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15 Infantry Battalion

May - June 1943

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Unit 15 AUST INF. BN. Date and Time.—From 1 MAY 43. To 2 MAY 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MILNE BAY.	1 MAY 43.	0700	Message I 257 to 29 BDE:—SITREP @ SITNOR	
HQ. 400454	"	—	<u>Coy activities</u> —All Coys; Checking of stores, maintenance of weapons and M.T. washing of clothing and equipment; inspection and treatment of personnel after 4 day exercise @ Otherwise Coy Comds. period.	
1/25,000 Arty Series GILI GILI 1ST EDITION				
	"	—	Copy of R/O's - 27/43 & 28/43 issued during day attached	Appendices "A" & "B"
	"	—	<u>Weather Report</u> :— Cloudy but fine.	
	2 MAY 43	0700	Message I 258 to 29 BDE:—SITREP @ SITNOR all COYS CHURCH PARADES and STAND DOWN.	
	"	1240	Lieut Stephens will be 1/c of unit working parties during the coming week @ He will have power to draw on coys for remainder of men left over after Div. working parties @ Tasks will include graveling of roads under instr. from	Text of Message A 231 to All Coys.

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Date and Time.—From 2 MAY 43 To 4 MAY 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MILNE BAY.	2 MAY 43		C.O. and supervision of wood cutting parties & tpt will be co-ordinated for wood in the future.	
HQ. 400 454	"			
1/25,000 Arty Series	"	1526.	Message A215 recd. from 29 BDE. :- SECRET. 0 2 PL. 3	
GILI GILI 1ST DIVISION	"		AUST TPT COY. at present on 12 hrs. notice to move this area & will take over all H/T on arrival.	
"	"		Copy of 15 AUST INF. BN Training syllabus for week ending 9 MAY attached.	Appendix "A"
"	"		Weather Report: - Heavy showers.	
"	3 MAY 43	0700	Message I261 to 29 BDE - SITREP 0 SITNOR.	
"	"	0800	Rainfall 0800/2 - 0800/3 = 162 points	
"	"		Co activities: - All Coy. Divisional & Bn. working parties	
"	"		Weather Report: - Heavy continuous rain	
"	4 MAY 43	0700	Message T263 to 29 BDE - SITREP 0 SITNOR	
"	"	0800	Rainfall 0800/3 - 0800/4 = 502 pts.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MILNE BAY.	4 MAY 43	—	Coy activities:— All Coys on Divisional Working Parties	
H.Q. 400 454.	"	1311	Message I 885 recd from 29 BDE:— Bde HQ. closes present location at 1400 hrs. and reopens at ref map GILI GILI.	} Bde HQ in the Field.
1/25,000 Arty Series			1/25,000 - 422443 @ B Ech. remains present. location	
GILI GILI 1ST EDITION	"	—	Copy of R/O ^s - 29/43 issued during day attached	Appendix "A"
5 "	4 "	07 "	Weather Report:— Light showers during day.	
	5 MAY 43	0700	Message I 269 to 29 BDE:— SITREP @ SITNOR.	
	"	0800	Rainfall from 0800/4 - 0800/5 = 247 pts.	
	"	—	Coy activities:— All Coys on Divisional Working Parties	
	"	1631	Message I 891 from 29 BDE:— Bde HQ. closes present location 1700 hrs. and reopens HAGITA same time	
	"	—	Weather Report:— Light showers.	
	6 MAY.	0700	Message I 271 to 29 BDE:— SITREP @ SITNOR.	
	"	0800	Rainfall from 0800/5 - 0800/6 = 70 pts.	

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Date and Time.—From 6 MAY. 43. To 7 MAY 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MILNE BAY.	6 MAY. 43	—	<u>Coy activities</u> :- 'A' Coy on Divisional Working Parties, other Coys working parties in Bn. Area	
H.Q. 400 454.				
1/25,000 Arty. Series	"	0920	Message I 893 from 29 BDE:- Bde HQ. closes present location & reopens 416 453 at 1130 hrs.	
GILI GILI 1ST EDITION				
	"	1630	Message T 895 from 29 BDE:- Bde HQ. closes present location and reopens HAQITA 353433 at 1700 hrs.	
	"	2146	Message 0371 recd. from 29 BDE:- SECRET © for informn. © 47 BN is to provide a protective detachment of one pl. for RAAF. RADAR station on KIRAWINA IS. and in the vicinity of KARAKUBA PT. © no move to take place before 1200 hrs. 6 MAY.	
	6th			
	7 MAY 43	0700	Message I 273 to 29 BDE:- SITREP © SITNOR.	
	"	0800	<u>Weather Report</u> :- Rainfall from 0800/6-0800/7 = 197 pts.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MILNE BAY.	7 MAY. 43	—	<u>Coy activities</u> :- All Coys on Divisional Working Parties.	
HQ. 400 454.				
1/25,000 Arty Series	"	1303	Message 0378 recd from 29 BDE:- G.O.C. N.G.F & C.G.S. will visit MILNE BAY & GOODENOUGH IS. ON 8/9 MAY	} Message T745 recd. on 8 MAY amending date of visit to read 9/10 May.
GILIGILI 1ST. EDITION			o Itinerary follows o Units will continue with normal roles & brig. but will be prepared to be visited although not on itinerary o	
	8 MAY 43	0700	Message I279 to 29 BDE:- SITREP o SITNOR.	
	—	0800	Rainfall from 0800/7 - 0800/8 = 12 pts.	
	"	—	<u>Coy activities</u> :- A & B Coys on Amphibious trig. C.D & HQ. Coys - Coy Comds Period.	
	"	1225.	Message A219 from 29 BDE:- Each Unit will attach 4 OR's to report for duty with 11 Aust Div Fd Mobile Laundry for a period of 14 days from 1400 hrs today o accom. & rations will	

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Date and Time.—From 8 MAY 43 To 10 MAY 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MILNE BAY.	8 MAY 43	(cont from previous form)	supplied by laundry unit	
HQ 400454	"		Copy of R/O's - 30/43 issued during day attached	Appendix "A"
1/25,000 Arty Series	9 MAY 43	0700	Message I 282 to 29 BDE: - SITREP @ SITNOR @	
GILI GILI 1ST DIVISION			Coy activities @ all Coy Church Parades general adm. and stand down.	
	"	0800	Rainfall from 0800/8 - 0800/9 = 4pts.	
	"		Copy of Trg Syllabus for week ending 16 MAY. attached.	Appendix "B"
	10 MAY 43	0700	Message I 284 to 29 BDE: - SITREP @ SITNOR	
	"	0800	Rainfall from 0800/9 - 0800/10 = 19 pts.	
	"		Coy activities: - A Coy Morning: - Gas Chamber Test D.M. ampoules test of equipment etc. @ Afternoon: - Repairing coy roads - otherwise Coy Comdo. period @ HQ. Coy reverse of A Coy @ B Coy Repairing coy roads	

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Date and Time. — From 10 MAY 43 To

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MILNE BAY.	10 MAY. 43	(cont. from previous form)	otherwise Coy Comds period. during morning & Afternoon Amphibious trg. @ "C" Coy: - Morning: - Amphibious trg. Afternoon, Repairing Coy roads otherwise Coy comds. period. "D" Coy: - Sec leaders day - sec. under comd. in jungle - trg in recce reports.	
HQ. 400 454.				
1/25,000 Arty Series				
GILI GILI 1ST EDITION				
"	"	1400	Message 0374 recd. from 29 BDE: - WARNING ORDER. @ 29 AUST INF BDE will relieve 4 AUST INF BDE as fwd. Bde 14 MAY @ All recce to be completed by 1800 hrs 13 MAY @ no movt. tps before 0800 hrs 14 MAY. @ relief to be completed by 2400 hrs. 14 MAY @ 15 BN to relieve 37/52 BN. 42 BN to relieve 29/46 BN. @ orders later	
"	"	1850.	AIR RAID RED } One or two probable BETTYS flying at	
"	"	1905.	ALL CLEAR. } approx. 25,000 ft. dropped 6 bombs, four of which	
			fell near GIBARA + two in vicinity of HIWOLA IS. @ No damage or casualties reported. 1/1A engaged with no observed results.	

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Date and Time.—From 11 MAY 43 To 12 MAY 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MILNE BAY.	11 MAY 43	0700	Message I 287 to 29 BDE:— SITREP @ SITNOR.	
HQ. 400454	"	0800	Rainfall from 0800/10 - 0800/11 = 3pts.	
1/25,000 Arty Series GILI GILI 1ST EDITION	"	—	<u>Coy activities</u> :— "A" Coy:— Morning, Pl. Comds period @ Afternoon; Amphibious trg @ "B" Coy D.M. Gas Chamber test in morning @ Afternoon Pl. Comds period @ "C" Coy reverse of "B" Coy @ "D" Coy, Morning: Amphibious trg; Afternoon Coy Comds period @ HQ "Coy Sec leaders day:— section in jungle - training in recce reports.	
	12 MAY 43	0700	Message I 289 to 29 BDE:— SITREP @ SITNOR	
	"	0800	NIL RAINFALL recorded from 0800/11 - 0800/12.	
	"	—	<u>Coy activities</u> :— "A" Coy:— Sec. leaders day - sec. in jungle - trg in recce reports @ "B" Coy & "C" Coy as for "A" Coy @ "D" Coy:— Morning @ D.M. Gas Chamber test Afternoon:— Repairing Coy roads otherwise Coy Comds period @ H.Q. Coy:— Amphibious trg.	

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Date and Time.—From 12 MAY 43 To 13 MAY 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MILNEBAY	12 MAY 43	1000	Message A262 to all Coys:— Bde Instr. orders immediate kit inspection by units to ensure no personnel hold shorts	
HQ. 400 454			○ All shorts found, to be handed in to Q.M. who returns same to R.S.D. ○ Coy. comd. will take action and render a no shorts certificate to B.HQ. by 1200 hrs 13 MAY ○ The strip certificates are req. by 1500 hrs today.	
1/25,000 Arty Series				
GILI GILI 1ST EDITION.				
	13 MAY 43	0700	Message I292 to 29 BDE:— SITREP ○ SITNOR ○ Coy activities:— all coys preparing for move as outlined in 15 AUST INF BN OP INSTN NO 21. attached	Refer Appendix "A"
	"	0800	Rainfall from 0800/12 to 0800/13 = 100pts.	
	"	1450	Message A268 to B-C-D Coys:— 37/52 BN. guides will meet C-B-D Coy at RABI JETTY at 0915 hrs for guidance of stores and 0930 for guidance of marching tps ○ 37/52 D Coy guide for marching tps will beat FORD 454 456 at 0930 hrs ○ Guides are provided by outgoing unit.	

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Date and Time.—From 13 MAY 43. To 15 MAY 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MILNE BAY	13 MAY 43	1831	Message I 751 received from 29 BDE:— Ref map GILI GILI 1/25,000	
HQ. 400 454			o This HQ. closes present location, reopens ROUTE 10 map ref	
1/25,000 Arty Series			395448 1630 hrs 14 MAY	
GILI GILI 1ST EDITION.	14 MAY 43	0700	Message I 294 to 29 BDE:— SITREP o BN moving to new area as per Op. Instr. No 21 (Refer Appendix "A" on previous form)	
"	"	1740	Message I 300 to 29 BDE:— Relief and occupation of 37/52 BN area complete at 1730 hrs.	Refer Appendix "A" for new location statement.
"	"	1955	Message A 270 to all Coys:— The provisions of standing orders for defences will be implemented forthwith	
	15 MAY 43	0700	Message I 303 to 29 BDE:— SITREP o SITNOR o Coy activities o all Coys settling into new area.	
"	"	0800	No rainfall recorded from 0800/14 to 0800/15.	
"	"	0900	Copy of 15 AUST INF BN OP. INSTN NO 22, DEFENCE POLICY attached	Appendix "B"

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MILNE BAY	15 MAY 43	1240	AIR RAID RED	
HQ 436452.	"	1337	ALL CLEAR	
1/25,000 Arty Series	"	1855	Message I 304 to 29 BDE:— Details of patrols of "D" Coy 17 PL.	Refer Summary of Patrols
GILI-GILI 1ST EDITION			Patrol 1 strength 1 N.C.O. 6 OR ^s duration 8 days type standing	
			date out 14 return 220 HQ ^s at MURPHY'S LOOKOUT task patrol	
			all tracks NORTH of LOOKOUT limit of patrol junc TAUPOTA	
			TCK intercom by runner if necessary 0 Patrol No 2 strength 1 NCO	
			70 R ^s duration 4 days type protective date out 14 return 18	
			HQ ^s at 17 pl task patrolling TAUPOTA TCK limit of patrol	
			TAUPOTA 0 B Coy patrol strength 1 N.C.O 90 R ^s duration 4 days	
			type protective date out 17 return 21 task standing patrol	
			to K.B. MISSION recee patrol to EASTCAPE limit of patrol	
			at present unknown intercom L/T to K.B. MISSION runner	
			food of K.B. MISSION.	

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Unit 15 AUST. INF. B.N.

Date and Time.—From 15 MAY 43. To 19 MAY 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MILNE BAY	15 MAY 43		Copy of R/O ^s - 31/43 attached	Appendix "A"
HQ. 436 452	16 MAY 43	0700	Message I 305 to 29BDE: - SITREP @ SITNOR @ all Coy	
1/25,000 Arty Series			Church Parade Adm. & Stand down	
GILI GILI 1ST EDITION	"	0800	Rainfall recorded from 0800/15 - 0800/16 = 50 points	
	17 MAY 43	0700	Message I 306 to 29BDE: - SITREP @ SITNOR.	
	"	0800	Rainfall recorded from 0800/16 - 0800/17 = 170 points	
	"		<u>Coy activities</u> : - A-B-C-D Coys improving defensive posns HQ Coy improving Pl. posns.	
	18 MAY 43	0700	Message I 309 to 29BDE: - SITREP @ SITNOR	
	"	0800	<u>Coy activities</u> : - Same as for 17 MAY as above.	
	"	0800	Rainfall recorded from 0800/17 - 0800/18 = 51 pts.	
	19 MAY 43	0700	Message I 315 to 29BDE: - SITREP @ SITNOR.	
	"	0800	Rainfall recorded from 0800/18 - 0800/19 = 8 pts	
	"	0800	<u>Coy activities</u> : - Same as for 17-18 MAY.	

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Unit 15 AUST. INF. BN. Date and Time. — From 19 MAY 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MILNE BAY	19 MAY 43	1505	Ref 29 AUST INF BDE OP INSTR No 21. Appx A @ Cancel Serial 1	
HQ 436 452			K. B. MISSION standing patrol until further notice @ Serial 2	
1/25,000 Arty Series			constant recce patrol to continue @	
GILI-GILI 1ST DIVISION.	"	2118	AIR RED. }	
	"	2208	ALL CLEAR. }	
			SITREP ON RAID. as below:-	
			MILNE BAY RAID NO 26 - Three possibly four enemy bombers	
			at 23,000 to 26,000 ft. dropped approx 10 bombs between	
			PONTOON WHARF and TURNBULL AIRFIELD @ Two parachute	
			flares were dropped at the commencement of the run. A dump	
			of approx 50 drums of petrol was destroyed; a tent and a TK/A	
			ports were damaged. Nil casualties reported. A engaged	
			firing 41 rounds of heavy and some .50 cal. at flares @ Night	
			fighters sighted but could not make contact. @ No	
			bombs dropped in this Unit's area	

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Unit 15 AUST. INF. BN. Date and Time.—From 20 MAY 43 To 22 MAY 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MILNE BAY.	20 MAY 43	0700	Message I 324 to 29 BDE. :- SITREP @ SITNOR.	
HQ. 438452.	"	0800	Rainfall recorded from 0800/19 - 0800/20 = 17 pts.	
1/25,000 Arty. Series	"	—	Coy activities :- A-B-C-D Coy improving defences, HQ Coy improving coy area.	
GILI GILI 1ST EDITION	"	—	Copy of R/O's - 32/43 issued during day attached	Appendix "A"
	21 MAY 43	0700	Message I 330 to 29 BDE. :- SITREP @ SITNOR.	
	"	—	Coy activities :- Same as for 20 MAY as above	
	"	0800	NIL rainfall recorded for period 0800/20/0800/21.	
	"	—	Copy of R/O's - 33/43 issued during day attached	Appendix "B"
	22 MAY 43	0700	Message I 337 to 29 BDE. :- SITREP @ SITNOR.	
	"	—	Coy activities :- Same as for 20 + 21 MAY.	
	"	0800	NIL rainfall recorded for period 0800/21 - 0800/22	
	"	1520	Message A 283 to all Coy :- Ref camouflage of tents @ Coy will take immediate steps to camouflage all tents in their area @	

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Date and Time.—From 22 MAY 43. To 23 MAY 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MILNE BAY	22 MAY 43		Paint available at Q. store @ report, required as to present condition, progress of work and when completed.	
HQ 436452				
1/25,000 Arty Series	"	1930	Lecture on RABAU given by Cpl. PETERSEN (A.E.S) in HQ Coy Area	
GILI GILI 1ST EDITION				
	"	1954	AIR RAID RED.	
	"	2019	ALL CLEAR.	
	23 MAY 43	0700	Message I 343 to 29 BDE:— SITREP @ SITNOR.	
	"		Coy activities — All Coys; <u>MORNING</u> :— Church, Parade & adm. <u>AFTERNOON</u> :— Stand Down.	
	"	0800	Rainfall from 0800/22 - 0800/23 = 19 pts.	
	"	1618	Message 0777 received from 29 BDE:— Ref Map GILI GILI 1/25,000	
	"		00800 K/25 to 1200 K/25 air support, bombing and strafing @	
			Target area 378412 @ 3 inch mortar will fire at same target from posn NORTH show GABA GABUNA BAY @ All tps will be.	

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Unit 15 AUST. INF. BN.

Date and Time.—From 23 MAY 43 To 24 MAY 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MILNE BAY	23 MAY 43	{cont from previous form}	withdrawn from area RD JUNC ROUTE 3, ROUTE 9, WEST	All Coys advised
HQ 436 452			to DONA DONA SOUTH to GRIDLINE 40 to include beaches	
1/25,000 Arty Series	24 MAY 43	0225.	AIR RAID RED	
GILI GILI 1ST EDITION	"	0251.	ALL CLEAR	
	"	0700	Message I346 sent to 29BDE:- SITREP O SITNOR	
	"	—	Coy activities:- A-B-C-D Coys improving defence posns. HQ Coy on Coy Works	
	"	0800	Rainfall recorded from 0800/23-0800/24.	
	"	0900	Coy Comds attention is drawn to standing orders for defence o Many of these provisions are not being observed since coming into this area.	
	"	1840	Message A288 to all Coys o Rifle Coys less A Coy to send 30 personnel each to attend a bombing & strafing dems at GABAGABUNA BAY tomorrow o HQ Coy 50 pers; B HQ 10 pers. o	

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Date and Time.—From 24 MAY 43 To 25 MAY 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MILNE BAY	24 MAY 43	2020	Message A289 to all Coys:— Coys will advise B. HQ by signal when they are ready to employ natives for thatching of Framework must be constructed before natives are requisitioned for.	Copy of R/O ^s -34/43 dated 24 MAY:— Refer Appendix "A"
HD 436452 1/25,000 Arty Series				
GILI GILI 1ST EDITION	25 MAY 43	0700	Message I351 to 29 BDE:— SITREP @ SITNOR	
"	"	—	<u>Coy activities:</u> — "A" Coy 1 pl. attached to D Coy as Working Party 2 pls improving coy defensive posns. "B" Coy 30 personnel Bombing and straffing Demo. GABA GABUNA BAY; Remaining personnel on coy defensive posns. "C" Coy 30 personnel Bombing and straffing Demo; remainder Coy improving defensive posns. "D" Coy 30 personnel Bombing and straffing Demo. Remainder Coy improving defensive posns. "HQ" Coy 50 personnel Bombing and straffing Demo; Remainder on Coy Works.	
"	"	0800	Rainfall from 0800/24 - 0800/25 = 79 pts.	
"	"	—	Copy of 15 AUST INF BN OP INSTN NO. 23 "ATCALL" COY.	Appendix "B"

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Date and Time.—From 25 MAY 43 To 26 MAY 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MILNE BAY	25 MAY 43	1115	Message 0781 recd from 29 BDE:—Gas training @ Demonstration ground decontamination at 1430 hrs 26 MAY at 430. B @	
HQ. 436 452.			Unit Gas Officers, Pnr. Pl. Officers and sergt. will attend.	
1/25,000 Arty Series				
GILI GILI 1ST EDITION.	26 MAY 43	0700	Message I361 to 29 BDE:—SITREP @ SITNOR.	
"	"	—	<u>Coy activities</u> :—"A" Coy 1 Pl. as Working Party for D Coy; 2 pls. improving coy defensive posns @ "B" Coy; 1 Pl. as Working Party to C Coy; 2 pls. improving coy defensive posns @ "C" Coy Improving defensive posns. @ "D" Coy improving defensive posns. @ HQ Coy Works in Coy Area.	
"	"	0800	Rainfall from 0800/25. 0800/26 = 4 pts.	
"	"	0950	Message 0384 from 29 BDE:—His Excellency the Gov. Gen. will visit THE MILNE BAY AREA at 1100K/29; Unit Comds will ensure that all personnel are warned of the desirability of his Excellency being greeted with the customary compliments	

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Unit 15 AUST. INF. BN.

Date and Time.—From 26 MAY 43 To 27 MAY 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MILNE BAY.	26 MAY 43	cont. from previous forms	<p>although no special guards will be mounted @ His Excellency's car can be recognised by the fact that it carries a Union Jack and the Royal Cypher on the bonnet @ C/O 42 BN will report at HQ 15 BN at 1400 K/29 @ Instrs will be issued verbally to C.O 15 BN by Bde. Comd regarding the visit.</p>	
HQ 436452				
1/25,000 Arty Series				
GILI GILI ISTE DITION				
	"	0700	Message I 367 to 29 BDE:— SITREP @ SITNOR.	
	"	—	<p><u>Coy activities:</u>— "A" Coy 1 pl. Working Party to Dloy; 2 pls improving coy defensive posns; "B" Coy 1 pl. Working Party to "C" Coy; 2 pls improving coy defensive posns @ "C" Coy Improving Coy defensive posns. @ "D" Coy improving Coy defensive posns "HQ" Coy on Coy Works.</p>	
	27 MAY 43	0700	Message I 367 to 29 BDE:— SITREP @ SITNOR.	
	"	—	NIL rainfall recorded from 0800/26 - 0800/27.	

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Unit 15 AUST. INF. BN Date and Time.—From 27 MAY 43 To 29 MAY 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MILNE BAY HQ 436452 1/25,000 Arty Series GILI GILI 1ST EDITION	27 MAY 43	—	<u>Coy activities</u> :— "A" Coy 1 Pl. working Party to D Coy; 2 pls improving Coy defences @ "B" Coy 1 Pl. working party to C Coy; 2 pls improving coy defences @ "C" Coy improving coy defences @ "D" Coy improving coy defences	
	28 MAY 43	0700	Message I 371 to 29 BDE:— SITREP @ SITNOR	
	"	0800	NIL rainfall recorded from 0800/27-0800/28	
	"	—	<u>Coy activities</u> :— Same as for 27 MAY. above	
	29 MAY 43	0700	Message I 378 to 29 BDE:— SITREP @ SITNOR	
	"	0800	NIL rainfall recorded from 0800/2	Refer Appendix A
	"	—	<u>Coy activities</u> :— "A" + "B" Coy improving defences @ "C" + "D" Coy wiring, clearing fields of fire and preparing new weapon pits @ "HQ" Coy working in Coy area	for Location Statement as at 2359 hrs 28 MAY.
	"	1410	Message A 298 to All Coys:— Lecture will be given by CAPT. MACPHERSON on WAU 1030 hrs TUESDAY 2 JUN at B.HQ.	

WAR DIARY ~~OR INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~

Army Form C. 2118
(adapted.)

(Erase heading not required).

H. 100M 2/42

Unit 15 AUST. INF. BN.

Date and Time. — From 29 MAY 43 To

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MILNE BAY	29 MAY 43		<p style="text-align: center;"><i>cont. from previous form</i></p> <p>○ personnel to attend ○ 1 Offpr 3 NCO's each coy, R.MO and all medical orderlies</p>	
HQ 436 452	"	1525	<p>His Excellency the Governor General of Australia (Lord Gowrie) and party, included in which was the G.O.C 5AUST DIV (MAJOR GENERAL E.J. MILFORD) landed at RABI JETTY in "AM 12" (official barge) ○ B Coy Guard turned out and inspected; Cpl of the guard was questioned by G.G. ○ O.C. B Coy (MAJOR. PETRIE) met party at this stage. ○ G.G. then inspected sec post of 11 pl, and questioned O.C. re tasks etc; a tent in 11 pl. area was then inspected; O.C. questioned re area and malaria control ○ G.G. then inspected fwd R.A.P. at B Coy and asked personnel in regard to army and civil jobs. ○ 1550 "AM 12" departed after G.G. had remarked that the lps appeared to be very happy</p>	
1/25000 Arty Series				
GILI GILI 1ST EDITION				

WAR DIARY ~~or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~

(Erase heading not required).

Unit 15 AUST. INF. BN

Date and Time.—From 29 MAY 43 To 30 MAY 43

H. 100M 2/42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MILNE BAY HQ 436 452 1/25,000 Arty Series GILI GILI 1ST EDITION	29 MAY 43	Cont. from previous form	and seemed quite satisfied with the inspections. His Excellency then visited the right pl. (10) of A Coy and B HQ. He was treated at Bn. R.A.P. for a minor injury to left index finger sustained when landing from the launch on the beach opposite A Coy. After leaving A Coy he inspected M6 HY A/A Bty. From here he was driven in a 15 BN jeep (CO's jeep) to GILI GILI where he was met by his car D.S. and returned to HQ, 5 AUST. DIV.	
	30 MAY 43	0700	Message I 382 to 29 BDE.— SITREP @ SITNOR @ All Coys adm & church parades in morning @ afternoon; stand down.	
	"	1445	Reports from A & C Coys that a plane, probably "AIRACOBRA" crashed into sea off EAST end TURNBULL STRIP about 100 yards offshore. (Later confirmed by 6 Sqm. that plane was AIRACOBRA; pilot was killed.)	29 BDE immediately advised for phone

WAR DIARY ~~OF~~ INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

Army Form C 2118
(adapted.)

(Erase heading not required).

H. 100M 2/42

Unit 15 AUST. INF. BN

Date and Time.—From 30 MAY 43 To 31 MAY 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MILNE BAY	30 MAY 43	1800	Convoy of transport left EAST END of TURNBULL STRIP to convey small percentage of Unit to the first MILNE BAY.	
1HQ. 436 452			BOXING & WRESTLING TOURNAMENT at NUMBER ONE R.A.F. dump. on ROUTE 1. © This tournament is a definite stepping stone in regard to AMENITIES in MILNE BAY area. © This Unit won four of the ten contests in which it was represented in the various heats. © Finals will be held next SUNDAY. 6 JUN.	
1/25,000 Arty Series				
GILI GILI 1ST EDITION				
	31 MAY 43	0700	Message I 388 to 29 BDE. :- SITREP. OSITNOR	
	"	0800	Rainfall recorded from 0800/30 - 0800/31 - NIL	
	"	—	<u>Coy activities</u> :- "A" Coy training as per syllabus attached → Refer Appendix "A" "B" Coy Defensive Works & Bde Working Party © "C" "D" & "HQ" Coys on defensive works.	
	"	0800	NIL rainfall recorded from 0800/30 ⁰⁸⁰⁰ 31 MAY © Total rainfall for month = 2094 pts	

CO's COMMENTS ON BN'S ACTIVITIES FOR THE MONTH

12 JUL 1943


1. ENEMY ACTIVITY - The month on the whole was a quiet one. There were two Air Raids and three additional alerts but no damage or casualties were sustained by the Bn.
2. PATROLS - were maintained to TAUPOTA and EAST CAPE but no sign of enemy activity was revealed.
3. OPERATIONAL ROLE - On 14 MAY 43 the Bn relieved 37/52 Bn of 4 Aust Inf Bde in the left (RABI) Sector of MILNE BAY defences. Previously on arrival in MILNE BAY in JAN 43 the Bn occupied the right Sector. Considerable improvement and maintenance of defences were necessary on occupying present defences and the construction of two new Coy localities commenced - BULOLO and DUALA Sectors.

The defence of this Sector is the most important in the Area as it covers the approach from the EAST and the security of TURNBULL Airfield is involved.
4. VISIT BY H.E. THE GOV GEN OF AUST: On 29 MAY 43 the Bn was visited in the Field by H.E. The Gov Gen who inspected the troops in their defensive positions. His Excellency unfortunately suffered an injury to his left index finger when alighting from the Official Launch onto the Beach at "A" Coy. He was treated at the Bn R.A.P.
5. RAINFALL - for the month was just a few points short of 21c inches. This heavy rain brought about extreme difficulties in transport over unmetalled roads and tracks. The construction and maintenance of defence works was also considerably hampered and the living conditions of the troops were anything but pleasant.

However they managed extremely well and overcame many difficulties by their initiative, determination and cheerfulness. New tent flies and thatched native huts which are being acquired will help considerably to give dry sleeping quarters and stores for the remainder of the wet season.
6. TRAINING - proceeded on a fifty fifty basis with defence works as it is desired to keep troops offensive minded and up to a high standard already achieved in Jungle warfare.

Amphibious training was concentrated upon using the captured Japanese power driven barge and a mock ship's side on AIWILA IS. Most of the Bn have now practised embarking over a ships side fully equipped on to landing craft and landing on a "hostile" shore.
7. GENERAL

The incidence of Malaria continues at a remarkably low figure even after five months service in a malarious area. Troops are very anti-malarial minded and the individual co-operation in preventative measures has had its reward.


 Lt Col
 (F.L. AMIES)
Commanding 15 Aust Inf Bn

TRANSPORT OFFICER'S REPORT

MAY 43

This month saw a change in location of the Unit when on the 14th instant the Bn again moved to occupy a forward area namely RABI Sector MILNE BAY defences and as a result of the Coys being dispersed transport was allocated accordingly. Transport problems have become even more grave than previously owing to the deplorable state of the coast road, the only means of transport communication for upkeep of supplies to fwd Coys. The Americans have already commenced work on the road and a serviceable all weather road should be available in the very near future. Supply problems may be overcome shortly by use of the Bn Motor Launch 101, suitable jettys being available at both D P & M.P.

During the past few weeks a number of trucks were put out of ~~communication~~ commission by being held up for broken springs which we found very hard to replace. Mud and saltwater are also playing a big part in keeping trucks off the road at odd times for the purpose of inspecting and maintaining brakes. Instructions have been issued that all vehicle brakes will be inspected at least fortnightly. This is a preventative measure against the failure and wearing of brake drums and shoes alike.

Two motor cycles were marched in at the end of the month but their use in this area is rather limited. They have been allotted to Signals for D/R use. The M/Cs were overhauled machines and by no means in first class order, but their presence will relieve the work of the Jeeps which are carrying out D/R work at the present time.

In our B Ech area no time was lost in making a good road essentially to carry bulk traffic that comes in night and day to this area. Road making surfaces were again atb our fingertips and this enabled an all weather turning circuit to be accomplished in a short space of time. Culverts for drainage purposes were made by our own Pioneer Pl and have proved an asset to the improvements made.

Carriers are still being evacuated to W/Shops for complete overhaul and after extensive work on them has been carried out they are returned to the Unit fit for service conditions.

G.A.M. Derrick

Lieut

(G.A.M. DERRICK)

T.O. 15 Aust Inf Bn

R.M.O's REPORT - MAY 43

HEALTH

The health of the troops is very good, the average daily sick rate being well below 1% every week.

29 Evacuations included 10 cases of Malaria. This is again slightly less than last month, and several of the Malaria cases were due to the Bn exercise at the end of April.

HYGIENE

The Bn moved to a new area during the month. Many improvements to Cookhouses and Latrines, etc, in this area have been effected, and native mess huts are at present under construction.

P.L. McNeil Capt
(P.L. McNEIL)
R.M.O. 15 Aust Inf Bn

Was Heavy

SECRET

MEDICAL APPRECIATION OF THE SITUATION

By Capt. P.L. McNeil, R.M.O. 15 Aust Inf Bn
at MILNE BAY on 26 May 43.

NARRATIVE

1. 15 Aust Inf Bn is defending the RABI Sector of MILNE BAY.

OBJECT

2. The collection, ~~and~~ treatment and evacuation of casualties.

CONSIDERATIONS AFFECTING THE ATTAINMENT OF THE OBJECT

3. Our Forces

The disposition of our forces is as follows:

A Coy KILABO Sub-sector
B Coy GAMA Sub-sector
C Coy BULOLO Sub-sector Outpost at JAP O.P.
D Coy DUALA Sub-sector Outpost at BILO BULOLO
Bn and HQ Coys close together on ROUTE 5 in vicinity
POIN CREEK.

4. TERRAIN

A and B Coys are in close proximity to ROUTE 5.
D Coy is located further inland, with a road leading to
ROUTE 5 near B Coy, and a good track leading back inland
from ROUTE 5 to A Coy. A further track leads back to vicinity
of STEPHENS HOUSE in 22 Aust Inf Bn area. This track is
much longer and more difficult and not so suitable for the
evacuation for casualties.
C Coy is disposed at BULOLO ridge inland from B Coy, with
good tracks leading down to B and D Coys.
One track leads from outpost at JAP O.P. up to CC Coy HQ.
Another leads back across swamp to B Coy.
Track runs from BILO BULOLO outpost of D Coy to C Coy, and
thence to B and D Coys.
~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ There is a jetty in B Coy area which could be
used for evacuation of casualties by water transport.
Enemy action may close track from JAP O.P. to B Coy, the Bay,
ROUTE 5, and possibly back track from D Coy to A Coy.

COURSES OPEN

5. The forward Coys - B, C and D are grouped close together,
and an Advanced R.A.P. in this area would be advantageous.
This would be situated either in B Coy area or D Coy area.
B Coy is more central, and is on the main route of evacuation
(ROUTE 5)

PLAN

6. (a) R.A.P. at BHQ.
(b) Advanced R.A.P. at B Coy HQ.
(c) Evacuation of casualties as follows:-

From Bn HQ, HQ Coy and A Coy direct to R.A.P. ;
From B, C and D Coys to Advanced R.A.P. by any of the
available tracks.
From Advanced R.A.P. to R.A.P. by either water transport
from RABI jetty, ROUTE 5, or back track via D and A Coy

PLAN (contd)

6. (d) Evacuation of casualties from R.A.P. by GILLI GILLI
A.D.S., 7 Aust. Bd. Amb.

.....*W. Hill*.....Capt

R.M.O. 15 Aust Inf Bn



15th Aust Inf Bn

The Bomber units



15th Aug 1917

The fire at its
height.



