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**14/32 Infantry Battalion**

**October 1942**



Beaumont 14/32 Bn  
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WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

(Erase heading not required).

Army Form C.2118  
(adapted.)

Unit 14 Bn.

Date and Time.—From 1<sup>st</sup> October, 42. To 31<sup>st</sup> October, 42.

(Original)

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MINGENEW.	1 Oct.	0800.	Lt. Col W. B. Baldwin, M.C., took over the command of the 14 <sup>th</sup> Battalion today.	
	1 Oct.	1800	The weather today has been fine and warm with a gentle South-West breeze. The Battalion strength is 808	
MINGENEW	2 Oct.	1700	The weather today has been cool with occasional showers. South westerly wind prevailed throughout day	
MINGENEW	3 Oct.	1800.	The battalion attended a gymkana at Ellingnew show grounds today. The weather was wet and overcast with westerly winds, all day, but cleared up in the early evening.	
MINGENEW	4 Oct.	1800	The weather today has been fine with South Westerly breezes.	



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MINGENEW	6 Oct.	1800.	The bn. left camp at 1430 hrs yesterday for field manoeuvres over an area east of the Ellingenw-ellullewa Rd in the vicinity of Yaragadee Sta. Arrival at the bivouac area was completed by 1700 hrs. A night exercise was commenced at 0230 hrs, finishing at 0430 hrs today. The weather for both days was fine and warm with southerly breezes, and cold at night.	Typed copy of this exercise is attached.
MINGENEW.	7 Oct.	1800.	Rain commenced falling during the night of 6/7 Oct, and continued at intervals through-out today, with final clearing showers at approx 1700 hrs. South-West winds prevailed.	
MINGENEW	7 Oct	2200	A conference of C.O's & Adpts was held at 1930 hrs at Belle H. Q. tonight.	



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MINGENEW	8 Oct	1800	The bn strength today is 806	
IRWIN	9 Oct	1300	The bn moved from the MINGENEW camp at 0900 hrs today and proceeded by MT to a site in vicinity of the Irwin River approx 4 miles South West of Strawberry Hill. BnHQ was established at 1200 hrs at map ref JONGARRA spot <del>3085</del> 3761. 3065-3755.	
IRWIN	10			
IRWIN	10 Oct.	1800	32 Bn reinforcements to the 14 Bn arrived at 1600 hrs today, the total number being 164, all ranks. The weather today has been warm, with an Easterly breeze changing to South East during the latter part of the afternoon.	
IRWIN	12 Oct	0900	As from today, this battalion will be known as the 14/32 Australian Inf. Bn.	



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Unit 14/32 Aust Inf Bn.

Date and Time.—From 1<sup>st</sup> October 42 To 31 October, 42.

(Original)

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c
IRWIN	19 Oct.	1530.	The weather is hot with South Easterly breeze prevailing.	
		1730.	"C" coy is at present engaged upon road making and guarding ammunition dumps in Kerinjori and Three Springs area, whilst other coys of this unit are engaged upon road construction into this camp site, and generally improving this area.	
IRWIN	20 Oct.	1900.	The battalion strength is 996.	JH
		1600.	The weather is hot, with South Easterly winds blowing for earlier part of the day, but changing to a Southerly breeze in the afternoon.	JH
IRWIN	21 Oct	1520	At 1130 hrs today, Mr Birtwistle gave the Battalion a lecture entitled "Japan Reaches Out."	
IRWIN	29 Oct.	1800	The weather is fine, with a Northwest breeze.	JH
			With the exception of D coy, this battalion took part in	JH







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HEADQUARTERS  
14 AUST INF BN.  
AUSTRALIA.

17 SEP 42.

6 Aust Inf Bde.

Combat Efficiency Report for SEP 42 as at  
0900 hrs on 17 SEP 42.

1. This unit is fit for WAR.
2. Personnel are physically fit, and but for minor cases of measles health of troops is excellent.
3. The major deficiencies in fighting equipment are :-

Pistols	64
Pistols Sigs.	4
L.M.G. Bren	3
Magazines Bren	770
Mountings Tripod Bren	5
Rifles Boyes Mk.1.	25
Binoculars	47
Rangefinders	4
Night Firing Equipment for	
3" Mortars	6
Spare and Replacement Parts for M.M.G.	

4. There are the following deficiencies in M.T. (Incl Carriers) :-

Trucks 15 cwt. G.S.	20
Carriers	4
M.C.	- (2 at present in 2 Ech W/shops).

5. There are the following deficiencies in first line amm:-

Mortar 3" Smoke	42
Cartridges Signal	378

6. General Remarks.

A more liberal supply of practice amm for all weapons would increase efficiency, make more realistic training, and develop the morale of the troops. The same remark applies to gelignite, fireworks and other means of imitating the noise of battle.

*C. M. Lillie* Lt-Col.  
C. MCE. LILLIE.  
Commanding 14 Aust Inf Bn.



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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

R O U T I N E O R D E R S.

by  
Lt-Col. W. B. Caldwell, M. C.  
Commanding 14 Aust Inf Bn.

Headquarters  
14 Aust Inf Bn  
IN THE FIELD

1 Oct 42.

P A R T I.

CAMP ORDER NO. 31/42

1. BN DUTIES.

Duty Coys mount at 1800 hrs on day shown - dismount 1800 hrs following day.

	<u>DATE.</u>	<u>DUTY COY.</u>	<u>ORDERLY OFFICER</u>	<u>ORDERLY N.C.O.</u>
1	Oct 42	"B"	Lieut. H Craig	Cpl Rose
2	" "	"C"	" A Stoot	Sgt Lissinden
3	" "	"D"	" A J Mathieson	Cpl Whiting
4	" "	"E"	" T L Almond	" Hook
5	" "	H Q	" T C Reichenberg	Sgt Grant
6	" "	"A"	" G A Roberts	Cpl Hale
7	" "	"B"	" R Y Walker	" Burton & C

2. GUARD.

Bn Guard will be 2 N.C.O.'s, 9 O.R.'s - Dress Short and shirts (clean) Battle order, Helmet steel.

3. BDE GARBAGE FATIGUE 4 Oct - 10 Oct incl.

Duty Coy will supply 2 O.R. - report Transport lines 0800 hrs daily.

T.O. will arrange 1 x 3 ton veh pick up above 2 O.R.'s and report Bde S.M. at 0830 hrs daily.

4. ENLISTMENT AMF IN AIF.

In order to clarify doubts which have arisen, it is notified that DRO accepts the consent of one parent on AAF A203, as sufficient compliance with the requirements of GRQ 168 (c) in cases of applicants for transfer from AMF to AIF who are under 21 years of age.

5. IDENTIFICATION MARKING FOR ALL RAAF AIRCRAFT.

1. The marking of aircraft with Roundels is to be made identical for all RAAF aircraft irrespective of service functions. The colour Red is NO longer to be used. The standard cockade will be white Roundel surrounded by a blue ring.

2. Diameter of cockade is NOT to exceed 4 ft and the diameter of the white centre is to be three fifths of the diameter of the cockade.

3. All RAAF aircraft shall be marked with the white and blue cockade on each side of the fuselage. The fin shall be marked with white and blue vertical stripes, white leading.

4. Comds will ensure that this info is promulgated to all ranks.

6. SALVAGE.

Following materials will be returned to Ration store as salvage :-

1. Waste paper and card.
2. All classes of metal including wire
3. All kinds of bottles (washed)
4. All classes of timber, boxes etc.
5. Used engine and pump oil
6. Waste leather

*[Handwritten signature]*



SALVAGE

7. Rubber scrap
8. Tins with lids. (Jam tins etc. will NOT be handled)

7. LOCAL LEAVE

Local leave to MINGENEW may be granted on the basis of 10% of Coy strength at the discretion of the Coy Comds. Leave will be from 1730 hrs to 2330 hrs. No transport for this leave will be provided. As on nights when pictures are on, already over 10% of the unit are on leave, local leave will not be granted.

8. DRESS - SUMMER DRESS.

(a) Summer dress is authorised to be worn by tps under Comd 3 Aust Corps (incl WA L of C Area) as follows :-

*all troops 6 Aust. INF. BDA with from 1 Oct 42.*

(b) Until otherwise directed, winter dress as at present authorised may be worn after these dates as an alternative, but strict conformity is required to detailed directions as to each class of dress, and combinations of types of dress are prohibited. Comds will wherever possible give directions as soon as practicable to ensure uniformity within their respective units.

(c) Summer dress is defined as follows :-

(i) OTHER RANKS

For day wear i.e., up to 2000 hrs:

Hat turned down, chin strap to be worn, colour patch on band or puggaree on right side of hat (other headwear only when especially authorised)

Shirt Collar button only undone, sleeves folded back to immediately above elbows.

Belt (web, or if NOT available, leather)

Shorts KD

Boots Puttees, short (or gaiters if puttees NOT available) stockings or hoesetops.

For night wear, i.e., after 2000 hrs.

Hat as above.

Shirt Sleeves rolled down and buttoned, collar button undone.

Belt as above

Trousers K D

Boots as above.

Night wear may be worn during day, but NOT day wear at night. When pers proceed on leave extending into night, during day they must either wear night wear or arrangements be made for change as above.

Jersey Pullover - Khaki may be worn over shirt, but Jerseys pullover - Navy, if worn, will be under shirt. Belt always outside.

(ii) OFFICERS

(a) Normal drill uniforms; or

(b) As for other ranks; or

(c) as in (b) but with cap officers and shoes in lieu of boots and puttees. With this dress tie khaki is optional.

(iii) GENERAL

The alternatives indicated above necessitate increased vigilance on the part of Comds to ensure close compliance with these instructions, particularly as the possibilities of slovenly and untidy dress are increased. Unit QMs will take particular care as to fit of shirts and shorts issued.

9.

CAMPFIRE - TOBACCO RATION.

As from 28 Sep 42 the ration of cigarettes and tobacco will be increased on the following basis :-

120 cigarettes per man per week or

4 ozs Tobacco " " " "



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CANTEEN HRS

The canteen will be closed each Tuesday evening

WET CANTEEN

C.S.Ms will ensure that ticket sellers are correctly instructed and that the order that only 2 tickets per man are sold at one time is strictly adhered to.

11.

AMN.

All ranks issued with rifle will carry 50 rds op amn in pouches, Those issued with T.S.M.G will carry 1 box type mag 2/3 filled in each pouch.

Responsible officers will periodically inspect and ensure that the amn is in a clean and serviceable condition.



Capt.

G.M. SWAN

A/Adjutant 14 Aust Inf Bn



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2 OCT 42.

17552  
AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES  
"X" LIST  
ROUTINE ORDER PART II. NO.4.  
14 AUST INF BN - 4 AUST DIV.

Last Part ii Order No.3. Sub. No.84. Published 24 September 1942.

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Sub No.	Army No.	Rank and Name	Particulars, Casualties, etc.
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HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS, DISCHARGES, ETC.

85	V112166	A/Cpl Patterson I.D.	Trans to York Con. Depot from 118 AGH 19 Sep 42. Adm to 118 AGH from York Con Depot. 23 Sep 42.
6	V112131	Pte Pyper S.M.	Disc to D.& R.D. Claremont from 109 Con Depot for Med Board. 14 Sep 42.
7	VX69895	" Trewhitt F.R.	Disc to Details Camp from 118 A.G.H. 23 Sep 42.
8	V185264	" Reidy J.P.	Trans to 109 Con Depot from 118 A.G.H. (Amputation R 5th Toe) 26 Sep 42.
9	VX69536	" Peacock P.W.	Disc to Details Camp from 109 Con Dep. 21 Sep 42.
90	V.36861	" Foley R.P.	Adm 110 A.G.H. from 8 C.C.S. 28 Sep 42.

