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WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Unit 24 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

Date and Time.—From 1 Jun 45

To 2 Jun 45

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
POROREI RIVER - USO AREA	Fri 1 Jun		<p>Dispositions - Bn HQ. 947425. A Coy 955419. B Coy. 974429 C Coy 945429. D Coy 967426. B Ech 958417</p> <p>The role of the Bn remains unchanged and numerous patrols to each flank continue to operate to ensure that the L of C is kept clear for the forward Units.</p> <p>A patrol from B Coy to contact 57/60 Bn saw one Jap at 984438 but he escaped before contact could be made.</p>	
		1100	<p>A sniper fired one shot into B Coy locality and wounded one OR. A patrol was immediately sent out to investigate but did not locate the sniper. A vacated enemy posn was located at 979438 and a hut at 979437 had been occupied 27 May.</p> <p>A recce patrol from C Coy was sent out to find a suitable Coy locality in the vic 985422.</p> <p>All available personnel were engaged on corduroying of the HAMMER RD which is required for operations.</p>	
		2300	<p>Op Instr 8/45 issued.</p>	Appx B.
	Sat 2 Jun	0630	<p>A Coy moved from their present location to a new def posn at 963408 and the remainder of the day personnel engaged in consolidating and digging in.</p> <p>C Coy moved to a central position between the COMMANDO and BUIN Rds at 979418 and commenced patrolling EAST towards the MAMAGATA - TAITAI Rds.</p> <p>A patrol from B Coy found a vacated posn with 40 huts at 981448.</p>	

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Date and Time.—From 2 Jun 45 To 4 Jun 45

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
POROREI RIVER - USO AREA	Sat 2 Jun	1226	Warning order issued to D Coy to prepare for move to RUNEI area dependent on 58/59 Bn Ops. Coy placed on one hrs notice as from 1230L.	
			Patrols during the day report numerous signs of enemy movement to the EAST in small parties but no enemy were seen.	
		2100	Op Instr 9/45 issued	Appx B
			W 3008 W 3000	Appx F
INAI AREA	Sun 3 Jun		D Coy in posn at 969388 and consolidating.	
			Patrol from B Coy found a vacated enemy posn at 969469 with accommodation for 30 well developed with lean tos and crawl trenches. It had not been used for approximately 2 weeks. An enemy biv site for 20 was also located at 976415. The posn was heavily booby trapped with 105 mm shells set as mines and detonated by trip wires. No enemy movement was seen throughout the day patrolling.	
		2230	Op instr 10/45 issued.	Appx B
POROREI RIVER - TOHU - USO AREA	Mon 4 Jun		Nominations from each Coy were called for competent rifle shots to be trained as snipers who will be used as such on the completion of the course of training.	
		1400	The Brigade Comd Brig H H HAMMER DSO visited the area and conferred with the C.O. LT COL A J ANDERSON.	

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TOHU - USO AREA	Mon 4 Jun		A patrol from D Coy to the PEPERU River contacted an enemy posn at 976398. 3 Japs forming an outpost were first attacked, one was killed and one wounded. Whilst regrouping for a further move the patrol was attacked by approx 40 enemt from a dug in posn 40 yds to the EAST. The enemy used a JUKI, LMG, knee mortar and rifles. The patrol returned the fire for 10 minutes then broke contact without suffering casualties. 2 newly dug graves each large enough for 3 men were found in a vacated posn at 969401.	
		2130	C Coy in posn at 999402 and consolidating. A recce patrol forward contacted an enemy posn at 003402. Op Instr 11/45 issued.	Appx B
	Tue 5 Jun	1230	Warning order for a general movement of the Bn less C Coy forward along the BUIN Rd to the vicinity of the PEPERU River was issued B Coy less 10 pl moved to 980388. 10pl at 974429	Appx B
		2130	Patrol during the day found a vacated enemy posn at 990404 and at 968396. 12 weapons pits found had been used within the previous four hrs. There were signs of 12 enemy having withdrawn SOUTH to a well worn track running parallel to the BUIN RD.	
		2130	Op Order 14/45 issued.	Appx B
	Wed 6 Jun	0610	A Coy moved to 989381 and relieved 58/59 Bn Coy in that area. At 1510hrs while the Coy was engaged in digging in 20 - 75 mm shells fell in the locality killing 2 and wounding 2. and at 1500hrs a further 20 - 75 mm shells including 3 blinds	

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To 7 Jun 45

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
RUNAI - PEPERU RIVER AREA	Wed 6 Jun	0800	<p>fell in the Coy locality without causing damage or casualties.</p> <p>B Coy relieved A Coy 58/59 Bn at 983386.</p>	
		2155-2205.	<p>A patrol from A Coy moved SOUTH along the MAMAGATA Rd for 1000yds from the junction without contact with the enemy. The road had not been used by MT for at least 14 days. Two Jap sig lines which ran along the rd for 250 yds thence SE were cut by the patrol.</p> <p>Hostile shelling on A Coy locality caused neither casualties or damage to our troops.</p> <p>Local patrols found more vacated enemy posns at 984345 with accn for 80 and at 985397 which would accommodate 40. These posns showed signs of a hasty evacuation.</p>	
	Thu 7 Jun	0800	<p>Bn HQ and HQ Coy moved to 981387.</p> <p>C Coy now at 003403.</p> <p>A patrol from B Coy Comd Lt MACLEAN, moved SOUTH along the MAMAGATA Rd thence EAST across the HARI River to recce the area SOUTH of the BUIN Rd with a view to an encircling move around the main enemy posns at the main ford.</p> <p>During the patrol they found 5 x 30cwt trucks and one small car in vehicle bays along the MAMAGATA Rd between 005404 and 996393. A new 75 mm gun posn which had not been used was found at 989378. In the vicinity of the gun posn was an extensive enemy posn well camouflaged overlooking the PEPERU River. An old 6 wheeled vehicle and many 44 gallon petrol drums were also observed. Many documents and clothing had been left in the posn which appeared to have been hastily evacuated.</p> <p>8 boxes of JUKI and 3 boxes of .30 amn were salvaged.</p>	

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MAMAGATA JUNG- MONCITU MISSION AREA	Thu 7 Jun	0730	A further compliment of 50 members of the Bn departed en route TOKO for a 4 day rest at the Bde Rest camp.	
	Fri 8 Jun		An armoured patrol of one Pl plus two tanks and bulldozer team comd by Lt EATON left A Coy and proceeded SOUTH along the MAMAGATA Rd to clear the rd to MAMAGATA and report on the suitability of the beach for the establishment of a barge landing point. The patrol completed the course after surmounting two tank obstacles encountered and submitted a favourable report of the beach and hinterland. No enemy movement was seen during the course of the patrol. Many vacated enemy posns were observed and it is estimated that the Japs had at least 500 naval personnel in the area. Many blankets and clothing were strewn around the various posns and documents were found. The patrol returned to A Coy night 8 Jun. All available personnel were engaged on corduroying of the BUIN Rd in the vicinity of the MAMAGATA - BUIN Rd junc. Routine orders Nos. 147 - 152 issued.	Appx 0
	Sat 9 Jun	0800	A patrol from Bn Hq and Hq Coy moved by jeep along the MAMAGATA Rd to MAMAGATA and returned. They reported that the beach from 984322 to 986326 was suitable for barge landings and had been previously used by the enemy. A large arty posn at 989371 had been accurately bombed and an unserviceable primemover was found in the posn.	
		1030	Three Japs appeared on the TAI TAI Rd outside the C Coy wire waving white flags and surrender leaflets. An unarmed party	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MAMAGATA JUNG AREA	SAT 9 Jun		<p>was sent out to capture them. They were from the defences EAST of the HARI River and gave valuable information of enemy strengthsm dispositions and pinpointed several artillery pieces which were engaged by our arty.</p> <p>A patrol Comd by Lt SPENDLOVE of C Coy which had the task of recce of the area EAST of the HARI River and SOUTH of the BUIN Rd contacted an enemy party of 15 carrying packs at 986363. In the engagement which followed our cas were one killed and enemy 2 2 killed 1 wounded. The patrol returned to A Coy HQ and because of the lateness of the hour did not resume its task.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">W 3008 W 3009</p>	Appx F
	Sun 10 Jun		<p>A patrol from D Coy when moving along the axis of the MAMAGATA Rd at 982355 heard movement on the opposite side of the road. the patrol immediately engaged and in the fierce fire fight which followed 3 enemy were killed and 1 wounded without loss to our troops. Our patrol then returned to Coy HQ/</p>	
		0800	<p>The patrol from C Coy which did not complete its task 9 Jun moved from Coy HQ and after completing the recce of the area EAST of the HARI River was returning via the river fork at 982371. The patrol comd sent one offr and one OR forward to warn A Coy of the patrols late return. When moving NORTH along the rd at 989370 the two men were ambushed. The OR made his way to A Coy and reported the ambush. He had been wounded in 4 places. The offr did not return and was thought to have been killed but after spending the night in the jungle he reported to 58/59 Bn HQ morning of 11 Jun. Lt TILLET had been wounded in three places through the shoulders and back and was suffering</p>	

