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24 Infantry Battalion

September 1942

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Unit 24 AUST. INF. BN.

Date and Time.—From 0600hrs. 1 Sep. 42 To 1900hrs. 11 Sep.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MARYBOROUGH.	Tues. 1 Sep.		General work and weapon trg during night.	See message 1509 Sitrep
		0600	Retreat, meal, sleep during day until 1700 hrs.	
		1700	Reveille-Recce patrols direction by stars, etc. during the night.	
	Wed. 2 Sep.	0600	Retreat - sleep during the day	See message 1522 Sitrep
		1700	Reveille- General night work as per syllabus.	
	Thur. 3 Sep	0600	Retreat - sleep during day.	See message 1527 Sitrep
		1200	Reveille- General night work as per syllabus. Special day of Prayer.	" " 1530/32
		2100	H.Q. exercise Sigs. and Intelligence in DOONGUL Area.	
	Fri. 4 Sep/	0500	Return from H.Q. exercise	See message 1543 Sitrep
		0600	Retreat - sleep during day.	
		1000	"I" Section left on recce of coast between BUNDABERG and MARYBOROUGH.	See message 1538.
		1700	Reveille- general night work.	
	Sat. 5 Sep.	0600	Retreat - sleep during day.	See message 1554-Sitrep
		1700	Reveille- general night work.	
	Sun. 6 Sep/	0600	Retreat - sleep during day.	
		0811	All surplus kit handed in to Q Store (message 1561)	See message 1571-Sitrep
		1800	"I" Sec. ret'd from recce - one truck broken down (see message 1562)	
	Mon. 7 Sep.		preparations for Bde. exercise	See message 1556/1573/
		2000	Details of home leave required - see message 1596/1644	1576/1590.
	Tues. 8 Sep.	1200	Bn. left Camp Area - See movement order	See message 1593 -Sitrep
		1920	Bn. arrived at Bivouac Area Ref. map GYMPIE 1/4" 591721	See message 1608/1615/1615.
LANSBOROUGH.	Wed. 9 Sep.	0915	Arrived at Bn. location ref LANDBOROUGH 1"-191701. Laying out of area, erection of tents etc., (see message 0113)	See message 0112-Sitrep
		2200	Water point est., ref. LANDBOROUGH 1"-225746. Preparation of area.	See message 1622-Sitrep
	Thu. 10 Sep.	0815	Latrines, slit trenches, tents, sketches of bn area.	
		1000	D & E Pl. 10 Aust. Inf. Bde. trans. to 24 Bn. (see message 1609)	
		1400	Recce of area by coy. patrols - see messages 1629-1628	
		1930	Water point est., ref LANDBOROUGH 1"-170650 - See message 1635.	
	Fri. 11 Sep.	1900	Transferred personnel from 52 Bn. arrived, bringing arms, equipment, tentage and cooking gear.	See message 1640 See " 1642-Sitrep

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Unit 24 AUST. INF. BN.

Date and Time.—From 0400 12 Sep. 42. To 1330hrs. 17 Sep. 42.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
LANDSBOROUGH.	Sat. 12 Sep.	0400	Reveille.	
		0545	Bn route march to CALOUNDRA.	See message 1649-Sitrep
		1000	" embarked per commandeered open boats for BRIBIE ISLAND.	
		1115	" disembarked BRIBIE IS.	
		1445	" prepared for return to mainland.	
		0900	Details of personnel (a) already A.I.F. (b) Sworn but not yet through pt II orders (see message 1650).	
		1600	Bn reached mainland and disembarked. Two boats were lost in strong current but are believed recoverable. Two personnel from 3 Div. Sigs. attached to 10 Aust. Inf. Bde. and NOT being part of our unit, took one of our required boats, were swept out over the bar and were not seen again.	
		1800	Bn. reached camp area for evening mess.	
	Sun. 13 Sep.	0830	Church parade, make and mend.	See message 1656-SITREP
		0910	A/T school for Inf. Offrs. at SEYMOUR announced - see message 1670.	
ELIMBAH.	Mon. 14 Sep.	0800	Advance party moved out to ELIMBAH area to select new site for bn (see message 1668/1669)	See message 1675-SITREP
		1000	Alarm given for evacuation, camp struck.	
		1400	Bn moved out per vehicles for new area - see message 1677.	
		1620	Bn. transfers to 15 AUST. INF. BDE. - see message 1667.	
			Arrived at new area ref LANDSBOROUGH 1"-117488 , settled in, tents erected.	
	Tue. 15 Sep.		Full day occupied in cleaning filthy area and burning waste food and debris. Local leave starts to CABOOLTURE. (15%) (message 1700)	See message 1690-SITREP
	Wed. 16 Sep.	0800	12 offrs. 25 N.C.O's attended Bde exercise 16-18 Sep see message 1694.	
0900		Recces of area by coy patrols. see message 1695. 24 A/TK Bty to supply one 2 pdr. and one sgt. instructor for instruction-	See message 1699-SITREP	
		al purposes (see message 1710)	See message 1703-SITREP	
		1200	Visit from B.M.	
	Thu. 17 SEP	1200	10 Bde. rear party due to leave MARYBOROUGH. Due NAMBOUR 1800hrs.	See message 1725
		1330	Mobile bath unit visited area. All tps washed (see message 1722)	See message 1718 -SITREP

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Unit 24 AUST. INF. BN.

Date and Time.—From 1800hrs 17th Sept To 1150hrs Tues 22 Sept 1942.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
ELIMBAH.	THU 17Sept	1800hrs	Capt. Rawlings R.M.O. transferred from 46th Bn arrived.	
		1900"	Inter-Bn. exercise cont'd in CALOUNDRA AREA Coys trained under C.S.M's. See Appendix B. B.H.Q. inaugurated debating periods. 1st debate "Can Internationalism assure World Peace" Won by Negative side Aff 80 Neg 87.	
	Fri 18Sept	1500"	Following report by Lieut Smith B Coy all ranks advised that on no account were they to refer to military matters in presence of civilians.	Sitrep. Message 1734 " 1740.
		1600"	Visit by F.S.S. personnel.	
	Sat 19Sept	0830"	Cross country march by Coys. Road pace by "I" Sec. Ind cooking.	
		1630"	C.O. departed camp to attend a/c co-operation school Canberra	
		1700"	New system of cipher introduced Syllabic to be used forthwith.	
		2100"	Urgent ret'n required of personnel with sea-going yachting or marine engineering ex in Pacific waters Message 1749 1750 1758	
	Sun 20 Sept	0830"	Church Parade in H.Q. Area conducted by Padre Albiston followed by Comm given by Padre Bennett. One minutes silence observed in memory of the late Lieut Bisset and his Pl from 2/14th Bn who had been attached to the unit.	1751 Sitrep.
		1000"	Coy Comds conference Bde policy outlined. Following week to be spent in completing weapon tng.	
		1200"	Appline invited from printers, lithographers, for transfer to 2nd Aust Field Survey.	1762
		1500"	Regtl band played at NAMBOUR.	1769.
		2100"	Transferred from 52Bn may be returned. Supply point 22-23 Sep and P.P. announced.	1765.
	Mon 21 Sep	0815"	B.H.Q. & H.Q. Specialist personnel detached to Rifle Coys for Inf Tng. See syllabus AppB	
		1355"	14 Carriers with ledrvs arrived CABOULTURE	See Message 1766
		0900"	Strecher bearers course will NOT be held thid day	" c " 1768
	Tue 22 Sep	1100"	Marching to new/programme.	
		1150"	Five selected men sent to Corps H.Q.	" " 1766 / 86

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Unit 24 AUST. INF. BN.

Date and Time.—From 1900hrs 22/9/42 To 0945 Mon 28 Sept 1942.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
ELIMBAH.	TUE 22 Sept	1900	Advised that A.D.C.S. dump necessary from 19th Sept.	
	Wed 23 "	0930	Drvs instructed to carry out camp maintenance on vehicles.	Message 1802 Sitrep
		1905	Band wore respirators.	" 1797
		2000	Water tanks are available now for issue.	
			Tps checked on practice of moving without rifles.	" 1817
	Thu 24 Sep	1100	Acting G.O.C. (Brig Jackson) visited the Camp today ?	
		1200	200 gals tanks available for Q.M.	
		1530	Bde request advice by 0000hrs of reinforcements up to 38 years tfd	1818 Sitrep
		1600	from 46, 52, or 59 Bns.	
			Syallbus as laid down by Bde (ADD B) altered because of the difficulty in adhering to.	
	Fri 25 Sep	0640	Call for volunteers to AIF independent coy.	
		0815	Bn exercise cont'd.	See Message 1830.
	Sat 26 Sep	0815	Coy marches cross country direction GLASS-HOUSE. MOUNTAINS.	
		1130	26 voluteers for Independent Coy transferred.	
		1900	Films shown by Mobile Cinema Unit.	
	Sun 27 Sep	0200	Day-light saving time adopted time advanced 1 hour.	
		0815	Church Parade make and mend.	
		1330	12/10% of personnel granted leave each Sunday to BEECHMERE.	
		1530	I SECTION personnel left on Mobile recce of area KILCOY ESK NANANGO	
	Mon 28 Sep	0815	Commencement of 30yds range practice and FIELD FIRING Range exercise	1884
		0945	3 officers reporting to CABOULTURE 1 st 114343 to witness coy exercises	1871

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Unit 24 AUST INF BN.

Date and Time.—From 1200hrs 29 Sep 42 to 1755hrs 30 Sep 42.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
ELIMBAH.	TUE 29 Sep	1200hrs	Prospective routes received from Coys for competitive march on Sat 3 Oct 1942.	
		1225hrs	All snipers rifles except two are to be returned to ADOS dump immediately.	See Message. 1883
			Advice required by Bde of numbers NOT yet medically boarded accordingly to G.R.O. A 286.	" " 1898
		1314hrs	One nomination required for offr to comd Mobile Bath Unit.	" " 1903
		1930hrs	Lecture at 2/13th Fd Amb for all R.M.O's and offr Fd Ambs.	" " 1894
	WED 30 Sep	1045hrs	Certain personnel reprimanded for lackadaisical attitude toward gas alarm.	" " 1913
		1430hrs	Compulsory bath parade for all personnel- visit from MOBILE BATH UNIT.	" " 1905
		1525hrs	All veh tanks are to be filled to capacity on last day of each month; report required of petrol on hand and drums to reach T.O. by 0800hrs on first day of following month.	" " 1920
		1755hrs	Two carpenters to transfer to R.A.E.	" " 1928

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H.Q. 24 Aust Inf Bn.,
AUSTRALIA.

2 Sep. 42.

WEEKLY INTELLIGENCE REPORT.
NO 90.

FROM 1200 hrs Tuesday 25 Aug. to 1200 hrs Tues. 1 Sep. 42.

PART I.TOPOGRAPHICAL. - Nil.

MORALE. Following the Bn. exercise in DOONGUL CK area last week the esprit de corps of the unit has become much better, even though there has been much gossip about a possible unit move. The health of the unit appears to be generally good and the endurance which they displayed in the recent Bn exercise appears to have a good effect.

HEALTH. The figures for period 25 Aug-31 Aug 42 are as follows:-

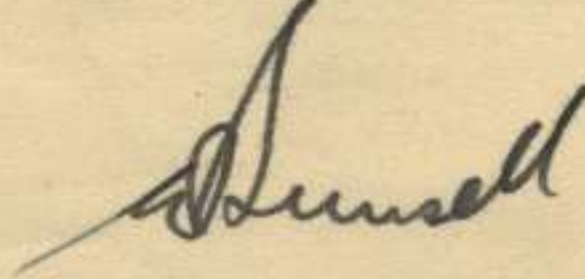
<u>TOTAL REPORTED</u>	<u>DUTY.</u>	<u>LIGHT DUTY.</u>	<u>NO DUTY.</u>	<u>EVACUATED</u>			
				<u>A.D.S.</u>	<u>A.G.H.</u>	<u>M.D.S.</u>	<u>C.C.S.</u>
105	48	18	29	-	-	10	-

Number evacuated includes 4 cases of measles, 1 of lacerated legs (injury) 1 discharging sinus, 1 discharging cyst, and 1 abdominal pains.

SECURITY. The attached envelope was picked up on rd near GAYNDAH on 18 Aug by Pte ROBERTSON of this section whilst engaged on a wheel route recce in that area. It is forwarded for infm and any action deemed necessary.

Security talks delivered by 2 I/C, Maj. RUSSELL, appear to have had some good effect and tps are apparently becoming security minded.

GENERAL. It is believed that the wife of a member of this unit is at present staying in MARYBOROUGH. It has been said that she was previously in BEAUDESERT and followed her husband to MARYBOROUGH when the unit moved to its present posn. Although it is thought that no action can be taken to prevent any person from travelling, even though she be the wife of a soldier, the matter is referred to you for notation.


Lieut.
I.O. 24 Augst Inf Bn.

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Report by Adjutant.

1. (a) Officers - 50% having benefited by schools and courses. Satisfactory.
 - (b) NCOs - Valuable stability trg achieved. Heavy drain on offrs at schools.
 - (c) O.R.s - Fusing of additional personnel from pool achieved without any marked difficulties. Absorption of trg and discipline good. Dependable.
 - (d) Weapon Efficiency - 30 yd range, and Coy Fd Firing Range show marked improvement in marksmanship, and tactical handling of weapons by the individual soldier.
 - (e) Sub Unit Trg - All sections broken down into selected groups. Individual soldiers responding to responsibility of tactical thought.
 - (f) Stamina - Continual cross-country marches (weekly) proving hardy physical conditions.
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2. Report on unit as whole:-
 - (a) Fitness for a Mobile Role:

Further snap moves find all ranks alert and responsive to surprise instns.
Team work within Coys and gps automatic. Movement drill quiet and efficient.
 - (b) Weapon Trg - All O.R.s trained to handle specialist weapons, up to point where operation is NO longer a mystery.

W. E. PATTERSON Capt.

Adjt 24 Aust Inf Bn.

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Date

Report for Month of Sept. '42.

Health & sanitation of camp has been very good. Reorganisation of full time stretcher bearers and commencement of training program.

WJ Rawlings Capt
P.M.O.
24 Aust Inf Batt



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Report on activities of M.T. month ending
30 Sept. 42.

During the above months the strength of
vehicles was raised in numbers bringing
this unit within close range of ^{W/E}

from accidents for the month named.
The unit, as we had been practically
accident free for the past 12 months.

Spare replacement parts are still very hard
to obtain from Ordnance Workshops.

Motor cycle of WD type are giving a lot
of trouble mechanically.

Stanley Lamb
T.O.

TELEPHONE

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.—SOUTHERN COMMAND



H.Q. 24 Aust. Inf. Bn.,
AUSTRALIA.
9 Sep. 42.

WEEKLY INTELLIGENCE REPORT.

NO. 91.

From 1200 hrs. Tues. 1 Sep. to 12 00 hrs. Tues. 8 Sep. 42.

PART 1.

TOPOGRAPHICAL. This unit conducted a recce. of the BUNDABERG-MARY RIVER area for the purposes of 2 AUST. Corps Coastal Summary. A separate report has been forwarded in respect of this recce. Additions and amendments to Map MARYBOROUGH $\frac{1}{2}$ " strat -

1. PALM BEACH - ref 566890. This holiday resort consisting of a number of shacks at present unoccupied, is reached by a C.3. (D.4) sand track which branches from the main rd. BUNDABERG-CHILDERS at ELLIOTT RIVER (BUNDABERG strat.). The beach is fine firm sand suitable for M.T. or A/C landing. The track is very rough.
2. A C.3 (D.4) earth and sand track runs from WOODGATE (571878) to SOUTH bank of mouth to THEODOLITE CK. (570882). This track is very rough.
3. B.1 rd. shown as running to SOUTH of DUNDOWRAN (594854) past CRAIGNISH SCHOOL (592855) thence to TAKURA SCHOOL (590849) does not exist past CRAIGNISH SCHOOL.
4. B.1. rd. shown as passing over Ry line at TAKURA (594846) actually passes over Ry line at approx. 595847.

MORALE. Continues to be good.

HEALTH. Following are details for period 1 Sep.-9 Sep. (9 days).

Total Reported.	Duty.	Light Duty.	No Duty.	Evacuated			
				A.D.S.	M.D.S.	A.G.H.	C.C.S.
75	45	6	8	3	11	2	-

Cases evacuated included 1 case of hernia, 1 knee injury to M.D.S. and 1 case of eye trouble to A.D.S.

SECURITY. This matter is still open to improvement although the change in the security-mindedness of tps generally is most gratifying. This has become particularly noticeable in so far as correspondence is concerned and it would appear that tps are realizing the value of keeping silent regarding moves, etc.

It has been ascertained that 2/31st Bn. occupied this area at some time previously. In "B" Coy. area an envelope addressed

QX..... Pte. E. CROOKS,
"C" Coy.,
2/31st Bn.

was found. The postmark, date and Reg. No. were undecipherable, but it would appear from the condition of the envelope that the unit has been on this site recently.

TELEPHONE

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.—SOUTHERN COMMAND

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AWCE. WTP
BN.

GENERAL. This report has been delayed through the move
of the unit to its new site.



Lieut.,
I.O. 24 Aust. Inf. Bn.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.—SOUTHERN COMMAND

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HEADQUARTERS 24 Aust Inf Bn.,

SOUTHERN COMMAND

362 SWANSTON STREET

MELBOURNE

AUSTRALIA.

16 Sep. 42.

GT.

WEEKLY INTELLIGENCE REPORT.
NO 92.From 1200 hrs Tues. 9 Sep. 42 - 1200 hrs Tues. 15 Sep. 42.

1. TOPOGRAPHICAL. A recce of new Bn. area has been made and an enlargement will be forwarded as soon as possible.
2. SECURITY. On Sat. 12 Sep. this unit marched to CALOUNDRA and return. It was noted that tps generally observed the requirements/ of security. On the road, however, Transport work tickets and monthly vehicle log sheet summary were picked up, and are forwarded for your information etc (see appendices a-h.)

When this unit moved into its present area on 14 Sep., the previous unit had not completely moved out. A number of documents etc were left at the site and are forwarded herewith for your information etc (app i - r).
3. MORALE. Morale of the unit continues to be good and all tps are now actively discussing the prospects of home leave. Reinforcements received by the unit appear to be good material.

Dunnell
Lieut
I.O. 24 Aust Inf. Bn.

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24 Aust Inf Bn.
AUSTRALIA.

WAR DIARY

Appendix

WEEKLY INTELLIGENCE REPORT.
No. 93

From 1300 hrs Tue 15 Sep to 1200 hrs Tue 22 Sep 42.

1. TOPOGRAPHICAL - A wheel route recon of rds BEERBURRUM - TOORBUL was conducted by the Sec on Sat 19 Sep. A separate recon report is forwarded herewith. (Appx A).
2. SECURITY - (a) Members of this unit appear to have realized to a certain extent the value of security. An Officer who was due to report to the unit one night last week advised that he missed the Bn road sign and continued on into CABOOLTURE. There, after some questioning he found some members on leave. These soldiers refused to divulge the location of the camp until the Officer concerned convinced them that he had to report to the unit. The infm was then unhesitatingly given.
(b) A number of documents and articles are still being located showing the designation of the unit previously occupying this site. Enclosed are two of the documents (Appendices B & C).
(c) Attached is a copy of recon report by Lieut W. E. SMITH of this unit (Appx D). The infm contained therein was verbally given to two members of the FSS when visiting the unit.
3. MORALE - About the same but there appears to be a tendency to slacken, caused apparently by the humidity. Tng is however progressing satisfactorily except that tps appear to dislike the constant comings and goings of personnel, offrs and stores. Tps have been quick to point out cases where work done has been wasted by the issue of a cancelling order which is late, e.g. slit trenches were still being dug at LANDSBOROUGH on Sunday (the day before the unit left for the present site).
4. HEALTH - The following figures are for the period 9 to 22 Sep (14 days)

Total reported	Duty	Light Duty	NO Duty	Evacuated			
				ADS	MDS	AGH	OCS
227	127	48	48	4	-	-	-

Lieut.

I.O. 24 Aust Inf Bn.

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AREA: † NORTH along BRUCE HIGHWAY 600 yards, from 117488.
 WEST along re-entrant approx 2 miles.
 NW 1 mile.

NORTH approx 600 yds to a tributary of BEEKBURROUM CK. Correspondingly a wooden ry br and rd br. Along the ck under the ry br there is a water hole of considerable size 40 yds by 20 yds, 5 ft deep (approx). There are two farms between 63 IN gate and ry br. The first consisting of a roadside cafe of sorts, a tobacco drying plant, two wells and about ten acres of cultivation. The ten acres being in the early stages of preparation for tobacco growing. The last crop on this land was pineapples. The wells on ridges in this area have to be sunk to 30 ft in depth to procure water in any quantity. Deductions denote that quantities of 90 to 100 gals being drawn, the seepage being the source of supply. wells in lower lying areas such as re-entrants and swamp areas necessitate digging to a depth of 12 ft.

In dry times these wells take up to 1 week to replenish their full supply.

Mr. WAUGH is the property owner of the first farm which is 400 yds from 63 IN sign (A D & B coy areas - 117488).

Mr. WAUGH is returned from 1914-1918 war and asked quite some questions about camp units, remarked on number of MT convoys going north and supplied the infm that his next door neighbour, a Miss ACKLIN ? is in the habit of asking many questions of military nature.

An ARIEL motor cycle less number plates is abandoned on BRUCE HIGHWAY reserve area in front of Mr WAUGH's property. It is about a 1934 model 2 1/2 H.P. side valve hand change, 3 forward speed gear speed box, painted field green. The motor cycle is NOT a military vehicle. Tank is empty, pillion seat recently torn off.

Mrs WAUGH supplies tps with cups of tea, home made scones, tarts, etc for a minimum charge.

WAUGH supplies infm that 2/31st personnel were in vicinity NW of poultry farm. Camp site on poultry farm property.

A Mrs REARDON, wife of a 2/31st cook, boarded at WAUGH's while 2/31st in area. 2/31st left for NEW GUINEA stopping at TOWNSVILLE. Jap subs enforcing stop. Infm between REARDONS per code system. REARDONS reside at INGHAM Q. Mrs WAUGH is a cripple injured in sulky turnover 15 years ago. Visits BRISBANE every three weeks for treatment.

Thirst for infm NOT judged as fifth column but recommend that tps be kept away from farms in this vicinity as they know of unit and home towns. Assumed that tps from B Coy. Tps have booked supper for tonight, poached eggs on toast. Jam tarts in oven on visit.

I cannot be sure of the POULTRY FARM property owner's name being ACKLIN. Infm as to name being supplied and supplier NOT sure.

Mrs ACKLIN and son 18 years old reside on property. Residence built from bush timber and galvanized iron. 500 fowls on farm, all feed purchased, NO cultivation. Mr. ACKLIN working in BRISBANE on ry, most probably in a labouring capacity as he generally works in rd gangs, etc. Has communistic sympathies.

Mrs. ACK ? asks unit, home town, knows VIC unit in this area, remarks on equipment going north. Observes trains passing, observes convoys MT. quite learned, clean, tidy with good knowledge of world affairs. Been in residence 5 years. Has car, nobody to drive. quite friendly.

Signed. W. E. SMITH. Lieut
VX 51657

Secret.

War Diary Camp

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WEEKLY INTELLIGENCE REPORT

No. 94.

From 1300hrs Tues 22nd Sept 1942, to 1200hrs Tues 29 1942.

1. TOPOGRAPHICAL A wheel route recce of roads KILCOY, ESK, NANANGO is being conducted by this unit "I" sec and will return THURSDAY 1st Oct Reports to be forwarded as soon as completed.
2. SECURITY. (a). The R/P while on a short march NORTH of this camp site discovered the enclosed documents on what was at one time a camp.
These if studied give date and name of unit occupying this area.
(b) Rumors to the effect that this unit will soon move in a SOUTHERLY direction very shortly are prevalent. Towns stated are TWEEDS HEAD NEWCASTLE GRAFTON.
3. MORALE. There has been no definite change in Morale since last report.
4. HEALTH. The following figures are for the period 22nd to 26th.

Total reported	Duty	Light Duty	No Duty	Evacuated			
				ADS	MDS	AGH	CCS
98	49	23	17	2	-	-	1

5 Dental and 1 glasses.

W. J. ...
I.C.
f. 24 Aust. Inf. Bn.

24 Aust Inf Bn Int Summary No. 4.Compiled from infm received to 0800 hrs 18 Sep.

- (a) NO receipt is required for this Summary but recipients will note the copy No. issued to them and make enquiries in event of non-receipt.
- (b) Unless otherwise stated all times are M.S.T.
- (c) Situation maps are maintained at the intelligence office and may be inspected at any time.

PART 1.Operations - NEW GUINEA Area -

LAE Area - our tps raided enemy posns at HEATH'S PLANTATION on night 12/13 Sep. Booby traps were laid at MALAHANENG on the rd to the PLANTATION and caught a body of Japs. The enemy immediately opened fire into the bush using small arms and guns. It is NOT known what casualties were suffered by the Japs.

BUNA - KOKODA Area 15 Sep 1420 hrs. Allied a/c bombed and strafed 22 barges at SANANANDA 4 miles NW of BUNA. The results are NOT known.

During the day the Japs were exerting hy pressure at all points of contact south of OWEN STANLEY RANGE.

Sep 16. Our patrols attacked the enemy who were digging LMG and Mortar posns on our right flank. The enemy casualties were unknown. 0930 hrs NAURO and EFOGI were bombed and strafed by Allied a/c without observed results.

MILNE BAY Area 15 Sep. Native police patrols encountered a small Jap party north of WAGA WAGA and LILIHOA, two men were killed and the remainder made off in the direction of EAST CAPE.

PART 2.ENEMY.Organization -

The composition of the Jap Div task force seems to be as follows:-

Military

1 Division (15,000 men)
1 Bn paratps (800 to 1,500 men)

Naval

1 to 2 A/c carriers
6 cruisers
10-14 destroyers
12-20 tpts
2-4 submarines

2.

Air.

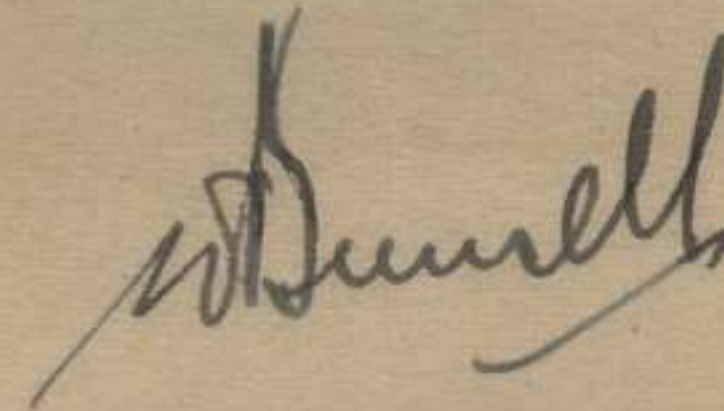
Shore Base Gp
F/B - 2 Sqns
Fs - 2 to 3 Sqns
H/Bs - 3 to 4 Sqns
Total - 75 to 100 A/c
Carrier borne - 40 to 80 A/c
Total - 115 to 180 A/c

Equipment - Attached as Appx "A" is an extract from Aust Inf Diary dealing with incendiary capsules.

Personalities - Chinese reports claim that Lt Gen HOMMA previously GOC PHILIPPINES until his recall to TOKYO on the 14 Aug has been appointed C-in-C of NEW GUINEA - AUSTRALIA Area.

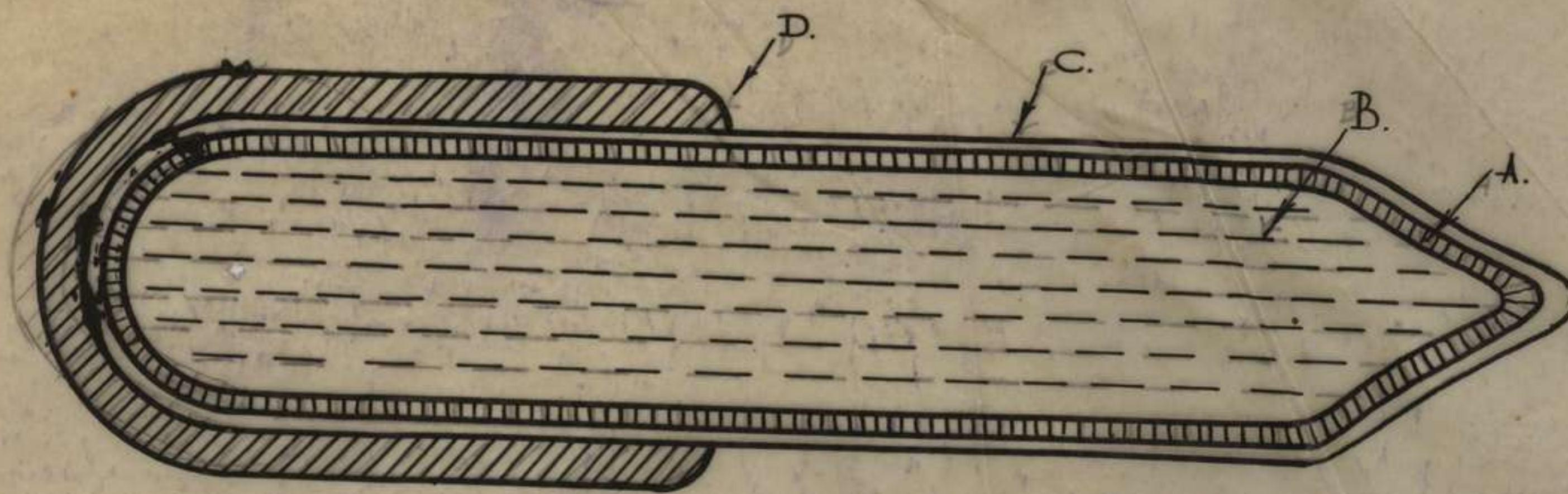
Identifications - The original landing force at MILNE BAY has been identified as a naval landing party. A colour patch worn by enemy tps on this front consisted of a 3 in blue circular shoulder patch with red crossed anchors on a red star. This suggests that the shoulder patch is one normally worn by special landing parties. This deduction is confirmed by captured documents which disclose that nos. 3 and 5 special landing forces were to take part in the operations in MILNE BAY.

Equipment - It is reported from NEW GUINEA that some mortars (4 to 5 in calibre) were used by the Japs at MILNE BAY. Should this infm be correct, it indicates the employment of a new type of mortar heavier than hitherto encountered. The heaviest mortars known to be used by the enemy to date are the "STOKES BRANDT" type 81 mm (3.15 in) and type 84 mm (3.5 in). It is believed however, that the latter type is mainly used for the firing of gas bombs.



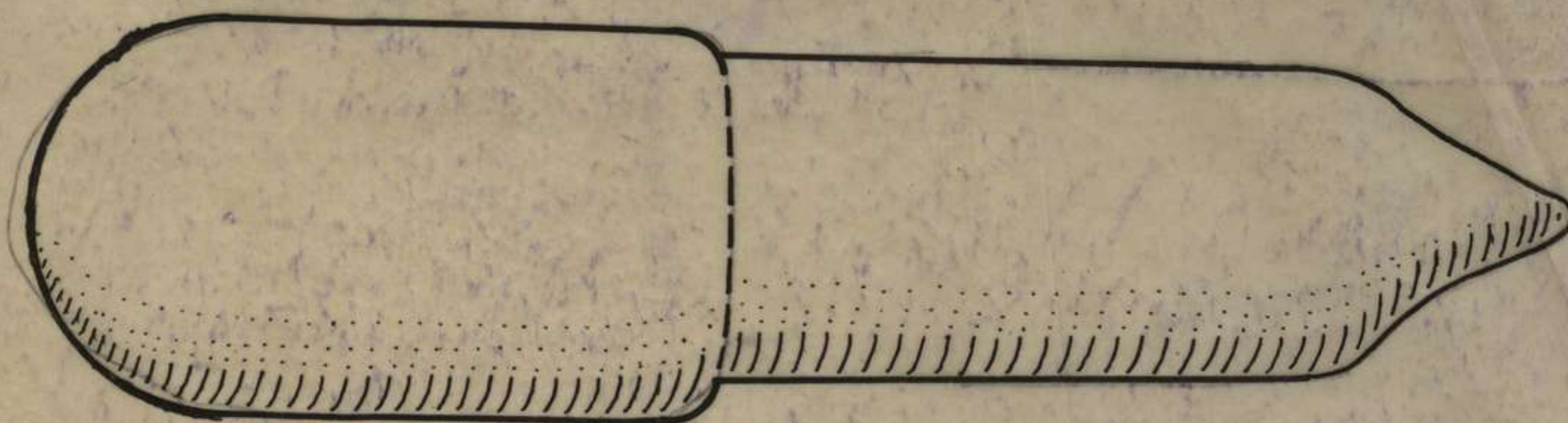
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INCENDIARY CAPSULE.

ACTUAL SIZE.



SABOTAGE : USE OF INCENDIARY CAPSULES.

An incendiary capsule was found in a ship which was set on fire on 23rd April. Above is a full scale drawing of the object. "A" is a flexible gelatine capsule, yellow and translucent, containing a highly volatile fluid. "B" the outer surface being covered with a sticky black carbon or graphite composition. "C". "D" is a hard brown casing covering one half of the capsule. This appears to be a magnesium compound and burns fiercely when ignited.

The capsule is operated by heat, a test showing that it becomes active when placed in the sun, even when covered by a corrugated iron sheet. It would seem therefore that no very high temperature is required to cause the device to function.

The danger of these capsules being slipped into aircraft M.T. vehicles, stores, buildings, or any vital place where the sun's rays or artificial heat may ignite them, is obvious, and all personnel should be on their guard against this form of sabotage.

(Aust Int Diary, 197.)

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PART 1.OPERATIONS - NEW GUINEA AREA.

LAE - WAKANABA 19 Sep - Pro-Japanese natives have been reported to be building a new village on the south bank of the WAKHAN RIVER, opposite HEATH'S PLANTATION where booby traps were successfully laid by Australian tps on 12/13 Sep (See Summary No. 4). Nazi literature has been found at BUANA MISSION 25 miles NE of LAE.

BUNA - KOKODA 20 Sep 0715 hrs. Allied a/c bombed and strafed the BUNA-KOKODA track. An explosion was caused at SANGARA PLANTATIONS (about 20 miles NE of WAIHOPE). Fires were started at ARHIS near SANGARA PLANTATIONS and a possible dump left burning at KAGI (3 miles NNE of WUOGI). A supply train was observed at POGHETTA (about 10 miles NE of WAIHOPE). A new track south of the track WAIHOPE-KOKODA was seen in the vicinity of BAIHENDAPI (4 miles SE of KOKODA).

IORIBAIWA - 20 Sep - Patrol activity has increased in the area south of IORIBAIWA. It is estimated that 200 Japs have been killed since 15 Sep. Native carriers deserting from the Japs state that the enemy are short of rations and are using the natives to find food.
22 Sep. It is reported that both Japanese and Australian forces are "building in" in this area.

MARAU. - Allied a/c bombed this place night 22/23 Sep. Results are NOT yet known.

SOLOMONS AREA.

SANTA CRUZ (HEUNI) Is. - 1600 mls E.S. of TOWNVILLE 19 Sep - An unidentified submarine was sighted approx 181 mls N.E.W. of HEUNI IS, on a course S.E., 20 Sep 1035 hrs. One destroyer and one possible seaplane carrier escorted by two E/P's were seen approx 375 mls N.E.S. of HEUNI IS, course EAST. 1345 hrs 2 destroyers were seen approx 210 mls NORTH of HEUNI IS, on a course N.W.

BUNA - Allied a/c attacked BUNA night 22/23 Sep, results not yet known.

PART 2.ENEMY.

ORGANISATION. - Charts of badges of the Japanese Army reproduced by 2 Aust Army Svy. Mob. Reprd. Sec are attached to this Summary - Appendix 1.

TACTICS. - After having disembarked the tps, the Jap M.L.C. wait for some time at the landing place, ready to re-embark the personnel if the attack is turned against them at certain points, where the landing could be successful if it had quick and powerful help to follow up the initial advantage.

Aerodrome Renovation in the Far East. - The following verbatim report from the Far East is felt to be most timely and worthy of recognition by all forces :-

* One of the features of Japanese offensive strategy, a great and, sometimes apparently, decisive factor in the success of her combined operations, has been ability in rendering serviceable at great speed aerodromes and landing grounds which had previously been demolished. This is in addition to the rapidity with which she has been able to affect repairs to runways or landing fields after bombing attacks.

A study of reports dated both during and after the fall of MALAYA on 14 Feb, which are still coming to hand, reveals that in the majority of instances constructional squads had aerodromes which had been "blown up" fully operational again within a week. In NO case was a fortnight exceeded and it is noteworthy that most of the aerodromes brought into use again were fully defended by new A/A Divs.

To maintain the impetus of their advance down the peninsula, it was necessary for the Japanese to use large numbers of a/c based on aerodromes very near the fighting. This they were able to do principally because of weak air opposition which was rendered progressively weaker by their constant bombing of those bases still in British hands. It is significant that in the pursuit of their tactics these aerodromes which they had repaired so rapidly were made to accommodate at least double the number of a/c for which they had been designed. This policy has been again successfully employed in NEW GUINEA and BURMA.

Whether this speedy reconstruction is done exclusively by the Japanese forces themselves, by impressed native labor working under their direction, or by a combination of both methods is NOT yet known, but it is evident that the means employed give the maximum results and should be taken into account in calculations affecting aerodromes reported as "destroyed" prior to enemy occupation."

EQUIPMENT. - Patrols report that enemy appears smaller in physique than previously encountered. They are wearing darker clothing and lighter colored equipment, with haversacks on the back.