*H. Burrowes*  
(H. BURROWES) Major.

Officer i/c Records W.A. L of C Area.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.  
ROUTINE ORDER PART 11.

W.A. 17.

No. 17.

14th AUST. INFANTRY BATTALION 4 AUST. DIV.

Last Part 11 Order No. 16. Sub. No. 744. Pub. 29 Sept. 42.

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 No. Army No. Rank. Name. Particulars, Casualties, etc.  
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STRENGTH INCREASE.

745 NX. 92 Lt. Col. Caldwell W.B. From 2/2 Bn. 27 Sept. 42.

STRENGTH INCREASE (HOSPITALS)  
AND STRUCK OFF "X" LIST.

6 VX 70859 Pte. Taylor J.S.	Rejoined Unit from A.R.D. Northam ex Hospital 24 Sept. 42.
7 V.156006 Pte. Carrugan C.P.	do.
8 VX 69556 Pte. Peacock P.W.	do.
9 VX 69895 Pte. Trehitt F.	From A.R.D. Northam ex Hosp. 2 Oct. 42.
750 V. 36844 Pte. Donald J.G.	do.
1 V. 36163 S/Sgt. Fleming V.R.	do.
2 VX 53334 Lieut. Richards S.	Rejoined Unit from A.R.D. Northam ex Hosp. 2 Oct. 42.

STRENGTH DECREASE.

3 V. 36600 A/Sgt. Herron W.J.	M/O to G.D.D. Claremont for enlistment in R.A.N.R. 27 Sept. 42. Auth. A1/38/134.
4 V. 66746 Pte. Jones J.E.	do. Auth. A1/38/138.
5 V. 36453 Pte. Ryan T.J.	M/O to G.D.D. Re-allotment Section, Claremont, Class B. and over-age personnel, Auth. 4 Aust. Div. R.O. 382. 24 Sept. 42.
6 V. 36506 Pte. Maher J.J.	do.
7 V. 36519 Pte. Miller J.J.	do.
8 V. 36098 Sgt. Menagh L.N.	do.
9 V. 66606 Pte. Snook H.	do.
760 V.185277 Pte. Schneider R.	do.
1 V. 36076 A/Sgt. Nelson A.T.	do.
2 V. 36049 Pte. Prowse C.J.	do.
3 V. 36231 Pte. Deering A.L.	do.
4 V. 36275 Pte. Anderson E.R.J.	do.
5 V. 36629 Pte. Joyce W.	do.
6 V. 36692 Pte. Lyons J.G.	do.
7 V. 36830 Pte. Curran J.	do.
8 V. 36960 Pte. Brazel K.A.	do.
9 V. 66518 W.O.II. Joyce H.F.	do.
770 V. 66521 Pte. Baker W.R.	do.
1 V. 66802 Pte. Nicholls F.L. (T.G.111.)	do.
2 V.112122 Pte. Close R.	do.
3 VX 75021 Pte. Noonan T.N.	do.
4 V.195225 Pte. Crawford W.E.	To H.Q. 4 Aust. Div. 2 Oct. 42.
5 VX 70988 Pte. Grahame J.V.	To Sigs. 4 Aust. Div. 9 Sept. 42.
6 V. 65907 Lt.-Col. G. McE. Lillie.	To 5 Aust. Inf. Bn. 30 Sept. 42.

STRENGTH DECREASE (SCHOOLS & COURSES)  
AND TRANS. TO "X" LIST.

7 V. 66522 A/Sgt. Ball A.	To I.O.T.S. Bonegilla. 1 Oct. 42.
8 V. 66542 A/Sgt. James W.M.	do. 22 Sept. 42.
9 V. 66859 A/Cpl. St. Ellen J.J.	do. do.
780 V. 36853 Pte. Ellingworth C.R.	M/O to A.T.T.D. Ascot from M.V.T.T.C Graylands for further training, 12 Sept. 42.



STRENGTH DECREASE (LEAVE WITHOUT PAY  
AND SUBS. AND TRANS. TO "X" LIST.

781 V.160223 Pte. Stirling A.G. Granted leave without pay from 1 Oct 42 to 28 Feb. 43, and trans. to "X" List.  
2 V.190622 Pte. Huntingford A. do.

APPOINTMENTS, PROMOTIONS AND COMMISSIONS.

3 V. 36140 Lieut. Sinclair E.B. Prob. appt. confirmed Gaz. supp. 1/42 of 31 Jan. 42.

PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:

4 V. 36460 A/Sgt. Skeen G.J. Promoted T/W.O.11. Auth. 4 Aust. Div. Memo 22/42/28 of 19 Sept. 42. 15 Aug. 42.  
5 VX 70695 Pte. Smith F.B. Promoted A/Cpl. 18 Sept. 42.  
6 V. 66684 Pte. Dexter G.H. Promoted A/Cpl. 7 March 42.  
7 V. 66684 L/Sgt. Dexter G.H. Promoted A/Sgt. 1 May 42.

REVERSIONS.

8 V.112198 A/Cpl. Ballard L.M. Reverts to Pte. by order of C.O. 14 Sept. 42.

TRADE GROUPING.

9 VX 60834 Pte. Buchanan N.A. Relinquishes T.G. 11. (Cook) 14 Sept. 42. Auth. C.O.

REVERSION. (Contd.)

790 V. 66826 A/Sgt. Prest A.E. Reverts to A/Cpl. 28 Sept. 42. Auth. C.O.

PUNISHMENTS.

1 V.150657 Pte. Grachan C. OFFENCE. A.W.L. from Transit Depot Claremont from 15 Sept. 42 to 1530 hrs 24 Sept. 42. 1100 hrs and fined 100/-  
AWARD. 28 days detn by C.O. W.A. L. of C. Area G.D.D. 25 Sept. 42. Aut. forf. 10 days pay.  
TOTAL STOPPAGE. 38 days pay. and One hundred shillings.

CIVIL DETENTION.

2 VX 74685 Pte. Morgan J.N. M/O to 6 months civil detn. 14 June 42.

SCHOOLS AND COURSES.

3 V. 66550 Pte. Phillips A.J. M/O to No. 10 Cypher Cse. 3 Aust. Corps 30 Sept. 42.  
4 V. 66571 Pte. Crooks R.P. To 3 Aust. Corps Sig. Tng. Centre. Northam Ser. 10. 2 Oct. 42.  
5 V.185063 Pte. Curran R. do.  
6 V.112184 Pte. Kirby J.C. do.  
7 V.185316 Pte. Whitney T.J. do. Ser. 11.  
8 V.112136 Pte. Collis J.W. do. do.  
9 V. 36092 Lieut. Callander A.J. To 3 Aust. Corps School, Harvey, Anti Gas 43/9. 24 Sept. 42.

LEAVE WITH PAY AND SUBS.

800 W. 62501 Pte. Pennington E. Granted 6 days leave from 24 Sept. 42.  
1 W. 62446 Pte. Brandis R. do.  
2 W. 58965 Pte. Southall A. do.  
3 WX 74710 Pte. Anglim L.J. do.  
4 W. 9221 Pte. Glover T.A. do. 28 Sept. 42.  
5 V. 36053 Sgt. Bolwell L. Granted 4 days comp. leave excl. travelling 27 Sept. 42.  
800 VX 50834 Pte. Buchanan N.A. do.



LEAVE WITH PAY AND SUBS. (Contd.)

807 W. 51927 Pte. Cunningham N, Granted 6 days leave with pay and subs  
1 Oct. 42.  
8 V. 36176 Capt. Ogilvie B.M.B. Granted 6 days leave with pay and subs  
from 24 Sept. 42.

LEAVE WITHOUT PAY AND SUBS.

9 V. 160223 Pte. Stirling A.G. Granted leave from 1 Oct. 42 to 28 Feb.  
43.  
810 V. 190522 Pte. Huntingford A.L. do.

Note: The Dept. of the Army will not be responsible for any illness or injury sustained by the above personnel during the period of this leave.

REJOINED UNIT.

1 V. 66800 Pte. Newton P.F. From W.A. L. of C. Area M.V.T.T.C.  
Graylands. 19 Sept. 42.  
2 V. 36090 Lieut. Jack R.L. From Coy. Comds. Course, Harvey. 12  
Sept. 42.  
3 V. 36017 Lieut. Craig H.F. From Pl. Comds. Course, Harvey. 12  
Sept. 42.  
4 VX 52220 Lieut. Stoate A.A. do.

ATTACHED.

5 WX 11095 Chap. Codd E.A. Attached for duty 28  
Sept. 42 ~~at~~ HQ 6 Inf Bde  
Ceased to be attached  
and ~~ret.~~ HQ 6 Inf Bde  
23 Sept. 42.  
6 V. 145895 Chap. Crouch G.S. AA.C.D. do. 30 Sep. 42.  
A.A.C.D. do.  
7 VP. 6787 W.O. 11. Livingston L.W. ( 55 D.O.W.)  
8 V. 54878 Cpl. Rice W.H. do.

CORRIGENDA.

9 V. 112204 Pte. Duke J.J. Ref. R.O. Part 11 No. W.A. 2 Sub. No.  
85. Should read: "Appointed Spec.  
Group 111 (Driver Mech.) 27 June 42."  
820 VX 75166 Pte. O'Hara J. Ref. R.O. Part 11 No. W.A. 4. Sub. No.  
332. Should read: "Award. Fined fif-  
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14 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION 2 AUST. DIVISION.

Last Part 11 Order No. 17

Sub. No. 320

Pub. 6 Oct. '42.

Sub. No.	Army No.	Rank and Name	Particulars, Casualties, Etc.
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STRENGTH INCREASE (HOSP.) STRUCK OFF "X" LIST.

821 VX 69250	Pte. DOWNEY W.J.	Rejoined Unit en hosp.	11 June '42.
2 VX 70375	Pte. DONOHUE D.M.	do.	11 Sept. '42
3 V. 64478	Pte. MURRAY A.J.	do.	26 July '42
4 V. 36198	Cpl. McMILLAN L.	do.	11 Sept. '42
5 V. 36982	Pte. WERNHAM C.T.	do.	22 Sept. '42
6 V. 112171	Pte WOODWARD H.C.	do.	23 Sept. '42

STRENGTH DECREASE (HOSP) TRANS. TO "X" LIST.

7 V. 36793	A/Sgt. CALTON A.G.	Adm. 8 C.C.S. (Acute Appendicitis)	28 Sept. '42
8 VX 70551	Pte. HERMON C.W.	Adm. 8 C.C.S. (Varicocele)	30 Sept. '42
9 VX 69605	Pte. KRUSE R.L.	Adm. 8 C.C.S. (Spr. R. Ankle)	30 Sept. '42
830V. 240163	Pte. BROWN R.G.	Adm. 8 C.C.S. (Haemorrhoids)	2 Oct. '42
1 V. 150478	Pte. HOLBROOK J.H.	Adm. 8 C.C.S. (Wax in Ear)	2 Oct. '42.
2 V. 36844	A/Cpl. DONALD J.G.	Adm. 118 A.G.H. (Injured Knee)	2 July '42
		Disc. to Details Camp from 118 A.G.H.	28 Sept. '42

STRENGTH DECREASE (CIVIL DETENTION TRANS. TO "X" LIST.