15th Aust Inf Bn

A dump is set up

Serial No. 40
A.I.F. 252
W.E. Reference 494
A.M.F. 836
W.E. 34 X
Attached 1 X
Allowed by W.E. 14

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Date 1 MAY 43

15 AUST INF BN Unit

PART A. — STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED

1 Ranks and W.E.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached)	3 Surplus to Establishment	4 Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment)
Lieut.-Colonels ..	1	-	1
Majors ..	3	-	2
Captains ..	9	-	-
Lieutenants ..	20	4	-
2nd Lieutenants ..	1	-	-
Quartermasters ..	1	-	-
Totals ..	34	4	3

* Insert detail of higher rank as necessary

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

Officers JOINED during week

Rank	Name	Unit or Corps	Date	Cause

Officers QUITTED during week

Rank	Name	Unit or Corps	Date	Cause
LIEUT	ROSSER	MWH 15 AUST INF BN	27/4/43	EXPLOSIVES + BOOBY TRAP CSE
LIEUT	DALE	ER " " " "	27/4/43	" " " " " "

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

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

PART D. — NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	Personal Number	Name and Initials	Appointment	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed
MAJOR (T/LT COL)	QX 6007	AMIES JL	CO	YES	
CAPT (T/MAJOR)	QX 45162	JENYNS JRT	2E	YES	
CAPT (T/MAJOR)	QX 6056	PETRIE AD	OC B COY	YES	
LIEUT (T/CAPT)	Q 18606	LEU RS	OC C COY	YES	
LIEUT (T/CAPT)	QX 33887	LACK HH	OC HQ COY	YES	
LIEUT (T/CAPT)	VX 104029	WITTS AS	2E D COY	YES	
LIEUT (T/CAPT)	QX 34106	PROVAN D	OC D COY	YES	
LIEUT (T/CAPT)	QX 34107	HUGHES CW	OC A COY	NO	COMPASS LEAVE
LIEUT (T/CAPT)	VX 102603	FORSYTH RG	2E A COY	YES	
LIEUT (T/CAPT)	VX 5369	STROM GF		NO	29 AUST INF BDE - 10
LIEUT	QX 42374	HODGES EL	ADJT	NO	JNR STAFF SCH - ASHGROVE
"	QX 33742	PROCTOR PCR	2E C COY	YES	
"	QX 33507	FARLEY AW	OC 4 PI	YES	
"	QX 43156	POPE CH	OC 8 PI	YES	
"	QX 40878	CAVENAGH TJD	2E B COY	YES	
"	QX 34111	MACKRELL MH	OC 17 PI	YES	
"	QX 33889	WORT CW	OC 2 PI	YES	
"	QX 42699	DERRICK GA	TO	YES	
LIEUT (T/CAPT)	QX 33740	BEIRNE LJ	Q17	YES	
LIEUT	Q 18646	O'NEILL JP		NO	X LIST
"	QX 34109	STEPHENS A	OC 6 PI	YES	
"	NX 68328	TEWKSBURY AR	OC 11 PI	YES	
"	NX 68466	ROSSER MWH	OC 18 PI	NO	EXPLOSIVE + BOOBY TRAP
"	QX 42391	WOODMAN BV		NO	29 AUST INF BDE - LO
"	QX 40874	DALE ER	OC 12 PI	NO	EXPLOSIVE + BOOBY TRAP
" (P)	QX 33741	LEARMONTH AJ	OC 1 PI	YES	
" (P)	QX 43157	CONRAN CT	2E 4 PI	YES	
" (P)	QX 40837	MULCAHY J		NO	(SCL 29BDE) JNR STAFF SCH
" (P)	QX 42375	COUTTS RD	OC 5 PI	YES	ASHGROVE
" (P)	QX 35727	HORNE CC	IO	YES	
" (A)	QX 33904	GRIEVE NM	OC 13 PI	YES	
" (A)	QX 33953	ELLIOTT CE	OC 9 PI	YES	
" (A)	NX 138176	OXLEY PHG	OC 10 PI	NO	ATTD NGF AS INSTR
" (A)	VX 5316	MATTHEW DH	OC 19 PI	YES	
" (A)	VX 5315	MATTHEW GN	OC 15 PI	YES	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	Personal Number	Name and Initials	Unit or Corps	Date of Attachment	Nature of Attachment	Allowed by W.E. (Insert Yes or No)
CAPT	VX 114259	MCNEIL PL	AAMC	10/4/43	RMO	YES
CHAPLAIN	QX 37743	HENRY WJ	29 A I BDE	7/5/42	CHAPLAIN	NO

15 AUST INF BN
(Unit)

1 MAY 43
(Date of Despatch)

[Signature]
Lt. Col.
Commanding (Signature of Commander)

29 AUST INF BDE
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving)

Serial No. 40.

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

W.E. Reference A.I.F. 252
A.M.F. 494

15 AUST INF BN (Unit) 1 MAY 19 43 (Date).

(To be furnished by all units and all Headquarter units.)

W.E. 34 x 836

Attached Allowed by W.E. 1 x 14

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail and W.E.	Posted Strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	1	-	-
W.Os. Class II.	7	-	1
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	5	-	1
Staff Serjeants	-	1	-
Serjeants	36	-	2
Corporals	77	2	-
Troopers, Privates, &c.	710	-	89
TOTALS	836	3	93

* These totals should agree with the details shown in Part D on page 2 of Army Form W.3009.

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Personnel Attached Against W.E.

Other Attachments Not Allowed by W.E.

Detail and W.E.	Unit or Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit or Corps to which they belong.
3 FITTERS	5 AEME		
1 ARMOURER SGT	1 AEME		
1 SHOEMAKER CPL	1 AADC		
1 POSTAL SGT	1 FD POSTAL SGT		
1 SGT	1 AAPC		
1 CPL			
1 SGT	1 AAMC		
1 PTE			
1 SERGEANT	1 FD HYGIENE SEC		

Part C. Description of other ranks whose return to the unit is particularly requested.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit or Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts if known).
QX33929	WOJT	M ^c CAREY JS	15 AUST INF BN	ARTC (JW) CANUNGRA
Q19249	S/SQT	NOLAN F	" " " "	2/113 CON DEPOT
Q102853	PTE	LISCOMBE RR	" " " "	18 AITB.
Q101715	"	CARLSEN RC	" " " "	
Q101211	CPL	DUNLOP LT	" " " "	NSW LQC AREA MTTD

15 AUST INF BN Unit.

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

Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	W.E.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	W.E.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	W.E.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	
Ammunition Examiners				B/F		1		B/F		9		
Armament Artificers				Fitters, Railway Signal				Riggers				
Armourers				Fitters, Signal				Riveters				
Artificers, Artillery				Grinders				Saddlers				
Axemen				Gun Layers				Saddle Tree Makers				
Bakers				G.P.O. Assistants				Saw Doctors				
Battery Surveyors				Gun Operators				Sawyers				
Battery Comdrs. Asst.				Hammermen				Shoemakers				
Blacksmiths				Height Takers				Signallers				
Boilermakers				Helio Operators				Signwriters				
Bricklayers		1		Instrument Mechanics				Stokers, Stationery Engine				
Butchers				Instrument Mechanics, Surgical				Storemen, Technical				
Camouflage Modeller				Instrument Operators				Surveyors				
Carpenter and Joiner				Intelligence Duties				Surveyors, Engineering				
Clerks				Joiners				Tailors				
Clerks, Engineering				Leather Stitchers				Telescope Identification Numbers				
Clerks, Supply				Linesmen				Textile Refitters				
Clerks, Technical				Linesmen, Signals				Tinsmiths				
Coachmakers				Lithographers				Toolmakers				
Computers				Machinists				Turners				
Concretors				Masons				Vulcanizers				
Cooks				Masseurs				Wagon Erectors				
Cooks, Hospital				Mechanics, Dental				Watchmakers				
Coppersmiths				Mechanics, M.T.				Watermen				
Dental Clerk Orderlies				Mechanics, Typewriter				Welders				
Despatch Riders				Mechanics, Wireless				Well Borers				
Dispensers				Millwrights				Wheelers				
Draughtsmen				Miners				Whitesmiths				
Draughtsmen, Architectural				Moulders				Wiremen				
Draughtsmen, Mechanical				Nursing Orderlies		1		Woodturners		1		
Draughtsmen, Signal				Nursing Orderlies (Mental)				(b)				
Draughtsmen, Topographical				Nurses, Trained								
Driver Mechanics				Observation Post Assistants								
Driver Operators				Operating Room Assistants								
Drivers, Transportation Plant				Operators, Signal				(c) Non-Specialists			100	
Electrical Fitters				Opticians								
Electricians				Painters		2						
Electricians, Eng. Units				Panel Beaters								
Electricians, Signal				Pattern Makers								
Engine Artificers				Pharmacists								
Engine Hands I/C				Photographers, dry plate								
Equipment Repairers				Photographers, wet plate								
Farriers				Photo-Writers								
Fire Control Operators				Plate Layers								
Fitters				Plumbers								
Fitters and Turners				Predictor Numbers								
Fitters, Cycle				Printers								
Fitters, Drivers				Radiator Mechanics								
Fitter's Mates				Radiographers								
Fitters, M.V.				Range Takers		5						
C/F		1		C/F		9						
										TOTAL	3	
										Totals to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.	10	100
										Deficiency in ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.		
										FITTERS	MV	2
										ARMC	PTE	1

Notes-- (a) If rank other than Private is involved give details on back.
(b) Authorized Trades or Specialists not included in list above will be added as required in spaces provided.
(c) Non-Specialists required to be shown in their respective trades or duties in accordance with W.E.

15 AUST INF BN Unit.
Date of Despatch 1 MAY 43

Signature of Commander. Lt. Col.
29 AUST INF BDE
Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

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

AIF	
WO I	1
WO II	4
S/Sgt	5
Sgt	23
Cpl	32
Ptes	157
JG Int	2
JG Cook	3
JG R J	3
JG Eqpt R	1
JG Sig	11
JG Mech	9
JG Store	1
TOTAL	252

100

10 100

FITTERS 1/4
PTE 1

TOTAL 100

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Serial No. 41
A.I.F. 257
W.E. Reference 480
A.M.F. 831
W.E. 34 X 19

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Date 8 MAY 43

Attached Allowed by W.E. 1 X 19 15 AUST INF BN Unit

PART A. — STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED

1	2	3	4
Ranks and W.E.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached)	Surplus to Establishment	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment)
* *			
Lieut.-Colonels . . .	1	-	-
Majors . . .	3	-	1
Captains . . .	9	-	3
Lieutenants . . .	20	4	-
2nd Lieutenants . . .			
Quartermasters . . .	1		
Totals . . .	34	4	4

* Insert detail of higher rank as necessary

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

Officers JOINED during week

Rank	Name	Unit or Corps	Date	Cause
LIEUT	DALE	ER 15 AUST INF BN	2/5/43	FROM EXPLOSIVES & BOOBY TRAP CSE
LIEUT	ROSSER	MWH " " " "	2/5/43	" " " " " "

Officers QUITTED during week

Rank	Name	Unit or Corps	Date	Cause
LIEUT	ELLIOTT	CE 15 AUST INF BN	2/5/43	ADC TO GOC ANGAU
CAPT	STROM	CF " " " "	3/5/43	SECONDED 29 AUST INF BDE
LIEUT	HORNE	CC " " " "	3/5/43	5 AUST DIV AIR PHOTO INTERPRETATION SCH
LIEUT	CAVENACH	TJD " " " "	5/5/43	EXPLOSIVE & BOOBY TRAP CSE
LIEUT	MACKRELL	MH " " " "	5/5/43	" " " " " "
LIEUT	COUTTS	RD " " " "	5/5/43	" " " " " "

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

Rank	Name and Initials	Unit or Corps	(Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known))
LIEUT	HODGES	EL 15 AUST INF BN	13 AUST PERS STAGING CAMP - OODNOOMBA

PART D. — NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	Personal Number	Name and Initials	Appointment	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed
MAJOR (T/LT COL)	QX 6007	AMIES JL	CO	YES	
CAPT (T/MAJOR)	QX 45102	JENYNS JRT	2 nd	YES	
CAPT (T/MAJOR)	QX 6056	PETRIE AD	OC B COY	YES	
LIEUT (T/CAPT)	QX 50119	LEU RS	OC C COY	YES	
LIEUT (T/CAPT)	QX 33887	LACK HH	OC H Q COY	YES	
LIEUT (T/CAPT)	VX 104025	WITTS AS	2 nd D COY	YES	
LIEUT (T/CAPT)	QX 34106	PROVAN D	OC D COY	YES	
LIEUT (T/CAPT)	QX 34107	HUGHES CW	OC A COY	NO	COMPASS LEAVE
LIEUT (T/CAPT)	VX 102603	FORSYTH RG	2 nd A COY	YES	
LIEUT	QX 42374	HODGES EL	ADJT	NO	13 AUST PERS STAGING CAMP
"	QX 33742	PROCTOR PCR	2 nd C COY	YES	
"	QX 33507	FARLEY AW	OC 4 PI	YES	
"	QX 43156	POPE GH	OC 8 PI	YES	
"	QX 40878	CAYENAGH TJD	2 nd B COY	NO	EXPLOSIVE + BOOBY TRAP CSE
"	QX 34111	MACKRELL MH	OC 17 PI	NO	EXPLOSIVE + BOOBY TRAP CSE
"	QX 33889	WORT CW	OC 2 PI	YES	
"	QX 42699	DERRICK GH	TO	YES	
LIEUT (T/CAPT)	QX 33740	BEIRNE LJ	QM	YES	
LIEUT	Q 18646	O'NEILL JP		NO	X LIST
"	QX 34109	STEPHENS A	OC 6 PI	YES	
"	NX 68328	TENKSBURY AR	OC 11 PI	YES	
"	NX 68466	ROSSER MWH	OC 18 PI	YES	
"	QX 42391	WOODMAN BV		NO	29 AUST INF BDE - LO
"	QX 40874	DALE ER	OC 12 PI	YES	
"	QX 33741	LEARMONTH AJ	OC 1 PI	YES	
"	QX 43157	CONRAN CT	2 nd 4 PI	YES	
"	QX 40837	MULCANY J		NO	(SCL 29 BDE) JNR STAFF SCH
"	QX 42375	COUTTS RD	OC 5 PI	NO	EXPLOSIVES CSE (ASHGROVE)
"	QX 35727	HORNE CC	IO	NO	PHOTO INTERPRETATION SCH
"	QX 33904	GRIEVE NM	OC 13 PI	YES	
"	QX 33953	ELLIOTT CE	OC 9 PI	NO	ADC TO GOC ANGAU
" (A)	NX 138176	OXLEY PHG	OC 10 PI	NO	ATTD NGF AS INSTR
"	VX 5316	MATTHEW DH	OC 19 PI	YES	
"	VX 5315	MATTHEW GN	OC 15 PI	YES	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	Personal Number	Name and Initials	Unit or Corps	Date of Attachment	Nature of Attachment	Allowed by W.E. (Insert Yes or No)
CAPT	VX 114259	MC NEIL PL	AAMC	10/4/43	RMO	YES
CHAPLAIN	QX 37743	HENRY WJ	29 A I BDE	7/5/42	CHAPLAIN	NO

15 AUST INF BN

(Unit)

8 MAY 43

(Date of Despatch)

[Signature]
Lt. Col.
Commanding 15 Aust Inf Bn
(Signature of Commander)

29 AUST INF BDE

(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving)

TO BE MADE UP TO AND FOR SATURDAY IN EACH WEEK.

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(Adapted)

Serial No. 41

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

W.E. Reference A.I.F. 257
A.M.F. 480

15 AUST INF BN (Unit) 8 MAY 1943 (Date).

(To be furnished by all units and all Headquarter units.)

W.E. 34 x 831

Attached Allowed by W.E. 1 x 19

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

Detail and W.E.	1	2	3	4
		Posted Strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	1	1	-	-
W.Os. Class II.	7	6	-	1
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	5	4	-	1
Staff Serjeants	-	1	1	-
Serjeants	36	33	-	3
Corporals	77	80	3	-
Troopers, Privates, &c.	705	612	-	93
TOTALS	831	737	* 4	* 98

* These totals should agree with the details shown in Part D on page 2 of Army Form W.3009.

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Personnel Attached Against W.E.

Other Attachments Not Allowed by W.E.

Detail and W.E.	Unit or Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit or Corps to which they belong.
3 FITTERS	5 AEME		
3 MECHANICS	3 AEME		
1 GUN FITTER	1 AEME		
1 ARMOURER SGT	1 AEME		
1 BLACKSMITH	1 AEME		
1 SHOEMAKER CPL	1 AAOC		
1 POSTAL SGT	1 FD POSTAL SGT		
1 SGT	1 } AAPC		
1 CPL			
1 SGT	1 } AAMC		
1 PTE		2	
1 SERGEANT	1 FD HYGIENE SEC.		

Part C. Description of other ranks whose return to the unit is particularly requested.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit or Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts if known).
QX 33929	WO II	M ^o CAREY JS	15 AUST INF BN	ARTC (JW) CANUNGRA
Q 19249	S/SGT	NOLAN F	" " " "	2/113 CON DEPOT
Q 101715	PTE	CARLSEN RC	" " " "	

15 AUST INF BN Unit.

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

Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	W.E.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	W.E.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	W.E.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)
Ammunition Examiners				B/F		1		B/F		9	
Armament Artificers				Fitters, Railway Signal				Riggers			
Armourers				Fitters, Signal				Rivetters			
Artificers, Artillery				Grinders				Saddlers			
Axemen				Gun Layers				Saddle Tree Makers			
Bakers				G.P.O. Assistants				Saw Doctors			
Battery Surveyors				Gun Operators				Sawyers			
Battery Comdrs. Asst.				Hammermen				Shoemakers			
Blacksmiths				Height Takers				Signallers			
Boilermakers				Helio Operators				Signwriters			
Bricklayers		1		Instrument Mechanics				Stokers, Stationery Engine			
Brchers				Instrument Mechanics, Surgical				Storemen, Technical			
Camouflage Modeller				Instrument Operators				Surveyors			
Carpenter and Joiner				Intelligence Duties				Surveyors, Engineering			
Clerks				Joiners				Tailors			
Clerks, Engineering				Leather Stitchers				Telescope Identification Numbers			
Clerks, Supply				Linesmen				Textile Refitters			
Clerks, Technical				Linesmen, Signals				Tinsmiths			
Coachmakers				Lithographers				Toolmakers			
Computers				Machinists				Turners			
Concretors				Masons				Vulcanizers			
Cooks				Masseurs				Wagon Erectors			
Cooks, Hospital				Mechanics, Dental				Watchmakers			
Coppersmiths				Mechanics, M.T.				Watermen			
Dental Clerk Orderlies				Mechanics, Typewriter				Welders			
Despatch Riders				Mechanics, Wireless				Well Borers			
Dispensers				Millwrights				Wheelers			
Draughtsmen				Miners				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen, Architectural				Moulders				Wiremen			
Draughtsmen, Mechanical				Nursing Orderlies		1		Woodturners		1	
Draughtsmen, Signal				Nursing Orderlies (Mental)				(b)			
Draughtsmen, Topographical				Nurses, Trained							
Driver Mechanics				Observation Post Assistants							
Driver Operators				Operating Room Assistants							
Drivers, Transportation Plant				Operators, Signal				(c) Non-Specialists			104
Electrical Fitters				Opticians							
Electricians				Painters		2					
Electricians, Eng. Units				Panel Beaters							
Electricians, Signal				Pattern Makers							
Engine Artificers				Pharmacists							
Engine Hands I/C				Photographers, dry plate							
Equipment Repairers				Photographers, wet plate							
Farriers				Photo-Writers							
Fire Control Operators				Plate Layers				Totals to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.		10	104
Fitters				Plumbers				Deficiency in ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.			
Fitters and Turners				Predictor Numbers				FITTERS MV			2
Fitters, Cycle				Printers				AAMC PTE			1
Fitters, Drivers				Radiator Mechanics							
Fitter's Mates				Radiographers							
Fitters, M.V.				Range Takers		5					
C/F		1		C/F		9		TOTAL			3

Notes--- (a) If rank other than Private is involved give details on back.
(b) Authorized Trades or Specialists not included in list above will be added as required in spaces provided.
(c) Non-Specialists required to be shown in their respective trades or duties in accordance with W.E.

15 AUST INF BN Unit.
Date of Despatch 8 MAY 43

Signature of Commander.
29 AUST INF BDE
Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

12 AUGUST INF BN

Part A of Army Form W. 3003
 Part D Detail of Surplus or Reinforcements required as shown in

A I F	
WO I	1
WO II	4
S/Sgt	5
Sgt	25
Cpls	33
Priv	159
TG Sigs	12
TG Cooks	3
TG Lm	2
TG Eqpt R	1
TG Store	1
TG III Mech	8
TG R Jakes	3
TOTAL	257

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12 AUGUST INF BN

Signature of Commander

12 AUGUST INF BDE

8 MAY 1953

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A.I.F. 260

W.E. Reference

A.M.F. 473

W.E. 34 X 831

Date 15 MAY 43

Attached Allowed by W.E. 1 X 19

15 AVST INF BN Unit

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

PART A. — STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED

1	2	3	4
Ranks and W.E.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached)	Surplus to Establishment	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment)
* ..			
* ..			
Lieut.-Colonels ..	1	-	-
Majors	3	-	1
Captains	9	-	3
Lieutenants ..	20	2	-
2nd Lieutenants ..			
Quartermasters ..	1		
Totals . . .	34	2	4

* Insert detail of higher rank as necessary

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

Officers JOINED during week

Rank	Name	Unit or Corps	Date	Cause
LIEUT	HORNE	CC 15 AVST INF BN	9/5/43	FROM 5 DIV AIR PHOTO INTERPRETATION SQ
LIEUT	MACKRELL	MH " " " "	11/5/43	" EXPLOSIVE & BOOBY TRAP CSE
LIEUT	CAVENAGH	TJD " " " "	11/5/43	" " " " " "
LIEUT	COUTTS	RD " " " "	11/5/43	" " " " " "
LIEUT	WOODMAN	BY " " " "	12/5/43	" 29 A.I. BDE AS LO.

Officers QUITTED during week

Rank	Name	Unit or Corps	Date	Cause
LIEUT	MULCAHY	J 15 AVST INF BN	10/5/43	SECONDED 29 AVST INF BDE
LIEUT	O'NEILL	JP " " " "	10/5/43	TRANS TO RSL

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

Rank	Name and Initials	Unit or Corps	(Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known))
LIEUT	HODGES	F.L. 15 AVST INF BN	13 PERS STAGING CAMP DONDOMBA

PART D. — NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	Personal Number	Name and Initials	Appointment	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed
MAJOR (T/LT COL)	QX 6007	AMIES NL	CO	YES	
CAPT (T/MAJOR)	QX 45102	JENYNS JRT	2 nd	YES	
CAPT (T/MAJOR)	QX 6056	PETRIE AD	OC B COY	YES	
LIEUT (T/CAPT)	QX 50119	LEU RS	DC C COY	YES	
LIEUT (T/CAPT)	QX 33887	LACK HH	OC HQ COY	YES	
LIEUT (T/CAPT)	VX 104079	WITTS AS	2 nd D COY	YES	
LIEUT (T/CAPT)	QX 34106	PROYAN D	OC D COY	YES	
LIEUT (T/CAPT)	QX 34107	HUGHES CW	OC H COY	NO	COMPASS LEAVE
LIEUT (T/CAPT)	VX 102603	FORSYTH RG	2 nd H COY	YES	
LIEUT	QX 42374	HODGES FL	ADJUT	NO	13 AUST INF STAGING CAMP
"	QX 33742	PROCTOR PCR	2 nd C COY		
"	QX 33507	FARLEY AW	OC H PI		
"	QX 43156	POPE GH	OC 8 PI		
"	QX 40878	CAVENAGH TJD	2 nd B COY		
"	QX 34111	MACKRELL MH	OC 17 PI		
"	QX 33889	WORT CW	OC 2 PI		
"	QX 42699	DERRICK GH	TO		
LIEUT (T/CAPT)	QX 33740	BEIRNE LJ	BM		
LIEUT	QX 34109	STEPHENS A	OC 6 PI		
"	NX 68328	TENKSBURY AR	OC 11 PI		
"	NX 68466	ROSSER MWH	OC 18 PI		
"	QX 42391	WOODMAN BV	OC 16 PI		
"	QX 40874	DALE ER	OC 12 PI		
"	QX 33741	LEARMONTH AJ	OC 1 PI		
"	QX 43157	CONRAN CT	2 nd 4 PI		
"	QX 42375	COUTTS RD	OC 5 PI		
"	QX 35727	MORNE CC	10		
"	QX 33904	ORIEVE NM	OC 13 PI		
"	QX 33953	ELLIOTT CE		NO	ADC TO GOC ANGAU
" (A)	NX 138176	OXLEY PHG	OC 10 PI	NO	ATTD NOF AS INSTR
"	VX 5316	MATTHEW DH	OC 19 PI		
"	VX 5315	MATTHEW GN	OC 15 PI		

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	Personal Number	Name and Initials	Unit or Corps	Date of Attachment	Nature of Attachment	Allowed by W.E. (Insert Yes or No)
CAPT	VX 114259	McNEIL PL	HAMC	10/4/43	RMO	YES
CHAPLAIN	QX 37743	HENRY WJ	29 A I BDE	7/5/42	CHAPLAIN	NO

15 AUST INF BN
(Unit)

15 MAY 43
(Date of Despatch)

[Signature]
Lt. Col
Commanding 15 Aust Inf Bn
(Signature of Commander)

29 AUST INF BDE
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving)

Serial No. 42

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

W.E. Reference A.I.F. 260
A.M.F. 473

15 AUST INF BN (Unit) 15 MAY 1943 (Date).

(To be furnished by all units and all Headquarter units.)

W.E. 34 x 831 Attached Allowed by W.E. 1 x 19

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail and W.E.	Posted Strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	1	-	-
W.Os. Class II.	7	-	1
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	5	-	-
Staff Serjeants	-	1	-
Serjeants	36	-	-
Corporals	77	-	-
Troopers, Privates, &c.	705	-	98
TOTALS	831	1	99

* These totals should agree with the details shown in Part D on page 2 of Army Form W.3009.

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Personnel Attached Against W.E.

Other Attachments Not Allowed by W.E.

Detail and W.E.	Unit or Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit or Corps to which they belong.
3 FITTERS	AEME		
3 MECHANICS	AEME		
1 QUNFITTER	AEME		
1 ARMOURER SGT	AEME		
1 BLACKSMITH	AEME		
1 SHOEMAKER CPL	AAOC		
1 POSTAL SGT	FD POSTAL UNIT		
1 SGT	AAPC		
1 CPL			
1 SGT	AAMC		
1 PTE			
1 SERGEANT	FD HYGIENE SEC.		

Part C. Description of other ranks whose return to the unit is particularly requested.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit or Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts if known).
QX33929	WO II	MCCAREY	JS 15 AUST INF BN	ARTC (JW) CANUNGRA
Q 101715	PTE	CARLSEN	RC " " " "	

15 AUST INF BN Unit.

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

Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	W.E.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	W.E.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	W.E.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)
Ammunition Examiners				B/F		1		B/F		8	
Armament Artificers				Fitters, Railway Signal				Riggers			
Armourers				Fitters, Signal				Riveters			
Artificers, Artillery				Grinders				Saddlers			
Axemen				Gun Layers				Saddle Tree Makers			
Bakers				G.P.O. Assistants				Saw Doctors			
Battery Surveyors				Gun Operators				Sawyers			
Battery Comdrs. Asst.				Hammermen				Shoemakers			
Blacksmiths				Height Takers				Signallers			
Boilermakers				Helio Operators				Signwriters			
Bricklayers		1		Instrument Mechanics				Stokers, Stationery Engine			
Butchers				Instrument Mechanics, Surgical				Storemen, Technical			
Camouflage Modeller				Instrument Operators				Surveyors			
Carpenter and Joiner				Intelligence Duties				Surveyors, Engineering			
Clerks				Joiners				Tailors			
Clerks, Engineering				Leather Stitches				Telescope Identification Numbers			
Clerks, Supply				Linesmen				Textile Refitters			
Clerks, Technical				Linesmen, Signals				Tinsmiths			
Coachmakers				Lithographers				Toymakers			
Computers				Machinists				Turners			
Concretors				Masons				Vulcanizers			
Cooks				Masseurs				Wagon Erectors			
Cooks, Hospital				Mechanics, Dental				Watchmakers			
Coppersmiths				Mechanics, M.T.				Watermen			
Dental Clerk Orderlies				Mechanics, Typewriter				Welders			
Despatch Riders				Mechanics, Wireless				Well Borers			
Dispensers				Millwrights				Wheelers			
Draughtsmen				Miners				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen, Architectural				Moulders				Wiremen			
Draughtsmen, Mechanical				Nursing Orderlies		1		Woodturners		1	
Draughtsmen, Signal				Nursing Orderlies (Mental)				(b)			
Draughtsmen, Topographical				Nurses, Trained							
Driver Mechanics				Observation Post Assistants							
Driver Operators				Operating Room Assistants							
Drivers, Transportation Plant				Operators, Signal				(c) Non-Specialists			107
Electrical Fitters				Opticians							
Electricians				Painters		2					
Electricians, Eng. Units				Panel Beaters							
Electricians, Signal				Pattern Makers							
Engine Artificers				Pharmacists							
Engine Hands I/C				Photographers, dry plate							
Equipment Repairers				Photographers, wet plate							
Farriers				Photo-Writers							
Fire Control Operators				Plate Layers							
Fitters				Plumbers							
Fitters and Turners				Predictor Numbers							
Fitters, Cycle				Printers							
Fitters, Drivers				Radiator Mechanics							
Fitter's Mates				Radiographers							
Fitters, M.V.				Range Takers		4					
C/F		1		C/F		8					
									Totals to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.		9 107
									Deficiency in ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.		
									FITTERS MV		2
									HAMC PTE		1
									TOTAL		3

Notes--- (a) If rank other than Private is involved give details on back.
(b) Authorized Trades or Specialists not included in list above will be added as required in spaces provided.
(c) Non-Specialists required to be shown in their respective trades or duties in accordance with W.E.

15 AUST INF BN Unit.

Signature of Commander.
29 AUST INF BN

Date of Despatch 15 MAY 43

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

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

A I F	
WO I	1
WO II	4
S/Lgts	6
Sgts	28
Cpls	32
Ptes	159
TG Cook	3
TG Sig	12
TG Store	1
TG Inl	2
TG Expt R	1
TG B M	8
TG R Jahn	3
TOTAL	260

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ATTACHED ALLOWED BY WE
FITTERS MV
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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

A.I.F. 263

W.E. Reference

A.M.F. 466

Date 22 MAY 43

W.E. 34 X 831

15 AUST INF BN Unit

Attached
Allowed by W.E. 1 X 19

PART A. — STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED

1	2	3	4
Ranks and W.E.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached)	Surplus to Establishment	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment)
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels . .	<u>1</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Majors	<u>3</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1</u>
Captains	<u>9</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3</u>
Lieutenants	<u>20</u>	<u>1</u>	
2nd Lieutenants . .			
Quartermasters . .	<u>1</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Totals	<u>34</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>4</u>

* Insert detail of higher rank as necessary

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

Officers JOINED during week

Rank	Name	Unit or Corps	Date	Cause
LIEUT	HODGES	FL 15 AUST INF BN	18/5/43	FROM 13 PERS STAGING C. 00N00172A
LIEUT	HUGHES	CW " " " "	18/5/43	COMPASS LEAVE
LIEUT	WORT	CW " " " "	21/5/43	FROM 2/1 CCS

Officers QUITTED during week

Rank	Name	Unit or Corps	Date	Cause
LIEUT	WORT	CW 15 AUST INF BN	16/5/43	EVAC. TO 2/1 CCS
LIEUT	POPE	GH " " " "	19/5/43	SECONDED TO NGF SCH OF SIGS

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

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

PART D. — NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	Personal Number	Name and Initials	Appointment	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed
MAJOR (T/LT COL)	OX 6007	AMIES JL	CO	YES	
CAPT (T/MAJOR)	OX 45102	JENYNS JRT	2E	YES	
CAPT (T/MAJOR)	OX 6056	PETRIE AD	OC B COY	YES	
LIEUT (T/CAPT)	OX 50119	LEU RS	OC C COY	YES	
LIEUT (T/CAPT)	OX 33887	LACK HM	OC HQ COY	YES	
LIEUT (T/CAPT)	VX 104029	WITTS AS	2E D COY	YES	
LIEUT (T/CAPT)	OX 34106	PROVAN D	OC D COY	YES	
LIEUT (T/CAPT)	OX 34107	HUGHES CW	OC A COY	YES	
LIEUT (T/CAPT)	VX 102603	FORSYTH RG	2E A COY	YES	
LIEUT	OX 42374	HODGES EL	ADJT	YES	
"	OX 33742	PROCTOR PCR	2E C COY	YES	
"	OX 33507	FARLEY AW	OC 4 PI	YES	
"	OX 40878	CAVENAGH TJD	2E B COY	YES	
"	OX 34111	MACKRELL MH	OC 17 PI	YES	
"	OX 33889	WORT CW	OC 2 PI	YES	
"	OX 42699	DERRICK GA	TO	YES	
LIEUT (T/CAPT)	OX 33740	BEIRNE LJ	AM	YES	
LIEUT	OX 34109	STEPHENS A	OC 6 PI	YES	
"	NX 68328	TEWKSBURY AR	OC 11 PI	YES	
"	NX 68466	ROSSER MWH	OC 18 PI	YES	
"	OX 42391	WOODMAN BV	OC 16 PI	YES	
"	OX 40874	DALE ER	OC 12 PI	YES	
"	OX 33741	LEARMONTH AJ	OC 1 PI	YES	
"	OX 43157	CONRAN CT	2E 4 PI	YES	
"	OX 42375	COUTTS RD	OC 5 PI	YES	
"	OX 35727	HORNE CC	10	YES	
"	OX 33904	GRIEVE NM	OC 13 PI	YES	
"	OX 33953	ELLIOTT CF		NO	ADC TO GOC ANGHU
" (A)	NX 133176	OXLEY PHG	OC 10 PI	NO	ATTD NGF A3 INSTR
"	VX 5316	MATTHEW DH	OC 19 PI	YES	
"	VX 5315	MATTHEW GN	OC 15 PI	YES	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	Personal Number	Name and Initials	Unit or Corps	Date of Attachment	Nature of Attachment	Allowed by W.E. (Insert Yes or No)
CAPT	VX 114259	MCNEIL PL	AAMC	10/4/43	RMO	YES
CHAPLAIN	OX 37743	HENRY WJ	29 A I BDE	7/5/42	CHAPLAIN	NO
CAPT	OX 48885	ANDREWS P	DENTAL UNIT	15/5/43	DENTIST	NO

15 AUST INF BN

(Unit)

22 MAY 43

(Date of Despatch)

[Signature]
Commanding 15 AUST INF BN (Signature of Commander)

29 AUST INF BDE

(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving)

TO BE MADE UP TO AND FOR SATURDAY IN EACH WEEK.

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(page 1)
(Adapted)

Serial No. 43

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

W.E. Reference A.I.F. 263
A.M.F. 466

15 MUST INF BN (Unit) 22 MAY 19 43 (Date).

(To be furnished by all units and all Headquarter units.)

W.E. 34 x 831

Attached Allowed by W.E. 1 x 19

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail and W.E.	Posted Strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	1	-	-
W.Os. Class II.	7	-	1
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	5	-	-
Staff Serjeants	-	1	-
Serjeants	36	-	-
Corporals	77	1	-
Troopers, Privates, &c.	705	-	103
TOTALS	831	2	104

* These totals should agree with the details shown in Part D on page 2 of Army Form W.3009.

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Personnel Attached Against W.E.

Other Attachments Not Allowed by W.E.