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BADGES OF JAPANESE ARMY

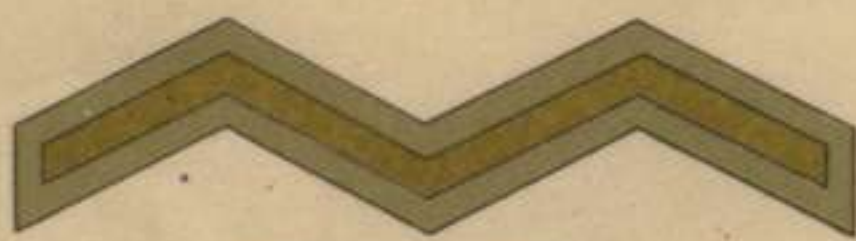
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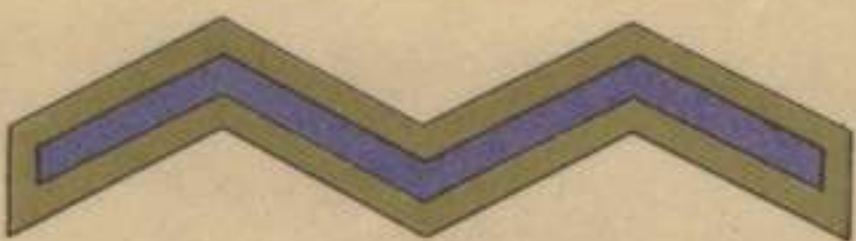
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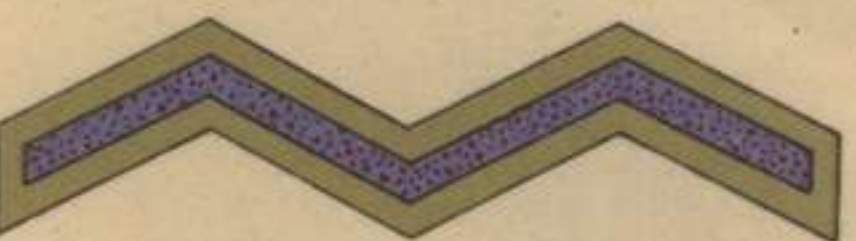
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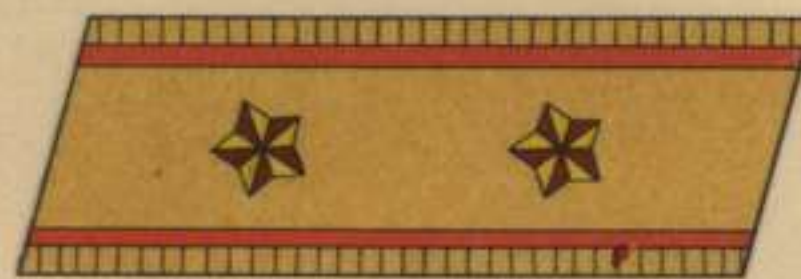


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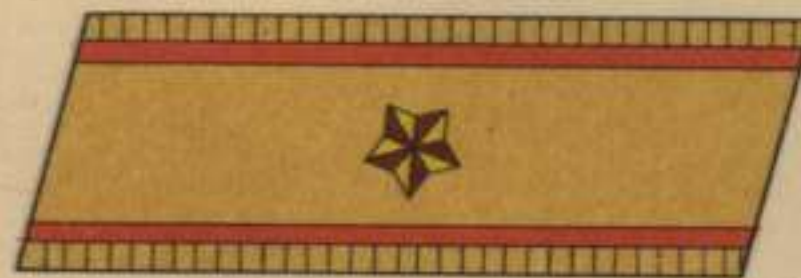
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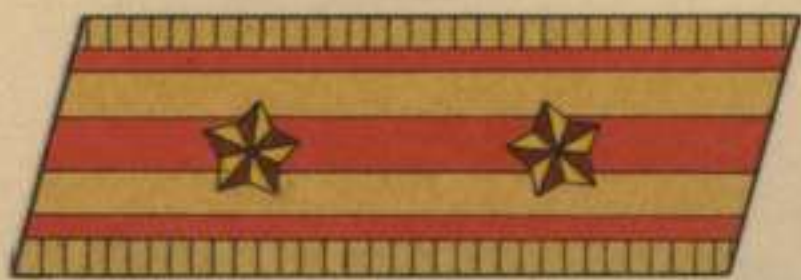
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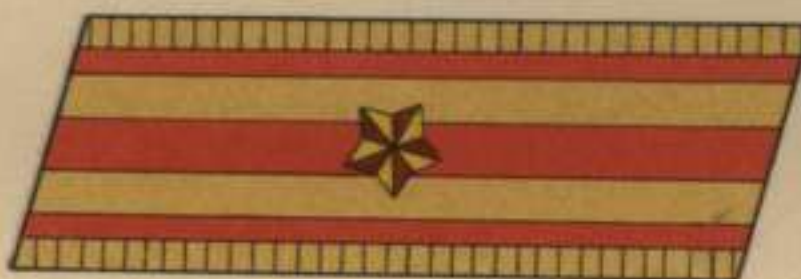
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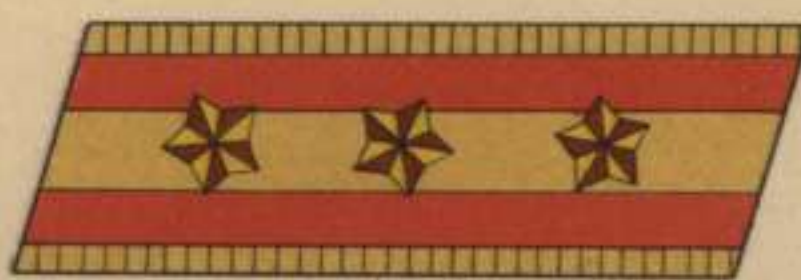
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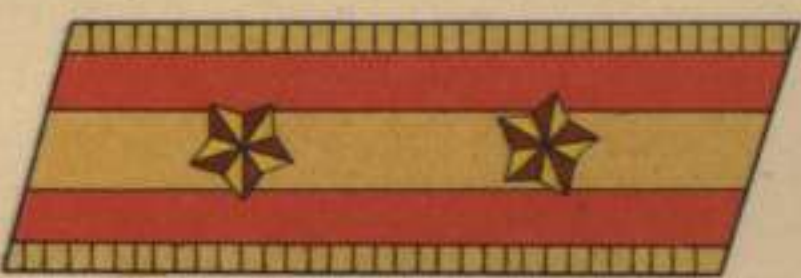
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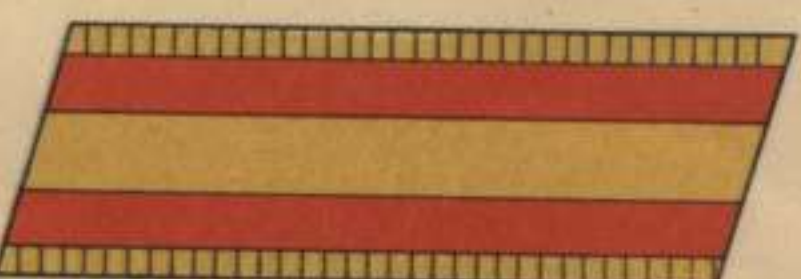
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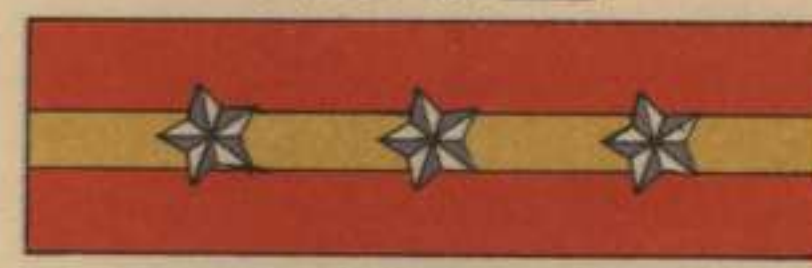


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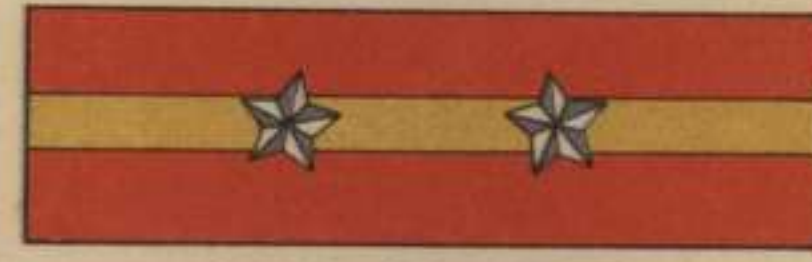


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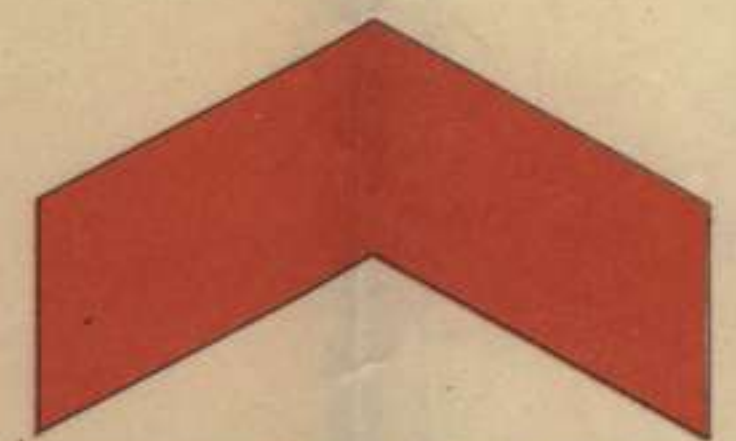


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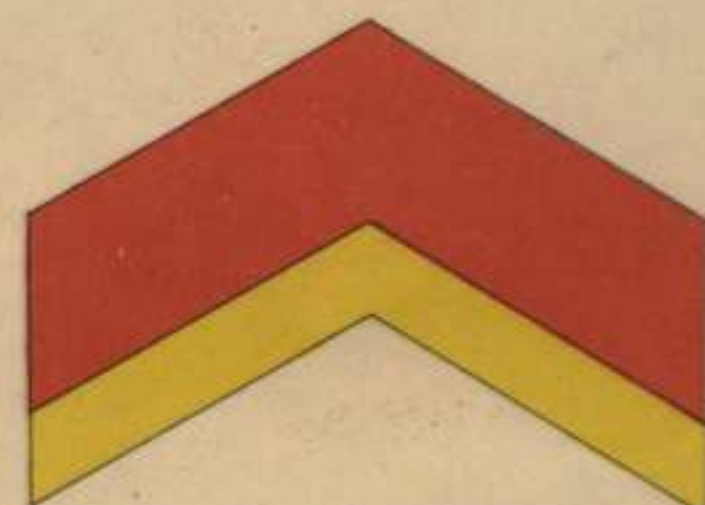
THE FOLLOWING BADGES ARE ALSO
WORN ON THE RIGHT ARM ABOVE
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PART. I.

OPERATIONS - NEW GUINEA AREA.

MORSBY 21 Sep. 1209 hrs. RORONA aerodrome (fifteen miles EAST of MORSBY) was bombed by twenty-four to thirty enemy bombers escorted by ten Zeros. No damage or casualties resulted. 22 SEP. 1930 hrs. to 2015 hrs. enemy A/C dropped flares over our positions from NW of UENI (24 miles NE MORSBY) to HOMERON BAY (12 miles NE MORSBY). 23 Sep. Enemy A/C bombed MILNE BAY. 19 Sep. Enemy parties were reported inland of TUPURA 10 miles NW of TAUPUA.

MILNE BAY 21 Sep. A small party of Japs were seen in the vicinity of LIVINGA. Enemy with MG were seen at LORUA five miles EAST of WEDAU.

MILNE BAY 23 Sep. A patrol that had been sent to investigate MORSBY is returned with eight Jap prisoners incl one offr.

~~MILNE BAY~~. In view of the difficulty of assessing the conflicting reports of the MILNE BAY operations, the following HQ review of these operations, written from the time of the initial landing, is reprinted for interest.

On the morning of 26 Aug. the Japanese made a very determined effort to reduce the whole of our positions in MILNE BAY, and it would appear that after about a weeks fighting their attack had completely failed. Although, as yet, few details of the actual fighting have been received, sufficient infm is available to give a brief review of the operation.

Early in the morning 2/3,000 ton transports, together with supporting destroyers, effected a landing near NIGIA. Shortly after the landing, our advanced elements met the Japanese forces and, at the same time, our aircraft at MILNE BAY attacked the enemy shipping, landing barges, stores and supply dumps. During that day and the following day it would appear that the enemy were able to drive portion of our forces back and that at one stage they appeared to have occupied No 3 landing strip, some two miles EAST of GILI GILI. They were quickly driven back, but due to the intense jungle covering most of this area, the fact that it rained almost incessantly and that the ground became a quagmire, few details are yet available of the nature of the fighting that took place along the coast.

There is little doubt that the Japanese were determined to capture our aerodrome (No 1 Strip) and that they brought a strong and very well-equipped force with tanks, field guns, mortars, heavy and light machine guns, tommy guns, grenades, etc., to sweep our garrison out of the place, and they also brought Pioneering Units to consolidate the positions and to make the aerodrome ready for their use.

From a Japanese Naval Captain who was killed at the landing some extremely interesting documents have been obtained. These include a sketch map of the Japanese plan and the complete operational instructions for the expedition. In the interim, it would appear that at least 2,000 tps took part in the original landing, these being mostly Marines Special Landing Forces.

It is now clear from infm obtained from prisoners and captured documents that their losses, at the time of the landing

• **SUBSEQUENTLY** - **WERE FAIRLY** considerable, due, in the

first place, to low level attacks by our fighters, and later in the action by our ground tps. It is now known that at least 600 Japanese were killed in action ~~inaction~~ on the shore, whilst at least 300, together with a considerable amount of their equipment and supplies were sunk on the transport "WAKAI" MARU" by our action on the 28th.

The exact area over which fighting took place during the next few days is NOT yet clear, but there appears to have been fighting, particularly in the area of KB Mission (1 mile east of RABI) up to 1 Sep.

The Commander of the NIENE BAY garrison had, at all times, to prepare for an attack, both from the NW neighbourhood of TAIKOTA and from the south and west around the western shores of NIENE BAY.

late on 2 Sep infm was received that a party of 4/500 Japanese, the remnants of the expeditionary force, were in the jungle some five miles east of KB Mission. For the next 24 hrs this garrison was continuously sending out distress signals indicating that they were NO longer able to fight due to fatigue and lack of equipment, and also to a considerable amount of foot trouble. Subsequently, infm indicated that on the night of 3/4 Sep, the Japanese were sending in cruisers and destroyers, and possibly an additional ship, either to reinforce these remnants or in an endeavour to take them off.

It would appear that the purpose was to take the garrison off, and that it is believed, was done. Our a/c shadowed these ships, with the hope of inflicting further casualties on them during the withdrawal from the bay.

Our own casualties do NOT, at the present, appear to have been severe, although the fighting at times was very heavy.

After reading the above it is of interest to read the German version as broadcast from BERLIN on 3 Sep.

"In the NIENE BAY area the Japanese landing party has scored new successes. One Australian Bn was annihilated and 240 New Zealanders were captured".

BUNA-KOKODA. 21 Sep. 0920 hrs. Allied a/c bombed and damaged a bridge at WAIROPE and strafed huts on the BUNA-KOKODA track. Small well-camouflaged bridges were observed and the track was much improved. Our posns were consolidated at IMITA RANGE (SW of IERABAIWA). It is estimated that one enemy bn occupies the ridge west of IERABAIWA.

22 Sep. 0805 hrs to 0900 hrs. Allied a/c made 3 bombing and strafing attacks on trucks, buildings, installations and barges in this area and the WAIROPE BRIDGE was left unusable. 2315 hrs. BUNA aerodrome was bombed and strafed. 5 barges were observed ashore between GONA MISSION and WAYTUTU POINT. Our forces are pushing forward from IMITA RANGE to TORIBAIWA. Patrols inflicted casualties on the enemy on the forward slope of IRIBAIWA RIDGE. There was NO sign of the enemy SW of IROIBAIWA.

DARWIN. Three bombers attacked the town on 26 Sep without results. Further details NOT to hand.

PART 2.

ARMY.

Equipment - Examination of documents captured at GU-DALCANAL shows that the Japs at TULAGI were using ball 80 mm (approx 3") and 25 mm A-A guns. The 80 mm gun has NOT been met before in the SWPA. At the moment it is NOT clear whether this is a naval A-A gun used to ~~defend~~ defend shore installations or one found in the army as well.

Tactics - (a) Japanese field signals. The following Jap field signals have been taken from a note book captured in NEW GUIN A about 3 Sep 42.

Completion - or understand.
Raise one arm straight up.

Change of direction in advancing or marching.
Raise one arm straight up and point towards the direction of advance.

Halt.
Raise one arm straight up and bring it down immediately.

Double Time.
Employ the same signal used in "Advance", except continue it rapidly for several times.

Deployment (of skirmishers).
Raise and extend both arms to the height of the shoulders.

Commence firing.
EXTEND ONE ARM TO THE SIDE + DESCRIBE IN LOOP SEVERAL TIMES.

cease firing.

Extend one arm forward and wave it left and right several times.
Follow the above directions when holding weapons or other articles.

(b) Japanese use of Task Forces in the South Seas.
See Appx A.

AVN TROOPS. - AIR. (a) Air Support.

The following amendments to Manual of Direct Air Support June 1942 may be anticipated and will take effect forthwith.

1. Page 13 para 54 Bombline - add to para:

In highly mobile warfare, it is most difficult for pilots to be given a definite bomb line which will be effective for any length of time. To obviate this, forward formation staffs will pass back through Air Support Links to Air Support Control, hourly reports on the predicted location of their forward tps for the following two hours.

This infm will be relayed by Air Support Controls to all Air Formations, so that a bomb line can be given to pilots close enough to our own tps to make direct support bombing really effective.

2. Page 13 para 55. Infm - add to para:

Air Support Controls will relay to forward formations through Air Support Links, all infm received from A/C, with the object of keeping forward formation commanders posted of any alteration on their front. In mobile operations, it may often be necessary to sacrifice security for speed, and send this infm in clear, if fast action is deemed necessary.

3. Appx 1 after para 3. insert:

The use of artificial land marks can easily be made by using strips or other means by day in the form of a letter of the alphabet. It will be necessary for these letters to be at least 20 yds in length.

By night letters can be formed by the use of flares, but will need to be one hundred yards long.

(b) Aircraft Recognition Signals.

List for October will be issued in two days time. NB. GMT is 11 hrs behind East Aust Summer Time e.g. 1200 hrs GMT = 2300 hrs M.A.S. Time.

(c) Aircraft Recognition RAAF and US Forces. - Attached as Appx B is 3 Aust Div Circ dealing with this subject.

PART 3.

TOPOGRAPHICAL.

(a) Average weather conditions in QUEENSLAND during months of Sep & Oct.
(see map - appx C) - QUEENSLAND Meteorological Map.

GENERAL. The weather on the whole is fine. Oct is the first of the recognised local thunderstorm months, but this advent of monsoonal influence is uncertain and frequently delayed. In the present case, in areas where the late summer rains have been below normal, seriously dry conditions prevail, with heat, lack of surface water, and local dust storms. If there are no early thunderstorms there will be a tendency toward grass fires and mild bush fires in southern areas. The visibility will in any case be bad along the coast and out to sea.

DISTRICTS 27-28 (CAPE YORK PENINSULAR).

Fine except isolated showers east coast and adjacent highlands. SE winds, fresh at times. Average rain approx 5 points for period. Conditions at present are dry.

DISTRICTS 29-30 (CARPENTARIA DIVISIONS).

Mainly fine. Average rain Sep 25 points, Oct 60 points (occasional thunderstorms). Winds SE to east tending NE. Warmer temperatures with latter. Conditions at present are dryer than usual.

DISTRICTS 31-32 (COASTAL CROKTON to TOWNVILLE and adjacent highlands).

Mainly fine, but showers chiefly coastal fringe, Crowswell to CROKTON. Average rain, Sep approx 1 1/2", Oct 1 1/2" to 2 1/2". Wind SE to east chiefly.

DISTRICTS 33-34 (Coast TOWNVILLE - ROCKHAMPTON and adjacent highlands).

Mainly fine. Average rainfall Sep approx 3", Oct approx 4" to 1 1/2", occasionally over 3". Local thunderstorm tendencies. winds variable, chiefly SE to NE, former fresh at times along the coast.

DISTRICTS 35-36 (CENTRAL HIGHLANDS and Lowlands)

Mainly fine. Rain approx 1 to 1½", mainly Oct when local thunderstorm season developing. Winds variable tending east to NE. Occasional frosty nights. Conditions at present drier than usual.

DISTRICTS 37-38 (FAR CENTRAL WEST).

Mainly fine. Practically rainless becoming warmer in Oct with isolated thunder tendencies. Average rain, Sep 40 pts, Oct 60 points. East to NE winds (not spell northerlies in Oct). Conditions at present dry.

DISTRICTS 39-40 (COASTAL ROCKHAMPTON to TWEED HEADS and west to Div Range).

Mainly fine, broken by shower periods and evening thunderstorms, latter developing chiefly in Oct. Thunderstorms can be accompanied locally by heavy rain, and damage from hail and strong squalls. Average rain, Sep 1½" to 2", Oct 2 to 2½", occasionally exceeds 5", chiefly in Oct. Often below 1" and when following poor winter rains surface conditions very dry. Winds variable, chiefly east to NE. Conditions at present dry.

DISTRICTS 41, 42 and 43 (DOWNS and MARANDA)

Mainly fine. Occasional shower periods and some local afternoon and evening thunderstorms, latter chiefly in Oct. Average rain, 1" to 1½" Sep, 1½" to 2" Oct. Frequently from 2 to 3" occasionally over 4", winds chiefly east to NE. Warmer periods with north to NW winds occasional frosty nights. Conditions rather drier than usual but NOT unfavourable to growth.

DISTRICTS 44 to 45 (WARRAGO and Far SW).

Mainly fine. Occasional showers and local thunder average rainfall Sep ½" to 1" Oct about 1". Frequently practically rainless, occasionally between 2 and 3". Winds chiefly NE with some warmer north to NW. Conditions at present drier than usual.

(b) Recece of Area. H.Q. 15 Aust Inf Bde has directed that all Offrs and NCO's will carry out receces of rds in their unit operational area. Offrs and NCO's will carry out their receces on Sundays or in their spare time, and completed reports will be forwarded to "I" Sec for checking and transmission to Bde. The following instns have been promulgated:-

1. NO member of any recece party is to enter any shop or hotel.
2. Party to be out of the area by 1700 hrs.
3. Parties will carry their own rations and will NOT eat in cafes.

Infm obtained should be shown by means of a trace of the relevant portion of the ref map as shown in Appx D (Conventional signs to be used on traces) and by completion of relevant coils of Wheel Route Recece Forms (Appx E).

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Dist.

- 1 C.O.
 - 2 B.H.Q.
 - 3 H.Q. Coy
 - 4 A Coy
 - 5 B Coy
 - 6 C Coy
 - 7 D Coy
 - 8 E Coy
- 9-10 War Diary (2)

USE OF Task Forces in the SOUTH SEAS.

(M.I. Allied Air Forces Intell Summary No. 33 - Material collated from several sources, incl War Information Circular No. 5.7 from CHQ INDIA "Summary of Japanese warfare" published by M.I. 3., WASHINGTON and Information Bulletin No. 8 of M.I. 3. (WASHINGTON)).

The material is derived mainly from experience prior to War 42, and covers the classic principles of Japanese use of combined forces; nevertheless most of it is still applicable, as well as timely, at the present stage.

There should be noted especially:-

- a. The flexibility of organization made possible by possession of a large "pool" of men specially trained in these operations and capable of forming assault units of wide variety of size and type.
- b. The close co-operation of the two services.
- c. The remarkably small variations of recon procedure.
- d. The fact that flexibility of organization permits wide variation of the details of the assault. For example, prior possession by the Japanese of fighter aircraft bases in fairly close proximity to the objective may remove the necessity for use of P/B and even of carriers in the earlier stages, by permitting fairly constant air cover for landing operations.

GENERAL: The Japanese advance in the South Seas has been remarkable for the distinctive manner in which they have used combined task forces for the occupation of successive strategic points. From an examination of the brief particulars at present available, it would appear that they have employed two standard types of task force in these operations. These forces have been used to move by bounds from point to point and have given each other mutual air support. The bounds have been approx 400 miles in extent and the period which has elapsed between consolidation and the next forward move has averaged between one to three weeks in each locality. Not only does this performance demand a well-balanced strategic plan, but it also requires a very careful apportionment of administrative means to each task force.

PREPARATION:

The preliminary indication of a Japanese move to a particular locality has been regular submarine recon of inward shipping approx 14 days to a month previous to the anticipated date of the final assault.

The next phase has been an increasing scale of air attack by the air component of the task force. The first stage has been recon by V/B, followed by B/B attack by day. After a few sorties, the attack has been taken up by Type A/Bs from a shore base from 400 to 600 miles away. This attack has been continued intermittently, usually without P protection. The object has been to damage airways and to use anti-personnel bombs for the disruption of airdrome installations. Towards the end of this B/B attack, a meteorological ship has been detected and considerable traffic in weather reports in the vicinity of the target has been observed.

In the third stage of the air attack P support is provided, either from a shore base or from an A/C carrier. The object is then the destruction of aircraft on the ground by low flying attack. The dive-bombers and fighters concentrate on A/C dispersed within revetments near the field, since the revetments lend a considerable measure of protection from high-level bombers unless direct hits are scored. The Japanese keep a close watch for replacements on airdromes and maintain sustained attacks until defending A/Bs have been destroyed or forced to leave. In some cases, particularly in CHINA, in order to achieve surprise, the Japanese make no preliminary recon or bombardments.

The final stage of the air attack has been a large scale assault using from 50 to 150 A/C, the objectives of which have been:-

The dive bombing of $\frac{1}{2}$ and coast defence guns.
The destruction of communications.

This attack has normally been delivered about one to two days ahead of the combined assault upon the objective. It is sometimes assisted by shelling from W-Whips. The total number of sorties required for preparation is between 100 and 300 per locality.

The assault:

As the minimum bound has been about 400 miles, it has been necessary for the Japanese to protect the approach of the convoy during the hours of daylight preceding the night of the final assault. In order to do this any base from which air support may be given to the locality under attack or from which an attack may be launched on the convoy during the day of the assault, have to be neutralized. This attack may be delivered from carrier borne $\frac{1}{2}$, but is more usually a combination of those based by $\frac{1}{2}$ with $\frac{1}{2}$ and dive bombing $\frac{1}{2}$ from an aircraft carrier.

In the early hours of the evening a large force, consisting of a naval landing party and army formations in motor landing craft, is launched at one or more localities in the vicinity of their objective. This attack is protected by the guns of light air attack directed against the ground defenses and probably controlled by radio telephone communication from the landing ground. The major part of the air forces are held in reserve to counter attack any base which has not been sufficiently disrupted by the air attack delivered on the preceding day.

The Japanese do not consider rough weather or unfavorable tides as prohibitive. In fact, such conditions are often deliberately and deliberately used to cause loss of life or damage in order to achieve surprise. The time for the landing operations usually is 2 or 3 hours before high tide, or whenever possible. This rule is broken only for tactical or navigational reasons.

If possible, a few landing craft with engineers try to gain the shore unopposed, before operations begin, to set up small lights - 2.5 visible from inland - to guide the landing craft. In some instances, with $\frac{1}{2}$ install the lights for the engineers. As a rule, at least part of the landing craft reach the beach before daylight. From 5 to 10 miles of shorelines are utilized for the landings.

By 0800 and a light $\frac{1}{2}$ are set up near the bow of each boat for the landing craft, and each man, if otherwise engaged, has a rifle or light automatic machine weapon to fire. (In one attempt to land on the east coast of Borneo, the Japanese mounted 75 mm guns and smaller weapons on barges. Effective $\frac{1}{2}$ fire from US and Philippine types sank several of the barges and forced others to withdraw. Japanese losses were heavy). Patrol boats armed with machine guns give close support to the landings.

In all cases the objective is to seize one or more airfields for the use of the $\frac{1}{2}$. Where this objective is not clear to the point of the attack as at BANGAL and BANGAL, use is made of paratroops to disrupt the defence in the vicinity of the airfields, so that the enemy occupation is ensured.

As an example, from $\frac{1}{2}$ info from BANGAL is of value - The initial landings at BANGAL (BANGAL) were made on 2 Dec from 3 types by night between 0100 hrs and 0200 hrs, with a view to making a surprise attack on the airfields; the tide was high. The approach was very rough, and considerable loss of life resulted through drowning.

Before commencement of operations, and presumably on the same night, the landing craft were sent ashore, each with seven paratroops of four engines, who installed the lights at suitable points on shore, visible only from the sea. When to land, these lights were presumably not detected.

A support fire was given during the initial landings. Naval escort left the day before, and air support did not appear until about 0500 hrs.

By 0800 hrs were landed 1st. Three landings were made from BANGAL by a wide landing ramp (BANGAL is a type of $\frac{1}{2}$). The beaches were easily and steep. US fire from pill boxes some yards from the top of the beach was not detected because of camouflage.

The principal equipment was used on the beaches. The land were $\frac{1}{2}$ (small motor boats) and $\frac{1}{2}$ (large motor boats). The small ones were used for $\frac{1}{2}$ and the large ones for $\frac{1}{2}$ equipped $\frac{1}{2}$, and ground units. They are of good construction, with anchor platform, and the small ones are better protected than the large. Landing craft were used by four to six specially trained engines. These were employed after completion of landing, in bridging and removing mines and other obstructions.

Consolidation:

If approached at the beaches, the Japanese hold to the rule, as a rule, until making contact with the opposition. They also use rivers and creeks to penetrate inland by boat and to turn flanks. They have special craft for such operations, incl. gunboats propelled by outboard motors and boats driven by airplane-type motors with propellers rigged above the surface of the water. Spoke systems are used freely to facilitate inland movements. To avoid being fixed on by their own A/C, Japanese patrols and small or units out in front are required to identify themselves during daylight with rising sun flags displayed towards the sky. As soon as the aerodrome has been occupied, 5 A/C are installed at once and, if necessary, additional cover is given by the use of 2. 2/3s from a suitable sighting area until type "A" are available. The A/C carrier is usually retained in the area until the 2/3s are operative, when it is withdrawn. A rule of cover has been established from 2/3s on the first day of the attack and from type "A" on the second or third day.

The next task is the evacuation of the aerodrome to be received the 2/3 section of the air component of the task force. This involves the use of working parties, which are being set up and which are expected to be a large number of small prefabricated huts within 14 days of the occupation. Immediate steps are taken for the rapid extension of the runway. As soon as the damage to the surface has been repaired, at least one run of 2/3s is moved in. The period of delay before the second aerodrome is set up by 2/3s has been fixed at not to five days. In the case of 2/3s the aerodrome was out of action for a period of seven days.

While the consolidation of the aerodrome is proceeding, a wireless intercept unit is installed to assist in our signals traffic. Small parties, probably equipped with 2/3s, are placed at suitable points or on the small 2/3s, over a 50 to 100 mile range in order to give warning of the approach of our A/C. Our A/C have been consistently intercepted, while the Japanese have not, as yet, within our 2/3s, the manner in which our A/C have been intercepted strongly suggests that the Japanese have been aware of their impending approach. There are some indications that an attentive sound location unit is established, for searchlights have been directed accurately upon our night flying A/C over the area.

The interval between beach to beach has been fixed to three weeks. In this period 2/3s, services and supplies are built up for the next beach. No or more 2/3s have been observed discharging at the nearest port. It is clear that the supply side of the air component has been carefully planned in order that the requisite material can be moved during this period of consolidation.

INTELL CIRCULAR No 4.

AIRCRAFT RECOGNITION: R.A.A.F. & U.S. FORCES.

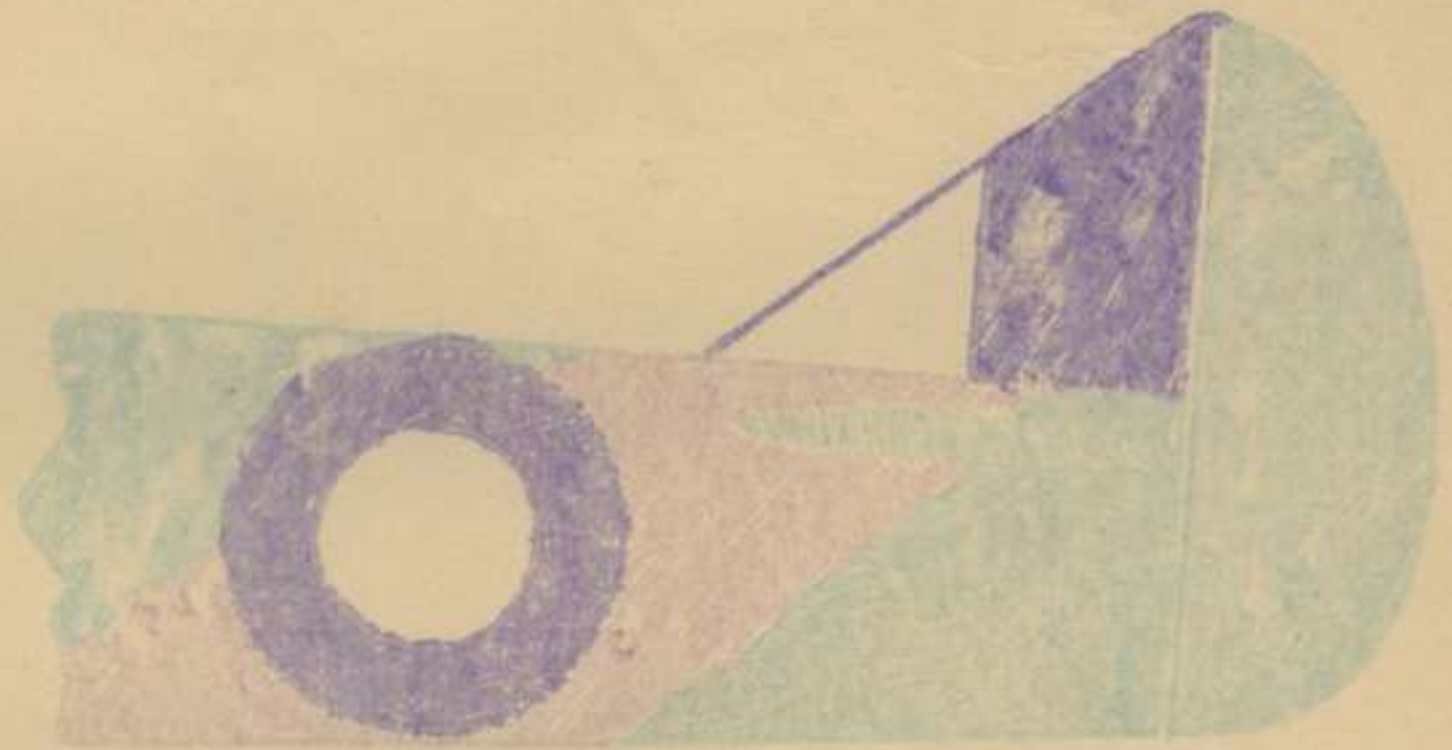
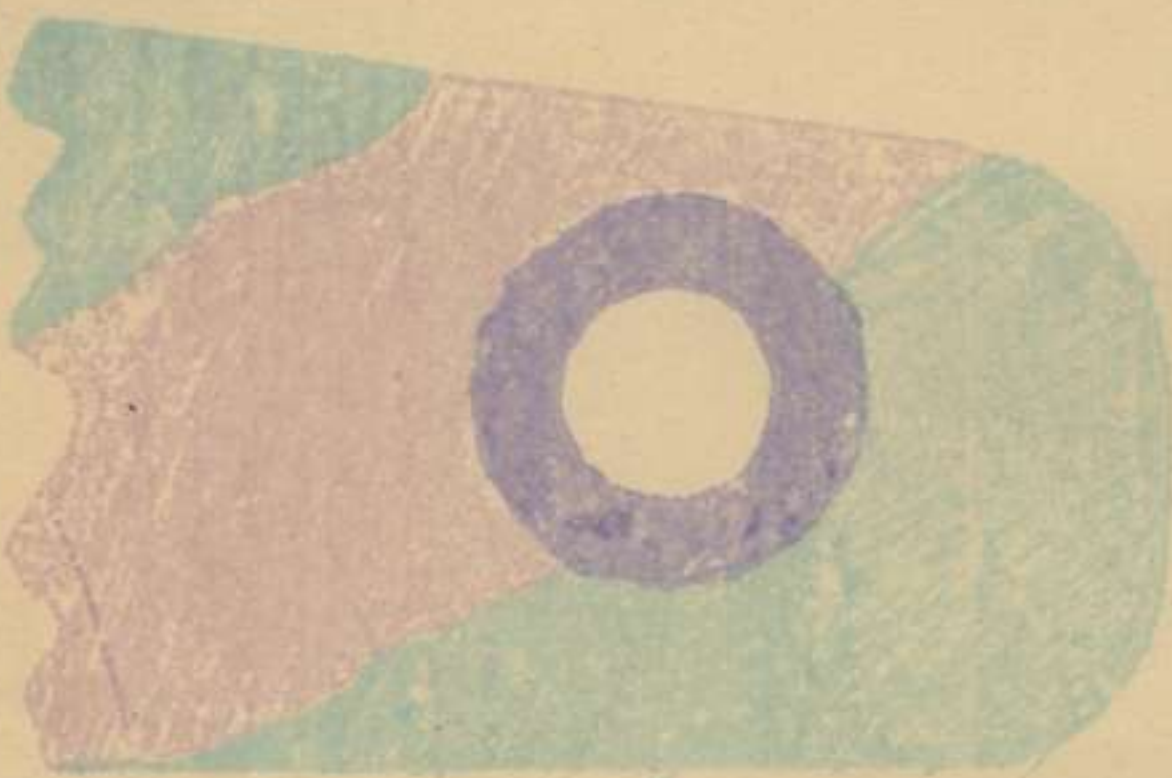
1. Identification marking for all R.A.A.F. A/C is amended. Markings will be made identical for all types of A/C irrespective of service functions.
2. The colour RED is no longer to be used. Standard cockade will be WHITE roundel surrounded by BLUE ring. Diameter of cockade not to exceed 4 feet. White centre to be three fifths of cockade diameter.
3. All A/C to be marked as follows - with white and blue cockade
 - a) on upper and lower surfaces of main plane, not tips;
 - b) On each side of fuselage.
 - c) Fin to be marked with white and blue vertical stripes, white leading.
4. Hereunder are illustrations of markings of R.A.A.F. and American Naval and Army A/C.

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for Lieut-Col.
G.S. 3 AUST DIV.

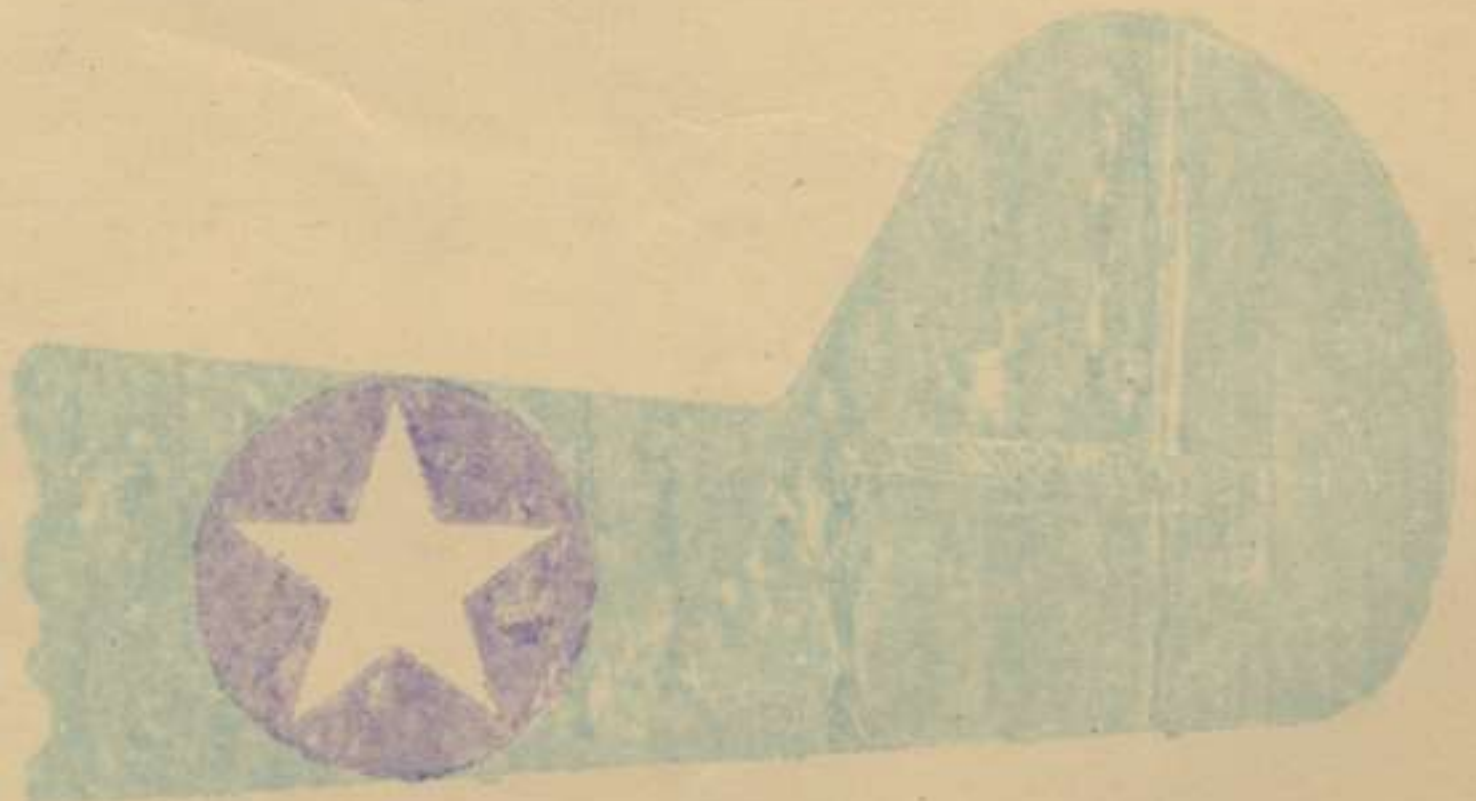
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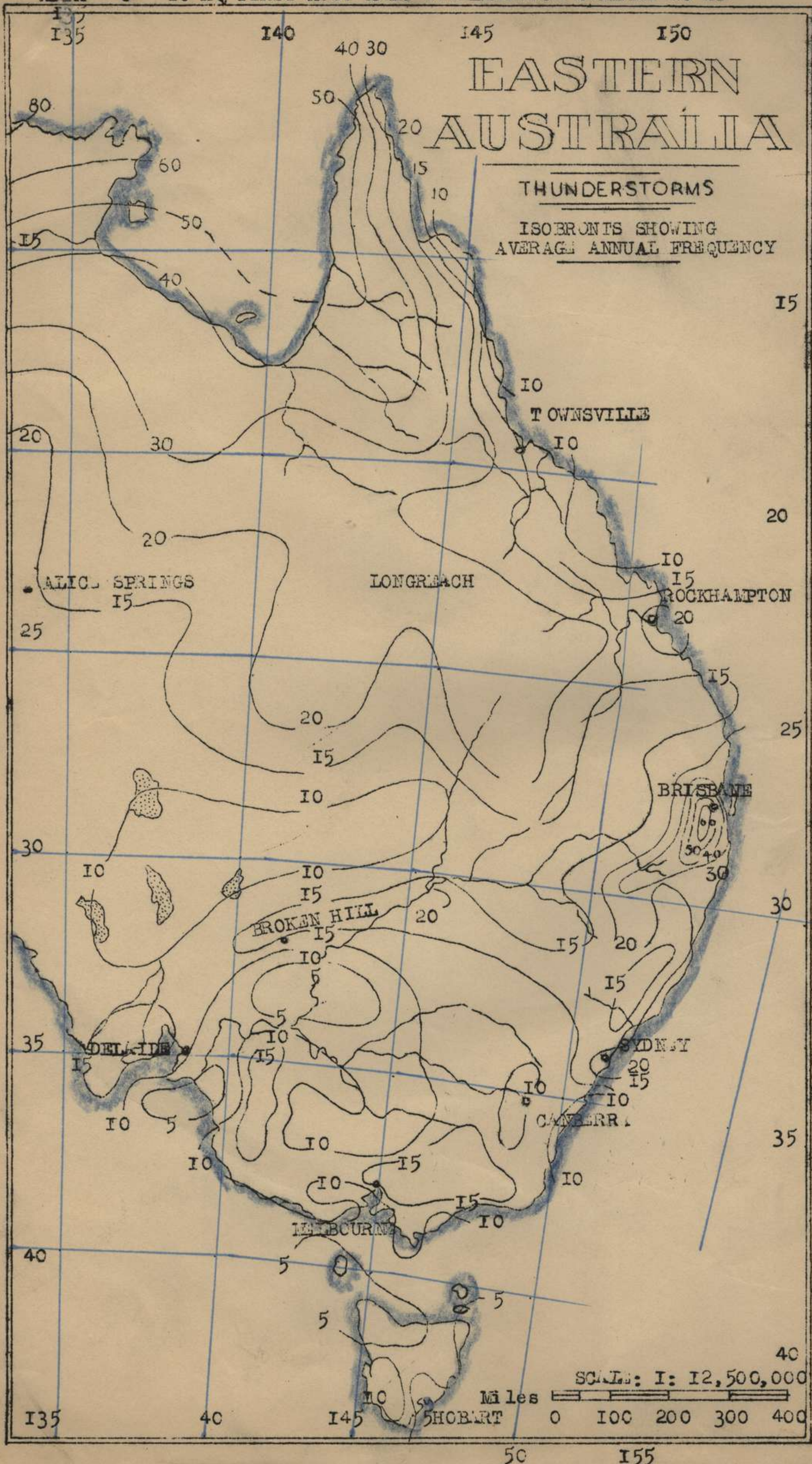
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R.A.A.F.



U.S.A. Army Air Force and Naval Air Service.





CONVENTIONAL SIGNS AND ABBVS TO BE USED ON TRACES.

Additional to convential signs as shown on second
Edition Strats and Standard I" Series

(I) ROADS:

(a) Surface-

- Continuous line means sealed surface.
- - - - - Broken line means unsealed ~~surface~~ metal
or gravel surface.
- Dotted line means unmetalled earth
or sand.

All vehicle roads should be shown
in red.

(b) Widths of Roadway-

- A - 18' and over enabling two streams
of traffic to pass at normal convoy
speeds.
- B - Other than A and C.
- C - 12' and under necessitating one-way
traffic control for convoys.

(c) LOAD LIMIT

- I - Rd, incl surface, foundation, brs,
culverts, fords etc is capable of
carrying by MT at normal density.
- 2 - Capable of carrying MT up to 3-ton
lorries.
- 3 - Difficult for MT. Possible for 4w.d.
tracked vehs, and H.T.
- 4 - Suitable for pack tpt only.


(d) CONSTRUCTION -

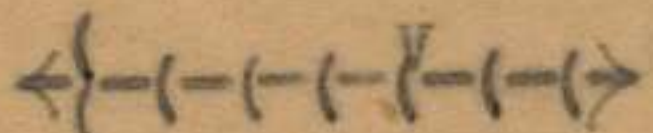
- B - Bitumen
- C - Concrete
- E - Earth
- G - Gravel
- M - Metal
- S - Sand
- UF - Unformed

(e) CONDITION OF SURFACE -

- G - Good
- M - Mediocre
- B - Bad
- VB - Very Bad - state max mph if possible.