3 VX 74685	Pte. MORGAN J.F.	Awarded 6 Months Civil Detention	14 June '42
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PUNISHMENTS:

4 VX 69807	Pte. O'HARA D.	<u>OFFENCE.</u> A.W.L. from 2359 hrs. 22 Aug '42. to 1700 hrs. 31 Aug. '42 from G.D.D.
		<u>AWARD.</u> 28 days detention by C.O. Details 3 Sept. '42
		Aut. forf. 9 days pay
		<u>Total stoppage</u> 37 days pay

SENTENCE - REMISSION OF:

835 VX 69807	Pte. O'HARA D.	<u>AWARD.</u> 28 days detention
		<u>AUT. FORF.</u> 9 days pay
		<u>TOTAL STOPPAGE:</u> 37 days pay
		4 days remission of sentence granted by Col. I/C Admin. W.A. L. of C. Area.
		22 Sept. '42
		<u>TOTAL NET STOPPAGE:</u> 33 days pay



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14 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION & AUST. DIVISION.

Sub. No.	Army No.	Rank and Name	Particulars, Casualties, Etc.
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DETACHMENTS FOR DUTY:

836 V. 150460	Pte. BRUERTON F.	Det. to H.Q. 6 Aust. Inf. Bde.	31 May '42
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REJOINED UNIT:

837 V. 150460	Pte. BRUERTON F.	Rejoined Unit from Detachment to H.Q. 6 Aust. Inf. Bde.	28 Aug. '42
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 Officer I/C Records W.A. L. of C. Area.



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6 OCT 42.

14 AUST INF BN - INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO.16.

Based on information received up to 1200 hrs 5 OCT 42.

PART. 1.OPERATIONAL.

(Ref Map DONGARRA Strat.).

The battalion Camp-site astride MINGENEW - MULLEWA RD remains unchanged.

Night exercises are being carried out on night of 5 OCT in vicinity of YARAGADEE.

The area for Bn attack 5 OCT will be approx two miles EAST of this station, two miles NORTH, thence across WEST to the MINGENEW-MULLEWA RD which will form the WESTERN boundary of area. The following nights being used for Coy tag in area ten miles NORTH of YARAGADEE.

Verrey lights will be used on night 5/6 OCT.

PART. 111.TOPOGRAPHICAL.

A map with additional plotted detail of the area will be forwarded soch.

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ROUTINE ORDER PART II. NO.5.

I4 AUST INF BN - 4 AUST DIV.

Last Part II.. Order No.4. Sub No.90. Published 2 October 1942.

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Sub Army  
No. No. Rank & Name Particulars of Casualties, etc.  
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HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS, DISCHARGES, ETC.

91	VX70551	Pte	Hermon C.W.	Adm to IIO A.G.H. ex 8 C.C.S.	
					I Oct 42.
2	VX69605	"	Kruse R.L.	do	do
3	V.36163	S/Sgt	Fleming V.R.	Disc to Transit Camp from I09 Con Dep	28 Sep 42
4	VI60206	Pte	Parry W.R.	do	do
5	V.66602	"	Rogan P.C.	Trans to I09 Con Depot from 2/I AGH.	3 Oct 42
6	V.36515	A/Cpl	Masters J.F.	Disc to G.D.M.D. from IIO A.G.H.	29 Sep 42
7	V240163	Pte	Brown E.G.	Adm to 2/I A.G.H. from 8 C.C.S.	5 Oct 42
8	VI50478	"	Holbrook J.H.	do	do
9	VI85187	"	Howden W.H.	do	do

DETENTION - COMMITTED TO

100	V.36763	Pte	White R.W.	M/o to Detention Barracks Fremantle from I09 Con Depot.	30 Sep 42
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MEDICAL CLASSIFICATION

101	V.36515	A/Cpl	Masters J.F.	Medical Classification re-assessed as Class D by Medical Board. '8 Oct 42
101	V.112174	Pte.	Cook A.P.	Medical Classification re-assessed as Class B.2. by Medical Board. 8 Oct. 42.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

ROUTINE ORDERS.

by  
Lt-Col. W.B. Caldwell. M.C.  
Commanding 14 Aust Inf Bn.

Headquarters  
14 Aust Inf Bn  
AUSTRALIA.

12 OCT 42.

PART 1.

CAMP ORDER NO. 32/42.

1. BH DUTIES. "X" Area.

Duty Coys mount at 1800 hrs on day shown - dismount 1800 hrs following day.

<u>DATE.</u>	<u>DUTY COY.</u>	<u>ORDERLY OFFICER</u>	<u>ORDERLY N.C.O.</u>
12 Oct. 42	"D"	Lieut. J.B. McCONNELL	Sgt. Best L.
13 Oct. 42	"B"	" C.D. FERRES	Sgt. Martorana F.
14 Oct. 42	"A"	" H.A. WHITTAKER	Cpl. Jabour J.
15 Oct. 42	"D"	" R.G. RAVENSCROFT	Sgt. scymour R.
16 Oct. 42	"B"	" D.J. MACLEOD	Sgt. James W.
17 Oct. 42	"A"	" G. THOMPSON	Cpl. Howells A.

2. CAMP AREAS

Camp will be divided into two areas. A B C & D coys will form X area, E & HQ coys will form Y area.

E & HQ coys will supply a guard of 1 N.C.O. & 6 O.R's on alternate nights for their own area. A B C & D coys will supply a guard of 2 N.C.O'S & 9 O.R'S.

3.

DRESS FOR GUARD

Shorts & shirts (clean) Battle order, Helmet steel

4.

TRACK DISCIPLINE

Track discipline will be strictly observed by all ranks. Officers and Senior N.C.O'S will be held responsible that instructions in this matter are carried out & rigidly enforced. Traffic signs have been and are in the process of being erected and drivers who disobey will be severely dealt with. EN.H.Q. No vehicle will approach beyond the car park.

5. TOWN WATER SUPPLY

All ranks to be advised that water supply near entrance to Recreation Ground is OUT OF BOUNDS and NO water is to be drawn from this locality for military purposes.

6. UNAUTHORISED REMOVAL OF RY. PROPERTY.

Attention is directed in G.R.O. A418 to the prevalence of theft by members of equipment from Ry. refreshment rooms. Any member found to be in possession of any article of equipment belonging to a Ry. refreshment room will be charged with an offence.

7. SECURITY

On a number of occasions letters have been received at civil post offices addressed to units and personnel in the field and stating their geographical location. Some of these letters were dispatched from branches of the services in PERTH, and others originated from civilian sources. All tps are to be instructed that they must advise correspondents of their correct postal address.

It has been reported that matters of a secret or a security nature are being discussed over the telephone. It must be impressed on all telephone users that telephony is a convenient means of communication, not a water tight channel for passing information. NO. TELEPHONE IS SECURE.



8. SECURITY OF INFM. PURCHASE OF LOTTERY TICKETS.

A check carried out recently at State Lottery Office discloses many breaches of security, in that Unit names and Locations have been freely given in ticket butts which are accessible to any civilian.

Unit Comds will ensure that all ranks are instructed that Regtl No. Rank and Name are the only particulars which will be given in such instances. "Australia" is a sufficient address and unit names and location will NOT be given.

9. TROOPS MARCHING AT NIGHT.

When troops are marching along roads at night there is considerable danger from collision by overtaking motor vehicles especially in localities under "black out" conditions.

With a view to minimising this danger, the right-hand man of the rear rank of any column marching at night will wear a white cloth of reasonable size on the back and will carry a lighted hurricane lamp, with if possible, a red glass, as a warning to overtaking vehicles.

10. CLOTHING RATION BOOKS.

Army clothing ration books are NOT transferable. Disciplinary action will be taken against any person who transfer or receive by transfer clothing ration books.

11. PUNISHMENTS.

In future all punishments awarded will be read to all ranks as soon as published in Part 11 orders.

12. ALTERATION OF NAME.

As from 12 Oct 42 this Bn. will be known as 14/32 Aust. Inf. Bn. All correspondence will be addressed as such.

13. AMENITIES.

The receipt is acknowledged of the following amenities from sources as shown:-

6000 sheets writing paper	A.C.F.
900 envelopes	A.C.F.
1 set Boxing Gloves	A.C.F.
1 Radio Set (on loan)	A.C.F.
1 Table Tennis Table	A.C.F.
1 Table Tennis Set	A.C.F.

*G.M. Swan*  
G.M. SWAN

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Adjutant

14 Aust. Inf. Bn.



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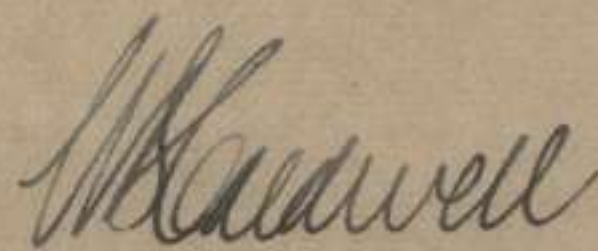
12 OCT 42.

14 AUST INF BN - INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO.17.

Based on Information received up to 1200 hrs 12 OCT 42.

PART 1.OPERATIONAL.

(Ref Map DONGARRA Strat).

14 Aust Inf Bn moved on 9 OCT 42 to area NORTH EAST bank  
IRWIN RIVER. BN.H.Q. is established at 30733757.On 10 OCT 42 a total of 164 all ranks marched in from  
32 Aust Inf Bn.PART 111.TOPOGRAPHICAL.The IRWIN RIVER at this point has steep banks of from 4' to  
5 ft high, approx 25 ft wide, has a sandy bottom. At the  
present time there is a small trickle of water, flowing in  
a NORTHERLY direction.Access to the area is poor. Tracks are sandy and in parts  
is impassable to loaded 30 cwt of 3 ton vehicles with only  
rear wheel drive.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.  
ROUTINE ORDER PART 11.

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No. 19.

14th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION 4 AUST. DIV.

Last Part 11 Order No. 18. Sub. No. 837. Pub. 8 Oct. 42.

Sub

No. Army No. Rank. Name. Particulars, Casualties, etc.

STRENGTH INCREASE.

838 WX. 17 Capt. Shanahan P.M. From 2/11 Bn. 8 Oct. 42.  
9 V.155709 Dvr. Myer R.T. From H.Q. 6 Aust. Inf. Bde. 5 Oct. 42.  
840 V.245710 Pte. Barr J.A. do.  
1 V. 68297 L/Cpl. Pratt J.W. From 32 Aust. Inf. Bn. 4 Oct. 42.

STRENGTH INCREASE (SCHOOLS) AND  
STRUCK OFF "X" LIST.

2 V. 66542 A/Sgt. James W.M. Rejoined Unit from O.T.S. Bonegilla  
5 Oct. 42.  
3 V. 66859 A/Cpl. St. Ellen J.J. do.

STRENGTH INCREASE (REJOINED UNIT)  
AND STRUCK OFF "X" LIST.

4 V. 36067 Capt. Wilson N. (M.C.) Rejoined Unit from Eng. Depot Northam  
26 Sep 42.  
5 V. 36135 Capt. Gage G. do. 6 Oct. 42.

STRENGTH DECREASE.

6 V. 36067 Capt. Wilson N. (M.C.) Trans. to Vic. L. of C. Area for dis-  
posal. 26 Sep 42.  
7 V. 36135 Capt. Gage G. do. 6 Oct 42.  
8 V. 66782 Pte. Mannering L.J. To 4 Aust. Div. Sigs. "K" Sec. 3 Oct.  
42.  
9 V. 66712 A/Cpl. Gill R.M. M/O to G.D.D. Claremont enlist  
R.A.A.F, Auth. 3 Aust. Corps  
A1/37/272. 5 Oct. 42.  
850 V. 36815 Pte. Cohen A. M/O to G.D.D. Claremont enlist  
R.A.A.F, Auth. 3 Aust. Corps  
A1/37/268. 5 Oct. 42.

STRENGTH DECREASE (HOSPITALS)  
AND TRANS. TO "X" LIST.

