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			Ref Map MOROTAI.	
	1		At sea	
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	2.	0800	Arrived MOROTAI	
		1000.	Tps commenced disembarking.	
		1200	2/28 disembarked. Taken by MT. to 2 Aust staging camp. Baggage party remained at ship to unload hy baggage & WOV stores.	
			completed by 1630 hrs. Circular to all offrs from CO. Bn at staging camp. Unloading of unit stores very slow.	Appx A
	3		2/28 Bn Adm Instr No 1 issued.	Appx A I
	4.	0830.	Bn commenced moving to new camp area at Green St. Move completed by 1800. Tps clearing undergrowth & erecting tents. C.O. rejoined unit from Bde.	Appx B

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	5		Work continued on camp area. Unit stores still arriving from ship. Many cases had been broken open, locks battered off etc. Shortages include. Letter received by all offrs from Bde Comd.	Appx C
		0900	CO held Coy Comds conference, the first on OBOE 6.	
		1400.	Bde Comds held O Gps Conference.	
			Pictures in area during evening.	
	6.	0900	Coy Comd conference.	
		1400	Int Offrs conference at Bde HQ	
		1400.	Six american officers of 727 Amph Tractor Bn visited Bn planning room to liaise with Coy Comd with whom they will be working. Capt Brennan & 4 leaders of B. Sqn 2/9 Aust Armd Regt. at conference in planning room	

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MOROTAI	7	0930.	C.O. addressed all Coys on BORNEO, natives, customs & diseases.	
		1100.	CO had conference of all offrs for initial briefing of OBOE 6. Previously Lt Col from Div HQ discussed with all offrs present equip., its efficiency, any suggestions for improvement or new equip.	
		1400.	C.O Adjt. 10 to Bde to view model of LABUAN.	
		1900	CO commenced op order No 1	
	8.	1100	Brig Porter addressed Bn Subjects. Coming ops. application of their trng to ops. Wished them best of luck. Unit continues to clear camp site of undergrowth, erect messes etc. C.O continued his op order. Coy cmds & attached tps cmdrs continue planning. ~~Letter received by all offrs from Brig Porter.~~	Appx

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MOROTAI	9	0900.	Church parade held to celebrate armistice in Europe.	
		0700	C.O to Bde Cond Conf.	
			Bn continued to work on camps area.	
			Extra 2 bottles beer per man issued.	
			Pictures screened in area.	
	10	0900	Coy Comds conference. Further inf re OBOE 6 discussed	
		1400.	Col Norman, Capt Van Pragg, Lt Bromley to Brigs conference	
			Representatives from BBCAU told conference of their	
			responsibilities in OBOE 6. Coy & Pl Comds viewed model at Bde.	
			Heavy rain during evening collapsing CO's tent.	
			Cinema screened in area.	

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MOROTAI	11	0900	Coy Comd conference. OBOE 6 discussed.	
			Lt Col Norman completed draft of OO 1.	
			Lt Chiffers + 5 NCOs from Engrs were given the Bn plan by Col Norman. Pictures in area during evening	
"	12		Unit Str. 34 offrs; 707 ORS.	
		0	D Coy sent patrol in area NORTH of camp. Time out 0830. Time in 1500. Str nil	Appx D
			Det of BBCAU (British Borneo Civil Adm Unit). Str 3 officers 1 ORs. Officers Maj Gifford ; Capt Delaney of Kenya Regt. Capt Lipkett Aust Army Medical.	
			Pictures screened in area. Corps band visited this Bn + gave band recital.	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MOROTAI	13	0900	Voluntary Church parade.	
			Rest Day for troops. Band played for an hour during afternoon	
	14.		Flame thrower school started in Bn area. Chief Instructor Lt George.	
			Instr team of engrs instructed Coys in Japanese Booby Traps & mines.	
		0900	Coy Comds conference	
		0900	Conference at Bde attended by COs Adjts, IOs & Coys sent three patols, D Coy one patool, each to one pl in Bn area. No enemy seen	A Appx E
	15	0900	Coy Comd conference. Matters from previous days Bde Conf passed on & discussed.	

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MOROTAI	15.		Flame thrower course continued. 001 reproduced + corrected ready for issue.	
			D Coy marched to a patrol base during afternoon on the following two days are sending out three pl bases, pl str to endeavor to contact some of the Japs remaining on the island	Appx.
	16.	0900	Coy Comd Conference.	
			B Coy had a patrol in Bn Patrol area, str of pl	
			Time out 0900. Time in 1530.	
			Bde 002 received. (2 copies).	Appx F
	17.		Flame thrower course continued. Pers from each coy to to learn to handle .50 & .30 calibre machine guns which are	

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MOROTAI	17.		mounted on the LVT 4's in which the assault waves are going in.	
		1400.	Coordinating conference at Bde attented by all Bn Comds & adjts. D Coy returned from three day patrol.	
	18.		C.O & adjt working on OOs. This work is hampered by the fact that the only big type-writer in the unit was lost during move to the island. a machine is borrowed from a/s Fd Amb & the clerk works at night. Int Sec preparing cloth models in planning stunt ready for CO's conference on 19th.	
	19	0930	C.O. had coordinating conference. Coy Comds & all OC's suppot arms were present. The whole	

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MOROTAI.	19		operation was covered carefully by planes, Each Coy Comd explaining his own plan. The result was an exact understanding by everybody. Maj Gifford & Capt Delaney left the unit. Maj McDonald. & Lt Marlowe marched in as replacements Both offrs are British Army, their unit BBCAO. Unit Str. 39 offrs. 736 ORs	
	20.	0900	Voluntary church service. Rest day. Bn staff working on OOI & nominal rolls.	
	21.		Bn normal trg. route marches etc.	
	22		Weather. Heavy rain from 1500. Bn continue normal trg.	

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MORATAI	22.	continued.	Bn OO1 issued. Many snakes continue to be killed in camp area, one or more being killed every day. C Coy held O Ep conference using model from Bde.	Appx G
	23.		Coys continue route marches & specialist trg.	
		1400	Bde conference on OBOE6. A few small points clarified.	
			2/28 Bn. Adm Order 1 issued.	Appx H
	24.	0930	Bn coordinating conference, attended by Bn O Gp, OC support arms, engrs, armour. Lt Cheffers (engrs) showed sample of a home made blast grenade-bomb. Made from a tin cylinder filled with 3 lb of explosive to which is attached a 36 hand grenade.	
			Col McKinnon & Tech Sgt Cheston U.S. Army marched in as observers. Pers who will travel on LSI WESTRALIA carried out scrambling net trg. Sig instr issued	Appx I

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MOROTAI.	24 (cont')		Two meals of fresh mutton, the first since landing on MOROTAI.	
	25.	0830.	C.O. to conference at RAAF HQ. Subject air coop. During afternoon Col Norman gave Col McKinnon all information re OBOE 6 from beginning of planning till present stage. Maj Lyon (OC A Coy). told the Coy Comd planning. RMO the medical set up. All vehicles have been waterproofed over the last two days. Bulk Coy stores were sent down to wharf for loading ~~of~~ on LSI WESTRALIA. Owing to lack of water carts, water in camp is scarce. One water cart servicing 3 bns. 14 reinforcements arrived at 2100. all west Australian, of ages up to 21	
	26		Bn Str.	
		0930.	Coy Comd conference. Further information re Labuan & Brunei Bay; it is thought that the foreshore has been	

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MOROTAI.	26	continued	mined. Plans had to be changed, additional engrs are to go in in Wave 1 & clear 4 lanes: . Bn trg continues. Landing and bayonet trg.	
	27	0830	Bn Church Parade. During morning all coys with Bn HQ. briefed all ORs fully on OBOE 6. Only name of locality and Z day withheld. Ordnly room busy all day on embarkation nominal rolls.	
			Bn Str 38 offrs. 775 ORs	
			Diary for 28-31 May will be included in War Diary for June. Embarkation of Bn commenced 30 May.	
			Additional Appx.	
			Oblique Photos. Landing area. LABUAN I. App J	
			Amn Code. " K	
			Offrs Posting List L	
			Bn R.O. 469 M	

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SABATAI RIVER
MOROTAI ISLAND

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P. MOROTAI

ZEE VAN HALMAHERA

FOOTHILLS OF WAJA BOELA GEBERGTE

05 10 35 30

Djeboeboe

Sabatai-toea

Tg. Sabatai

Tg. Djeboeboe

Tg. Kobomadoo (Tg. Toelang)

Daeo

Sabatai River fordable; navigable for canoes

2/28 Aust Inf Bn Staging Area

Reported 3 to 8 feet wide with wooden pilings

To Sabatai-Baroe

To Sangowo-ketjil

Coast exposed, with heavy swell in southeast season

Note:
Dotted blue lines indicate outline of underwater features appearing on photographs. Depths, composition and completeness of information uncertain

GENERAL NOTE:

Narrow, steep-to shore reef, soft enough to crumble under canoes, skirts coast; no detached reefs. Reported 3 foot depth over reef at high tide. Passages through reef at all villages reported to be marked with sticks by natives.

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Datum approx sea level

LEGEND
Buildings or huts
Jeep road
Trail
Foot bridge
Trail, probable
Streams, intermittent
Shallow or drying reef
Rain forest
Secondary growth
Plantations, coconut
Sand
Depression

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CENTRAL MOROTAI
WEST MOROTAI
SOUTHWEST MOROTAI
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GLOSSARY

A	Ake		River	Tg	Tandjoeng		Cape or point
	Geberge		Mountain range	V	Van		Of
P	Poelo, Poelau		Island		Zee		Sea

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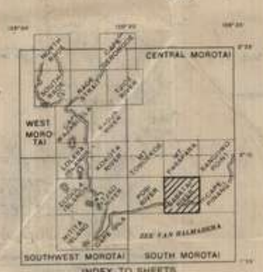

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+ ELEVATIONS IN FEET
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TO ALL OFFICERS OF 2/28 AUST INF BN

1. As you are all aware, action demands three essentials :-
   (a) Unit spirit
   (b) Good leadership
   (c) Strong discipline

2. As regards the first essential we have that in large measure, and no further comment is required.

3. (a) For the second, you have been in training for a considerable time, and have gained a greater amount of knowledge, and experience, than we have ever had.
(b) In those of you who have yet to experience action, I have the greatest confidence, and feel sure you will put the seal on that qualification, by the exercise of cool appreciation, and judgement, courage, and determination.
(c) Our reputation for drive has been earned largely by the spirit, knowledge, and initiative of junior leaders, and it can be maintained, only by them and with their fullest co-operation.
(d) At times we all make mistakes, and my advice is, if you make one, make it quickly, and the impetus may carry the day. Speed in all your actions is vital; the maximum of speed with the fullest preparation possible under the circumstances. But with your training, mistakes should be non-existent.
(e) Now is the time to cement that leadership, and impress it on the troops under your command. You have a grave responsibility, and none realise this better than those old soldiers among you. They are the ones who can be most helpful, to those who have had less experience.

4. Discipline has been proved time and again. Unit spirit, and discipline carried us through the BUSU RIVER. On arriving at a staging area such as this, troops, if allowed, are liable to slacken off too much. There is a loss of prestige to the unit, a loss of personal pride in themselves, and a loss to you in good leadership if this be permitted. Now is the very time to exert that additional energy, to ensure the highest standard is maintained in turnout, hygiene, paying of compliments, anti-disease measures. We must NOT pay in either health, or prestige, or our task will be the harder to accomplish.
There is a strong tendency when facilities are limited, to return to a prehistoric mode of life. See this does not take place.

5. After the LAE Campaign, I reported "No officer failed at any time to perform his duty to the highest possible standard". I feel sure, after our next, my report will be similar.

S. [illegible] Lt-col
Comd 2/28 Aust Inf Bn.

In the Field
1 May 45

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2/28 AUST INF BN ADM INSTR No.1

Ref Map : 1:20,000 (approx)-Special Map - SABATAI RIVER

1. Gen
(a) The following instrs will be carried out during the stay of 2/28 Aust Inf Bn in staging area No.2
(b) The subjects covered by this instr are as follows :-
(i) acclimatization
(ii) development of routine for service in a tropical op area
(iii) practice of hyg, anti-disease procedure, and adm of salt and diet correctives.

2. Routine

(a)	Reveille	0630 I	
(b)	Adm parade	0640 I	
(c)	Breakfast	0730 I	
(d)	Atebrin and salt parade	0850 I	
(e)	Trg period	0900 I	- 1200 I
(f)	Mid-day meal	1220 I	
(g)	Adm period for washing clothes and organised bathing	1300 I	- 1430 I
(h)	Trg period	1430 I	- 1600 I
(i)	Bathing	1600 I	- 1700 I
(j)	Evening meal	1730 I	
(k)	Retreat	1800 I	
(l)	Treatment of tents and shelters with anti-malarial spray - nets unfolded and tucked in.	1805 I	

NOTE : All coy personnel and att personnel will attend atebrin and salt parade, after which duties etc will be dismissed to their tents.

3. Acclimatization
During the performance of trg as per 2/28 Aust Inf Bn Trg Instr No.1 (to be issued later), tps will require careful handling so that resistance to tropical conditions may be developed and bad habits may be avoided. It is essential that physical exercise in progressive stages of exertion be undertaken; and, under no circumstances, must tps be allowed to develop inertia which follows yielding to the desire to avoid physical exercise.

4. Working without Shirts
Personnel performing manual lab, away from fwd areas, may remove their shirts.
The following conditions will govern such -
(a) Shirts will only be removed with the permission of an offr.
(b) Shirts must be worn when moving to and from work, and when resting, particularly in the shade, between periods of work.
(c) Cooks, office and sig personnel and tps similarly employed will be fully clothed during the performance of their duties.
(d) Shirts will NOT be removed other than between 0850 I and 1700 I for the purposes of performing manual lab.

5. Bathing and Washing
(a) The routine in para 2 has been specially laid down to avoid exposure at hours when mosquitoes are active. Accordingly, these times will be strictly adhered to, and washing or bathing at other times will NOT be allowed.

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(b) Units with warm bath oppt will use it to the best advantage. In any case, warm (NOT hot) baths will be taken frequently.
(c) Salt water soap will be issued prior to embarkation. Other soaps to be used must NOT contain disinfectants such as will cause irritation to the skin. In gen, soap should be used moderately, so that natural skin oils are NOT entirely destroyed.
(d) Towels must be kept clean.
(e) Bathing in streams or in untreated fresh water is strictly prohibited.
(f) Bathing in salt-water is likely to produce ear infection in certain cases. Where such infection becomes apparent tps must be instructed NOT to submerge the head.

6. Feet
(a) Pers must NOT walk barefooted. This also applies to walking on beaches.
(b) Boots must be kept water-proofed and treated with anti-mite lotion.
(c) Feet must NOT be allowed to remain wet.
(d) In addition to the above, instrs regarding the normal care of feet will be strictly adhered to.

7. Clothes
Due to perspiration, clothes must be washed and dried often. Paras 2 (c) and (h) are arranged so that time is allowed after physical exertion for the washing and drying of clothes.

8. Salt Tablets and Diet correctives
Coy comds will ensure that the regular dosage to tps, with salt tablets and other diet correctives, is recorded in Pl Comds' note-books.

9. Anti-disease measures
(a) Personal Hygiene
A high standard of personal hyg is essential. The following matters will receive special attention:-
(i) Bathing in rivers, pools, creeks, streams, lakes or harbours will not be permitted except in places approved by a MO.
(ii) Walking bare-footed on the bare earth is not permitted. Some form of footwear will be worn to and from showers and on beaches.
(b) Camp Hyg
(i) Strict attention will be paid to the cleanliness of all areas, and soap trays and drains from kitchens, ablutions and shower points. These must be cleaned at least once daily.
(ii) Unless otherwise approved by MO, all sullage water will be run underground from point of origin and disposed of in cistern traps and trenches.
(iii) Latrine seats will be kept closed and inspected regularly to ensure that the pits are fly-proof. All latrines will be equipped with fly-traps.
(iv) Garbage - wet and dry - and tins must be thoroughly burned in incinerators. The incinerated refuse will be buried in pits constructed in coy areas. Each coy will detail necessary personnel for this purpose. Tins will be crushed before burial.
(v) All food refuse and empty tins must be protected from flies pending incineration.
(vi) Food must be covered from flies at all times.
(vii) Exteriors of food tins should be cleaned before opening.
(viii) Sterilisation of messing gear will be carried out at all mess parades.
(ix) Coys must insist on absolute cleanliness of cooks and mess orderlies. Nail brush, soap and towels will be supplied to each kitchen for use by these personnel.

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(x) Consumption of food sold or prepared by natives is prohibited.
(xi) Rations should be securely stored in such a way as to prevent contamination by rats, flies, and other vermin.
(xii) Action to destroy rats which are sources of serious epidemic diseases, must be relentless. Each coy cond is responsible for carrying out anti-rodent measures within coy area, and will be assisted by the MO. Issues of rat poison (Barium Carbonate), which will be conspicuously labelled will be made available.

(c) Anti-Malarial
(i) Before an action or patrol, tps will be dosed with 3-4 atebrin tablets, in order to provide a 'build up' to cover lapses due to emergency conditions. However, this must NOT be allowed to promote the irregular adn of precautions.
(ii) 'Aerosol' dispensers will be in op issue. A tendency exists to over-apply these, and hence there is a considerable wastage. Hyg pers will demonstrate their use and, where possible, will supervise their employment.

10. Venereal Disease
VD is rife in areas of future ops. Tps will be warned of the consequences, of contracting this disease, and will be paraded to the CO for an interview in order to trace, and take measures to overcome the origin of infection.

11. Cots Folding (Aust)
Care must be taken in the maintenance of cots. During ops, it is suggested that the wood parts be tiedtogether and dumped; and the canvas carried for the purpose of the construction of bush beds etc. If this is done, maintenance will need to be the stricter.

12. Care and Maintenance of Arms and Eqpt
Both in ops and in staging areas continual care must be taken to maintain all eqpt, particularly weapons. Armourers will function continually in their normal role.

13. Natives
Both at NCR, TAI and in future op areas, considerable contact will be made with native peoples. The following pts will be adhered to, pending the promulgation of complete instrs.
(a) Native traders are a potential danger in that they ply their trade between islands occupied by the enemy and those occupied by our own tps. The purchasing of foodstuffs, souvenirs or any other form of trading with natives is strictly forbidden.
(b) Natives will NOT be allowed in camps or areas occupied by our tps. Tps will avoid conversation with them.
(c) Should a native be found in the area, his presence and location will be notified immediately to this HQ, when action will be taken to take the native into custody.
(d) During ops it is anticipated that many natives will surrender to our side, and the removal of such pers from battle areas MAY may be a problem. The following policy will be adopted with regard to this matter :-
(i) All natives entering our lines will be regarded with suspicion and handed over to NTCA;
(ii) Natives and refugees (both white and coloured) will be removed from fd areas as speedily as possible; and
(iii) White refugees will be kept well apart from natives.
(e) Except as authorised by higher authority, native labour will NOT be employed.

14. Limits of 9 Aust Div Staging Area
(a) Western Extremity - pt 012338 (approx)
(b) Eastern Extremity - pt 050318 (approx)

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15. Out of Bounds
(a) The native village of DAITO is "out of bounds" to all ranks. Any person found therein will be dealt with by severe disciplinary action.
(b) Pro Check Posts have been est at the eastern extremity of 9 Aust Div Staging Area to ensure that tps do not move EAST of these Check Posts. Any tps found to the east of these posts will be apprehended and returned to their unit under escort.
(c) WAU and TITOM airstrips, dispersal areas, taxi-ways, airfield installations and US Army Camps and dumps are prohibited areas to all AIF personnel except when on duty.

16. Speed Limits
(a) In 9 Aust Div Staging Area :
Jeeps 25 mph
All other vehicles 20 mph
(b) Outside 9 Aust Div Staging Area :
All vehs 20 mph.

17. Indiscriminate Shooting
Under no circumstances will the indiscriminate use of firearms be tolerated. Severe disciplinary action will be taken against offenders.

18. Postal
(a) Postage Stamps and Postal Notes
(i) At the present time Postage Stamps and Postal Notes are sold at the following rate :-
6.08 guilders to £1.
(ii) As from 1 May 45 the following fixed prices for postage stamps and Postal notes will apply :-
Stamps
1d - 2½ cents)
2d - 5 cents) Equals 6 guilders
3d - 7½ cents) to £1
6d - 15 cents)
1/- - 30 cents)
1d and 3d stamps will be purchased in multiples of two.
Postal Notes
5/- - 1.53 guilders) Equals 6.08 guilders
10/- - 3.04 ") to £1.
£1 - 6.08 ")
(iii) NEI currency only will be accepted at FPOs.
(b) Postage Rates
(i) To AUST
Air Mail Letters - 5d per ½ oz or portion thereof.
Air Mail Letter Cards - 1d ea.
Surface Mail Letters - Not exceeding ¼ oz - free.
Exceeding ¼ oz - 1d per oz or portion thereof.
Packets - Not exceeding ¼ oz - free
¼ oz - 8 oz - 3d
8 oz - 12 oz - 6d
12 oz - 16 oz - 9d
Parcels - 1 lb - 6d
2 lb - 9d
3 lb - 1/-
3-5 lb - 1/3
5-8 lb - 1/6
8-11 lb - 1/9
(ii) To United Kingdom
Air Mail Letters - 1/6 per ½ oz or portion thereof.
Air Mail Letter Cards - 7d ea.
Surface Mail Letters - Not exceeding 2 oz - free
Exceeding 2 oz - 1d per oz or portion thereof.
(c) Telegrams
(i) Telegrams will be accepted for despatch to AUST.
Despatch is by AIR MAIL to BRISBANE and thence by

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telegraph to place of address. It will be noted from the above that telegrams are not very much faster than ordinary air mail and tps should be advised accordingly of the unnecessary money involved by comparison with Air Mail rates.

(ii) Rates

Urgent - First fourteen words - 1/-
Each additional word - 1d

Ordinary - First fourteen words - 6d
Each additional two words - 1d.

The date of lodgement will be included in each telegram after the signature (i.e. 16 Apr, 3 May etc) and will be charged for as two words.

(d) Cables

Cable Rates may be obtained on application to FPOs.

19. Pay

(a) Advances will be made in NEI currency, the relevant exchange rates being as under :-

AUST		NEI
3/3	-	1 Guilder (100 cents)
6/7	-	2 "
13/2	-	4 "
19/9	-	6 "
£1/6/4	-	8 "
£1/12/11	-	10 "

(b) Aust currency may be exchanged in bulk for NEI currency when pay facilities are available.

20. Wireless Sub-Sec in Bn Staging Area

(a) A sub-sec of 9 Aust Div Sigs is located in 2/28 Aust Inf Bn Staging Area.

(b) Tps will be instructed that under no circumstances whatsoever will they interfere with any installation, eqpt or wiring belonging to this sub-sec, or serious delays in comms will result.

21. Cutting of Timber in Bn Area

Coys will endeavour to retain as much natural growth as possible in coy areas for the provision of shade. Only essential timber for constr of shelters will be cut.

22. Fire Orders

Shown as Appx "A".

23. Notes on est of Camp

Shown as Appx "B".

W Blanchard Capt
Adjt 2/28 Aust Inf Bn

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FIRE ORDERS

(Issued with 2/28 Aust Inf Bn Adm Instr No.1 dated 1 May 45)

The following Fire Orders will be strictly observed :-

1. Except where necessary to destroy decaying vegetation and undergrowth; fires will only be lit in properly prepared places.

2. Fire will be used to destroy decaying vegetation and undergrowth. This material will be collected in heaps removed 10 yds from tents, camp buildings and dumps, and burnt under close supervision.

3. All fires will be extinguished by sunset.

4. Lighted lamps will NOT be left in unoccupied tents or buildings.

5. Smoking will be forbidden within a radius of 10 yds from petrol dumps and within the precincts of a petrol installation.

6. Smoking will be forbidden within the precincts of an ammunition depot.

7. All units will appoint Fire Piquets whose responsibility it will be to attack any outbreak of fire immediately it is discovered. Officers will be detailed to supervise the work of these piquets.

8. Upon the outbreak of fire, the warning will be passed to the FirePiquet. The discoverer and any other personnel nearby will attempt to keep the outbreak under control until the arrival of the Fire Piquet.

9. These Fire Orders will be promulgated to all ranks.

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Appx "B"
Copy No.....18
1 May 45

NOTES OF INST OF C/MTS

(Issued with 2/28 Aust Inf Bn Adm Instr No.1 dated 1 May 45)

1. Gen
The following notes are based on experience gained by units already in this area, and many pts will apply equally to other similar areas.

2. Allotment of areas
Coy areas have been allotted and as much preparation as has been possible in the time, and with personnel available; has been made. This has been limited to have immediate essentials, such as latrines for immediate use and food preparation rooms. Coys will layout and clear their own areas and construct and erect all camp accn requirements.

3. Bdys
Coy bdys will be rigidly adhered to.

4. Priority of constr
Order of priority in construction and erection of the camp should be :
(a) Incinerator
(b) Latrines
(c) Clearance of area for tents.
(d) Erection of living tents and coverage for messes.
(e) Construction of grease traps and drainage from food preparation rooms, showers and ablution places.
(f) Arrangements for disposal of incinerated refuse and tins.
(g) Improvement of traffic circuit and construction of vehicle hard standings.
(h) Erection of water tank stands.
(i) Drainage of pools.
(j) Clearance and incineration of any trash piles which may have been left in the area.
(k) General clearance of the area, burning all refuse, fallen coconuts etc, and disposal of all tins.

5. Incinerator
The incinerator should be handy to the men's mess so that food scraps can be thrown on to the incinerator immediately after each meal. Rubbish bins should not be used for collection of food scraps. Coconut fronds and other refuse from coconut palms will be found useful as fuel for the incinerator. Coconuts should be split in halves and laid along the edges of the incinerator to dry out before burning. All tins must be burned in the incinerator and crushed before burned.

6. Latrines
Latrines constructed before arrival of troops are intended to meet only immediate requirements. Deeper latrines should be constructed without delay. Minimum depth should be 12 ft. Where nature of ground will not permit deep latrine, incinerator latrines are to be constructed.

7. Clearance of Ground
All clearance of ground for tents should be done by hand. Troops should be warned not to disturb the surface of the soil. Vegetation and secondary growth should be cut off close to the ground. Bulldozers will not be used for ground clearance as they break and remove the thin soil surface over the coral. Standing trees should not be cut down unless their removal is essential to location of camp installations. Removal of fallen trees should not be attempted before erection of the camp is completed, unless such trees are lying on areas required for camp purposes.

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B. Location of Camp Facilities
Water tanks, kitchens, showers, and camp store tents, should be close to the camp traffic circuit so that water and other vehicles can deliver to them without leaving the camp road.

9. Draining of Pools
In coral country pools can be drained by digging drains 3 to 4 ft in the coral, filling them with flattened tins and covering over with earth.

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ORIGONAL

Appx C

HQ 24 Aust Inf Bde.
26 Apr 45

All Offrs
~~NX 5397 Lt J F BROWNING~~,
2/28 Aust Inf Bn
AIF AUSTRALIA

During the campaigns which lie ahead, the fight against disease is likely to be harder than hitherto.

Despite this, the Brigade is aiming at "NO MALARIA" - not even a single case. Every officer, NCO and man is asked to make this a personal matter.

In the tropics, where there are no cold snaps and no leave interruptions, the main concern is with:-

(a) The officer who is content with saying "I only had ..... cases. That's not bad".

(b) The NCO who "shuts an eye" rather than be tiresome in his pursuit of complete "anti-malarial" discipline.

(c) The man who tells himself that comfort is more important than irksome anti-malarial precautions; and, anyhow, he knows better than "a lot of quacks"

(d) The individual who is all out for home at any price. There is a mistaken belief that, after two attacks, a soldier is sent home to Australia. This is definitely NOT the case.

You have responded well to other administrative campaigns, with the result that the Bde is gaining a good reputation. This is more than a mere administrative problem. All anti-disease measures are "G" matters. I therefore appeal to you to take the slogan "NO MALARIA" seriously. It will be an achievement of which we may be proud; but, one which is well within our standard.

Brig.
Comd 24 Aust Inf Bde

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ORIGONAL

App x D

Subject: PATROL REPORT. 12 MAY 45.

D Coy
13 MAY 45.

O/C 8 Aust. Inf. Bn.

1. Att is the patrol Comds report on the patrol carried out on 12 May 45.

Capt.
OC D Coy.

HQ 13 Pl.

HQ Pl.

Lieut Deany

Lieut patrol MOROTAI

PATROL REPORT 1

Ref Map:- SABATAI River 1/20,000 Date 12 May 45.
PROVIDED BY:- 16 Pl. COMD:- Lt. D. WOODWARD
TYPE:- Recce. STRENGTH. 1 Off 26 O/Rs
TIME OUT. 0830 hrs TIME IN. 1430 hrs
ROUTE OUT. From present location to 038333 thence to CK junc at 037340 thence along west bank to 036347 thence left along high ground to Knoll at 034354.
ROUTE IN:- Down CK from 034352 to fork at 032335 thence on mag bearing of 1530 to camp.

OBJECT. RECCE of general area squares 0333 - 0334 - 0335.

PART I

Summary of results:- The country is very rough & generally covered with thick undergrowth & there was no evidence of any tracks & that the enemy were here within the area.

PART II

The patrol moved from camp area to 038333 where it was evident that

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some cutting would be necessary to the forward ele. to proceed & although the amount of cutting was not great the rate of progress was very slow.

It was found that the map was not very reliable as there were many very steep banks & dry water courses that were NOT shown & as a result the patrol relied entirely on the compass on its route out.

The only stream carrying water in the area mentioned is the one shown as rising at 035352 & running S.S.W. & entering the ocean at 027327 & this at present is running fairly strongly.

The only evidence of any wild life was tracked areas where pigs had obviously been in search of food.

The running stream also carried small numbers of a variety of shrimps which were fairly easily caught.

One member of the patrol was attacked by a snake but as the reptile struck him on the gaiter he was unharmed & the snake was quickly killed.

A small black ant which was found swarming on most small bushes was very troublesome as large numbers were brushed onto the arms & neck and they started biting on impact.

signed D. J. Woodward Lt

ROUTE of PATROL Nº 1

Ref. Map. SABATAI RIVER

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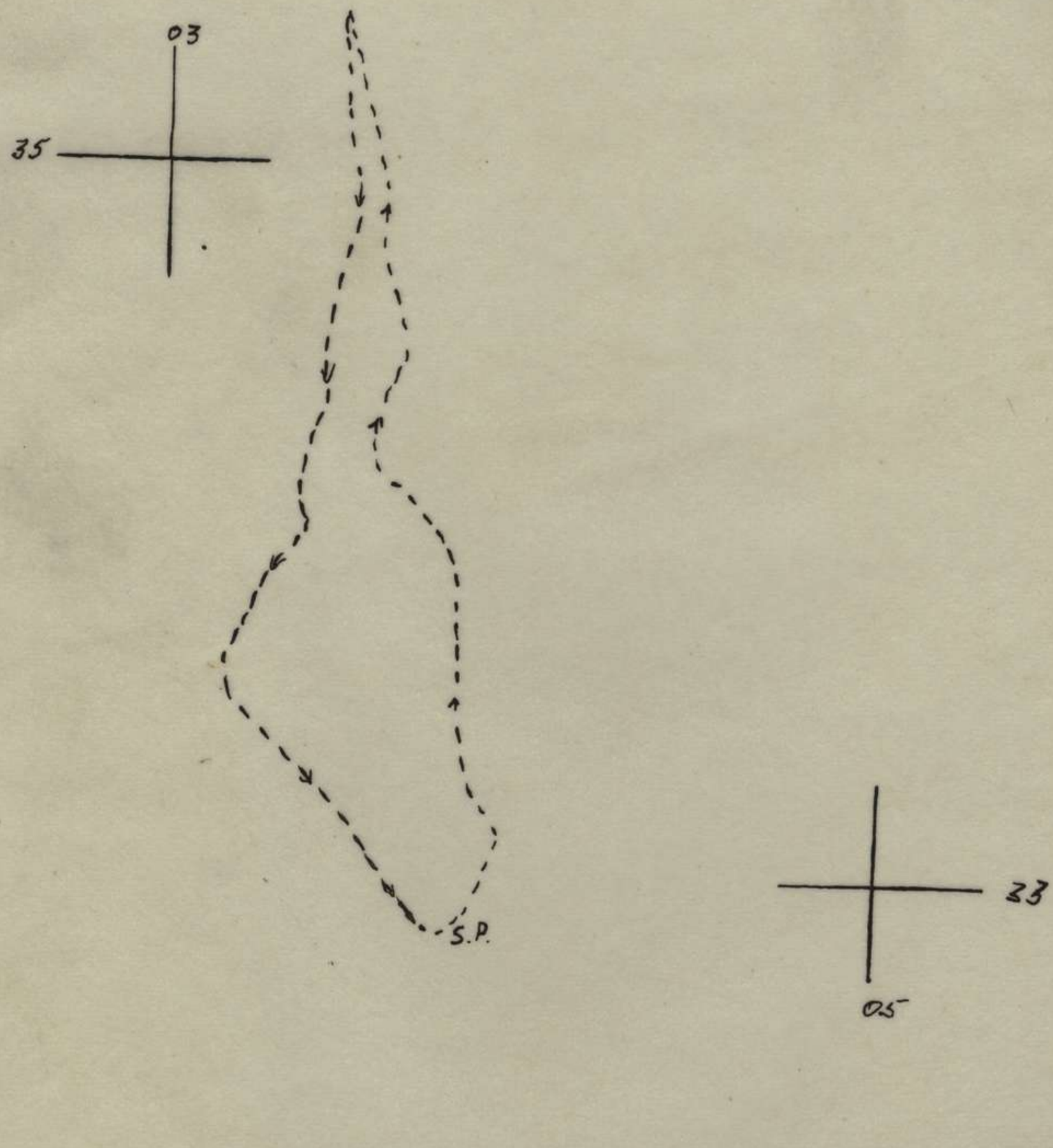

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2/28 BN PATROL NO 2

Ref Map SABATAI R SPECIAL 1:20000

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ROUTE of PATROLS Nos 3 & 4.

of 2/28 Aust Inf. Bn.

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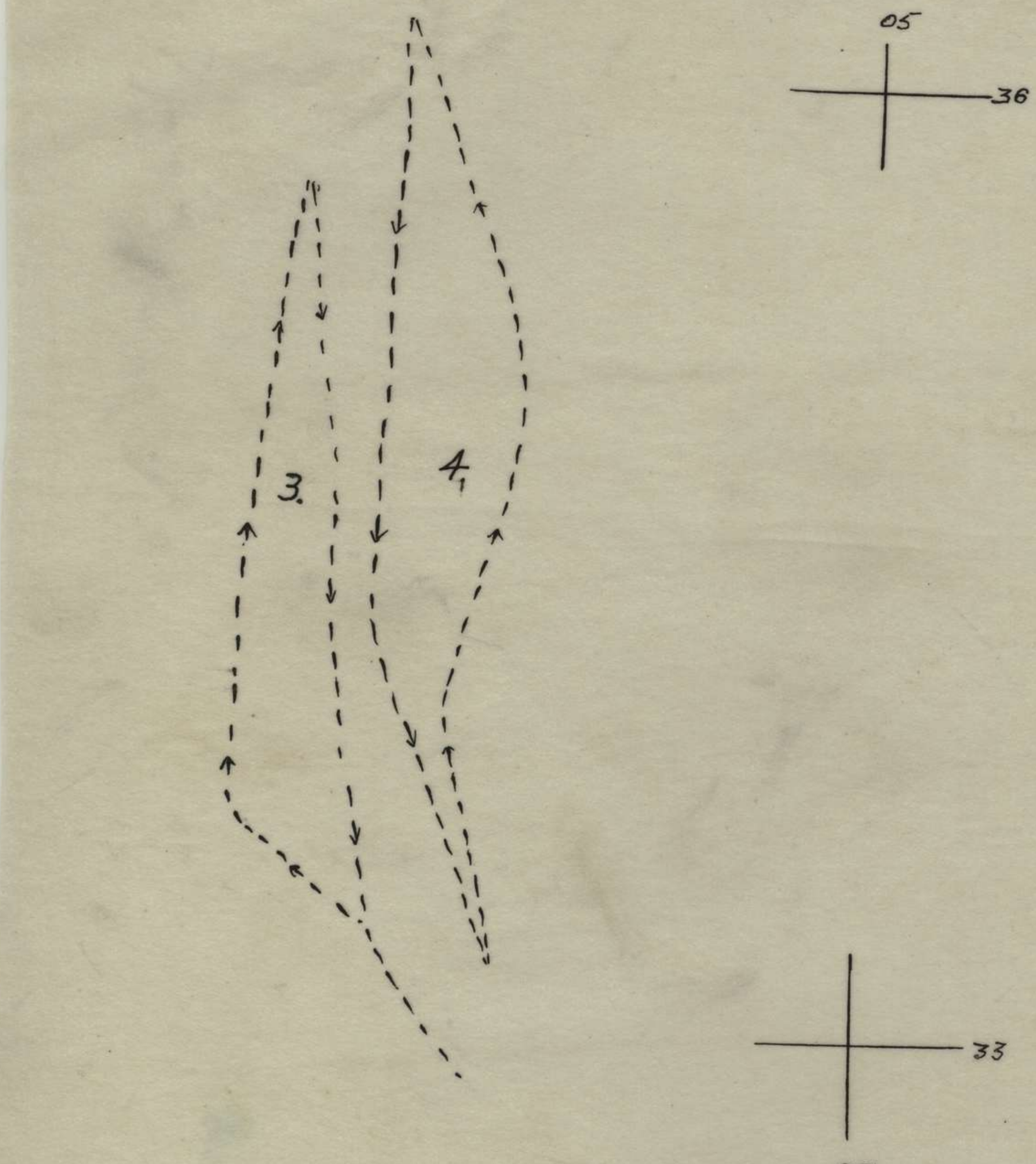

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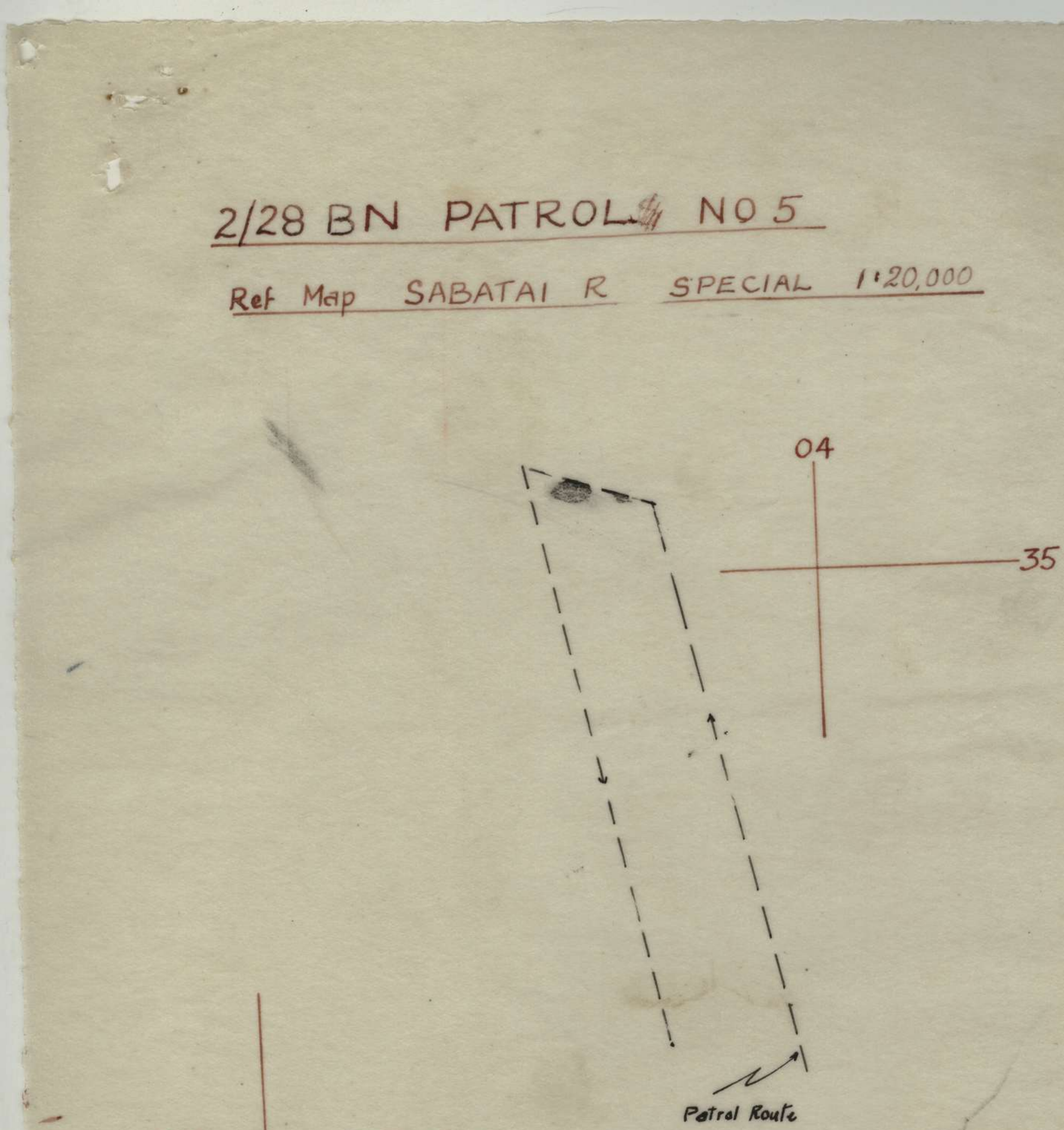

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2/28 Bn PATROL No. 7.

