conjunction with Adm Instn No.8)

Reference Map CAIRNS 1:63360

To: Lt-col N.W. Simpson DSO
 2/17 Aust Inf Bn

1. Enemy

- (a) Following extensive operations, a large enemy force has occupied Northern Queensland, but is being held at the BARRON R. Holding force is estimated at NOT more than *one* brigade strength.
 (b) Air recon and int reports indicate that coast line North of YORKKEYS KNOB is guarded lightly by coast watching parties only.

2. Own Tps

- (a) 9 Aust Div counter offensive plan includes a landing on PALM BEACH by 26 Aust Inf Bde. TAYLOR Pt which overlooks PALM BEACH prevents a potential hazard to a successful landing on that beach.
 (b) 20 Aust Inf Bde has been ordered to land a force on TRINITY BEACH to capture and hold TAYLOR Pt. This will be done simultaneously with 26 Aust Inf Bde landing.

3. You will establish a beach head on TRINITY BEACH which will include control of TAYLOR Pt (648862).

4. The second Bn will land through the beach head established by you, capture and occupy the feature SHEL HILL (652843) by dawn 13 Jul 43.

5. You will load at PALM BEACH (presumed to be south of CAIRNS) in time to effect your landing on TRINITY BEACH at 2030 hrs 12 Jul 43.

6. The following tps come under your command at 1800 hrs 11 Jul 43.

- (a) A Bt Coy F Sh Coy 542 EB & SR
 One Tp 24 Bty 2/12 Aust Fd Regt (for exercise purposes two guns (only can be carried)
 Det 2/3 Aust Fd Coy
 One Sec 2/8 Aust Fd Amb
 Det J Sec Sigs
 (b) Representatives of above units will be available for planning purposes at times and places set down by you.

7. Adm Instructions are being issued separately.

8. Craft Available

40 LCV (P)
 1 LCM

INTERCOM

9(a) Wireless silence will be maintained until you are established on shore - unless enemy action necessitates breaking silence, you will then report situation immediately.

(b) 1 x 208 set with Det from J Sec Sigs will accompany your force.

10. Codes

- (a) Landing effected - SWEET
 All waves ashore - ADAMS
 TAYLOR Pt - BREAST
 Beach head established - SCRAM
 LCV - DOG
 LCM - PIG

(b) Any additional code names to be employed will be notified to this HQ by 1200 hrs 12 Jul 43.

- 11. Bde HQ With reserve Bn at sea until second Bn has landed.
- 12. Synchronisation of Time
Time signal ABC

Brig
Comd 20 Aust Inf Bde

ACK.

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Signed at 0900 hrs

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2/3 Aust Fd Coy	5
B Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn	6
2/8 Aust Fd Amb	7
J Sec Sigs	8
532 Engr Bt & Sh Regt	9 - 12
9 Aust Div Trg HQ	13
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EXERCISE (MOST SECRET) British

PROBLEM (SECRET) American

Copy No. 2

10 Jul 43

20 Aust Inf Bde Gp Idm Instn No.7
(Issued in conjunction with Op Instn No.6 →
2/15 Aust Inf Bn Gp Night Exercise.

1. Directing Staff
Director - Brig W.J.V. Windeyer
A/Director-Major B.V. Wilson
2. Umpires
 - (a) Chief Umpire - OC B Coy 2/3 Aust Inf Bn
Umpires- 2 offrs provided by 2/13 Aust Inf Bn
1 offr " " 2/3 Aust Inf Bn
1 offr " " 2/2 Aust MG Bn
1 offr " " 2/3 Aust Fd Coy
1 NCO per pl" " 2/15 Aust Inf Bn
 - (b) Chief Umpire will be responsible for the allocation of umpires to coys and will call any conferences deemed advisable.
3. Enemy
 - (a) 1 Offr 20 ORs provided by B Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn
 - (b) Comd Lieut H.R. EDWARDS
 - (c) Tpt will be provided by Bde HQ for movement to PALM BEACH
4. Representation of Fire
Enemy ONLY - Blank amn
- Lucas lamp (MMG)
5. Dress
 - (a) Tps taking part
Slacks, shirts (JG) gaiters or ankle puttees, Battle Order including steel helmets.
 - (b) Enemy, Directing Staff, Umpires
Slacks, shirts KD, hats fur felt and white armband on left arm
6. Conferences
 - (a) Umpires)
and 1800
OC Enemy) 0900 hrs 12 Jul Bde HQ
 - (b) All offrs) 0930 hrs 12 Jul Bde HQ
taking part) 1030
in exercise)
7. Transport
 - (a) 1 x 3 ton will report to B Coy 2/2 MG Bn at 1800 hrs 11 Jul 43 for tpt of personnel to PALM BEACH.
 - (b) see para 11 (b)
8. Spectators and Observers
 - (a) will be distinguished by white armband on both arms.
 - (b) will report to Capt HOLTSBAUM (Liaison Officer) at house 619898 at 2000 hrs 11 Jul 43. Instructions given by Capt HOLTSBAUM will be obeyed implicitly.
9. Supps
3 days Emergency) on the man or in
2 days Op Rations) craft
10. Amn
 - (a) 1st line:) On the man or
1 day WUR) in craft
 - (b) Rifles will NOT be loaded.

11. Stores

- (a) Stores will be left dumped and picquetted until morning of 12 Jul.
- (b) Tpt arranged by 2/15 Aust Inf Bn with Bde TO will report to 2/15 Aust Inf Bn at 0830 hrs 12 Jul for back loading of stores.

12. Orders and Instructions

The Bn will be responsible for notifying the Chief Umpire of times and places that orders and instructions are being issued.

H. J. Hammett Capt.
SC 20 Aust Inf Bde.

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Signed at 17 hrs

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B Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn	5 ✓
B Coy 2/3 Aust Pnr Bn	6
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10 Jul 43

20 Aust Inf Bde Gp Adm Instn No.8
(Issued in conjunction with Op Instn No.7)

1. Directing Staff
Director Brig W.J.V. Windeyer
A/Director Major B.V. Wilson
2. Umpires
(a) Chief Umpire- Major J. Kelly 2/13 Aust Inf Bn
Umpires- 1 offr supplied by 2/3
2 offr " " 2/3 Aust Pnr Bn
1 offr " " 2/2 Aust MG Bn
1 offr " " 2/3 Aust Fd Coy
1 NCO per Pl " " 2/17 Aust Inf Bn
(b) Chief Umpire will be responsible for allotting umpires and will call any conferences deemed advisable.
3. Enemy
(a) 1 Offr 20 CRs provided by B Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn.
(b) Cond: Lieut H.R. EDWARDS.
(c) Tpt will be provided by Bde HQ for movement to TRINITY BEACH.
4. Representation of Fire
Enemy ONLY)- Blank amm
- Lucas Lamp
5. Dress
(a) Tps Taking Part
Slacks, shirts, gaiters or ankle puttees, Battle Order including steel helmets, pullovers if ordered by CO 2/17 Aust Inf Bn.
(b) Enemy
As for 5 (a) except that hats will be worn with white armband and white armband on left arm.
6. Conferences
(a) Umpires &) 0845 hrs 13 Jul at Bde HQ.
OC Enemy)
(b) All Offrs taking) 0930 hrs 13 Jul at Bde HQ.
part in Exercise)
7. Transport
(a) 1 x 3 ton will report to B Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn at 1900 hrs 12 Jul for tpt of personnel to TRINITY BEACH.
(b) Tpt arranged by 2/17 Aust Inf Bn with Bde TO. will collect stores at TRINITY BEACH on the morning of 13 Jul for back loading to unit lines.
8. Spectators
(a) Will be distinguished by white armbands on both arms
(b) will report to Capt HOLTSBAUM at signal tower in centre of TRINITY BEACH by 2000 hrs 12 Jul. Instructions given by Capt HOLTSBAUM will be obeyed implicitly.
9. Ann
(a) 1st line) on the man
1 day WUR) or in the craft.
(b) rifles will NOT be loaded.
10. Subs
3 days Emergency) on the man or
2 days Op Rations) in the craft.

- 11. Stores
(a) will be dumped and picketed under unit arrangements until morning of 13 Jul when they will be return to unit lines.
- 12. Orders and Instructions
2/17 Aust Inf Bn will be responsible for notifying A/Director and Chief Umpire when orders and instructions are to be issued.

H. Hamilton
Capt.
SC 20 Aust Inf Bde.

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Signed at 0835 hrs

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2/4 Aust Lt AA Regt	5
2/3 Aust Fd Coy	6
B Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn	7
B Coy 2/3 Aust Ppr Bn	8
2/8 Aust Fd Amb	9
J Sec Sigs	10
532 Engr Bt & Sh Regt	11 - 14
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20 Aust Inf Bde Gp Adm Instn No.9
(Issued in conjunction with Op Order No.1)

1. AMN
 - (a) WE 1st line scale will be carried by AUST units.
 - (b) B Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn will carry 8 belts per gun, remainder under Bde arrangements.
 - (c) Three days reserve to be carried in bulk under Bde arrangements.
 - (d) Demands for replenishment after landing to be submitted to Bde HQ.
 - (e) 24 Aust Fd Bty and B Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn will detail one man to remain with Bde Amn Res and control issues to those units.
2. SUPS
 - (a) Three days emergency and two days fd op rations on the man.
 - (b) Four days fd op rations carried in bulk under Bde arrangements.
 - (c) One fd op ration will be consumed on 16 Jul 43.
3. POL

Full Tanks plus res 200 miles for all vehicles - res under Bde arrangements.
4. ATER
 - (a) Water bottles to be filled at disembarkation.
 - (b) Two days res at 2 pints per man per day carried in bulk under Bde arrangements.
 - (c) Water sterilizing outfits to be carried by personnel.
 - (d) Two days res at half gallon per man per day carried in boats under arrangements AB R. (Note - this water will not be landed)
5. ADM AREA
 - (a) A Bde Adm Area will be established. This will be subsequently developed into a Div Maintenance Area.
 - (b) 26 Aust Sub Depot pl will take charge of AASC supplies in Adm Area.
6. MEDICAL
 - (a) Tents mosquito will be carried.
 - (b) ADS will be established in vicinity of each Bn centre line by 2/8 Aust Fd Amb.
 - (c) MDS 2/8 Aust Fd Amb MDS will land with res mission and establish in Bde Adm Area.
 - (d) Evacuation of casualties from beach under arrangements made by BCO.
7. HYGIENE

Units responsible for hygiene arrangements in own area.
Latrines will be constructed in beach area as early as possible.
8. PW
 - (a) A Bde PW Cage will be established in vicinity of Bde HQ
 - (b) Units will be responsible for escorting PW to cage.
 - (c) One Pl 2/1 Aust HQ Gd Bn responsible for guarding PW in cage and escorting to beach for evacuation.
 - (d) Evacuation from beach under arrangements BCO. 9 Aust Div will arrange guards to travel on craft evacuating PW.

- 9 WATERPROOFING VEHICLES AND GUNS.
All vehs and guns used by assaulting force will be waterproofed.
- 10 LOADING OF STORES.
 - (a) Details of loading of supplies to be carried in bulk - Appx A. Issued separately
 - (b) Details of delivery of bulk stores for loading - Appx B. Issued separately.
- 11. TCPs AND INFORMATION POST.
Will be est and maintained by personnel of 1 sec 9 Div Pro Coy
 - (a) On beach.
 - (b) In vicinity and inland from Bde HQ and Bde centre line.

W. J. Hamilton Capt.
SC 20 Aust Inf Bde.

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10 Lt AA Bty Det.	5
2/3 Aust Fd Coy.	6
1 Pl 9 Aust Div Carrier Coy.	7
B Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn.	8 ✓
B Coy 2/3 Aust Pnr Bn.	9
Det AASC.	10
2/8 Aust Fd Amb.	11
1 Sec 9 Aust Div Pro	12
Fd PO 33.	13
J Sec Sigs.	14
1 Pl HQ GA Bn.	15
2/58 Aust L.D.	16
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Appx "1" to
20 Aust Inf Bde
Gp Adm Instr No. 9
dated 13 Jul 43.

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13 Jul 43.

LOADING OF BULK STORES

1. Detailed loading of bulk stores will be as follows:-

(a) LST

Personnel	Item	Qty.	Weight in lbs.	Time loading commences	Remarks
B Coy 2/3 Aust PnrBn less one pl					B Coy 2/3 Aust Pnr Bn less one pl to assist
One Tp 24 Bty 2/12 Aust Fd Regt.	Guns 25 pr Tractors arty FID	4 4	29120 40320	0900 hrs 15 Jul 43.	pl to assist in loading & unloading under direc- tion 532 EB & SR.
Two Tps 10 Bty 2/4 Aust Lt A. Regt.	Bofors gun carriers	6 6	32256 49056		
	.303 Bdr	158	11534		Personnel embarking to have evening meal TRINITY BEACH. To be completed by 1645 hrs 15 Jul 43.
	.303 Ctn	70	5810		
	.303 Vrmg	112	9856		
	.303 Tracer	10	850		
	.380	11	187		
	9mm boxes	348	23	391	
	9mm boxes	14	14	3232	
	7 2800				
	55 Tk A	4	248		
	Cart Ill	15	45		
	Cart Red	15	45		
	Cart Green	15	45		
	2 nd Mortar HE	236	15812		
	2 nd Mortar Snk	54	3240		
	2 nd Mortar Ill	28	1876		
	2 nd Mortar Red	10	670		
	2 nd Mortar Green	10	670		
	3 rd Mortar HE	349	32806		
	3 rd Mortar Snk	87	7395		
	2 pr Tk A	98	10584		
	36 Green	255	6120		
	40 mm HE	55	8855		
	40 mm AP	2	322		
	25 pr HE	218	25347		
	25 pr Snk	35	3640		
	25 pr AP	8	760		
	25 pr Cart	131	7991		
	Stores 532 EB & SR		92268		
	Water				
	2 gall tins	551	11020		
	4 gall tins	18	720		
	POL 90x4 galls		3600		
	Rations.				
	F.O.R.	30180	105630		
	<u>Total</u>	<u>32882</u>	<u>520301</u>		

(b) LCT.

Personnel	Item	Amount	Weight lbs	Time loading commences	Remarks
24 Bty 2/12	trucks 15 cwt	2	13664	1845	1 Pl B Coy 2/3 Aust Dmr Bn to assist in loading & unloading under dir- ection 532 MB & SR
Aust Fd Regt	jeep	4	9600	14 Jul 43	
less one Tp.	guns 25 pr	4	11248		

One Pl B Coy
2/3 Aust Dmr
Bn

.303 Bdr	60	4380
.303 Ctn	26	2158
.303 VMG	43	3784
Tracer	4	340
.380	4	68
9 mm boxes .348	5	85
9 mm boxes 2800	6	528
.55 Tk A	2	124
Cart Ill	5	15
" Red	5	15
" Green	5	15
2" Mortar HE	89	5963
2" Mortar Smk	21	1250
2" Mortar Ill	10	670
2" Mortar Red	3	201
2" Mortar Green	3	201
3" Mortar HE	131	12314
3" Mortar Smk	33	2805
2 pr Tk A	37	3996
36 Grenades	96	2304
40 mm HE	21	3381
25 pr HE	82	9553
25 pr Smk	13	1352
25 pr AP	4	380
25 pr Cart	49	2989
Water 4 gal tins	110	4400
Rations F.O.R.	11376	39816
POL 33 x 4 gal		1320
	12284	138929

2. Total stores carried in bulk

LST - 369549 lbs.
LCT - 104417 lbs.
473966 lbs.

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14 Jul 43.20 Aust Inf Bde Gp.Operation Order No 1.Issued in confirmation and amplification of verbal orders.Ref Maps: MACALISTER RANGE)
CAIRNS) One inch to one mile.

(All map references in this order refer to JAN PTS.).

Air photos available at this HQ of the coast from WHITE CLIFF PT (HI 08715751) - RED CLIFF PT (HI 08855713).

Special maps att to Joint Intelligence Summary and Amendment No 2 thereto.

INFORMATION:

1. Enemy:
As in Joint Intelligence Summary of 12 Jul 43 and Amendment No 2 thereto.
2. Own Tps:
 - (a) The force now at INNISFAIL consisting of Naval units, 9 Aust Div, ESB and Air Force units, is to carry out operations in the TRINITY BAY area with the object of capturing the CHRISTMAS POCKET area (HI 08775705).
20 Aust Inf Bde Gp is to est a beachhead to enable the remainder of 9 Aust Div to pass through.
 - (b) Composition of 20 Aust Inf Bde Gp:
HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde.
'J' Sec Sigs 9 Aust Div.
1 Pl 2/1 Aust HQ Gd Bn.
2/58 Aust IAD.
24 Bty 2/12 Aust Fd Regt.
Two tps 10 Bty 2/4 Aust Lt A' Regt.
2/3 Aust Fd Coy.
2/13 Aust Inf Bn.
2/15 Aust Inf Bn.
2/17 Aust Inf Bn.
'B' Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn.
'B' Coy 2/3 Aust Pnr Bn.
26 Sup Depot Pl.
2/8 Aust Fd Amb.
1 Sec 2/9 Aust Div Pro Coy.
 - (c) Naval Sp Gp: (Task Gp 76-3).
1 Sloop)
11 YMS) Imaginary.
12 SC)
4 DD.)
3. Topography:
 - (a) Issue maps are incorrect in the following respects:-
 - (i) Cart tracks are shown as roads.
 - (ii) The coastal "track" from HI 08855728 to TOLL GATE HI 09255701 does not exist.
 - (iii) Cart track CAIRNS-MAREEBA is shown as a road. *Railway*

3. Topography: (c ntinued)

- (b) The ridge running west by south from HI 08715745 is known as HARTLEYS SPUR and the hill at HI 08665145 as HARTLEYS HILL. The track which ascends HARTLEYS HILL from the cart track and continues west is known as HARTLEYS track. Track leading south from RED CLIFF PT to CHRISTMAS POCKET is known as MOUNTAIN TRACK. ~~It is impossible to AFVs.~~ *Both are*
- (c) Further topographical information is contained in Joint Intelligence Summary of 12 Jul 43.

INTENTION:

4. 20 Aust Inf Bde Gp will land and est a beachhead in area between WHITECLIFF PT (HI 08715751) and RED CLIFF PT (HI 08855728).

METHOD:5. General:

- (a) The Bde Gp will land with two Bns fwd followed by the Res Bn Mission.
- (b) The operation will be carried out in three phases:-
- (i) Pre-loading of hy stores-(Night D-2/D-1).
 - (ii) Loading of personnel (Night D-1/D).
 - (iii) Landing.

6. Pre-loading of hy stores In accordance with Apox "A".

7. Loading of personnel:

- (a) In accordance with Apox "B".
- (b) In accordance with Loading Tables.
- (c) Bns will notify Bde HQ of any change of Boat Stas necessitated by withdrawal of ICVs allocated normally to personnel of EB-SR.

8. Landing Beach:

- (a) To be known as RED CLIFF BEACH.
- (b) Dimension and details of beach are given in Amendment No 2 to Joint Intelligence Summary (issued to Bn Comds).
- (c) Right Fwd Bn- YELLOW BEACH.
Left " " - GREEN BEACH.

9. Groupings:

- (a) Right Fwd Bn:
2/13 Aust Inf Bn Gp, with in sp;-
One Bt Coy 592 EB SR.
E Sh Coy 532 EB SR.
One tp 24 Bty 2/12 Aust Fd Regt.
- (b) Left Fwd Bn:
2/15 Aust Inf Bn Gp, with in sp:-
Cobt Coy,
F Sh Coy 532 EB SR.
One tp 24 Bty 2/12 Aust Fd Regt.
- (c) Res Bn:
2/17 Aust Inf Bn Gp, with in sp:-
A Boat Coy
F Sh Coy 542 EB SR.

10. Tasks:(a) Right Fwd Bn:

(i) Form right half of Bde Beachhead to incl Native track and excel cutting HI 08725741.

(ii) If Bridge (HI 08725790) has been destroyed by enemy prepare crossings for use by res bn.

(b) Left Fwd Bn:

Form left half of Bde Beachhead to incl Native track and attack and capture RED CLIFF Pt.

(c) Res Bn:

(i) To pass through 2/13 Aust Inf Bn and capture HARTLEYS HILL (HI 08665745) and spur on general line to JETTY (HI 08725746).

(ii) Finally to exploit to WHITE CLIFF Pt if situation permits and deny the use of WHITE CLIFF Pt to the enemy as a MG area and OP.

(iii) CO to report to Bde Hq on landing for final orders.

11. H Hour:

0700 hrs-- 16 Jul 43, at which time the leading waves of the two fwd Bns reach the beach.

12. D Day: 16 Jul 43.13. Landing Intervals:

(a) 60 yds between craft.

(b) 200 yds between right and left Assault Missions.

14. Timings for Landing:(a) Assault Missions-

Wave	i.	H.		
	ii.	H	†	3.
	iii.	H	†	8.
	iv.	H	†	18.
	v.	H	†	33. (imaginary)
	vi.	H	†	48.
	vii.	H	†	80.

(b) Res Missions:

At call of Assault Comd. NOT before H † 105.

Wave	i.	H.		
	ii.	H	†	5.
	iii.	H	†	8.
	iv.	H	†	18.
	v.	H	†	23.
	vi.	H	†	38.
	vii.	H	†	53. (imaginary).
	viii.	H	†	83.

H being the time at which the leading wave of the Res Mission lands. Other waves at call from BCS.

(c) L.S.T.:

(i) Will beach at 0630 hrs 16 Jul 43.

(ii) It will be assumed that guns and stores etc will be unloaded at times of normal arrival of LCTs and LCMs.

(iii) Actual unloading of cargo will depend upon state of tide commencing probably about 0930 hrs.

15. Inter Bn Bndy:
Track referred to in Joint Intelligence Summary incl to 2/13 Aust Inf Bn. Runs from main Native tr to approx centre landing beach.
16. Naval Bombardment:
(a) Naval forces to bombard RED CLIFF PT (HI 08735727-08825727) from H + 60 to H + 120 (slow rate).
(b) Naval FOO party to land with left fwd Bn.
(c) After capture RED CLIFF PT naval arty will be prepared to engage WHITE CLIFF PT at FOOs call.
17. EB & SR Sp Craft:
(a) Two special Rocket craft will engage WHITE CLIFF PT (HI 08725751) from H + 60 to H + 90 (slow rate)
(b) During landing of Res Mission (rapid).
18. EB & SR Smoke Craft:
(a) To be placed in posn on right flank of Assault Force.
(b) Lay smoke to blind CK MOUTH (HI 08735746)- JETTY-HARTLEYS HILL area from H + 45 to H + 90.
(c) Continue smoke during landing of Res Mission.
19. Arty:
(a) One to in sp each fwd Bn.
(b) A FOO will accompany Res Bn when it passes through 2/13 Aust Inf Bn to attack HARTLEYS SPUR.
(c) DF tasks to be fixed by FOOs in conjunction with Bn Comds before Res Bn is landed and will incl:-
It track.
Junc of HARTLEYS track and Main track (HI 08725743).
(d) Special Tasks:
(i) To in sp 2/13 Aust Inf Bn (and Bty when linked) will bring neutralising fire to bear on WHITE CLIFF PT during landing of Res Mission.
(ii) Harassing fire on WHITE CLIFF PT area if occupied by enemy.
20. Engrs:
Tasks:
(a) Clearance of mines and boobytraps.
(b) Provision of bangalore torpedoes if required by Bn Comds.
(c) Bridgings:
(d) Marking of Unit Centre lines--
Right Bn- Square
Left Bn- Diamond.
Res Bn- Circle.
(e) Demolitions and rd blocks.
(f) Road making in conjunction with Shore Bn. Comd 2/3 Aust Fd Coy to co-ord with Comd Shore Bn.
21. Pioneers:
After completion of unloading on Far Shore Comd B Coy 2/3 Aust Pnr Bn will report to Bde HQ for further orders.

22. Air: (details to follow).

(a) Tac R as follows:-

D - 1 1200 hrs onward- CHRISTMAS POCKET area.

D day First lt onward- BEACH area. Enemy posns at:-
RED CLIFF PT.
HARTLEYS SPUR
WHITECLIFF PT.
NATIVE TRACK.

(b) Arty R: First lt onward- RED CLIFF PT.
WHITECLIFF PT.
HARTLEYS SPUR.
NATIVE MT TRACK
Area 4403
Area CHRISTMAS POCKET.

(c) Smoke: H + 60 to H + 180. HARTLEYS HILL-UNITY REEF.

(d) F Cover: continuously Over area of ops.
from first lt.

(e) BF: first lt. (i) One Sqn REDCLIFF PT then strafe lt tr
return journey. One Sqn WHITECLIFF
PT then strafe any movement Native tr
near cliff on return journey.

(ii) One Sqn airborne at 0930 hrs to sp
2/17 Bn attack HARTLEYS SPUR.

(iii) Others "Bombed-up" and at call.

23. MMG: On landing one pl comes under comd of each Bn. 17-15

24. Plans for Deception:

9 Aust Div to arrange for Bomber Comd to fly by bombers over Landing
Beach at a high altitude during the week preceding D Day between the
hrs of 0400-0515 daily.

ADM:

25. Adm Instn No 9 issued separately.

INTERCOMN:

26. Location of HQs:

(a) Prior to embarkation Bde HQ Report Centre with BCS at TRINITY
SOUTH, until H minus 202.

(b) Afloat Comd on APC with Bt Bn Comd.

BM on LCV with Bt 2-i/c.

Remainder Wave I- Res Mission.

(c) Far Shore Bde HQ will be est 150 yds fwd and 50 yds left of
range pole on that beach on which Res Mission is landed.

(d) Will be marked by unit sign- 88.

(e) Two runners from each unit will report to Bde HQ sig office at
H + 135.

27. Success Signals and Pyrotechnics:

Capture of Objectives:

Unit.	W/T Codeword.	Signal.
2/13 Aust Inf Bn.	HERE'S LOCK.	Three reds.
2/15 Aust Inf Bn.	GOOD CHEER.	Three greens.
2/17 Aust Inf Bn.	SWEET ADELIN.	Red-green-red.

28. Codes:

Following codes will be used:-

- (a) Current R/T Code.
- (b) Appointments Code.
- (c) JAN grid map ref Code. *no map ref codes*
- (d) Time adder Code.
- (e) Operational Code (to be issued separately).

29. Signal Plan:(a) Near Shore:

Line will be laid from TRINITY BEACH NORTH-TRINITY BEACH SOUTH and YORKEYS BEACH to 2 ESB exchange. Commn from pre-loaded craft in boat dispersal bays will be provided by V/S ("Blinker") to BCS. Small craft will be used as an alternative as required.

(b) Afloat:

Following W/T gps (nets) will be provided by army personnel:-

- (i) Bde Comd to Bn Comds (208 sets) (Gp duplicated from BM to Bn Battle 2-1/cs.
- (ii) Bde Comd rear link (208 set) (duplicated with BM).
- (iii) Air Sp Link (511 set with Bde Comd).
- (iv) Tentacle (not provided for exercise).
- (v) Adam Link (not provided for exercise).
- (vi) Bn Gps (103 sets).
- (vii) Monitor set with Bde HQ for interception of Bn Gps.

Frequencies and times of netting will be notified separately. Times and frequency of Tac R broadcast will be notified separately.

(c) Following R/T nets (Gps) will be operated by ESB personnel:-

- (i) Regt HQ to Bt Comd Afloat and Shore Bn on Far Shore.
- (ii) Bt Bn Comd to Mission Leaders and RNO.
- (iii) Mission Leaders to Wave Leaders.
- (iv) Bn afloat to ESB.
- (v) Far Shore Bn to Far Shore Coys.

Nets to iii and iv duplicated.

Frequencies will be notified separately.

(d) Far Shore:

- (i) Line comm normal. Lines will be laid by army personnel from Bde HQ and from Bn HQs to respective Shore Coy HQs.
- (ii) Army W/T gps will operate as in sub-para (ii) above. One SCR 536 ("Walkie-Talkie") will be provided with 2/13 and 2/17 Bns for calls for fire sp from LCS. Three SCR 536 sets will be provided with each Bn for use of Bn Comds.

30. Wireless Silence:

Wireless silence will be maintained until contact is made or as directed by Bde or Div HQ.

Listening watch will be maintained for first two mins in every 20 mins from 0010 hrs D day., e.g.,

0010 to 0012 hrs, 0030 to 0032 hrs, 0050 to 0052 hrs.

In order to conserve batteries continuous watch will not be made until H hr.

31. Synchronisation of Time:

ABC time signal at 2000 hrs. Units without wireless will contact Bde HQ after 2000 hrs.

A C K N O W L E D G E.

Signed at 0345 hrs.

Issued through Sigs and LOS

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BM, 20 Aust Inf Bde. Maj

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 dated 14 Jul 43.

PRE-LOADING OF HEAVY STORES.

(a) All pre-loading of stores to be carried out under cover of darkness as follows:-

<u>Unit.</u>	<u>Craft.</u>	<u>Beach.</u>	<u>Commence.</u>	<u>Finish.</u>
2/13 Aust Inf Bn Gp.	LCVs.	TRINITY STH.	1245 hrs	
2/15 Aust Inf Bn Gp.	LCVs.	TRINITY NTH.	"	14 Jul 43.
2/17 Aust Inf Bn Gp.	LCVs.	YORKEYS.	"	"
HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde.	LCVs.	"	"	"
2/8 Aust Fd Amb.	LCVs.	"	"	"
Stores as arranged by SC.	LCT.	TRINITY STH.	"	"
One tp (lt 25 prs) 24 Bty 2/12 Aust Fd Regt.	LCT.	"	"	" To be loaded last.
ESB. (Bulldozer and Stores.	LCM.	YORKEYS.	"	"
Stores as arranged by SC 20 Aust Inf Bde.	LST	TRINITY STH.	0900 hrs.	1700 hrs.
			15 Jul 43.	
Two Tps 2/4 Aust Lt A. Regt.	LST.	"	-	
One Tp 24 Bty 2/12 Aust Fd Regt.	LST.	"		

- (b) The loaded craft to disperse in MANGROVE SWAMPS (CHINA CREEK)
- (c) Bn Comds will notify Bt. Coy Comds of those LCV which are required for pre-loading by 1200 hrs 14 Jul 43.
- (d) Comds of other units will notify SC of LCVs which are required for pre-loading by 1200 hrs 14 Jul 43.

BOAT ASSIGNMENT TABLE.
(as per Loading Table).

Annex "B" to
20 Aust Inf Bde OC.No.1.
Intel 14 Dec 43.

Serial.	Unit.	ICV.	ICM.	ICI.	LCT.	LST.	APC.	Remarks.
1.	2/13 Aust Inf Bn Gp.	30.						Bn Gp.
2.	" " " "	1.						Balance of 1st line amm.
3.	" " " "	1.						ESB Boat 34.
4.	" " " "	2.						EB & SR stores Boats 62 and 64.
5.	2/15 Aust Inf Bn Gp.	30.						Bn Gp.
6.	" " " "	1.						Balance 1st line amm.
7.	" " " "	1.						Naval FOC part 7.
8.	" " " "	1.						ESB Boat 34.
9.	" " " "	2.						EB & SR stores Boats 62 and 64.
10.	2/17 Aust Inf Bn Gp.	30.						Bn Gp.
11.	" " " "	1.						ESB Boat 34.
12.	" " " "	1.						Balance of 1st line amm.
13.	HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde, and Tac HQ. 9 Aust Div.	8.						
14.	2/3 Aust Fd Coy.	7.						
15.	One tp 24 Aust Fd Bty)							
16.	One pl B Coy 2/3 Pnr Bn)				1.			
17.	B Coy 2/2 IG Bn (less one pl)			1.				
18.	26 Sup Depot pl ASC.)							
19.	Recce Party 9 Aust Div.)							
20.	" " 26 Aust Inf Bde.)							
21.	Air Sq Party.)							
22.	One tp 24 Aust Fd Bty.)					1.		Carrying Bde Gp stores, and EB & SR store
23.	Two tps 2/4 Aust Lt AA)							
24.	Two pls B Coy 2/3 Pnr Bn)							
25.	2/8 Aust Fd Amb.	5.						
26.	Comd and Staff.						1.	
27.	Stores.							
28.	Spare (3 with each Mission).	9.						
29.	ESB.		1.					Bulldozer and stores.
Total:		130.	1.	1.	1.	1.	1.	

LOADING OF PERSONNEL.

<u>Unit.</u>	<u>Craft.</u>	<u>Beach.</u>	<u>Day.</u>	<u>Commence.</u>	<u>Complete by.</u>
2/13 Aust Inf Bn Gp.	LCVs.	TRINITY STH.	D.	0108.	0138.
2/15 Aust Inf Bn Gp.	LCVs	TRINITY NTH.	D.	"	"
incl Naval FOO Party.	ICV.	" "	D.	"	"
<u>Res Mission</u>					
HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde.	)LCVs.	VORKEYS.	D.	"	"
Tac HQ 9 Aust Div.)				
2/17 Aust Inf Bn Gp.)				
2/8 Aust Fd Amb.)				
2/3 Aust Fd Coy.)				
24 Bty 2/12 Aust Fd Regt. Less one tp.	)ICT.	"	D.	0001.	0031.
One pl B Coy 2/3 Pnr Bn.)				
B Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn Less one pl (enemy),	)LCI.	TRINITY STH.	D-1.	1900.	1930.
26 Sup Depot Pl.)				
Recce Party 9 Aust Div)				
Recce Party 26 Aust Inf Bde.)				
One tp 24 Bty 2/12 Aust Fd Regt.)LST.	TRINITY STH.	D-1.	1630.	1700.
Two tps 2/4 Aust Lt Regt.)				
Two pl B Coy 2/3 Pnr Bn)				
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Comd 20 Aust Inf Bde and Staff.	APC	TRINITY STH.	D.	0145.	
BM and Staff.	LCV.	" "	D.	0145.	