1 V. 66723 Pte. Hannaway S.L. Admit. 2/1 A.G.H. 5 Oct. 42 (Cellu-  
litis R. thigh).  
2 VX 69866 Pte. Scott T.F. Admit. 2/1 A.G.H. 5 Oct. 42. (Fistu-  
la in anae)

APPOINTMENTS, PROMOTIONS AND  
COMMISSIONS.

3 NX 92 Major. Caldwell W.B. To be T/Lt. Col. 11 Aug. 42. Auth.  
(M.C.) S. Memo 15207 of 17 Aug. 42.

PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS.

4 V. 36828 A/Cpl. Croughan R.K. Promoted A/Sgt. 30 Sept. 42.  
855 VX 70871 Pte. Schickert G.M. " A/Cpl. (Cook) 5 Oct. 42.

PUNISHMENTS.

856 V. 36712 Pte. Philpot S.R. (1). OFFENCE. Conduct to the prejudice  
of good order and Military discipline.  
5 Oct. 42.



PUNISHMENTS. (Contd.)

856 V. 36712 Pte. Philpot S.R. (2) OFFENCE. Disobeying a lawful command given by his superior Officer. 5 Oct. 42.  
AWARD. Fined one hundred shgs by C.O. 8 Oct. 42.  
TOTAL STOPPAGE. One hundred shgs.

7 NO ENTRY. )  
 8 VX 69807 Pte. O'Hara D. ) OFFENCE. A.W.L. from G.D.D. Claremont from 2359 hrs 29 Sept. 42 to 0930 hrs 4 Oct. 42.  
AWARD. 28 days detn. by C.O. G.D.D 5 Oct. 42. Aut. forf. 5 days pay.  
TOTAL STOPPAGE. 33 days pay.

SCHOOLS & COURSES.

9 V. 36144 Lieut. Walker R.Y. To 3 Aust. Corps School, Harvey 3" Mortar Cse. 43/2, 8 Oct. 42.  
 860 V. 36952 A/Sgt. Railton J.A. To 3 Aust. Corps School, Harvey 3" Mortar Cse. 43/2. 8 Oct. 42.

LEAVE WITH PAY AND SUBSISTENCE.

1 V. 36870 Pte. Frencham V.S. Granted 3 days emerg. leave plus travelling time to Melbourne. 7 Oct. 42.

DETACHMENTS FOR DUTY.

2 V. 36159 Lieut. Eastwood A.L. For duty with 6 Aust. Inf. Bde. Unarmed Combat School, 30 Sept. 42.  
 3 V. 68297 L/Cpl. Pratt J.W. To D.A.A.G. 4 Aust. Div. 4 Oct. 42.  
 4 V. 36712 Pte. Philpot S. To 3 Aust. Corps School, Harvey 3" Mortar Cse. 43/2, as batman 8 Oct. 42.

REJOINED UNIT.

5 V. 36176 Capt. Ogilvie B.M.B. From leave with pay 6 Oct. 42.  
 6 VX 74710 Pte. Anglim J.J. From leave with pay 5 Oct. 42.  
 7 W. 58965 Pte. Southall A.E.S. do.  
 8 W. 62446 Pte. Brandis E.J. do.  
 9 W. 62501 Pte. Pennington E. do. 4 Oct. 42.

ATTACHED.

870 W. 48746 Sgt. Byrne R.K. ( A.D.S.S. ) Ceased to be attached 6 Oct. 42.  
Corrigenda.  
 871 WX 11095 Chap. Codd E.A. ( A.A.C.D. ) Ref. R.O. Part 11 No. 2 V. 148895 Chap. Crouch G.S. do. ) W.A. 17. Sub. No. 815 & ) 816. DELETE ALL REFERENCE.

CORRIGENDA.

873 VX 74710 Pte. Anglim L.J. Ref. R.O. Part 11 No. W.A. 17. Sub. No. 803. Pub. 6 Oct. 42. Should read. "VX.74710 Pte. ANGLIM L.J."



CORRIGENDA. contd)

874 VX 52101 Pte. Davidson A.J.

Ref. R.O. Part 11 No. W.A. 11. Sub. No. 583. Pub. 9 Sept. 42.  
"Period under Close arrest" should read: "10 days". "Total stoppage of pay" should read: "80 days".

SENTENCE - REMISSION OF

875 WX 19824 Pte. Hall R.

Ref R.O. Part 11. No. WA16 Sub No 740  
Published 29 Sep 42.  
Award: Fined 80/- & 28 days detention.  
Aut Forfeiture: 2 days pay.  
Total Stoppage: 80/- and 30 days pay.  
4 days remission of sentence granted  
by Col i/c Adm. W.A. L of C Area.  
8 Oct 42.  
Total nett Stoppage: 80 shgs and 26  
days pay.

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16 Oct 42

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES  
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ROUTINE ORDER PART 11. NO.6.

14th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION - 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

Last Part 11, Order No.5. Sub No.101. Published 9 October 1942

Sub No.	Army No.	Rank & Name	Particulars of Casualties, etc.
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PUNISHMENTS

102	V185160	Pte Edwards V.L.	<p>Offence: A.W.L. from G.D.D. from 2359 hrs 4 Oct 42 to 1200 hrs 5 Oct 42.            Award: Fined 5 shgs by C.O. G.D.D. 6 Oct 42            Automatic Forfeiture: 1 days pay.            Total Stoppage: 5 shgs &amp; 1 days pay.</p>
3	VX66682	Pte Sapwell R.A.	<p>Offence: A.W.L. from 109 Con Depot from 2359 hrs 3 Oct 42 to 0400 hrs on 7 Oct 42.            Award: 14 days C.B. &amp; Fined 80 shgs.            Automatic forfeiture: 4 days pay.            Total Stoppage: 4 days pay &amp; 80 shgs.</p>

HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS, DISCHARGES, ETC.

4	V.36538	Pte Rogers C.	Disc to Details Camp from 122 Spec Hosp Melville. 7 Oct 42
5	V.36793	A/Sgt Calton A.G.	Adm to 2/1 A.G.H. from 8 C.C.S. 8 Oct 42
6	V160224	Pte Spring W.J.	Trans to 109 Con Depot from 8 C.C.S. 15 Aug 42
7	VX66682	Pte Sapwell R.A.	Disc to Transit Depot from 109 Con Depot. 12 Oct 42
8	V.36308	A/Cpl Burgess A.W.C.	do do
9	VX73557	Pte Martin W.C.	do do
110	V160241	L/Cpl Walker G.D.	do do
1	VX69605	Pte Kruse R.L.	Trans to 109 Con Depot from 110 AGH. 10 Oct 42
2	V.36749	A/Cpl Walker J.M.	Adm to 110 A.G.H. from 8 C.C.S. 12 Oct 42
113	V.36450	A/Cpl Riordan C.	do do

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ROUTINE ORDERS

by Lt-Col. W. B. Caldwell M.C. Commanding 14/32 Aust Inf Bn.

Headquarters 14/32 Aust Inf Bn.

AUSTRALIA 17 Oct. 42

PART 1

Camp Order No. 33/42

1. BN DUTIES "BX" Area

Duty Coys mount at 4800 hrs on days shown and dismount 4800 hrs the following day.

Table with 4 columns: DATE, DUTY COY., ORDERLY OFFICER, ORDERLY N.C.O. Rows list dates from 18 Oct. 42 to 23 Oct. 42 with corresponding duty coys and officers.

2. COURT OF INQUIRY

A court of inquiry consisting of the undermentioned Officers will assemble at 14/32 Aust Inf Bn for the purpose of inquiring into deficiency in stores disclosed as a result of Unit stock take on 10 Oct. 42

Capt. G. W. Biddlecombe President
Lieut. T. J. Almond Member
Lieut. R. G. Ravenscroft "

3. FIRE PICQUET

Each night Duty Coy will detail one PI to act as fire picquet. This PI will be prepared to move to the scene of the fire immediately a notification of fire is given. Remainder of Coy will be prepared to move on 20 minutes notice.

T.O. will arrange for 2 three tonners to be detailed each night for use by picquet in case of fire. These three tonners will remain in the transport lines and immediately alarm is sounded or phone call is received from Bn H Q vehicles will report to Duty Coy.

Vehicles will be loaded with fire beaters each evening and these beaters will not be removed.

During the day picquet will exercise in Bn Area and any transport available will be used if required for movement to area of fire.

4. TENNIS RACQUETS

One Slazenger Tennis Racquet, with brown leather grip, taken from Mingenew Tennis Courts Sunday 4 Oct. to be returned to Bde HQ forthwith. Units will ascertain if necessary by kit inspection, if racquet is in area.

5. STERILISING OUTFIT FOR USE WITH WATER BOTTLES (Ref ORD A120)

It will be noted that these outfits are available for issue to NCO in each sub-unit and not to the privates. NCO will supervise the actual use of the outfits and caution should be taken to ensure that NCOs understand the directions given in the ORD.

As indicated in the ORD water sterilisation in water bottles will be required only when it is NOT practicable.



able to provide for water chlorination in any Army water  
veh or otherwise in bulk for subsequent filling into water  
bottles.

6. USE OF MESSING GEAR AT RLY REFRESHMENT ROOMS

Owing to the shortage of cutlery in Rly Refreshment  
Rooms, all ranks will be prepared to use their own knives,  
forks and spoons when meals are provided at Rly Refreshment  
Rooms during move by rail.

7. WEB EQUIPMENT

The practice of washing belts, gaiters and other  
items of web equipment so that it becomes white is to cease.  
All Coys will take action to restore such web equip-  
ment to its original colour.

8. SALVAGE

A number of bales of raw rubber have been found  
along the coast between GERALDTON and AUGUSTA.

Tps stationed in coastal areas who should find  
such bales will fwd them through normal salvage channels  
without delay.

Any other flotsam, considered salvagable, will also  
be fwd to the nearest salvage dump or rep.

9. CLOTHING

Soldiers, whose clothing becomes U S through lack  
of mending in the early stages of tears etc. will be charged  
with damage to Govt Property and a stoppage put through their  
paybook.

*G. M. Swan*  
Capt.

G. M. SWAN

Adjutant 14/32 Aust Inf Bn.



6 Aust Inf Bde.

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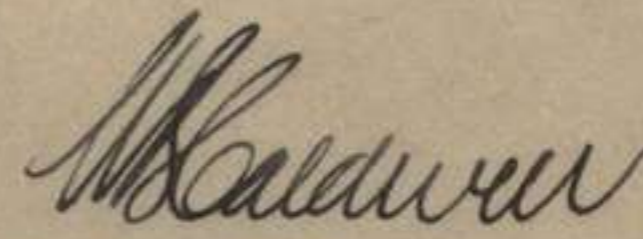
19 OCT 42.

14/32 AUSTRALIAN INF BN INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO.18.

Based upon information received up to 1200 hrs 19 OCT 42.

PART 1.OPERATIONAL.

Ref Map DONGARRA.

14/32 Aust Inf Bn is occupying camp position at  
30653755 (corrected reference)."C" Coy is at present engaged upon road making and  
guarding ammunition dumps in PERENJORI and THREE  
SPRINGS area while other Coys of this unit are engaged  
upon road construction into this camp site, and generally  
improving this area.PART 111.TOPOGRAPHICAL.Roads are being built connecting this camp area with the  
main road.A bridge over the IRWIN RIVER is being built at 30663752  
which will provide an exit from this camp to the OLD COACH  
RD, STRAWBERRY - IRWIN.

Lt-Col.

W. B. CALDWELL.

Commanding 14/32 Aust Inf Bn.

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14 AUST INF BN.

BN EXERCISE No.1 -- 5/6 OCT 42.

Ref. Maps PERENJORI, DONGARRA -- 4 miles to 1 inch.