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Ref Map SABATAI R. 1:20000

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AMENDED BOUNDARIES TO PATROL AREAS

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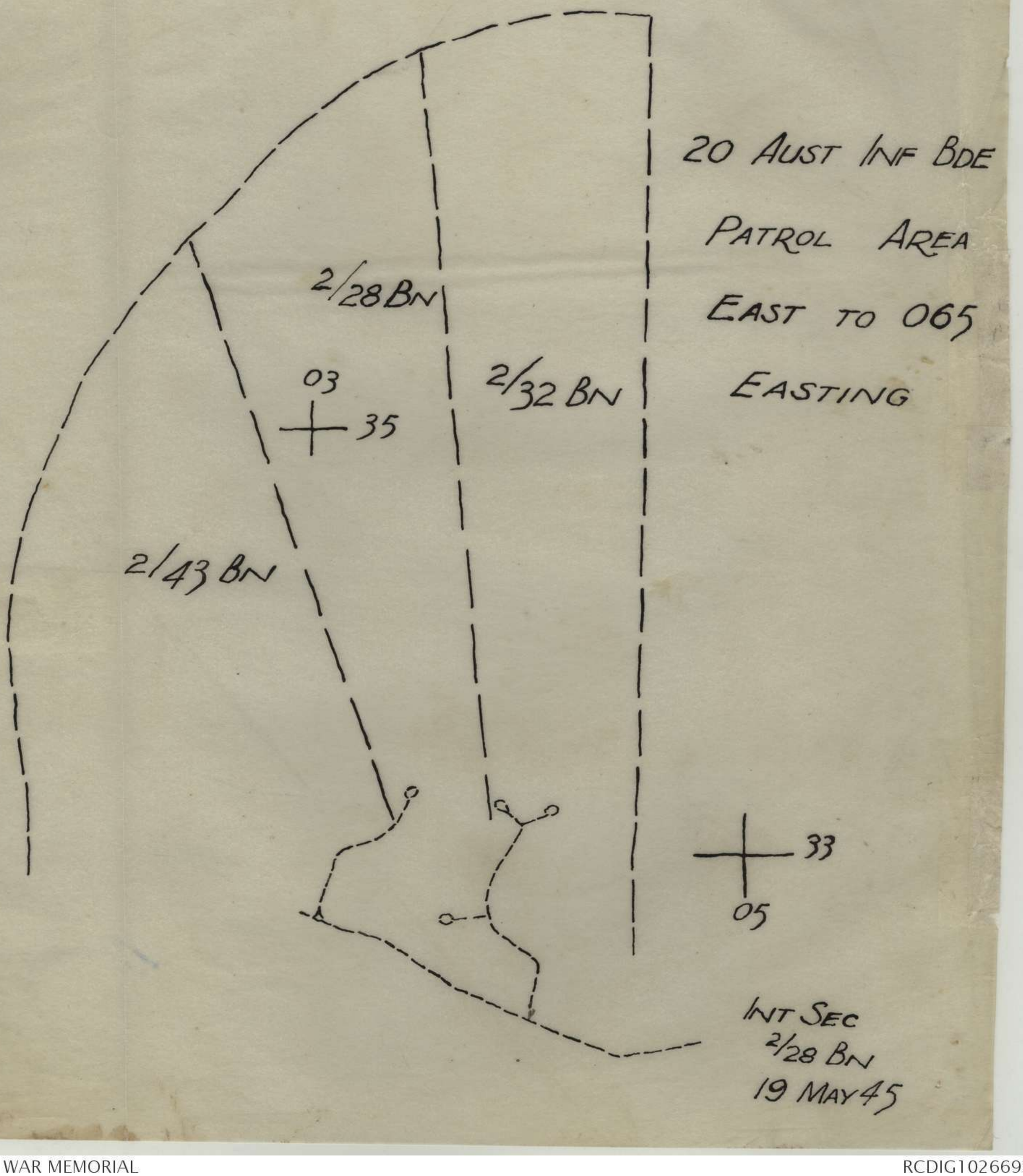

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19 MAY 45

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ORIGONAL

Appx F

SECRET

SUBJECT: 24 AUST INF BDE OPERATION ORDER 2 - OBOE SIX

HQ 24 Aust Inf Bde
Ref No: GS/40/24
15 May 45

1. Herewith copies of 24 Aust Inf Bde Operation Order 2 in accordance with distribution list Appendix Q.

2. This order will be considered as a draft order only until confirmed in writing.

3. The following appendices will be issued separately:-

Appx D	Composition of Bn Landing Teams
Appx F Part iv	Naval gunfire schedule
Appx K	Distribution of Force to Ships
Appx L	Bde Landing Table

Maj.
BM 24 Aust Inf Bde.

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OPERATION ORDER 2

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15 May 45

24 AUST INF BDE OPERATION ORDER 2

(Cancels Draft Order No 1)

Ref maps:

BRUNEI BAY SINDUMIN MIRI	1 : 250000- map references given by letters and figures e.g. (L) A 2699
LABUAN NORTH LABUAN SOUTH PELONG ROCK S MANGSALUT TG LAMUT BRUNEI LIMBANG RIVER LABU	1 : 50000 - map references given as four, six or eight figure references

INFORMATION

1. Topography

(a) SWPA Terrain Handbook 59 and Terrain Studies 89 and 90.

(b) 9 Aust Div Intelligence Summary to be issued separately.

(c) Rivers probably navigable by LCM and possibly by LCT exists as follows :-

(i) KLIAS R to KOTA KLIAS (L) A 2699

(ii) PADAS R to BEAUFORT (L) A 3789

(iii) BRUNEI R to BRUNEI (L) 4839

(iv) LIMBANG R to LIMBANG 5524

(d) It will probably be necessary to use these rivers for tactical movement and supply.

(e) Tactical movement and supply to PAPAR R (F) V 53, the shores of BRUNEI BAY, SERIA (P) D 720 and MIRI (P) J 48 may be by sea.

(f) Road communications in the area, particularly to the NORTH of BRUNEI BAY, are limited except for LABUAN township area 8182 and BRUNEI PENINSULA.

(g) List of topographical code names is attached as Appx A.

2. Designation of Beaches

(a) As per Appendix B attached.

(b) Other beaches in the objective area will be defined in 9 Aust Div Intelligence Summary issued separately.

3. Enemy

(a) As per 9 Aust Div Intelligence Summary.

(b) Reinforcements

Reinforcement of the area is possible from

(i) JESSELTON where enemy strength is estimated at 5000 but may increase to 7000/8000 by end of May.

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(ii) Area RANAU - KENINGAU - TENOM - PENSIANGAN where enemy movement has been reported recently.

(iii) MIRI enemy estimated strength 1000

(c) Latest information will be published in 9 Aust Div Intelligence Summary OBOE SIX.

4. Own Troops

(a) 26 Aust Inf Bde Gp has landed on TARAKAN ISLAND. It is expected that by the start of OBOE SIX airfield facilities will have been established on the island to provide air cover, preliminary air bombardment and direct air support for OBOE SIX.

(b) 9 Aust Div less 26 Aust Inf Bde Gp is to capture and hold the areas LABUAN ISLAND, MUARA ISLAND - BRUNEI PENINSULA - BRUNEI town with a view to subsequent capture of area BRUNEI BAY - MIRI - LUTONG - SERIA to permit the establishment of an advanced fleet base in BRUNEI BAY and to protect oil and rubber resources in these areas.

(c) HQ 2/9 Aust Cav (Cdo) Regt is to assume command of rear details 9 Aust Div comprising all elements of 9 Aust Div remaining in MOROTAI on departure of HQ 9 Aust Div.

5. 9 Aust Div Plan

(a) Assault Troops :-

(i) LABUAN ISLAND - 24 Aust Inf Bde Gp less 2/32 Aust Inf Bn

(ii) MUARA ISLAND BRUNEI PENINSULA 20 Aust Inf Bde Gp

(b) Tasks

(i) 24 Aust Inf Bde Gp is to land on BROWN BEACH, secure a bridgehead, capture PITCH NO 1 with all possible speed, secure a covering position as per Appx B, including all areas to the SOUTH and prepare for subsequent operations in area BRUNEI BAY - BEAUFORT as directed by HQ 9 Aust Div.

(ii) 20 Aust Inf Bde is to carry out simultaneous landings on GREEN BEACH and WHITE BEACH, secure MUARA ISLAND and BRUNEI PENINSULA from inclusive BR TABUR BINTANG 488517 to inclusive BRUNEI TOWN area 4839 and prepare for subsequent operations as directed by HQ 9 Aust Div.

(c) Divisional Reserve

(i) Commander CO 2/32 Aust Inf Bn
2/32 Aust Inf Bn
2/12 Aust Cdo Sqn
RHQ Tp and one tp 2/9 Aust Armd Regt
One flamethrower tp 2/1 Aust Armd Bde Recce Sqn
One SFCP
One Tp LAA 2/3 Aust Comp AA Regt
One Pl 2/16 Aust Fd Coy
2/2 Aust MG Bn less three coys

6. Additional troops in support and under command

As per 24 Aust Inf Bde Gp Order of Battle in Appx C.

7. Composition of Landing Teams

As per annx D attached.

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8. Naval Support

(a) Allied Naval Forces are to support the operation as per Appx F Part I

(b) Detail of Naval units available for support, bombardment prior to Z day and ammunition available is set out in Appx F Part I.

9. Air Support

(a) Allied Air Forces are to support the operation as per Appx G Part I.

(b) Detail of preliminary air bombardment is given in Appx G Part I.

10. Allotment of shipping

Detail of shipping allotted and capacities are shown in Appx N.

11. Beach Maintenance Area

1 Aust Beach Gp is to establish a BMA in the area COLLIER HEAD - RAMSAY PT - LABUAN - FLAG STAFF 828838.

INTENTION

12. 24 Aust Inf Bde Gp will land on BROWN BEACH and capture a covering position NORTH of PITCH NO 1 with a view to :-

(a) securing LABUAN port facilities and PITCH NO 1 in the quickest possible time.

(b) destroying enemy forces on the island.

(c) preparing for further operations in area BRUNEI BAY - BEAUFORT.

METHOD

13. Summary

(a) The landing will be with two assault battalions in LVTs supported by tanks. 2/11 Aust Cdo Sqn plus a proportion of armour will be in reserve.

(b) The operation will be in three phases.

(i) PHASE ONE

Assault battalions will capture the line Tg TARAS 845840 - ACPARKS - FLAGSTAFF.

(ii) PHASE TWO

2/43 Aust Inf Bn will capture PITCH NO 1 and exploit NORTH while 2/11 Aust Cdo Sqn prepares to capture PENNY.

(iii) PHASE THREE

2/28 Aust Inf Bn will capture the line - road junction 806863 - road junction 796863; and both 2/43 Aust Inf Bn and 2/28 Aust Inf Bn will secure the divisional covering position. 2/11 Aust Cdo Sqn will complete the capture of PENNY.

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(iii) PHASE THREE (Contd)

The launching of the attack on PENNY may take place in an earlier phase than as shown, if the opportunity presents itself.

PHASE ONE

14. Groupings

(a) 2/43 Aust Inf Bn

with under comd

Two tps B Sqn 2/9 Aust Armd Regt
Det 2/7 Aust Fd Coy
Det 24 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec
One pl C Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn
Sec 2/3 Aust Fd Amb

with in support

Two FOO parties 2/12 Aust Fd Regt
LO party 2/12 Aust Fd Regt
One troop 2/12 Aust Fd Regt
One SFCP
One Air Liaison Party
Det 727 Amphibian Tractor Bn

(b) 2/28 Aust Inf Bn

with under comd

Two troops B Sqn 2/9 Aust Armd Regt
Det 2/7 Aust Fd Coy
Det 24 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec
One pl C Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn
Sec 2/3 Aust Fd Amb

with in support

Two FOO parties 2/12 Aust Fd Regt
LO party 2/12 Aust Fd Regt
One troop 2/12 Aust Fd Regt
One SFCP
One Air Liaison Party
Det 727 Amphibian Tractor Bn

(c) 2/11 Aust Cdo Sqn

with under comd

One pl C Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn

with in support

One FOO party 2/12 Aust Fd Regt

15. Forward Troops

(a) RIGHT 2/43 Aust Inf Bn

(b) LEFT 2/28 Aust Inf Bn

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16. Landing Beaches

(a) BROWN TWO 2/43 Aust Inf Bn LT

(b) BROWN ONE 2/28 Aust Inf Bn LT

If the nature of the beach proves, after reconnaissance, that personnel disembarking from LCI must wade through more than a maximum of 4 feet of water, personnel must be transhipped to smaller assault craft at a distance of NOT less than 1000 yards from shore.

17. Objectives

(a) 2/43 Aust Inf Bn - ACPARKS

(b) 2/28 Aust Inf Bn - FLAGSTAFF and PARIS

18. Tasks

(a) 2/43 Aust Inf Bn will land and capture Tg BATU 835830 Tg TARAS 845840 and ACPARKS. The battalion will then prepare to capture PITCH NO I without delay.

(b) 2/28 Aust Inf Bn will land and capture PARIS and FLAGSTAFF simultaneously. The battalion will then hold a firm base at FLAGSTAFF and be prepared to act as brigade reserve for PHASE TWO.

19. Bounds (see appx B attached)

(a) Bound 1 - RED LINE - for reorganisation

(b) Bound 2 - Line Tg BATU - COCONUT PATCH 822829 - PARIS

(c) Bound 3 - The line of the objective

20. Boundary

Intersection of BROWN TWO BEACH and BROWN ONE BEACH - BEND in ROAD 829831 - ROAD JUNCTION 830840 - all inclusive to 2/43 Aust Inf Bn as per appx B.

21. Routes

(a) 2/43 Aust Inf Bn - general direction parallel to EAST coast to SPUR 833838 thence to objective.

(b) 2/28 Aust Inf Bn - cross country on a general bearing 11 degrees TRUE with portion of force and coastwise to PARIS.

22. Fire Support

(a) Naval

(i) Landings on both beaches are being supported by naval bombardment and fire by close support craft.

(ii) Targets for naval bombardment are shown on over-print map attached as Appx E. Description of Targets is listed in Part II of Appx F.

(iii) Detail of ships and craft available for scheduled fire on Z day is given in Appx F Part III.

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(iv) Naval gunfire schedule attached as Appx F Part IV.

(v) Allotment of SFCPs

HQ 24 Aust Inf Bde	-	det Tp HQ 1 Aust Naval Bombardment Group.
2/28 Aust Inf Bn	-	One SFCP
2/43 Aust Inf Bn	-	One SFCP

(b) Air

(i) The landing is to be supported by Allied Air Forces. Detail of air bombardment on Z day is given in Appx G Part II.

(ii) Allotment of Air Support Units

HQ 24 Aust Inf Bde	-	One Air Sp Party
2/28 Aust Inf Bn	-	One Air Liaison Party
2/43 Aust Inf Bn	-	One Air Liaison Party

(c) Artillery

(i) Two troops 2/12 Aust Fd Regt will land with assault troops in LVTs for support of both assaulting battalions.

(ii) Remainder of 2/12 Aust Fd Regt less one troop will land and be available to support the brigade.

(iii) Allotment of FOOs

2/11 Aust Cdo Sqn	-	one
2/28 Aust Inf Bn	-	two
2/43 Aust Inf Bn	-	two

(d) 4.2 in mortars

(i) One troop 4.2 in mortars will be landed and manned by 2/12 Aust Fd Regt with the assault waves.

(ii) Tasks

To fire on point targets during the period from the cessation of naval gunfire until the availability of two batteries 25 prs.
Later to provide auxiliary fire with 25 prs.

(iii) Ammunition

First line will be carried.

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(e) MMG

(i) Allotment - C Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn

One pl under comd 2/28 Aust Inf Bn
One pl under comd 2/43 Aust Inf Bn
One pl under comd 2/11 Aust Cdo Sqn
Coy HQ with HQ 24 Aust Inf Bde.

23. Reserve

(a) 2/11 Aust Cdo Sqn

with under comd
one pl C Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn

with in support
FOO party 2/12 Aust Fd Regt

(b) B Sqn 2/9 Aust Armd Regt less four troops

24. Probable Role Reserves

(a) 2/11 Aust Cav Cdo Sqn will :-

(i) act as floating res

(ii) when ordered to land, probably land on BROWN TWO BEACH.

(iii) after landing, move to area BEND in road 829831 and be prepared to move at short notice.

(iv) Probable role - embark in LVTs formerly used to land 2/43 Aust Inf Bn and secure ARDIE by an amphibious operation launched from approx point 813852. This operation will be supported by 2/12 Aust Fd Regt and one pl C Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn.

(b) B Sqn 2/9 Aust Armd Regt less four troops will :-

(i) land on BROWN TWO BEACH

(ii) move to area road junction 833826

(iii) be prepared to reorganize the whole sqn or to reinforce troops under comd forward battalions.

25. Armour

(a) Allotment - B Sqn 2/9 Aust Armd Regt

(i) Two troops under comd 2/28 Aust Inf Bn
Two troops under comd 2/43 Aust Inf Bn
B Sqn less four troops in Bde reserve

(ii) LO from Sqn HQ will report Bde HQ on landing of latter and remain throughout operation.

(b) Water Gap

All tanks will be waterproofed against 4 feet of water.

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(c) Armament

Troops allotted to forward battalions will be on normal basis of 2 x 2 pr tanks and one 3 in HOW tank per troop.

(d) Marrying Up

Marrying up between tanks, engineers and infantry will take place on near shore.

26. Amphibians - LVT 4

(a) General

2/28 Aust Inf Bn and 2/43 Aust Inf Bn will land in LVT 4s.

(b) Allotment

2/28 Aust Inf Bn	25	- to include 5 for artillery and two for 4.2 in mortars
2/43 Aust Inf Bn	23	- to include 5 for artillery.

(c) Rally Areas

On completion of initial tasks with forward battalions, LVT 4s will rally in the following areas :-

(i) LVT with 2/28 Aust Inf Bn - area 819827

(ii) LVT with 2/43 Aust Inf Bn - area 827823

(d) Comd

All LVT 4s will revert to comd HQ 9 Aust Div on arrival in rally areas as above except 12 which will be placed under comd 2/11 Aust Cdo Sqn for possible task as per para 27. 2/11 Aust Cdo Sqn will liaise direct with 727 Amphib Tractor Bn in area 827823.

PHASE TWO

27. Summary

(a) This phase will be a continuation of PHASE ONE subject to co-ordination following reports on success of PHASE ONE.

(b) The capture of PENNY by 2/11 Aust Cdo Sqn may be ordered to start prior to or following the start of this phase.

28. Grouping

(a) 2/43 Aust Inf Bn

with under comd :-

Two troops B Sqn 2/9 Aust Armd Regt
Det 2/7 Aust Fd Coy
Det 24 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec
One pl C Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn
Sec 2/3 Aust Fd Amb

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with in support

Two FOO parties 2/12 Aust Fd Regt
One LO party 2/12 Aust Fd Regt
One SFOP
One Air Liaison party

(b) 2/28 Aust Inf Bn

with under comd

One troop B Sqn 2/9 Aust Armd Regt
Det 2/7 Aust Fd Coy
Det 24 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec
Sec 2/3 Aust Fd Amb
One Pl C Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn

with in support.

Two FOO parties 2/12 Aust Fd Regt
One LO party 2/12 Aust Fd Regt
One Air Liaison party

(c) 2/11 Aust Cdo Sqn

with under comd

One pl C Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn
12 LVT 4s 727 Amphibian Tractor Bn

with in support

One FOO party 2/12 Aust Fd Regt
One SFOP

29. Forward Troops

2/43 Aust Inf Bn

30. Objective

2/43 Aust Inf Bn - PITCH No 1 inclusive.

31. Tasks

(a) 2/43 Aust Inf Bn will :-

(i) capture the area of PITCH NO 1

(ii) mop up the area bounded by the coastline as far NORTH as the mouth of the KERUPANG RIVER at 826872 to inclusive road junction 816865 to inclusive road junction 816860 to WEST edge of PITCH NO 1 inclusive.

(iii) secure this area against counter attack and be prepared for movement on orders from this HQ.

(b) 2/28 Aust Inf Bn

Hold the line ROAD JUNCTION 830840 exclusive, to MACARTHUR ROAD at 820841 inclusive, until ordered to move.

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32. Co-ordination

Orders for the commencement of this phase will be issued by this HQ.

33. Supporting Fire

(a) Naval

(i) Requests for naval support through SFCPs.

(ii) Allotment of SFCPs

On completion Phase One, one SFCP passes from support 2/28 Aust Inf Bn to support 2/11 Aust Cdo Sqn.

One SFCP remains in support 2/43 Aust Inf Bn

(b) Artillery

(i) 2/12 Aust Fd Regt will support the attack.

(ii) Allotment of FOOs

as for Phase One.

(c) MMG

as for Phase One.

34. Reserve

(a) 2/28 Aust Inf Bn

2/28 Aust Inf Bn will hold line road junction 830840 to MACARTHUR road at 820841 and be prepared to move two coys as bde reserve. Preparation for PHASE THREE will be completed.

(b) 2/11 Aust Cdo Sqn

2/11 Aust Cdo Sqn will :-

(i) Remain in position at area 829831 subject to orders to the contrary - see para 27 (b)

(ii) Reconnoitre the coastline of VICTORIA HARBOUR in conjunction with a representative from 727 Amphibian Tractor Bn, with a view to choosing a possible route across VICTORIA HARBOUR to ARDIE.

(c) B Sqn 2/9 Aust Armd Regt less three troops

B Sqn 2/9 Aust Armd Regt less three troops will occupy a position at road junction 834840 and be prepared :-

(i) to reinforce either flank

(ii) to deal with counter measures by the enemy from area EAST of PITCH NO 1.

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35. Armour

Allotment of B Sqn 2/9 Aust Armd Regt

(a) Two troops under comd 2/43 Aust Inf Bn

(b) One troop reverts from comd 2/28 Aust Inf Bn on completion of Phase One to bde reserve.

(c) B Sqn 2/9 Aust Armd Regt less three troops in bde reserve.

36. Amphibians

12 LVT 4s came under comd 2/11 Aust Cdo Sqn as per para 26 (d)

PHASE THREE

37. Groupings

(a) 2/28 Aust Inf Bn

as for Phase Two

(b) 2/43 Aust Inf Bn

as for Phase Two less two troops B Sqn 2/9 Aust Armd Regt.

(c) 2/11 Aust Cdo Sqn

as for Phase Two

38. Forward Troops

(a) 2/28 Aust Inf Bn

(b) 2/11 Aust Cdo Sqn

39. Objectives

(a) 2/28 Aust Inf Bn - road junction 806863 and road junction 796863.

(b) 2/11 Aust Cdo Sqn - ARDIE and adjacent sub features.

40. Tasks

(a) 2/28 Aust Inf Bn will :-

(i) secure objectives

(ii) mop up the area in rear of objectives including the timber edge 804853 to 795853.

(iii) liaise with 2/43 Aust Inf Bn and effect mutual support on the objective line.

(b) 2/11 Aust Cdo Sqn will :-

(i) On orders from this HQ, mount an amphibious attack on ARDIE from approx point 813832, with the object of capturing dominant features on PENNY and subsequently clearing the whole area PENNY of enemy.

OR

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(ii) alternatively, on orders from this HQ, advance in rear of 2/28 Aust Inf Bn to area in square 8085 and commence an advance in the direction of HAMILTON POINT with the object of capturing ARDIE and adjacent dominant features on PENNY and subsèquently clear the whole area PENNY of enemy.

41. Boundaries

(a) Between 2/43 Aust Inf Bn and 2/28 Aust Inf Bn :-

Line-road junction 830840 thence along COAL Pt ROAD to road junction 816866 all inclusive to 2/43 Aust Inf Bn.

(b) Between 2/28 Aust Inf Bn and 2/11 Aust Cdo Sqn

Line-TIMBER EDGE from 804853 to 795853 all inclusive to 2/28 Aust Inf Bn.

(c) Should 2/11 Aust Cdo Sqn advance through 2/28 Aust Inf Bn, the boundary in (b) above will NOT become operative until 2/11 Aust Cdo Sqn has passed over it.

42. Co-ordination

NO move will be commenced by forward troops until ordered by this HQ; but, units will be ready to move at short notice as from conclusion of PHASE ONE.

43. Supporting Fire

(a) Naval

(i) Requests for naval support through SFCPs.

(ii) Allotment SFCPs

NO change

(b) Artillery

2/12 Aust Fd Regt will :-

(i) Maintain one battery comprising one troop 25 prs and one troop 4.2 in mortars on call by 2/11 Aust Cdo Sqn.

(ii) Support the advance of 2/28 Aust Inf Bn

(iii) At earliest convenient time, register the following targets :-

Road and track junction	815887
Road and track junction	805888
Bend in road	784881
Road and track junction	790874

NO registration will commence without prior liaison with forward troops.

(iv) Allotment FOOs

NO change

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(c) MG

Allotment C Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn :-

(i) As for PHASE TWO; except that, upon 2/11 Aust Cdo Sqn commencing an amphibious operation across VICTORIA HARBOUR, one pl will provide supporting fire from the near shore and will come into bde reserve on capture of ARDIE.

(ii) If 2/11 Aust Cdo Sqn move to PENNY by land route one pl will revert to bde reserve.

44. Reserve

(a) B Sqn 2/9 Aust Armd Regt less one troop will rally in area 834840 after completion PHASE TWO and be prepared :-

(i) to move in support 2/28 Aust Inf Bn

(ii) to deal with enemy counter measures

(b) 2/43 Aust Inf Bn will :-

(i) secure line KERUPANG RIVER mouth at 826872 - road junction 816865 - inclusive road junction 816860

(ii) maintain one coy ready to move as brigade reserve

45. Armour

Allotment of 'B' Sqn 2/9 Aust Armd Regt :

(a) Two troops revert from comd 2/43 Aust Inf Bn at conclusion of PHASE TWO and come into reserve.

(b) One troop under comd 2/28 Aust Inf Bn

(c) B Sqn 2/9 Aust Armd Regt less one troop in brigade reserve.

46. Amphibians

12 LVT 4s of 727 Amphibian Tractor Bn under comd 2/11 Aust Cdo Sqn will :-

(a) transport 2/11 Aust Cdo Sqn to objective area if required.

(b) rally astride road at 818834 at conclusion of (a) above or upon departure of 2/11 Aust Cdo Sqn by land route.

(c) maintain 2/11 Aust Cdo Sqn until required to revert to comd HQ 9 Aust Div at 0800 I Z plus 1.

47. Exploitation

(a) Limit of exploitation as follows :-

(i) 2/43 Aust Inf Bn

Line COAST at 823887 - road and track junction 813887 to rd junc 805887 inclusive.

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(ii) 2/28 Aust Inf Bn

Road and track junction 805887 exclusive road and track junction 790873.

(b) Boundary

Line from road junction 816865 - road junction 805887 all inclusive to 2/43 Aust Inf Bn.

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48. Artillery

(a) Command

As soon as HQ 9 Aust Div including HQ RAA 9 Aust Div is established ashore, command of all artillery units will pass to CRA. 2/12 Aust Fd Regt will remain in support of 24 Aust Inf Bde.

(b) Anti Aircraft Artillery

(i) One LAA troop 2/3 Aust Comp AA Regt will land under comd 24 Aust Inf Bde

(ii) Tasks in order of priority :-

Anti aircraft defence of beach head area

Gun positions

Beach defence as secondary task

49. Engineers

(a) Command

(i) OC 2/7 Aust Fd Coy is to command all engineer units allocated to 24 Aust Inf Bde less engineer units allocated to 1 Aust Beach Group and is to be responsible to Comd 24 Aust Inf Bde for co-ordination of all engineer works until the establishment of HQ 9 Aust Div ashore.

(ii) CRE 9 Aust Div is to assume command of all engineer units less engineer units of 1 Aust Beach Group on the establishment of HQ 9 Aust Div ashore.

(b) Allotment and Tasks

2/7 Aust Fd Coy will provide :-

(i) sufficient personnel and two bulldozers for assistance of tanks in the assault.

(ii) two sections - one to each 2/43 Aust Inf Bn and 2/28 Aust Inf Bn for support in the nature of demolition of obstacles and enemy strong points.

(iii) remainder will be available for tasks as in (d) below.

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(c) Detachments as in (b) (i) above will marry up with tanks on the near shore and land with the armd troops to which they are attached with the exception that two bulldozers will land in later waves.

(d) Additional Tasks

(i) Reconnoitre and prepare subsidiary tracks or clear existing tracks of debris. Repair cratered roads and tracks.

(ii) Develop water supply.

(e) Preservation of Bridges and Culverts

Units will make every endeavour to preserve bridges and culverts by taking steps to counter enemy tactics which feature infiltration and demolition after the leading infantry have passed beyond vital bridges and culverts :-

(i) Engineer parties will follow the leading infantry closely in order to inspect bridges, culverts, defiles etc and disarm charges if such are laid.

(ii) Within the capabilities of their resources, forward infantry units will piquet or patrol bridges etc. When it is no longer possible to do this, application will be made to Bde HQ to effect the relief of the unit for the responsibility for safe guarding a particular section of road which includes bridges etc.

(iii) Dawn jeep patrols will be effected each day, in order to :-

- make an inspection of bridges, culverts, defiles etc for the purpose of discovering newly laid charges;

- disarm charges;

- report attempted demolitions.

Patrols will include an engineer and three personnel armed with automatic weapons. They will precede the daily flow of traffic.

50. Amphibians

LVT (4) under command 2/28 Aust Inf Bn and 2/43 Aust Inf Bn less 12 which remain under command 2/11 Aust Cdo Sqn will move from unit rally areas as per para 26 (c) to central rally area at 816825 on orders from 1 Aust Beach Group.

51. LCM

If the nature of BROWN BEACH proves, after reconnaissance that personnel disembarking from LCI must wade through more than a maximum of 4 feet of water LCMs from wave 5 on the basis of 2 per LCI will tranship personnel at a distance of NOT less than 1000 yards from shore.

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52. Special Reconnaissance Detachment (SRD)

(a) One special Force detachment is allotted 24 Aust Inf Bde.

(b) Tasks are to provide communication with field parties and to control movements and tasks required of field parties.

53. Observation of Naval Bombardment

Each cruiser allotted for support is able to maintain one spotting aircraft airborne continuously for control of naval gunfire.

54. Co-ordinator - SFCPs

Coordinator of SFCPs is in support 24 Aust Inf Bde and will be attached to Bde HQ for the co-ordination of SFCPs which are in support of 24 Aust Inf Bde Gp.

55. Target Indication

(a) Naval bombardment targets are shown in Appx E.

(b) Each target is indicated by an area of approximately 400 yds square with any special target pin pointed within it. Each target has been given a serial number common to Navy, Army and Air Force.

(c) Area targets are shown on overprint map Appx E Areas are designated by letters A - L

56. Direct Air Support

As per Appx G Part III

57. Air Support Control

As per Appx G Part IV

58. Air Observation Posts (AOP)

(a) 16 Air OP Flt less det lands under Bde arrangements.

(b) Requests for arty R and local reconnaissance will be submitted to this HQ.

59. Army Co-operation

Requests for all types of army co-operation will be submitted to this HQ in the normal manner.

60. Fluorescent Panels

Colour RED only will be used for indication of location of forward troops within the Bde.

61. Pyrotechnics

The following pyrotechnic signals for use between ground troop and aeroplanes will be used.

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(a) Used by ground troops

Signal	Meaning
Aust 2 in multi star green	"Artillery gun fire or bombs falling within our lines"

(b) Used by aircraft

Two star red	"display front line panel air attack about to commence"
Two star green	"my mission has been completed"
Six white flares, parachute Mk VI	"first wave 500 yds from beach"

(c) Illuminating flares will be used for illumination purposes as required.

62. DDT Spray

DDT spraying will be carried out over the beach maintenance area on request by Bde Comd.

63. Air warning

(a) Afloat, responsibility for early air warning is to rest with Fighter Director Control aboard HQ ship. Warning will be on general and local air warning nets.

(b) Responsibility for early warning will pass to detachment of Mobile Fighter Control Unit (Fighter Sector Control) when established ashore. Time of passing of responsibility will be by mutual decision by Commander Naval Task Force and Commander ground forces ashore.

(c) (i) On receipt of air warning, action will be taken in accordance with the following conditions :-

FLASH BLUE	Enemy or unidentified aeroplanes approaching area.
FLASH RED	Enemy air attack imminent.
FLASH WHITE	All clear.

(ii) In conjunction with the above conditions, the following control terms will be broadcast:-

CONTROL GREEN	All guns will hold fire except in case of direct attack, and then, only automatic weapons including light anti aircraft guns will be used.
CONTROL YELLOW	All guns will engage hostile aeroplanes independently.

64. Beach Defence

(a) Responsibility for defence of beaches in area LABUAN ISLAND :-

1 Aust Beach Gp	-	all beaches within the beach maintenance area
24 Aust Inf Bde	-	all other beaches in the area occupied by 9 Aust Div.

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(b) RAA 9 Aust Div is to co-ordinate artillery fire plans in support of beach defence of LABUAN ISLAND.

(c) 24 Aust Inf Bde Beach Defence

(i) within the Div covering position excluding the BMA, 2/43 Aust Inf Bn will be responsible for beach def.

(ii) As the advance progresses beyond the Div covering Posn, tps will be detailed by Bde HQ for specific beach defence tasks.

65. Timetable of Events Z day

As per Appx M

66. Hygiene and Anti Disease

As per Appx H

67. Security

As per Appx I

68. Landing Diagram

As per Appx J

69. Distribution of Force to Ships

As per Appx K

70. Z Day

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71. Landing Hours

(a) The hour of landing is designated by a separate letter for each beach as follows :-

BROWN BEACH - D hour

GREEN BEACH - H hour

WHITE BEACH - J hour

RED BEACH - T hour

YELLOW BEACH - M hour

BLUE BEACH - Q hour

(b) D, H and J hours - all 0915 I

72. Postponement of Z day

As per Appx O

73. Alternative Plan

An alternative plan will be issued separately.

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74. Embarkation

(a) Embarkation instructions will be issued separately.

(b) All packages loaded on craft will be of a size and weight which can be carried by two men except in the case of bulky equipment which cannot be broken into small loads. Units will NOT load unnecessary stores on guns and vehicles.

75. Rehearsal

Will be held under Navy arrangements on 1 and 2 Jun 45.

76. Flamethrowers (See also 24 Aust Inf Bde Adm Instr 1)

(a) Allotment

2/43 Bn	four	
2/28 Bn	four	
Bde Res	four	to be carried and maintained by 2/122 Aust Bde Workshops.

(b) Fuel

2/122 Bde Workshops will maintain a reserve of fuel to the equivalent of three days usage, both aboard sea transport and at the objective area. The ratio of thick fuel as to thin fuel will be as two is to one.

(c) Replenishment

Empty flame throwers will be taken to 2/122 Bde Workshops by units and exchanged for ready charged flame throwers. A recuperator truck will be operated by 2/122 Bde Workshops. Commercial cylinders of compressed air will also be carried by units and 2/122 Bde Workshops. Units will return empty flame throwers as they become exhausted; and will avoid accumulating them after usage.

(d) Embarkation

Units will embark with fully charged flamethrowers, from the point of view of fuel and compressed air. Air cylinders will be "topped up" before disembarking. Commercial cylinders will be used for the latter on ships other than that carrying 2/122 Bde Workshops recuperator truck. The recuperator truck will service flame throwers carried on the ship on which it is loaded.

77. PITA

Units will carry normal allotment of 12 PITAs per unit.

ADMINISTRATION

78. Separate Administrative Instruction will be issued.

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INTERCOMMUNICATION

79. Bde HQ

(a) Afloat. Main HQ HMAS "MANOORA"
Alternative HQ HMAS "WESTRALIA".

(b) Ashore. Bde HQ will land on BROWN TWO BEACH and follow the route road junction 825825 - track junction 829829 to area road junction 825835. Further instructions will be issued.

80. Wireless Silence

(a) Wireless silence on Z day will be maintained by all army wireless stations until one hour prior to D, H and J hours.

(b) On Z day listening watch will be maintained from two hours prior to D, H and J hours by all army stations afloat.

(c) Emergency communications will be passed over Navy channels prior to breaking of silence by army wireless stations.

(d) After wireless silence is broken it will be imposed again or broken only by means of appropriate code words.

81. Communications for Naval Support

(a) Allotment of frequencies, call signs and code names will be issued through signal channels.

(b) Communication diagram issued separately with Signal Instruction.

82. Air warning

Air warning signals will be passed over line channels by Signals, using telephone priority "AIR WARNING" which will take precedence over conversation in progress.

83. Frequencies

(a) Will be issued to all concerned through signal channels.

(b) Frequency will be changed only by use of appropriate code words to be issued through signal channels.

(c) Frequencies will remain fixed until 0700 I on Z plus 3 after which normal daily change will be instituted.

84. Panel signals - ground to air

(a) Visual ground to air signalling will be by CCHP 8 Combined Panel System.

(b) "Local Assignment" meanings } See Appendix P.

(c) Unit identification numbers }

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85. Code signs and code names

(a) Will be issued through signal channels to all concerned.

(b) Code signs and code names will remain fixed until 0700 I on Z plus 3 day after which normal daily change will be instituted.

86. Code words

(a) Code words for phases of the operation are contained in Appendix A Part 1.

(b) Code words for locations are contained in Appendix A Part 1.

(c) Code word for the operation will be OBOE SIX.

87. Codes and ciphers

The following codes and ciphers will be used :-

(a) Until 0700 I on Z plus 3 day Combined Assault Code (CCBP 0130) series DOG 25 will be used forward of 9 Aust Div and for local communications with Allied forces, RAN and RAAF for all messages which require enciphering.

(b) As from 0700 I on Z plus 3 day TRENCODE will replace Combined Assault Code (CCBP 0130) for communications to battalion and equivalent HQ, commando squadrons and field batteries.

(c) RT code number 2 will be used by Aust Army units for all RT conversations during the operation. Keywords/key-letters will be issued through signal channels.

(d) Current appointments code vide Signal Training Pamphlet 5 will be used when referring to branches and appoint-ments.

(e) Ciphers

(i) Division - brigade - medium grade
Unit level - field grade (TRENCODE)

(ii) Distribution of cipher documents and keys will be effected through signal channels.

(f) Sea/land, air/sea and air/ground recognition will be in accordance with procedure contained in GHQ SOIs 29 - 32 inclusive. Extracts of relevant portions will be issued from time to time.

88. Signal security

(a) All messages for wireless transmission containing information which might be of use to the enemy will be encoded or enciphered.

(b) Existing civil and military communication systems will NOT be used until approval is obtained from HQ 24 Aust Inf Bde.

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89. Signal plan

Detailed signal plan will be issued with 24 Aust Inf Bde Signal Instruction.

90. Time Zone

ITEM time will be used. Time zone suffix will be I. To determine the time for this zone, 9 hours will be added to GMT (US-GCT) or one hour subtracted from Australian eastern time.

91. Synchronization of time

(a) Ships time will be used while force is afloat.

(b) After landing, time will be calculated from time broadcasts from station WTO (US Army) BRISBANE or from ABC or BBC time signals.

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CODE WORDS

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Ref maps LABUAN SOUTH 1:50000
LABUAN NORTH 1:50000

1. PHASES OF THE OPERATION

(a) BROWN BEACH

Landing effected on correct beach	CANDY
Bound 1 captured	CHOCO
Bound 2 captured	LEMON
Bound 3 captured	ASPIRIN
Airfield captured	PEACH
Bound 4(covering position) captured	FORDE
Alternative Plan 'A' to be put into effect	PANTHER
Alternative Plan 'B' to be put into effect	BUNNY

(b) HAMILTON PENINSULA

Landing effected	HAMPTON
House 804822 (ARDIE) captured	WINDSOR
Peninsula captured	RICHARD

2. TOPOGRAPHICAL CODE NAMES

LABUAN TOWN	PARIS
Feature, squares 7584, 7583, 7483	SHEAF
Feature, squares 7686, 7786, 7685	FOREX
Feature, squgres 7989, 7988	PRINT
Feature 801906	HEART
Feature 800912	SAUSAGE
Feature 785915	CASCADE
Feature 804931	FOSTERS
101 Feature 805936	ABBOT
Spur 834843	BONDI
Plantation 826827	~~COPRA~~ LEVER
Plantation 82408265	~~LEVER~~ COPRA
Plantation 820582?5	LUSHTON
Plantation 816830	LEOPOLD
Rd Junc 83058400	ST KILDA
Point 805827	KOREL
House 804822	ARMIE
HAMILTON PENINSULA squares 7981, 8081, 7980, 8080	PENNY
Saddle 775885	ARABA
Spur 781877	JEBEL
Spur 790883	JIRJA
LABUAN airfield	PITCH No 1
TIMBALAI airfield	PITCH No 2
Dispersal area square 8284	ACPARKS

3. ROUTE REFERENCES

Road 815826 - 828822 - 835840 - 816860 816907 - ~~894909~~ 819935	ABLE
Road 815826 - 821837 - 816845 - 805887 800935	BAKER
Track 800825 - 790874 - 761888	CHARLIE
Road 805887 - 813887	EASY
Road 810860 - 816860	FOX

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Road 81608445 - 821854	GEORGE
Road 819827 - 832842	HOW
Track 793872 - 803883	ITEM
Road 796863 - 807863	JIG
Road 821837 - 832827	KING
Track 790874 - 735801	LOVE
Road 816827 - 832826	QUEEN
804901 - 815904	MIKE
803897 - 813897	

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BOUNDS, BOUNDARIES, BEACHES AND OBJECTIVES
Ref Map LABUAN SOUTH(Special)
1/25000

LINE OF EXPLOITATION

BOUND 5

BOUND 4

BOUND 3

BOUND 2

BOUND 1 & reorganisation posn.

Div covering position

AIRCRAFT PARK

Flagstaff

LABUAN

BROWN 1

BROWN 2

Boundary between
2/43 Aust Inf Bn & 2/28 Aust Inf Bn.