Note:

Comds of Missions are responsible for reporting loading completed through BCS to Bde HQ at TRINITY STH CP by L/T.

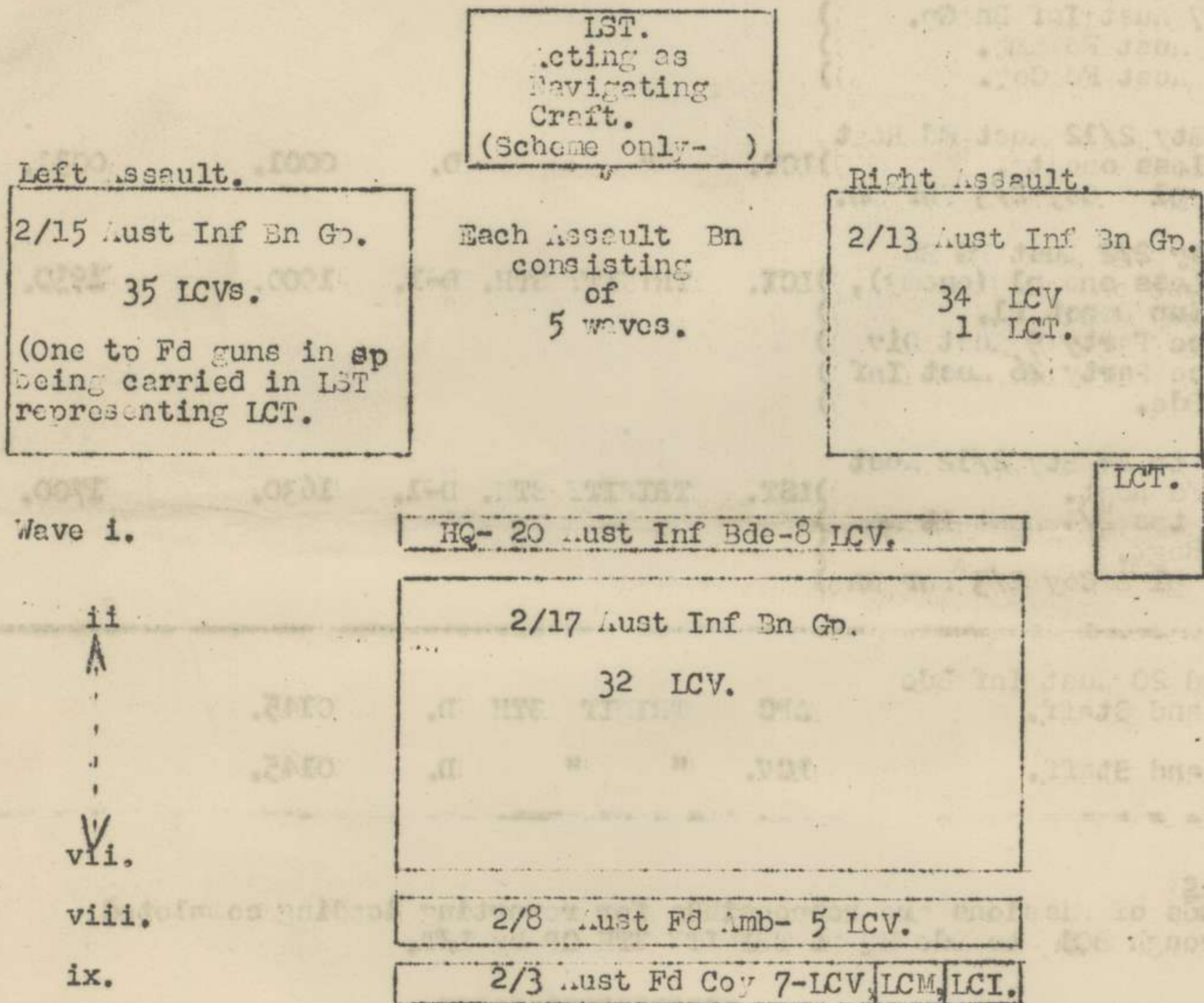
MISSION ASSIGNMENT. (Schematic only).

Note:

(a) All LCVs used by ESB other than those stated below are taken out of usual Boat Assignment Tables and are used for carriage of Bde Gp personnel.

Boat 34- ESB personnel.
 Boat 62)
 Boat 64) ESB stores Assault Bns only.

(b) Wave 5 will be missing from all missions but Wave 6 (Exercise purposes Wave 5) will come in on normal schedule.



(c) 9 LCVs divided equally accompany missions as spare boats.

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<u>OWN AIR</u>	<u>AT</u>	<u>TARGET</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>BY</u>	<u>EFFECT</u>
1	TIMOR	Shipping LAUTEM	0600/3	Two B24	Not stated. One of 3 interceptors destroyed
2	BABO (133°26'E 2°32'S)		pm/3	Three B24	Bombs on town
3	BOGADJIM	Buildings & village	0755/1	Five B25	Bombed & strafed
4	CAPE JACQUINOT (151°35'E 5°35'S)		0417/3	One B24	Bombed

<u>ENEMY SHIPPING</u>	<u>AT</u>	<u>TIME</u>	
5	WEWAK	3 May	Considerable traffic to and from the Port Barges in the Harbour.
6	TINPUTZ BAY (155°03'E 5°33'S)	2 May	One small cargo vessel. Note: See Int Report 24 re possible enemy intention in this area.

DISTRIBUTION:

6 Aust Div	(16)
7 Aust Div	(22)
9 Aust Div	(30)
2/7 Aust Cav Commando Regt	(1)
5 A/C Sqn	(1)
GOC	(1)
BGS	(1)
G(I)	(1)
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<u>OWN AIR</u>	<u>AT</u>	<u>TARGET</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>BY</u>	<u>EFFECT</u>
1	TIMOR	KOEPANG	2200/4	Two B25	Not stated
2	TIMOR	LAUTEM	2130/4	Two B25	Not stated
3	AROE IS.	DOBO Area	1425/3	Three B24	Buildings strafed One intercepting F/P destroyed.
4	WOKAM IS. (134°35'E 5°47'S)	Sawmill	Night 3/4	One Catalina	Strafed
5	TABERFANE (134°07'E 6°11'S)	Enemy F/P's	1505/4	Five Beau- fighters	Strafed. Of 8 or 9 intercepting F/P's, one destroyed and two damaged.
6	TIMOEKA		1405/4	One Hudson	Bombed
7	KAUKENAU		1034/4	One Hudson	Bombed
8	KAIMANA		Night 3/4	One Catalina	Strafed
9	BABO	(Airfield, Building area Installations)	1030/3 2225/3	Three B24 Four Catalinas	Large fires dumps, runways, dispersal area, barracks
10	BUT (143°12'E 3°23'S)	Airfield	0330/4	Three B24	Fires & explosions amongst A/C & amm dumps.
11	WEWAK	Airfield	(0340/4 0405/4)	Three B17 One B17	Fires possibly burning A/C. One large fire.
12	BORAM	Airfield	0410/4	One B17	Fires & explosions
13	DAGUA (143°20'E 3°25'S)	Airfield	0415/4) 0440/4) 0453/4)	Three B24	Explosions & large fires dump area.

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14	DUTCH NG	KINAAM (138°31'E 7°57'S)	16 May	Three bombers	Some buildings hit; Nil casualties
15	MUBO Area	SIPOMA (147°13'E 7°25'S)	29 May	Two A/C	Not reported

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<u>ENEMY SHIPPING</u>	<u>AT</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PARTICULARS</u>
16	SEPIK RIVER	4 Jun	One escort three medium cargo vessels.
	DUTCH NG WEWAK SOLOMONS }	4 Jun	Considerable supply traffic

<u>ENEMY SUBS</u>	<u>AT</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>ACTION</u>
17	60 mls ESE LAE	0025/5	One sighted
18	230 mls E by N NOUMEA.	0357/4	Allied vessel torpedoed.
19	35 mls SE CAPE MORETON	1052/4	Allied vessel attacked.

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for Maj,
Capt
GS 2 Aust Corps.

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	<u>AREA</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>DETAIL</u>
1	NEW GUINEA	MARKHAM POINT (146°54'E 6°45'S)	1059/4	Our patrol reports small Jap party in occupation.

<u>OWN AIR</u>	<u>AT</u>	<u>TARGET</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>BY</u>	<u>EFFECT</u>
2	AROE IS	DOBO	0004/5	Two Catalinas	Bombs village causing fires. One visible 40 miles. Direct hit lugger.
3	KAI IS	LANGGOER	2250/4	Three Catalinas	Bombs on runway. Fires in village.
4	AMBOINA	LAHA	2220/4	One Catalina	Bombs airfield starting fires.
5	TIMOR	LAUTEM	2105/4	Two B25	Hits target area.
6	TIMOR	KOEPANG	(2107/4) (2121/4)	Two B25	Bombs on target.

<u>ENEMY AIR</u>	<u>AT</u>	<u>TARGET</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>BY</u>	<u>EFFECT</u>
7	DUTCH NG.	MAPPI POST (139°24' E 7°07' S)	29 May	Unstated	Unstated.

<u>ENEMY SHIPPING</u>	<u>AT</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PARTICULARS</u>
8	SEPIK RIVER (144 34' E 3 52' S)	5 Jun	Three cargo vessels 1500 tons each. Two small vessels. Eight to ten power boats in or at River mouth.
9	BUIN-FAISI (SOLOMONS)	5 Jun	Two destroyers, six cargo vessels, two small tankers.

<u>ENEMY SUBS</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
10	Ref Ops Report 19 Item 19.	Vessel attacked off CAPE MORETON now reached port after gun duel with sub which then submerged.
11	Ref Ops Report 19 Item 18.	Now stated allied vessel was not torpedoed. Fired on sub then proceeded on course.

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for Maj, Capt
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OWN AIR

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1

TIMOR

KOEPANG

1300/6

Three B24

Bombed and strafed area starting fires barracks, many explosions. Three of six to eight intercepting Fighters destroyed.

ENEMY AIR

AT

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NEW GUINEA

WAU

0920/6

16 Dive Bombers
4 Fighters

Bombed and strafed area, slight damage and nil casualties reported. One enemy aircraft hit by AA.

ENEMY SHIPPING

AT

DATE

PARTICULARS

3

WEWAK

6 Jun

One 2000-ton freighter 75 miles North by East WEWAK Course East. Three merchant vessels less than 1000 tons each (one disabled in shallow water) many small craft and barges WEWAK.

4

DAGUA
(143°20' E 3°25' S)

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Barges unloading one 1000-ton merchant vessel.

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RABAU

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Shipping normal

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SOLOMONS

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Considerable supply traffic.

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<u>OWN AIR</u>	<u>AT</u>	<u>TARGET</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>BY</u>	<u>EFFECT</u>
1	WEWAK	} Town area	(0405/7	One B17	} Considerable damage.
1	WEWAK		(0510/7	One B24	
2	SEPIK RIVER	3 Mot Barges	0835/7	One B24	Strafed. Two fired.
3	MADANG	Airfield	0420/7	One B17	Fires started
3	MADANG	KESUP VILLAGE	0455/7	One B24	Fires and explosions.
3	MADANG	Runway & Jetty	0735/7	One B24	Bombs on targets.
4	LAE	Strip	0558/7	One B17	Fires started.
4	LAE	Terrace Area	0630/7	One B24	Bombed.
5	SALAMAUA	LOGUI VILLAGE	1325/5		Bombed and strafed.
6	MUBO AREA	GREENS HILL	1001/7	Six A20	Bombed & strafed supplies, personnel & mortar pits.

<u>ENEMY SHIPPING</u>	<u>AT</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PARTICULARS</u>
7	SOEMBA WAINGAPOE BAY	7 Jun	A number of transport vessels
8	RABAUl PRAED POINT	7 Jun	2 Destroyers, 4 Merchant vessels.
8	RABAUl BLANCHE BAY	7 Jun	4 Merchant vessels
8	RABAUl SIMPSON HARBOUR	7 Jun	1 Lt Cruiser 6 Destroyers (one damaged) 3 Subs 1 Sub Chaser 1 Destroyer Tender 1 Sub Tender 1 Minelayer 2 possible minesweepers 1 Tanker 22 Merchant vessels totalling 93,000 tons

<u>ENEMY SUBMARINE</u>	<u>AT</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>ACTION</u>
9	NORTH QLD	10 mls WNW CAPE MELVILLE	One possibly sighted
10	NSW	48 mls East SYDNEY	Two torpedo traces seen. Underwater explosion heard. No apparent damage Allied vessel.

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<u>OWN AIR</u>	<u>AT</u>	<u>TARGET</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>BY</u>	<u>EFFECT</u>
1	SOEMBA Is	Shipping WAINGAPOE	1235/8	Three B24s	Two near misses 600 ton cargo ship.
2	KAIMANA	Building area	0035/8	One Catalina	Bombed and strafed causing large fires.
3	BABO	Airfield	0020/8	Four Catalinas	All bombs runways and stores areas, direct hits buildings causing explosions.
4	KOMIATUM	Buildings & tents	1332/8	Six Beaufighters	Strafed.
5	NEW IRELAND	Convoy 35 miles WSW KAVIENG	1140/8	One B24	Bombed, nil hits.

<u>ENEMY SHIPPING</u>	<u>AT</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PARTICULARS</u>
6	SOEMBA WAINGAPOE HARBOUR	8 Jun	1 cargo ship 600 tons, 2 transports 3/4000-tons, 1 gunboat.
7	KAIMANA	8 Jun	1 vessel 300 tons.
8	WEWAK KAIRIRU ANCHORAGE	8 Jun	1 merchant ship 1000 tons, 5 small luggers, 50 barges.
9	WEWAK	8 Jun	1 merchant ship less than 1000 tons, 5 luggers, normal barge concentration.
10	NEW IRELAND 35 miles WSW KAVIENG	8 Jun	4 merchant vessels (three 5500 tons, one 3800 tons), 1 gunboat.
11	SOLOMONS BUIN FAISI	7 Jun	6 cargo vessels. Course SE by South.
12	SOLOMONS Between KAHILI and PUPUKUNA PT	8 Jun	2 large cargo vessels.

<u>ENEMY SUBMARINES</u>	<u>AT</u>	
13	NEW BRITAIN	One submarine off CAPE ORFORD 1700/6 Jun.

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GS 2 Aust Corps.

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<u>OWN AIR</u>	<u>AT</u>	<u>TARGET</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>BY</u>	<u>EFFECT</u>
1	TIMOR	KOEPANG	2135/8	Two B25	Fires started town area
2	TIMOR	DILLI	2059/8	Two B25	Not stated
3	NABIRE	Airfield	1234/9	One B24	Direct hits two buildings. Hy explosions fire visible 75 mls - smoke 8000 ft.
4	MANOKWARI		1337/9	One B24	Not stated.
5	UNEA ISLAND (149°11'E 4°51'S)		0950/9	One B17	Buildings bombed.

<u>ENEMY SHIPPING</u>	<u>AT</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PARTICULARS</u>
6	SOEMBA WAINGAPOE	8 Jun	3 merchant vessels (1-5000 ton 2-3000 ton) 1 minelayer. 2 merchant vessels 2/3000 tons each 1 vessel 50 tons 2 destroyers 2 escort vessels 1 tanker.
7	KAIMANA	9 Jun	
8	SOLOMONS near KAHILI	9 Jun	

<u>ENEMY SUBS</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>ACTION</u>
10	CAPE ORFORD	9 Jun	One sighted
11	30 mls North CAPE HOWE	9 Jun	Wake seen proceeding towards Allied vessel.

Ref Ops Report 23 item 6. For 1 cargo ship 600 tons later advice reads 1 cargo ship 6000 tons.

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OWN AIR	AT	TARGET	TIME	BY	EFFECT
1	KOEPANG				
1	KOEPANG	Town area	11 Jun 1240/11	Fifteen B24 Five B14	Bombs target area Tremendous fires & explosions. Power house probably destroyed. Three certainly destroyed; one probable; one damaged. Fire started. Visible 6 miles. Not stated.
1	KOEPANG	Interception	1240/11	Enemy fighters	
2	DILLI	Airfield	2140/11	One B25	
3	PENFOEI	Airfield	2126/11 2150/11	Two B25	
4	KAI IS.	LANGGOER strip	12 Jun	Thre type unstated	
5	AROE IS	TABERFANE	12 Jun	Seven Beau- fighters	Six enemy floatplanes destroyed; two damaged.
6	BABO	Runway & barracks	2345/10 0045/11	Four Catalinas	Large fires (one visible 50 mls)
7	KOKAS HARBOUR (132°23'E 2°42'S)	3500 ton vessel	1221/10	One B24	Three close misses stopped ship
7	KOKAS HARBOUR	Town area Vessels off shore	1450/10	One B24	Bombs town. Direct hit large building causing big explosion & fire.
8	KAIMANA		0136/11	One Catalina	
9	BENA BENA (145°30'E 6°07'S)	Interception	0920/12	Enemy fighters	One certainly destroyed; one probably.
10	SALAMAU	KELA POINT and surrounding area.	0928/11	Seven B25	Bombed and strafed buildings fuel dump and stores. Much damage. Direct hits. Fires Strafed.
11	MADANG)				
12	BOGADJIM)	AA positions	1210/11	One B17	
13	VUNAKANAU	Airfield	1000/10 0300/11 0325/11 0327/11 0345/11 0420/11 0445/11	One B24 One B24 Four B24 Two B24 Three B24 Three B24 One B24	Fires caused. Searchlight posns destroyed. One vessel in KERA VIA BAY set on fire.
14.	CAPE GLOUCESTER	Dispersal area	2340/11	One Catalina	Bombs on target.

<u>ENEMY AIR</u>	<u>AT</u>	<u>TARGET</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>BY</u>	<u>EFFECT</u>
15	KINAAM (147°02'E 7°02'S)		29 May	Number not stated	Some damage NIL casualties.
16	Near BENA	KAINANTU (145°50'E 6°17'S)	0945/12	-do-	Not stated.
17	BENA	BUSO (147°08'E 7°17'S)			
	SALAMAUA area	KUI (147°11'E 7°22'S)			

<u>ENEMY SHIPPING</u>	<u>AT</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PARTICULARS</u>
18	WEWAK	11 Jun	One subchaser. One freighter transport. Two fighters. Sixty five barges One possible destroyer. Three merchant vessels. Six to ten harbour craft. Five vessels (one 2000 tons) Four cargo boats two destroyers. Considerable supply traffic sighted NE and NW sectors.
18	WEWAK	12 Jun	
1	KOEPANG	12 Jun	
19	BUIN-FAISI	10 Jun	
	General	10/12 Jun	

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<u>OWN AIR</u>	<u>AT</u>	<u>TARGET</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>BY</u>	<u>EFFECT</u>
1	KOEPANG		2200/13	Two B25	Fires started.
2	DILLI		2100/13	Two B25	
3	LANGGOER	Runway	1510/12	Two B24	Bombed and strafed
4	HABIRE	Airfield	1205/12	Three B24	Bombs runway and near jetty and buildings.
5	KAIMANA	2,000 ton cargo boat	1504/12	One B24	One bomb 20 ft off target.
6	KOMIATUM	Track	0700/13	Five A20	All bombs target area.
7	MALAHANG	Airfield	1145/13	One B24	
8	VUNAKANAU	Airfield	0223/13	Four B24 Nine B17	Bombs runway, dispersal area. Many fires.
9	GASMATA	Airfield	0550/13	One B17	Bombs centre runway setting afire one enemy bomber and causing explosion.

<u>ENEMY AIR</u>	<u>AT</u>	<u>TARGET</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>BY</u>	<u>EFFECT</u>
10	GONA	)	1930/12	3 enemy A/C	No damage or casualties reported
11	CAPE KILLBERTON				
12	NAPA NAPA (147°06'E 8°27'S)		2027/13	2 enemy A/C	No damage or casualties reported

ENEMY SHIPPING Normal supply traffic 13 Jun. Slight increase RABAU.

ENEMY SUB 0700/12 One sighted 75 miles North by East TOWNSVILLE.

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<u>OWN AIR</u>	<u>AT</u>	<u>TARGET</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>BY</u>	<u>EFFECT</u>
1	HOLLANDIA	4000 ton transport	1023/13	One B24	Vessel set alight, believed sunk.
2	KAIMANA	Village and airfield UTAROM	0140/14	Three Catalinas	Bombs target area.
3	DABO	Airfield	0050/14	One Catalina	Bombs on target.
4	HADANG	Barge	2338/13	One B25	Probably destroyed.
5	BENA BENA	Interception	0730/12	Nine P38	Destroyed 2 probably 3 of 15 enemy fighters.
6	FINSCHAFEN	Six barges	1938/12	One B25	Bombed strafed. Five immediately beached.
7	CAPE GERHARDS	Three barges	2345/13	One B25	All destroyed or badly damaged.
8	CAPE CRETIN	Barges			
9	TUAK	Possible radio station	1435/14	One B17	Bombed
10	VUNAKANAU	Airfield	0302/13	Five B17	Large fires and explosions possible fuel dumps.
11	RAPOPO	Runway	0330/13	One B17	Fires started.

<u>ENEMY AIR</u>	<u>AT</u>	<u>TARGET</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>BY</u>	<u>EFFECT</u>
12	GOODENOUGH IS	VIVIGANI (?)	2220/13	One or two enemy A/C.	NO damage or casualties.

ENEMY SHIPPING

13/14 Jun. Normal maintenance sea traffic generally.
Some increase RABAUL tonnage.

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OWN AIR

	<u>AT</u>	<u>TARGET</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>BY</u>	<u>EFFECT</u>
1	NEW BRITAIN	LAKUNAI Airfield	2025/14 0211-0400/15	One B24 18 B24s	strafed Bombed starting fires visible 60 miles and numerous explosions.
2	NEW BRITAIN	RAPOPO Airfield	0237/15	One B24	Bombs dispersal areas starting fires
3	CAPE GLOUCESTER	Airfield	0202/15	One Catalina	Bombs personnel and dump areas causing fires visible 20 miles
4	BOANA	Village	0950/15	7 Beaufighters	Strafed buildings and huts.
5	(146°49'E 6°25'S) KAIAPIT (146°16'E 6°15'S)	Village	0950/15	7 -do-	Strafed huts and equipment setting hut alight.

ENEMY AIR

	<u>AT</u>	<u>TARGET</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>BY</u>	<u>EFFECT</u>
6	DOBODURA	Airfield	1858/15	9 enemy A/C	Bombed runway some damage no casualties.
7	GONA & inland from WAITUTU Pt		1926/13	2 enemy A/C	Nil damage or casualties.
8	GAROKA, ASALOKA, KIANAITU, AIYURA		14 Jun	27 bombers & 30 fighters	Bombed and strafed destroying HQ stores and mission huts.

ENEMY SHIPPING

Normal supply traffic 14/15 Jun

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<u>OWN AIR</u>	<u>AT</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>BY</u>	<u>EFFECT</u>
1	CELEBES	KENDARI Airfield	2226/15	Eight B24	Direct hit administration buildings and AA bty. Numerous explosions probably grounded aircraft. Several fires lasting 20 minutes.
2	MUBO Area	BUIGAP CREEK	1200/16	Six A20	Bombed and strafed.
3	LAE Area	Mission and surrounding villages	0743/16	Six beaufighters	Strafed. Smoke from Mission buildings.
4	HANISCH Hr. (147°33'E 6°43'S)	Constructions	2315/15	One B25	Bombs near target. Strafed.
5	CAPE GLOUCESTER	Airfield	2336/15	One Catalina	Bombs dispersal area.

<u>ENEMY AIR</u>	<u>AT</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>BY</u>	<u>EFFECT</u>
6	BUNA Area	1858/15	Three bombers	No damage or casualties
7	KAINANTU (145°53'E 6°16'S)	15 Jun	Six B Six F	Bombed and strafed. No damage.
8	AIYURA (145°52'E 6°19'S)			

<u>ENEMY SHIPPING</u>	<u>AT</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PARTICULARS</u>
9	WIAK	16 Jun	Two cargo vessels. Four small harbour craft. One sub chaser.
GENERALLY NORMAL TRAFFIC			

<u>ENEMY SUBS</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>ACTION</u>
10	150 mls NE By N DARWIN	16 Jun	One sighted.
11	86 mls NE by N BRISBANE	16 Jun	One sighted.
12	57 mls SE by E COFFS HARBOUR	16 JUN	Allied vessels attacked. Two vessels torpedoed of which one sunk.

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OPERATIONS REPORT 30 ON INFORMATION RECEIVED 18 JUN 43

<u>ENEMY LAND</u>	<u>AREA</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>ACTION</u>
1	MUBO	KOMIATUM TRACK	15 Jun	486 Japs observed moving South.
2		KOMIATUM	16 Jun	Our patrols encountered enemy 3½ miles South KOMIATUM. We suffered slight casualties.

<u>OWN AIR</u>	<u>AT</u>	<u>TARGET</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>BY</u>	<u>EFFECT</u>
3	KOEPANG	Airfield & villages	2140/16	Six B25	Bombs on targets. Fires.
4	LANGGOER	Airfield & town	2300/16	Four Catalinas.	Many fires.
5	CERAM	BOELA (130°29' E 3°07' S)	1350/17	Two B24	Buildings damaged. Fires.
6	DUTCH NG	SORONG (131 14' E 53' S)	1240/17	One B24	Bombed.
7	MADANG	Town & airfield	0743/17	Ten B25	Bombed & strafed.
8	FINSCHHAFEN	Nine Barges	2015/16	Two B25 Two A20	Five certainly destroyed, three probably. One damaged.
9	REISS POINT	(147°03' E 5°55' S)			Strafed. " "
10	SIO ISLAND	(147°22' E 5°55' S)		Same raid	
11	HOPOI	(147°19' E 6°44' S)		as 8 above.	
12		55 mls SE By E COFFS HARBOUR	0013/18	One A/C	Sub damaged and forced to surface. Attack continuing.

<u>ENEMY AIR</u>	<u>AT</u>	<u>TARGET</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>BY</u>	<u>EFFECT</u>
13	15 mls W PT MORESBY	FISHERMANS IS	2140/17	Two B's	One B probably destroyed by AA.
14	BENA BENA and villages to NW		1130/16 1240/16	18 B's 22 F's	Bombed and strafed. Four huts destroyed.

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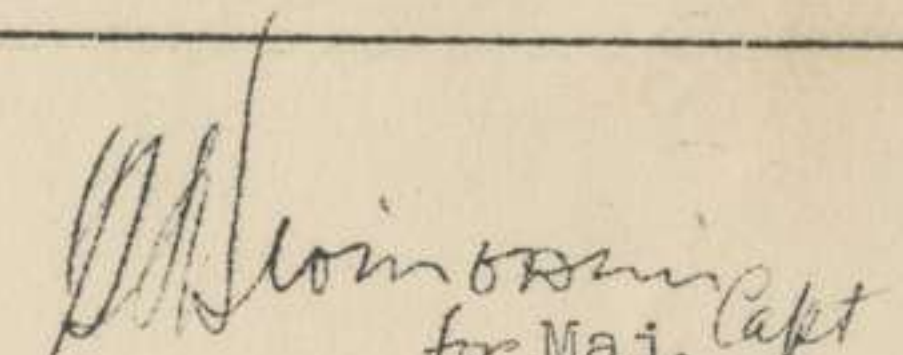
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<u>ENEMY LAND</u>	<u>AREA</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>ACTION</u>
1	RAMU VALLEY	WESA & WAIMERIBA (145°38'E 5°52'S) (145°37'E 5°47'S)	17 Jun	Occupied by enemy in strength.
2	WISSEL LAKES	ENAROTALI ? (Approx 136°25'E 3°50'S)	15 Jun	Reliably reported occupied by Japs.

<u>OWN AIR</u>	<u>AT</u>	<u>TARGET</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>BY</u>	<u>EFFECT</u>
3	TANIMBAR IS	Villages SELARU Is (131°00'E 8°10'S)	1030-1035/18	11 Vengeances 6 Beaufighters	Bombed and strafed, Beaufighters strafed luggers, barges, huts & tracks near strip.
4	AMBOINA	LAHA Airfield	2252/17	3 Catalinas	Bombed, starting fires visible 40 miles
5	MUBO	KITCHEN & STONY CREEKS	18 Jun	6 A20s	Bombed & strafed.
6	WITU GP	UNEA Is (149°10'E 4°53'S)	0817/18	1 B17	Bombed, direct hit on jetty.
7	East of CAPE GLOUCESTER	Three power barges	2030/17 & 0215/18	1 B25	Bombed & strafed, one sunk others badly damaged.

<u>ENEMY AIR</u>	<u>AT</u>	<u>TARGET</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>BY</u>	<u>EFFECT</u>
8	TORRES STRAIT	PRINCE OF WALES & HORN IS.	0032/18	Enemy A/C	Bombs fell between Islands. Nil damage or casualties.

ENEMY SHIPPING Much activity DUTCH NG (SORONG Area), other traffic normal 18 Jun.

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ENEMY LAND	AREA	LOCATION	DATE	ACTION
1	MUBO		1730/16	2 men entered enemy camp
1	MUBO	GREEN HILL Area	17-18 Jun	killed or wounded 9 Japs 17 Jun 8 Japs, 18 Jun 29 Japs crossed BITOI River from West opposite GREEN HILL; engaged by our arty

OWN AIR	AT	TARGET	TIME	BY	EFFECT
2	FINSCHHAFEN	6 beached barges HANISCH Harbiur	1635/19	Six A20s	Bombed & strafed
2	FINSCHHAFEN		1150/19	One B24	bombed, bombs NUGIDU Peninsula and Harbour
3	FINSCHHAFEN	Villages	2140/18	One A20	Bombed & strafed starting fires and destroying huts.
2	FINSCHHAFEN	2 Power launches	1945/18	Two B25s	Bombed & strafed
4	RABAU	Town area and VUNAKANAU airfield	0307 to 0430/20	Fifteen B17s & Three B24s	Bombed & strafed, many fires started among A/C and in fuel dumps, fires visible 100 miles

ENEMY AIR	AT	TARGET	TIME	BY	EFFECT
5	DOBODURA (148°17' E 8°47' S)		2058/18	Two enemy A/C	Bombs on Noeth coast ORO BAY, Nil damage.
5	DOBODURA		2232/18	Six enemy A/C	Bombs West SOPUTA. Nil damage or casualties.
6	MOROBE	Small boat	0645/18	One enemy A/C	Strafed, nil damage or casualties
7	WAU	SUMMIT CAMP (8 miles E by S WAU)	0726/18	One enemy A/C	Strafed, nil damage or casualties
8	BENA-BENA	Airfield	18 Jun	Unstated number	Strafed with nil results.

ENEMY SHIPPING Normal traffic 19 Jun

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<u>ENEMY LAND</u>	<u>AREA</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>ACTION</u>
1	LAE	MARKHAM POINT	19 Jun	Our recce patrol encountered 15 Japs with 3 lt and 1 med MG. South of MARKHAM POINT.

<u>OWN AIR</u>	<u>AT</u>	<u>TARGET</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>BY</u>	<u>EFFECT</u>
2	KAIMANA	Town area	1315/20	One B24	Bombed. Fires.
3	LAE		1635/20	(Nine A20 Sixteen P40 Eight P38)	NO details.
4	SALAMAUA	KELA Village	0500/20	Four A20	All bombs target area.
5	RABAUL	RAPOPO	2220/19	One B24	Bombs on airfield.
5	"	VUNAKANAU, RAPOPO and KERA VAT.	0230/20	Fifteen B24	Explosions. Many fires dump area and possibly grounded A/C.

<u>ENEMY AIR</u>	<u>AT</u>	<u>TARGET</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>BY</u>	<u>EFFECT</u>
6	DARWIN	and WYNELLIE Camp (7 miles West DARWIN)	1115/20	25/28 Bombers	Slight damage, huts, water main, railway, power lines and MT.
6	DARWIN	INTERCEPTION	as above	20 Fighters 49 Spitfires	Destroyed 6 B's, 3 F's, probably destroyed 2 B's, 1 F's, damaged 8 B's, 2 F's.
7	BENA BENA	Airfield and village	19 Jun	Unknown	Some damage airfield NO casualties.
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	Raid No 4				
	Raid No 12		1010/20	17 Fighters	2 Fighters strafed airfield whilst others patrolled overhead.
	Raid No 13		1200/20	Unstated number Bombers.	NO damage or casualties, of Bombers.

ENEMY SHIPPING

Normal traffic 20 Jun.

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DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT 34 (BASED ON INFORMATION RECEIVED TO 2200 HRS 22 JUN 43)

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<u>ENEMY LAND</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>ACTION</u>
1	MUBO	1245/20	Enemy party in position 1400 yds SE airfield. Later 50 Japs unsuccessfully attacked both flanks our posn, then withdrew. Enemy casualties 9 killed 11 wounded.
1	MUBO	0730/21	Party laying sig line 1 1/2 miles East by South airfield, engaged unknown number of enemy, inflicting casualties.