1. OBJECTS :-

- (a) To practice the battalion in the preparation for and drill of a night attack. I.T. 1937 Sec.84.
- (b) To exercise the battalion in consolidation and reorganisation after a night attack.

2. PERSONNEL:

Director	--	Lt-Col. W.B. CALDWELL.	M.C.
Umpires	--	4 to be detailed.	
O.C.Bn.	--	Lt-Col. W.B. CALDWELL.	M.C.
O.C.Enemy	--	O.C. of 1 Coy 32 Bn.	

3. ENEMY:

The enemy will comprise one Coy 32 Bn.

4. AREA OF EXERCISE:

River Crossing 337398, thence east 2 miles, thence North 4 miles, thence West 2 miles to road MINGENEW -- MULLEWA.

5. CONCLUSION:

At conclusion of exercise Coys will proceed on Coy tug for nights 6/7 & 7/8 OCT in same area and return to camp 0600 hrs 8 OCT 42.

6. NARRATIVE:

Enemy forces landed in GERALDTON area before dawn 3 OCT 42 and were immediately engaged by 2 Inf Bde, who, though heavy casualties were inflicted on the Japanese, were forced back allowing GERALDTON airdrome to fall into enemy hands. 2 Aust Inf Bde is now in area BOCKARA and is now holding firm.

Estimated strength of landing was, one division, now identified as as the HAYASHI Div. Enemy in strength was located in area YANGA WELL (332423) by Tac R at 1200 hrs 4 OCT 42 and 6 Aust Inf Bde was ordered to destroy this force. 32 Bn moved 2100 hrs 4 OCT on road MINGENEW -- MULLEWA and reported confused brushes with enemy in area YARAGADEE (336396) during night 4/5 OCT.

At 1000 hrs 5 OCT 42 6 Aust Inf Bde received message from 32 Bn which read :-

"Enemy now in area  $1\frac{1}{2}$  mls North YARAGADEE right flank 338400 left flank 333401 (.) My attacks to dislodge him repulsed (.) My casualties est 20%, enemy not known (.) Enemy strength est one Bn (.) Enemy has local air superiority, employing medium bombers covered by fighter screen (.) I am digging in"

14 Bn received message from 6 Aust Inf Bde at 1130 hrs which read :-

"Warning order (.) Move to area 339396 (.) Anticipate night attack"

	5	6	7	8
M/R	3:42 AM	4:22	5:1	5:39
S/R	6:57	6:56	6:55	6:54
F. D.	8:10			







28 Oct 42

OTHER RANKS  
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ROUTINE ORDER PART 11.  
No.21.14/32 AUST INF BATTALION - 4 AUST DIV.

Last Part 11. Order No.20. Sub No.1148. Published 21 Oct 42

Sub No.	Army No.	Rank & Name	Particulars of Casualties, etc.
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STRENGTH INCREASE

1149	V.205113	Pte Taafe C.F.	Trans from 32 Aust Inf Bn and remains detached to H.Q. 6 Aust Inf Bde. 10 Oct 42.
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STRENGTH INCREASE (REJOINED UNIT)  
AND STRUCK OFF "X" LIST

1150	VX.60834	Pte Buchanan N.A.	Rej unit ex Hospital 22 Jun 42
1	VX.66682	" Sapwell R.A.	M/i from A.R.D. ex Hosp. 16 Oct 42
2	V.160185	" Milburn W.J.	do do
3	V.195226	" Fysh R.H.	do do
4	V.185122	" Belton D.M.	do do
5	V..36535	" Rogers C.	do do

STRENGTH DECREASE

6	V..36515	A/Cpl Masters J.F.	M/o to G.D.D. pending return to Home Area Class D. and struck off "X" List 29 Sep 42
7	V.160221	Pte Symes N.K.	Died at 8 C.C.S. (Abscess on Lung) and struck off "X" List. 22 Oct 42
8	V.160224	Pte Spring W.J.	M/o to R.R.D. Re-allotment Section. (Class B.1.) 19 Oct 42
9	V..66818	Pte Parry L.W.	M/o to G.D.D. Claremont enlisted in R.A.A.F. Auth 3 Aust Corps memo A8/176/1 19 Oct 42
1160	V.155596	Pte Killingsworth P.J.	M/o to G.D.D. Claremont enlisted in R.A.A.F. Authority 3 Aust Corps memo A8/239/1. 19 Oct 42

STRENGTH DECREASE (HOSPITALS)  
AND TRANS TO "X" LIST

1	VX102379	Pte Spiken E.C.	Adm 8 C.C.S. (Cell. L Leg) 15 Oct 42
2	V..36466	A/Sgt Stevens G.J.	do (Schio Rectal Abscess) 12 Oct 42
3	V.185190	Pte Ironmonger T.	do (Supra Condyle Frac Elbow) 16 Oct 42
4	VX105633	" Raftopoulis J.	do (Pnuemonia) and trans to and adm to 110 A.G.H. 12 Oct 42
5	V.180492	" Kinsella F.A.	Adm 4 C.C.S. (Abscess Thigh) and trans to and adm to 110 A.G.H. 19 Oct 42

STRENGTH DECREASE (SCHOOLS) AND  
TRANS TO "X" LIST

6	V..36536	L/Sgt Jones F.G.	Det to Army Gas School Bonegilla. Course No.15. 17 Oct 42
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PUNISHMENTS

1167	VX.60834	Pte Buchanan N.A.	Offence Using threatening & insubordinate language to his superior offr// Award 14 days Field Punishment by C.O. 4 Sep 42 14 Sep 42
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PUNISHMENTS (contd)

1168 V..36769 Pte Williamson J.P. } Offence A.W.L. from 0630 hrs 12 Oct 42  
 9 V..36744 " Towns S.G. } until reported to G.D.D. Claremont at  
 1700 hrs 23 Oct 42.  
 Award 14 days detention by O.C. G.D.D.  
 26 Oct 42  
 Period of A.W.L.: 12 days  
 Period under close arrest awaiting  
 trial : 2 days  
 Total Stoppage 28 days pay.

9a VX.71650 Pte Terry H.M. )  
 1170 V..185333 " O'Brien V.C. )  
 Offence A.W.L. from 0630 hrs 1 Oct 42  
 to 1540 hrs 6 Oct 42  
 Award: 28 days Detention by O.C.  
 G.D.D. Claremont. 7 Oct 42  
 Automatic Forfeiture: 6 days pay.  
 Total Stoppage: 34 days pay.

11 V..185253 Pte O'Neill B. Offence 1. Drunkenness. 1 Oct 42  
 Offence 2. Conduct to the prejudice  
 of good order & Military Discipline.  
 1 Oct 42  
 Award: Fined 40/- by C.O. 5 Oct 42

2 V..66798 Pte Newton D.A. Offence: Disobeyed a lawful command  
 of a superior officer. 28 Sep 42  
 Award: Fined 40/- by C.O. 5 Oct 42

DEATHS

3 V..160221 Pte Symes N.K. Died at 8 C.C.S. at 1815 hrs on 22  
 Oct 42 (Abscess on Lung)

NEXT OF KIN - CHANGE OF ADDRESS

4 VX.69636 Pte Paul C.C. Address of N of K now: 79 Henry St.  
 DENILIQUIN. N.S.W. 17 Oct 42

PERSONAL RECORDS - CORRECTION OF

5 V..36998 Pte Nichols M. Name of soldier should read: NICHOLS,  
 Morris. 20 Oct 42

SCHOOLS AND COURSES

6 V..36288 Pte Benson A.R. Det to MVTC Graylands Dvr Mech Cse  
 "C" 19 Oct - 19 Nov. 18 Oct 42  
 7 V..36876 " Gates W.E. do do

LEAVE WITH PAY

8 V..36155 Sgt Martorana F.T. Granted 4 days compassionate leave to  
 Melbourne, plus travelling time.  
 Auth. 3 Aust Corps memo A2/42/2  
 17 Oct 42

REJOINED UNIT

9 VX.68738 A/Cpl Biggins A.J. From P & R.T. School Bassendean.  
 20 Oct 42  
 1180 V..66689 Pte Dwyer M.F. From P & R.T. Sch B'dean (Batman)  
 20 Oct 42  
 1 VX102314 L/Sgt Rowland L.J. From P & R.T. School Bassendean.  
 20 Oct 42  
 2 V..36134 Sgt Horsfall G. From Guerilla Warfare School Harvey.  
 21 Oct 42  
 3 V..185305 A/Cpl Vinnicombe K. From J.L.S. Cse 43/4 Harvey.  
 21 Oct 42  
 4 V..36473. A/Sgt Taylor F. From Weapon Tng Cse 43/1 Harvey.  
 21 Oct 42  
 5 V..66867 A/Cpl Timms W. From do do  
 1186 V..36022 A/Sgt Fitzgerald F. do do



REJOINED UNIT (contd)

1187 V..66578 Pte Fry R.E. From 3 Aust Corps P & R.T. School  
Bassendean (Batman) 21 Oct 42  
8 V..36737 A/Sgt Thompson M.B. From J.L.S. Course 43/4 Harvey.  
21 Oct 42

ATTACHED

9 V..56249 Cpl McDonald N.J. Attached for duty 17 Oct 42  
(AAMC Details 4 Aust Div)  
1190 V..66665 Cpl Connolly L.G. Ceased to be attached and M/o to  
(AAMC Details 4 Aust Div) H.Q. 4 Aust Div. 22 Oct 42  
1 W. 400271. Pte Wilson H.W.  
(4 Aust Div Selvage Unit) Attached for duty 21 Oct 42

CORRIGENDUM

2 VX102455 Pte Thurston J. Ref R.O. Part 11. No W.A.20. Sub No.  
1106 Published 21 Oct 42  
should read  
VX102455 Pte Thurston J.

ADDENDUM

3 V..36774 Pte Winch B.F. Ref R.O. Part 11. No W.A.5. Sub No  
378 Published 28 Aug 42.  
Add to award of 28 days detention  
Fined 100/-

MEDICAL CLASSIFICATION

1194 V.160224 Pte Spring W.J. Medical classification re-assessed as  
Class B.1. by Medical Board  
20 Oct 42

DISTRIBUTION

Unit Clerk (2)  
C.O. Unit (9)  
Command Paymaster 3 Aust Corps.  
L.H.Q. 2nd Echelon.  
Card Index.  
Statistic (2)  
Extract Clerk (2)  
Commonwealth Audit Inspector.  
War Diary  
Master File  
Spares (2)  
Vic L of C Area Records Office.  
Vic L of C Area Accounts Office.  
W.A. L of C Area Accounts Office (2)  
H.Q. 6 Aust Inf Bde.

*H. Burrowes*  
Major

Officer i/c Records Office  
W.A. L of C Area.

\*1<sup>st</sup> Sec



7<sup>5</sup> SEC  
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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS

by

Lt-Col. W. B. CALDWELL M.C.

Commanding 14/32 Aust Inf Bn.

Headquarters  
14/32 Aust Inf Bn  
AUSTRALIA

29 Oct 42

PART 1

Camp Order No. 34/42

1. BN DUTIES "K" Area

Duty Coys mount at 1800 hrs on days shown and dismount 1800 hrs the following day.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DUTY COY</u>	<u>ORDERLY OFFICER</u>	<u>ORDERLY N C O</u>
29 Oct. 42	"C"	Lieut. C. D. FERRIS	Sgt. Lissenden A. J.
30 Oct 42	"A"	" L. H. MOHR	Cpl. Burton G. D.
31 Oct 42	"B"	" L. EASTWOOD	Sgt. Binnion A. E.
1 Nov 42	"C"	" T. C. RECHENBERG	Sgt. Rowland L. J.
2 Nov 42	"A"	" A. W. BAIRD	Cpl. Vinnicombe K. A.
3 Nov 42	"B"	" G. A. ROBERTS	Sgt. James W.
4 Nov 42	"C"	" C. D. FERRIS	Sgt. Horsfall G. L.
5 Nov 42	"A"	" L. H. MOHR	Cpl. Cairns G. D.
6 Nov 42	"B"	" L. EASTWOOD	Sgt. Foster C.
7 Nov. 42	"C"	" T. C. RECHENBERG	Cpl. Long M. M.