Boundary between
2/28 Aust Inf Bn & 2/11 Aust Cdo Sqn

BLUE BEACH

79 80 81 82 83 84 85

88 87 86 84 83 82 81

78 79 80 81 82 83 84 85

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ASSAULT CONVOY

Serial	Unit	Personnel	Vehs					Trls		Guns	Total Vehs	Stores	
			4 Ton	2½ Tons	3 Ton	Misc	Mech Eqpt	Jeep	Misc			Unit	Scale A
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(j)	(k)	(l)	(m)	(n)	(o)
	HQ												
1	HQ 24 Aust Inf Bde	76	6					6			12	5	
2	Det 3 Aust Ops Report Team	2											
3	Det ATIS	2											
4	Det B Aust FS Sec	3											
	CAV												
5	2/11 Aust Cdo Sqn	260	2					2			4	6	
	ARTY												
6	2/12 Aust Fd Regt less one troop	647	23	10	1		4	10	3	12	63 (a)	76	
7	Two SFCP Naval Bombardment Gp	18	2					2			4		
	ENGRS												
8	2/7 Aust Fd Coy	224	6	4	6		3	6	2		27		
8A	2/24 Aust Fd Pk Coy	8					4				4		
	SIGS												
9	24 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec (less det)	45	5					5			10	1	
10	Det 2/43 Aust Cipher Sec	2											
11	Det B Sec Sigs 9 Aust Div	6	1					1			2		
12	Det 2/9 Aust Cav (Cdo) Regt Sig Tp	3											
13	2/12 Aust Fd Regt Sig Sec	34	3					3			6	1	
14	Det 3 Aust Engr Sig Sec	3											
	INF												
15	2/28 Aust Inf Bn	814	12					10			22	29	
16	2/43 Aust Inf Bn	814	12					10		4	26	29	
17	C Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn	119	4					4			8	3	
18	2 Pl A Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	41										1	
18A	LOB 2/32 Aust Inf Bn	64											
	AASC												
19	2/14 Aust Tpt Pl	45	19					19			38		
20	2/28 Aust Sup Dep Pl	32	1					1			2	1	
21	HQ 2/156 Aust GT Coy	20	2					2			4		
	MED												
22	2/3 Aust Fd Amb (incl Surgical Team)	237	7	1	1			5	3		17	20	
23	Det 2/8 Aust Dental Unit	5											
	ORD												
24	2/122 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk	5	3					2	1		6		
	AEME												
25	2/122 Aust Bde Wksp	65	4	1	3	1	1	3			12	10	
26	2/76 Aust LAD (Type J)	25	3					3			6		
27	2/61 Aust LAD (Type D)	35	4		1			4			9	3	
		3649	118	16	11	1	12	97	9	13	289	185	

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(j)	(k)	(l)	(m)	(n)	(o)
	MISCELLANEOUS	3649	118	16	11	1	12	97	9	16	280	185	
28	Det 9 Aust Div Postal Unit	4											
29	One Sec 9 Aust Div Pro Coy	16	1					1			2		
30	LO HQ 9 Aust Div	2											
31	Det Directorate Public Relations and Press	15											
32	YMCA Army Rep	2	1					1			2		
33	Salvation Army Rep	1	1								1		
33A	Observers (b)	31											
	UNITS UNDER COMD - CORPS TPS												
34	B Sqn 2/9 Aust Armd Regt	134	7	1			19	8	6		41		
35	Det 2/9 Aust Armd Regt Sig Tp	3	1					1			2		
36	Det Sqn sub Pk 2/9 Aust Armd Regt Ord Fd Pk	2	2		2			2			6		
37	Sqn Sec 2/9 Aust Armd Regt Wksp	41	5	1	2	1	1	5			15		
38	Det 2 Aust Mil Ldg Gp	2	1					1			2		
39	Det 34 Aust FS Sec (EE)	3									1		
40	Det 2 AAPIU	1											
	BASE UNITS												
41	One LAA Tp	75	1	2				1		6	10	2	
	US AND BRITISH TPS												
42	Det 727 Amphibian Tractor Bn	183				53 (c)					53		
43	Det SRD	5											
44	Det British Borneo Civil Affairs Unit	~~24~~ 20										1	
	UNITS IN SUPPORT - RAAF UNITS												
45	One Air Sp Party	15	2					2			4		
46	Two Air Liaison Parties	6											
	UNDER COMD FOR LANDING												
	DIV TPS												
47	Alternative HQ 9 Aust Div(d)	29											
48	Rear HQ 9 Aust Div	134	16	11	2			16	1		35	~~15~~	~~15~~
49	Recce Party HQ 9 Aust Div(d)	56	3					3			8		
50	Adv Party Sigs 9 Aust Div	75	11					11			22	5	
51	Det 3 Aust Ops Report Team	1											
52	Det Directorate Public Relations and Press	2	2					2			4		
53	2 Flt 1 Mob Met Sqn less Det	9	1					1			2		
54	Det Op Research Sec	2											
55	HQ RAA 9 Aust Div	2~~19~~	2					1			2		
56	HQ RAE 9 Aust Div	51	3					2			5		
57	Sigs 9 Aust Div less det	135	12					12			24	12	2
58	2/43 Aust Cipher Sec less Dets	14										1	1
59	A Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt less three pls	38								2	2		
60	Det ATIS	3											
61	B Aust FS Sec less Dets	3	1					1			2		
62	4 Aust Visitors and Observers Sec	10	2					2			4	3	
63	9 Aust Mil History Fd team less det	7	1					1			2	1	
63A	HQ Comd AASC	3~~2~~	1					1			2		
	CORPS TPS												
64	2 Aust Mil Ldg Gp less dets	~~7~~	1					1			2		
		4764	196	22	17	55	32	173	16	24	535	226	18

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(j)	(k)	(l)	(m)	(n)	(o)
		4764	196	22	17	55	32	173	16	24	535	226	18
65	B Tp 1 Aust Naval Bombardment Gp less dets	14	1					1			2	3	
66	13 Aust Wireless Sec (Hy)	38	8					8			16	13	2
67	2 Aust Wireless Sec (Lt)	20	3					3			6	2	2
68	Det 2 AAPIU	4 ~~7~~	1					1			2	2	
69	34 Aust FS Sec (EE) less dets	2											
69A	Air courier service	2											
	BEACH GP	~~2531~~	60			25			8		271		
70	1 Aust Beach Gp less det 2527	~~2538~~	61	77	55	~~80~~	18	44	~~7~~	4	~~274~~	30	
	BASE TPS												
71	Recce Party HQ 8 Aust Base Sub Area	3	1								1		
72	Recce Party 2/3 Aust Comp AA Regt	6	1					1			2		
73	Det 2/1 Aust Mech Eqpt Coy (being loaded under div arrangements)												
	RAAF UNITS												
74	HQ 1 TAF RAAF Recce Party	3											
75	Comd Post 1TAF	10	3								3		
76	ITAF Air Support Sec	24~~28~~	4~~6~~					4			8		
77	Assault Ech Telecom Unit	22	1					1			2		
78	Assault Ech 4 RIMU	14				1			1		2		
79	9 TMO Det	69	3			8			1		12		
80	Service Police Unit	24				1					1	1	
81	16 Air Op Flt less det (f)	27	3								3	7	
82	Assault Ech 111 MFCU	85	1		5			1	1		8		
83	163 RADAR Sta	31	1		4			1			6		
84	316 RADAR Sta	34	1		3			1			5		
85	Det 4 HIMU	64	1			7	1	2	1		12	24	
86	Det Air Fmn Sig Unit	82	5		2	1	1	5	1		15	61	
87	Adv HQ 1 TAF	68	4			4			1		9	2	
88	Technical Air Int Unit	9	2					2			4		
88A	4 Wireless Unit (RAAF)	4			2						2		
	US TPS												
89	Det Boat Bn 593 EB & S Regt (g)	101											
		8077	301	97	69	102	51	249	30	28	927	356	7
		~~8042~~	~~301~~	99	~~69~~	107	52	249	27	28	928	371	22

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Notes :- (a) 8 x 25 pr guns preloaded in LVT

(b) Figures to be advised later

(c) Incl 1 DUKW with jeep loaded

(d) HQ 9 Aust Div 15, Combined Ops sec 2, RAA 2, RAE 2, Sigs 9, Cipher 1, Total 29.

(e) Div HQ 19 personnel, 1 jeep, 1 trailer, RAA 4 personnel 1 jeep 1 trailer, RAE 4 personnel 1 jeep 1 trailer, Sigs 12 personnel, Cipher 1 personnel, Pro 4 personnel, Gd Coy 10 personnel, Total 54 personnel, 3 jeeps, 3 trailers

(f) In addition 6 Auster Aircraft will be landed (preloaded in DUKWs)

(g) Plus 17 LCM, 1 Crash Boat, 2 J Boats

RECONCILIATION

		Personnel	Vehs
Totals as above		~~8036~~ ~~8048~~ 8044	927 ~~928~~
Add : (a)	2/12 Aust Fd Regt Guns preloaded in LVT		8
(b)	2/1 Mech Eqpt Coy being landed under Div arrangements	12	6
(c)	BBCAU personnel with 2/32 Aust Inf Bn	4	
(c)	Beach Gp Units being landed under Div arrangements, viz:-		
	(i) 2/19 Aust Tpt Pl	45	15
	(ii) 2/28 Aust Tpt Pl	85	33
	(iii) 2/1 Amph Veh Inc	23	2
	(iv) 2/2 Amph Inc	23	2
		~~8252~~ ~~8222~~ 8230	~~994~~ 993
Deduct : (a)	2/24 Aust Fd Pk Coy NOT incl in Div OOB	8	4
(b)	LOB 2/32 Aust Inf Bn NOT incl in Div OOB	60 68	4
Totals as per 9 Aust Div OOB		~~8164~~ ~~8154~~	~~990~~ ~~984~~
(c) Increases in following units advised subsequently by HQ 9 Aust Div			
(i) Recce party 9 Aust Div		2	
(ii) HQ RAA 9 Aust Div		2	
(iii) Det 2 AAPIU		2	
(iv) 2 Aust Mil Ldg Gp		2	
		76	4
		8154	988

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24 AUST INF BDE ORDER OF BATTLE

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Serial	FOLLOW UP CONVOY												Results MOROTAI		
	Personnel	¼ Ton	2½ Ton	3 Ton	Misc	Mech Eqpt	Trlrs Jeep	Trlrs Misc	Guns	Total Vehs	Unit Stores	Bods &	Personnel	Total Vehs	Unit Stores
1	4										2	3			
5	15	2								4	5	7	1	1	6
6	30	8	3				10		4	26		21	12	8	
7	2	2								2		1			
8	26	5	1	9			6	1		21	2		1	3	4
9	1										1				
13	1	1					1			2	1				
15	10										7	20	12	4	10
16	10										4	20	12		10
17															1
18															2
19	29	4					3			7		2	26	40	4
20												1	1		2
21	7	1					2			2	1	1	1	8	2
22	2	1					1			2	5	8	8	3	6
24	15		1	7						8	-	-	2	4	1
25	59	2	1	6			2	1		12	3	3	6	3	3
26	2	2					2			4	1				
27	2	1			1					3					
34	-											5	2	4	
35	3														
36	2	-		2			-			2					
37	8	3		3			3			9		2			
70	71	14	1	6	12		10			43	46	114	62	52	
	299	46	7	38	13		41	2	4	146	84	203	144	133	37

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OBOE SIX

COMPOSITION OF LANDING TEAMS

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1. 2/28 AUST INF BN LANDING TEAM

UNIT	Personnel	Vehicles	Trailers	Guns	Total vehicles Tnlrs & guns
INF					
2/28 Aust Inf Bn	736				
One Pl C Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn	34				
ARMD					
Recce Party 2/9 Aust Armd Regt	5				
ARTY					
2/12 Aust Fd Regt (FOO Parties)	16				
2/12 Aust Fd Regt (LO)	2				
2/12 Aust Fd Regt (Recce)	10				
2/12 Aust Fd Regt (in LVT with 4 x 25 pr guns)	16				
2/12 Aust Fd Regt (in LVT with 4 x 4.2" mortars)	16				
2/12 Aust Fd Regt	47				
SFCP 1 Aust Naval Bombardment Gp	8				
ENGRS					
2/7 Aust Fd Coy	12				
2/7 Aust Fd Coy (Recce)	7				
SIGS					
24 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	6				
2/12 Aust Fd Regt Sig Sec	3				
MED					
2/3 Aust Fd Amb (Recce)	2				
AEME					
2/76 Aust LAD	4				
2/61 Aust LAD	3				
MISCELLANEOUS					
AL Party	3				
9 Aust Mil History Fd Team	1				
Det Directorate Public Relations and Press	2				
Det 24 Aust FS Sec (EE)	1				
Carried forward	929				

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1. 2/28 AUST INF BN LANDING TEAM (Contd)

UNIT	Person-el	Vehic-les	Trail-ers	Guns	Total vehicles trailers and guns
Brought Forward	928				
YMCA Rep	2	1	1		2
RBCAU	4				
1 Aust Beach Gp "Observers 3"	50				
UNDER COMD FOR LANDING ONLY					
Units detailed in Appx K as follows:-					
Annexure 14 - Index numbers 18-31	~~142~~ 141	~~47~~ 43	23		~~65~~ 66
" 16 - " " 7-17	~~286~~ 267	~~35~~ 36	10		~~45~~ 46
" 23 - " " 12-44	~~542~~ 512	~~29~~ 29	~~25~~ 25	2	~~56~~ 56
	~~1905~~ 1937	~~105~~ 109	~~57~~ 59	2	~~268~~ 170
UNDER COMD ON LANDING					
Two tps A Sqn 2/9 Aust Armd Regt					
Sec 2/3 Aust Fd Amb					

2. 2/43 AUST INF BN LANDING TEAM

INF	
2/43 Aust Inf Bn	712
ARMD	
Recce Party 2/9 Aust. Armd Regt	5
ARTY	
2/12 Aust Fd Regt (FOO Parties)	16
2/12 Aust Fd Regt (LO)	3
2/12 Aust Fd Regt (Recce)	10
2/12 Aust Fd Regt (in LVT with 4x25 pr guns)	16
2/12 Aust Fd Regt	33
SFCP 1 Aust Naval Bombardment Gp	8
ENGRS	
2/7 Aust Fd Coy	12
2/7 Aust Fd Coy (Recce)	7
SIGS	
24 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	6
MED	
2/3 Aust Fd Amb (Recce)	2
Carried forward	820

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2.2/43 AUST INF BN LANDING TEAM(CONTD)

Unit	Personnel	Vehicles	Trailers	Guns	Total vehicles trailers and guns
Carried forward	830				
AEME					
2/76 Aust LAD	4				
2/61 Aust LAD	1				
MISCELLANEOUS					
Al Party	3				
HQ 24 Aust Inf Bde (IO)	3				
9 Aust Mil Hist Team	1				
Det Directorate Public Relations and Press	2				
Det 34 Aust FS Sec (EE)	1				
EBCAD	4				
1 Aust Beach Gp ("Observers")	2 59				
	910				
UNDER COMD FOR LANDING ONLY					
Units detailed in Appx K as follows-					
Annexure 19 - Index numbers 17-25	131	33	17		50
" 21 " " 6-38	152	36	5	2	43
" 25 " " 10-47	820	30	28		58
	2011	99	50	2	151

UNDER COMD ON LANDING

Units detailed in Appx K as follows:

~~Two Tps B Sqn 2/9 Aust Armd Regt~~ Annexure 19 - index nos 17-27
~~One Pl C Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn~~ " 21 - " " 6-21
~~See 2/3 Aust Fd Amb~~ " 25 - " " 10-47

3. 2/11 AUST CDO SQN LANDING TEAM

2/11 Aust Cdo Sqn	258				
2/12 Aust Fd Regt (FOO)	8				
2/12 Aust Fd Regt (Recce)	10				
Det 2/9 Aust Cav(Cdo) Regt Sig Tp	3				
One Pl C Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn	32				
EBCAD	4				
	315				

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OBOE SIX

NAVAL SUPPORT

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1. Allied Naval Forces are to:-

(a) Transport and establish landing forces ashore in the LABUAN ISLAND and the BRUNEI-MUARA area as arranged with 9 Aust Div, and provide naval protection thereafter.

(b) Transport supporting troops and supplies as required to the objective area by naval assault shipping.

(c) Conduct subsequent minor overwater operations and provide naval support required to:-

(i) destroy hostile forces in the objective areas.

(ii) establish radar and air warning installations.

(iii) seize and hold the areas SERIA and MIRI-LUTONG.

(d) In conjunction with Allied Air Forces, deny the movement of hostile reinforcements and supplies into the objective areas.

(e) Escort and protect shipping on the lines of communication to objective areas.

(f) Initiate motor torpedo boat operations in the BRUNEI BAY area at the earliest practicable date and establish naval forces therein as required and as arranged with 9 Aust Div.

2. Naval units available for support

The Naval Task Force allotted in support of operation OBOE SIX comprises the following:

(a) 3CL - each 15 x 6" /47 guns
8 x 5" /25 guns

6DD - each 5 x 5" /38 guns

(b) 7 ~~8~~ LCS(L)

6LCI(G)

3LCI(M)

8LCI(R)

3. Availability of ships and craft subsequent to Z day.

~~(a) Z to Z plus 6 - 3CL, 6DD, all CS craft.~~

~~(b) Z plus 6 onwards - 4DD, all CS craft.~~

(a) Z to Z plus 2 - 3CL 6DD of covering gp, plus all CS craft

(b) Z plus 2 onwards - 4DD of CTG 78-1 plus a mix of 2CL & 4DD of covering gp until departure of latter gp for Balikpapan area, plus all CS craft

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4. Naval bombardment prior to Z day.

(a) Preliminary bombardment is to be given on targets as scheduled below:-

Z minus 2 day - gun positions and other known defences.

Z minus 1 day - as above with special attention to landing beaches.

(b) Naval gunfire is to be co-ordinated with air strikes on these days.

5. Ammunition available for shore bombardment.

(a)	3CL	6"/47 each 1800 rounds	5400
		5"/25 each 1455 rounds	4365
(b)	6DD	5"/38 each 910 rounds	5460
(c)	8LCS(L)	3" each 150 rounds HC	
		4.5" HE Barrage Rockets	1960
(d)	6LCI(G)	40 mm, 20 mm, .5 calibre	
(e)	3LCI(M)	4.2" HE mortar bombs each 1200 bombs	3600
(f)	6LCI(R)	4.5" Barrage Rockets each 800	4800

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DESCRIPTION OF TARGETS

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Target Number	Description
1	LAA position. 1 occupied pit
2	Possible pillbox or CD gun
3	Area Target
4	do
5	LABUAN Town
6	2 medium AA pits (unoccupied) and probable CD gun
7	Area Target
8	do
9	4 medium AA pits (2 occupied)
10	Area Target
11	do
12	do
13	do
14	do
15	do
16	3 LAA pits
17	Area Target
18	do
19	do
20	do
21	do
22	do
23	do
24	do
25	do
26	do
27	do
28	do
29	do
30	W/T Station
31	Area Target
32	Aircraft dispersal bays
33	3 medium AA pits (1 occupied), 2 LAA pits unoccupied.
34	Area Target
35	do
36	do
37	do
38	1 LAA pit (unoccupied), dispersal bays
39	2 medium AA pits (unoccupied), taxiways, dispersal bays
40	1 medium AA pit
41	1 medium AA pit occupied
42	Area Target
43	do
44	Area Target
45	Southern end of airstrip, dispersal bays
46	Centre of airstrip
47	Area Target
48	do
49	do
50	Centre of airstrip
51	North end of airstrip
52	Area Target
53	do
54	do
55	do
56	do
57	Area Target
58	2 LAA pits occupied
59	Area Target
60	2 LAA pits occupied
61	Area Target
62	do
63	do
64	do
65	do
66	do
67	do
68	do
69	do
70	do
71	do
72	do
73	do
74	do
75	do
76	do
77	do
78	do
79	do
80	Possible defence position
81	Area Target contains old civil hospital (NOT TO BE ENGAGED).
82	Possible defence position
83	Area Target
84	do
85	do
86	do

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SHIPPING AID CRAFT AVAILABLE Z DAY

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1. Allotment of Ships and Craft for Scheduled Fire Z Day

(a) To fire as per schedule of fire shown in Part IV of this appendix

2 CL
2 DD
3 LCS (L)
2 LCI (G)
2 LCI (M)
3 LCI (R)

(b) Prearranged fire after D plus 22

To assist the advance of infantry, the following ships have been allotted for prearranged fire to be called for by SFCPs at request of Bn Commanders

2/33 Aust Inf Bn - 1 DD
2/43 Aust Inf Bn - 1 CL

The ammunition available for these shoots is equivalent to 33 minutes of scheduled fire and is reserved from ammunition allotted for scheduled fire.

2. Allotment of Ships for Call Fire Z Day

(a) Two DD are allotted for call fire by SFCPs with assault battalions.

(b) On completion of scheduled fire, close support craft allotted to each assault beach are to withdraw to flank of boat lanes and await further orders but are to be prepared for counter battery duties at all times.

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AIR BOMBARDMENT - 2 DAY: PRE-ARRANGED

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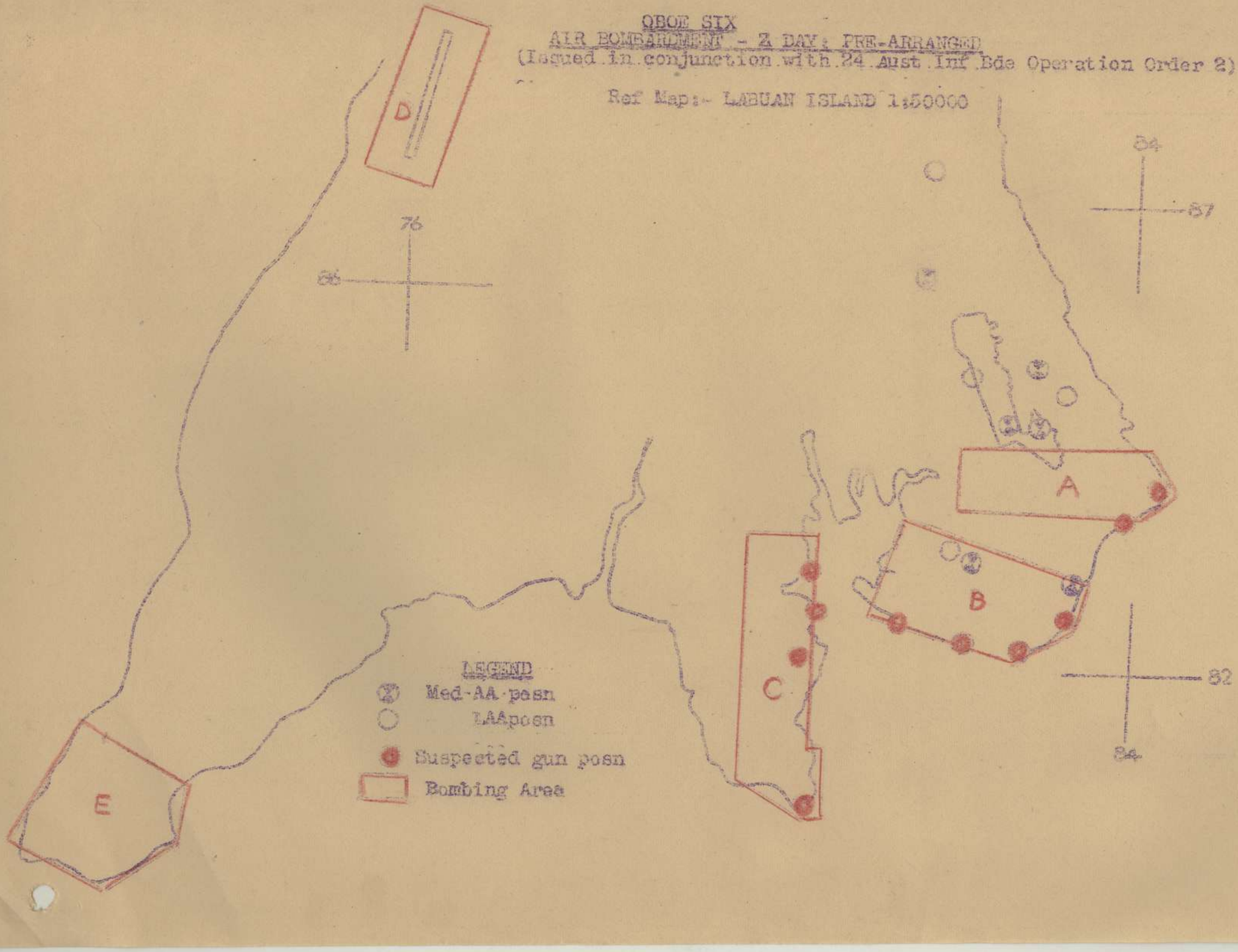

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OBOE SIX

NAVAL GUNFIRE SUPPORT SCHEDULE

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BOMBARDING SHIPS : 2 Cruisers (CL) - 2 Destroyers (DD) - 3 LCI(R) - 3 LCS(L) - 2 LCI(G) - 2 LCI(M)

Serial	Units	Targets	Time From	Time To	Ammunition	Remarks
1	CL 1	12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17	D minus 70 mins	D minus 30 mins	150	15 x 6 inch guns
2	USS NASHVILLE	67, 69, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 80	D minus 70 mins	D plus 60 mins	880	8 x 5 inch guns
3	CL 2	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11	D minus 70 mins	D minus 30 mins	300	15 x 6 inch guns
4	BOISE	12, 18, 24, 30, 81, 82	D minus 70 mins	D minus 30 mins	100	8 x 5 inch guns
5	DD 1 USS A W GRANT	3, 4, 5, 9, 10, 11	D minus 70 mins	D minus 30 mins	100	5 x 5 inch guns
6	DD 2 USS KILLEN	1, 2, 6, 7, 8,	D minus 70 mins	D minus 30 mins	150	5 x 5 inch guns
7	2 LCI(R) 31, 34	1, 2, 3, 4, 5	D minus 65 mins	D minus 63 mins	800	4.5 inch rockets
8	3 LCS(L) 58, 59, 60	1, 2, 3, 4, 5	D minus 65 mins	D minus 63 mins	540	4.5 inch rockets
9	2 LCI (G) 69, 70.	1, 2, 3, 4, 5	D minus 65 mins	D minus 6 mins		40 mm, 20 mm at COs (naval comd) discretion
10	2 LCI-(M) 359, 362.	67, 69, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 80	D minus 65 mins	D ~~minus~~ plus 60 mins	1000	4.2 inch mortars HE
11	CL 1	39, 40, 43, 44, 48	D minus 30 mins	D hr	300	15 x 6 inch guns
12	CL 2	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11	D minus 30 mins	D minus 9 mins	500	15 x 6 inch guns
13	CL 2	12, 18, 24, 30, 81, 82	D minus 30 mins	D minus 6 mins	400	8 x 5 inch guns
14	DD 1	3, 4, 5, 9, 10, 11	D minus 30 mins	D minus 9 mins	200	5 x 5 inch guns
15	DD 2	1, 2, 6, 7, 8	D minus 30 mins	D minus 9 mins	300	5 x 5 inch guns
16	CL 2	12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23	D minus 9 mins	D hr	275	15 x 6 inch guns
17	DD 1	15, 16, 17	D minus 9 mins	D hr	100	5 x 5 inch guns
18	DD 2	12, 13, 14	D minus 9 mins	D hr	100	5 x 5 inch guns
19	2 LCI(R)	1, 2, 3, 4, 5	D minus 9 mins	D minus 6 mins	800	4.5 inch rockets
20	3 LCS(L)	1, 2, 3, 4, 5	D minus 9 mins	D minus 6 mins	540	4.5 inch rockets
21	CL 2	24, 25, 30, 81, 82	D minus 6 mins	D plus 10 mins	350	8 x 5 inch guns
22	CL 1	26, 27, 28, 31, 32, 33, 34	D hr	D plus 22 mins	350	15 x 6 inch guns

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AMMUNITION ALLOTMENT - Z DAY

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Target No.	6" /47 BC	5" /38 AAC	5" /25 AAC	4.2" HE MOR	4.5" HE ER
1	75	90			536
2	73	90			536
3	75	50			536
4	73	50			536
5	73	50			536
6	73	90			
7	75	90			
8	73	90			
9	72	50			
10	72	50			
11	72	50			
12	48	35	84		
13	48	35			
14	48	34			
15	48	33			
16	48	35			
17	48	34			
18	35		84		
19	28				
20	25				
21	25				
22	25				
23	25				
24			153		
25			70		
26	50				
27	50				
28	50				
50			153		
51	50				
52	50				
53	50				
54	50				
39	60				
40	60				
43	60				
44	60				
48	60				
67			110	125	
69			110	125	
71			110	125	
73			110	125	
75			110	125	
77			110	125	
79			110	125	
80			110	125	
81			156		
82			156		
	1875	950	1750	1000	2680

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APPX G Part I

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OBOE SIX

AIR SUPPORT

(Issued with 24 Aust Inf Bde Operation Order 2)

1. Allied Air Forces are to:-

(a) Provide aerial reconnaissance and photography of NORTH WEST BORNEO area as required.

(b) Neutralise hostile ground, naval and air forces within supporting distance of the objective area prior and subsequent to the assault landings.

(c) In co-operation with Allied Naval Forces execute preliminary bombardment missions within the objective area. This air bombardment is to be intensified from Z minus 5 day.

(d) Provide air cover for naval task forces and convoys.

(e) Provide land based aeroplanes for the support of ground operations as arranged by RAAF Command.

(f) Establish and operate RADAR and air warning installations in the objective area as arranged by RAAF Command with HQ 9 Aust Div.

(g) In conjunction with Allied Naval Forces deny the movement of hostile reinforcements and supplies into the objective area.

(h) Provide air evacuation facilities as arranged by RAAF Command.

(j) Install air forces on LABUAN ISLAND as follows:-

One wing fighters (four squadrons)	- two by Z plus 6 two by Z plus 10
One wing attack bombers (two squadrons)	- by Z plus 15
One flight air sea rescue	- by Z plus 6
One search squadron	- by Z plus 20
Det Army Co-operation Wing	- by Z plus(reserved)

(k) Air Forces when established at LABUAN ISLAND are to be commanded by HQ 1 TAF RAAF.

2. Air Support

(a) RAAF Command (with 13 US Air Force in support) are providing air support for the operation.

(b) Direct air support of ground forces is to be provided entirely by land based aircraft.

3. Preliminary Air Bombardment

(a) Prior to and including Z minus 1, RAAF Command with in support, 13 US Air Force are carrying out air attacks on targets designated in paragraphs (c) and (d) below.

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(b) From including Z minus 5, such attacks are to be intensified.

(c) Targets

(i) Priority ONE

All gun positions, especially coast defence guns covering seaward approach to LABUAN ISLAND, MUARA ISLAND and BRUNEI PENINSULA.

(ii) Priority TWO

All radar and radio stations.

(iii) Priority THREE

All military installations, dumps, barracks, bivouacs or headquarters, especially in the following administrative areas:-

JESSELTON
KUCHING
BROOKETON
SAPO POINT (MUARA ISLAND)
MIRI
TUTONG
SERIA
WESTON railway terminus
VICTORIA and Tg BATU in LABUAN ISLAND
KENINGAU
TENOM
BEAUFORT
PENSIANGAN
LAWAS

(iv) Priority FOUR

All barge hideouts and coastwise or inland barge traffic.

Railway bridges between inclusive PAPAR RIVER and a point 10 miles SW of JESSELTON.

(v) Priority FIVE

All airfields capable of giving air support to enemy action in BRUNEI BAY area, with limitation that LABUAN strip should be bombed only to a degree necessary to maintain unserviceability.

(vi) Restricted areas for air attack

The following are, for the present, NOT to be attacked. This restriction may be lifted in respect to certain areas when further information becomes available:-

All railway installations; including bridges and rolling stock, other than those designated in paragraph 5(d)(iv) above.

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Piers and jetties.

Main roads on LABUAN ISLAND.

PW and internee camps.

Water installations.

Hospitals - civil and military

Oil producing plant at SERIA MIRI

(d) Area targets

Pending more specific target information, areas for attack on LABUAN ISLAND area have been delineated as follows:

(i) AREA A

Probable defensive area between VICTORIA TOWN and LABUAN airstrip.

(ii) AREA B

LABUAN town; destruction of all buildings required.

(iii) AREA C

HAMILTON POINT: probable enemy defences able to enfilade landing beaches. Extensive effort is to be employed in this area.

(iv) AREA D

LAYANGAN airstrip.

(v) AREA E

RICHARDSON POINT, Tg PUNEI, Tg KIAM SAM area; possible radar sites and coastal defences which could interfere with passage of shipping.

(e) These areas are also to be attacked by prearranged air bombardment on Z day and are lettered and shown in trace Appendix E.

(f) Strike photographs are to be taken in conjunction with attacks in these areas to enable more precise target identification.

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APPX G Part II

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PREARRANGED AIR BOMBARDMENT - Z DAY — 15 May 45

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1. The following areas shown on the trace attached as Annexure 1 are to be attacked on Z Day as follows :-

(a) Attacks from above 5,000 feet with anti personnel bombs, are to be carried out in areas A and B between H minus 35 minutes and H minus 15 minutes.

(b) Attacks with antipersonnel bombs are to be carried out in area C between H minus 45 minutes and H plus 40 minutes.

2. Air effort to be employed

13 US Air Force is to provide eight heavy bomber squadrons and 1 TAF RAAF is to provide two heavy bomber squadrons for the Divisional operation.

3. Priority of Air Attack

If, for any reason all these areas cannot be attacked, the Commander Support Aeroplanes (Afloat) (Northern Sector) is authorised to concentrate attacks on areas shown in Annexure 1 in the following order of priority.

(a) Area C

(b) Area B

4. No strike in accordance with para 1 (a), above is to be executed on Z Day without the authority of the Commander Support Aeroplanes (Afloat) (Northern Sector).

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OBOE SIX

DIRECT AIR SUPPORT

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1. Z to Z plus 3 inclusive

1 TAF RAAF is to provide 6 Beaufighter aeroplanes for direct air support in the LABUAN ISLAND objective area from 0730I-1700I daily. Aeroplanes will arrive on station every 90 minutes for target assignments, commencing on Z day and continuing to Z plus 3 inclusive.

2. From including Z plus 4 until released

6 Beaufighter aeroplanes are to be held at base(TARAKAN) on ground alert to fulfill any requests for direct air support in the LABUAN ISLAND objective area as ordered from Command Post 1 TAF RAAF. Aeroplanes are to be armed for strafing and minimum altitude bombing.

3. Combat air patrol

13 US Air Force is to provide a combat air patrol, consisting of NOT less than four fighters, over the objective area, from 0730I to 1730I daily from Z minus 3 until relieved on receipt of orders from 1 TAF RAAF approximately Z plus 6. From inclusive Z day onwards, aeroplanes being relieved on station are to report to Controller Support Aeroplanes (Afloat)(Northern Sector), or to Controller Support Aeroplanes (Ashore), when full air support control has passed ashore, for any direct air support missions prior to return to base.

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OBOE SIX

AIR SUPPORT CONTROL

(Issued in conjunction with 24 Aust Inf Bde Operation Order 2)

OBJECT

1. To detail basic procedure for Army/Air cooperation in OBOE SIX operation. (For glossary of terms see paragraph 11).

AIR FORCE SUPPORT

2. Allied Air Forces SWPA have nominated RAAF Command as the supporting Air Force for this operation. 13 US Air Force supporting RAAF Command.

AIR SUPPORT PROCEDURE IN THE ASSAULT

3. Command

(a) As the supporting aeroplanes are being supplied from 1 TAF RAAF and 13 US Air Force the objective area has been divided into Northern and Southern Sectors. Direct support in the Northern Sector is primarily the responsibility of First Tactical Air Force (RAAF) and in the Southern Sector primarily that of Thirteenth Air Force (USAAF). The dividing line between these two sectors is an EAST WEST line through 5 degrees 10 minutes NORTH.

(b) Control of Air Support

There are two headquarters ships, a primary ship which will be operating in the northern sector, and a secondary ship which will be operating in the southern sector. TheController Support Aeroplanes (Afloat), on the primary headquarter ship may, if it becomes necessary, coordinate air support in both sectors by means of the Inter Controller Support Aeroplanes Net (see diagram Annexure 1).
Controllers Support Aeroplanes in each sector control all support in their respective sectors by means of the Support Air Request and Support Air Direction Nets. Support aeroplanes in each sector will be airborne over their respective sector orbit points. Sector Controllers Support Aeroplanes will allot support aeroplanes to targets requested by the Army Commanders in their respective sectors, but have the power to refuse a request should they consider it impracticable from an Air Force point of view.

4. (a) When the assaulting battalions go ashore, the Air Liaison Parties attached provide a channel for air support requests from the battalion direct to the Commander Support Aeroplanes (Afloat) in the respective Sector Headquarter Ship (see diagram - Annexure 1).

(b) When the Brigade Commander assumes control ashore, control of support aeroplanes is passed from the headquarter ship to a Commander Support Aeroplanes (Ashore) with the Air Support Party attached to the brigade.

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Air Liaison Parties with battalions then pass their requests direct to the Air Support Party for joint evaluation and action by the Commander Support Aeroplanes (Ashore) and the Brigade Commander. Such requests may then be passed from the Air Support Party direct to the aeroplanes on station (see diagram - Annexure 2).

5. At this stage coordinating control is still with the Controller Support Aeroplanes (Afloat)(Northern Sector).

6. When Army and Air Force Headquarters are established, and the Divisional Commander, and Air Officer Commanding, or his representative, assume command ashore, coordinating control of support aeroplanes for both sectors will be passed from the Controller Support Aeroplanes(Afloat) (Northern Sector), to the Air Officer Commanding First Tactical Air Force (RAAF) at the combined headquarters, at a time to be decided by the Divisional Commander and Air Officer Commanding. Requests for air support will then be made through the Air Support Parties in both sectors to Advanced Command Post 1 TAF RAAF for consideration and decision with HQ 9 Aust Div (see diagram - Annexure 3).

AIR SUPPORT WHEN LAND BASED AEROPLANES ARE AVAILABLE FROM WITHIN THE OBJECTIVE AREA

7. When air strips are available within the objective area 1 TAF RAAF will assume responsibility for provision of air support in both sectors. Requests from battalions in both sectors will be filtered by the Air Support Parties at Brigade Headquarters, and passed for action to the Combined Headquarters ashore on LABUAN ISLAND (see diagram - Annexure 4).

SUPPORT AIR OBSERVERS

8. One Army Air Liaison Officer (ALO) trained as a Support Air Observer will be airborne over each sector objective area during the hours of daylight from approximately H minus 60 minutes until NO longer required. Each Support Air Observer will be in RT communication over a Support Air Observation Net with the Controller Support Aeroplanes for the sector in which he is observing and will be relieved on station. Air Support Parties in each sector will monitor the Support Air Observer Net for their respective sector. The Support Air Observers will provide detailed information of the ground situation in in their respective sectors as seen from the air.

AIR SUPPORT REQUESTS

9. (a) Requests for air support may originate from:-

(i) Forward unit commanders

(ii) Brigade Headquarters

(iii) The Airborne Coordinator

(iv) The Airborne Observer

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At battalion headquarters requests for air support will be lodged with the RAAF Air Liaison Party, and at the brigade headquarters with the RAAF Air Support Party. When possible, smoke should be used by the Army for the indication of targets in close proximity to our own troops.

(b) The following details are necessary when making requests for direct air support:-

(i)	REFERENCE MAP:	
(ii)	DESCRIPTION OF TARGET:	Type of target, e.g. troops, machine guns, supplies etc.
(iii)	TIME OVER TARGET:	Include "NOT before.... hrs" "NOT after.... hrs" or "Time immaterial" This information is vital in the case of coordinated ground/air attack.
(iv)	POSITION OF FORWARD TROOPS:-	Necessary to avoid attacks on our own troops by our own aeroplanes.
(v)	SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:-	Target indication - whether target will be marked by smoke; or its position in reference to special features, e.g. 200 yards SOUTH of a road junction. Whether air attack requested is coordinated with ground attack. Alternative target if required.
(vi)	TARGET BOMBLINE	Line beyond which own troops will NOT advance until completion of air attack.

10. Target Bomblines .....

It is essential that all requests for direct air support should include a target bombline which will NOT be crossed by own troops until air attack has been completed. Care will be taken that target bomblines include those features most recognisable from the air, and on NO account will a grid line only be given.

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

11. (a) Commander Support Aeroplanes (CSA) (Afloat) .....

An Air Force Officer on board a headquarter ship, in whom is vested control of all support aeroplanes operating in the objective area, and through whom all requests for direct support are passed, up to the time the Army Commander assumes command ashore.

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(b) Commander Support Aeroplanes (CSA) (Ashore)

An Air Force Officer who proceeds ashore with the Army Commander, and assumes control of all support aeroplanes operating in the objective area, and through whom all requests for direct air support are passed.

(c) Headquarter Ship

A Naval vessel carrying the Naval Force Commander, the Commander Support Aeroplanes, and, where practicable, the Army Commander of the ground forces being employed, and which is fully equipped with all radio facilities necessary for the control and direction of support aeroplanes, and the passage of air support requests. For tactical reasons the Army Commander may be carried in another vessel, in which event he will have ship to ship communication by radio with the Headquarter ship.

(d) Air Support Section

An Air Force unit which operates with the staffs of Commanders of Supporting RAAF Formations. It is responsible for :-

(i) Maintaining through the Air Support Parties and Air Liaison Parties, close liaison with the supported army formation.

(ii) Providing the Commander of the Supporting RAAF Formation with the necessary radio facilities to organise and control direct air support operations.

(e) Air Support Parties (ASPs)

Air Support Sections at Supporting RAAF Formations provide Air Support Parties for allotment to subordinate army formations. Allocation is NOT normally made lower than brigades. Air Support Parties are equipped with radio facilities for the passage of requests for air support and the direction of support aeroplanes. The Air Support Officer with the party acts as adviser to the Army Commander of the formation to which the Party is attached.

(f) Air Liaison Parties (ALPs)

Air Support Parties provide one or more Air Liaison Parties for attachment to army units. They are equipped with radio facilities for the passage of air support requests back to the Air Support Party, but cannot communicate with support aeroplanes.

(g) Air Support Direction Net (SAD net)

This is a radio net providing communication between the Commander Support Aeroplanes and the aeroplanes providing support from either ground or air alert.

(h) Support Air Request Net (SAR net)

This is a radio net providing communications between the Commander Support Aeroplanes and/or the Air Support Section, Air Support Party, and Air Liaison Parties operating in the objective area.

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(i) Support Air Observer Net (SAO net).

This is a radio net providing communication between the Commander Support Aeroplanes and the Support Air Observer. Air Support Sections and Air Support Parties monitor this net.

(j) Inter Commander Support Aeroplanes Net (ICSA net).

This is a radio net providing communications between Commanders Support Aeroplanes, where two, or more, are operating in adjacent areas. In such a case, the Commander Support Aeroplanes on the primary headquarter ship has the power to coordinate air support for the whole operation.

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OBOE SIX

HYGIENE AND ANTI-DISEASE

(Issued in conjunction with 24 Aust Inf Bde Operation Order 2)

HYGIENE

1. Water

(a) (i) All local water supply will be regarded as being highly dangerous, even for external use, unless proved otherwise. All water obtained from other than RAE sources will be super-chlorinated or boiled before use. This includes water used for washing the body or clothing. Failure to observe these precautions will create a danger of infection from bilharzia.

(ii) Pending establishment of RAE water points, local water may only be used after authority has been given by a medical offr or hygiene offr (AAMC). Such water will be super-chlorinated or boiled before use.

(iii) Chlorination in bulk at RAE water points will be strictly maintained. If necessary, unit water duty personnel may be detached for this purpose.

(iv) Super-chlorinated water will not be "detasted" in bulk storage tanks, but this will be carried out in unit containers.

(b) No swimming or bathing will be permitted in fresh water streams, canals etc unless the area has been certified as suitable by a medical offr or hygiene offr (AAMC) authorised to do so by ADMS or SMO.

(c) Should troops be forced to wade through swamps or streams they may become infected with bilharzia. If such wading is unavoidable, the most effective precaution is to wash both body and clothing with soap and water as soon as possible thereafter.

(d) All troops engaged in the actual assault will drink as much water as possible prior to disembarkation to assist recovery if wounded.

2. Latrines

(a) Shallow trench latrines will be constructed at each short halt and temporary bivouac site. Deposits will be immediately covered so that latrines remain completely fly-proof at all times. Under no circumstances must troops defaecate on the surface of the ground and leave it uncovered.

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(b) Where camp areas are established, deep trench or incinerating latrines will be constructed, as early as practicable. These must be kept fly-proof.

(c) Before leaving camp or bivouac sites all latrines, other than the incinerating type, will be sealed with oil and marked with foul ground signs. All units will ensure that such signs are prepared prior to embarkation.

3. Flies

(a) Every precaution will be taken to prevent the access of flies to food during preparation and serving.

(b) All mess gear will be scalded in boiling water before and after each meal.

4. Tins, Refuse, Swill Etc

All tins, refuse and swill will be incinerated where practicable. If Commanders do NOT consider this possible, for operational reasons, such items will be buried. Tins will be crushed before burial.

5. Camp and Bivouac Areas

(a) Units will leave areas used for camps and bivouacs in a clean and tidy state.

(b) When timber is used for erecting rough shelters or tents mosquito, prior to leaving the site shelters will be demolished and all timber dumped in a central area, by companies (or equivalent sub-units).

(c) The provisions of para 2 (a) and para 4 will apply equally to areas used for bivouacs and short halts.

6. Personal Hygiene

(a) Clothing, particularly socks, will be changed as often as possible.

(b) Shirts, trousers and under garments will be boiled whenever practicable.

(c) Units will ensure that cooks wash their hands frequently and always after using latrines and that soap and water are provided for the purpose.

7. Natives

(a) Food prepared by natives or handled by them in any way must be avoided.

(b) Natives are filthy in their habits and disease amongst them is rife. Troops will therefore keep away from native settlements.

8. Buildings

Buildings will NOT be occupied until sprayed under medical arrangements. A limited quantity of DDT will be available for this purpose.

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ANTI-DISEASE

9. Malarial Precautions

(a) (i) All troops will take three atebrin tablets on day of disembarkation and will continue taking one tablet daily both before and after that day.

(ii) On all occasions before an action or patrol, troops will take two additional tablets in order to create a 'build up' to cover lapses due to emergency conditions.