<u>OWN</u>	<u>AIR</u>	<u>AT</u>	<u>TARGET</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>BY</u>	<u>EFFECT</u>	
2			8 miles South by West CAPE GLOUCESTER	Four loaded barges	2230/20	Two B25 One A20	Bombed and strafed, sinking 1 damaging 3.
3			SIALUM Is. and (147°35'E 6°05'S)	FINSCHUAFEN Area	20 Jun	The above A/C	Fires started all target areas.
4			SIALUM Is and (147°33'E 6°43'S)	Barges HANISCH Hr	1635/19	Six A20s	Bombed
5			SALAMAUA	Ground installations	1210/21	One B24	Bombed
			LAE-SALAMAUA	Interception	21 Jun	Enemy Fighters	Enemy losses 14 Fs destroyed 10 Fs probable. Our losses nil.
5a			LAE	Airfield & grounded A/C	1655/20	Nine A20s	Bombed and strafed causing fires visible 35 mls
1			MUBO	KITCHEN & STONY CREEKS	21 Jun	Unstated	Bombed and strafed
6			TIMOR	PERFORI Airfield	0020 to 0110/21	Six Catalinas Four Hudsons	Direct hits wireless sta and new barracks causing fires and large explosions.
6			TIMOR	KORPANG Airfield	0224/21	Six B25s	Large explosions and fires visible 60 miles

<u>ENEMY AIR</u>	<u>AT</u>	<u>TARGET</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>BY</u>	<u>EFFECT</u>		
7			BOBDUBI	Allied posn BURUIS RIVER	1450/20	One enemy A/C	Bombed

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<u>ENEMY AIR (Contd)</u>	<u>AT</u>	<u>TARGET</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>BY</u>	<u>EFFECT</u>
1	MUBO	GUADAGASAL Village	1022/20	One enemy A/C	Bombed
1	MUBO	-do-	1550/20	Nineteen Bombers	Bombed & strafed
1	MUBO	-do-	1145/21	Four Bombers	Bombed
1	MUBO	MAT MAT HILL	1030/20	Fourteen D/Bs Nineteen Fs	Bombed & strafed
1	MUBO	THE SADDLE	1455/20	One enemy A/C	Bombed
1	MUBO	SE of THE SADDLE	1132/21	Six bombers	Bombed
8	MOROBE	Allied posns	0745/20	Unstated number	Strafed

ENEMY SHIPPING

Normal traffic 21 Jun

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(Based on information received to 2200 hrs 23 Jun 43)

<u>ENEMY LAND</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>ACTION</u>		
1	MUBO Area	1510/21	Enemy force estimated one bn attacked our posn LABABIA RIDGE. Attack repulsed with 100 enemy casualties. Our casualties 5 killed 1 wounded. Enemy believed withdrew to PIMPLE 1,000 yards E by N MUBO airfield.		
2	MISSIM Area	23 Jun	Three Japs ambushed and killed 2 1/4 miles S by W KOMIATUM.		
<u>OWN AIR</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>TARGET</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>BY</u>	<u>EFFECT</u>
3	BUKI Village (147°50'E 6°36'S)	Southern shore line	1230/21	1 B24	Strafed
4	MALAHANG	Airfield	1448/21	7 A20's	Buildings destroyed. Runway and dump areas bombed and strafed.
5	LAE	Airfield	1445/21	5 A20's	Runway and plantation areas bombed and strafed.
6	SALAMAUA	Town & Airfield	1430/21	10 B25's	Bombed and strafed. Direct hit radio building.
1	MUBO Area	KITCHEN CREEK STONY CREEK	1127/21	6 A20's	Bombed and strafed
4	MUBO Area	PIMPLE-GREEN HILL TRACK	22 Jun	Not stated	Enemy troops bombed and strafed. Preliminary report only.
7	AROE Is	TABERFANE Seaplane base	22 Jun p.m.	9 Beau- fighters	Strafed base. Damaged two float planes 2 of unstated number of intercepting aircraft. Steer barge sunk
			1600/22	3 B24s	One intercepting aircraft destroyed & 2 damaged
<u>ENEMY AIR</u>	<u>DARWIN</u>		1042/22		No details

ENEMY SHIPPING

9 Normal traffic 21/22 Jun

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 (Based on information received to 2200 hrs 24 Jun 43)

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<u>ENEMY LAND</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>ACTION</u>
1	MUBO	1200/22	Further enemy attack on our posns LABABIA RIDGE repulsed with 64 enemy casualties. Our casualties 3 wounded. Enemy still in contact with our fwd posns.
2	MARKHAM RIVER	22 Jan	Reliably reported, regular enemy patrol to KAIAPIT by enemy based on BOANA.

<u>OWN AIR</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>TARGET</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>BY</u>	<u>EFFECT</u>
3	LAE	Airfield	1120/23	1 B24	Bombs NW corner airfield.
4	MUBO	PIMPLE to BUIGAP CREEK	1510/22	5 A20s	Bombed and strafed.
5	MACASSAR	-	1200/23	17 B24s	Bombed. No details.
6	AROE Is	F/Ps and barges	1735/22	9 Beaufighters.	Strafed 9 F/Ps damaging two; destroying one steam power barge and damaging lugger off CAPE NGONI.
7	"	TABERPAHE Interception	As above	6 Enemy F/Ps.	2 F/Ps damaged.

<u>ENEMY AIR</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>TARGET</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>BY</u>	<u>EFFECT</u>
8	BUKA	1 B17 intercepted South of BUKA	0850/17	12 to 15 Enemy Fs	5 Enemy Fs destroyed.

ENEMY SHIPPING

Normal traffic 23 Jun.

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 DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT 37

(Based on information received to 2200 hrs 25 Jun 43)

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LOCATION	TIME	ACTION
MUBC	23 Jun	Reported track from LABABIA Lookout to base camp (1 mile SE by South of airfield) clear of enemy. Total casualties to 23 Jun; enemy 204, own 12 killed 12 wounded.

CWN AIR	LOCATION	TARGET	TIME	BY	EFFECT
2	SALAMAUA	NUK NUK and LOGUI No 2 village.	0814/24	17 B25s	Large fires probably demolishing both villages.
3	MUBC	Enemy dispositions and supplies	1105/22	4 A20s	Bombed and strafed.
4	CELEBES	Docks and shipping MACASSAR	1205 to 1410/23	17 B24s	Direct hits and near misses two cruisers, bombs on wharf and amongst warehouses starting large fires.
5	" TANIMBAR Is.	INTERCEPTION Airfield and village SELARU Is.	As above 1035/24	1 Enemy F. 6 Beaufighters	Destroyed. Strafed, destroying 2 grounded A/C.

ENEMY AIR	LOCATION	TARGET	TIME	BY	EFFECT
6	DARWIN		24 Jun	12 Enemy Fighters	Crossed DARWIN area, but did not attack.
6	DARWIN		" "	Strong enemy force	Crossed 35 miles NW DARWIN, but did not attack.

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<u>ENEMY LAND</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>ACTION</u>
1	MUBO Area	24 Jun	JAP Track (running North from LABABIA RIDGE towards PIMPLE HILL) clear of enemy.
2	RABAU	25 Jun	Photographs show new airfield 2300 ft in early stage construction 8 mls SW RAPOPO.

<u>OWN AIR</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>TARGET</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>BY</u>	<u>EFFECT</u>
3	30/40 mls WSW MADANG	5 villages	1115/25	7 B25	Bombed and strafed. Huts demolished. Fires.

<u>ENEMY SHIPPING</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>COURSE</u>	<u>PARTICULARS</u>
4	BUIN (SOLOMONS)	0815/25	NE	2 destroyers 2 cargo vessels 3 auxiliary vessels.
5	65 mls SSE CAPE ST GEORGE (NEW IRELAND)	0935/25	SE by E	1 destroyer 3x1000 ton cargo vessel.
2	RABAU	0950/25	HARBOUR	1 converted aircraft carrier 2 heavy cruisers 1 light cruiser 13 destroyers 5 submarines. Merchant vessels totalling 130,000 tons. 4 medium cargo vessels moving towards RABAU from NW.

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<u>OWN AIR</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>TARGET</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>BY</u>	<u>EFFECT</u>
1	65 miles SSE of CAPE ST GEORGE	Convoy of one des- troyer two 1000/ 1500 ton cargo vessels and one possible sea truck	1120/25	1 Beaufort	One near miss sea truck
2	RABAUL	VUNAKANAI Airfield & SIMPSON HARBOUR	0257/26	3 B24s 5 B17s	Bombs BURNS PHILP copra wharf and VUNAKANAI dispersal area with unobserved results.
3	TIMOR	PENFOEI Airfield	2130/26	8 B25s	Bombed. No details

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OWN AIR	AT	TARGET	TIME	BY	EFFECT
1	78 mls SW BUKA Passage(SOLOMONS)	One destroyer and one merchant vessel.	1447/26	1 Beaufort	Near misses both vessels.
2	LAE	Airfield, installa- tions and village 2 miles NW LAE	1235/26	20 B25s	Causing dense smoke over target area.
3	RAMU VALLEY	DUMPU (145°47' E 5°53' S)	0954/27	7 B25s	Bombed, starting fires.
4	MARKHAM VALLEY	KAIAPIT (146°16' E 6°15' S)	1020/27	8 B25s	Bombed and strafed, direct hit on building.
5	SALAMAUA	Town area, airfield and ground installa- tion.	1208/26	8 B25s	Bombed and strafed demolishing many buildings and starting fires.
6	MUBO	PIMPLE and GREEN HILL to BUIGAP CREEK	0850/27	6 A20s	Bombed and strafed track, stores and installations.
7	TIMOR	PENFOEL Airfield	2130/26	5 B25s	Bombed, starting fires and explosions near fuel dump.
8	TIMOR	DILLI Airfield	2135/26	6 Hudson	Bombed, starting fires.

ENEMY SHIPPING	POSITION	DATE	PARTICULARS
9	VILA (SOLOMONS) (157°09' E 8°08' S)	Approx 2340/27	Three u/i vessels carrying A/C on deck, about to dock.
10	HANSA BAY	0900/27	Five merchant vessels (two 2/3000 tons each, three 1000 tons each).
11	Off CAPE ORFORD	1650/26	One Sub sighted with cargo on decking, course South.

Other traffic 27 Jun Normal.

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<u>OWN AIR</u>	<u>AT</u>	<u>TARGET</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>BY</u>	<u>EFFECT</u>
1	RABAU	RAPOPO Airfield	2245/27	1 B24	Bombed
2	CAPE GLOUCESTER	Old runway	0950/28	1 B17	Bombed
3	LAE	Villages and barge hide out LABU	28 Jun	Unstated	Strafed
4	ALBOINA	LABU	2130/27	1 B24	Bombed
5	BOEROE IS (126°30'E 3°30'S)	Buildings NE coast	2145/27	1 B24	Bombs amongst buildings
6	TANILBAR IS	HOLOE IS	2130/27	1 B24	Bombed
7	TANILBAR IS	SAULAKI	2330/27	2 B24s	Bombed causing explosions

<u>ENEMY AIR</u>	<u>AT</u>	<u>TARGET</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>BY</u>	<u>EFFECT</u>
8	DARWIN		1123/28	9 Bombers 9 Fighters	Bombed damaging 3 huts; nil casualties
9	DARWIN	Interception	As above	Unstated	2 enemy Fs destroyed certain, 2 possible; 2 enemy Bs possibly destroyed.

ENEMY SHIPPING Increased activity SOLOMONS including 4 destroyers sighted, other traffic 28 Jun Normal

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GENERAL INSTRUCTION NO 1.
20 Aust Inf Bde Gp Exercise.Issued in conjunction with 20 Aust Inf Bde OO No 1 dated 14 Jul 43.

1. DATE:
Landing Exercise 12 will be carried out on 16 Jul 43.
2. OBJECT:
To exercise a Task Force in :-
 - (a) an opposed landing,
 - (b) establishing a beachhead
 - (c) establishing a beach maintenance area and landing stores.
3. TPS TAKING PART:
 - (a) Own Forces:
 - (i) 9 Aust Div units:
Tactical HQ 9 Aust Div.
20 Aust Inf Bde Gp.
Recce Party 26 Aust Inf Bde.
 - (ii) 2 ESB Units:
Operational HQ 2 ESB.
532 EBSR.
S Bn of 592 EBSR.
Naval Craft assigned to 2 ESB.
 - (iii) Naval Units:
Vessels as available.
 - (iv) Air Force Units:
5 AC Sqn.
4. DIRECTOR: Brig-Gen W.F. HEAVEY.
5. SETTING FOR EXERCISE:
 - (a) The Task Force, of which 9 Aust Div forms the military component, is to carry out a landing operation. One military brigade gp will be used in the assault.
 - (b) Following operations by the Assault Force the remainder of one division, i.e. DIV HQ and two infantry brigade gps with their Engr S bns, will be landed on the beaches secured. The Division as a whole will then undertake further operations inland. (For exercise purposes 592 Engr S Bn together with skeleton HQs of division, the second brigade gp and 2 ESB will take part.)
 - (c) Commanders of the service elements of the Task Force which are concerned in this exercise will be :-

Task Force:

Commander Task Force 76 (CTF 76)	-Commander Amphibious Force 7th Fleet (assumed).
Commander Attack Gp	-GOC 9 Aust Div.
Commander Amphibian Gp	-CG 2 ESB.
Commander Naval Gp	-O-in-C ATAC.
Commander Air Gp	-OC 5 AC Sqn.

Assault Force:

20 Aust Inf Bde Gp	-Brig W.J.V. WINDEYER
532 EBSR	-Col J.J. STEINER.

Also concerned in the planning of the operation:

26 Aust Inf Bde Gp	-Brig D.A. WHITEHEAD
592 EBSR	-Col LEAF.

6. TIME TABLE:
- | Date- | Time- | |
|---------------|-------|--------------|
| 15/16 Jul 43. | - | Embarkation. |
| 16 Jul 43. | - | Landing. |
7. AIRCRAFT:
- Two friendly aircraft operating together over the exercise area represent one friendly sqn.
 - Enemy aircraft will be identified by a means to be notified later and true numbers will be represented, i.e. a single aircraft represents one enemy plane.
8. AMMUNITION:
- Blank amm will only be used by the Enemy Force. Blank amm will not be used by the Assault Force.
 - Ammunition for the Assault Force:
 - Live amm will be landed for the purpose of exercising amm supply.
 - Umpires will issue expenditure "chits" during the exercise.

Weapons will not be loaded even with dummy amm.
9. REPRESENTATION OF FIRE:
Firing by the enemy guns will be represented by blank or by Lucas lamps, or by hand mirrors where possible:-
- | | |
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| Arty- | Steady light. |
| MMGs- | Flashing light. |
- Thunder flashes will be used to represent arty firing.
10. LAND MINES:
Dummy mines may be used during the exercise-small explosive charges will be set off if tps enter a mined area.
11. DEMOLITIONS:
- Demolitions will not be carried out unless written permission is first obtained from a RAE or Shore Bn umpire.
 - The following system of notifying imaginary demolition work will be adopted:-
 - By Task Force: The method of carrying out or repairing the demolition, and the stores required, together with an estimate of labour and time, will be handed in writing to a RAE or Shore Bn umpire. The stores and labour must actually be brought up to the spot. Sites will be marked by tapes.
 - By the Enemy- Sites of demolitions will be clearly marked by white paint. A board showing full details of the demolition and damage done, with its extent, will be available on the spot and will be handed to Assault Force tps on arrival.
12. TRANSPORT:
- All transport to be landed during the exercise will be water-proofed.
 - Captured transport will be marked by the umpire with the letter 'C' in chalk.
Transport and motorcycles captured will NOT be used by the captors. They will be driven under the instructions of the umpires and will be handled by their own drivers.
 - Umpires vehs will fly signal flags.
 - Transport for umpires and enemy will be provided by 20 Aust Inf Bde Gp. Chief Umpire and OC Enemy will make requests direct.

13. CASUALTIES:

(a) Evacuation of casualties will be practised by the Assault Force. The following system of awarding casualties will be adopted--

Medical services will prepare casualties forms prior to the exercise and will issue these to the senior umpires. Umpires will attach tags to casualties stating the type of injury.

(b) Casualties to craft during passage from near to far shore will be awarded through umpires.

14. PRISONERS: Handling and disposal of prisoners will be exercised.

15. CIVILIANS:

As little inconvenience as possible is to be caused to civilians in the exercise area. However, they will not be allowed to stop to witness the exercise, but will be politely told that the exercise is restricted.

16. JAN GRID: The Jan Grid will be employed during the exercises.

17. DRESS:

The following distinguishing marks will be worn:-

- (a) Enemy- white band on hat.
- (b) Umpires- two white arm bands.
- (c) Spectators-one red arm band.

18. SECURITY:

(a) During this exercise all ranks are to be impressed with the necessity for preserving the degree of secrecy which is essential in all phases of an amphibious operation if success is to be ensured.

(b) The number of persons to whom the details of the operation are made known will be kept to a minimum. Orders and instructions which would divulge the objective, date of sailing, or of any details of the force, will be issued under "EXERCISE MOST SECRET" (BRITISH) and "EXERCISE SECRET" (AMERICAN) classification.

Details of the operation will not be disclosed to other ranks (enlisted men) before D minus 1.

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Objects of Training

Training will be designed to -

- (a) Develop a combined battle drill for amphibian operations
- (b) Test the inf bde gp and regt of 2 ESB in amphibian operations.

2. Training Periods Allotted

Serial No.	Aust Inf Bde Gp	Bt and Sh Regt 2 ESB	Dates	Remarks
1.	24	532	16-30 Jun	Dates of A & B Bde periods may be later
2.	"A"	532	5-19 Jul	
3.	"B"	592	23 Jul - 5 Aug	

3. Unit Under Command

532 Bt and Sh Regt and attached troops 2 ESB are placed under comd 24 Aust Inf Bde for training as from 16 Jun 43.

4. Liaison

- (a) The following from 532 Regt are attached 9 Aust Div for liaison and are located as shown.

Capt KUBLIN, Assistant S 3 of Regt,)
 one officer from Boat Bn,) with 24 Aust Inf
 and one officer from Shore Bn) Bde Gp.

One NCO waterproofing specialist - with HQ 9 Aust Div.

- (b) Arrangements will be made by 9 Aust Div to hold training conferences with 532 Bt and Sh Regt as soon as possible.
- (c) Training cadres will be sent by 24 Aust Inf Bde Gp to 532 Bt and Sh Regt before 16 Jun 43. The composition of these cadres will be notified to 9 Aust Div and 532 Bt and Sh Regt by 10 Jun 43.

5. Organisation of Training

- (a) Training will be organised for individual, subunit and unit training and exercises to be completed during the first week so that in the second week the following can be staged:-
 - (i) A bde landing gp exercise in daylight, set and controlled by 24 Aust Inf Bde.
 - (ii) The same exercise at night also controlled by 24 Aust Inf Bde.
 - (iii) A final bde landing gp exercise to test the gp under operational conditions, set and controlled by HQ 9 Aust Div.

5. (Contd)

- (b) Outline training programme for the fifteen days period is attached as Appx "A".
- (c) The background of each exercise will be similar so that the necessity for working out fresh groupings each time is avoided. The settings for tactical exercises will be notified by 9 Aust Div including;

- Basic composition of bde landing gp
 - Troops under comd
 - Method of attack

- the object being to arrive at a standard so that the only alterations should then be as required to arrive at an approved battle drill.

- (d) To avoid unnecessary delay in the "marrying up" of each bde gp with the regiment of 2 E S B, each bde will have decided prior to its arrival for combined training, the detail of the units and sub-units to be embarked, the stores and equipment to be taken, the allotment of units and stores, vehicles, etc to craft, on the scale of craft given in para 6 below.
- (e) The following should be included during the preliminary training before moving to coastal training area :
 - (i) Composition and methods of operating of E S B, with diagrams.
 - (ii) Descriptions of E S B craft and equipment, with photographs.
 - (iii) Working out of craft embarkation tables.
 - (iv) "Dry" exercises (can be carried out across an imaginary water gap, using vehicles as craft if desired) covering
 - Forming up and embarkation
 - Disembarkation
 - Development of the beach area (in skeleton lay-out)
 - (v) Instruction in waterproofing vehicles and driving through water-splashes.
Care of vehicles and equipment and stores after immersion in salt water.

6. Craft

Planning will be based on the following craft (exclusive of spare craft) being available for the loading of the bde gp :

- 140 LCV (P)
- 15 LCM
- 3 LCT

7. Stores

- (a) To permit training to be realistic 24 Aust Inf Bde Gp will take the amn, equipment, medical stores etc to be embarked.
- (b) HQ 9 Aust Div is submitting a schedule showing nature and quantities of stores required to move with the bde for this purpose.

8. Observers

Observers from bdes and units which are to train subsequently will be attached to 24 Aust Inf Bde.

Detailed scale and arrangements will be issued later.

9. Working Data

Appendices to this training instruction will be issued giving information as soon as it becomes available concerning :

- Dimensions of craft
- Capacities
- Staff tables
- Bulk allotment of craft
- Weights and dimensions of stores.
- etc.

10. Intercommunication

U.S. addresses are :-

2 ESB U.S. Forces A.P.O. 301
 532 Regiment U.S. Forces A.P.O. 704

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COMBINED OPERATIONS.
OUTLINE TRAINING PROGRAMME.

Duration - 15 days.

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Day	Instructions	Remarks.
D-1	Assembly	Cadres to be trained prior to date of assembly.
D Day	(a) .M. Demonstration by one rifle company.	ESB personnel
	25 pr gun (Light)) 2 pr Tk A gun) 40 mm Lt AA gun) Tank) MT vehicles.)	Cadre personnel
	(b) Practice loading and unloading All units	
	(c) Night practice - ditto-	
2nd Day	<u>Company exercises</u> X	
	(a) Company landings by day	Short distances only to be covered by craft.
	(b) Night loading practice	
3rd Day	<u>Battalion Exercises.</u> Loading and landing by day	Craft released as early as possible.
4th Day	<u>Battalion Exercises</u> (a) Loading early AM	(i) Stores to be landed (ii) Craft released as early as possible.
	(b) Dawn landings by battalions	
5th Day.	(a) Discussion of previous training (b) Orders for first Brigade Exercise (c) Craft maintenance	
6th Day.	<u>First Brigade Landing Group Exercise.</u> (a) Early embarkation (b) Landing AM	(i) Stores to be landed and Beach Area developed. (ii) Men and stores return by land.
7th Day.	(a) Discussion of first Brigade Exercise. (b) Lectures on the exercise (c) Load for second Brigade Exercise (d) <u>Second Brigade Landing Group Exercise.</u> (This will be a repetition of the first Brigade Exercise, carried out by night)	Personnel load after dark (i) Stores to be landed (ii) Men and Stores return by land.
8th Day	Complete second Brigade Exercise.	

- 9th Day (a) Discussion of second Brigade Exercise.
(b) Lectures on the Exercise.
(c) Craft maintenance.
(d) Prepare for next Brigade Exercise.

- 10th Day (a) Planning for third Brigade Exercise. (i) Set by 9 Aust Div
and 2 E.S.B.
(ii) G1(CO)2 Aust Corps
available to assist
Conferences with E.S.B.
Navy
Air
(b) Craft maintenance
(c) Troops, when not required for
preparation of the final
Exercise, will be at the
disposal of Regimental Com-
manders.

- 11th Day (a) Orders for third Brigade Exercise
(b) Load
(c) Set off after dark.
(d) Troops, when not required for
preparation of the final
Exercise, will be at the
disposal of Regimental Com-
manders.

- 12th Day Third Brigade Landing Group Exercise
(a) Night or Dawn Landing (with Air
and Naval support if possible) (i) Set by 9 Aust Div
and 2 E.S.B.
(ii) Full quantities of
all supplies to be
landed and a Beach
Maintenance Area
developed.

- 13th Day (a) Complete return to base, from
the Exercise.
(b) Collect and collate reports and
criticisms of the Exercise.

- 14th Day (a) Discussion of third Brigade Exercise.
(b) Lectures on the Exercise.

15th Day - Spare day -

16th Day DISPERSAL.

NOTE: Firing of weapons, including infantry weapons,
will be tried and exercised as necessary.

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Subject : Communication with Amphibious
Training Groups.

Commencing 17 Jun 43 a direct DRLS will be run with amphibious
training centre in TRINITY BAY area on the following daily timetable :-

Departs Div HQ
1000 hrs

Arrives training area
1230 hrs

Departs training area
1600 hrs

Arrives Div HQ
1830 hrs

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COMBINED TRAINING

Ref 9 Aust Div Training Instruction No 11 para 5 (c)

The following instructions are issued so that formations and units may prepare and conduct their own exercises to fit themselves for the final combined training exercise to be set by HQ 9 Aust Div :-

SERVICES CONCERNED

1. On 25 Jun 43, 2 ESB is to come under comd US Navy for training. No alteration to present training arrangements made by 9 Aust Div and 2 ESB is expected.
2. A detachment of US air support control is expected to be in CAIRNS soon and to be available to take part in combined training.
3. Training HQ 9 Aust Div has been established at the north end of TRINITY BEACH. Training HQ 2 ESB is being established in DEAD MAN'S GULLY.
4. The channel of communication between the Aust Inf Bde Gp undergoing training and other services will be through either HQ 9 Aust Div or Training HQ 9 Aust Div

EXERCISE TO BE SET BY HQ 9 AUST DIV

5. Troops to be exercised will be an inf bde gp, a regt ESB, representatives of HQ 9 Aust Div and HQ 2 ESB if craft are available, and, if it can be arranged, detachments of US Navy, US Air support Control and 5 AC Sqn RAAF.

6. The outline will be :
Two inf bde gps and div HQ, with one ESB (less one regt) supplemented by naval craft (LCT) making a simultaneous landing on a jungle beach and securing an adequate beach-head where they will be self-contained for several days.

7. Near Shore Conditions

- (a) Simultaneous day or night embarkation.
- (b) Heavy loads, if so desired, already in craft before process of embarkation is begun.
- (c) Ample time - 2 days if required - to prepare and mark approaches and assembly positions.
- (d) No use of W/T except when netting.
- (e) Inter-communication on beach by shore bn supplemented where necessary by Aust Beach Sigs.

8. Passage Conditions

- (a) Naval control.
- (b) Several hours afloat to test for seasickness and ability of troops to fight after lengthy period in cramped conditions.
- (c) Situation to be introduced to test inter-communication system for control in an emergency.

9. Far Shore Conditions

- (a) Slight enemy opposition frontally and to flanks.
- (b) Confined area in which to handle and disperse stores.
- (c) Situation requiring the inf bde to secure an adequate beach-head and be disposed for its defence; then reorganisation with a view to portion of bde gp being used on offensive operations.

CRAFT AVAILABLE

10. (a) The number of craft available alters from time to time but it can be assumed that there will be sufficient to exercise an inf bde gp.
- (b) Efforts are being made to obtain the use of :
- LCT - for use by inf bde gps
 - APC - for use as command and control boats
 - LCI) - for experimental loading of reserves of men
 - LST) and material not affecting any exercise.
 - Other naval craft - to familiarise troops in their use.

GENERAL TRAINING POINTS

11. (a) Formations and units may expect to be instructed, when details are available, to use US Cipher System during training.
- (b) Commanders must know the composition of each wave and what each boat contains.
- (c) Good and duplicated inter-communication systems are necessary.
- (d) Each inf bn in each inf bde should be similarly organised and loaded so as to be interchangeable and should know the others' plans.
- (e) Military commanders and corresponding boat unit commanders should travel together and military 2 i/cs or staff should travel separately with 2 i/cs of boat units.
- (f) In the stowage of craft the principles to observe are :-
(i) not too many eggs in one basket,
(ii) all eggs complete with shells,
(iii) stow last what is to be landed first.
- (g) Concealment and camouflage of preparations at the near shore and of defences and establishments at the far shore will receive constant attention.
- (h) When afloat, each craft must be able to provide its own local protection and lt AA guns and other weapons should whenever possible be able to fire.
- (i) Pioneer pls of inf bns will be trained to clear obstacles at the far beach.
- (j) Formations will practise the laying of wire underwater between beaches for use as L/T link.
- (k) ~~In exercises~~ no one must be allowed to dump any stores below high-water mark.
- (l) In the stowage of craft, units will arrange that sufficient containers for 2 days supply of water for each man in the craft is taken.

11. (m) While disembarking, men in assault waves, or all men in rough weather, will wear the waist belts of their equipment undone, their shoulder straps undone, and carry their weapons in one hand and their life jacket in the other. This is to enable a man who gets into difficulties in the water to shed everything cumbersome and still retain his life jacket.
- (n) The principles contained in the British Combined Operations pamphlets will be followed except where the organisation of the ESB makes them obviously inapplicable.

MANLOADS - ASSAULT TROOPS

12. In some recent landing operations troops have gone into action very much overloaded.
- Formations will report at the end of their combined training periods on the suitable maximum loads to be carried in jungle conditions.
- Once a suitable load is established it will not be exceeded.
- Neither a greatcoat or blanket will be carried by troops. Blankets if thought to be needed subsequently will be in bundles in the craft.

MATTERS FOR JOINT EXPERIMENT

13. Some matters are :-
- (a) Composition of order groups; and distribution lists for orders.
 - (b) A system of marking, signboarding, lighting and controlling the area from the assembly positions to the craft at near shore and the area of the beach-head at the far shore.
 - (c) The minimum length of notice required to embark when at bivouac areas.
 - (d) Most suitable disposition of weapons in craft and of weapon-carrying craft in convoy.
 - (e) Battle drill and deployment procedure at far shore (including organising of sub-units after landing).
 - (f) Responsibilities for defence on far beach at various stages until beach-head established. Protection of signals must be arranged.
 - (g) Responsibilities in arranging and deciding where craft required tactically may be beached.
Responsibilities of and liaison between BCS, Shore Coy Comd, Inf Bn Comd.
What LOs or Staff Officers from inf units and formations must be with BCO on far beach.
 - (h) Engineer responsibilities. In principle, field engineers will be responsible for getting assaulting troops and fighting vehicles across the beach, then beach engineers are responsible for all salvage on the water and on the beach and for clearance of obstacles from the beach.
 - (i) Liaison between and responsibilities of ESB Sigs, Aust Beach Sigs, Inf Div Sigs.
 - (j) Administrative liaison and responsibilities at near and far beaches.

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1. Periods for amphibious training are further amended as follows :-
 - (a) 24 Aust Inf Bde Gp first echelon moves back to Tableland 4 Jul 43.
 - (b) 20 Aust Inf Bde Gp :-
 - (i) First echelon moves to Amphibious Training Area 4 Jul 43.
 - (ii) Training starts 7 Jul 43.
 - (iii) Training finishes 21 Jul 43.
 - (c) 26 Aust Inf Bde Gp :-
 - (i) First echelon moves to Amphibious Training Area 22 Jul 43.
 - (ii) Training starts 25 Jul 43.
 - (iii) Training ends 8 Aug 43.
2. Movement orders are being issued separately.

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6 Jul 43
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9 AUST DIV TRAINING INSTRUCTION NO 14

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COMBINED TRAINING

1. The outline programme of training for 20 Aust Inf Bde Group during period 7 - 21 Jul 43 is set out hereunder :-

7 - 8 Jul 43	Individual and coy training Demonstrations by 532 Regt Loading and unloading practice Lectures by 532 EB & S Regt
9 -13 "	Bn training. One day and one night landing exercise for each bn.
14 "	Bde exercise by day under bde arrangements.
15-19 "	Bde exercise set by 9 Aust Div
19-21 "	Collation of reports Discussion of the exercise and criticism.

2. It is expected that the following craft will be made available :-

	<u>LCV(P)</u>	<u>LCM</u>	<u>LCT</u>	<u>LCI</u>	<u>APC</u>
7 Jul 43	48	1	1	-	-
8 "	48	2	2	1	-
9 -13 "	40 per bn	2	2	1x	-
14-21 "	130	2	2	2	1

x There may be another LCI available during this period.

3. Questions which should be dealt with and answered by bde are :-

- (a) Time required to embark and assemble a Bde Landing Gp in daylight and darkness.
- (b) Effect of extreme darkness on assembly of a Gp and its station keeping.
- (c) Operational capacities of craft in personnel, vehicles and stores.
- (d) Times required to unload stores from fully laden craft. Organization, labour and times required for establishing beach maintenance area for one bde gp containing sups of all kinds for 10 days.

4. Also the opinion of the bde, based on its experience, is desired on:

- (a) Maximum practical operational distance between near and far shore.
- (b) Navigational accuracy to be expected.

5. Planning should consider :

- (a) Landings made at difficult and unlikely places with a view to turning defences covering straightforward beaches.
- (b) Air co-operation - 5 AC Sqn is available.
- (c) Use of smoke from air and surface craft.
- (d) Support required and method of controlling fire from naval and close support craft including the use of rockets.

6. Training will be directed by Lt-Col WALKER who will co-ordinate arrangements with the staffs of Amphibious Force and 2 Engineer Special Brigade.

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9 AUST DIV TACTICAL DISCUSSION - COMBINED OPERATIONS

SECRET

1. Although Narratives are purely imaginary it is possible that an operation of this type may be carried out in the future and the exercise must, therefore, be regarded as "MOST SECRET".

2. Place - War Room, HQ 9 Aust Div.

3. Date and Times - 26 Jun 43, from 0900 hrs to 1700 hrs.
It may be necessary to continue the discussion on the morning of 28 Jun 43, but, if so, those officers who cannot attend without disrupting training will be excused.