2. COURT OF ENQUIRY: V. 185190 Pte. IRONMONGER T. H.

A court of enquiry consisting of the undermentioned officers will assemble at a time and place to be elected by the President for the purpose of investigating the injury of V. 185190 Pte. Ironmonger T.

President : Capt G. A. BIDDLECOMBE  
Member : Lieut J. POHL  
Member ; Lieut. H. F. CRAIG

3. DRESS - SUMMER

Ref BRO 31

(a) Pending the issue of trousers KD which cannot be completed for some time, authority is given to wear trousers SD in lieu. This is a temporary measure only, and CO's will ensure that trousers KD only are worn as soon as they are available.

(c) During period in which trousers SD are authorised to be worn with summer dress as above, unit will endorse on back of Standard Leave Pass the words "Trousers KD not available". These words will be deleted as soon as trousers KD are issued to unit.

4. CONSERVATION OF PAPER

In future personnel writing letters will write on both sides of the paper.

Letters will not be censored unless this order is complied with.

In the case of very thin air-mail paper this order will not apply

5. DUTIES DUTY COY

1 N C O and 3 O R to maintain the showers daily.



6. OUT OF BOUNDS

The area of the Officers Mess is out of bounds to troops, and will NOT be used as a thoroughfare for troops going to meals.

7. CHURCH PARADES 1 Nov. 42

A P D 0930 hrs  
Markers 0920 hrs.

C of E Holy Communion 0715 hrs  
Recreation Hut.

R C Times to be advised by sig. message.

NOTICE

LOST

A black leather wallet containing clothing ration tickets, stamps and a number of photographs.  
Finder please return to Bn. H. Q.



Capt.

G. L. SWAN

Adjutant 14/32 AUST INF BN.

15/11/42



5 NOV 42

4 AUST DIV "I" COMPETITIOND 3 NOV 6SCHOOL INSTN NO 3

Ref map MOORA STRAT 4 miles to 1 inch.

EXERCISE

- 1 Mobile encircling attack exercise (GEMAS) will be held in DOODENOO OK Area 35652324 - "I" Secs will co-operate with units in the fd.

"I" PERSONNEL TAKING PART

2. All bde I Secs will take part plus OOs from Fd Regts and personnel from P Coys who will remain att to present I Secs.

"I" UMPIRES

- |   |                   |                    |
|---|-------------------|--------------------|
| 3 | Lieut VALENTIN    | <u>Umpire with</u> |
|   | Capt FRASER       | 2 Aust Inf Bde     |
|   | Lieut MOWER       | 5 Bn               |
|   | Lieut BROWN       | 6 BN               |
|   | Maj ELLIS         | 2/11 Bn            |
|   | Capt O'KEEFE      | 6 Bde              |
|   | Capt BENBOW       | 14/32 Bn           |
|   | Lieut MORRISON    | 2/2 Pnr Bn         |
|   | Lieut JAMES       | 38 Bn              |
|   | Lieut FITZPATRICK | 13 Bde             |
|   | Lieut THITINGTON  | 11 Bn              |
|   | Maj GAVAN-DUFFY   | 16 Bn              |
|   |                   | 28 Bn              |

Arty Umpires

Capt RANKINE

Lieut MACLEAN

will umpire OOS

TPS PARTICIPATING

- 4 (a) Own Tps  
18 Aust Inf Bn  
One tp A Tk  
Rece party Engrs.  
One Sec Fd Amb
- (b) Enemy  
28 Aust Inf Bn  
6 MMG crews.
- (c) Dress for tps  
Fighting order less respirators and haversacks, water bottle slung. Shorts, Shirts, Steel Helmet.  
Enemy as above except for Steel Helmets substitute hats, khaki fur.
- (d) Representation fo Fire
- |             |                             |
|-------------|-----------------------------|
| Rifle       | Blank                       |
| LMG         | LUCAS Lamp (defenders only) |
| MMG         | 100 rpg (defenders only)    |
| Grenades    | ALDERSHOT grenades          |
| Smoke       | Smoke candles and grenades. |
| Mort & Arty | Gelignite.                  |

NOTE

Arty NOT available owing to Regt Cadre.

OO FIREWORKS - Lieut J N HAWKINS - HQ 13 Aust Inf Bde -  
Explosives Party - Arranged by above.



(e) Signs  
By Attackers

MC Scouts :- Blue flag indicates "enemy rd block encountered and have been fired on" (I Secs will NOT know significance of this, but should report it)

Leading Pl :- Red Verrey - "Pl held up"

Van Cd Comd:- Green Verrey - "Flanking Pls are deploying"

Flanking Pls:- White Verrey - "Extremity of our flanks"

(f) Distinguishing Marks

All pers conducting exercise, incl explosive party will wear white armbands on right arm - Cadet ofrs taking part in exercise will NOT wear white arm bands

5a OPENING SITUATION

- (a) Enemy recce a/c over MOORA 3, 4, 5, NOV. Our air int reported enemy convoy steaming SOUTH 100 miles WEST of GERALDTON 1700 hrs 2 NOV.
- (b) Enemy effected unopposed landings at JURIEBAY and WEDGE IS morning 5 NOV
- (c) 28 Aust Inf Bn Gp prepared to move along rd DANDARAGAN - JURIEBAY to intercept and destroy enemy.

5b NARRATIVE 1

- (a) At 0400 hrs 6 NOV Int reports revealed enemy estimated one bn bivouaced HILL RIVER SPRING Area. Comd 13 Bde Gp ordered 28 Bn Gp to move and destroy enemy. MT NOT available.
- (b) At 0800 hrs 6 NOV 28 Bn Gp had reached KOONAH KOONAH and received infm that enemy fwd elements had reached TWYATA POOL. 28 Aust Inf Bn Gp decided to occupy mb def posn in DOODENCO CK Area to ambush and destroy the enemy.

6 INTELLIGENCE INSTNS

Enlargements of this area prepared by each sec on NOV 5 will be used as SITUATION MAPS .

7 All I Secs will carry:-

- (a) normal eqpt for mobile ops in the fd.
- (b) telephone P Mk V and two drums fd cable.

8. In the morning, the 12 I Secs will be divided between the attacking tps and the defence.

9 In the afternoon the role of secs will be reversed.

MOVE TO EXERCISE AREA

10	<u>ROUTINE</u>	<u>NOV 6.</u>	
	Reveille	0500 hrs	
	Breakfast (all ranks)	0600 hrs	
	Midday meal	1300 hrs	issued in fd
	Exercise ends	1530 hrs	
	Evening meal.		
	ORs	1730 hrs	
	Ofrs	1800 hrs	
	<u>Evening</u>	1930 hrs	- all secs and umpires RV MOORA TOWN HALL

11 TIME

All secs and umpires will be in trucks ready to move from present School site by 0645 hrs in Order of March as per Appx A (att)

12 ASSEMBLY AREA



12. ASSEMBLY AREA

Near "dam" in present location

GUARD 82

13. SP

"IN" Gate of present location

(I) 82 yd Separata

14. ST

0700 hrs

15. CONTROL

Move will be controlled by 83(I). 8 Bde will supply 1 DR to report to 83(I) in assembly area by 0645 hrs.

16. m i h - v t m

25 m i h 20 v t m

17. RATIONS

See para (10)  
Normal reserve rations will be carried in each veh

18. DP

On rd at 35822311. 2/11 Bn will send 1 Sgt ahead ton M/C to mark DP

19. UMPIRES

- (a) All I Umpires will move in MT arranged by "Control" and will move at rear of convoy.
- (b) I Umpires will RV I Secs as per para (8). On arrival at DP - thereafter move with I Sec

20. T C P's

Will be established as follows:-

<u>LOCN</u>	<u>"I" SEC RESPONSIBLE</u>	<u>Est by</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
MOORA (on corner near SALEMBAS GARAGE)	13 BDE	0700	After all vehs passed through TCP will move to DP (para 18)
Rd junc 36872067	14 Bn	0730	" "

NOTE 14/32

14 Bn will take present sign "4 DIV I Competition" from locn near "IN" gate and place at rd junc 36872067 pointing along rd DANDARAGAN-JURIEN BAY by 0730 hrs

21. RV 83 (I)

All IO's and Umpires will RV 83 (I) at dispersal point at 0900 hrs for instns.

22. ADM - CONTROL STAFF

Issued separately to personnel concerned



23 GUARD

Present Guard will remain at school site and will post sentries as arranged by G3 (I)

*J. J. Cunneen*  
JA CUNNEEN Capt  
School Comd

DISTRIBUTION

Copy No

All I Secs	1 - 12
Umpires	13 - 34
Control	35 - 37
Guard Comd	38
Adm Staff	39
13 Bde Gp	40 - 45
GOC (Corps)	46
" (Div)	47
DM 1	48
G II (1)	49
G Staff & AUST DIV	50
AQ " " "	51
Observers	52 - 62
File	63 - 65
Spare	66 - 72

1<sup>st</sup> AND RESPONSIBLE Met by 13 BDE

MOORA (on corner near BALLEBAR GARAGE)

After all vans passed through TCP will move to DP (para 18)

Met by 13 BDE

RD June 3887307

13 Bn will take present area "4 DIV I Competition" from 1000 hrs "IN" gate and place at rd June 3887307 pointing along rd DANDARAGAN-JURIN BAY by 0700 hrs

RV G3 (I)

All IO's and Umpires will RV G3 (I) at dispersal point at 0900 hrs for instructions.

ADM - CONTROL STAFF

Issued separately to personnel concerned



Appx A to 4 AUST DIV "I" Competition Instrn No 3

ORDER OF MARCH

<u>Serial No</u>	<u>Veh</u>	<u>Personnel</u>
1	Car DS	G3 (I) Dr Div "I" Sgt
2	I truck	2 Bde "I" Sec
3	"	5 Bn "
4	"	6 " "
5	"	2/11" "
6	"	6 Bde
7	"	14/32 Bn "
8	"	2/2 Pnr Bn "
9	"	38 Bn "
10	"	13 Bde "
11	"	11 Bn "
12	"	16 Bn "
13	"	28 Bn "
14	Corps Car DS	Maj ELLIS Lieut WHITTINGTON " MORRISON " FITZPATRICK
15	" "	Maj GAVAN DEFFY Capt FRASER Lieut JAMES
16	HQ RAA Car- Utility	Capt RANKINE Lieut MacLean " VALENTIN Capt O'KEEFE
17	Control 15-cwt	Lieut NOWER Capt BENBOW Lieut BROWN

NOTE M/C's will be taken and will move in rear of convoy.



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Lunch - 1230

Area 1230

Change over by 1330

Shade back -

62 (1) 200 1/2 below 1230

ORDER OF BIRTH

REVERSE OF ENVELOPE



# FILE

HQ 6 AUST INF BDE Gp,  
AUSTRALIA.

6 OCT 42.

SCHEME SECRET.