(b) Atebrin will be administered by an officer in all cases possible; but, in most exceptional circumstances, may be administered by an NCO. Nominal rolls will be kept at all times showing to whom and when atebrin has been administered.

(c) Unit anti-malarial squads will carry out their prescribed duties at all times. These squads will supervise the employment of "aerosol", dispensers. Unit squads will be advised from time to time by OC AMCU of any special local requirements.

(d) Before 21.00 hours daily, all units will submit a message to this HQ, by signal or telephone, to the effect that the following orders have been observed:-

(i) All personnel have taken atebrin;

(ii) tents mosquito have been erected, tucked in and checked;

(iii) shirt-sleeves have been rolled down; and

(iv) repellant has been applied by all personnel.

The code of this message will be "MALAT".

(e) Sunset and sunrise for the purposes of malarial precautions will be :-

Sunset - 1900 ITEM
Sunrise - 0700 ITEM

(f) Mosquito nets will be kept in good order and inspected frequently.

10. Mite Precuations

All clothing and bedding of personnel will be treated with mite lotion within four days prior to embarkation. This procedure will be repeated each week thereafter.

11. Dengue and Elephantiasis

During daylight hours troops in shaded areas will wear shirts and apply mosquito repellant. When sweating freely, this must be applied hourly.

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12. Diarrhoea and Dysentery

(a) Troops suffering from either of these diseases, even in their mildest forms, will NOT be permitted to assist in the preparation of food.

(b) All troops, particularly cooks, will wash their hands after using the latrine.

13. Skin Diseases

(a) Strong antiseptic soaps will NOT be used.

(b) Clothing will be well rinsed after washing, in order to remove soap.

(c) Troops must have all skin complaints, however slight, treated promptly by the RMO. They must not neglect, or apply treatment to themselves without medical supervision.

14. Salt Tablets and Diet Correctives

(a) Salt tablets will be taken daily by all troops and entries will be made on rolls mentioned in para 9 (b).

(b) When diet correctives are issued the administration of same will be similarly recorded.

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SECURITY

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DISEMINATION OF INFM

1. The contents of 24 Aust Inf Bde Operation Order 2 will NOT be made known to persons other than essential planning staffs at Unit HQ before the following dates:-

(a) Z minus 25 Company and equivalent Commanders

(b) Z minus 20 Platoon and equivalent Commanders

(c) Z minus 11 Other Ranks

CENSORSHIP

2. All ranks will be warned of the necessity for strictest security; and, Franking Offrs will ensure that no mention is made in personal correspondence of:-

(a) present location of own or neighboring units

(b) probable futnre movement of any units of Australian or Allied services

(c) recent movements of own or Allied forces.

CAMERAS

3. All cameras other than those of official unit photographers and accredited War Correspondents will be withdrawn prior to Z minus 11.

DIARIES

4. All personal diaries will be withdrawn prior to Z minus 11.

REFUGEES

5. All ranks excepting Intelligence Officers will refrain from conversation with:-

(a) Native refugees

(b) Escaped civilian internees

(c) Escaped Australian or Allied PW.

6. Intelligence Officers, except when otherwise instructed by the Brigade Commander, will rigidly confine conversations to asking the following:

(a) "Where are the enemy and in what strength ?"

(b) "Do you know if there are civilian Internees or Allied PW in the area. If so where are they and how many are there ?".

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7.

PROTECTION OF SIGNAL INSTALLATIONS

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7. On capture of the following signal installations on LABUAN ISLAND all commanders will ensure that equipment is kept intact and NOT interfered with by any person without authority of this HQ. Picquets will be posted by unit capturing any such installation and this HQ advised.

Eastern extension	832841
Cable House	828821
Government Wireless Station	839839
RDF Station	814878

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LANDING DIAGRAM OBOE SIX

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Type of Craft	Wave	Timing	Brown One	Brown Two	Timing	Wave	Type of Craft
8 LVT ex LST 637	1	Dog Hr.			Dog Hr.	1	8 LVT ex LST 640
6 LVT ex LST 1025	2	D + 3			D + 3	2	6 LVT ex LST 585
4 LVT ex LST 637	3	D + 6			D + 6	3	4 LVT ex LST 640
7 LVT ex LST 1025	4	D + 9			D + 9	4	5 LVT ex LST 585
8 LCM ex LSD	5	D + 12			D + 12	5	8 LCM ex LSD
10 LCV ex LSI WESTRALIA	6	D + 20			D + 20	6	8 LCV ex LSI MANOORA
			On call in order of priority				
1 LCI	7	On Call	LCI 955 (A)	LCI 749 (A)	On Call	7	1 LCI
2 LCV ex LSI WESTRALIA	8	Free	Free Wave Bde. H.Q.	Free Wave Bde H.Q.	Free	8	3 LCV - 1 LCM ex LSI MANOORA
	9	On Call	Bde Reserve ex LSI	Bde Reserve	On Call	9	10 LCV ex LSI MANOORA
1 LCI	10	On Call	~~(A)~~ LCI 746	LCI 745 (A) LCI 744 (A)	On Call	10	2 LCI
4 LSM	11	On Call	LSM 128, LSM ~~50~~ 65, LSM 50, LSM ~~52~~ 51	LSM ~~53~~ 52, LSM ~~63~~ 53, LSM ~~64~~ 63, DIV LSM ~~65~~ 64	On Call	11	4 LSM
2 LCM 3 LCV ex LSI WESTRALIA	12	On Call	LCM, LCM	LCM	On Call	12	1 LCM ex LSI MANOORA
4 LCM ex AKA	13	On Call			On Call	13	4 LCM ex AKA
	14	On Call	LST 560, LST ~~1025~~ 591, LST ~~591~~ 1025, LST ~~637~~ 595, LST ~~595~~ 637	LST 619, LST ~~640~~ 709, LST ~~709~~ 585, LST ~~585~~ 610, LST 638	On Call	14	10 LST

WESTRALIA | L S D CARTERHALL | MANOORA

(A) LCIs will stand 1000 yds offshore from BROWN BEACH and LCMs will tranship personnel from LCI to beach. If after reconnaissance it proves possible to beach LCIs in 3 ft of water or less, the craft will be ordered to beach through normal control channels

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TIMETABLE OF EVENTS - Z DAY

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Serial	Time	Event
1	D minus 70 minutes	Naval Bombardment begins
2	D minus 65 minutes	HDI(M) begins firing with mortars on HAMILTON PENINSULA. LCI(G) begin firing on assault beach with 40 mm guns
3	D minus 65 minutes to D minus 62 minutes	LCI(R) and LCS(L) discharge rockets on landing beaches.
4	D minus 45 minutes	Aerial bombardment with anti-personnel bombs begins on area C (HAMILTON PENINSULA).
5	D minus 35 minutes	Aerial bombardment with anti-personnel bombs begins on areas A and B(BROWN BEACH and hinterland).
6	D minus 30 minutes	Naval Bombardment accelerates
7	D minus 15 minutes	Aerial bombardment on areas A and B ceases.
8	D minus 9 minutes to D minus 6 minutes	LCI(R) and LCS(L) discharge rockers on landing beaches.
9	D minus 6 minutes	1 CL lifts 800 yards inland. LCI(G) cease fire on beaches with 40 mm guns.
10	D hour	First wave beaches. Assault troops land.
11	D hour	1 CL (main armament) and 2 DD cease fire.
12	D plus 10 minutes	1 CL (secondary armament) ceases fire.
13	D plus 22 minutes	Second CL (main armament) ceases fire.
14	D plus 22 minutes	1 CL and 1 DD stand by to support advance of 2/28 and 2/43 Aust Inf Bns as required.
15	D plus 40 minutes	Aerial bombardment on area C ceases.
16	D plus 60 minutes	All scheduled naval fire ceases.

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ALLOTMENT OF SHIPPING

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Ser.	SHIP or CRAFT	Capacity (each)			TOTAL CAPACITY			Remarks
		Pers	Vehs	Stores	Pers	Vehs	Stores	
1	2 x LSI 'WESTRALIA'	1030	60	300	1030	60	300	(a) Five ships equipped with N L PONTOONS and one with barges (b) One equipped with N Lpontoon. (c) LSTs carry 13 LVT each.
	'MANOORA'	1227	60	300	1227	60	300	
2	6 x LST (a)	450	65	200	2700	390	1200	
3	4 x LST (b) (a)	450	55	100	1800	220	400	
4	5 x LCI	200			1000			
5	7 x LSM	50	25		350	175		
6	1 x LSD	240	20		240	20		
	TOTAL				8347	925	2200	

CAPABILITY OF SHIPS AND CRAFT AVAILABLE

FOR ASSAULT FLIGHT

Ser	Craft or Ship	From	Capacity (each)			TOTAL CAPACITY			Remarks
			Pers	Vehs	Stores	Pers	Vehs	Stores	
7	22 x LCVP	'MANOORA'	32			704			Note:- Stores capacity of LCM - 18 tons Stores capacity of LCVP 3 tons
	2 x LCM		10	2		20	4		
8	16 x LCVP	'WESTRALIA'	32			512			
	2 x LCM		10	2		20	4		
9	18 x LCM(6)	LSD	10	2		180	32		
10	7 x LSM	-	50	20		350	140		
11	5 x LCI	-	200			1000			
	Total Lift for Assault Flight					2766	180	-	

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POSTPONEMENT OF Z DAY

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1. Reasons

Postponement of Z Day may be necessary because of weather, enemy interference, or other unforeseen circumstances.

2. Locations on Z minus 1

Assault force, including HQ 9 Aust Div, afloat.

3. Codewords

(a) TOSCA I say again TOSCA - Operation postponed 24 hours from original Z Day.

(b) MANGO I say again MANGO - Operation postponed a further 24 hours.

4. Responsibility

The final decision for postponement of Z day is to be made by Commander Naval Attack Force.

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PANEL SIGNALS - GROUND TO AIR

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MEANINGS TEMPORARILY ASSIGNED TO LOCAL ASSIGNMENT PANEL NUMBERS OF VOCABULARY PORTION OF CCBP8

PANEL GROUP	MEANING
70	"I am staying where I am"
71	"I require my position"
72	"I know my position"
73	"Require boots and clothes"
74	"Am heading for coast in direction of T"
75	"Require direction to nearest food dump"
76	"Will go to food dump indicated by you and remain there"
77	"All is well. NO assistance required"
78	"Come again tomorrow"

ALLOTMENT OF UNIT IDENTIFICATION PANEL DISPLAY NUMBERS

24 Aust Inf Bde Gp	Numbers allotted
HQ 24 Aust Inf Bde Gp	426
2/11 Aust Cdo Sqn	427
2/12 Aust Fd Regt less one troop	428
23 Bty 2/12 Aust Fd Regt	429
24 Bty 2/12 Aust Fd Regt	430
62 Bty 2/12 Aust Fd Regt	431
2/28 Aust Inf Bn	432
2/43 Aust Inf Bn	433
C Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn	434
B Sqn 2/9 Aust Armd Regt	435
Spare	436
Divisional reserve	
2/32 Aust Inf Bn	437
2/2 Aust MG Bn less B C and D Coys	438
2/12 Aust Cdo Sqn	439
US and British troops	
Special recce detachment SRD	449

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2	2/32 Aust Inf Bn	3	3	3	3	3	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	
3	2/43 Aust Inf Bn	4-5	4-5	4-5	4-5	4-5	3	4-5	4-5	4-5	4-5	4-5	4-5	4-5	4-5	4-5	4-5	4-5	
4	2/11 Aust Cdo Sqn	6	6	6	6	6	4	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	
5	B Sqn 2/9 Aust Armd Regt	7	7	7	7	7	5	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	
6	2/12 Aust Fd Regt	8	8	8	8	8	6	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	
7	H Tp I Aust Naval Bombardment Gp	9	9	9	9	9	7	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	
8	2/2 Aust Corps AA Regt	10	10	10	10	10	8	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	
9	2/7 Aust Fd Coy	11	11	11	11	11	9	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	
10	C Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn	12	12	12	12	12	10	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	
11	HQ 2/156 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	13	13	13	13	13	-	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	
12	2/3 Aust Fd Amb	14	14	14	14	14	-	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	
13	2/122 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk	15	15	15	15	15	-	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	
14	2/122 Aust Bde Wksp	16	16	16	16	16	-	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	
15	3 Aust Ops Report Team	17	17	17	17	17	-	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	
16	2 Aust Mil Ldg Gp	18	18	18	18	18	-	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	
17	1 Aust Beach Gp	19/24	19/24	19/24	19/24	19/24	11	19/24	19/24	19/24	19/24	19/24	19/24	19/24	19/24	19/24	19/24	19/24	
18	727 Amphibian Tractor Bn	25	25	25	25	25	12	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	
19	Boat Bn 693 EB & S Regt	26	26	26	26	26	-	26	26	26	26	26	26	26	26	26	26	26	
20	9 Aust Div (Copy Capt WILTON)	27/32	27/32	27/32	27/32	27/32	13	27/32	27/32	27/32	27/32	27/32	27/32	27/32	27/32	27/32	27/32	27/32	
21	Adv HQ 1 TAF RAAF	33/36	33/36	33/36	33/36	33/36	14	33/36	33/36	33/36	33/36	33/36	33/36	33/36	33/36	33/36	33/36	33/36	
22	20 Aust Inf Bde	37	37	37	37	37	-	37	37	37	37	37	37	37	37	37	37	37	
23	Det BBCAD	38	38	38	38	38	-	38	38	38	38	38	38	38	38	38	38	38	
24	Comd	39	39	39	39	39	15	39	39	39	39	39	39	39	39	39	39	39	
25	RM	40	40	40	40	40	16	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	
26	SC	41	41	41	41	41	17	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	
27	Bde Sig Offr	42	42	42	42	42	18	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	
28	2/76 Aust LAD	43	43	43	43	43	-	43	43	43	43	43	43	43	43	43	43	43	
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30	File	46/7	46/7	46/7	46/7	46/7	20/21	46/7	46/7	46/7	46/7	46/7	46/7	46/7	46/7	46/7	46/7	46/7	

Note: (a) Annexures NOT to all addressees.

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Corrigenda

Page 1 para 3 (b)

JESSELTON - where enemy strength is estimated at 5000, but may increase to 7000/8000 by end of May

Page 14 para 46 (a)

with in support: delete "SFCP"

Page 15 para 52 (a)

delete all/sub-para (i)
sub
Allotment of SFCP

delete after "SFCP" - "will move to A Coy" Add "passes from support 2/28 Aust Inf Bn to support 2/11 Aust Cav Cdo Sqn"

Addenda

Page 5 para 19 (a)

After sub-sub-para (v) Sub- sub add/ para (vi)

(vi) Naval bombardment targets are shown as Appx D1 Each target is indicated by an area approximately 400 yds square with any special target pin-pointed within it. Each target has been given a number common to Navy, Army and Air Force. Area targets are designated by letters A - L

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Add sub-para (e)

(e) Preservation of Bridges and Culverts

(i) Every endeavour will be made to preserve bridges and culverts, by taking steps to counter enemy tactics which feature infiltration, and demolition after the leading infantry have passed beyond vital bridges, and culverts.

(ii) within coy resources these will be piquetted, and reported at once to Bn HQ. Responsibility for piquets and patrols will then be allocated by this HQ

(iii) TO will make available one or two jeeps depending on vehicle routes within Bn responsibility. Res coy will supply three personnel with automatic weapons, who will form a jeep patrol, with one engineer NCO, to pass over and examine all culverts and bridges on roads within unit responsibility at dawn. No unit vehicle will pass over these routes until they are declared clear, and vehicles of other units will be held in unit areas until such time

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All attempted demolitions will be reported immediately to this HQ

Page 22 para 84

Fluorescent Panels Add: "Colour RED only will be used"

Page 23 para 87 (e) (ii)

Under "Signal", and in front of "First wave 500 yds from beach", add: "Six white flares parachute Mk VI".

G B Vanbraa Capt
Adjt 2/28 Aust Inf Bn

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2/28 AUST INF BN OPERATION ORDER NO 1

Ref maps: LABUAN 4 miles to 1 in
LABUAN NORTH 1 : 50,000
LABUAN SOUTH 1 : 25,000
BRUNEI 1 : 50,000

INFORMATION

1. Topography

(a) SWPA Terrain Handbook No 59. Terrain Studies 89, 90 and AAFIU Report No 30 to 24 Mar 45

(b) 9 Aust Div Intelligence review to be issued separately

(c) List of topographical code names is attached as Appx A

2. Designation of Beaches

As per Appx B attached

3. Enemy

(a) As per 9 Aust Div Intelligence Review

(b) Reinforcements

Nearest reinforcements available to the enemy are located at -

JESSELTON - estimated 4000

KENINGAU - where enemy movement has been reported recently

MIRI - estimated 1000

4. Own Troops

(a) 26 Aust Inf Bde Gp has landed on TARAKAN ISLAND. It is expected that by the start of OBOE SIX airfield facilities will have been established to provide air cover, preliminary air bombardment and direct air support for OBOE SIX

(b) 9 Aust Div less 26 Aust Inf Bde Gp supported by naval and air forces is carrying out simultaneous assault landings on the SOUTH coast of LABUAN ISLAND and on BRUNEI PENINSULA

5. 24 Aust Inf Bde Plan

(a) Assault troops

RIGHT : 2/43 Aust Inf Bn and attached troops

LEFT : 2/28 Aust Inf Bn and attached troops

Reserve and Special Task : 2/11 Aust Cdo Sqn and attached troops

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(b) The attack will be carried out in three phases:

(i) PHASE ONE

Assault Bns are to land and capture ~~LABUAN~~ PARIS and the line TG TARAS - ~~AIRCRAFT PARK~~ ACPARK - FLAGSTAFF

(ii) PHASE TWO

2/43 Aust Inf Bn is to capture ~~STRIP~~ PITCH No 1 and exploit NORTH while 2/11 Aust Cdo Sqn prepares to capture PENNY

(iii) PHASE THREE

2/28 Aust Inf Bn is to advance and capture a line road junction 806863 - road junction 797864 and with 2/43 Aust Inf Bn is to complete the securing of the Div Covering Position.
2/11 Aust Cdo Sqn is to complete the capture of PENNY. The launching of the attack on PENNY may take place in an earlier phase than as shown if opportunity presents itself

(c) Inter-bn Boundary

Beach at 822823 - road bend at 829832 - road junction 830840 - along axis BAKER ROUTE to road/815865 - all inclusive to 2/43 Aust Inf Bn junction

6. Naval Support

(a) Allied naval forces are to support the operation

(b) Detail of naval units available for initial bombardment and for support to be issued later

7. Air Support

(a) Allied air forces are to support the operation

(b) Detail of aircraft available and support provided is to be issued later

8. Beach Maintenance Area

1 Aust Beach Gp is to establish a BMA in the area COLLIER HEAD - RAMSAY PT - ~~LABUAN~~ PARIS - FLAGSTAFF 826839

9. Composition of 2/28 Aust Inf Bn Gp

2/28 Aust Inf Bn

With under command:

5 and 10 Tps B Sqn 2/9 Aust Armd Regt
1 Pl C Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn
Sec 4 Pl 2/7 Fd Coy
Det 24 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec
Sec 2/3 Aust Fd Amb

With in support:

Two FOO parties 2/12 Aust Fd Regt
LO party 2/12 Aust Fd Regt
One tp 2/12 Aust Fd Regt
One SFCP
One AL party

Det 727 Amphibian Tractor Bn

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10. Allotment to ships as per Appx 'C' 1 attached

11. Allotment to Landing Craft as per Landing Craft Table attached as Appx C 2

INTENTION

12. 2/28 Aust Inf Bn and attached troops will land on BROWN ONE BEACH and will capture:-

(a) ~~LABUAN~~ PARIS AND FLAGSTAFF

(b) road junction 806863 and road junction 796863 on success of 2/~~28~~ 43 Aust Inf Bn in PHASE TWO

METHOD

13. Summary of the Operation

(a) The landing will be with two assault coys and one support coy in LVT's supported by tanks, with one coy in reserve

(b) The operation will be in four phases each phase being implemented on order with the minimum pause on any one objective.

(i) PHASE ONE

Assault coys will re-organise on RED LINE and move to form the initial beach head and close the entrance to ~~LABUAN~~ PARIS

(ii) PHASE TWO

RIGHT coy and support coy will capture the line NORTH end of both LUSHTON, and LEOPOLD. Then LEFT coy will commence capture of ~~LABUAN~~ PARIS

(iii) PHASE THREE

RIGHT and CENTRE coys will capture and consolidate a line road junction 830840 - FLAGSTAFF - inclusive BAKER ROUTE at 820841

(iv) PHASE FOUR

On order 24 Aust Inf Bde, 2/28 Aust Inf Bn will capture road junction 806863, and road junction 797864

(c) Boundary

Intersection of RIGHT AND LEFT Sectors of BROWN ONE BEACH at 819824 to road junction 824835. All inclusive to C Coy

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PHASE ONE

14. Assaulting Troops

RIGHT - C Coy

LEFT - A Coy

Support Coy - D Coy

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15. Groupings

(a) C Coy

With under command:

Two pack flamethrowers
One det 3 Pl
Det 4 Fl 2/7 Aust Fd Coy

With in support:

FOO party 24 Bty 2/12 Aust Fd Regt
3FCP

(b) A Coy

With under command:

Two pack flamethrowers
One det 3 Pl
Det 4 Fl 2/7 Aust Fd Coy

(c) D Coy

With under command:

One det 3 pl

With in support

FOO party 24 Bty 2/12 Aust Fd Regt

16. Objectives

(a) C Coy - forward of QUEEN road, from exclusive 824826 to exclusive junction QUEEN and HOW roads

(b) A Coy - from inclusive road junction QUEEN and HOW routes to beach at 816824

17. Tasks

(a) C Coy will:

(i) Land, capture objective, mop up and re-organise

(ii) be prepared to move to NORTH end of LUSHTON

(b) A Coy will:

(i) Land, swing left and capture objective, closing EAST approaches to ~~LABUAN~~ PARIS, mopping up area between boundary and objective to QUEEN route

(ii) be prepared to move to capture ~~LABUAN~~ PARIS after D Coy has re-organised

(iii) if there is no evidence of enemy occupation of ~~LABUAN~~ PARIS to patrol forward and ascertain if the TOWN is clear of enemy

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(c) D Coy will:

(i) Land and re-organise in area immediately SOUTH and EAST of road junction QUEEN and HOW roads

(ii) be prepared to move on order to NORTH end of LEOPOLD.

18. ROUTES

C Coy - From centre of RIGHT Sector - 14 degrees TRUE

A Coy - Coastwise to ~~LABUAN~~ PARIS

D Coy - From 819824 to HOUSE 820826 - 24 degrees TRUE

19. Fire Support

(a) Naval

(i) Preliminary bombardment of enemy gun positions and landing beaches will be carried out during the period Z minus 2 day to Z day

(ii) SFCP will land and move with HQ C Coy

(iii) Direct support by light support craft. Details to be issued later

(iv) Fire control and procedure

To be issued later

(v) Observation of Naval Fire

Each cruiser allotted for support is able to maintain one spotting aircraft afloat continuously for control of naval bombardment

(b) Air

(i) Direct air support

To be issued later

(ii) Air support control

To be issued later

(iii) One AL party will move with Bn Tactical HQ

(c) Arty

(i) Two tps 2/12 Aust Fd Regt will land with assault troops in LVT's for support of both assaulting bns

(ii) Remainder 2/12 Aust Fd Regt less one tp will land and be available to support the Brigade.

(iii) Allotment of FOO's

C Coy - One

D Coy - One

(iv) LO's party will move with Bn Tactical HQ

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(d) 4.2 in Mortars

(i) One troop 4.2 in mortars will be landed and manned by 2/12 Aust Fd Regt

(ii) Fire will be on call through FOO's with coys

(iii) Tasks

To fire on point targets during the period from the cessation of naval gunfire, until two batteries of 25 prs are available

(e) 3 in Mortars

(i) Allotment of detachments under command:

C Coy - one

A Coy - one

D Coy - one

Reserve - one

(ii) Reserve detachment will travel in Bn Commander's wave and will move in rear of Bn Tactical HQ on Bn Centre Line

20. Amphibians - LVT(4)

(a) General

2/26 Aust Inf Bn has been allotted 25 LVT (4's) which include 5 for artillery and 2 for 4.2 in mortars

(b) Allotment to coys and supporting arms as per Landing Craft Table Appx C 2

(c) Rally Area

(i) LVT(4's) will rally in area 810626

(ii) If required, those with A Coy will support by fire the assault of ~~LABUAN~~ PARIS by A Coy from positions adjacent to Rally Area

(d) Command

All LVT(4's) will revert to command 9 Aust Div on arrival in rally areas

21. Synchronization

(a) All moves from RED LINE positions will be on order of Bn Comd

(b) In the event of NO enemy action from ~~LABUAN~~ PARIS CC A Coy will implement patrolling to ascertain if TOWN is clear, without further order

PHASE TWO

22. Summary

(a) On reports, and success of PHASE ONE, immediate commencement of this phase will be ordered

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(b) The capture of ~~LABUAN~~ PARIS may be ordered to commence prior to the start of this phase

23. Forward Troops

RIGHT - C COY

CENTRE - D COY

LEFT - A COY

Reserve - B COY

24. Grouping

(a) C Coy

With under comd

Two pack flamethrowers
Det 3 Pl
Det 4 Pl 2/7 Aust Fd Coy

With in support:

FOO party 24 Bty 2/12 Aust Fd Regt
SFCP

(b) A Coy
B Coy
D Coy
} As for PHASE ONE

25. Objectives

(a) C Coy - NORTH end of LUSHTON

(b) D Coy - NORTH end of LEOPOLD

(c) A Coy - ~~LABUAN~~ PARIS

26. Tasks

(a) C Coy will:

(i) capture objective and mop up exclusive the inter-bn boundary to inclusive ~~NORTH~~ road

(ii) reorganise on objective and prepare to move on order, and on reorganisation of B Coy, to ~~PAUSE~~ HOW LINE at 826833

(b) D Coy will

(i) .. capture objective and mop up area from inclusive houses WEST of HOW route to mangroves WEST of BAKER route and NORTH of ~~LABUAN~~ PARIS from creek inlet at 815830

(ii) Reorganise on objective and be prepared to support by SA fire advance of C Coy to PAUSE LINE

(iii) On order, move to CREEK LINE and DITCH at 820839

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(c) A Coy will:

(i) capture ~~LABUAN~~ PARIS and on success reorganise, and move to NORTH end of LUSHTON astride HOW route and come into bn reserve.

(ii) if the situation permits, move on order astride HOW route to 825837 and come into reserve.

(d) B Coy will:

(i) land, reorganise SOUTH of QUEEN'S route area 821825 and move on C Coy route in rear of C Coy to PAUSE LINE at 826833

(ii) remain as bn reserve

27. Boundary

From 821827 to HOW route 820828 to inclusive HOW route to NORTH edge of LUSHTON

28. Routes

(a) C Coy

(i) From centre of RIGHT SECTOR to NORTH of LUSHTON cross country 14 degrees TRUE

(ii) Cross country to 826833

(b) A Coy

(i) Coastwise through ~~LABUAN~~ PARIS

(ii) On reorganisation after success, via HOW route

(c) D Coy

(i) Cross country, direct to NORTH end of LEOPOLD

(ii) Bearing of 3~~8~~3 4 degrees TRUE

(d) B Coy

From 821825 to NORTH of LUSHTON parallel with HOW.
Thence on C Coy route to 826833

29. Fire Support

(a) Naval

(i) Naval units will support the advance by fire on FLAGSTAFF prior to the move from LUSHTON to PAUSE LINE

(ii) SFCP with C Coy

(b) Artv

(i) One tp will possibly be on call in latter part of this phase, and available to support advance of forward coys.

(ii) Allotment of FOO's

C Coy - one
D Coy - one

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(iii) LO's party will move with Bn Tactical HQ

(c) 4.2 in Mortars

As for PHASE ONE

(d) 3 in Mortars

(i) Allotment

As for PHASE ONE

(ii) Det 3 pl with D Coy will carry additional 6 rds smoke in case cover is required for advance of C Coy to PAUSE LINE and/conditions permit if weather

(e) MMG

(i) 1 Pl C Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn will land with B Coy, and will move immediately with B Coy to area NORTH end of LUSHTON

(ii) Tasks

Move forward in rear of B Coy

(iii) 2 Pl will land and move directly across country to D Coy position at NORTH end of LEOPOLD and be prepared to move forward with D Coy.

30. Armour.

(a) Allotment

C Coy - 10 Tp B Sqn 2/9 Aust Armd Regt

A Coy - 5 Tp B Sqn 2/9 Aust Armd Regt

(b) Marrying Up

Will take place on NEAR Shore

(c) Water Gap

All tanks will be waterproofed against 4 feet depth of water

(d) Guiding

On landing will be met by respective infantry guides at Coy beach markers, and after de-waterproofing, will be guided to coys

(e) Alternative role

(i) In the event of tank support not being required for the capture of ~~LABUAN~~ PARIS, 5 Tp will be prepared to move to support attack of C Coy on FLAGSTAFF

(ii) Route By road to junction of HOW and QUEEN routes - thence on EAST of HOW route to NORTH end of LUSHTON - thence on C Coy centre line to left rear of C Coy

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(111) Guides

Inf guides will be reserved by C Coy for this alternative role, and if required will be despatched on order Bn HQ, to a Tank Meeting Point at junction of HOW and QUEEN routes.

31. Amphibians

(a) Subject to approval being granted, and the situation permitting, one LVT(4) with each of C and D Coys, carrying a detachment of mortars, will move in rear of these coys to a limit of NORTH end of both LUSHTON and LEOPOLD

(b) After unloading Mortar and ammunition will return to Rally Area.

32. Synchronization

(a) All moves on order Bn Tactical HQ

(b) Tank with C Coy will continue to move forward until C Coy is contacted. Inf will NOT wait SOUTH of PAUSE LINE for tanks

(c) Inter - bn co-ordination of advance will be through Brigade

PHASE THREE

33. Summary

This phase is a continuation of PHASE TWO, and may be implemented, without pause at LUSHTON, and LEOPOLD, if the situation permits or demands immediate advance, following reports on success of PHASE TWO

34. (a) Forward Troops

RIGHT - C COY

LEFT - D COY

(b) Special Task and Reserve - A COY

(c) Reserve - B COY

35. Grouping

(a) C Coy

With under command:

Two pack Flamethrowers
Det 3 Pl
Det 4 Pl 2/7 Aust Fd Coy

With in support

10 Tp B Sqn 2/9 Aust Armd Regt
FOO 24 Bty 2/12 Aust Fd Regt
SFCP
1 Pl C Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn

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(b) D Coy

With under command:

Det 3 Pl

With in support:

FOO party 24 Bty 2/12 Aust Fd Regt
2 Pl

36. Objectives

(a) C Coy - FLAGSTAFF exclusive to road junction 830840 to inclusive NW end of strip 825840

(b) D Coy - exclusive to NW end of strip 825840 mangroves at 820841

(c) A Coy - complete capture ~~LABUAN~~ PARIS

37. Tasks

(a) C Coy will:

(i) move to PAUSE LINE and form up with tanks on a line 98 degrees TRUE

(ii) then attack and capture objective

(iii) re-organise and consolidate

(b) D Coy will:

(i) move from CREEK LINE 820839 on order, to attack and capture objective

(ii) re-organise and consolidate

38. Routes

(a) C Coy

From PAUSE LINE on a bearing of 8 degrees TRUE

(b) D Coy

On general axis of BAKER route

39. Boundary

Road junction 825835 - NW end of strip 825840 All inclusive to C Coy

40. Supporting Fire

(a) Naval

(i) Naval units will fire on call through SFCP

(ii) Calls for naval fire from D Coy will be through Bn Tactical HQ

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(b) Fd Arty

(i) One troop and possibly two troops 24 Bty 2/12 Aust Fd Regt will fire concentration on FLAGSTAFF from H hr of C Coy attack to H plus 10 minutes

(ii) Synchronization of this fire will be through FOO with C Coy

(iii) Allotment of FOO's

C Coy - one

D Coy - one

(c) 3 in Mortars

No change in allotment

(d) MMG

(i) Allotment

C Coy - 1 Pl 'C' Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn

D Coy - 2 Pl

(ii) Tasks

Move with respective coys for consolidation

1 Pl C Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn

Move to area 825839 for RIGHT flank protection of C coy, cover approaches on RIGHT front and between C Coy forward pls

2 Pl

Move to area 823840
Cover BAKER Route approach
Fire across C Coy front

41. Reserve

(a) B Coy

(i) Will move to rear of C Coy

(ii) Distance between coys 250 yds

(iii) Will act as reserve for C Coy attack

(iv) On success of C Coy will come into Bn reserve in area forward of HOUSE 824837

(b) A Coy

(i) Will move from ~~LABUAN~~ PARIS to NORTH of LUSHTON

(ii) On capture of FLAGSTAFF will move to position 826837 in rear of C Coy, and NORTH of junction HOW and KING routes

(iii) Will come into Bn reserve.

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(c) Routes

(i) B Coy

On C Coy centre line to PAUSE LINE then on C Coy axis of attack to road junction 827838, thence to forward of HOUSE 824837

(ii) A Coy

~~LAURA~~ PARIS to junction HOW and QUEEN routes, then to NORTH end of LUSHTON, then on axis of HOW route to 826837

(d) Brigade Reserve

(i) On capture of FLAGSTAFF 2/28 Aust Inf Bn will hold a firm base and will pass to Brigade reserve

(ii) A and B Coy in that order will be priority coys to move if required by Brigade

42. Armour

(a) Allotment

As for PHASE TWO

(b) Forward Rally

(i) IO Tp on release by OC C Coy will rally at junction HOW and KING routes

(ii) 5 Tp on release by OC A Coy will rally at junction HOW and KING routes

(iii) 5 Tp will if possible assist IO Tp in replenishment

(iv) 5 Tp will then pass to Bde Reserve.

43. Synchronisation

(a) PHASE THREE will be implemented by all coys on order of Bn Tactical Hq

(b) Artillery fire on FLAGSTAFF will be arranged prior to reaching PAUSE LINE, through FOO by OC C Coy, and troop will be ready to open fire as C Coy crosses PAUSE LINE

PHASE FOUR

44. Summary

PHASE FOUR will take place on order 24 Aust Inf Bde

45. Forward Troops

(a)

RIGHT - A Coy
CENTRE - B Coy
LEFT - D Coy

(b) Reserve

C Coy

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46. Grouping

(a) A Coy

With under comd

Two Pack flamethrowers

with in support

SFCP
MFC from 3 pl
1 Pl C Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn

(b) B Coy

With under comd

Det 4 pl 2/7 Aust Fd Coy

with in support

5 Tp B Sqn 2/9 Aust Armd Regt
MFC 3 Pl
FOO party 2/12 Aust Fd Regt

(c) D Coy

With under comd

Det No 3 Pl
Det 4 pl 2/7 Aust Fd Coy

with in support

2 Pl
FOO party 2/12 Aust Fd Regt

47. Tasks

(a) A Coy will:

(i) Advance and mop up area exclusive route ABLE to exclusive route BAKER to exclusive road junction 815865

(ii) Establish liaison with 2/43 Aust Inf Bn on RIGHT flank at 815865

(b) B Coy will:

advance and mop up on axis of BAKER route to 813848 and continue as forward CENTRE coy astride BAKER route, mopping up to road junction 806863

(c) D Coy will:

(i) advance on axis of BAKER ROUTE in rear of B Coy route to 813848. Then move across country to road junction 796864

(ii) be responsible for clearing timber edge 803855 to 795853 en route

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(iii) if 2/11 Aust Cdo Sqn are to pass through to capture of ARDIE and to clear enemy from PENNY, then D coy will piquet timber edge with one pl until Cdo Sqn has passed through

48. Boundaries

(a) Between 2/28 Aust Inf Bn and 2/11 Aust Cdo Sqn

(i) Line of TIMBER EDGE from 803855 to 794853 all inclusive to 2/28 Aust Inf Bn

(ii) Should 2/11 Cav Cdo Sqn advance through 2/28 Aust Inf Bn as in para 47(c)(iii) above, then this boundary will NOT become operative until the Sqn has passed through

(b) Between A and B Coys

NW end of strip 825840
HOUSE 816852 - road junction 809860 - HOUSE 809865.
All inclusive to A Coy

(c) Between B and D Coys

Bend in road 813848 - HOUSE 802863. All inclusive to B Coy

49. Routes

A Coy

From 826837 to houses 826841 thence parallel to left boundary to house 809867

B Coy

On axis of BAKER route

D Coy

BAKER route to 813848 - then skirting mangroves to 804855 - then across country to 796864

50. Bounds

(a) Road junction 821854 - TIMBER EDGE 804855 - 795853

(b) Line of objectives

51. Synchronization

(a) No move will commence until ordered by Brigade HQ

(b) Coys will be ready to move at NOT more than 10 mins notice

52. Supporting Fire

(a) Naval

(i) Requests through SFCP with A Coy

(ii) Allotment of SFCP

On consolidation of C Coy in PHASE THREE SFCP will move to A Coy

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(b) Artillery

(i) The following targets are to be registered as early as convenient

Road and track junction 812887
Bend in road 784881
Road and track junction 789874

(ii) Allotment of FOO's

B Coy - one
D Coy - one

(iii) FOO with C Coy will, on order to continue the advance, move to B Coy, and advance with B Coy

(c) 3 in Mortars

(i) Allotment

D Coy - one det

(ii) Dets with A and C Coys will revert to control 3 pl and move with C Coy

(iii) Allotment of MFC's

A Coy - one
B Coy - one

(d) MMG

(i) 1 Pl C Coy/2/2 Aust MG Bn, will move with A Coy

(ii) Exchange will be effected from C to A Coy on order to advance from PHASE 111

(iii) Pl will move to area 810865

(iv) Tasks

Fire across the front of A Coy and cover BAKER route

(v) 2 Pl

Will continue to move with D Coy to area 796864

(vi) Tasks

Left flank protection
Cover CHARLIE route
Fire across D Coy front

53. Reserve

(a) C Coy will move in reserve approximately 1000 yds in rear of B Coy

(b) Route

Axis of BAKER route

(c) If NO advance beyond Divisional Covering Position is ordered, C Coy will occupy a position in area road junction 809860

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54. Armour

(a) 10 Troop will move in rear of B Coy.

(b) will be prepared to support A, B, or D Coy in their advance

(c) Route

On axis of BAKER ROUTE

(d) Rally

(i) If no further advance is ordered from the Divisional Covering Position 10 Tp will rally and laager in C Coy perimiter, area 809860

55. Exploitation

(a) 2/28 Aust Inf Bn will exploit on order to road and track junction 805887 - road and track junction 789874

(b) A, B, and C Coys will post standing patrols as follows:

(i) A Coy - Road and track junction 805887 exclusive

(ii) B Coy - to edge of high ground at 796882

(iii) D Coy - to forward of road and track junction 791872

(c) Strength

One platoon each

COMMON TO ALL PHASES

56. Beach Defence

As the advance progresses beyond the Divisional Covering Position 24 Aust Inf Bde is to detail troops for specific beach defence tasks

57 Target Indication

(a) Naval bombardment targets will be shown in Appx D11

(b) Each target is indicated by an area approximately 400 yards, square with any special target pin-pointed within it

Each target has been given a serial number common to Army and Navy

58. Co-ordinator - SFCP's

Co-ordinator of SFCP's is in support of 24 Aust Inf Bde and attached to Brigade HQ for the co-ordination of SFCP's which are in support of 24 Aust Inf Bde Group

59. Engineers

(a) Comd

(i) OC 2/7 Aust Fd Coy is to command all engineers allocated to 24 Aust Inf Bde Group less engineer units allocated to 1 Aust Beach Gp, and is to be responsible to Commander 24 Aust Inf Bde for co-ordination of all engineer work

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(b) Allocation

Sec 4 pl 2/7 Aust Fd Coy allocated to 2/28 Aust Inf Bn has been allotted to forward coys as per groupings in phases

C Coy - one det - PHASES ONE, TWO, THREE

A Coy - one det - PHASES ONE, TWO, THREE

D Coy - one det - PHASE FOUR

B Coy - one det - PHASE FOUR

(c) (i) Det with A Coy will move to D Coy

(ii) Det with C Coy will move to B Coy

(iii) Move to take place on consolidation by coys

(d) Reconnaissance Party

Will move with Bn Tactical HQ

Comd

OC 4 pl 2/7 Aust Fd Coy

(e) Engineer Tasks

(i) Prepare, and carry demolition charges, for breaching buildings, demolition of strong posts and obstacles

(ii) Reconnoitre beach for mines, obstacles, and immediate beach exits

(iii) Delousing of mines and booby traps

(iv) Recce of routes, and going, and report fully on such to this HQ at intervals of NOT longer than 30 minutes

(v) Tasks on Brigade order,

Recce of subsidiary routes
Recce and siting of Water Points

(vi) Demolish such unoccupied enemy strong posts as commanders of forward troops require. All those on tactical features and commanding L's of C must be rendered unusable.

60. Pioneers

(a) Det of 5 pl landing in D Coy wave will be prepared to move with D Coy.

(b) Tasks

(i) Prepare, and carry demolition charges, for use against strong posts, and obstacles

(ii) Reconnoitre for, delouse mines and booby traps

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(iii) Assist engineer det with D Coy in PHASE FOUR

(c) 5 Pl less det with D Coy will move with Bn Tactical HQ

(d) Tasks

(i) One section will remain with Bn Tactical HQ for normal tasks

(ii) Remainder in dets, will be prepared for re-allot to coys to assist Engineers

(iii) Coys will request Bn HQ for dets as required

(iv) A reserve of demolition charges will be carried.

61. Air Observation Posts

(a) Det 16 Air OP Flt is to provide artillery air OP's and local reconnaissance as required

(b) Requests for sorties will be made to this HQ for request through Bde HQ

62. Army Co-Operation [illegible] Wing RAAF

Part of 83 Army Co-Op wing RAAF is to be established on STRIP No 1, after its capture, and will be available for reconnaissance and for use by artillery air OP's

63. Air Warning

Details to be issued

64. Time Table of Events Prior to D hour -

Appx E

65. Hygiene and Anti-Disease -

Appx F

66. Security -

Appx G

67. Landing Diagram -

Appx H

68 Allocation of Force to Ships -

Appx C I

69. Z Day

Target date _____

70. Landing Hours

BROWN BEACH - D Hour

BLUE BEACH - Q Hour

71. Postponement of Z day

Reserved

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72. Alternative Plan

To be issued later

73. Embarkation

(a) Embarkation instructions will be issued separately

(b) All packages loaded on craft will be of a size and weight which can be carried by two men

(c) No unnecessary stores will be loaded on guns and vehicles, and NO stores other than set out in Bn Standing Orders, or amendments to them made by this HQ will be carried.