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MAMAGATA RD JUNC	Sun 10 Jun		<p>from exposure and loss of blood.</p> <p>The main patrol passed through the same area later but did not see any enemy movement and a further patrol to investigate the area reported no movement.</p>	
	Mon 11 Jun	0745	<p>In support of the main attack on the HARI River posns an armoured patrol of pl strength and two tanks moved from B Coy via MA MAGATA Rd junc SOUTH to 993668 where the diversionary action commenced. Tanks, mortars and small arms fire was concentrated on the area of the HARI - PEPERU river fork. A similar attack was launched at 990366. The patrol returned to Coy HQ at 1615hrs. A 58/59 Bn patrol returning from the HARI I area was approaching the river fork from the EAST when the diversionary action commenced. The patrol immediately went to ground and observed large numbers of enemy dispersing in confusion from newly prepared posns EAST of the river near the fork.</p>	
		1345	<p>17 pl in posn 996381</p>	
		0700	<p>A further quota of personnel left Bn area to visit the 15 Bde rest camp at TOKO which continues to be very beneficial and popular with the troops.</p>	
			<p>Work continued on the maintenance of the BUIN and MAMAGATA Rds.</p>	
	Tue 12 Jun		<p>Continuing the diversions in support of the general advance along the BUIN Rd, a further armoured patrol of pl strength with two tanks and bulldozer attached moved SOUTH along the MAMAGATA Rd and crossed the HARI River at 992371 and advanced</p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MAMAGATA JUNG - HARI RIVER AREA	Tue 12 Jun	1500	<p>along the EAST bank to 997371 where a mock battle was staged. No enemy were encountered and the patrol returned to Coy HQ. A listening post at D Coy 17 pl locality saw one Jap who fled before he could be dealt with.</p> <p>During the night mortars directed heavy harassing fire onto enemy positions EAST of the HARI river.</p> <p>Dispositions- Bn HQ 981387. A Coy 989381 B Coy 983386 C Coy 003398 D Coy less 17 pl 969398 17pl 996381.</p>	
	Wed 13 Jun		<p>For the third day in succession an armoured patrol from C Coy Comd by Lt WHITEBROOK moved SOUTH along the MAMAGATA Rd across the HARI River at 992370 thence to 997368 where a vacated enemy posn capable of holding 100 men was contacted. The patrol and tanks carried out a mock attack on the posn. The tanks were unable to proceed further than this posn because of a very deep donga which would require considerable work to make it tankable.</p> <p>Another diversion was carried out by a strong fighting patrol of one pl with 2 secs of PIB attached comd Lt LAWN. The patrol established a base at 014376 010350 and small patrols were sent out to harass any enemy in the area. 4 japs cutting wood at 014376 were stalked by the PIB boys who killed all four. The bodies were examined but no documents were found.</p> <p>continuing the patrol 2 enemy were observed in a posn at 018371 which apparently was an outpost. Trip wires with tin rattles led SOUTH and WEST from the posn. The patrol killed both Japs before moving on. At 991365 the patrol observed 4 enemy sitting on a log reading our surrender leaflets. encirclement was attempted but the enemy disappeared.</p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MAMAGATA JUNC- HARI RIVER AREA	Wed 13 Jun		The patrol comd decided to stage another diversion at 013364 and after the "battle" the area was reced and it was discovered that a party of approx 15 Japs had been surprised and fled NW.	
		night 13/14	250 rds of 3 inch mortar harassing fire was directed on the enemy posns EAST of the HARI River throughout the night. At 140330L an unknown number of Japs approached the A Coy perimeter unseen and threw two grenades into the mortar pit during the firing. No casualties or damage were suffered by our troops. A local protective patrol from A Coy was fired on by a sniper who was not located by an investigating patrol. Our cas. 1 wounded.	
		0700	A patrol from A Coy of PI strength Comd by Lt LESLIE who had received notice of his promotion to Commissioned rank prior to setting forth on the patrol, crossed the HARI river at 091366 and established a base at 010350 at 1250hrs. A further base was established at 012353. From these bases small ambush patrols were sent out. One patrol reached the OGORATA river at 042356 and observed 9 old huts on the EAST bank but no enemy were seen. at 1030hrs 14 Jun the full patrol ambushed a party of 100 Japs at 032361. The enemy were moving rapidly EAST along a well worn track 6 ft wide which runs from 032361 to 040358. The patrol opened fire killing 12 and wounding at least 3 of the enemy. Within 3 minutes the enemy had opened up with JUKIs and mortars but by that time our patrol was well clear of any trouble. We suffered no casualties from the engagement.	

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MAMAGATA JUNG- HARI RIVER AREA	Thu 14 Wed 13 Jun		An armoured patrol from B Coy Comd by Capt ROBINSON crossed the HARI River at 993370 and moved NORTH to 995370 after having bulldozed a crossing over a dry creek bed at 994368. The force was held up by a swamp and recon patrols moved out to locate a possible route for the tanks. One patrol reached 997370 where where two Japs were observed moving on a track. On being engaged they broke bush and disappeared. The patrol which consisted of 10 and 12 pls bivouaced the night 14/15 Jun at 995370. Ambush posns were set at 997370 and 003375.		
		1405	One Jap surrender to 17 pl D Coy at 995381. He gave information of the dispositions of the enemy SOUTH of the BUIN Rd on WEST bank of the HARI River. One 47 mm gun was reported to be in the posn. Two 75 mm shells and one type 89 grenade set as mines were deloused at 993370		
		1800	17 hostile shells fell 300 yds WEST of A Coy locality without causing damage or casualties.		
		2100	Warning order for the regrouping of the Bn issued	Appx B	
		Fri 15 Jun 0930		B Coy in posn at 998396. day spent in consolidating and wiring.	
			1715	17 D Coy in def posn at 001379. The area is reported to have been completely devastated by bombing, arty and mortar. An Advance party from Bn HQ and HQ Coy moved to the new Hqs area and prepared the site for occupation 16 Jun. 10 ORs were nominated for a two days bomb disposal school to be held at TOKO.	
		2215	Op instr 10/45 issued	Appx B	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
HARI RIVER AREA	Sat 16 Jun	0800	Bn HQ moved to 998386. A Coy now in def posn at 011374 and consolidating. When D Coy were investigating the immediate vicinity of their new posn at 001379 evidence of booby traps was seen. It is thought that they were exploded by our bombing and arty.	
		1700	A patrol of pl strength departed from Coy locality on MAMGATA Rd and established a base at KINGORI pending the move of the full Coy. Map ref 052429. Local security patrol throughout the day saw no enemy movement. W 3008 W 3009 Op inst 15/45 issued.	Appx F Appx B
	Sun 17 Jun	0830	B Coy with 4 Tp 2/4 Armd Regt, commenced moving from 998396 to KINGORI to join the patrol which had established a base at that point 16 Jun. At 050385 the tanks were held up for one hour while the bulldozer prepared a creek crossing. The Coy reached 052430.	
		0800	A B Coy patrol Comd Lt MACLEAN left patrol base enroute KATSUWA. At 0845hrs firing from LMG and rifles was heard at 055425 but our patrol was not involved. A recce patrol from D Coy reported six vacated enemy posns in sqs 0036 and 0037 extending on A NORTH - SOUTH line from the BUIN Rd SOUTH along the EAST bank of the HARI River. The positions would hold 1000 men and included two 75 mm gun	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
HARI RIVER - KINGORI AREA	Sun 17 Jun		sites and a posn for a 47 mm gun which covered the main Ford. A wrecked American aircraft was found at 002370. It had been badly smashed and not salvageable.	
		1815	Pte CHALMERS of the Signals Pl was mending the line between A and D Coys when he saw a head protruding from the undergrowth at the side of the road. On seeing he was observed the Jap jumped out onto the road with his hands held high and surrendered.	
		1900	A fighting patrol from C Coy Comd by Sgt LANGTRY established a base at 045342 with the object of patrolling forward to the MOBIAI River and ensure that the area SOUTH of the BUIN Rd was clear of enemy. Patrols forward found many signs of recent use on tracks but no enemy were seen.	
	Mon 18 Jun		<p>Following information received from the PW captured 17 Jun of 75 mm guns which had been buried in the Jap posns on the HARI River a patrol was sent out to investigate. One 70 mm gun minus the barrel was found in a pillbox sited WEST along the garden area. A carriage for a 37 mm gun and a type 96 LMG had been destroyed by bombing and arty. an 81 mm mortar was also found in the posn.</p> <p>A patrol from B Coy crossed the MOBIAI River at 056426 and reached 062426 where the patrol encountered heavy fire from an estimated 20 enemy using LMGs, rifles and grenades. The patrol broke contact and moved EAST to outflank the posn. An old village and bovouac area with accomodation for 12 was found at 087408.</p> <p>Dispositions - Bn HQ 998386. A Coy 011374 B Coy 052430. C Coy 003403. D Coy 001379.</p>	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
HARI RIVER - KINGORI AREA	Mon 18 Jun	1930	Op inst 15/45 issued	Appx B
	Tue 19 Jun	0700	C Coy commenced move from 003403 NORTH along MAMAGATA- TAITAI Rd thence KINGORI where they staged night 19/20 Jun with B Coy at 052430. No enemy were seen en route.	
		0815	D Coy now in posn astride BARRETS track at 042370	
			A patrol from D Coy Comd Lt FEATHERBY which relieved C Coy patrol at base SOUTH of BUIN Rd on EAST of ORGORATA River ambushed a party of enemy at 067338 and in the ensuing exchange of fire three enemy were killed and two wounded without loss to our troops.	
			Extensive reconce patrols to cover the area NORTH of the BUIN Rd between the MOBIAI and MIVO Rivers were commenced with a view to finding a suitable route for an outflanking move by the Bn. The country is reportee to be rough and in parts swampy and unsuitable for the use of tanks. The rivers are fast flowing with steep banks which require bulldozing to make them crossable.	
			Another 70mm gun without breech block was found by a patrol in the vacated enemy posns EAST of the HARI River.	
			50 Aust 3 inch mortar bombs were also recovered in the posn.	

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HARI RIVER - KINGORI	Wed 20 Jun	0800	<p>B Coy. A patrol of pl strength Comd Lt GRAHAM moved out from Coy HQ EAST to clear the route to KATSUWA where C Coy is to take up a def posn and patrol the MIVO River sector.</p> <p>At 1030hrs contact was established with an enemy posn strength 30 using LMG knee mortars and rifles. a heavy fire fight developed in which ourcas were 3 wounded. enemy one known killed. 3 wounded.</p> <p>C Coy then moved forward and joined the B Coy patrol and while the Coy Comd Capt GRAHAM was forward making a recce an enemy sniper hit him in the foot. The force then withdrew 200 yds while an arty concentration was brought down on the enemy posn</p> <p>C Coy then continued the advance outflanking the enemy posn which was still occupied. The Coy reached the KOROPU River at 074405 where it bivouaced the night 20/21 Jun</p> <p>D Coy. Comd by Lt LAWN a fighting patrol moved out to est a patrol base at 074372. A recce patrol from this base killed one Jap in a garden at 073373 and as they moved forward to examine the body they were fired on by a further 6 enemy opened fire from the garden. No cas to our patrol.</p> <p>Further extensive recce patrols covered the area between the MOBIAI and MIVO River and report the country very rugged and unsuitable for use of tanks. however a jeep and tank track can be constructed as far as the patrol base at 074372.</p>	
KINGORI AREA MOBIAI AREA	Thu 21 Jun	0700 1400	<p>C Coy less 15 pl commenced to move EAST from their biv posn at 074405 and 15 pl was sent to 066402 to attack and destroy the enemy posn at that reference.</p> <p>C Coy less 15 pl reached 087407 and established a Coy locality.</p>	