4. Director - Comd 9 Aust Div.

5. Officers Attending :

HQ 9 Aust Div - G Staff Officers and IO
AQ Staff Officers
ADMS
DAPM
ADOS
ADME

RAA - CRA
CO 2/12 Aust Fd Regt
One bty comd 2/12 Aust Fd Regt

RAE - A/CRE
OC 2/3 Aust Fd Coy

Sigs - CO Sigs 9 Aust Div

20 Aust Inf Bde - Comd and Staff
OC "J" Sec Sigs
COs and Adjts

MG - CO 2/2 Aust MG Bn
One MG coy comd

Pnr - CO 2/3 Aust Pnr Bn
One pnr coy comd

Carriers - OC 9 Aust Div Carrier Coy
One pl comd

A-SC - CASC

AAMC - CO 2/8 Aust Fd Amb

(The fd bty, MG coy and pnr coy comds and carrier pl comd will be those to undergo combined training as part of 20 Aust Inf Bde Group).

ESB

Arrangements are being made for representatives of 2 ESB to attend.

6. Lunch will be provided at HQ 9 Aust Div ^{for} officers of field rank
Other officers will bring cut lunch and own cups - tea will be *provided*
by HQ 9 Aust Div.

7. The discussions will be based on Narratives and DS Notes to be
issued by HQ 9 Aust Div.

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EXERCISE - MOST SECRET

22 Jun 43

9 AUST DIV TACTICAL DISCUSSION - COMBINED OPERATIONS

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OBJECT : To study the problem of amphibian operations with a view to developing common thought and doctrine as a basis for training.

GENERAL : SITUATION TO BE TAKEN AS THE BASIS FOR DISCUSSION :

FORCE.

A force consisting of a jungle division and an engineer special brigade has been allotted for a shore to shore operation. Two infantry brigades are to land simultaneously on separate beaches on a lightly defended coast to secure beach heads. The force will then push on to secure an objective some miles along the coast as soon as possible after landing. One regiment of the engineer special brigade for each forward infantry brigade group is available for the landings. The third infantry brigade group and the third regiment of the engineer special brigade will be in reserve at separate locations on the main shore.

FIRE SUPPORT -

Fire support for the landing is limited to that available within the force supplemented by naval patrol torpedo craft which may be allotted.

TERRAIN -

The landing will take place in jungle country with only a narrow beach separating the jungle from the sea. No swamp exists between the beach and the jungle.

The advance to the objective will be through jungle and will entail the crossing of coastal streams of varying depth, current and width.

ROADS -

Jungle tracks exist, otherwise there are no roads or tracks except the track which follows the coast.

SUPPORTING ARMS -

Transportation of 2 prs, 25 prs and carriers will be limited to the number desired in an assault brigade group which can be carried in 140 LCV 15 LCM (and possibly some LCT). The landing of such weapons should present little difficulty and subsequent employment should be possible.

MAINTENANCE -

- (a) Water should be available from the coastal streams.
- (b) The force will be maintained through the beach head for 10 days after landing.
- (c) Beach head maintenance will be limited to ESB operating a ferry service from a friendly shore not more than 50 miles away. This service may be subject to enemy air attack and therefore may be limited to night movement only.

NARRATIVE I -- see sketch map attached

1. It is now D-1 day
2. The Division is concentrated in the Advanced Base Area, hidden in the jungle, at X and Y.
At X - "B" Brigade Group, nearest the sea.
Divisional Headquarters and "C" Brigade Group near the air strip.
At Y - "A" Brigade Group.
All guns, vehicles and the heavier stores are already loaded into the landing craft.
3. E.S.B. is disposed as follows :
532 Regiment, which will embark "A" Brigade Group, is in its Dispersal Area with its craft hidden in the creeks at and to the east and west of Y.
592 Regiment, which will embark "B" Brigade Group, is in its Dispersal Area with its craft hidden in the creeks at and to the east and west of X.
542 Regiment, which will embark "C" (Reserve) Brigade Group if required, craft cannot be concealed near X and Y and are therefore lying up further back (West) along the coast, one night's stage away.
The necessary refills of supplies, ammunition and fuel for the Force have been dumped under cover at X and Y prior to D-1 day.
4. The LCTs have been reported at their lying up place some distance back (West) along the coast. They are due to rendezvous with the Force at sea, just off X, night D-1/D.

NARRATIVE II

1. Night D-1/D
A dark night
Moonrise 2400 hrs D-1
Sea choppy (not unduly rough)
2. "H" Hour 0230 hrs D day
NOTE : "H" Hour is the time at which the craft of the leading wave of each Brigade Landing Group are to reach the beaches.
3. At 1900 hrs the craft of 532 and 592 Regiments pull out of their Dispersal Areas where they have been hiding and move to Assembly Areas off X and Y.
Advanced Divisional Headquarters and units of "A" and "B" Brigade Groups move to Forming-up Positions near the beaches. They form up in the order in which they are to embark and are then moved down to Embarkation Points as directed by personnel of E.S.B., assisted as necessary by Division.
Embarkation proceeds smoothly.
4. Loaded craft proceed to their Assembly Areas. From there they will move off in formation.
NOTE : At this stage the Infantry Brigade Group and the regiment of the E.S.B., being all together in the same craft, are known as Right (or Left) Brigade Landing Group.

NARRATIVE II (Contd)

5. The convoy gets under way and a course is set for the Far Shore. **But** the convoy is nearly one hour late, due to the late arrival of the LCT at the rendezvous just off the Near Shore and to considerable further delay while these craft, which have had no previous training with E.S.B., get into station.
6. 542 Regiment left its lying up area after dark and is moving up to its Dispersal Area at X, where it is due to arrive at 0400 hrs D day.

NARRATIVE III

Phase (a)

1. The convoy is about half way to the Far Shore when the Left Brigade Landing Group is illuminated by flares from enemy aircraft which then drop bombs amongst the LCV(P) in Wave 3 of the Left leading Battalion Landing Group and amongst the LCT. accompanying the Brigade Landing Group.
2. In the darkness the results of the attack cannot be seen. In consequence Commander 532 Regiment, after consulting with "A" Brigade Group Commander, breaks wireless silence in order to ascertain what has happened.

Results -

- (a) Waves 1,2,4,5, & 6 of the left leading Battalion Landing Group report that as far as they can tell all is well. Wave 3 does not answer; presumably the Wave Leader's boat has been sunk.
- (b) The right Leading Battalion Landing Group reports "All Correct".
- (c) The third Battalion Landing Group reports "All correct with LCV (P) but probable loss of two LCT."

Phase (b)

3. The convoy proceeds without further incident for another hour. Then more flares are dropped, and a very heavy air attack is made on the Left Brigade Landing Group.

When the attack is over a report is called for by Commander 532 Regiment but at first no communication can be established. After some time messages are picked up from a Control Boat which reports that the craft of the left leading Battalion Landing Group are reasonably intact; these craft are proceeding in fairly good order on their course, but they have been delayed by 40 minutes. The remaining craft carrying the Left Brigade Landing Group are in bad shape; many craft have been sunk and many more will have to repair damage before they can proceed: control in these two Battalion Landing Groups has been lost, temporarily, and it is unlikely that they will be able to proceed under a further two hours by which time 50% should be ready.

NARRATIVE IV

1. The situation described during Narrative III no longer holds. The convoy is assembled as described in Narrative II undamaged.

Phase (a)

2. Shortly after leaving X and Y a plane flew over the Right Brigade Landing Group and dropped flares which illuminated the convoy. Enemy "E"-boats attacking from the east were driven off, after suffering heavy losses, by our own screen of P.T. boats. Then three "E"-boats, attacking from the north, penetrate our screen. They succeed in sinking several LCV (P), including the leading Navigating Boat and the Boat Battalion Commander's Craft, before they themselves are sunk.

As a result of this action the leading craft of the Right Brigade Landing Group are much disorganized and the Group drops back a good way astern of its station with the remainder of the convoy.

NARRATIVE IV (Contd)

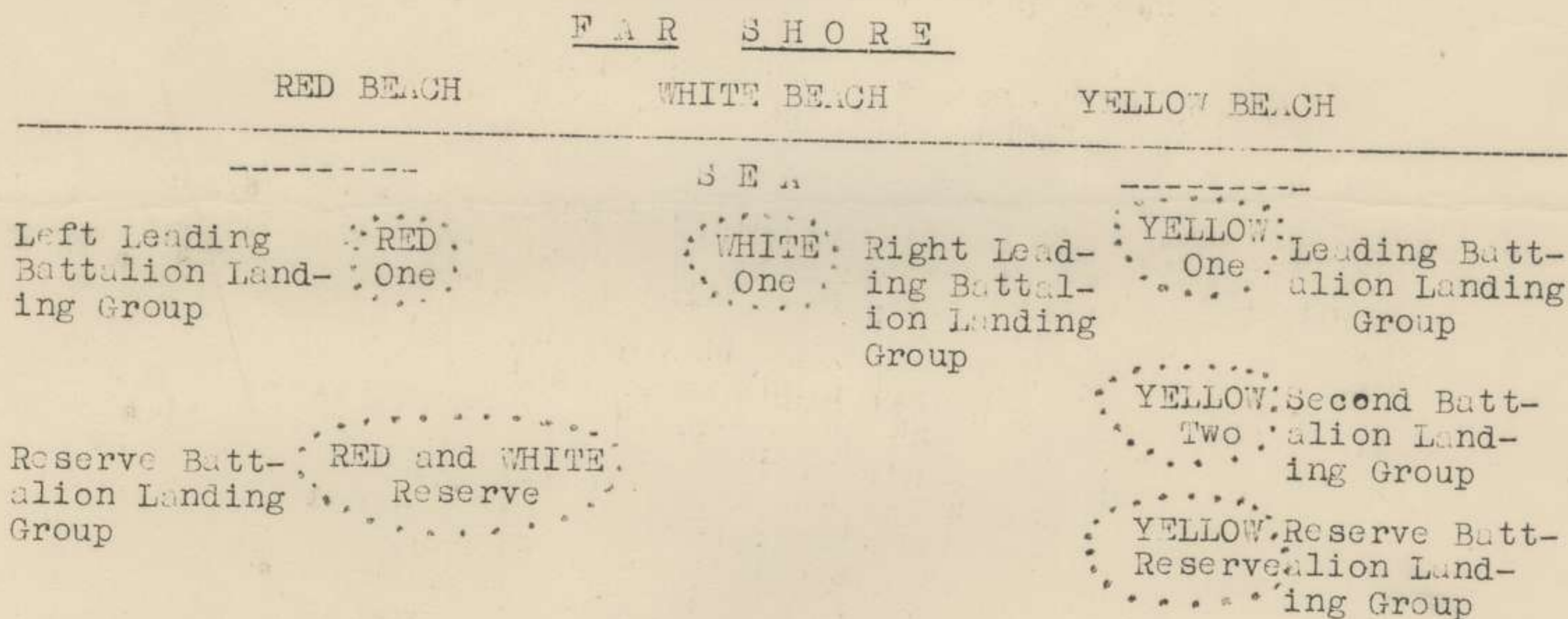
Phase (b)

3. After some delay, and distance lost, all craft of the convoy are now once more in station. The convoy proceeds.

Shortly after midnight, when about 20 miles off the Far Shore, enemy destroyers attack the head of the convoy. They break through our screen, sinking two P T boats and completely disorganizing the two forward Battalion Landing Groups of the Right Brigade Landing Group. Many of our craft are sunk and there are heavy casualties in personnel. Control is lost and no reports from the Right Brigade Landing Group are received by Force Commander until 0100 hrs when a report is received from the rear Battalion Landing Group, to the effect that by taking avoiding action and moving away to the East this rear Group has remained intact and is now, once again, proceeding on its proper course.

NARRATIVE V

1. Previous situations may now be forgotten. It is now assumed that the convoy's passage towards the Far Shore has been uneventful and that the Force is arriving near its objective in good order.
2. Both Brigade Landing Groups have arrived at their Rendezvous Areas. These areas appear to be in the correct positions. They will be organized as follows : : : : = Rendezvous Area.



3. The Divisional Commander has laid down, in his Operation Orders, that the landing of the reserve battalion of each Brigade will be referred to him before being ordered.
4. At 0210 hrs orders were given to both Brigade Landing Groups to proceed with the landing. The forward Battalion Landing Group moved inshore, crossing the Line of Departure as planned.
5. The landing at YELLOW Beach proceeds, apparently according to plan. No opposition is encountered. At 0330 hrs, information is received that there is a river on the right flank of the forward battalion, but it is not yet known whether the landing has been made to the east or west of the correct beach.
6. The landings at WHITE and RED Beaches are opposed. Severe casualties are taken in the leading battalions and in the Shore Battalion of the ESB. 30% of 532 Regiment's craft are sunk on the way in shore or are put out of action while disembarking the troops.

NARRATIVE V (Contd)

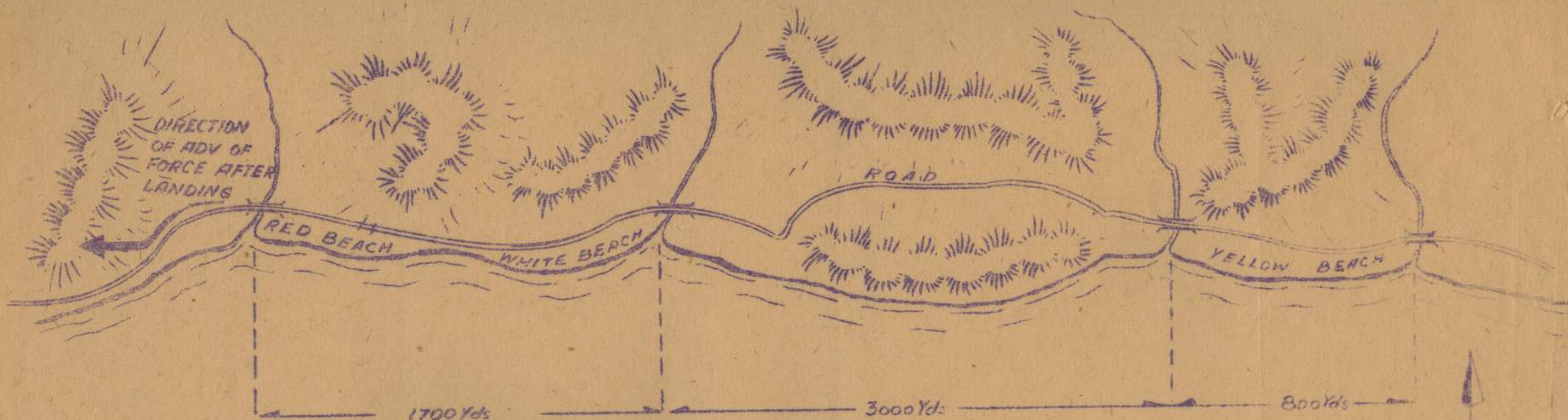
7. It is by now becoming clear that the right brigade (YELLOW Beach landing) has been put on shore too far to the West.
8. At 0400 hrs the right forward battalion of the left Brigade Group reports that the beach and fringe of the jungle inland of WHITE Beach has been cleared in its area and that slow progress is being made eastwards along the coastal track, although the distance gained is not clear.
At 0430 hrs the left forward battalion of the same brigade reports that it has cleared its area of RED Beach, and the adjoining jungle, after heavy fighting. The battalion has had many casualties. One reserve company has commenced to attack westward along the coastal track but has only gained 200 yards in 30 minutes; the remaining reserve company is being put through to continue the attack but the opposition is in such strength that only a limited advance is expected.
9. Both commanders of forward brigades have asked for the Divisional Commander's approval to land their reserve battalions,

NARRATIVE VI

1. The reserve battalions of both forward brigades have landed. Slow but steady progress is being made eastwards from WHITE Beach. The converging attacks on the enemy in the area between YELLOW and WHITE Beaches took less time than was expected, owing to the landing on YELLOW Beach having taken place further to the west than had been planned. By 0700 hrs touch between brigades has been gained.
2. The Divisional Commander now decides to hold the beach-head gained by the left brigade group and to relinquish his hold on YELLOW Beach. He proposes to move the bulk of the right ("B") Brigade Group to the left and to use it to continue the attack westwards along the coast before further enemy reserves can be moved up. "A" Brigade Group is to reorganize and to secure the beach-head covering WHITE and RED Beaches. WHITE Beach will become the main Beach and a Beach Maintenance Area will be established immediately inland of it.

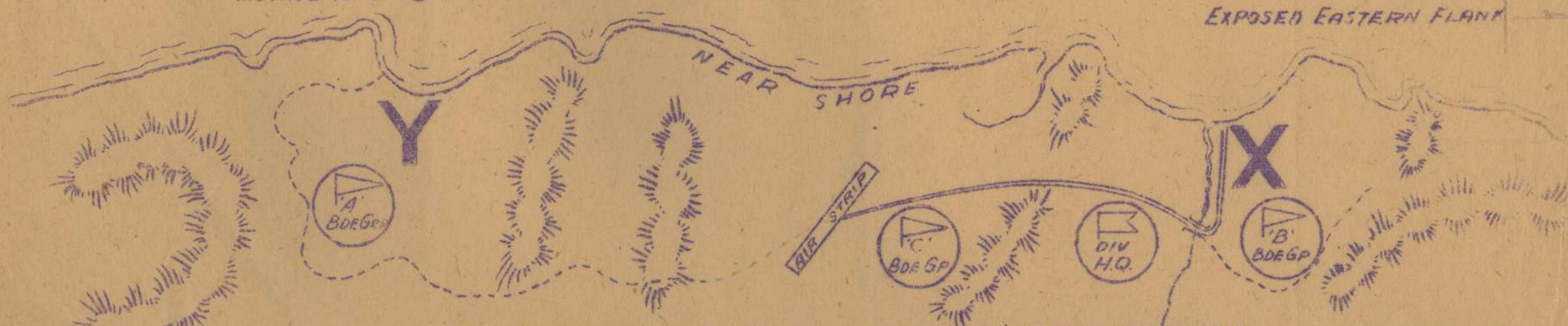
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OPEN SEA
(50 MILES WIDE)

DIRECTION OF APPROACH
UP COAST OF CRAFT
MOVING TO ADV BASE.



SKETCH MAP. EXERCISE MOST SECRET (BRITISH)
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DIRECTING STAFF NOTES

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9 AUST DIV DISCUSSION - COMBINED OPERATIONS

1. INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

- (a) Need to explore and develop technique and equipment while progressing with training. Comd
9 Aust Div
- (b) Everyone should be aware of and interested in the complete picture.
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2. MOVE TO ADVANCE BASE by any of the following means : AQ

(a) Ship

- (i) Ships allotted by LHQ
- (ii) Three to five ships per bde gp
- (iii) Tactical loading - if part move by air and remainder with heavy stores and equipment by ship and boat, "double" tactical loading required - one for air move and one for remainder.
- (iv) Travel light. Nothing in excess of WE unless authorized.
- (v) Be prepared to cook on board - possibly no ships cooking facilities (*use own W.E*)

(b) Air

- (i) Planes allotted may vary in type
- (ii) Practice flexible loading tables. Past experience 5000 lb. and 2500 lb. loads common. Depends upon distance to fly as well as type of plane.
- (iii) Ground organization. LO with air force: guides; planes numbered and noted on plane loading tables; transport to air port - "one truck one plane"; nominal rolls - necessity for close check to guarantee that any specific plane carries personnel stated on nominal roll.
- (iv) Plane discipline. Captain of plane in command during emplaning, flight, deplaning. His orders to be implicitly obeyed.
- (v) Emplaning drill can be practised on ground

(More complete details given in Precis No. G259/25/33
9 Aust Div Junior Staff Course)

(c) Boat

- (i) Types, capacities and loading, see Appendices to 9 Aust Div Training Instruction No. 11
- (ii) Moves to advance base may take several days. Travel nights, lay up during day in staging areas provided. Be prepared to use own cooking gear. Supplies available at staging areas.
- (iii) Advance parties required.

2. (c) Boat (Contd)
- (iv) Consider problem medical attention during move in boats. Casualties carried forward to advance base.
 - (v) Reserve supplies and water in boats.
 - (vi) Sanitary arrangements in boats.
 - (vii) Health of troops after say four nights in boats - period for rest at advance base.
 - (viii) Waterproofing of arms and some items of equipment - W/T sets - soldered tins - not opened until last minute.
 - (ix) As for air, flexible AND interchangeable loading tables - nominal rolls complete to last man and last minute.
 - (x) Sufficient guards for stores and equipment if bulk of personnel travel by air.

*(Mr. own Medical on ship)
Watch for 5th notes
that off ground*

REF NARRATIVE I AND BLACKBOARD.

G3(I)

3. CONDITIONS AT ADVANCE BASE

- (a) Requirements, preparation and recce

AQ

- (i) Combined G, Q and ESB recce with particular attention to :-
 - Malarial potentiality of area
 - Cover and dispersion for camp
 - Cover and dispersion for ESB boats
 - Areas for maintenance of ESB boats
- Beaches seaward
- Land approaches to embarkation points
- Alternative land approaches to embarkation points
- Assembly areas for troops embarking
- Assembly areas for stores embarking
- Maintenance area for advance base and far shore.
- Sites for AA guns - to avoid clashing with embarkation or maintenance arrangements.
- Any bridging required
- Communications generally.

- (b) Preparations include :-

- (i) Anti-malarial treatment of area in advance. Move all natives out.
- (ii) Construction of camp - advance parties - fostering .
- (iii) Reserve supplies, ammunition, etc, for first flights placed early to preclude possibility of NOT being available when required.
- (iv) Normal maintenance of troops while in area.
- (v) How long in area?
- (vi) Medical arrangements and evacuation.
- (vii) Provision stocks of arms, ammunition, supplies, etc, in ADDITION to normal maintenance and reserve. For commander to draw upon in event of tactical necessity.
- (viii) Sign posting and lighting of tracks, assembly areas and embarkation points.

(Camp Medics)

- 3 (c) Protection against air or sea attack *(NAVY responsibility)* Comd
 Local operational tasks. *(we may have to do some)*
 Concealment, camouflage and deception. *(dummy boats etc)*
- (d) Intercommunication
 No new W/T traffic - wireless silence except for CO Sigs
 netting. ESB
 Alternative L/T routes. Battery charging. *(indicate can battery etc)*
- (e) Security
 Visitors. Natives. *(see in draft etc)* Comd
- (f) Concentration.
 Complete div, all craft, reserves of all natures LOB. *all may go.* Comd
 Rest required to get men fit. Period of sorting out ESB
 tactical loads and detailed preparations for embarkation.
- (g) Planning
 One commander who should know plans at what stages. Comd
 Promulgation to all ranks. Joint HQ till embarkation.
 Dead line for alteration to plans.

4 STAFF TABLES

Craft Available or Force to Undertake the Operation. Comd
 Working Data. Type of Transport
 Revision and Preparation of further Reduced Staff Tables
 Navigation and C and C Boats from Navy.
 Navy provides LCT, LST, LCI.
 Effect of maintenance plan.
 Attached - Beach Sigs, Radar, A S Control,
 Guides, Interpreters, recce parties and representatives
 Navy and Air Force. ESB

REF NARRATIVE II

5. EMBARKATION

Effect of "H" hour on time for embarkation, speed 6 or 7 knots.
 Moon, weather, low cloud ceiling. Comd
 Notice to move. ESB 2 hours. Inf? Comd
 Loading (i) by waves
 (ii) simultaneously
 Assembly, forming up, control and marking.
 Tactical loading adjustments.
 Preloading.
 Reports of completed embarkation.
 Orders to proceed.
 What time is required by day and by night? ESB
 ESB and Aust Beach Sigs CO Sigs
 ESB

6. PROTECTION DURING SEA MOVEMENT.

Local defence in each craft. AA guns. Comd
 Possible attacks by submarines guns, destroyers or light
 cruisers guns. Air attack by day. Flares and night air attack *and*
 unlikely. ESB
 Essential for whole operation to be within range of own
 fighters.
 Naval control. Navigating boats.
 Light craft as escorts plus offensive sweep by P T boats.
 Striking force of at least destroyers with own air recce.
 Recce seaward by air force.
 Air recce for days before and during movement.
 Prior air action against land targets and coastal area.
 LST, LCT and LCM can all carry Bofors which can shoot when
 at sea.

REF NARRATIVES III and IV
and diagrams of convoy and sig layout

7 COMMUNICATIONS AND CONTROL AT SEA

Sig layout	CO Sigs
Naval craft	ESB
W/T and visual	Comd
Wireless silence. Breaking to be covered in orders.	
US Cipher Device	
Navy: APC for navigation. Submarines on flanks.	
V/T or short range W/T	
Smaller craft than APCs for inf bn C and C boats expected to be available for training - four for 20 Aust Inf Bde, eight for 26 Aust Inf Bde.	
Naval Task Commander responsible for control, travels with div commander and C.G. ESB	
Air Support Control link near HQ ship and in touch by sigs.	
Positions of unit commanders and 2 i/cs.	
Bns and bdes to be similarly loaded and interchangeable. Commanders must know composition of waves and what each boat contains.	
Capabilities of ESB at sea at night (ref Narrative)	ESB
Military considerations (ref Narrative)	Comd

REF NARRATIVE V

8 CONTROL OF LANDING

Sig communications	CO Sigs
Personnel with local knowledge. Routine night bombing and noise cover.	
Men landed from submarine to set up directional lights - super-sonic buoys - RDF beacon - infra red beacon - submarine to fix position.	Comd
Other means of marking line of departure. Naval control ships with rearward lights, or destroyers.	ESB
Use or not of a RV	
Prearranged light recognition signals to avoid shooting own craft	Comd ESB

9 THE ASSAULT AND REORGANIZATION 

Problems:	
Drill for reorganization.	
Position of commanders. Success signals.	
Control of reserves. When do HQs land?	Comd
Communications	CO Sigs
Defence of beach by phases.	ESB
Liaison between ESB and assaulting troops	Comd
Control of incoming craft, - wrong beach.	
Loading of craft. Unloading of craft.	
Engineer responsibilities.	
Medical responsibilities. <i>E.S.B.</i>	
Use of pioneers.	
AASC liaison.	
Unlikely beaches.	
Aust and US Sigs.	
Signs, lights, etc. to be devised.	

10 FIRE SUPPORT DURING LANDING

Problem of recognising and avoiding hitting own troops who have landed.

Comd

Inf :

Only the weapons in first ~~two~~ waves can fire frontally

Navy

If firesupport is not pre-arranged, naval fire support should be only on the flanks.

Assumed that by day the main part of escort would be beyond supporting distance providing protection against submarines or surface craft.

Probably naval party ashore and Aust LOs in the supporting ships (FOOs and Bombardment Liaison Officers).

Smoke and funnel smoke from destroyers.

ESB

40V boats, each with 72 projectors, firing 4.5' rockets; 11000 yards fixed range. Can be used on the beach. ESB

Travel on flanks of first wave.

Rockets can be used from 'DUCKS'

Smoke laying craft.

Smoke pots

The service providing the fire support should provide the signals.

CO Sigs
CRA

11 AIR SUPPORT

Just prior to and during landing.

Fighter cover - for disembarkation whether by day or night for protection of convoy during daylight. Comd

Direct support - for days prior to and during landing against enemy airfields able to interfere - against enemy reserves able to interfere.

Close support - pre-arranged targets, confirmed by tentacle. Possibly smoke laying against OPs.

Tac R - at latest daylight hours before embarkation and before landing. on request. Reports probably dropped into water near beach

Arty R. - when guns can come into action.

US Air Support

Control - Detachment with div HQ and with each inf bde HQ. Lithographed obliques used for indicating targets. Sig links - ground to air and ground to US Control.

Air Support detachment coming to CAIRNS for training. US Air Force perfecting technique for taking and printing photos in aircraft and delivering copies to field force by dropping and to Air Support Control.

Radar - probably comes with reserve bde. Strength about 10 all ranks

REF NARRATIVE VI

12 BEACHHEAD - SIZE AND PROTECTION

Allowance for :-

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- (a) 10 days reserve of supplies/ammunition, engineer stores, ordnance sundries, etc each in separate dumps, dispersed 150 yards apart. Allowance within each dump for handling in and out, tracks, dispersal. AQ
- (b) Hospital area - to expand to CCS.
- (c) 1000 men with necessary administrative requirements (incl ESB personnel not on protective duties.)
- (d) Reception area for movement of troops in and out.
- (e) AA positions.
- (f) Workshop detachments.
- (g) Beach area - unsuitable for stacking.
- (h) 50-100 yards from beach to commencement of stacking area.

Total approximately 800,000 sq yards above high water mark. Could be reduced by less dispersion or starting closer to beach.

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Defence:

Above area gives approximately 4000 yards of land front and 1500 yards of beach to be held against attack.

Until fields of fire are cleared and proper defensive system prepared so that automatic weapons can be used, a large number of men required to hold out against strong attack. Say one bde gp incl field artillery, AA, and mobile reserve of not less than one bn.

Commander of beachhead to be appointed.

ESB :

Firm ground, not more than 400 yards in from beach ESB
 ESB responsible for defence of approaches along beach and own local protection.
 ESB can produce about 150 riflemen per shore coy for mobile operations in emergency.
 ESB weapons.

13 MAINTENANCE

- (a) Quantity depends upon type of force employed. AQ
Comd
 Instance, case(I) Appendix "A" to Training Instruction No. 11 equals 39 tons per day per bde gp. Case (II) (reduced bde gp) 21 tons.
- (b) Do not lose sight of labor requirements for handling stores - one man one ton one lift one hour; snowball effect of larger forces - require larger maintenance - more labour - larger number of boats - larger beachhead. Necessary to arrive at finely balanced force.
- (c) Do not stint labor requirements - may mean success or failure of show - but don't fill first waves with labor, beach detachments and "glory boys" to exclusion of fighting men.
- (d) Quick unloading of boats and clearance of beach essential.
- (e) Maintenance on land by MT - porters?
- (f) Condition of track may necessitate forward maintenance by sea. If so - what and how many craft? Study implications such as forward beach locating and marking; by whom? - How many parties. Labor to load craft at beachhead; more required?

13 (f) Contd.

Off loading at forward beach; by whom? Maintenance from forward beach head to troops. Maintenance may be possible at times direct from advance base to forward beaches. If so what communications to give orders - boats probably on way by time forward beach selected - use of W/T. Maintenance and hide up of craft in beachhead.

AQ

(g) Maintenance of beachhead by larger craft. USN ^{LST} ~~LCT~~ 500 ton capacity - minimum 6 hours to clear - draught forward 3 feet, aft 9 feet - implications. Smaller craft (LCI (L)) 75 tons. Draught forward 2 feet 6 inches, aft 4 feet 6 inches. Use of vehicles on LCT. *(This Report Capacity by 75%)*

14 OUTLINE OF POSSIBLE OPERATIONS

1. Clear Beach
2. Penetration to deep enemy obs. fire
3. Organize Defences (Land, Sea, Air)
4. Patrol
5. Beach watching
6. Sea at night search as possible
- 7.

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15 RECONNAISSANCES

(a) Topographical Report

Water supply, roads, bridges, river crossings, local resources in material, bars at river mouths, medical notes, natives, beaches seaward and landward.

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(b) Intelligence Notes

Amplifying (a) above including details of landing places and beachhead area - length, breadth, height and distance of rise and fall of tide, false beaches, exits.

Suitability of area for MVs.

Summary of enemy activity - enemy order of battle (local).

Defences including under water obstacles and minefields.

Details of enemy airfields likely to affect operations.

Defences of airfields likely to be met

Enemy reinforcements.

Enemy defensive arrangements in field works, patrolling, beach watching and warning systems.

(c) Maps

Large and small scale.

(d) Air Photos

Photomaps - stereo pairs - obliques - silhouettes.

(e) Air reces by commanders and staffs.

During operations: Army cooperation tasks by air force
naval recce on coast

16 TRAINING

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AMENDMENT - 9 AUST DIV ADM INST NO. 6.

Para. 1.

M I H - 15
V T M - 17

20 Aust Inf Bde Gp 1st lift moves present area	-	0700 hrs 7 Jul 43.
24 Aust Inf Bde Gp 1st lift moves present area	-	1200 hrs 7 Jul 43.
20 Aust Inf Bde Gp 2nd lift moves present area	-	0700 hrs 8 Jul 43.
24 Aust Inf Bde Gp 2nd lift moves present area	-	1200 hrs 8 Jul 43.

If further transport reqd 9 Jul., times for move as above will apply.

Para. 9. (b)

RAE will have 1 x 600 gall GS Water vehicle report 20 Aust Inf Bde HQ by 1700 hrs 6 Jul. for attachment for period of trg.

Williams Maj Lt.-Col.
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9 AUST DIV ADM INST NO 6

1. GENERAL:

- (a) 20 Aust Inf Bde gp will move to TRINITY BEACH area for trg purposes on date and time to be notified.
- (b) 24 Aust Inf Bde Gp will return to camp area on Tablelands at same time.
- (c) It is anticipated that move will commence on 7 Jul 43.

2. ADDITIONAL TPS:

Following units and sub-units come under comd 20 Aust Inf Bde in present locations on date and time to be notified :

- 24 Bty 2/12 Aust Fd Regt
- 2/4 Aust Lt AA Regt, less 12 Bty
- 2/4 Aust Lt AA Wkshps Soc
- 2/3 Aust Fd Coy
- 1 Pl 9 Aust Div Carrier Coy
- B Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn
- B Coy 2/3 Aust Pnr Bn
- 26 Sup Depot Pl AASC
- 27 " " " "
- 2/8 Aust Fd Amb
- 1 Sec 2/9 Aust Div Pro Coy
- Fd PO 33

3. ADV PARTY:

Other than small party to take over tentage and stores in TRINITY BAY camp, adv parties will not be dispatched by either bde gp.