Detail and W.E.	Unit or Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit or Corps to which they belong.
5 FITTERS	AEME	s/sgt, Cpl 2 Pte	E Sec 2/1 DENTAL UNIT
3 MECHANICS	AEME		
1 GUNFITTER	AEME		
1 ARMOURER SGT	AEME		
1 BLACKSMITH	AEME		
1 SHOEMAKER CPL	AAOC		
1 POSTAL SGT	FD POSTAL UNIT		
1 SGT	AAPC		
1 CPL			
1 SGT	AAMC		
1 PTE			
1 SERGEANT	FD HYGIENE SEC		

Part C. Description of other ranks whose return to the unit is particularly requested.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit or Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts if known).
QX 33929	WO II	MCCAREY JS	15 MUST INF BN	ARTC (JW) CANUNGRA
Q 101715	PTE	CARLSEN RC	" " " "	

15 AUST INF BN Unit.

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

Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	W.E.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	W.E.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	W.E.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)
Ammunition Examiners				B/F		1		B/F		9	
Armament Artificers				Fitters, Railway Signal				Riggers			
Armourers				Fitters, Signal				Riveters			
Artificers, Artillery				Grinders				Saddlers			
Axemen				Gun Layers				Saddle Tree Makers			
Bakers				G.P.O. Assistants				Saw Doctors			
Battery Surveyors				Gun Operators				Sawyers			
Battery Comdrs. Asst.				Hammermen				Shoemakers			
Blacksmiths				Height Takers				Signallers			
Boilermakers				Helio Operators				Signwriters			
Bricklayers		1		Instrument Mechanics				Stokers, Stationery Engine			
Butchers				Instrument Mechanics, Surgical				Storemen, Technical			
Camouflage Modeller				Instrument Operators				Surveyors			
Carpenter and Joiner				Intelligence Duties				Surveyors, Engineering			
Clerks				Joiners				Tailors			
Clerks, Engineering				Leather Stitchers				Telescope Identification Numbers			
Clerks, Supply				Linesmen				Textile Refitters			
Clerks, Technical				Linesmen, Signals				Tinsmiths			
Coachmakers				Lithographers				Toolmakers			
Computers				Machinists				Turners			
Concretors				Masons				Vulcanizers			
Cooks				Masseurs				Wagon Erectors			
Cooks, Hospital				Mechanics, Dental				Watchmakers			
Coppersmiths				Mechanics, M.T.				Watermen			
Dental Clerk Orderlies				Mechanics, Typewriter				Welders			
Despatch Riders				Mechanics, Wireless				Well Borers			
Dispensers				Millwrights				Wheelers			
Draughtsmen				Miners				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen, Architectural				Moulders				Wiremen			
Draughtsmen, Mechanical				Nursing Orderlies		1		Woodturners		1	
Draughtsmen, Signal				Nursing Orderlies (Mental)				(b)			
Draughtsmen, Topographical				Nurses, Trained							
Driver Mechanics				Observation Post Assistants							
Driver Operators				Operating Room Assistants							
Drivers, Transportation Plant				Operators, Signal				(c) Non-Specialists			112
Electrical Fitters				Opticians							
Electricians				Painters		2					
Electricians, Eng. Units				Panel Beaters							
Electricians, Signal				Pattern Makers							
Engine Artificers				Pharmacists							
Engine Hands I/C				Photographers, dry plate							
Equipment Repairers				Photographers, wet plate							
Farriers				Photo-Writers							
Fire Control Operators				Plate Layers				Totals to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.		10	112
Fitters				Plumbers				Deficiency in ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.			
Fitters and Turners				Predictor Numbers				AAMC PTE			1
Fitters, Cycle				Printers							
Fitters, Drivers				Radiator Mechanics							
Fitter's Mates				Radiographers							
Fitters, M.V.				Range Takers		4					
C/F		1		C/F		9		TOTAL			1

Notes---(a) If rank other than Private is involved give details on back.
(b) Authorized Trades or Specialists not included in list above will be added as required in spaces provided.
(c) Non-Specialists required to be shown in their respective trades or duties in accordance with W.E.

15 AUST INF BN

Unit.

Signature of Commander.

29 AUST INF BDE

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

Date of Despatch 22 MAY 43

Part A of Army Form W. 3099
PART D. Detail of Surplus or Reinforcements required as shown in

A I F	
WO 1	1
WO II	4
S/Sgt	6
Sgts	28
Cpls	32
Ptes	161
TG Mech (Don)	9
TG R Baker	3
TG Cooks	3
TG Sigs	12
TG Expt Re	1
TG Sml	2
TG More	1
TOTAL	263

113

1

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ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E. AAMC PTE 1

1

TOTAL 1

12 HUST INF 131

2d HUST INF. BDE

25 MAY 43

Serial No. 44

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

A.I.F. 271

W.E. Reference
A.M.F. 448

Date 29 MAY 43

W.E. 34 X 831

Attached
Allowed by W.E. 1 X 19

15 AVST INF BN Unit

PART A. — STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED

1	2	3	4
Ranks and W.E.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached)	Surplus to Establishment	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment)
* *			
Lieut.-Colonels . .	1	-	-
Majors	3	-	1
Captains	9	-	3
Lieutenants . . .	20	1	-
2nd Lieutenants .			
Quartermasters . .	1	-	-
Totals	34	1	4

* Insert detail of higher rank as necessary

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

Officers JOINED during week

Rank	Name	Unit or Corps	Date	Cause

Officers QUITTED during week

Rank	Name	Unit or Corps	Date	Cause
LIEUT	GRIEVE	NM 15 AVST INF BN	27/5/43	TO 29 AVST INF BDE AS LO

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

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

PART D. — NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	Personal Number	Name and Initials	Appointment	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed
MAJOR (T/LT COL)	QX 6007	AMIES JL	CO	YES	
CAPT (T/MAJOR)	QX 45102	JENYNS JRT	2E	YES	
CAPT (T/MAJOR)	QX 6056	PETRIE AD	OC B COY	YES	
LIEUT (T/CAPT)	QX 50119	LEU RS	DC C COY	YES	
LIEUT (T/CAPT)	QX 33887	LACK HH	OC HQ COY	YES	
LIEUT (T/CAPT)	VX 104029	WITTS AS	2E D COY	YES	
LIEUT (T/CAPT)	QX 34106	PROVAN D	OC D COY	YES	
LIEUT (T/CAPT)	QX 34107	HUGHES CW	OC A COY	YES	
LIEUT (T/CAPT)	VX 102603	FORSYTH RG	2E A COY	YES	
LIEUT	QX 42374	HODGES EL	ADJT	YES	
"	QX 33742	PROCTOR PCR	2E C COY	YES	
"	QX 33507	FARLEY AW	OC 4 PI	YES	
"	QX 40878	CAVENISH TJD	2E B COY	YES	
"	QX 34111	MACKRELL MH	OC 17 PI	YES	
"	QX 33889	WORT CW	OC 2 PI	YES	
"	QX 42699	DERRICK GA	TO	YES	
LIEUT (T/CAPT)	QX 33740	BEIRNE LJ	BM	YES	
LIEUT	QX 34109	STEPHENS A	OC 6 PI	YES	
"	NX 68328	TEWKSBURY AR	OC 11 PI	YES	
"	NX 68466	ROSSER MWH	OC 18 PI	YES	
"	QX 42391	WOODMAN BV	OC 16 PI	YES	
"	QX 40874	DALE ER	OC 12 PI	YES	
"	QX 33741	LEARMONTH AJ	OC 1 PI	YES	
"	QX 43157	CONRAN CT	2E 4 PI	YES	
"	QX 42375	COUTTS RD	OC 5 PI	YES	
"	QX 35727	MORNE CC	10	YES	
"	QX 33904	GRIEVE NM	OC 13 PI	NO	ATTD 29 AUST INF BDE - LO
"	QX 33953	ELLIOTT CE		NO	ADC TO GOC ANGAU
" (A)	NX 138176	OXLEY PHG	OC 10 PI	NO	ATTD NGF AS INSTR
"	VX 5316	MATTHEW DH	OC 19 PI	YES	
"	VX 5315	MATTHEW CN	OC 15 PI	YES	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	Personal Number	Name and Initials	Unit or Corps	Date of Attachment	Nature of Attachment	Allowed by W.E. (Insert Yes or No)
CAPT	VX 114259	MCNEIL PL	AAMC	10/4/43	RMO	YES
CHAPLAIN	QX 37743	HENRY WJ	29 A 1 BDE	7/5/42	CHAPLAIN	NO
CAPT	VX 73948	DOUGLAS EHK	21 DENT UNIT	20/5/43	DENTIST	NO

15 AUST INF BN

(Unit)

29 MAY 43

(Date of Despatch)

[Signature]
Commanding 15 A (Signature of Commander)

29 AUST INF BDE

(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving)

Serial No. 44

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

W.E. Reference A.I.F. 271
A.M.F. 448

15 AUST INF BN (Unit) 29 MAY 1943 (Date).

(To be furnished by all units and all Headquarter units.)

W.E. 34 x 831

Attached Allowed by W.E. 1 x 19

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail and W.E.	Posted Strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	1	-	-
W.Os. Class II.	7	-	-
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	5	-	-
Staff Serjeants	-	1	-
Serjeants	36	-	1
Corporals	77	-	-
Troopers, Privates, &c.	705	-	112
TOTALS	831	* 1	* 113

* These totals should agree with the details shown in Part D on page 2 of Army Form W.3009.

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Personnel Attached Against W.E.

Other Attachments Not Allowed by W.E.

Detail and W.E.	Unit or Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit or Corps to which they belong.
5 FITTERS	AEME	S/Sgt Cpl 2 PTES	E Sec 2/1 DENTAL UNIT
3 MECHANICS	AEME		
1 GUNFITTER	AEME		
1 ARMOURER SGT	AEME		
1 BLACKSMITH	AEME		
1 SHOEMAKER CPL	AAOC		
1 POSTAL SGT	FD POSTAL UNIT		
1 SGT	AAPC		
1 CPL			
1 SGT 1 CPL	AAMC		
1 PTE			
1 SERGEANT	FD HYGIENE SEC		

Part C. Description of other ranks whose return to the unit is particularly requested.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit or Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts if known).
8X 33929	WO II	MCCAREY JS	15 AUST INF BN	ARTC (JW) CANUNGRA
8101715	PTE	CARLSEN RC	" " " "	

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

Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	W.E.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	W.E.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	W.E.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)
				B/F		1		B/F		9	
Ammunition Examiners				Fitters, Railway Signal				Riggers			
Armament Artificers				Fitters, Signal				Riveters			
Armourers				Grinders				Saddlers			
Artificers, Artillery				Gun Layers				Saddle Tree Makers			
Axemen				G.P.O. Assistants				Saw Doctors			
Bakers				Gun Operators				Sawyers			
Battery Surveyors				Hammermen				Shoemakers			
Battery Comdrs. Asst.				Height Takers				Signallers			
Blacksmiths				Helio Operators				Signwriters			
Boilermakers				Instrument Mechanics				Stokers, Stationery Engine			
Bricklayers		1		Instrument Mechanics, Surgical				Storemen, Technical			
Butchers				Instrument Operators				Surveyors			
Camouflage Modeller				Intelligence Duties				Surveyors, Engineering			
Carpenter and Joiner				Joiners				Tailors			
Clerks				Leather Stitchers				Telescope Identification Numbers			
Clerks, Engineering				Linesmen				Textile Refitters			
Clerks, Supply				Linesmen, Signals				Tinsmiths			
Clerks, Technical				Lithographers				Toilmakers			
Coachmakers				Machinists				Turners			
Computers				Masons				Vulcanizers			
Concretors				Masseurs				Wagon Erectors			
Cooks				Mechanics, Dental				Watchmakers			
Cooks, Hospital				Mechanics, M.T.		1		Watermen			
Coppersmiths				Mechanics, Typewriter				Welders			
Dental Clerk Orderlies				Mechanics, Wireless				Well Borers			
Despatch Riders				Millwrights				Wheelers			
Dispensers				Miners				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen				Moulders				Wiremen			
Draughtsmen, Architectural				Nursing Orderlies		1		Woodturners		1	
Draughtsmen, Mechanical				Nursing Orderlies (Mental)				(b)			
Draughtsmen, Signal				Nurses, Trained							
Draughtsmen, Topographical				Observation Post Assistants							
Driver Mechanics				Operating Room Assistants							
Driver Operators				Operators, Signal				(c) Non-Specialists			122
Drivers, Transportation Plant				Opticians							
Electrical Fitters				Painters		2					
Electricians				Panel Beaters							
Electricians, Eng. Units				Pattern Makers							
Electricians, Signal				Pharmacists							
Engine Artificers				Photographers, dry plate							
Engine Hands I/C				Photographers, wet plate							
Equipment Repairers				Photo-Writers							
Farriers				Plate Layers							
Fire Control Operators				Plumbers							
Fitters				Predictor Numbers							
Fitters and Turners				Printers							
Fitters, Cycle				Radiator Mechanics							
Fitters, Drivers				Radiographers							
Fitter's Mates				Range Takers		4					
Fitters, M.V.											
C/F		1		C/F		9					
									TOTAL	10	122

Notes-- (a) If rank other than Private is involved give details on back.
(b) Authorized Trades or Specialists not included in list above will be added as required in spaces provided.
(c) Non-Specialists required to be shown in their respective trades or duties in accordance with W.E.

15 AUST INF BN Unit.
Date of Despatch 29 MAY 43

Signature of Commander.
29 AUST INF BDE
Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

15 AUST INF BN

Summary of Patrols — May 43

EAST CAPE PATROLS

STANDING PATROL established at K.B. MISSION on 17 MAY. STRENGTH 1 N.CO. 9 OR'S B COY. This patrol cancelled per message #379 from 29AUST. INF. BDE. on 19 MAY.

DATE	TYPE OF PATROL	STRENGTH OF PATROL	TIME OUT	TIME IN	ROUTE	Remarks.
17 MAY. 19 MAY	Rece. #1.	1 N.CO. 9 OR'S B COY.	0830 17 MAY.	1630. 19 MAY	STANDING PATROL HQ at K.B. MISSION - AHIOMA - HIHILA and return along coast road.	① No enemy activity ② American tps. observed landing on night 18/19 MAY and taking up camp between K.B. MISSION and AHIOMA. ③ Tps. comprise Engineers and Infantry Bns.
21 MAY 24 MAY	Rece #2.	1 N.CO. 4 OR'S B COY	0600 21 MAY.	1545. 24 MAY	RABI along coast road to HIHILA - then return to CAMERON SPRINGS; thence track going NORTH over CAMERON PLATEAU to K.B. MISSION and along coast road back to RABI.	① No enemy activity ② Road from RABI to AHIOMA under construction by U.S. Engineers ③ Road from AHIOMA to HIHILA in good condition with unbridged creeks in places. Light MT. could travel on this track.
25 MAY 28 MAY	Rece #3.	1 N.CO. 4 OR'S B COY	0900 25 MAY.	1345. 28 MAY	ditto.	① No enemy activity ② Road already showing signs of improvement ③ The natives between K.B. MISSION and AHIOMA are all being moved to SAMARAI by order of ANGAU. as a result of Americans establishing camp in this area.

15 - AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION

Summary of Patrols — May 43

TAUPOTA PATROL

DATE.	TYPE OF PATROL	STRENGTH OF PATROL	TIME OUT.	TIME IN.	ROUTE	Remarks.
14 MAY 18 MAY	Recco #1.	1-N CO 9-ORS 17 PL. D COY.	1750. 14 MAY	1616 18 MAY	17 PL HQ (458467-25,000 GILI GILI) - BILO BULOLO THOMAS KNOB - TAUPOTA TCK thence to TAUPOTA and return.	① No enemy activity ② TAUPOTA TCK in bad condition owing to recent passage of tps to and from TAUPOTA, also wet weather caused tck to be cut up. ③ Time taken from 17 PL HQ. to THOMAS KNOB approx 3 hrs
19 MAY 22 MAY	Recco #2.	6-ORS 17 PL.	0735. 19 MAY	1155 22 MAY	Route out and in as above.	① No enemy activity ② TAUPOTA TCK still very wet and difficult ③ Portion of patrol used as pickets by Officer of occupying force. of 2 composite pls. of 22 37/52 BNS.
22 MAY 26 MAY	Recco #3	1-N.C.O. 5-ORS 17 PL.	1420. 22 MAY	1000 26 MAY	ditto.	① No enemy activity ② Creeks running strongly ③ TCK. maybe impossible to cross after continual rains
26 MAY 30 MAY	Recco #4.	1-N.C.O. 5-ORS 17 PL.	1145. 26 MAY	1115 30 MAY	ditto	① No enemy activity ② TCK. was very slippery

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES
15 AUST INF BN
ROUTINE ORDERS PART I
 by

Lt Col J.L. AMES

Commanding 15 Aust Inf Bn

1 MAY 43

IN THE FIELD

27/43

1. MINUTE OF PUBLICATION

A DCM convened by GOC 5 Aust Div was held in the Field on 19 APR 1943 for the trial of :-

Q 111587 PTE P.T. DESMOND - 15 AUST INF BN

Charge

AA 15 (1) WOAS ABSENTING HIMSELF WITHOUT LEAVE FROM 0620 HRS 2 JAN 43 until 1700 hrs 7 APR 1943.

FINDING

Guilty, except for the days from 12 MAR 43 to 30 MAR 43.

SENTENCE

FIELD PUNISHMENT FOR 90 DAYS ; FORFEITURE OF PAY FOR 90 DAYS.

DATE OF SENTENCE

23 APR 1943

The accused spent nil days in close arrest and 13 days in open arrest.

The finding and sentence were duly confirmed on 25 APR 43 and promulgated to the accused in the Field on 1 MAY 43.

2. MINUTE OF PUBLICATION

A DCM convened by GOC 5 Aust Div was held in the Field on 19 APR 1943 for the trial of :-

Q 112607 PTE A.J. CLOSE - 15 AUST INF BN

Charge

AA 15(1) WOAS ABSENTING HIMSELF WITHOUT LEAVE - AWL from 0620 hrs 4 JAN 1943 until he returned to his Unit at 1700 hrs 7 APR 43.

FINDING

GUILTY, except for the days from 12 March 1943 to 30 MAR 43.

SENTENCE

FIELD PUNISHMENT FOR 60 DAYS; FORFEITURE OF PAY FOR 60 DAYS.

DATE OF SENTENCE

21 APRIL 1943

The accused spent nil days in close arrest and 11 days in open arrest, awaiting trial.

The finding and sentence were duly confirmed on 25 APR 1943 and promulgated to the accused in the Field on 1 MAY 1943.

3. MINUTE OF PUBLICATION

A DCM convened by GOC 5 Aust Div was held in the Field on 19 APR 43 for the trial of :-

Q 130026 PTE R.E. MAGEE - 15 AUST INF BN

Charge

AA 13 (1) (a) WOAS DESERTING HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE - AWL from 2350 hrs 15 JAN 1943 to 1000 hrs 22 MAR 43, after being warned for embarkation to a further battle station.

FINDING

Not guilty of Desertion, but guilty of AWL.

SENTENCE

FIELD PUNISHMENT FOR 40 DAYS ; FORFEITURE OF PAY FOR 40 DAYS.

DATE OF SENTENCE

23 APRIL 1943

The accused spent nil days in close arrest and seven days in open arrest awaiting trial.

The finding and sentence were duly confirmed on 25 APR 43 and promulgated to the accused in the Field on 1 MAY 43.

4. MINUTE OF PUBLICATION

A DCM convened by GOC 5 Aust Div was held in the Field on 19 APRIL 1943 for the trial of :-

Q 103932 PTE S.J. BAKER - 15 AUST INF BN

Charge

Art 12 (1) (a) WAS DESERTING HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE - A/L from 0620 hrs 5 JAN 1943 to 1700 hrs 7 APR 1943.

FINDING

Not guilty of desertion, but guilty of absence without Leave.

SENTENCE

FIELD PUNISHMENT FOR 90 DAYS ; FORFEITURE OF PAY FOR 90 DAYS.

DATE OF SENTENCE

23 APRIL 1943

The accused spent nil days in close arrest and 13 days in open arrest.

The finding and sentence were duly confirmed on 25 APR 43 and promulgated to the accused in the Field on 1 MAY 43.

Robert Licut
Lieut
A/Adjt 15 Aust Inf Bn

ADMINISTRATION

NO	RANK	NAME	NATURE OF CASUALTY	DATE
Q19043	A/Sgt	ROWAN T.M.	Trans out. Struck off strength To NGELARD, SELLHEIM. Class 2	19.4.43
Q101743	Pte	CULVERHOUSE L.	Marched in from 11 Aust Div Reception Camp	15.4.43
QX38953	Pte	BAUER J.	" " " " " "	17/4/43
QX47654	Pte	MENICOL G.B.	" " " " " "	"
Q102624	L/Cpl	JONES C.H.	Reverted to Pte at own request	14.4.43
QX38996	Pte	SWAN D.A.	Marched out. Struck off strength. To Sigs 5 Aust Div	"
Q112646	Pte	JOHNSON G.	" " " " " "	"
QX25798	L/Cpl	SLATER W.H.	Promoted A/Cpl	15.4.43
Q101316	L/Cpl	KELLY J.P.	" " " " " "	"
Q101186	Pte	BLACK C.F.	" " " " " "	"
Q109125	Pte	COCK H.D.	Marched In from 10 C.C.S.	10.4.43
Q102654	Pte	RACKLEY J.G.	" " " " " "	"
Q19147	Pte	FINDLAY B.A.	Marched In from 11 Aust Div Sec Rec Camp ex detention. Struck off "X" List	7.4.43

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES
15 AUST INF BN
ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1
 by

Lt Col J.L. AMIES

Commanding 15 Aust Inf Bn

IN THE FIELD

1 MAY 43

28/43

1. MINUTE OF PUBLICATION

A DCM convened by GOC 5 Aust Div was held in the field on 20 April 1943 for the trial of:-

Charge AA 15(1) Q19134 L/CPL H.G. DOWNS - 15 AUST INF BN
 WAS ABSENTING HIMSELF WITHOUT LEAVE - AWL from 0620 hrs
 3 Jan 43 until he returned to unit at 1100 hours 14 April
 1943.

Finding. GUILTY
Sentence. FIELD PUNISHMENT FOR 50 DAYS; FORFEITURE OF PAY FOR 50 DAYS.
Date of Sentence. 20 April 1943

The accused spent nil days in close arrest and 6 days in open arrest waiting trial.
 The finding and sentence were duly confirmed on 25 April 1943 and promulgated to the accused in the field on 1 MAY 1943.

2. PROPAGANDA LEAFLETS

A number of cases have occurred recently where propaganda leaflets designed for use against the enemy or amongst the natives have been despatched to private addresses through the mail. Whilst it is appreciated that most of these leaflets would do little harm if published, there are others which may have serious repercussions if disseminated amongst certain sections of the Australian and American communities. It is therefore forbidden to enclose any type of propaganda leaflet in mail, and Franking Officers will take immediate steps to ensure that this regulation is enforced.

3. SALVAGE TINS WAX VESTAS EMPTY

The abovementioned tins have been found suitable for packing medical requisites for supply to troops in forward areas. Units will, therefore, arrange for the collection and delivery of such tins to their nearest DID. DID's will then arrange delivery to Medical and Vet Stores Depot.

4. MINUTE OF PUBLICATION

A DCM convened by GOC 5 Aust Div was held in the field on 19 April 1943 for the trial of:-

Charge AA9(1) Q102667 PTE M.S. TAMBLYN - 15 AUST INF BN.
 WAS DISOBEYING IN SUCH MANNER AS TO SHOW A WILFUL DEFIANCE OF AUTHORITY A LAWFUL COMMAND GIVEN PERSONALLY BY HIS SUPERIOR OFFICER IN THE EXECUTION OF HIS OFFICE - when ordered by Capt FORSYTH to join the squad, did not do so, saying "I'm not going in there" or words to that effect.

Finding: GUILTY
Sentence: FIELD PUNISHMENT FOR 60 DAYS; FORFEITURE OF PAY FOR 60 DAYS.
Date of Sentence: 19 April 1943

The accused spent nil days in close arrest and 15 days in open arrest waiting trial.

The finding and sentence were duly confirmed on 25 April 1943 and promulgated to the accused in the field on 1 MAY 1943.

5. IMPROPER DRESS BY NIGHT (Ref NCF 140)

Personnel found improperly dressed outside Unit lines at night are liable to arrest.

Personnel so arrested will be charged and placed in PORT MORESBY Provost Compound for collection by Unit.

A.P.M. NEW GUINEA Force will advise units daily of personnel so detained. Such personnel will be collected under escort under Unit arrangements before noon of the day of advice.

6. PISTOLS POSSESSION OF

Pistols of any type or description shall not be sold, purchased or exchanged. On or after 15 Apr 43 it will be an offence for any member of the AMF to have in his possession or custody any pistol other than one issued to him by Army authority or where he has the permission referred to in Para 3 hereof. Permission may be granted by a Formation Comd to any Member to have in his possession a pistol other than one issued to him; such permission to be in writing, signed personally by Formation Comd. All ranks in possession of pistols not issued to them or not provided for under the last para will forthwith surrender the same to the QM or HQ Orderly Room of their Unit. All ranks having pistols in their possession are held personally responsible therefor and will immediately report the loss of such pistol. The loss of a pistol is to be regarded as an offence for which the offender is to be tried by Court-Martial, unless the Formation Comd otherwise directs. In all cases of loss of pistols, the offender will be charged and a summary of evidence, which will be forwarded to the Formation Comd, will be taken. This order will be published in all Formation and Unit Routine Orders at least once per week for four consecutive weeks from the date hereof, and thereafter will be repeated once per month in all such orders. NEW GUINEA Force Order 55/42 is cancelled.

7. MINUTE OF PUBLICATION

A DCM convened by GOC 5 Aust Div was held in the field on 7 April 1943 for the trial of:-
 QX28437 PTE N.M. HESS - 15 AUST INF BN

Charge AA 12(1)(a) WOAS DESERTING HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE - AWL from 0620 hours 4 January 1943 until his return to unit under escort on 31 March 1943, having previously surrendered to First Aust Army Pro Coy on 26 Jan 43 been arrested at Toowoomba by First Aust Army Pro Coy on 3 March 1943 and been arrested dressed in civilian clothes by First Aust Army Pro Coy at Toowoomba on 19 March 1943.

Finding: Not guilty of desertion, but guilty of absence without leave.

Sentence as confirmed: DETENTION FOR 18 MONTHS.

Date of Sentence: 26 April 1943

The accused spent nil days in close arrest and 5 days in open arrest waiting trial.

The finding and sentence were duly confirmed on 27 April 1943 and promulgated to the accused in the field on 1 May 1943.

8. POSTAL TENT

All ranks are notified that the postal tent is to be clear of all personnel during sorting hours. Crowds around the Tent during these hours delay the sorting of the mail. This instruction is to be rigidly enforced.

9. A.C.F. COMFORTS

Receipt is acknowledged with thanks of Comforts from the A.C.F. Each man will receive 2 cakes washing soap, 1 cake Toilet Soap, 1 tube toothpaste, 1 Pk Steamrollers, 1 Pk Cigarettes, 2oz tobacco, 1 Pk Cigarette papers.

C. W. Wort
 Lieut
 (C. W. WORT)
 A/Adjt 15 Aust Inf Bn

W.D.

15 AUST INF BN TRAINING SYLLABUS FOR WEEK ENDING 9 MAY 43

COY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
	Div and Bn Working Parties	Div and Bn working parties	Div and Bn working parties	Amphibious trg over ship side embarking and disembarking	Range practice open and jungle Range	Development of defensive posn. Present area	Gen Admin Church parade. Stand down
B	"	"	"	Range practices Open and Jungle Ranges	As for "A" Coy Thurs.	"	"
C	"	"	"	Development of Defensive posns present area	Indiv Trg.-J.D. Map reading Morse Code First Aid Weapon Trg	As for "A" Coy Thurs.	"
D	"	"	"	"	"	Range Practices Open and Jungle Range	"
HQ	"	"	"	5 Pl Development Gun posns Other Specialist Trg	2 Pl Pioneer Trg incl GAS Decontamination 5 Pl Gun posns 3 Pl Ranging Procedure (min Range) 4 Pl Improved Mountings	As for "C" Coy Friday	"

REMARKS
 1 Hour daily Smartening up drill incl correct marching
 2 Hours Anti-Gas drill and lecturettes spread over week.

Elliot
 (C.W. OFF)
 A/Adj 15 MAY 43

Appendix A

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4 MAY 43

29/43

1. NATIVE ADMINISTRATION

Reports have been received that troops are supplying natives with rations in excess of those fixed for natives.

This is causing them to cease cultivating their gardens and looking for food for themselves, and is increasing the difficulties of administering the natives who are coming to rely for food on strangers who may leave at any time. It must be impressed upon troops that native welfare in all areas bears upon the successful conduct of operations in NEW GUINEA and that by supplying natives with food they are hindering their welfare.

Troops are to be warned that this practice must cease in the interests of the natives, and that severe disciplinary action will be taken against offenders.

2. HYGIENE AND MALARIA CONTROL

NEW GUINEA FORCE order No A 161 of 1943 is amended by deleting reference to NEW GUINEA FORCE order 56/43 and substituting therefore NEW GUINEA FORCE order 36/43.

3. PRECAUTIONS AGAINST FIRE

In order to minimise the risk of fire the following action will be taken forthwith by all concerned:

All grasses and undergrowth will be cleared for a distance of at least 20 yards around all tents, stores and buildings of any description.

4. G.R.O. 0659/1942 TOOTH BRUSHES - REPLACEMENT ISSUES

Toothbrushes will be replaced by free issues at not less than three-monthly intervals on return of unserviceable brushes.

5. SECURITY AND CENSORSHIP

Air Raids : Many enquiries, which seem to indicate wide-spread ignorance of NGF Censorship Instruction No 1, have been received lately as to what mention may be made of air raids in correspondence. For obvious reasons, it is not permitted to make any reference whatever to damage or casualties or any other details until after the release of the official communique. Further, any mention that is made then will conform strictly to the text of the communiqués given in newspapers or over the radio. The reason for insistence on this last provision is to prevent the inference that the writer or his unit is in the area raided. Eye-witness accounts can give away the location of units.

Rumours : A number of wild rumours have been started as to damage and casualties before the release of official information. Although none of them can be considered as panicky the practice is to be depreciated and can be most effectively countered by officers keeping their men informed as far as possible whenever official reports come through.

6. COMPASSIONATE LEAVE

All applicants for Compassionate Leave are warned that the circumstances supporting each application are closely investigated by L of C Welfare Officer. In making application as much proof as possible relating to the bonafides of the case must be supplied. Trivial and/or false applications when proved such by investigation will incur disciplinary action.

7. TROOPS VISITING SAMARAI

Any troops proceeding to SAMARAI for any reasons are advised that there have been numerous cases lately of disorderly conduct bt troops visiting the island. These reports concern:

- (a) The indiscriminate use of small arms.
- (b) Entry by personnel into ANGAU occupied area, including police barracks and goal.
- (c) Personal conduct when on the island.

Troops are warned that continued conduct such as this will lead to SAMARAI being placed ou of bounds. It is also notified that troops will NOT bathe in the nude in front of natives as this lowers the prestige of the white race in the opinion of the natives. Natives do not bathe in the nude.

8. ALTERATION TO BUGLE CALLS ;-

As from this date the following alterations will take place regarding Bugle Calls.

Evening Meal ----- 1700 hrs
 Retreat ----- 1730 hrs

9. DUTY ROSTER

Officers will mount duty at 1800 hrs on the date shown.

4 May 43	Lieut CAVANAGH	12 May 43	Lieut PROCTOR
5 "	" MACKRELL	13 "	" POPE
6 "	" STEPHENS	14 "	" MATTHEWS
7 "	" COUTTS	15 "	" MATTHEW
8 "	" DALE	16 "	" FARLEY
9 "	" ROSSER	17 "	" HORNE
10 "	" DERRICK	18 "	" GRIEVE
11 "	" CONRAN	19 "	" TEMSBURY

10. MINUTE OF PUBLICATION

A D.C.M. was held at H.Q. New Guinea Force, on 21 Dec 42 for the trial of QX2062 Spr BUNCE, B.E. A.I.F. 2 Docks Op.Coy., R.A.E.

The accused was convicted of the offence of - A.A. Sec 41, Committing a civil offence, that is to say, stealing, in that he, at PORT MORESBY on 22 Oct 42, stole seventy-one (71) packets of cigarettes, the property of the U.S. Army.

Sentence:- To undergo detention for six (6) months. The accused was 59 days in close arrest awaiting trial. The finding and sentence were duly confirmed on 24 Dec 42 and promulgated to the accused in the field on 29 Dec 1942.

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LOST: On Thursday 29 April 1943 a wristlet watch in vicinity of OMIE. The watch is described as a stainless steel case, unbreakable glass and "waterproof" stamped on the dial. It had a leather band & Cover. Please return HQ.

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8 May 43

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1. LOSSES SUSPECTED TO BE DUE TO THEFT

Many losses of stores etc are occurring in circumstances indicating deliberate theft on a large scale.

Coys have NOT been co-operating fully in frequently checking controlled stores, in promptly reporting losses, and in holding proper kit inspections.

To stamp out the thefts the full co-operation of all officers, NCO's and men is needed.

All personnel are to be suitably addressed and informed of the seriousness not only of theft, but also of aiding and abetting thieves by their failure to report suspicious circumstances, and asked to co-operate in the interests of the good name of their Unit and for the protection of themselves and their mates. They must be made to realise that any thief is their enemy, not their friend.

Any member of a Coy discovering any loss must immediately report it to his superior officer.

Any member, having any knowledge of or concerning a theft by some other person, who does not immediately report the full details to his superior officer will be charged with aiding and abetting the thief and tried by court-martial.

Charges of theft will in future be dealt with by General Court-Martial which can award a maximum penalty of five (5) years penal servitude.

Thorough inspections of kit and quarters will be carried out at least once a fortnight at irregular intervals and without prior notice.

Any person found in unauthorised possession of any article no matter how trivial will be charged and the matter reported immediately to the DAPM.

Complete checks of pistols, binoculars and compasses on charge will be made weekly by an officer who will sign a certificate that he has satisfied himself that every item is properly accounted for. Adequate steps will be taken to bring it to the attention of every Officer, NCO and soldier.

2. PISTOLS, POSSESSION AND LOSS OF

Pistols of any type or description shall not be sold, purchased or exchanged.

On or after 15 Apr 43 it will be an offence for any member of the AMF to have in his possession or custody any pistol other than one issued to him by Army Authority or where he has the permission referred to in para 3 hereof.

Permission may be granted by a Formation Comd to any member to have in his possession a pistol other than one issued to him; such permission to be in writing, signed personally by Formation Comd.

All ranks in possession of pistols not issued to them or not provided for under the last para will forthwith surrender the same to the QM or HQ Orderly Room of their Unit.

All ranks having pistols in their possession are held personally responsible therefor and will immediately report the loss of such pistol.

The loss of a pistol is to be regarded as an offence for which the offender is to be tried by Court-Martial, unless the Formation Comd otherwise directs. In all cases of loss of pistols, the offender will be charged and a summary of Evidence, which will be forwarded to the Formation Comd, will be taken.

3. RUNNERS

Further to our R/O I 6/43. All runners will report to B.H.Q. at 1700 hrs daily to either Orderly Room Sergeant or R.S.M. The retiring runners will NOT leave B.H.Q. until relieved and will report before leaving. In view of the existing present intolerable condition and lackadaisical manner and behaviour of runners Coy C.S.M's will inform all runners of the correct procedure to be carried out. Stress must be made on the fact that this is an important duty and runners must be on call at all times. Any runner wishing to leave temporarily may get permission to do so on request. Runners will keep the runners tent in inspection condition at all times. Failure to comply with any of the above conditions will result in disciplinary action against the offender. Ignorance will NOT be accepted as an excuse and if offered, Coy C.S.Ms will be called upon to explain.