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KINGORI - MOBIAI River area	Thu 21 Jun	1115	<p>15 pl attacked the enemy posn 068421 which was estimated to hold 30 Japs with one JUKI, knee mortars and rifles. A fire fight developed and at least 5 enemy were known to have been killed. The pl then broke contact and moved 400yds WEST to allow an arty concentration to be brought down on the posn. our cas from the action were two wounded. Following the arty the pl moved forward but found the posn still occupied and much more extensive than at first thought. The pl then bypassed the posn and continued their journey to join C Coy.</p> <p>In the C Coy locality is a clearing approx 30 yds in diameter which was enlarged by the Coy as a dropping ground which later possibly saved the lives of many of the Coy.</p>	
		0850	<p>A fighting patrol led by Lt LAWN moved out from Base 074403 to a garden at 072375 where 6 Japs were seen. the patrol went to ground and set ambush posn but was observed by the leading scout who endeavoured to warn the remainder of the Jap party but was killed in the first burst from our patrol. Immediately a further 25 Japs came into view armed with a JUKI, 3 LMGs and two knee mortars. In the fierce fire fight which developed 6 enemy were killed without loss to our troops. One Jap IMG was destroyed and the JUKI was not brought into action owing to the speed of our attack. The patrol broke contact and moved 50 yds further NORTH where further Jap movement was heard. They moved a further 80 yds NORTH and took up a posn and on further movement being heard opened fire but results were unobserved. The patrol then returned to base without suffering any cas in the actions.</p> <p>Another patrol from D Coy observed 5 enemy at 083393 and when</p>	

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KINGORI - MOBIAI RIVER AREA	Thu 21 Jun		engaged, they fled.	
			Considerable enemy movement along the track running NORTH - SOUTH along the EAST bank of the TOHUDO River.	
			A patrol from D Coy Comd Lt CONNOR reced the area between the MOBIAI and MIVO Rivers with a view to constructing a suitable L of C and assembly area for the Bn's advance to the BUIN RD. The area was reported to be unsuitable, in some parts very rough ridges, fast flowing creeks with high banks, and in other places swampy country. Much engineer assistance would be required to construct a jeepable rd.	
	Fri 22 Jun	0700	Bn HQ now established on BARRETS track 045373. D Coy amended reference 047374.	
		15 pl. While moving to join C Coy at 087407 observed movement in an EASTERLY direction of a large force of enemy at 082405. Sounds of heavy firing were then heard from the vicinity of C Coy locality and the pl moved to outflank the posn and if possible attack the Japs from the rear and join the Coy.		
0715		The Line to C Coy was cut and a listening post heard movement WEST of the locality. A patrol to investigate killed 2 of 5 enemy observed.		
		1000	80-100 Japs using HMG, LMGs knee mortars and grenades made a fanatical attack on the C Coy locality. The first attack was repulsed by intense fire from our automatic weapons and rifles.	

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Unit 24 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) Date and Time.—From 22 Jun 45 To 22 Jun 45

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KINGORI - MOBIAI RIVER AREA	Fri 22 Jun		<p>The enemy then launched a series of attacks until 1215hrs when the enemy finally withdrew. On each occasion the enemy were allowed to come within 25 yds of the locality before our troops opened fire and forced the Jap to abandon the attack.</p> <p>Total enemy cas from the action were 18 known killed and evidence of many wounded. Own cas were NIL. Eqty captured included 4 rifles, 2 Bren mags, 1 Jap and 1 Aust compass. The enemy used natives to guide them to our posn,</p>	
		1400	<p>One DOUGLAS Aircraft commenced dropping supplies and ammunition to C Coy. All supplies were recovered with the exception of 2 boxes mortar amm and one parachute.</p> <p>A patrol from B Coy reached C Coy at 1645hrs after skirting an enemy posn ambush posn astride the track 300 yds WEST of the Coy locality.</p>	
		1250	<p>A Jap surrendered to D Coy at 047374. He had been in the bush outside the wire for some time awaiting an opportunity to come in. He was in good health and eager talk. He surrendered because of our continued heavy bombing and arty concentrations.</p> <p>A patrol from LAWN Base at 070383 observed an enemy party of unknown strength digging in at 070380.</p> <p>One sec from D Coy was sent to the base to increase the strength during the absence of a fighting patrol.</p>	
		1845	<p>Op Inst 18/45 issued.</p>	

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Unit 24 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) Date and Time.—From 23 Jun 45 To 23 Jun 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
KINGORI - MOBIAI RIVER AREA	Sat 23 Jun	W 3008 W 3009		Appx F
		0730	<p>A Coy departed Coy locality en route 070383 where they established a Coy locality at 0915hrs. Patrols were despatched to locate enemy posns and receive an alternate L of C to C Coy 57/60 Bn.</p> <p>At 083407 3 enemy carrying packs were observed thought to be portion of a large body of troops.</p> <p>11 pl B Coy relieved D Coy at 047383.</p> <p>D Coy in posn at 083365 and consolidating. Local and protective patrol report no enemy observed</p>	
		1035	<p>Further supplies dropped to C Coy by aircraft. All supplies were recovered.</p> <p>4 Tp 2/4 Armd Regt moved from B Coy via BARRETS track and are now located at A Coy 070383.</p>	
		1620	<p>15 Pl reached C Coy locality and reported that they were ambushed by a party of 20/30 Japs in a dug in posn. The Japs used 2 LMGs and rifles. After a short engagement the pl broke contact. three members of our patrol were reported missing.</p> <p>At 1145hrs 24 Jun two of the missing men reported into B Coy and reported that the third man Pte WARTON had been badly wounded in the head and was carried as far as 055427 where they left him to get a stretcher party from B Coy.</p> <p>He arrived at Bn HQ evening 24 Jun and was evacuated.</p> <p>The Coy sigline from D Coy to C Coy was badly mutilated in many places.</p>	

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Unit 24 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) Date and Time.—From 23 Jun 45 To 25 Jun 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
KINGORI - MOBIAI RIVER AREA	Sat 23 Jun		A patrol from A Coy to contact C Coy saw 10 enemy carrying packs at 067367. the enemy were breaking bush and no contact was made. A freshly dug posn at 060367 was occupied but extent and strength could not be estimated.	
	Sun 24 Jun		A patrol from B Coy contacted a well dug in def posn strength 30/40 at 068421 and after a fierce exchange of fire our patrol withdrew 200 yds and engaged the posn with 2 in mortars, grenade dischargers and 120 rds of arty. Patrol then moved forward to investigate and were again fired on by LMGs, OSMG and knee mortars. Patrol returned fire then returned to Coy HQ. Cas enemy 2 killed 1 wounded. own. Nil. XXXXXXXX Several patrol were despatched to recon assembly areas North of the BUIN Rd between MOBIAI and MIVO Rivers in preparation for the outflanking move of the Bde which is to take place 29 Jun. They report that the country is rough in parts but consider that a tank track can be constructed with bulldozer assistance. Suitable assembly areas for Coys and Bn HQ were recon but there is no water in the area.	
	Mon 25 Jun		The Bn less B and C Coy continued to move to the concentration area on the MOBIAI River. A Coy in posn at 079367. D Coy now at 080367. 4 Tp 2/4 Armd Regt arrived A Coy area biv night. FHQ Tp " " " " D Coy area biv night	

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Unit 24 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) Date and Time.—From 25 Jun 45 To _____

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BARRETTS RD - MOBIAT RIVER AREA	Mon 25 Jun		A patrol from B Coy with FOO attached moved to 066421 and directed an arty concentration on the enemy posn at 068421. Fire was reported to be accurate and the area well covered.	
			The remainder of B Coy personnel were engaged in the preparation of a Dropping Zone in the vicinity of the Coy locality.	
		1500	Lt Gen S G SAVIGE, Brig HAMMER H H and Staffs visited the Bn HQ area and conferred with the C O LtCol A J ANDERSON.	
		1055	A patrol from C Coy observed 1 enemy at 104402 and a further 1 near ban tos at MUSARAKA at 106401. In this area many cut logs were observed and considerable enemy activity was heard. No contact was made and patrol returned to Coy HQ. ATKINSON Force, 57/60 Bn moved through C Coy en route 57/60 Bn concentration area.	
	Tue 26 Jun		During the day the Bn carried out protective patrolling to deny the enemy the infm of our move to the concentration area. An A Coy patrol at 099338 found a track running EAST - WEST which had been well used by the enemy in the previous 24hrs. When returning the patrol observed fresh enemy footprints on the track at 096347 and heard voices of approx 6 enemy at 096348. The patrol skirted the posn and returned to Coy HQ. A patrol from D Coy found fresh enemy tracks with vine hand rails at 091339 and heard sounds of much enemy activity in the area. The country at this point is almost impenetrable undergrowth and at times the patrol could only make progress on hands and knees. Another patrol sighted 2 enemy at 047383 and killed one.	

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Unit 24 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) Date and Time.—From 26 Jun 45 To _____

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BARRETTS RD - MOBIAI RIVER AREA	Tue 26 Jun		The patrol established an ambush posn in the vicinity of a creek at 048377 and considerable enemy movement was heard to the NORTH and EAST.	
			A contact patrol from B Coy moving SOUTH along BARRETTS track found that the sig wire had been cut and six feet cable removed at 051425.	
		1230	A recce patrol from B Coy to the enemy posn at 068421 reported the enemy still in occupation. When the patrol was observed by a listening post all noise suddenly ceased. Contact was not made and the patrol returned to Coy HQ. They reported that the arty concentration on the posn had been accurate.	
		1430	A party moving from Bn HQ to B Coy contacted a party of 8 enemy on the road at 047386. The patrol engaged and after a short exchange of fire, broke contact when a considerable number of enemy were heard on the EAST flank. Enemy cas 2 killed. own Nil	
		2045	C Coy locality was heavily mortared and increased enemy activity in the general area suggests large scale reinforcements Comms out. A contact patrol from C Coy to B Coy reported enemy movement on the track at 078386. The patrol was unobserved and moved back to 077389 084391 where ATKINSON FORCE (57/60 Bn) moving SOUTH was met. The patrol Comd and 4 men from the patrol were pinned down but were extricated without cas.	
		2245	The combined force remained in posn for 45 minutes but no further enemy movement was heard. The force moved to 078392 and bivouaced night. Op Order 15 issued	Appx B

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Unit 24 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) Date and Time.—From 27 Jun 45 To _____

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BARRETTS RD- KATSUWA AREA	Wed 27 Jun	1430	Bn HQ and 11 pl B Coy now established at 093355 in rear of A and D Coys assembly areas for the advance to the BUIN RD 29 Jun. A Coy in posn at 094353 with 4 Tp & 4 Armd Regt, D Coy with FHQ Tp tanks at 093354.	
		1230	D Coy advancing to the assembly area had reached 093355 when the forward scouts observed 9 enemy sitting in huts at 094351 and further enemy cutting fire lanes in the vicinity. One sec took up a fire posn within 10yds of the hut and the forward pl engaged the enemy who returned fire with HMG, LMGs and rifles. During the engagement one JUKI was silenced. Cas enemy 9 killed 3 wounded, own 1 wounded.	
		1500	An arty concentration was brought down on the enemy posn and was reported to be accurate. A patrol from C Coy to MUSARAKA reports that the country from the Coy area to the Coconut grove at 095406 is rough and not suitable for tanks. The rd from 095406 to 102404 however is 12 ft wide, drained on both sides and presents no obstacles for tanks or jeeps. Signs of numerous small enemy parties moving both EAST and WEST were observed from 107407 and 108407. 2 enemy were observed washing in the MIVO River at 105403 with a further 4 on the river bank. The patrol engaged the enemy but no estimate of cas could be obtained owing to the appearance of approx 40 enemy on the EAST bank.	
	Thu 28 Jun		Following an arty registration and Auster contact R. the following corrections in the Units locations were given - Adv Bn 092361. A Coy. 093358, 11pl 092361. D Coy 092359. B Coy and C Coys remain unchanged.	