4. REAR PARTY:

- (a) 24 Aust Inf Bde will leave small party to hand over stores in TRINITY BAY camp.
- (b) 20 Aust Inf Bde will leave sufficient personnel with adequate number of offrs and NCOs in present camp for security duties. If sufficient pers are not available within the gp, this HQ will be advised of number required.

5. MVT:

Mainly by rd. Possibly some by ra. Details later.

6. ACCDN STORES & EQPT:

- (a) Buildings: Scale "A" provided at TRINITY BAY.
 - (b) Tentage:
 - (c) Bedboards:
 - (d) Camp cooking eqpt:
 - (e) Tables:
- } See sub-para (g)
- (f) Blankets: Two on or with man.
 - (g) HQ bdes mutually will arrange to exchange equivalent numbers of items in sub-para (b) to (e) incl. Tentage etc., to be passed to 24 Aust Inf Bde will be struck and transferred according to numbers moving in and out of area on respective days of move.

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- 6. (h) As tentage etc., for HQ 24 Aust Inf Bde and att, and inf bns in that gp only will be moved from 20 Aust Inf Bde area, bdes will ensure that similar units move each day.
- (i) Quantity of items in a/m sub-paras (b) to (e) incl, now in use by 24 Aust Inf Bde gp, will be available before move commences.

7. SUPS.

- (a) Delivery of normal rations in trg area by AASC 9 Aust Div.
- (b) Both gps will move with one day's emergency rations on man. 24 Aust Inf Bde Gp will hand in to AASC det at TRINITY BAY all emergency and operational rations in excess of above. These will be available for re-issue to 20 Aust Inf Bde Gp.
- (c) Operational rations as follows will be made available in TRINITY BAY area by AASC 9 Aust Div.
 - i. Three days for consumption during exercises
 - ii. Five days for trg purposes.
- (d) Operational or emergency rations other than those named in para 7 (c) (i) above will NOT be consumed other than by order of bde cmd.
- (e) All rations other than a/m or required for immediate trg will be returned to FSD under arrangements CASC 9 Aust Div.

8. P.O.L.

- (a) Full tanks plus 100 mls for move. Vehs during move will replenish in Tableland area
- (b) Replenishment in trg area by AASC 9 Aust Div

9. WATER

- (a) WP is established in area
- (b) Lorries, water, at present in use in trg area will remain.
- (c) Water supply for 24 Aust Inf Bde Gp on return arranged by "Q" 9 Aust Div.

10. AMN.

- (a) WE first line at trg area will remain. Necessary adjustments made by bdes
- (b) Four day WUR for trg (loading) purposes available in trg area
- (c) Trg amn where held will remain in Tablelands area.

11. ORD STORES

- (a) Following res stores will be drawn and carried by 20 Aust Inf Bde Gp

i. Boots, A.B.,	20% res	}	100% res
ii. Dubbin			
iii. Flannelette			
iv. Oil, M80			
v. Oil, C70			
vi. Grease, graphited			
vii. Mineral jelly - red			
- (b) Excess boots held by 24 Aust Inf Bde gp will be returned to ADOS dump on return.
- (c) Excess in items (ii) to (vii) incl will be handed over in trg area.

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12. ENGR STORES.

To be handed over in trg area.

13. UNIT STORES & EQPT

- (a) WE with exception of AG stores and items mentioned in sub paras (c) and (f) below, will be carried by both bde gps.
- (b) Stores surplus to WE other than especially required for trg will remain in unit areas.
- (c) Guns 25 pr., 6 pr., 2 pr and Bofors with tractors will remain in trg area.
- (d) Infantry 2 prs may be exchanged after move is completed. Tpt if required by this HQ.
- (e) Other guns and tractors may be moved after move of gps is completed. By mutual arrangement CRA and comd 20 Aust Inf Bde Gp.
- (f) Carriers will remain in trg area.

14. PERSONAL CLOTHING

- (a) Personnel will move in summer dress and carry spare trousers, shirt, underclothing and boots.
- (b) If at all possible two spare pairs sox and bootlaces will be carried.
- (c) Hats, khaki, will be worn as directed by bde comd.

15. PERSONAL EQPT.

- (a) Carried on man

- Helmet, steel
- Eqpt, web
- Tent, mosquito
- Sheet, ground
- Mosquito cream or liquid repellent
- Cape, anti gas
- Wallet, anti gas.

- (b) Respirators, anti gas will remain in unit area.
- (c) Mosquito repellants will be drawn as follows :-
 - (i) Cream, one week's supply, from DID, KAIRI.
 - (ii) Liquid, from ASD, CAIRNS, when available.
 - (iii) Stocks of mosquito cream are held in ASD, CAIRNS.
- (d) Anti mosquito gloves and head nets when available will be carried in bulk by units.

16. KIT BAGS

Will not be carried.

17. TPT

- (a) Number of lorries 3 ton available for move is not yet known.
- (b) Vehs under comd 20 Aust. Inf. Bde. for move.

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17. (c) On completion of move MV, with exception of 20 lorries 3 ton will return to units.
 - (d) a/m 20 lorries remain under comd 20 Aust Inf Bde for trg purposes.
 - (e) 20 Aust Inf Bde responsible for rationing pers of MV att.
 - (f) Jeeps surplus to W E remain in trg area.
 - (g) Tpt for move of tents and accdn stores to 24 Aust Inf Bde area supplied by this HQ.
 - (h) Owing to shortage of tpt 20 men will be carried in LWB lorries 3 ton for this move only.
18. REC
- (a) First ech : 2/58 Aust LAD.
 - (b) Second ech : AA & SL Wkshops CAIRNS.
19. MV SPARES.
- (a) E 4 series MT spares will be carried by AEME for all vehs participating in exercise.
 - (b) AEME to arrange with Q.
20. MEDICAL
- (a) ADMS arrange medical det in trg area.
 - (b) Evacuation as arranged by ADMS.
 - (c) Five motor amb from 8 MAC will be available for convoy, evacuations and medical tpt in trg area as required.
21. CANTEENS
- (a) Supplies for unit canteens from ADCS bulk stores, CAIRNS.
 - (b) AASC 9 Aust Div responsible for tpt to units. HQ Bde to arrange with AASC.
22. POSTAL
- (a) Complete units from CAIRNS direct.
 - (b) Dets arrange with unit to sort at unit. Will be fwd to trg area under arrangements 2/9 Aust Div Postal Unit.
23. TRAFFIC CONTROL
- (a) By DAPM 9 Aust Div.
 - (b) 2 Aust Corps has arranged to provide additional pro pers if required.
24. CLEANING AND CARE OF ARMS.
- (a) Particular attention will be paid to cleaning and care of arms. Action of salt water is severe, and if the utmost care is not taken corrosion very quickly will result, with the consequence that valuable eqpt may be destroyed or badly damaged.
 - (b) Additional cleaning and rust preventative materials have been made available. Do not waste these materials, but do not hesitate to use sufficient to maintain arms in a satisfactory condition. If additional materials are required indent EARLY on ADOS 9 Aust Div.

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25. GENERAL MAINTENANCE.

Remarks in para (24) above apply to all eqpt or stores which will come into contact with salt water.

26. PRIORITY FOR MOVE.

If available tpt is not sufficient to move complete gps in two days 20 Aust Inf Bde will advise priority of units required to coincide with trg requirements. 24 Aust Inf Bde gp will follow same priority on return move to Tablelands area.

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Signed at 2100 hrs.

Issued through Sigs.

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8 Jul 43

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INITIAL AMPHIBIAN TRG

1. This instruction outlines the work to be covered in the period 12 to 20 July as per Trg Instn No 4 and is distributed to the units which will comprise 26 Aust Inf Bde Gp for information.

2. Lectures

The following lectures will be given by the Comd 26 Aust Inf Bde or BM as under :-

- a. Organization and eqpt of ESB at 1930 hrs 8 Jul, Recreation Room
2/23 Aust Inf Bn.
- b. Tactical deployment of ESB at 1930 hrs 9 Jul, Recreation Room
2/48 Aust Inf Bn
- c. Load and Staff Tables at 1100 to 1230 hrs 10 Jul Recreation Room
2/48 Aust Inf Bn.
- d. Near and Far Beach organization at 1930 hrs 12 Jul Recreation Room
(incl control and comms) 2/23 Aust Inf Bn.

The maximum number of officers of 26 Aust Inf Bde will attend. Offrs from units comprising the Bde gp are invited to attend. Units abovementioned will provide guides to direct offrs to the Recreation Rooms.

Subsequent lectures may be given depending on progress.

3. The following Bn trg will be covered in the period 12 Jul to 16 Jul.

- a. One day practice embarkation and disembarkation from mocked up LCV (P) to include tactical loading and formations on the far shore.
- b. One day bn formation for assembly and disembarkation incl stores.
- c. As for (b) with an opposed landing at dawn to culminate in a bn perimeter.
- d. One day bn exercise to seize a beach head and occupy a def posn. This exercise will test Bn Staff Tables.

4. During the period 17 Jul to 20 July a bde exercise will be carried out involving an opposed landing and an advance following the capture of a beach head.

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BM 26 Aust Inf Bde

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L Sec Sigs	4	2/9 Aust Div Carrier Coy	15
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GAS TRAINING SYLLABUS

APP D
Mr Peachey's
1.0 2/2 no. Aust. mg B.

Day	SUBJECT	Ser.No.
<u>Day 1</u>		
0845-0930	War Gases & First Aid	1
0935-1020	Personal gas eqpt	1
Break		
1040-1125	Description & care of respirator	1
1130-1215	Carriage of respirator	1
Lunch		
1330-1415	Mutual instruction	1
1420-1505	Respirator drill	1
1515-1600	Gas cape and light gas suit	1
<u>Day 2</u>		
0845-0930	Mutual instruction	2
0935-1020	War gases	2
Break		
1040-1125	War gases	3
1130-1215	Personal decontamination	1
Lunch		
1330-1415	Mutual instruction	3
1420-1505	Decontamination of weapons and vehs	1
1515-1600	Respirator drill	2
<u>Day 3</u>		
0845-0930	B/Gas detectors & gas warning signs	1
0935-1020	Mutual instruction	4
Break		
1040-1125	Gas alarm system : Gas duties of sentries	1
1130-1215	Effect of weather and ground on gas	1
Lunch		
1330-1415	Disinfection of respirators	1
1420-1505	Respirator drill	3
1515-1600	Mutual instruction	5
<u>Day 4</u>		
0845-0930	Fitting of respirator	1
0935-1020	Gas chamber test	1
Break		
1040-1125	Mutual instruction	6
1130-1215	Enemy gas weapons & gas intelligence	1
Lunch		
1330-1415	Cape rolling	1
1420-1505	War gases	4
1515-1600	Mutual instruction	7
<u>Day 5</u>		
0845-0930	Respirator drill	4
0935-1020	Gas chamber test	2
Break		
1040-1125	Mutual instruction	8
1130-1215	Decontamination of ground (P)	1
Lunch		
1330-1415	Gas action (Vapour, liquid)	1
1420-1505	(Blister, liquid)	2
1515-1600	Spare	1
<u>Day 6</u>		
0845-0930	Spare	2
0935-1020	Respirator drill	5
Break		
1040-1125	Mutual instruction	(9
1130-1215		(10
Lunch		
1330-1415	Tests of elementary training	1
1420-1505	Test of general knowledge	1
1515-1600	" " " "	2

SERIALS AND PERIODS

<u>Subjects</u>	<u>No of Periods</u>
War Gases ; First Aid	4
Personal gas equipment	1
Description and care of respirator	1
Carriage of respirator	1
Respirator drill	5
Gas cape and light gas suit	1
Personal decontamination	1
Decontamination of weapons and vehicles	1
B/Gas detectors and gas warning signs	1
Gas alarm system : gas duties of sentries	1
Effect of weather and ground on gas	1
Disinfection of respirators	1
Fitting of respirators	1
Gas chamber test	2
Enemy gas weapons and gas intelligence	1
Cape rolling	1
Decontamination of ground and marking (Practical)	1
Gas action (on encountering)	2
Spare	2
Mutual instruction	10
Tests of elementary training	1
Tests of general knowledge	2

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ALL COYS

RIFLE RANGE 30 YARDS AND AMN ALLOTMENT

1. Allotment of 30 yds range is as follows :

Mon 26 Jul and Mon night	B Coy
Tues 27 Jul & Tues night	B Coy
Wed 28 Jul	A Coy
Thurs 29 Jul	C Coy
Fri 30 Jul	C Coy
Sat 31 Jul	HQ Coy
Sun 1 Aug	HQ Coy
Mon 2 Aug	D Coy
Tues 3 Aug	D Coy

2. Amn allotment is as follows :

	HQ	A	B	C	D
.303 carton packed	8,000	14,000	24,000	17,000	8,000
.303 charger "	11,000	10,000	8,000	9,000	8,000
9mm	450 ^v	250	250	250	250
Pistol	\$12	450	450	450	450

3. Allotment to HQ Coy includes Bn HQ and IAD's allotment, and will be distributed accordingly.

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Adjt., 2/2 Aust MG Bn

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2/2 AUST MG BN
18 JUN 1943
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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

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HEADQUARTERS
9 Aust Div
17 Jun 43
G562/80/13

Subject : Training Areas.

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| 20 AUST INF BDE | SIGS 9 AUST DIV |
| 24 AUST INF BDE | 2/2 AUST MG BN ✓ |
| 26 AUST INF BDE | 2/3 AUST PNR BN |
| 2/9 AUST DIV CAV REGT | AASC 9 AUST DIV |
| RAA 9 AUST DIV | MEDICAL |
| RAE 9 AUST DIV | |

Ref map GORDONVALE 1:63360.

It is advised that a Snipers Range has been approved for 20 Aust Inf Bde at 483 409.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

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HEADQUARTERS

9 Aust Div
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- 2/2 AUST MG BN
- AASC 9 AUST DIV
- MEDICAL

Ref 9 Aust Div G352/80/13 of 22 May 43 para 3, under 30 Yards Ranges, after RAA 9 Aust Div 473 383 insert 468 377 (additional range).

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

Subject: Rifle Range.

2/2 AUST MG BN
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9 Aust Div
7 Jun 43
G482/80/10.

Ref Map GORDONVALE 1:63360.

1. It is anticipated that a classification range at DANBULLA 529 420 will be completed to 300 yard mound by 1 Jul 43.
2. Safety Precautions and Regulations for use will be issued separately at a later date.
3. The first allotment is as shown in following table.
4. Inf bde groups are responsible for making a suballocation to all units under command vide Appx "A" to 9 Aust Div G449/80/20 dated 3 Jun 43 (not to all addressees).

5. Table

Serial No.	Group or Unit	No of days	Dates inclusive	Remarks
1	20 Aust Inf Bde Gp	10	1 - 10 Jul	
2	26 Aust Inf Bde Gp	10	11 - 20 "	
3	24 Aust Inf Bde Gp	10	21 - 30 "	
4	RAE 9 Aust Div	1	31 "	less three fd coys
5	Sigs 9 Aust Div	1	1 Aug	less 2 and 3 Coys
6	2/9 Aust Div Cav Regt	2	2 - 3 "	
7	2/2 Aust MG Bn	1	4 "	less three coys
8	2/3 Aust Pnr Bn	1	5 "	less three coys
9	Camp	1	6 Aug	incl (Mob Laundry & Fwd Decn Unit Salv Unit A Coy Gd Bn less 1, 2 and 4 Pls B Sec PSW
10	RAA 9 Aust Div	6	7 - 12 Aug	less three btys and 2/4 Aust Lt AA Regt

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By H. L. Lewis

Australian Military Forces.

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Address 9 Aust Div
 Date 25 May 43
 376/80/13

Subject : Training Areas.

- 20 AUST INF BDE
- 24 AUST INF BDE
- 26 AUST INF BDE
- 9 AUST DIV CAV
- RAA 9 AUST DIV
- RAE 9 AUST DIV
- SIGS 9 AUST DIV ✓
- 2/2 AUST MG BN ✓
- 2/3 AUST PNR BN
- AASC 9 AUST DIV
- MEDICAL

2/2 AUST MG BN
 25 MAY 1943
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Ref map GORDONVALE one inch to one mile.

An additional training area has been allotted to 2/3 Aust Pnr Bn between 54 and 57 easting grids, north of line SEVERIN CREEK to 37 northing grid. *and*

Deurbachley Capt
 for Lt-Col
 GS

822/90/20

2/2 AUST MG BN
22 MAY 1943
339 A.I.F.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES

HQ 9 Aust Div
22 May 43
G 347/80/13

Subject : Training Areas

1. Enquiries have been received concerning additional training areas for this div.
2. 2 Aust Corps will consider requests for the use of the country lying to the east of present div training area.
3. Formations and units desiring to work in this region will apply to this HQ four days before any proposed exercise, giving particulars of area to be covered and duration of training.

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for Lt Col.
GS.

2/2 AUST MG BN
 22 MAY 1943
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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

Subject: Training areas.

- 20 AUST INF BDE
- 24 AUST INF BDE
- 26 AUST INF BDE
- 2/9 AUST DIV CAV REGT
- RAA 9 AUST DIV
- RAE 9 AUST DIV
- SIGS 9 AUST DIV
- 2/2 AUST MG BN
- 2/3 AUST PNR BN
- AASC 9 AUST DIV
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9 Aust Div
 22 May 43
 G352/80/13

Ref 9 Aust Div G252/80/13 of 12 May 43 para 3.

1. To cover all changes in locations and amendments to positions of 30 yards ranges and jungle combat courses, the following table is substituted.
2. The previous table should be destroyed.
3. Table :

Unit or Formation	30 Yards Ranges	Jungle Combat Courses
20 Aust Inf Bde	482 366	515 337
	467 368	520 334
	464 379	513 364
	468 378	497 396
24 Aust Inf Bde	4845 3815	520 425
	4825 3845	518 419
	4805 3850	521 412
26 Aust Inf Bde	469 393	571 418
	487 395	575 414
	493 391	579 410
	477 396	
2/9 Aust Div Cav Regt	509 380	
RAA 9 Aust Div	484 373	
	464 382	
	483 394	
	473 383	
	468 377	
RAE 9 Aust Div	497 372	
Sigs 9 Aust Div	469 378 (Additional Range)	
	506 400	508 406
2/2 Aust MG Bn	507 381	502 375
2/3 Aust Pnr Bn	459 368	504 353
	468 368	505 353

J. C. Swain May
 for Lt Col
 GS

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

9 Aust Div
10 Jul 43
G 783/80/13

Subject: Training Areas

2/2 AUST MG BN
11 JUL 1943
837 A.I.F.

20 AUST INF BDE
24 AUST INF BDE
26 AUST INF BDE
RAA 9 AUST DIV
2/9 AUST DIV CAV REGT
RAE 9 AUST DIV
SIGS 9 AUST DIV
2/2 AUST MG BN ✓
2/3 AUST PNR BN
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Ref 9 Aust Div G 352/80/13 of 22 May 43 para 3.

After RAA 9 Aust Div, under 30 yards Ranges 468 377 insert
480 370 (additional range).

K. E. Wilson Capt
for Lt Col.
GS.

Copy G 352/80/13 to 9 Aust Div Carr Coy.

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APPX E

968/53/11

SECRET

HQ 9 AUST DIV
Ref: A19/1/21
4 Jul 43

By of ...

VISIT OF COMMANDER ALLIED FORCES IN SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. INFORMATION

The Commander Allied Forces in South West Pacific Area, General Douglas MacArthur, will visit 9 Aust Div Area on the afternoon of Monday 5 Jul 43.

2. ITINERARY

Appendix "A" attached.

3. GUARD OF HONOUR

26 Aust Inf Bde will supply divisional guard of honour and band.

Guard will be of one company strength, Officers, one Major and two Captains.

Service dress will be worn by guard and band.

4. TRAINING

Units not taking part in training demonstrations as set out in itinerary will continue normal syllabus.

Attention is drawn to DRO 15.

Where possible troops will not be routed along camp roads between 1415 hrs and 1700 hrs.

5. DRESS

With the exception of the divisional guard of honour the dress for the day is left to the discretion of Unit Commanders but will be uniform within each unit.

A mixture of dress such as khaki shirts and green slacks will not be worn.

Dress for Staff and Officers to be presented to General MacArthur will be notified later.

6. UNIT GUARDS

Units will ensure that guards are warned of the approximate time of passing of the General's car in order that guards will be turned out correctly.

The itinerary as set out below gives the approximate timings but these may be subject to last minute alteration.

7. TRAFFIC

Unit traffic between 1415 hrs and 1715 hrs will be kept to a minimum. Due regard will be paid to timings as set out in itinerary.

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W. G. ... Lt-Col.
HQ 9 AUST DIV.

ITINERARY

ARRIVE	DEPART	LOCATION	REMARKS
1425	1435	Entrance to Camp Area (Near DID)	Inspection of Guard of Honour
1440	1510	HQ 2/7 Aust Fd Regt	Demonstration of Gun Drill, Cadre Class
1520	1545	HQ 2/23 Aust Inf Bn	Inspection of Unit Training
1550	1620	Sports Ground 2/48 Aust Inf Bn	Inspection of Individ- ual refresher train- ing.
1630	1700	HQ 9 Aust Div	Afternoon Tea

ROUTE

- IN - (a) Guard of Honour to 2/7 Aust Fd Regt.
 (b) 2/7 Aust Fd Regt via RAE road to HQ 2/23 Aust Inf Bn.
 (c) HQ 2/23 Aust Inf Bn to Sports Ground 2/48 Aust Inf Bn.
 (d) Sports Ground 2/48 Aust Inf Bn to HQ 9 Aust Div.
- OUT - HQ 9 Aust Div direct to Camp entrance.

*Mr Peachey
 1.0 2/2nd Aust Inf Bn*

Appx "E"
Macarthur's
10:20 AM. m.g.m.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE
ROUTINE ORDERS BY
LT-COL E MACARTHUR-ONSLOW (149-150)
COMMANDING IN THE FIELD
2/2 AUST MACHINE GUN BATTALION 1 JUL 43

149. GREEN ENVELOPES

"Green Envelopes" are now available for use as per original instructions governing their issue. All ranks are once more warned that "green envelopes" are for private and confidential matters only, and further breaches of security will lead to their suspension.

150. APPLICATION OF CLOTHES RATIONING TO THE ARMY

1. The clothing ration year commences on the 7th June, 1943, and will terminate on a date to be fixed. The date, as fixed, will be promulgated in due course.
2. Members in possession of the current series of Service coupons may use the coupons until 31st July, 1943.
3. Other ranks promoted to Commissioned Rank
Other ranks promoted to commissioned rank will be issued with the special clothing ration books and/or sheets to which they are entitled (initial issue 90 coupons and maintenance issue 25, 15 or 5 coupons, as the case may be), and will be permitted to retain army clothing ration coupons previously issued to them.
4. Personnel placed in circumstances of extreme necessity
Cases may arise of extreme necessity or hardship (e.g. loss of clothing through active service conditions) which are not covered by any provisions contained in these instructions. Such cases should be referred by Coys, with full explanation of the circumstances, to this HQ. The formation commander or authorised officer will determine the number of coupons (if any) which are to be issued to the member concerned and will advise the District Finance Officer or Command Paymaster accordingly. Army personnel will not make direct application to State Deputy Directors of Rationing.
5. Purchase of rationed articles of clothing - Instructions to Army personnel
 - (a) Procedure when buying rationed articles of clothing in person :-
 - (1) When buying rationed articles of clothing at canteens or retail stores, coupons will be surrendered in accordance with the civilian scale published by the Rationing Commission.
 - (2) Coupon books or sheets will be presented at time of purchase and the canteen or store assistant will cut out the necessary coupons.
 - (3) Paybook will be the means of established rightful ownership to the book or sheet of coupons and will be produced on request.
 - (b) Procedure when unable to buy rationed articles of clothing in person: -

Army personnel who cannot themselves purchase at a canteen or retail store are permitted to use their coupons under the following conditions:-

 - (1) The number of coupons it is desired to use will be cut out of ration book or sheet in the presence of the commanding officer, adjutant, company etc comd, camp commandant or paymaster, paybook at the same time being produced as proof of rightful ownership.
 - (2) Coupons will then be pasted on AOC Fl2, which may be obtained at this HQ. The form will be signed by the owner of the ration book or sheet and countersigned by the commanding officer, adjutant, company etc comd, or camp commandant.
 - (3) Form AOC Fl2, with coupons affixed thereto, may then be posted direct to a canteen or store or to another individual who can purchase on behalf of the

6. Termination of service of Army personnel

- (a) Army personnel whose service has been terminated will surrender army clothing ration books and/or sheets containing unused coupons to the civil authorities when applying for a civil identity card.
- (b) On return to civil life, such personnel will become entitled to receive civilian coupons: -
- (1) Sufficient coupons to bring the individual's wardrobe up to minimum civilian standard. This issue will be made after taking into account the clothing he may carry over from military to civil life and whatever stock of civilian clothing he may possess. The civil authorities will be responsible for arriving at a decision regarding the number of coupons to be issued.
 - (2) An issue of coupons for maintenance purposes appropriate to the time of the year.

(Extract from GRO F.422)

M Peachey Lt
Lieut
for ADJT 2/2 Aust MG Bn

NOTICE

LECTURE

A lecture on JAPAN by Sjt DAVIES of the Army Educational Service, will be delivered in YMCA tent at 1915 hrs 1 Jul 43.

HOCKEY

Team to represent "The Rest" against Bn team today at 1500 hrs today:-

Campbell, D.E.	Myers, R.J.
Sommerville, R.H.	Lord, J.H.
Ginn, R.J.	Love, N.J.
Churchyard, J.T.	Evans, G.
Williams, T.G.T.	Matthews, C.F.C.
Ellis, E.W.	Gilbert, T.

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ROUTINE ORDERS BY

LT-COL E MACARTHUR-ONSLOW

(151-152)

COMMANDING

IN THE FIELD

2/2 AUST MACHINE GUN BATTALION

2 JUL 43

151. DUTIES. DUTY COY - HQ COY

152. AMENDMENT TO STANDING ORDERS

(1) Appx "B" para 1 delete previous composition and substitute -
"The Guard will consist of:- 1 Sjt, 2 Cpls & 18 ORs.

(2) Para 4, delete previous posts and substitute -

Posts No. 1	Bn HQ	} By day and night.
2	Water Tanks	
3	Officers & Serjeants kitchens.	
4.	Canteen	
5.	In front of "Q" store	
6.	Tents in rear of "Q" store.	

Posts 3,4,5 & 6 from 1800 hrs to 0630 hrs.

F.A. Varley Capt.
(F.A. Varley)
ADJT 2/2 Aust MG Bn.

APPOINTMENTS, PROMOTIONS, TRANSFERS ETC.

NX55479	Pte Watson S.H.	appointed L/Cpl	w.e.f 1 Jul 43
NX41322	" McVey G.C	" "	" "
QX13811	" Gibbings J.G	" "	" "
NX26324	" Love N	" "	" "

CHURCH SERVICES

ANGLICAN COMMUNION - Service at 0800 hours in Y.M.C.A Marquee, Sunday July 4.

CHURCH PARADE SERVICE - at 0900 hours

SNACK BAR - Commencing Sunday next, snack bar will cease giving service on Sunday evenings.

SPORTING - BASEBALL - The following team will represent the Bn against 2 Station Hospital, MAREEBA, At Mareeba on Sunday 4 July.

Pitcher	R. Fuller
Catcher	E. Flower
1st Base	A.M. Johnston
2nd Base	J.H. Davis (Capt)
3rd Base	K.G. Goodland
S. Stop	G. Bendall
Left Fd	R.G. Riley
Centre Fd	J. Sanderson
Right Fd	E.E. Oakes

Reserves :- C.D. Barton, L.C. Poole, J. Henderson.

Umpire Pte A.D. Playford - Scorer, Sgt Roberts.

Transport will leave Canteen area 1300 hrs sharp. Dress Jungle greens.

SOCCER - Bn 1st team will play on Sunday 4 July on HOME GROUND at 1500 hrs. Bn 2nd team will play against 132 A.G.T. Coy on opponents ground. Tpt leaves R.A.P at 1300 hours:- Teams as under :-

<u>FIRST TEAM</u>		<u>SECOND TEAM</u>	
Goal	STOCKMAN L.J	GOAL	BUTLER T.F
BACKS	PERRY C. GRANEY W.T,	BACKS,	PATTERSON J, WATERHOUSE J,
HALVES,	SHOVE A, HOSKINS G, COCHRAN J,	HALVES	BEST, CHAFFEY (cpt) WATSON
FORWARDS	CAMPBELL MORGAN S (Capt)	FORWARDS	CAMPBELL D MUNRO S
	HEATH S KNIGHT, HARTLEY A		HOWE, WHITE G, NEW G
RESERVES	- TOWNSEND E		GREGORY J, MING E.

2nd team will be in charge of W.O. Howard. Early meals will be arranged and players notified.

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ROUTINE ORDERS BY

LT-COL E MACARTHUR-ONSLOW

COMMANDING

2/2 AUST MACHINE GUN BATTALION

(153-154)

IN THE FIELD

5 JUL 43

153. DISCIPLINE

NX 58839 Pte MURRAY, F. was convicted by a DCM of a charge of being AWL for 57 days 16 $\frac{3}{4}$ hrs, was sentenced to undergo detention for 9 months.

154. USE OF ORGAN

The organ from the Bn Offrs Mess will be made available on Tuesday & Thursday evenings for any persons wishing to play. It is requested however, that only persons who have played either the organ or piano will be allowed to play same, as damage may occur. If would-be-players who are interested contact the YMCA Cpl on the nights mentioned, he will arrange to have said organ removed to YMCA tent, and returned after use.

F.A. Varley
(F.A. Varley,
ADJT 2/2 Aust MG Bn.)

APPOINTMENTS, PROMOTIONS, TRANSFERS ETC

NX 45801 Pte DONOHUE, P. (AACC) promoted A/CPL w.e.f. 10:6:43
NX 34548 " MITCHELL, D.C. appointed T/Gp (ii)-Cook w.e.f. 25:6:43
NX 34548 " MITCHELL, D.C. transferred to A.A. Catering C. w.e.f. 20:6:43
& att 2/2 Aust MG Bn.
NX 59266 " BEAMAN, J. appointed T/Gp (ii)-Cook w.e.f. 25:6:43
NX 59266 " BEAMAN, J. transferred to A.A. Catering C. w.e.f. 25:6:43
& att 2/2 Aust MG Bn.
VX 25562 " BUTLER, T.F. det from BN HQ to "D" Coy w.e.f. 5:7:43
QX 16451 " GREEN, R. det from BN HQ to "C" Coy w.e.f. 5:7:43
QX 26923 " GRIEG, J.R. det from BN HQ to "C" Coy w.e.f. 5:7:43

NOTICES

LECTURE

A lecture in YMCA tent tonight 5 Jul 43 at 1930 hrs will be given on "PSYCHOLOGY AND ARMY ORGANISATION" by a member of the Army Educational Service.

PICTURE PROGRAMME - ATHERTON

Monday & Tuesday - "Girl from Alaska" & "Riders of the timberline"
Wednesday & Thursday - "Brooklyn Orchid" & "Eagle Squadron"

CONCERT PARTY

The 7 Div Concert Party will be showing in unit lines on Wednesday evening with a complete change of programme.

SPORTING RESULTS - SUNDAY 4 JUL 43

Rugby Union:

Bn 1st team defeated 2/11 Aust Fd Amb - 37/0

Soccer:

Bn 2nd team lost to 132 Gen Tpt Coy - 2/4

Hockey:

Bn team drew with 9 Div Sigs - 3/3

Baseball:

Bn 1st team lost to 2nd Stn Hosp US Army - 3/12

TENT GARDEN COMPETITION

Tent garden competition week ending 3 Jul 43 -

L/Cpl Gibbings, J.B. - "B" Coy - 10/-

This was the only award made.

- Page two -

- 2/2 Aust MG Bn - Regtl Funds -
- Balance Sheet as at 30 Jun 1943 -

- Liabilities -

Bn Funds	
Balance 31 May 1943	2936-18- 1
Loss Excess of expenditure for the month trans from Income account	<u>235- 0-11</u>
	<u>£2701 -17- 2</u>

- Assets -

A.I.F. Trust A/c No M.E. 296	936-13- 4
<u>Petty cash on hand</u>	2-10- 1
<u>Commonwealth Savings Bank - Sydney</u>	3- 8- 1
<u>Band Instruments at cost</u>	314- 0- 0
<u>Advances</u>	
Unit personnel	26- 6- 8
Stamps	20- 0- 0
Postal Notes	50- 0- 0
Theatre ticket deposit	<u>1-12- 7</u>
Bn Canteen	97-19- 3
Bn Property at cost	798- 3- 3
<u>Generating Plant at cost</u>	387- 1- 0
<u>Debtors</u>	161- 2- 2
	1- 0- 0

£2701-17- 2

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- 2/2 Aust MG Bn - Canteen -  
- Balance Sheet as at 30 Jun 43 -

- Liabilities -

|          |            |
|----------|------------|
| Bn Funds | £798- 3- 3 |
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- Assets -

|                              |           |
|------------------------------|-----------|
| <u>Stock on Hand at cost</u> | 344- 1- 5 |
| <u>Cash in hand</u>          | 206-18- 7 |
| <u>Campany accounts</u>      | 170- 3- 0 |
| <u>Snack Bar</u>             | 77- 0- 3  |

£798- 3- 3

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- 2/2 Aust MG Bn Snack bar -
Balance sheet as at 26 Jun 43

Bn Canteen	- <u>Liabilities -</u>	£77- 0- 3
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- Assets -

<u>Cash in hand</u>	17- 4-10
<u>Stock on hand at cost</u>	39- 3- 1
<u>Equipment</u>	20-12- 4
	<u>£77- 0- 3</u>

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155. LEAVE, TRANSFERS, DISCHARGES (9 Div RO 95)

- (a) Attention is drawn to RO 130.
- (b) Applications are still being forwarded by Coys contrary to instructions issued in the abovementioned RO.
- (c) Applicants on any grounds of leave, transfer or discharge, will be treated as though this unit were in a distant operational area such as the Middle East.