74. Flame Warfare

(a) Each of C and A Coys will carry two M2 pack Flame throwers

(b)(i) Initially coys will man these from trained personnel in those coys

(ii) All remaining trained personnel will move in reserve with their own coys, but will constitute a Bn pool from which they may be withdrawn for any other company

(c) Refuelling

(i) 4 Flame throwers are to be maintained at 2/122 Aust Bde Wksp as a brigade reserve

(ii) Replenishment until facilities are available will be carried out by an exchange of flame throwers

(iii) Details of fuel allotments will be issued

(iv) Recuperation will be carried out on board ship on Z minus 1 day from commercial cylinders. After landing, until recuperator truck is ashore commercial cylinders will be usdd

75. PITA's

(a) Three PITA dets, each of 4 men from 4 pl

(b) Allotment

C Coy - one
D Coy - one
A Coy - one

(c) Ammn

9 bombs per PITA

(d) 9 PITA's will be landed with B echelon as a reserve

76. Protection

Parties attached to all HQ e.g. reconnaisance, liaison, war correspondents, etc, will be responsible for own protection and digging within HQ areas. Responsibility for siting:- BnHQ - 2IC or RSM, Coys CSM

77. ADMINISTRATION

Separate administration Instruction will be issued

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78. INTERCOMMUNICATION

HQ

(a) Bde HQ

(i) Afloat - Main HQ HMAS MANOORA

Alternative HQ HMAS WESTRALIA

(ii) Ashore - Bde H will land on BROWN TWO BEACH and follow the route road junction 829829 to area road junction 825835. Further instructions to be issued

(b) Bn HQ

(i) Afloat - Main HQ LST

(ii) Ashore - Bn Tactical HQ on landing follow Bn CL, 820825 - 823832 - 825837 - via BAKER route with C Coy. Main BnHQ on landing follow Bn CL as situation permits in rear of reserve coy

79. Wireless silence

(a) Wireless silence on Z day will be maintained by all wireless sets until one hour prior to D hour

(b) On Z day listening watch is to be maintained by all army wireless stations from two hours prior to D hour

(c) Emergency communications will be passed over Navy channels prior to breaking of wireless silence by army stations

(d) After wireless silence is broken it will be imposed again or broken, only by means of appropriate code words

80. Communications for Naval Support

(a) Allotment of frequencies, call signs, and code names will be issued through signal channels

(b) Communication Diagram is to be issued separately with Signal Instruction, by Brigade

81. Communications for Air warning

(a) While afloat - air warning will be passed over Naval Channels

(b) On landing air warning signals will be passed over line channels by Signals, using telephone priority "AIR WARNING" which will take precedence over conversation in progress

82. Frequencies

(a) Will be issued through signal channels

(b) Frequency will be changed only by use of appropriate code words to be issued through signal channels

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(c) Frequencies will remain fixed until 0700 I on Z plus 3 days, after which, normal daily change will be instituted

83. Panel signals - ground to air

(a) Usual ground to air signalling will be by CCBP : 8 Combined Panel System

(b) "Local Assignment" meanings

(c) Unit identification number - Appx J

84. Fluorescent panels

Will NOT be used for any purpose other than indicating to aircraft the positions of our forward troops

Allotment

One to each rifle platoon

85. Code Signs and Code Names

(a) Will be issued to all concerned through signal channels

(b) Code signs and code names will remain fixed until 0700 I on Z plus 3 day after which normal daily change will be instituted

86. Code words

(a) Code words for phases of the operation are contained in Appx A. These code words will be used only within 9 Aust Div

(b) Additional code words within the Bn

(i) Success

EXCELSIOR - following coy code name and followed by objective e.g. (COY CODE NAME) EXCELSIOR LEOPOLD. passed through all available channels to Bn Tactical HQ.

(ii) Bounds in PHASE FOUR

COY CODE NAME followed by BROKE followed by relevant ABLE or BAKER

(c) Code words for locations which will be used within 9 Aust Div and may be used between Allied Naval and Air Forces are contained in Appx A

(d) Code word for the operation is OBOE SIX

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86. Codes and Ciphers

The following codes and ciphers will be used:-

(a) Until 0700 I Z plus 3 day; Combined Assault Code (CCBP 0130) series DOG 25 is to be used forward of 9 Aust Div and for local communications with Allied Forces, RAN, and RAAF, for all messages which require enciphering

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(b) As from 0700 I-Z plus 3 day TRENCODE is to replace Combined Assault Code (CCBP 0130) for all Aust Army Units down to Battalion

(c) RT Code No 2 will be used by Aust Army units for all RT conversations prior to and during the operation. Current appointments code vide Signal Training Pamphlet 5 will be used in referring to individual branches and appointments

(d) Ciphers

(i) Unit level - field grade

(ii) Distribution of cipher documents and keys will be distributed through signal channels

(e) Pyrotechnics

The following pyrotechnic signals for use between ground troops and aircraft will be used:-

(i) Used by ground troops

Signal	Meaning
Aust 2 inch Multi Star GREEN	"Artillery gunfire or bombs falling within our lines"

(ii) Used by aircraft

Two star RED	"Display front line panel - air attack about to commence"
Two star GREEN	"My mission has been completed"
Six WHITE flares parachute Mk VI	"First wave 500 yds from beach".

(iii) Illuminating flares will be used for illumination purposes as desired.

(f) Sea/land, and air/ground recognition and identification will be in accordance with procedure contained in GHQ SOI's 29 - 52 inclusive

Extracts of relevant portions will be issued from time to time

88. Signal Security

(a) All messages for wireless transmission containing information which might be of use to the enemy will be encoded or enciphered

(b) Caution will be exercised in the utilisation of existing civil and military communication systems until a thorough investigation of their security has been made

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89. Signal Plan

(a) Battalion Signal diagram is issued as Appx I

(b) Detailed signal plan is to be issued separately with Signal Instructions

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89. Time Zone

ITEM time will be used. Time zone suffix will be I.
To determine the time for this zone, 9 hours will be added to GMT (US GCT) or 1 hour deducted from Australian EST

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90. Synchronization of Time

(a) Ships time will be used while force is afloat

(b) After landing, time will be calculated from time broadcasts from station WTO (US Army) BRISBANE or from ABC or BBC time signals

W B Chapman Capt
Adjt 2/28 Aust Inf Bn

A C K N O W L E D G E

Time of Signature 0100 I

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TOPOGRAPHICAL CODE NAMES

Ref Maps LABUAN N & S 1:50000

~~TOP~~ SECRET

Appx. A to

2/28 AUST INF BN

O.O. Nº 1

No 28

CASCADE

SAUSAGE

HEART

BAKER

ABLE

CHARLIE

AIR STRIP Nº 2

FOREST

LOVE

ITEM

JIG

FOX

GEORGE

PITCHER T.

AIRCRAFT PARK

BONDI

PARIS

HOREL

ARDIE

PENNY

LEOPOLD

LUSHTON

COPRA

LEWER

ST KILDA

72 73 74 75 76 77 78 79 80 81 82 83 84 85

95 94 93 92 91 90 89 88 87 86 85 84 83 82 81 80

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BOUND 5

B3

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B5 NO 34

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R65N

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BOUND 3

FLAGSTAFF

HOA

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KILDA

BOUND 2

QUEEN

BROWN 1

BROWN 2

LEOPOLD

BOUND 1

REORG WIRE

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Serial	Unit	Allotment to ships (reference to annexures)
	HQ	
1	HQ 2/28 Aust Inf Bn	1 - 2 - 3
	Arty	
2	2/12 Aust Fd Regt	1 - 2 - 3
3	SFCP	1
	ENGRS	
4	2/7 Aust Fd Coy	1 - 3
	SIGS	
5	24 Aust Inf Bde Sig Soc	1 - 3
6	Det 2/43 Aust Cipher Soc	3
7	2/12 Aust Fd Regt Sig Soc	1 - 3
8	Det 3 Aust Engr Sig Soc	3
	INF	
9	A Coy	1 - 2 - 3
10	B Coy	3
11	C Coy	1 - 2 - 3
12	D Coy	2 - 3
13	HQ Coy HQ	3
14	1 Pl	1 - 2 - 3
15	Det 1 Pl - BnHQ	1
16	Det 1 Pl - ULO	1
17	2 Pl	1 - 3
18	3 Pl	1 - 3
19	Det 3 Pl - A Coy	2
20	Det 3 Pl - B Coy	3
21	Det 3 Pl - C Coy	2
22	Det 3 Pl - D Coy	2
23	4 Pl	1 - 3
24	Det 4 Pl - 24 Aust Inf Bde Sig Soc	1
25	Det 4 Pl - A Coy	2
26	Det 4 Pl - C Coy	2
27	Det 4 Pl - D Coy	2
28	5 Pl	1 - 3
29	6 Pl	3
30	6 A Pl (Tpt)	4 - 5 - 6
31	LOB 2/32 Aust Inf Bn	1 - 2 - 3
32	2 Pl A Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	3
33	1 Pl C Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn	3
	MED	
34	2/3 Aust Fd Amb (Rocco)	3

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Serial	Unit	Allotment to ships (reference to annexures)
	AEME	
35	2/122 Aust Bde Wksp	2
36	2/76 Aust LAD (Type J)	3
37	2/61 Aust LAD (Type D)	3
	MISCELLANEOUS	
38	Det 9 Aust Div Postal Unit	3
39	Det 9 Aust Div Pro Coy	3
40	Det Dir of Pub Relations	1 - 3
41	YMCA Army Rep	3
	UNITS UNDER COMD - CORPS TPS	
42	B Sqn 2/9 Aust Armd Regt	1 - 2
43	Det 2/9 Aust Armd Regt Ord Fd Pk	1
44	Sqn Sec 2/9 Aust Armd Regt Wksp	1
45	Det 2 Aust Mil Ldg Gp	3
46	Det 34 Aust FS Sec EE	3
	US AND BRITISH TPS	
47	Det 727 Amphibian Tractor Bn	1 - 2
48	Det BECAU	3
	UNITS IN SUPPORT - RAEF UNITS	
49	Air Liaison Party	1
	UNDER COMD FOR LANDING	
	BDE TPS	
50	HQ 24 Aust Inf Bde	3
51	Det ATTS	3
52	Det B Aust FS Sec	3
	DIV TPS	
53	Alternative HQ 9 Aust Div	3
54	Rear HQ 9 Aust Div	2 - 3
55	Recce Party HQ 9 Aust Div	3
56	2 Flt 1 Mot Sqn less det	2
57	HQ RAE 9 Aust Div	3
58	Sigs 9 Aust Div less det	1 - 3
59	2/43 Aust Cipher Sec less dets	3
60	B Aust FS Sec less dets	1
61	4 Aust Visitors and Observers Sec	1
62	9 Aust Mil History Fd Team less det	1 - 3
	CORPS TPS	
63	2 Aust Mil Ldg Gp less dets	1
	BEACH GP	
64	1 Aust Beach Gp less det	1 - 2 - 3
65	2 Aust Beach Gp Sigs	1 - 3
	BASE TPS	
66	Recce Party HQ 8 Aust Base Sub-area	1

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Serial	Unit	Allotment to ships (Reference to annexures)
	RAAF UNITS	
67	HQ 1 TAF RAAF Rocco Party	3
68	Comd Post 1 TAF RAAF	3
69	Assault Sch 111 MFCU	2
70	163 RADAR Sta	2
71	Technical Air Int Unit	1
72	2 Flt 1 Mob Met Sqn	2

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SHIP - LST 637 Unit responsible for supplying Ships Staff, Nominal Rolls, etc - 2/28 Aust Inf Bn

Index No	Unit	Pers	Vehs					Trlrs		Guns	Total Vehs Trlrs and Guns	Stores D/T	
			¼ ton	2½ ton	3 ton	Misc	Mech Eqpt	Jeep	Misc			Unit	Force
1	HQ 2/28 Aust Inf Bn	20										3.5	/
2	2/12 Aust Fd Regt	10											
3	SFCP	8											
4	2/7 Aust Fd Coy	19											
5	24 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	6											
6	2/12 Aust Fd Regt Sig Sec	1											
7	A Coy	89											
8	C Coy	91											
9	1 Pl	8											
10	Det 1 Pl - BnHQ	3											
11	Det 1 Pl - ULO	1											
12	2 Pl	2											
13	3 Pl	8											
14	4 Pl	3											
15	Det 4 Pl - 24 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	4											
16	5 Pl	22											
17	Det Dir of Pub Relations	2(a)											
18	Det 2/9 Aust Armd Regt Ord Fd Pk	8	2		2			2			6		
19	Sqn Sec 2/9 Aust Armd Regt Wksp	7	5	1				5			11		
20	1 Aust Beach Gp less det	38	3	1	1			2			7		
21	B Sqn 2/9 Aust Armd Regt	1	1					1			2		
22	Det 727 Amphibian Tractor Bn	44				13(a)					13		
23	Adv Liaison Party	3											
24	Sigs 9 Aust Div	7	7					7			14	2(c)	
25	B Aust FS Sec less dets	3	1					1			2		

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Ind ox No	Unit	Pers	Vchs ¼ ton	Vchs 2½ ton	Vchs 3 ton	Vchs Misc	Vchs Mech Eqpt	Trlrs Jeep	Trlrs Misc	Guns	Total Vchs Trlrs and Guns	Stores DWT Unit	Stores DWT Force
26	4 Aust W and O Soc	10	2					2			4	3	
27	9 Aust Mil History Fd Team	1(d)											
28	2 Aust Mil Ldg Gp less dets	7	1					1			2		
29	2 Aust Beach Gp Sigs	5											
30	Recce Party HQ 8 Aust Base Sub-Area	3	1								1		
31	Tech Air Int Unit	8	2					2			4		
32	LOB 2/32 Aust Inf Bn	10(b)											
33	2/3 Aust Fd Amb											16	
		452	25	2	3	13		23			66	24.5	

Notes

(a) LVT
(b) Baggage party 2/28 Aust Inf Bn Packs
(c) Unit stores
(d) Photographer
(e) 1 Photographer, 1 War Correspondent

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SHIP - LST 1025 Unit responsible for supplying Ships Staff Nominal Rolls, etc 2/28 Aust Inf Bn

Index	Unit	Pers	Vehs					Trlrs			Total Vehs Trlrs and Guns	Stores DET	
			¼ ton	2½ ton	3 ton	Misc	Mech Eqpt	Jeep	Misc	Guns		Unit	Force
1	HQ 2/28 Aust Inf Bn	3										2	
2	2/12 Aust Fd Regt	50(b)								(a)			
3	A Coy	7											
4	C Coy	8											
5	D Coy	97											
6	1 Pl	4											
7	Det 3 Pl - A Coy	6											
8	Det 3 Pl - C Coy	6											
9	Det 3 Pl - D Coy	6											
10	Det 4 Pl - A Coy	4											
11	Det 4 Pl - C Coy	4											
12	Det 4 Pl - D Coy	2											
13	LOB 2/32 Aust Inf Bn	10(d)											
14	2/122 Aust Bde Wksp	36	2	1	2(f)			1			6	10	
15	B Sqn 2/9 Aust Armd Regt	5											
16	Det 727 Amphibian Tractor Bn	44				13(c)					13		
17	Rear HQ 9 Aust Div	1		1							1		
18	2 Flt 1 Mob Mot Sqn	9	1					1			2		
19	1 Aust Beach Gp	40(e)	4		1			3	2(f)		10		
20	Assault Reh 111 MFCU	85	1		5			1	1		8		
21	163 RADAR STA	31	1		4			1			6		
		456	8	2	12	13		7	3		46	12	

NOTES (a) 4 X 25 Pr)
3 tons ammo) in LVT
(b) 16 personnel with 4 X 4.2 in mortar in LVT
(c) LVT
(d) Baggage party 2/28 Aust Inf Bn packs
(e) 22 RAN Cdo travel in control boat
(f) 2 X 5 KVA to be towed by 2½ ton vehs of 2/122 Aust Bde Wksp

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SHIP - ISI WESTRALIA Unit responsible for supplying Ships Staff, Nominal Rolls etc - 2/28 Aust Inf Bn

Ind Ch No	Unit	Lcrs	Jeeps	Trks Jeep	Total Vchs	Stores DWT Unit
1	HQ 2/28 Aust Inf Bn	34				14.5
2	2/12 Aust Fd Regt	95				24
3	2/7 Aust Fd Coy	46	5	5	10	
4	24 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	14				1
5	Det 2/43 Aust Cipher Sec	1				
6	2/12 Aust Fd Regt Sig Sec	13				
7	Det 3 Aust Engr Sig Sec	2				
8	A Coy	12				
9	B Coy	109				
10	C Coy	9				
11	D Coy	10				
12	HQ Coy HQ	4				
13	1 Pl	12				
14	2 Pl	30				
15	3 Pl	3/25				
16	Det 3 Pl - B Coy	6				
17	4 Pl incl det D Coy PITA	4				
18	5 Pl	7				
19	6 Pl (QM and party)	5				
20	6 Pl	20				
21	LOB 2/32 Aust Inf Bn	40				
22	2 Pl A Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	19				
23	1 Pl C Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn	32				.5
24	2/3 Aust Fd Amb (Recce)	2				
25	2/76 Aust LAD	4				
26	2/61 Aust LAD	1				
27	Det 9 Aust Div Postal Unit	4				
28	Det 9 Aust Div Pro Coy	8				
29	Det Dir of Pub Relations	2				
30	YMCA (2/28 Aust Inf Bn)	3	1	1	2	
31	Det 2 Aust Mil Ldg Gp	2	1	1	2	
32	Det 34 Aust FS Sec EE	1				
33	Det DDCAU	4				
34	HQ 24 Aust Inf Bde	32				1
35	Det ATIS	1				
36	Det 3 Aust FS Sec	1				
37	Alternative HQ 9 Aust Div	29				
38	Rear HQ 9 Aust Div	13	3	3	6	
39	Recce Party HQ 9 Aust Div	56				
40	HQ RAE 9 Aust Div	10				
41	Sigs 9 Aust Div Loss Det	36				
42	2/43 Aust Cipher Sec loss dets	4				
43	Det 9 Aust Mil History Fd Team	3	1	1	2	
44	HQ 1 TAF RAAF Recce Party	7				
45	Comd Post 1 TAF RAAF					
	1 Aust Beach Gp					
46	2/47 Aust Tpt Pl	2	1	1	2	
47	2 Aust Beach Gp Sig Sec	6	2		2	
48	RAN Obs Sigs	4				
49	2/4 Aust Amr Bn	86	2	2(a)	4	
50	14 Aust Ckrs Coy	4	2	2	4	
51	20 Aust MCU	9	2	2	4	
52	3 Aust Armd Div Sal Unit	30	1	1	2	
53	Beach Gp RHQA	1	1	1	2	
54	2/19 Aust Tpt Pl	6	2	4	6	
55	2/20 Aust Tpt Pl	8	4	4	8	
56	1 AAMC Coy Beach Gp	28				
		~~957~~ 966	30	28	56	41

NOTES (a) runs NOT trips jeep

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SHIPS - LSM 51 Unit responsible for supplying Ships Staffs. Nominal Rolls etc :-
B Sqn 2/9 Aust Armd Regt

Index No	Unit	Tons	Jeeps	Trlrs	Total
1	HQ Coy-6 A FT	6	6	6	12

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SHIP - IST 591 Unit responsible for supplying Ships' Staff, Nominal Rolls etc - HQ RAE 9 Aust Div

Index No	Unit	Pors	Jeeps	Trlrs	Total
1	HQ Coy - 6 & Fl	6	3	3	6

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SHIP - LST 525 Unit responsible for supplying Ships Staff, Nominal Rolls, etc O - 1 Aust Beach Gp (2/4 Aust Inf Bn)

Index No	Unit	Jors	Jeeps	Trlrs	Total
1	HQ Coy - 6 A Fd	6	3	1	4

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2/28 AUST INF BN LANDING CRAFT TABLE
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Ldg Craft Serial (a)	LANDING CRAFT No (b)	LANDING CRAFT Type (b)	PERSONNEL Sub-Unit (c)	LOAD Marching (d)	LOAD On Vehs (e)	LOAD Guns (f)	LOAD Vehs (g)	LOAD Stores (h)	PLANNING Place (i)	PLANNING Time (j)	LANDING Beach (k)	LANDING Time (l)	LANDING Remarks (m)
1	LST637	LVT(4)	A Coy 9 Pl 2/7 Aust Fd Coy	25 2							BROWN ONE	D Hr	WAVE 1
2		LVT(4)	A Coy 9 Pl 7 Pl 2/7 Aust Fd Coy	6 19 2							BROWN ONE	D Hr	WAVE 1
3			A Coy (OC Coy (Batman HQ (Orderlies (CSM 7 Pl 8 Pl BnHQ Int Sec SB HQ Coy 1 Pl 2/7 Aust Fd Coy	1 1 2 1 7 6 1 2 4 2							BROWN ONE	D Hr	WAVE 1
4			A Coy 8 Pl BnHQ ULO (2IC) Batman RP HQ Coy 1 Pl C Coy 15 Pl	21 1 1 1 1 2							BROWN ONE	D Hr	WAVE 1

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)	(m)
5		LVT(4)	C Coy 15 Pl 2/7 Aust Fd Coy	 25 2						BROWN ONE	D Hr	WAVE 1
6		LVT(4)	C Coy (OC Coy (Batman HQ (CSM (Orderlies 15 Pl 13 Pl BnHQ Int Sec SB HQ Coy 1 Pl 2/12 Aust Fd Regt (FOO)	 1 1 1 2 2 5 1 2 4 8						BROWN ONE	D Hr	WAVE 1
7		LVT(4)	C Coy 13 Pl 14 Pl 2/7 Aust Fd Coy	 19 6 2						BROWN ONE	D Hr	WAVE 1
8		LVT(4)	C Coy 14 Pl 2/7 Aust Fd Coy	 25 2						BROWN ONE	D Hr	WAVE 1
17	LST 425	LVT(4)	A Coy 7 Pl Coy HQ - Flamethrowers HQ Coy 3 Pl 4 Pl (PITA) D Coy 18 Pl	 3 4 6 4 11						BROWN ONE	D + 3	WAVE 2
18		LVT(4)	D Coy 18 Pl HQ Coy 3 Pl 2/9 Aust Armd Regt (Recce)	 17 6 5						BROWN ONE	D + 3	WAVE 2

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)	(m)
19	LVT(4)	D Coy								BROWN ONE	D + 3	WAVE 2
		Coy (OC	1									
		HQ (~~Batman~~ Ordroom Cpl	1									
		(CSM	1									
		(orderlies	2									
		17 Pl (~~Flamethrowers~~	8 ~~4~~									
		BnHQ										
		Int Sec	1									
		SB	2									
		HQ Coy										
		1 Pl	4									
		~~4 Pl (PITA)~~	~~4~~									
		2/12 Aust Fd Regt(FOO)	8									
20	LVT(4)	D Coy								BROWN ONE	D + 3	WAVE 2
		Coy (2IC	1									
		HQ (Batman	1									
		17 Pl	16									
		2/12 Aust FD ~~Regt~~ (Recce)	10									
21	LVT(4)	D Coy								BROWN ONE	D + 3	WAVE 2
		17 Pl	7									
		16 Pl	21									
22	LVT(4)	D Coy								BROWN ONE	D + 3	WAVE 2
		16 Pl	10									
		C Coy										
		13 Pl	4									
		Coy HQ Flamethrowers	4									
		HQ Coy										
		3 Pl	6									
		4 Pl (PITA)	4									
	Control Boat	RAN Cdo	22							BROWN ONE		On control boat

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)	(m)
29	LVT(4)	HQ Coy								BROWN ONE	D + 6	WAVE 3
		5 Pl	12									
		2/7 Aust Fd Coy Recce	7									
		2/15 Aust Fd Coy	4									
		RAN Cdo [illegible] Sigs	4									
30	LVT(4)	BnHQ								BROWN ONE	D + 6	WAVE 3
		RMO	1									
		Orderly AAMC	1									
		HQ Coy										
		2 Pl	2									
		4 Pl & Jungle cart	4									
		5 Pl	10									
		2/4 Aust Pnr Bn(BCC)	6									
		1 AAMC Coy Beach Gp	3									
31	LVT(4)	BnHQ								BROWN ONE	D + 6	WAVE 3
		Adjt	1									
		Batman	1									
		HQ Coy										
		3 Pl	8									
		C Coy										
		Coy HQ(2IC	1									
		(Batman	1									
		24 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec										
		22 set	2									
		line	3									
		2 Aust Beach Gp Sig Sec										
		46 set	1									
		SFCP	8									
		9 Aust Mil History Fd Team	1									
32	LST 637 LVT(4)	BnHQ								BROWN ONE	D + 6	WAVE 3
		CO	1									
		Batman	1									
		Gunners	2									
		Int Sec(IC	3									
		(Cpl										
		(TG11										

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)	(m)
32		HQ Coy										
		1 Pl	3							BROWN		
	(cont'd)	4 Pl(Carriers AL party	3							ONE	D 1 6 WAVE 3	
	from page 4	AL Party	3									
		24 Aust Inf Bde Sigs -										
		46 set	1									
		2 Aust Beach Gp Sig Sec -										
		22 set	2									
		line	2									
		2/12 Aust Fd Regt(HQ)	2									
		2/12 Aust Fd Regt Sig sec	1									
		Det Dir of Pub Relations	2									
37-43	LST 1025	LVT(4)										
		2/12 Aust Fd Regt	16		4X25 pr		3tons 25 pr amn			BROWN ONE	D 1 9 WAVE 4	
		2/12 Aust Fd Regt (Mortar Det)	16		4X4.2in Mortars		3tons 4.2 in Mortar Amn					
	LSD Carter Hall											
49		LCM			4		1XMat-			BROWN		
		2/9 Aust Armd Regt			1		ilda Tk			ONE	D 112 WAVE 5	
		2/9 Aust Armd Regt Wksp			2							
		2/7 Aust Fd Coy										
50		LCM			4		1XMat			BROWN		
		2/9 Aust Armd Regt			1		ilda Tk			ONE	D 112 WAVE 5	
		2/9 Aust Armd Regt Wksp			2							
		2/7 Aust Fd Coy										
51		LCM			4		1XMat-			BROWN		
		2/9 Aust Armd Regt			1		ilda Tk			ONE	D 112 WAVE 5	
		2/9 Aust Armd Regt Wksp			2							
		2/7 Aust Fd Coy	2									
52		LCM			4		1XMat-			BROWN		
		2/9 Aust Armd Regt			1		ilda Tk			ONE	D 112 WAVE 5	
		2/9 Aust Armd Regt Wksp			2							
		2/7 Aust Fd Coy	2									

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(a)	(b)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)	(m)
53		LCM	2/9 Aust Armd Regt 2/9 Aust Armd Regt Wksp 2/7 Aust Fd Coy	2	4 1 2		1X Matilda Tk				BROWN ONE	D ± 12	WAVE 5
54		LCM	2/9 Aust Armd Regt 2/9 Aust Armd Regt Wksp 2/7 Aust Fd Coy 2/15 Aust Fd Coy	2	4 1 2		1X Matilda Tk				BROWN ONE	D ± 12	WAVE 5
55		LCM	1 Aust Mech Bgot 2/15 Aust Fd Coy	5	2		1X D7 Dozer 2XSleds Mesh				BROWN ONE	D ± 12	WAVE 5
56		LCM	1 Aust Beach Gp Wksp 2/15 Aust Fd Coy	2	5		1X D6 Tractor				BROWN ONE	D ± 12	WAVE 5
			Det Boat Bn 593 MB and 8 Regt	50							BROWN ONE	D ± 12	with serials 49-56
	LSI Westralia												
65		LCVP	A Coy Coy HQ { orderly room Cpl orderly D Coy ~~D Coy~~ ~~Coy HQ~~ { ~~orderly~~ 17 Pl ~~room Cpl~~ ~~orderly~~ HQ Coy 4 Pl (D Coy Pl 7A) 2 Pl 3 Pl	1 1 ~~4~~ 4 ~~2~~ 2 7 16 ~~12~~ 6							BROWN ONE	D ± 20	WAVE 6
66		LCVP	HQ Coy 2 Pl BnHQ RP SB 1 AMC Coy Beach Gp	14 5 3 10							BROWN ONE	D ± 20	WAVE 6
67		LCVP	1 AMC Coy Beach Gp BnHQ Int Sec	18 6							BROWN ONE	D ± 20	WAVE 6

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)	(m)
67 (cont'd)		Hq Coy 1 Pl	8							BROWN ONE	D ÷ 20	WAVE 6
68	LCVP	Hq Coy 3 Pl	13							BROWN ONE	D ÷ 20	WAVE 6
		2/12 Aust Fd Regt	19									
69	LCVP	2/12 Aust Fd Regt	14							BROWN ONE	D ÷ 20	WAVE 6
		Hq Coy 6 Pl	5									
		BnHQ RAP	4									
		2/61 Aust LAD	1									
		2/76 Aust LAD	4									
		BROAD	4									
70	LCVP	2/12 Aust Fd Regt(Mortar det)	14							BROWN ONE	D ÷ 20	WAVE 6
		2/3 Aust Fd Amb (recce)	2									
		BnHQ Padre (AACHD)	1									
		Batman(AACHD)	1									
		RSM	1									
		Hq Coy 5 Pl	7									
		B Coy 12 Pl	6									
71	LCVP	1 Pl C Coy 2/2 Aust MGBn	13							BROWN ONE	D ÷ 20	WAVE 6
		B Coy 2 Pl	19									
72	LCVP	1 Pl C Coy 2/2 Aust MGBn	19							BROWN ONE	D ÷ 20	WAVE 6
		BnHQ RS	2									
		Hq Coy 1 Pl	4									
		B Coy Coy HQ(OC	1									
		(Batman	1									
		(CSM	1									
		(orderlies	3									
		(Orderly Rm Cpl	1									

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)	(m)
73		LCVP	B Coy									
			10 Pl	25								
			BnHQ									
			Int Sec	1						BROWN ONE	D ± 20	WAVE 6
			HQ Coy									
			3 Pl	6								
74		LCVP	B Coy									
			10 Pl	3								
			11 Pl	27						BROWN ONE	D ± 20	WAVE 6
			C Coy									
			Coy (Orderly Rm Cpl	1								
			HQ (orderly	1								
	LSI Westralia											
85		LCVP	HQ 24 Aust Inf Bde	7								
			Det B Aust FS Sec	1						As directed	Free Wave	WAVE 8
			Det ATIS	1								
			Det 24 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	9								
			Det 9 Aust Div Pro Coy	8								
86		LCVP	HQ 24 Aust Inf Bde	7								
			Det 24 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	5						As directed	Free Wave	WAVE 8
			Det 2/43 Aust Cipher Sec	1								
			2 Pl A Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	12								
D 6	LSM 51	LSM	HQ Coy									
			Tpt Pl		6		6 X Jeep 6X Trailer Jeep			BROWN ONE	On call	WAVE 11
	LSI Westralia											
111		LCM	Recce Party HQ 9 Aust Div	30	1		1 X Jeep 1 X Trailer Jeep			BROWN ONE	On call	WAVE 12
			Det Dir Pub Relations	2								
			Det 9 Aust Mil Hist Fd Team	12								

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111 (cont'd)		Det 34 Aust F3 Sec ME	1									
		HQ 24 Aust Inf Bde	18							BROWN ONE	on call	WAVE 12
112	LCM	Recce Party HQ 9 Aust Div	23	1		1 X Jeep 1XTrailer Jeep				BROWN ONE	on call	WAVE 12
		2/43 Aust Cipher Sec	4									
		HQ RAF 9 Aust Div	10									
		2 Pl A Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	7									
		Recce Party 1 TAF RAAF	3									
		9 Aust Div Postal Unit	4									
		2/12 Aust Fd Regt	3									
113	LCVP	Recce Party HQ 9 Aust Div		1		1 X Jeep 1XTrailer Jeep				BROWN ONE	On Call	WAVE 12
		2/12 Aust Fd Regt	3									
114	LCVP	2/7 Aust Fd Coy		1		1 X Jeep 1 X Trailer Jeep				BROWN ONE	on Call	WAVE 12
		2/12 Aust Fd Regt	3									
115	LCVP	2/12 Aust Fd Regt	32							BROWN ONE	On Call	WAVE 12
					FERRY SERVICE STARTS							
117	LSI Westralia	Alternative Hq 9 Aust Div	25							As directed	Free Boats	
118	LCVP	Alternative Hq 9 Aust Div	4							As directed	Free Boats	
		Comd Post 1 TAF RAAF	7									
		Rear Hq 9 Aust Div	13									
119	LCVP	2/4 Aust Pnr Bn	26							BROWN ONE		
120	LCVP	2/4 Aust Pnr Bn	25							BROWN ONE		
121	LCVP	2/4 Aust Pnr Bn	26							BROWN ONE		

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)	(m)
122	LCVP	2/4 Aust Pnr Bn 2/12 Aust Fd Regt 2/12 Aust Fd Regt Sig Sec	2 7 13							BROWN ONE		
123	LCVP	Sigs 9 Aust Div C Coy YMCA Offr 2/28 Aust Inf Bn Batman.	18 8 1 1							BROWN ONE		
124	LCVP	D Coy HQ Coy 3 Pl A Coy	2 10 6 10							BROWN ONE		
125	LCVP	B Coy HQ Coy HQ 4 Pl BnHQ RP Batmen	18 4 2 2 2							BROWN ONE		
126	LCVP	BnHQ B Coy Orderly Room HQ Coy 6 Pl	2 6 20							BROWN ONE		
127	LCM	Stores					18 tons Unit stores (amn)			BROWN ONE		
128	LCM	Stores					18 tons (amn)			BROWN ONE		
129	LCM	Stores					18 tons (amn)			BROWN ONE		
130	LCM	YMCA Rep (2/28 Aust Inf Bn) 2/7 Aust Fd Coy Det 3 Aust Engr Sig Sec	22 2	2 1		1X Jeep 1X trailer Jeep 1X Jeep 1X Trailer Jeep				BROWN ONE		
131	LCM	2/4 Aust Pnr Bn RAN Cdo	4 4	2		2X Jeeps 2X ~~Trailer~~ Jeeps	2 pr.			BROWN ONE		

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)	(m)
132		LCM	14 Aust Works Coy Sigs 9 Aust Div	18	4		2X Jeeps 2X Trailer Jeep				BROWN ONE	
133		LCM	2/7 Aust Fd Coy	18	2		2 X Jeeps 2XTrailer Jeep				BROWN ONE	
134		LCM	Stores					18 tons(Ammo			BROWN ONE	
135		LCM	Stores					18 tons(Ammo			BROWN ONE	
136		LCVP	2 Aust Beach Gp Sigs	2	1		1XJeep ~~1XTrailer Jeep~~				BROWN ONE	
137		LCVP	2 Aust Beach Gp Sigs	2	1		1X Jeep ~~1XTrailer Jeep~~				BROWN ONE	
138		LCVP	Beach Gp YMCA 3 Aust Armd Div Sal Unit	3	1		1X Jeep 1 X Trailer Jeep				BROWN ONE	
139		LCVP	3 Aust Armd Div Sal Unit	4	1		1X Jeep 1X Trailer Jeep				BROWN ONE	
140		LCVP	2/19 Aust Tpt Pl 3 Aust Armd Div Sal Unit	4	2		1X Jeep 1X Trailer Jeep				BROWN ONE	
141		LCVP	2/19 Aust Tpt Pl 3 Aust Armd Div Sal Unit	4	2		1X Jeep 1 X Trailer Jeep				BROWN ONE	
142		LCVP	2/19 Aust Tpt Pl 3 Aust Armd Div Sal Unit	4	2		1X Jeep 1X Trailer Jeep				BROWN ONE	
143		LCVP	2/19 Aust Tpt Pl 3 Aust Armd Div Sal Unit	4	2		1 X Jeep 1 X Trailer Jeep				BROWN ONE One	

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(k)	(l)	(m)
144		LCVP	2/20 Aust Tpt Pl 3 Aust Armd Div Sal Unit	4	2	1 X Jeep 1 X trailer Jeep			BROWN ONE		
145		LCVP	2/20 Aust Tpt Pl 3 Aust Armd Div Sal Unit	3	2	1X Jeep 1X Trailer Jeep			BROWN ONE		
146		LCVP	2/20 Aust Tpt Pl		2	1XJeep 1X Trailer Jeep			BROWN ONE		
147		LCVP	2/20 Aust Tpt Pl		2	1X Jeep 1XTrailer Jeep			BROWN ONE		
148		LCVP	20 AMCU	4	1	1X Jeep 1X Trailer Jeep			BROWN ONE		
149		LCVP	20 AMCU	3	1	1X Jeep 1X Trailer Jeep			BROWN ONE		
150		LCVP	2/47 Aust Tpt Pl		2	1X Jeep 1X Trailer Jeep			BROWN ONE		
151		LCM	2/7 Aust Fd Coy 2/32 Aust Inf Bn LOB DET 2 AUST MIL HIST FD TEAM	30	2 1	1X JEEP 1X TRAILER JEEP	1X Jeep 1X Trailer Jeep		BROWN ONE		
152		LCM	Stores				13 tons stores 3 tons water		BROWN ONE		
153		LCM	Stores				18 tons water		BROWN ONE		
154		LCM	Stores				2 tons water 16 tons engr stores		BROWN ONE		
155		LCM	Stores				18tons engr stores		BROWN ONE		
156		LCM	Stores				18 tons Engr stores		BROWN ONE		

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)	(m)
157		LCM	Stores				18 tons Ency stores			BRO N ONE		
158		LCM	Stores				18 tons supe			BRO N ONE		
159		LCM	Stores				18 tons supe			BRO N ONE		
160		LCM	Stores				14 tons supe 4 tons unit stores			BRO N ONE		
161		LCM	Stores				18 tons unit stores			BRO N ONE		
162		LCM	2/32 Aust Inf Bn HQs	10			18 tons unit stores 4 tons rdks			BRO N ONE		
163		LCVP	2 Aust Mil Ldg Gp	1	1		1 X Jeep 1X Trailer Jeep			BRO N ONE		
215	LST391		2/28 Aust Inf Bn		6		3X Jeep 3 X Trailer or Jeep			BRO N ONE		
216	LST1025		Assault Sch III MPCU	74	11		1XJeep 3/4 ton 1XTrlr Jeep 1XTrlr misc			BRO N ONE	On Call	
			163 RADAR	22	9		1X Jeep 4X3ton 1XTrlr Jeep					
			2 Fit 1 Mob Mat Sqn	8	1		1XJeep 1XTrlr Jeep					
			2/106 Aust Mksp Pl	13								
			2/122 Aust Bde Mksp	29	7		2XJeep 1X2½ Ton 1X3 Ton 1XTrlr Jeep 1XD8					
			2/15 Aust Fd Coy		3		3XJeeps 3XTrlr Jeep 2XTrlr KVA					
			62 Aust MIPOD Pl		2		1 X Jeep 1Trlr Jeep					

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216	(cont'd from page 13	Det 2/7 Amphibian Tractor Bn 2/32 Aust Inf Bn Rear HQ 9 Aust Div	10	44 1		13XLVT 1X2½ton				BROWN ONE		
217	LST595	2/28 Aust Inf Bn		6		3X Jeep 3XTrlr Jeep				BROWN ONE		
				ALLOCATION OF LOB TO CRAFT								
191-200	LSI Manoora	LCVP	2/28 Aust Inf Bn LOB	30						BROWN TWO		
215		LCM	2/28 Aust Inf Bn LOB	10						BROWN TWO		
220	LST 670		2/28 Aust Inf Bn LOB	10						BROWN TWO	on call	
232	LST 535		2/28 Aust Inf Bn LOB	10						BROWN TWO	on call	

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)	(m)
218	637 KST595	B Sqn 2/9 Aust Armd Regt		1	1X jeep 1X trlr jeep						BROWN ONE	on call	
		Sigs 9 Aust Div		7	7X jeeps 7X trlrs Jeep								
		Det 727 Amphibian Tractor Bn		44	13 X LVT								
		4 Aust V & O Sec	2	2	2 X Jeeps 2 X trls jeep								
		B Aust FS Sec less dets	2	1	1 X jeep 1 X trlr jeep								
		2 Aust Mil Idg Gp less dets	5	2	1 X jeep 1 X trlr jeep								
		Rocco Party HQ 6 Aust Base Sub Area	2	1	1 X jeep								
		Tech Air Intell Unit	6	2	2 X jeep 2 X trlrs Jeep								
		HQ 2/106 Aust GP Coy	12	8	3 X jeep 1 X 3 ton 2 X trlr jeep								
		2/32 Aust Inf Bn	10										
		Sqn Sub Pk 2/9 Aust Armd Regt Ord Fd Pk		8	2 X jeep 2 X 3 ton 2 X trlrs jeep								
		Sqn Sec 2/9 Aust Armd Regt Wksp		7	5 X jeep 1 X 2½ ton 5 X trlrs jeep								
		1 Aust Beach Gp Stores Pl		1	1 X 2½ ton								

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DESCRIPTION OF TARGETS

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Target Number	Description
1	LAA position: 1 occupied pit
2	Possible pillbox or CD gun
3	Area Target
4	do
5	LABUAN Town
6	2 medium AA pits (unoccupied) and probable CD gun
7	Area Target
8	do
9	4 medium AA pits (2 occupied)
10	Area Target
11	do
12	do
13	do
14	do
15	do
16	3 LAA pits
17	Area Target
18	do
19	do
20	do
21	do
22	do
23	do
24	do
25	do
26	do
27	do
28	do
29	do
30	W/T Station
31	Area Target
32	Aircraft dispersal bays
33	3 medium AA pits (1 occupied), 2 LAA pits unoccupied.
34	Area Target
35	do
36	do
37	do
38	1 LAA pit (unoccupied), dispersal bays
39	2 medium AA pits (unoccupied), taxiways, dispersal bays
40	1 medium AA pit
41	1 medium AA pit occupied
42	Area Target
43	do

Target Number	Description
44	Area Target
45	Southern end of airstrip, dispersal bays
46	Centre of airstrip
47	Area Target
48	do
49	do
50	Centre of airstrip
51	North end of airstrip
52	Area Target
53	do
54	do
55	do
56	do
57	Area Target
58	2 LAA pits occupied
59	Area Target
60	2 LAA pits occupied
61	Area Target
62	do
63	do
64	do
65	do
66	do
67	do
68	do
69	do
70	do
71	do
72	do
73	do
74	do
75	do
76	do
77	do
78	do
79	do
80	Possible defence position
81	Area Target contains old civil hospital (NOT TO BE ENGAGED).
82	Possible defence position
83	Area Target
84	do
85	do
86	do

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APPENDIX 22

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Direct Air Support

1. At battalion headquarters requests for air support will be lodged with the RAAF Air Liaison Party, and at the brigade headquarters with the RAAF Air Support Party. When possible, smoke should be used by the Army for the indication of targets in close proximity to our own troops.

(b) The following details are necessary when making requests for direct air support:

(i) REFERENCE MAP:

(ii) DESCRIPTION OF TARGET: Type of ta rget, e.g. troops, machine guns, supplies etc.

(iii) TIME OVER TARGET: Include "NOT before..... hrs"
"NOT after..... hrs"
or, "Time immaterial"
This information is vital in the case of coordinated ground/air attack.

(iv) POSITION OF FORWARD TROOPS: Necessary to avoid attacks on our own troops by our own aeroplanes.