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Unit 24 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) Date and Time.—From 28 Jun 45 To _____

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BARRETTS RD - MOBIAI- MIVO RIVER AREA	Thu 28 Jun		<p>A local security patrol from A Coy sighted one enemy at 092355 and a recently vacated posn consisting of 4 pits and 2 lean tos at 095354. A further patrol from A Coy was ambushed by an enemy party using 2 LMGs and rifles. Our cas were 1 wounded. A recce patrol reached 098341 and reported that a tankable rd from the Coy posn can be constructed.</p> <p>A recce patrol from D Coy to recce the route and objective on BUIN Rd for the advance 29 Jun reached the BUIN Rd in the vicinity of KOOPANI Creek at 092339. En route a large vacated enemy posn with accn for 200/300 was searched at 091346. There were many huts in the area and it is thought it was a Japanese HQ. site. A well worn track running EAST-WEST through the posn showed signs of recent heavy use. The posn had been vacated night 27/28 Jun.</p> <p>A local security patrol from D Coy sighted a party of 15 japs 200 yds SOUTH of the Coy locality. The area was later engaged accurately by mortars and arty.</p> <p>1500 16 pl D Coy moved out from Coy locality and seized the FUP which was 500 yds from their objective on the BUIN RD. No enemy were seen en route. Map ref. 091346.</p> <p>A PIB patrol operating from C Coy contacted an unknown number of enemy using 1 LMG and rifles at 080419. During the engagement 7 Japs were killed and 1 wounded without loss.</p>	
	Fri 29 Jun	0700	<p>A Coy commenced the advance to the BUIN RD and at 0955hrs the Coy was held up at 096355 where the tanks were bogged in very heavy ground caused by the heavy rain night 28/29 Jun.</p>	

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Unit 24 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) Date and Time.—From 29 Jun 45 To _____

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BARRETT'S RD- MOBIAI - MIVO RIVER area	Fri 29 Jun		The tanks made several attempts to continue the advance but without success so the Coy pushed forward without them.	
		1400	Preceded by a series of arty concentrations controlled by the FOO, the Coy made its assault on the objective on the BUIN Rd and at 1445hrs had consolidated astride the rd at 097337.	
		1700	4 Tp tanks with 7 pl as escort and with bulldozer team reached 098343 after slow and heavy going through difficult terrain.	
		0700	D Coy with FHQ tp tanks commenced the advance at at 0940hrs the tanks were held up at 091356 by boggy ground and after several attempts were unable to proceed further and returned to Bn HQ and proceeded via KILLEENS track and joined 57/60 Bn. The Coy joined 16 pl on the FUP at 091346 at 1030hrs. Preceded by an air strike, arty barrage and mortar barrage the Coy moved forward and by 1315hrs were in posn astride the BUIN RD at 089351. The last 50 ⁰ yds of the advance was through very difficult terrain with extremely thick vegetation and swampy country due to recent heavy rain. The BUIN Rd was in good condition and had been recently used by a prime mover dragging two guns to the EAST. Immediately following the consolidation of the Coys astride the road security and contact patrols were sent out. A patrol from D Coy to contact A Coy 58/59 Bn moving on the NORTH side of the road contacted an enemy posn at 086344. After exchange of fire the patrol returned to Coy locality. A patrol from A Coy when moving along the axis of the road exploded a mine wounding the patrol Comd who later died of wounds.	

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Unit 24 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) Date and Time.—From 29 Jun 45 To 30 Jun 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BARRETT'S RD - MOBIAI - MIVO River area	Fri 29 Jun		<p>One enemy was sighted moving EAST at 098341 and was wounded.</p> <p>Security patrols from B Coy 054427 report that enemy parties who had patrolled around the locality from 0400hrs to 1000hrs had withdrawn following the arty DF tasks which had been brought down.</p>	
	Sat 30 Jun		<p>During the day A and D Coys concentrated on clearing the BUN Rd between the rear Coy of 57/60 Bn and forward Coy of 58/59 Bn</p>	
		0940	<p>A Coy amended map ref 099337.</p> <p>A patrol to contact D Coy contacted 15 enemy in a clearing at 096337. fire was exchanged and in the engagement 1 enemy was killed and 1 wounded without loss.</p>	
			<p>A patrol from A Coy escorting a bulldozer reported that the bulldozer was bogged at 093338. The bulldozer was finally extricated at 1700hrs and moved on to contact D Coy.</p> <p>At 090440 an enemy 150mm gun in posn 50 yds SOUTH of the road scored a direct hit on the rear of the bulldozer killing 3 and wounding 4 engineers. The bulldozer was rendered unserviceable. The gun then fired 4 shells into D Coy locality with causing cas or damage.</p>	
			<p>A patrol from C Coy contacted a party of 70/100 Japs resting in drains on either side of COMMANDO Rd. the patrol made several attempts to outflank the party but without success. the patrol then returned to Coy HQ without exchange of fire</p>	

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Unit 24 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) Date and Time.—From 30 Jun 45 To 30 Jun 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BARRETT'S RD- MOBIAI- MIVO RIVER AREA	Sat 30 Jun		A standing patrol of 5 enemy was observed at 099383. The patrol moved to encircle the party but was observed and the enemy escaped.	
		0845	A contact patrol from D Coy located a booby trap consisting of 3 x 150 mm shells and two mortar bombs. the booby trap was delused and the patrol continued and cleared the rd to 58/59Bn. A vacated enemy posn consisting of 30 huts and covered shelters was found at 103338. Several 44 gallon drums and a 37mm gun sight was found in the area. 1 grave was found.	
		1930	A party of 10 enemy using an LMG and rifles fired into D Coy locality from the SOUTH. After exchange of fire the enemy withdrew. cas unknown.	
		1200	A burial party consisting of the Padre. Father McCOSKER, 4 batmen from Bn HQ and 5 native carriers was ambushed by approx 12 enemy using LMG and rifles when 200 yds SE of the MOBIAI River ford on LAWNS track. The party dispersed and 3 members returned to Bn HQ. The remaining members of the patrol contacted 11 pl patrol which had been sent out to destroy the enemy ambush party.	
			The ambush party was contacted 150 yds forward of their original posn and in the fire fight that followed the enemy suffered 4 killed. Own cas were nil from both engagements. 1 native carrier was wounded.	
			Dispositions as at 301800L. - Rear Bn HQ. 045373 Adv Bn HQ 092361. A Coy 099337. B Coy less 11 pl 054427. C Coy 087407. D Coy. 089351.	

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Unit 24 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) Date and Time.—From 30 Jun 45 To _____

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BARRETT'S RD- KATSUWA	30 Jun 45		<p>Casualties as at 30 Jun 45</p> <p><u>Own</u> - 32 killed 7 died of wounds 143 wounded.</p> <p><u>Enemy</u> -286 " 61 wounded.</p> <p><u>Appendices -</u></p> <p>Op Instructions and Op Orders</p> <p>Routine orders</p> <p>W 3008 W 3009</p> <p>CO's report - Lessons on Operations</p> <p>QM's report</p> <p>TO's report</p> <p>RMO's report</p> <p>Other documents</p>	<p>Appx B</p> <p>" C</p> <p>" F</p> <p>" G</p> <p>" H</p> <p>" I</p> <p>" J</p> <p>" N</p>
			<p><i>A J Anderson</i> Lt Col</p> <p>(A J ANDERSON)</p> <p>Comd 24 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)</p>	

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24 AUST INF BN (AIF) 00 15

26 Jun 45

Ref Maps: MUSARAKA) 1/25000
MIVO)

INFM

1. Enemy

- (a) Following the defeat of the enemy on the HARI River Line, where he committed approx 1200 tps, the enemy withdrew to the MOBIAI River area and re-organised his forces.
- (b) Enemy's present intention is to delay our advance to the MIVO River so as he can prepare defences.
- (c) Forces opposing us are under 6 Div and comprise
 - i 23 Inf Regt Str 550
 - ii 6 Div composite force Str 300
 - incl 13 Inf Regt tps
 - 6 Tpt Regt HQ Tps
 with total of approx 850.
- (d) Composite force was given task of delaying our adv till 20 Jun so as the MOBIAI River Defs could be prepared. This completed he now has withdrawn to the defs prepared along line MOBIAI River.
- (e) PW infm reveals he has 1 x 150 mm 2 x 75 mm and 1 x 37 mm guns sp this def.

2. Own Tps

- (a) On 29 Jun 45 15 Aust Inf Bde (AIF) will attack the enemy defs of MOBIAI River line.
- (b) Method, 58/59 Aust Inf Bn will fix enemy on MOBIAI River ford area while 24 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) and 57/60 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) attack on NORTH flank.
- (c) 24 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) and 57/60 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) will simultaneously adv from cone areas and seize respective objectives astride BUIN Rd.

INTENTION

- 3. 24 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) will seize and capture BUIN Rd from KOOPANI River 091339 to IVANA River 088338 both incl.

METHOD

4. Summary

- The Bn will attack from NORTH two up,
 - (a) To seize and hold BUIN Rd from KOOPANI River to IVANA River both incl.
 - (b) Exploit WEST to track junc 086344 and 085345
 - (c) Patrol SOUTH of BUIN Rd and WEST to junc with 58/59 Aust Inf Bn at point to be notified.

5. Fwd Tps

- (a) Right
 - i D Coy with under comd one sub sec MMG one mortar FOO plus one Arty FOO attached FHQ Tp A Sqn 2/4 Armd Regt, one sec 15 Fd Coy with bulldozer.
 - ii Objective - Astride BUIN Rd at 091339
 - iii Task on Occupation - Consolidation
 - Contact ACoy
 - Exploit to line KOOPANI River.
 - iv Limit of Exploitation - To incl KOOPANI River WEST to track junc 086344 and 085345 300 yds SOUTH of rd to excl garden 088338.