156. MOBILE EDUCATIONAL UNIT - A.E.S. (9 Div RO 96)

Applicants are required for the position of Sjt i/c Mobile Education Unit, A.E.S. 9 Aust Div.

Applicants must possess the following qualifications:

- (a) Ability to lecture
- (b) Academic and travel experience
- (c) Knowledge of office procedure.

Applications must be in applicant's own handwriting, stating qualifications, and will be submitted to this HQ by 14 Jul 43.

157. DRESS (9 Div RO No 97)

- (1) Attention is drawn to unit "Q" memo regarding Dress.
- (2) It is noticed that orders are NOT completely being carried out. This refers particularly to the manner in which hats are worn.
- (3) Os C personally are held responsible that all the provisions of the abovementioned instruction are carried out. Any breach by the individual soldier will be considered a severe breach of discipline and dealt with accordingly.

158. COMPENSATION FOR KIT LOST OR DESTROYED WHILST ON SERVICE (9 Div RO 102)

- (1) For the present, no claims will be lodged other than for pillage of contents of trunks etc., actually received.
- (2) Articles of kit not yet to hand ex LIDDINGTON move will not be considered as lost at this juncture, unless definite evidence can be produced.

159. SALVAGE (9 Div RO 103)

- (1) Small tins and other suitable containers (2 oz) are required for use in distribution of anti-mosquito cream.
- (2) Coys will collect all such containers and forward to salvage depot, where they will be held until required.

160. SALVAGE OF STAMPS

Coys will be responsible for the collection of stamps before destroying envelopes, wrappers etc from which they are taken. The stamps will be collected by Pte HALE, N.S. who will sort them for re-sale through Salvage Offr. It is advised that considerably higher prices can be obtained for stamps of highest denominations, therefore attention should be paid to salvage of stamps from parcels etc.

161. DISCIPLINE

NX 40904 Pte WILSON, W.D. WOAS losing by neglect his Emergency Rations. Was awarded 5 days GB and forfeiture of all privileges during this period by his Coy Comd.

*F. A. Varley* CAPT  
(F. A. Varley)  
ADJT 2/2 Aust MG Bn.

APPOINTMENTS, PROMOTIONS, TRANSFERS ETC

VX 5160 Sjt POWER, G.J. appointed Sjt Cook w.e.f. 8 Jul 43  
NX 30560 A/Sjt CLARK, C.V. reverts to A/CPL w.e.f. 8 Jul 43  
NX 31340 L/Sjt GOODLAND, K.G. promoted to A/SJT w.e.f. 2 Jul 43  
QX 11386 A/Cpl MARTIN, F.W. appointed L/SJT w.e.f. 5 Jul 43  
NX 65529 L/Cpl CAMPBELL, H. relinquishes T/Gp (ii)-Sig. w.e.f. 25:6:43  
NX 65529 " CAMPBELL, H. promoted to A/CPL - Sig. w.e.f. 25:6:43  
NX 25570 Pte DICKER, C.V. relinquishes T/Gp (ii)-Sig w.e.f. 25:6:43  
NX 25570 " DICKER, C.V. promoted to A/CPL - sig. w.e.f. 25:6:43  
NX 59150 " DOWELL, G.I. relinquishes T/Gp (ii) -Sig w.e.f. 25:6:43  
NX 59150 " DOWELL, G.I. promoted to A/CPL -Sig w.e.f. 25:6:43  
NX 27274 A/Cpl BISHOP, E. reverts to L/CPL w.e.f. 8 Jul 43  
NX 27274 L/Cpl BISHOP, E. appointed T/Gp (ii)-Cook w.e.f. 8:7:43

NOTICES

CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE

To Lt-Gen Sir Leslie Morshead from Field Marshal Lord Birdwood:

My Dear Morshead,

It is only now that I have heard of the safe return of you and your ever very gallant Division to Australia, and I feel I must tell you once more how very sincerely and heartily I do congratulate you and every one of you on the very great and brave work you have done and all carried out through all your strenuous M.E. fighting. After all this it is only right you should all have a spell in your own beloved homeland, get I hope some very happy days with your families, get well re-equipped before once more having to take on and let us hope, finally knock out those bestial but brave and cruel Japanese. That must take time, but every ship sunk is nail in their coffin and we don't seem to be doing too badly in that respect. More very heavy fleet actions must be before us. My kindest remembrances and good wishes please, to all old friends and comrades. Excuse note as I write from bed, but only temporarily laid up.

Yours as ever,

(sgd) BIRDWOOD OF ANZAC

✓  
R.S.M.  
AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

ROUTINE ORDERS BY

LT-COL E MACARTHUR-ONSLOW  
COMMANDING

(162 - 165)  
IN THE FIELD

2/2 AUST MACHINE GUN BATTALION

9 JUL 43

162. WATER CHLORINATION (2 Aust Corps RO 165)

- (a) All water supplies drawn from streams or other natural sources will be tested and chlorinated prior to use.
- (b) The practice of using unchlorinated water in kitchens will cease forthwith.
- (c) Water drawn from Town Reticulation may be used without prior chlorination.

163. DAMAGE TO TIMBER (2 Aust Corps RO 171)

Many instances of needless ringbarking and felling of timber causing unnecessary damage have been observed in this area. This practice will cease forthwith, and the provision of GRO Q134/43 as set out hereunder, will apply: -

1. Members will not, except for operational purposes, cut or authorise or direct the cutting of timber growing on private or public property (including forestry reserves) without first obtaining the consent of a person having power to agree to such cutting.
2. Attention is directed to GROs A232/1942 (as amended by A266/1942) and G600/1942.

164. 1943 ARMY XMAS BOOK COMPETITION (2 Aust Corps Notice)

Approval has been given by the Commander-in-Chief for the preparation of the 1943 Army Xmas Book to be put in hand immediately. £125 in cash prizes is being offered for contributions. IN EACH OF THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS (1 to 5) THERE WILL BE A FIRST PRIZE OF £10. A SECOND OF £5 AND FIVE ADDITIONAL PRIZES OF £1 EACH.

- SECTION 1 Personal adventure story of from 1000 to 1500 words. Entry to be accompanied by a declaration signed by the author that the story is true.
- SECTION 2 Short story of from 1000 to 1500 words - Serious, humorous, animal or character study.
- SECTION 3 Verse.
- SECTION 4 Black and white drawing - humorous or otherwise, for reproduction by line block on whole or half page, paper size 8 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 11" deep.
- SECTION 5 Collection of 10 photographs judged for action and news or human interest.

Prints submitted must not be less than  $\frac{1}{2}$  plate size, glazed bromide finish. Negatives may be forwarded for printing to Mil Hist Sec accompanied by full captions. This section is limited to unit photographers only and entries forwarded by, or through O i/c photography.

SECTION 6 (5 prizes of £2, 5 of £1 and 10 of 10/-). Paragraphs humorous or otherwise of about 100 to 250 words.

SECTION 7 Prize of £5 - TITLE OF BOOK.

(In the event of two or more submitting the same title, prize to be awarded to first entry opened).

The judges will be O i/c Mil Hist Sec, Editor "Salt", and acting director Aust War Memorial.

CONDITIONS

Entries should have an army application or background and not relate to events prior to 1/9/42.

Each entry should be signed with a nom de plume accompanied by regimental number, rank, name and unit of competitor and the following declaration: -

"I declare that this entry is my own work and has not previously been published".

COMPETITION WILL CLOSE ON 31/7/43 and RESULTS ANNOUNCED IN "SALT" AND OFFICIAL ARMY NEWSPAPERS.

Mil Hist Sec reserves the right to publish any entry in the Xmas Book whether awarded a prize or not, and has also the sole copyright of any article so published.

- ENTRIES -

ALL ENTRIES SHOULD BE FORWARDED TO - EDITOR, ARMY XMAS BOOK, CARE MILITARY HISTORY SECTION, AUST ARMY BASE P.O. MELBOURNE.

165. PROCEEDINGS OF DISTRICT COURTS MARTIAL (9 Dir RO 100)

- (a) SX 11357 Gnr GREEN, W.O. 2/7 Aust Fd Regt was found guilty of conduct to the prejudice of good order & mil discipline, in writing a letter, containing statements calculated to bring into disrepute his unit. A.A. 40. Sentence: Fd punishment for 28 days & forf of pay for 28 days & fined £5.
- (b) NX 40424 Pte DREW, A.F.C. 2/3 Aust Pnr Bn was found guilty of two charges of conduct to the prejudice of good order & Mil discipline, in writing a letter containing statements calculated to bring into disrepute the Mil Forces of the Commonwealth of Australia. A.A. 40 Sentence: Fd punishment for 60 days & forfeiture of pay for 60 days.
- (c) VX 19834 Gnr JARVIE, J.B.B. 2/3 Aust Tk A Regt, was found guilty of :- (1) Absent without leave A.A. 15 (1) (2) Conduct to the prejudice of good order & Mil discipline in writing a letter in which he suggested that false evidence be obtained in respect of a charge against him of being absent without leave. A.A. 40. Sentence: To undergo detention for (9) months.

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ADJT 2/2 Aust MG Bn.

NOTICES

MOBILE CINEMA

Picture programme to be shown in unit lines on night of Saty 10 Jul 43 - BLOCKHEADS starring LAUREL AND HARDY, together with short subjects.

SOCCOR

The following players have been selected to play against the 2nd Stn Hospital U.S. Army on the Bn ground on Saty 10 Jul 43 at 1530 hrs.

Goal: Stockman, L.H.

Backs: Perry, G., Munro, S.

Halves: Scott A, Chaffey, S.A., Jonkin, T.

Fwds: Watson, D., Miles, J., Heath S., White, G., New, G.

All players are to assemble in D Coy mess hut at 1300 hrs Sat 10 Jul 43.

Team to represent this Bn against 2/3 Aust Pnr Bn on Pioneer ground on Sunday 11 Jul 43 at 1330 hrs.

Goal: Stockman, L.H.

Backs: Perry, G., Cockram, J.

Halves: Knight, V., Hoskins, G., Best E.

Fwds: Campbell, H., Morgan, S., Heath S., Miles J., Martley, A.

Team to assemble at YMCA Hut at 1300 hrs Sunday 11 Jul 43.

CHURCH SERVICES - SUNDAY 11 JUL 43

Anglican Communion Service at YMCA tent at 0800 hrs.

Church Parade Service at 0900 hrs.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE  
 ROUTINE ORDERS BY  
 LT-COL E MACARTHUR-ONSLOW (166)  
 COMMANDING IN THE FIELD  
 2/2 AUST MACHINE GUN BATTALION 10 JUL 43

166. PICTURE SHOW - ATHERTON - ROSTER

|        |        |     |       |        |     |
|--------|--------|-----|-------|--------|-----|
| JUL 11 | C Coy  | 26  | Aug 1 | HQ Coy | 26  |
| " 12   | D Coy  | 18) | " 2   | A "    | 18) |
| " 13   | Bn HQ  | 4)  | " 3   | Bn HQ  | 4)  |
| " 14   | HQ Coy | 22  | " 4   | B Coy  | 22  |
| " 15   | A "    | 22  | " 5   | C "    | 22  |
| " 16   | C "    | 22  | " 6   | HQ "   | 22  |
| " 18   | D "    | 22  | " 8   | A "    | 22  |
| " 19   | HQ "   | 26  | " 9   | B "    | 26  |
| " 20   | A "    | 18) | " 10  | C "    | 18) |
| " 21   | Bn HQ  | 4)  | " 11  | Bn HQ  | 4)  |
| " 22   | C Coy  | 22  | " 12  | HQ Coy | 22  |
| " 23   | D "    | 22  | " 13  | A "    | 22  |
| " 24   | HQ "   | 22  | " 14  | B "    | 22  |
| " 25   | A "    | 22  | " 15  | C "    | 22  |
| " 26   | B "    | 26  | " 16  | HQ "   | 22  |
| " 27   | C "    | 18) | " 17  | Bn HQ  | 4)  |
| " 28   | Bn HQ  | 4)  | " 18  | A Coy  | 22  |
| " 29   | HQ Coy | 22  | " 19  | C "    | 22  |
| " 30   | A "    | 22  | " 20  | HQ "   | 22  |
|        | B "    | 22  |       | B "    | 22  |
|        | C "    | 22  |       | A "    | 22  |

*F.A. Varley* CAPT.  
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 ADJT 2/2 Aust MG Bn.

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SPORTING FIXTURES -  
 RUGBY UNION

The following players have been selected to represent the Battalion against 9 Aust Div AASC on Sunday 11 JUL 43 :-

1st team

Herbertson, F.  
 Craven, C.P.  
 Chinnery, H.J.  
 Elliott, H.L.  
 Rowe, C.S.  
 Crommellin, A.K. (Capt)  
 Ford, D.  
 Howe, H.  
 Bergin, J.  
 Boughton, J.R.  
 Davis, J.  
 Hughes, D.C.  
 Miller, D.C.  
 Coughlan, W.T.  
 Kenyon, J.R.

Reserves:

BASEBALL:

Team to play 2nd Stn Hosp US Army at 1330 hrs Saty 10 Jul 43:-

Catchers: Barton, G.D.  
 Pitcher: Riley, R.G. (c)  
 1st bases: Bondall, G.  
 2nd " : Morgan, H.  
 3rd " : Fuller, R.  
 Short St: Playford, A.J.  
 Right Pd: Roberts, S.  
 Centre " : Sanderson, J.  
 Left Pd : Oakes, E.E

Reserves: Titchhurst, J.  
 Birroll, J.

2nd team

Chaffoy, E.O.  
 May, C.P.  
 Brown, R.L.  
 King, L.D.  
 Colver, F.  
 Snodgrass, C.R. (Capt)  
 Cadell, H.L.  
 Hutchison, W.A.  
 Lister, R.J.  
 Ewing, T.M.  
 Starkey, A.E.  
 McLaren, R.  
 Varley, F.A.  
 Wylie, D.P.  
 McInnes, L.D.  
 Campbell, W.G., Cutcliffe, E.

HOCKEY:

Bn team to play against 2/3 Aust Tk A Regt commencing 1030 hrs  
 Sunday 11 Jul 43.

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- 2/2 Aust MG Bn - Regtl Funds -

- Statement of Expenditure & Income for the month -
of JUNE 1943

- Expenditure -

<u>Sundry Expenses</u>			
<u>Lighting expenses</u>			18- 6
<u>Sundry materials & tools</u>			6- 2- 4
<u>Rations</u>			24- 10- 2
Mutton & Savoloys	57-18-11		
Milk	86- 2- 0		
Vegetables & fruit	29-13- 8	173- 14- 7	
<u>Stationery</u>			
<u>Amenities</u>			3- 0
Sporting Equipment & repairs			
Football	6-0-7		
Baseball	5-5-0		
Quiz Prizes	11- 5- 7		
Garden Competition Prizes	8-17- 6		
Best Tent Competition "	3- 5- 0		
Free issue beer & chocolate	2- 0- 0		
Garden seeds & fertilizer	71-16- 6		
"Digger Hat" books	5- 0- 9		
Tailors materials	25-19- 0		
Daily papers	19- 2		
Sundries	1- 2- 8		
	5- 0- 0	135- 6- 2	
		<u>£340-14- 9</u>	

- Income -

<u>Canteen Profits</u>	102-13- 8
<u>Snack Bar Profits</u>	1- 2- 2
<u>Photography Surplus</u>	1-18- 0
	<u>£105-13-10</u>

Balance being excess of Expenditure over
 Income for the month, transferred to
Bn Funds £235- 0-11

£340-14- 9

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

ROUTINE ORDERS BY

LT-COL E MACARTHUR-ONSLOW

COMMANDING

2/2 AUST MACHINE GUN BATTALION

(167-168)

IN THE FIELD

12 JUL 43

167. TRAINING FILM 3209 - "MOSQUITOES & MALARIA" (9 Div G726/80/7)  
1. The above film is a trg film on malaria, produced by the British Army, and has entertainment as well as educational value.  
2. The film will be screened by mobile cinema units as part of the normal programme, and will be shown to all tps in 9 Aust Div area, during period 13-18 Jul inclusive, by No 12 Mobile Unit.  
3. Coys will arrange for the maximum numbers of troops to attend each screening.
168. PICTURE SHOW - ATHERTON  
Vacancies for ATHERTON pictures must be paid for by Coys by 1200 hrs daily. Any NOT paid for by this time will be automatically surrendered and re-allotted.

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APPOINTMENTS, PROMOTIONS, TRANSFERS ETC

NX 26198 Pte LEEDHAM, H.W. transferred from "D" Coy to HQ Coy - 12/7/43

NOTICES

AMENITIES

It is proposed that a series of weekly table tennis tournaments be conducted in the YMCA tent. Weekly prizes to be respectively orders for 10/- & 5/- from the unit canteen. If number of entrants is too great, each tournament may take more than a week. Personnel interested please contact YMCA corporal for further details. Commencing date will be arranged by YMCA corporal (Cpl TRENHOLME) and Coys will run off Coy heats.

SPORTING RESULTS - WEEK END 10/11 JUL 43

RUGBY UNION:

Bn 1st team lost to AASC 9 Aust Div - 8/14  
Bn 2nd team defeated AASC 9 Aust Div No 2 team - 19/3

SOCCER:

Bn 1st team defeated 2/3 Aust Pnr Bn - 2/1  
Bn 2nd team " 2nd Stn Hosp US Army - 4/2

HOCKEY:

Bn team lost to 2/3 Aust Tk A Regt - 1/2

BASEBALL:

Bn team lost to 2nd Stn Hosp US Army - 6/9

AUSTRALIAN RULES FIXTURES:

Unit will play 2/3 Tk A/T Regt on WEDNESDAY 14th July 43 AT 1400 HOURS on CAV. GROUNDS.

*W/Varley*

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE  
ROUTINE ORDERS BY  
LT-COL E MACARTHUR-ONSLOW (169)  
COMMANDING IN THE FIELD  
2/2 AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION 14 JUL 43

169. ARMY EXHIBITION OF ARTS AND CRAFTS (2 Aust Corps RO 176)
1. It is proposed to hold an Exhibition in Sep 43 of arts and crafts and handiwork of members of the Forces. It is proposed to exhibit such items of various types of woodwork, toys, basket work, rugs, woven materials, posters, paintings, modelling and all other handicrafts. It is particularly desired to obtain examples of work done by soldiers on remote posts which might include articles made from pearl shell and tortoise shell.
  2. To enable the necessary selection of exhibits to be made, it is desired that all Coy's furnish to this HQ by 1800 hrs today a list of articles of the above nature which may be available for exhibition.
  3. After consideration of the above lists by D.A.D. Education, units concerned will be advised which exhibits it is desired should be forwarded for exhibition.

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APPOINTMENTS, PROMOTIONS, TRANSFERS ETC

QX 8727 Pte WHITE, K.E. appointed L/CPL w.e.f. 15:6:43  
QX 8922 " EVANS, G. " " w.e.f. 3:6:43

NOTICES

MOBILE CINEMA

The programme for mobile Cinema showing in unit lines next Saty evening 17/7/43 - GREAT AMERICAN BROADCAST.

LOST

Lost on 12 Jul in HQ Coy lines wristlet watch IMMERFORD waterproof with brown face and illumious dial. Reward of £1 to finder. Apply HQ Coy Ord Rm.



ROUTINE ORDERS BY

LT-COL E MACARTHUR-ONSLOW

(170-171)

COMMANDING

IN THE FIELD

2/2 AUST MACHINE GUN BATTALION

15 JUL 43

170. REFUSE

Coys will ensure that Hygiene personnel see that no refuse is left at collecting point after refuse containers have been emptied.

171. AIRGRAPH SERVICE

(1) An Airgraph Service is now in operation in this country and airgraphs may be sent to :-

(a) to civilians in :-

|                      |               |                   |
|----------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Aden                 | Eire          | Palestine         |
| Anglo Egyptian Sudan | India         | Seychelles        |
| Bahrien              | Iraq          | South Africa      |
| British Somaliland   | Kenya         | Southern Rhodesia |
| Canada               | Uganda        | Tanganyika        |
| Ceylon               | Mauritius     | Transjordan       |
| Cyprus               | Nthn Rhodesia | United Kingdom    |
| Egypt                | Nyasaland     | Zanzibar          |

(b) To members of the Forces of the Empire serving in :-

|                                                  |
|--------------------------------------------------|
| The Countries included in the list above, and :- |
| Syria                                            |
| Persian Iraq Force                               |
| Ethopia (Abyssinia)                              |
| Madagascar                                       |
| Somalia (Italian Somaliland)                     |
| Iran (Persia)                                    |

(2) Airgraphs must be written on the correct form which may be obtained from unit post office.

(3) ADDRESSING - The name and address of the addressee will be written BY HAND in prominent BLOCK letters (as large as possible) and must be kept wholly within the panel provided for that purpose. As the letter when delivered will be a photographic print (approx 5" x 4") less than one quarter the size of the Airgraph Form it is most necessary that the address details and the letter itself be clearly written. The address particulars should be accurate and complete and given in the same way as in ordinary correspondence posted to the same addressee.

(4) WRITING THE LETTER - Only the front of the Airgraph Form may be used for writing the letter. Where two or more forms are used (see para 8 for the fees due in these circumstances) the name & address of the addressee and of the sender must be inserted on each form used and in such case it is desirable also that Senders show the page number immediately above the written text of each form used.

(5) The writing should be plain and in black ink. Very small writing is unsuitable and use of pencil is not recommended, but if used MUST be a "B" pencil. Indelible pencil will NOT be used.

(6) The full address of the sender and the date of writing must be written at the top of the letter portion of the form, and at the end of the text the sender's FULL NAME in BLOCK letters and his SIGNATURE.

(7) CENSORSHIP - Normal Unit Censorship arrangements will apply to Airgraph Letters lodged by personnel. The Franking Officer's signature will appear in the lower left hand corner of the form, (above the direction "This space should not be used") The unit censor stamp will be affixed in the space between the addresses panel and the single printed line directly thereunder; it will be placed as far to the left as practicable.

(8) FEES PAYABLE - The fees payable for Airgraph Letters are as follows :-

- (a) For Airgraph Letters to members of the Forces of the British Empire ..... 5d
- (b) For Airgraph Letters to civilians ..... 10d

- (9) When the space available on one Airgraph Form is insufficient and the sender has to utilise two or more forms for the letter, a separate fee at the above rates will be affixed to each form making up the letter.
- (10) When a letter comprises more than one form - see para (9) stamps for each separate fee at the above rates will be affixed to each form used.
- (11) AIRGRAPH FORMS MUST NOT BE FOLDED

*W. Varley*  
 CAPT  
 (P.A. Varley)  
 ADJT 2/2 AUST MG Bn

NOTICES

AMENITIES

Acknowledged herewith amenities received from 2/2 MG Bn Comforts Auxiliary NSW branch :-

- 10 parcels chocolate
- 11 books
- 9 parcels papers

RUGBY UNION

A Bn team will play 2/3 Aust Fd Amb on Sunday 18 Jul at 1500 hrs.

HOCKEY

Bn 1st team will play 9 Aust Div Sigs on Sunday 18 Jul at 1030 hrs.

(1) ADDRESSING - The name and address of the addressee will be written in block letters (as large as possible) and must be kept wholly within the panel provided for that purpose. As the letter when delivered will be photographed (approx 2 1/2" x 4") less than one quarter the size of the Airgraph form it is most necessary that the address details and the letter itself be clearly written. The address particulars should be complete and complete and given in the same way as in ordinary correspondence posted to the same addressee.

(2) WRITING THE LETTER - Only the front of the Airgraph form may be used for the letter. Where two or more forms are used (see para 9 for the fees for these circumstances) the name & address of the addressee and of the sender must be inserted on each form used and in each case it is essential that the sender show the page number immediately above the written text of each form used.

(3) The writing should be in block letters. Very small writing is unacceptable and use of pencil is not recommended but it must be a "soft" pencil. Indecipherable pencil will not be used.

(4) The full address of the sender and the date of writing must be written at the top of the letter portion of the form and at the end of the text the sender's FULL NAME in block letters and the SIGNATURE.

(5) GLOSSING - Normal Unit Glossing arrangements will apply to Airgraph letters lodged by personnel. The finishing of the signature will appear in the lower left hand corner of the form (above the direction "this space should not be used"). The unit censor stamp will be affixed in the space between the left and right panels and the single handed line directly thereon it will be placed as far to the left as possible.

(6) FEES PAYABLE - The fees payable for Airgraph letters are as follows :-

(a) For Airgraph letters to members of the forces of the

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

ROUTINE ORDERS BY

LT-COL E MACARTHUR-O. SLOW

(172-173)

COMMANDING

2/2 AUST MACHINE GUN BATTALION

IN THE FIELD  
19 JUL 43

172. DISCIPLINE

NX 82320 Pte PEARCE, N. was convicted by a DCM on a charge of being AWL for a period of 35 days, was sentenced to undergo detention for 50 days.

173. ASSISTANCE TO FAMILIES OF SOLDIERS (First Aust Army Order A154)

1. In a number of cases of AWL, a plea has been made by the accused soldier that his absence was caused by domestic trouble. Apparently offenders are not aware of the methods by which they can obtain information of or practical assistance for their families and the following avenues are noted for the information of all concerned :-

- (a) Soldiers may make official enquiry through their units on a confidential basis.
- (b) Unit Chaplains may make enquiries and obtain assistance from ministers of their own denominations near a soldier's home.
- (c) Soldiers may write under confidential cover to the following organisations for information of or help for their families :-

VICTORIA - AIF Women's Association  
437 Collins Street  
MELBOURNE.

N.S.W. - The Lord Mayor's Patriotic & War Fund, NSW  
Cr Martin Place & Phillip Street,  
SYDNEY

W.AUST - Western Australia Patriotic Fund,  
Soldier's Dependants Appeal  
C.T.A. Building,  
PERTH.

SOUTH AUST - Fighting Forces Family Welfare Bureau,  
24 James Place,  
ADELAIDE.

QLD. - Mothercraft Association War Auxiliary,  
Cliffside, River Terrace,  
BRISBANE.

TASMANIA - Hon State Secretary,  
A.C.F. (Welfare Dept) ACF Office,  
131 Collins Street,  
HOBART.

- (d) In addition to the above, it is a normal function of unit women's auxiliaries to assist in these matters and soldiers can make direct approaches to these bodies.

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APPOINTMENTS, PROMOTIONS, TRANSFERS ETC

| Rank     | Name                 | Confirmation Date                   |
|----------|----------------------|-------------------------------------|
| NX 31340 | A/SJT GOODLAND, K.G. | rank to be confirmed w.e.f. 19:7:43 |
| NX 57086 | " GEANY, W.T.        | " " 19:7:43                         |
| NX 50770 | " MILLER, D.O.       | " " 19:7:43                         |
| NX 27687 | " FENDALL, G.A.      | " " 19:7:43                         |
| QX 5080  | " MASTERS, G.C.      | " " 19:7:43                         |
| NX 21971 | " SHEPHERD, D.       | " " 19:7:43                         |
| QX 1708  | " PERRY, G.E.        | " " 19:7:43                         |
| QX 5508  | " MONTGOMERY, R.J.   | " " 19:7:43                         |
| NX 56387 | " WILEY, J.E.G.      | " " 19:7:43                         |
| NX 15849 | A/CPL ALLENDEN, R.G. | " " 19:7:43                         |
| NX 41029 | " KING, L.J.         | " " 19:7:43                         |
| NX 30705 | " IHLEIN, N.L.       | " " 19:7:43                         |

APPOINTMENTS, PROMOTIONS, TRANSFERS ETC (CONTD)

|          |       |                 |                             |         |
|----------|-------|-----------------|-----------------------------|---------|
| NX 15797 | A/CPL | SKINNER, A.L.C. | rank to be confirmed w.e.f. | 19:7:43 |
| NX 25165 | "     | MARTIN, A.J.    | "                           | 19:7:43 |
| NX 30560 | "     | CLARKE, C.V.    | "                           | 19:7:43 |
| NX 34475 | "     | MURRAY, S.E.    | "                           | 19:7:43 |
| NX 17311 | "     | ROUGHLEY, W.E.  | "                           | 19:7:43 |
| NX 23594 | "     | PETLIT, A.C.    | "                           | 19:7:43 |
| NX 69901 | "     | REDFERN, R.     | "                           | 19:7:43 |
| QX 14579 | "     | LEIPER, R.J.    | "                           | 19:7:43 |
| QX 11386 | "     | MARTIN, F.W.    | "                           | 19:7:43 |
| QX 8930  | "     | FOGARTY, T.A.   | "                           | 19:7:43 |
| QX 8737  | "     | BANNAH, M.A.B.  | "                           | 19:7:43 |
| QX 10125 | "     | WATTS, J.R.     | "                           | 19:7:43 |
| NX 45256 | "     | DEVINE, C.R.    | reverts to L/CPL w.e.f.     | 19:7:43 |
| NX 65628 | Pte   | MAITLAND, C.J.  | promoted to CPL w.e.f.      | 19:7:43 |

The following officers postings will be effective as from 19:7:43 :-

Bn HQ

Lt-Col E Macarthur-Onslow  
Major G A Searle  
Capt F A Varley  
Lieut M Peachey  
Capt K J Dorney  
Chap J E Jaeger  
Capt G Foster-Knight A.E.M.E.

HQ Coy

Capt G M Turner  
Lieut M J Lamb  
" W R Melville  
" C A Moxham  
" D A Stuart

A Coy

Capt P B Green  
" W P Nicholas  
Lieut R J Bennett  
" F Herbertson  
" M D Johnson

B Coy

Capt F R Staniland  
" R J Crist  
Lieut W N Tippett  
" J F Lavan, M.C.  
" G T Ferguson

C Coy

Major G C Brown  
Capt J G Cameron  
Lieut T M Ewing  
" C E Jack  
" A B Farquhar

D Coy

Capt K S Wragge  
Lieut R W Cameron, D.S.O.  
" H J Cockram  
" V C Moulder  
" P E Gardiner

AMENITIES

Acknowledge receipt of amenities from 2/2 MG Bn Comforts Auxiliary, NSW branch :-

2 parcels of books,  
4 packets of papers.

LETTER FROM SGT HUGH QUINN (P.O.W.)

Undermentioned is copy of a letter received from the abovementioned NCO :-

"Since last I wrote, a few additional have been made to our strength and the complete list is now, Andrews, Atkins, Bardell, Beitz, Birtles, Clarke, Cox, Hales, Hutchison, Lander, Quinn, Sabin, Shaw, Smithwick, Stanley, Stokes and Taylor, P. I have no knowledge of the six others captured with me. Beitz and Birtles are at present in hospital, both with pneumonia, but latest reports show that both are well past the danger stage and are progressing favourably. Everyone else is fit and well, and making the most of things. Xmas is almost upon us, and even more than usual one hears " I wonder how the boys are?" To all we send our best wishes for the new year, and our hopes of meeting them again. I shall write as usual at the end of next month, by then we hope to have had some mail.

(sgd) QX 8099 H.F. Quinn, Sjt.

FOUND

A light brown leather tobacco pouch was found on the football field. Owner may have same on identification at this HQ.

SURPLUS OFFICERS

The posting of surplus officers will appear in tomorrow's Routine Orders.

*W/Diary*

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE  
ROUTINE ORDERS BY

LT-COL E MACARTHUR-ONSLOW  
COMMANDING

(174-176)  
IN THE FIELD

2/2 AUST MACHINE GUN BATTALION

20 JUL 43

174. CIVILIANS - CONVEYANCE OF IN ARMY VEHS (2 Aust Corps RO 181)  
 1. Attention is drawn to Standing Orders for Drivers of Mechanical Vehicles para 10.  
 2. Civilian personnel will not be conveyed in military vehicles.
175. MECHANICAL VEHICLES - DAMAGE TO TAILBOARDS (2 Aust Corps RO 182)  
 1. Damage has been caused due to carelessness in lowering tailboards and moving vehs while tailboards are down.  
 2. Attention is directed to Standing Orders for Drivers of Mechanical Vehicles 1942 No 13 and Standing Orders for Operation & Maintenance of Mechanical Vehicles 53 (c).
176. PRIVATE PROPERTY - DAMAGE TO (2 Aust Corps RO 183)  
 1. Many claims for compensation for damage to fences, and for the removal of standing timber, have been received.  
 2. Attention is directed to GRO 600/42, which outlines the policy to be followed in the occupation or use of land or other property, and to Unit RO 141.  
 3. In particular the following points will be noted :-  
 (a) damaged fences will be repaired immediately,  
 (b) wire will not be removed from fences unless those fences are within the boundaries of a hiring, in which event it should, if removed, be kept intact,  
 (c) Slit trenches and latrine pits must be filled in and rubbish burned or buried, before units leave areas occupied for manoeuvres or semi-permanently,  
 (d) standing timber will not be felled on private property without the owner's consent, and in the case of Crown Land, without reference to the Sub-Department of Forestry either directly or through caretakers or foresters. There is a representative of the Forestry Department in the Court House Building at ATHERTON. When compensation to a private owner is involved, it will be the subject of a mutual agreement and the necessary formalities will be completed.