(v) SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: Target indication whether target will be marked by smoke; or its position in reference to special features, e.g. 200 yds SOUTH of a road junction. Whether air attack requested is coordinated with ground attack. Alternative target if required

(vi) TARGET BOMBLINE: Line beyond which own troops will NOT advance until completion of air attack

2. Target Bomblines

It is essential that all requests for direct air support should include a target bombline which will NOT be crossed by own troops until air attack has been completed. Care will be taken that target bomblines include those features most recognisable from the air, and on NO account will a grid line only be given

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TIMETABLE OF EVENTS - Z DAY

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Serial	Time	Event
1	D minus 70 minutes	Naval Bombardment begins
2	D minus 65 minutes	ICI(M) begins firing with mortars on HAMILTON PENINSULA. ICI(G) begin firing on assault beach with 40 mm guns
3	D minus 65 minutes to D minus 62 minutes	ICI(R) and LCS(L) discharge rockets on landing beaches.
4	D minus 45 minutes	Aerial bombardment with anti-personnel bombs begins on area C (HAMILTON PENINSULA).
5	D minus 35 minutes	Aerial bombardment with anti-personnel bombs begins on areas A and B(BROWN BEACH and hinterland).
6	D minus 30 minutes	Naval Bombardment accelerates
7	D minus 15 minutes	Aerial bombardment on areas A and B ceases.
8	D minus 9 minutes to D minus 6 minutes	LCI(R) and LCS(L) discharge rockets on landing beaches.
9	D minus 6 minutes	1 CL lifts 800 yards inland. LCI(G) cease fire on beaches with 40 mm guns.
10	D hour	First wave beaches. Assault troops land.
11	D hour	1 CL (main armament) and 2 DD cease fire.
12	D plus 10 minutes	1 CL (secondary armament) ceases fire.
13	D plus 22 minutes	Second CL (main armament) ceases fire.
14	D plus 22 minutes	1 CL and 1 DD stand by to support advance of 2/28 and 2/43 Aust Inf Bns as required.
15	D plus 40 minutes	Aerial bombardment on area C ceases.
16	D plus 60 minutes	All scheduled naval fire ceases.

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HYGIENE AND ANTI-DISEASE

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HYGIENE

1. Water

(a) (i) All local water supply will be regarded as being highly dangerous, even for external use, unless proved otherwise. All water obtained from other than R/E sources will be super-chlorinated or boiled before use. This includes water used for washing the body or clothing. Failure to observe these precautions will create a danger of infection from bilharzia.

(ii) Pending establishment of R/E water points, local water may only be used after authority has been given by a medical offr or hygiene offr (AMC). Such water will be super-chlorinated or boiled before use.

(iii) Chlorination in bulk at R/E water points will be strictly maintained. If necessary, unit water duty personnel may be detached for this purpose.

(iv) Super-chlorinated water will not be "de-tasted" in bulk storage tanks, but this will be carried out in unit containers.

(b) No swimming or bathing will be permitted in fresh water streams, canals etc unless the area has been certified as suitable by a medical offr or hygiene offr (AMC) authorised to do so by ADMS or SMO.

(c) Should troops be forced to wade through swamps or streams they may become infected with bilharzia. If such wading is unavoidable, the most effective precaution is to wash both body and clothing with soap and water as soon as possible thereafter.

(d) All troops engaged in the actual assault will drink as much water as possible prior to disembarkation to assist recovery if wounded.

2. Latrines

(a) Shallow trench latrines will be constructed at each short halt and temporary bivouac site. Deposits will be immediately covered so that latrines remain completely fly-proof at all times. Under no circumstances must troops defaecate on the surface of the ground and leave it uncovered.

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(b) Where camp areas are established, deep trench or incinerating latrines will be constructed, as early as practicable. These must be kept fly-proof.

(c) Before leaving camp or bivouac sites all latrines, other than the incinerating type, will be sealed with oil and marked with foul ground signs. All units will ensure that such signs are prepared prior to embarkation.

3. Flies

(a) Every precaution will be taken to prevent the access of flies to food during preparation and serving.

(b) All mess gear will be scalded in boiling water before and after each meal.

4. Tins, Refuse, Swill Etc

All tins, refuse and swill will be incinerated where practicable. If Commanders do NOT consider this possible, for operational reasons, such items will be buried. Tins will be crushed before burial.

5. Camp and Bivouac Areas

(a) Units will leave areas used for camps and bivouacs in a clean and tidy state.

(b) When timber is used for erecting rough shelters or tents mosquito, prior to leaving the site shelters will be demolished and all timber dumped in a central area, by companies (or equivalent sub-units).

(c) The provisions of para 2 (a) and para 4 will apply equally to areas used for bivouacs and short halts.

6. Personal Hygiene

(a) Clothing, particularly socks, will be changed as often as possible.

(b) Shirts, trousers and under garments will be boiled whenever practicable.

(c) Units will ensure that cooks wash their hands frequently and always after using latrines and that soap and water are provided for the purpose.

7. Natives

(a) Food prepared by natives or handled by them in any way must be avoided.

(b) Natives are filthy in their habits and disease amongst them is rife. Troops will therefore keep away from native settlements.

8. Buildings

Buildings will NOT be occupied until sprayed under medical arrangements. A limited quantity of DDT will be available for this purpose.

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ANTI-DISEASE

9. Malarial Precautions

(a) (i) All troops will take three atebrin tablets on day of disembarkation and will continue taking one tablet daily both before and after that day.

(ii) On all occasions before an action or patrol, troops will take two additional tablets in order to create a 'build up' to cover lapses due to emergency conditions.

(b) Atebrin will be administered by an officer in all cases possible; but, in most exceptional circumstances, may be administered by an NCO. Nominal rolls will be kept at all times showing to whom and when atebrin has been administered.

(c) Unit anti-malarial squads will carry out their prescribed duties at all times. These squads will supervise the employment of "aerosol", dispensers. Unit squads will be advised from time to time by OC AMCU of any special local requirements.

(d) Before 21.00 hours daily, all units will submit a message to this HQ, by signal or telephone, to the effect that the following orders have been observed:-

(i) All personnel have taken atebrin;

(ii) tents mosquito have been erected, tucked in and checked;

(iii) shirt-sleeves have been rolled down; and

(iv) repellant has been applied by all personnel.

The code of this message will be "MALAT".

(e) Sunset and sunrise for the purposes of malarial precautions will be :-

Sunset - 1900 ITEM
Sunrise - 0700 ITEM

(f) Mosquito nets will be kept in good order and inspected frequently.

10. Mite Precautions

All clothing and bedding of personnel will be treated with mite lotion within four days prior to embarkation. This procedure will be repeated each week thereafter.

11. Dengue and Elephantiesis

During daylight hours troops in shaded areas will wear shirts and apply mosquito repellant. When sweating freely, this must be applied hourly.

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12. Diarrhoea and Dysentery

(a) Troops suffering from either of these diseases, even in their mildest forms, will NOT be permitted to assist in the preparation of food.

(b) All troops, particularly cooks, will wash their hands after using the latrine.

13. Skin Diseases

(a) Strong antiseptic soaps will NOT be used.

(b) Clothing will be well rinsed after washing, in order to remove soap.

(c) Troops must have all skin complaints, however slight, treated promptly by the RMO. They must not neglect, or apply treatment to themselves without medical supervision.

14. Salt Tablets and Diet Correctives

(a) Salt tablets will be taken daily by all troops and entries will be made on rolls mentioned in para 9 (b).

(b) When diet correctives are issued the administration of same will be similarly recorded.

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SECURITY

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(Issued in conjunction with 2/28 Aust Inf Bn. Operation Order 7)

DISSEMINATION OF INFX

1. The contents of 24 Aust Inf Bde Operation Order 2 will NOT be made known to persons other than essential planning staffs at Unit HQ before the following dates:-

(a) Z minus 25 Company and equivalent Commanders

(b) Z minus 20 Platoon and equivalent Commanders

(c) Z minus 11 Other Ranks

CENSORSHIP

2. All ranks will be warned of the necessity for strictest security; and, Franking Offrs will ensure that no mention is made in personal correspondence of:-

(a) present location of own or neighboring units

(b) probable future movement of any units of Australian or Allied Services

(c) recent movements of own or Allied forces

CAMERAS

3. All cameras other than those of official unit photographers and accredited War Correspondents will be withdrawn prior to Z minus 11.

DIARIES

4. All personal diaries will be withdrawn prior to Z minus 11.

REFUGEES

5. All ranks excepting Intelligence Officers will refrain from conversation with:-

(a) Native refugees

(b) Escaped civilian internees

(c) Escaped Australian or Allied PW.

6. Intelligence Officers, except when otherwise instructed by the Brigade Commander, will rigidly confine conversations to asking the following:

(a) "Where are the enemy and in what strength ?"

(b) "Do you know if there are civilian Internees or Allied PW in the area. If so where are they and how many are there ?".

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PROTECTION OF SIGNAL INSTALLATIONS

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7. On capture of the following signal installations on LABUAN ISLAND all commanders will ensure that equipment is kept intact and NOT interfered with by any person without authority of this HQ. Picquets will be posted by unit capturing any such installation and this HQ advised.

Eastern extension	832841
Cable House	828821
Government Wireless Station	832839
RDF Station	814878

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LANDING DIAGRAM ORDE SIX

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Type of Craft	Wave	Timing	BROWN ONE
8 LVT ex LST 637	I	Dog hr	
6 LVT ex LST 1025	2	D + 3	
4 LVT ex LST 637	3	D + 6	
7 LVT ex LST 1025	4	D + 9	
8 LCM ex LSD	5	D +12	
10 LCV ex LSI WESTRALIA	6	D +20	
I LCI	7	ON CALL	LSI
2 LCV ex LSI WESTRALIA	8	Free	Free Wave Bde HQ
	9	On call	Bde Reserve ex LSI MANOORA
I LCI	10	On call	LCI
4 LSM	11	On call	LSM 128 · LSM 65 · LSM 50 · LSM 51
2 LCM 3 LCV ex LSI WESTRALIA	12	On call	LCM · LCM
4 LCM ex AKA	13	On call	
	14	On call	LST 560 · LST 591 · LST 1025 · LST 595 · LST 637
			LSI WESTRAILIA · LSD CANTERHALL

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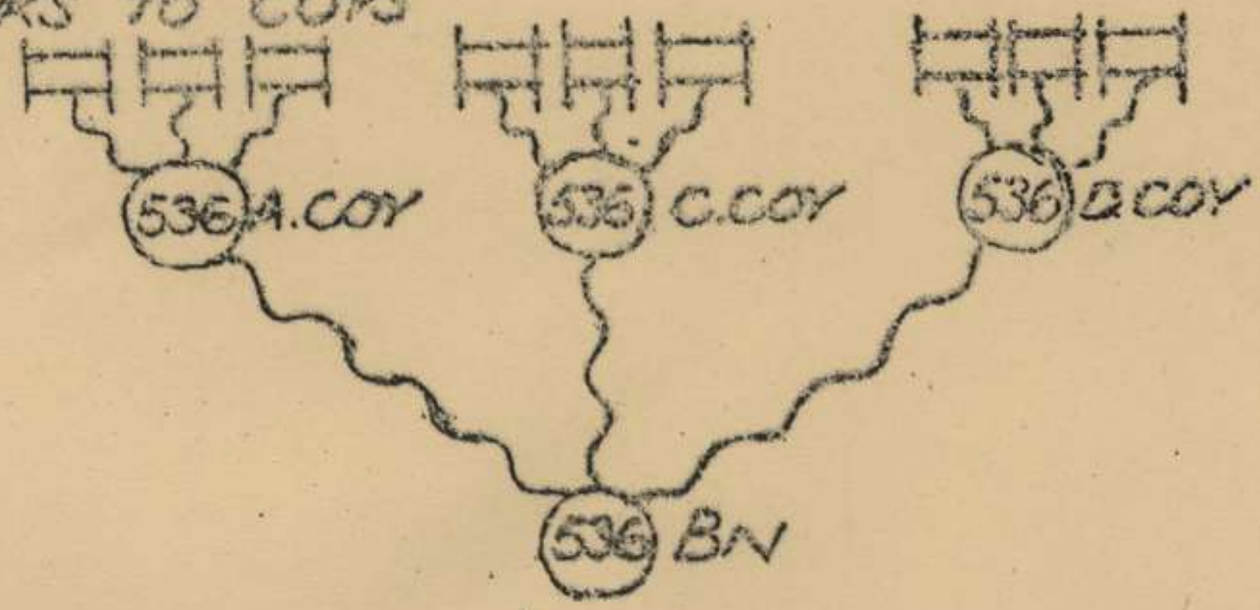
SIGNAL DIAGRAM

TANKS TO COYS



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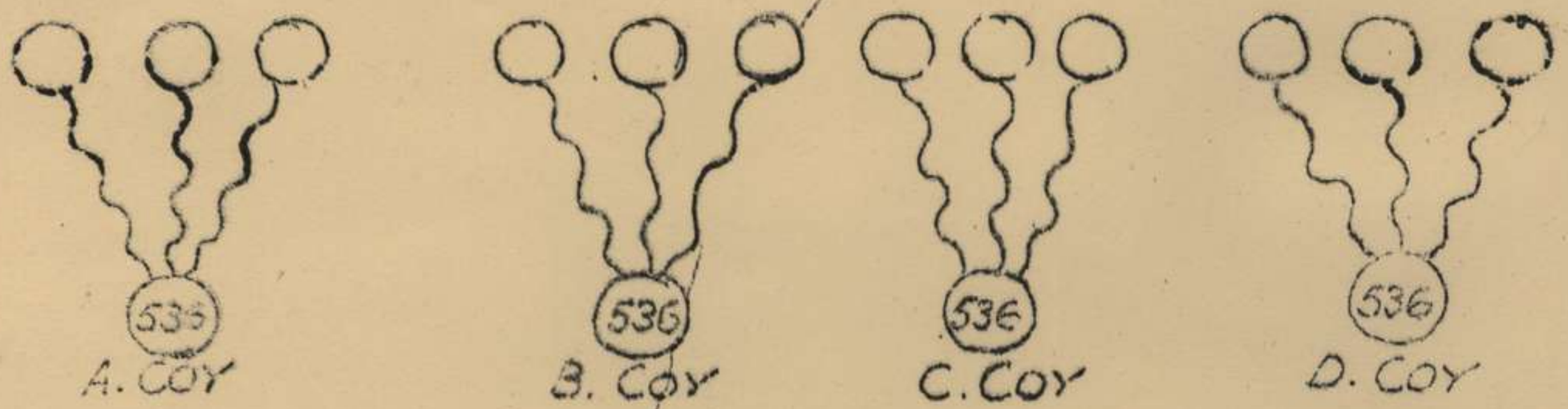

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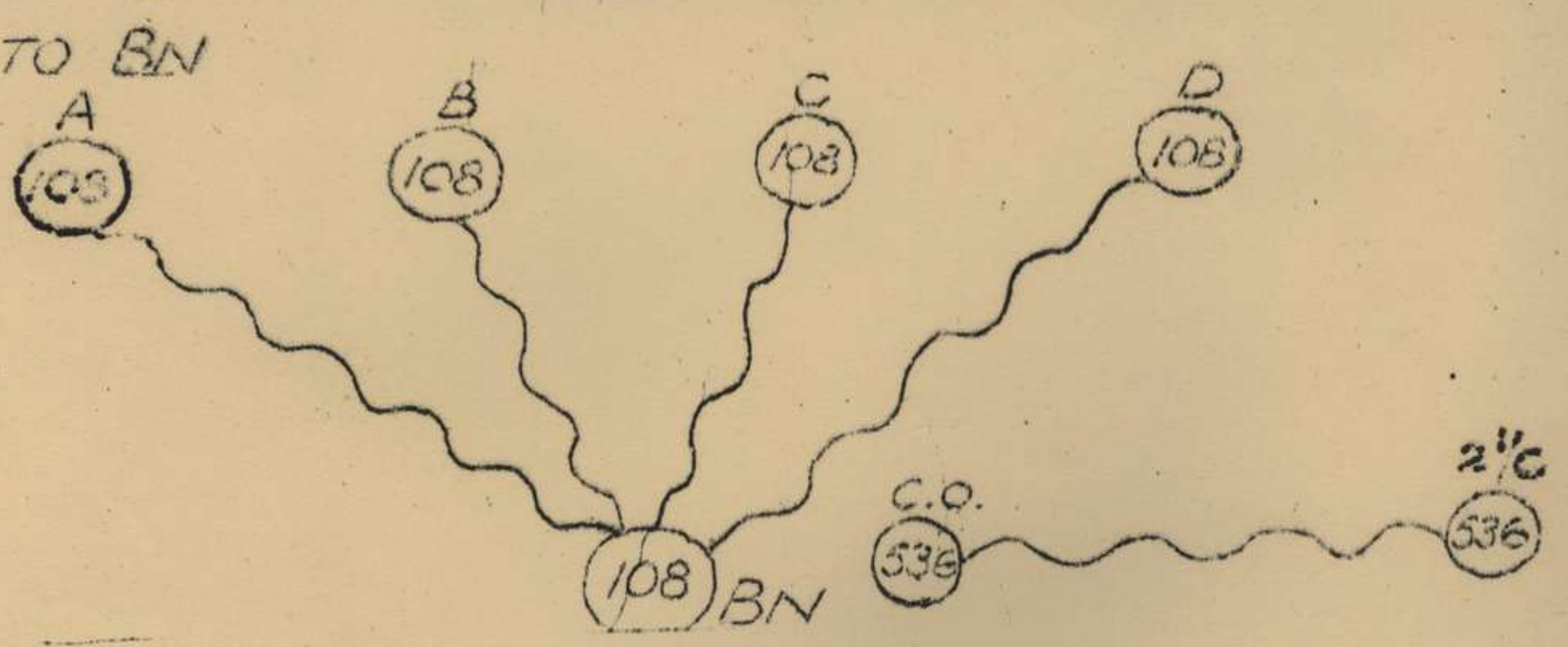

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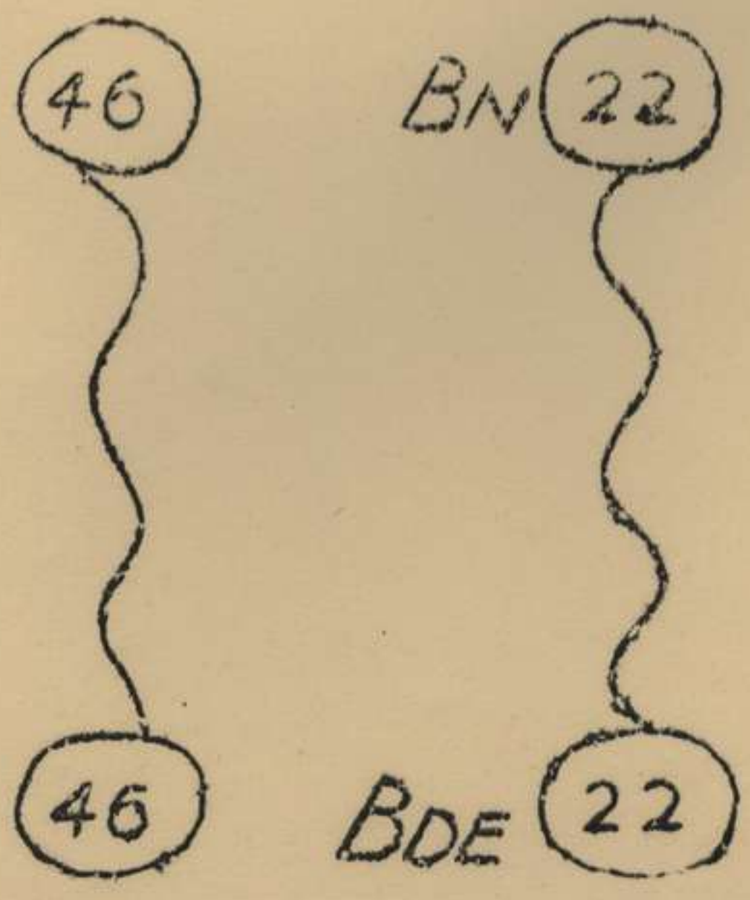

APPOINTMENTS CODE

Comd - Sunray
BM or Adjt - Seagull
IO - Acorn
QM - Molar
Sig offr - Pronto
RAA Arty IO - Sheldrake
OC RAF Pl - Holdfast
TO - Playtime
RMO - Starlight

NOTE:- Deputies of offrs listed in Appointments Code, use Code word MINOR e.g.
Bn 2IC - Sunray MINOR

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PANEL SIGNALS - GROUND TO AIR

(Issued in conjunction with ~~24 Aust Inf Bde Operation Order~~ 1A)

2/28 Aust Inf Bn

MEANINGS TEMPORARILY ASSIGNED TO LOCAL ASSIGNMENT PANEL NUMBERS OF VOCABULARY PORTION OF CCBP8

PANEL GROUP	MEANING
70	"I am staying where I am"
71	"I require my position"
72	"I know my position"
73	"Require boots and clothes"
74	"Am heading for coast in direction of T"
75	"Require direction to nearest food dump"
76	"Will go to food dump indicated by you and remain there"
77	"All is well. NO assistance required"
78	"Come again tomorrow"

ALLOTMENT OF UNIT IDENTIFICATION PANEL DISPLAY NUMBERS

24 Aust Inf Bde Gp	Numbers allotted
HQ 24 Aust Inf Bde Gp	426
2/11 Aust Cdo Sqn	427
2/12 Aust Fd Regt less one troop	428
23 Bty 2/12 Aust Fd Regt	429
24 Bty 2/12 Aust Fd Regt	430
62 Bty 2/12 Aust Fd Regt	431
2/28 Aust Inf Bn	432
2/43 Aust Inf Bn	433
C Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn	434
B Sqn 2/9 Aust Armd Regt	435
Spare	436
Divisional reserve	
2/32 Aust Inf Bn	437
2/2 Aust MG Bn less B C and D Coys	438
2/12 Aust Cdo Sqn	439
US and British troops	
Special recce detachment SRD	449

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FORECAST OF EVENTS - ESTIMATED TIMING AND RATES OF ADVANCE TO CAPTURE OF FLAGSTAFF in OBOE SIX

Serial No	Sub Unit	TASK	Time Commence Estimated	Distance in yards	Rate	Time Completed	REMARKS OR ACTION
1	C Coy R fwd	Move to fwd of QUEEN and re-organise	D	350	100 yds in 2 mins	ND + 12	Link with A Coy on left 5 mins to re-organise
2	A Coy L fwd	Move to close TOWN Incl rd junc QUEEN - BAKER rds	D	350	100 yds in 2 mins	ND + 12	5 mins to re-organise
3	D Coy Sp	Move to re-organise SOUTH of HOW approx on Bn CL	D + 3	250	100 yds in 2 mins	ND + 12	4 mins to re-organise
4	Tks	Land Move to left fwd coy - A - and form up	D + 12	500	100 yds in 1 min	ND + 22	Incl 150 yds through water 5 mins to de-waterproof
5	C Coy	Moves to NORTH end of LUSHTON	D + 12	300	100 yds in 2 mins	ND + 18	Tks keep moving until they reach C Coy, moving on C Coy route
6	D Coy	Moves to NORTH of LEOPOLD	D + 12	450	100 yds in 2 mins	ND + 21	On arrival prepares to sp C Coy adv by SA fire and 3 in mortar smoke for a max of 6 mins
7	Res Coy "B"	Lands and re-organises in right rear of Sp Coy	D + 20	200	100 yds in 2 mins incl re-org	ND + 25	
8	A Coy	Commences attack on PARIS	D + 22	600	100 yds in 5 mins	ND + 52	If NOT occupied Tks move to C Coy on C Coy CL and sp Coy on left flank in attack
9	C Coy	Moves to PAUSE LINE	D + 25	600	100 yds in 1½ mins	ND + 34	Tks form up on move
10	B Coy	Immediately moves fwd to C Coy posn & then by same route to PAUSE LINE	D + 25 D + 31	600 600	100 yds in 1 min 100 yds in 1 min	ND + 31 ND + 37	Remains 250 yds in rear of C Coy when PAUSE LINE crossed
11	D Coy	Moves fwd to SOUTH of CREEK LINE S21837	D + 30	700	100 yds in 2 mins	ND + 44	Sp adv of C Coy to PAUSE LINE by SA fire. If wind suitable and necessary cover C Coy adv with smoke

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Serial	Sub Unit	TASK	Time Commence Estimated	Distance in yards	Rate	Time Completed	Remarks or action
12	C Coy	Attack on FLAGSTAFF	D + 35	800	100 yds in 2 mins	D + 51	B Coy must be within 300 yds of PAUSE LINE. Arty conc H + 35 to H + 47
13	B Coy	Crosses PAUSE LINE and moves via C Coy routs to rd junc 826837 then to posn fwd of HOUSE 824838	D + 39	700	100 yds in 2 mins	D + 53	B Coy will then comm into res
14	D Coy	Move to posn to link with A Coy objective 824840 excl to 820841	D + 45	400	100 yds in 2 mins	D + 53	If D Coy is held up, B Coy will exploit C Coy success from 834840 to capture ridge and permit adv of D Coy
15	A Coy	After capture PARIS moves to NORTH of LUSHTON	D + 52	1400	100 yds in 1½ mins	D + 73	On order move to Bn res at 825836

Advance for Bn PHASE FOUR will be on Bde order and rate of advance will be co-ordinated between coys.

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COMPOSITION OF LANDING TEAMS

(Issued in conjunc with 2/28 Aust Inf Bde Operation Order 1)

1. 2/28 AUST INF BN LANDING TEAM

UNIT	Personnel	Vehicles	Trailers	Guns	Total vehicles Trlrs & guns
INF					
2/28 Aust Inf Bn	736				
One Pl C Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn	32				
ARMD					
Recce Party 2/9 Aust Armd Regt	5				
ARTY					
2/12 Aust Fd Regt (FOO Parties)	16				
2/12 Aust Fd Regt (LO)	2				
2/12 Aust Fd Regt (Recce)	10				
2/12 Aust Fd Regt (in LVT with 4 x 25 pr guns)	16				
2/12 Aust Fd Regt (in LVT with 4 x 4.2" mortars)	16				
2/12 Aust Fd Regt	47				
SPCP 1 Aust Naval Bombardment Gp	8				
ENGRS					
2/7 Aust Fd Coy	12				
2/7 Aust Fd Coy (Recce)	7				
SIGS					
24 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	6				
2/12 Aust Fd Regt Sig Sec	1				
MED					
2/3 Aust Fd Amb (Recce)	2				
AEME					
2/76 Aust LAD	4				
2/61 Aust LAD	1				
MISCELLANEOUS					
AL Party	3				
9 Aust Mil History FC Team	1				
Det Directorate Public Relations and Press	2				
Det 34 Aust FS Sec (EE)	1				
Carried forward	923				

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1. 2/28 AUST INF BN LANDING TEAM (Contd)

UNIT	Personnel	Vehicles	Trailers	Guns	Total vehicles trailers and guns
Brought forward					
YMCA Rep	2	1	1		2
BBCAU	4				
1 Aust Beach Gp	50				
UNDER COMD FOR LANDING ONLY					
Units detailed in Appx K as follows:					
Annexure 14 - Index numbers 18-29	142	42	23		65
" 16 - " " 7-11	236	37	8		45
" 23 - " " 12-44	543	29	25	2	56
	1905	109	57	2	168
UNDER COMD ON LANDING					
Two tps B Sqn 2/9 Aust Armd Regt					
Sec 2/3 Aust Fd Amb					

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DISTRIBUTION LIST with 2/28 AUST INF BN O O No 1 DATED 8 MAY 45

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Serial	Unit	Copy No	Appendices A	B	C1	C2	D1	D2	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L
1	HQ Coy - Pls 1,2,3,4,5	1-6	1-6	1-6	1-6	1-6	1-6	1-2	1-2	1-6	1-6	1-6	1-6	1-6	1-6	1-6
2	A Coy	7	7	7	7	7	7	3	3	7	7	7	7	7	7	7
3	B Coy	8	8	8	8	8	8	4	4	8	8	8	8	8	8	8
4	C Coy	9	9	9	9	9	9	5	5	9	9	9	9	9	9	9
5	D Coy	10	10	10	10	10	10	6	6	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
6	24 Aust Inf Bde	11-14	-	11-12	-	11-12	-	-	-	-		11-12	11-12	-	11-12	11-12
7	2/32 Aust Inf Bn	12	-	13	-	13	-	-	-	-	-	13	13	11	-	-
8	2/43 Aust Inf Bn	13	-	14	-	14	-	-	-	-	-	14	14	12	13	13
9	B Sqn 2/9 Aust Armd Regt	14	11	15	11	15	11	7	7	11	11	15	15	13	14	14
10	2/11 Aust Cav Cdo Sqn	15	-	16	-	16	-	-	-	-	-	16	16	14	-	-
11	24 Bty 2/12 Aust Fd Regt	16	12	17	12	17	-	-	-	-	-	17	17	15	15	15
12	4 Pl 2/7 Aust Fd Coy RAE	17	13	18	13	18	12	8	8	12	12	18	18	16	-	-
13	C Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn	18	14	19	14	19	13	9	9	-	13	19	19	17	-	-
14	2/3 Aust Fd Amb	19	15	20	15	20	14	10	10	-	14	20	20	18	-	-
15	1 Aust Beach Gp	20	-	21	-	21	-	-	-	-	-	21	21	-	-	-
16	727 Amphibian Tractor Bn	21	16	22	16	22	-	-	-	13	15	22	22	19	-	-
17	SFOP	22	17	23	-	23	15	11	-	14	16	23	23	20	-	-
18	Air Liaison Party	23	18	24	-	24	16	12	-	15	17	24	24	21	-	-
19	Comd	24	19	25	17	25	17	13	-	16	18	25	25	22	16	16
20	Second in Comd (U L O)	25	20	26	18	26	18	14	11	17	19	26	26	23	17	17
21	Adjt	26	21	27	19	27	19	15	12	18	20	27	27	24	18	18
22	IO	27	22	28	20	28	20	16	13	19	21	28	28	25	19	19
23	QM	28	23	29	21	29	21	17	14	20	22	29	29	26	20	20
24	TO		24	30	22	30	22	18	15	21	23	30	30	27	21	21
25	RMO	29	25	31	23	31	23	19	16	22	24	31	31	28	22	22
26	RAP	30	26	32	24	32	24	20	17	23	25	32	32	29	23	23
27	File	31	27	33	25	33	25	21	18	24	26	33	33	30	24	24
28	War Diary	32	28-	34-	26-	34-	26-	22-	19-	25-	27-	34-	34-	31-	25-	25-
		33	29	35	27	35	27	23	20	26	28	35	35	32	26	26

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Standing Patrol

Standing Patrol

Standing Patrol

Inter-

Phase 3 2/43 Bn

Phase 4

Bound 'B'

1 PL MG

2 PL MG

Consolidation Posn

Tank Rally

Bn

84

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Bound 'A'

Inter Coy Bdy

Cav Bdy

Bdy

GN

LEGEND

A Coy	Amber
B Coy	Blue
C Coy	Green
D Coy	Red

Phase 2
2/43 Bn

Phase 3

2 PL MG

1 PL MG

Tanks
3 TP } Rolly
10 TP } area

TK meeting pt

2 PL MG

Phase 2-3

1 PL MG

Phase 2

Phase 1

LVT 4 Rolly

Phase 1 2/43 Bn

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LABUAN SOUTH (SPECIAL)

ENEMY INFORMATION UP TO 25 APRIL 1945

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LABUAN NORTH 1:25,000

Depths over 10 metres are not shown. Soundings in fathoms & metres at lower water. Information from British Hydrographic Charts.

REF. MAP LABUAN NORTH 1:10,000

U/C INSTN. – POSS. HEXAGONAL PILL BOX 25'
POSS OP OR W/T

DISUSED SMOKESTACK POSSIBLE OP

TRENCH SYSTEM 70 YDS LONG

TRENCH 60 YDS LONG WITH SUPPORTING W/PITS

TRENCH 70 YDS LONG

DEFENCE SYSTEM 80 YDS LONG – W/PIT, ODD TRENCHES, BUNKERS

TWO TRENCHES SYSTEMS 70 YDS LONG WITH WEAPON PITS

HOUSES USED FOR PERSONNEL AND STORES
TIMBALAI AIRFIELD

MUCH ACTIVITY REPORTED ON TRACK WHICH VARIES FROM 1 FT TO 3 TO 4 FT. WIDE

TRACK VERY WET OVER SWAMP (UNFORMED)

2-T SHAPED BARRACKS – 180 FT LONG

8 BARRACK BLDS – DEST. (MANY FOX HOLES AROUND BUILDING SITES)

30 HUTS

25 HUTS

4 BARRACK BLDS 80 FT LONG

STEEL FRAME STORE 30 FT WIDE

STORES/AREA

HOUSES ADCOCK TYPE D/F STN

C/D GUN POSN. UNOGC

POSS PILLBOX

BARGE MOORING AREA

BARGE OR LOADING POINT

WHARF, STORES, WAREHOUSES MORE THAN ½ DEST.

HARRISON & GROSFIELDS WHARF

COALING PIER 170 FT.

SUB-STATION (CABLE)

NUMBER OF SCATTERED FOXHOLES BUTTON ISLET

Araba
Jirja
Jebel
Forex
Love
Charlie
Baker
Easy
Able
Item
Jig
Fox
Horel
Cobra
Queen
Leter
Sheaf

BT KALAM
PULAU LABUAN
Bedaup
BT TIMBALAI
S MIRI
S LIMGAR
S BELUKAN
S KERUPANG
Tg Taras (Collier Head)
Tg Batu
Ramsay Pt
Cobak Payau
Tg Kiam Sam
Tg Punei
Hamilton Pt
R Rancha Pt
P PAPAN
Outer Shoal

VICTORIA HARBOUR
I
II
BROWN
EAST CHANNEL

BRUNEI BAY

LEGEND

- AA MEDIUM
- AA LIGHT
- W/T STATION
- RDF STATION
- MACHINE GUN (2)
- C/D COASTAL DEFENCE GUN
- BUNKER
- PILLBOX
- BEACON
- TRENCH, FOXHOLE SYSTEM
- U/G UNDERGROUND
- U/A UNIDENTIFIED ACTIVITY
- STORES, DUMPS, BARRACKS, PERSONNEL

ABBREVIATIONS

BT	BUKIT	(HILL)
P	PULAU	(ISLAND)
TG	TANJONG	(CAPE)
S	SUNGAI	(RIVER)

LEGEND

- Road, hard surfaced
- Road, lightly surfaced
- Road, earth
- Jeep Track
- Trail
- Highway Bridge
- Horizontal Control Point
- Buildings or Huts
- Shallow or Drying Reef
- Streams
- Swamp
- Mud Flats
- Mangroves
- Depth line
- Scattered Trees
- Forest
- Secondary Growth
- Plantation (Coconut)
- Plantation (Rubber)
- Sand
- Rocks
- Beacon

TRUE & GRID NORTH
2° 01' ON 36 MILS
MAGNETIC NORTH

APPROXIMATE MEAN DECLINATION 1944 FOR CENTER OF SHEET
ANNUAL MAGNETIC CHANGES INCREASE

Use diagram only to obtain numerical value. To determine magnetic north line connect the pivot point "P" on the south edge of the map with the value of the angle between GRID NORTH and MAGNETIC NORTH, as plotted on the degree scale at the north edge of the map.

Scale 1:25,000

1 0 1 Mile
1 0 1 2 Kilometres
1000 500 0 1000 2000 Yards

CONTOUR INTERVAL 10 METRES

LAMBERT CONICAL ORTHOMORPHIC PROJECTION

HEIGHTS AND DEPTHS IN METRES

NOTE: Code names are for Army use only and will NOT be used in Inter-Service Communications

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BRUNEI BAY
LABUAN SOUTH

RELIABILITY DIAGRAM

A. Reliable: from accurately controlled vertical photography.
B. Fairly Reliable: from small scale vertical photography and Hydrographic Charts.

NETHERLANDS EAST INDIES EQUATORIAL ZONE GRID

TO GIVE A GRID REFERENCE ON THIS SHEET ALWAYS QUOTE THE SHEET NAME
PAY ATTENTION TO LARGER MARGINAL FIGURES ONLY

POINT FLAGSTAFF

EAST: Take West edge of square in which point lies, and read the figure printed opposite this line on North or South margin. Eastings (write Eastwards) East 927

NORTH: Take South edge of square in which point lies and read the figure printed opposite this line on East or West margin. Northings (write Northwards) North 889

REFERENCE LABUAN SOUTH SPECIAL 927889

UNIT	METRE
SQUARE	1000 METRES
NEAREST SIMILAR CO-ORDINATE REFERENCE DISTANT	100 KILOMETRES

GSI 1 AUST CORPS
LABUAN SOUTH SPECIAL
BORNEO

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2/28 AUST INF BN ADM ORDER NO 1

(issued with 2/28 Aust Inf Bn OO No 1
2/28 Aust Inf Bn Emb Order)

Ref map: LABUAN SOUTH 1/25000

Bn B Ech

1. (a) B Ech will be sited initially in the centre and Southern end of of LUSHTON 822828 and will be moved NORTH of the 84 NORTHING GRID at earliest on Z day

(b) B Ech will be responsible for its own def

DRESS AND EQPT

2. (a) Worn
Steel helmet
Shirt and trousers JG
Gaiters, or anklets web
Boots
Socks
Underclothing (optional)

(b) Carried on the person

Identity discs
First Fd Dressing
Mosquito repellent lotion
Paybook }
AAB63 } in WP cover
Tobacco, matches
Jack knife

(c) Eqpt

Battle Order (Dress 2)
Water bottles filled

(d) Arms as per Bn SO 149

(e) Ammn see para 11 (a)

(f) Tools as per Bn SO 149

(g) Contents of haversack

Towel
Socks prs 1
Hat KFF
Individual first aid kit
Water sterilising outfit
Emergency Ration K3
FCR C2
Solid fuel, 2 tins
Dubbin
Toilet gear
Knife, fork, spoon
Mess tins
Enamel mug
Spare laces
Length of twine

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(h) Carried in bed roll

Mosquito net
Capt AG or shoot WP

(i) Carried in pack

Blanket
Tent, half shelter
Shirt and trousers JG 1 pr
Jersey pullover
Boots, tropical studded 1 pr
Socks, 1 pr

(j) Carried in unit bulk

One FOR per man

3. (a) Packs will be marked with a name tag, and a stencil on back showing man's coy and the unit serial number 2-28/56

(b) Packs will be left on LSIs and LSTs in unit dumps, will be unloaded in bulk, and tptd from the beach area under arrangements OC LOB Gp, to the Personnel Transit Area, or, if the situation permits, on to B Ech

ENGR STORES

4. All requests for engr stores will be made through 2/7 Aust Fd Coy

WATER

5. (a) Bn will land with 2 day's water:-

Water bottles filled
Water trailers filled
WE Scale 2 gal cans filled (SO)

(b) B Coy will take ashore 10 X 2 gal cans in each LCV(P) and dump them at Bn CL Sign

(c) Under arrangements by OC Tps in each ship, 2 gal cans should be emptied after embarkation, and refilled with Ship's water on Z minus 1

6. Until water pts are advised, water will be issued in 2 and 4 gal containers through Sup P, in return for a similar number of empty containers. RAE will sup water at the rate of 5 gals per man per day from Z plus 2 onwards

7. Where possible, shallow wells will be dug by coys. Freshwater is always to be found in the vicinity of CASAURINA trees, and is expected to be found at a depth of 20 ft

SUPPLIES

9. Rations

(a) Scales -

Emergency Ration A3	-	one per man at
FOR C2	-	one on the man at one per man in unit bulk
ABL 6	-	After landing, will be issued initially until it is practicable for SWPA Rations to be issued in lieu

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Tobacco, papers and matches - Pending establishment of a Canteen Point, these will be items of issue

* Issued prior to embarkation

(b) Two tins of solid fuel will be carried ashore by each man

(c) Sup P will be notified on Z plus 1

(d) Rations will be issued on receipt of AB55 from 2 Day to Z plus 6 after which indents will be lodged at Sup P 24 hrs prior to issue. The submission of AFs W3809 and W3810 to Sup P will commence Z plus 10

9. Canteen

When Canteen Point has opened, coys will fwd their bulk requirements with cash to B Ech. B Ech will purchase and fwd stores to coys

10. Expense Stores - normal

11. Amn

(a) Scales - Carried on man

100 rds .303 bdr per man
250 rds .303 per LMG
2000 rds .303 belt per MMG
12 rds .38 pur pistol
350 rds 9mm pur OSMG
6 rds per PIAT
2 grn 36m hand per man
12 grn 36m rifle per sec
18 rds (15HE, 3 smoke) per 2 in mortar
90 rds 3 in mortar by rus personnel 3 Pl
other amn as reqd

Carried ashore in LVT 4s

6000 rds .303 ctn
12800 rds 9 mm ctn
144 rds 2 in mortar
183 rds 3 in mortar

Carried in unit MT vehs

6240 rds .303 ctn
4000 rds .303 belt
12800 rds 9mm ctn
540 rds .38 pistol
264 grn 36m hand
28 grn 36m rifle
24 grn 68 or 77 WP
48 rds 2 in mortar smoke
72 rds 2 in mortar HE
9 rds 3 in mortar smoke
111 rds 3 in mortar HE
86 lbs pnr explosives

Carried in 2½ ton trucks

Balance of Bn Res Amn (4.25 tons) will be spread over 3 x 2½ ton trucks - see para 16

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(b) LVT4 Nos 17, 18, 22 will each carry 45 X 3 in mortar rds to the mortar posns of A, D, C coys respectively

(c) LVT4 Nos 1 to 7 incl will each carry -

1 box .303 ctn or 9 mm ctn
1 box 2 in mortar
1 box 3 in mortar

This amn will be unloaded at LVT Rally Area 819826 and tptd to B Ech area 822828 under arrangements by ULO

(d) AP will be advised on Z plus 1. Until AP is established, amn may be drawn direct from Aust Beach Gp. Amn will be issued on demand and such demands should be in writing and signed by an offr

(e) Amn expenditure return for the 24 hrs ending 1800 hrs on each day will be made as follows:

Coy to BnHQ	1830 hrs
Bn to Bde HQ	1900 hrs

POL

12. Petrol

(a) Vehs will land with the following pet -

Trucks ¼ ton	-	1 X 4 gal can
Trucks 2½ tons	-	2 X 4 gal cans

(b) PP will be advised on Z plus 1

(c) Pet will be issued on demand. Forms AB55(a) will be issued

13. Geletrol

Bn will draw from Bde PP if recharging of flamethrowers becomes a unit responsibility

14. Fuel for cooking

MT 80 pet will be used in Hydra Burners and will be issued on the basis of .125 gals per man per day. Range fuel will not be issued for cooking

TRANSPORT

15. Unit WE vehs

(a) Unit WE vehs will be loaded as per annx to Bn SOs Appx B

(b) Immediately on landing will move along Bn CL to B Ech area 822828. If B Ech has moved fwd, vehs will report to OC LOB Gp in Personnel Transit Area for instrs

16. Att tpt

(a) 3 X 2½ ton trucks have been allotted to the Bn from 2/47 or 2/48 Aust Gen Tpt Pl for preloading of unit stores

(b) These vehs will carry 4.25 tons of bn res amn spread over the three, and 3.25 tons of unit stores (incl 1 days FOR in bulk)

(c) Vehs will move to Personnel Transit Area and report to OC LOB Gp. There they will either unload, or, for preference (circumstances permitting) move to B Ech and unload. When unloaded these vehs revert to Comd 1 Aust Beach Gp

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17. Carts jungle hend

(a) 6 carts will be carried ashore on tks of 10 Tp B Sqn 2/9 Aust Armd Regt and taken over under arrangements ULO while tks are de-waterproofing

(b) Carts will be used to concentrate unit stores in the B Ech area, and after bn tpt has landed, will be available on demand by Coys.