(b) Left

- i A Coy with under comd one sub sec MMG one mortar FOO plus one Arty FOO attached 4 Tp A Sqn 2/4 Armd Regt one sec 15 Fd Coy with dozer.
- ii Objective - astride BUIN Rd at 098338.
- iii Task on Occupation - Consolidation
Exploit WEST to KOOPANI River
excl & EAST to junc with 57/60 Br
Patrol SOUTH of BUIN Rd and WEST
- iv Limit of exploitation - Culvert 099337
KOOPANI River excl
300 yds SOUTH of BUIN Rd.

6. Concentration Areas

- (a) A Coy - 080366 - to be concentrated by 26 Jun
- (b) D " - 080367 - to be concentrated by 26 Jun
- (c) 11 pl B Coy - ~~080366~~ to be concentrated by 26 Jun
080360

7. Assembly Areas

- (a) A Coy - 096352 to be in posn by 271800L
- (b) D " - vic 094352 to be in posn by 271800L
- (c) 11 pl B Coy - vic Battle HQ at 095354 to be in posn by 271200L.

8. FUP and SL

(a) Location

- i D Coy - 093344
- ii A Coy - 097343

One pl each coy to be in posn by 281800L as covering and protective force for remainder of Coy.

- (b) Action to be Taken - Coys to be formed up on Start Line NOT later than 290700L.

- (c) Route to FUP - Guided by Int pers attached to Coys.

Bearings from Assembly Area - D Coy 188 deg mag 500 yds
A " 155 " " 500 "

9. H Hr

Dependent on completion of air strike programme.
Advice by signal.

10. Route to objective from FUP

- (a) D Coy - 188 deg mag 540 yds from FUP.
- (b) A Coy - 155 deg mag 500 yds from FUP.

11. Rate of Adv

100 yds in 7 mins.

12. Bounds

Each 100 yds from FUP to objective.

13. Liaison Points

- (a) D Coy - i With A Coy - KOOPANI River xing
ii With 58/59 Aust Inf Bn - tr junc 086344
tr junc 085345
- (b) A Coy - i With D Coy - KOOPANI River xing
ii With 57/60 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) - IVANA River
xing.

14. Res
(a) Composition - 11 Pl B Coy
(b) Mov - i Arrive concentration area 26 Jun
ii Move assembly area protect establishment Battle HQ 27 Jun.
(c) Probable Role - i As mobile res for use as ordered.
ii Protection Battle HQ.
15. Guides
Int Sec guides will report A and D Coy by 261800L and lead coys to assembly area and FUP.
16. Navigation
Strict attention will be paid to pacing and bearings. Coys will ensure that pacing teams have full directions.
17. Inf Weapons
(a) MMG - i One sub sec allotted each D and A Coy
ii One sub sec move with battle HQ.
iii One sub sec remain with C Coy.
(b) Mortar - All unit mortars brigaded under Lt FOX with battery at vic B Coy 58/59 Aust Inf Bn 081354. Task Table - Appendix 'A' to be issued separately.
(c) Tk/A - All guns remain B Ech. Tk/A pers will occupy concentration area by 261800L and escort native carrier lines to battle HQ and fwd coys as ordered.
18. Pnrs
Move with Battle HQ for protective duties and be on call for escort duties to A Coy, assist in locating and destroying mines and booby traps.
19. Arty
(a) Arty LO move with Battle HQ.
(b) One FOO attached each D and A Coy and control Arty fire to conform with speed of adv.
(c) Task table - see appendix 'B' issued separately.
20. Tks
(a) Tk LO will remain Battle HQ.
(b) 4 Tp A Sqn 2/4 Armd Regt move concentration area by 26 Jun then move in sp A Coy.
(c) FHQ Tp move concentration area by 26 Jun then move in sp D Coy.
21. Engrs
One sec 15 Fd Coy each with bulldozer will move in sp of both A and D Coys.
22. Air
(a) Programme of bombing tasks will be allotted daily by 15 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)
(b) Hy strikes will be placed on objective 29 Jun.
23. Flamethrowers
(a) 15 Aust Inf Bde Flamethrower Pl reports Battle HQ by 281200L.
(b) Allotments to Coys will be advised.

24. Patrols
(a) Fighting patrols from A and D Coys each of one pl str will occupy FUP area by 281800L.
(b) Patrol policy on capture of objective to be issued separately.
25. Escorts
(a) Band Pl will escort **native carrier line to concentration area.**
(b) Tk/A Pl will escort **native carrier lines fwd of concentration area to assembly area and objective.**
26. Flank Protection
Both coys responsible for own flank protection.
27. Security
PW reports area WEST of LIVO ford specially surveyed for Arty. Coys will ensure that def areas are clear of BUIN Rd and that posns are not cramped.

ADM

28. Med
(a) RAP will be est Battle HQ by 271800L.
(b) Rear RAP remains present location with 15 Fd Amb Car
1st.
(c) 52 native SBs will be allotted to **Battle RAP** by Bn 21/c from natives at concentration point.
(d) Coy SB allotment normal.
(e) Evacuation route via concentration area **until lateral L of C open to 53/59 Aust Inf Bn.**
29. Amn
(a) On the Man
100 rds per rifle
250 rds per LMG
500 rds per OSMG
3 grenades per man
6 bombs per 2 in mortar.
(b) Res
i At Battle HQ - RSM will est a res at Battle HQ for immediate use.
ii At B Ech - Normal Bn res will be retained at B Ech until rd opened when RSM will arrange mov fwd as required.
30. Supp
(a) 6 days SFP rations per Coy will be delivered to Coy concentration area
i For consumption 26 - 28 Jun - 3 days
ii As res - 3 days
(b) Two P.O.s plus one emergency ration will be carried by each man from Assembly area to objective to be consumed on 29 and 30 Jun.
(c) 3 days res SFP will be allotted at assembly area for tn and consumption as directed by QM.
31. Tools
Normal.

32. Eqpt
Battle order.
33. Cooking Eqpt
To remain in Coy assembly areas until objectives secured when eqpt to be tptd fwd by native carriers as ordered.
34. Tpt
(a) MT
i. No veh traffic will be permitted beyond Rear Bn HQ without authority of TO.
ii. One jeep and trailer will be stationed at Rear Bn HQ.
(b) Native Labour
i. 150 native carriers will be assembled at concentration area by 261800L for use as directed by bn 21/c during op.
ii. 32 natives will be allotted from this party to RMO for use as SBs.
35. PW
Return under escort to Battle HQ.

INTERCOMM

36. Bn HQ
Battle HQ will be est 095354 27 Jun.
Rear Bn HQ remains present Bn HQ location
B Ech remains present location.
Fwd B Ech will operate at concentration area.
37. W/T
(a) 11 Set will be carried fwd to Battle HQ 27 Jun for alternative comm with 15 Aust Inf Bde (AIF).
(b) 208 Set as Control set will move with Battle HQ 27 Jun. Each coy plus 11 pl will carry one 208 set.
(c) 19 Set in tks will be netted to Tlk LO's set at Battle HQ as alternative link.
(d) Arty responsible for own W/T comm.
38. L/T
(a) Direct line will be laid to
i. 15 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)
ii. D Coy
iii. A Coy
iv. Concentration area
v. Rear Bn HQ.
(b) Line will be laid to FUPs by protective pls by 281800L.
(c) Coys will lay line as they advance from FUP.
(d) Alternate lines A to D Coy will be laid immediately on occupation.
(e) Alternate lines to 57/60 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) from A Coy and 58/59 Aust Inf Bn from D Coy will be laid immediately rd cleared.
(f) Direct Mortar line will be laid as arranged by Mortar Offr.
(g) Artillery responsible for own comms.
39. Success. By all available means.

ACK

Signed at 263245L

Issued by *Handy SDS*

H. Bunnell Capt
Adj't 24 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

DISTRIBUTION

HQ Coy	1	ANGAU Det	17
A "	2	57/60 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	18
B "	3	58/59 Aust Inf Bn	19
C "	4	D Coy PIB	20
D "	5	15 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)	21
1 Pl	6	Comd	22
2 "	7	2 i/c	23
3 "	8	Adjt	24
4 "	9	QM	25
5 "	10	LO	26
11 "	11	RMO	27
2 Fd Regt (AIF)	12	IO	28
Arty LO	13	TO	29
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ARTY TASK TABLE

Serial	Unit	Task	Timings		Ann	Rate	Remarks
			From	To			
1	Bty	Concentration 093339	H	H & 3	72 HE	Normal	Bty frontage 200 yds search 100 yds
2	Tp	Concentration 098339	H & 5 H & 7 H & 9		36 HE	3 RGF on each timing	Troop frontage 100 yds Search up 200 yds by 100 yds
3	Tp	Concentration 091339	H & 5 H & 7 H & 9		36 HE	3 RGF on each timing	Troop frontage 100 yds Search 100 yds
4	Tp	Concentration 085345	H & 12 H & 23 H & 35 H & 48	H & 18 H & 29 H & 43	84 HE	3 RGF on each timing	Troop frontage 100 yds Search 100 yds
5	Bty	091339 Bearing 162° Distance 300 yds	H	H & 49	784 HE	SLOW	7 lines 100 yds between lines POOs to call for lines as re- quired and specify rate. In event of failure of comms time programme to be adopted worked out on 100 yds in seven minutes rate of adv. Ann expenditure covers full time programme if found necessary
6	Bty	098338 Bearing 195° Distance 300 yds	H	H & 49	784 HE	SLOW	As for Serial 5
					Total 1796 HE		Serials 1 2 3 4 can be re- peated if required.

MORTAR TASK TABLE

Appendix 'A' to 24 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
00 15/45

Serial	Unit	Mor Posn	Task	Timings From To	Amn	Rate	Remarks
1	B & C Btys	081353	Harassing fire on areas River Bend 086358 300 ath and 200 yds east 400 yds WSW and 200 yds south	H-60 H-15 at 10 min intervals	480	Rapid when target engaged	Area targets. Different parts of area engaged with each barrage
2	A Bty	do	Harassing fire on areas track junctions 084345 088344 087343	H-60 H-15 at 10 min intervals	240	do	do
3	A B & C Btys	do	Creeping barrage com- mencing 300 yds Nth of BUIW Rd from 087343 to 094340 thence in 100 yd lifts to 300 yds Sth of BUIW Rd from 093348 to 091237	H H&49	2205	Normal	Mors firing charge 2 fire 5 RPM Charge 3 3 RPM Charge 4 2 RPM
4	B & C Btys	do	as for Serial 1	H&51 until ordered to stop by CO 58/59 Bn	200	as for Serial 1	
5	A Bty	do	as for Serial 2	H&51 until ordered to stop by CO 58/59 Bn	100	as for Serial 2	
6	A B & C Btys	do	on call if necessary				Mor FOO will move with A & D Coys

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ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

by

24 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

8 Jun 45

LT COL A J ANDERSON - COMD 24 AUST INF BN (AIF)

Nos 147 - 152

Serial No 14

No 147
SIGNALS
DESPATCH
SERVICE

Republished is an extract from GPO 136 of 18 May 45

1. TERMINOLOGY

- (a) With effect from 1 June 45, the term "Signals Despatch Service" (abbreviation SDS) will be adopted to cover all forms of despatch carrying services operated by the Australian Corps of Signals.
- (b) All offices handling SDS traffic will be designated "Signals Despatch Offices" (abbreviation SDO).
- (c) The use of the term "Despatch Rider Letter Service" (DRLS) will be discontinued.