4. GRO. Q54 of 15/1/43

Regt Trust Fund

- (a) The balance standing to the Credit of the fund at 30 April 43 £231.17.2.
- (b) Receipts during month of April Nil
- (c) Expenditure " " " 8.1.1.
- (d) Disbursements " " "
 - Prize Swimming Carnival £2.0.0
 - Dalgety & Co Ltd Mantles
 - Globes & Parts Aladdin 6.1.1

5. BUNGS AND WASHERS FOR 4-GALL. AND 44-GALL. DRUMS.

Severe shortages of Rubber used in washers and of die-caste metal used in bungs make it essential that these items be conserved. Units using drums will replace bungs and washers and tighten them with a bung spanner. Care will be taken not to damage bungs by using a hammer or other unauthorised method of opening.

6. PICQUETS

In the event of a Mobile Picture Unit or Concert party visiting this Area, Coy Comd will ensure that Picquets remain in Coy Lines. Should any losses be incurred, details of such losses will be forwarded to this HQ as soon as possible.

7. HANDLING OF EXPLOSIVES

In view of the serious accident sustained by Cpl E.C. FREER, of "A" Coy whilst attending Booby Traps & Explosives Course at Flying Fox Ford attention is again drawn to the fact that qualified personnel only are allowed to handle explosives.

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FOUND

A Fountain Pen was found during the recent manoeuvres. Owner can have same by applying to the R.S.M.

15 AUST INF BN TRG SYLLABUS

Week Ending 15 May 43

WD

Coy	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
A	<u>AM</u> Gas Chamber DM ampoules - test of eqpt etc. <u>PM</u> Repairing coy roads - otherwise coy comds period	<u>AM</u> Pl Comds trg period - in jungle <u>PM</u> Amphibious trg	As for "D" Coy Monday	Coy improve- ment of area incl study of operational role & defen- sive posns etc	As for Thurs.	Indiv Trg Weapon trg & mainten- ance. Recces & fire plans etc	Gen admin weekly in- spections stand down
B	<u>AM</u> Repairing coy road otherwise coy comds period. <u>PM</u> Amphibious trg	<u>AM</u> Gas Chamber - (As for A Coy Mon) <u>PM</u> Pl Comds period in jungle	"	"	"	"	"
C	<u>AM</u> Amphibious Trg. Over ships side & embarking and disembarking <u>PM</u> Repairing coy roads otherwise Coy Comds period	<u>AM</u> Pl comds period in jungle. <u>PM</u> Gas chamber as per A Coy Mon	"	"	"	"	"
D	Sec Leaders day - each sec leader to take sec out in jungle under own comd - submit reccoe re- port on return to Coy	<u>AM</u> Amphibious Trg <u>PM</u> "	<u>AM</u> Gas Chamber as per "A" Coy Monday <u>PM</u> Repairing coy roads otherwise coy comds period	"	"	"	"
HQ	<u>AM</u> Improvement of Bn & Coy roads etc <u>PM</u> Gas Chamber	As for "D" Coy Mon.	Amphibious all day	"	"	"	"

REMARKS 1/2 hr smertening up drill daily
1/2 hr lecturette one day, on Hygiene & Anti-Malarial precautions - reasons & benefits & results achieved.

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15 AUST INF BN TRG INSTN

WEEK ENDING 16 MAY 43

GAS TRG Gas chamber will be prepared by 6 Pl, possibly in a tent made airtight, and all ranks as per syllabus will pass through chamber with DM ampoules to test the efficiency of the respirator and to teach tps to recognise this type of gas. Unit Gas Officer and Coy gas instructors will supervise all coy tests.

AMPHIBIOUS TRG To accustom tps to going over ships side by rope ladders, pig nets etc into landing craft moored alongside, then landing on beach. This will be carried out on mock ships side at HIWALA IS. Coy allotted barge in morning will use it from 0800 to 1200 hrs, and coys allotted in afternoon from 1200 - 1600 hrs.

Strict discipline will be maintained incl non smoking, no talking and strict boat drill during the period of trg.

SEC & PL COMD PERIODS These periods are to enable the pl Comd or Sec leader according to syllabus to take comd of his own sub unit on a given task without the assistance or supervision of a higher comd.

IMPROVEMENT OF COY & BN ROADS To facilitate the use of tpt in wet weather for delivery of supplies, movement of stores etc. draining and gravelling will be continued. Pioneer advice or assistance will be made available if required.

STUDY OF OPERATIONAL ROLE, DEFENSIVE POSNS, FIRE PLANS & GENERAL RECCES - These periods will be spent in acquainting all ranks with a full knowledge of their operational roles.

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(G. J. WORT)

A/adjt 15 Aust Inf Bn

Ref Map : GILI GILI 1/25000

RELIEF OF 37/52 AUST INF BN BY 15 AUST INF BN

INFORMATION

1. 29 Aust Inf Bde is relieving 4 Aust Inf Bde in fwd MILNE BAY DEFENCES.

INTENTION

2. 15 Aust Inf Bn will relieve 37/52 Bn in RABI sector MILNE BAY DEFENCES.

METHOD

3. Relief. All reconnaissances will be completed by 1800 hrs 13 May 43.

4. No movement of tps will take place before 0800 hrs 14 MAY /45

5. Occupation of fwd areas to be completed by 1200 hrs 14 MAY /45

6. Relief to be completed by 2400 hrs 14 May 43.

7. Complete maps of each Coys area of responsibility will be taken over from 37/52 Bn.

8. Coy Comd will render to this HQ by 1800 hrs 15 May 43, a certificate that the relief has been completed, with any relevant comments.

9. Areas of Responsibility

<u>Sub Unit</u>	<u>Take over from</u>	<u>Occupying</u>
A Coy	A Coy 37/52	KALABON sub-sec
B Coy	C Coy 37/52	GAMA " "
C Coy	B Coy 37/52	BULOLO " "
D Coy	D Coy 37/52	DUALA " "

Bn HQ & HQ Coy take over their counterpart areas vicinity of TURNBULL FIELD.

10. Route (a) Marching tps - Route 8 - Route 5
(b) Tpt - Route 8 - Route 1 - Route 2 - Route 5

10(a) ORDER of MARCH C.D.B.A. BHQ. HQ
START POINT - WATER POINT
START TIME - 0800 hrs 14 MAY

11. Allotment of Tpt

<u>Sub Unit</u>	<u>Bn Tpt</u>	<u>ASC Tpt</u>
BHQ	2-15 cwt	2 3 ton
HQ Coy	2-3 ton	4 3 ton
A Coy	2-3 ton	1 3 ton
B Coy	"	2 3 ton
C Coy	"	2 3 ton
D Coy	2-3 ton	1 3 ton

Outgoing vehicles after off loading will be available for transporting 37/52 Bn stores to present 15 Bn area & vice versa.

No move of tpt out, except B & C Coys before 0845 hrs. B & C Coys have the use of Jap barge at PONTOON WHARF to convey stores to RABI JETTY from 0900 hrs. 35 native carriers are allotted to carry stores to C Coy area from jetty.

12. TCPs Bn RPs will establish TCPs at following points.

- (a) Cnr routes 5 & 8
- (b) LAST end of TURNBULL FIELD
- (c) Rd junc 435452

13. One guide per Coy report to TO at 0600 hrs 14 May 43 to direct tpt allotted his Coy.

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14. Patrols. Responsibility for patrols taken over will be as follows :-

Coy	Patrol	Relief Commences	Relief Completed	Strength
B	K.B. MISSION --AHIOMA-- EAST CAPE	0800 hrs 14 May 43	2400 hrs 15 May 43	1 NCOs & 9 ORs (constant Recce Patrol)
D	Tracks to NORTH across STIRLING RANGE from from RABI area	0800 hrs 14 May 43	2400 hrs 15 May 43	1 NCO & 9 ORs (constant Recce Patrol)

15. Tk A Guns will remain in reserve in area TURNBULL FIELD until further orders.

16. MMGs & Ms- with fwd Coys as with 37/52 Bn.

ADMINISTRATION

17. Rations

- (a) Rations will not be exchanged but will move with Unit.
- (b) 4 days reserve rations will be held & any surplus returned to BASCO.
- (c) Res held will be turned over regularly.
- (d) Supply point - DID FACTORY.
- (e) Water Point - WUHURIA RIVER BRIDGE.

18. Accomo Stores & tentage.

Stores & tentage will be exchanged by mutual arrangement.

19. AMN (a) AMN at present held will be transferred by mutual arrangement.

(b) To be maintained - Scale A plus 2 days Scale B (all categories). Surplus to be returned to 10 AAD.

20. Petrol (a) Reserve of 50 g p v on charge, will be held.

(b) P.P. 395439

21. Medical RAP at BHQ area
ADS at 399446

22. Tpt. - On completion of relief the following tpt will be allotted to Coys.

- C Coy 1 Jeep
- B Coy 1 Jeep
- D Coy 15 cwt truck

Remainder in Bn pool with TO.

INTERCOMM.

23 (a) BHQ closes present area and reopens new area 1000 hrs 14 May 43.

(b) Existing cable reeled out will remain in both areas and be taken over by respective Units.

ACK

Signed at 0800. Hrs 13 May 43

Issued by

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Lieut
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Distribution

Copy No

- A Coy 1
- B Coy 2
- C Coy 3
- D Coy 4
- HQ Coy 5-6

Distribution

Copy No

- IO 7
- Sig O 8
- TO 9
- QM 10
- RMO 11

- CO 12
- 2 i/c 13
- Adjt 14
- 29 Aust Inf Bde 15
- War Diary 16-17

Location Statement

14 MAY 43

15 AUST INF BN - COY - PL HQ^s

B. HQ = 435 454.

"A" COY.

COY HQ. 440 452.
 8 PL. } biv HQ. 439 457.
 9 PL. }
 8 PL bat. HQ. 439 458.
 9 PL " " 440 456
 10 PL " " 438 449

"B" COY

COY. HQ 454 456
 " BAT. HQ 458 458
 11 PL " " 456 456
 12 PL " " 453 457
 13 PL " " 455 457

"C" COY.

COY. HQ. 459 461.
 14 PL BIV HQ. 462 456
 14 PL BAT. HQ. 463 458
 15 PL " " 458 464.
 16 PL BIV. HQ. 457 458
 16 PL BAT HQ. 460 459

"D" COY

COY HQ. 433 461
 17 PL. Patrol duties MURPHY'S LOOKOUT.
 18 PL. 452 460.
 19 PL. 451 462.

"H.Q." COY

COY HQ. 433 454

REF MAP.

1/25,000 Arty Series

GILI GILI.

1ST EDITION

15 AUST INF BN OP INSTN NO 22

DEFENCE POLICY

1. GENERAL

The spirit of the defence of the present area will be offensive defence.

2. ROUTINE

The provisions of BN standing orders for defence will be implemented forthwith except as modified in para 3 hereof. Details of the general defensive plan will be contained in an operation order to follow.

3. PRIORITY OF TASKS

All Coys - (a) Fields of fire
(b) Wireing
(c) Weapon pits

In particular as from Wed 19 May 43 -

B Coy - (a) One pl on RADI RD construction and maintenance
(b) One pl to assist C Coy in development of BULOLO defences

A Coy - (a) One pl - Area defences and patrols.
(a) Two pls assist D Coy in development of BUALA defences.

(b) One Pl - Area defences.

Native labour will be provided for clearing fields of fire.

4. RECES

All Offrs will recess all approaches to each Coy area with a view to possible counter action anywhere.

Recess to be completed by 30 May 43.

5. BEACH LIGHTS

Tech Sgt will be responsible for maintenance of all beach lights.

T.O. will inspect each light at least once weekly.

Coy Comds will be responsible that each light is adequately protected from fire and weather and so mounted as to be able to traverse its allotted arc. Traverse stops will be fixed to ensure lights conform to their arcs.

6. CLEARINGS AND CAMOUFLAGE

All clearing of jungle for fields of fire will be so carried out as to preserve overhead cover. The approaches to any Sec post will be cleared to a height of 3 Ft from the ground, leaving the overhead cover only from this point upwards. Jungle will be left standing over each Sec post as natural camouflage. If none exists, vines and creepers will be grown over such areas.

All weapon pits, completed or under construction will be completely camouflaged by 22 May 43 and reports submitted to this effect on that date.

7. WIREING

In all areas except BULOLO, D.A. fencing will be constructed or maintained.

In the BULOLO sub sector the present type of low spider web wire in undergrowth or on natural posts (stumps) will be continued.

8. RATIONS AND AMMN

The provisions of standing orders for defence governing Reserves of Rations and Ammn will be modified in the present area, to dumps, in weather proof shelters, in Coy or Pl H Q Areas

Until further orders they will not be placed out in Sec posts, owing to likely deterioration during the wet season.

9. TRACK DISCIPLINE will be strictly enforced.

No new tracks of any nature will be made without permission from Bn HQ. Unnecessary tracks will be closed and creepers encouraged to grow over them. Bn HQ must be notified first of proposed closing of such tracks.

A and B Coys will maintain a strict Road check on all Vehs and pers moving EAST through coy areas. Only the following Vehs and pers will be permitted to proceed EAST.

(a) Below the rank of Lieut Colonel, if in possession of a permit to proceed EAST from HQ 29 Bde, or Bn HQ, provided they are NOT travelling in a Vech over 15 Cwt.

(b) Vehs over 15 Cwt, if passengers are in possession of a pass, will be permitted to proceed only as far as RABI but no further.

Sentries will enforce the above order, referring any queries to Coy or Bn HQ, sending the enquirer under escort to either of those HQ.

10. ACCOMMODATION

Permission has been granted for the services of natives to thatch weather proof mess huts, Q Stores and H.Qs.

Coys must erect the framework on a standard plan available from Pnr Offr.

Coys will erect only such structures as are required at present. Old existing structures will be used and replaced at a later date.

When framework is ready, Coys will advise Pnr Offr who will inspect and arrange for natives to complete by thatching.

11. GENERAL PREPAREDNESS

Whilst the above policy is being carried out all Coys will be maintained in a state of readiness to fight on 24 hours notice.

12. SECURITY

Full security measures for a Fwd defence area will be strictly maintained, particularly at night.

13. MALARIA DISCIPLINE

A stricter supervision by Officers and N.C.O.'s and a keener appreciation of the need for full anti-malarial precautions by all ranks, will be necessary in this area, for obvious reasons.

Ack

Signed at 0900 hrs 15 May 43.
Issued by Munner & D/R.

W. J. Mort
Lieut
(C.W. MORT)
A/Adjt 15 Aust Inf Bn

Distribution - Scale A plus M.M.G. Comd
ARTY "
TK/A "

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES
15 AUST INF BN
ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1
 by

LT. COL J.L. AMIES

Commanding 15 Aust Inf Bn

IN THE FIELD

15 MAY 43

31/43

1. COURT OF INQUIRY

A court of inquiry will be held at such times and places as the President may decide to enquire into and report on the illegal absence of Q 146091 Pte A. DAVIS "A" Coy 15 Aust Inf Bn.

President : Capt L.J. BIERNE
 Member : Lieut A.W. FARLEY

2. D.R.L.S.

A D.R.L.S. is functioning between B.H.Q. & Coys twice daily, leaving B.H.Q. at 0845 and 1545 hrs and arriving at forward switch "B" Coy area, and not leaving before 0900 and 1600 hrs. All despatches must be delivered before the times laid down in order to ensure efficient working of this service.

3. SAFE GUARDING OF CONTROLLED STORES

All personnel are again warned of their responsibility in regard to the safekeeping of controlled stores on issue to them. It is to be impressed on all ranks that it is their personal liability and such losses as are incurred will be replaced at soldiers expense, besides involving disciplinary action.

4. KIT INSPECTIONS

Thorough inspections of kit and quarters will be carried out at least once a fortnight at irregular intervals and without prior notice and a statement rendered to B.H.Q. on completion. Any person found in unauthorised possession of any article no matter how trivial will be dealt with accordingly.

In addition to kit inspections, a complete check of Pistols, binoculars and compasses on charge to each Coy will be made weekly and a certificate, signed by the Officer who has satisfied himself that every item is accounted for, will be rendered to B.H.Q. every Saturday without fail.

5. INTERFERENCE WITH SIGNAL COMMUNICATIONS

Instances have occurred recently of field cable and copper wire lines having been deliberately cut and sections stolen.

Formations and Units will take action to ensure that all ranks are informed of the danger of vital communications being disrupted by such vandalism.

The use of field cable for any purpose other than that for which it is intended is a serious offence.

The deliberate damage to signal communications and theft of field cable is to be regarded as an offence for which the offender is to be tried by Court-Martial, unless the Formation Commander otherwise directs. In all cases of deliberate damage to signal communications and theft of field cable the offender will be charged and a summary of Evidence, which will be forwarded to the Formation Commander, will be taken.

6. BREAKING DOWN OF SERVICE OR ENEMY AMMUNITION

The breaking-down of service or enemy ammunition in any way, other than that authorised by training publications, hand books, regulations in existence or instructions issued from L.H.Q. is strictly forbidden.

The breaking-down of any service or enemy ammunition by unauthorised persons is prohibited.

If information is required on the internal construction of any type of service ammunition, reference can be made to Inspecting Ordnance Officers posted to H.Q. of Corps or L of C Areas.

Enemy ammunition will normally be broken down or demolished by R.A.E. units (preferably bomb disposal units) under instructions from formation etc Headquarters.

IGNITER SETS - GRENADES NO 36 M - SUSCEPTIBILITY TO MOISTURE

The .22 R.F. cartridge cap, as used in the Igniter sets for grenades No 36 M is highly susceptible to moisture.

Personnel handling Igniter set containers will observe strictly the following procedure :-

(a) Igniter sets are always issued in soldered cylinders. Should a cylinder be opened and the whole of the contents not expended, the cylinder will be resealed by effective adhesive tape or shellac binding

(b) Detonators which show visible signs of corrosion or verdigris on the caps will be treated as suspect, as these are liable to produce blinds. Units will refer such detonators to an Inspecting Ordnance Officer for determination of condition.

Units will keep the number of "ready use" grenades to a minimum, consistent with operational needs, and in tropical areas this number will not exceed four days requirements in advance.

7. CONCERT PARTIES STAGES AND FRAMES

Frames and stages for the Concert Party have been or are being erected in certain locations in this area.

Two cases have occurred when these frames have been removed, one near Strip 3 and the other on Route 10.

All ranks will be advised that these frames are erected to assist in their entertainment and that they will not be touched under any circumstances.

All troops will be warned the showings of the Concert party will be cancelled in areas concerned if frames or stages are interfered with.

8. LOST

In the vicinity of DON, BHQ Area Wallet containing Paybook owned by V54371 Pte HYNES J.C. of "C" Company.

Would finder please return to Bn.H.Q.


Lieut
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A/Adjt 15 Aust Inf Bn

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES
15 AUST INF BN
ROUTINE ORDERS PART I
 by

Lt Col J.L. AMIES

Commanding 15 Aust Inf Bn

IN THE FIELD

20 MAY 43

32/43

1. MINUTE OF PUBLICATION

A DCM convened by GOC 5 Aust Div was held in the Field on 10 MAY 43 for the trial of :-

Q19228 PTE RONALD FRANCIS MASKELL - 15 AUST INF BN

Charge

1. ABSENTING HIMSELF WITHOUT LEAVE from 0620 hrs 26 DEC 42 until his return to Unit at 1145 hrs 29 APR 43 under escort, having been previously arrested by 1 L of C pro Coy at BRISBANE at 1730 hrs 6 APR 43.
2. CONDUCT TO THE PREJUDICE OF GOOD ORDER AND MILITARY DISCIPLINE in that at 1730 hrs on 6 APR 43 at BRISBANE was in possession of a document purporting to be a Leave Pass while knowing that it was not genuine.

FINDING

GUILTY on both Charges.

SENTENCE

To undergo detention for eight months.

Date of Sentence 16 MAY 43.

The accused was 1 day in open arrest awaiting trial.

The Finding and sentence were confirmed on 17 MAY 43 and promulgated to the accused in the Field on 20 MAY 43

2. MOSQUITO REPELLENT

The new mosquito repellent lotion is a personal issue and Units will ensure that each man is in possession of a bottle of same. Patrols, sentries and troops on exercises will be inspected periodically. Personnel evacuated beyond RAP will take the current issue with them as Medical Units only receive enough for their own personnel.

Reports of misuse of this repellent fluid have been received. This fluid has already shown its value as a mosquito and tick repellent, but its supply is still very limited. Its supply is so limited and its protective value so great that misuse by troops is sabotage. Accordingly Commanders will take very severe disciplinary action against offenders.

3. CENSORSHIP

Attention is drawn to NGE Routine Order No 6/43 of 8 FEB para 35 and Div Routine Order No 41 of 31 JAN para 460. These instructions are being frequently disregarded.

COMMENT ON AIR RAIDS. Air Raids can only be referred to in general terms and no information may be given which is not officially released. Any comment must be such that a particular raid cannot be identified as this would link the location of a Unit with a particular place.

4. PAYBOOKS

Instances are still occurring where members are not carrying their Paybooks in Gas Wallets or Paybook covers, with resultant damage to their Paybooks. Coy Comds will take steps to see that where Paybook covers are not available gas wallets will be issued to each member.

E. L. Hodges
 Lieut
 (E.L. HODGES)
 Adjnt 15 Aust Inf Bn

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES
15 AUST INF BN
ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1
by

Lt Col. J. L. AMIES

Commanding 15 Aust Inf Bn

IN THE FIELD

21 MAY 43

33/43

1. COURT OF INQUIRY

A Court of Inquiry will be held at such times and places as the President may decide to enquire into and report on the illegal absence of; Q 109533 Pte O'KEEFE A.J., "B" Coy 15 Aust Inf Bn, Q 140118 Pte O'KEEFE O.W.S. "B" Coy 15 Aust Inf Bn, Q 109275 Pte SMITH C.C. "B" Coy 15 Aust Inf Bn, Q 32968 Pte BUTLER C.J. "C" Coy 15 Aust Inf Bn.

President : Capt L.J. BEIRNE
Member : Lieut A. J. FARLEY

2. PISTOLS, POSSESSION OF

Pistols of any type or description shall not be sold, purchased or exchanged.

On or after 15 Apr 43 it will be an offence for any member of the AMF to have in his possession or custody any pistol other than one issued to him by Army Authority or where he has the Permission referred to in Para 3 hereof.

Permission may be granted by a Formation Comd to any member to have in his possession a pistol other than one issued to him; such permission to be in writing, signed personally by Formation Comd. All ranks in possession of pistols not issued to them or not provided for under the last para will forthwith surrender the same to the QM or HQ Orderly Room of their Unit.

All ranks having pistols in their possession are held personally responsible therefor and will immediately report the loss of such pistol.

The loss of a pistol is to be regarded as an offence for which the offender is to be tried by Court-Martial, unless the Formation Comd otherwise directs. In all cases of loss of pistols the offender will be charged and a summary of Evidence, which will be forwarded to the Formation Comd, will be taken.

This order will be published in all Formation and Unit Routine Orders at least once per week for four consecutive weeks from the date hereof, and thereafter will be repeated once per month in all such orders.

3. LEAVE WITHOUT PAY

In order to remove any misunderstanding by members concerning the effect of a grant of leave without pay, irrespective of the Authority under which such leave is granted, attention is directed to the provisions of War Financial (Military Forces) Regulations, which provide, in effect, that all pay (including allotments) and pay allowances cease in respect of any period for which a member is granted leave without pay.

When leave without pay is granted, the following will not be payable during the period of such leave:-

- (a) Pay (including Deferred pay);
- (b) Field allowance;
- (c) Command allowance;
- (d) Special allowance;
- (e) Exchange allowance;
- (f) Dependants allowance;
- (g) Travelling allowance;
- (h) Subsistence allowance;
- (i) Any allowance payable under regulation 9 of the above-mentioned regulations.

3. LEAVE WITHOUT PAY (Contd)

Leave without pay will not be imposed on a member compulsorily, & consequently, will always be covered by written application from the member, specifying that leave is desired without pay.

4. CENSORSHIP OF PARCELS - FAILURE TO DETECT PROHIBITED MATTER

Instances have recently been discovered of parcels, having been franked by Officers although they contain prohibited matter, and in particular articles of government property.

AFCI No 22 para 6 sets out clearly instructions re franking of parcels and packets.

It is apparent that franking Officers are not performing their duties.

Severe disciplinary action will be taken in all cases detected.

5. MALARIA CONTROL

To derive the maximum benefit from the recent rains which have destroyed many larvae, all Units and detachments will redouble the destruction of adult mosquitoes in tents, huts, slit trenches etc by spraying twice daily with Flyspray.

In many areas, it is obvious that slit trenches have been allowed to become overgrown with grass and to contain pools of water or debris. Slit trenches must be kept clean and dry as they are favoured harbourages for the mosquito.

Following the rain the amount of surface water will be increased. Coy Commanders will ensure that extra efforts are made to spray such water with Malariol.

Drains are an essential feature of the Malaria Control Work.

Once a drain is cut through or near a Unit area, it is reasonable to expect that Unit to be sufficiently interested to maintain the drain, keep it clear of debris, coconuts etc, or at least to ensure that it is not used as a dump or broken down by thoughtless drivers. In future Coy Comds will be held responsible for the drains constructed in and about Coy areas.

Within Coy areas in general, the amount of surface water will be reduced by filling in ruts created by vehicles. As these ruts are usually made by careless or lazy drivers, drivers may be employed especially on this important task.

Coy Comds are reminded that they are personally responsible for Malaria control in and about their area and the success of the present campaign can only be maintained if commanders concentrate even greater attention to the discharge of this responsibility. This applies particularly to commanders of detachments, many of whom tend to become lax.

6. USE OF TRANSPORT

Vehicles attached to Coys are to be used only in the Bn area.

Arrangements for movement of vehicles to places outside the Bn area will be under control of T.O.

All vehicles moving out of area will report to Transport Office first.

E. L. Hodges
Lieut

(E. L. HODGES)

A/Adjt 15 Aust Inf Bn

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES
15 AUST INF BN
ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1
by

Lt Col J.L. AMIES

Commanding 15 Aust Inf Bn

IN THE FIELD

24 MAY 43

34/43

1. MINUTE OF PUBLICATION

A DCM convened by GOC 5 Aust Div was held in the field on 10 - 14 May 1943 for the trial of-

Q 109349 Pte G.C.G. WILLIAMS - 15 Aust Inf Bn

Charge

AA 12 (1)(a)

WOAS DESERTING HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE - with intent to desert AWL from 0620 hrs 2 Jan 43 until returned to Unit under escort at 1000 hrs 5 May 43, having previously been arrested by 7 L of C Provost Coy at Townsville atn0835 hrs 24 Apr 43.

Finding:

GUILTY

Sentence:

Detention for 12 months

Date of

Sentence:

14 May 43

The accused was not in custody awaiting trial.

The finding and sentence were duly confirmed on 18 May 43 and promulgated to the accused in the field on 24 May 43.

2. MINUTE OF PUBLICATION

A DCM was convened by GOC 5 Aust Div was held in the field on 10 and 15 May 43 for the trial of -

Q 19143 Pte E.G. ELLIS - 15 Aust Inf Bn

Charge:

1. WOAS ABSENTING HIMSELF WITHOUT LEAVE - AWL from 2359 hrs 26 Dec 42 until 2020 hrs 5 Feb 43 when he surrendered to 1 L of C Provost Coy at Brisbane.

2. WOAS DESERTING HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE - after being warned for embarkation to a further battle station and with intent to avoid embarkation AWL from 1800 hrs 12 Mar 43 until 1145 hrs 29 Apr when returned to his Unit under escort.

Finding:

GUILTY OF BOTH CHARGES.

Sentence:

Detention for 15 months.

Date of sentence:

15 May 43.

The accused was not in custody awaiting trial.

The finding and sentence were duly confirmed on 18 May 43 and promulgated to the accused in the field on 24 May 43.

4. MINUTE OF PUBLICATION

A DCM convened by GOC 5 Aust Div was held in the field on 10 and 14 May 43 for the trial of -

Q 102617 Pte W.P. HOWARD - 15 Aust Inf Bn

Charge:

1. WOAS ABSENTING HIMSELF WITHOUT LEAVE -
AWL from 2359 hrs 2 Jan 43 until he was arrested at 1800 hrs 3 Feb 43.

2. WOAS DEERTING HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE - after being warned for embarkation to a further battle station and with intent to avoid embarkation A/WL from 1800 hrs 12 Mar 43 until 1145 hrs 29 Apr 43 when returned to Unit under escort

Finding:

GUILTY OF BOTH CHARGES

Sentence:

Detention for 15 months

Date of

Sentence:

14 May 43.

The accused was not in custody awaiting trial

The finding and sentence as mitigated were duly confirmed on 18 May 43 and promulgated to the accused in the field on 24 May 43.

E. L. Hodges

Lieut

(E.L. HODGES)

Adjt 15 Aust Inf Bn

25 MAY 43

15 AUST INF BN OP INSTN NO 23 "AT CALL" COY

1. REQUIREMENT One complete Coy from 29 Aust Inf Bde to be ready at all times, incl rest day, to move at one hour's notice as and if required to do so.
Coys will be "At Call" as set out in para 6 below.
2. TASKS (a) Operational
(b) General
3. WEAPONS & AMN During the period "At Call" the Coy concerned will be prepared as follows -
(a) Coy will move with full scale of weapons.
(b) Bren, SMG and Tank Attack Rifle. Magazines to be loaded for period of call.
(c) Grenades also to be primed.
(d) When Coy is relieved grenades will be unprimed and excess mags unloaded.
4. RATIONS AND WATER (a) One day's ordinary ration to be held by the man at all times.
(b) Operational rations to be held by Q.M. and issued to Coy when required to move.
(c) Water bottles to be kept filled.
5. PERIOD OF DUTY One week each Coy during period "At Call". All ranks must remain in the Coy area. This instn is NOT to be varied under any circumstances.
6. ROSTER (a) BDE

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>WEEK COMMENCING</u>
15 Aust Inf Bn	24 MAY 43
42 Aust Inf Bn	31 MAY 43
15 Aust Inf Bn	7 JUN 43
42 Aust Inf Bn	14 JUN 43
 (b) <u>BN</u>	
"A" Coy	24 MAY 43
"B" Coy	7 JUN 43
"C" Coy	21 JUN 43
"D" Coy	5 JUL 43

and continue to rotate as above until otherwise instructed.

E.L. Hodges
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<u>DISTRIBUTION</u>	<u>COPY</u>
A Coy	1
B Coy	2
C Coy	3
D Coy	4
HQ Coy	5
QM	6
File	7
War Diary	8 - 9 ✓

BEACH LIGHTS.

No. 24	438448
No. 25	443453
No. 26	445453
No. 27	4474 54
No. 28	451456
No. 29	453456
No. 30	4544 56
No. 31	456455
No. 32	457454

TK A G UN POS ITIONS

No. 1	43604455
No. 2	4 3654465
No. 3	43084540
No. 4	43204537

Stone Point
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I. O. 15 AUST. INF. BN.

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15 AUST. INF. BN.

LOCATION OF SUB-UNITS A S AT 2359 HOURS 28 MAY, 43.
 REF. MAP GILI GILI 1/2 5000

	BN.H.Q.	436452
	R.A.P.	436452
<u>A. COY.</u>		
	COY. H.Q.	440452
	COY. BATTLE H.Q.	439457
	8 PL. Biv. H.Q.	438457
	9 PL. BIV. H.Q.	438457
	8 PL. BATTLE H.Q.	438458
	9 PL. BATTLE H.Q.	439456
	10 PL. BATTLE H.Q.	438449
<u>B. COY.</u>		
	COY. H.Q.	455457
	11 PL. H. Q.	456456
	12 PL. H. Q.	453458
	13 PL. H. Q.	457458
<u>C. COY.</u>		
	COY. H. Q.	459462
	14 PL. BIV. H.Q.	462456
	14 PL. BATTLE H.Q.	463457
	15 PL. BATTLE H.Q.	4594 63
	16 PL. BIV. H.Q.	4 57458
	16 PL. BATTLE H.Q.	460460
<u>D. COY.</u>		
	COY. H.Q.	452461
	17 PL. H.Q. less one section	458467
	ONE S EC. A T BILO BULOLO O.P. (STANDING PATROL DURATION EIGHT DAYS)	450474
	18 PL. H. Q.	452460
	19 PL. H. Q.	450462
<u>H.Q. COY.</u>		
	COY. H. Q.	433454
	1 PL. H. Q.	436452
	2 PL. H. Q.	4314 53
	3 PL. H. Q.	43 4454
	4 PL. H. Q.	433453
	5 PL. H.Q.	431454
	6 PL. H. Q.	434454
	7 PL. H.Q.	433455
<u>M.M.G. POSTS</u>		
	G. 19 (manned by A.Coy 7 M.G. Bn.)	437447
	G. 20	440451
	G. 21	453457
	G. 22	458457
	G. 23	459458
<u>MORTARS</u>		
	M. 3	455457
	M. 4	454457
	M. 5	4384 52
	M. 6	438453
	M. 7	437452
	3 Dets. in reserve	

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Unit 15 AUST. INF. BN Date and Time. — From 1 JUN. 43. To

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MILNE BAY	1 JUN 43	0700	Message F395 to 29 BDE:— SITREP @ SITNOR.	
HQ 436 452	"	—	<u>Coy activities</u> :— "A" Coy river crossing exercise over WEHURIA CK.	
1/25,000 Arty series.			in morning @ afternoon:— Section exercises, personnel to	
GILIGILI 1ST EDITION			remain out overnight @ "B" Coy - 29 BDE Working Party @ "C" Coy	
	"		Improving defences @ "D" Coy Improving defences @ HQ Coy, working	
			in Coy area	
	"	1146	Message P386 from 29 BDE @ From 2000 K/3 to 2100 K/3 beach	This message is reply to this Unit's request per message A303-31 MAY 43
			electric lights will be illuminated from inclusive TURNBULL AIRFIELD to GAMA RIVER as desired all informed @ Forward particulars of exercise by 1800 K/2.	
	"	1532	Message P795 from 29 BDE:— Authority granted for registration	ditto
			shoot of 3 inch mortars at 434 445 target area 438 447 from 1400 hrs to 1500 hrs 3 JUN 43 @ Observe all safety precautions	
<i>Copy</i>	"	—	Copy of R/O ^s -35/43 issued during day attached	Appendix "A"

7 AUG 1943

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Unit 15 AUST. INF. BN.

Date and Time.—From 2 JUN 43 To 3 JUN 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MILNE BAY	2 JUN 43	0700	Message I401 to 29 BDE - SITREP O SITNOR.	
HO 436452	"	—	<u>Coy activities</u> :— all Coys on defensive works	
	"	0800	Rainfall recorded 0800/1 - 0800/2 = 8 points	
	"	1445	Message A307 to A-B-C & HQ Coys:— BEACH LIGHT EXERCISE	
			O MAJ. PETRIE CAPTS. LACK, HUGHES, FORSYTH, LIEUT PROCTOR report	
			1900 hrs 2 JUN for conference O MAJ. PETRIE to bring report	
			change MASTER LIGHT.	
	"	2002	AIR RAID RED } CATALINA	
	"	2016	ALL CLEAR. } off course	
	3 JUN 43.	0700	Message I404 to 29 BDE - SITREP O SITNOR.	
	"	—	<u>Coy activities</u> :— All Coys except HQ Coy on defensive works	
			HQ Coy - specialist trg.	
	"	0800	Rainfall recorded from 0800/2 - 0800/3 = 11 pts	
	"	—	Copy of R/O's - 36/43 issued during day attached	Appendix "A"

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Unit 15 AUST INF. BN.