4 AUST DIV TACTICAL EXERCISE  
(Ref 4 Aust Div Trg Instr. 14 Paras 14, 15)

14TH BATTALION

REF MAP : GERALDTON sheet 4 rls - 1"

**SECRET D64**

### ADM INSTNS.

1. A tactical exercise conducted by H.Q. 4 Aust Div will be held in the GERALDTON AREA from 17/19 OCT incl.

2. CONTROL STAFF. Director-G.O.C. 4 Aust Div  
Asst Directors- G.S.O. I 4 Aust Div  
M&QMG " " "

3. OBJECTS. To practice H.Q.'s of 2 & 6 Aust Inf Bdes in :-  
(a) One of their op roles in the Northern Sector of 4 Aust Div op area.  
(b) Procedure within a Bde H.Q. in Battle.  
(c) Staff duties, msg writing and int organisation.  
(d) Adm arrangements for a Bde Gp.

4. TPS TAKING PART. 6 AUST INF BDE GP.  
(1) Bde H.Q. and "K" Sec Sigs  
(ii) Control Offrs - see para 6.

5. DRESS & EQPT. (a) Battle Order.  
(b) Offrs and O.Rs will take with them the scale of eqpt, clothing and bedding they would take on active ops, leaving behind baggage which would be consigned to kit stores.

6. OBSERVERS & CONTROL OFFRS.  
(a) 6 Aust Inf Bde will provide Control Offrs for 2 Aust Inf Bde as under :-  
(1) 14 Aust Inf Bn }  
32 " " " } each 2 offrs, one of fd rank 6  
38 " " " }  
(ii) 15 Aust Fd Regt 2 offrs, one of fd rank 2  
(iii) 33 A/Tk Bty } each one offr to come arm  
6 Aust Fd Coy } of 2 Aust Inf Bde. 3  
23 Coy AACG }

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Units of 2 Aust Inf Bde to provide accomodation for the above control offrs.

(b) Units will advise this H.Q. by 1800 hrs 8 OCT 42 the names of offrs selected.

7. MOVEMENT.  
(a) Bde H.Q. and K Sec Sigs : separate instns will be issued.  
(b) Control Offrs will meet Maj J. MASSEL, G2 4 Aust Div at P.O. NORTHAMPTON 1000 hrs 16 OCT 42, and will move independently as set out below.  
(c) Batmen may be taken as shown.



Serial (a)	Units (b)	No of Vehs (c)	Personnel			Total (g)
			Offrs (d)	Dvrs (e)	Batmen (f)	
1	14 Aust Inf Bn	1	2	1	1	4
2	32 Aust Inf Bn	1	2	1	1	4
3	38 Aust Inf Bn	1	2	1	1	4
4	15 Aust Fd Regt	1	2	1	1	4
5	33 A/Tk Bty 6 Aust Fd Coy 23 Coy AASC	- 1 -	1 1 1	1	1	5
<b>TOTALS.</b>		<b>5</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>21</b>

8. DURATION OF EXERCISE.

- (a) Observers and Control Offrs will be in posn by 0845 hrs 17 OCT 42
- (b) Exercise will be continuous from 0900 hrs 17 OCT 42 to 1100 hrs 19 OCT 42.
- (c) A conference of all offrs taking part in the exercise will be held from 1100 hrs - 1200 hrs 19 OCT 42 place to be notified later.
- (d) At 1200 hrs 19 OCT offrs will disperse to their own units.

9. OPENING SITUATION. Opening situation up to an incl the location of tps (imaginary) taking part as at 0900 hrs 17 OCT will be fwded under separate cover later as Appx "A".

10. OBSERVERS & CONTROL STAFF. Instns for observers and Control Staff are issued as Appx "B" to this instn.

11. PRELIMINARY MOVE OF BDE H.Q.

- (a) 6 Aust Inf Bde H.Q. will move to location as under and be ready to commence the exercise at 0845 hrs 17 OCT 42 :-  
WIZARD PEAK AREA 2742.
- (b) A Rear Bde H.Q. will operate at present location during the period of this exercise, for the purpose of normal activities and adm.

12. SECURITY.

- (a) All papers in connection with the exercise will be treated as "SECRET" and the exercise will NOT be discussed with other than commissioned offrs.
- (b) Any messages, reports or sitreps originated for the exercise will be distinguished by the first and last two gps of all such messages etc being "EXERCISE ONLY".
- (c) All messages sent by W/T will be in cipher unless otherwise ordered by H.Q. 4 Aust Div.

13. RATIONS FOR CONTROL STAFF & OBSERVING OFFRS.

- (a) 6 Aust Inf Bde will provide rations for the period 0900 hrs 17 OCT to 1100 hrs 19 OCT through 2 Aust Inf Bde as under :-
  - (i) Rations for own Bde H.Q. and Sig Sec.
  - (ii) Rations and accomodation for 1 Offr (Maj WILLIAMS) 2 O/Rs.
  - (iii) Rations for 21 all ranks, for distribution to personnel of 13 Aust Inf Bde Cp, representing three Bn H.Q.s of 6 Aust Inf Bde (three "teams" of seven).



(b) 6 Aust Inf Bde will indent for these rations through 2 Aust Inf Bde not later than four days prior to consumption.

*F. J. Nicholls.*  
Capt.

Brigade Major, 6 Aust Inf Bde Gp.

DISTRIBUTION.

14 Aust Inf Bn  
32 " " "  
38 " " "  
15 Aust Fd Regt  
6 Aust Fd Coy  
23 Coy AASC  
33 A/Tk Bty  
Brigadier  
B.M.  
S.C.  
I.O.  
B.A.S.C.C.  
T.O.  
K Sec Sigs  
File  
War Diary  
Spare



4 AUST DIV TACTICAL EXERCISE  
INSTNS FOR OBSERVERS AND CONTROL OFFRS

1. Notification of Control Offrs

Bdes will notify this Hq NOT later than 11 OCT 42 the names of offrs selected to fill the posns of observers and control offrs.

2. Sequence of Events

- (a) The sequence of events and action to be taken by control offrs will be issued as Appx C and fwded under sealed cover to observers and control offrs to reach them by 1400 hrs 14 OCT 42.
- (b) On receipt, the sequence of events will be studied in detail by the offrs concerned. The contents will be kept secret.

3. Action to be taken on "EXERCISE ONLY" Messages

- (a) Hq's taking part in the exercise will move in accordance with instns.
- (b) Hq's will function as in ops and all orders instns etc will be prepared and given to Unit Hq that are taking part in the exercise. Infn, requirements etc, will be delivered or signalled as far back as Adv Div Hq, where they will be delivered to the appropriate branch or service. "EXERCISE ONLY" messages will NOT go beyond Adv Div Hq.
- (c) Tps NOT taking part in the exercise vide para 6 of adm instn will NOT take action on "EXERCISE ONLY" messages, and normal trg will continue.

4. Observers and control offrs will keep a diary of events of action taken and points noticed which require discussion or correction - these diaries will be handed to Col J.E. BARNETT at the daily observers and control offrs conference.

5. A conference of observing offrs and control offrs, attendance to be notified, will be held daily at Div Hq at 1700 hrs 17/18 OCT.

6. Rece of Ground

- To enable observers and control offrs to recee the ground over which the "operation" is to take place, parties will RV as under.
- (a) 6 Aust Inf Bde Control Teams (offrs) (supplied by 13 Aust Inf Bde)
- (i) To be met - G2(SL) (Maj WILLIAMS).
  - (ii) RV and Time to be notified later.
  - (iii) Date. 16 OCT 42.
- (b) 2 Aust Inf Bde Observers and Control Offrs (supplied by 13 & 6 Bdes respectively).
- (i) To meet G2 (Maj MASSEL).
  - (ii) RV - P.O. NORTHAMPTON 1000 hrs.
  - (iii) Date. 16 OCT.
- (c) The exact location of the Hq of units that observers and control offrs are att to will be notified at the RV.
- (d) Observers and control offrs will provide their own accommodation and/or rations till the exercise commences at 0900 hrs 17 OCT. Rations and accommodation will then be supplied as in previous instn.

7. Observers and control offrs will be in posn by 0845 hrs on 17 OCT 42.

(SGO) W.J. Masel Maj.  
For Col.  
G.S. & AUST DIV.



# MESSAGE FORM

**CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS.**

IN  
OUT

14TH BATTALION  
SECRET DDD

No. of Groups  
**GR.**

Serial No.  
OFFICE DATE STAMP

(ABOVE THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

TO 14 BN 22 BN 38 BN 15 PD REGT 33 ATK BTRY 6 PD CBY 6 PD AMB  
23 COY AASC 55 DIV ORD WKS HQ  
FROM 6 AUST INF BDE

Originator's Number: 0343 Date: 6 In Reply to Number:

warning order	0	bde	less
38	0	will	STRAWBERRY area
0	0	move	egcc has
9	0	0	completed by
2400	0	10	admn
details later	0	act	

THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT AS WRITTEN BY ANY MEANS:

*F. J. Nicholls*

IF LIABLE TO BE INTERCEPTED OR FALL INTO ENEMY HANDS, THIS MESSAGE MUST BE SENT **IN CYPHER.**

SIGNED

ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS DEGREE OF PRIORITY.

*None - 2015*

TIME OF ORIGIN

**T.H.I.**

**T.O.R.**

(BELOW THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

SYSTEM IN.	TIME IN.	READER.	SENDER.	SYSTEM OUT.	TIME OUT.	READER.	SENDER.	SYSTEM OUT.	TIME OUT.	READER.	SENDER.



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SECRET

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H.Q. 6 AUST INF BDE GP  
AUSTRALIA

7 OCT. 42

14TH BATTALION

SECRET. D60/42

CHANGE OF LOCATION.

Ref 6 Aust Inf Bde Gp SIG Message 0343 of 6 OCT. 42.

2. RD. MVT.

(a) Route MINGHEEN - DONGARRA RD.

(b) S.P. Rd Crossing MULLEWA - DONGARRA RDS. Ref Map DONGARRA/ (strat) 340383.  
D.Ps. - D.P. 1 38 Bn turn off. D.P. 2 rd junc ref map  
DONGARRA (strat) 322380.

(c) T.Ps. to be established as follows by Bde Sec 4 Div Pro Coy.

T.P. 1 S.P.  
T.P. 2 D.P. 2  
T.P. 3 D.P. 1

(d) Speed - All serials excepting serial 6, 20 m.i.h.  
Serial 6 - 15 m.i.h.  
All carriers M.G. - 10 m.i.h.

Density - 10 v.t.m.

(e) Units will be met by guides at their respective D.Ps. and shown to the unit areas.

(f) Rd mvt table :-

Serial No	Unit	Route to S.P.	Time Past S.P.	Date OCT	D.P.	Remarks
1	33 A/Tk Bty	Main DONGARRA Rd.	0900	9	DP1	
2	14 Bn	MULLEWA-MINGHEEN RD	0930	9	DP1	
3	6 Bde H.Q.		1030	9	DP2	
4	32 Bn	Main DONGARRA RD	1430	9	DP1	Reinfts to 14 Bn & 38 Bn will be moved in 2 gps at close intervals
5	6 Fd Coy		1515	9	DP2	
6	15 Fd Regt		0800	10	DP2	Incl 218 LAD & F Sec Sig
7	23 Coy AASC		0900	10	DP2	
8	6 Bde H.Q.		1000	10	DP2	Incl 269 LAD & K Sec Sigs & Pro Sec.
9	6 Fd Amb		1030	10	-	
10	23 Coy AASC		1300	10	DP2	

- (g) 269 L.A.D. will remain in present location until 0900 hrs 10 OCT, then move to new location as per mvt table above. Service will re-commence 0830 hrs 11 OCT in new location.
- (h) Units requiring additional tpt for move will reqn on 23 Coy AASC through these Hqs.
- (i) Carriers will move so as to cross over S.P. close on the tail of the unit convoy.