(f) EFFECT OF WEATHER -

 - Section of rd regularly affected by
floods. To be shown in blue.

 Impassable after rain.

(2) COVER: (One or both sides of road)

----- Light

- - - - - Medium

===== Dense

Cover for MT will be shown in green.
Cover inaccessible for MT but accessible to tps
will be shown in yellow.

(3) DISPERSION FOR MT.: (One or both sides of rd)

11111 Limited

↑↑↑↑↑ Good

To be shown in green.

(4) BRIDGES :

(a) Dimensions-

①4 - Weight-carrying capacity will be shown only
if the bridge is marked with Engrs classification.

L - Length in feet. (~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ (abutment
to abutment).

W - Width in feet (roadway)

H - Height in feet (~~XXXXXXXX~~ mean height of roadway skur
above bed of stream.

Clr - Clearance in feet. (For rd passing under bridge
(subway &c) height from cente of rd to
underside of br. For tidal and navigable streams
from high water to underside of br.

(b) Material used-

C - Concrete

I - Iron

M - Masonry

W - Wood

(c) Detours -

ED - ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Easily detoured.

CD - Construction of detour practicable.

ND - " " " impracticable.

(5) PUNT INFM :

Trace will be accompanied by sketch showing
area of deck loading space. Time taken for return
trip viz; from commencement of loading until compl-
letion of unloading at same point will be stated.

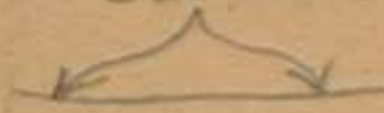
(6) Defiles: -

DEFILE



Defiles will be indicated by the word DEFILE
and exact position shown by arrow.

DEFILE



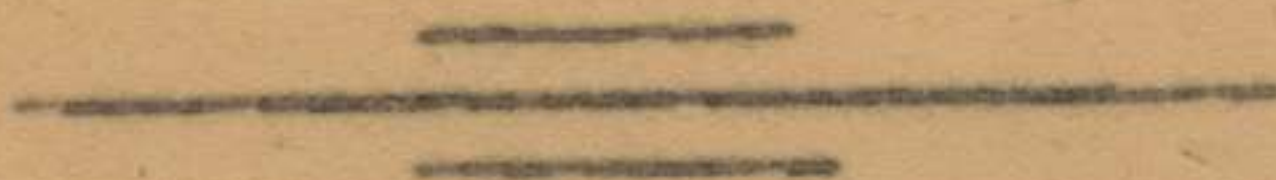
Where length of road is involved, the length of
the defile will be indicated by bracket.

(7) DETOURS :

Detours will be marked DETOUR and classification indicated.

(8) GRADIENTS :

Gr 1 in 8
Only steep gradients difficult for MT. to negotiate will be shown.
Double arrow will indicate (a) Commencement of climb (b) Direction of climb. Gradients will be calculated in fractions NOT percentages.



Example

SUPERIMPOSE OVER (TITLE OF SHEET)

BRIDGE.
 MATERIAL. WOOD
 LENGTH. (FROM ABUTMENT TO ABUTMENT) 2 Feet.
 WIDTH (ROADWAY) 18 Feet.
 HEIGHT (MEAN HEIGHT OF ROADWAY ABOVE BED OF STREAM) 10 Feet.
 CONSTRUCTION OF DETOUR IMPRACTICABLE AT SITE
 UNDER CLASSIFICATION.

W
 L 28
 W 18
 H 10

(24)

LIGHT COVER ACCESSIBLE TO T.P.S. ON ONE OR BOTH SIDES OF ROAD.

TWO STREAMS HEAVY M.T. ALL WEATHER CONCRETE CONSTRUCTION GOOD SURFACE

LIMITED DISPERSION ACCESSIBLE TO M.T. ON ONE OR BOTH SIDES OF ROAD.

ONE STREAM LIGHT M.T. IN DRY WEATHER. (ONE STREAM HORSE TRANSPORT IN WET WEATHER) EARTH CONSTRUCTION - BAD SURFACE.

REGULARLY AFFECTED BY FLOODS.

DENSE COVER ACCESSIBLE TO M.T. ON ONE OR BOTH SIDES OF ROAD.

GOOD DISPERSION ACCESSIBLE TO M.T. ON ONE OR BOTH SIDES OF ROAD.

LENGTH OF ROAD IMPASSABLE AFTER RAIN.

ROAD PASSING UNDER BRIDGE H-HEIGHT FROM ROADWAY TO UNDERSIDE OF BRIDGE A.2. CLASSIFICATION OF ROAD UNDER BRIDGE.

MEDIUM COVER ACCESSIBLE TO M.T. ON ONE OR BOTH SIDES OF ROAD.

LEGEND.

GRAVEL. ———
 METAL OR GRAVEL. - - - - -
 SAND OR EARTH.

UNIT.
 DATE OF RECOG.
 SIGNED
 RECEIVED BY RDA
 RECEIVED BY DIV.
 RECEIVED BY CORPS.

DO NOT REFER TO ANY MAP SHEET.
 EXAMPLE ONLY.

INFORMATION SHOWN IN ABOVE PANELS IS DESCRIPTIVE ONLY & WILL NOT BE INCLUDED IN TRACES.

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DETOUR
 C1(C3)10

GREEN

YELLOW

A.2 GREEN

BLUE

GREEN

C.1 (M.8)

B.1 (M.8)

DEFILE

METEOROLOGICAL NOTES

SEPTEMBER 1942

DATE	WIND	DIRECTION	CLOUD	RAIN	GENERAL
TUE 1	CALM	S. E.	NIL	NIL	FINE & WARM
WED 2	MILD	SOUTH	NIL	NIL	FINE & WARM
THUR 3	MILD	S. E.	NIL	NIL	FINE & WARM
FRI 4	CALM	SOUTH	OVERCAST	NIL	MILD
SAT 5	CALM	SOUTH	OVERCAST	NIL	MILD.
SUN 6	MILD	SOUTH	CLOUDY	GENERAL	RAINY.
MON 7	MILD	SOUTH	CLOUDY	GENERAL	RAINY.
TUE 8	MEDIUM	SOUTH EAST	LIGHT	NIL	FINE
WED 9	MILD	S. E.	NIL	NIL	FINE Location LANDSBOROUGH
THUR 10	SLIGHT	SOUTH	NIL	NIL	FINE - WARM.
FRID 11	MILD	S. W.	LIGHT	NIL	FINE
SAT 12	STRONG	S. E.	OVERCAST	GENERAL	DULL + RAINY THUNDERSTORM AT NIGHT
SUN 13	MEDIUM	S. E.	LIGHT	NIL	FINE
MON 14	LIGHT	S. W.	LIGHT	NIL	WARM.
TUES 15	MEDIUM	N. E.	MEDIUM	NIL	HOT and STICKY
WED 16	SLIGHT	SOUTH	NIL	NIL	FINE - WARM
THURS 17	SLIGHT	SOUTH EAST	NIL	NIL	FINE - WARM.
FRI 18	SLIGHT	SOUTH	NIL	NIL	FINE - WARM.
SAT 19	SLIGHT.	SOUTH	OVERCAST	LIGHT. DURING NIGHT.	HUMID. - DULL
SUN 20	SLIGHT.	N. E.	NIL	NIL	FINE - WARM.
MAN 21	CALM.	SOUTH	LIGHT	NIL	FINE.
TUES 22	CALM	S. W.	NIL	NIL	FINE - WARM.
WED 23	SLIGHT.	S. E.	LIGHT	NIL	FINE.
THU 24	LIGHT	SOUTH	LIGHT	NIL	FINE.
FRI					
SAT 26	SLIGHT	-	LIGHT	NIL	FINE.
SUN 27	LIGHT	N. E.	LIGHT	NIL	FINE.
MON 28	LIGHT	NORTH-	NIL	NIL	FINE.
TUES 29	CALM	EAST.	OVERCAST	NIL	FINE + MILD.
WED 30	CALM		OVERCAST	GENERAL	DULL and RAINY

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Appendix

RECCE OF ROADS IN AREA BETWEEN BEERBURRUM AND TOORBUL POINT
BY "I" SECTION 24 AUST INF BN.

Ref Maps:- LANDSBOROUGH 1 Inch
REDCLIFFE 1 Inch

Weather:- Fine

Visibility:- Clear

Date:- 19 Sep 42.

Time:- 1000 hrs.

PART 1.

1. Road from BEERBURRUM to map ref 195514 is gravel class A1 to 164516, B1 to 185517 and C1 to 195514. Roads branching off are C2 (C3) with earth surfaces. However they would NOT be too difficult in wet weather.
Road from 176485 to DONNYBROOK is earth C2, so also is the rd connecting DONNYBROOK with RD CABOOLTURE-TOORBUL. From 215429 to TOORBUL rd is C1 deteriorating to C2.
Bush track joins RR CABOOLTURE-TOORBUL with RD CABOOLTURE-TOORBUL POINT from 205430 to 208376. This track would be very difficult and in parts impassable in wet weather.
RD CABOOLTURE-TOORBUL POINT is gravel B1 recently constructed by military authorities.
2. Only additions required on maps are in respect of bridges. Rds are accurately shown on maps.

Stewart
Lieut.

I.O. 24 Aust Inf Bn.

Date:- 22 Sep 42

Time:- 1500 hrs.

REGG FOR PURPOSE OF CHECKING THE UNMENTIONED
ROADS --- BY "I" SECTION 24 AUST INF BN.

Ref Maps:- LANDBOROUGH 1 Inch
RMDCLIFE 1 Inch

weather:- Fine

Visibility:- Clear

Date:- 19 Sep 42.

Time:- 1000 hrs.

PART II.

1. PARTICULARS
OF ROADS.

- (1) From 129521 to 134523 surface is gravel and in good repair. It is classed B1 and offers no obstacle to M.T.
From 134523 to 161543 surface is mostly gravel and earth, in fair repair, and classed C2(C3). M.T. can negotiate this portion but bridge at 152543 requires urgent repairs; it is thought that maximum load possible on this bridge is 3TONS.
Track to SOUTH shown on map at 144539 was NOT sighted.
From this bridge to 165542 surface is mostly earth and classed C2(C3); can be used for light M.T. but bridge at 165542 is unsafe and impassable.
- (2) From 134523 to 164516 surface is gravel, in good condition and classed A1. Road then turns N.E. and is classed B1 to 175523 where road turns NORTH; surface is earth and classed C2(C3) to 177538 at road junction. At this point road turns N.E. to 201550, surface being earth and classed C2(C3). It is in fair condition and is considered useable by light M.T. Bridge at 195549 is suitable for light M.T. From 201550 there is a track leading to a house; this track is NOT suitable for M.T.
- (3) From 200550 to 200515 the earth track continues class C3. Fencing posts run on one side of the track but no wire is visible. To 205535 this track is still C3. The continuation of this track is blocked by many fallen trees for 800 yards from whence foot track only continues through mangroves to PUNICSTONE CHANNEL.
- (4) Earth track continues winding through trees, between fences, from 205535 to 195514.
- (5) From 195514 road to 175523 starts as C1 but becomes a B1 gravel road from 185517.
- (6) From 193514 to 184507 is classed C3, earth track,

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PART 11 (continued)

1. PARTICULARS
OF ROADS.

- (6) with a patch at 185508 which would become very bad (C4) in wet weather. A bridge recently constructed over the creek at this point is good. The road back from 184507 to the good road at 164516 is also earth C2(C3). A C3 track which would be very bad (C4) in wet weather runs from 184507 to 176485. another newly constructed bridge crosses GLASS MOUNTAIN CK at 187501. At 176485 the track meets the main RD BURBUARUM - DONNYBROOK. This road is classed C2 with earth surface to DONNYBROOK; also known as BRIBE VIEW. There is NO clear track along the waterfront from 247464 to 247466 nor from there to 246462 but vehicles can move easily over the grass. Apart from this small section the remainder of the roads shown in the area between ELIMBAH CK and the FUMIDSTONE CHANNEL on the REDCLIFFE 1 inch map are very accurate.
- (7) From 225458 to 215429 the road is earth and classed C2. At 220449 there is a good wooden bridge capable of carrying 24 TONS. Also the bridge crossing the ELIMBAH CK at 215433 which is 126 ft long and is constructed of wood is capable of carrying 24 TONS. It is in fairly good condition but continuous heavy traffic would affect it and possibly make it dangerous.
- (8) At 215429 the main road from CABOOLTURE to TOORBUL is met. This road is earth and gravel of class C1 developing into C2 towards 278428. The bridge at 215429 is in good order with a weight capacity of 15 TONS.
- (9) From 205430 a track, class C3, runs through 212423 to 214416 at which point it is indiscernible. A light C3 track continues off to the WEST and at 208416 passes through an area very swampy even in fine weather. After rain this would be impassable (C4). Swinging SOUTH and almost encircling the hut shown at 205414 the track continues but is still very hard to follow. From this point the track winds through heavily timbered country, crosses a good bridge at 205412 and continues down until it meets the road recently made into a B1 gravel army road which runs from CABOOLTURE to TOORBUL POINT and closely follows the point all round as shown on the map.

2. BRIDGES.

See attached Appendix "A".

PART 12 (continued).

3. FORDS.

N11.

4. FACTORS AFFECTING
M.T. MOVEMENT.

- (A) quick dispersion : Owing to the well timbered nature of the country surrounding all roads recessed vehicles could be quickly dispersed at any time.
- (B) Going off roads : It is NOT considered possible that M.T. movement could be carried out other than along the roads, for the reasons stated above.
- (C) Cover: Excellent throughout the length of the roads traversed.

Stennell

Lieut.

I.O. 24 Aust Inf Bn.

Date : 22 Sep 42.

Time : 1500 hrs.

BRIDGES.

APPENDIX "A".

Ref Maps : LANDBOROUGH 1 inch and HEDCLIFFS 1 inch.

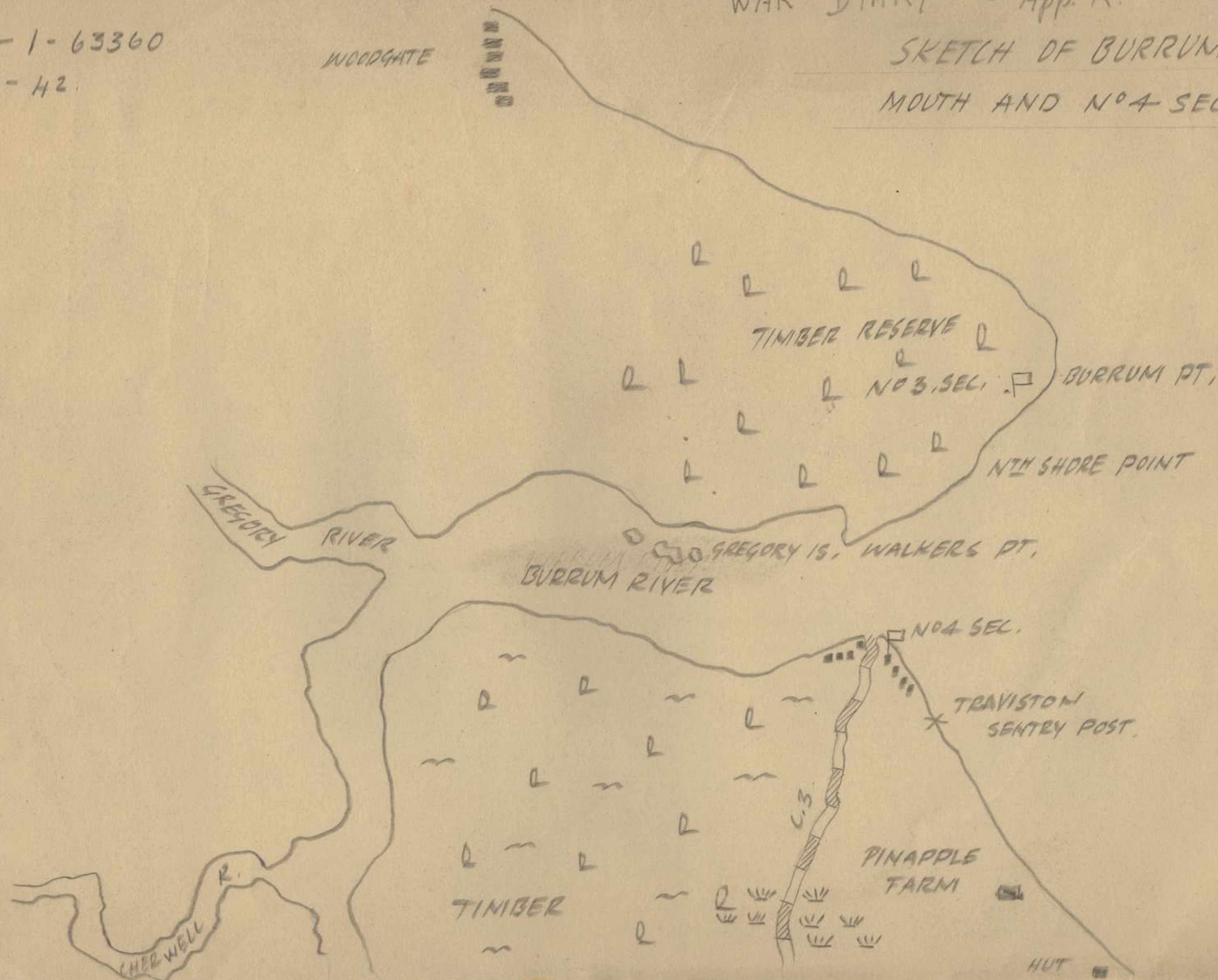
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										WATER	WATER	WATER		
152542	wood	Plank parr'l	Bad, loose planks	00	3	-	1	30ft	6ft	6ft	18ft	2ft	-	mid
165542	"	Plank	Bad, rotten planks	"	unsafe	-	1	21 "	9 "	2 "	15 "	2 "	-	"
195549	"	earth	Fair, poor planks	"	5	-	2	15 "	6 "	2 "	-	-	-	"
185508	"	logs cut	Good, P+G repaired	"	12	-	1	36 "	12 "	3 "	21 "	1 "	-	"
187501	"	"	"	"	12	-	1	37 "	9 "	2 "	9 "	2 "	-	"
220449	"	Gravel	Good	"	24	-	1	12 "	9 "	2 "	-	-	-	"
215433	"	Plank	Fairly good	00	24	4'	5	126 "	13 "	13 "	99 "	12 "	tidal	"
215429	"	"	"	00	15	-	1	36 "	12 "	10 "	6 "	3in	flow	"
205412	"	logs cut	Good	"	12	-	1	21 "	9 "	2 "	-	-	-	"

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APP. K1

SKETCH OF BURRUM RIVER
MOUTH AND NO 4 SEC. W.P.



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FOUR MILE STRATEGIC MAP MARYBOROUGH.

MARITIME INFORMATION.

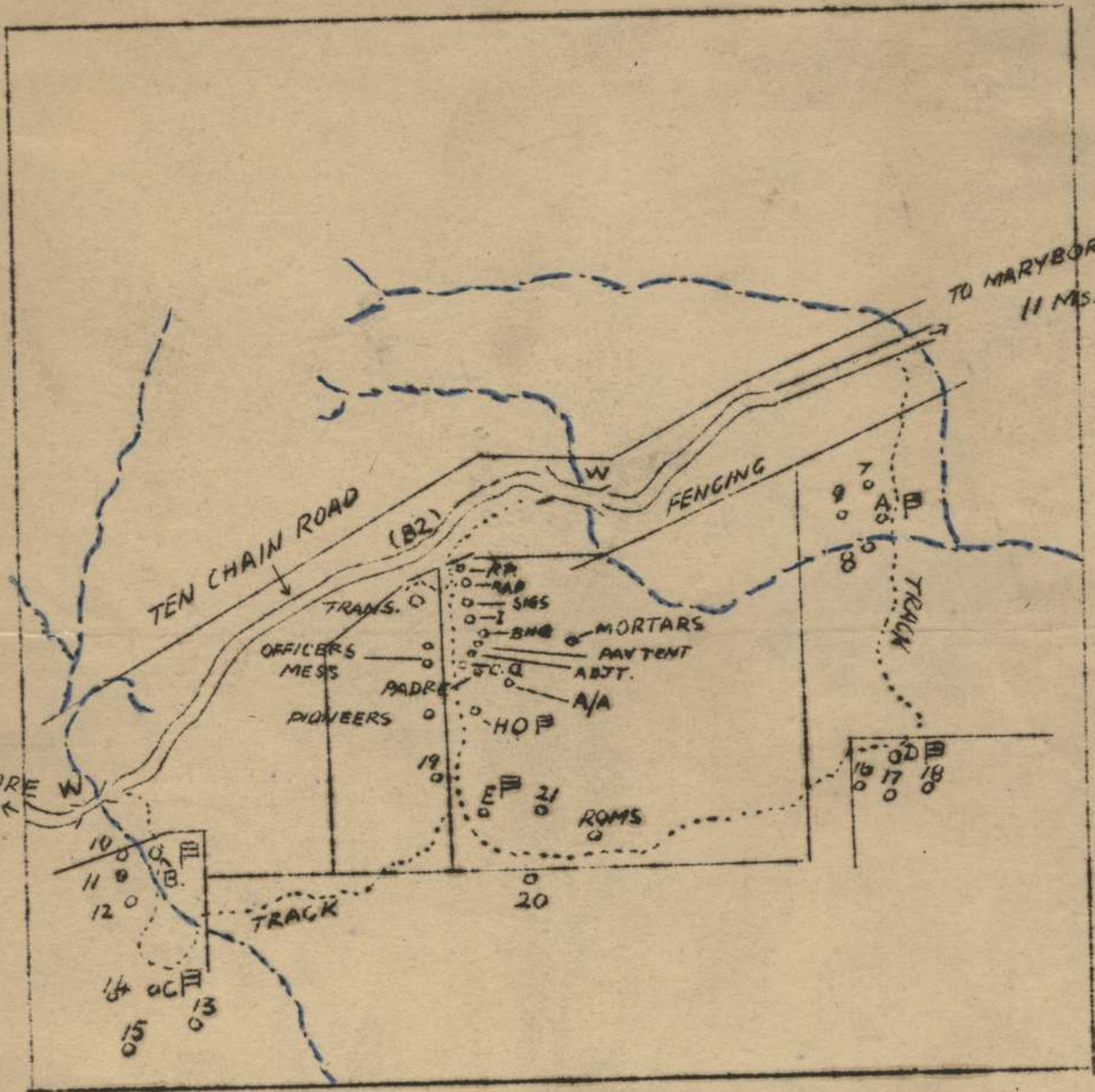
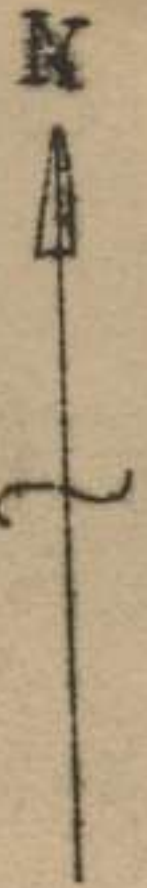
MHP REF	FEATURE	TIDAL DATA	DESCRIPTION.
MARYBOROUGH 570872	THEODOLITE CK.	H.W.F.C. 9 hours 30 minutes SPRING RISE 9 ft NEAPS (Average) 5 " " RANGE 3 ft 6 in. EXTRA-ordinary SPRING RISE (HIGHEST HIGH) 10 ft 6 in.	46.7 miles from BUNDABERG (pop ⁿ 12000) via WOODGATE PALM BEACH (PALM WOODS) - ref 566890 - good firm beach, suitable for aircraft. 3 1/2 miles NORTH of WOODGATE. - 9 miles to beach at HW. WOODGATE - mud and mangroves at back, liable to flood COONAR CK - bank bank across mouth - ref BUNDABERG H 993 - H.W. 8' L.W. 2'6". THEODOLITE CK - Sand bars can move from change of wind on full tide (i.e. full and new moon tides) BANKS - low sandy shore, thickly wooded, swallum country behind belt of sand with sand hills 25/30', from mouth of ELLIOT R. and SOUTH from that point.
Sq. 5786	BURRUM RIVER.	H.W.F.C. 9 hours 30 minutes SPRING RISE 8 ft (maximum) NEAPS (Average) 5 ft " RANGE 3 ft 6 in. EXTRAORDINARY SPRING RISE 10 ft 6 in. RISE & FALL 6 ft - 8 ft.	NAVIGABILITY FROM BUXTONVILLE (ref 571866) (a) ISIS R. - MLC could go 8 miles but channels are dangerous. (b) CHERWELL CK - no navigability past mouth. (c) BURRUM R. - MLC could go 18 miles depth at mouth is under 6 ft. GREGORY RIVER - all sand banks at mouth - MLC could only go 1/2 mile from mouth. INFORMATION AT TRAVESTON (ref 579868) VANTAGE POINT - NIL SEAPLANE LANDING - unlikely, too shallow, only one deep channel; though just inside bar there is a stretch of about 1 mile of channel approx 20' deep at L.W. CHANNEL - 1 mile from mouth 20 ft Low 28 ft HIGH. 1 - 2 1/2 " " " 8/10 ft " 16 ft " 2 1/2 - 5 1/2 " " " 6 ft " 14 ft " 5 1/2 - 8 " " " 3 ft " 9 ft " BURRUM POINT - navigable up to 25 yds from shore.

MAP REF	FEATURE	TIDAL DATA	DESCRIPTION	
S & 5786	BURRUM R. (continued).		NAVIGABILITY - at H.W. average to HOWARD for MLC (6 ft would be doubtful) BANKS - Fine land, yellowish soft clay underneath, which has - country full of melon holes and difficult for m/t. Heavy scrub.	
611854	URANGAN JETTY.		L.W. depth at bar - DEPTH of channel 17 ft low. DEPTH INSIDE - 17 ft at L.W. PEARL BANK channel. 31 1/2 ft inside channel between bar and beach. JETTY - DEPTH 33 ft at L.W.	
620890	WHITE CLIFFS ANCHORAGE		NO jetties ^{except MCKENZIE JETTY.} jetty at UNGOWA ref 618838. ANCHORAGE - opposite DUCK ISLAND ref 625837 BOGIMBAH - Timber loaded here, high water only.	
FROM 567890 to WALKER POINT (580869)	<u>COAST LINE</u> considered suitable for seaplane landings.	<u>HINTERLAND</u>	<u>COMMUNIS</u> V.P.S. - NIL, flat ground and heavy timber. AERODROME - CHILDERS drone now demanded. can be used by light A/c but is unsafe.	<u>ECONOMIC</u> POP. BUNDABERG - 12000.
S. BANK BURRUM R. (544864) to ELI CK (599857)			AERODROMES ADJACENT - NIL Landing of seaplanes unlikely, except at mouth of BURRUM RIVER.	WATER NEAR BEACH - tank water only in close proximity to beach. MUD ISLAND off TOOGOOM - two (v) windmills seen
ELI CK (599857) to NORTH HEAD (613836)	low swamp and mud at ELI CK.		V.P.S. - 0 to good V.P.S. NORTH of PIALBA before the HUMMOCK. VERNON PT. i.e. DAVIDSON'S CRESCENT is V.D.C. QWP. and is highest point on coast between BURRUM and URANGAN. BROMLEYS HILL - near DUNDOWRAN (593853) GHOST HILL - near KAWUNGAN STA is highest point in district. NORTH HEAD - V.D.C. W.P. quite good	WATER NEAR BEACH - Well at TORQUAY - no other large supplies of water except tanks. NORTH HEAD - only tanks.

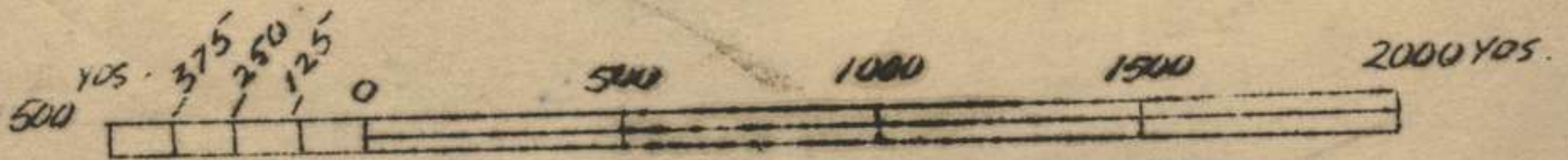
SKETCH OF AREA - UNIT 63

OAKHURST

REF MAP MARYBOROUGH 1/4"
AND
PARISH OF DUNMORA PLAN



SCALE: 1" = 500'

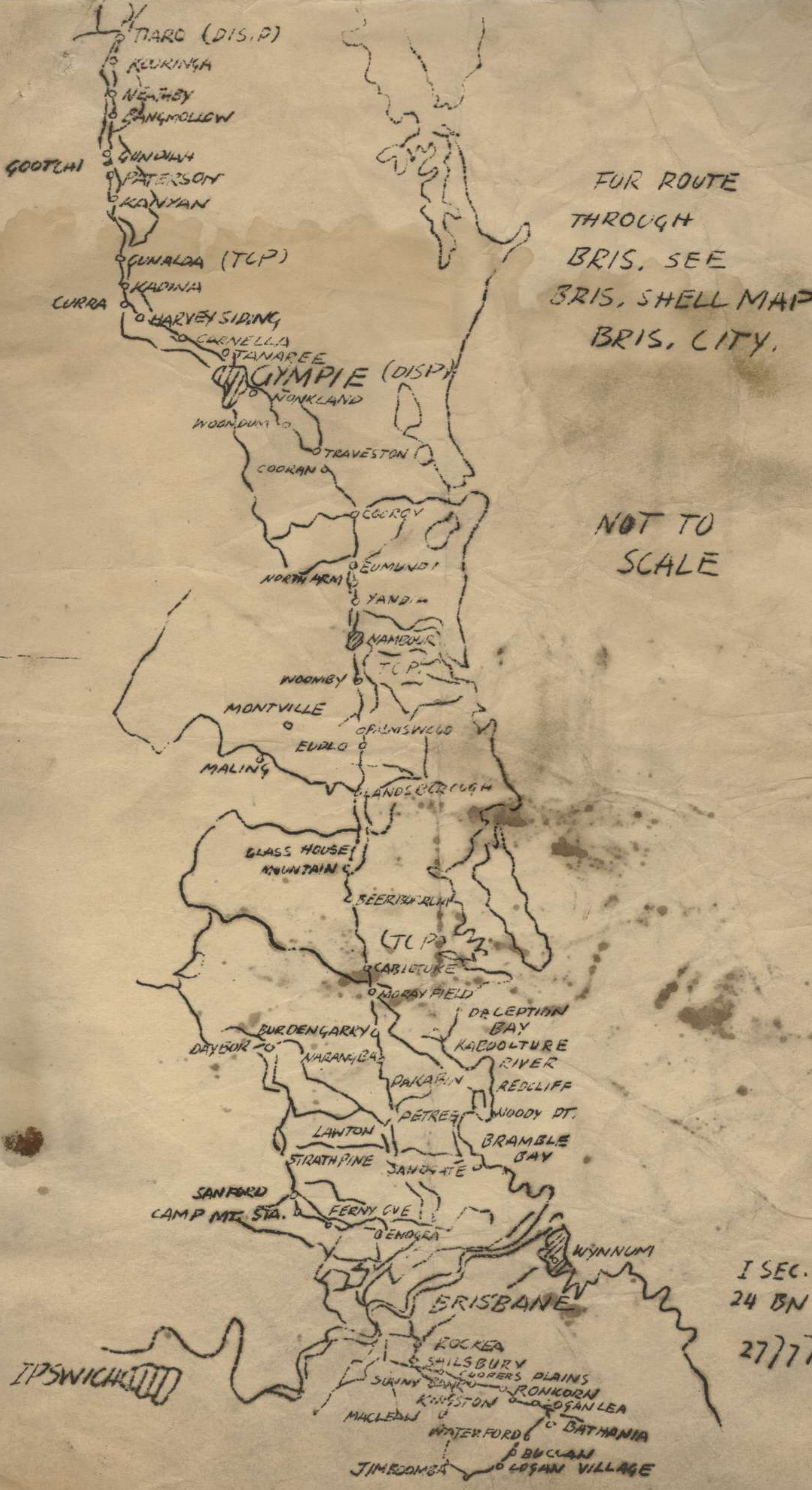


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TIME: 1100 hrs.

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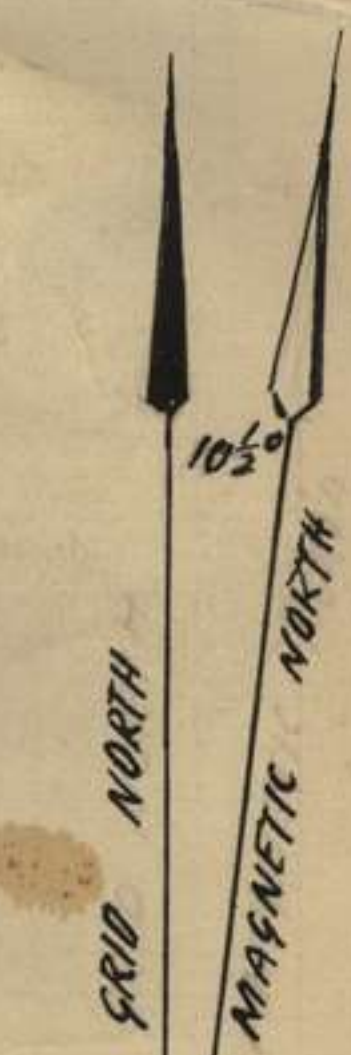
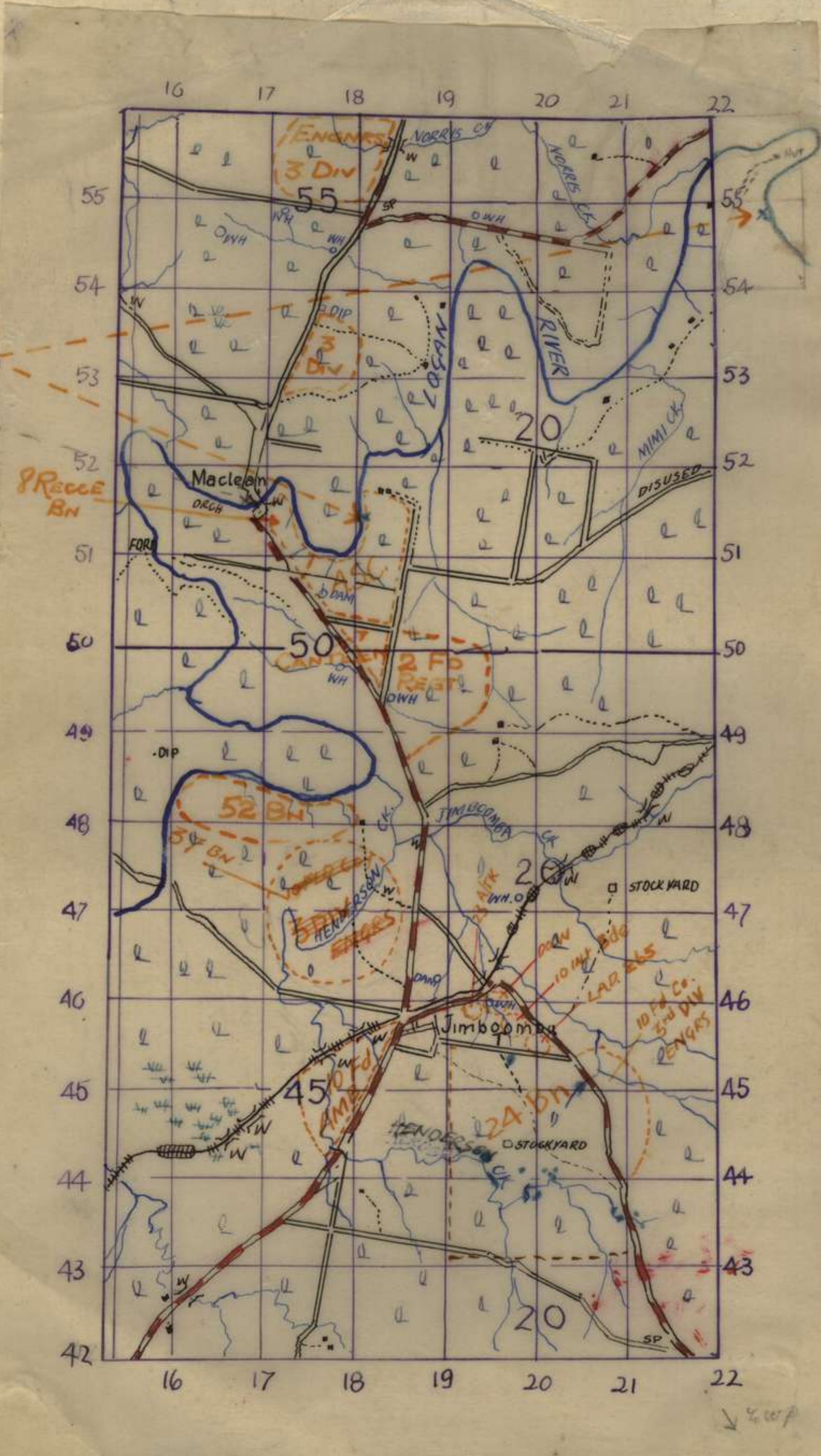


RAP 14

3RD DIV. AREA TO Bole group
FROM TAMBORINE MAP 1 inch to 1 mile

WATER POINTS
182514 - cloud 23/6/42
225548 -
WP -

EXPOSED WATER
MAP REFERENCES
198455
205451
195444
194444
201440 -
201441
200438
198439
196440 -
196442



SCALE 1 INCH TO 1 MILE



CONTOUR INTERVAL 60 FEET

DRAWN BY F. C. R. Pe
DATE 6 JUNE 42.
TIME 2100. Hrs.

Recc report of exposed waterholes in area

Date 9 Jan 42

Time 1500hrs.

Ref Map—

TAMBOURINE 1"-17M

Part 1

These water holes can be easily sealed against mosquitoes by spraying paraffin oil or kerosene. In some cases the water may be a little hard to get at as branches from trees are growing over it. This applies mainly to the water in the creeks.

Woods
Edges
Drainage
Ditching

Use oil

Use kerosene
for drainage

or
Pink eye
fish

Skibbden Sgt.

R.M.O

This recc of water holes found in Southern half of area may be of assistance, together with tracing of map, in taking anti-mosquito measures. See also attached sketch map.

Dunnell Lieut

1.0. 24 Bn

Final Report on Exposed Water Holes in area
shown on sketch.

Date 9 Jun 42.

Time 1500 hrs.

Ref Map —

TARBORNE 1" — 1942

Part 2.

LOCATION

1 Rocky Crossing There are a series of small water holes on either side of Rocky Crossing. The average size would be 6' x 2' & there are approx 4 of these.

Ref 201440 - 202441 there are 3 water holes size approx 10' x 6'

Ref 200438 there is a large water hole - size 50' x 30'

Ref 198439 small water hole size 15' x 6'

Water in creek from ref 198438 - 198439 approx 2' wide.

Water in creek ref 196440 - 196442 size 30' x 6'

NATURE OF WATER

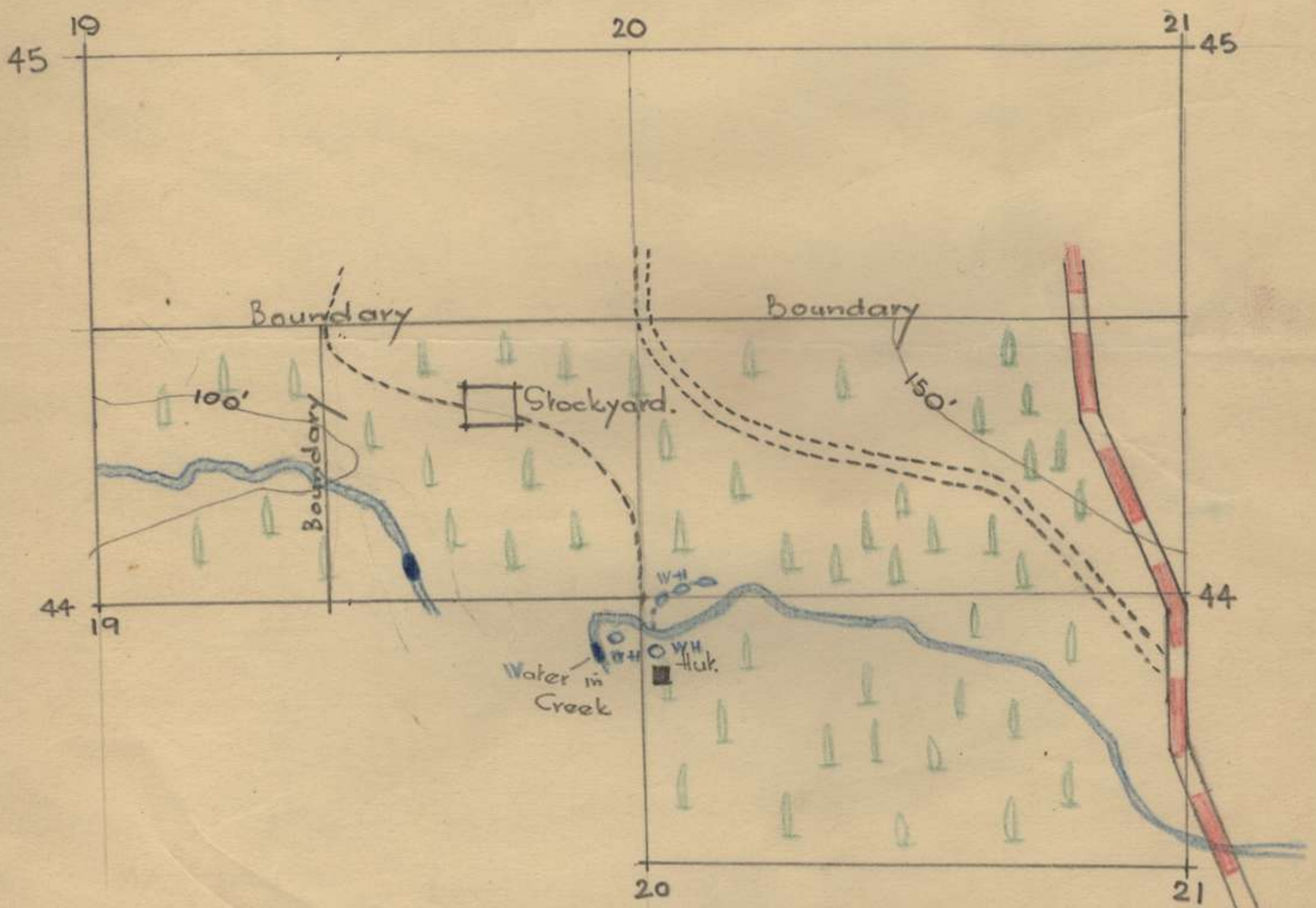
2. The water in these holes is stagnant.