CAPT  
(F.A. Varley)  
ADJT 2/2 Aust MG Bn.

APPOINTMENTS, PROMOTIONS, TRANSFERS ETC

- NX 20382 A/SJT TRESSIDER, R. rank to be confirmed w.e.f. - 19:7:43  
 NX 25124 A/CPL BIRRELL, C.A.D. " " " " - 19:7:43  
 QX 10588 L/CPL LYNCH, R. promoted to /CPL w.e.f. - 19:7:43  
 NX 57091 A/CPL PARKHILL, J.W. rank to be confirmed w.e.f. - 19:7:43

POSTING SURPLUS OFFICERS & OTHER RANKS

1. As from 1200 hrs 20 Jul 43 all surplus officers & last reinft draft of 14 ORs (i.e. those not posted in ROs 19 Jul 43) will form a cadre as detailed below and administered by HQ COY :-

- |                            |                |
|----------------------------|----------------|
| Lieut I Y MILLS, CO Cadre. | Lieut L A WALL |
| " O P CRAVEN               | " H R EDWARDS  |
| " W B ARMSTRONG            | " H E GEE      |
| " R C CANN                 | " G J JEFFCOAT |
| " R J GINN                 | " C C HALL     |
| " R H McLAREN              | " K G KIBBLE   |
- 
- |                             |                            |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| QX 28822 Pte ROE, W.        | QX 27333 Pte GOULDER, J.   |
| QX 39815 " SHIPLEY, N.R.    | VX 131740 " MILLS, O.G.    |
| QX 38529 " ONES, H.         | QX 38567 " ALEXANDER, A.L. |
| QX 37175 " LISTER, G.W.     | QX 37102 " THOMAS, G.      |
| QX 32573 " HANELT, F.G.     | QX 30391 " EVERETT, A.G.   |
| QX 28572 " LEE, F.N. (hosp) | SX 23859 " TONKIN, W.G.    |
| VX 100867 " WARD, G.        | QX 38638 " WESTON, L.D.    |
| QX 38568 " O'FLAHERTY, C.   | QX 47399 " SIMPSON, C.H.   |

APPOINTMENTS, PROMOTIONS, TRANSFERS ETC (CONTD)

Sigs to be attached to Coys for discipline and admn from 1200 hrs 20 Jul 43 :-

A Coy

Cpl CAMPBELL, H.  
Pte KIDD, A.C.  
" HIRD, A.  
" McINNES, L.D.  
" LEEDHAM, H.W.

B Coy

Cpl DOWELL, G.I.  
Pte Whittaker, T.  
" WALLIN, S.C.  
" MALONEY, F.  
" BOWDEN, C.

C Coy

Cpl DICKER, C.V.  
Pte O'BRIEN, W.  
" BONWICK, V.J.  
" DAVIS, J.  
" JONES, A.

D Coy

L/Sjt GIBSON, T.  
L/Cpl ASHBY, L.E.R.  
Pte SANDERS, T.J.  
" SHOVELLER, E.  
" WATERS, C.J.

Some of the above Sigs may be required for trg as and when directed by OC HQ Coy.

Stretcher Bearers to be attached to Coys for discipline and admn from 1200 hrs 20 Jul 43 :-

A Coy

Pte COLLIER, D.A.  
" LISTER, R.J.  
" RHODES, N.R.  
" FOUNTAIN, H.

B Coy

Pte LAWRY, H.C.  
" FOSTER, F.  
" DALEY, A.  
" BUTLER, T.F.

C Coy

Pte ROBINSON, K.R.  
" HOLLOWAY, M.E.C.  
" LITTLE, L.V.  
" GREEN, R.

D Coy

Pte COLLIER, R.G.  
" SPENCE, J.  
" ROWE, R.  
" CHIN, R.J.

NOTICES

PUBLICATIONS

A number of copies of the publications "SOLDIERING ON", "THESE EAGLES" and "H.M.A.S." are now available, cost of same being 5/6 per volume including postage. Coys will submit to this HQ requirements and cash for same. Requirements to include Soldier's number, rank, name and address to which publication is to be posted, to be at this HQ by 1600 hrs Thursday 22 Jul 43.

AMENITIES

Acknowledged herewith amenities received from 2/2 MG Bn Comforts Auxiliary NSW Branch :- 10 packets of playing cards.

AUSTRALIAN RULES FOOTBALL

Bn team to play 2/3 Aust Tk A Regt on Cav ground wed Jul 21.

Barton, G. (capt)

Wragge, K.

Grey, D.

Hambley, G.

Ellis, S.

Sim, J.I.

Jordan, P.

Cunee, R.

Ball, I.S.T.

Green, N.

Essery, A.W.

Jones

Wilton, J.

Dorney, K.J. (v.c)

Geale, N.

Monaghan, J.

Herbertson, F.

Laidler, S.

Hall, C.C.

Cust, J.

Scott, G.S.

Rogers, W.A.

Reserves:

177.

DISCIPLINE

1. QX 8195 Pte McNAE, R.J. was convicted by DCM of a charge of being AWL for a period of 8 days 19 hrs, was sentenced to forfeit all ordinary pay for 30 days.
2. NX 57707 Pte STEWART, K.N. WOAS AWL for 1 hr 35 mins was fined £1 by the C.O.
3. NX 57706 Pte NUNN, E. WOAS AWL for 1 hr 35 mins was fined £2 by the C.O.
4. QX 11617 Pte FLETCHER, J. WOAS AWL for 1 hr 35 mins was fined £1 by the C.O.
5. NX 23064 Pte MATHIESON, O.J. WOAS AWL for 1 hr 35 mins was fined £1 by the C.O.
6. NX 53358 Pte ZWECK, A.J. WOAS AWL for 1 hr 35 mins was fined £1 by the C.O.
7. WX 10699 Pte MONAGHAN, J.L. was conv. by DCM of being AWL 31 days 6 hrs. was sent. to forf all ordinary pay for 90 days.

CAPT  
*F.A. Varley* (F.A. Varley)  
 ADJ 2/2 Aust MG Bn.

APPOINTMENTS, PROMOTIONS, TRANSFERS ETC

NX 20354 Pte BURT, J.H.N. appointment of A/Gp (ii) Sig confirmed w.e.f. 19 Jul 43

|          |       |                 |                  |         |                       |
|----------|-------|-----------------|------------------|---------|-----------------------|
| QX 18196 | "     | SHORT, D.N.P.   | "                | Gp (ii) | Sig w.e.f.- 24 May 43 |
| QX 10252 | "     | WALLEN, S.C.    | "                | Gp (ii) | Sig w.e.f.- 4 Jun 43  |
| NX 82387 | "     | MALONEY, F.     | "                | Gp (ii) | Sig w.e.f.- 25 Jun 43 |
| NX 55478 | A/Cpl | BATTERHAM, E.V. | rank to be conf. |         | w.e.f. - 19 Jul 43.   |

NOTICESAMENITIES

All personnel with unit library books are to return same by 2000 hrs tonight 21 Jul 43.

Acknowledged herewith amenities received from 2/2 Aust MG Bn Comforts Auxiliary NSW branch :-

4 packets of periodicals

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

ROUTINE ORDERS BY

LT-COL E MACARTHUR-ONSLOW

(178)

IN THE FIELD  
22 JULY 1943.

COMMANDING  
2/2 AUST MACHINE GUN BATTALION.

*W Deary*

178. SALVAGE OFFICER

Lieut G.J. Jeffcoat has been appointed Salvage Officer vice Lieut J.F. Lavan. M.C.

*F.A. Varley* CAPT  
(F.A. Varley)  
ADJT 2/2 AUST MG BN.

APPOINTMENTS, PROMOTIONS, TRANSFERS ETC.

NX 25141 CPL CHRISTIAN F.W. PROMOTED to Sgt w.e.f 13 Jul 43, vice  
Sjt Shearwood F.G.  
NX 65508 Pte LAWRY H.C PROMOTED to Cpl w.e.f 13 Jul 43.  
QX 20152 Pte Collier D.A APPOINTED L/Cpl w.e.f 13 Jul 43.

TRANSFERS

TX 80 Pte Wilton J transferred from Bn to "A" Coy.  
WX 106990 Pte Monaghan J.L " " "A" Coy to "HQ" Coy.  
VX 82182 " Greig W.A " " "B" " " "HQ" "  
WX 4139 Pte Ellis A.G " " "HQ" " " 2/77 L.A.D  
NX 52109 " Saunders W.N " " "B" " " "HQ" Coy.

NOTICES.

The N.S.W Comforts Auxiliary of this Bn has received a donation of £50 given in memory of the late Sgt Weinstein by his fiancée.

The Auxiliary are of the opinion that the money should be designated to something special, and suggest it would be a nice gesture if something were named after him.

We should be pleased to receive any suggestions from members of the Bn as to what they consider a suitable object. e.g., Library, sporting trophy, etc.

*(F.A. Varley)*  
ADJT 2/2 AUST MG BN.

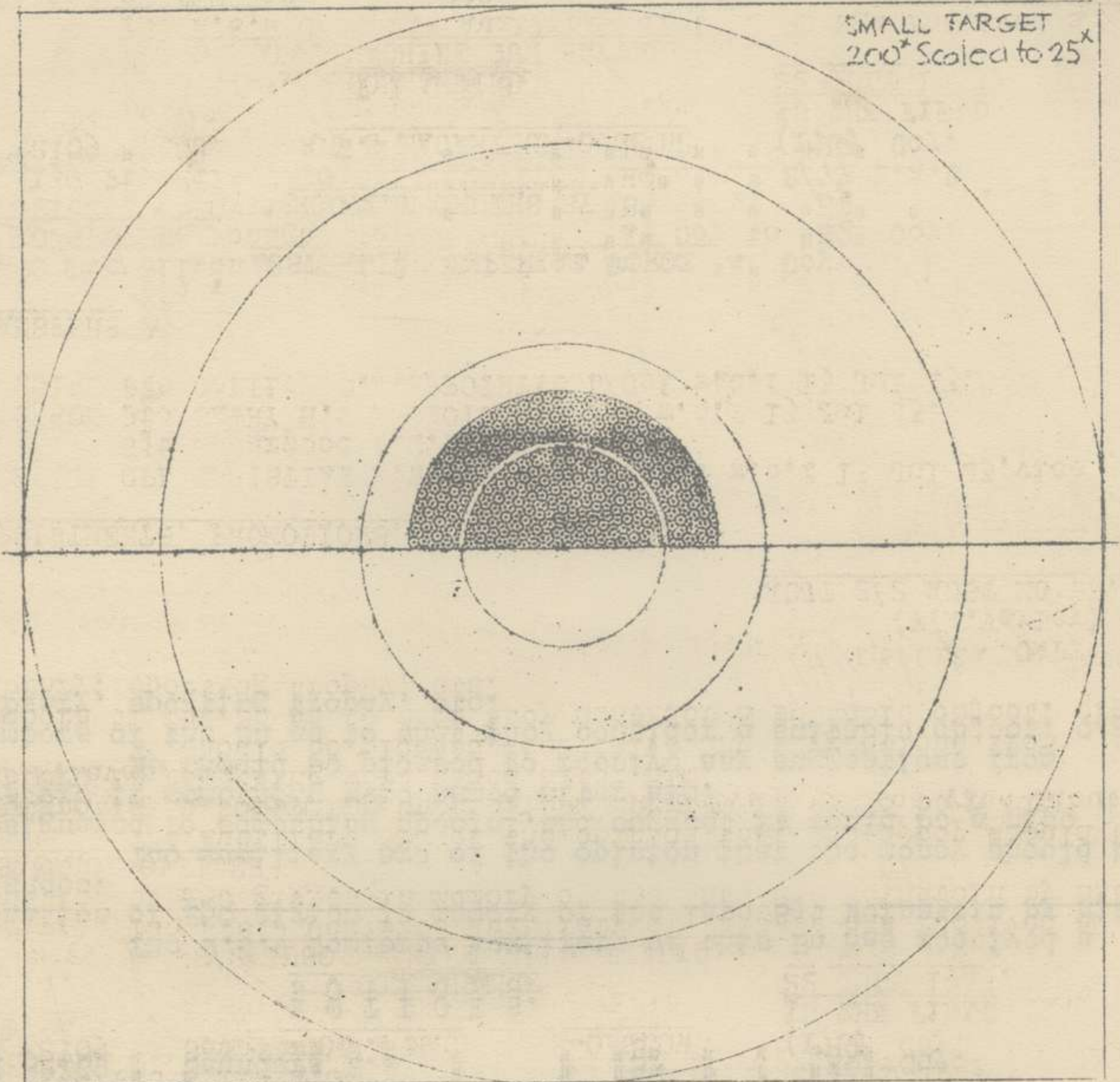
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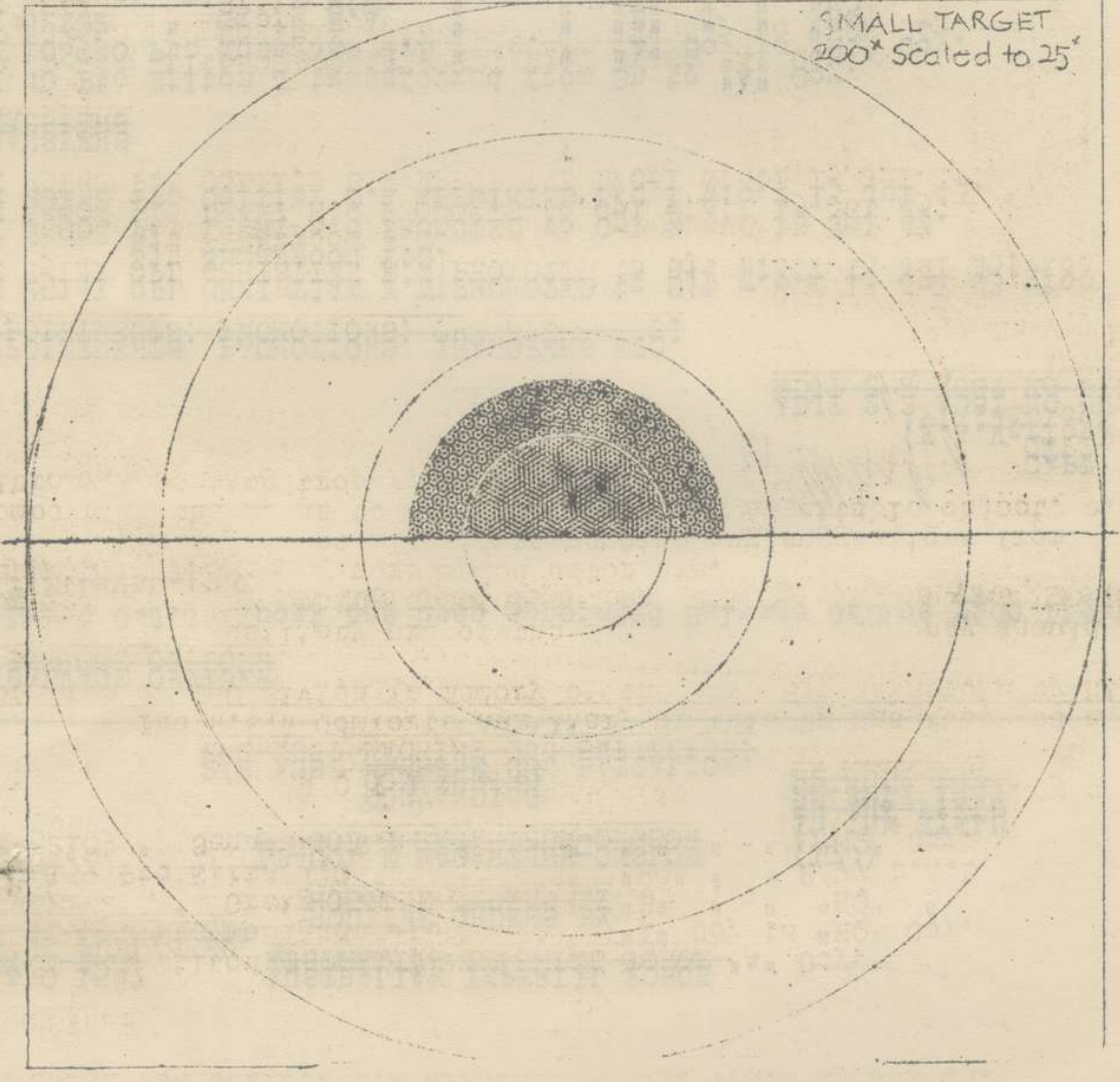
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ROUTINE ORDERS BY

LT-COL E MACARTHUR-ONSLOW (179-180)  
COMMANDING IN THE FIELD  
2/2 AUST MACHINE GUN BATTALION 23 JUL 43

179. CAMERAS  
Personnel who require the unit to forward cameras to their home address per registered mail must have information to I.O. by 1600 hrs 24 Jul 43.
180. UNIT LIBRARY  
There are still 200 library books still outstanding. These will be returned immediately.

*F.A. Varley* CAPT  
(F.A. Varley)  
ADJT 2/2 ~~Post~~ MG Bn.

APPOINTMENTS, PROMOTIONS, TRANSFERS ETC

|          |           |                 |                             |        |          |
|----------|-----------|-----------------|-----------------------------|--------|----------|
| QX 3240  | A/WO (ii) | HOWE, D.W.      | rank to be confirmed w.o.f. | -      | 1 Jul 43 |
| NX 30180 | "         | PERRY, J.       | "                           | "      | 1 Jul 43 |
| QX 7650  | L/Sjt     | CARSTENS, H.E.  | promoted to A/SJT           | w.o.f. | 16/7/43  |
| QX 16905 | L/Cpl     | SCOTT, A.M.     | " A/CPL                     | "      | 16/7/43  |
| QX 14399 | Pto       | MacDONALD, N.R. | appointed L/CPL             | "      | 16/7/43  |
| QX 17753 | "         | CROMMELIN, A.K. | " Gp (iii)-R/Tkor-          |        | 22/7/43  |
| NX 4829  | Cpl       | DUNLOP, W.W.    | trans from "A" Coy to BN HQ |        | 20/7/43  |
| NX 81801 | Pto       | YOUNG, J.T.     | " "A" Coy to HQ Coy         |        | 23/7/43  |
| NX 47278 | "         | BOWEN, C.       | " "B" Coy to "C" "          |        | "        |
| QX 9105  | "         | RUSSELL, E.E.   | " "C" Coy to HQ Coy         |        | "        |

NOTICES

CHURCH SERVICES - SUNDAY 25 JUL 43

Anglican Communion Service - 0800 hrs in small Recreation Hut.  
Church Parade Service - 0900 hrs in Recreation Hut.

AMENITIES

Acknowledged receipt of amenities from 2/2 MG Bn Comforts Auxiliary  
NSW branch :-

2 parcels of books,

LOST

White handled pocket knife with a piece broken off big blade. Finder please return same to the R.S.M.

*W/Seary*

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

ROUTINE ORDERS BY

LT-COL E MACARTHUR-ONSLOW

(181)

COMMANDING

IN THE FIELD

2/8 AUST MACHINE GUN BATTALION

24 JUL 43

181. DISCIPLINE

1. NX 79094 Pte PARKES, L. WOAS disobeying a lawful comd. AA Sect 9 (2) was awarded 7 days CB by his Coy Comd.
2. QX 11327 Pte HARRISON, J.L. WOAS using insubordinate language to a superior offr. AA Sect 8 (2) was admonished by C.O.

*F.H. Varley*  
 CAPT  
 (F.H. Varley)  
 ADJT 2/2 Aust MG Bn.

APPOINTMENTS, PROMOTIONS, TRANSFERS ETC

QX 5353 L/Cpl FRYAR, C. promoted to A/CPL w.e.f. - 23 Jul 43  
 QX 20152 Pte COLLIER, D.A. relinquishes L/CPL w.e.f. - 23 Jul 43  
 (at own request)  
 QX 2985 Pte WILLIAMS, T.G. " Gp (111)-R/Tker-22 Jul 43

NOTICES

MOBILE CINEMA

Mobile Cinema will be showing in unit lines tonight 24 Jul with following programme :- "OUR WIFE" starring Melvyn Douglas & Ruth Hussey, together with short subjects.

HOCKEY

The following players have been selected to represent the Bn against 2/6 A.G. H. AAMWS on Sun 25 Jul 43 at 1430 hrs at 2/6 ground:-

- Matthews, C.
- Miles, J.
- Freeman, W.F.
- Crist, R.
- Lavan, J.F.
- Watts, J.
- Maloney, F.
- Lord, J.H.
- Lawry, H.C.
- Baxter, W.
- Rinaldi, J.

Vehicle will leave R.A.P. at 1330 hrs.

182. DISCIPLINE

1. VX 25520 Pte HUGHES, M. WOAS without urgent necessity quitting the ranks. A.A. 15 (2) was awarded 7 days CB by his Coy Comd.
2. SX 12778 Pte BARTON, G.D. WOAS without urgent necessity quitting the ranks A.A. 15 (2) awarded 7 days CB by his Coy Comd.
3. QX 10885 Pte MING, E.F. WOAS without urgent necessity quitting the ranks AA 15 (2) awarded 7 days CB by his Coy Comd.
4. QX 1816 Pte DICK, G.J.C. WOAS without urgent necessity quitting the ranks. A.A. 15 (2) was awarded 7 days CB by his Coy Comd.

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APPOINTMENTS, PROMOTIONS, TRANSFERS ETC

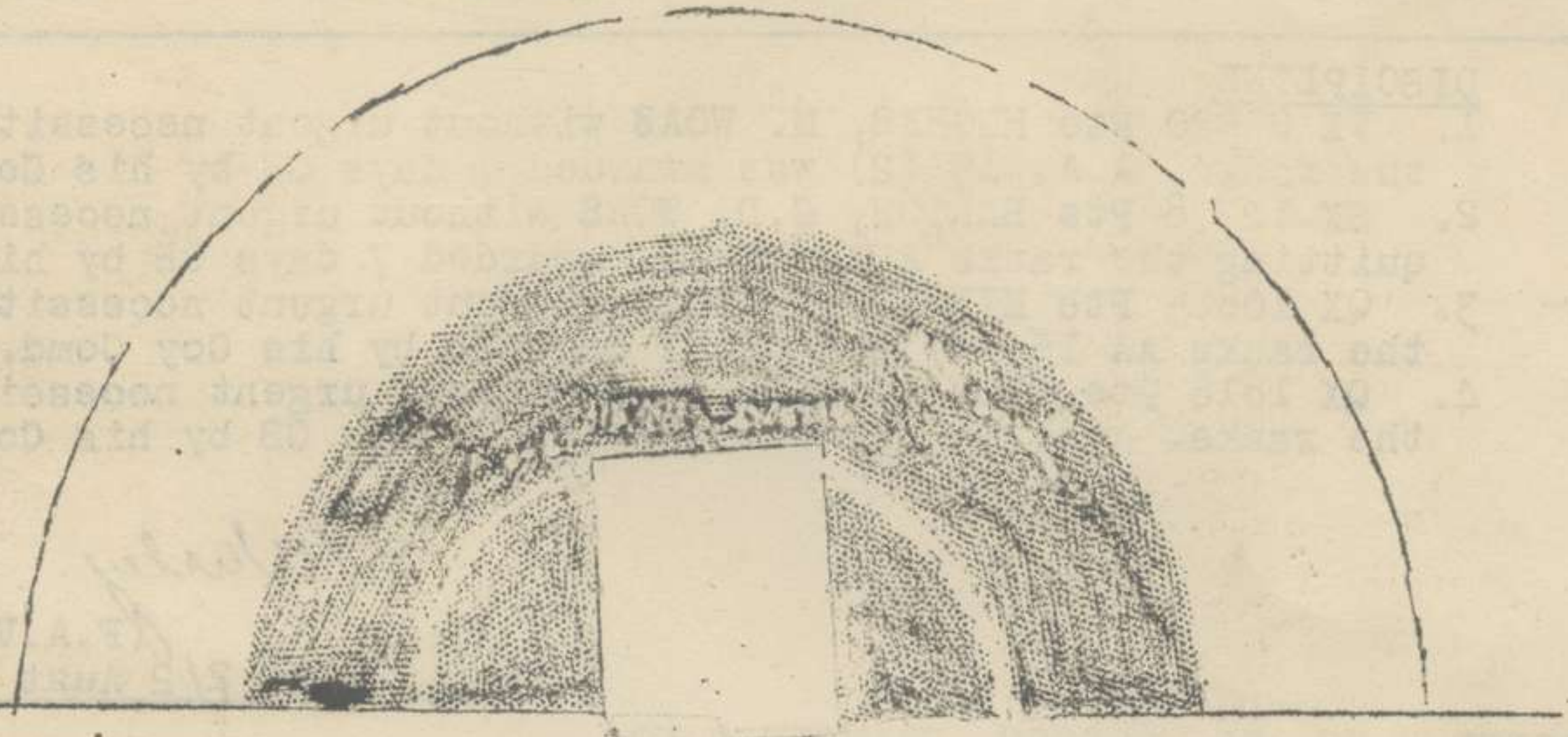
NX 12354 MAJOR C O BROWN transferred to 2/28 Aust Inf Bn - 26/7/43  
NX 26889 PTE MARSH, J.C. " " - 26/7/43  
NX 34664 CAPT W P NICHOLAS " from "A" Coy to "C" Coy - 26/7/43  
NX 34664 CAPT W P NICHOLAS to be posted as OC "C" Coy w.e.f. 26/7/43  
NX 12409 LIEUT G E JACK transferred from "C" Coy to "A" Coy - 26/7/43  
NX 65687 LIEUT W B ARMSTRONG " HQ Coy (cadre) to "C" Coy "  
VX 5160 SGT POWER, G.J. (AAGO) trans to 2/2 A.G.H. - 26/7/43  
NX 23388 L/SJT CAMERON, N.H. reverts to rank of CPL w.e.f. 26/7/43  
NX 20200 L/CPL MATHESON, W.A. promoted to A/CPL w.e.f. 3/7/43  
NX 56765 PTE HALE, N.S. transferred from HQ Coy to Bn HQ 26/7/43  
NX 20004 " RUSHEY, T.R. " " "B" Coy to HQ Coy "

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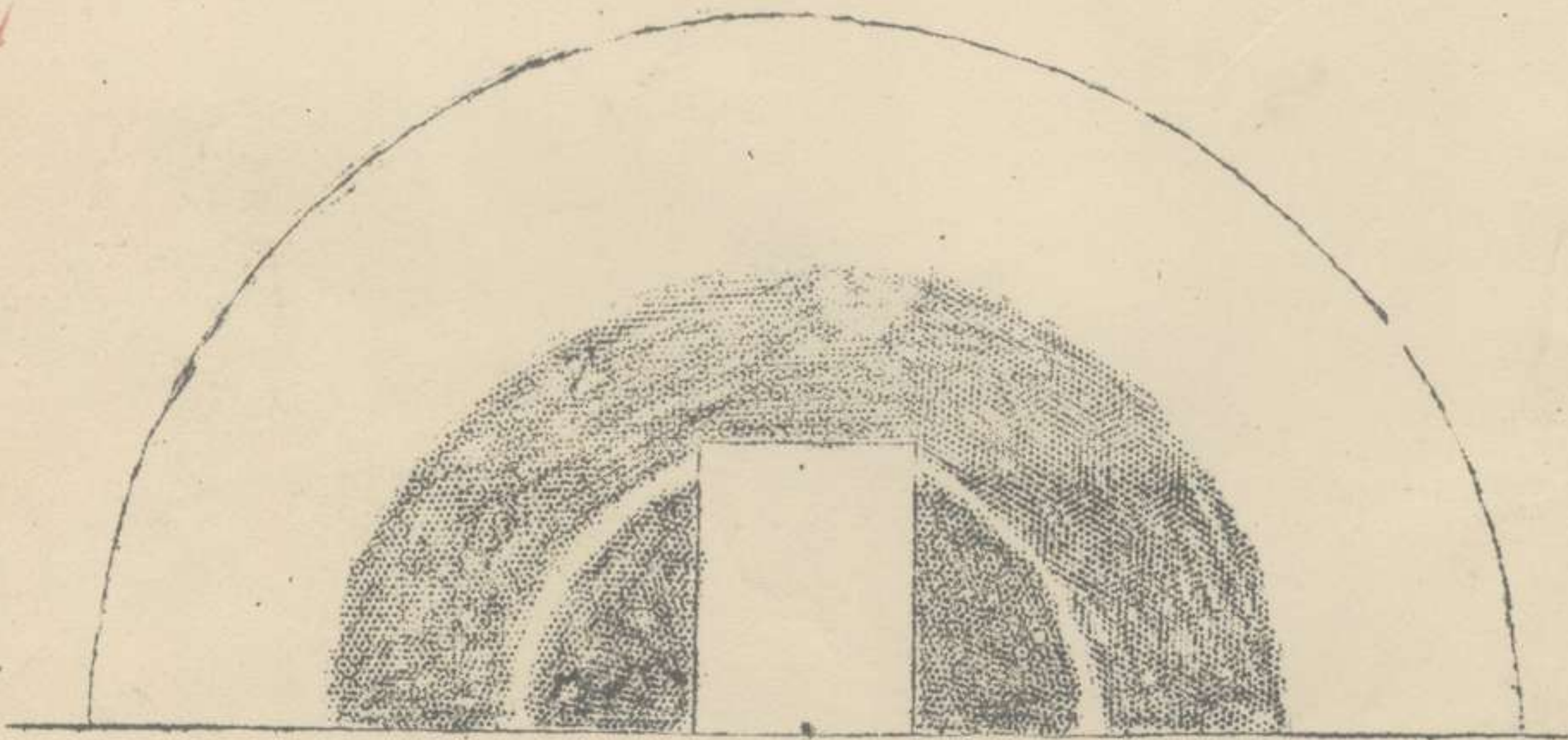
R.A.P. EQUIPMENT

Personnel with hot water bottles and crepe bandages belonging to the R.A.P. are to return same immediately.

GROUPING TARGET  
100 yds scaled to 30yds



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100 YDS scaled to 30yds



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ROUTINE ORDERS BY

LT-COL E MACARTHUR-ONSLOW

(183-189)

COMMANDING

IN THE FIELD

2/2 AUST MACHINE GUN BATTALION

27 JUL 43

183. CENSORSHIP - SECURITY

Cases are being reported daily of personnel mentioning in letters of certain movements and happenings in and around unit lines. This is only resulting in letters having to be destroyed, and causes trouble when the letters do not reach their destination. Security regulations will be strictly adhered to.

184. SALUTING (2 Aust Corps RO 184)

General laxity regarding saluting on the part of all ranks, particularly by troops either on leave or duty in the vicinity of towns. Coy Comds will ensure that greater attention is given to this matter.

185. M.T. VEHICLES - CONTROL OF (2 Aust Corps RO 185)

From recent observation of the operation of mechanical vehs it is apparent that necessary supervision is not being maintained  
o i/c tpt concerned.

Serious breaches of M.T. discipline are :-

- (a) M.T. vehs unattended and unlocked,
- (b) Incorrectly made out A.A. Forms G.2.
- (c) Drivers not in possession of A.A.F. G11,
- (d) Three persons in the front seat, except in the case of cars and light vans in which the gear changing lever is fitted to the steering column, as promulgated in amendment to "Standing Orders to Drivers of Mechanical Vehicles 1940" which was notified in General Order no 51 of 30 Sep 42,
- (e) Dangerous driving,
- (f) Under the influence of alcohol and in charge of M.T. vehs.,
- (g) Illegal use of M.T. vehs,
- (h) Unauthorised civilian passengers,
- (i) Failure to observe civil laws,

Tpt Offr will ensure that all personnel with the operation of such vehs are fully conversant with, "Standing Orders for Drivers of Mechanical Vehicles", "Standing Orders for Operation and Maintenance of Mechanical Vehicles", relevant Orders and Instns at present in force and any Order or Instn which may be issued regarding the operation of such vehicles.

186. LEVEL CROSSING GATES - QLD GOVT RLYS (2 Aust Corps RO 186)

Complaints have been received that drivers frequently leave open the gates at level crossings particularly those at QUEERAH MEETWORKS and at 1039 Miles CAIRNS INNISFAIL Railways. All drivers are instructed that Rly gates will be closed after use.

187. ACCIDENTS TO M.T. VEHICLES (2 Aust Corps RO 187)

Attention of All Coys is directed to GRO Q56 of 1943 which provides inter alia that "the following procedure will be adopted on the happening of an accident involving a civilian vehicle :-

1. The driver of the army veh will inquire of the other party concerned the name of his or their Insurance Company or Companies, and will include this information on A.A.F. G13.
2. If the other party refuses to disclose the name of his or their insurance company or companies, the driver of the Army vehicle will record such refusal on the A.A. F. G13"

Tpt Offr will take the necessary action to ensure that this order is again brought under the notice of every individual driver.

188. SALVAGE

A definite slackness has been noticed regarding the salvage of clean newspaper in Coys. At present only two coys returning salvageable newspaper for sale, the remainder doing apparently nothing in the matter. Troops are reminded that the returns from the sale of these papers is for their benefit and should make some effort towards increasing their amount of paper salvage.