UNIT EQPT

18. (a) Modified Light Scale will be carried for the op

(b) All unit eqpt NOT carried with assaulting tps will be fwded by quickest means to B Ech

(c) When B Ech has cleared the Beach Maint Area all stores will be fwded from the beach area via Personnel Transit Area

FLAMETHROWERS

19. (a) Flamethrowers will be embarked fuelled and with cylinders charged with air. Air compression will be topped up on board ships by commercial cylinders on 2 minus 1

(b) When fuel has been expended the flamethrowers will be sent via B Ech to 2/122 Aust Bde Wksps. Wksps will then send fwd a fuelled flamethrower in replacement

MEDICAL

20 RAP

(a) RMO and orderly will land at D plus 6 and operate in rear of fwd coys until RAP lands. Cas at this stage will be conc in SOUTH end of LUSHTON 822827

(b) When RAP lands it will move to NORTH end of LUSHTON 822828. One med NCO will remain with cas in SOUTH end of LUSHTON and form a Rear RAP

(c) Chain of evac will be from coys to main RAP, thence to Rear RAP

(d) When ADS 2/3 Aust Fd Amb lands it will take over from Rear RAP, and Rear RAP will close

(e) RAP will follow Bn CL under orders Bn Main HQ

21. ADS and MDS 2/3 Fd Amb

(a) On landing, ADS is to relieve Rear RAP and open in NORTH end of LUSHTON

(b) MDS is to open when situation permits in vicinity FLAGSTAFF

22. Cas

Personnel evac will carry mosquito net, Paybook and AAB83. Note also Bn SOs 117, 118

ORDNANCE

23. (a) Indents will be submitted to Bde Ord Offr

Controlled Stores

(b) Losses of controlled stores (incl vehs) will be reported by sig to HQ 9 Aust Div rptd ADOS 9 Aust Div and HQ 24 Aust Inf Bde. Receipt of replaced stores will be ack similarly

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(c) Follow-up stores

WE not carried in the assault convoy, and tentage and anon stores will come fwd in follow-up convoy

(d) Cots folding will be bundled and marked with WD Serial number and will come fwd in follow-up convoy

(e) A RSD is to be established at 173 Aust FOD

Returns

(f) Census of Warlike Stores (Tech and MT) return will be rendered to ADOS 9 Aust Div as at 20th of each month

AEME

24. Recovery

(a) Rec is normal

(b) Vehs for rec will be notified to 2/76 LAD by quickest means, giving the following infm -

Unit
Location of veh, and any directions to assist rec crew in its location
Type of veh and its registered number
Brief, description of damage or fault
Indication whether or not repairs can be effected in situation, and if known, replacement parts required
Whether towable
Whether dvr is with veh

25. Cannibalisation will not be carried out by the bn

26. Dewaterproofing

(a) Only essential dewaterproofing such as tightening of fan belts, opening all vents, removal of rubber or grease from spark plugs, and removal of extension pipings will be carried out initially

(b) Vehs will be submitted to AEME for quick inspection prior to Z plus 5 so that damage due to landing or immersion can be rectified

(c) Items of waterproofing kits will as far as possible be conserved and returned to AEME for future use

POSTAL

27. Addresses for correspondence

(a) Unit and LOB when in same area of ops

WX000
Pte S. GROPER
2/28 Aust Inf Bn
AIF
AUSTRALIA

(b) Detachments of unit (e.g. LOB remaining at MOROTAI)

QX000
Pte B. LANDER
2/28 Aust Inf Bn
004 A Detachment
AIF
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SALVAGE

28. As per Bn SOs 145 -147

STATIONERY

29. (a) 30 days initial requirements will be carried ashore by the Bn

(b) Normal maintenence requirements will be available from approx Z plus 20

RP

30. (a) One RP will be allotted for duty with ULO

(b) Allotment of RP See - Bn SOs 1 and 2

(c) Duties regarding PW and Escapees -- See 31, 32 below

PW

31. (a) PW will be handled in accordance with Bn SO 46. Enemy civilians will be handled as PW

(b) Bn PWCP will be formed in the vicinity of Bn Main HQ

(c) RP will take over PW at Bn PWCP, and after their investigation by IO will escort them to Bde PWCP

ESCAPEES AND REFUGEES

31. (a) All tps will be carefully briefed in action to be taken with these personnel

(b) Det (2 offrs, 2 ORs) BBCAU is att to BnHQ to assist in interrogation and handling of refugees

(c) The following action will be taken with regard to refugees - (See Diagram att as Appx A)

(i) refugees will be moved in batches of 20 under escort to Bn PWCP. If RP are not available to take over refugees, escorts will remain with them until relieved

(ii) at Bn PWCP the refugees will be briefly inspected by BBCAU representative, who will segregate them into the following categories -

Badly wounded stretcher cases
Informants for interrogation
All others, incl not badly wounded stretcher cases and walking wounded

(iii) badly wounded stretcher cases will be taken to the RAP, treated and then evac via Bde Refugee CP to BBCAU Amb Unit. SBs will be selected refugees. Attention at RAP will be the minimum and makeshift stretchers only will be used. Native cas will at all times be segregated from Aust and Allied Tps

(iv) informants will be taken to Int Office for interrogation The following questions will be asked:

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"Where are the Japanese and in what strength?"

"Where are Allied P/W or civilians?"

They will then be escorted via Bde Refugee CP to Bde Inf Office

(v) All refugees other than those stated in Sub-paras C (iii) and (iv) above will be escorted to Bde Refugee CP and handed over to gds from 2 Pl 2/1 Aust Gd Regt

(d) It is stressed that refugees will NOT be interrogated by any personnel other than those authorised to do so

(e) Personnel released from enemy custody will be evac via Bde H. to 9 Aust Div Released Personnel Camp. Names of personnel released will be taken at BnHQ

CAPTURED EQPT AND DOCUMENTS

33. Action as per Bn SOs 50 and 51

DISCIPLINE

34. (a) Natives for the most part are Mohammedans. Their customs and their womenfolk will be respected

(b) Except is ops, native villages are out of bounds to all tps except members of BBCAU and other expressly authorised to enter them

(c) Looting, pillaging and unnecessary, destruction of civilian property is strictly forbidden. These will be treated as serious offences and dealt with accordingly

(d) 2/28 Aust Inf Bn RO No 466 of 23 Mar 45 (9 Aust Div RO No 111 of 20 Mar 45) will be read again to all ranks

(e) On no consideration will military personnel give, trade or barter army clothing, eqpt or sups to natives

MISSING PERSONNEL

35. (a) Within Seven days after the date on which a member becomes missing an offr will be appointed by BnHQ to investigate and report on the relevant circumstances. Two copies of the report will be fwded to Det Adv 2 Ech

(b) To preserve evidence for the investigating offr, Coys will immediately a member is reported missing obtain written reports from all available witnesses and fwd them to BnHQ

CASUALTIES TO BRITISH PERSONNEL

36. Cas to British personnel will be notified in the same manner as for AMF

ECH AND RECORDS

37. B Det 2 Aust Adv 2 Ech is at Div H, and will function as a normal ech and records office. All normal 2 Ech returns will be fwded to this det

RETURNS

38. Sub-units will fwd returns to BnHQ as follows :

(a) Daily Strength State (as at 0600 hrs) -- 0645 hrs

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(b) Daily Special Cas Return (as at 0600 hrs)

Showing - KIA
Wounded in action
Missing
Sick, beyond RAP
Regt number and name of officer cas

NIL returns are not required -- 0645 hrs

(c) Amn Expenditure (24 hrs to 1800 hrs) 1900 hrs

(d) Native Labour
(Number of native labourers employed as at 2200 hrs daily) - -
1900 hrs

PAYMENT OF CLAIMS

39. Civilian claims for damage or injury to property and person against the military forces will be referred by the claimant to BBCAU

FINANCE

40. (a) On arrival in objective area, the Straits Settlement Dollar will be the prescribed currency (with the exception that notes of the face value one thousand (1000) and ten thousand (10000) Dollars will not be accepted

(b) Rate of exchange - one Straits Settlement Dollar = 2/11 Aust = 47 cents American

(c) Individual cash holdings of NEI Currency should be kept to a minimum on departure from MOROTAI

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Adjt 2/26 Aust Inf Bn

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Appx A - Refugee Evacuation Diagram

Appx B - Layout BMA and Traffic Circuits in BMA

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Appendix A
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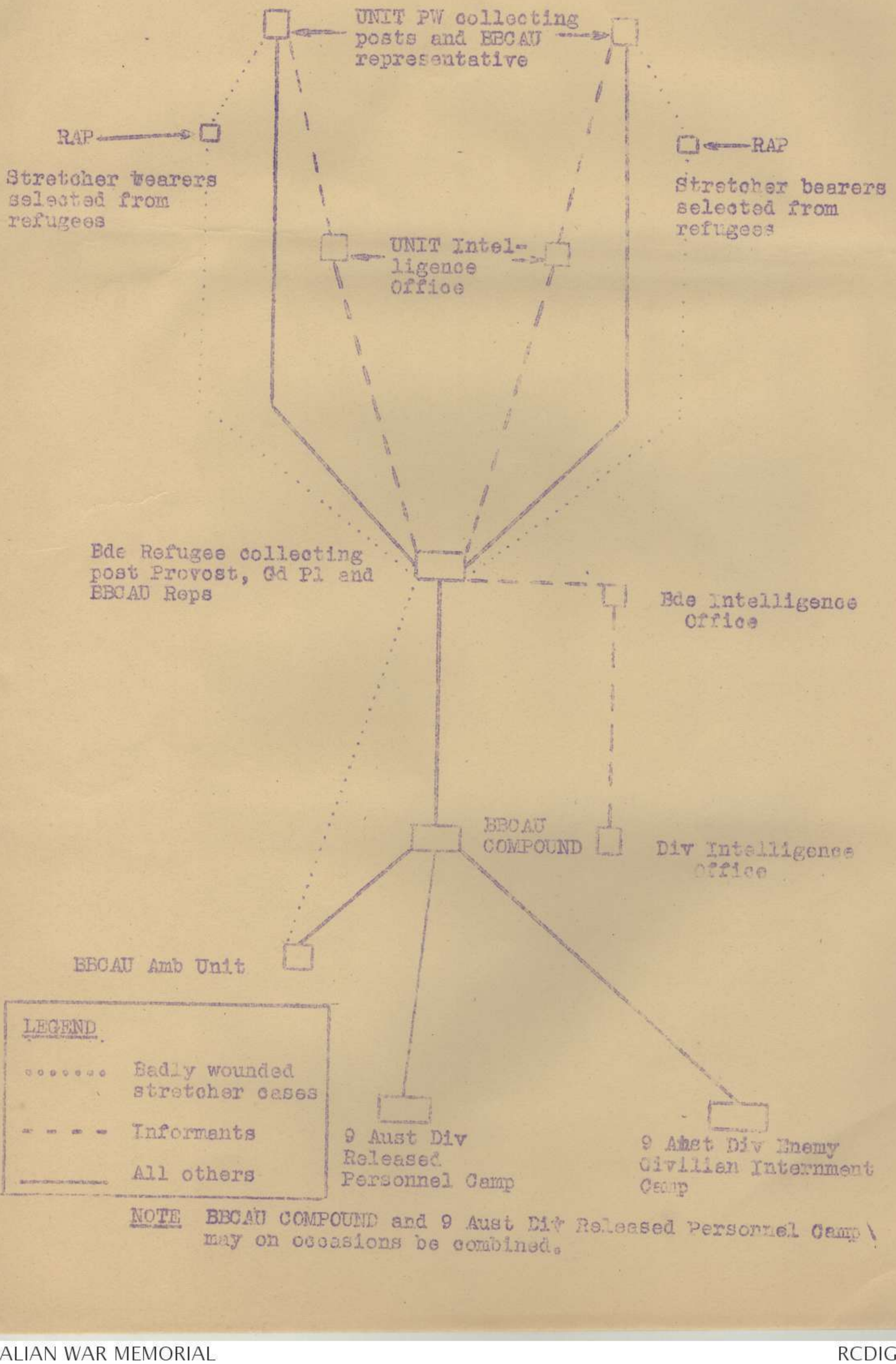
Adm Order No 1.

EVACUATION OF REFUGEES

DIAGRAMMATIC



NOTE BBCAU COMPOUND and 9 Aust Div Released Personnel Camp may on occasions be combined.

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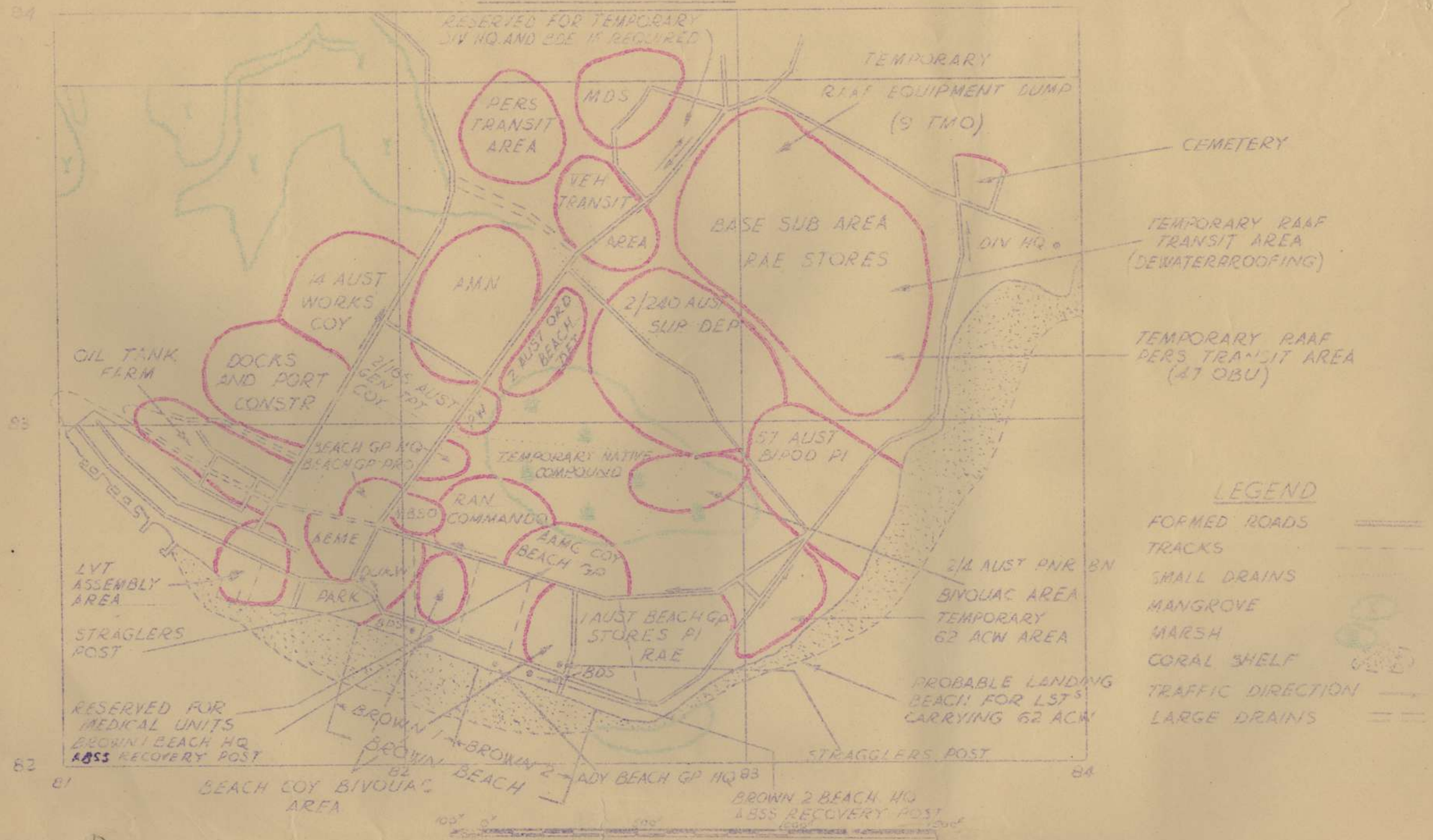
FIRST KEY PLAN
BEACH MAINTENANCE AREA
OPERATION OBOE 6



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2/28 AUST INF BN SIGNAL INSTRUCTION

(Issued in conjunction with 2/28 Aust Inf Bn Operation Order No 1 in amplification of inter-communication paras. Unless specifically mentioned NO amendment is made to those paras.)

INTENTION

1. To provide communications for the assault landing by 2/28 Aust Inf Bn on LABUAN ISLAND, on beach BROWN ONE, and during subsequent penetration

METHOD

2. Distribution of sig personnel to parties and ships as per 2/28 Aust Inf Bn Operation Order No 1

3. Synchronization

After landing correct time will be given daily by 24 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec at 1000 hrs and 1800 hrs

4. Wireless Silence

(a) Wireless silence will be maintained by all Army Wireless Stations until 0815Ihrs on Z day

(b) A listening watch will be maintained by all Army Wireless Stations from 0715I hrs Z day

(c) After wireless silence is broken, it will be imposed again or broken only by means of appropriate code word

5. Netting of wireless sets to frequencies

(a) All sets will be netted on the NEAR shore as follows:

(i) Control stations will be placed on the correct frequency by frequency meter, prior to netting of groups

(ii) Sets will be warmed up prior to netting

(iii) All dial readings will be noted, and details affixed to sets

(iv) After netting, dials will be locked by either locking nuts, or "jams" inserted with care between dial and face of set

(b) Netting check will be immediately carried out after breaking of wireless silence at scene of action

(c) Further netting checks will be carried out on disembarking to small craft and on arrival at far shore.

6. Naval bombardment support communications

Shore fire control parties have been allotted to 24 Aust Inf Bd Gp as follows

Unit	Party	Code name
2/28 Aust Inf Bn	No 10	GEORGE 10

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7. Air Raid Warning

(a) When an Air Raid Warning is received, Superintendent of Sig Office will notify all subscribers using telephone priority "Air Warning", which will take precedence over conversations in progress. Warnings will be sent as follows:

FLASH RED meaning - Air attack eminent. Enemy aircraft in vicinity

FLASH BLUE meaning - Air attack probable. Unidentified aircraft in the vicinity

FLASH WHITE meaning - All clear

(b) In addition to above, base or senior ship in the harbour will signal Air Raid Warnings as fellows:

Air Raid Alarm - ten seconds blast, five seconds interval for a period of two minutes on siren

All Clear - one long blast on siren for approximately one minute duration

8. Wireless deception

NO wireless deception plan will be implemented by 9 Aust Div

9. Code signs and code names

Code Names for use from Z to 07001 hrs Z plus 3 are shown below and will remain fixed through that period

2/28 Aust Inf Bn - Coys FURI

2/32 Aust Inf Bn - Coys BETA

2/43 Aust Inf Bn - Coys WABA

2/11 Aust Cdo Sqn - Tps MEBA

10. Imposing and breaking of wireless silence

(a) Code Words for imposing or breaking wireless silence from Z to Z plus 3 will be as follows:

(i) Imposing wireless silence - FEEBLE Reserve - MEDDLE

(ii) Breaking wireless silence - INDENT Reserve - MOBILE

(b) After 07001 hrs Z plus 3 allotment of Code Words will be distributed through sig channels by OC 24 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec

11. Wireless security

(a) Full measures will be taken to ensure that all wireless transmissions are encoded or enciphered, when the enemy can make use of the information being transmitted. Care must be exercised in the use of Code Names allotted to features, tracks etc. Amplifying remarks will not be used with the Code Names if it will endanger the security of the Code Name

(b) When using code names for roads and tracks, the code name will NOT be quoted, as for example, "BAKER ROUTE/ROAD/TRACK" etc, but simply as "BAKER". All officers and ORs who use communications will be instructed in this regard

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12. Codes

(a) The following codes will be used:

(i) In initial phases, and until 0700I hrs Z plus 3, combined Assault code (CCBP - 0130) series DOG 25

(ii) This code will be destroyed by all concerned at 0800I hrs Z plus 5. No certificate of destruction is required

(b) As from 0700I hrs on Z plus 3, Trencode G68 will replace Combined Assault Code. CC 2/43 Aust Cipher Sec will arrange issue of Trencode Keys on Z plus 2

(c) Trencode G 68A will be used within RAE and between RAE and 24 Aust Inf Bde HQ

(d) One set of reserve Trencode Keys will be carried at HQ 24 Aust Inf Bde

(e) (i) As from 0700I hrs Z plus 3, Combined Field Grade Code CCBP 012 9/3 with CCBP 012 1 D/2 will be used for communications to Allied Forces, RAN and RAAF

(ii) CCBP 012 9/4 with CCBP 0121 D/2 becomes effective 20 Jun 45

(f) R/T Code No 2:

(i) Will be used for all R/T conversations to conceal important words, map references, unit names etc

(ii) Key word - Key Letter

Effective - USMOKCIGARET/L

First Reserve - FRANCISMODEL/B

Second Reserve - PULYORHEADIN/F

(iii) Reserve keyword will not be used without authority from HQ 24 Aust Inf Bde

(iv) Any compromise, or suspected compromise will be reported to HQ 24 Aust Inf Bde without delay

(g) Appointments Code:

(i) The following code names are to be used when referring to senior commanders in R/T, visual and formal messages. They will remain in use throughout the entire campaign

Comd Rocky Mount (CTG 78.1)	PORTHOLE
GOC 1 Aust Corps	SPITFIRE
Air Offr Comd First TAF RAAF	RADIUS
GOC 9 Aust Div	CATALOGUE
Comd 20 Aust Inf Bde	PETER PAN
Comd 24 Aust Inf Bde	SARNOS

(ii) Current Appointments Code, as under will be used when referring to unit comds, branches, and/or appointments

Commander	-	SUNRAY
G Staff	-	SEAGULL
AQ Staff	-	MOLAR
I Staff	-	ACORN

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Signals Advisor	-	PRONTO
RAA	-	SHELLDRAKE
RAE	-	HOLDFAST
ST	-	PLAYTIME
Medical	-	STARLIGHT
Ordnance	-	RICKSHAW
AEME	-	BLUEBELL

13 Security of code

Distribution of information will be limited to relevant extracts only necessary for efficient working and will not be distributed in full below Bde and equivalent Cipher documents and equipment of all types will be split into sets, and carried seperately, to minimize possible loss. Loss or compromise of cipher will be reported immediately to the issuing authority and HQ 24 Aust Inf Bde

14. Line

(a) Communications will be established as per Appendix A to this Instruction

(b) General

(i) Particular attention must be paid to poling, or tree slinging cable in the early stages of the assault. If this is not possible, lines must be buried to a depth of 2 ft

(ii) All cable will be laid on left hand side and clear of road and tracks. As far as possible, line to be canalised, so that drivers may be ordered to avoid breaking them

(iii) No cable will be reeled in, or interfered with in any way unless it is previously ascertained that it is not in use, or does not terminate at any Unit or HQ

(iv) Unit will be primarily responsible for recovery of field cable laid by them

(v) The following is extracted from 9 Aust Div Operation Order 2:

" On capture of the following signal installations on LABUAN ISLAND, all commanders will ensure that equipment is kept intact, and not interfered with by any person without authority of HQ 9 Aust Div

Eastern Extension Office	- 832841
Cable House	- 828821
Government W/T Station	- 839839
RDF Station	- 814878

(vi) Early reports of enemy signal installations, equipment dumps etc, are to be forwarded to HQ 2/28 Aust Inf Bn for passing to Bde HQ

15. DRLS

OC 24 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec is to establish DRLS to Bns by 1800I hrs Z day, or earlier if possible. Until this time, delivery of despatches will be by SDR

16. Transmission of Press despatches and Photographic material

Any Press or Photographic despatches will be handed to Bn Sig Officer for delivery to rear by first available DRLS or LO

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17. Communications Ground to Air

For direct communications from ground to air the following will be used:

(a) Through Air Support Parties, as per 2/28 Aust Inf Bn OO No 1

(b) Combined Panel Code COBP 8. Unit identification panels display numbers are as allotted as per Appx J 2/28 Aust Inf Bn OO No 1

(c) Fluorescent panel, used to indicate the position of forward troops. Red side only is to be displayed. These sheets are not to be used for any other purpose than as above

(d) Allotment of panels to Coys

(i) PHASES ONE, TWO, THREE

C COY - Two panels

D COY - Two panels

B COY - One panel

(ii) PHASE FOUR

A COY - Two panels

D COY - Two panels

B COY - One panel

18. Pyrotechnics

As per para 87(c) of 2/28 Aust Inf Bn OO No 1

ADMINISTRATION

19. Stores

(a) Loss or write off of major items of equipment will be reported immediately to OC 24 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec, and indents for replacements submitted through normal channels

(b) When usage of important items of equipment is found to be greater than anticipated, advice will be forwarded to OC 24 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec

20. Co-ordination

Co-ordinating officer for the Bde Sig Plan is to be OC 24 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec

ADDENDUM TO APPX I ISSUED WITH 2/28 AUST INF BN OO No 1

(a) 2 X 108 Mk III wireless sets operated by 2/9 Aust Armd Regt will provide inter-communication between Coy Comd and Tanks

(b) Sets will travel ashore with tanks and the operators will report immediately to Coy Comds with whom tanks are to move

(c) SCR 536 B net will remain as alternate link should it be required

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LINE COMMUNICATIONS

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Communications will be established as shown in the diagrams below.

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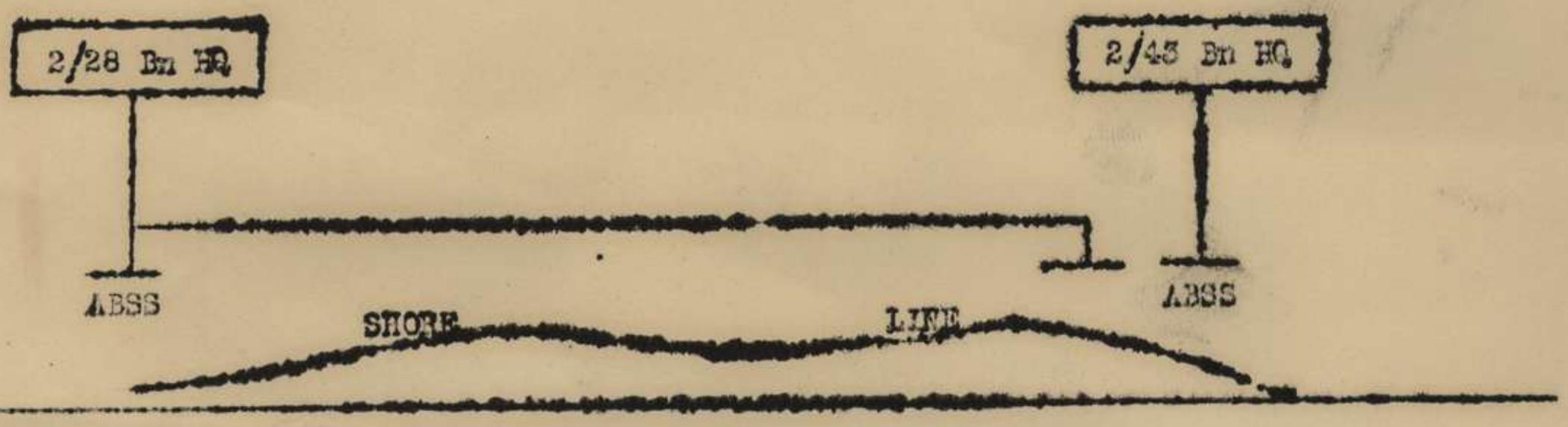

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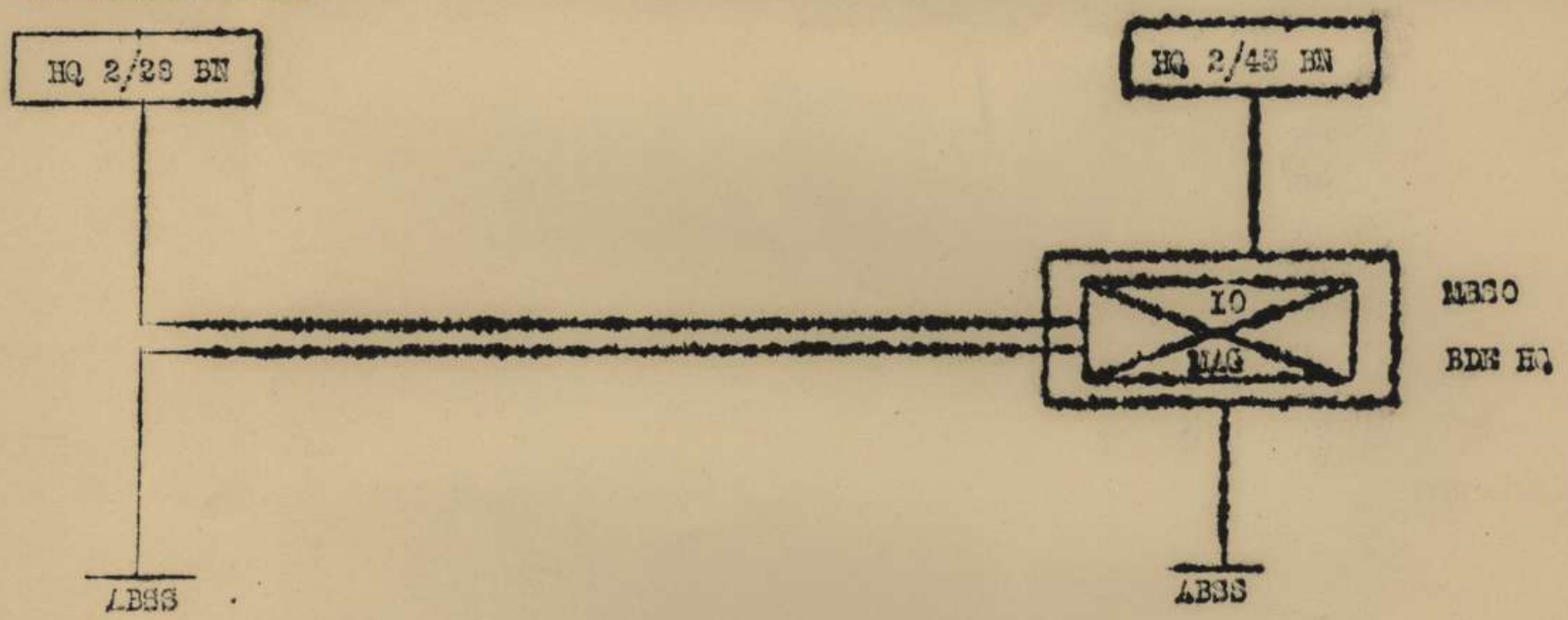

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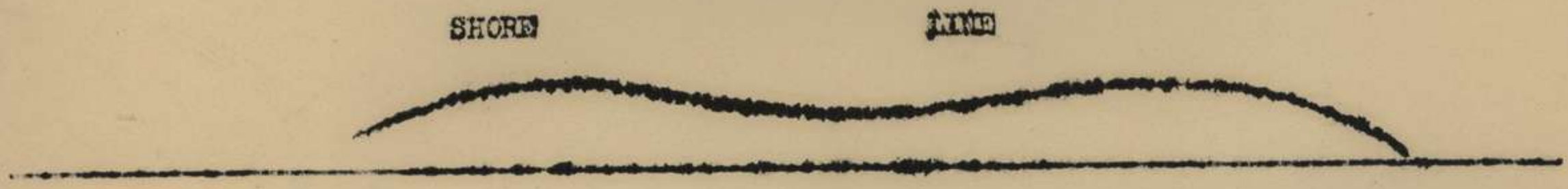

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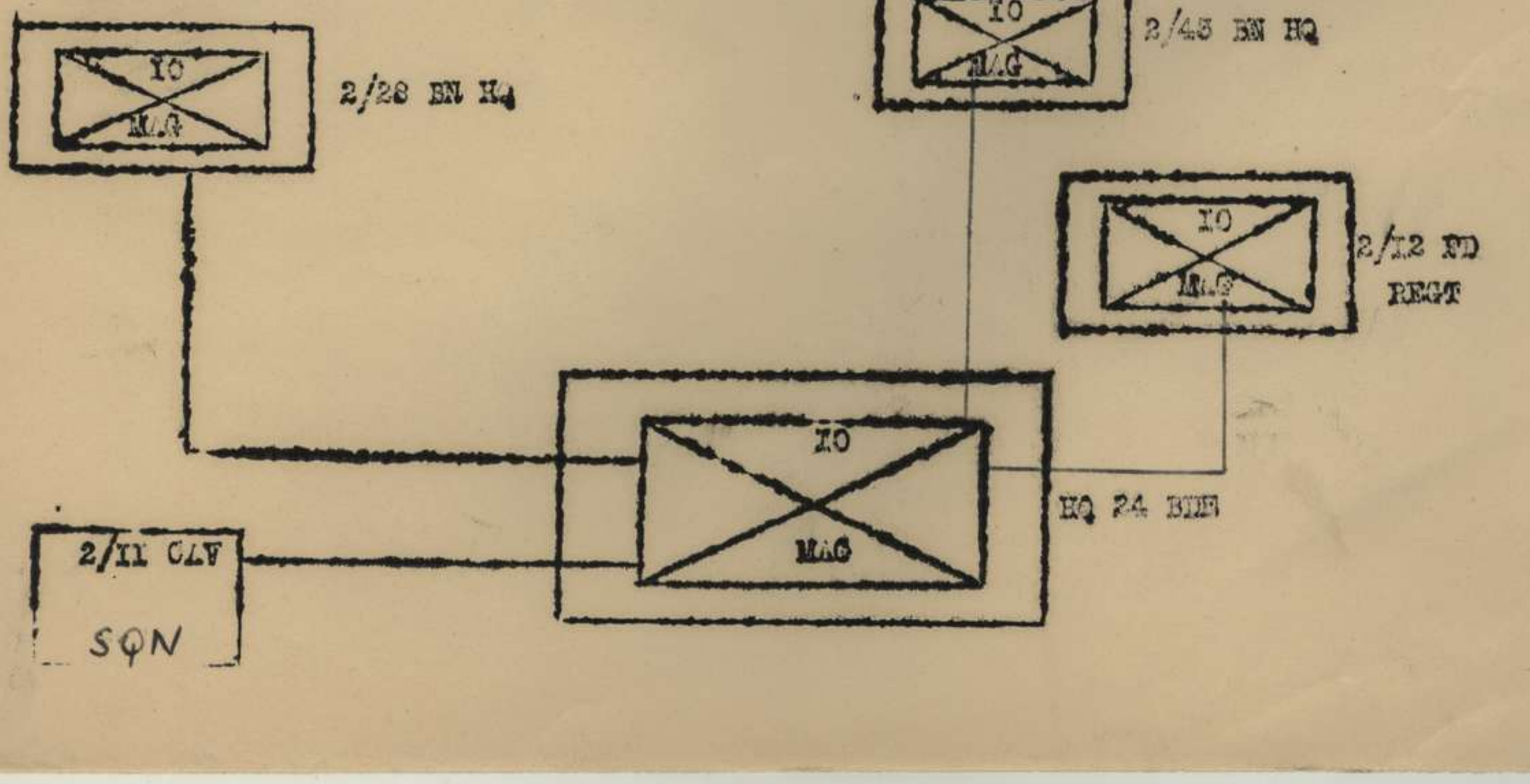

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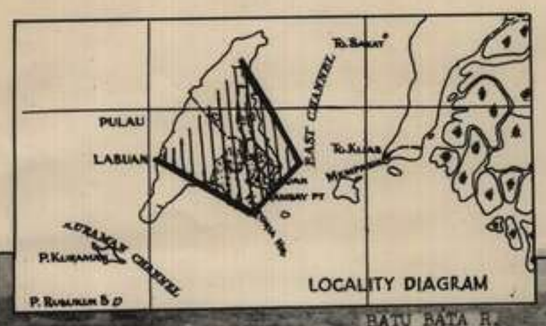
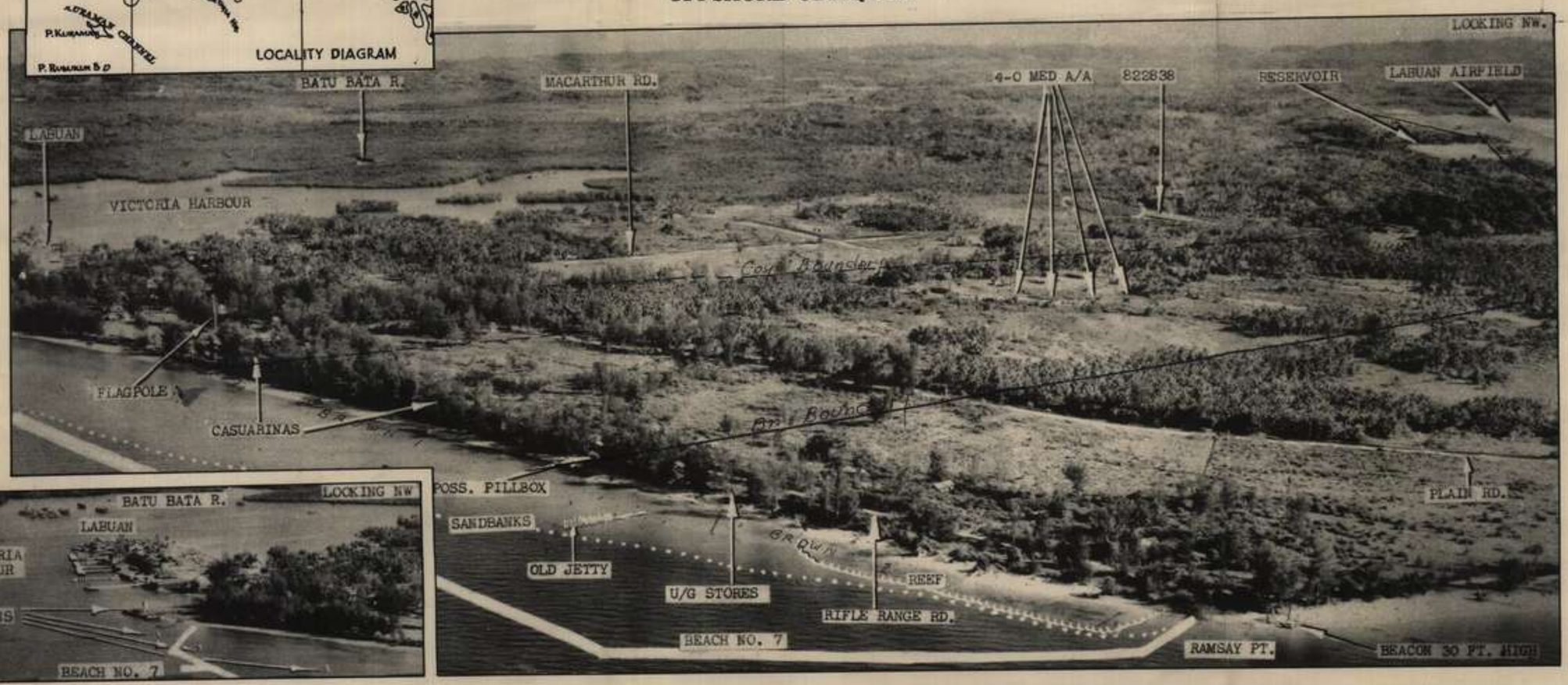
INTELLIGENCE REVIEW
No 3
INFORMATION BY 3 AAPIU GS1 1 AUST CORPS AS AT 25 APRIL 1945





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Wardiary

SECRET

Subject:- AMN EXPENDITURE RETURNS

HQ 2/28 Aust Inf Bn
26 May 45
Ref:- 12/3.1/45

1. To reduce the strain on sig comms, the following amn code is approved for use in advising amn expenditure, where returns are to be forwarded through sig wireless channels

2. The use of this code will NOT dispense with the necessity of cyphering which must be carried out where the prescribed conditions apply

Code	TYPE OF AMN
A	.303 Bdr & C C
B	.303 Ctn
C	.303 Strip Bolt
D	9mm
E	7.92 Bosa
F	QF 2 pr HE
G	QF 2 pr AP
H	QF 3in HOW HE
I	QF 4in HOW Smoke
J	Grenades 36m Hand 4 sec
K	Grenades Rifle 7 sec
L	QF 25 pr HE
M	QF 25 pr Smoke
N	QF 75mm HOW HE
O	QF 75mm Smoke
P	QF 40 mm HEDA
Q	QF 3.7 Gun HE
R	QF 3.7 Gun Shrap
S	QF 3.7 Gun AP
T	Bombs ML 3 in Morter HE
U	Bombs ML 3 in Morter Smoke
V	Bombs ML 2 in Morter HE
W	Bombs ML 2 in Morter Smoke
X	Bombs 4.2 in Morter HE
Y	Bombs PIAT

3. Example of sig to be sent would read:

" GQ 000(1) SECRET (.) amn expenditure 24 hrs ending 1018001 A/5200 B/6100 C/4000 D/5700 G/600 N/350 etc "

4. Where returns are sent by DRLS or other safe means message will be in clear and amn code will NOT be used

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OFFRS POSTINGS AS AT 19 MAY 45

Posting	Rank & Name	Year of Birth	Previous Unit
CO	Lt-col C.H.B.NORMAN	04	24 A Tk Coy
2IC	Maj D.R. JACKSON	15	Spec List & 2/1 Bn
Adjt	T/Capt J.B. VANPRAAG	18	16 Bn
Asst Adjt	Lt R. WARREN	14	2/28 Bn
QM	Lt W.F.G. ROSS	08	62 Bn
IO	Lt J.F. BROWNING	09	2/4 Bn
HQ Coy			
OC	Maj J.C. NEWBERY	11	28 LH Regt
No 1 Pl	Lt C.J. FORREST	21	3 Aust Army Tps RAE
No 2 Pl	Lt J.E. CUBLEY	15	2/16 Bn
No 3 Pl	Lt N.W. BARNES	21	28 Cav Regt
No 4 Pl	Lt C.P. GRANT	17	28 Bn
No 5 Pl	Lt R.B. CANTWELL	09	2/28 Bn
No 6 Pl	Lt D. KENNEDY	16	16 Bn
A Coy			
OC	Maj L.H. LYON	17	AIC
2IC	Capt R.E. SHEA	20	62 Bn
No 7 Pl	Lt C.E. WOODWARD	18	SUR
No 8 Pl	Lt T.D. MATTHEW	17	11 Bn
No 9 Pl	Lt L.R. GRAFFIN	16	16 Bn
B Coy			
OC	Capt J.M. HEAD	17	AIC
2IC	Capt C.C. ELLIS	17	AIC
10 Pl	Lt J.O.L.SUTHERLAND	17	SUR
11 Pl	Lt A.L. FAIRLEY	21	25 Cav Regt
12 Pl	Lt R.G. LOCKWOOD	17	11 Bn
C Coy			
OC	Capt A.H.G.LUSHINGTON	10	2/6 Bn
2IC	Lt R.S. PRICE	08	28 Bn
13 Pl	Lt N.H. PAYNE	17	2/6 Ind Coy
14 Pl	Lt C.L. GEORGE	16	2/3 Pnr Bn
15 Pl	Lt L.G. BLADWELL	22	224 Lt AA Bty
D Coy			
OC	Capt E.A. EASTMAN	16	16 Bn
2IC	Lt J.W. BROOKS	04	2/28 Bn
16 Pl	Lt D.P. WOODWARD	13	56 Bn
17 Pl	Lt B.N. BROWN	23	34 Bn
18 Pl	Lt J.K.A. CAHILL	16	2/26 Bn
ATT BY WE			
RMO	Capt C.A. MOORE (AAMC)	17	2/3 Fd Amb
SUPERNUMERARY			
A Coy	Lt J. SMITH	15	2/28 Bn
C Coy	Lt J.T. SIMON	20	17 Bn
C Coy	Lt W.T. LYNN	20	2/14 Bn
ATT NOT BY WE			
Chaplain	Capt W.E. HOLT (AAChD)		
YMCA	Mr K. SYKES (YMCA)		

REGIMENTAL SENIORITY

Lt-cols

VX40200	J. LOUGHREY
WX3421	C.H.B. NORMAN
WX3387	J.P. COX

Majors

NX207	D.R. JACKSON
WX3391	J.C. NEWBERY
WX7	(T/Lt-col) S.H. GOOD
WX3392	P. MASEL
WX3393	H.J. FREEDMAN
WX7500	L.H. LYON

Capts

WX11143	F.R.HIGGS
WX7644	J.M. HEAD
WX6400	H.C. ROBSON
WX7301	A.D. WALLACE
WX6881	J.F. HANNAH
WX6387	G.L.W. PARRY
WX11016	E.A. EASTMAN
VX6742	A.H.G.LUSHINGTON
QX19051	R.E. SHEA
WX7519	C.C. ELLIS

Lts

WX3260	(T/Capt) H.J.C.NORRIS
WX33137	A.L. FAIRLEY
QX16128	K.G. TURBAYNE
QX15360	W.F. G. ROSS
QX22499	(T/Capt) J.J. ROSE
WX33126	J.C. JEFFREY
WX11086	R.S. PRICE
WX9931	H.C. GILES
WX7221	C.O. CAVANAGH
WX28139	N.W. BARNES
WX8402	P.F. ROOKE
WX5557	J.W. BROOKS
WX11235	N.F. DEVLIN
WX5271	D. KENNEDY
WX6886	(T/Capt)J.B.VANPRAAG
WX12658	R.D. CANTWELL
WX10689	R.G. HINDLEY
WX12099	(T/Capt)W.J.KINGSBURY
WX8405	R.WARREN
NX5897	J.F. BROWNING
NX66732	J.T. SIMON
NX83713	C.A. WHITMAN
WX18204	L.R. GRAFFIN
WX4222	J.E. CUBLEY
WX27189	R.G. LOCKWOOD
NX133712	L.G. BLADWELL
NX123733	C.J. FORREST
NX125786	D.F. WOODWARD
WX6605	J. SMITH
WX26791	S.R. NEAVES
WX27276	C.P. GRANT
VX67583	N.H. PAYNE
WX29574	T.D. MATTHEW
WX28127	H.S. ROSS
WX4210	B.W. MALONEY
WX4160	K.J. CAHILL
NX128067	B.N. BROWN
NX31988	C.L. GEORGE
VX17098	W.T. LYNN
WX865	G. McI MOORE
NX176705	J.O.L. SUTHERLAND
NX170792	C.E. WOODARD

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WX3392	Maj	P.	MASEL	4-3-45
QX16128	Lt	K.G.	TURBAYNE	27-1-45
WX28127	Lt	H.S.	ROSS	9-1-45
WX26791	Lt	S.R.	NEAVES	2-1-45

SECONDED

NX40200	Lt-col J. Loughrey	Comd Met Tps Vic L oc C	
WX3387	Lt-col J.P. COX	AAG 1 Aust Corps	
WX7	(Maj(T/Lt-col)S.H. GOOD	GSO (1) (INT) · SEAC	
WX11143	Capt F.R. HIGGS	Camp Comdt 9 Aust Div	17-8-44
WX3393	Maj H.J. FREEDMAN	Instr LHQ Tac School	15-9-44
WX6400	Capt H.G. ROBSON	BM (L) 7 Aust Inf Bde	9-7-44
WX7301	Capt A.D. WALLACE	GSO (111) (AIR) HQ 9 Aust Div	30-8-44
WX5268	(Lt(T/Capt) H.J.C.NORRIS	Camp SO DEADMANS GULLY	28-5-43
WX6387	Capt G.L.W. PARRY	Instr OCTU	2-2-45
QX22499	Lt(T/Capt) J.J. ROSE	LO1 24 Aust Inf Bde	29-6-44
WX9931	Lt H.C. GILES	Instr Aust Trg Centre (JW)	2-5-44
WX7221	Lt C.O. CAVANAGH	Emergency Offr AIF Rec Camp UK	22-5-44
WX12099	Lt(T/Capt)W.J.KINGSBURY	Instr ARTC (JW)	16-9-44
WX10689	Lt R.[illegible]. HINDLEY	Instr ARTC (JW)	16-10-44
WX4210	Lt B.W. MALONEY	Instr LHQ Gas School	13-6-44
WX33126	Lt J.C. JEFFREY	Spec Duty (Mil Sec)	19-12-44
WX865	Lt G. McI. MOORE	Spec Duty under arrangements LHQ (Mil Sec)	19-12-44
WX83713	Lt C.A. WHITMAN	LO (11) 24 Aust Inf Bde	28-3-45

OFFRS FILLING POSTINGS WE AND SUPERNUMERARY OFFRS BUT NOT PRESENT WITH UNIT THIS DATE

WX7644	Capt	J.M.	HEAD	Leave 7-4-45
WX11235	Lt	N.F.	DEVLIN	Hospital
WX8402	Lt	P.F.	ROOKE	Det 1 ARTB (JW) CANUNGRA 15-4-45
NX66732	Lt	J.T.	SIMON	Hospital 5-5-45

A. Boyd Bowman Lt-col

Comd 2/28 Aust Inf Bn

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ROUTINE ORDERS
PART 14
NO 469

BY Lt-Col C.H.B. NORMAN DSO MC COMD 2/28 AUST INF BN

1. ACCEPTANCE BY MEMBERS OF THE AMF OF CAMPAIGN MEDALS ISSUED BY ALLIED NATIONS AND WEARING OF RIBBONS OF SAME

(i) It has been brought to notice that individual members of the AMF or civilians attached thereto have been wearing the ribbons of campaign medals issued by Allied Nations

(ii) Owing to the practical impossibility of reciprocation, an interchange of campaign medals with Allied Forces is regarded by the United Kingdom and Australian Governments as being undesirable

(iii) The policy has therefore been laid down that although in certain circumstances orders, decorations and medals granted as individual awards for gallantry or for distinguished or meritorious service may be exchanged, permission would not be given for the interchange of campaign medals and ribbons which are issued by Allied Nations to all members of forces engaged in a campaign. It is considered that it would not be possible to make individual exceptions without compromising the whole practice

(iv) It is advised therefore that permission is not given for acceptance of these campaign medals or the wearing of the ribbons of same by members of the AMF, or by approved representatives of philanthropic societies or civilians attached to the AMF in an official capacity.