DEPTH.

3. With the exception of the water hole at ref 200438 the average depth is approx 18". The large water hole at ref 200438 is approx 4' 6".

Richardson Sqn

RECCE SKETCH ON
EXPOSED WATERHOLES.



TIME :- 1045 hrs.
DATE :- 10 Jun 42.
WEATHER :- Fine.
VISIBILITY :- Good.

McDaney etc.

Reece Report on Exposed water in Area

Date 9 June 42
Time 1500 hrs

Ref. map 1" - 1 mile
Zambourine

Part 2.

Location of water. Swamp ^{Ref} 198455. 205451.

Big pond 195444 Small pond 194444. Hendersons
creek 193443.

Type of water Not fit for drinking. All water
except small pond Ref 194444 could be used
for washing. Hendersons creek is just running.

There are pools in some places
Size of Pools Ref 198455 50' x 40' x 1'6".

205451 approx 50' x 40'. 195444. 30' x 15'
194444 approx 10' x 5'. Hendersons creek is only
about 1' wide with pools in some places.

Mosquitoes. Pools at the moment ~~are~~ appear free
from mosquito although there may be a few in
small pool 194444.

J. J. Drey Pte
V40418

Part 1.

Water should definitely not be used for drinking
unless it was purified. Good for washing.
Close watch should be kept on pools & swamps
for mosquito. Water could be sealed by use of
spray although in the case of the creek the
paraffin may be slowly carried away.

J. J. Drey Pte
V40418

R.M.O.

The above report on water holes found
in NORTHERN half of area may be of assistance,
together with map tracing, in taking anti-
mosquito measures.

Dunnell Lieut
I.O. 24/50.

MOST SECRET.

D2

WTP. COPY No.6.

MOVEMENT TABLE - 10 AUST INF. BDE.

ROUTE: OAKHURST-TIARO-GYMPIE-EUMUNDI.
 S.P. OAKHURST.
 DENSITY: 20 V.T.M. SPEED 20 M.I.~~M~~. H.
 DIS P. EUMUNDI area.
 HALTS: 20 mins to even clock hour.
 LUNCH: 1140 - 1240 hrs.

Ref Map: MARYBOROUGH $\frac{1}{4}$ "
 GYMPIE $\frac{1}{4}$ "
 T.C.P.1 OAKHURST.
 T.C.P.2 TIARO
 T.C.P.3 GYMPIE.
 T.C.P.4 DIS. P.

SERIAL	DATE	UNIT.	Approx. No of Veh	S.P.		T.C.P.2		T.C.P.3.		Dis.P.		REMARKS.	
				Head	Tail	Head	Tail.	Head	Tail	Head	Tail		
12	8 SEP	24 Aust Inf Bn	65)									Less Carriers) Less B Ech.) Less B Ech.) Less B Ech.) Less B Ech.) Serials 12-13 No. 3 Gp. Comd. Lt-Col. FALCONER.	
13	42.	Det K Sec Sigs.	-)										
14		20 Coy.A.S.C.	100)										
15		2/13 Fd. Amb.)										
		less Det.	28)										
16		54 D.O.W.	14)										
17		54 D.O.Fd.Pk	9)										
18		265 L.A.D.	3)										
		Total	219			1200	1233	1255	1328	1506	1540 1540	1626	1700

ЦЕНТРАЛЬНЫЙ АРХИВ ВНЕШНЕГО МИНИСТЕРСТВА
 СССР
 КОМПЬЮТЕРНО-МЕТОДИЧЕСКИЙ ЦЕНТР
 МОСКВА

Append D3

COPY NO 5

MOVEMENT TABLE NO 2.
10 AUST INF BDE GP.

MOST SECRET

ROUTES: EUMUNDI - NAMBOUR - LANDSBOROUGH.
S.P: EUMUNDI Ref Map GYMPIE 603707.
DENSITY: 20 v.t.m.
SPEED: 20 m.i.h.
DIS P: LANDSBOROUGH AREA 6167.
HALTS: 20 mts to even clock hour.

T.C.P.2: NAMBOUR.
T.C.P.3: Dis P.

Serial	Date	Group	No of Vehs	S.P.		T.C.F.2		Dis P.		Remarks
				Head	Tail	Head	Tail	Head	Tail	
1	9 SEP	1	85	0600	0614	0655	0709	0733	0747	
2	"	2	88	0625	0637	0719	0732	0757	0810	
3	"	3	219	0647	0720	0802	0835	0840	0913	
4	"	B Ech	71	0730	0742	0845	0857	0923	0935	

Distribution as per March Table for move to EUMUNDI.

- NOTE;
1. B Ech will form up at 0725 vicinity Br 602707.
 2. 24 Bn will take over duties at T.P. at NAMBOUR 2359 hrs, 8 SEP from 4 Bde and will remain there until relieved.

L.J. MARTIN, Capt.
SC 10 AUST INF BDE.

<u>NIGHT.</u>	<u>PERIOD.</u>	<u>SUBJECT.</u>	<u>REMARKS.</u>	
1. 1915 MONDAY	1900-1915	Parade.		
	1915-2030	Silent movement, crawling, sound tests.		
	2030-2145	Individual Stalk.	Sec. Competition.	
	2145-2200	Discussion on stalk.		
	2200-2300	Use of Compass. Lecture & Demo.	Do not forget Respirator	
	2300-2400	Compass march.		
	2400-0100	Meal.		
	0100-0200	Weapon Tng.		
	0200-0245	Bayonet Tng.	Use Dummies.	
	0245-0300	Identification of Southern Cross.		
	0300-0400	Posting of Sentries by Night.		
	0400-0500	Packing & Assembling of Equipment.		
	0500-0600	P. & R.T.	Might include Medicine Ball games, etc, in which troops have to use their faculties, eyes, ears, etc.	
	2. <i>Wend</i>	1900-1915	Parade.	
1915-2030		Wiring and/or digging.	Check noise, have enemy patrol to detect and report.	
2030-2145		Sec. Stalk.		
2145-2200		Discuss Sec. Stalk.		
2200-2300		Weapon Tng.		
2300-2400		Tool Drill.		
0100-0200		Keeping Direction by Stars.		
0200-0245		Handling of P.W.	Use Troops-make it real.	
0245-0300		Identification of Orion.		
0300-0400		Bayonet Tng.		
0400-0500		Preparation for Dawn Attack.	Weapons, Equipment S.A.A. Rations, etc.	
0500-0600		P. & R.T.		
3. <i>Wed</i>		1900-1915	Parade.	
		1915-2145	Recce. Patrol, with particular attention to security measures.	Insist on written report from everyone.
	2000	Gas. before and after.		
	2145-2200	Discuss Patrol.		
	2200-2300	Grenade Tng.	A piece of white rag tied on to Grenades may help.	
	2300-2400	Weapon Tng.		
	0100-0200	Gas - Recce of contaminated area.		
	0200-0245	Direction by Stars.	Test.	
	0245-0300	Cleaning weapons.		
	0300-0400	Protective Wiring and/or preparation of trip wires and booby traps.-	Have enemy.	
	0400-0500	Negotiating Obstacles.	Walls, ditches, wire, etc.	
	0500-0600	P. & R.T.		
	4.	1900-1915	Parade.	
		1915-2030	Compass March.	
2030-2145		Negotiation of Obstacles.	Make it tough.	
2145-2200		Clearing of mines.		
2200-2300		Weapon Tng.		
2300-2400		Preparation for Patrol Ex. etc.	Orders, weapons, S.A.A. Sec- urity, etc., just as you would if it were real. Security still goes.	
0100-0400		Patrol Exercise.		
0400-0415		Star identification		
0415-0500		Conference on Exercise.		
0500-0600		Cross country run.	A competition, 3 or 4 legs with compass bear- ings and time limit.	
5.		1900-1915	Parade.	
		1915-2030	Unarmed Combat.	
		2030-2130	Preparing a Raid.	
		2130-2145	Star identification.	
	2145-2300	Lamp stalk or raid.	Security again.	
	2300-2400	Weapon Tng.		
	0100-0500	Snap Coy. move.	Compass march. Work Coys against one another.	
	0500-0600	P. & R.T.		

WTF.

SUGGESTED SYLLABUS FOR NIGHT TRAINING WEEK - CONTINUED.

<u>NIGHT.</u>	<u>PERIOD.</u>	<u>SUBJECT.</u>	<u>REMARKS.</u>
6	1900-1915	Parade.	Issue hard ration. 1 Water bottle full only. No rest apart from usual halts and meal. Exercise opposed and with plenty of patrols. Apart from essential duties everybody and everything goes. Check security.
	1915-2030	Unarmed Combat.	
	2030-0600	Snap Bn. Move.	

TRAINING SYLLABUS 7 - 13 Sep. 42.

COY.	MONDAY, 7 Sep. 42.	TUESDAY, 8 Sep. 42.	WEDNESDAY, 9 Sep. 42.	THURSDAY, 10 Sep. 42.	FRIDAY, 11 Sep. 42.	SATURDAY, 12 Sep. 42.	SUNDAY, 13 Sep. 42.	
HQ.	24 hr. Tac. March (Incl. Coy. H.Qs Tng. Exercise)	Elementary Rifle Coy. Tng. with special attention to:- M.T. Discipline. Duties of Sentries and the paying of compliments. R/T Procedure. Weapon Training.					Organized Sport,	
All Coys. except H.Q.	Morning- Coy. H.Qs. Tng. Ex. Afternoon - A. Weapon Tng. B. Aids to firing. C. Weapon Tng. D. " E. Aids to firing.	A. 24 hr. Tac. March. B. M.T. Disc. Duties of Sentries & paying of compliments. C. River Xgs. and R/T proc. D. Co-op. with Arty. (0900-1030 hrs.) Concealment & Camouflage. E. M.T. Disc. Concealment & Camouflage.	B. 24 hr. Tac. March. A.) Sec. Gp. C.) Orgn. & D.) Battle E.) Drill.	C. 24 hr. Tac. March. A. Co-op. with Arty. (0900-1030 hrs) Concealment & Camouflage. B. Sec. Gp. Orgn. and Battle Drill. Concealment & Camouflage. D. M.T. Disc. Duties of Sentries & paying of compliments. E. River Xgs. R/T proc.	D. 24 hr. Tac. March. A. River Xgs. & R/T proc. B. Co-op. with Arty. (0900-1030 hrs.) Concealment & Camouflage. C. M.T. Disc. Duties of Sentries & paying of compliments. E. Weapon Tng.	E. 24 hr. Tac. March. A. M.T. Disc. Duties of Sentries & paying of compliments. B. Weapon Tng. C. Co-op. with Arty. (0900-1030 hrs.) Concealment & Camouflage. D. River Xgs. R/T proc.	Stocktake, Court of Inquiry, etc. Church Parade.	
Rifle Range.	O/c Range. Lieut. THOMAS. <i>W.B. Kennedy</i> A. 33 C. 33 D. 33	O/c Range. Lieut. W.E. SMITH. HQ. 33 B. 33 E. 33	NOTE:- Tactical March - 1. Duration 0001 - 2400 hrs. 2. Route and role at discretion of Coy. Comd. Advise B.H.Q. by 1800 hrs. 6 Sep. 42.					
Dentist.	E Coy to be prepared to see Dentist for Dental Boarding.							

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WAR DIARY B.3

DATE... 2 Sept 44

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SERIAL NO	MESSAGE NO.	FROM.	TO	T.O.O.	T.O.R.	INFORMATION.	REMARKS & ACTION TAKEN.
1					2152	Arrives at 564827 ref: map MARYBOROUGH 4	Delivered Bde and HQ logs
2	IA 1	HINA	BIFO	2156	2156	Notifying position	
3	IA 2	HINA	All boys	2158	2158	Notifying position of H.Q.	
4					2200	Telephone set up in 'I' office	
5	IA 3	HINA	All boys	2244	2244	Enemy aircraft reported heading this way from MARYBOROUGH. Strengths to honour 16 fighters at 5000 ft.	Inf. Co. Immediate
6	IA 4	HINA	All boys	2254	2254	Report on health and activities of troops required	
7	IA 5	HINA	QA	2259	2259	Enemy patrol reported infiltrating rear of Q.A. Ascertain strengths.	Inf. Co.
8	S.O. 1	HINA	HINA	2300	2302	Midday meal at approx 2400hrs. Leave all equipment. C.B. to be notified	Deferred
9	S.O. 2	HINA	HINA	2305	2306	Big frequencies	Important
10	S.O. 3	HINA	QA, QB, QC, QD, QD	2320	2321	keys to pick up 100 sets after midday meal.	
11	IA 6	HINA	QD	2330	2330	Advise if a plane was heard near your area within the last hour	
12	S.O. 4	HINA	HINA	2330	2331	On completion of exercise discussion will be held at HQ 1 pl. parade ground	
13	O.E. 1	QD	HINA	2325	2334	Enemy attacking right flank. One patrol sent out to intercept	Advise C.O.
14	IA 7	HINA	QD	2336	2336	Maintain patrol. Ascertain enemy's strengths.	
15	S.O. 5	HINA	H.Q.s Tro	2340	2340	Alarm. V.E. on horn. Then all troops to stand to.	
16	IA 8	HINA	HINA QD BIFO	2341	2341	Advise re QD's patrol.	

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DATE... 3 Sep 42

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SERIAL NO	Msg. NO. MESSAGE NO.	FROM.	TO	T.O.O.	T.O.R.	INFORMATION.	REMARKS & ACTION TAKEN.
17	AB 1	QE	HINA	2250	2345	boy in position active. read. at 2245.	Admiral C.O.
18	AB 2	QE	HINA	2305	2345	Preparations read	In reply to I.A. 3.
19	AB 3	QE	HINA	2310	2345	Search good, troops patrolling on all flanks	In reply to I.A. 4.
20	AB 4	QE	HINA	2328	2345	Patrols have nothing to report.	
21	I.A. 9	HINA	HINA QE HINA	2350	2350	Spurcing re Q.E.'s patrols.	
22	GB 2	QA	HINA	2250	2352	No enemy contacted. contacted boy on each flank	
23	GB 1	QA	HINA	2223	2352	boy in position with communications established at 2230. Patrols active	In reply to S.O. 2.
24	GB 3	QA	HINA	2350	2352	ACK	In reply to I.A. 6
25	R.C. 2	QD	HINA	2355	2358	No enemy plane in area.	In reply to S.O. 2.
26	R.C. 1	QD	HINA	2355	2358	ACK	
4 Sep 42							
27	W.B. 2	QC	HINA	2345	0003	ACK	In reply to S.O. 2.
28	W. 2	QB	HINA	2345	0003	ACK	In reply to S.O. 2.
29	W. 1	QB	HINA	2235	0003	boy in position 2230 hrs.	
30	AB 5	QE	HINA	2355	0003	ACK	In reply to S.O. 2.
31	W.B. 3	QC	HINA	2350	0004	Troops morale inc. Activities inc	In reply to I.A. 4. Inf. C.O.
32	I.A. 10	HINA	QC	0011	0011	Five reasons for low morale	
					0020	blow down for meal.	
34					0130.	re-commenced work	
35	GB 4	QA	HINA	2300	0135	one platoon patrolling rear no action reported	
36	SO 6	HINA	HINA	0135	0155	Two way traffic will commence as from 0215 hrs.	

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DATE. 4. SEP. 42.

SERIAL NO	MESSAGE NO.	FROM.	TO	T.O.O.	T.O.R.	INFORMATION.	REMARKS & ACTION TAKEN.
37	SO 7	HINA	HINA	0136	0155	Flares seen in MARYBOROUGH area.	Informed G. 6.
38	SO 8	HINA	QC	0138	0155	BRIDGE on road to be blown by 0200 hrs.	
39	SO 14	HINA	BHQ. I.	0204	0220	all troops will stand by as from 02130 hrs.	all informed
40	WB. 4	QC	HINA	0135	0220	50 P.C. personnel badly clothed trousers needed urgently.	In reply to 1710.
41	QB 4	QA	HINA	0100	0220	Patrol report capture of N.C.O. from infiltrating party. prisoner being forwarded under guard for questioning. Rest of party wiped out.	Div. informed
42	Q 5	QA	HINA	0100	0220	Ack. of. SO 6 A.	
43	SO 13	HINA	SIG SGT. WASH.	0201	0220	Take patrol along A7 line + report on condition.	
44	SO 4	HINA	HINA	0200	0220	by comdr. conference this HQ 0215 hrs.	for information only.
45	SO 12	HINA	QA	0157	0220	line party reported in your area during the hours 0100 and 0200 4 SEP.	
46	SO 10	HINA	HINA	0155	0220	BIF reports engineers making new road E.W. parallel to DUNGODL. RD. COYS. take positions and withdraw once patrols.	Informed all COYS.
47	IA 14	HINA	SDir	0235		Re prisoners	
48	IA 13	HINA	QB	0230		Re Enemy patrol 400 yds from R. flank.	
49	IA 12	HINA	All Coy	0217		Re water holes	
50	IA 11	HINA	" "	0215		Re foreigners in area	
51	SO 16	HINA	QA	0242		Whether line party has reported yet	
52	AB 8	QE	HINA	0217		Enemy force in rear wiped out	
53	SO 15	HINA	All Coy	0237		QA and QE to reinforce QD. P. T/s overtake them.	
54	0235	QD	HINA	0235		Re enemy P. T/s	

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SERIAL NO	MESSAGE NO.	FROM.	TO	T.O.O.	T.O.R.	INFORMATION.	REMARKS & ACTION TAKEN.
55	RC3	QD	HINA	0232		No water holes	
56	RC4	QD	HINA	0206		2 patrols Patrols disappeared. Large enemy force and P. 1 from R flank. Shelter wanted	R.S.M.
57	AB7	QC	HINA	0200		Ack in reply 50 6A	
58	AB6	QE	HINA	0145		Enemy elements of P.L strength contacted by our P.L.	
59	RC3	QD	HINA	0200		Ack in reply 50 6A	
60	IA15	HINA	DIFO	0300		SET REP.	
61	SO18	HINA	HINA	0201		Warning order to move	
62	VWB6	QC	HINA	0300		No water holes. In reply 3A12	
63	VB8	QC	HINA	0300		No foreigners in reply IA.11	
64	SO17	HINA	QC	0255		Re enemy patrol on R. flanks.	
65	QB6	QA	HINA	0300		Yes. - in reply Q506	
66	AB9	QE	HINA	0200		On fl already on way	
67	SO20	HINA	HINA	0305		Movement order - at 0415	
68	SO19	HINA	HINA	0300		Re leave Del. Stand to 0330	
69	SO21	HINA	QC QE	0310		W.T. Comm to camp 0320	
70	IA16	HINA	All Coy	0330		If possible and capture P. 1's direct to Dico	

WIP.

H.Q. 24 Aust. Inf. Bn.,
AUSTRALIA.
15 Sep. 42.

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EXERCISE - SECRET.

MEMORANDUM:-

UMPIRES.

1. An Inter-Bn. exercise will take place on 17 Sep. 42.
2. OBJECTS:- To test the standard of trg.
To practice mobile def. in thickly timbered country.
To practice rapid advance in thickly timbered country.
To study the handling of tpt when routes are restricted.
3. CHIEF UMPIRE. Major DAVEY, 57/60 Bn.
4. UMPIRES. (i) Major R. Mc.C. RUSSELL.
Capt. FLEMING.
Lieut. INGHAM.
" ROBINSON.
" COOPER.
Capt. KENNEDY.
" GRAHAM.
Lieut. SMITH.
" RAYSON.
Capt. ROBINSON.
Lieut. IRVING, J.A.
Capt. FLEWELLEN.
~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~
Three Two
(ii) ~~xxxx~~ Sec. Comds. from each Coy. ~~except~~ H.Q. Coy.
5. R.V. LANDSBOROUGH 1" - 1 m. 222743 at 0930 hrs. 16 Sep. 42.
All personnel will first R.V. Main Gate this area at 0800 hrs. 16 Sep. 42.
6. MESSING. Cut lunch and 48 hrs reserve rations to be carried on the man.
7. DRESS. Battle dress with hats, and will each improvise and wear a white arm band.
H.Q. Coy will supply
8. INTERCOMN. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ three 108 sets.
9. TRANSPORT. A, B, C, D, E, and 2 i/c will each supply one utility.

W. Johnson
Capt.,
Adjt. 24 Aust. Inf. Bn.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES - SOUTHERN COMMAND

TELEPHONE

OUTLINE SYLLABUS FOR WEEK ENDING 19 SEPT.

SERIAL 63.

- TUESDAY. Establishment and cleaning of Coy. areas.
Own area. Field Hygiene - Internal Economy.
- WEDNESDAY. Section formations in form of Recce patrols to
Own area. familiarise troops with locality, and search for possible 30x range.
- THURSDAY. Weapon training.
Own area. History sheets of new personnel - records of range practices etc.
- Section leading and Section organization.
Fire orders etc.
- Direction by night - Stars.
- FRIDAY. Use of the Risk Card.
Own area. Aircraft Co-op.
Practice sub-unit battle drill.
Reports and verbal messages.
- SATURDAY. Coy. march across country.
- Individual cooking and water discipline.
- 15 officers and 25 N.C.O's detached for Unspiring
16, 17, 18 Sept.
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SYLLABUS WEEK 41 INF - 20 INF. TEL

SERIAL 010

MONDAY 21st.

M.

All Coys sub unit organisation - equipment and transport (dividing Sec into three ^{selected} sec, pte as O.C. pair
 reminder of allocation of supporting arms (M.M.G. - M etc) to rifle Coys etc to make Coy Gp.
 (Battle Drill - time and place of reporting.) Development of S.O. for Battle for each Coy, Pl. or
 Sec. - action to be taken on meeting enemy under various circumstances.

A.

Pl. exercise on road - action off vehicles when encountering flank attack to a mobile column.
 All Pl. to be exercised using Coy vehicles as troop carriers - enemy to actually ambush column -
 disposal and protection of vehicles - treatment of casualties, etc.

B.

Direction by night - Compass and protection during move across country.

TUESDAY 22nd.

M.

A/Tk rifle & gun.	A/Tk rifle & gun	Grenades & explosives.	Grenades & explosives.	Mortar.	MMG.
Grenades & explosives	Grenades & explosives	A/Tk rifle & gun.	A/Tk rifle & gun.	Grenades & explosives.	Mines & minefields

WEDNESDAY 23rd.

ALL COYS.
 Anti-Gas training - A.T.M.II. available for perusal at "G" Office. The following must be included T.O.M.F. on Gas Alarms (Page 27) Protection on the move and in smoke (Page 28) Action on Warning Spray (Page 30) and Decontamination (i) Personal.
 (ii) Metal surface & arms.
 (iii) Vehicles.
 (iv) Boots.
 (v) Water Supply (Page 31)

All Coys. GAS. - 1000 - 1100

THURSDAY 24th.

HM v HM Exercise 36 hours.
 Tentative day to be changed when advice received from Bde,
 re tactics - role - adm. etc.

FRIDAY 25th

M. Organization - Dress and equipment (comprehensive) and instructions to various types of patrols.
 A. Pl. exercise - across country - application of automatic procedure on encountering enemy - enemy represented by in form of a patrol with L.M.C. - casualties problem of evacuation procedure - suggest line of advance to facilitate pick up. *A. DRILL based on errors made in PL. exercise.*
 B. Cross country inter patrol competition using lamps - procedure to adopt re prisoners?

SATURDAY 26th

Coy march cross country direction GLASS HOUSE MOUNTAINS - individual cooking & water discipline.
 Information reports to "I" Section.

SUNDAY 27th

Church Parade. Kit inspection stocktake (C. of I) Make and mend.

All Coys to adhere to the above rifle Coy. syllabus.
 1/2 hour close order drill at the commencement of each day for all Coys after muster parade.

SECURITY talks at smoke oh periods and close of final period each day.

TRG POLICY

Herewith copies of 2 Aust Corps Trg Instns 3 and 4.
The following instns will now apply within 15 Bde Gp.

- (a) Coy trg will be completed incl Coy Fd Firing exercise under Bn jurisdiction by 5 OCT.
- (b) Bn gp trg, incl Bn Fd Firing exercises prepared by Bde, to be completed during the period 5 - 18 OCT.
- (c) Bde Gp trg is to be completed during period 19 OCT - 7 NOV.

TRG PROGRAMME

Trg periods will therefore be recast in order to ensure the following phases being covered.

- 21 SEP-27 SEP Complete all subunit trg and weapon mastership.
Sec Trg, and minor tactics. Patrols.
Pl trg - on and off roads - by day, by night.
incl one pl exercise from 1200 hrs to 1200 hrs.
- 28 SEP -4 OCT 30 yd range practices with all weapons, coached to ensure every shot a killer.
Coy Fd Firing exercises (incl all weapons & grenades) prepared by units and carried out as a TEWT previously.
Individual & weapon trg.
HQ exercises, incl drill, layout & 3 moves of Bn HQ.
- 5 OCT-11OCT Coy trg: Practice attack, Mobile and deep defence with special provision for CA and use of tiger patrols.
Fix and encirclement, battle drill & tactics.
Establish & occupy coy def locality for 36 hrs.
prepare & rehearse CA plans, rehearse and occupy alternative posns. Exercise extends to 48 hrs duration. Def posn will actually be laid out, dug and wired as for actual battle.
Fd Firing exercises: 8 OCT 24 BN
9 OCT 57/60"
10 OCT 58/59"
- 12 OCT-18 OCT Sec trg when not occupied on Bn Gp exercise. Supply umpires and enemy.
Exercise of 48 hrs duration.
12/13 OCT 24 Bn plus sup arms
14/15 OCT 57/60 Bn plus sup arms
16/17 OCT 58/59 BN plus sup arms
Supp arms comds will be prepared to allot the following attachments on the days detailed above.
Arty One Bty
A.Tk Arty One tp
Eng One sec
Amb One light sec.
In all cases, where applicable, the necessary R & O parties will be incl in such attachment.
Units will make own domestic arrangement through Bde for use of services, such as Rep & rec, in which case portion of LAD will be attached.
- 19 OCT-25 OCT Individual and weapon trg.
River crossings without eng assistance,
Indiv trg of pers in use of gd strips & indicators.
TSOET new weapons. (Plus amendment top of page 2)
- 26 OCT- 1 NOV Coy exercises
AC Co-Op
Sec trg.
TOET in A/Gas (Quarterly test)
- 2 NOV- 8 NOV Bde Gp exercise

AIR RAID WARNINGS

Herewith nature and meaning of messages.

<u>Message</u>	<u>Meaning</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Air Raid Yellow	Preliminary caution	Confid infm only
Air Raid White	Cancel the above	Confid infm only
Air Raid Red	Action warning	Public signal
Air Raid Green	Raiders passed	Public signal

TO BE TREATED AS SECRET.

TRG PROGRAMME (CONT'D)

Programme for week 19-25 OCT amended to include the following:

Bn fd firing exercise with arty support.

20 OCT 24 Bn Plus one tp arty.

21 OCT 57/60 Bn Plus one tp arty.

22 OCT 58/59 Bn Plus one tp arty.

A.C. CO-OP

Units will ensure that all pers are trained in the use of gd indicators, and will at all times be ready to display the indicators if and when the correct signal is fired, or if air support is called for in battle.

Gd indicators are stores for all HQ down to and incl inf coys.

Where such stores are not on issue, steps will be taken to construct same and practise tps in their use (see syllabus)

NIGHT TRG

Trg nights will be ; 24 Bn Mon, Thurs Fri
57/60 Bn Mon, Tues, Thurs
58/59 Bn Tues, Fri, Sat

during which compliance with para 9 of 2 Aust Corps Trg Instn No 3 will be necessary.

A/GAS TRG

Respirators will be worn by all ranks without exception on each Wednesday from 1000 hrs to 1030 hrs irrespective of the trg, duties or fatigues involving the individual soldier. At 1030 hrs SPRAY will be signalled and all ranks will practice the unrolling of the Cape A/Gas, and will carry out the motions of personal decn, eg, COECDO.

RATTLES

These will not be used to simulate SA fire but will be used exclusively to impart the warning of GAS. All pers are to be informed accordingly and the rattle will be carried on all tactical exercises for use as a gas warning only.

MT MOVEMENT

Vide para 22 of 2 Aust Corps Trg Instn No 3, Additional thereto, all moves, even the comparatively short ones such as to rifle ranges should be used to teach som tactical lesson preferably offensive action. Brief schemes may be embodied such as action against para tps, seizing a crossing, a tunk hunt or clearing an area or small township. Trg in JD, MR and observation of gd may be automatically included.

GENERAL

(1) Trg returns must arrive at Bde Hq on time.

(2) Units will ensure all offrs read and initial these instructions.

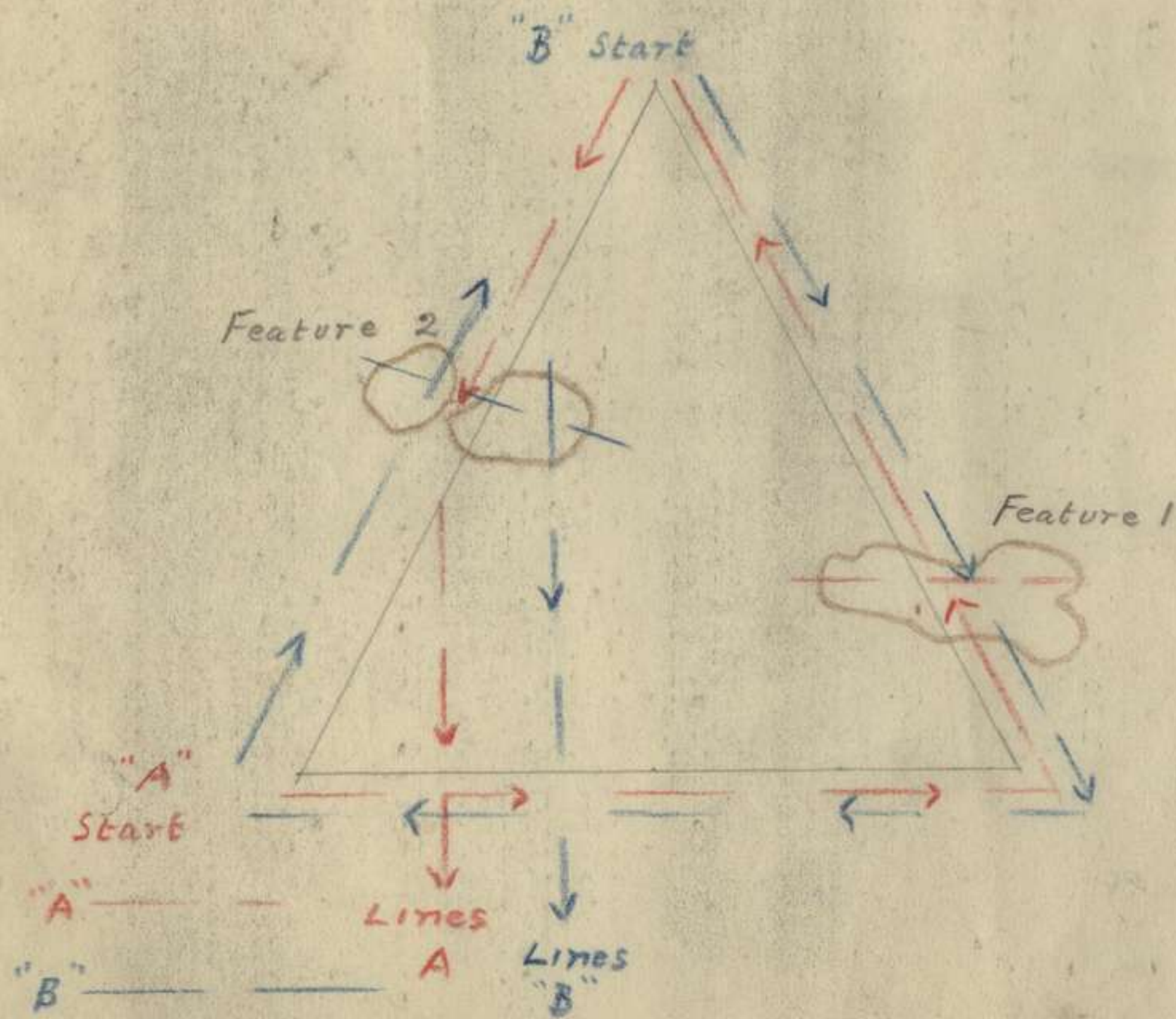
(sgd) A.V.PALMER Major
B.M.15 Aust Inf Bde

"GO and STOP."

Experimental suggestion for night training: embracing night movement, rapid occupations of defended locality by night: method, of dealing with incoming patrols: use of Platoon guides: Use of compass: and security.

Requirements.

Triangular course with two tactically sound. Features. (F.D.L's)
Day recon by Coy Comd and Coy 2i/c with Platoon guides to determine route and timing.



"A" GO at zero-move as Company advancing to take over F.D.L's, in night occupation..... company 2 i/c in advance with Platoon guides.

STOP at zero plus 20" (?). Rapid occupation of F.D.L. Prepare to recognize and pass through in-coming patrols.

GO after 'B' patrols have been passed through: on reaching Apex STOP and re-organise as 3 Patrols: GO and pass through B's F.D.L's then return to Company lines by compass.

"B" GO at zero plus 20" (?) as 3 patrols after passing through "A's", F.D.L's re-organise at right of base as Coy advancing to take over F.D.L's in night occupation Coy 2 i/c's and Pl guides in advance. STOP at Feature 2: rapid occupation of F.D.L's prepare to recognise and pass through incoming patrols.

GO after A's patrols have passed through, and return to Coy lines by compass.

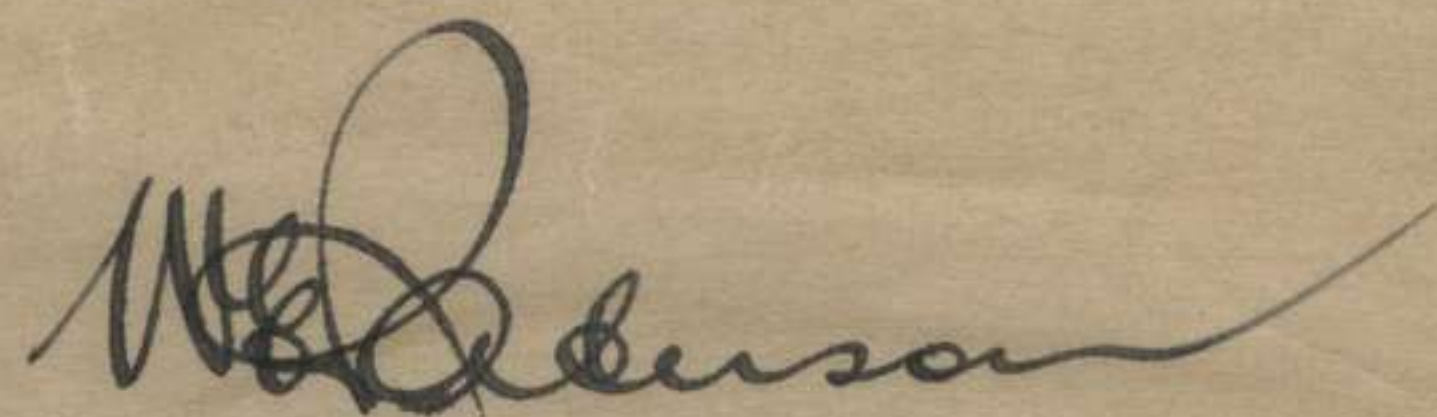
H.Q. 24 Aust Inf Bn.,
AUSTRALIA.

1 Sep. 42.

MEMORANDUM.

re LATRINES.

1. With the approach of the warmer weather and the fly nuisance we must overhaul our latrines with a view to preventing an increase in the incidence of sickness amongst the troops.
2. All latrines must be flyproof.
3. They must be kept clean and free from paper litter.
4. Chloride of Lime should be sprinkled into the latrine occasionally, to avoid odour.
5. All troops will be impressed with the necessity of washing their hands thoroughly after using a latrine. Any member of the cooking staff who does not comply with this instruction is a menace and must be severely dealt with.



Capt.
Adjt 24 Aust Inf Bn.

B.H.Q. (Lieut. Bunnell)
All Coys.

GT.

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NO's 245-247.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.
ROUTINE ORDER PART I.

H.Q. 24 Aust Inf Bn.
AUSTRALIA.

by

2 Sep. 42.

LT COL. A.H. FALCONER COMMANDING 24 AUST INF BN.

245. STERILISATION OF WASHING WATER.

1. Parasitic worm and other infections can be received through washing in water that is not sterile. Whenever possible all water, except that from a town supply, should be sterilised.
2. One such infection is Septospirosis which gets into the body through minute abrasions of the skin. Another is hookworm, which can penetrate unbroken skin and causes extreme anaemia. There are others which cause diarrhoea.
3. In view of this troops should be warned against bathing in or using water from waterholes until the water is first boiled.
4. The further north we go the greater the danger becomes.

246. QUININE SUPPLIES.

Below appears copy of LHQ 85383 of 1 Aug 42 for information. It is desired that instructions be issued to all Forces which are likely to be actively engaged with JAPANESE Forces that, in the event of capture of any JAPANESE positions or Headquarters, particular attention be paid to the recovery of quinine supplies or other anti-malarial medicines.

247. DISTRICT COURT-MARTIAL - PUBLIC-ATION of RESULT of TRIAL.

V326171 Pte G.R. BROWN was tried by District Court Martial at H.Q.'s 10 Aust Inf Bde on 22 and 24 Aug. 42 and convicted of the offence of Absenting himself without leave.

He was sentenced on 24 Aug 42 to be fined the sum of SEVENTEEN POUNDS.

CONFIRMATION:- 27 Aug. 42.

DATE OF PROMULGATION:- 2 Sep. 42.

DATE OF CONFIRMATION:- 27 Aug 42.

He was 22 days in custody awaiting trial.

Total forfeitures £34-8-0.

W.E. PATERSON Capt.
Adj. 24 Aust Inf. Bn.

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No's 248-258

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES,
ROUTINE ORDER PART I.
by

H.Q. 24 Aust Inf Bn.,
AUSTRALIA.
17 Sep. 42.

LT. COL. A.H. FALCONER COMMANDING 24 AUST INF BN.

248. WEARING OF HELMETS STEEL. In future Helmets Steel will only be worn:-
(a) during Tactical Exercises;
(b) on Wednesdays between 1000 and 1030 hrs; and
(c) as ordered.
249. BAD CONDITION OF PERSONAL AMMUNITION. A recent inspection of arms and ammunition disclosed that in many cases ammunition on issue to personnel was rusty and in some cases in a filthy condition.
Coys. will inspect ammunition periodically to guard against this.
250. RESPONSIBILITIES OF AD. FORCES IN THE HANDLING OF PW AND CRASHED ENEMY A/C.
1. The importance of gaining accurate and prompt infm on enemy A/C performance and construction cannot be over estimated.
2. Infm concerning crashed enemy A/C and positions of A/C which can be recovered will be fwded as soon as possible to the nearest Air Intell HQ for transmission to Material Sec HQ Allied Air Forces APO 500. The present location of the nearest Air Intell HQ is BRISBANE.
3. Infm will be repeated to Div. HQ, which will also be advised before any such material is fwded.
251. WEEKLY INSPECTION OF BOOTS.
1. To ensure that excessive wear can be checked, boots will be inspected at each weekly kit inspection, and action taken to ensure that boots are returned for repair before wear becomes so great as to make repair impossible.
2. The present shortage of boot repair facilities in some units, is being adjusted by Ordnance.
252. RETURN OF MAIL BAGS TO POSTAL ORDERLIES & ADE FPOs.
1. Cases of misuse which have been noticed are that some personnel in Units have been utilising these mail bags for improvised stretchers, etc, and in some cases these bags have been mutilated.
2. It is pointed out that mail bags are the property of the PMG Dept and any such misuse of same renders person responsible, liable to 2 to 7 years under Commonwealth Crimes Act.
3. Serious difficulties are being experienced in maintaining an adequate supply of mail bags and suitable instructions designed to avoid their misuse will be promulgated and repeated periodically through Unit orders.
253. RATIONS FOR JOURNEYS.
1. All vehs will be eqptd and will carry on all journeys rations for two days for at least three passengers.
2. These rations will only be broken in emergencies.

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254. **SPEEDS - VEHES.** - "The undermentioned table of max. speeds (prescribed in MBI 039/41 and GRO 023/42) will NOT be exceeded. These speeds should only be employed on occasions ^{other} in emergency or when it is necessary for the purpose of id tng.

Type of Veh and Eqpt.	Max permissible speeds on road m.p.h.
M.G.'s	45
Cars	45
Vans-	
12 cwt and 15 cwt	30
1 ton	30
Lorries-30 cwt and 3 ton	
4-wheeled	25
6-wheeled	20
Ambulances	35 (a)
Tractors-wheeled or other veh-	
Towing pneumatic tyred eqpt or trailers	20/15 (b)
Towing steel tyred fd eqpt or trailers	8/6 (b)
Towing AA travelling platforms	15/12 (b)
Towing rubber padded wheeled med arty eqpt.	12/10 (b)
Towing steel tyred med arty eqpt.	6/4 (b)
Tractors - tracked-	
Towing med arty eqpt	3 $\frac{1}{2}$
Carriers (MG) (tracked)	20
Tanks, lt.	20
Tanks, med.	8
Arm'd cars	25

- (a) In cases of emergency, the speed of mot arbs will be at the discretion of the medical authorities.
- (b) When a second figure is shown in the table above, it denotes the max speed to be observed on unmade rds.

255. **SHIRTS, WEARING OF.** Shirts will be worn at all times by all ranks when carrying out their normal duties within Camp Areas and will not be removed except when ordered by a responsible officer.

256. **SALUTING.** The attention of all ranks is drawn to the following 2 Aust Corps Routine Order No. 98.

GRO A198 is re-published hereunder:-

- (1) WOs, NCOs and private soldiers in uniform shall salute an offr at all times, except when passing or being passed by him-
 - (i) in a crowded thoroughfare or assembly; or
 - (ii) during an exercise in the fd or
 - (iii) when on parade under the immediate control of a superior
 - (iv) when precluded by the nature of their duties from so doing
- (2) In view of the no of offr's who have recently commissioned, care is to be taken to ensure that they fully understand the implications of the provisions concerning saluting.

All offr's are to salute their seniors before addressing them on duty or on parade. When not on duty or parade, offr's under fd rank are to salute all offr's of fd rank and upwards. Gen offr's and fd offr's are to salute their superiors in rank.

- (3) Offr's are to salute offr's in any of His Majesty's Naval or Air Forces and of the Allied Naval, Military or Air Forces, in accordance with para 2."