No 148
DESECRATION
OF ENEMY
GRAVES

2 Aust Corps RO A127 of 26 May 45 is republished

1. Article 4 of the Red Cross Convention requires that all dead be honourably interred and that graves be respected and marked so that they may always be found.
2. Unauthorised interference with human remains is an offence.
3. Personnel will not, except in the course of duty, interfere with any grave, or any dead body of any nationality, or without authority be in possession of any such remains including the ashes of a cremated body.

No 149
OWEN GUNS
CARE IN
HANDLING

First Aust Army RO Q37 of 19 May 45 is republished

1. If the screw retaining the trigger housing to the body becomes loose or if there is excessive play in the bolt mechanism, it is possible when the magazine is on for the Owen Gun to be accidentally discharged, even though the change lever may be set at safe:-
 - (a) This may occur if the gun is dropped.
 - (b) Knocked against a heavy object such as a tree.
 - (c) Jarred by the user in jumping down a bank etc.
2. The screw retaining the trigger housing to the body is a cheese headed slotted screw located on the bottom of the trigger housing approx 3 inches behind the pistol grip. This should be screwed up tight with a screw driver. To check for excessive movement of the bolt mechanism, set the change lever at safe and move the cocking handle to the rear. If it can be moved one inch or more the gun is unsafe and should be inspected by an armorer.

No 150
CENSORSHIP

Within the last week it has been necessary to take disciplinary action for breach of censorship regulations. All personnel will be warned of the seriousness of this offence and details of a copy of 3 Aust Div Int Instr No 6 which is attached as App 'A', will be read to all troops.

No 151
REGIMENTAL TRUST FUNDS

Following is a statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the month of May 45.

Balance at credit 30 April 45 225- 4- 7

Receipts for May
Nil

Expenditure for May 45

Parcels for wounded troops 1-11-0
6 bags sugar issued to Coys 5-17-0 7- 8- 0
217-16- 7

No 152
REGIMENTAL CANTEEN

Monthly Summary as at 29 May 45
Trading A/C

<u>Debits</u>		<u>Credits</u>	
To Opening stock	310- 7- 2	By Sales	721- 8-11
Purchases	658- 2-11	Closing Stock	288- 3- 2
Gross profit transferred to Profit & Loss Account	41- 2- 0		
	<u>1009-12- 1</u>		<u>1009-12- 1</u>

BEER A/C

<u>Debits</u>		<u>Credits</u>	
To Opening Stock	468- 8- 6	By Closing Stock	637-12- 9
Purchases	160- 4- 4		
	<u>637-12- 9</u>		<u>637-12- 9</u>

PROFIT AND LOSS A/C

<u>Debits</u>		<u>Credits</u>	
To Goods damaged in transit	1- 1- 10	By Gross Profit from Trading A/C	41- 2- 0
Capital A/C	40- 0- 2		
	<u>41- 2- 0</u>		<u>41- 2- 0</u>

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 29 May 45

<u>Liabilities</u>		<u>Assets</u>	
Sundry creditors		Cash on hand	226.14.7
Sundry members	1167.2.5	Cash at DFO	295.10.4
Regimental Fund	133.14.8	Stock on hand	288. 3.2
Capital A/C	567. 8.5	Stock at LOB	637.12.9
	<u>1868. 5.6</u>	Cash at LOB	400. 0.0
		Stamps on hand	5. 4.8
		Cash at 15 Bde	15. 0.0
			<u>1868. 5.6</u>

[Signature]
Capt
Adjt 24 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

3 AUST DIV INTELLIGENCE INSTRUCTION

NO 6

APPENDIX 'A'

CENSORSHIP - SCOPE OF SUBJECTS WHICH MAY BE INCLUDED IN PERSONAL MAIL

1. The following principles are set out as a guide to matters which may or may not be included in private mail:-
- (a) The writer may state that he is on BOUGAINVILLE Island.
 - (b) Mention may be made that he is living close to the beach, or well into the jungle, and may describe his immediate surroundings i.e. swamps, beaches, tangled undergrowth etc. He may NOT disclose the name of any mountain, river, village or any other point. Volcanoes may be mentioned, but not named.
 - (c) The writer may say that he personally has been in action, and may describe an action in which he has taken part only from a purely personal point of view. The writer may NOT disclose the name of any member of his unit or any other unit who has been rendered a casualty until one month has elapsed after the casualty was suffered.
 - (d) Experience of enemy shelling may be described, but no mention of any damage or casualties caused. He may mention shelling by our own Arty, but again may make no mention of the type or amount.
 - (e) Enemy gardens, bivouac areas, etc may be described.
 - (f) The writer may say that he has taken part in a patrol, but may not indicate the object of the patrol. He may describe his own living conditions during the patrol.
 - (g) No criticism may be written of condition and quality of warlike stores or munitions.
 - (h) The writer must NOT make any forecast of any future operation, or any reference to any ruses and new weapons employed by our forces. No mention may be made to the presence of tanks and flame-throwers until their employment has been announced in an official communique.
 - (j) No mention may be made of unit strengths, or of the provision of reinforcements of any unit.
 - (k) ALWAYS KEEP LETTERS ON A PERSONAL BASIS ! !

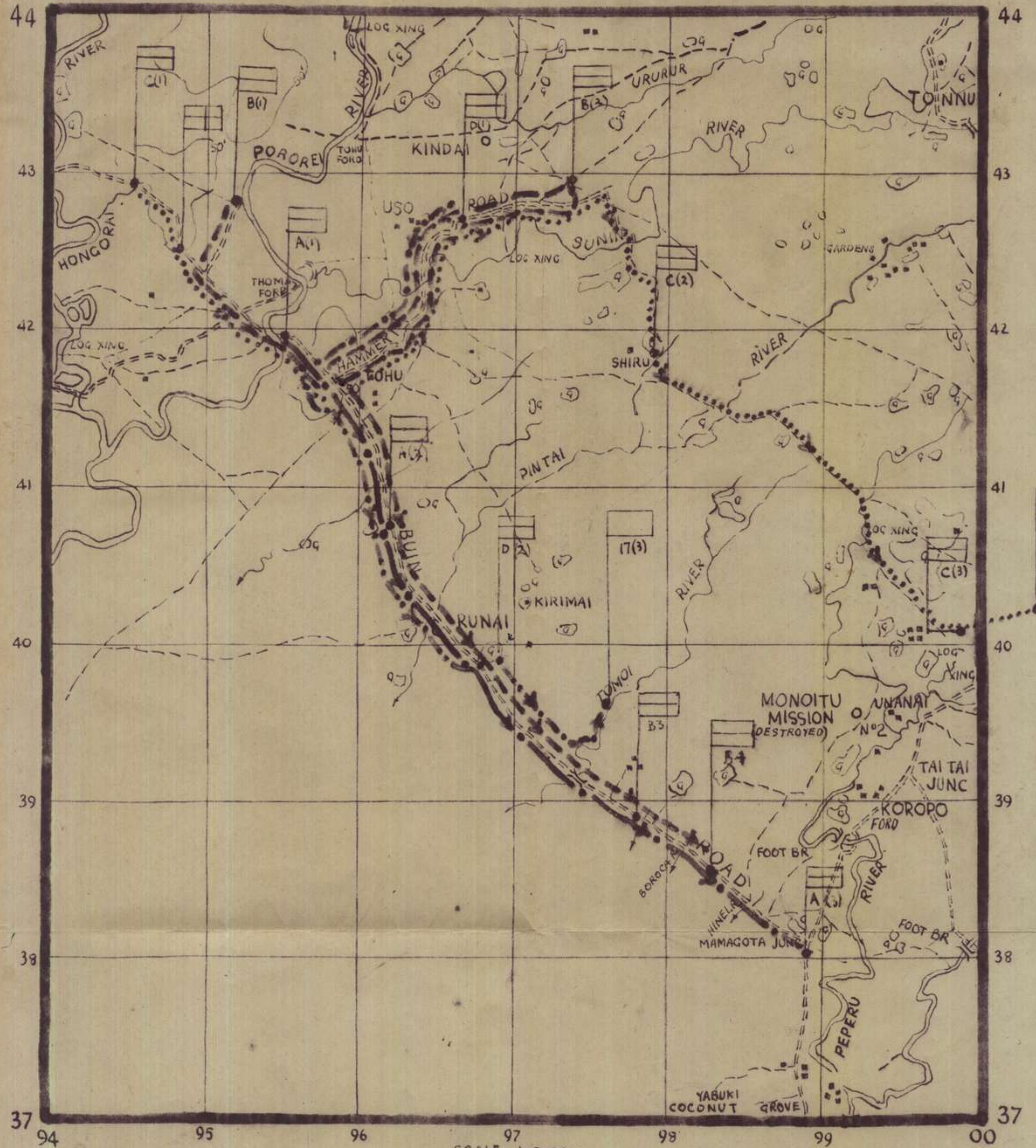
As soon as the writer of a letter starts giving general descriptions of incidents he begins to endanger security.

24 AUST INF BN DISPOSNS

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ADVANCES FOR WEEK ENDED 6 JUN 45 INCL

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PART ONE	SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS
PART TWO	LESSONS FROM OPERATIONS
PART THREE	WEAPONS AND EQUIPMENT

LESSONS FROM OPERATIONS
WEEK ENDED 6 JUNE 45
REF MAP MONOITU NO 3210 1:25000 SERIES

HQ 24 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

A. PART ONE

1. Summary of Operations

(a) The dispositions of the Bn during the week under review are set out below in tabulated form.

See Appx 'A' for map illustrating the advances.