Date and Time.—From 4 JUN 43 To 5 JUN 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MILNE BAY	4 JUN 43	0700	Message I 409 to 29 BDE:—SITREP O SITNOR.	
HO 436452	"	—	Coy activities:— A-D & HQ Coys on Defensive Works O B Coy	Refer Appendix "A" for PLAN of BN. area.
1/25,000 Arty Series			River xing without engr. equipt. in Morning O Afternoon	
GILI GILI ISTE DI			Commando trg. elementary O "C" Coy Range practices Open & Jungle 3 hours each	
	"	0800	Rainfall recorded 0800/3 - 0800/4 = 102 pts.	
	"	1645	Message A 309 to HQ + A Coy:— Educational lecture by CAPT. DRURY on Second Front in Europe will be held at Recreation Tent B HQ at 1930 hrs. O all interested may attend.	
	5 JUN 43	0700	Message I 415 to 29 BDE:—SITREP O SITNOR.	
	"	—	Coy activities:— A-D & HQ Coys on defensive works. O B Coy Range Practices Open & Jungle 3 hrs each. O C Coy River crossing without engineer equipt in Morning O Afternoon - Commando trg. elementary	

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Unit 15 AUST. INF BN

Date and Time.—From 5 JUN 43 To 6 JUN 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MILNE BAY	5 JUN 43	0800	Rainfall recorded from 0800/4 - 0800/5 = 68 pts.	
HQ 436 452	"	1038	Message I783 from 29 BDE - With exception personnel necessary to supply RADAR protective det. 4 ANGAU ditto KIRIWANA, no others will visit or receive KIRIWANA or WOOD LARK IS without prior application to and approval from this HQ all informed	
1/25,000 Arty Series GILI GILI 1ST EDITION				
	6 JUN 43	0700	Message I422 to 29 BDE - SITREP O SITNOR	
	"	—	Coy activities - Morning - Adm. & Church Parades @ Afternoon Stand Down.	
	"	0800	Rainfall recorded from 0800/5 - 0800/6 = 50 pts.	
	"	1900	Finals of first big Boxing and Wrestling tournament held at stadium in vicinity of No 1 R.A.E. Engrs Dump. This Unit was represented in three of the finals. SGT. M. WRIGHT "HQ" Coy - LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT WRESTLING CPL. C. KENWRICK - WELTER WRESTLING and PTE N.E. BROWN, (cont over)	

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Unit 15 AUST. INF BN

Date and Time.—From 6 JUN 43 To 9 JUN 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MILNE BAY	6 JUN 43	<i>cont from previous form</i>	LIGHTWEIGHT BOXING ○ Both wrestlers were successful while PTE N.E. BRONN had to retire due to a damaged thumb.	
HO. 436452	"	—	Copy of Training Instr No 15 issued during day attached	Appendix "A"
1/25,000 Arty Series	"	—		
GILI GILI 1ST EDITION	"	—		
	7 JUN 43	0700	Message I 424 to 29 BDE - SITREP O SITNOR.	
	"	—	Coy activities - as per syllabus Appendix A attached	
	"	0800	NIL Rainfall recorded 0800/6 - 0800/7	
	8 JUN 43	0700	Message I 430 to 29 BDE - SITREP O SITNOR.	
	"	—	Coy activities - as per syllabus Appendix A attached	
	"	0800	Rainfall recorded 0800/7 - 0800/8 = 4pts	
	"	1315	Message A 320 to all Coy - On and from 9 JUN reveille 0630 hrs ○ Breakfast 0715 hrs ○ all other times unaltered.	
	"	—	Copy of R/O ^s - 37/43 issued during day attached	Appendix "B"
	9 JUN 43	0700	Message I 437 to 29 BDE - SITREP O SITNOR.	

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Unit 15 AUST. INF. BN.

Date and Time.—From 9 JUN 43 To 10 JUN 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MILNE BAY. HQ. 436 452. 1/25,000 Arty Series GILI GILI 1ST EDITION	9 JUN. 43.	—	<u>Coy activities</u> :— "A" Coy Trg in laying out and taking up of minefields in morning & afternoon Booby traps & "B" - "D" + "HQ" Coys on defensive works & "C" Coy - Range practices Open & Jungle 3 hrs each.	
	"	1510	Message of 806 recd from 29 BDE:— Applications for permission to illuminate sentry beams RABI JETTY between 1930 hrs and 2000 hrs 11 JUN to carry out necessary focus adjustments approved.	
	10 JUN. 43	0700	Message I 440 to 29 BDE:— SITREP & SITNOR.	
	"	—	<u>Coy activities</u> :— "A" Coy Range Practices Open & Jungle 3 hrs. each & "B" - "D" + "HQ" Coys on defensive works & "C" Coy - Morning:— Trg in laying and taking up minefields & afternoon:— Booby traps.	
	"	0800	Rainfall recorded from 0800/9 - 0800/10 = 4 pts.	

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Unit 15 AUST. INF. BN Date and Time.—From 11 JUN 43 To 12 JUN 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MILNE BAY.	11 JUN 43	0700	Message I 447 to 29 BDE:— SITREP O SITNOR	
H.Q. 436 452	"	—	<u>Coy activities</u> :— "A" + "C" Coy on defensive works O "B" Coy Range practices Open & Jungle 3hrs each O "D" Coy trying laying and taking up of minefields in morning O afternoon— Booby traps O HQ Coy A/Para tps Range practice in "C" Coy Area.	
1/25,000 Arty Series GILI GILI 1ST EDITION				
	"	1145	29 BDE advised of Percentage of completed def works as follows O Sub sectors O KILABO 75 O GAMA 75 O BULOLO 55 O DUALA 75. O Tk/A guns 95. O Beach Guns 100.	
	"		Copy of R/O's - 38/43 - issued during day attached	Appendix "A"
	12 JUN 43	0700	Message I 452 to 29 BDE:— SITREP O SITNOR	
	"	—	<u>Coy activities</u> :— "A" + "C" Coy on defensive works O "B" Minefield try O "D" Coy A/Para tps Range practices O HQ Coy Range Practices Open & Jungle 3hrs each.	

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Date and Time.—From 12 JUN 43 To 13 JUN 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MILNE - BAY.	12 JUN 43	0800	Rainfall recorded from 0800/11 - 0800/12 = 3pts.	
H.Q. 436452	"	1600	Coy advised that Ice Delivery commences next week	
1/25,000 Arty Series			Coy are advised to prepare ice boxes	
GILI GILI 1ST EDITION			Hot boxes will definitely NOT be used as ice boxes.	
	"	1635	Warning Order received in Message #817 from 29 BDE	
			Inf. Co-operated medical exercise	
			Personnel will be detailed for move to WEDAU via TAUPOTA as follows	
			15 BN.	
			10 pps. 250R ^s MONDAY 14 JUN. 42 BN 10 pps. 250R ^s WEDNESDAY.	
			16 JUN. Full details will be forwarded later	
	13 JUN 43	0700	Message I 458 to 29 BDE: - SITREP & SITNOR.	
	"	—	Coy activities: - Morning Church, Parades & Adm.	
			Afternoon: Stand Down	
	"	0800	Nil rainfall recorded from 0800/12 - 0800/13.	
	"	—	Copy of Location Statement as at 2359 hrs 12 JUN. attached	Appendix "A"

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Date and Time.—From 13 JUN. 43 To 14 JUN 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MILNE-BAY	13 JUN. 43	0944	AIR RAID 'RED' } On enemy DINAH (TYPE 100 L/B) over at 26/28000 ft.	
HQ. 436 452	"	0954	ALL CLEAR } A engaged with NIL observed results 0 No report of bombs being dropped.	
1/25,000 Arty Series	"	2203	AIR RAID RED	
GILI GILI 1ST EDITION	"	2220	ALL CLEAR.	
	14 JUN 43	0700	Message I461 to 29 BDE O SITREP O SITNOR.	
	"	—	Coy activities:— as per syllabus attached	Appendix "A"
	"	0820	Inf. Co-operated medical exercise— Party of 1 Offr 25 ORS left Bloy HQ at 0800 for WEDAU	
	"	1300	Message 398 received from 29 BDE:— Ref your GS/967 of 13 JUN headed topographical information FERGUSON ISO QX35733 Sgt CARROLL C.H. & Q.19289 PTE STEWART S.G of 15 BN; QX51271 Cpl. SMITH E.S. BDE HQ. and Q.114004 PTE J EDWARD 42 BN selected.	} Divisional party expected to move SUNDAY 20 JUN. 29 BDE allotment=4 personnel as stated.
	"	2323	AIR RAID RED	

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Unit 15 AUST. INF. BN. Date and Time.—From 14 JUN 43 To 16 JUN 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MILNE BAY	14 JUN 43	2336	ALL CLEAR.	
HQ. 436 452	15 JUN 43	0700	Message I 467 to 29 BDE O SITREP O SITNOR	
1/25,000 Arty Series.	"	—	<u>Coy activities</u> :- As per syllabus attached to previous form	
	"	0800	NIL rainfall recorded 0800/14 - 0800/15	
	"	1150	29 BDE advised that MEDICAL EXERCISE PATROL reached TAUPOTA at 1115 hrs.	
	"	—	Copy of R/O's - 39/43 issued during day attached	Appendix "A"
	16 JUN 43	0700	Message I 475 to 29 BDE - SITREP O SITNOR	
	"	—	<u>Coy activities</u> :- As per syllabus attached to previous form	
	"	0800	NIL rainfall recorded 0800/15 - 0800/16	
	"	1100	Message A 333 to all Coys:- Boxing & Wrestling O Trg. periods 0800-1130 hrs each MON - WED - FRI commencing 18 JUN O Location	
			A Coy area O Quota of trainees from coys for each period will be arranged by Sgt. M.R. WRIGHT (H.Q. Coy) with Coy Comds.	

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Date and Time. — From 17 JUN 43 To

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MILNE BAY	17 JUN 43	0700	Message I 479 to 29 BDE: - SITREP O SITNOR.	
HQ 436452	"	—	<u>Coy activities:</u> - B-D & HQ Coys. on defensive works O	
1/25,000 Arty Series			"A Coy: A/Para tp range practice in morning O Afternoon	
GILI GILI 1ST EDITION			Open & Jungle Range Practices O "C" Coy: - morning	
			River King with assault bridging O Afternoon Booby traps	
	"	1030	AIR RAID RED (no ALL CLEAR signal given)	
			One DINAH flew over the MILNE BAY area at a height of	
			approx 26,000 ft. O A/A did not engage & there was no	
			interception O No bombs were dropped.	
	"	1210	Message A336 to All Coys: - It is desirable that discussion groups	
			meet in Coy areas on a set night each week & these meetings be	
			attended on occasion by A.A. Educational representatives O	
			Coy Comds will accordingly advise this HQ. of the regular	
			meeting night of this group	

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Unit 15 AUST. INF. BN. Date and Time.—From 17 JUN 43 To 19 JUN 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MILNE BAY.	17 JUN 43	2120	AIR RAID RED	
HQ 436452	"	2138	ALL CLEAR.	
1/25,000 Arty Series	18 JUN 43	0700	Message I 483 to 29 BDE: - SITREP O SITNOR	
GILI GILI 1ST EDITION	"	—	<u>Coy Activities:</u> — B & D Coys on defensive works. O A Coy:— Morning O River king with assault bridging O afternoon O Booby traps O C Coy:— Morning A/PARA tps range practice O Afternoon:— Open & Jungle range practice HQ Coy - Commands trg.	
"	"	0800	NIL rainfall recorded 0800/17 - 0800/18.	
"	"	1500	Message p 829 from 29 BDE:— Gas trg T.O.E.T. O Ref this HQ 7/22 of 8 APR. O returns to reach this HQ. not later than 13 JUL 43	
"	19 JUN 43	0700	Message I 490 to 29 BDE: - SITREP O SITNOR	
"	"	—	<u>Coy activities:</u> — B & D Coys on defensive works O A & C Coys Commands trg O HQ Coy A/PARA tp, Open & Jungle range practice	

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Date and Time.—From 19 Jun 43 To 21 Jun 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MILNE BAY	19 Jun 43	0800	Rainfall 0900/18 to 0900/19: Nil.	
HQ 4364521		1050	Message A 342 to All Coys: Under new WE Pls will be renumbered forthwith. ① Sigs one ② MMG two ③ Mortar three ④ Tk A four ⑤ Pwr five ⑥ Adm six ⑦ A Coy 7 to 9 ⑧ B Coy 10 to 12 ⑨ C Coy 13 to 15 ⑩ D Coy 16 to 18.	
1/35000 Arty Series				
GIM GIM 1ST EDITION				
	20 Jun 43	0700	Message I 496 to 29 Bde: Sitrep ① Sitnor.	
		0900	Rainfall 0900/19 to 0900/20: 3 points.	
		-	Coy Activities: Morning, Church Parades and Adm Afternoon, Stand down.	
	21 Jun 43	0700	Message I 500 to 29 Bde: Sitrep ① Sitnor	
		0900	Rainfall 0900/20 to 0900/21: 9 points.	
		0908	AIR RAID YELLOW	} No details available.
		0910	ALL CLEAR	
		1025	Message 0834 from 29 Bde cancelled 0743 from	

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Date and Time.—From 21 Jun 43 To 22 Jun 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MILNE BAY	21 Jun 43	(Continued)	29 Bde of 23 Apr 43, which said that advice was to be furnished to Bde HQ on 11 and 27 of each month of percentage of completion of defensive works in each sector and/or gun posn of all arms.	
HQ 436452				
1/25000 Arty Series				
G141 G141 1ST EDITION				
		—	Copy of Training Syllabus to 27 Jun attached.	Appx A.
		—	Copy of General Instructions to Coys accompanying Training Syllabus attached.	Appx B.
		—	Copy of RO's 40/43 attached.	Appx C.
	22 Jun 43	0700	Message I 504 to 29 Bde: Sitrep @ Sitnar.	
		0900	Rainfall 0900/21 to 0900/22: 255 points.	
		1415	Coy Comds Conference Bn HQ.	
		1300	EAST CAPE PATROL Number 6 returned, reporting one native shot near WATUNOU, name ONSEM;	
			and two unidentified men who do not speak	

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Date and Time.—From 22 Jun 43 To 23 Jun 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MILNE BAY HQ 436452 15000 Arty Series GILGIL 1st EDITION	22 Jun 43	Continued from previous page	ENGLISH in area NORTH of NATUNOU towards STIRLING RANGE, according to native reports.	
		1520	SPECIAL PATROL of one Offr and 33 OR, under comd Lieut WOODMAN left RABI to investigate above report.	See Summary of Patrols for July 43.
	23 Jun	0700	Message I 512 to 29 Bde: - Sitrep @ Sitner.	
		0900	Rainfall 0900/22 to 0900/23: 78 points	
		1500	A Coy reported posn of New Range at 4060/458 firing NORTH into Creek Bank (DUALA CREEK).	
		1525	Message A 346 to All Coys: Reports on LESSONS LEARNED from TRG to reach Bn HQ by 9 and 214 each month commencing 24 Jun @ Object @ Ascertain value of trg @ Pass on points of value to other Coys @ General infm.	

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Date and Time.—From 23 Jun 43 To 25 Jun 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MILNE BAY HQ 436422 1/5000 Arty Series GIWIGI 1st EDITION	23 Jun	1530	Message A347 to All Coys. TWO MANTENTS (circled) Five per rifle Coy available QM store (circled) To be used for patrols and exercises involving night out in jungle (circled). Reports to be furnished after trial to Bn HQ.	These are US Army tents.
		-	Copy of RO's 41/43 attd.	Appendix A
	24 Jun	0700	Message I 519 to 29 Bde: Sitrep (circled) Sitmor.	
		0900	Rainfall 0900/213 to 0900/214: 71 points.	
	25 Jun	0700	Message I 522 to 29 Bde: Sitrep (circled) Sitmor.	
		0815	9 Pl A Coy left on DEEP PATRON EXERCISE, going up GAMA and down HOMO RIVERS, to be out overnight. Found it impracticable to find route from GAMA headwaters to HOMO headwaters in a two-day exercise.	See Syllabus.
		-	The A gun posns renumbered as follows:	

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Date and Time.—From 25 Jun 43 To _____

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MINNE BAY	25 Jun	(Continued)	End of strip right to left numbers 89 and 90;	
HQ 436452	25 Jun		in HQ Coy area right to left 87 and 88	
1/25000 Arty Series	26 Jun	0700	Message I 527 to 29 Bde: Sitrep @ Sitmor.	
GIN GILI 1ST EDITION		0900	Rainfall 0900/25 to 0900/26: 40 points.	
		1445	A Coy DEPART PATROL returned. Reported US tps	
	26 Jun		in defended posn in the HOMO RIVER.	
	27 Jun	0715	Message I 532 to 29 Bde: Sitrep @ Sitmor.	
		0840	Message A 255 from 29 Bde states: Movement	
			Orders for offrs nominated instructors Trg Bn	
			will be submitted Bde HQ by 1200 hrs, offrs	
			will move to FORT MORESBY forthwith.	
		0900	Rainfall 0900/26 to 0900/27: Nil.	
		1045	Message A 354 to All Coys and TO: One	
			three-ton trucks per Coy convey personnel to	

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Date and Time. — From 27 Jun 43 To

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MILNE BAY HQ 436452 1/25000 Arty Series GIK GIN 1ST EDITION	27 Jun	(Continued)	Boxing tonight being allotted by TO @ Trucks to report to Coys by 1730 hrs @ Boxing commences at approx 1900 hrs	
		1400	Two Secs of SPECIAL PATROL to WATUNOU under comd Sgt SELLARS returned C Coy HQ. Report NO contact made and NO evidence found of enemy. Could NOT establish that native ONSEM was definitely shot. Under instrns from the D/c, Major JENYNS, Lieut WOODMAN and one Sec remained at WATUNOU to patrol ticks WATUNOU - WATOORA - NORTH to HUHUNA - WEST to IAPDA (near ANNIE INLET) - SOUTH to WATUNOU.	See entry 22 Jun. Ref map MILNE BAY 1/38000 May 1943.
		-	Copy of Trg Syllabus 28 Jun to 4 Jul 43 attd.	Appsc A

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Unit 15 Aust Inf Bn Date and Time.—From 28 Jun 43 To 29 Jun 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MILNE BAY	28 Jun	0700	Message I 537 to 29 Bde: Sitrep Sitmor.	
HQ H36452		0900	Rainfall 0900/27 to 0900/28: 2 points.	
1/25000 Arty Series		—	EXPLOSIVES and BOOBY TRAP COURSE 28 Jun to	
BINGILI 1ST EDITION			2 Jul D Coy area commencing 0530 hrs	
			daily. Three OR per Rifle Coy (one from each	
			PL), four OR from HQ Coy.	
			Copy of RO's H2/43 attd.	Appendix A.
	29 Jun	0700	Message I 540 to 29 Bde: Sitrep @ Sitmor.	
		0900	Rainfall 0900/28 to 0900/29: Nil.	
		—	EXERCISE OP INSTN I for exercise 29 Jun	
			to 4 Jul for B Coy attd.	Appendix A.
			B Coy moved out on this exercise 0800 hrs.	Ref map MILNE
			Established camp night 29/30 2000 yards WEST	BAY 1/38000 May 43.
			of WATUNOU. Signs set up Number 11 set at 301A	

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Date and Time.—From 29 Jun 43 To 30 Jun 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MILNE BAY HQ H. 36 1052 1/25000 Arty Series GIN GIN 1st EDITION.	29 Jun	1945	Message A 358 to All Coys: GEN. MACARTHUR is likely to pass through area 30 Jun. Usual compliments will be paid. Warn tps accordingly.	
		2359	Location Statement as at 2359 hrs 28 Jun 43 attached.	Appendix B.
	30 Jun	0700	Message I 545 to 29 Bde: Sitrep. Sitmor.	
		0810	C Coy advised their Commando Trg as per Syllabus would be approx one mile NORTH along the GAMA RIVER.	
		0900	Rainfall 0900/29 to 0900/30: 40 points	
		1130	Message A 362 to All Coys and Hygiene Sgt: HYGIENE INSTN. Coy Hygiene pers report to Hygiene Sgt until further orders. Bn/HQ HQ and A Coy 1400 to 1600 hrs each THURSDAY at	

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Unit 15 Aust Inf Bn Date and Time. — From 30 Jun 43 To _____

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MILNE BAY	30 Jun	(Continued)	Bn RAP @ B C D Coy each FRIDAY at	
HQ 436 H. 52			B Coy RAP.	
1/25000 Arty Series		1415	Two welfare representatives reported from each Coy to WELFARE MEETING at Bn HQ.	
GILI GILI 1ST EDITION		1430	B Coy Supply Dump and Delivery Point established at MODEWA map ref 587406. Road to MODEWA very poor, worst sector being in US 6 Army Staging Area, immediately WEST of AH10MA.	Ref map MILNE BAY 1/38000 May 43.
			B Coy in posn at WATUNOU 1100 hrs. Communication from WATUNOU to BOIA by mounted orderly (using HT horses).	
		1930	HQ of Concert Party HQ Coy area. One three ton truck came in from rd junc at D Coy 1730 hrs.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MILNE BAY	30 Jun	2212	AIR RAID RED	CATALINA off its
HQ 436452		2225	ALL CLEAR	course - info from
1/25000 Antyseries				A/A pers.
GIN GILI 1ST EDITION		-	PERSONAL instr to Every Officer - Copy attd.	Appx A.
		-	Instr to Every Soldier - Copy attd.	Appx B.
		-	TOTAL RAINFALL FOR THE MONTH : 605.5 points.	

[Signature]
Lt Col

15 AUST INF BN - SYLLABUS - DEF WORKS AND TRG - WEEK 31 MAY - 6 JUNE 43

Sub-Unit	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Remarks
A Coy	Range Practices Open & Jungle 3 hrs each	Morning River crossing without engr eqpt. Afternoon Commando trg Elementary	DEF WORKS	DEF WORKS	DEF WORKS	DEF WORKS	REST DAY	
B Coy	DEF WORKS & Bde working Party	DEF WORKS & Bde Working Party	DEF WORKS & Bde working Party	DEF WORKS & Bde working Party	Morning River cross- ing without engr eqpt. Afternoon Commando trg Elementary	Range pract- ices Open & Jungle 3 hrs each	" "	
C Coy	" "	" "	" "	" "	Range pract- ices Open & Jungle 3 hrs each	Morning River cross- ing without engr eqpt. Afternoon Commando trg Elementary	" "	
D Coy	" "	" "	" "	" "	DEF WORKS	DEF WORKS	" "	
HQ Coy	DEF WORKS	Range practices Open & Jungle 3 hrs each	" "	Specialist trg	" "	" "	" "	Tk/A Pl. Trg. supervised by 2/2 Tk/A Regt. MMG Pl by 7 Aust MG BN.
GENERAL	ALL COY'S	- ¼ to ½ hr daily - Smartening up drill - incl marching, close order drill etc.						
	" "	- 2 Hrs Gas Trg at intervals during the week.						
	" "	- 1 N C O and 1 O R will attend a Bn course on unarmed combat. Details to follow.						

War Diary

Appendix A

1. PERIODS ALLOTTED FOR TRG

Trg for this period will be carried out as per Syllabus for week ending 6 JUNE. Further syllabus for week ending 13 JUNE will follow.

Allocations of time has been made to allow each Coy 4 days trg and 8 days defensive work in each fortnight.

2. OBJECT

- (a) To improve the general standard of weapon and close order drill and marching.
- (b) Revise and improve Gas Trg.
- (c) Up grade and practice tps on Open and Jungle ranges.
- (d) Practice river crossing - with and without engr eqpt.
- (e) Introduction of elementary Commando trg.
- (f) Conduct of TEWTS in fireplans, MMG and Mortar roles, types of. Arty Fire, etc.

3. RANGE PRACTICES - Allotted as per Syllabus. (incl A & Q duties)

Each man is to fire own weapon at least once per week. Full use is to be made of time allotted each Coy and maximum Number of practices carried out.

Trg Amm requirements to be drawn from R S M. Ample .303 Amm is available.

4. RIVER CROSSING

Exercise to be carried out without engr eqpt during week ending 6 JUNE.

Assault bridging material will be available for later trg periods.

Coys will notify "I" Sec location of exercise by 1800 hrs preceding night.

5. COMMANDO TRG

Commando squads are to be trained to the extent of one Sec per Pl.

Trg to include handling of explosives, booby traps, unarmed combat, silent killing, stalking etc, and each Sec to spend one night out in Jungle under Sec Comds own control. Later men are to be sent out in pairs, deep into Jungle overnight.

6. TEWTS - As per para 2 (f) to be conducted during periods of defence works, on lines of questionnaire already submitted.

7. AMPHIBIOUS WARFARE

Further Boat drill, going over Ships side, embarking and disembarking etc, will be carried out when barges are available.

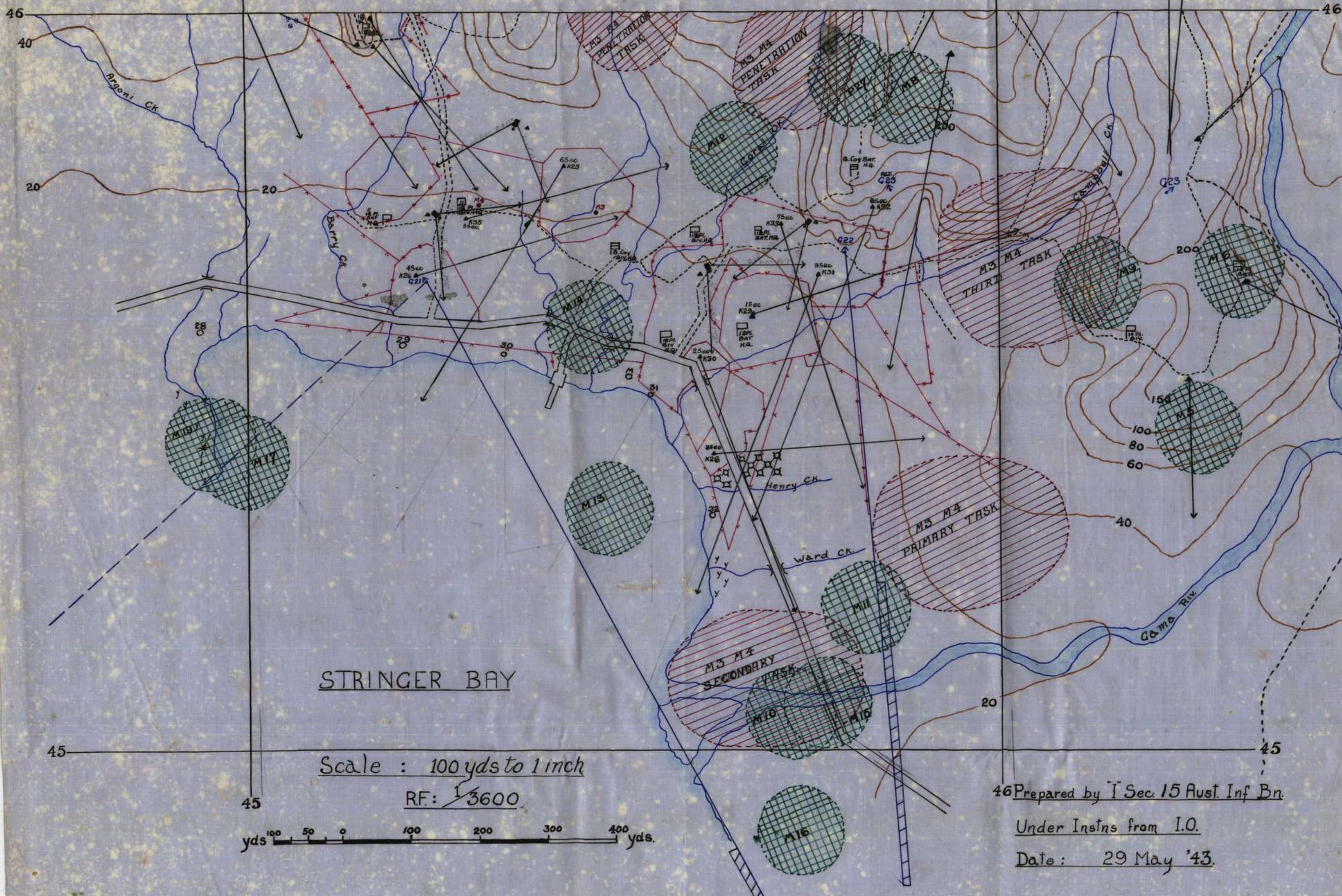
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8. GENERAL

- (a) Coys to experiment in construction of kites to be used for A/A Trg.
- (b) HQ Coy to build mock cabin of aircraft, type D.C.3, for emplaning, deplaning and loading practice by all Coys, at an early date.

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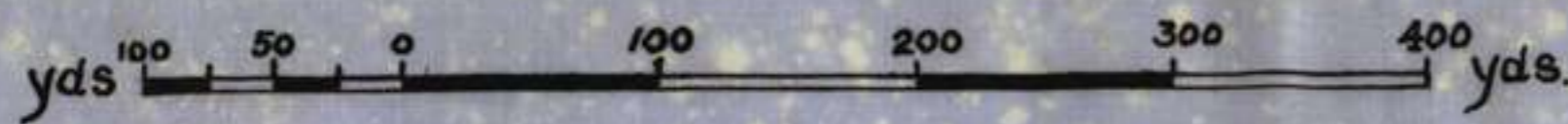
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STRINGER BAY

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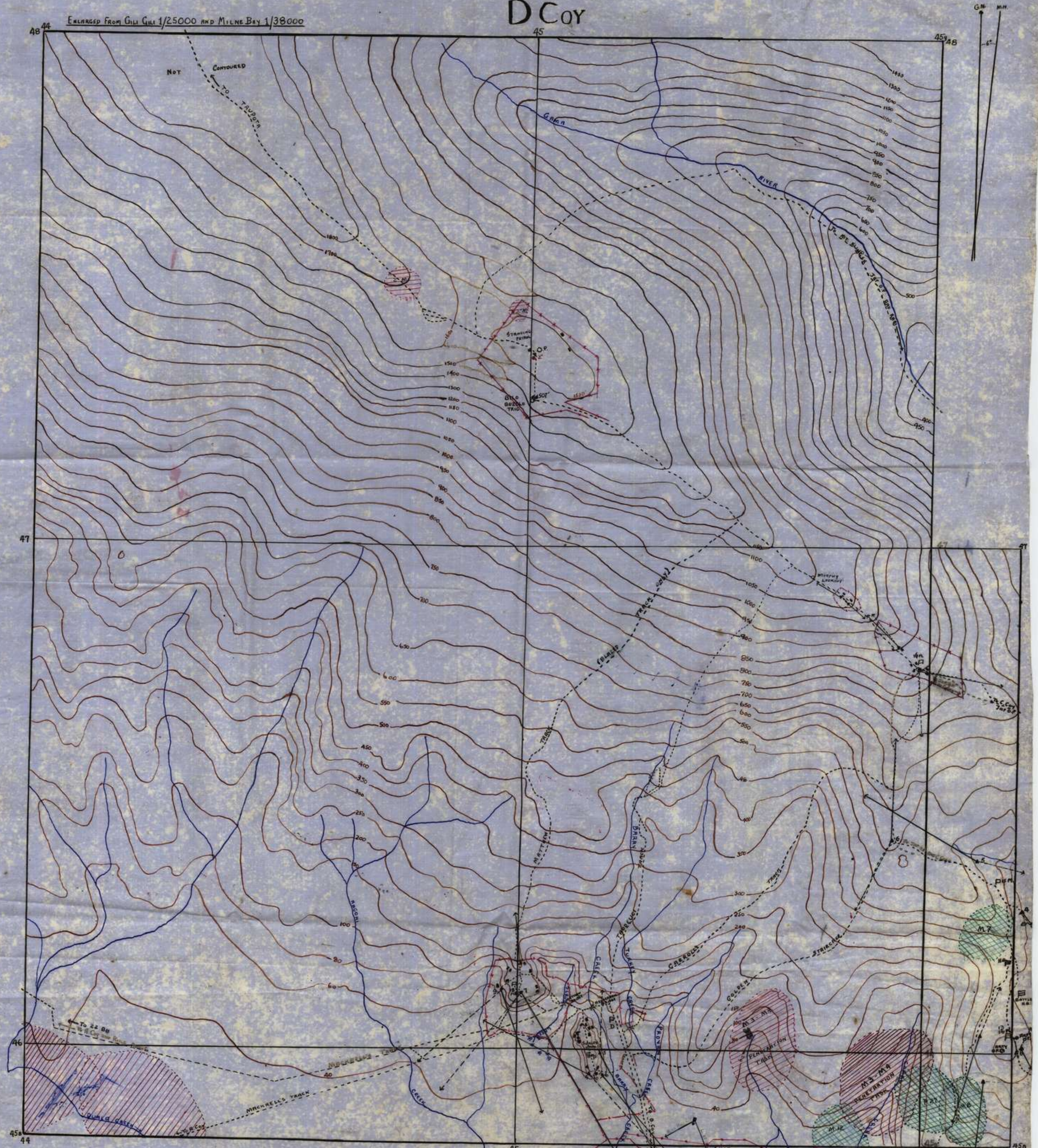
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DUALA SUB-SECTOR DEFENSIVE AREA

D Coy

ENLARGED FROM GILL GULF 1/25000 AND MILNE BAY 1/38000



LEGEND

Red Primary Line
 Blue Line
 Green Line
 Yellow Line
 Purple Line
 Orange Line
 Pink Line
 Grey Line
 Black Line