257. APPEAL. (a) Subjoined is a copy of a recent letter addressed by the Prime Minister of Australia to the Minister for the Army.
- (b) Suggestions regarding the best practicable means of implementing the Prime Minister's wishes as contained in paras 5, 6, 7, and 8 of his letter, are invited from all personnel.

My Dear Minister-

"In view of the heavy requirements of the Treasury in regulation to loan money for the current financial year, I have approved of an intensive three months campaign for the purpose of restricting public spending to the minimum, of diverting all available money in to bonds and war savings certificates, and of stimulating production and creating a more realistic war consciousness among the public.

It is desired to raise by public subscription £100,000,000 before Christmas. A loan for this amount will be issued on, September 3rd, but the intensive publicity drive will aim even to exceed this amount if possible.

The basis for the appeal will be the need for a much more austere method of living by the public generally and the publicity will be directed towards securing the co-operation of the public in eliminating many of the avenues of surplus spending that today are resulting in wastage of manpower, raw material, and time and effort that could be directed to war purposes.

The campaign will be conducted by the Department of Information and the general organization of the campaign has been placed in the hands of the Controller of Government Advertising (Mr. Hutcheson).

During the period of this special appeal I would appreciate the complete co-operation of yourself and your department in facilitating access to all facts and material necessary for the requisite propaganda and in giving active assistance that will be sought in different aspects of the campaign. In this connection, I specially desire that Publicity Officers of all departments should give to the Department of Information and the Campaign Organizer (Mr. Hutcheson) their complete co-operation.

Simultaneously it is desired that all departmental publicity during the period in question should be stopped in with the general line of campaign propaganda and directed towards securing a greater public appreciation of the need for the restriction of all forms of unnecessary spending. To ensure a uniform approach to the public it is necessary that all such departmental publicity should be prepared in consultation with the Committee controlling the campaign.

To emphasise to the public the need for austerity standards, I desire all action taken immediately in departments not only to eliminate waste, but to eliminate all activities that are not essential to the conduct of the war.

257 cont'd.

It is necessary that Service Personnel should set an example spartan living, and that all privileges that involve unnecessary use of facilities and commodities of which the public is being deprived should be strictly reviewed. I desire not only issue of instructions to this effect but also that, from time to time, the Service personnel should be addressed upon their responsibility to the civilian community in relation to waste of material and efforts.

It is not desired that any publicity be given to this campaign until an official announcement is made towards the end of August.

Yours sincerely,

JOHN CURTIN.

PRIME MINISTER.

258 DISTRICT
COURT-
MARTIAL
PUBLIC-
ACTION OF
RESULT
OF TRIAL.

V196879 Pte. W.J. DUNCAN was tried by District Court Martial at H.Q.'s 10 Aust. Inf. Bde on 5 Sep. 42 and convicted of the offence of Absenting himself without leave.

He was sentenced to undergo Detention for 60 days.

CONFIRMATION:- 9 Sep. 42.

DATE OF PROMULGATION:- 16 Sep. 42.

DATE OF CONFIRMATION:- 9 Sep. 42.

He was 68 days in custody awaiting trial.

Total forfeitures £40. 10. 0

VX53726, Pte. T.D. SCOTT was tried by District Court Martial at H.Q.'s 10 Aust. Inf. Bde on 5 Sep. 42 and convicted of the offence of absenting himself without leave.

He was sentenced to undergo Detention for 30 days.

CONFIRMATION:- 9 Sep. 42.

DATE OF PROMULGATION:- 16 Sep. 42.

DATE OF CONFIRMATION. 9 Sep. 42.

He was 41 days in custody awaiting trial.

Total forfeitures £16. 16. 0

W.E. PATERSON, Capt.,
Adj. 24 Aust. Inf. Bn.

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Nos. AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORGES. H.Q. 24 Aust. Inf. Bn.,
259 ROUTINE ORDER PART I. AUSTRALIA.
- by 20 Sep. 42.
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LT. COL. A.H. FALCONER COMMANDING 24 AUST INF BN.

259. DISTRICT COURT-MARTIAL PUBLIC-ATION OF RESULT OF TRIAL. VX70100, Pte. W.E. EARLE was tried by District Court Martial at H.Q. 10 Aust. Inf. Bde. on 4 Sep. 42 and convicted of the offence of Absenting himself without leave.
He was sentenced to be Fined the sum of £7.
CONFIRMATION:- 9 Sep. 42.
DATE OF PROMULGATION: 20 Sep. 42.
DATE OF CONFIRMATION:- 9 Sep. 42.
He was 40 days in custody awaiting trial.
Total forfeitures £13. 6. 0
260. TIMBER. No green trees are to be cut on Unit Camp sites.
261. WRITING MATERIALS. Writing materials provided through A.C.F. are being wasted by use in Latrines. Personnel will be warned against this practice.
262. Compassion to LEAVE. Compassion to leave already granted, or to be granted will be endorsed in back of Pay Book so that a record is available when Home Leave is being granted.
263. BDE. CAMP BOUNDARIES. All Officers must be in the possession of a current leave pass when beyond the limits of the Bde camp area and not on duty. These limits are defined below.
All other ranks must be in possession of a current leave pass when beyond the limit of their own Unit camp area, and not on duty.
CAMP BOUNDARY Ref. maps CABOOLTURE and LANSBOROUGH 1" to 1 mile. From road junction 146287 (cab sheet) N.E. via road to road junction 161338 thence north to road junction 161518 thence West via road to BEERBURRUM thence South West through the SADDLEBACK 001451 (Cab sheet) through MOODLU to WARARBA Crk. to bridge 115359 (Cab sheet) thence South and South East along North Coast road to road junction 145287 (Cab sheet).
264. USE OF WATER TKS Corrugated 200 gals. tanks are NOT to be used on trucks for carriage of water. They will be mounted on stands NOT more than 18" high. Care must be taken to prevent damage to taps, which must not be used as rests for vessels while being filled.
265. MAINTENANCE OF VEHICLES At every halt, drivers of all vehicles must dismount, and carry out maintenance. This order is to be promulgated to all drivers.
266. CANTEEN GOODS PURCHASE OFFICER TOBACCO & CIGARETTES. Attention is directed to the necessity for conserving stocks of tobacco and cigarettes in Canteens. Difficulty being experienced in obtaining sufficient quantities of various lines to meet the requirements of the Service. To prevent depletion of much needed stocks, troops are to confine their purchases to their immediate individual requirements.

267. PADRE. In most units the Padre's tent is out of bounds during parade hours.




While we do not wish to impose such a restriction we do appeal to all troops to refrain from visiting the Padre's tent during morning parade hours in order that he may be afforded some time to attend to his own private affairs.

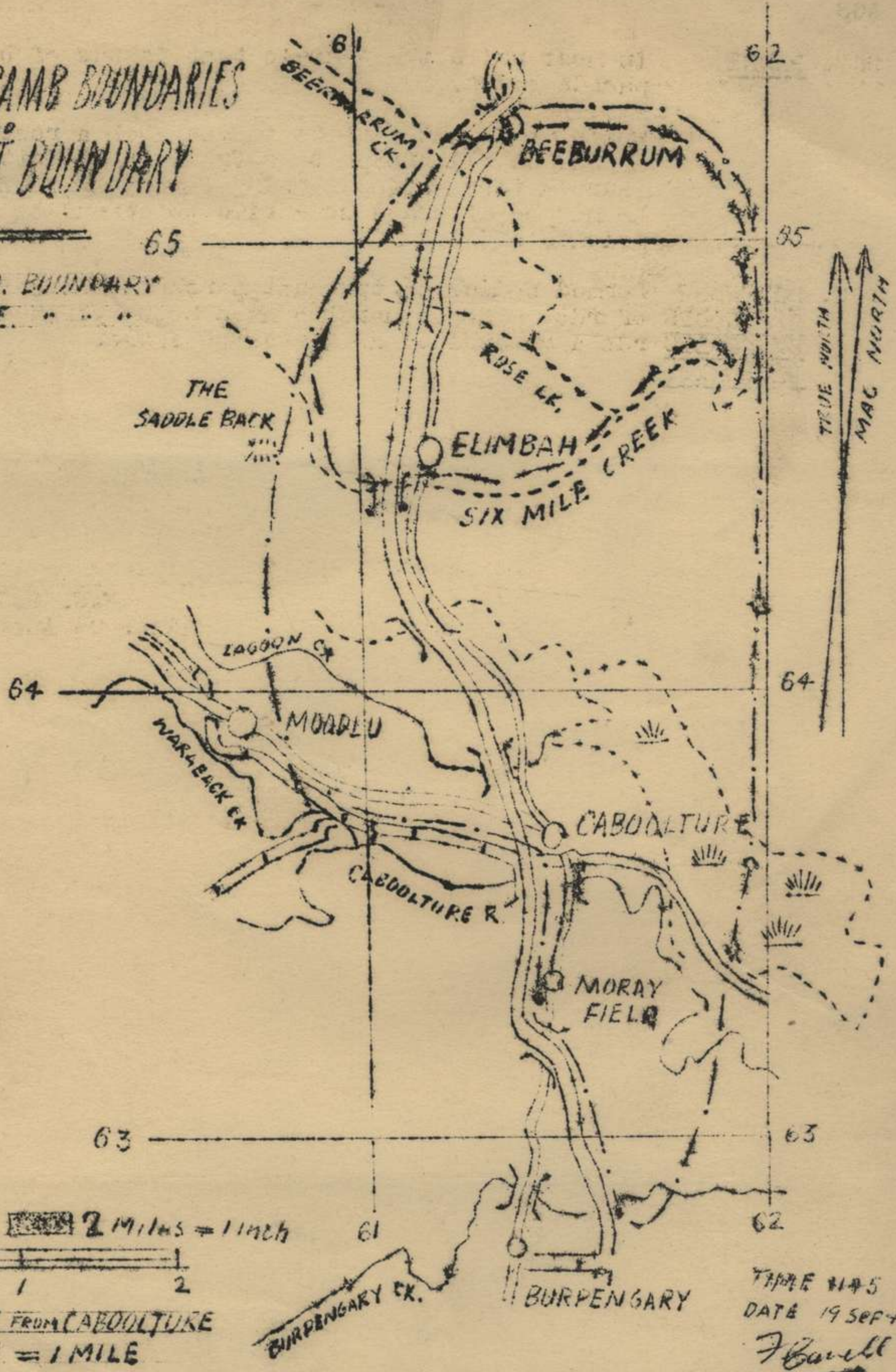
268. MOVEMENT Formed bodies of tps must march on the LEFT hand side
OF TROOPS of rds. Route marches must be so planned that main
ON PUBLIC rds are avoided as far as possible.
HIGHWAYS.

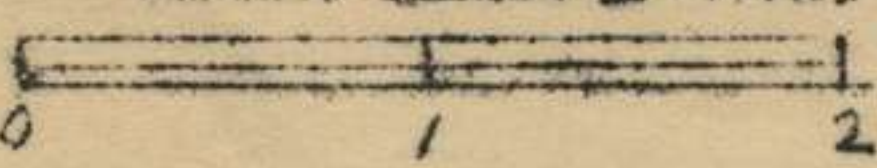
W.E. PATERSON, Capt.,
Adj. 24 Aust. Inf. Bn.

War Diary

"65" Bde. CAMP BOUNDARIES AND "63" UNIT BOUNDARY

 65
 Bn. BOUNDARY
 BDE. " " "



Scale  2 Miles = 1 inch

ENLARGEMENT FROM CABOOLTURE
MAP - 1" = 1 MILE

THIS WAS
DATE 19 SEP 42
J. Farrell

Bde CAMP BOUNDARY. Ref. maps CABOOLTURE and LANDBOROUGH 1" to 1 mile. From road junc. at 145287 (Cab Sheet) N.E. via road to road junction 161338 thence north to road junc. to 161518. Thence West via road to BEEBURRUM thence South West through The SADDLEBACK 091451 (Cab sheet) through MOODLU to WARABBA Crk to bridge 115459 (Cab sheet) thence South and South East along North Coast road to road junc. 145287 (Cab sheet).

UNIT CAMP BOUNDARIES. Western, Northern and Eastern Boundaries as for Bde, Southern SIX MILE Ck.

D.H.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES
Routine Order Part 1.
by

H.Q. 24 Aust Inf Bn.
Australia.
29.9.42.

Lt-Col A.H. FALCONER COMMANDING 24 AUST INF BN.

269 DISTRICT
COURT--
MARTIAL
PUBLIC--
ATION OF
RESULT
OF TRIAL.

V255954 Pte. S.J. DAY was tried by District Court Martial in the field on 18th Sept 1942 and convicted of the offence of Absenting himself without leave.

He was sentenced to 42 days field punishment.

CONFIRMATION 24th Sept 1942.

DATE OF PROMULGATION. 29th Sept 1942.

DATE OF CONFIRMATION. 24 Sept 1942.

He was 48 days in custody awaiting trial.

Total forfeitures £27.

V127046. Pte J.P. O'BRIEN was tried by District Court Martial at LANDSBOROUGH on 18 Sept 1942 and convicted of the offence of Absenting himself without leave.

He was sentenced to 28 days field punishment

CONFIRMATION 24 Sept 1942.

DATE OF PROMULGATION 29 Sept 1942

DATE OF CONFIRMATION 24 Sept 1942.

He was 42 days in custody awaiting trial.

Total forfeitures ~~£20-2-0.~~ £20-2-0.

270. BARBERS
AND
WATCH
MAKERS.
ETC.

Occupations such as barbering and watchmaking carried on by some troops MUST NOT be done during parade hours.

271. DENTAL
TREATMENT
AT FD AMBS.

Patients attending FD AMBS for dental treatment will carry a cut lunch from their units.

272. SWIMMING
PARADES.

All swimming parades proceeding to CALOUNDRA, REDOLIFES, etc areas, will be in charge of an officer who will NOT permit individual personnel to leave the parade for purpose of visiting local hotels. This instruction will be strictly observed.

273. Castellani The importance of hygiene and sanitation cannot be too
ani strongly stressed. With this end in view the Castellani
Bottle bottle is brought to the notice of all ranks.

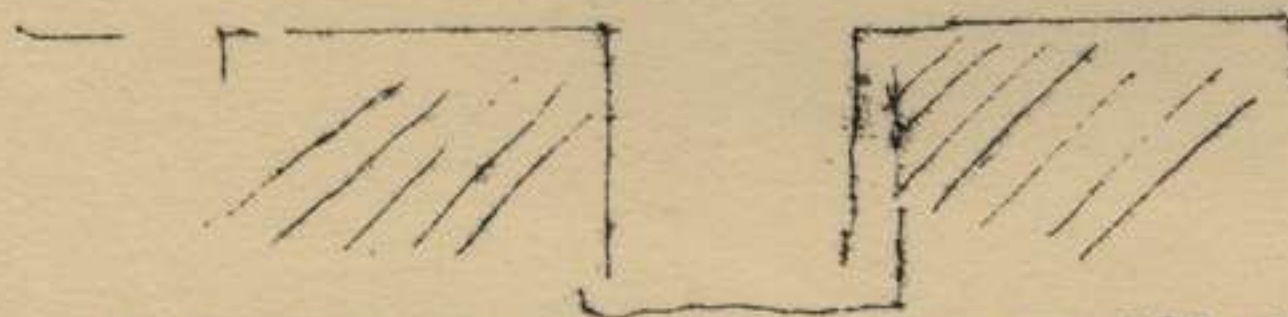
The structure of the Castellani bottle is an ordinary bottle with a groove cut in each side of cork and wire or string attached so that it may be hung and easily tipped. It is filled with an antiseptic (1 tablespoon of Dettol substitute or Lysol in $\frac{1}{2}$ pints (beer bottle) of water.).

One bottle is hanging in vicinity of cookhouse and one near latrines. Every person after visiting latrines should tip a little antiseptic onto hands prior to washing them. This should particularly be demanded of all personnel employed in or around cookhouse. To facilitate use in cookhouse it should be hung near a basin with water and soap and a towel.

The importance of this method is that it prevents infected faecal contamination of food; thereby stops spread of boweldiseases diarrhoea etc. One bottle must be installed in each cookhouse immediately.

274. Latrines (a) Deep Trench Latrines must be closed when filled to
Deep within 4 feet of the top. When closing remove
Trench. superstructure and burn contents with kerosene. Fill in with earth. Loosen top layer of earth and surrounding ground of a radius of four feet cover this with used oil and tamp down.

(b) When constructing new trench, place paper on bag soaked in used oil down sides of trench to a depth of 4 feet also on surface of surrounding ground to a radius of four feet the outer edge to be dug in four inches.



(c) The above measures will kill the pupae which can travel only four feet through earth.

(d) Antiseptics may be sprayed on surrounding ground to a radius of 4 feet, but will N. T be placed in trench. Without antiseptics, there is a possibility of contents operating on septic tank principle.

V.E. PATRIDGE CAPT.
 ADJUT. 24 AUSTRALIAN INF. BR.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

24th Inf Bn (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels	1		
Majors	1		2
Captains	11	1	
Lieutenants	21		
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters	1		
Totals	35	1	2

*Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

(i) Officers posted to Unit (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A).

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps. <i>Appointment</i>	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
<i>1st Lt</i>	V40073	<i>Salmoner H.H.</i>	<i>C.O.</i>	<i>Yes</i>	
<i>T/lt</i>	V40075	<i>Russell R.H.C.</i>	<i>2nd Lt</i>	<i>"</i>	
<i>Capt</i>	V40076	<i>Whitlaw S.H.</i>	<i>2nd Lt E Coy</i>	<i>"</i>	
<i>T/Capt</i>	V40462	<i>Fleming R.C.</i>	<i>OC D T.</i>	<i>"</i>	
<i>"</i>	V40072	<i>Chandler G.E.</i>	<i>" C.</i>	<i>"</i>	
<i>"</i>	V40071	<i>Sherwood R.S.</i>	<i>" A.</i>	<i>"</i>	
<i>"</i>	V40083	<i>Stewellen J.H.</i>	<i>" E.</i>	<i>"</i>	
<i>"</i>	V40085	<i>Gameren R.H.</i>	<i>" B.</i>	<i>"</i>	
<i>"</i>	V40086	<i>Terland D.H.</i>	<i>RM</i>	<i>"</i>	
<i>"</i>	V40088	<i>Robinson C.C.</i>	<i>2nd Lt C.</i>	<i>"</i>	
<i>"</i>	V40094	<i>Graham I.P.</i>	<i>" B.</i>	<i>"</i>	
<i>"</i>	V40095	<i>Johnson W.E.</i>	<i>2nd Lt</i>	<i>"</i>	
<i>Lieut</i>	V40099	<i>Keenly E.H.</i>	<i>2nd Lt A.</i>	<i>"</i>	
<i>"</i>	VX51557	<i>Luft A.R.</i>	<i>OC HQ.</i>	<i>"</i>	
<i>"</i>	V40101	<i>Uggham G.N.</i>	<i>2nd Lt D.</i>	<i>"</i>	
<i>"</i>	V40109	<i>Osney H.H.</i>	<i>2nd Lt E.</i>	<i>"</i>	
<i>"</i>	V40124	<i>Shallice P.F.</i>	<i>3rd Lt HQ.</i>	<i>"</i>	
<i>"</i>	V40165	<i>Swins W.M.</i>	<i>8th A.</i>	<i>"</i>	
<i>"</i>	V40190	<i>Smith M.J.</i>	<i>19th E.</i>	<i>"</i>	
<i>"</i>	V40198	<i>Booth A.R.</i>	<i>510th O.V.</i>	<i>"</i>	
<i>"</i>	VX51621	<i>Jennedy M.B.</i>	<i>15th C Coy</i>	<i>"</i>	
<i>"</i>	VX43140	<i>Thomas J.C.</i>	<i>16th D T.</i>	<i>"</i>	
<i>"</i>	V40140	<i>Saunders A.P.</i>	<i>T.V.</i>	<i>"</i>	
<i>"</i>	V40216	<i>Robinson E.P.</i>	<i>11th D.</i>	<i>"</i>	
<i>"</i>	V40216	<i>Spaving J.A.</i>	<i>14th C.</i>	<i>"</i>	
<i>"</i>	VX51627	<i>Smith W.E.</i>	<i>1st A.</i>	<i>"</i>	
<i>"</i>	VX21231	<i>Cooper J.</i>	<i>9th A.</i>	<i>"</i>	
<i>"</i>	V40090	<i>Bunsell A.W.C.</i>	<i>9th D.</i>	<i>"</i>	
<i>"</i>	V40047	<i>Malayson T.A.</i>	<i>2nd Lt HQ.</i>	<i>"</i>	
<i>"</i>	V40134	<i>Colony T.A.</i>	<i>21st E.</i>	<i>"</i>	
<i>"</i>	V40025	<i>Dunn R.V.</i>	<i>15th C.</i>	<i>"</i>	
<i>Lieut</i>	V4010	<i>Stevens M.V.</i>	<i>Bandmaster</i>	<i>"</i>	
<i>T/Capt</i>	V40092	<i>Peck D.V.</i>		<i>NO</i>	<i>Det to 3 IT Bde</i>
<i>Lieut</i>	V40157	<i>Smith T.A.B.</i>		<i>"</i>	<i>" " " "</i>
<i>"</i>	VX54670	<i>Laughlin J.</i>		<i>"</i>	<i>" " " "</i>
<i>"</i>	VX51663	<i>Ridham D.T.</i>		<i>"</i>	<i>" " " "</i>

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.

24 Inst Inf Bde
(Unit.)

5 Nov 42
(Date of Despatch.)

W.A. Anderson
Comd. 24 (Signature of Commander.)
10 Inst Inf Bde
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

PART D. Detail of Surplus or Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W. 3009.

Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)
Ammunition Examiners			Fire Control Operators			Panel Beaters		
Armament Artificers			Fitters			Pattern Makers		
Armourers			Fitters and Turners			Pharmacists		
Artificers, Artillery			Fitters, Cycle			Photographers, dry plate		
Axemen			Fitters, Drivers			Photographers, wet plate		
Bakers			Fitter's Mates			Photo-Writers		
Battery Surveyors			Fitters, M.V.			Plate Layers		
Battery Comdrs. Asst.			Fitters, Railway Signal			Plumbers		
Blacksmiths			Fitters, Signal			Predictor Numbers		
Boilermakers			Grinders			Printers		
Bricklayers			Gun Layers			Radiator Mechanics		
Butchers			G.P.O. Assistants			Radiographers		
Camouflage Modeller			Gun Operators			Range Takers		3
Carpenter and Joiner			Hammermen			Riggers		
Clerks			Height Takers			Riveters		
Clerks, Engineering			Helio Operators			Saddlers		
Clerks, Supply			Instrument Mechanics			Saddle Tree Makers		
Clerks, Technical			Instrument Mechanics, Surgical			Saw Doctors		
Coachmakers			Instrument Operators			Sawyers		
Computers			Intelligence Duties			Shoemakers		
Concretors			Joiners			Signallers		
Cooks		2	Leather Stitchers			Signwriters		
Cooks, Hospital			Linesmen			Stokers, Stationary Engine		
Coppersmiths			Linesmen, Signals			Storemen, Technical		1
Dental Clerk Orderlies			Lithographers			Surveyors		
Despatch Riders			Machinists			Surveyors, Engineering		
Dispensers			Masons			Tailors		1
Draughtsmen			Masseurs			Telescope Identification Numbers		
Draughtsmen, Architectural			Mechanics, Dental			Textile Refitters		
Draughtsmen, Mechanical			Mechanics, M.T.			Tinsmiths		
Draughtsmen, Signal			Mechanics, Typewriter			Toolmakers		
Draughtsmen, Topographical			Mechanics, Wireless			Turners		
Driver Mechanics			Millwrights			Vulcanizers		
Driver Operators			Miners			Wagon Erectors		
Drivers, Transportation Plant			Moulders			Watchmakers		
Electrical Fitters			Nursing Orderlies			Watermen		
Electricians			Nursing Orderlies (Mental)			Welders		
Electricians, Eng. Units			Nurses, Trained			Well Borers		
Electricians, Signal			Observation Post Assistants			Wheelers		
Engine Artificers			Operating Room Assistants			Whitesmiths		
Engine Hands I/C			Operators, Signal			Wiremen		
Equipment Repairers		1	Opticians			Woodturners		
Farriers			Painters			General Duties		127
Totals (to agree with Columns 7 and 4 of Part A.)		3						132

Notes—(a) If rank other than Private is involved give details on back.
(b) Authorised Trades or Specialists not included in list above will be added as required in spaces provided.

24 Inst Inf Bn
Unit.

W. J. Paterson
Lt.-Col. 519.
Comd. Signature of Commander

Date of Despatch.....

Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

W.E. 11/12/2
(10)
14/10

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

24 Aust. Inf. Bn. (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels	1		
Majors	1		2
Captains	12	2	
Lieutenants	21		
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters	1		
Totals	36	2	2

*Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

(i) Officers posted to Unit (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A).

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
T/Lt Col	VH0073	Falconer A D	C O	Yes	
T/Lt Col	VH0074	Russell R M C	2/c	"	
Cap	VH0076	Whitelaw S H	2/c Coy	"	
T/Capt	VH0462	Fleming R C	OC 3 Coy	"	
"	VH0072	Chandler B E	OC 2	"	
"	VH0081	Islerwood R S	A	"	
"	VH0083	Fleweller J A	E	"	
"	VH0085	Cameron R A	B	"	
"	VH0086	Newland D H	Q M	"	
"	VH0088	Robinson C C	2/c Coy	"	
"	VH0094	Graham I P	B	"	
"	VH0095	Vatson W F	Adjutant	"	
"	VH0099	Kennedy E M	2/c Coy	"	
A/Capt	VX51557	Duell A R	OC HQ Coy	"	
Lieut	VH0100	Rayson M W	Adjutant	"	
"	VH0101	Ingham B N	2/c Coy	"	
"	VH0109	Cochy H H	2011 E Coy	"	
"	VH0124	Hachelle P F	311 H B Coy	"	
"	VH0165	Young W M	9 12 Coy	"	
"	VH0190	Young M J	19 E	"	
"	VH0114	Beattie A R	Sy Off	"	
"	VX45421	Kennedy M B	1302 Coy	"	
"	VX43140	Thomas J C	16 D	"	
"	VH0140	Asunder A P	T D	"	
"	VH0216	Robinson E K	1702 Coy	"	
"	VH0166	Young J A	14 C	"	
"	VX57657	Smith W E	301 A	"	
"	VX37231	Cosper J	9 A	"	
"	VH0090	Burnell A W C	1 D	"	
"	VH0047	Forleyson T A	212 H B Coy	"	
"	VH0134	Adamsby T A	212 E Coy	"	
"	VH0005	Janne R V	1312 C	"	
H/Lieut	VH0110	Stevens H V	Bandmaster	No	Det. 3, 1, 7 Bde
T/Capt	VH0092	Reich D V		"	
Lieut	VH0157	Smith T A B		"	
"	VX54050	Foyles J		"	
"	VX51663	Lubben J J		"	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.

24 Aust. Inf. Bn
(Unit.)
26 Sep 42
(Date of Despatch.)

W. J. Paterson Capt.
(Signature of Commander)
Lt.-Col.
15 Aust. Inf. Bn
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)



18 Oct. 40.

10 Inf. Bde.

INTELLIGENCE REPORT AND SUMMARY - SERIAL 7 (a).
PERIOD 6-12 OCT. 40.

(a) OPERATIONAL.

Coy. parades were held as stated in report Serial 7. A tactical exercise of a Pl. in defence was carried out by Officers of a Bn. on a cloth model on night 10/11 Oct. 40. A T.R.W.T. was held for officers at Greensborough on 12 & 13 Oct. 40. The area on which exercises were held were Map. ref. YAN-YEAN 1" to mile. 1450 & 1250

(b) INTERNAL. SECURITY.

During the afternoon of 11 Oct. 40 on the foreshore at Sandringham the activities of a man with a foreign appearance excited the suspicion of two people who reported the following:-

He was watching, through field glasses, the navy target at target practice and was making notes in a small note-book.

As he was ~~watching~~ about to drive away in a Chevrolet Car No. 11374 he saw a ship steaming down the bay. He got out of the car and watched it through the field glasses, again making notes. He then waited for half an hour and repeated his actions when another ship appeared.

(b) ECONOMIC.

NIL.

Alwyn Elliott

[Signature]
Maj.
Adm/Comd. 24/39 Bn.



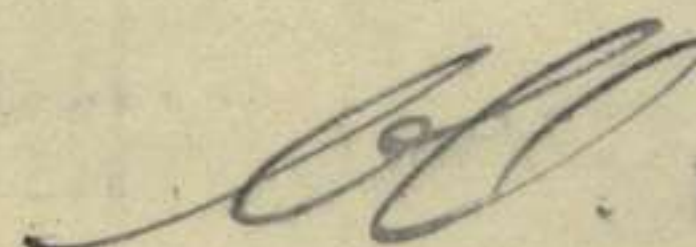
27 Oct. 40.

10 Inf. Bls.

-- INTELLIGENCE REPORT AND SUMMARIES -- SERIAL No. 8.--

Period. 13/19 October.

- (a) OPERATIONAL. Coy Parades were held at same places as in report Serial 7a. Tactical exercises for Officers and N.C.Os and potential N.C.Os. were carried out 20 Oct. at Greensborough Ref. Map. Yan Yean 1" = 1 mile. 1450, 1250.
- (b) INTERNAL. Security NIL.
- (c) ECONOMIC. Internal (Australia) NIL.

 Maj.
Aim/Comd. 21/39 bn.



SECRET.

28 Oct. 40.

10 Inf. Bde.

-- INTELLIGENCE REPORT AND SUMMARIES. Serial 9.--

Period. 21/27 Oct. 40.

- (a) Operational. Intelligence. Parades held by Coys. the same as in Serial No. 8. Public Moral. People are disappointed at the delay by Federal Government in forming Cabinet, and that Nov. 20 is the day set for Parliament to meet.
- (b) Internal. Security. Information received states that Mrs. BODE, Toorak Rd., HARTWELL. who is of German descent has openly stated that she has German ~~sympathies~~ sympathies she visited Germany a few years ago and brought back snapshots of relatives who are shown displaying Nazi emblems.
- (c) Economic. Intelligence ..(Aust.).....NIL.

J. D. Walker
Maj.
Adm/Comd. 24/39 Bn.



4 Nov. 40.

10 Inf. Bde.

-- INTELLIGENCE REPORT AND SUMMARIES SERIAL No. 10. --

Period 27 Oct. 2 Nov.

(a) OPERATIONAL.

Intelligence. Coy. Parades were held the same as in report serial No. 9.

(b) INTERNAL

Security. The following conversation was heard by an officer of 21st/39 Bn., in Snow's Ltd. Flinders St., MELBOURNE.

A young lady was being served by a salesman in Snow's Ltd. and she told him that her boy friend was a corporal in 5 Bn. Vict. Scottish. He had written to her stating that he would be unable to get leave as he was suffering from the effects of injections. She then stated that she would tell the salesman something that he would NOT read in the papers. She said that the 5 Bn. were suffering from the injections very much and that two or three members were so depressed that they had bayoneted themselves.

The officer overhearing the conversation tried to ascertain the ladies name from the salesman, but she was unknown to him.

(c) ECONOMIC INTELLIGENCE AUST.NIL


Maj.
Adm/Comd. 21st/39 Bn.



SECRET.

11 Nov. 40.

10 Inf. Bde.

-- INTELLIGENCE REPORT AND SUMMARIES. SERIAL No. 11. --

Period 3 Nov. to 9 Nov. 40.

- (a) OPERATIONAL. Intelligence. Coy. Parades were held the same as in report Serial No. 10.
- (b) INTERNAL. NIL.
- (c) ECONOMIC INTELLIGENCE AUST. NIL.

Maj.

Adm/Comd. 25/39 Bn.

S E C R E T.

2A/39 Bn. Intelligence Report Serial No. 12.

Period from 10th Novr. to 16th Novr. 1940.

PART I INTERNAL.

A.	Operations - Intelligence	Nil.
B.	Security	" Nil
C.	Economic	" Nil
	(Australia)	

M. W. Rayson

SECRET.

24/39 Bn. Intelligence Report Serial No. 13.

Period from 17th Novr. to 23rd Novr. 1940.

PART I INTERNAL.

A. Operations - Intelligence

All Officers attended a T.E.W.T. at
Cranbourne on 16th and 17th Novr.

B. Security - Intelligence Nil.

C. Economic - " Nil.
(Australia)

M. W. Rayson

SECRET.

2A/39 Bn. Intelligence Report Serial No. 1A.

Period from 24th Novr. to 30th Novr. 1940.

PART I INTERNAL.

A. Operations - Intelligence.

(1) General Movements etc. own troops.

Information received from a Cpl. in 3 L.A.A. Regt., Werribee, that a Sgt. stationed in Craig's Bldgs. told him that all Australian ports have been closed by the Navy to outgoing shipping. Units including 2/23 Bn. and 2/24 Bn. have been held up at Fremantle.

B. Security - Intelligence.

Mrs. Davies, Myrniong Grove, Hawthorn, (Phone W.A. 3952) states that in conversations with Mr. R. Graham, 28 Pine St., Camberwell, he has shown definite sympathies towards the German. He is alleged to have said that the British people were a stupid lot and that the Nazis were certain to come out victorious.

C. Economic - Intelligence (Australia). Nil.

B. W. Rayson

SECRET.

24/39 Bn. Intelligence Report Serial No. 15.

Period from 1st Decr. to 7th Decr., 1940.

PART I INTERNAL.

A. Operations - Intelligence.

Nil.

B. Security - Intelligence Nil.

C. Economic - " Nil
(Australia).

B W Kayson

S E C R E T.

24/39 Bn. Intelligence Report Serial No. 16.

Period from 8th Decr. to 14th Decr. 1940.

P A R T 1 - INTERNAL.

1. Operations - Intelligence - Nil.

2. Security " Mr. Reinitz.
70 Riversdale Rd.,
Camberwell,

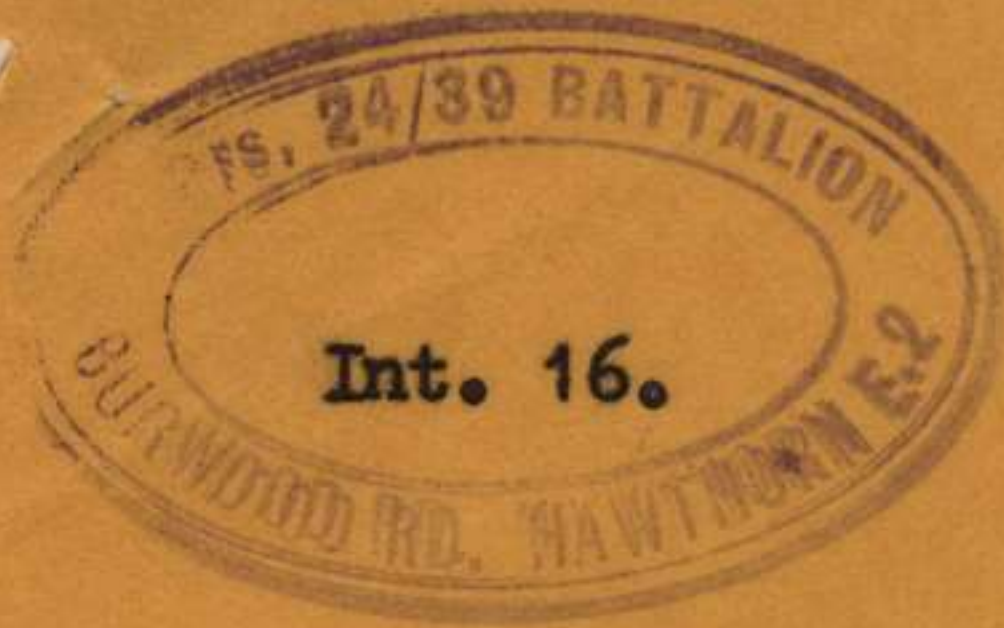
who is an Austrian Refugee, spends every week-end taking photographs. He develops same at his flat at above address. He took photos before all aliens were required to register cameras and has continued to do same since.

3. Economic - Intelligence (Australia).

Nil.

M. W. Rayson

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23 Dec. 40.

SECRET.

10 Inf. Bde.

-- INTELLIGENCE REPORTS Serial No. 16 --

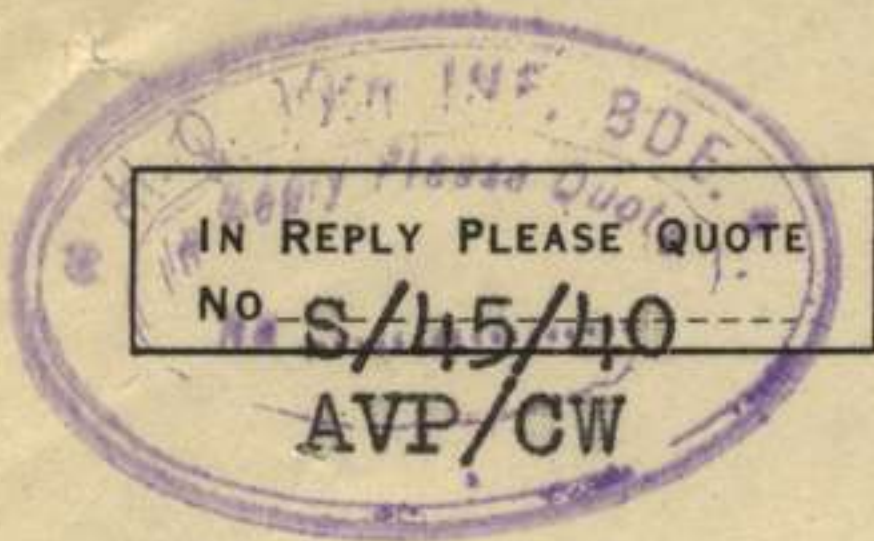
Ref. your S/45/40 of 18 Dec. 40, we wish to report that REINITZ has moved from the address shown in our previous correspondence.

Further inquiries are being made as to his present whereabouts, which will be notified as soon as information comes to hand.

 Maj.
Adm/Comd. 24/39 Bn.

TELEPHONE

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.—SOUTHERN COMMAND



Secret

H.Q. 10 Inf Bde.
ARMADALE S.E. 3.

18 Dec 40

I.O. 24/39 Bn.

I. REPORT: SERIAL NO 16
8/14 Dec 40

Part 2

Security.

REINITZ 70 Riversdale Rd, CAMBERWELL, Additional and more explicit information is desired, if at all practicable, as soon as possible. If possible subjects and localities of his work are desired, and any likely exit of his proofs.

Major.
B.M. 10 Inf Bde.



AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

Receipt for SECRET Documents.

Issued to I.O. 24/39 B~ Date 19-12- 1940

I hereby acknowledge receipt of Copy No. 545/40 of Secret Document
No. Serial No. 16

(Signed) _____

(Appointment) _____

Date _____

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H.Q. 24/39 Bn.
Seymour.

28 Jan 41.

SECRET.

24/39 BN. INTELLIGENCE REPORT SERIAL NO. 17.

Period from 19 Jan to 25 Jan 41.

PART 1.

INTERNAL.

1: Operations Intelligence.

Movement of own troops.

180 U.S.P. marched in to above Bn. on 23 Jan 41.

Security Intelligence nil.

ECONOMIC Intelligence (Aust) nil.

J. Byrnes
Lieut.
Intell. Off.

Serial 18.

NIL

RETURN

TELEPHONE

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.—SOUTHERN COMMAND



GT/MWR.

H.Q. 24/39 Bn,
SEYMOUR.

11 Feb 41.

24/39 BN. INTELLIGENCE REPORT. SERIAL NO. 19.

Period 2 Feb 41. to 8 Feb 41.

Part 1. Internal.

- | | | | |
|----|-------------------------------------|---------------|------|
| 1. | Operations. | Intelligence. | NIL. |
| 2. | Security. | " | NIL. |
| 3. | Economic - Intelligence (Australia) | | NIL. |

M.W. Rayson
M.W. Rayson. Lieut.
I.O. 24/39. BN.

TELEPHONE

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.—SOUTHERN COMMAND



LJB/DJB.

H.Q. 24/39 Bn.,
No 2 Camp Site,
SEYMOUR.

18 Feb. 41.

24/39 Bn. INTELLIGENCE REPORT. SERIAL NO. 20.

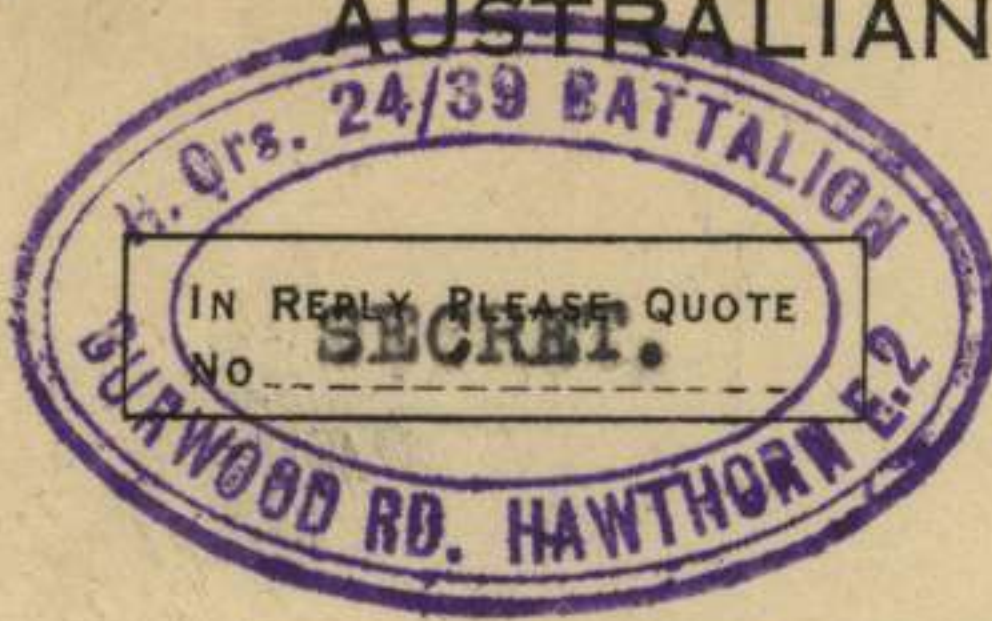
Period: 10 Feb. 41 to 16 Feb. 41.

	Part 1.	Internal.	
1.	Operations.	Intelligence.	NIL.
2.	Security.	"	NIL.
3.	Economic.	Intelligence. (Aust.)	NIL.


Adjutant 24/39 Battalion
Captain

TELEPHONE

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.—SOUTHERN COMMAND



LJB/DJB.

H.Q. 24/39 Bn.,
No. 2 Camp Site,
SEYMOUR.

28 Feb. 41.

H.Q. 10 Inf. Bde.