Stamps are also salvageable and though the return from the sale of these is not large it is of some value when large supplies are sold.

189. DISCIPLINE

1. QX 5961 Pte WEBBER, J.T. failing to appear at a place of pde. A.A. 15 (2). was fined £4 by the Admn Comd.
2. QX 17753 Pte CROMMELIN, A.K. WOAS - AWL for 31 hrs 10 mins. A.A. 15 (1) was fined £1 by the Admn Comd.

*F. Warley*  
CAPT  
(F.A. Warley)  
ADJT 2/2 Aust MG Bn.

APPOINTMENTS, PROMOTIONS, TRANSFERS ETC

|          |                 |                                |           |
|----------|-----------------|--------------------------------|-----------|
| IX 80    | Pte WILTON, J.  | transf from "A" Coy to "C" Coy | - 27/6/43 |
| WX 47278 | " BOWEN, C.     | " " " " Coy to "A" Coy         | - 27/6/43 |
| QX 9105  | " RUSSELL, E.E. | " HQ Coy to "C" Coy            | - 27/6/43 |

NOTICE

FOUND

2 sets of keys - one set contains 2 keys tied together with a piece of string & marked 1; the other set is 2 keys on a ring together with a piece of tin with 55137 marked on same. Owners may have same on application at Bn Ord Room.

186. LEVEL CROSSING GATES - OLD GOVT MILYB (S Aust Corps RO 186)  
Complaints have been received that drivers frequently leave open the gates at level crossings particularly those at QUERRAH NETWORKS and at 1059 Miles (LIMESBAIL Railways). All drivers are instructed that RLY gates will be closed after use.

187. ACCIDENTS TO A.T. VEHICLES (S Aust Corps RO 187)  
Attention of all Coys is directed to GRO 526 of 1943 which provides inter alia that "the following procedure will be adopted on the happening of an accident involving a civilian vehicle -  
1. The driver of the army vehicle will inform the other party concerned the name of his or their insurance company or companies, and will include this information on A.A.F. 615.  
2. If the other party refuses to disclose the name of his or their insurance company or companies, the driver of the army vehicle will record such refusal on the A.A.F. 615."  
The Officer will take the necessary action to ensure that this order is again brought under the notice of every individual driver.

PROPAGANDA MESSAGE FORM

2/2 AUST MG BN  
11 MAY 1943 211

TO :- 20 AUST INF BDE : 24 AUST INF BDE : 26 AUST INF BDE :  
RAA 9 AUST DIV : 9 AUST DIV CAV REGT : 2/2 AUST MG BN :  
2/3 AUST PNR BN

FROM:- 9 AUST DIV 1.27 11

sitrep 16 . landops 9 may . sixty enemy reinforcements ambushed 2 1/2 mi south by west BORDUBI twenty enemy killed many wounded . our troops gained high ground . enemy digging in near ambush site and one mi SE by south BORDUBI . our patrols report OBSERVATION HILL lightly held . airops 9 may . B24 bombed barges CERAM 129 degrees east 3 degrees south . B24 started fires KAIMANA 133 degrees east 4 degrees south . five B24 heavily raided MANOKWARI and MABIRE 135 degrees east 4 degrees south . three B24 bombed WENAK and BUT 143 degrees east 4 degrees south . two B17 bombed MADANG . SAIDOR . FINSCHRAFEN small craft UBILI 151 degrees east 5 degrees south CAPE GLOUCESTER 148 degrees east 6 degrees south loaded motor launch and barges ROOKE ISLAND 148 degrees east 6 degrees south each bombed strafed by single allied units . seven B24 heavily attacked GASMATA . seven enemy A/C bombed strafed airfield mission and one vessel MILDREDBI 134 degrees east 13 degrees south . shipping 9 may . large seatruck and several small vessels SORONG 131 degrees east 1 degree south . strong convoy proceeding KAVIENG to RABAU

*G. L. Evans*

Capt.

DRLS

TOO 1220

|        |             |   |
|--------|-------------|---|
| CO.    | <i>J.P.</i> | 2 |
| 2i/c   |             |   |
| Adjt.  | <i>F.A.</i> | 1 |
| Q.M.   |             |   |
| M.O.   |             |   |
| LO.    | <i>M.</i>   | 3 |
| T.O.   |             |   |
| R.S.M. |             |   |

*M.P. eachey his  
10.  
2/2 mg Aust. mg BN*



PROFORMA MESSAGE FORM

2/2 AUST MG BN  
12 MAY 1943  
A.L.F. 225

TO:- 20 AUST INF BDE : 24 AUST INF BDE : 26 AUST INF BDE :  
9 AUST DIV CAV REGT : RAA 9 AUST DIV : 2/2 AUST MG BN ✓  
2/3 AUST FNR BN

FROM:- 9 AUST DIV 1.28 12

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sitrep 17 . landops 9 may . enemy unsuccessfully attacked both  
flanks our posns south GREENS HILL . enemy reinforces OBSERVATION  
HILL reoccupied posn two mls NW MUBO and WOODY ISLAND between BITOI  
river and DRY CREEK bed . airops 10 may . five catalinas bombed  
strafed airfield installations BABO many explosions huge fires many  
grounded aircraft destroyed . six A20 bombed strafed LABU LAGOON  
village on ISTHMUS 146 degrees east 7 degrees south . seven B25  
bombed strafed CAPE GLOUCESTER airfield . single units attacked  
SAUMLAKI 131 degrees east 8 degrees south DOBO 134 degrees east 6  
degrees south KAIMANA 133 degrees east 4 degrees south FINSCHLAFEN  
SALAMAUA launches TALASEA 150 degrees east 6 degrees south . two  
enemy float planes bombed strafed allied boats MAPPI post 138 degrees  
east 7 degrees south no damage or casualties one or two enemy aircraft  
dropped bombs MILNE BAY no damage . nine enemy aircraft strafed  
MILINGIMBI our interception destroyed two enemy fighters one probable  
damaged two . shipping normal  
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*Jefferson* Capt.

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PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

2/2 AUST MG BN  
13 MAY 1943  
A.L.F. 237

TO: 20<sup>4</sup> AUST INF BDE 24 AUST INF BDE 26 AUST INF BDE  
RAA 9 AUST DIV 9 AUSTDIV CAV REGT ✓ 2/2 AUST MG BN  
2/3 AUST PNR BN

FROM: 9 AUST DIV I 29 13  
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short sitrep 18 . landops . 9 may enemy penetrated to 300  
yds north junc tracks MUBO LABABIA engaged by our tps . enemy  
defence posn thwarted attempt gain track in their rear via  
VICKERS RIDGE . 10 may enemy overran our base camp junc tracks  
MUBO LABABIA . our tps isolated LABABIA RIDGE but contact regained  
11 may . enemy casualties high . airops 11 may . seven A20  
bombed strafed LABU LAGOON and village . two B24 six B17  
bombed VUNAKANAU BABAU. fires visible sixty miles . single allied  
units attacked SAUMLAKI small craft ALEXISHAFEN ARAWE 149 degrees  
east 7 degrees south CAPE GLOUCESTER . nine enemy bombers dropped  
ninety AP bombs MERAUK 140 degrees east 9 degrees south minor  
damage . raid reported DARWIN no details . shipping . many small  
craft WEWAK

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PROFORMA MESSAGE FORM

2/2 AUST MG BN  
~~15~~ MAY 1943  
 A.L.F. 250

TO: 20 AUST INF BDE 24 AUST INF BDE 26 AUST INF BDE RAA 9 AUST  
 DIV 9 AUST DIV CAV REGT 2/2 AUST MG BN 2/3 AUST PNR BN

FROM: 9 AUST DIV I 30 14

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 sitrep 19 . landops MUBO area . after our tps regained contact  
 with isolated tps enemy made ~~sk~~ determined but unsuccessful counter  
 attack LABADIA RIDGE . enemy consolidating on GREENS HILL . our tps  
 occupied enemy posns BOBDUBI RIDGE after enemy evacuation on 11 may .  
 small force contacted enemy 2 1/2 mls north KOMIATUM on track to SALAMAUA  
 took up posn 200 yds west this pt . twelve japs moving south ambushed  
 1/2 ml north KOMIATUM five killed one wounded . airops 12 may . two  
 B25 bombed DILLI 125 degrees ~~xxxx~~ east 10 degrees south . three B25  
 bombed PENFOEI . seven B25 dropped many bombs FINSCHHAFEN . single  
 allied units attacked SALAMAUA area CAPE GLOUCESTER twice and GASMATA .  
 submarines . one sighted 43 mls south GASMATA course west by south .  
 allied vessel torpedoed 14 mls east by north COFFS HARBOUR nil  
 casualties vessel now safe in port  
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2/3 AUST MG BN

16 MAY 1943

A.L.F. 275

PROFORMA MESSAGE FORM

TO: 20 AUST INF BDE 24 AUST INF BDE 26 AUST INF BDE CAV 9 AUST DIV  
RAA 9 AUST DIV 2/2 AUST MG BN / 2/3 AUST PNR BN

FROM: 9 AUST DIV I 31 15

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sitrep 20 . landops . BOBDUBI 12 may 80 enemy moving south along  
KOMIATUM track engaged by MMG from posn one ml NW KOMIATUM by north  
KOMIATUM 30 enemy killed many wounded . enemy attack from NE repulsed ←  
2½ mls north KOMIATUM . MUBO 9/10 may . ~~xxxxxxx~~ enemy casualties  
estimated 63 . airops 13 may . single allied units attacked LAE  
BOGADJIM 145 degrees east 6 degrees south FINSCHHAPEN three times CAPE  
GLOUCESTER twice LAKUNAI 152 degrees east 5 degrees south VUNAKANAU/147  
degrees east 3 degrees south . 13 B25 8 beaufighters bombed strafed  
GASHATA runway dispersal area barges grounded aircraft tents . enemy raid  
MORESBY six bombs no damage . six enemy fighters recce MILIMGIMBI .  
shipping 13 may . slight increase RABAU  
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PROFORMA MESSAGE FORM

2/2 AUST MG BN  
17 MAY 1943  
A.I.F. 283

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TO: 20 AUST INF BDE 24 AUST INF BDE 26 AUST INF BDE GAV 9 AUST DIV  
RAA 9 AUST DIV 2/3 AUST PNR BN 2/2 AUST MG BN

FROM:- 9 AUST DIV I 34 17

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short sitrep K21 (.) landops 13 may . party 13 japs moving south along track to KOMIATUM engaged by MMG from pt one ml north by west KOMIATUM . eight enemy killed . airops 14 may .

2 B25 started large fire revetment area PENFOEI . three B24 caused large explosions fires BORAM airfield 43 degrees east 4 degrees south . five A20 bombed strafed airfield and barges cape GLOUCESTER causing large fires airfield . thirteen B25 ten beaufighters bombed strafed GASMATA bombs building area runways dispersal areas jetty destroyed . single allied units attacked UBILI 151 degrees east 5 degrees south GASMATA twice PINSCHAFEN TIMOEKA 136 degrees east 5 degrees south . twenty enemy med bombers twenty fighters attacked ORO BAY 158 degrees east 9 degrees south enemy lost nine fighters seven bombers certain one fighter five bombers probable . three enemy med bombers raided BOBODURA 148 degrees east 9 degrees south no damage . submarine sighted 37 mls east by south LAE . landops 14 may . MUBO area 1245 hrs BOBDUBI ridge heavily shelled mortared by enemy followed by strong attacks from KOMIATUM track . 1730 hrs our tps withdrew from BOBDUBI ridge to vicinity KUNDA br . enemy consolidated on ridge but did not adv west . enemy casualties estimated 60 many wounded . our tps moving south down FRANCISCO river to turn enemy right flank met large numbers enemy and withdrew to secure track north . by SA and mortar fire met but enemy adv checked . airops 14/15 may . VUNAKANAU airfield bombed by four B24 and six B17 caused explosions and fires . 15 may two B25 bombed installations LAHANE 147 degrees east 7 degrees south . two B25 bombed PENFOEI airfield starting fires . three B24 bombed NABIRE causing large oil fire damaged dumps . one B24 shot down two enemy fighters and damaged three over WILLAUMEZ PENINSULA . five B25 bombed runway MG posns GASMATA . six B17 raided GASMATA shot down one intercepting fighter . one B24 bombed buildings GASMATA . nine enemy bombers fifteen fighters bombed strafed our posns BOBDUBI . forty dive bombers later attacked same area . twenty med bombers fourteen fighters attacked WAU airfield nil damage or casualties . thirteen bombers attacked BOBODURA village 148 degrees east 9 degrees south nil damage or casualties . two med bombers dropped bombs DURAN strip PORT MORESBY . one bomber shot down

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PROFORMA MESSAGE FORM

20 MAY 1943  
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TO:- 20 AUST INF BDE : 24 AUST INF BDE : 26 AUST INF BDE  
RAA 9 AUST DIV : 9 AUST DIV CAV REGT : 2/2 AUST MG BN  
2/3 AUST PNR BN

FROM:- 9 AUST DIV 1.35 20

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sitrep 22 . own air . 16 may . KAVIENG one B24 bombed west  
end airfield and dispersal area GASMATA one B17 bombed west end  
runway LAE four B25 bombed SE end runway fires started KENDARI six  
B24 bombed airfield large explosion possible fuel dump causing flames  
300 feet high explosions in aircraft parking area and fires round AA  
bty visible 50 miles . 17 may . GASMATA two B17 six B25 bombed runway  
dispersal areas supply dumps many explosions LANGGOER six beaufighters  
probably destroyed three grounded aircraft BARIQUE 2000 yds west by  
north of VIQUEQUE three hudsons two B25 hit buildings causing dense  
smoke . enemy air . 17 may . 22 bombers 21 fighters attacked WAU  
slight damage only . MAPPI POST three aircraft bombed area and  
strafed no details . an enemy submarine was reported to be definitely  
operating in the FITZROY ISLAND area SE of CAIRNS . the presence  
of mines in this area 16/17 may indicates the submarine may be engaged  
in minelaying . six destroyers were sighted 70 mls south by east  
CAPE ORFORD course east.  
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RAA 9 AUST DDV : 9 AUST DIV CAV REGT : 2/2 AUST M G BN :  
2/3 AUST PNR BN.

FROM: - 9 AUST DIV

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2/2 AUST MG BN  
21 MAY 1943  
A.L.F. 327

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sitrep 23. own air. GASMATA No report CAPE GLOUCESTER One  
Catalina bombs through dispersal area north side of old airfield  
WEWAK 19 may Photo recce revealed 101 aircraft on airfield  
PENFOEI 19 may 6 beaufighters 6 B24 bombed airfield 2 grounded  
bombers were destroyed and one bomber and one fighter damaged  
of 6/8 fighters which intercepted 3 were destroyed and 2 probably  
destroyed W/P and adm buildings hit fires started bombs on  
numbers one and two runways. enemy air. / 19 May MILNE BAY GOODENOUGH  
IS PORT MORESBY BATCHELOR AUST air raids reported in  
progress all clear received but NO details to hand  
ORO BAY 19 may 19 unidentified aircraft bombed NO casualties or  
damage one enemy aircraft shot down by AA . 19 may DOUGLAS  
HARBOUR bombed NO damage or casualties AA damaged one aircraft .  
LANDOPS no report . ref 9 aust div I 35 20 may for "six  
destroyers sighted 70 miles South by East CAPE ORFORD" later  
advice reads one destroyer 20 miles South GASMATA course East .  
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*W. Evans* Capt

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 RAA 9 AUST DIV ; 9 AUST DIV CAV REGT ; 2/2 AUST MG BN ;  
 2/3 AUST PNR BN

From : HQ 9 AUST DIV

2/2 AUST MG BN  
 22 MAY 1943  
 A.I.F. 328

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 sitrep no 24 (.) own air 17 may single units bombed SE runway  
 LAK south dock area FINSCHHAFEN, dispersal area and area west of  
 runway DILLI runway PENFOBI fires started (.) 18 may VUNAKANAU  
 airfield bombed fires started (.) GASMATA runway dumps dispersal  
 area bombed strafed by six beauforts (.) single units bombed  
 buildings ARAWA, old runway CAPE GLOUCESTER buildings area  
 LORENGAU strafed two tank float planes over STEFFEN STRAIT NEW  
 HANOVER one left smoking heavily (.) enemy air 18 may 25 fighters  
 attacked WAU nil casualties (.) landops no report (.) Location  
 BARIGUE 126 degrees 4 minutes east 8 degrees 50 minutes south  
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9 AUST DIV CAV REGT : RAA : 2/2 AUST MG BN : 2/3 AUST PNR BN

FROM: 9 AUST DIV I 39 25

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sitrep no 25 (.) OWN AIR (.) 5 B24 7 B17 bombed airfield  
 and dispersal area VUNAKANAU many fires started 3 B24 3 B17  
 1 B17 bombed west end runway and dispersal area south runway  
 GASHATA possible amn dump hit and fire started dispersal area  
 1 B24 bombed north edge new runway and buildings 5 miles  
 from old runway CAPE GLOUCESTER 6 A20 bombed and strafed  
 enemy posns and started fires FRANCISCO river area SALAMAUA  
 4 B25 strafed coastal area and 3 same aircraft bombed SW  
 end of runway FINSCHHAFEN (.) ENEMY AIR (.) TURNBULL  
 airfield MILNE BAY bombed by 4 enemy aircraft 10 bombs  
 dropped no casualties or damage Allied units DOUGLAS HARBOUR  
 strafed by 12 enemy aircraft DOBODURA bombed by one enemy  
 aircraft no damage or casualties PORT MORESBY enemy aircraft  
 apparently failed reach MORESBY and dropped 6 bombs vicinity  
 ARIA river approx 40 miles NW of MORESBY no damage or  
 casualties (.) LAND OPS (.) 19 may our patrol contacted 20  
 japs on track 1 mile east by north of DRONG 146 degrees  
 52 minutes east 7 deg 2 minutes south 2 enemy killed 150  
 enemy reported occupying village 1/2 mile SE by south of DRONG

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To: 2/2 AUST MG BN  
24 MAY 1943  
360 A.I.F.

20 AUST INF BDE : 24 AUST INF BDE : 26 AUST INF BDE  
2/9 AUST DIV CAV REGT : RAA+ 9 AUST DIV ; 2/2 AUST  
MG BN : 2/3 AUST ONR BN

From: 9 AUST DIV I 40 24

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sitrep no 25 (.) own air(.) 19 may (.) GASMATA one B24 bombed  
 airfield NEW HANOVER one B24 bombed one 5000 ton ship 36 miles  
 SSW CAPE MATANALEM no apparent damage (.) 20 may GASMATA eight  
 beaufighters bombed SE coastal dump area and runway fires started  
 50 ton launch strafed WAU two B24 destroyed two certain and probably  
 one other of nine intercepting enemy fighters CAPE BARSCHTSCH  
 one ml NE SEK ALEXISHAFEN 3 B25 bombed ten barges seven sunk others  
 damaged (.) 21 may VUNAKANAU-RAPOPO four B17 bombed airfields  
 bombs fell revetments and edge of runways starting three fires one  
 large explosion in possible amn dump CAPE GLOUCESTER one catalina  
 bombed airfield bombs near runway east of old strip starting  
 large fires visible for 30/40 mls HOTE CISSEMBOB 8 mls west SALAMAUA  
 four beaufighters strafed area LAE-SALAMAUA seven fighters certain  
 were destroyed five probably destroyed and two damaged of 15/20  
 enemy fighters intercepting in the area SAUMLAKI three B25 bombed  
 town bombs target area NABIRE three B24 bombed airfield all bombs  
 target area two hits runways explosions stores area (.) enemy air (.)  
 20 may (.) LAKEKAMU RIVER allied barges 10 mls SW BULLDOG attacked  
 by unknown number enemy aircraft nil damage or casualties (.)  
 21 may (.) EXMOUTH GULF two or more aircraft dropped one bomb into  
 sea nil damage or casualties (.) landops (.) 20 may (.) enemy  
 unsuccessfully attacked CISSEMBOB 1/2 ml SW DRONG (.) under enemy  
 pressure our tps withdrew from CISSEMBOB to defence posn 1 1/2 mls  
 west by north of CISSEMBOB estimated enemy casualties 50 to 60 (.)  
 our patrol reported enemy in strength occupying GWAIBLUM (3/4 ml  
 KOMIATUM)

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PROFORMA MESSAGE FORM

2/2 AUST MG BN  
 25 MAY 1943  
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 2/9 AUST DIV CAV REGT ; RAA 9 AUST DIV ; 2/2 AUST MG BN ;  
 2/3 AUST PNR BN

FROM: - 9 AUST DIV I.41 25

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 sitrep No 27 . own airops . 21 may . GASMATA six B24 one B17 one  
 catalina bombed airfield bombs runway area possible fuel dumps and in  
 north and south dispersal areas four large fires and black smoke rising  
 2000 ft following large explosions three enemy fighters destroyed one  
 probable of 17 - 21 fighters intercepting three of the B24s FINSCHHAPEN  
 one B24 bombed building area 2 mls SW of mission result unknown (. )  
 22 may . CAPE GLOUCESTER one catalina bombed airfield old strip and  
 areas south new strip strafed KAIMANA six B24 bombed town and shipping  
 fires started near jetty direct hits or near misses one 3-500 ton ship  
 which was left burning and later sunk NABIRE photographs of raid on 21  
 may show MT park burnt out two or three buildings in runway/<sup>area</sup>destroyed  
 KOER ISLAND (KAI group) six B24 strafed three motor launches two set on  
 fire . enemy airops . EXMOUTH GULF bombed by three aircraft all bombs  
 in sea . landops nil . shipping normal  
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PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

2/2 AUST MG BN  
26 MAY 1943  
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TO : 20 AUST INF BDE ; 24 AUST INF BDE ; 26 AUST INF BDE ;  
2/9 AUST DIV CAV REGT ; RAA 9 AUST DIV ; 2/2 AUST MG BN ;  
2/3 AUST PNR BN

FROM : 9 AUST DIV I 42 26

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sitrep no. 28 (.) own air ops (.) 23 may (.) KAVIENG four B 17  
one B 24 bombed airfield and shipping one near miss one 8000 ton  
cargo vessel (.) UBILI one B 17 started fires one B 17 bombed sawmill  
result not stated (.) GASMATA five B 24 bombed airfield bombs runway  
causing fire and dispersal area two of ten intercepting enemy fighters  
destroyed (.) ARAWE one B 17 strafed building area (.) CAPE GLOUCESTER  
one catalina bombed old runway bombs SE end runway causing large  
cloud smoke (.) NASSAU BAY (147 degrees 6 mins east 7 degrees 11 mins  
south ) and DUALI VILLAGE and LABABIA ISLAND five A 20 four beaufighters  
bombed and strafed villages and installations (.) several huts destroyed  
NASSAU BAY area (.) 40 empty canoes strafed half ml south CAPE DINGA  
(between NASSAU and SACHENBAY 147 degrees 6 mins east 7 degrees 13 mins  
south ) (.) PENFOEI two B 25 bombed airfield result not stated (.)  
enemy airops (.) 12 may (.) KIMAAN (unlocated) 3 bombers bombed and  
strafed area nil casualties (.) landops (.) MISSIM patrolling  
continues (.) shipping normal ~~(x)~~  
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TO : 20 AUST INF BDE : 24 AUST INF BDE : 26 AUST INF BDE : 2/9 AUST  
 DIV CAV REGT : RAA 9 AUST DIV : 2/2 AUST MG BN ✓ 2/3 AUST PNR BN

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 sitrep no. 29 (.) landops 23 may (.) our patrols occupied DAHO CISEMBOB  
 NOTE without opposition (.) airops 24 may (.) own (.) air VUNAKANAU  
 LARUNAI RAPOPO SULPHUR CREEK six B17's five B24's GAMBATA seven B25's  
 LAE seven B25's PENFOLD two B25's (.) fires and explosions all targets (.)  
 MALAHANG wreck fire A20's (.) direct hits (.) enemy (.) MORESBY two  
 medium bombers bombs in sea nil casualties or damage  
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 26 MAY 1943  
 A.I.F. 391

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2/9 AUST DIV CAV REGT RAA 9 AUST DIV 2/2 AUST MG BN  
2/3 AUST PNR BN

FROM :- 9 AUST DIV I 45 27

2/2 AUST MG BN  
27 MAY 1943  
A.I.F. 1103

SITREP no 30 (.) own air (.) BUKA lt enemy aircraft believed destroyed due taking of accident (.) GASMATA 24 may airfield 7 B25 bombs on runway and dispersal bays (.) MALAHANG 24 may wreck 5 A20 direct hits causing large explosions and a fire burning thirty minutes after attack (.) LAE 24 may airfield 7 B25 bombs on runway and dispersal bays (.) DILLI 23 may airfield 2 B25 bombed explosions dispersal area fires started (.) PENFOEI 23 may airfield 2 B25 bombed dispersal area bombs near target and south runway 24 may bombs north end of runway and dispersal pens fires started visible 30 miles (.) LANDOPS (.) SAIDOR area (.) enemy barges reported continually working coast at night (.) 11/13 may (.) enemy patrols in strength GUMBI to GIG area FUNGAIR MIOT KAKIMA GWIRACK KALALINDA WILWILAN SAIDOR BIUAU to MAIBANG area SIBOG and SIUDAMA all with twelve miles radius SAIDOR (.) MADANG area unconfirmed native reports indicate heavily equipped enemy forces departed MADANG for BUNDI 47 miles SSW ~~xkxixht~~ KUIEBI 55 miles SW WESA 46 miles south by west (.) SHIPPING (.) normal (.) ref SITREP no 28 KIMAAN now located 139 degrees east 7 degrees 59 mins south

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*MR. A. B. C. D.*

PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

2/2 AUST MG BN  
28 MAY 1943  
A.I.F. 1414

TO : 20 A ST INF BDE : 24 AUST INF BDE : 26 AUST INF BDE : 2/9 AUST  
DIVCAV REGT : RAA 9 AUST DIV : 2/2 AUST M G BN : 2/3 AUST PNR BN

FROM : 9 AUST DIV I 46 28

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sitrep no 31 (.) own airops (.) 26 may (.) MUBO five A20 bombed  
and strafed enemy positions OBSERVATION HILL (.) MADANG four B25  
bombed dump area NE of airfield and AA positions east of airfield one  
intercepting enemy fighter damaged (.) KAI ISLAND no details (.)  
enemy airops nil (.) landops nil (

*W. G. ...*  
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2/2 AUST MG BN

31 MAY 1943

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PROFORMA MESSAGE FORM

TO: 20 AUST INF BDE 24 AUST INF BDE 26 AUST INF BDE 2/9 AUST DIV  
CAV REGT RAA 2/2 AUST MG BN 3/3 AUST PNR BN

FROM: 9 AUST DIV I 47 30

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sitrep 32 (.) airops enemy (.) 26 may eight bombers seven fighters  
attacked DOUGLAS HARBOUR and MAMBARE thirty aircraft attacked MOROBE (.)  
27 may six aircraft bombed MOROBE 28 may eight bombers six fighters  
bombed MILLINGIMBI no damage casualties slight spitfires destroyed three  
bombers others damaged (.) own (.) 27 may nine B24 fifteen B25 six  
beaufighters bombed LAE airfield JACOBSENS PLANTATION LABU LAGOON (.)  
hits grounded aircraft explosions fires started (.) 26 may and 27 may  
one B25 three hudsons one B 25 separate attacks LANGGOER (.) 28 may  
BORAM NEWAK DAGUA bombed by four B 24 six B 17 fires started BORAM and  
DAGUA runway  
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TO 20 AUST INF BDE 24 AUST INF BDE 26 AUST INF BDE 2/9 AUST <sup>PIV</sup> CAV REGT  
RAA 9 AUST DIV 2/2 AUST MG BN 2/3 AUST PNR BN

FROM 9 AUST DIV

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sitrep 33 (.) landops 27 may (.) our patrols encountered enemy ambush one  
ml north of MUBO enemy losses one killed (.) airops 27 may single allied  
units strafed shoreline FINSCHHAFEN-SAIDOR and attacked TIMOEKA results not  
stated (.) 28 may 1 B24 bombed wreck three mls SE jetty/TALASEA building  
area one near miss causing smoke from wreck and direct hit destroying jetty  
1 A20 bombed supply dumps KELA PT SALAMAUA results not stated (.) 1 B24  
strafed crashed enemy bomber LONG IS 1 B24 strafed village BANAAR results  
not stated (.) shipping one destroyer one gunboat four 5000 ton merchant  
vessels 65 mls east of WEWAK course SSE  
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2/2 AUST MG BN  
31 MAY 1943  
A.L.F. 452

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TO 20 AUST INF BDE 24 AUST INF BDE 26 AUST INF BDE 2/9 AUST DIV CAV  
REGT RAA 9 AUST DIV 2/2 AUST MG BN 2/3 AUST PWR BN

FROM 9 AUST DIV

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 sitrep 34 (.) landops 27 may our patrol encountered strong enemy ambush  
 1100 yds east by south of MUBO patrol withdrew under cover of darkness (.)  
 airops 29 may (.) single allied units strafed coastal villages FINCHHAFEN-  
 SAIDOR attacked airfield BABO building area DAMAR ISLAND 128 degrees east  
 7 degrees south airfield RAMBANG 116 degrees east 8 degrees south results  
 not stated (.) 1 B17 attacked wharf area ALEXISHAFEN bombs falling in  
 target area 1 B24 attacked convoy HANSA BAY two near misses on tpt which  
 was left smoking 2 intercepting fighters destroyed photo interpretation  
 shows 34 gun bty on coast (.) 2 hudsons attacked TIMORKA results unknown (.)  
 1 B24 attacked building area airfield shipping NAMLEA 127 degrees east  
 3 degrees south bombs straddled 1000 ton merchant vessel 15 mls south of  
 TAPDA (.) hudsons 1 B24 started fires DILLI WAINGAPOS 120 degrees east 9  
 degrees south 2 B24 bombed large building causing explosions and fire  
 BIMA 118 degrees east 8 degrees south (.) 4 B17 bombed airfield and dock  
 area MADANG bombs falling across runway and SE dispersal area causing fires  
 (.) shipping convoy reported sitrep 33 last sighted 12 mls NW HANSA BAY  
 course SE  
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2/2 AUST MG BN  
 31 MAY 1943  
 A.I.F. 453

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2/2 AUST MG BN  
2 JUN 1943  
A.I.F. 479

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DIV CAV REGT : RAA 9 AUST DIV : 2/2 AUST MG BN ✓ : 2/3 AUST PWR BN

FROM: 9 AUST DIV

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sitrep no 36 (.) own airops (.) 31 may (.) LAE nine ✓ B24 dropped bombs  
terrace and near runway (.) PINSCHHAFEN ✓ B24 results not stated (.)  
LANGGOER five beaufighters strafed grounded aircraft destroyed one of six  
intercepting enemy fighters (.) landops nil (.) shipping (.) 1 jun (.)  
four destroyers one cargo vessel one small unidentified vessel west of  
BOUGAINVILLE course south  
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2/2 AUST MG BN

3 JUN 1943

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TO 20 AUST INF BDE 24 AUST INF BDE 26 AUST INF BDE 2/9 AUST DIV  
 CAV REGT RAA 9 AUST DIV 2/2 AUST MG BN 2/3 AUST PNR BN

FROM 9 AUST DIV

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 sitrep 37 (.) airops 31 may (.) one B17 intercepted 16 enemy fighters  
 at FINSCHHAFEN destroyed 5 certain 1 probable (.) one catalina bombed  
 dispersal area airfield GASHATA (.) 1 jun (.) 9 B24 bombed dispersal  
 area runway and strip LAE airfield (.) 7 beaufighters fired huts  
 strafed rivercraft attacked bridges in attacks on plantation buildings  
 and surrounding villages at BOBADJIM 145 degrees east 5 degrees south (.)  
 one B24 strafed and bombed airfield KENDARI no details (.) enemy airops  
 nil (.) landops nil (.) shipping normal (.) subs 1 jun (.) NEWCASTLE 8  
 mls NE NEWCASTLE 17 mls NE by east possible sightings (low gradings)  
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 CAV REGT RAA 9 AUST DIV 2/2 AUST MG BN 2/3 AUST PNN BN  
 FROM 9 AUST DIV I 54 4

3/2 AUST MG BN  
 -4 JUN 1943  
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sitrep 38 (.) airops 1 jun (.) 1 B24 attacked terrace area LAH result  
 not stated (.) 2 B25 attacked airfield LAHA 128 degrees east 3 degrees  
 south result not stated (.) 2 jun (.) 1 catalina attacked airfield  
 SAPE GLOUCESTER result not stated (.) 1 B24 attacked barges and villages  
 HOLLANDIA result not stated and strafed 1500 ton cargo vessel NIE WEAK  
 (.) 4 B24 and 2 B17 attacked airfields BORAM and WESAK fires dispersal  
 areas (.) possible am dump hit BORAM (.) ~~1 B24 attacked~~  
~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ [ 2 B24 3 B25 attacked shipping LAUTEM 126 degrees 54  
 mins east 8 degrees 22 mins south near miss 4000 ton freighter transport  
 of 5 enemy intercepting fighters 1 probably destroyed ] (.) enemy airops (.  
 2 Jun (.) 16 aircraft attacked BULLDOG 146 degrees 24 mins east 7 degrees  
 48 mins south slight damage (.) landops nil (.) [ shipping (.) three  
 freighter transports (4000, 3500, 2500 tons) one submarine chaser, eight  
 barges in LAUTEM harbour ]

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