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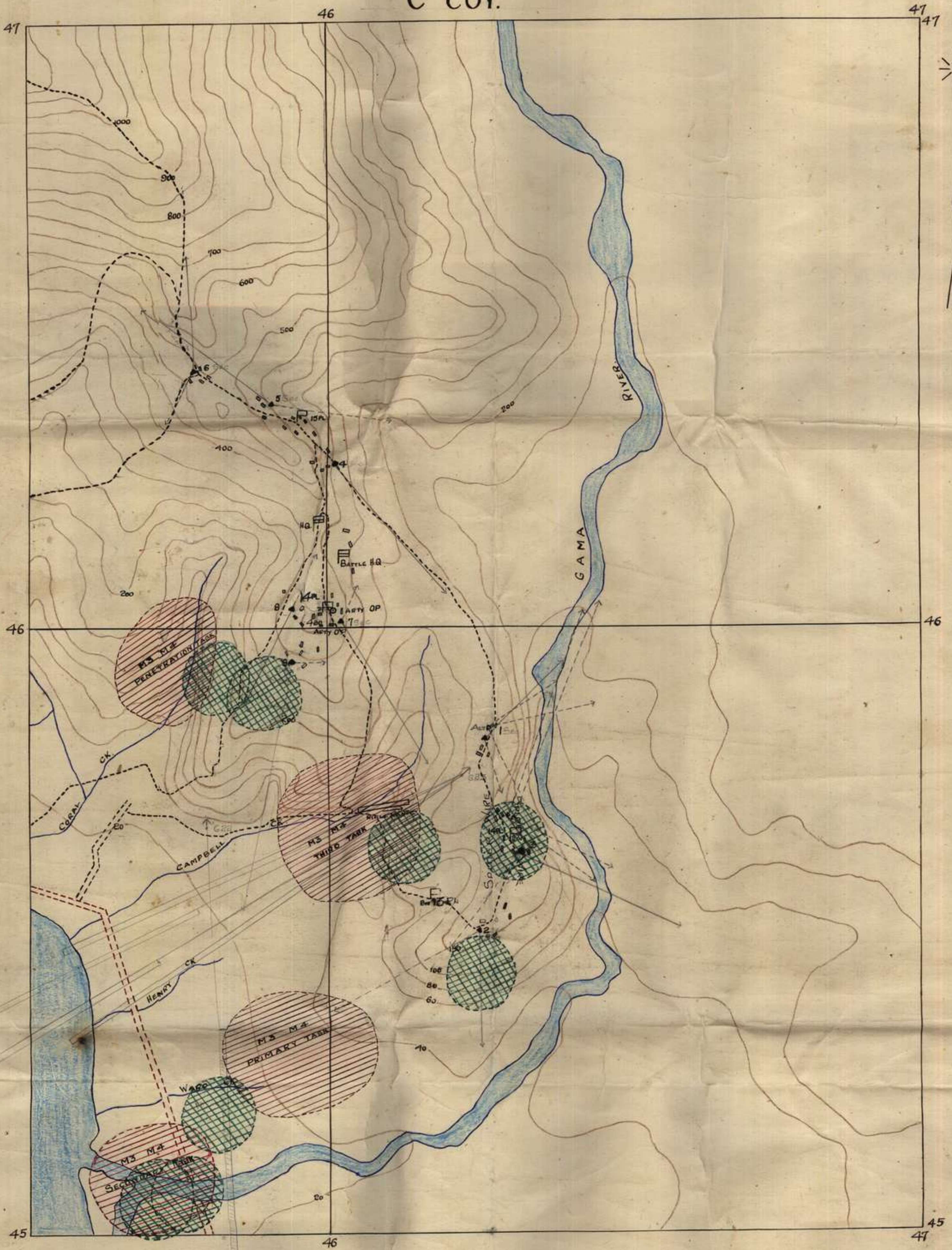
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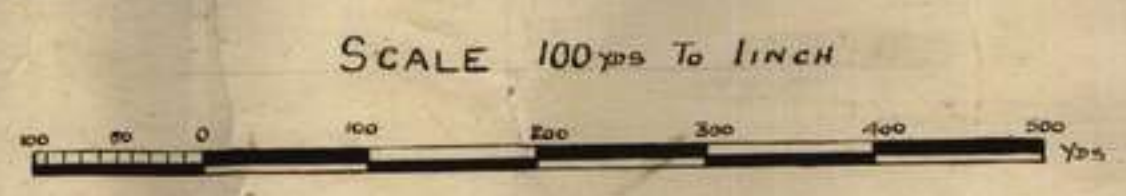


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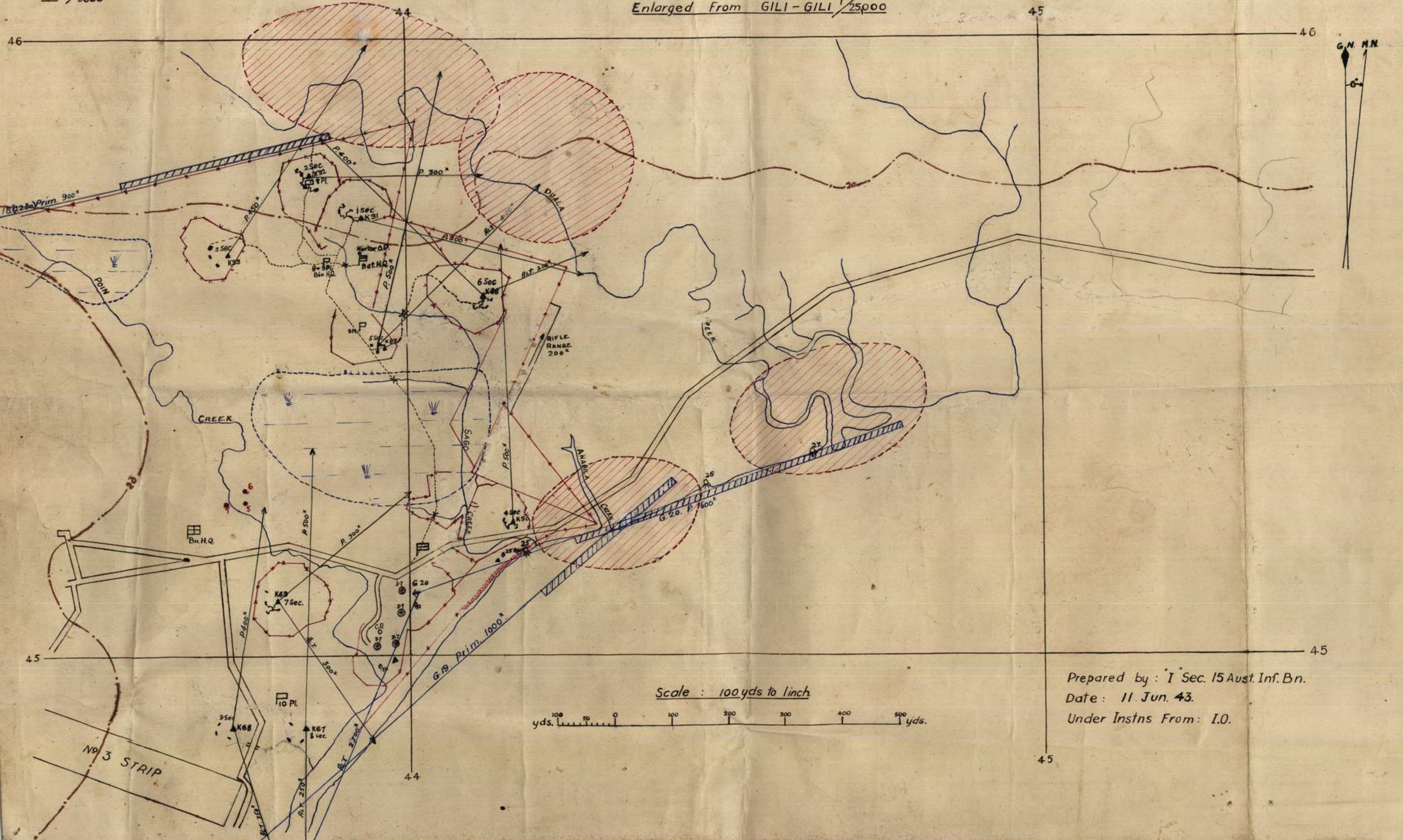
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KILABO SUB SECTOR DEFENSIVE AREA

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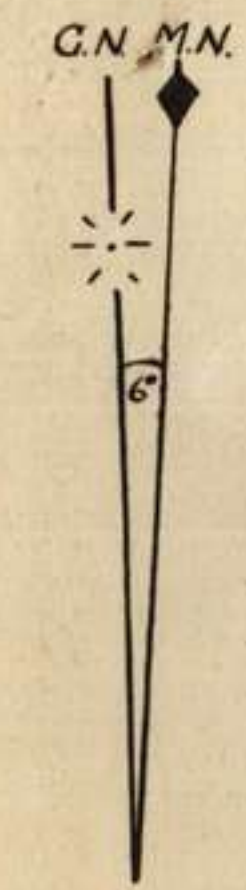
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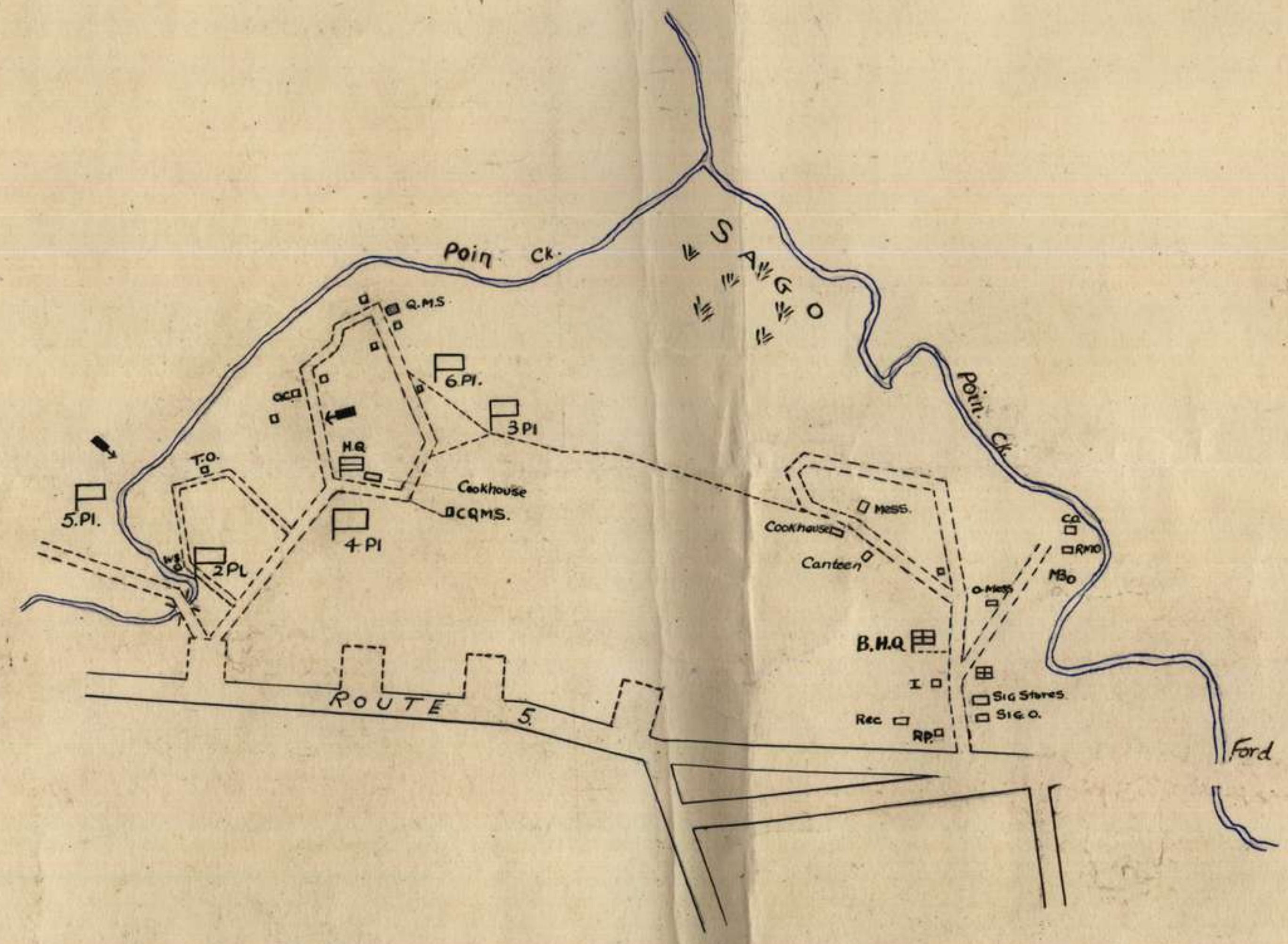
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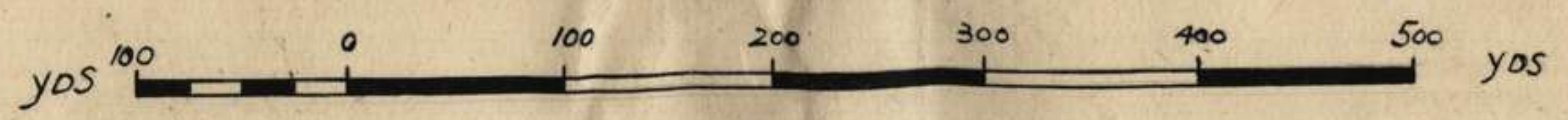


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Under Instns. from I.O.

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WAR DIARY JUNE 1943

C.O's Comments on Battalion's Activities for the month

Enemy Activity:-

Ground action nil. Air Raids:- 2 minor raids occurred during the month, resulting in no damage or casualties in the Battalion Area.

In addition 6 alarms were given without results.

Patrols to the NORTH COAST and EAST CAPE were regularly carried out. Apart from the report of the mysterious shooting of a native in the East Cape District by 2 white men who could not speak English, there was nothing of importance to report.

A Special Patrol sent to investigate the above report found the native had not been shot, but speared to death by other natives.

Training:-

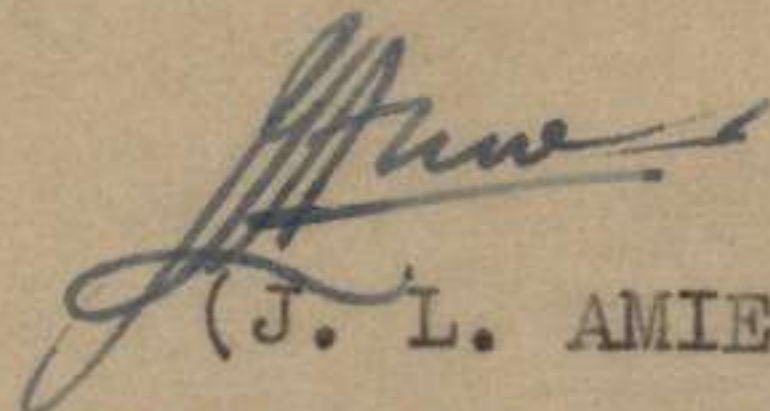
River crossings with and without Engineer Equipment were brought to a reasonably high standard. Commando training, Deep Patrols, Explosives and Booby Traps and Unarmed Combat were all concentrated upon. The Battalion is now considered fit for battle.

Rainfall:-

The month was once more a very wet one, imposing hardships on troops operating in swampy and mountainous country, but they have learnt to look after themselves.

Malaria:-

Anti-Malaria precautions have more than justified their severe enforcement, as the rate of Malaria in the Battalion has been reduced to the astonishing figure of only one new evacuation during the month.



Lt Col

(J. L. AMIES)

Commanding 15 Aust Inf Bn.

15 Aust Inf Bn
AUSTRALIA
2 JUL 43

TRANSPORT OFFICER'S REPORT

June 103.

This month saw the battalion in the same location.

In our last report we mentioned work being carried out by the ~~American~~ Americans on roads which service our forward companies. It is pleasing to note that an all weather road has now been put down and our supply problem has been solved. Roads in unit lines have also been improved.

During the month this battalion changed over to a new W.E. This affected the transport in as much that drivers MT were transferred out of the section to other platoons with the company. The reason for this is that no allowance was made for transport and drivers alike on the new W.E. This also affected trade group personnel such as fitters, mechanics MT and driver mechanics who are now attached to AEME and are at the moment placed in a pool under transport control. These personnel are now responsible for the driving and maintenance of the vehicles. When the time arrives that we lose our trucks, then these trade group personnel will go with them.

We are still experiencing trouble with brakes and brake linings caused by constant movement on muddy roads. These warrant close supervision and all trucks in turn are being taken into unit workshops and inspected and cleaned regularly.

Vehicles that have been in workshops for some time have now returned to the unit in first class condition. These vehicles have been thoroughly overhauled and repainted and arrived back at the unit as new trucks. It is our aim that each truck on charge will in time be sent through the same procedure. Carriers are being treated likewise.

During the latter part of the month we marched out one jeep to 4 AACD. The unit felt the loss of this vehicle as they are invaluable. They carry out DR work and can generally move along roads impassable to heavy transport.

We find that motor cycles are out of the question for DR work in this area as roads are rough and have had a detrimental effect on those who ride the bikes. While this state of the roads exists motor cycles will only be used when necessary.

Dennis Hunt

R.M.O's REPORT - JUNE 1943

MALARIA.

1 Case of malaria was evacuated 1 JUN.
No cases have occurred since.
In May there were 10 cases.

GENERAL HEALTH

Excellent. Total evacuations during June were only 16,
compared with 29 in May.

HYGIENE

This area is now satisfactory. Latrines, incineration and
cookhouses are good. Native mess huts have been constructed,
and much drainage and gravelling carried out.

Alan Hill

Capt.

R.M.O. 15 Aust Inf Bn.

15 AUST. INF. BN.

Summary of Patrols ——— JUN. 43

EAST CAPE PATROLS

DATE	TYPE OF PATROL	STRENGTH OF PATROL	TIME OUT	TIME IN	ROUTE	REMARKS
30 MAY 4 JUN.	Recce # 4	1 N.C.O. + 4 O.R's. "B" Coy.	1000 30 MAY	1600 4 JUN.	RABI-AHIOMA-WATANOU- BUBULETA-WALALAHIA - EAST CAPE. Returned same route.	① No enemy activity. ② This patrol the first to reach EAST CAPE since 61st Bn. last year. ③ 3 members of Spotters Unit stationed at Methodist mission house at EAST CAPE.
5 JUN. 10 JUN.	Recce # 5	1 N.C.O. + 6 O.R's. "A" Coy.	0830 5 JUN.	1700 10 JUN.	RABI-AHIOMA-WATANOU- BUBULETA-WALALAHIA - EAST CAPE. Returned same route.	① No enemy activity. ② natives very friendly along route. Fruit plentiful. future patrols advised to take stick tobacco for trading with natives for fruit. ③ suggest ration dump be established at EAST CAPE.
11 JUN. 16 JUN.	Recce # 6	1 N.C.O. + 6 O.R's. "A" Coy.	0800 11 JUN.	1400 16 JUN.	ditto.	① No enemy activity. ② Track very muddy from AHIOMA to BUBULETA. ③ Thick jungle along sides of track. tps could move easily under cover. ④ natives friendly & willing to trade. ⑤ Very few mosquitoes on patrol. ⑥ met U.S. patrol at BUBULETA moving toward EAST CAPE. their intentions to patrol around coast. out for indefinite period.

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Summary of Patrols — JUN 43

EAST CAPE PATROLS

DATE	TYPE OF PATROL	STRENGTH OF PATROL	TIME OUT	TIME IN	ROUTE	REMARKS.
17 JUN 22 JUN	Recce # 7	INC.O. + 6 O.R's. "A" Coy.	0800 17 JUN	1500 22 JUN	RABI-AHIOMA - WATANOU-BUBULETA -WALALAHIA-EAST CAPE. Returned same route.	① no enemy activity ② track from RABI to BO very muddy but from BO to EAST CAPE track very good. ③ natives at WATANOU reported the shooting of a native 400 yards WEST of WATANOU. The same natives reported having seen two unidentified soldiers in this area. These soldiers did not speak English.
23 JUN 28 JUN	Recce # 8	1 N.C.O + 6 O.R's "A" Coy.	0830 23 JUN	1300 28 JUN	ditto	① no enemy activity ② medical - Three men strained tendon at back of heel.

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Summary of Patrols — JUN 43

TAUPOTA PATROLS

DATE	TYPE OF PATROL	STRENGTH OF PATROL	TIME OUT	TIME IN.	ROUTE	REMARKS.
30 MAY 3 JUN.	Recce # 5	1 N.C.O. + 7 O.R's. "D" Coy.	1100 30 MAY	1615 3 JUN	BILO BULOLO - TAUPOTA. route in MADOWA - K.B. BULOLO - TAUPOTA MISSION - DUALA.	① no enemy activity, ② Track, BILO BULOLO - TAUPOTA in good condition and easy travelling easy. Track from MADOWA very indistinct most of the distance and fairly dangerous due to slippery nature of extremely narrow track.
3 JUN. 6 JUN.	Recce # 6	1 N.C.O. + 8 O.R's. "D" Coy.	0730 3 JUN	1400 6 JUN.	BILO BULOLO - THOMAS KNOB - TAUPOTA. Return same route.	① no enemy activity.
7 JUN. 10 JUN	Recce # 7	1 N.C.O. + 10 O.R's. "C" Coy.	0700 7 JUN	1530 10 JUN	ditto	① no enemy activity. ② width of track averages 2 feet. very slippery & muddy. ③ natives very friendly.
11 JUN. 14 JUN.	Recce # 8	1 N.C.O. + 10 O.R's. "C" Coy	0700 11 JUN	1600 14 JUN	ditto	① no enemy activity. ② Track suitable only for tps.

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Summary of Patrols — Jun. 43.

TAUPOTA PATROLS

DATE	TYPE OF PATROL	STRENGTH OF PATROL	TIME OUT	TIME IN.	ROUTE	REMARKS.
15 JUN. 18 JUN.	Recce # 9	1 cpl., 1 L/cpl. + 8 O.R.s "C" Coy	0730	15 45	BILO BULOLO - THOMAS KNOB - TAUPOTA. Returned route - TAUPOTA - HOMO RIV. - COY AREA.	① Enemy Activity nil. ② Tracks to BILO BULOLO very steep & slippery. ③ Fine weather was encountered during patrol. ④ The return trip was easier than returning via BILO BULOLO and THOMAS KNOB. The track down the HOMO RIVER was very steep & rough for approx 1 hour's march.
19 JUN. 22 JUN.	Recce # 10	1 N.C.O. + 10 O.R.s. "C" Coy.	0730	15 20	BILO BULOLO - THOMAS KNOB - TAUPOTA. Returned via same route.	① Enemy activity nil. ② Very steep grades on northern side of range. ③ Fine weather for three days but heavy showers on fourth day. ④ Normal arms and ammunition carried.
23 JUN. 26 JUN.	Recce # 11	1 N.C.O. + 9 O.R.s. "C" Coy.	0730	14 30	BILO BULOLO - THOMAS KNOB - TAUPOTA. Returned via HOMO RIVER.	① Enemy activity nil. ② Landmarks were invisible owing to mist and low clouds.

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Commanding 15 Aust Inf Bn

IN THE FIELD

1 JUNE 43

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1. "A 218 PERSONNEL WITH MARINE EXPERIENCE

- (a) Personnel with seafaring or Marine experience are urgently required for the operation and maintenance of small craft.
- (b) Coys will submit nominations of all qualified personnel showing full details of experience to B.H.Q. by 7 JUNE 43.

2. "221 TRADESMEN - PHOTO-LITHO

(a) Applications are called for from personnel who have had experience in civil life in the following occupations:-

Printers down
Litho-draughtsmen
Plate retouchers
Machine Minders
Litho Offset Printers
Provers

(b) For employment with AUST SVY CORPS as:-

Helio-operators
Lithographers -
draughtsmen
machine minders
provers

(c) Coys will submit nominations showing full details of experience of any qualified personnel to B.H.Q. by 5 JUNE 43.

(d) Full details of qualification and experience in both of the above cases must be given to allow selection without having to seek further information.

3. ENLISTMENTS IN THE A I F

The undermentioned personnel having volunteered for the AIF have been classified Medically Fit and are transferred to the AIF. When QX numbers are received at this HQ from DRO these soldiers will be notified immediately. Authority has been granted for them to wear "Australia" Titles and wear a Battle Grey background to their present Colour Patch.

Q85543 L/Cpl	HANCOCK F.J.	Q18855 Pte	JOHNSON L.S.
Q19147 Pte	FINDLAY E.A.	Q109510 Pte	GRANT D.S.
Q109125 Pte	COOKE H.G.	Q18829 Sgt	GRICE R.S.
Q148098 Pte	BUCKLEY J.P.	Q102909 Cpl	BOWRING V.C.
Q19065 Pte	HENDERSON R.	Q101502 Cpl	DOLAN R.G.
Q116587 Pte	ROLLEY R.F.	Q19326 Sgt	YOUNG D.H.
Q112713 Pte	ALLAN J.G.	Q102842 Pte	BENNION A.E.
Q19219 Pte	LYONS M.J.	Q102661 Pte	SAVAGE K.
Q125168 Pte. (T.G. II)	HENRICKSON E.C.B.		
Q19290 Sgt	SUTCLIFFE W.	Q31490 Pte	WEIR R.P.
Q121430 Cpl	RADFORD J.W.	Q109066 Pte	LAWSON E.R.
Q102597 Pte	CLARKE J.P.	Q18690 A/Cpl	HOLLAPFEL G.E.
Q102684 Pte	ANDERSON T.G.		

4. PISTOLS, POSSESSION OF

Pistols of any types or description shall not be sold, purchased or exchanged.

On or after 15 Apr 43 it will be an offence for any member of the AMF to have in his possession or custody any pistol other than one issued to him by Army authority or where he has the permission referred to in para 3 hereof.

Permission may be granted by a Formation Comd to any member to have in his possession a pistol other than one issued to him; such permission to be in writing, signed personally by Formation Comd.

All ranks in possession of pistols not issued to them or not provided for under the last para will forthwith surrender the same to the QM or HQ Orderly Room of their Unit.

All ranks having pistols in their possession are held personally responsible therefor and will immediately report the loss of such pistol.

The loss of a pistol is to be regarded as an offence for which the offender is to be tried by Court-Martial, unless the Formation Comd otherwise directs. In all cases of loss of pistols, the offender will be charged and a summary of Evidence, which will be forwarded to the Formation Comd, will be taken.

5. BDE DEFENCE PLATOON

Applications are invited from ORs for inclusion in HQ 29 Aust Inf Bde Defence and Reconnaissance Platoon, and will close at Bn HQ at 1800 hrs on Monday 8 JUNE 43.

6. CARE OF TENTAGE

In addition to the action mentioned in Unit R.O. No 15 of 14 Mar 43, Coys will ensure that the following is also carried out:-

- (a) The fly must at all times be kept clear of the tent by at least 10 inches. If tents are raised on stakes there should be two horizontal bars attached to these stakes, the higher for the fly ropes and the lower one for the inner ropes. If pegs are used a separate row of pegs must be used for the fly ropes.
- (b) The natural pitch of the tent must be maintained. If the sides are raised the upright poles must be raised an equal height. The angle at the apex of the fly should be no more than 100 degrees.
- (c) Each morning any vegetable matter lying on the fly must be brushed away.
- (d) Drawings and pictures must not be affixed to the inside of tents.

7. FOOT POWDER

Foot powder recently issued has in some cases produced skin irritation and dermatitis. Personnel are warned against the use of this powder except on the feet, and its use will be discontinued if any burning sensation occurs following application.

8. GRO. Q 54 of 15/1/43. REGT TRUST FUND

(a)	The balance standing to Credit of Fund at 31 MAY 43	£442.8.3
(b)	Receipts during month of May	385.4.8
(c)	Expenditure " " " "	174.13.7
(d)	Disbursements " " " "	
	A A Amenities Barbers Accessories for Use of Tps	£1.16.11
	A A Amenities Football & Cricket Balls	2.0.6
	Insurance Band	
	Instruments	6.2
	Canteen free issue 5/- to W.Os NCOs and Men	170.10.0

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IN THE FIELD

3 JUNE 43

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1. UNAUTHORISED POSSESSION AND INTERFERENCE
WITH AMMUNITION OR EXPLOSIVES OF ALL TYPES

All ranks are forbidden to have in their possession any ammunition or explosive of any type other than that which they are issued or are handling in the course of their duty.

All ranks finding ammunition or explosives of any type must forthwith hand same to Unit "Q" Store for transmission to the appropriate quarters.

All ranks are strictly forbidden from attempting to break down dismantle or in anyway interfere with ammunition or explosives of any kind except on the orders of a responsible Officer or NCO in the course of normal duty.

All ranks are to be warned that the greatest care is to be exercised in the handling of ammunition and explosives and that in the event of any member receiving injuries as a result of a breach of this order, he will not be entitled to any compensation.

2. PERSONNEL FOR AERATED WATER FACTORY

Personnel with experience in cordial or aerated water manufacture, or with a natural inclination for mechanical work and a desire to learn a trade, are required for the maintenance and operation of aerated water factories to be established in NEW GUINEA.

Action will be taken by Coys to obtain particulars of ALL such personnel and forward them to reach this HQ by 10 JUNE 43.

3. CARE OF AMMUNITION

Ammunition frequently becomes unserviceable through needless exposure to moisture, dirt, etc., brought about by indiscriminate opening on containers.

The opening of hermetically sealed ammunition packages and cy linders is forbidden unless the contents are required for immediate use.

4. SWITCH BOARD OPERATING

Operators of one Exchange will NOT ask for particular persons, Units or Extension Numbers but will put the subscribers through to the distant Exchange and it is the subscribers responsibility to ask for the extension he requires. Supervision will be exercised in the normal way for such calls.

5. LEAVE

Attention is drawn to the procedure of personnel when evacuated to the Mainland applying for leave. As these personnel are marched out to "X" List, this Unit has no power to grant leave.

6. VEHICLES FOR ENTERTAINMENTS

Personnel will NOT be conveyed to Concerts or Picture Shows in M.T. under any circumstances.

7. SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCE :

Attention is directed to NEW GUINEA Force Orders Nos 261/42 and A158/43 and Administrative Instruction No 94. Personnel granted Leave in terms of the above will be paid Subsistence Allowance within their Unit before marching out to 1 AUST CORPS RECEPTION CAMP.

The amount of Subsistence Allowance paid will be governed by the number of days leave granted by NEW GUINEA Force, notice of which will be received by Units before personnel are marched out to 1 AUST CORPS RECEPTION CAMP. If further Leave is granted in AUSTRALIA thus entitling a member to additional Subsistence Allowance, such allowance will be paid to the member on return to his Unit in NEW GUINEA.

Subsistence allowance will not be paid in AUSTRALIA to members who are granted Leave in NEW GUINEA. If circumstances arise preventing a member from receiving the allowance prior to proceeding on Leave, the amount due will not be paid until return to the Unit in NEW GUINEA.

Subsistence Allowance will not be paid by 1 AUST CORPS RECEPTION CAMP, except to members of that Unit.

8. MOSQUITO REPELLENT LOTION :

Attention is directed to NEW GUINEA Force Administrative Instruction No 92 of 19 APR 43 and NEW GUINEA Force Order Q231/43. Mosquito Repellent Lotion is now on issue. The lotion is a colourless fluid, with a slight, not unpleasant odour. It is not greasy, does not stain the clothes, is harmless, and does not sting the skin except in the eyes.

Scale of Issue : 1 bottle per man per 28 days in static areas. For troops in land contact with the enemy, on night work or on night exercises, 2 bottles per man per month will be issued if necessary, on authority of DDMS.

Application : It is applied by shaking a few drops (at most half a teaspoonful) of the Lotion on the hands and smearing carefully over all exposed parts of the hands, wrist, face and neck.

Efficiency : One application is, on the average, efficient in preventing mosquito bites for 3 - 4 hours. For picquets or others on night duty 2 - 3 applications at three hourly intervals will be needed.

Importance : This lotion represents an advance of the highest order in Anti-Malarial protection, particularly for the troops in action.

If it used unfliningly and repeated after four hours in the case of men on duty at night, it should cut down the amount of new malarial infection enormously. During training exercises its use should be thoroughly taught and meticulously carried out.

- Warnings :
- (a) This repellent does not prevent men already infected with Malaria from relapsing.
 - (b) Even though mosquitoes may not bite where repellent has been applied, they may do so on a "missed" area of skin or through thin or torn clothing. Attention to repair and adjustment of clothing, supply of serviceable shirts, etc, is therefore necessary.
 - (c) The repellent must be used each night whether mosquitoes appear to be present or not. Its use must be as much a drill as the taking of Atebrin.
 - (d) All other protective measures possible must be enforced.

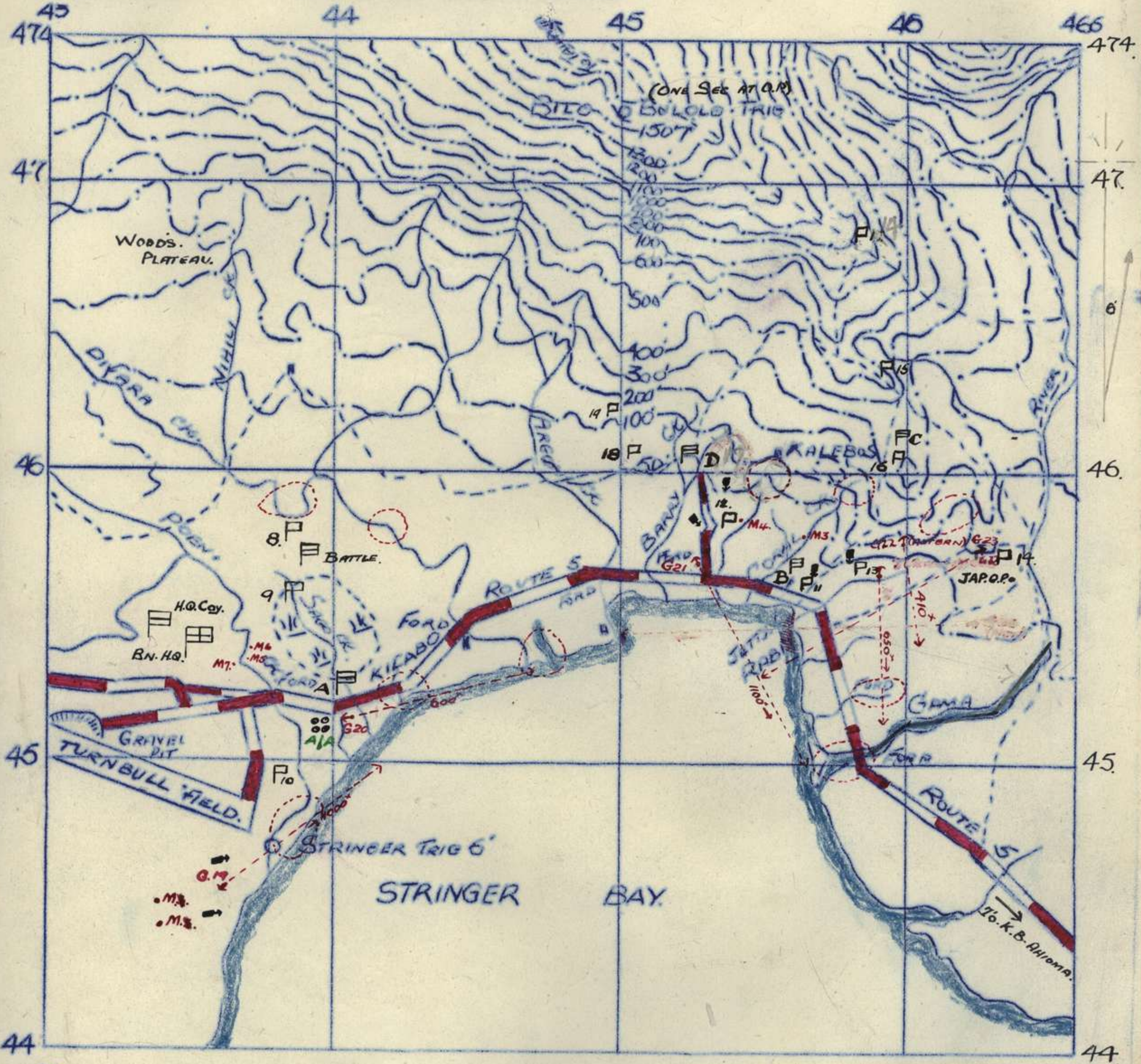
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Appendix A

ENLARGEMENT RABI AREA

R.F. 1:19000

REF. MAP. MILNE BAY 1:38000



V.I. 100' = SCALE: 1" = 100' = 1000 METRE GRIDS CONFORM WITH GILI GILI SHEET.