24/39 Bn. INTELLIGENCE REPORT.

SERIAL NO. 21.

Period: 15 Feb. 41., to 22 Feb. 41.

	<u>part 1.</u>	<u>Internal.</u>	
1.	Operations.	Intelligence.	Nil.
2.	security.	"	Nil.
3.	Economic. Present Conditions.	Intelligence (Aust.)	Nil.

part 11.

External.

Nil

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 Maj.
 Adm/Comd. 24/39 Bn.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.—3RD MILITARY DISTRICT.



(Address)

(Date)

H.Q. 24/39 Bn.,
No. 2 Camp Site,
SEYMOUR.

3 Mar. 41.

LJB.DJB.

H.Q. 10th. Inf. Bde.

INTELLIGENCE REPORT. SERIAL No. 22.
PERIOD. 24th. Feb. 41. - 3 Mar. 41.

PART 1.

INTERNAL.

A. OPERATIONS.

NIL.

B. SECURITY.

NIL.

C. ECONOMICS, PRESENT CONDITIONS.

NIL.

EXTERNAL. PART 2.

NIL.

W. Paterson
Lieut.

f. 1/o/ 24/39 Battalion.

SECRET.

DJB/GT.

H.Q. 24/39 Bn.,
No 2 Camp Site,
SEYMOUR.

13. Mar. 41.

H.Q. 10 Inf. Bde.

SECRET.

24/39 BN. INTELLIGENCE REPORT. SERIAL NO. 23.
PERIOD 2. Mar TO 8. MAR. 41.

Part. 1.

INTERNAL.

- A. OPERATIONS - INTELLIGENCE. Section training
has finished and platoon training for the Bn.
will commence as from 9. Mar. 41.
- B. SECURITY. INTELLIGENCE. Nil.
- C. ECONOMIC " (Aust.) Nil.

Part. 2.

EXTERNAL.

Nil.

Lieut.
I.O. 24/39 Battalion.

GT.

H.Q. 24/39 Bn,
No 2 Camp Site,
SEYMOUR.

18. Mar. 41.

SECRET.

24/39 BN. INTELLIGENCE REPORT. SERIAL No. 24.
PERIOD FROM 9. MAR. TO 15. MAR 41.

PART 1. INTERNAL.

A. Operations Intelligence.

Movement of own troops.

10 Mar. Bn. transported by A.A.S.C. to Seymour Rifle Range for rifle L.M.G. & M.M.G. practice.

The remainder of tng for week was Pl. exercises.

13 Mar. An organised exhibition of dive bombing and aircraft in flight was given. All necessary air raid precautions were taken. A.A. Pl. took up positions in A.A. Weapon pits.

B. Security. Nil.

C. Economic. Nil.

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for
Lieut.
I.O. 24/39 Bn.

SECRET.

WAR/OT.

H.Q. 24/39 Bn,
No 2 Camp Site,
SEYMOUR.

24. Mar. 41.

SECRET.

24/39 BN. INTELLIGENCE REPORT. SERIAL NO. 25.
PERIOD FROM 16. MAR to 22. MAR 41.

PART 1. INTERNAL.

1. OPERATIONS.

(a) Movement of Own Troops.

The above period was used for Coy. Eng, viz.

Rifle Coy. Organisation.

H.Q. " "

M.M.G. " "

Field Firing: Coy in attack supported by
M.M.G & Mortar Fire.

Dam Attack. at Old Sydney Coach Road, Area.

1st reinforcements marched into Camp 22. Mar 41.

(b) Morale of 1st reinforcements -

Good.

2. SECURITY.

Nil.

3. ECONOMIC - INTELLIGENCE USE.

Nil.

Lieut.
I.O. 24/39 Bn.

SECRET

GT.

H.Q. 24/39 Bn,
No 2 Camp Site,
SEYMOUR.

31. Mar. 41.

SECRET .

INTELLIGENCE REPORT FOR 24.39 Bn. SERIAL NO. 26.
PERIOD FROM 23. MAR TO 29. MAR. 41.

PART. 1. INTERNAL OPERATIONS.

(A) Movement of Own Troops.

Revision of Platoon Trg. for 1st Reinforcements.
Company Exercises Attack & Withdrawal.
Battalion transported Seymour Range for night
Demonstration of M.M.G. firing Tracer S.A.A.

Bn. departed on bivouac; following day advance
exercise followed by bivouac; then dawn attack;
return to camp vanguard exercise en route.

Bn. departed on week-end leave.

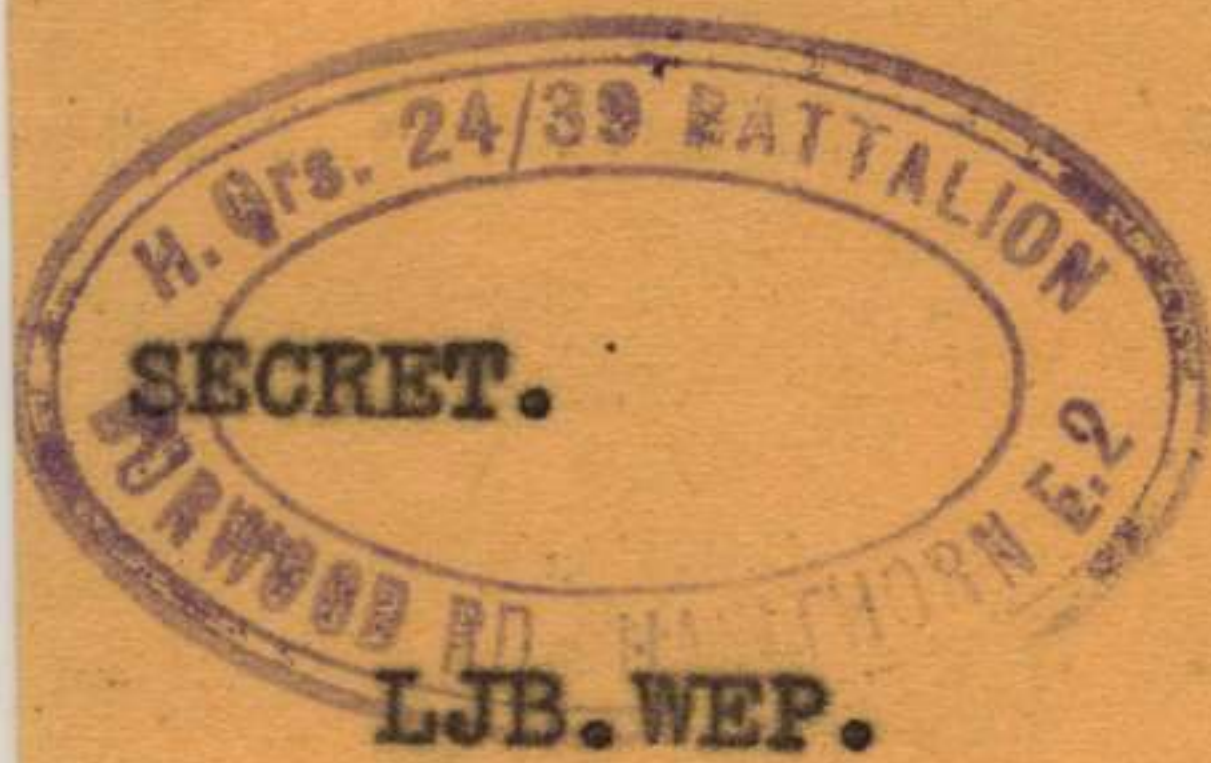
(E) Morale.

Good.

2. SECURITY. Nil.

3. ECONOMIC
INTELLIGENCE (AUST) Nil.

W. Paterson
Lieut.
for I.O. 24/39 Bn.



H.Q. 24/39 Bn.,
No. 2 Camp Site,
SEYMOUR.

14 Apr. 41.

SECRET

INTELLIGENCE REPORT FOR 24/39 BN. SERIAL NO.27.
PERIOD : 31 Mar. 41. - 13 Apr. 41.

PART I. INTERNAL.

1. OPERATIONS.

(a) Movement of own Troops.

Dawn Attack followed by withdrawal and occupation of defensive position.
Bde. Exercise; occupation of defensive position as reserve Bn; attack; withdrawal to defensive position further back.

(b) Morale of own troops. Good.

2. SECURITY. Nil.

3. ECONOMIC. Nil.

INTELLIGENCE
(Aust.)


Lieut.
for I.O. 24/39 Bn.




H.Q. 24/39 Bn.,
Drill Hall,
Burwood Rd.,
HAWTHORN. E.2.
13 May 41.

SECRET

INTELLIGENCE REPORT FOR 24/39 BN. SERIAL NO. 29.
PERIOD : 23 APR. 41. - 11 MAY 41.

PART 1. INTERNAL.

1. OPERATIONS. Nil.
2. SECURITY. Nil.
3. ECONOMIC. Nil.
INTELLIGENCE
(Aust.)

 Capt.
for I.O. 24/39 Bn.

SECRET.

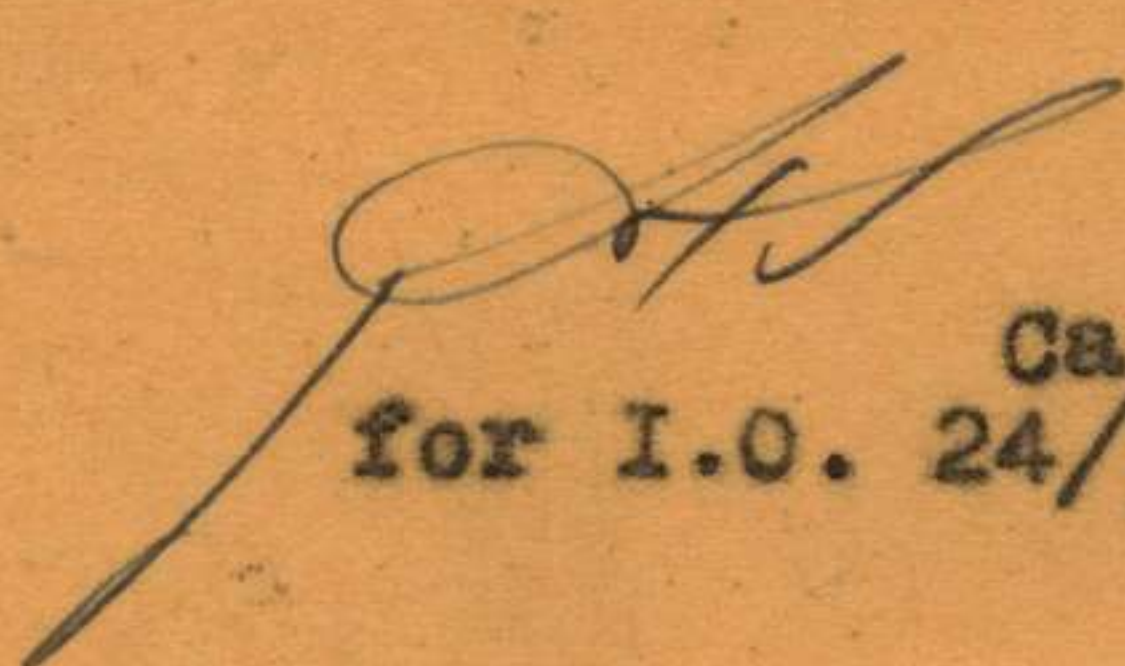
H.Q. 24/39 Bn.
Drill Hall,
Burwood Rd.,
HAWTHORN. E.2.
23 May 41.

S E C R E T

INTELLIGENCE REPORT FOR 24/39 BN. SERIAL NO.30.
PERIOD : 12 MAY 41. - 18 MAY 41.

PART 1. INTERNAL.

1. OPERATIONS. Nil.
2. SECURITY. Nil.
3. ECONOMIC.
INTELLIGENCE
(Aust.) Nil.


Capt.
for I.O. 24/39 Bn.

SECRET.

H.Q. 24/39 Bn.,
BURWOOD Rd.,
HAWTHORN.

3 Jun. 41.

S E C R E T

INTELLIGENCE REPORT 24/39 BN. SERIAL 31.

PERIOD. 19 May - 1 Jun. 41.

PART I. INTERNAL.

1. Operations. Nil.


2. Security.

In a conversation last week, F.V. SMITH, 2 Dickens St., BURNLEY, showed that he has very definite communistic ideas. He stated that a revolution was necessary and would happen in Australia similar to that of the Soviet. He was handing out copies of the "PROGRESS" which he stated is the Communists' Paper. (Copy attached.)

Pamphlets were going to be issued to troops in Camps so as to cause discontent about their fighting and giving their lives for Capitalists.

The Conversation took place between the I.O. of this Unit and SMITH, who was not aware of the I.O.'s identity.

3. Economic.
Intelligence. Nil.
Aust.


Lieut.
I.O. 24/39 Bn.

Secret

24/39 Bn. Intelligence Report. Serial No 32

Period from 6th June to 14th June 41.

Part-1. Internal.

A. Operations - Intelligence.	-	Nil
B. Security.	"	Nil.
C. Economic.	" (Aust).	Nil.

M. W. Rayson.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.—3RD MILITARY DISTRICT.

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1 July 41.

Intelligence Report for 24/39 Bu Serial N^o 33
Period from 27th June to 28th June 41.

Internal Part. 1.

a.	Operations Intelligence	Nil.
b.	Security	Nil.
c.	Economic	(Inst) Nil

M. W. Rayson Lieut
1-0. 24/39 Bu.

Secret

24/39 Bn Intelligence Report Serial N^o 33.

Period from 15th June to 21st June 41.

Part. 1. Internal

A.	Operations - Intelligence	Nil
B.	Security.	Nil
C.	Economic.	(Aust) Nil

H. W. Rayson

SECRET.

LJB.

H.Q. 24/39 Bn.,
Drill Hall,
Burwood Rd.,
HAWTHORN. E.2.

2 Jul. 41.

S E C R E T


Intelligence Report 24/39 Bn. Serial 334

Period - 22 June 41. - 28 June 41.

INTERNAL.

Part I.

1. Operations. Nil.
2. Security. Nil.
3. Economic Intelligence Nil.
(Aust.)


Lieut.
I.O. 24/39 Bn.

Unit.

(c) ECONOMIC. Intelligence (Aust.) Nil.

Lieut.

H.Q. 024730/39 Bn.
Drill Hall,
Burwood Rd.,
HAWTHORN. E.2.

22 July 41.

SECRET.

LJB.

S E C R E T

INTELLIGENCE REPORT SERIAL NO.35.

24/39 BATTALION.

Period : 29 June '41. to 19 July '41.

PART I. INTERNAL.

(a) OPERATIONS. Intelligence. Nil.

(b) SECURITY.

(i) Public Morale.

Attached in an anonymous letter received by this Unit.

(c) ECONOMIC. Intelligence (Aust.) Nil.



Lieut.
I.O. 24/39 Bn.

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H.Q. 24/39 Bn.,
Camp Site No. 2,
Seymour.

5 Aug. 41.

INTELLIGENCE REPORT

Serial No. 36

Period 31 July-5 Aug. 41

PART I - INTERNAL

1. OPERATIONS

(i) Movement of own troops

During this period the Battalion moved into camp -

31 July	-	Advance party	-	33
2 Aug	-	Main body	-	307
5 Aug	-	U.S.P.	-	453

Included in the total of 453 are 19 personnel from 5 Bn., 18 from 6 Bn. and 15 from 38 Bn.

(ii) Morale.

Good.

2. SECURITY

Nil.

3. Economic Intelligence (Aust.)

Nil.

I.O. Lieut.
24/39 Bn.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.—3RD MILITARY DISTRICT.



(Address)

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H.Q. 24/39 Bn.,
Camp Site No. 2,
Seymour.

12 August, 41.

INTELLIGENCE REPORT

Serial 37

Period 6 Aug. - 12 Aug. 41

PART I - INTERNAL

1. OPERATIONS.

(i) Movement of own troops.

This week has been spent on the Battalion training area on syllabi prepared for U.S.P. and for partly trained personnel.

(ii) Morale.

i. The high standard of messing in this unit and efforts made further to higher it have maintained good morale.

ii. Trying weather conditions have been accepted by the troops in good spirit.

2. SECURITY.

Nil.

3. ECONOMIC INTELLIGENCE (AUST.).

Nil.

Lieut.
I.O. 24/39 Bn.

H.Q. 24/39 Bn.,
Camp Site No. 2,
Seymour.

18 August, 1941.

INTELLIGENCE REPORT

Serial 38

Period 12 Aug. - 18 Aug. 41

PART I - INTERNAL

1. OPERATIONS.

(1) Movement of own troops.

Training has continued in accordance with the prepared syllabus. The battalion has operated in its training area. "E" Company fired at the 30 yard range yesterday and today. The battalion, less maintenance personnel was on leave 15-17 Aug.

(11) Morale.

Despite inoculations and injections in the early part of the week, there appears to be no change in the morale of the unit.

2. SECURITY.

Mention was made to the troops before they went on leave of the need for security of information.

3. ECONOMIC INTELLIGENCE (AUST.)

Nil.

Lieut.
I.O. 24/39 Bn.

H.Q. 24/39 Bn.,
Camp Site No. 2,
Seymour.

25 Aug. 41.

INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SERIAL 39

Period 19 Aug. - 25 Aug. 41.

PART I - INTERNAL

1. OPERATIONS.

(i) Movement of own troops.

Maintenance personnal on leave week-end
23-25 Aug. 41.

The unit has operated in its training
area, with the exception of "E" Coy. which has
operated in the GUILD HILL area on 22 and 25
Aug. 41.

The 30 yards range has been used :-

22 Aug.	-	H.Q. Coy.
23 "	-	A Coy.
25 "	-	B, C and D Coys.

(ii) Morale.

Under this heading I have to report that
whilst in the Camp Barber's shop recently I
witnessed what appeared to be the placing of a
racing bet. No money or paper passed between the
bettor and the barber, the bet being expressed to
be 1/- "on the slate".

2. SECURITY.

Nil.

3. ECONOMIC INTELLIGENCE (AUST.).

Nil.

Lieut.
I.O. 24/39 Bn.

203378



H.Q. 24/39 Bn.,
Camp Site No. 2,
Seymour.

1 Sep. 41.

INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SERIAL 40

2 Rev 8 Sep 41
Period 26 Aug. - 1 Sep. 41

PART I - INTERNAL

1. OPERATIONS.

(i) Movement of own troops.

The unit has operated in its training area immediately SOUTH of the Camp, with the exception of "E" Coy. which has operated in the vicinity of "NAGAMBIE 1" to 1 mile 203378.

The Battalion was on leave week-end 29-31 Aug. 41.

(ii) Morale.

There is no appreciable change in the morale of the unit. Any change should be in the direction of betterment consequent upon the troops getting to know each other and the unit better.

2. SECURITY.

Nil. It may be added that a constant check is maintained on this matter.

3. ECONOMIC INTELLIGENCE (AUST.).

Nil.

Lieut.
I.O. 24/39 Bn.

TELEPHONE

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.—SOUTHERN COMMAND



LJB.WEP.

H.Q. 24/39 Bn.,
No.2 Camp Site,
SEYMOUR.

9 Sept. 41.

INTELLIGENCE REPORT.

SERIAL 41. 42

PERIOD: ⁹ 2 Sept. '41. - ¹⁵ 8 Sept. '41.

PART 1. - INTERNAL.

1. OPERATIONS.

(i) Movement of own Troops.

This week has seen the end of the Cadre system of training, and all U.S.R. will from now on operate with P.T.P.

Maintenance personnel on leave week-end 5 - 7 Sept. '41.

(ii) Morale.

There is no appearance of any change in morale.

2. SECURITY.

Nil.

3. ECONOMIC INTELLIGENCE. (AUST.)

Nil.

Lieut.
I.O. 24/39 Bn.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.—3RD MILITARY DISTRICT.



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H.Q. 24/39 Bn,
No 2 Camp Site,
SEYMOUR.

15 Sep. 41.

INTELLIGENCE REPORT.

SERIAL. 42.

PERIOD: 9 Sep. '41 - 15. Sep. '41.

PART 1. - INTERNAL.

1. OPERATIONS -

(i) Movement of own Troops.

(i) Last week was spent in the Battalion Training Area on Platoon Training.

The Battalion was on Leave week-end 12-14 Sep. 41.

Today was the first day of Platoon Tactical Week, with the Battalion decentralised vicinity Avenel - Locksley operating from Coy H.Q's located in positions already indicated to you by map reference.

(ii) Morale.

The appearance of a bitterly cold wind on the Battalion's first night in the field may tend deleteriously to affect morale.

On a rapid tour of the areas this afternoon the Companies were establishing themselves very well and there were no complaints as to the conditions so far experienced.

2. SECURITY.

Nil.

3. ECONOMIC INTELLIGENCE. (AUST.)

Nil.

Lieut.
I.O. 24/39 Bn.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.—3RD MILITARY DISTRICT.



(Address)

(Date)

H.Q. 24/39 Bn.,
No. 2 Camp Site,
SEYMOUR.

29 Sep. 41.

H.Q. 10 INF. BDE.

INTELLIGENCE REPORT.

SERIAL 43.

Period: 23 Sep. - 29 Sep. 41.

PART 1. INTERNAL.

1. OPERATIONS.

(1) Movement of own Troops.

The training during this period was the first week of Company training. To-day being the first day of the second week of Company training.

The battalion operated in the area immediately SOUTH of the camp and vicinity NAGAMBIE 1" - 1 M. 184443 and 190370.

Battalion on leave week-end 26-28 Sep. 41.

(11) Morale.

It was noticed that the morale of the troops was higher when out on bivouac than when operating in the camp area.

2. SECURITY.

Nil.

3. ECONOMIC INTELLIGENCE. (Aust.)

Nil.

W. Robinson
Lieut.
f I.O. 24/39 Bn.

TELEPHONE

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.—SOUTHERN COMMAND



W.E.P.
L.J.B.

H.Q. 24/39 Bn.,
No.2 Camp Site,
SEYMOUR

23 Sept. 41.

H.Q. 10 INF. BDE.

INTELLIGENCE REPORT.

SERIAL 43.

Period: 16 Sept.-22 Sept. 41.

PART 1. INTERNAL.

1. OPERATIONS.

(1) Movement of own Troops.

Last week was spent on Pl. Tactical Week.
All Pls. acted independently of Coys. except
so far as certain administrative details
were concerned.

Maintenance party on Leave week-end 19-21 Sep. 41.

(11) Morale. Nil.

2. SECURITY.

Nil.

3. ECONOMIC INTELLIGENCE. (aust.)

Nil.

Lieut.
I.O. 24/39 Bn.

TELEPHONE

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.—SOUTHERN COMMAND

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WEP/GT.

H.Q. 24 Bn,
SEYMOUR.

6 Oct. 41.

INTELLIGENCE REPORT.

SERIAL. 44.

PERIOD 30 Sep. 41 - 6. OCT. 41.

1. OPERATIONS.

(i) MOVEMENT OF OWN TROOPS.

Last week was the second and last week of Company Training. There was no training on Wed. and Thurs. because of the stores stocktaking.

Today we began Battalion Training. At 0800 hrs the Battalion moved to vicinity NAGAMBIE, bivouacing for the night.

The movement by A.A.S.C. vehicles this morning was effected in a satisfactory manner.

(ii) MORALE.

A certain laxity in the troops was noticed owing to the interference to training by the stocktaking. This laxity is fast disappearing consequent upon the action of moving out to battle stations this morning.

2. SECURITY.

Nil.

3. ECONOMIC INTELLIGENCE (Aust.)

Nil.

Lieut.
I.O. 24 Bn.

TELEPHONE

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.—SOUTHERN COMMAND

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WEP/GT.

H.Q. 24 Bn.,
No 2 Camp Site,
SEYMOUR.

16 Oct. 41.

INTELLIGENCE REPORT.

SERIAL 45.

PERIOD 7 OCT. - 13 OCT. 41.

1. OPERATIONS.

(1) MOVEMENT OF OWN TROOPS.

The beginning of the week was taken up by a Battalion Tactical Exercise, when the Unit moved NORTH to EAST of NAGAMBIE and, by stages, worked SOUTH through AVENEL to Junction OLD SYDNEY COACH ROAD - HUME HIGHWAY, returning to Camp for compulsory rest on Friday morning.

From Friday afternoon until Sunday night the Unit, less maintenance personnel, was on leave.

(11) MORALE.

There can be no denial that interest is difficult to maintain without greater use of artificial representations of fire.

It is suggested that greater interest could be obtained by the use of a more comparable enemy force in tactical exercises.

2. SECURITY.

Nil.

3. ECONOMIC INTELLIGENCE (Aust.)

Nil.

Lieut.
I.O. 24 Bn.

TELEPHONE

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.—SOUTHERN COMMAND

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H.Q. 24 Bn.
No. 2. Camp Site,
SEYMOUR.
28 OCT. 41.

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INTELLIGENCE REPORT.

SERIAL 46.

PERIOD 14 Oct. - 20 Oct. 41.

1. OPERATIONS.

(1) MOVEMENT OF OWN TROOPS.

General training throughout the week.

On 20 Oct. the Bn. moved out with 10 Inf. Bde to take part in Bde Exercises, returning 21 Oct. 41.

The Bde moved North and East to LONGWOOD Area, and moving in stages, advanced in Echelons to GOULBURN RIVER where a Pontoon bridge was constructed by attached Engineers, to enable 52 Bn to advance against Enemy South of the River.

MORALE

- (11) Absence of flesh and blood "ENEMY" combined with lack of fire representation gives troops in general a very vague idea of what is happening during Tactical Exercises. They therefore have no interest in any higher body than their own platoon or section.

2. SECURITY. NIL.
3. ECONOMIC INTELLIGENCE (Aust.)
NIL.

Lieut.
5 Bn A.I.F. (Rechts.)
I.O. 24 Bn.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.—SOUTHERN COMMAND

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H.Q. 24 Bn.
 No. 2. Camp Site.
 SEYMOUR.
 28 Oct. 41.

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SECRETINTELLIGENCE REPORT.SERIAL 47.PERIOD 21 Oct - 27 Oct. 41.1. OPERATIONS.(1) MOVEMENT OF OWN TROOPS.

Further Bde Exercises in M.T. Movement and Tactical Employment.

24 Bn with 10 Inf. Bde moved along HUME HIGHWAY to VIOLET TOWN then WEST to MIEPOL where a night position was taken up before moving to MURCHISON-NAGAMBIE - CAMP SITE.

Troop Movement was under better control than on previous exercise.

The Bde rest area was a blaze of light, due to vehicle headlights, and cooking fires being kept lit late into the night.

A small Enemy force with blank ammunition would have made a great difference on this occasion, but Troops were not given a vivid enough picture.

2. SECURITY.

Certain vehicles in the Bde had both Unit Number and Code name prominently displayed side by side.

3. ECONOMIC INTELLIGENCE (Aust.)

NIL.

R
 Lieut.
 5 Bn. A.I.F. (Rfcmts.)

I.O. 24 Bn.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.—SOUTHERN COMMAND

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H.Q. 24 Bn.
No.2.Camp Site.
SEYMOUR.
3 Nov 41.

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SECRETINTELLIGENCE REPORT.SERIAL 48.PERIOD 28 Oct - 3 Nov 41.1. OPERATIONS.i. Movement of Own Troops.

24 Bn moved out of Camp Thursday 30 Oct.41.
F.T.D. personnel on leave over week-end.

Most of week spent cleaning up Camp Site
and return of stores and equipment in preparation
for move out.

ii. MORALE - Recruiting A.I.F. -

Majority of U.S.P. are pleased to be returning
to civilian life, and are not unduly troubled by
the fact that a life and death struggle is in
progress overseas. The apathy shown by these men
is appalling, and can I believe be put down to the
following:-

i. They are not aware of the seriousness
of the situation, and regard our Expeditionary
Force as a grand Adventure for those who are
Military minded,

OR

ii. Many men have obligations at Home, and
although wishful of joining the A.I.F. cannot
do so on the present rates of pay, (allowing
for the recent increase) and look around for
some "Essential Industry" where the high rate
of pay will assist their financial position.

iii. A small minority has no interest in the
War, due to reasons which cannot be stated
here, but with which everyone is familiar.

To assist toward a full realisation of their
responsibilities of men fit for Military training,
I would suggest that more use be made of A.I.F.
Officers at present attached to Militia Units.

Personal contact by these Officers, combined
with a more reasonable rate of pay for the private
soldier should bring the "Fighting Force" to the
fore, from its present secluded position behind
"Munitions" "Essential Industries" or "War Work".

The man in the street argues "If the war
position is so serious, why isn't a soldier
offered more than five bob a day for his services?"

2. SECURITY NIL3. ECONOMIC INTELLIGENCE (Aust.)

NIL



Lieut.
5 Bn A.I.F. (Rfcts.)

I.O. 24 Bn.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.—3RD MILITARY DISTRICT.



(Address)

H.Q. 24 Bn.,
No 2 Camp Site,
SEYMOUR.

(Date)

10 Nov. 41.

SECRET.

INTELLIGENCE REPORT.

SERIAL 49.

PERIOD 4 NOV. - 10 NOV. 41.

1. OPERATIONS.

(1) MOVEMENT OWN TROOPS.

24 Bn. on leave, returned 9 Nov. 41.

II. MORALE.

R.A.A.F. Service Police are empowered to correct a man for such matters as

1. Button undone on tunic.
2. Being under influence of liquor.
3. Loitering at corners or in front of shops.
4. Not behaving in a soldierly manner.

The morale and discipline of the R.A.A.F. is excellent, and it is suggested that if our Military Police could act in the same manner as the R.A.A.F. Service Police, a general improvement in the behaviour of men on leave would result.


Melbourne Civilian Police attend a "Courtesy" Course. Allowing for the difficult type of man in uniform I consider our Military Police could be as effective as the R.A.A.F. Service Police if these small matters were brought under their notice, and if they received the backing of Formation and Unit Commanders.

2. SECURITY.

Nil.

3. ECONOMIC INTELLIGENCE (Aust.)

Nil.


Lieut.
5 Bn. A.I.F. (Rfcts)
I.O. 24. Bn.

TELEPHONE

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.—SOUTHERN COMMAND



H.Q. 24 BN.
No 2 Camp Site,
SEYMOUR.

17 Nov. 41.

INTELLIGENCE REPORT.

SERIAL 49. 50

PERIOD 11 NOV. - 17 NOV. 41.

1. OPERATIONS.

(i) MOVEMENT OWN TROOPS.

24 Bn. doing training cadre. There have been two schools organised; one for N.C.O's and the other for potential N.C.O's. Both are operating in Bn. tng. area.

(ii) MORALE.

Good.

2. SECURITY.

Nil.

3. ECONOMIC INTELLIGENCE (AUST.)

Nil.

Lieut.
I.O. 24. Bn.

TELEPHONE

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.—SOUTHERN COMMAND



H.Q. 24 BN.,
No. 2 Camp Site,
SEYMOUR.

25 Nov. 41.

INTELLIGENCE REPORT.

SERIAL 51.

(NOTE:- Preceding Report, 17 Nov. 41, should be 50.)
(Period 18 Nov - 24 Nov 41)

1. OPERATIONS

(i) MOVEMENT OWN TROOPS.

24 Bn. doing Cadre Training.

(ii) MORALE.

Good.

2. SECURITY.

Nil.

3. ECONOMIC INTELLIGENCE (AUST.)

Nil.

Lieut.

5 Bn. A.I.F. (Rfets)

I.O. 24 BN.

AF.WTP.

H.Q. 24 Bn.,
No. 2 Camp Site,
SEYMOUR.

29 Nov. 41.

I.O., 10 INF. BDE.

SPECIAL REPORT.

There have been vague rumours circulating since Thursday to the effect that "SYDNEY" of "AUSTRALIA" has been sunk "15 miles off BROOME."

The attached extract is taken from a letter received by a member of 24 Bn. this morning.

EXTRACT.

"BLACKBURN,
28 Nov. 41.

"Not much news down here except that, HMAS. SYDNEY has been sunk by torpedo near BROOME in the North of AUSTRALIA.

From all accounts "SYDNEY" had just sunk a raider when a submarine popped up and fired a torpedo.

Nothing official given out yet but it seems to be true as people at "MITCHAM" who had relatives on the SYDNEY have received word of their death."

CB
5 Bn A.I.F. Rfcts.

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H.Q. 24 BN.,
No. 2 Camp Site,
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2 Dec. 41.

INTELLIGENCE REPORT.Serial 52.Period. 25 Nov. - 1 Dec. 41.1. OPERATIONS.

- I. Movement. Own Troops.
Cadre Training.
- II. Morale.- Good.
Personnel are taking the "Pacific Crisis" calmly in spite of a report re possible cancellation of Christmas leave in Daily Newspaper (2 Dec. 41.)

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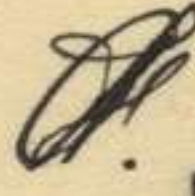
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3. ECONOMIC INTELLIGENCE (AUST.)

NIL.

4. JAPAN. There is a general belief throughout the Camp that we may shortly be at war with JAPAN. This belief is based on Press and Wireless Reports, and outbreak of hostilities would not be a surprise to Militia Personnel.

Attempted invasion is regarded generally, as possible, but not immediately probable.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.—3RD MILITARY DISTRICT.



(Address)

(Date)

H.Q. 24 Bn.,
No. 2 Camp Site,
SEYMOUR.

9 Dec. 41.

WEEKLY INTELLIGENCE REPORT.

SERIAL NO. 53.

(2 Dec. 41 - 8 Dec. 41.)

1. OPERATIONAL.

Movements Own Troops.

Cadre Training.

11. MORALE.

Morale of our Military Forces is not greatly assisted by broadcasts stating that "all Australian fighting forces are at their battle stations" (Mr. CURTAIN on 8 Dec. 41) but it is assumed that his statement was for external consumption, and also to inspire confidence in the general public.

The general outlook is one of confidence and in view of JAPAN'S entry into the war, Morale is excellent.

2. SECURITY.

"Security" throughout Militia and A.I.F. Units in the past has left much to be desired. It is suggested that "Security" measures be given much more prominence now that our troops are liable to be called on active service at any time.

3. ECONOMIC INTELLIGENCE (Aust.)

NIL.

4. GENERAL.

It is suggested that Brigade supply Bns. with short concise notes on Japanese Army Uniforms, rank, etc., so that personnel may be familiar with this vital information.

Lieut.
5 Bn. A.I.F. (Rfcts)
I.O. 24 Bn.

CONFIDENTIAL.

WEP.WTP.

H.Q. 24 Bn.,
No. 2 Camp Site,
SEYMOUR.

9 Dec. 41.

I.O.,
10 INF. BDE.

RE ALEXANDER THORP.

It has been reported by Capt. R.S. ISHERWOOD of this unit that one ALEXANDER THORP who resides at BALWYN and is employed by NICHOLAS ASPRO PTY. LTD. as a cleaner and caretaker from 1800 hrs. until 0200 hrs approximately, has frequently made statements of a possibly subversive nature.

It is known that he is friendly with at least one German who is not in an internment camp. This German is a cartage contractor in SURREY HILLS.

The purport of his remarks has been to the effect that there is no difference between living under the German flag than the British; and that HITLER will be here before Christmas.

He was also employed on Mondays as a collector for a retail dairy in SURREY HILLS. I understand that this employment has been terminated because customers have complained of his subversive statements.

Lieut.
Adjt. 24 Bn.

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37th BATTALION MOBILIZATION ORDERS.

ANNEXURE 25 A.

PROCEDURE TO BE FOLLOWED AT RECRUITING CENTRES.

1. Permanent Staff will be enrolled and medically examined first.
2. Enrolling staff will be enrolled and medically examined immediately after the Permanent Staff.
3. General Enrollment will then commence and will follow the undermentioned procedure.
 - (a) Members of Peace Training Establishment will be formed up outside the Drill Hall in Groups of 16, behind whom will be likewise formed up those persons called up or voluntarily enlisting.
 - (b) As required, personnel will pass to the Interviewing Staff, from whom they will be conducted as follows:-
 - To Dressing Room where they will disrobe.
 - Thence to Medical Examination Room where Medical Examination will be completed.
 - Then to Dressing Room and dress
 - Thence to the Attesting Staff
 - Thence, if attested, to the Alloting Staff, or if not attested, to the Recalled Equipment Staff where they will return all articles of Government Property and will be conducted from the building.
 - Those attested, will move from Alloting Staff to Company Posting Staff where final Instructions will be issued.

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H.Q. 24 Bn.,
No. 2 Camp Site,
SEYMOUR.

18 Dec. 41.

WEEKLY INTELLIGENCE REPORT.SERIAL No. 54.

(9 Dec. - 15 Dec. 14.)

1. OPERATIONAL.MOVEMENTS OWN TROOPS.

1. Cadre Training interrupted by preparations to receive personnel called up under Partial Mobilization order.
2. A/A post manned by two men with "Lewis" L.M.G. from ~~0500~~ hrs. to ~~1900~~ hrs. each day.
0400. 2045.
3. Bn. personnel now wear steel helmets and respirators on all occasions.
4. Unit War Diary is being entered in more detail as from Japans entry into War.

II. MORALE.

There have been complaints from the men with regard to the quantity of food at meal times.

This has been investigated, and although on occasions food has been light, it is considered that generally, ample food is provided.

Troops are most disappointed over the "Leave question" and the great majority, after a study of the international situation, cannot see just why all leave has been cancelled.

Fighting Morale however, is excellent.

III. SECURITY.

It is again emphasized that Bn. personnel be made fully aware of the importance of "Security."

It is suggested that instead of listening to long uninteresting lectures, troops should be given short talks by Coy. Officers whenever possible. I believe that by impressing "Security" on troops in small constant doses our object can be better achieved. *This procedure has been adopted by this Bn. Off.*

Lieut.
5 Bn. A.I.F. (Rfcts.)
for I.O. 24 Bn.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.—SOUTHERN COMMAND

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No. 2. Camp Site,
SEYMOUR.

1 Jan 42.

WEEKLY INTELLIGENCE REPORT.SERIAL No. 55.

(16 Dec - 22 Dec 41.)

1. OPERATIONALMOVEMENTS OWN TROOPS

1. ~~ix~~ Main body of troops affected by Call-up arrived in Camp on Thursday 18 Dec 41.
Medical Inspection took place immediately on arrival.
2. Intensive training started immediately, 7 days per week, with night manouvres on Mon. Wed. and Thursday.
Training was under Company supervision, and was a rapid survey of General Infantry Training.
3. The first Church Parade conducted by the C.O. in the absence of a Battalion Padre, was held on Sunday 21 Dec 41.

2. MORALE:

Morale of men brought into Camp under the recent Call-up is not encouraging, and although a few realise the seriousness of the situation, it still seems that local Enemy action will be necessary to take their thoughts away from civilian life, and "Leave".

This outlook has been greatly assisted by the general apathetic attitude towards the war during the past year.

The practice of training Battalions month after month on the same ground has a dragging effect on morale of Officers and men, and leads to considerable lack of enthusiasm. On the other hand, bivouacs and Bn stunts lasting some days, even down to bivouacs conducted by individual platoons, greatly strengthen morale, and keeps the men fit and content.

It is suggested that platoon manouvres in which a platoon could move independently from, say, Camp Site to AVENEL area one day, and back by a different route the next day, would meet with enthusiasm, and result in independence and confidence being displayed by the troops.

3. SECURITY.

Slight attack of Diarrhoea in Bn. lasted a day and has been reported verbally to Brigade.

4. ECONOMIC INTELLIGENCE (Aust.)

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.—SOUTHERN COMMAND

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H.Q. 24 Bn.
No.2. Camp Site.
SEYMOUR.

1 Jan 42.

WEEKLY INTELLIGENCE REPORT.

SERIAL No. 56.

(25 Dec - 29 Dec 41.)

1. OPERATIONALMOVEMENTS - OWN TROOPS

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2. It is interesting to note that three members of the Bn. walked from a position 1 mile NORTH of UPTON ROAD to CAMP SITE No.2. in 2 hrs.59 minutes. The route taken was almost direct, and covered approx 11 miles, on a very hot afternoon.

11. MORALE

3. Improved by Bivouac.
4. Some confusion over the Leave question as reported verbally to B.M. Meetings organized were not attended by a few Mabontents, but by the majority of the ranks of each Battalion in the Brigade, also members of the Provost Corps stationed in the area.

2. SECURITY

Another outbreak of diarrhoea occurred after the Field Firing on 26 Dec 41. The cause is not known, but may be drinking of warm water from water bottles.

NOTE On the recent bivouac it was noticed that most of the men seemed to be drinking too much water some two to three bottlefuls being taken during the day, in addition to tea four times a day.

3. ECONOMIC INTELLIGENCE (Aust.)

Nil.

4. TRAINING OF INTELLIGENCE PERSONNEL

At present "I" personnel within this Battalion are not being trained in their duties, and I make the following suggestion in the hope that it may assist the Brigade in general and 24 Bn in particular.

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INTELLIGENCE REPORT.

24 BN

SECRET
Serial No 57

To. I.O. 10 Int. B26
30 Dec 41
Date. 6 Jan 42

Period WEEKLY
By Major NACEMBLE 1"

1. OPERATIONS

(a) OWN TROOP MOVEMENTS.

- 31 Dec 41 Bn completed 3 day P1 bivouac and returned to camp
- 1 Jan 42 Bn worked first 2 periods in morning moving tents and digging slit trenches. Remainder of day free
- 2 Jan Day raining all day and work at night. H.Q. Coy moved post to allow room for Eng Bn.
- 3 Jan Bn route marched by via MANGALORE for 8 miles in morning. Afternoon Day raining.
- 4 Jan Dawn Attack by Coys. Band parade and day raining in morning. Afternoon organized rest. Night lesson by Mr Gale - The Men behind Nazism.
- 5 Jan Bn marched out to Coy bivouac areas for work of day raining.
Dispositions: Troop H.Q. 419562 A Coy 423578
B Coy 498557 C Coy 446558 D Coy 416548
- 6 Jan Day raining in bivouac areas.

(b) Security.

A large majority of Bn became affected with diarrhoea way over 3 days

MORALE Whilst in camp owing to lack of leave and training hours morale is low, but whilst out on bivouac morale is very good.

2. ECONOMIC INTELLIGENCE AUSTRALIA.

NIL

4 GENERAL.

4 Jan bushfire vicinity MANGALORE
C Coy 9 fire picked around out to quell it

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H.Q. 24 Bn.,
No. 2 Camp Site,
SEYMOUR.

15 Jan. 42.

WEEKLY INTELLIGENCE REPORT.SERIAL NO. 58.

(7 Jan. - 13 Jan. 42.)

1. OPERATION.(a) MOVEMENT - OWN TROOPS.

1. Bn. completed 6 day Coy. Bivouac in LONGWOOD area from 5 Jan to 10 Jan. 42.
2. Bn. "R" and "O" groups on 3 days T.E.W.T. arranged by 10 Inf. Bde. 12-14 Jan. 42.
3. 10% of Bn. proceeded on 2 days home leave, 12 Jan. 42.