DATE	Disposns as per last rep. <u>MAY</u>						Disposns as per end of report.	
	30	31	1	2	3	4	5	6
BnHQ	947425		No		MOVE			947425
A Coy	955419			963408				989381
B Coy	952429	974429					978389	980387
C Coy	945429			979418			999401	002398
D Coy	967426				969399			969399
B Ech	935433	958417						958417

(b) During the period covered by this report, the Bn advanced blocking up behind the 58/59 Inf Bn. The Bn also patrolled actively on both flanks NORTH and SOUTH of the BUIN ROAD from the POROREI RIVER to the rear Coy of the 58/59 Inf Bn. Patrols cleared the area NORTH EAST of BUIN ROAD from the TOMOI RIVER to SUNIN RIVER inclusive, and patrolled widely in the area SOUTH of HAMMER ROAD between BUIN ROAD and COMMANDO ROAD to the MAMAGATA-TAI TAI Track. In the cases where Coys did not actually take over a Coy locality of the 58/59 Inf Bn, the advances were made by a platoon moving forward to the area to be occupied in order to cover the occupation by the remainder of the Coy.

During the week the Bn corduroyed 1700 yards of the L of C as well as carrying out maintenance of the corduroy already laid.

B.

PART TWO

Lessons and Operations

1. Unit and Sub Unit Operations

- (a) The occupation of defensive localities has improved and the tendency to cover the area with men rather than with fire has been eradicated.
- (b) Now that Coys are in some cases taking over from another Bn's Coy locality, it has been brought out that a complete handover by either the OC or Coy 2 i/c is essential. Valuable time can be saved if all available information is completely handed over. To this end it is suggested that Coy intelligence personnel prepare a handover sketch, on which are marked all weapon pits, sleeping bays, adm sites and the wiring and fire plan. All suspected or confirmed booby traps or minefields should be clearly marked both on the sketch and on the ground. Wells and routes to nearest water supply are vital information which must be handed on. If this is adopted as a standard procedure the Coy Commanders are relieved of a lot of work. It cannot be too strongly stressed that intelligence men are trained personnel under the Command of the OC and should be used incessantly to assist the sub unit Comd.
- (c) It has been found essential in the particular area in which the Bn is now operating that all ranks be trained to look out for booby traps. the more men ^{who} are constantly booby trap conscious, the fewer will be the casualties. Men should be taught what to look for and should be impressed with necessity of first clearly marking the suspected areas and the immediately reporting it.

2. Patrols

As the Bn advances further inland the value of contact patrols has been emphasised. Repeatedly small parties of enemy have set ambushes on the L of C resulting in damage to vehicles and in some cases casualties to men.

3. Navigation Mapping etc

- (a) Patrols during the week have reported that the current maps are generally accurate in regard to gardens in this area. Maps captured from the enemy have proved valuable particularly in regard to tracks.
- (b) The necessity for immediate traversing of the route taken by a Coy advancing to a new locality off the main road has been brought out again this week. One Coy moved along a track and gave their reference as at the end of the track shown on the map whereas actually a traverse revealed that they had followed a track not on the map, resulting in an entirely different map reference.

4. Artillery

- (a) It is felt that sound ranging apparatus would do much to pinpoint enemy gun positions and thus minimise casualties from hostile shelling.
- (b) The reporting of sound bearings by Coys to Jap artillery has been found to be both accurate and speedy. It is felt that a rear Bn can do much to help the forward unit in this respect.

5. Propaganda

It is suggested that a form of broadcasting from aircraft be used for surrender propaganda. It is noticed that a PW has stated that the present system of broadcasting by FELO is blurred and indistinct. Apart from the extra volume and clarity, another advantage would be the wide range capable of being covered by such a means.

6. Man Management

- (a) The release from the nervous strain of being forward Bn has made a general improvement in the health of the men. The hard physical work of corduroying has been a complete change from the nervous tension of the last 6 weeks.
- (b) Some laxity has been noticed as regards boots. Men are prone to keep one pair of boots in their pack all the time instead of taking the opportunity of drying out their wet boots and wearing the dry ones. This is being corrected by frequent inspections of both pairs of boots.

7. Administration

- (a) Corduroy. Some difficulty has been experienced in getting suitable timber reasonably close to the road for corduroying. The lesson here is that when several parties are on the same road doing different sections that a previous recce be made and zones allotted for cutting of timber. This would obviate some sections having to go long distances for timber due to all suitable trees having been cut down by previous parties. The recce party could also determine the number and types of tools required and so save considerable time.

PART THREE

C. Equipment and Weapons

1. Tracked Vehicles

A modified Carrier Platoon of say 4 Carriers and one tractor is considered a necessary addition to the current WPT of a Bn operating in country such as SOUTHERN BOUGAINVILLE.

2. Grenade Pouches

Frequent loss of grenades on patrolling could be avoided by the issue of a suitable container and it is felt that something could be done in this regard.

3. OSMG Pouches

OSMG pouches are necessary, as the practice of carrying magazines in pockets results in many losses.

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24 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION (AIF)

LESSONS FROM OPERATIONS

Week Ended 13 June 45

Serial 7

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LESSONS FROM OPERATIONS
WEEK ENDED 23 JUN 45

HQ 24 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
17 Jun 45

Ref Maps: MONGITU)
MAMAGOTA) 1:25000

A.

PART ONE

1. Summary of Operations

- (a) The battalions operations for the period under review have been restricted to patrolling to the brigade's flank, diversionary attacks and the ascertaining that ground advanced over was clear and kept clear of enemy.
- (b) C Coy was given the task to move from HAMMER Road across country to cut the TAI TAI Road thereby severing the enemy's L of C between the forces opposing both our forward battalions. The company's advance reached a point 600 yards from the TAI TAI Road where a defensive locality was adopted. From this base vigorous patrolling was carried out and ambushes maintained in vicinity of company locality. Although no contact was made with the enemy, many were observed. After two days in this position the company moved to and took up a defensive locality astride the TAI TAI Road thence assisted in the clearing of the road to both 57/59 and 58/59 Battalions.
- (c) Meanwhile the battalion moved forward and re-organised in reserve position of the brigade so as to be available to reinforce the forward troops if required.
- (d) Vigorous patrolling to both flanks ascertained the area being cleared of enemy. Small reconnaissance parties and ambush positions only were encountered, these were dealt with.
- (e) An armoured patrol was despatched to clear the MAMAGOTA road and MAMAGOTA of enemy. The patrol did the course, no enemy contact being made. Two obstacles were encountered, these were overcome easily by the aid of the engineer bulldozer team. This patrol carried out a complete reconnaissance of the beach and vicinity from MAMAGOTA base. They submitted a favourable report on the use of the MAMAGOTA beach as a barge landing point, also on the possibilities of using the MAMAGOTA road as L of C.
- (f) During the weeks patrolling all vacated enemy positions were thoroughly searched, valuable equipment, documents and information were obtained.
- (g) A series of three diversionary attacks were staged on the enemy SOUTH flank in the MARI - PEPERU rivers fork area. No enemy were observed, but the ruse appeared to have effect as the enemy became active with small parties in this area. These attacks were carried well into the enemy's territory.
- (h) Attached as Appendix 'A' is an illustrated sketch showing units locations and operations.

(j) Location statement for period under review is as follows:-

Date	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Bn HQ	981387							
HQ Coy	981387							
A Coy	989330							
B Coy	983386							
C Coy	003403							
D Coy	969399				17P1 969399 17P1 996381			
B Ech	958417	980387						

B.

PART TWO

Lessons and Operations

1. Vegetation

The vegetation encountered during the above period has altered a little in that much more garden area and heavy secondary growth was met. The soil is a much better grade than previously seen in that a black top soil of up to 3 ft deep exists.

2. Gardens

Foraging the well kept gardens has resulted in KAT F cucumbers, bananas, paw paws and beans supplementing existing rations.

3. Defence

After long discussions and instructions troops, especially commanders, can now see the importance of dispersion, covering the maximum amount of ground with the troops available and covering ground by fire as opposed to troops. The HQ and administrative block are much better sited avoiding congestion. This important lesson cannot be over emphasised especially so as to minimise the danger of shelling.

4. Patrols

Improvement in patrolling resulting in more casualties to the enemy than to ourselves proves the gaining of better technique and more junglecraft by all. The movement of the patrol in extended line of groups has had its reward in that it is possible to comb a wider expanse of terrain, the commander has his troops formed so as to facilitate manoeuvre and the forward scout complex is abolished.

5. Navigation

A lessons that has been well borne out is the absolute necessity for all personnel to test their pacings for conversion to yards, over a checked distance over different types of terrain and through varying vegetation. This is important so as to accurately pinpoint objects on the map.

6. Air Photographs

A larger issue of air photographs would be of assistance, it would then be possible to re-issue them down to the coy level so as they could be used in conjunction with maps. Another point is if a trace showing the coverage were enclosed with the photographs a good deal of time would be saved.

7. Air Strikes

Examination of vacated enemy positions particularly along the SOUTH MAMAGOTA Road reveals the accuracy of our bombing. In one case a 1000 lb bomb had exploded 10 yards from a prime mover, further bunkers and gun positions in the area show evidence of direct hits. A further indication to the accuracy was how the bombs had straddled the road whilst direct hits were avoided, further an off track had five direct hits with 1000 lb bombs.

8. Japanese Defences

One position searched was dug as two defensive localities one each side of road, but with three connecting trenches crossing the road. These connecting trenches were at first thought to be possible Atk mine trenches, but closer examination revealed them to be equally developed as with the remainder of the position.

9. Lectures

A series of regular lectures on the operational situation future intentions and the enemy's possible moves by the IO has proved invaluable in helping to keep the men in the "picture" and stamp out rumours. Sensible questions are a sequel to the lectures, often these question periods take upward of one hour to complete. This seems the better way in which to present the picture rather than the reading of a summary.

10. Captured Equipment

All ranks have proven that the lesson of all captured equipment and documents are handed in, has been learnt. They appear well conscious of the importance of this fact lectures on this subject greatly assisted. By the influx of documents during the past period it goes to show that the enemy positions are being thoroughly searched, this was not the case earlier, consequently valuable information was lost, this must be stressed to all ranks.

11. Man Management

During the past period this is a subject that much time has been devoted to. The battalion being in reserve and less operational demands being imposed on it, allowed the extra time in which to completely check this subject rectifying the faults and resting the men.

(a) Skin Infections.

This is a subject that was given much attention, it was found that while the unit was actively engaged, that all precautions to combat these infections were not taken. As a consequence the necessary steps were taken and in the future a decided decrease in cases is expected. In the meantime an additional RAP man has been allotted each company to assist the treatment of skin infections and so clear them up, this has proved successful.

(b) Malaria

Strict policing of malaria precautions has been maintained and in addition lectures delivered personally by me were given. New cases are rigidly inquired into and loop holes if any rectified.

(c) Morale

The temporary rest, lectures and small amount of amenities made available has done much with the morale. The grouses that troops were getting have gone, only an occasional healthy grouse is heard. All are very proud of the Battalion's exploits in the campaign. These points disclose the esprit de corps that exists.