3. GENERAL:-

- (a) All brush structures on present camp sites will be left standing intact.
- (b) Areas will be left in a clean and satisfactory condition. As rear parties must be comprised of minimum number pers it will be necessary that areas be thoroughly cleaned before main bodies move out. All areas will be inspected by Bde Hygiene Officer. C.O.'s will be held responsible that the areas are satisfactory.

*Lewis L. Gilles*

Staff Captain 6 Aust Inf Bde Gp. Capt.

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14 Aust Inf Bn	1-3
32 Aust Inf Bn	4-6
38 Aust Inf Bn	7-9
15 Aust Fd Regt	10-12
33 A/Tk Bty	13-14
6 Aust Fd Coy	15-16
6 Aust Fd Amb	17-18
23 Coy AASC	19-20
Brigadier	21
B.M.	22
S.C.	23
T.O.	24
B.A.S.O.D.	25
Sig Ofcr	26
B.O.W.O.	27
F.P.O.	28
6 Sec 4 Aust Pro	29
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Serial No	Units	Route to	Date	Remarks
1	33 A/Tk Bty	Main Donohoe Rd		
2	14 Bn	WALLA-WALLA RD		
3	6 Bde Hq			
4	32 Bn	Main Donohoe Rd		
5	6 Fd Coy			
6	15 Fd Regt			
7	23 Coy AASC			
8	6 Bde Hq			
9	6 Fd Amb			
10	23 Coy AASC			

(a) Ssg L.A.D. will remain in present location until 0900 hrs to OCT, then move to new location as per map table above. Services will re-commence 0830 hrs 11 OCT in new location.

(b) Units reporting additional apt for move will report on 23 Coy AASC through these Hq.

(c) Carriers will move on as to cross over S.P. close on the tail of the unit convoy.



14TH BATTALION

SECRET D77

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY  
FORCES

6 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION

TACTICAL EXERCISE WITH TROOPS  
CARRIED OUT BY 6 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION

SAT. 14 NOV. '42

COMMENCING AT 1000 HRS

STRAWBERRY.

14 NOV 42.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

SECRET.

6 AUST INF BDE GP.

1. REFS: (a) 3 AUST CORPS, "TACTICS IN MODERN WARFARE."  
(b) sketch attached as Appx "B".  
(c) DONGARRA STRAT (1 inch to 4 miles).
2. OBJECTS: To demonstrate to the offrs of 3 AUST INF BDE the principles of the tactics in the following operations in close country :-  
(a) The Advance against Opposition  
(b) Mobile Defence and Counter Attack.

The general principles of these tactics are shown in Appx "A" att.

3. GROUND: (a) Vicinity STRAWBERRY HILL area (3137) and rd DONGARRA - MINGENNEW.  
(b) The ground elected for this demonstration and the tactical handling of the tps have been made, as far as possible, for spectators to witness all moves. Normally the country would be close, and observation would be nil.

4. TPS TO BE EXERCISED :

- (a) Attacking Tps. (steel Helmets and Dark shirts).

- (1) 14/32 Bn. with under comd : one Bty 15 Fd Regt.  
one Tp 33 A/Tk Bty  
one Det 6 Fd Coy  
one Det 6 Fd Amb

- (11) Composition of Van Gd: Comd : Capt. R. JACK  
B Coy, 14/32 Bn  
two Dets, A/Tk Pl  
one Sec Carriers  
two Dets Mortars 3"  
four M/C Scouts (solo)  
one Det Engrs  
Arty F.O.C. (in carrier)

- (111) Direction of attack, as shown in the sketch att as Appx "B".

- (b) Mob Defending Tps. (Felt Hats).

- (1) 38 Bn. with under comd : one Bty 15 Fd Regt  
one Tp 33 A/Tk Bty  
one Det 6 Fd Coy  
one Det 6 Fd Amb.

- (11) Dispositions, as shown on sketch att as Appx "B".

5. OPENING SITUATION.

- (a) A surprise landing, of considerable force, has been made at DONGARRA. 14/32 Bn, and sp arms are adv gd to this invading force marching on MINGENNEW.

- (b) 38 Bn, and sp arms have been ordered to destroy this advancing force doing battle in the STRAWBERRY HILL area (3137).

6. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS. see Appx "C" att.

7. UMPIRES, NEUTRAL SIG PERSONNEL, ETC. will wear white arm bands on both arms.



6 AUSTRALIAN INF BDE GP.

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APPX "A".

GENERAL PRINCIPLES.

1. THE ADVANCE AGAINST OPPOSITION.

The main principle is SIMPLICITY of Plan.

When opposition is encountered, "pin it down" with CONCENTRATION of SUPPORTING FIRE. Immediately feel for and BY-PASS the enemy's FLANKS. Frontal attacks will be avoided. MAINTAIN THE ADVANCE to the objective.

SPEED is essential. A fast forward movement permits risks to be taken, as the initiative is with the attackers.

SURPRISE, combined with noise, in the rear of the enemy, creates the "cut-off" feeling and impairs the morale of the defenders.

2. MOBILE DEFENCE AND COUNTER ATTACK.

The main principle, is that NO FIXED DEFENSIVE POSNS shall be occupied, but, that units will OCCUPY ALLOTTED AREAS from which they send out PATROLS to discover enemy movement.

The next principle is that the defending forces will ATTACK THE ENEMY WHEREVER FOUND.

In these attacks, adequate forces shall be detailed to ensure success:- Mortars, artillery, aircraft - in short, all weapons available being used to break up enemy formations and to assist in the attack.

MOBILITY is essential.

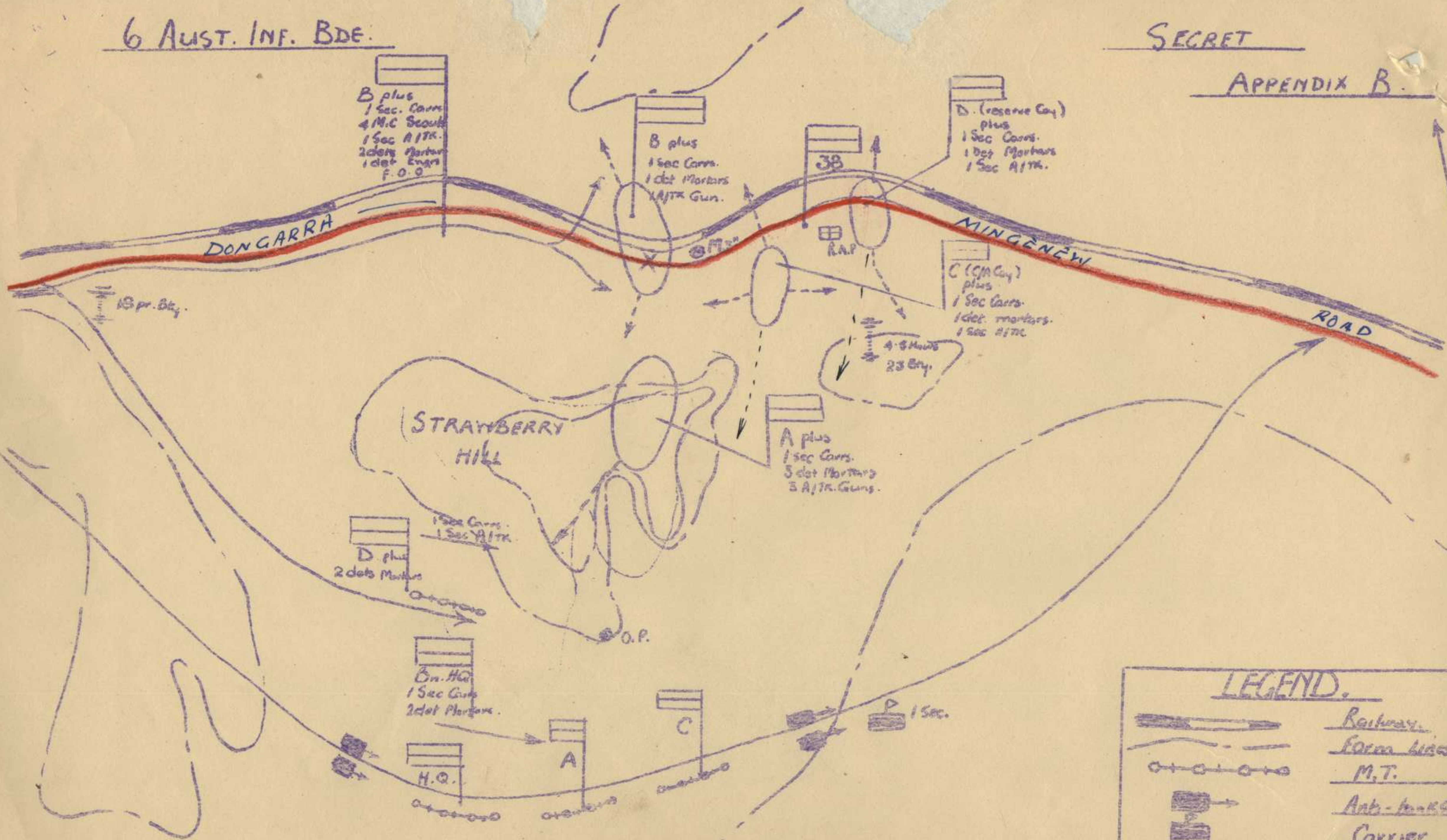
SOUND COMMUNICATIONS throughout are imperative.



6 AUSTR. INF. BDE.

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APPENDIX B.



**LEGEND.**

	Railway
	Form lines
	M.T.
	Ant-tank
	Carrier
	Parrots
	M5" Mortar

Scale 1 1/2 inches to 1 mile (approx)



SEQUENCE OF EVENTS.

Serial (a)	Time (b)	Events (c)	Remarks (d)
1	1000	Motor Cycle Scouts are fired on. One MC scout returns and reports hit to OC Van Gd (B Coy)	OC Van Gd sends MC scout on, with message. hit also reported by R/T.
2	1006	Van Gd Deploys : (a) Leading pl moves to-wards rd block, to obtain enemy location and strength. (b) Other two pls & carriers move to locate both flanks to infiltrate to rear of defenders. (c) A/Tk guns and mortars open fire on rd block, and occupied areas, by observations.	Van Gd pls pinned down by defenders fire (e.g arty, A/Tk, MMGs, Mortars and AA fire).
3	1020	Tp arty (attacking force) engages area occupied by the defenders. Van Gd continues to press fwd and to flanks.	F.O.O. with fwd tps directs fire.
4	1030	CO main Gd orders encircling mvt on wheels to south of STRAWBERRY HILL in two cols :- (a) D Coy (plus two dets mortars), inner encircling force. (b) C, A, & remainder of Hq Coy to move 600 yds further south to encircle defenders. (c) Bn Hq (plus one sec carriers & two dets mortars) to move between D Coy coln and main coln. (d) Remaining tp arty to join first tp and engage enemy occupied areas.	One sec carriers and two A/Tk guns to act as screen and protect northern flank D Coy.  (i) One sec carriers and two A/Tk guns to screen head of main coln. (ii) Two A/Tk guns will protect rear of main coln.
5	1045	Defenders continue to hold and attack Van Gd. A Coy (Defenders - left fwd Coy) sends a force, including carriers, mortars and A/Tk guns to assist force from C Coy (Counter attack Coy) and sp weapons to destroy attacking inner-encircling Coy.	Defenders successful "A" Coy force returns to own area.
6	1100	B Coy (Defenders - Res coy) promptly attacks outer attacking coln. C Coy (Defenders) reforms and assists in attack.	Attackers successful.
7	1115	Attackers outflank defenders and establish rd block, covered by one pl and two A/Tk guns in rear of defenders and continue advance on MINGENSW.	
8	1130	Exercise ends.	