(b) MORALE.

4. Quite good especially whilst on bivouac.
5. The leave position is still vexing and the majority of personnel A.W.L. can be attributed to this cause. There was a movement afoot to hold another meeting to protest against the lack of leave but the announcement on 10 Jan. 42 saved the situation and the men are happier about the whole situation.

2. SECURITY.

Diarrhoea is still prevalent and presents a great cause for worry. It is very prevalent throughout the Bn. for about 2 days and then for no apparent reason ceases for a day or two with not a sick man in camp. However, the following day about 20% of camp are affected.


Whilst in EUROA on 14 Jan. 1 round .303 ammunition was handed to me by a small boy who had picked it up in the main street. This either means that units are not checking ammunition after firing at range or that deliberate theft is being committed by someone in the army.

3. ECONOMIC INTELLIGENCE (AUST.)

NIL.

4. TRAINING OF INTELLIGENCE PERSONNEL.

Within the Bde. there is noticeable a great discrepancy in the handling of "I" sections whilst on Operational Exercises. It is suggested that Schools be run enabling uniformity to be achieved and the latest methods of handling "I" section in the field to be learnt and used.

 Lieut.
I.O. 24 Bn.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.—SOUTHERN COMMAND



H.Q. 24 Bn.,
No. 2 Camp Site,
SEYMOUR.

20 Jan. 42.

WEEKLY INTELLIGENCE REPORT.

SERIAL No. 59.

(14 - 20 JAN. 42.)

1. OPERATIONS.(a) Movements own troops.

Coy. training carried out under direction of Coy. Commanders. Each Coy. went on 3 day route march and carried out tactical manoeuvres en route. Distance covered 25-35 miles.

(b) MORALE.

Men throughout the camp area have two main complaints.

1. The buses used in the area are grossly overloaded and are very old. The general opinion is that these were not safe enough to be used in the City but are good enough for the troops.
2. Leave. The men, though appreciating what has been done about Home Leave, still cannot understand why other units and services can get leave more often.

Regarding local leave one day per week, the unmarried men are generally in favour of it but the married men and those with girl friends favour the day off on Sunday with special trains for visitors. They are at a loss to understand why trains can be run to hill and beach resorts for the benefit of civilians and not to Camps for the benefit of the troops and their families.

Fighting morale generally is good and if the necessity arose the men would give a good account of themselves.

2. SECURITY.

NIL.

3. ECONOMIC INTELLIGENCE OF AUSTRALIA.

NIL.

[Signature]
Lieut.
I.O. 24 Bn.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.—3RD MILITARY DISTRICT.



(Address)

(Date)

H.Q. 24 Bn.
Camp Site No.2.
SEYMOUR.

27th. Jan. 42.

WEEKLY INTELLIGENCE REPORT.

Serial No. 59.

(21 - 27 Jan. 42.)

Part I. INTERNAL.

A OPERATIONAL INTELLIGENCE

(1) Topographical

Nil

(2) INTERNAL POLITICAL CONDITION.

Nil

(3) PUBLIC MORALE

People seem to have settled down to the task ahead but some are decrying the shortage of equipment and are asking why this or that thing was not done, not realising that it was the fault of all people for not pulling together during the previous 2½ yrs. of war.

Amongst the new draft and within our own unit there have been several applications from many young men to be transferred to jobs in MELBOURNE in various clerical units. I consider this is a bad sign as these men are just at the right age for fighting units (20 - 25 yrs.) and is in my opinion typical of the public morale in general. Anybody liable to be called up is scrambling for a job on the staff or in munitions.

(4) TROOP MORALE.

Morale of troops has shown slight change for the better recently, and applications for 39Bn. (8MD) filled our quota several times over. Probably some of these were from men who were sick and tired of our present training area, but the majority were from men activated by a sense of duty now that AUSTRALIA is in the thick of things.

B. (I) INTERNAL SECURITY.

I ENEMY AGENTS.

Nil

(2) SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES.

Nil

(3) SABOTAGE.

Nil

(IV) DISCLOSURE OF OPERATIONS AND MOVEMENTS

Troops still have a tendency to discuss all troop movements and they after 2½ yrs of war still have not yet learned the meaning of SECURITY.

(V) INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES.

Reading the newspapers several coalmine and aircraft workers strikes are noticed. Apart from their effect on the war effort these have a very bad effect on the morale of the troops who are in camp with very limited leave on 6/- per day and they naturally growl at being let down on the home front.

C ECONOMIC INTELLIGENCE (AUSTRALIA)

Nil

PART II) EXTERNAL.
Nil.

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Lieut.

I.O. 24 BN.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.—SOUTHERN COMMAND



H.Q. 24 Bn.,
No. 2 Camp Site,
SEYMOUR.

4 Feb. 42.

WEEKLY INTELLIGENCE REPORT.

SERIAL 60.

(28 JAN. - 3 FEB. 42.)

PART. 1.

INTERNAL.

A. OPERATIONAL INTELLIGENCE.

1. Topographical.

NIL.

2. Internal Political Conditions,

Not very good as there is still too much bickering between Ministers and ex-ministers. There is still a lot of mistrust between the parties and instead of pulling together they seem still inclined to play party politics.

3. Public Morale.

Having just returned from Home Leave it is obvious that public morale is not very good. The great majority of the people have either not great interest in the war or are panicky and wish to get out, of the City. Those who wish to help are at a loss to know what to do.

Reformation of "People's Army" reading the latest edition of the N.S.W. Labor Party Paper, it is hard to say whether they are panic stricken or are trying to force the Government's hand. This paper contains only articles on a proposed "Peoples Army." The paper did not state how they were to be equipped and it was interesting to see the Governments reply.

B. INTERNAL SECURITY.

1. Enemy Agents.

NIL.

2. Subversive Activities.

From reports received verbally there is a tendency to drive a wedge between GREAT BRITAIN and the Dominions. It was reported to me by one of the men in the Bn. that a friend of his wrote out from ENGLAND and said that the English Airman would not go into the air until the Dominion Forces has been up and cleared away most of the opposition. This is obviously wrong and looks as though there is mischief afoot to divide us. It is also closely allied to political statements reported in the press.

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B. INTERNAL SECURITY (cont'd)

3. Sabotage.

NIL.

4. Disclosure of Operations and Movements.

NIL.

5. Industrial Disputes.

NIL.

C. ECONOMIC INTELLIGENCE. AUSTRALIA.

NIL.

PART 11.

EXTERNAL.

NIL.

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Lieut.
I.O.
24 Bn.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.—SOUTHERN COMMAND



H.Q. 24 Bn.,
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SEYMOUR.

10 Feb. 42.

WEEKLY INTELLIGENCE REPORT.

SERIAL 61.

(4 Feb. to 10 Feb. 42.)

PART. 1.

INTERNAL.

A. OPERATIONAL INTELLIGENCE.

1. TOPOGRAPHICAL.

NIL.

2. INTERNAL POLITICAL CONDITIONS.

While there is still not enough co-operation between the parties, there are many unconstructive criticisms being hurled at the Government, causing the loss of valuable time in answering them. In view of the shortage of man power both for war industries and the Army. There does not seem to be enough attention being paid to the problem of eliminating unnecessary and luxury industries, thereby releasing labour for war industries and men for the Army.

3. PUBLIC MORALE.

Although the public appear to be worried over the situation, the arrival of the American Forces has heartened them to some extent. However brawls which have recently occurred between the Australian and American Forces in MELBOURNE are to be deplored.

B. INTERNAL SECURITY.

1. ENEMY AGENTS.

NIL

2. SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES.

NIL.

3. SABOTAGE.

NIL

4. DISCLOSURE OF OPERATIONS AND MOVEMENTS.

NIL.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.—SOUTHERN COMMAND



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B. INTERNAL SECURITY (cont'd).5. DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION.

Owing to the complete lack of Censorship, a member of this Bn., suffering from a contagious disease, wrote to another member of this Bn., from hospital, telling him that he was suffering from the disease and would be away for at least four weeks. It was reported to one of our officers by a civilian in SEYMOUR, that he heard that our camp was quarantined on account of it.

6. INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES.NIL.C. ECONOMICAL INTELLIGENCE - AUSTRALIA.NIL.PART II.EXTERNAL.NIL.

K. A. P. Lieut.,
I.O.,
24 Bn.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.—SOUTHERN COMMAND



H.Q. 24 Bn.,
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17 Feb. 42.

WEEKLY INTELLIGENCE REPORT.

SERIAL NO. 62.

(11 - 17 Feb. 42.)

PART I. INTERNAL.A. OPERATIONAL INTELLIGENCE.(1) TOPOGRAPHICAL INTELLIGENCE.

Despite recent heavy rain and the rise in height of the GOULBURN RIVER, this river is still fordable at Ref. Map. NAGAMBIE 1 in to 1 m. 151391.

(ii) INTERNAL POLITICAL CONDITIONS.

NIL.

(iii) PUBLIC MORALE.

The morale of the people is quite sound generally - but there are STILL too many people who do not realise there is a war on, and are more concerned with their races and football.

The fact that, whilst MELBOURNE is browned out, the Government Departments in the RIALTO and OLDFLEET Buildings are still a blaze of light, tends to lower public morale and is NOT conducive to a proper appreciation of the situation by the general public.

B. INTERNAL SECURITY.(1) ENEMY AGENTS.

NIL.

(ii) SUBSERVISE ACTIVITIES.

NIL.

(iii) SABOTAGE OR ATTEMPTED SABOTAGE.

NIL.

(iv) DISCLOSURE OF OPERATIONS AND MOVEMENTS.

NIL.

(v) INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES.

Coal Miners still on strike - this causes much resentment amongst troops and the general public.

C. ECONOMIC INTELLIGENCE (AUSTRALIA)

NIL.

PART II. - EXTERNAL.

NIL.

K. J. R.
Lieut.
I.O. 24 Bn.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.—SOUTHERN COMMAND

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KJR/GT.

H.Q. 24 Bn.,
No 2 Camp Site,
SEYMOUR,

24 Feb. 42.

WEEKLY INTELLIGENCE REPORT.SERIAL NO. 62.

(18 - 24 Feb. 42)

PART I. INTERNAL.A. OPERATIONAL INTELLIGENCE.(i) TOPOGRAPHICAL INTELLIGENCE.

Owing to further heavy rain, which affected training, the GOULBURN RIVER has risen higher and is no longer fordable at Ref. Map NAGAMBIE 1" to 1 mile 151391. This rise caused the drinking water to become muddy, but it is now clearing.

(ii) INTERNAL POLITICAL CONDITIONS.

Australia is waiting to see the effect of the new "All in War Effort", the present impression being favourable.

(iii) PUBLIC MORALE.

While the bombings of Darwin have shocked the people, they were not altogether unexpected. They seem to have had the effect of further uniting the people in the stand against the enemy.

B. INTERNAL SECURITY.(i) ENEMY AGENTS.

Nil

(ii) SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES.

Nil.

(iii) SABOTAGE OR ATTEMPTED SABOTAGE.

Nil.

(iv) DISCLOSURE OF OPERATIONS & MOVEMENTS.

Nil.

(v) INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES.

Further strikes have occurred among the coal miners and the Government is reported to have exhausted its patience and to be about to take drastic action.

C. ECONOMIC INTELLIGENCE (AUSTRALIA)

Nil.

PART II. EXTERNAL.POLITICAL CONDITIONS

The changes in the British Cabinet have caused comment, and the results of the re-shuffle and the new blood in the Cabinet are awaited eagerly in Australia.

Shitton Sgt
for Lieut.
I.O. 24 Bn.

TELEPHONE

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.—SOUTHERN COMMAND

IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE
NO. **SECRET.**

H.Q. 24 Battalion
No. 2 Camp Site,
SEYMOUR.

3 Mar. 42.

WEEKLY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

No. 64.

(23 Feb. - 3 March. 42)

PART I INTERNAL.

A. OPERATIONAL INTELLIGENCE.

(1) Topographical.

Nil.

(2) Internal Political Conditions.

Not very good. There is still too much bickering between parties. The sooner there is either a National Government or the parties drop all thoughts of party warfare, the better.

(3) Public Morale.

Still needs to be improved. The air raid scare when the A.A. Guns opened fire showed that the people are either too curious or very panicky - probably a little of each.

B. INTERNAL SECURITY.

(1) Enemy Agents.

Nil.

(2) Subversive Activities.

Nil.

(3) Sabotage and Attempted Sabotage.

Nil.

(4) Disclosure of Operations and Movements.

Nil.

(5) Industrial Disputes. Nil.

C. ECONOMIC INTELLIGENCE.

Nil.

PART II. EXTERNAL.

Nil.

[Signature]
Lieut.
L.O. 24 Bn.

SECRET.

IMC.

H.Q. 24 Battalion
No. 2 Camp Site,
SEYMOUR.

10 March 42.

WEEKLY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

No. 65.
(4 Mar. - 10 March 42.)

PART I INTERNAL.

A

OPERATIONAL INTELLIGENCE.

(I) Topographical.

NIL.

(2) INTERNAL POLITICAL CONDITION.

The Curtin Govt. seems to be going to the right way about getting things done and they probably have the backing of the vast majority of the people.

(3) PUBLIC MORALE.

There seems to be a dangerous tendency towards defeatism which is accentuated by the fall of JAVA. Some form of skillful propoganda is needed to counteract this trend.

B

INTERNAL SECURITY.

(1) Enemy agents.

NIL.

(2) SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITY.

NIL.

(3) Sabotage and Attempted Sabotage.

NIL.

(4) Disclosure of Operations & movements.

NIL.

(5) Industrial Disputes.

Further strikes are threatening on the NORTHERN N.S.L. coal-mines.

C

Economic Intelligence.

NIL.

PART II EXTERNAL.

NIL.

W&P
Lieut.
I. C. 24 B.

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H.Q. 24 Bn.,
HOME FORCES.

16 Mar. 42.

WEEKLY INTELLIGENCE REPORT.

No. 66.
(11 Mar. - 18 Mar.)

PART 1. INTERNAL.

A. OPERATIONAL INTELLIGENCE.

(1) Topographical.

NIL.

(2) INTERNAL POLITICAL CONDITIONS.

Acting under Regulation 77 of the National Security Regulations, the Government has ordered the Royal Melbourne Hospital workers and the National Oil Co. Shale Miners to return to work.

(3) PUBLIC MORALE.

In the face of the ever increasing threat of Japanese invasion of AUSTRALIA, the people seem to be coming more united and more confident in ultimate victory since the bombing of Japanese occupied territory.

B. INTERNAL SECURITY.

(1) Enemy Agents. NIL.

(11) SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES. - NIL.

(111) SABOTAGE OR ATEMPTED SABOTAGE - NIL.

(1V) DISCLOSURES OF OPERATIONS AND MOVEMENTS - NIL.

(V) INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES -

National Oil Co. Shale Miners and Royal Melbourne Hospital workers both on strike for higher wages.

C. ECONOMIC INTELLIGENCE.

(1) SABOTAGE - NIL.

(11) AIR BOMBARDMENT - NIL.

(111) INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES - Royal Melbourne Hospital workers and National Oil Co. Shale miners.

(1V) WEATHER CONDITIONS. - NIL.

PART 11. EXTERNAL.

NIL.

WA
Capt.
I.O. 24 Bn.

TELEPHONE

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H.Q. 24 Bn.,
HOME FORCES.

24 Mar. 42.

WEEKLY INTELLIGENCE REPORT.

No. 67.

(19 Mar. - 24 Mar.)

PART. 1. - INTERNAL.

A. OPERATIONAL INTELLIGENCE.

(1) Topographical.

NIL.

(2) INTERNAL POLITICAL CONDITIONS.

The Royal Melbourne Hospital workers are still applying for higher wages, despite Government Order to return to work.

(3) PUBLIC MORALE.

Since the successful bombing and sinking of a Japanese convoy, and the arrival in Australia of General MACARTHUR and of American troops, the morale of the people in AUSTRALIA appears to be raised considerably.

have become considerably raised.

B. INTERNAL SECURITY.

(1) Enemy Agents. - NIL.

* (II) Subversive Activities - NIL. * *Suspicious character at Curran*

(III) Sabotage and attempted Sabotage - NIL.

+ (IV) Disclosure of Operations and Movements - NIL. + *re Man to Bonapelle*

(V) Industrial Disputes - The Royal Melbourne Hospital Workers are still agitating for higher wages.

C. ECONOMIC INTELLIGENCE.

(I) Sabotage - NIL.

(II) Air Bombardment. - DARWIN, WYNDHAM, BROOME, DERBY and KATHERINE have all been bombed during the last week.

(III) Industrial Disputes. - Royal Hospital Workers.

(IV) Weather Conditions - NIL.

PART II - EXTERNAL.

Nil.

Capt.
I.O. 24 Bn.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.—SOUTHERN COMMAND



H.Q. 24 Bn.,
HOME FORCES.

31 Mar. 42.

WEEKLY INTELLIGENCE REPORT.

No. 68.

(25 Mar - 31 Mar. 42.)

PART 1. - INTERNAL.

A. OPERATIONAL INTELLIGENCE.

- (1) Topographical. It has been noted that from BENALLA Northwards milestones, direction posts and advertising hoardings giving mileages are still in use. One Garage in WANGARATTA has a map of portion of North-Eastern VICTORIA painted on its walls. Railway hoardings on the line MELBOURNE-SYDNEY still show mileages from MELBOURNE.
- (2) INTERNAL POLITICAL CONDITIONS. The War Effort appears to be progressing favourably but it appears that there are still unessential industries which continue and which seem to be unnecessarily absorbing manpower which could be diverted to the war industries.
- (3) PUBLIC MORALE. The people of AUSTRALIA seem very pleased at the return of a large number of the A.I.F. from overseas. The ever increasing number of American soldiers who are seen almost everywhere also appears to hearten them. The return of General Sir THOMAS BLAMEY to AUSTRALIA and his appointment as Commander in Chief of the Allied land forces in AUSTRALIA has had the same heartening effect as the appointment of General MACARTHUR to the position of Commander in Chief of the Pacific Area.

B. INTERNAL SECURITY.

- (1) Enemy Agents. Enquiries instituted regarding a woman resident in EUROA who was suspected of subversive activities showed that she is an enemy alien born in BERLIN whose history is known to the Police. No definite evidence of actual subversive activity was found but a full report of the facts ascertained was forwarded to Bde. on 29 Mar. 42.
- (2) Subversive Activities. See 1 above.
It is rather disconcerting to read in the newspapers that there are a number of British born or naturalised people who are suspected of subversive activities or at least sympathy with the enemy.
- (3) Sabotage and attempted sabotage. Although a serious fire took place on the SYDNEY-ALBURY Express last week it would appear from newspaper reports that this was not due to attempted sabotage.

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- (4) Disclosure of operations and movements. Civilians in EUROA were aware of our projected movement to the ALBURY AREA as least two days before it was officially announced. It has also been noted that as the Bn. moves through towns on route civilians appear to know of our impending arrival before we are near the town. There is also a great tendency to ask questions regarding Bn. strength, equipment and movements. It has been noted however that the troops are becoming security minded and consequently the minimum of information has been obtained by this means.
- (5) Industrial Disputes. NIL.

C. ECONOMIC INTELLIGENCE.

- (1) Sabotage. NIL.
- (2) Air Bombardment. Although there has been aerial bombardment of parts of the Northern and Western coasts of the Continent, and of NEW GUINEA, it does not appear to have affected the war effort from an economic standpoint.
- (3) Industrial Disputes. The threatened application of Regulation 77 of the National Security Regulations and the service of notices upon striking coal miners in NEW SOUTH WALES appears to have had the desired effect in maintaining continuity of production. The moves appears to have met with general approval.
- (4) Weather conditions. Fine.

PART II - EXTERNAL.

- (1) The proposals taken to INDIA by Sir STAFFORD CRIPPS offering INDIA virtual Dominion Status would appear to have a profound effect on the efficient prosecution of the war effort, particularly as this country has not previously mobilised her vast man power resources to the full.

Lieut.
I.O. 24 Bn.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.—SOUTHERN COMMAND

H.Q. 24 Bn.,
HOME FORCES.

5 Apr. 42.

WEEKLY INTELLIGENCE REPORT.

No. 69.

(1 Apr. - 6 Apr. 42.)

PART 1 - INTERNAL.A. OPERATIONAL INTELLIGENCE.

- (1) Topographical. As mentioned in Report No. 68, it was noted during the Battalion's march to its present site, that direction posts, milestones, etc. are still in use, whilst towns noted for their tourist attractions, viz. WANGARATTA and BEECHWORTH invariably had large scale maps of the district prominently displayed.
- (2) INTERNAL POLITICAL CONDITIONS. The apparent refusal of a proportion of the general public to comply with the Government's request NOT to use railway facilities during the Easter vacation, shows that for that section of the population at least, compulsion is necessary to obtain a better and more effective co-operation in the war effort of the nation. The question of completely regimenting all actions of all citizens appears to be an urgent one.
- (3) PUBLIC MORALE. The arrival and appearance of American troops in our country appears to have raised the public morale considerably. Numerous stories of doubtful authority are being circulated of the efficiency and organization of our allies. This may have the effect of stimulating activity in our essential services and industries even though the stories circulating do not, in some instances, appear to be feasible. The Government is undoubtedly attempting to keep the people at a high pitch of war awareness, and the meeting of General Sir Thos. BLAMEY and General McARTHUR has apparently helped towards this end.

B. INTERNAL SECURITY.

- (1) Enemy Agents. - NIL.
- (2) Subversive Activities - NIL.
- (3) Sabotage and attempted Sabotage. - NIL.
- (4) Disclosure of operations and movements. - The public along the route of the Battalion's march appeared to be fully aware of the identity of the Bn. and its destination, even though the actual destination was not announced until day 8. It was noted that troops attempted various means of evading the censorship, and undoubtedly succeeded to a certain extent. At the Camp Area it was noted that the telephonist at the Post Office invariably says "BONEGILLA calling" when connecting a caller. It is thought that information innocently given in this way could be obviated by the operator preceding his call with a Camp number, e.g. "Camp 45 calling."
- (5) Industrial Disputes. - NIL.

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C. ECONOMIC INTELLIGENCE.

- (1) Sabotage. - Nil.
- (2) Air Bombardment. - From an economic standpoint it would appear that no fresh damage has been caused by air bombardment. After the initial loss of equipment, facilities etc. it would appear from newspaper reports that efficient anti-aircraft defence has provided adequate protection.
- (3) Industrial Disputes. - Apart from the almost continuous trouble with N.S.W. coal miners, industrial disputes appear to be at a minimum. This appears to be due to the implementation of National Security Regulation 77.
- (4) Weather Conditions. - Fine and cool, Wind moderate and mainly from South, slight showers throughout week.

PART II - EXTERNAL.

- (1) India still appears to be the immediate problem externally. The difficulty of providing a constitution to enable full Dominion status has long been apparent and there appears to be no doubt that our enemies have taken the fullest advantage of this dissatisfaction. Subversive elements are undoubtedly active and will apparently seize every opportunity to aid the enemy. The existence of this country appears to be bound up with INDIA'S destiny.

Lieut.
I.O. 24 Bn.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.—SOUTHERN COMMAND



H.Q. 24 Bn.,
HOME FORCES.

12 Apr. 42.

WEEKLY INTELLIGENCE REPORT.

NO. 70.

(7 Apr. - 12 Apr. 42.)

PART 1. - INTERNAL.A. Operational Intelligence.

1. Topographical - NIL.
2. Internal Political Conditions. The refusal of the coal miners in N.S.W. to co-operate with the Government appears likely to cause dislocation in some industries particularly transport.
3. Public Morale. The arrival of fresh American re-inforcements appears to have the desired effect of maintaining the present high public morale.

B. Internal Security.

1. Enemy Agents. - NIL.
2. Subversive Activities. - NIL.
3. Sabotage and Attempted Sabotage. - NIL.
4. Disclosure of operations and movements. The public ignorance of security has the effect of making army censorship appear farcical. Troops appear to be only too willing to attempt means of evading censorship, but even so, any intelligent person would quickly ascertain the whereabouts of various units. Attached hereto is a telegram sent by a member of this unit on 6 Apr. 42 showing clearly the office of origin. In addition at the time of departure of the leave train from Spencer St. Station on Thursday night, 9 Apr. 42, an announcement was made over the Public Address System to the effect that troops for BONEGILLA Camp should hurry as the train was due to leave No. 9 Platform. Further, it was learnt that the whereabouts of some members of the 4th Brigade are known as trunk line operators invariably precede their call with the name of the office, e.g. "WARWICK calling." In connection with this aspect, attention is directed to Report No. 69 of 1-6 Apr. 42.
5. Industrial Disputes - See A (2).

C. Economic Intelligence.

1. Sabotage. - NIL.
2. Air Bombardment. As stated in Report No. 69 it would appear that adequate anti-aircraft protection has had the effect of almost eliminating damage from an economic aspect.
3. Industrial Disputes - See A (2).

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4. Weather Conditions. - Generally fine and cool, two dull days, wind moderate and mainly from SOUTH, cloud medium, some slight showers.

PART II. - EXTERNAL.

1. The apparent swing of the Japanese offensive towards INDIA appears to have supplied AUSTRALIA with a breathing spell. Newspaper reports of the lack of progress of constitutional negotiations in INDIA make it appear possible that no permanent satisfactory solution to the difficulties besetting that country will be found, consequently it appears more propitious for the JAPANESE to turn in that direction. The expected offensive in the WESTERN DESERT and the withdrawal of seasoned AUSTRALIAN troops from that theatre make it appear feasible that the grand strategy of the enemy is the linking of forces from WEST and EAST first.

Reather
Lieut.
for I.O. 24 Bn.



H.Q. 24 Bn.,
HOME FORCES

20 APR. 42

WEEKLY INTELLIGENCE REPORT

NO 71.

13 APR - 20 APR. 42.

PART I - INTERNAL.

A. OPERATIONAL INTELLIGENCE.

1. TOPOGRAPHICAL. A large scale map of the area for about 50 miles around ALBURY can be seen in the main street of the township.
2. INTERNAL POLITICAL CONDITIONS. The Minister for Labour, Mr WARD, is at present on a Peace Tour of the Coal Mines of N.S.W, and says that we will get full time production without compulsion. However, there still continues to be much dissention between the workers in the collieries and the management.
The Leader of the Opposition, Mr FADDEN, has charged a minority section of the Federal Labour Ministry with attempting to introduce Socialism by using the National emergency for its own political ends. Reports are that a crisis is looming.
3. PUBLIC MORALE. Appears to be strengthening. The arrival home of more A.I.F., together with the bombardment of NEW GUINEA by the R.A.A.F. and the AMERICAN troops in AUSTRALIA has had much effect in this direction.

B. INTERNAL SECURITY.

1. ENEMY AGENTS. Nil.
2. SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES. Nil.
3. SABOTAGE AND ATTEMPTED SABOTAGE. Nil.
4. DISCLOSURE OF OPERATIONS AND MOVEMENTS.

The attached piece of paper was cut from a parcel of stationery sent from District Stat. Depot, 36-40 Lonsdale St, MELBOURNE.

It has been noticed that troops are trying in many ways to avoid the CENSORSHIP regulations. They have been seen posting letters themselves and handing them to civilians and the attendants at the Soldier's Rest Room in ALBURY.

5. INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES. See A (2)
6. A.R.P. An A.R.P. test and demonstration was held in ALBURY on the afternoon of 19 Apr. It could hardly be called a success as the siren sounded too much like a motor horn, and was not loud enough. Consequently most people did not know there was a raid on and did not leave the streets, while a military band marched down the main street during the test.

C. ECONOMIC INTELLIGENCE.

1. SABOTAGE. Nil.
2. AIR BOMBARDMENT. It would appear that our bombardment of the JAPANESE in NEW GUINEA is having the desired effect and it is holding them in that quarter.

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C. ECONOMIC INTELLIGENCE (Cont'd)

3. INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES (See A. (2))

4. WEATHER CONDITIONS. Fine and warm with very light breezes and cool, clear nights.

PART II - EXTERNAL.

1. See Report No. 70. The loss of the BURMA oil fields is a blow to the Allies and it now appears that JAPAN is concentrating on INDIA.

L. J. P.

Capt.
for I.O. 24 Bn.

Report No 73

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H.Q. 24 Bn.,
HOME FORCES.
27 Apr. 42.

WEEKLY INTELLIGENCE REPORT.
NO. 72.

14 APR. - 27 APR. 42.

PART 1 - INTERNAL.

A. OPERATIONAL INTELLIGENCE.

1. TOPOGRAPHICAL - NIL.
2. INTERNAL POLITICAL CONDITIONS. Following the intervention by the Minister for Labour, Mr. WARD, munition workers who had been on strike at country factories, agreed to resume work. Regarding coal miners in NEW SOUTH WALES, Mr. WARD said "My objective was to get to the very bottom of the trouble on the coal-fields. I think I succeeded." All coal mines are now working. The opposition Leader, Mr. FADDEN, stated in CANBERRA that "Party politics had no place in a nation at war".
3. PUBLIC MORALE. The recent raid on JAPAN and the continued success of our forces in NEW GUINEA have lifted public morale from its position of a month ago. The public not unnaturally show relief at the fact that the JAPANESE are at present concentrating on BURMA and INDIA and are not attempting an invasion of AUSTRALIA.

B. INTERNAL SECURITY.

1. ENEMY AGENTS - NIL.
2. SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES. - NIL
3. SABOTAGE AND ATTEMPTED SABOTAGE. - NIL.
4. DISCLOSURE OF OPERATIONS AND MOVEMENTS. - Post Office switchboard operators are still disclosing this location by saying "BONEGILLA calling" to persons phoned from this camp - (ref. W.I. Report No.69.)
5. INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES. The public is gratified that at present practically all disputes have been settled. They are especially pleased that the recent dissension on the coal fields has been smoothed out.

C. ECONOMIC INTELLIGENCE. There is a tendency to inflation as is evidenced by increased prices of commodities resulting in a rise in the basic wage.

D. CLIMATIC INTELLIGENCE.

WEATHER CONDITIONS. Fine and warm with very light breezes and cool clear nights.

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PART II - EXTERNAL.

It is noted that the JAPANESE, although advancing in BURMA, are suffering heavy casualties. In the SOUTH PACIFIC area, ALLIED resistance has stiffened and our activities are advancing towards the offensive stage.

Lieut. *ell J. Young*
for I.O. 24 En.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.—SOUTHERN COMMAND

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H.Q. 24 Bn.

HOME FORCES.

11 May 42.

WEEKLY INTELLIGENCE REPORT.No. 74.4 May 42 to 11 May 42.PART 1 - INTERNAL.

1. TOPOGRAPHICAL. It has been noticed that the HUME WEIR - ALBURY ROAD has been cut about by the passage of carriers over it. This is particularly noticeable near the HUME WEIR on graded corners.
2. MORALE OF TROOPS. The morale of the troops of this Unit appears to be holding well, although there has been much speculation regarding a move. The question of leave does not appear to be worrying them as before, as there is now a set policy regarding it.
 Also there seems to be much feeling against the coal miners striking in N.S.W.
3. PUBLIC MORALE. The battle which has taken place against the JAPANESE fleet in the BARRIER REEF area shows that they probably mean to attack AUSTRALIA, but the public appear to be elated at the defeat of the enemy and the sinking of two aircraft carriers.
4. CENSORSHIP. It has been noticed that the note-paper now supplied by EVERYMAN'S HUT has the address - "Military Camp BONEGILLA" printed on it. The word "BONEGILLA" has been over-printed but is easily discernable by holding the paper up to the light. On paper previously supplied by this hut, the word was cut out. (Piece of this note-paper is attached).
 Troops (not only from this Unit) have been repeatedly noticed posting letters in public pillar boxes. It would therefore appear that the functions of the censorship are being nullified. The telephone appears to be another way in which these regulations are still being circumvented. (See previous reports from this Unit).
5. SECURITY. The members of the WILLIAMSTOWN REVUE party are under the impression that the Units in this camp are moving during the coming week. This information was passed on to a member of this Intelligence Section by a member of the party.

Capt.
 for I.O. 24 Bn.

19 May 42.

WEEKLY INTELLIGENCE REPORT.

No. 75.

11 May 42 to 18 May 42.

Part 1 - INTERNAL.

1. TOPOGRAPHICAL.-- In the ALBURY 1" to 1 mile sheet there have been a number of additions especially in the railways in the vicinity of BANDIANA map ref. 9138. These changes have occurred since the establishment of military camps in the locality. A sketch of this area with additions will follow.
2. MORALE OF TROOPS. GOOD. There is quite an amount of excitement regarding the impending move and much speculation about the locality to which the move will take place. On the other hand many troops are going A.W.L. by overstaying the leave granted to them. The probable reason for this is that there does not seem much hope of obtaining definite pre-embarkation leave, so they consider that they have only monetary loss to contend with if they do not return at the due date.
3. SECURITY.-- Troops still seem to be lacking in a sense of security. When in ALBURY during the week a member of this section was speaking to several members of 15 Bde. who were not reluctant to talk and speculate about a move (although they did not seem to know much) even though he had no colour patches on his greatcoat to determine what unit he came from.
4. CENSORSHIP.-- There are still some troops who do not seem to realise the reasons for and the object of Censorship and are still trying to avoid it. The two advice cards attached to this report have been recently received. It would appear that some of the departments of the army are not particular about CENSORSHIP and SECURITY as they give the exact locality of the unit in the addresses shown on the cards. This example of INSECURITY would not tend to strengthen SECURITY among the troops. The matter of note paper supplied by EVERYMAN'S HUT and mentioned in report No. 74 still continues.

I.O.
24 Bn.

TELEPHONE

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.—SOUTHERN COMMAND

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H. Q. 24 Bn.,
HOME FORCES.

24 May 42.

WEEKLY INTELLIGENCE REPORT.

NO 76.

19 MAY - 24 MAY 42.

PART I, INTERNAL.

TOPOGRAPHICAL.

Although country railway stations in Victoria have had name plates removed, in a number of cases this precaution is of no avail because of names prominently displayed on buildings close to the railway line. Examples noted on the Albury line are -

Wangaratta Joinery Works.
Wangaratta Steam Laundry.
Broadford Hotel.

MORALE OF TROOPS.

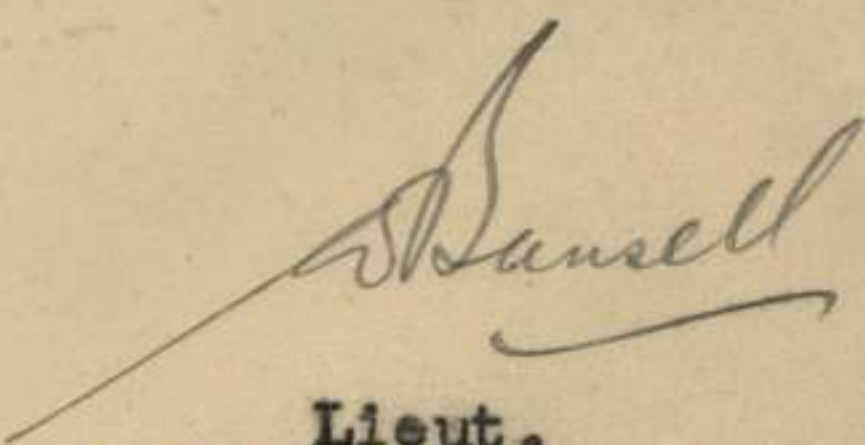
Good, as far as it has been possible to ascertain from personal contact.

SECURITY.

Some men are still not regarding security seriously. Cases have been reported of men in the unit openly discussing proposed moves with outsiders.

CENSORSHIP.

Information is still being released through telephones. It is suggested that the lines from this Camp P.O. be subjected to censorship.


Lieut.
I.O. 24 Bn.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.—SOUTHERN COMMAND

IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE

NO. **SECRET.**

GT.

H.Q. 24 Bn.,
HOME FORCES.

31 May 42.

WEEKLY INTELLIGENCE REPORT NO 77.
25 MAY - 31 MAY 1942.PART I - INTERNAL.

TOPOGRAPHICAL. On the move of this Bn. to its new site several cases of non-security were noted in N.S.W. Although place names etc have generally been removed from Railway stations etc, the following signs by the track informed anybody interested of the distance from SYDNEY -

24 miles to Griffiths Jelly Crystals - near	LIVERPOOL.
23 " " " Coffe -	"
23 " " " Tea -	near HORNSBY.

MORALE OF TROOPS. Generally good, although tps are complaining of the lack of water. Following the R.M.O's lecture on 30 May, however, it was noticeable that greater hygiene precautions are being taken, and now that the men know the difficulties in obtaining sterile drinking water, are exercising much more care with water.

PUBLIC MORALE. The attitude of civilians towards the troops whilst en route was most heartening to the men, particularly in northern N.S.W., and many comments of the troops on the friendly attitude of civilians were heard. This has served to raise the morale of the men considerably.

HEALTH. Some cases of U.R.T.I. still being treated, and a few isolated cases of diarrhoea have been reported, but health of troops generally is good. On the movement to the present site one attached 3 Div. A.A.S.C. man, No. V190311, Pte TAYLOR, T.T.G., slipped on the HARDEN (N.S.W.) Station and cut his knee. He was removed from train No 25 on which he was travelling and placed in the local hospital for treatment.

Following lectures by R.M.O. on hygiene, & water sterilization, greater care has been taken with water and it is believed that the good health of tps will be maintained.

SECURITY. Several instances of insecurity amongst tps was noted on the journey from BONEGILLA. At GOSFORD a Capt. attached to 10 Div. H.Q. asked several N.C.O's and men particulars of their unit etc. This information appeared to be readily given. Tps were also seen throwing stamped letters and addresses from the train and at NEWCASTLE approx 20 letters were seized from a young lady who was standing on the platform and had agreed to post the letters for tps. As the men concerned were large 3 Div. A.A.S.C. personnel the letters were handed to Capt COOPER of that unit for action. On train 27 the pages of autographs were taken from a young lady's autograph book on GOSFORD Stn. There is no doubt the tps are attempting every means to evade c and thus divulging matters of a security nature. The Railway Station at JIMBOOMBA, which is also Local Post Office and Savings Bank, was visited evening of 29 May, and three tps of other units Bde were overheard telephone to MELBOURNE.

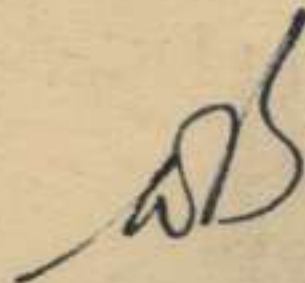
SECURITY (Cont'd)

Two said that they were stationed at JIMBOOMBA, whilst the other said he was in a new camp out in the bush 30 miles from BRISBANE. Uncensored telegrams were also being sent, and some tps were seen buying 2½d postage stamps.

New Code names have been allotted and Bde has advised that, commencing 1 Jun. a daily change of code names and allotment of W/T and R/T frequencies will be made.

CENSORSHIP. Tps have purchased, during the journey to this site, folders of views of different towns, etc. en route, and are now mailing them to relatives etc. It is considered that these are permissible, and they have been despatched.

GENERAL. At OLD CASINO on night of 27 May 42 a M/C Orderly who was acting as driver for the R.T.O. approached some Officers travelling on train 25, and gave the dispositions of units of 15 Bde Gp. He stated that 15 Bde HQ was stationed at the CASINO Drill Hall and indicated the directions of other Units. His attitude towards security and military service generally appeared to be bad.



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HOME FORCES.

10 Jun. 42.

WEEKLY INTELLIGENCE REPORT.

NO 78.

MONDAY 1 JUN - 1200 HRS TUESDAY 9 JUN. 42.

PART I - INTERNAL.TOPOGRAPHICAL.

A partial recce of roads in 24 Bn recce area has been made, and several errors on current TAMBOURINE 1 in - 1 mile map noted. A separate recce report is being prepared and will be forwarded on completion.

MORALE OF TPS.

I. Appears to be lowering, particularly since leave details have been announced. The fact that 10% of unit strength will have to wait a further 10 weeks before visiting BRISBANE has had a noticeably depressing effect on morale, particularly as it has been reported that 4 Bde. personnel receive BRISBANE leave much more frequently.

The sinking of submarines in SYDNEY HARBOUR and the shelling of SYDNEY and NEWCASTLE has had a sobering effect on tps, but does not appear to have affected morale. The question of transferring from A.M.F. to A.I.F. has, in the absence of definite information, led to an amount of conjecture, and certain types of men in the unit have seized the opportunity to make propaganda out of the uncertainty, and to talk against the transfer. The percentage of accepters is not known over the whole unit but will be notified in the next report.

II. Following the introduction of reports to this office from A/A posts, great interest is being shown by tps in all aircraft passing over the area.

HEALTH.

352 men have reported sick since 1 Jun. U.K.T.I. is still being reported. MDS evacuations total 20. One case of MORBILLI on 31 May. Patient evacuated to MDS 1 Jun. Generally health remains good but inspections have shown that the ground under tents becomes very wet at nights. Groundsheets are invariably wet in the mornings, and the ground itself also looks damp at these times.

SECURITY.

The placing out of bounds of the JIMBOOMBA Ry. Stn has noticeably impressed the idea of SECURITY on the tps. The prohibition on posting picture postcards, photographs and Queensland newspapers, it is anticipated, will make the men realise more fully the value of security.

II. A member of this Unit, whilst purchasing fruit from an ITALIAN fruit vendor on the BRISBANE - BEAUDESERT RD. near 3 Aust. Div. H.Q., overheard sappers of 3 Aust. Div. Engrs discussing, in the hearing of the fruiter, the lack of vehicles on strength to their unit.

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17 Jun. '42.

WEEKLY INTELLIGENCE REPORT.

NO. 79.

1200 hrs. Tuesday 9 Jun. '42 - 1200 hrs. Tuesday 16 Jun. '42.

PART I. INTERNAL.

Topographical. Road recce. has been continued by this unit. Several additions and amendments to current TAMBOURINE 1 in. maps have been found necessary. Recce. report and tracing will be forwarded separately. Recces. of Bivouac areas vicinity TAMBOURINE will also be made by Coys. in that area.

Morale of Tps. There appears to have been a decided lowering of morale following newspaper details of A.I.F. transfers. As the printed information differed so greatly from that imparted to the tps. by their Officers quite an amount of discussion on the matter has taken place. The fact that it was reported that militia transferees would receive the prefix MX, and later VXM, appeared to cause a deal of dissatisfaction amongst the tps. At present transfers to A.I.F. seem to be unpopular and, from information gathered, it would appear that the consensus of opinion amongst the tps. is that they have not been placed in possession of all the facts, that someone in authority has made a mistake, and further, that there seems to be a definite policy of differentiating between A.I.F. volunteers and Militia transferees. Under the circumstances it would appear that a large number who volunteered to transfer originally, are not now prepared to do so, and consequently the figures obtained previously would appear to have no significance.