LEGEND

- M.M.G.
- PRIMARY TASK (M.M.G.)
- IK/A. GUNS.
- MORTAR POSNS.
- MORTAR TASKS
- PL. H.Q.
- COY. H.Q.
- BN. H.Q.
- A/A. BTY. (M.G.)

ENLARGED BY: 15BN. I SEC.
 UNDER INSTNS FRM: 1.0. 15BN.
 DATE: 3 JUN. 43.

1000 METRE GRIDS CONFORM WITH GILI GILI SHEET.

1. Ref Trg period ending 13 JUNE 43, the attached Syllabus will be read in conjunction with 15 Aust Inf Bn Trg Instn No 14 already issued.

The following points are additional:

2. SPECIAL ANTI-PARATROOPS RANGE PRACTICES

- (a) OBJECT - To practice troops to effectively engage with small arms fire moving targets suspended in mid-air.
- (b) HQ will construct Range to the design already submitted. Coys will use this Range as per Syllabus.

3. LAYING AND TAKING UP OF MINES

All ranks must be conversant in the laying and delousing of minefields. This will be carried out in areas adjacent to Coys defensive areas by demonstration and practice. These minefields will be pegged and dummy mines such as blocks of wood, small coconuts, etc, laid down. In addition Pioneer Pl will supply a few mines to each Coy for demonstration in fusing and delousing.

The following Instructors are allotted and will be made available to Coys for respective periods as per Syllabus:-

Lieut A. STEPHENS
Pte J.C. BOYLE

4. BOOBY TRAPS

At least one OR in each Sec should be specially trained in setting booby-traps, particularly H.E. All ranks will be exercised in this during periods as per Syllabus. The following Instructors are allotted:-

HQ Coy - Lieut A. STEPHENS
Lieut R.D. COURTS
Sgt J.C. KREBS

A Coy - Lieut T.J.D. CAVENAGH
Cpl P.G. REENLEES
Cpl R. BLACK

B Coy - Lieut E.R. DALE
A/Cpl D.M. MURRAY

C Coy - Lieut G.N. MATTHE
Sgt J. DAVITT
Cpl H.T. WATKINS

D Coy - Lieut R.H. MACKRELL
Lieut M.W.H. ROSSER
Cpl T. BOTLEY

5. Only qualified personnel will handle explosives or grenades and special coaching will be given to one OR per Sec. In addition all ranks will be exercised in the laying of trip wires, planting of hidden grenades, traps on vines, base of and in branches of trees. When dealing with explosives or grenades the Senr Officer in charge must take full safety precautions.

George Lieut
(E.L. ROSSER)
Adjnt 15 Aust

15 AUST INF BN - SYLLABUS - DEF WORKS AND TRG - WEEK 7 JUN - 13 JUN 43

Sub Unit	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	REMARKS
A Coy	Def works	Def works	<u>Morning.</u> Trg in laying out and taking up of minefields. <u>Afternoon.</u> Booby traps.	Range practices Open and Jungle 3 hrs each	Def works	Def works	Rest day	
B Coy	"	"	Def works	Def works	Range practices Open and Jungle 3 hrs each	<u>Morning.</u> Trg in laying and taking up of minefields <u>Afternoon</u> Booby Traps	"	"At Call" from 0600 hr 7 JUN to 060 hrs 14 JUN .
C Coy	"	"	Range practices Open and Jungle 3 hrs each	<u>Morning.</u> Trg in laying and taking up of minefields. <u>Afternoon.</u> Booby Traps	Def works	Def works	"	
D Coy	Range practices Open and Jungle. 3 hrs each	<u>Morning</u> River King without engr eqpt. <u>Afternoon</u> Commando trg elementary	Def works	Def works	<u>Morning</u> Trg in laying and taking up of minefields <u>Afternoon</u> Booby traps	A/Para tps Range practices	"	
HQ COY	Def works	Def works	Def works	Def works	A/Para tps Range practice	Range practices Open and Jungle 3 hrs each	"	

- GENERAL 1. All Coys - $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ hr daily - Smartening up drill - including marching, close order drill etc.
 2. " " 2 hrs Gas Trg at intervals during the week.
 3. " " Unarmed combat Course, 1 NCO and 1 OR per Coy - as per Syllabus issued.

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8 JUNE 43

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1. A.C.F. COMFORTS

Receipt is acknowledged with thanks of Comforts from the A.C.F. Each man received 1 pkt. Cigarettes, 1 pkt. Cigarette papers, 1 Cake toilet soap, 1 Cake laundry soap, 2 oz Cigarette tobacco, and 5 Envelopes.

2. GUNS, SUB-MACHINE, OWEN - ASSEMBLY

It has been reported that quantities of the above mentioned weapons have become inoperative due to components and assemblies being inadvertently changed from one gun to another.

The attention of all concerned is directed to the fact that the main components of the Owen SMG are not interchangeable and must remain with the gun to which they were originally fitted.

The barrel, bolt and trigger housing should all bear the same number as the body.

Each Coy Comd will arrange and report result of an immediate inspection of these weapons to ensure that the components mentioned bear the same number as the body.

3. OVERLOADING DIV SWITCHBOARD

It has been noticed that excessive overloading of the Divisional Switchboard is being experienced due to individuals as well as Units ringing Amenities to enquire of the whereabouts of the screening of pictures.

Information of this nature should be promulgated by Unit HQ and thus eliminate unnecessary calls on the Divisional Board.

It is pointed out that the Telephone Communications supplied by Signals are for Operational and Administrative requirements of the Divisional HQ and the HQ of subordinate Units and NOT for the convenience of private individuals.

4. EVACUATION OF PATIENTS

Considerable confusion still exists in the requisitioning of amb tpt for evacuation of patients from airfields and wharves. These irregular calls only lead to delays and misunderstandings and they continue to be made in spite of numerous requests to the personnel concerned.

The following system is promulgated:

No 1 Strip - Call ADS HAGITA (via Hagita Bde Switch)
No 3 Strip - Call ADS GILI GILI (via Sig Centre Switch)
GABA GABUNA WHARF - Call ADS HAGITA (via Hagita Bde ")
ALL OTHER WHARVES - Call ADS GILI GILI (via Sig Centre Switch)

When an ambulance is called other transport should not be used because the ambulance waggom does not appear within a few minutes. In future, such action will be considered as a false call and the responsible person will be reported for disciplinary action.

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Appendix A
COPY NO.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES
15 AUST INF BN
ROUTINE ORDERS PART I
by

Lt Col J.L. AMIES

Commanding 15 Aust Inf Bn

IN THE FIELD

11 JUN 43

38/43

1. COURT OF INQUIRY

A Court of Inquiry will be held at such times and places as the President may decide to inquire into and report on the illegal absence of Q126348 Pte PANKHURST P.E.A. "D" Coy, 15 Aust Inf Bn.

President
Member

Capt L.J. BEIRNE
Lieut C.W. WORT

2. SALVAGE - CROWN SEAL TYPE BOTTLES

Coys will collect all 26 oz fruit juice bottles, Crown Seal Type, for delivery to 11 Aust Div Salvage Unit, Route 2.

11 Aust Div Salvage Unit will deliver all bottles, which are in good order, to A.D.C.S. by arrangement.

Unit Salvage Dump will be established vicinity HQ Pioneer Pl. It is the responsibility of Coys to deliver to the Unit Dump.

3. SAVINGS BANKS PASSBOOKS

The inclusion in Savings Banks Passbooks of Unit names as part of depositor's addresses may reveal movements of Units, because the places at which the accounts have been operated are inscribed in such Passbooks.

In the interests of Security, the following action, with which the Commonwealth and State Savings Banks have expressed their concurrence, will be taken :-

Unit names will be effectively deleted from all Passbooks already in the possession of or which may later come into the possession of Officers and Other Ranks. The deletions will be made in a manner which will not mutilate the Passbooks unnecessarily.

4. ENLISTMENT IN THE A.I.F.

The undermentioned personnel having volunteered for the A.I.F. have been classified medically fit and are transferred to the A.I.F. When QX Numbers are received at this HQ from D.R.O. these soldiers will be notified immediately. Authority has been granted for them to wear "Australia" Titles and wear a Battle Grey background to their present colour patch.

Q31320	Pte MOYLAN R.H.	Q102855	Pte MAHER V.C.
Q33566	Pte EDGERTON E.W.	Q102103	Pte SEABROOK N.F.
Q112663	Pte MARKS R.S.	Q112638	Pte HOARE F.J.
Q102932	Pte McGLADDERY W.J.	Q125172	Pte McINTOSH A.A.
Q102851	Pte JENSEN C.R.	Q101257	Pte HAMMEL M.R.
Q102857	Pte MALTBY D.E.	Q102899	Pte CLARK E.F.

5. NOMINATIONS FOR BUGLER

Nominations are called from personnel desirous of being trained as Bugler.

Nominations to reach this HQ by 1800 hrs 13 JUN 43.

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LOCATION OF SUB-UNITS AS AT2A3 2359 hours 12 JUNE 43

Ref map GILIGILI 1/25000

In HQ	43634522
R.A.P.	43674521

A Coy

Coy Biv HQ	44024520
" Batt HQ	43934561
8 Pl Biv HQ	43874560
8 Pl Batt HQ	43844575
K91 - 1sec	43944571
K92 - 2sec	43844576
K93 - 3 sec	43724562
9pl Biv HQ	43874560
9pl Batt HQ	43934552
K90 - 4sec	44174524
K87 - 5sec	43964550
K86 - 6sec	44124557
10 Pl Biv & Batt HQ	43794491
K69 - 7sec	43804510
K67 - 8sec	43844486
K68 - 9sec	43714488

B Coy

Coy HQ	45474565
11 Pl Biv HQ	45554556
11 Pl Batt HQ	45654555
K29 - 1 sec	45674557
K30 - 2 sec	45604552
K28 - 3 sec	45624539
12 Pl Biv HQ	45284573
12 Pl Batt HQ	45184570
K26 - 4 sec	45224564
K35 - 5 sec	45294571
K25 - 6 sec	45424578
13 Pl Biv HQ	45604569
13 Pl Batt HQ	45674568
K33 - 7 sec	45724570
K32 - 8 sec	45844572
K31 - 9 sec	45764561

C Coy

Coy Biv HQ	45974614
Coy Batt HQ	46024610
14 Pl Biv HQ	46164555
14 Pl Batt HQ	46314565
1 sec	46264581
2 sec	46254550
3 sec	46334564
15 Pl Biv & Batt HQ	45954632
4 sec	46024626
5 sec	45914635
6 sec	45754641
16 Pl Biv HQ	45714579
16 Pl Batt HQ	45994602
7 sec	46034601
8 sec	45954603
9 sec	45944595

D Coy

Coy HQ	45174604	
17 Pl HQ Less		
one Sec	45814676	
One Sec at BILO	}	45014729
BULOLO OP Standing		
Patrol 8 Days		
18 Pl HQ	45154598	
4 Sec	45144596	
5 Sec	45174599	
6 Sec	45184595	
19 Pl HQ	44994610	
7 Sec	45014611	
8 Sec	45004618	
9 Sec	44974610	

HQ Coy

	Coy HQ	43274536
Conforming with old W.E. New Pl Posns for new W.E. will be advised later	1 Pl HQ	43664518
	2 Pl "	43174530
	3 Pl "	43364539
	4 Pl "	43274533
	5 Pl "	43104534
	6 Pl "	43344543
	7 Pl "	43314547

MMG POSITIONS

G 19	43624456
(Manned by "A" Coy 7 M.G.Bn.)	
G 20	44014513
G 21	45244564
G 22	45804566
G 23 (New)	46244581
G 23 (Alt)	45864575

MORTAR POSITIONS

M 3	45464572
M 4	45314574
M 5	43754525
M 6	43754527
M 7	43724526

3 Dets in Reserve

TK/A GUN POSITIONS

43554451
43604466
43124537
43264540
45254572
45364584
45624565
45744571

BEACH GUNS

44144515
44954539

BEACHLIGHTS

MASTER LIGHT	NXX	
24		45504549
25		43764458
26		44174517
27		44484527
28		44644531
29		44944555
30		45204555
31		45344553
32		45534547
		45624530

Robson
.....Lieut
I.O. 15 Aust Inf Bn

GENERAL

1. ALL COYS - $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ hr daily - smartening up drill, marching etc.
2. " W - 2 hrs Gas Trg at intervals during the week to include decontamination.
3. " " - Unarmed Combat Course No 2 commencing THURSDAY 17 JUNE - 1 NCO & 1 OR Per Coy.
Nominations to reach BN HQ by 1000 hrs 16 JUNE.
4. " " - TEWTS on defensive posns as per questionnaire already issued.
5. Trg AMM available as required on application to R.S.M.

War Diary

15 AUST INF BN - SYLLABUS - DEF WORKS AND TRG - WEEK 14 JUN - 20 JUN 43

(To be read in conjunction with 15 Aust Inf Bn Trg Instn 14 & 15 already issued)

SUB UNIT	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	REMARKS
A COY	Def Works	Def Works	Def Works	<u>Morning</u> A/Para tp range practice. <u>Afternoon</u> Open and Jungle range practices	<u>Morning</u> River xing with assault bridging <u>Afternoon</u> Booby Traps	Commando trg - incl night out in Jungle	Rest Day	
B COY	<u>Morning</u> A/Para tp range practice. <u>Afternoon</u> Open and Jungle range practices	<u>Morning</u> River xing with assault bridging. <u>Afternoon</u> Booby Traps	Commando Trg incl night out in Jungle.	Def Works	Def Works	Def Works	"	
C COY	Def works	Def works	Def works	<u>Morning</u> River xing with assault bridging. <u>Afternoon</u> Booby Traps	<u>Morning</u> A/Para tps range practice <u>Afternoon</u> Open and Jungle range practice	Commando trg incl night out in Jungle	"	
D COY	Commando trg incl night out in Jungle	<u>Morning</u> A/Para tps range practice <u>Afternoon</u> Open and Jungle Range practices	<u>Morning</u> River xing with assault bridging. <u>Afternoon</u> Booby Traps	Def works	Def works	Def works	"	
HQ COY	<u>Morning</u> River xing with assault bridging <u>Afternoon</u> Booby Traps	Def works	Def works	Def works	Commando trg	<u>Morning</u> A/Para tps range practice <u>Afternoon</u> Open & Jungle range practice	Bn.H.Q. pers to attend range practices RSM to arrange details.	

*Range practices cancelled for 15 JUN
per message A330-2050 hrs.
14 JUN.*

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Appendix "A"

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IN THE FIELD

15 JUN 43

39/43

1. PURCHASE OF RATIONED ARTICLES OF CLOTHING - INSTRUCTIONS TO ARMY PERSONNEL

(a) Procedure when buying rationed articles of clothing in person

1. When buying rationed articles of clothing at canteens or retail stores, coupons will be surrendered in accordance with the civilian scale published by the Rationing Commission
2. Coupon books or sheets will be presented at time of purchase and the canteen or store assistant will cut out the necessary coupons.
3. Paybook will be the means of establishing rightful ownership to the book or sheet of coupons and will be produced on request.

(b) PROCEDURE WHEN UNABLE TO BUY RATIONED ARTICLES OF CLOTHING IN PERSON

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

1. The number of coupons it is desired to use will be cut out of ration book or sheet in the presence of the Commanding Officer, adjutant, company etc commander, camp commandant or paymaster, paybook at the same time being produced as proof of rightful ownership.
2. Coupons will then be pasted on ACC F12, prepared by the Unit in accordance with the form shown in Schedule "B" hereto. The form will be signed by the owner of the Ration Book or sheet and countersigned by the Commanding Officer, adjutant, company etc commander or camp commandant.
3. Form ACC F 12, with coupons affixed thereto, may then be posted direct to a canteen or store or to another individual who can purchase on behalf of the owner of the coupons.

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15 AUST INF BN - SYLLABUS - DEF WORKS & TRG - WEEK 21 - 27 JUN 43

War Diary
Appx A

SUB UNIT	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	REMARKS
A COY	Def Works	Def Works	Def Works	<u>Morning</u> Open & Jungle Range practice <u>Afternoon</u> A/Para tp Range.	<u>DEEP PATROLS</u> Pl strength, incl night out in Jungle, and digging quick defensive posn by steel helmets and bayonets only, as per Demo Pl		Rest Day	<u>DEEP PATROLS</u> Pls to be sent out separately with specific task for each.
B COY	<u>Morning</u> Open & Jungle Range practice <u>Afternoon</u> A/Para tp Range	<u>DEEP PATROLS</u> Pl strength, incl night out in Jungle, and digg- ing quick defensive posns by steel helmets and bayonet only, as per Demo Pl.		Def Works	Def Works	Def Works	"	"
C COY	Def Works	Def Works	Def Works	River xing with assault bridging	Weapon trg Map reading Section TENTS Unarmed combat.	<u>Morning</u> Open & Jungle Range practice <u>Afternoon</u> A/Para tp Range	"	"At Call" from 0600 hrs 21 JUN 43 to 0600 hrs 28 JUN 43
D COY	Def Works	<u>Morning</u> Open & Jungle range practice <u>Afternoon</u> A/Para tp Range	Def works	<u>DEEP PATROLS</u> Pl strength, incl night out, in Jungle, and digging quick defensive posn by steel helmets and bayonets only, as per Demo Pl.		Def works	"	<u>DEEP PATROLS</u> Pls to be sent out separately with specific task for each
Hq COY	River xing with assault Bridging	Firing & Demo Beach area	<u>Morning</u> Open & Jungle Range <u>Practice</u> <u>Afternoon</u> A/Para tp Range	Def Works	Def works	Def works	"	MMG trg as per special syllabus Tk/A Trg -2 weeks course with 2/2 Tk A.

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GENERAL

1. ALL COYS - ¼ to ½ hr daily - smartening up drill, marching etc.
2. " " - 2 hrs Gas Trg at intervals during the week to include decontamination.
3. " " - Unarmed combat Course No 2 17 - 25 JUN -
1 NCO and 1 OR per Coy.
4. " " - TENTS on Defensive posns as per questionnaire already issued.
5. " " - Umpires Courses Nos 3 & 4 of 3 days each commencing 21 JUN and 24 JUN respectively.

2 NCOs from each Coy - Location A Coy.
C.I. Capt C.W. HUGHES.

6. SIG COURSE - To train res of Bn Sigs and to ensure that there is trained Sigs in every Coy apart from Bn Sigs.

DURATION - 2 Weeks, commencing 21 JUN 43

STUDENTS - 5 each Rifle Coy and 8 HQ Coy to include men previously given initial trg and with some knowledge of Sig work.

Remaining vacancies to be filled from volunteers for this trg and if quota not forthcoming Coy Comds will select personnel.

Students report to Lieut LEARMONTH, at Sig Office, BN.H.Q. at 0815 hrs daily.

Nominal Rolls to reach Bn.H.Q. by 1800 hrs 20 JUN 43.

7. BOAT TRIPS

Allocation of days to Coys - *to incl HQ Coy pers. etc*

21	JUN	D Coy
22	JUN	A Coy
24	JUN	B Coy
25	JUN	C Coy.
<i>28</i>	<i>Jun</i>	<i>H.Q. Coy + Bn H.Q.</i>

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15 AUST INF BN

Appx B
21 Jun 43

G E N E R A L

1. EXPLOSIVES AND BOOBY TRAPS - QUALIFIED INSTRUCTORS

Coys will submit to Bn HQ forthwith, names of qualified instructors giving particulars of schools of this nature attended.

2. DEEP PATROLS

Routes of patrols remaining out overnight, excluding TAUPOTA and WEDAU patrols, are to be furnished to "I" section before 1000 hrs. previous day.

If necessary these routes will be laid down by Bn HQ.

3. PAMPHLETS AND PUBLICATIONS

- (a) The native carrier.
- (b) You and the native.

The abovementioned publications already issued are to be read and studied by every man.

Questionnaires, discussions etc., are to be conducted on the subject matter therein.

The information made available is of the greatest importance and it is essential to ensure that all ranks derive full benefit and become fully conversant with the contents of these publications.

4. BOAT TRIPS - 101

The following conditions will be complied with:-

- (a) Coys will advise Bn HQ by 1800 hrs. previous day the proposed direction of the trip.
- (b) Report time of return, or any undue delay in return.
- (c) If weather unfavourable, trip will be cancelled by Bn HQ and Coy concerned allotted another day when available.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES
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IN THE FIELD

21 JUNE 43

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1. ENGINEERING CADETSHIPS

The provision of engineering cadetships (both Civil Engineering and Electrical and Mechanical Engineering) for a limited number of cadets, who may be drawn either from serving personnel or from civilian sources, is under consideration.

Although the scheme has not yet been finally settled or approved, applications will be invited forthwith for cadetships on the following basis :-

- (a) Cadets will be selected only from candidates between the ages of 17 years and 20 years, who are medically Class A 1, who are or became members of the AIF, and who have reached Leaving Certificate standard in English, Mathematics and Science or have equivalent qualifications. Parental consent to join the AIF will be required in respect of any cadet who is not already a member of the AIF.
- (b) Cadets selected from Civilian sources will be enlisted in the AIF and all cadets will, during their cadetships, remain serving soldiers in the rank of private or sapper, with pay and allowances accordingly. Text books will be provided by cadets at their own expense.
- (c) Engineering cadetships will cover a course of military training, courses at approved educational establishments and a final course at an OCTU, over a period of approximately three years. Successful cadets will receive commissions subject to vacancies existing. Pending appointment to commissioned rank, such cadets will be allotted to RAE or AEME units in the ranks.
- (d) Cadetships as such will terminate on the cessation of the War, but it is hoped to make arrangements for the completion of the Courses which have been commenced, as part of a Repatriation scheme of vocational training.
- (e) Cadets who prove unsatisfactory or become medically unfit or who are unsuccessful may have their cadetships terminated and be returned to normal Army service.

Applications will be made by serving personnel to their COs who will forward all applications direct to LHQ (E-in-C) to reach LHQ not later than 5 JULY 1943. (This is essential to allow sufficient time for selection in time for assembly of selected cadets for the first Course expected to commence 1 SEP 1943.

COs will, with each application, furnish a report on the candidate as to his character, ability and suitability.

Copies of applications and reports will be sent by COs through normal channels to HQ L of C Area in which the Unit is serving.

2. AIR TRAVEL BY COMMERCIAL AIR SERVICES

Para 1 of GRO Adm 488/1942 is amended by adding the following next after "No 17 L of C Area" :-

"Senior Aust Army Officer attached to GHQ
 (for Aust Army Officers attached to GHQ only)"

3. SECURITY : Coy Comds will ensure that Unit names do not appear in Paybooks or on any documents normally carried on the person of the soldier. Where Unit names already appear on Paybooks or other documents carried by the soldier, they will be excised, not merely obliterated.

4. LEAKAGE OF MILITARY INFORMATION IN PROCEEDINGS BEFORE CIVIL COURTS :

When giving evidence in a Civil Court, a soldier will merely give his number, rank and name and state that he is a member of the A.M.F., without mentioning the name of his Unit. In no circumstances will a soldier divulge in open court the location of his Unit, unless the Bench rules that a full answer is essential to the case, in which event he will offer to write the information on a slip of paper to be handed to the Bench. The danger to Security in disclosing the location of Units cannot be too strongly on all ranks.

5. APPOINTMENTS TO AUSTRALIAN ARMY LEGAL CORPS

Appointments to commissioned rank in the Australian Army Legal Corps may be made in the case of persons who are Barristers or Solicitors of the High Court of Australia or of the Supreme Court of a State or who are recognised by the Governor General as possessing equivalent status and qualifications within His Majesty's Dominion, and who are of the age of 25 years and upwards.

Members of the Forces who comply with the above requirements may qualify for appointment to the Corps inter alia by passing at an A.A.L.C. Course of Instruction, which will be held for this purpose from time to time.

A limited number of vacancies in the Corps exist and members of the Forces desirous of making application to attend a Course should submit to D.L.S. through the usual channels an application in the Form set out hereunder. Successful applicants will receive notification to attend the Course in due course.

Each application under para 3 hereof must first be submitted to and reported upon a Legal Officer of the Formation or Unit with which the member is serving ; such report will set out the members knowledge and experience of Military Law and administration and any other relevant civil and military qualifications and experience.

Intending applicants should ordinarily be of the age of 30 years and upwards.

Applications should be submitted within 14 days of the date hereof.

AUSTRALIAN ARMY LEGAL CORPS
APPLICATION TO ATTEND COURSE

- No
- Rank
- Name in Full
- Date of Birth
- Present Unit and Posting
- Civil qualifications
- Date and Place of Admission
- Whether practised as Barrister or Solicitor
- State where practised
- Particulars of Military Service (giving dates)
- Dates of Promotion (if any)
- Present Medical Classification
- Previous medical Classification
- Dependents (names of wife and children with ages of latter to be stated)

Date.....

Report to Legal Officer.

Signature.....

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES
15 AUST INF BN
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Commanding 15 Aust Inf Bn

IN THE FIELD

23 JUN 43

41/43

1. TRAFFIC CONTROL TURNBULL AND GURNEY AIRFIELDS :

The following instructions to MT Drivers will be promulgated in Unit Routine Orders and Commanding Officers will ensure they are understood by all drivers.

(a) RESPONSIBILITY FOR CONTROL. The Aerodrome Control Officer (Duty Pilot) is responsible for controlling ALL traffic, both aircraft and vehicles, using the Airfield. Control will be exercised from the Control Tower by Signal Lamps or Flags during daylight hours and by Signal Lamp after dark. In an emergency Verey Lights may be substituted.

(b) MOTOR TRANSPORT

- I. A RED light from the Control Tower means pull off to the side and stop. Don't keep driving as the Pilot does not know whether you have seen him or not.
 - II. Watch for the GREEN light before crossing the strip.
 - III. Vehicles will normally refrain from crossing the strips and will use the roadway at the extreme ends. Should it be necessary to cross the Strips, vehicles will use the designated places ONLY and cross it then only at right angles. Designated places are clearly marked by signs ("CROSS STRIP HERE") and vehicles will come to a complete STOP and await the proper signal from the Control Tower before proceeding to cross the strip. Avoid using taxiways and the vicinity of the strip whenever possible.
 - IV. Acknowledge signals from the Control Tower by waving the hand.
 - V. No vehicle will park for more than five minutes within 50 ft of the strip. Vehicles will not park for any period on a taxiway.
 - VI. Vehicles will use roads alongside the metal strip and will not drive on it. When aircraft are landing or taking off, stop your vehicle if you are alongside the strip. Pilots have no time to watch traffic.
 - VII. Don't leave vehicle lights burning when alongside the strip. It confuses pilots when landing or taking off.
 - VIII. When GREEN light is shown from Control Tower, drive on immediately - don't delay.
 - IX. The speed limit on the gravel alongside the strip is 20 m.p.h.
 - X. When the Aircraft siren blows move your vehicle away from the strip.
 - XI. If straying cattle are noticed on the strip, drive them away.
2. Strict disciplinary action will be taken against offenders.

2. EVACUATION OF CASUALTIES - EQUIPMENT ETC

Personnel are still being evacuated beyond RAP without having in their possession paybooks, messing gear, personal equipment etc. Definite instructions have been previously issued covering the evacuation of casualties and Coy Comds will ensure that these instructions are strictly observed.

3. BARAGA VILLAGE (ANGAU) - OUT OF BOUNDS

ALL native villages and gardens are out of bounds to all troops. This order also applies to BARAGA Village which is ANGAU native labour Camp. Trading with natives in these areas is prohibited and CO= will take severe disciplinary action in cases of non-compliance with this order.

4. SHIPS' PERSONNEL IN UNAUTHORISED AREAS

It is still frequently noticed that seamen, sailors and the like are found wandering around in prohibited areas, despite the fact that a close watch is being conducted by Provost Personnel and prominent signboards erected at all vantage points prohibiting these seamen from gaining access to airfields, gun emplacements, searchlight batteries etc. The movement of these men to and from the wharves is facilitated by the practice of MT Drivers in allowing them to ride on their vehicles.

All MT Drivers are prohibited from carrying seamen from the wharves or wharf area, and disciplinary action will be taken against offenders.

5. LOST

1. Beach Light Battery No 1377, is reported to have been stolen from 42 Aust Inf Bn area between 29 MAY and 5 JUN 43. It is important that this Battery be found as this equipment is essential to defence and the loss of same impairs the efficiency of the Unit.

Any personnel having knowledge of the location of the Battery will report the matter to this HQ immediately.

2. FOUND

Jeep wheel and tyre were found on Route 1 on approximately 27 MAY 43.

Finder is requested to communicate with DAPM 5 Aust Div.

Pack containing two sheets ground marked NX137005 and NX115006 respectively, two mosquito nets, three towels and sundry items.

Owner apply to DAPM 5 Aust Div.

A locket was found on the floor of the Returned Stores Depot of 4 Aust Adv Ord Depot.

Owner may obtain same on application to HQ 5 Aust Div.

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Adjt 15 Aust Inf Bn

15 AUST INF BN - SYLLABUS - DEF WORKS & TRG - WEEK 28 JUN - 4 JUL 43

War Diary
Appsc A.

SUB UNIT	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	REMARKS
A COY	Gas Trg TOET's Quiz & practical	Def Works	Def Works	Def Works	Commando trg - small groups deep in Jungle to demolish with explos- ives prepared "dump".	<u>Morning</u> Range practices <u>Afternoon</u> Map reading and Field sketching	Rest Day	50% Bn.H.Q. pers range practice with "A" Coy 3 JUL.
B COY	"	Def Works	Independent Coy action - 3 days across mountains and Jungle .			Def Works	"	
C COY	"	<u>Morning</u> Range prac- tices. <u>Afternoon</u> Map reading & Field sketching	Commando trg - small groups deep in Jungle to demolish with explosives prepared "dump".	Def Works	Def Works	Def Works	"	
D COY	"	Def Works	Def Works	Independent Coy action - 3 days across mountains and Jungle			"	
HQ COY	"	Def Works	<u>Morning</u> Range practices <u>Afternoon</u> Map reading and Field sketching	Coy Comd discretion to incl specialist trg and amm maintenance	Def Works	Def Works	"	50% of Bn.H.Q. pers range practice with HQ Coy 30 JUN Tk/A & MMG Pls as per special syllabus

GENERAL

1. All Coys - $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ hr daily - smartening up drill, marching etc.
2. " " - TEWT'S on Defensive posns as per questionnaire already issued.

3. COURSES

- (a) Unarmed combat Course No 3 1 JUL - 7 JUL 43
One NCO and one OR per Coy - Nominal rolls to reach Bn .H.Q. by 1200 hrs 29 JUN 43.
- (b) Umpires Course No 5 28 JUN - 30 JUN 43.
Two NCOs each Coy - Nominal rolls to reach Bn.H.Q. by 1200 hrs 27 JUN 43

4. COMMANDO TRG

Each Pl will erect with coconut logs etc some distance in the mountains a dummy dump - Secs will be sent out with suitable instns to find this "enemy" dump and demolish it with explosives they will carry for the purpose. Secs must therefore be trained to handle explosives before they are sent out.

5. INDEPENDENT COY ACTION

- OBJECT
- (a) To exercise the Coy away from its camp on a special task allotted.
 - (b) To exercise "Q" Staff in supply in the Field.

The routes and tasks will be allotted each Coy by Bn.H.Q. The 2 i/c will control the "Q" Staff covering supply and replenishment of rations as necessary.

6. RECCE BOATS

Issued 3 each to A & B Coys for training in handling by Coys in respective areas. Coy Comds to mutually arrange suitable allocation of periods for each Coy. Coy Comds A & B Coys are responsible for :-

- (a) Small distinctive mark to be painted on each boat.
- (b) Boats MUST be returned to Coy areas each night.
- (c) To be returned to Q.M. Store on 17 JUL 43.

7. BOAT TRIPS

Allocation of days to Coys - to incl HQ Coy pers attached.

28 JUN	-	A Coy
29 JUN	-	B Coy
1 JUL	-	HQ Coy
2 JUL	-	C Coy

E. L. Hodges
Lieut
(E.L. HODGES)
Adj't 15 Aust Inf Bn

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES
15 Aust Inf Bn
ROUTINE ORDERS PART I
 by

Lt Col J. L. AMES

Commanding 15 Aust Inf Bn.

IN THE FIELD28 JUN 4342/431. MINUTE OF PUBLICATION

A DCM convened by GOC 5 Aust Div was held in the field on 23 Jun 43 for the trial of -

Q32968 PTE. C. J. BUTLER - 15 AUST INF BN

Charge: WOAS DESERTING HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE - AWL from 0620 hrs 8 Jan 43 with the intention of permanently absenting himself from His Majesty's Service, until returned to his unit at 1345 hrs 15 Jun 43.

Finding: GUILTY, with the exception that he was returned to his unit at 1300 hrs 15 Jun 43.

Sentence: DETENTION FOR 18 MONTHS.

Date of Sentence: 23 June 1943.

The accused was not in custody awaiting trial.

The finding and sentence were duly confirmed on 24 Jun 43 but the sentence was mitigated by GOC 5 Aust Div to Detention for ONE YEAR. The finding and sentence as mitigated were promulgated to the accused in the field on 28 Jun 43.

2. MINUTE OF PUBLICATION

A DCM convened by GOC 5 Aust Div was held in the field on 22 Jun 43 for the trial of -

Q146918 PTE. J. M. HOBBS - 15 AUST INF BN

Charge: WOAS DESERTING HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE - AWL from 0620 hrs 27 Dec 1942 until returned to unit under escort at 1345 hrs 15 Jun 43.

Finding: NOT GUILTY OF DESERTION, BUT GUILTY OF ABSENCE WITHOUT LEAVE.

Sentence: DETENTION FOR 9 MONTHS.

Date of Sentence: 22 Jun 1943.

The accused was not in custody awaiting trial.

The finding and sentence were duly confirmed on 24 Jun 43 and promulgated to the accused in the field on 28 June 1943.

E. L. Hodges
Licut.

(E. L. HODGES)

Adjutant 15 Aust Inf Bn

LOST:

Between "B" Coy guard tent and BHQ a stainless steel wristlet watch with illuminous face manufactured by Angus & Coote No 145479 enclosed in brown leather armband with Australia badge on top. The watch is the property of Pte H. J. Duxfield. Reward offered - finder please return to BHQ.

War Diary

SECRET

Appendix A to 29 June

Copy of

28 June 43

15 Aust Inf Bn - EXERCISE OF INSTN I
(29 June - 4 July incl.)

Ref Map: TRACING MILNE BAY 1/38000

To Maj A. D. Petrie
O.C. "B" Coy.

INFORMATION

1. Enemy

- (a) Int reports as at 0800 hrs 28 Jun 43 state enemy active in area EAST OF WATUNOU and NORTH to North Coast as far as ANNIE INLET.
- (b) Unidentified troops observed and natives reported fired on in vicinity of WATUNOU - one native killed.
- (c) Size of enemy forces and extent of operations unknown.

2. Own Troops - No troops EAST of RABI.

INTENTION

3. "B" Coy 15 Aust Inf Bn will move out and establish a firm base in vicinity of WATUNOU. Map ref 656402.

TASKS

4. Ascertain if any enemy or suspicious characters are at large in
- (a) Area EAST as far as EAST GAPE.
 - (b) Area NORTH to North Coast as far as ANNIE INLET.
5. Make topographical survey of all tracks leading NORTH and EAST of WATUNOU.
6. Ascertain if it is feasible to establish an OP on range north of WATUNOU to observe both NORTH and SOUTH coastlines.