(1 Aust Corps ROs 2 Apr 45 Serial No 54)

2. SECURITY - NATIVES ON MOROTAI

(i) The following security precautions will be observed:-

(a) No natives will be allowed to enter or remain in or near any headquarters, camp, dock, installation, or other area under military control whatsoever on this island, with the exception of gangs of natives under the control of a responsible officer or NCO who will be in possession of a nominal roll of the natives under his control

(b) All natives landing from water craft within the MOROTAI area will be detained and reported through channels as set out in para (d) below

(c) Troops will not trade with natives in any way for the purchase, sale or exchange of souvenirs, clothing, cigarettes, or any other goods whatsoever

(d) All troops discovering the presence of natives not under the control of a responsible officer or NCO will, after detaining the natives, immediately report their presence to unit headquarters. The unit will immediately inform NICA and will make the necessary arrangements for the natives to be delivered to the native compound or such other place as NICA may require

(1 Aust Corps Routine Orders of 7 May 45 serial 59.)

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2. SPEED LIMIT MT MOROTAI

The speed limit for all types of MT in the MOROTAI area is 20 mph, unless a lower speed limit is notified by road signs in any particular area

(1 Aust Corps Routine Order of 7 May 45 Serial 60.)

3. AAF G2 (WORK TICKET)

(i) A driver when driving a vehicle on duty will always have in his possession his work ticket (AAF G2) and must produce same on demand of a superior officer or a member of the Aust Army Provost Corps

(ii) At all times the form AAF G2 will be set out in full detail giving:

(a) Place of reporting (name of unit etc)

(b) time of departure

(c) nature of duty (Number of personnel or description and weights of load)

(d) place of commencement of journey

(e) place of termination of journey

(f) time of arrival

(g) Signature of passenger on completion of duty

(iii) In compliance with the entry required by Para 2 sub para (c) such entries as :-

"Unit administrative duties" and "Unit duties MOROTAI"

will NOT be recognised as being adequate and specific tasks will be detailed

(1 Aust Corps Routine Order of 7 May 45 Serial 61)

4. PROHIBITION OF PRACTICE OF UNDERCUTTING QUARRY FACES

(i) The practice of personnel undercutting quarry faces will cease forthwith

(ii) This practice recently resulted in the deaths of two members of the AMF

(iii) The above will be promulgated to all personnel under command

(1 Aust Corps Routine Order of 7 May 45 Serial 62)

5. FAILURE OF AMF PERSONNEL TO WEAR IDENTITY DISCS

(i) In a number of fatal aircraft accidents in recent months involving AMF personnel, difficulty has been experienced in identifying the bodies of the victims because of the absence of identity discs

(ii) Attention is directed to GRO A700/1945, Part IX, in which are set out instructions relative to the wearing of identity discs

(iii) Coys will ensure that all personnel under command are equipped with identity discs, marked in accordance with GRO A700/43 and that they are worn at all times by all personnel

(1 Aust Corps Routine Order of 7 May 45 Serial 63)

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6. REPORTING OF STOLEN AND RECOVERED VEHICLES AND OTHER PROPERTY TO ALLIED MILITARY POLICE HEADQUARTERS AND AUST PROVOST

(i) All personnel, irrespective of rank, inaddition to complying with any other instructions will, upon :-

(a) losing any AMF vehicles by suspected theft,
(b) recovering any AMF vehicles which have been stolen,
(c) finding any AMF vehicle abandoned, or
(d) losing any other Army property not on personal issue to the member by suspected theft,

report the full facts to both the Allied Military Police Headquarters and to Aust Provost

(ii) Allied Military Police Headquarters is located near the junction of Routes 1 and 6 (reference key map of AMF areas MOROTAI Island 926314) The telephone number of Allied Police Headquarters is CRACKLE 27

(iii) The Aust Provost referred to in para (i) is located next to the DID. (reference key map of AMF areas MOROTAI Island 937275). The telephone number is AUSTBASE 26

(1 Aust Corps Routine Order of 7 May 45 Serial 64)

7. LMS - EMTRY TO AIRFDS

H. MOROTAI Staging Area RO 83 is rptd for compliance by units of 9 Aust Div:-

(i) No veh will be driven on to any airfd in this area unless this is necessary in the course of the dvr's duty. Under no circumstances will any veh be parked on the taxiways of airfds. In the event of a halt being necessary vehs will be driven on to the hardstands out of the path of taxi-ing aircraft (9 Aust Div RQs 13 May 45 Serial 132)

8. REHABILITATION - EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

(i) Notifications of civ posns for which applicants are sought are received at this HQ from time to time from NHQ

(ii) As it is not practicable to circulate this infm to units under comd, personnel interested should be advised to apply to Unit HQ, and a unit rep may be sent to A Branch HQ 9 Aust Div for details

(iii) The posns generally require University degrees or professional qualifications

(9 Aust Div ROs 13 May 45 Serial 135)

9. CARE OF PAYBOOK AND AAB 83

Personnel WILL carry their Paybook and AAB 83 in Wallet Waterproof at all times. Coy Comd will ensure that a regular check is made to see that this instruction is strictly adhered to

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1.

2/23 AUST INF BN
CANTEEN TRADING TRANSACTIONS

Period 11 Apr 45 to 13 May 45

1.	Stock at 11 Apr 45	275.18.10	5.	Sales for period	1345.11. 4
2.	Purchases for period	1103.14. 3	6.	Loss of stock	36. 8. 1
3.	Sundry Expenses	- - -	7.	Stock at 13 May 45	44.18. 4
4.	Profit for period trans to Capital a/c	47. 4. 8			
		1426.17. 9			1426.17.9

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 13 MAY 45

LIABILITIES			ASSETS	
8.	Unrefunded Capital Advance	500. 0. 0	10 Cash outstanding	58.16.10
9.	Capital a/c Balance 11 Apr 251.14. 6		11 Canteen Trust a/c	725.11. 5
	Less loss of stock 36. 8. 1		12 Sundry Debtors A/C3	13. 4. 6
	215. 6. 5			
	Add profit for period 47. 4. 8	262.11. 1	13 Stock on hand	44.16. 4
		842.11. 1		842.11. 1

Certified that there are no outstanding debts, that receipted vouchers for all purchases are held, and that all purchases and cash sales have been brought to account in Cash Trading Book

Sgd A.L. FAIRLEY Lt Unit Canteen Offr

Sgd J.E. CAMERON L/Cpl Unit Canteen NCO

Certified that all accounting records and vouchers of 2/28 Aust Inf Bn Canteen have been audited for period 11 Apr 45 to 13 May 45, and the above Trading Transactions and Statement of Assets and Liabilities reveal the true and accurate financial position of the Canteen as at 13 May 45

Sgd E.A. EASTMAN Capt President

Sgd Roy Warren Member

2/28 Aust Inf Bn Audit Board

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2/28 AUST INF BN REGT FUNDS

STATEMENT OF AFF. INC AND EXP FOR APR 45

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE

1.	Receipts for Period 1 - 30 Apr 45			3. 5. 5
2.	Amts due to Regt Funds	AAOB Distribution	57.19. 6	
		AA Amen. Service	11. 1.10	69. 1. 4
3.	Total Income			72. 7. 9
4.	Payments for period:			
		Band Exps	8. 2. 2	
		Gen	8. 5.11	
		Lighting	8.11. 7	
		Amenities	5. 8. 0	
		Messing	3.15. 7	34. 3. 3
5.	Accounts unpaid			- - -
6.	Total Expenditure			34. 3. 3
7.	Surplus for month			38. 4. 6

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

8.	Property at valuation			124.11. 0
9.	Amts due to Regt Funds			
		Unit Canteen	580. 0. 0	
		Post Office	20. 0. 0	
		Coy Funds	2. 0. 0	
		Band Adv A/c	5. 0. 0	
		Adv "Red Plat"	7. 0. 0	
		AAOB Distbn	57.19. 6	
		AA Amen Service	11. 1.10	685. 1. 4
10.	Cash in Trust A/c			15.11. 6
11	Total Assets			824. 3.10
12	Amt due to GOC Special Fund			300. 0. 0
13	Total Liabilities			300. 0. 0
14	Surplus Assets			524. 3.10

We certify that we have examined the Cash Book, Unit Trust Fund Book and Vouchers relating to the 2/28 Aust Inf Bn Regt Funds, and that in our opinion this statement sets out correctly the position of the funds at this date

Sgd H.A. DALTMAN Capt

Sgd ROY HARRIS Lt

Sgd H. BOYD NORMAN Lt-Col
Comd 2/28 Aust Inf Bn

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19. PROTECTED ANIMALS, BIRDS AND PLANTS:-

Except in emergency, due to operational requirements, all ranks will observe the law of the States and Territories and Commonwealth relating to the protection of animals, birds and plants

20. DAMAGE TO TIMBER:-

Members of the forces will not, except for operational or properly authorized official purposes, cut or authorize or direct the cutting of timber growing on private or public property (including forestry reserves) without first obtaining the consent of a person having power to agree to such cutting

21. SPECIAL ORDER OF THE DAY
by
GENERAL SIR THOMAS A. BLAMEY, GBE, KCB, CMG, DSO, ED

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

The Commander-in-Chief has issued the following Order of the Day:-

" The war in Europe ended this morning. The people of the Allied Nations lift their voices in gladness and thanksgiving wherever they may be. Our armies have won complete victory over German tyranny. Our Allied effort will be concentrated now on the last enemy of civilisation - the Japanese. He has been defeated time and time again and now our hosts are already assembling to his complete destruction. I send greetings and congratulations, first to all those of the AIF who fought in Europe and the Middle East. They took a full share of the strain in the hardest early days and helped to lay the foundation of victory. Second, I send greetings and congratulations to all ranks of the Australian Army. Again they took a full share of the early strain against the Japanese, and again their efforts are bearing them on to final victory. We tender a tribute of comradeship to those who will never return and we vow ourselves anew in their name to compass the final destruction of civilisation's last enemy, the Japanese "

Sgd G. HATTON Maj for Lt-col

AA & QMG 9 Aust Div

PART 1 B

EXTRACT :- AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES : APPOINTMENTS, PROMOTIONS ETC

List No 77

To be Temporary Captain 24-3-45

WX12099 Lt W.J. KINGSBURY, whilst holding the appointment of Instr., 2 Aust Rft Trg Bn (JW), and remains seconded

List No 78

WX7519 Lt C.E. ELLIS is transferred from the PSL (Aust Inf) (AS Lt 18-11-40) - 15-3-45

List No 79

NZ83713 Lt C.A. WHITMAN is seconded as LO (Lt), HQ 24 Aust Inf Bde 28-3-45

NZ9508 Lt J. ANDERSON is transferred to the PSL (Aust Inf) 18-3-45

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APPOINTMENTS, PROMOTIONS, ETC (continued)

List No 79

WX11285 Lt N.F. DUNKIN is placed upon the RSL (Med) 17-3-45
(In lieu of the notification respecting this officer, which appeared in AMF List No 76, page 382)

[illegible] 35804 Lt J.[illegible] MURCHIR is transferred to the RSL (Aust Inf) 12-3-45

List No 80

WX11086 Lt (T/Capt) R.S. PRICE relinquishes the rank of T/Capt 20-3-45

List No 81

VX 40200 Lt-Col J. LOUGHRET relinquishes comd of Vic L of C Area LTD and remains seconded and attached for spec duties to Office of Co-ordination IHQ 19-4-45

The following officers are transferred with regimental seniority as from date of transfer 31-3-45 :-

NX176705 Lt J.O. SUTHERLAND from Aust Inf Rfts and
NX170782 Lt C.E. WOODARD from Aust Inf Rfts (AIF)

14-4-45

To be Temporary Captain

WX6636 Lt J.B. VANHAAG whilst holding the appointment of Adjt

List No 82

To be Captain WX7519 Lt C.C. WILLIS 23-4-45

AWL

SX12729	Pte	DAVISON J.	From 0600 hrs 18-4-45	to [illegible] hrs	18-4-45
VX76129	"	ROWLANDS S.E.	" 0600 " "	" 1230 "	"
QX53939	"	TOY A.J.	" 0630 " 19-4-45	" 0800 "	20-4-45
QX11864	"	TOY M.R.	" 0630 " "	" 0800 "	"
WX19823	"	JOSH D.H.	" 1400 " 21-4-45	" 2045 "	21-4-45
WX19507	"	ABBADINI S.	" 1400 " "	" 0730 "	22-4-45
SX12147	"	LANE B.L.	" 1400 " "	" 0730 "	"

HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS

WX18412	L Cpl	WOODCOCK	A.G.	D Coy	To 10 Fd Amb	13-4-45
NX168915	Pte	VANDYKE	N.A.	BHQ	" " "	15-4-45
WX9934	"	MUNCKTON	K.L.	HQ Coy	" Hosp (from 19 AGC)	19-4-45
NX46760	"	McKINNINE	N.M.	" "	" 2/5 AGH	5-5-45
WX26872	"	MOIR	H.J.	BHQ	" "	"
NX81988	Lt	GEORGE	C.L.	C Coy	" "	"
NX66232	"	SIMON	J.T.	"	" "	"
VX142964	Pte	FORDE	L.	BHQ	" "	6-5-45
WX21456	Cpl	CADDY	E.J.	HQ Coy	" "	29-4-45
WX10875	Pte	BAILEY	J.B.	" "	" "	2-5-45
WX7565	"	WHILD	N.E.	D Coy	" "	"
NX1516	"	SANDARS	K.	A Coy	" "	"
WX18580	L Cpl	HINGE	A.	" "	" "	9-5-45
VX142600	Pte	WALLACE	C.D.	B Coy	" "	10-5-45
VX159415	"	PAYNE	R.J.	A Coy	" "	11-5-45
WX970	"	NICHOLLS	W.G.	" "	" "	12-5-45
WX18514	Cpl	POWELL	F.J.	C Coy	" "	15-5-45
WX57880	Pte	WESTON	D.M.	BHQ	" "	19-5-45
VX141125	"	NALDER	J.R.	D Coy	" "	20-5-45
WX6190	"	BOWEN	F.J.	HQ Coy	" "	21-5-45

SCHOOLS AND COURSES (INCL A.M.F.T)

WX6881	Capt	HANNAH	J.F.	D Coy	To BHQ To School	18-4-45

DISCHARGED

WX8402	Lt	ROOKE	P.F.	B Coy	To ARMY (J)	15-4-45

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DETACHMENTS (Cont)

WX5271	Lt	KENNEDY	D.	HQ Coy	To Gd Duty	? AGH	6-5-45
WX26701	Sjt	CHAPMAN	O.C.	D Coy	"	"	"
WX12816	Cpl	McDONALD	W.	B Coy	"	"	"
WX26520	"	HANRAHAN	J.E.	C Coy	"	"	"
WX9962	"	JOHNS	D.A.	HQ Coy	"	"	"
WX28308	L cpl	PURSER	E.J.	B Coy	"	"	"
SX19294	"	GILL	G.W.	C Coy	"	"	"
QX43354	"	HOOPER	L.	D Coy	"	"	"
WX19986	"	BECCARELLI	F.	HQ Coy	"	"	"
TX15112	Pte	AIKEN	J.	"	"	"	"
NX109965	"	IRVINE	K.J.	"	"	"	"
NX170818	"	VAUGHAN	D.A.	C Coy	"	"	"
WX37612	"	BIRD	L.A.	B Coy	"	"	"
WX40055	"	FEATHERSTONE	E.B.	"	"	"	"
NX176260	"	SMITH	C.A.	C Coy	"	"	"
WX25034	"	HALLIGAN	E.R.	B Coy	"	"	"
VX74092	"	NEIL	W.R.	C Coy	"	"	"
WX26808	"	BROWN	J.A.	"	"	"	"
VX107593	"	MORISON	J.	"	"	"	"
WX25076	"	OATES	A.W.	D Coy	"	"	"
SX30705	"	ROBERTSON	W.L.	"	"	"	"
NX201641	"	YOUNG	H.J.	"	"	"	"
NX [illegible]24	"	GROTH	W.E.	"	"	"	"
NX [illegible]745	"	HARRIOTT	J.	HQ "	"	"	"
QX [illegible]468	"	HANCOCK	C.A.	" "	"	"	"
QX19051	Capt	SHAW	R.E.A.	"	2/3 Tk A Regt	Duty	"
VX102526	Pte	CAHILL	V.J.	" "	"	"	"
WX9800	"	FORD	G.R.	HQ "	To 2/3 Fd Amb		"
SX29383	"	EVANS	K.D.	" "	"	"	"

TRANSFERS OUT

WX [illegible]290	Pte	LAYMAN	L.G.	D Coy	To 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	13-4-45
WX15328	"	MONGER	H. L.	D Coy	To 13 APSC (Discharge to Industry)	20-4-45
VX55803	"	WINFIELD	B. G.	HQ Coy	To 13 APSC (re-allocation) (B1)	19-4-45
WX9940	"	TAYLOR	J.	B Coy	To 24 Bde Gd Pl	10-5-45
WX26380	"	LEE	D. L.	C. Coy	Discharge to Industry	9-5-45
VX123490	"	O'DWYER	G.T.	B Coy	To 1 Aust Bomb Disposal Pl RAE (AIF)	22-5-45
NX67723	"	SPEAR	F.E.	A Coy	To 9 Div Salvage Unit	23-5-45

TRANSFERS OUT AND CEASES TO BE ATTACHED

VX92 [illegible]3	Pte	COCK	H. G.	HQ Coy	Rejoined 2/3 Fd Coy RAE	15-4-45
NX [illegible]864	Pte	LAMB	J.M.	BnHQ	To 24 Aust Inf Bde	23-5-45

MARCHED OUT TO LEAVE

WX7644	Capt	HEAD	J.M.	B Coy	To ARL	9-4-45
WX26223	Cpl	PARKER	R.W.	D Coy	To 4 days Compassionate Leave	22-4-45

ATTACHMENTS

VX30699	Lcpl	STOGDALE	D.	BnHQ	From B Aust FS Section	15-5-45
SX8170	Lt	HOOD	J.E.	BnHQ	From 2/3 Fd Amb	22-5-45
QX12603	Lcpl	GRILLY	P.J.	BnHQ	" "	"
NX [illegible]864	Pte	LAMB	J.M.	BnHQ	From 24 Aust Inf Bde	23-5-45

MARCHED IN EX LEAVE

WX [illegible]545	Pte	LINDSAY	W. R.	D Coy	From 9 Div Rec Camp	12-4-45
WX [illegible]363	Pte	HARRISON	T.W.	D Coy	"	"
WX [illegible]658	Lt	CANTWELL	R. D.	HQ Coy	"	15-4-45
WX17575	Pte	WEEKS	A.	D Coy	From 19 APSC	22-4-45

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MARCHED IN FROM LEAVE (cont'd)

WX18014	Cpl.	Thompson R. J.	HQ Coy	From 19 APM	22-4-45
WX25027	Pte	Williams M.	HQ Coy	"	"
WX11281	"	Hancock T. H	HQ Coy	"	"
WX5267	"	Scott K. J.	HQ Coy	"	"
WX3.9675	"	Garrett R. F	HQ Coy	"	"
WX17507	"	Metaxas J. A.	A Coy	"	"
WX25065	Lcpl.	Johnson W. P.	D Coy	"	"
WX5969	Pte	Etteridge J. J.	BnHQ	"	"
WX19368	"	Tanner S. G.	D Coy	"	"
WX8204	"	Arnold T. C.	A Coy	"	"
WX17677	"	Newell W. J.	C Coy	"	"
WX17849	"	Oliver W.	HQ Coy	From 9 Div Rec Camp	6-5-45
WX19356	"	Fowler W.S.	HQ Coy	"	"
WX19390	"	McDonald K. M.	HQ Coy	"	"
WX32716	"	Doig M. J.	HQ Coy	"	"
VX144786	"	Allan C.R.	A Coy	"	"
WX28435	"	Major K. P.	C Coy	"	"
WX28529	Lcpl	Otley K. G.	D Coy	"	"
WX17679	Pte	Lee F. H.	D Coy	"	"
NX70277	Pte	Foulds B.	D Coy	"	"
NX169150	Pte	Dacey W. K.	A Coy	"	"
VX38036	Pte	Johnson W.F.	B Coy	"	"
WX21235	Pte	Stone J.	D Coy	"	"
WX39373	Pte	Sclator A.A.	C Coy	"	14-5-45
WX4969	Pte	Brown W. J.	BnHQ	"	17-5-45
QX48210	Pte	West E. W.	C Coy	"	"

REJOINED UNIT FROM HOSPITAL

WX26603	Pte	Dunkley R.	HQ Coy	From 9 Div Rec Camp	13-4-45
SX26369	"	Parker K.	BnHQ	"	15-4-45
WX18412	Lcpl	Woodcock A.G.	D Coy	"	"
WX26872	Pte	Moir H.J.	BnHQ	"	9-5-45
NX31988	Lt	C.L. GEORGE	C Coy	"	10-5-45
WX21458	Cpl	Caddy E. J.	HQ Coy	"	"
VX139815	Pte	Payne K. J.	A Coy	"	14-5-45
VX142964	"	Forde L. F.	BnHQ	"	18-5-45
NX1516	"	Sanders(AACC) K.	HQ Coy	"	"
WX7970	"	Nicholls W.G.	A Coy	"	21-5-45
NX66233	Lt	J. T. SIMON	C Coy	"	"

REJOINED UNIT AND CEASES TO BE DETACHED

WX3421	Lt-col	C.H.B. NORMAN	BnHQ	From Planning Party	5-5-45
WX6886	Capt	J.B. VANPRAAG	"	"	"
SX13086	Cpl	Matthews E. M.	"	"	"
WX31614	Pte	Silloh J.	"	"	"
QX51845	"	Hull C. M.	"	"	"
WX13509	"	Dillon A.A.	"	"	"
SX19828	"	Hansen F. A.	HQ Coy	From Offrs Club RAVENSHOE	14-5-45
QX19051	Capt	R.E. SHEA	A Coy	From 2/43 Aust Inf Bn	16-5-45
VX102525	Pte	Cahill V. J.	A Coy	"	"
WX27276	Lt	C.P. GRANT	C. Coy	From RSL	17-5-45
VX91350	Pte	Nevins H.	B Coy	From 10 ADB	"
WX19584	"	Clark A.R.	BnHQ	From Offrs Club RAVENSHOE	22-5-45

REJOINED UNIT FROM SCHOOL

WX3421	Lt-col	C. H. B. NORMAN	BnHQ	From LHQ Tactical School	9-4-45
WX7644	Capt	J. M. HEAD	B Coy	From "	"
WX26707	Sjt	Bovell(AACC)B.J.	HQ Coy	From LHQ Sch of Cooking & Catering WONGABEL	13-4-45
WX39478	Lsjt	Vallence J. W.	HQ Coy	From FAARTS School of Sigs Course 10	15-4-45

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REJOINED UNIT FROM SCHOOL (Contd)

NX109985	Pte Irvine	H.J.	HQ	From FAARTS Sch of Sigs Course 18		15-4-45
VX67583	Lt N.H.PAYNE		C	"	LHQ Sch of Hygiene	22-4-45
WX29574	Lt T.D. MATTHEW		A	"	FAARTS Jun Ldr Weapon Trg Wing	9-5-45
QX43868	Pte O'Neill	A.N.	A	"	"	"
QX52276	Lopl Trowfin	C.J.P.	A	"	FAARTS Pnr Wing Course 5	14-5-45
WX26655	Cpl Jackson	H.H.	D	"	FAARTS Jun Ldr Weapon Trg Wing	14-5-45

STRENGTH TAKEN ON

QX62870	Pte	McGuffie	A.I.	HQ	From HQ 8 Aust Base Sub Area		21-5-45
WX25906	"	Ryan	K.B.	HQ	" 2/43 Aust Inf Bn		"
WX39080	"	Marshall	C.M.	B	" "		"
WX39502	"	White	C.J.	B	"		"
WX32486	"	Wells	A.	B	"		"
WX22686	"	Green	K.L.	B	"		"
WX41368	"	Smith	E.F.	B	"		"
WX41319	"	McIntosh	E.C.	B	"		"
WX22832	"	Robertson	N.E.	B	"		"
WX41355	"	Goe	G.L.	B	"		"
WX38642	"	Rowe	K.F.	B	"		"
WX21747	"	Traynor	R.L.	B	"		"
WX38772	"	Wallis	D.O.	B	"		"
WX22612	"	Budge	G.R.	B	"		"
WX39382	"	Urwin	J.H.	B	"		"
NX111390	"	Covey	F.G.	C	"		"
NX67058	"	Vologodsky	V	C	From A Aust Corps Sigs		22-5-45
NX13758	"	Turner	R.L.	C	"		"

INTER COY TRANSFERS

WX17840	Pte	Oliver (AACC)	W.H.	D	D Coy to	HQ Coy	7-5-45
WX5969	"	Ettridge	J.J.	HQ	HQ "	BnHQ	"
WX25014	"	Crerar	P.H.	HQ	HQ "	BnHQ	"
WX19002	"	Regan	R.C.V.	HQ	HQ "	BnHQ	"
NX128828	"	Brazel	E.R.	C	C "	HQ	8-5-45
NX133712	Lt L.G. BLADWELL			HQ	HQ "	C	6-5-45
VX17098	Lt W.T. LYNN			D	D "	A	8-5-45
VX17098	Lt W.T. LYNN			A	A "	C	10-5-45
NX176705	Lt J.O.L. SUTHERLAND			A	A "	B	6-5-45
WX5557	Lt J.W. BROOKS			C	C "	D	22-4-45
WX19077	Pte Lamb	J.W.		C	C "	D	22-4-45
VX109639	" Crick	K.L.		BnHQ	BnHQ "	HQ	18-5-45

PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

WX8755	Sjt MAY	N.	B	Promoted to Sgt			9-4-45
WX21331	L cpl Halloon	D.J.	C	"	" Cpl		"
WX17875	Pte Campbell	J.E.	HQ	Appointed paid L cpl			6-5-45
NX170312	" Virgona	A.	D	"	"	"	"
WX38006	" Lee Kong	J.A.	B	"	"	"	11-5-45
NX176260	" Smith	C.A.	"	"	"	"	"
QX53443	" Scott	R.E.	"	"	"	"	"
WX17365	" Goodrick	F.D.	"	"	"	"	"
WX16026	" Humphries	J.	"	"	"	"	"
WX17333	" Vickery	R.T.	"	"	"	"	"
VX78392	Sjt Ellis	K.M.	BHQ	Promoted to Sjt			19-3-45
WX17534	L cpl DOWD	H.A.	D	"	" Cpl		16-4-45
WX4733	Sjt Basell	C.F.	HQ	"	" A/WO II		12-5-45
WX10823	L Sjt Akerstrom	J.R.	A	"	" Sgt		"
WX17009	L Cpl Nivison	D.C.	B	"	" Cpl		22-4-45

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PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS (Cont)

WX18119	L cpl	Hawtor K.J.	A Coy	Promoted to Cpl	29-3-45
NX167489	"	Byrne W.F.	BHQ	" " "	19-3-45
WX19513	Pte	Barfield W.H.	"	Apptd Paid L cpl	"

PROFICIENCY PAY

QX11864	Pte	Toy M.H.	C Coy	Forfeits Prof Pay (AWL)	21-4-45
WX25005	"	Turnor K.A.	A "	Granted from	1-12-44
QX32003	"	Pokarier C.G.	" "	Prof pay granted from	20-9-44
NX168245	"	Freshwater C.W.	" "	" "	10-8-43
WX26672	"	Gartroll H.R.	" "	" "	15-5-44
WX19868	"	Tanner S.G.	D "	" "	11-1-45
NX12361	"	Young L.H.	" "	" "	18-4-45
WX31442	"	Schofield C.D.	" "	Forfeits Prof Pay(offence)	25-4-45
WX18463	"	Clohessy S.J.	" "	" " "	"
VX106822	"	Ryland W.T.	" "	" " "	27-4-45
VX107046	"	Hawkes S.A.	" "	Granted Prof Pay from	13-5-45
WX17679	"	Loo F.H.	" "	" " "	27-1-45
WX30589	"	Avard R.T.	HQ "	" " "	14-3-45
WX11938	"	Pascoe C.	" "	" " "	3-3-45
NX128828	"	Brazell E.R.	" "	" " "	7-3-45
WX33048	"	Angove T.H.	" "	" " "	20-11-44
WX17875	"	Campbell J.E.	" "	" " on Rolinq-uishing TG 111 Rangetakor	6-5-45
WX12325	"	Ballard M.J.S.	A Coy	Prof pay granted from 23-1-44 to	21-7-44
QX49089	"	Hopkins S.	B "	Forfeits Prof Pay from	11-5-45

Corrogendum to RO 456 of 18 Dec 44

QX61129	Pte	Chaplain N.E.		Prof Pay granted from 1-6-44 should read:-	1-7-43

Corrogendum to RO 11 18/8112/44

NX192334	Pte	Wilson T.W.	B Coy	Delete Entry:- Substitute :- Classified as Prof as from	13-5-44

TRADE GROUPING

WX17875	Pte	Campbell J.E.	HQ "	Relinquishes TG3 Rangetakor on appt Paid L cpl	6-4-45
WX6130	"	Peak R.E.	" "	Relinquishes TG3 Dvr Mech on appt TG3 gunlayer	19-5-45
WX34191	"	Lucas D.E.	" "	" " " " " "	"
NX168380	"	Fisher C.W.	" "	Apptd TG3 Rangetakor . from	6-4-45
WX26540	"	Gallagher	C Coy	" TG2 Cook . from	5-5-45
QX38934	"	Winner K.J.	HQ "	" TG3 Gunlayer from	19-5-45
WX11938	"	Pascoe C.	" "	" " "	"
WX25013	"	Fowles S.R.	" "	" " "	"
WX31557	"	Fowles K.L.	" "	" " "	"
WX33233	"	Daglish J.M.	" "	" " "	"
WX6130	"	Peak R.E.	" "	" " "	"
WX34191	"	Lucas D.C.	" "	" " "	"

PUNISHMENTS

WX33645	Cpl	White G.D.	B Coy	WOAS When a soldier acting as a picquet Cpl leaving his post before he was regularly relieved, in that he, without orders from his superior offr left his picquet between 1130 hrs on 20 Apr 45 and 2359hrs on 20 Apr 45 (AA 6 (X)b). Reverted to ranks & forfeited 1 days pay 22-4-45

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PUNISHMENTS (continued)

QX49089	Pte	Hopkins G.	B Coy	WOAS failing to appear at the place of parade appointed by his CO. AA 15(?) Fined 10/- 25-4-45
WX.7672	"	Boothey K.W.	B "	WOAS failing to appear at the place of parade appointed by his CO. AA (15 (?) Fined 10/- 25-4-45
WX.9825	"	Jose D.E.	A "	WOAS absenting himself without leave from 1400 hrs 21 Apr 45 to 2359 hrs 21 Apr 45. AA 15 (1) Fined $4/-/- & forfeited 4 days pay 25-4-45
QX11864	"	Toy M.H.	CC "	WOAS absenting himself without leave from 0630 hrs 19 Apr 45 to 0800 hrs 20 Apr 45. AA 15 (1) Fined $3/-/- & forfeited 2 days pay 21-4-45
WX16429	"	Johns C.H.	A "	WOAS failing to appear at the place of parade appointed by his CO AA 15 (2) Fined 10/- 25-4-45
VX53645	Cpl	White G.D.	B "	WOAS absenting himself without leave from 1130 hrs 20 Apr 45 to 2359 hrs 20 Apr 45 AA 15 (1) Charge (1) Charges 1 & 2 dealt with conjointly Reduced to ranks forfeits 4 days pay 22-4-45
WX26646	Pte	Staley P.	HQ "	WOAS Disobeying Ships Standing Orders. Awarded 7 days CB 1-5-45
VX82230	"	Poole G.C.	BHQ	WOAS Disobeying Ships Standing Orders. Fined $3/-/- 30-4-45
QX.9334	"	Noakes G.V.	D Coy	WOAS Disobeying Ships Standing Orders. Awarded 7 days CB 30-4-45
WX.8463	"	Gilchesay R.J.	" "	WOAS absenting himself from the place of parade appointed by his CO AA 15 (2) Fined $2/-/- 25-4-45
WX6741	"	McIntyre J.A.	" "	WOAS absenting himself from the place of parade appointed by his CO AA 15 (2) Fined $2/-/- 25-4-45
WX31442	"	Schofield C.D.	" "	WOAS absenting himself from the place of parade appointed by his CO AA 15 (2) Fined $2/-/- 25-4-45
WX.9607	"	Abbadini S	" "	WOAS absenting himself without leave from 1400 hrs on 21 Apr 45 to 0730 hrs on 22 Apr 45 AA 15 (1) Forf. 1 days pay Fined 10/- 25-4-45
SX12847	"	Lane B.L.	HQ "	WOAS absenting himself without leave from 1400 hrs on 21 Apr 45 to 0730 hrs 22 Apr 45 AA 15 (1) Forf. 1 days pay Fined 10/- 25-4-45
SX32485	"	Healy F.L.	B "	WOAS failing to appear at a place of parade appointed by his CO AA 15 (2) Admonished 25-4-45
VX106812	"	Ryland W.T.	D "	WOAS resisting arrest in that he at 1900 hrs on 25 Apr 45 at sea on the USS Gon J.H.McRae did resist an escort whose duty was to have him in charge (AA 10 (3)) Awarded 60 hrs detention 27-4-45
WX28298	"	Herbert R.W.		WOAS absenting himself from a place of parade appointed by his CO AA 15 (2) Awarded 3 days CB 20-4-45
VX76129	"	Rowlands S.E.		WOAS absenting himself without leave from 0600 hrs 18 Apr 45 to 1230 hrs 18 Apr 45 AA 15 (1) Fined 10/- 25-4-45
SX12729	"	Davison J.		WOAS absenting himself without leave from 0600 hrs 18 Apr 45 to 1230 hrs 18 Apr 45. AA 15 (1) Fined 10/- 25-4-45 Forfeited 1 days pay

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PUNISHMENTS (continued)

QX53039	Pte	Toy A.J.	C Coy	WOAS absenting himself without leave from 0630 hrs 19 Apr 45 to 0800 hrs 20 Apr 45 AA 15 (1) Fined $3/-/- & forfeited 2 days pay	23-5-45
NX152052	Pte	Wills R.G.	D Coy	WOAS absenting himself without leave from 1800 hrs 29 Jan 45 to 1800 hrs 30 Jan 45 AA 15 (1) Fined $5/-/- & forfeited 4 days pay	19-2-45

REVERSIONS

WX15290	L cpl	Hayman L.G.	B Coy	Reverts to pte	17-3-45
NX28828	Sjt	Brazel E.R.	C "	" " " (at own request)	7-5-45

[signature] Capt
Adjt 2/28 Aust Inf Bn

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Army Form C.2118.
(Adap ed.)

Unit 2/28 Aust Inf Bn *Date and Time.—From* 27 May 44. *To*

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MOROTAI	27		Normal camp routine. Unit preparing for move.	
"	28		PM Lt Gen Morshead (Corps Comd) Maj Gen Morton (Div Comd) & Brig Porter visited Bn. Camp was in a turmoil with tps striking tents & packing gear ready for move next day. All jeeps & trailers loaded. 1600 hrs O Gps conference Bde Comd issued alternative plan orders. CO. gave his alternative plan orders	
	29		0140. all tps embarking on LSTs embussed & taken to staging area 5 miles from camp. Rain started causing roads to be very slippery. Tps camped by side of road, area very congested. 0800 tps sorted into craft serials. 0845 Tps embussed & taken to embarkation point. 1500 troops embarked on LST 637. 1830 LSTs moved to anchorage.	Appx A. Jun Diary
LST 637 MOROTAI.	30.		With the exception of tps embarking LSI WESTRALIA & MANOORA	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	30 (cont)		remainder of Bn embarked on LSTs & LSMs. Ships routine worked out. Tps settling in to shipboard life, conditions very crowded. vehicles packed on weather deck with tps in between & on top. Ships officers & crew very co operative. Food is good. Fresh water strictly rationed, only turned on for shaving. Salt water showers available. CO & Adjt preparing written alternative plan orders.	
	31.		Last of tps embarked on LSI WESTRALIA & MANOORA.	Appx X
			0900 Conference of all offrs re practice loading of LVTs.	
			1000 practice loading commenced, completed 1050.	
			1400 Conf of offrs. Subject - Rehearsal landing in LVT's. 1 Jun.	

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Unit..... *Date and Time.—From* 27 May *To* 31 May

Place.	~~Date.~~	~~Hour.~~	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	L		Distribution of Bn to ships	
	LSI	637.	Bn Comd, Tac Bn HQ A+B Coy elements	
			HQ Coy 16 offrs 233 ORs	
	LST	1025	D Coy 6 " 139 "	
	LST	595	1 " 5 "	
	LST	591	6 "	
	LST	640.	L.O.B. 2 " 18 "	
	LSM	57	6 "	
	LSI	WESTRALIA	B Coy, Main Bn HQ, elements HQ Coy 6 " 324 "	
	LSI	MANOORA	L.O.B. 4 " 36 "	
			Left on MOROTAI. Follow up convoy 1 " 9 "	
			Remaining on MOROTAI 1 " 11 "	

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