Health. One case of suspected C.S.M. was reported on 11 Jun. '42. and the patient evacuated to M.D.S. One case of URETHRITIS evacuated to KANGAROO PT. and five lower abdominal cases to GREENSLOPES A.G.H. Health otherwise is fair. Following are the figures for the week, 9 Jun. '42 - 16 Jun. '42.

Reported.	Duty.	Light Duty.	No Duty.	M.D.S.	C.C.S.	A.G.H.
237	55	104	67	8	1	2

Security. Appears to be good. Censorship of some letters from other Coys. throughout the Bn. shows that tps. are becoming security minded. Letters received from members of 4 Aust. Div. and 4 Aust. Bde. by members of this section show that security appears to be slack in those formations as details of troop movements and place names were allowed to remain in letters.

In connection with the transfer of personnel of this unit to a Labour unit for wharf duties rumours have been circulating that the party at present standing by are an advance party and that they are moving in an undisclosed direction 400 miles. Attempts are being made to locate the source of this rumour.

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GENERAL.

It has been reported that a foreign ice cream vendor also frequents 3 Aust. Div. H.Q. Area. The following descriptions have been given to this sectn of the two men.

1. Fruiterer - Southern European, 5'4" approx. in height, average build, dark complexion, black curly hair, clean shaven, pleasant manner. Usually wears a blue shirt, drives a Ford '38 utility which has open cases of fruit in the tray. Generally calls every 2nd day.
2. Ice Cream Vendor. - Southern European, slight build, curly black hair, has a M/C with wooden box sidecar attached, containing 3 ice cream cans.

PART II - EXTERNAL.

Nil.

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23 Jun 42.

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Weekly Intelligence Report

No 80

From 1200 hrs Tuesday 16 Jun 42 to 1200 hrs Tuesday 23 Jun 42.

Part I. Internal.

Topographical - Recce of trg areas is being carried out by Pl. & Coy. Cmdrs as well as Int. personnel and separate reports are being forwarded. Several errors ^{in maps} have been noted, particularly in TAMBOURINE area.

Morale of Tps - Improving. Recent trg has served to make the men more independent, as well as to give them some insight into actual man-management. Although rain fell fairly frequently the men used shelters ~~in construction~~ constructed by them and these afforded some protection. The morale improved considerably after one week at bivouac.

Health - Despite the frequent showers, which caused ~~the~~ ^{some} wet feet and socks, the health of the tps remained good. One suspected MORBILL case was ~~also~~ evacuated to M.D.S. Following but proved to be U.R.T.I. Following are dissected figures for period ~~16 Jun 22~~ ^{22nd June}.

	Reported	Duty	Light Duty	No Duty	MDS	CCS	RGH
<u>Security</u>	129	21	47	31	23	6 6	1

Remains good and tps definitely appear to be security minded. One Capt Damon of B Coy was overheard saying that Pte Muller of Sole HQ had told him that the Labour Corps would move on 18 or 19 Jun 42, and would be engaged in checking vehicles. This was ~~not~~ ^{absolutely} allowed.

Part II - External

NIL.

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1.0. 24 Aust Inf Bn

S/Sgt Broadbent

This report is due at Bole at 1200 hrs 24 Jun.
Pls despatch in time

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Q. Report. Dec - April

When the 24 BN AMF came on to full time duty at Nagambie Rd camp on 1 Nov. stores both training & those required to complete W.E. Table were still very scarce. Troops were called up for duty during the month of Dec '41. On their return to camp much difficulty was experienced in obtaining sufficient clothing to keep the troops in a smart condition, this mainly applying to shorts, shirts & Working Dress.

Issues of Ammunition to give realism to unit tactical exercises could only be obtained in small quantities & the strictest economy was necessary in their use. Ammunition position at this time was considerably improved but insufficient ammunition was allowed for training purposes, especially rifle shooting whilst no revolver ammunition was available for practice.

Early in Feb. stores positions commenced to improve but the flow was still slow & up to the time of move to Bonigilla only about 20% of this unit W.E. Table had been received.

On the move Seymour. Bonigilla stores were moved by Divisional Pack Train but without a guard of the unit whose property they were. This led to much confusion at unloading, some pillage occurred & generally it was agreed that this system was not successful. During this move every man was issued with 50 rounds of ammunition & every automatic weapon with sufficient for protection from hostile aircraft.

During the stay at Bonigilla orders were issued that all stores, training or otherwise,

not required in W.I. Tables for field duties was
to be returned. The issue of W.I. stores at this
time improved considerably, the worst deficiencies
remaining in Gun Machine Gun, 2 in Mortar
& Anti-Tank weapons also transport, cars
trucks & motor cycles, ammunition at this
time also improved, this unit being issued
to complete W.I. also any Smoke Bombs or
Gunlocks & Revolver.

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Move from Bangalore to Operational
station was done by unit trains & on
this basis stores were found to be in
much better condition on arrival at their
destination. Transport as regards trucks
etc at this time was very low & the
position at the end of Meen had not begun
to show any improvement. Gun stores,
however, were definitely arriving in much
larger quantities than ever before whilst
ammunition was also much easier to
obtain but clothing was almost unobtainable
& to date that ~~consequently~~ clothing issues
have shown no sign of improvement.

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H.Q. 2nd Aust. Inf. Bn.,
Home Forces.
30 Jun 42.

WEEKLY INTELLIGENCE REPORT
No 81.

From 1200 hrs Tuesday 25 Jun 42 to 1200 hrs Tuesday 30 Jun 42.

PART I INTERNAL.

1. TOPOGRAPHICAL Road reconnaissances are being continued by this unit and reports will be forwarded as they are completed.
2. MORALE OF TROOPS There still seems to be an attitude of indifference regarding the recent movement for transfer to the A.I.F. and men await something definite on the matter. The general opinion is that there will be very few transfers if they are not allowed to join as a unit, and unless they receive a VX number; as they consider that they will be thought of as little more than Militia if they receive an MX or similar number. (See also report No 79)
Sixty men from the Bn have applied for admission to the A.I.F. as Air crew. This number may possibly have been caused by the recent decision to release men from the Militia for Air crew, but on the other hand some men have been heard to say that they are applying in order to get out of the Army. Nearly forty of the sixty applications mentioned above have been submitted in the last couple of weeks.

There is general dissatisfaction expressed by the men regarding the leave position, as they think that, although they are here to defend the country and not merely to enjoy themselves, leave to BRISBANE could be made more substantial than 10% of the Bn per week; i.e. half a day every ten weeks. If it cannot be granted more often, they contend that longer leave could be granted each time.

Reports that other units of Militia and A.I.F. are receiving leave help to strengthen this dissatisfaction. One member of this unit received a letter from a member of 8 L.H. Recce. Bn, who stated that he receives leave to the "Capital City" from 1200 hrs to 2359 hrs once a week. Although the unit is not part of this Gde, it seems

hardly fair that Divisional troops should be accorded privileges which the Gde does not receive.

Men are becoming very touchy and snap at each other at the slightest provocation and minor disputes and squabbles are beginning to occur. This is collaborated by several N.C.O.'s in the Bn, who have been talking to members of this Intelligence Section.

3. HEALTH

Only minor ailments, nothing serious was reported during the week, although there were some cases of diarrhoea. The dissections of Sick report figures for the period 23 June - 29 June incl. are as follows:-

Reported	July	Light July	to July	Evacuated to:-	M.D.S.	C.C.S.	AGH.
276	72	113	85	5			1

4. SECURITY

The security of this Bn remains good. Some members of this Bn went to various units in the area and asked questions regarding transport, numbers and conditions of vehicles, whether they were short or not and many other questions. In most cases they had little trouble in finding out what they wanted to know.

PART II - EXTERNAL

Nil

for I.O. 24 Aust Inf Bn.

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H.Q. 24 Aust Inf Bn.,
HOME FORCES.

7 Jul. 42.

WEEKLY INTELLIGENCE REPORT.

NO 82.

From 1200 hrs Tuesday 30 Jun. 42 to 1200 hrs Tuesday
7 Jul 42.

PART I - INTERNAL.

1. TOPOGRAPHICAL. Reconnaissance of road between MUNDOOILUN and BEAUDESERT was carried out during the week. Report to follow when typed.
2. MORALE OF TROOPS. Dissatisfaction regarding the leave question still exists. This is mainly due to the inequality of leave granted to different units. Members of this Bde. have received letters from friends in 4 Bde, who state that they have been receiving two days per month leave to BRISBANE. Members of 2/14 Bn. who are at present stationed with this unit have also mentioned that they receive two days per month leave to BRISBANE, as well as 10% local leave to NAMBOUR every night. It is known that both these units are stationed in more dangerous areas than this Bde, and the men contend that if these troops can be spared for leave periods such as these, they cannot see why members of this Bde cannot also be spared for more BRISBANE leave than two and a half days per year.

This may possibly affect the attitude of the men towards transfer to the A.I.F., as if they consider they are being unfavourably treated they develop an unsympathetic attitude towards the Army in general. Whilst on this matter, press reports that transfers as units will not be permitted, that VX numbers will not be allotted and that "AUSTRALIA" bars will not be worn on the shoulders are still firmly fixed in the minds of the men and transfer under these conditions is acceptable only to a small minority.

3. HEALTH. Sick parade for 6 days to 5 Jul:—

Reported.	Duty.	Light Duty.	No Duty	Evacuated to —			
				A.D.S.	MDS.	CCS	A.G.H.
160	25	73	46	12	3	-	1

Some cases of U.R.T.I. were reported, while one man was evacuated to A.G.H. on account of deafness.

4. SECURITY.

Nil.

PART II - EXTERNAL.

Nil.

for I.O. 24 Aust Inf Bn.

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HOME FORCES.

14 Jul. 42.

WEEKLY INTELLIGENCE REPORT.
NO. 83.

FROM 1200 hrs TUESDAY 7 Jul. 42 to 1200 hrs TUES. 14 Jul. 42.

PART I - INTERNAL.

TOPOGRAPHICAL.

1. Ref. Map TAMBOURINE 1 in - 1 mile. Track from EAGLE HEIGHTS -UPPER COOMERA (377350-409374) is reported to be difficult to traverse in wet weather. An alternative route to the PACIFIC COAST Highway is via CANUNGRA-NERANG-SOUTHPORT, which is passable in wet weather. Rd. from ref map SPRINGBROOK 1 in-1 mile 339225 to house at 321189 (O'REILLY'S) is unsafe during wet weather, particularly at 333216. It has also been reported that several fords are across the rd. This area will be reced in the near future.
2. Rd. TAMBOURINE- BEENLEIGH is now classed as a B1 road. Stretch from ref, map TAMBOURINE 315405 to 317408 is now unused and is fenced off. New rd runs from 312406 to 317408. Br. at 326412 is concrete capacity 24 tons approx. Wooden br. marked unsafe at 253395 has been demolished, and the COLLINS CREEK is considered to be non-detourable at this point. A class B1 rd. now runs from Hotel at 457359 alongside SOUTH bank of COOMERA Riv. and joins rd to PACIFIC Hwy in vicinity 471379.
3. CEDAR CK Rd is reported impassable for M.T. in vicinity 372412. This has not yet been confirmed but recce of area will be made in near future.

MORALE OF TPS.

Good, particularly since demonstration pl. from 2/14 Bn. (O.C. Lieut BISSETT) has arrived.

Numerous stories concerning leave are circulating amongst the tps. The main ones are -

- (i) That this Bn is leaving on 28 Aug for SALE (Vic.)
- (ii) That " " " " " 24 Aug for a NORTHERN area.
- (iii) That " " " " early in Aug. to relieve 15 Bde which will relieve 4 Bde, the latter Bde moving into this Bde area.

It has been further rumoured that 1000 Victorian tps are destined for this state but date of arrival cannot be ascertained. These rumours have had an unsettling effect on tps, and some members of the unit have not been slow in passing on and enlarging upon these rumours.

HEALTH.

Sick parade for period 6 Jul-13 Jul (8 days.)

<u>REPORTED.DUTY.LIGHT DUTY.NO DUTY.</u>				<u>EVACUATED -</u>			
				<u>ADS.</u>	<u>MDS.</u>	<u>CCS</u>	<u>AGH.</u>
250	78	98	57	9	4	1	3

Cases evacuated to A.G.H. were suffering from eyestrain (2) and Angiomata (1). Pte S. BRUTON (2/14 Bn.) was injured by a bomb exploding in his hand on 10 Jul, and he was evacuated to C.C.C. The right hand was subsequently amputated at the wrist.

Pte LANTERE, J. was evacuated to G.H. ENNOGERA 30 Jun with probable influenza. This case was subsequently diagnosed on as Cerebro-Spinal-Meningitis.

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SECURITY.

1. Matters reported in para dealing with MORALE appear to show a lack of security, both amongst tps and civilians. Tradespeople in BEAUDESERT comment freely on the Unit's expected moves.
2. The attached portion of memo card was noticed by Pte WESTBROOK, a member of this Section whilst on BRISBANE leave. It is thought that this indicates a lack of security on the part of the member whose name appears on the card.
3. It has been reported that a number of book shops in BRISBANE are selling Military manuals. It is not known whether these volumes are official publications. The BEAUDESERT newsagent is also reported to have for sale manuals on 3 in. Mortar, Lewis Gun and Map Reading. In this case also it has not been ascertained whether the volumes are official or not.
4. It has been reported that a "Visitor's Book" is in use at the Rest Rooms which are next door to the new hotel in BEAUDESERT. Inform contained therein includes names, numbers, units and private addresses in Victoria of members of this Bde, together with the dates of entry. It is suggested that this book be confiscated.

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IN REPLY TO QUOTE NO. SECRET

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H.Q. 24 Aust Inf Bn.,
AUSTRALIA.

22 Jul. 42.

WEEKLY INTELLIGENCE REPORT.
NO 84.From 1200 hrs Tuesday 14 Jul. 42 to 1200 hrs Tues. 21 Jul 42.PART I - INTERNAL.TOPOGRAPHICAL.

A wheel route recce of area TABRAGALBA-WANGALPONG-CANUNDRA carried out 18 Jul. A separate report will be furnished on this recce.

MORALE OF TPS.

Appears to be improving. Definite infm concerning A.I.F. enlistment has had the effect of informing all ranks of details of transfer and much conjecture and argument amongst the tps has thus been obviated.

HEALTH.

Sick parade totals for period 14-20 Jul (7 days) are as follows:-

<u>REPORTED</u>	<u>DUTY</u>	<u>LIGHT DUTY</u>	<u>NO DUTY</u>	<u>Evacuated to-</u>			
				<u>MDS.</u>	<u>ADS.</u>	<u>CCS</u>	<u>AGH.</u>
111	39	43	21	6	1	-	1


One case of pediculosis Pubis evacuated 14 Jul.
Two cases of papilloma, one of deafness and one of Measles also amongst those evacuated.

SECURITY.

Rumors concerning proposed moves of the Bn. still continue to circulate, and it is apparent that infm is being released by some persons in higher comds. The fact that Americans are in the area is also freely discussed.

The band of this unit visited 3 Aust Div. on 21 Jul. to play for the C. in C's inspection. Whilst there members were informed by members of the Div. D & E Pl. that 3 Aust Div. was moving next Monday 27 Jul to a point approx. 100 miles NORTH of here. Details of BRISBANE leave allowed to members of the above pl., and which are more favourable than that allowed to this unit, were also freely discussed. Two bandsmen have advised their wives that commencing next Monday, incoming mail will be censored and that therefore care must be exercised in the passing on of infm, especially that of a military nature.

Cooks are in possession of infm (probably from A.A.S.C.) to the effect that this unit will move on MONDAY to a point approx. 100 miles NORTH of here, and that there is a large aerodrome in the vicinity. Letters censored showed that personnel who have no access to official information have stated that letters will be held up for a few days next week through no fault of the writer, thus indicating that a move is imminent.


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H.Q. 24 Aust. Inf. Bn.,
AUSTRALIA.

30 Jul. '42.

WEEKLY INTELLIGENCE REPORT NO. 85.

From 1200 hrs. Tuesday 21 Jul. '42, to 1200 hrs. Tuesday
 28 Jul.

PART I - INTERNAL.

Morale of tps. Good at present. The move to new location has been effected satisfactorily and reports of the bombing of TOWNSVILLE do not appear to have caused any lowering of morale, indeed the opposite effect appears to have happened. A satisfactory number of A200's for enlistment in A.I.F. have been signed and it is thought that this has been good for the morale of the Bn. as a whole.

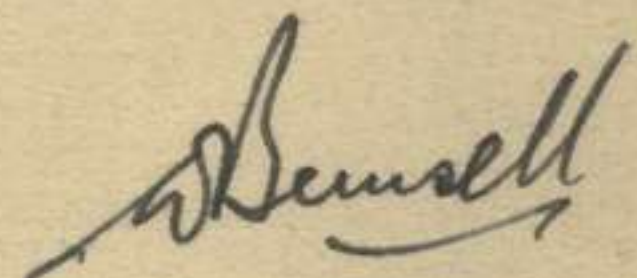
Health. Sick parade totals for period 21-25 Jul. (5 days) are as follows:

Reported.	Duty.	Light Duty.	No. duty.	Evacuated			
				M.D.S.	A.D.S.	C.C.S.	A.G.H.
95	33	37	21	-	3	1	-

One case of measles evacuated to A.D.S.
 " " " corneal ulcer evacuated to C.C.S.

SECURITY. The attached civilian letter was picked up by Capt. Robinson of this unit at approx. 0900 hrs. Monday 27 Jul. '42, near the convoy Start Point. It is thought that the matter is one for the civilian authorities.

Tps. have stated that townspeople in MARYBOROUGH possess details of units in the area greatly in excess of the information held by the tps themselves. One publican in the town is stated to have said that he obtained information from the Recce party for 3 Aust. Div. before any main body moves into the area.



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SUNDAY.

Dear Mum,

It is quite a long time since I have written to you so I thought I would write now. Well we went to the Pictures last night and when we were coming home we had a smash as we had 5 soldiers hanging on the side and there were 8 inside so you can guess what a time we had you should have seen the car I will tell you all about it when I come home on Sat. Mum how much was the tea she wants to know so she can give me the money for it I suppose you know that all the soldiers have left I here are 30000 American's in Beaudesert and there are going to be Americans around here where the other soldiers were. So Mum I will close now I hope there is a dance down there on Sat. so let me know will you Mum I hope Dot is still at home. Is Dad in the army yet.

Love from
Ruby XXX

(envelope) Mrs. P. Fedrick,
Park Ridge,
Via Kingston.

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H.Q. 24 Aust Inf Bn.,
AUSTRALIA.
4 Aug. 42.

WEEKLY INTELLIGENCE REPORT

No. 86.

From 1200 hrs Tuesday 28 Jul. to 1200 hrs Tuesday 4 Aug 42.

PART I - INTERNAL.

TOPOGRAPHICAL. A wheel route reece of rd. to ARAMARA and return via THINOMBA was conducted on 1 Aug. 42. A Separate return will be furnished.

MORALE OF TPS. Continues to be good, although on Sunday 2 Aug. several versions of the transfer of 75 men from 52 Bn had an unsettling effect from the point of view of A.I.F. enlistment. One particular version was to the effect that the men were being transferred against their will, and comments were freely passed on the assurance previously given that units would not be disbanded. The origin of the story was traced to this Unit's water cart driver, who had been told by the water cart driver from 52 Bn. Although he stated that the men were volunteers, his words were apparently misinterpreted to mean that the men were being drafted. Apart from this incident morale does not appear to have been affected.

HEALTH. Sick parade totals for period 26 Jul. - 1 Aug (7 days) are as follows:-

<u>REPORTED.</u>	<u>DUTY.</u>	<u>LIGHT DUTY.</u>	<u>NO DUTY.</u>	<u>M.D.S.</u>	<u>EVACUATED.</u>		
					<u>A.D.S.</u>	<u>G.C.S.</u>	<u>A.G.H.</u>
18	23	9	5	-	1	-	-

The one man evacuated to A.D.S. had sore left eye.

SECURITY.

1. The lecture given by the 2 I/C (Maj. RUSSELL) appears to have had a good effect. His requests for information of lack of security on the part of civilians has led to the following report being tendered by a member of the Regimental Police:-

"Whilst on leave in MARYBOROUGH it was overheard in a Hairdressing Saloon that 3 new sloops from the shipbuilding yards were being sent to BRISBANE for fitting. "

2. The attached envelope would appear to give information if the State in which this unit is serving. It is appreciated that some method of designating destinations should be used, but it is suggested that codes such as were used for laundry at JIMBOOMBA or the employment of the unit numbers might effect greater security.
3. Tps complain that whilst their letters are censored and they are forbidden to disclose the unit's whereabouts, any observant person could, by noting colour patches on tunice, obtain a complete order of battle. Unfortunately there appears to be no solution to this problem.

GENERAL. A complaint has been made by an officer who conducted a draft to MARYBOROUGH of the dilatoriness of transport provided. According to this officer, 3 Aust Div were advised by telegram at 2300 hrs on 1 Aug advising time of arrival. He arrived at MARYBOROUGH at 0520 hrs on 2 Aug. 42, but was unable to obtain tpt until 0735 hrs when he co-opted a passing 3 Aust Div vehicle and conducted his fraft to camp. From the time of his arrival until the time he obtained the passing vehicle he claimed that he was continually phoning 3 Aust Div and 10 Aust Inf Bde in an effort to obtain transport, but without success.

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11 Jul. '42.

WEEKLY INTELLIGENCE REPORT.

NO. 87

From 1200 hrs. Tuesday 4 Jul. to Tuesday 11 Jul. '42.

PART I INTERNAL.

Topographical. Wheel route recce of the NORTHERN HIGHWAY from ALDERSHOT TO TORBANLEA AND THE TORBANLEA to TOOGOOM ROAD was carried out on the 8 Aug. '42. Report to follow later.

Morale of Tps. Now that the question of AIF enlistments has been satisfactorily cleared up and a more liberal amount of leave has been granted the morale of the troops has improved further and is considered quite satisfactory.

Health. Sick parade totals for period 2 Aug.-8 Aug. '42 inc.

Reported Duty	L.D.	No Duty	M.D.S.	A.D.S.	C.C.S.	A.G.H.
98	47	33	13	4	1	-

The man evac. to A.D.S. has gland in groin. The men evac to M.D.S. had burns on legs, URTI, Constipation and infected hand, respectively.

Security. 1. The security of the civilian population is invariably poor. People are discussing Military matters very freely and know a great deal about the movement and dispositions of the troops. Civilians state that there are approximately 10,000 troops in the area and another 4,000 will arrive this week. Members of the advance party have already been in the town, so they say.

2. One girl reported that all the bicycles belonging to girls at a large store were commandeered by the Military Authorities on Saturday morning.

3. Cpl. Robinson of this unit while on leave overheard 4 Bde A.A.S.C. drivers discussing the matter of a stay of only 5 weeks in their particular area, as they say they have only set up camp for that period.

4. This unit's R.P. Sgt., whilst in MARYBOROUGH on 5 Aug. saw soldiers handing exposed films in at two pharmacies for developing and printing. The stores were:-

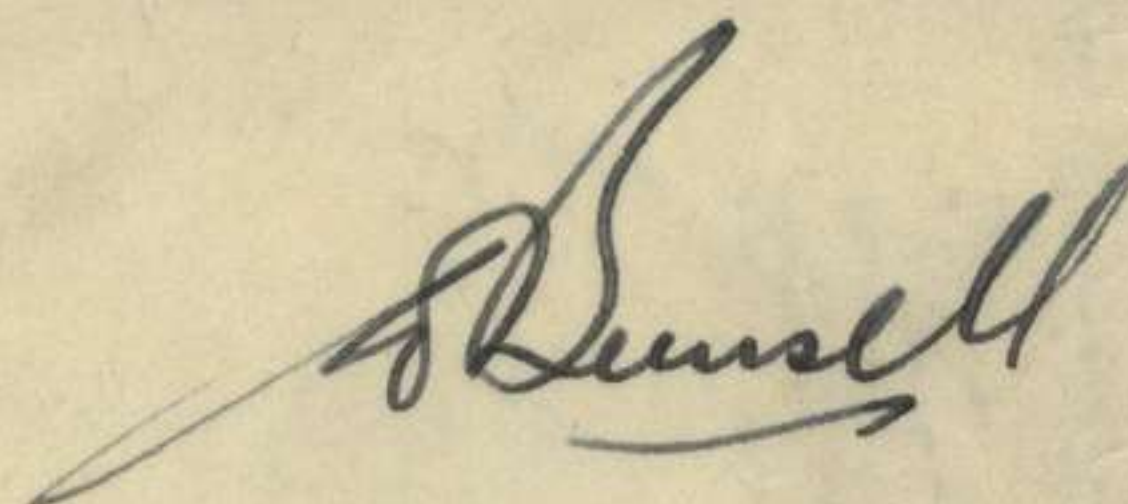
- (a) Beresford's Pharmacy and
- (b) Kingston's Pharmacy.

The Sgt. was unable to identify the personnel handing in the negatives except in one instance, where he saw that the man wore the cplour patch of 3 Aust. Div.

It would appear that tps are still actively engaged in taking photographs despite security warnings. It is suggested that pharmacies etc in MARYBOROUGH area be contacted by F.S.S. personnel, and efforts made to trace any offenders. In addition it is suggested that chemists etc. be advised that men in uniform should not be supplied with negative films, and also that they contact F.S.S. when a negative is handed in for developing and printing so that steps may be taken to trace the camera owner.

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Economic. It has been suggested that a move be made to have the rail gates at OAKHURST opened to allow the passage of the leave convoys after 2200 hrs. The extra distance travelled on this detour is estimated at $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles. As there are approx. 24 vehicles in the convoy every night, averaging approx. 10 M.P.G. this would mean that the extra petrol used on account of this detour is 42 gals per week or 180 gals per month not taking into account the rubber used.



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LOG DIARY

C Bn.

DATE... 12 Aug 42

SERIAL NO	MESSAGE NO.	FROM.	TO	T.O.O.	T.O.R.	INFORMATION.	REMARKS & ACTION TAKEN.
1	1	C Bn	C Bn Gp	2010	2030	<p>Moved out from Camp Area ^{at 0900} to Ref 12a, MARYBOROUGH 569826; arrived at 1000 hrs. Rest of morning spent in explanation of coming exercise and in recon and sketching of areas suitable for est. Bn H.Q. Lunch. Then moved back to trucks for 1 1/2 - 2 hrs while exercise was explained to offrs. At 1600 hrs began setting up H.Q. in area previously selected. Putting out of lines, etc. by Sigs to Bn H.Q. offices was completed by:- 1630 (a line to 2 I/C acting co. - and "I" Office. At 1830 area was contaminated by Gas and had to be evacuated. Bn H.Q. moved about 700 yds to 569823. Bn H.Q. will move to original position at 0445 hrs 13 Aug @ Neville 0400 hrs. Order of movement as previously start line entrance gate Move to be completed by 0530. This was done, but Sgt and Q.17. did not know of move and arrived about 0545-0600. 0630 13 Aug Conference to discuss non-delivery of this message. 0645. Area shelled by Mortar in paddock South of Bn H.Q. It was attacked and released those not taking part took up defensive positions for all round defence.</p>	<p>I office informed by Sigs. attempt made to contact others and give information but most could not be found.</p>

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15 Aug. 42.

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REPORTS RE MOVE.

Cpl. O'MEAGHER, of H.Q. Coy whilst in an hotel in MARYBOROUGH on leave on 14th inst., was told by a Sgt. and Cpl. wearing colour patch of 3 Div. A.A.S.C. that advance parties were moving to ROCKHAMPTON, and that the main bodies are due to leave on Monday 17th inst.

Sgt. HEYWOOD of the R.P. also reports that while on duty inspecting Coys he heard the following rumour relating to a move to ROCKHAMPTON:-

It was reported that a rumour was in circulation among the Battalion that the advance guard were to move on Monday to ROCKHAMPTON. He visited the company in which the rumour started and learned that an A.S.C. driver at a dance in MARYBOROUGH had repeated the story and it has found its way back through the leave personnel.

It was also learned that a story was brought back by one of the Pioneers working on the rifle range that the woman in the house nearest the range had told him that she had told him that she had known we were coming up from JIMBOOMBA and that we were to go to the ROCKHAMPTON area.

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18 Aug. 42.

WEEKLY INTELLIGENCE REPORT.

NO. 33.

From 1200 hrs. Tuesday 11 Jul. to 1200 hrs. Tuesday 18 Jul.

PART 1.

1. TOPOGRAPHICAL.

A wheel route recce of the GIN GIN-BIGGENDEN-MUNDUBBERA-MONTO area is at present being carried out by the Intelligence Section of this unit.

2. MORALE.

The morale of the men in "E" Coy. is poor since their M.M.G's have been withdrawn without any reason for this move having been given to them. They have developed a genuine liking for this weapon and are afraid that they may now permanently become a rifle coy. The men who visited 2/14 Bn. are convinced that it is better to have a machine gun coy. attached to the Bn. and for these reasons are discontented and disinterested in rifle coy. training, as they consider that their M.M.G. training will be wasted if they do not get their guns returned, otherwise the morale is normal.

3. HEALTH.

Sick parade totals for 8 Aug. - 16 Aug. inclusive are as follows:-

<u>Reported.</u>	<u>Duty.</u>	<u>L.D.</u>	<u>N.D.</u>	<u>M.D.S.</u>
86	19	33	20	14

The men evacuated to M.D.S. were suffering from Boil on neck, suspected C.S.M., Appendicitis, Lacerations to eyes, Vincents Angina, Hernia, Infection left ankle, U.R.T.I., scald on leg, sores on ankle, Piles, Swollen knee, Sore knee and pains in chest.

4. SECURITY.

1. A sheet of notepaper which has been printed by the local division of the A.C.F. is attached. Their envelopes are also headed A.C.F., QUEENSLAND Division.

2. A Special Intelligence report on rumors of a move was forwarded by this unit on 15 Aug. 42. Further reports are as follows:-
Sgt. SIMMONDS heard at L.A.D., 10 Aust. Inf. Bde., and at 10 Aust. Inf. Bde. D.O.W. on 13 Aug. rumour to the effect that this Bn. will be at ROCKHAMPTON within three weeks.

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4. SECURITY cont'd.

2. cont'd. A member of this Bn. who has friends at BUNDABERG states that they have informed him that the Victorian Troops in the MARYBOROUGH area are moving to BUNDABERG in a couple of weeks and will be stationed on the coast.

3. Mr. ELLIS, the owner of the property on which the Bn. recently bivouaced, was seen taking photographs of the Sig. Office and of a camouflaged truck after having asked whether he could take photographs and being told he could not. The matter was reported to Major RUSSELL, Security Officer, who announced his intention of confiscating the film.

5. GENERAL.

It is reported by Capt. ISHERWOOD that it is possible to purchase .303 ammunition at a Sports Goods Shop in MARYBOROUGH. This matter has been reported to the Field Security Section by the R.P. Sergeant.

Seamus Lint
 Captain
 Adjutant, Pa. li. n
 for I. O. 24 Aust. Inf. Bn.

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H.Q. 24 Aust Inf Bn.,
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25 Aug. 42.

WEEKLY INTELLIGENCE REPORT.

NO. 89.

FROM 1200 HRS TUES. 18 AUG to 1200 HRS TUES 25 AUG 42.PART. I.

1. TOPOGRAPHICAL. A wheel recce of area BIGGENDEN - GAYNDAH - MUNGY STATION - GIN GIN - BOOYAL area has just been completed and separate report is being furnished. The only crossings of BURNETT River now available for transport in area recce'd are at GAYNDAH, MINGO CROSSING, The CAUSEWAY and WALLAVILLE. All other crossings were washed away in the February floods. Apart from main roads, tracks are invariably rough and difficult to traverse.
2. MORALE. Reasonably good. The Coy exercise now completed has had a beneficial effect on tps, and they now appear to realise that they are entering an operational area. The talk by the G.O.C. after Church Parade on Sunday last was very well received, particularly as it concerned the operations of A.I.F. units composed mainly of officers, N.C.O's and men of this unit. Personnel of E Coy still feel the loss of their M.M.G's and it is thought that this may have an adverse effect on A.I.F. recruiting.
3. HEALTH. Sick parade totals for period 17-24 Aug. incl. are as follows:-

REPORTED.	DUTY.	LIGHT DUTY	NO DUTY.	A.D.S.	EVACUATED		C.C.S.
					A.G.H.	M.D.S.	
134	60	18	44	-	7	12	-

Cases evacuated to M.D.S. included 1 case of appendicitis, 1 of stomach pains, 1 of infected scalds, 1 of scorpion bite, 1 of measles cerumen and 1 of discharging sinus.

4. SECURITY. (i) Following is a report of a member of this unit dealing with movement rumours, obtained from a civilian source.

"Whilst in MARYBOROUGH I came into contact with a young girl from the "Wide Bay Laundry". In the course of conversation she informed me that the laundry business would slacken shortly, as nearby troops were moving. The girl had no idea of any date, but was quite sure we would not travel further NORTH, but South. She seemed to be under the impression that we were going home. "

(ii) Forwarded is a copy of the Div. R/T Code picked up by an officer of this unit on TEEBAR Rd. The document has apparently fallen out of a tunic pocket.
5. LEAVE CONVOYS. It has now become well known to residents of MARYBOROUGH at what times leave personnel may be expected. Some hundreds of/unarmed tps enter the town at these times and always debus and embus at the one spot. It is thought that these places and times may become danger spots if learnt by the enemy, and it is suggested that the debussing and embussing points be changed from time to time.

25 Aug. 42.

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Report re-proposed move.

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2 Sep. 42.

WEEKLY INTELLIGENCE REPORT.

NO 90.

FROM 1200 hrs Tuesday 25 Aug. to 1200 hrs Tues. 1 Sep. 42.

PART I.

TOPOGRAPHICAL. - Nil.

MORALE. Following the Bn. exercise in DOONGUL CK area last week the esprit de corps of the unit has become much better, even though there has been much gossip about a possible unit move. The health of the unit appears to be generally good and the endurance which they displayed in the recent Bn exercise appears to have a good effect.

HEALTH. The figures for period 25 Aug-31 Aug 42 are as follows:-

<u>TOTAL REPORTED</u>	<u>DUTY.</u>	<u>LIGHT DUTY.</u>	<u>NO DUTY.</u>	<u>EVACUATED</u>			
				<u>A.D.S.</u>	<u>A.G.H.</u>	<u>M.D.S.</u>	<u>C.G.S.</u>
105	48	18	29	-	-	10	-

Number evacuated includes 4 cases of measles, 1 of lacerated legs (injury) 1 discharging sinus, 1 discharging cyst, and 1 abdominal pains.

SECURITY. The attached envelope was picked up on rd near GAYNDAH on 18 Aug by Pte ROBERTSON of this section whilst engaged on a wheel route recce in that area. It is forwarded for infm and any action deemed necessary.

Security talks delivered by 2 I/C, Maj. RUSSELL, appear to have had some good effect and tps are apparently becoming security minded.


GENERAL. It is believed that the wife of a member of this unit is at present staying in MARYBOROUGH. It has been said that she was previously in BEAUDESERT and followed her husband to MARYBOROUGH when the unit moved to its present posn. Although it is thought that no action can be taken to prevent any person from travelling, even though she be the wife of a soldier, the matter is referred to you for notation.

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5. LEAVE CONVOYS (cont'd)

It is further suggested that some warning signal be introduced to inform tps that they must immediately report to their trucks if required back in their unit areas. In BRISBANE recently members of the Allied Naval Forces were efficiently recalled to their ships with the minimum of excitement, simply by flashing on picture theatre screens etc a code word "Lady Hamilton."

It is thought that a similar warning word could be effectively introduced in this/ area.



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9 Sep. 42.

WEEKLY INTELLIGENCE REPORT.

No. 91.

From 1200 hrs. Tues. 1 Sep. to 12 00 hrs. Tues. 8 Sep. 42.

PART 1.

TOPOGRAPHICAL. This unit conducted a recce. of the BUNDABERG-MARY RIVER area for the purposes of 2 AUST. Corps Coastal Summary. A separate report has been forwarded in respect of this recce. Additions and amendments to Map MARYBOROUGH 1/4" strat -

1. PALM BEACH - ref 566890. This holiday resort consisting of a number of shacks at present unoccupied, is reached by a C.3. (D.4) sand track which branches from the main rd. BUNDABERG-CHILDERS at ELLIOTT RIVER (BUNDABERG strat.). The beach is fine firm sand suitable for M.T. or A/C landing. The track is very rough.

2. A C.3 (D.4) earth and sand track runs from WOODGATE (571878) to SOUTH bank of mouth to THEODOLITE CK. (570882). This track is very rough.

3. B.1 rd. shown as running to SOUTH of DUNDOWRAN (594854) past CRAIGNISH SCHOOL (592855) thence to TAKURA SCHOOL (590849) does not exist past CRAIGNISH SCHOOL.

4. B.1. rd. shown as passing over Ry line at TAKURA (594846) actually passes over Ry line at approx. 595847.

MORALE. Continues to be good.

HEALTH. Following are details for period 1 Sep.-9 Sep. (9 days).

Total Reported.	Duty.	Light Duty.	No Duty.	Evacuated			
				A.D.S.	M.D.S.	A.G.H.	C.C.S.
75	45	6	8	3	11	2	-

Cases evacuated included 1 case of hernia, 1 knee injury to M.D.S. and 1 case of eye trouble to A.D.S.

SECURITY. This matter is still open to improvement although the change in the security-mindedness of tps generally is most gratifying. This has become particularly noticeable in so far as correspondence is concerned and it would appear that tps are realizing the value of keeping silent regarding moves, etc.

It has been ascertained that 2/31st Bn. occupied this area at some time previously. In "B" Coy. area an envelope addressed-
QX..... Pte. E. CROOKS,
"C" Coy.,
2/31st Bn.

was found. The postmark, date and Reg. No. were undecipherable, but it would appear from the condition of the envelope that the unit has been on this site recently.

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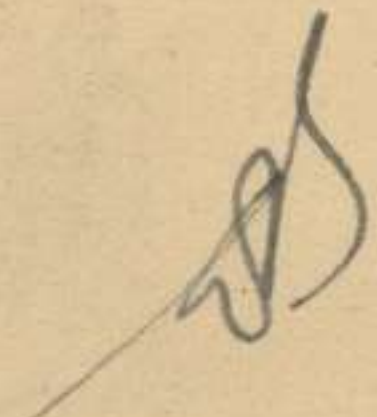
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GENERAL. This report has been delayed through the move
of the unit to its new site.



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MELBOURNE, C.T.

AUSTRALIA.

16 Sep. 42.

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WEEKLY INTELLIGENCE REPORT.
NO 92.

From 1200 hrs Tues. 9 Sep. 42 - 1200 hrs Tues. 15 Sep. 42.

1. TOPOGRAPHICAL. A recce of new Bn. area has been made and an enlargement will be forwarded as soon as possible.

2. SECURITY. On Sat. 12 Sep. this unit marched to CALOUNDRA and return. It was noted that tps generally observed the requirements of security. On the road, however, Transport work tickets and monthly vehicle log sheet summary were picked up, and are forwarded for your information etc (see appendices a-h.)

When this unit moved into its present area on 14 Sep., the previous unit had not completely moved out. A number of documents etc were left at the site and are forwarded herewith for your information etc (app i - r).

3. MORALE. Morale of the unit continues to be good and all tps are now actively discussing the prospects of home leave. Reinforcements received by the unit appear to be good material.



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AREA: → NORTH along BRUCE HIGHWAY 600 yards, from 117488.
 WEST along re-entrant approx 2 miles.
 NW 1 mile.

NORTH approx 600 yds to a tributary of BEEKBURRUM CK. Correspondingly a wooden ry br and rd br. Along the ck under the ry br there is a water hole of considerable size 40 yds by 20 yds, 5 ft deep (approx). There are two farms between 63 IN gate and ry br. The first consisting of a roadside cafe of sorts, a tobacco drying plant, two wells and about ten acres of cultivation. The ten acres being in the early stages of preparation for tobacco growing. The last crop on this land was pineapples. The wells on ridges in this area have to be sunk to 30 ft in depth to procure water in any quantity. Deductions denote that quantities of 90 to 100 gals being drawn, the seepage being the source of supply. wells in lower lying areas such as re-entrants and swamp areas necessitate digging to a depth of 12 ft.

In dry times these wells take up to 1 week to replenish their full supply.

Mr. WAUGH is the property owner of the first farm which is 400 yds from 63 IN sign (A D & B coy areas - 117488).

Mr. WAUGH is returned from 1914-1918 war and asked quite some questions about camp units, remarked on number of MT convoys going north and supplied the infm that his next door neighbour, a ~~Miss~~ ACKLIN ? is in the habit of asking many questions of military nature.

An ARIEL motor cycle less number plates is abandoned on BRUCE HIGHWAY reserve area in front of Mr WAUGH's property. It is about a 1934 model 2½ H.P. side valve hand change, 3 forward ~~speed~~ gear speed box, painted field green. The motor cycle is NOT a military vehicle. Tank is empty, pillion seat recently torn off.

Mrs WAUGH supplies tps with cups of tea, home made scones, tarts, etc for a minimum charge.

WAUGH supplies infm that 2/31st personnel were in vicinity NW of poultry farm. Camp site on poultry farm property.

A Mrs REARDON, wife of a 2/31st cook, boarded at WAUGH's while 2/31st in area. 2/31st left for NEW GUINEA stopping at TOWNSVILLE. Jap subs enforcing stop. Infm between REARDONS per code system. REARDONS reside at INGHAM Q. Mrs WAUGH is a cripple injured in sulky turnover 15 years ago. Visits BRISBANE every three weeks for treatment.

Thirst for infm NOT judged as fifth column but recommend that tps be kept away from farms in this vicinity as they know of unit and home towns. Assumed that tps from D Coy. Tps have booked supper for tonight, poached eggs on toast. Jam tarts in oven on visit.

I cannot be sure of the POULTRY FARM property owner's name being ACKLIN. Infm as to name being supplied and supplier NOT sure.

Mrs ACKLIN and son 18 years old reside on property. Residence built from bush timber and galvanized iron. 500 fowls on farm, all feed purchased, NO cultivation. Mr. ACKLIN working in BRISBANE on ry, most probably in a labouring capacity as he generally works in rd gangs, etc. Has communistic sympathies.

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Mrs. ACK ? asks unit, home town, knows VIC unit in this area, remarks on equipment going north. Observes trains passing, observes convoys MT. quite learned, clean, tidy with good knowledge of world affairs. Been in residence 5 years. Has car, nobody to drive. quite friendly.

Signed. W. E. SMITH. Lieut
VX 51657