ADM

7. Supplies
- (a) 3 days rations carried on man plus one day's Emergency rations.
 - (b) QM will establish dump at MT terminus of 4 days rations on D2.
8. Ammunition
- (a) Scale "A" less Tk/A, on man or with gun to be carried.
 - (b) Res Scale "A" will be delivered at Coy DP under Bn arrangements.
9. TPT
- (a) MT will be available for stores as far EAST as road permits.
 - (b) 5 pack horses to operate from MT terminus forward at Coy Comd's discretion.
10. MEDICAL
- (a) Coy handle own casualties back to (WATUNOU).
 - (b) R.M.O. responsible for evacuation rear of WATUNOU by launch or MT.

INTERCOMM

- 11. Reports to reach BnHQ at least once daily.
- 12. No 11 sets
- 13. Orderly, if wireless fails
- 14. Launch (101) will contact Coy on 1 Jul and 3 Jul.

ACK

METHOD of ISSUE by ADJT
Signed at 14¹⁵ hrs 28 Jun 43

George Lawrence
Adj. Adjt.

War diary
Appd B

15 Aust Inf Bn

LOCATION OF SUB-UNITS AS AT 2359 Hrs 28 JUN 43.

Ref Map GILI GILI 1/25000

Bn HQ 43634522
R.A.P. 43674521

A Coy

Coy Biv HQ 44024520
Coy Battle HQ 43934561
7 Pl Biv HQ 43874560
7 Pl Battle HQ 43844575
K91 - 1 Sec ~~4344571~~ 43944571
K92 - 2 Sec 43844576
K93 - 3 Sec 43724562
8 Pl Biv HQ 43874560
8 Pl Battle HQ 43934552
K90 - 4 Sec 44174524
K87 - 5 Sec 43964550
K86 - 6 Sec 44124557
9 Pl Biv & Battle HQ 43794491
K69 - 7 Sec 43804510
K67 - 8 Sec 43844486
K68 - 9 Sec 43714488

B Coy

Coy HQ 45474565
10 Pl Biv HQ 45554556
10 Pl Battle HQ 45654555
K29 - 1 Sec 45674557
K30 - 2 Sec 45604552
K28 - 3 Sec 45624539
11 Pl Biv HQ 45284573
11 Pl Battle HQ 45184570
K26 - 4 Sec 45224564
K35 - 5 Sec 45294571
K25 - 6 Sec 45424578
12 Pl Biv HQ 45604569
12 Pl Battle HQ 45674568
K33 - 7 Sec 45724570
K32 - 8 Sec 45844572
K31 - 9 Sec 45764561

C Coy

Coy Biv HQ 45974614
Coy Battle HQ 46024610
13 Pl Biv HQ 46164555
13 Pl Battle HQ 46314565
1 Sec 46264581
2 Sec 46254550
3 Sec 46334564
14 Pl Biv & Battle HQ 45954632
4 Sec 46024626
5 Sec 45914635
6 Sec 45754641
15 Pl Biv HQ 45714579
15 Pl Battle HQ 45994602
7 Sec 46034601
8 Sec 45954603
9 Sec 45944595

B Coy

Coy HQ	45174504
16 Pl HQ less one Sec	45814676
One Sec at BILO BULOLO	
(OP standing patrol	
(8 days	45014729
Alt Sec posn	45674691
17 Pl HQ	45154598
4 Sec	45144596
5 Sec	45174599
6 Sec	45184595
18 Pl HQ	44994610
7 Sec	45014611
8 Sec	45004618
9 Sec	44974610

HQ Coy

Coy HQ	43274536
1 Pl HQ (Sigs)	43664518
2 Pl HQ (MMG)	43274533
3 Pl HQ (Mortar)	43364539
4 Pl HQ (Tk A)	43104534
5 Pl HQ (Pioneers)	43344543
6 Pl HQ (Adm)	43314547

MMG Posns

G 19	43624456
(Manned by "A" Coy 7 MG Bn)	
G20	44014513
G21	45244564
G22	45804566
G23 (New)	46244581
G23 (Alt)	45864575

MORTAR POSNS

M3	45464572
M4	45314574
M5	43754525
M6	43754527
M7	43724526

3 Dets in reserve

Tk A Gun Posns

87	43124537
88	43264540
89	43544553 43544453
90	43614465

45254572
45364584
45624565
45744571

BEACH GUNS

44144515
44954539

BEACHLIGHTS

Master Light	45504549
24	43764458
25	44174517
26	44484527
27	44644531
28	44944555
29	45204555
30	45344553
31	45534547
32	45624530

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Lieut
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Adjutant 15 Aust Inf Bn.

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PERSONAL

HQ 15 Aust Inf Bn
AUSTRALIA
30 JUN 43

To Every Officer

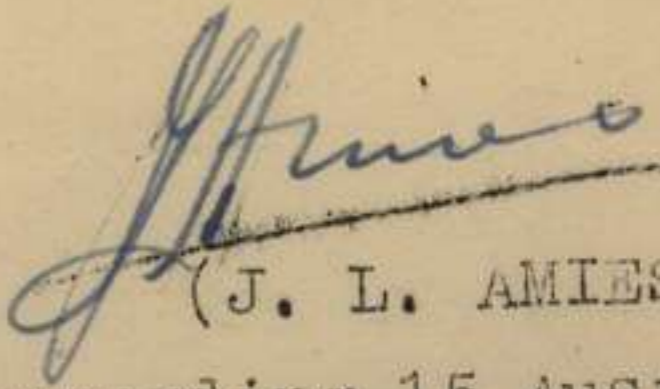
You are going to read the attached to all ranks under your command. Read it through but before you dare put it to your men ask yourself the following questions.

1. Can I answer the questions I am going to put to my men so that when I add up the answers I find that I am efficient; or am I inefficient?
2. Have I in the past made it possible for the men under my command to become efficient or is their inefficiency (if they are inefficient) due to my slackness?
3. Am I confident in my ability to successfully lead my men into action tomorrow?
4. Am I confident of the ability of the men under my command?
5. Have those men confidence in me?

As with the men, you alone know the true answers to these questions. Be honest with yourself and be sure your stocktaking is a careful one so that you commence the next financial year on the right side of the ledger. Time is no longer any excuse for you either, and remember, if you fail in your trust as an officer, in the year to come you may have the deaths of many fine men to trouble your conscience for the rest of your life.

Now is the time to make sure you don't find yourself in this position.

Remember your company and Bn Commander and many others are there to help you out and don't be afraid to express your ignorance on any point about which you are in doubt. If you don't do this, don't blame him if you ever fail afterwards.


(J. L. AMIES) Lt Col
Commanding 15 Aust Inf Bn

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HQ 15 Aust Inf Bn
AUSTRALIA
30 JUN 43

To Every Soldier

In civilian life on the 30th June every man in business pauses to take stock of his financial position. He prepares a Balance Sheet to see whether he is solvent or Bankrupt.

You have now been in N. G. for six months and all of you have served at least one year on war service. Therefore it is time that you took stock of yourself and find out whether you are solvent or bankrupt - or in soldiers language, "Efficient or Inefficient."


Ask yourself the following questions.

1. Am I physically fit and capable of carrying out any task required of the infantry in the Jungle?
2. Can I look after myself alone in the Jungle for a long period, and could I make my way back for days through enemy lines if ever cut off from my section?
3. Is my Kit and Equipment complete? Have I all the necessities for the Jungle trail? Can I carry all I possess or have I too much needless junk?
4. Is my rifle, Bren etc. in perfect order and ready for instant use? Is my rifle or Bren etc. zeroed to my satisfaction and am I confident I can hit any moving target at 100 yds? Is my bayonet and machete sharp enough to do its job efficiently?
5. Have I the necessary knowledge, to handle technically and tactically, the weapon with which I am equipped?
6. If not, why not? What more can I do to acquire the necessary knowledge?
7. Do I consult my Sec and Pl Comd in such matters or am I afraid to express lack of knowledge and thereby continue to lack this vital knowledge?
8. Am I confident in my part in the team to which I belong or will I let them down when in a tough spot?
If I am not confident in my ability to play my part well, what is wrong with me and how can I overcome it quickly?

You alone know the answers to these questions. Add them up and see if your Balance Sheet is favourable or unfavourable. Are you efficient or inefficient?

Now is the time to find out and act accordingly. You are not a recruit but a soldier of a combatant unit in an operational area. Time is no longer an excuse for being inefficient and if you are inefficient the remedy is in your own hands. One day your life may be in your own hands. So what about it?

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

A.I.F. 272

W.E. Reference A.M.F. 446

Date 5 JUN 43

W.E. 34 X 831

Attached Allowed by W.E. 1 X 19

15 AUST INF BN Unit

PART A. — STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED

1	2	3	4
Ranks and W.E.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached)	Surplus to Establishment	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment)
* ..			
* ..			
Lieut.-Colonels ..	<u>1</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Majors ..	<u>3</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1</u>
Captains ..	<u>9</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3</u>
Lieutenants ..	<u>20</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
2nd Lieutenants ..			
Quartermasters ..	<u>1</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Totals ..	<u>34</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4</u>

* Insert detail of higher rank as necessary

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

Officers JOINED during week

Rank	Name	Unit or Corps	Date	Cause

Officers QUITTED during week

Rank	Name	Unit or Corps	Date	Cause
LIEUT	ELLIOTT	CE 15 AUST INF BN	31/5/43	SECONDED ANGAU

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

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

PART D. — NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	Personal Number	Name and Initials	Appointment	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed
MAJOR (T/LT COL)	AX 6007	AMIES JL	CO	YES	
CAPT (T/MAJOR)	AX 45102	JENYNS JRT	22	YES	
CAPT (T/MAJOR)	AX 6056	PETRIE AD	OC B COY	YES	
LIEUT (T/CAPT)	AX 50119	LEU RS	OC C COY	YES	
LIEUT (T/CAPT)	AX 33887	LACK MH	OC HA COY	YES	
LIEUT (T/CAPT)	VX 104029	WITTS AS	22 B COY	YES	
LIEUT (T/CAPT)	AX 34106	PROVAN D	OC D COY	YES	
LIEUT (T/CAPT)	AX 34107	HUGHES CW	OC A COY	YES	
LIEUT (T/CAPT)	VX 102603	FORSYTH RG	22 A COY	YES	
LIEUT	AX 42374	HODGES EL	ADJT	YES	
"	AX 33742	PROCTOR PCR	22 C COY	YES	
"	AX 33507	FARLEY AW	OC 4 PI	YES	
"	AX 40878	CAVENAGH TJD	OC 8 PI	YES	
"	AX 34111	MACRELL MH	OC 17 PI	YES	
"	AX 33889	WORT CW	OC 2 PI	YES	
"	AX 42699	DERRICK GA	TO	YES	
LIEUT (T/CAPT)	AX 33740	BEIRNE LJ	BM	YES	
LIEUT	AX 34109	STEPHENS A	OC 6 PI	YES	
"	NX 68328	TEWKSBURY AR	OC 11 PI	YES	
"	NX 68466	ROSSER MWH	OC 18 PI	YES	
"	AX 42391	WOODMAN BV	OC 16 PI	YES	
"	AX 40874	DALE ER	OC 12 PI	YES	
"	AX 33741	LEARMONTH AJ	OC 1 PI	YES	
"	AX 43157	CONRAN CT	OC 3 PI	YES	
"	AX 42375	COUTTS RD	OC 5 PI	YES	
"	AX 35727	HORNE CC	10	YES	
"	AX 33904	GRIEVE NM		NO	ATTD 29 AUST INF BDE LD
" (A)	NX 138176	OXLEY PHG	OC 10 PI	NO	ATTD NGF AS INSTR
"	VX 5316	MATTHEW DH	OC 19 PI	YES	
"	VX 5315	MATTHEW GN	OC 15 PI	YES	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	Personal Number	Name and Initials	Unit or Corps	Date of Attachment	Nature of Attachment	Allowed by W.E. (Insert Yes or No)
CAPT	VX 114759	MCNEIL PL	AAMC	10/4/43	RMD	YES
CHAPLAIN	AX 37743	HENRY WJ	29 A I BDE	7/5/42	CHAPLAIN	NO
CAPT	VX 73948	DOUGLAS EHK	2/1 DENT UNIT	20/5/43	DENTIST	NO
WELFARE OFFR	B 263	WILLMORE K	YMCA	25/2/43	WELFARE OFFR	NO

15 AUST INF BN

(Unit)

5 JUN 43

(Date of Despatch)

[Signature]
Lt. Col.
Commanding (Signature of Commander)

29 AUST INF BDE
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving)

TO BE MADE UP TO AND FOR SATURDAY IN EACH WEEK.

Army Form W.3009
(page 1)
(Adapted)

Serial No. 45

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

W.E. Reference A.I.F. 272
A.M.F. 446

15 AUST INF BN (Unit) 5 JUN 19 43 (Date).

(To be furnished by all units and all Headquarter units.)

W.E. 34 x 831

Attached Allowed by W.E. 1 x 19

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail and W.E.	Posted Strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	1	-	-
W.Os. Class II.	7	-	-
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	5	-	-
Staff Serjeants	-	1	-
Serjeants	36	1	-
Corporals	77	1	-
Troopers, Privates, &c.	705	-	116
TOTALS	831	* 3	* 116

* These totals should agree with the details shown in Part D on page 2 of Army Form W.3009.

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Personnel Attached Against W.E.

Other Attachments Not Allowed by W.E.

Detail and W.E.	Unit or Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit or Corps to which they belong.
5 FITTERS	AEME	s/Sgt Cpl 2 Ptes	E Sec 2/IDENTAL UNIT
3 MECHANICS	AEME	1 Pte	29 AUST INF BDE
1 GUNFITTER	AEME	1 Cpl	NGF AMENITIES YMCA.
1 ARMOURER SGT	AEME		
1 BLACKSMITH	AEME		
1 SHOEMAKER CPL	AAOC		
1 POSTAL SGT	FD POSTAL UNIT		
1 SGT	AAPC		
1 CPL			
1 SGT 1 CPL	AAMC		
1 PTE			
1 SERGEANT	FD HYGIENE SEC		

Part C. Description of other ranks whose return to the unit is particularly requested.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit or Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts if known).
QX 33929	WO II	MCCAREY JS	15 AUST INF BN	ARTC (JW) CANUNGRA

15 AUST INF BN Unit.

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

Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	W.E.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	W.E.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	W.E.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)
Ammunition Examiners				B/F		1		B/F		8	
Armament Artificers				Fitters, Railway Signal				Riggers			
Armourers				Fitters, Signal				Riveters			
Artificers, Artillery				Grinders				Saddlers			
Axemen				Gun Layers				Saddle Tree Makers			
Bakers				G.P.O. Assistants				Saw Doctors			
Battery Surveyors				Gun Operators				Sawyers			
Battery Comdrs. Asst.				Hammermen				Shoemakers			
Blacksmiths				Height Takers				Signallers			
Boilermakers				Helio Operators				Signwriters			
Bricklayers		1		Instrument Mechanics				Stokers, Stationery Engine			
Bricklayers				Instrument Mechanics, Surgical				Storemen, Technical			
Camouflage Modeller				Instrument Operators				Surveyors			
Carpenter and Joiner				Intelligence Duties				Surveyors, Engineering			
Clerks				Joiners				Tailors			
Clerks, Engineering				Leather Stitchers				Telescope Identification Numbers			
Clerks, Supply				Linesmen				Textile Refitters			
Clerks, Technical				Linesmen, Signals				Tinsmiths			
Coachmakers				Lithographers				Toolmakers			
Computers				Machinists				Turners			
Concretors				Masons				Vulcanizers			
Cooks				Masseurs				Wagon Erectors			
Cooks, Hospital				Mechanics, Dental				Watchmakers			
Coppersmiths				Mechanics, M.T.		1		Watermen			
Dental Clerk Orderlies				Mechanics, Typewriter				Welders			
Despatch Riders				Mechanics, Wireless				Well Borers			
Dispensers				Millwrights				Wheelers			
Draughtsmen				Miners				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen, Architectural				Moulders				Wiremen			
Draughtsmen, Mechanical				Nursing Orderlies				Woodturners		1	
Draughtsmen, Signal				Nursing Orderlies (Mental)				(b)			
Draughtsmen, Topographical				Nurses, Trained							
Driver Mechanics				Observation Post Assistants							
Driver Operators				Operating Room Assistants							
Drivers, Transportation Plant				Operators, Signal				(c) Non-Specialists			122
Electrical Fitters				Opticians							
Electricians				Painters		2					
Electricians, Eng. Units				Panel Beaters							
Electricians, Signal				Pattern Makers							
Engine Artificers				Pharmacists							
Engine Hands I/C				Photographers, dry plate							
Equipment Repairers				Photographers, wet plate							
Farriers				Photo-Writers							
Fire Control Operators				Plate Layers							
Fitters				Plumbers							
Fitters and Turners				Predictor Numbers							
Fitters, Cycle				Printers							
Fitters, Drivers				Radiator Mechanics							
Fitter's Mates				Radiographers							
Fitters, M.V.				Range Takers		4					
C/F		1		C/F		8					
									Totals to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.		9 122
									Deficiency in ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.		
									TOTAL		

Notes--(a) If rank other than Private is involved give details on back.
(b) Authorized Trades or Specialists not included in list above will be added as required in spaces provided.
(c) Non-Specialists required to be shown in their respective trades or duties in accordance with W.E.

15 AUST INF BN

Unit.

Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch 5 JUN 43

29 AUST INF BDE

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

A I F	
WO1	1
WO11	5
S/Sgts	6
Sgts	29
Cpls	34
Privs	166
TG Cooks	3
TG Sigs	12
TG Mechs	9
TG Store	1
TG Expt R.	1
TG Ind	2
TG R Drivers	3
TOTAL	272

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

A.I.F. 277

W.E. Reference A.M.F. 435

Date 12 JUN 43

W.E. 32 X 743

Attached Allowed by W.E. 1 X 11 15 AUST INF BN Unit

PART A. — STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED

1	2	3	4
Ranks and W.E.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached)	Surplus to Establishment	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment)
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels . .	1	-	-
Majors	3	-	1
Captains	8	-	2
Lieutenants . . .	19	1	-
2nd Lieutenants .			
Quartermasters . .	1	-	-
Totals	32	1	3

* Insert detail of higher rank as necessary

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

Officers JOINED during week

Rank	Name	Unit or Corps	Date	Cause

Officers QUITTED during week

Rank	Name	Unit or Corps	Date	Cause
LIEUT	MATTHEW	G.N 15 AUST INF BN	11/6/43	JNR LEADERS CSE - NOF

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

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

PART D. — NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	Personal Number	Name and Initials	Appointment	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed
MAJOR (T/LT COL)	8X 6007	AMIES JL	CO	YES	
CAPT (T/MAJOR)	8X 45102	JENYNS JRT	22	YES	
CAPT (T/MAJOR)	8X 6056	PETRIE AD	DC B COY	YES	
LIEUT (T/CAPT)	8X 50119	LIEU RS	DC C COY	YES	
LIEUT (T/CAPT)	8X 33887	LACK HH	DC HQ COY	YES	
LIEUT (T/CAPT)	VX 104029	WITTS AS	22 B COY	YES	
LIEUT (T/CAPT)	8X 34106	PROVAN D	DC D COY	YES	
LIEUT (T/CAPT)	8X 34107	HUGHES CW	DC A COY	YES	
LIEUT (T/CAPT)	VX 102603	FORSYTH RG	22 D COY	YES	
LIEUT	8X 42374	HODGES EL	ADJT	YES	
"	8X 33742	PROCTOR PCK	22 C COY	YES	
"	8X 33507	FARLEY AW	22 D COY	YES	
"	8X 40878	CAVENAGH TJD	DC 7 PI	YES	
"	8X 34111	MACKRELL MH	DC 16 PI	YES	
"	8X 33889	WORT CW	DC 8 PI	YES	
"	8X 42699	DERRICK GA	TO	YES	
LIEUT (T/CAPT)	8X 33740	BEIRNE LJ	BM	YES	
LIEUT	8X 34109	STEPHENS A	DC 5 PI	YES	
"	NX 68328	TEWKSBURY AR	DC 10 PI	YES	
"	NX 68466	ROSSER MWH	DC 17 PI	YES	
"	8X 42397	WOODMAN BV	DC 15 PI	YES	
"	8X 40874	DALE ER	DC 11 PI	YES	
"	8X 33741	LEARMOUTH AJ	DC 1 PI	YES	
"	8X 43157	CANRAN CT	DC 2 PI	YES	
"	8X 42375	COUTTS RD	DC 4 PI	YES	
"	8X 35727	HORNE CC	10	YES	AS LO
"	8X 33904	GRIEVE NM		NO	ATTD 29 AUST INF BDE
" (A)	NX 138176	OXLEY PHG	DC 9 PI	NO	ATTD NGF AS INSTR
"	VX 5316	MATTHEW DH	DC 18 PI	YES	
"	VX 5315	MATTHEW GN	DC 14 PI	NO	JNR LEADERS CSE

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	Personal Number	Name and Initials	Unit or Corps	Date of Attachment	Nature of Attachment	Allowed by W.E. (Insert Yes or No)
CAPT	VX 114259	MCNEIL PL	AAMC	10/4/43	RMO	YES
CHAPLAIN	8X 37743	HENRY WJ	29 A I BDE	7/5/42	CHAPLAIN	NO
CAPT	VX 73948	DOUGLAS EHK	2/1 DENT UNIT	20/5/43	DENTIST	NO
WELFARE OFFR	B 263	WILLMORE K	YMCA	35/2/43	WELFARE OFFR	NO

15 AUST INF BN
(Unit)

12 JUN 43
(Date of Despatch)

[Signature]
Commanding (Signature of Commander)
Lt. Col.

29 AUST INF BDE
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving)

SERIAL NO 46
WE REF AIF 277
 AMF 435
WE 32 X 743
ATTACHED WE 1 X 11

11/12C/2
FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

15 AUST INF BN (Unit) 12 JUN 1943 (Date.)

(To be furnished by all units and all Headquarter units.)

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4	
Detail.	WE	Posted Strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments).
W.O's. Class I.	1	1	-	-
W.O's. Class II.	7	7	-	-
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	5	5	-	-
Staff Serjeants	-	1	1	-
Serjeants	32	36	4	-
Corporals	67	78	11	-
Troopers, Privates, &c.	631	584	-	47
TOTALS		712	16	47

*These totals should agree with the details shown in Part D on page 2 of Army Form W.3009.

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
1 BLACKSMITH	AEME	FITTERS 5, MECH 4	AEME
1 GUNFITTER	AEME	DR MECH 1	
1 ARMOURER SGT	AEME	S/SGT CPL 2 PTES	E SEC 2/1 DENTAL UNIT
1 SGT 1 CPL	AAPC	1 PTE	29 AUST INF BDE
1 SGT 1 CPL 1 PTE	AAMC	1 CPL	NGF AMENITIES YMCA
SGT	FD HYGIENE SEC	4 PTES	HORSE TPT
SGT	FD POSTAL UNIT		
SHOEMAKER CPL	AADC		

Part C. Description of other ranks whose return to the unit is particularly requested.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	(Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts if known).)

AIF

WO I	1
WO II	5
S/Sgts	6
Sgts	28
Cpls	34
Pls	170
TG Sigs	14
TG Mech Dr	8
TG R Daker	4
TG Cooks	3
TG Eqpt Re	1
TG Int	2
TG Store	1
TOTAL	277

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SERIAL NO. 47
WE REF AIF 278
AMF 437.
WE 32 x 943
ATTACHED.
ALLOWED BY WE. 1 x 11

11/120/2

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

19 JUN. 43.

15 AUST INF BN. (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
Lieut.-Colonels	1	-	-
Majors	2	-	1
Captains	6	-	2
Lieutenants	20	1	-
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters	1	-	-
Totals	30	1	3

*Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
MAJOR (T/LT.COL)	QX 6007	AMIES JL	CO	YES	
CAPT (T/MAJOR)	QX 45102	JENYNS JRT.	2 ¹ / ₂	YES	
CAPT (T/MAJOR)	QX 6056	PETRIE AD	OC B COY	YES	
LIEUT (T/CAPT)	QX 5019	LEU RS	OC C COY	YES	
LIEUT (T/CAPT)	QX 33887	LACK HH	OB HQ COY	YES	
LIEUT (T/CAPT)	VX 104029	WITTS A.S.	2 ¹ / ₂ B COY	YES	
LIEUT (T/CAPT)	QX 34106	PROVAN D	OC D COY	YES	
LIEUT (T/CAPT)	QX 34109	HUGHES CW	OC A COY	YES	
LIEUT (T/CAPT)	VX 102603	FORSYTH RG	2 ¹ / ₂ D COY	YES	
LIEUT	QX 42374	HODGES E.L.	ADJT.	YES	
"	QX 33742	PROCTOR PCR	2 ¹ / ₂ C COY	YES	
"	QX 33507	FARLEY AW	OB 2 PL	YES	
"	QX 40878	CAVENAGH TJD	OC 7 PL	YES	
"	QX 34111	MACKRELL MH	OC 16 PL	YES	
"	QX 33889	WORT CW	OC 8 PL	YES	
"	QX 42699	DERRICK GA	TO	YES	
LIEUT (T/CAPT)	QX 33740	REIRNE LJ	QM	YES	
LIEUT	QX 34109	STEPHENS A	OC 5 PL	YES	
"	NX 68328	TEWKSBURY AR	OC 10 PL	YES	
"	NX 68466	ROSSER MWH	OC 17 PL	YES	
"	QX 42394	WOODMAN BY	OC 15 PL	YES	
"	QX 33741	LEARMONTH AJ	OC 1 PL	YES	
"	QX 43157	CONRAN CT	OC 3 PL	YES	
"	QX 42375	COUTTS RD	OC 4 PL	YES	
"	QX 35727	HORNE C.C.	1.0.	YES	
"	QX 33904	GRIEVE NM		NO	ATTD 29AUST INF BDE AS L.O.
(A)	NX 138176	OXLEY PHG	OC 9 PL	NO	ATTD NGF AS INSTR.
"	VX 5316	MATTHEW DN	OC 18 PL	YES	
"	VX 5315	MATTHEW GN	OC 14 PL	NO	JNR. LEADERS CSE
"	*QX 40874	DALE ER	OC 11 PL	YES	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.	ALLOWED BY W.E. (INSERT YES OR NO)
CAPT	VX 114259	M'NEIL PL	AAMC	10/11/42	RMO	YES.
CHAPLAIN	QX 37743	HENRY WJ	29A1 BDE	7/5/42	CHAPLAIN	NO.
CAPT	VX 73948	DOUGLAS EHK	24 DENT UNIT	20/5/43	DENTIST	NO.
WELFARE OFFR	B263	WILLMORE K	YMCA	25/2/43	WELFARE OFFR.	NO.

15 AUST. INF. BN.

(Unit.)

19 JUN

(Date of Despatch.)

Commanding 15 Aust Inf Bn

(Signature of Commander.)

29 AUST. INF. BDE.

(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

15 AUST INF BN. Unit.

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT							REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED							REMARKS.	
	W.O's. Class I.	W.O's. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Staff-Serjeants	Serjeants	Corporals	Troopers, Privates, &c.	TOTAL	W.O's. Class I.	W.O's. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Serjeants	Corporals	Troopers, Privates, &c.		TOTAL
Blacklayers							1		1							
Carpenters and Joiners																
Clerks																
Despatch Riders																
Draughtsmen (topo)																
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.																
Electricians																
Farriers																
Fitters																
Masons																
Painters and Decorators							2		2							
Plumbers and Gasfitters																
Saddlers and Harness Makers																
Signallers																
Storemen, Technical																
Vickers Machine Gunners																
Cooks							3	2	5							
DR MECH																
RANGE TAKERS																
WOODTURNER																
General Duty Personnel							3	11	14						68	68
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A)									40						68	

15 AUST INF BN
Unit.

Date of Despatch... 19 JUN 43

[Signature]
Signature of Commander.
29 AUST INF BDE
Bde., Divn., Area, &c., with which unit is serving.

AIF	
WOI	1
WO II	4
S/Sgt	5
Sgts	29
Cpls	34
Res	171
Ty Sig	14
" Mech Dr	9
• Egypt Re	1
• Store	1
• R. Daker	4
• Cook	3
• Int	2
TOTAL	278

TO BE MADE UP TO AND FOR SATURDAY IN EACH WEEK.

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SERIAL NO 48
WE REF AIF 275
AMF 427
WE 32 X 743
ATTACHED
ALLOWED BY WE 1 X 11

11/12C/2
FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

26 JUN 43

15 AUST INF BN (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks. WE	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
*			
Lieut.-Colonels	1	-	-
Majors	2	-	1
Captains	7	-	1
Lieutenants	19	-	-
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters	1	-	-
Totals	30	-	2

*Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
CAPT	STRUSS	AL 15 AUST INF BN	20/6/43	FROM 5 AUST DIV HQ - TAKEN ON STRENGTH

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
LIEUT	GRIEVE	NM 15 AUST INF BN	20/6/43	SECONDED 29 AUST INF BDE

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
MAJOR (T/LT COL)	QX 6007	AMIES JL	CO	YES	
CAPT (T/MAJOR)	QX 45102	JENYNS JRT	2 nd	YES	
CAPT (T/MAJOR)	QX 6056	PETRIE AD	OC B COY	YES	
LIEUT (T/CAPT)	QX 50119	LEU RS	OC C COY	YES	
LIEUT (T/CAPT)	QX 33887	LACK HH	OC HQ COY	YES	
LIEUT (T/CAPT)	VX 104029	WITTS AS	2 nd B COY	YES	
LIEUT (T/CAPT)	QX 34106	PROVAN D	OC D COY	YES	
LIEUT (T/CAPT)	QX 34107	HUGHES CW	OC A COY	YES	
LIEUT (T/CAPT)	VX 102603	FORSYTH RG	2 nd A COY	YES	
LIEUT (T/CAPT)	QX 40852	STRUSS AL	2 nd D COY	YES	
LIEUT	QX 42374	HODGES EL	ADJT	YES	
"	QX 33742	PROCTOR PCR	2 nd C COY	YES	
"	QX 33507	FARLEY AW	OC 2 PI	YES	
"	QX 40878	CAVENAGH TJD	OC 7 PI	YES	
"	QX 34111	MACKRELL MH	OC 16 PI	YES	
"	QX 33889	WORT CW	OC 8 PI	YES	
"	QX 42699	DERRICK GA	TO	YES	
LIEUT (T/CAPT)	QX 33740	BEIRNE LJ	QM	YES	
LIEUT	QX 34109	STEPHENS A	OC 5 PI	YES	
"	NX 68328	TEWKSBURY AR	OC 10 PI	YES	
"	NX 68466	ROSSER MWH	OC 17 PI	YES	
"	QX 42394	WOODMAN BV	OC 15 PI	YES	
"	QX 40874	DALE ER	OC 11 PI	YES	
"	QX 33741	LEARMONTH AJ	OC 1 PI	YES	
"	QX 43157	CONRAN CT	OC 3 PI	YES	
"	QX 42375	COUTTS RD	OC 4 PI	YES	
"	QX 35727	HORNE CC	10	YES	
" (A)	NX 138176	OXLEY PHG	OC 9 PI	NO	ATTD NGF AS INSTR
"	VX 5316	MATTHEW DN	OC 18 PI	YES	
"	VX 5315	MATTHEW GN	OC 14 PI	NO	JNR LEADERS CSE

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.	Allowed by WE
CAPT	VX 114259	M'NEIL PL	AAMC	10/4/43	RMO	YES
CHAPLAIN	QX 37743	HENRY WJ	29 A I BDE	7/5/42	CHAPLAIN	NO
CAPT	VX 73948	DOUGLAS EHK	2/1 DENT UNIT	20/5/43	DENTIST	NO
WELFARE OFFR	B 263	WILLMORE K	YMCA	25/2/43	WELFARE OFFR	NO

15 AUST INF BN
(Unit.)

[Signature]
(Signature of Commander.)

26 JUN 43
(Date of Despatch.)

29 AUST INF BDE
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

SECONDED OFFICERS.

1	2	3	4	5	6
RANK	No.	SURNAME	INITIALS	POSTING TO WHICH SECONDED (1)	DATE OF SECONDMENT
MAJOR	QX45405	EDMONDS	FG	SNR COMBATANT OFFICER 101 MUST CON DEROT	14/9/42
CAPT(T/MAJOR)	QX34145	GUMMINS	HA	AAG, HQ L of C AREA	26/1/40
CAPT(T/MAJOR)	Q185222	HAWLEY	WJ	MVTTC DALBY	NOT KNOWN
CAPT(T/MAJOR)	QX42388	KIDSTON	W	GSO II ADV LHQ	18/8/41
LT(T/CAPT)	Q19461	GRIGG	HS	STAFF CAPT A* HQ ND I L of C SUB AREA	30/4/42
LT(T/CAPT)	VX112199	RIGGALL	HO	5 AUST INF TRG BN	7/1/43
LT(T/CAPT)	QX42958	COPPOCK	H	SC (EDUC) HQ NGF	15/10/41
LT(T/CAPT)	VX5369	STROM	GF	BML 29 AUST INF BDE	4/4/43
LT(T/MAJOR)	QX35566	M'LUCCAS	AE	BM II AUST INF BDE	19/8/41
LT(T/CAPT)	QX36457	DIXON	EL	5 AUST DIV	14/8/42
LT(T/CAPT)	QX45101	ROBSON-PETCH	SO	11 AUST INF TRG BN	NOT KNOWN
LIEUT	QX33888	CHURCH	EW	RSL	23/12/42
LIEUT	VX104344	SINCLAIR	JW	29 AUST INF TRG BN	7/1/43
LIEUT	Q18645	TURBAYNE	CM	INSTR LHQ SCH OF ML	NOT KNOWN
LIEUT	QX43156	POPE	GH	INSTR NGF SCH OF SIGS	12/5/43
LIEUT	QX33506	DOUST	RB	RSL	28/3/43
LIEUT	Q18623	SULLY	JHR	EDUC OFFICER 29 AUST INF BDE	15/12/42
LIEUT	Q18643	O'NEILL	JP	RSL	5/12/42
LIEUT	QX34110	DAVIDSON	WS	LT MORTAR WG 5 AUST INF SPEC OP	15/1/43
LIEUT	QX40837	MURPHY	JO	29 AUST INF BDE SC (E)	31/3/43
LIEUT	Q28196	KELK	ER	LHQ TRG CENTRE CANUNGRA	4/12/42
LIEUT	QX33904	GRIEVE	NM	LO 29 AUST INF BDE	27/5/43
LIEUT	QX33953	ELLIOTT	CE	ADC to GOC ANGAU	8/5/43

(1) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank if held.	Personal Number	Name and Initials	Corps	Date of attachment	Nature of attachment	Allowed by W.F.S.
MAJOR	VX 112199	RIGGALL	5 AUST INF	7/1/43	W.F.S.	NO
CAPTAIN	QX 33904	GRIEVE	LO 29 AUST INF BDE	27/5/43	W.F.S.	NO
CAPT	VX 33953	ELLIOTT	ADC to GOC ANGAU	8/5/43	W.F.S.	NO
WELFARE OFFICER	B 203	WILLMORE			W.F.S.	NO

(Date of Despatch) 26 JUN 43
(Signature of Commander) [Signature]
(Bde, Div, Area etc, with which Unit is serving) 29 AUST INF BDE

AIF	
WO I	1
WO II	4
S/Agl's	5
Agl's	28
Cpls	32
Res	172
TG Sigs	14
• R. Baker	3
• Cook	3
• Egypt Re.	1
• Store	1
• Int	2
• Dr Mech	9
TOTAL	275