PART THREE

Equipment and Weapons

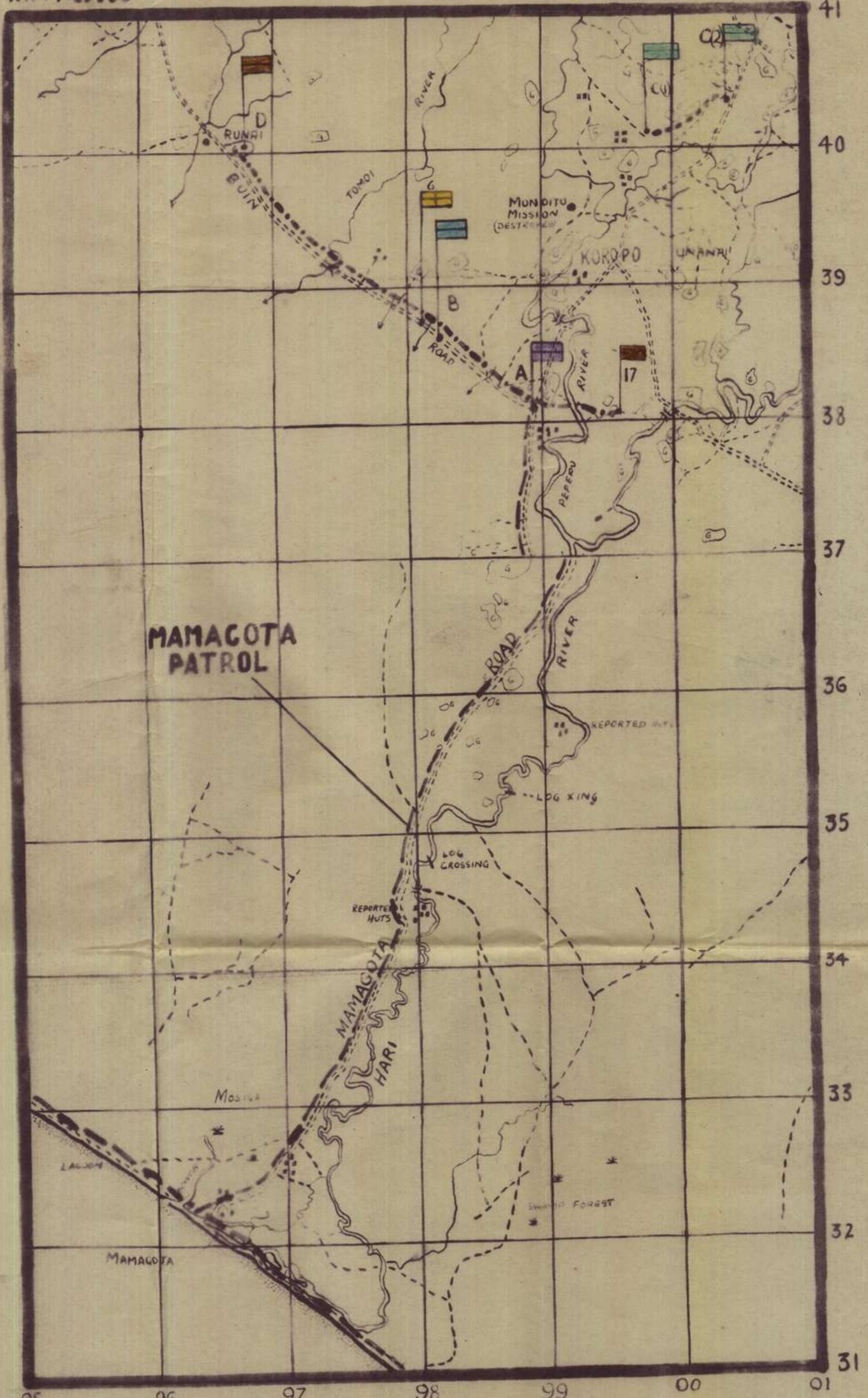
1. Signal equipment.

- (a) The L/T communication leaves a lot to be desired, investigation shows the lack of serviceable equipment. Although items are sent back for repair the time lapse before they finally return is long hence the communication is impaired.
- (b) W/T sets which are constantly on patrols are greatly affected by the weather. A larger WE of these sets when in operations would be of value in that it would allow sets to be constantly maintained and greatly assist patrol communications.

24 AUST INF BN DISPOSNS

SHOWING
ADVANCES FOR WEEK ENDED 14 JUN 45 INCL

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- A. Coy
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24 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION (AIF)

LESSONS FROM OPERATIONS

Week Ended 20 June 45

Serial 7

PART ONE SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

PART TWO LESSONS FROM OPERATIONS

LESSONS FROM OPERATIONS
WEEK ENDED 20 JUN 45

HQ 24 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
23 Jun 45

Ref Maps: MONOITU)
MIVO RIVER)
MUSARAKA) 1:25000
MAMACOTA)

A.

PART ONE

1. Summary of Operations

- (a) The beginning of the period under review found the Battalion staging a series of diversionary attacks and providing rear and flank protection for the Brigade.
- (b) On the 14th of June ~~ROBFORCE~~ comprising two platoons of B Company with one troop of tanks and bulldozer advanced across the MARI River to a point 1000 yards SOUTH of junction BUIN Road MARI River and staged a diversionary attack. Swamps did not allow them to advance any further NORTH. On 15 June this force was ordered to return company locality.
- (c) Also in supporting the Brigade attack our mortars organised into two batteries put concentrations on known enemy positions on EAST bank of MARI River. Investigations since have proved the accuracy obtained by this support. The enemy attempted to harass their fire by throwing grenades at their positions on night 13/14 June.
- (d) A patrol base was established at a point 2000 yards SSW of MARI I from which vigorous patrolling to OGORATA River and to BUIN Road was carried out. From this base an ambush was established on a Japanese L of C Track which runs parallel with BUIN Road approximately 400 yards SOUTH. On 15 June 100 enemy walked into the ambush, our troops engaged them killing 12 and wounding 3, own casualties were nil.
- (e) With the success of the Brigade's attack on the enemy's MARI River defences the battalion moved forward to reserve positions on MOBIAI River line. In addition B company was sent to KINGORI on the KARA - COMMANDO road with a view to carrying out vigorous patrolling to provide flank protection. On 19 June C Company staged B Company at KINGORI en route to KATSUWA plantation. On 20 June C Company advanced and were forced to outflank enemy positions en route. Due to the difficult terrain the advance only reached a point 800 yards WEST of objective on night 20/21 June where they bivouaced.
- (f) From the KINGORI base vigorous patrolling has been carried out gaining vital information. Efforts to contact ATKINSON FORCE have failed.
- (g) On 20 June 16 platoon moved forward of D Company and established a patrol base on MOBIAI River 2500 yards from BUIN Road. Vigorous patrolling across MOBIAI River to MIVO River and SOUTH to BUIN Road was carried out to obtain vital topographical information for pending operations. From this information a tankable road has been constructed to patrol base.

- (h) As the period under review closes it finds B company established at KINGORI carrying out patrolling and assisting C Company's advance. C Company en route KATSUMA plantation from which vigorous patrolling EAST across MOBIAI River will be carried out. A and D companies doing extensive patrolling EAST across MOBIAI River in preparation for outflanking movement of enemy's main defensive line.
- (j) Attached as Appendix 'A' is sketch showing Battalion's movements for period covered.

B.

PART TWO

Lessons from Operations

1. Vegetation
- Gardens The number of gardens encountered during the last fortnight has enabled the rations to be supplemented by paw paw, kau kau, millett, pumpkins and marrows.
2. Defence
- tkA guns (a) Some sub unit commanders have not realised the possibilities and role of the tkA gun and have used it to fill a gap after all the other positions have been allotted. In one case the gun was not sited and the enemy put in a counter attack. The weapon was, therefore, useless whereas it could have been very effective using HE and cannister against an enemy LMG which gave considerable trouble. Company Commanders should make more use of and give more consideration to this weapon. It is particularly useful in support of river crossings whilst its accuracy and range make it effective against enemy OPs. Using HE and cannister charges it is most effective in a counter attack role.
- MMGs (b) When using MMGs in defence it is advisable to have them, whenever possible, in pillbox emplacements. There is no shortage of timber on this island and the following advantages accrue :-
- i Provides protection for gun crew from grenades and Japanese knee mortars.
 - ii Enables storage of ammunition in dry place near the gun, also cleaning materials.
 - iii When pillbox is well camouflaged the gun would be extremely hard to knock out.
 - iv MMGs draw the enemy fire hence the need for a strong emplacement.
 - v Being under cover, conceals movement of gun crew.
- Wire Obstacles (c) The layout of wire obstacles must be planned and "decoy" or "lead in" lanes set. It has been noticed that some cattle fence type have wires up 18" from the ground allowing access under the obstacle.
3. Mapping
- The maps in use for the present operations show marked evidence of bad control. As much as 1000 yards difference exists between adjoining sheets with roads and rivers. Prominent features such as this should be easy to tie in from air photographs. These discrepancies make map reconnaissance not only difficult but often dangerous. It is felt that with the increasing availability of aircraft due to the conclusion of hostilities in Europe more consideration should be given to this theatre. Many lives would be saved if accurate maps were available.

4. Artillery
Once again the value of "shooting in" company and positions has been shown. Our companies operating semi featureless country with inaccurate maps cannot pinpoint themselves accurately by any other means, as paces and bearings are not always possible when advancing through enemy held territory.

5. Tanks
The use of Tank wireless has been found a valuable alternative means of intercommunication.

Skin
6. Man Management
The need for very close supervision by officers and NCOs in regards to foot and body inspections has been brought out very clearly. A number of skin cases were evacuated during the week and it is considered that by closer and more frequent inspections, the number of evacuations would not have been so great. Very close checks are being kept and a big improvement is being shown. Tabulated daily accounts of the time and type of treatment given in each case have been found beneficial.

HQ Coy
7. Administration
(a) In the rapid movement of units and sub units in present operations, sections of HQ Coy are constantly being changed from one company to another. Keeping the men properly equipped and clothed, cannot, therefore, be done satisfactorily by companies to whom they are attached because men have moved on by the time the company has obtained necessary clothing and equipment for them. It is considered preferable for HQ Company to make the necessary arrangements after kit inspections because gear required can then be forwarded to wherever the sub unit is attached.
(b) In a number of cases these burners have given constant trouble, thus causing delays. The main cause of the trouble appears to be with the burner section of the apparatus. Often the whole outfit has to be sent back for repairs when it is only the burner at fault. Spare burners kept in store by Companies would enable swift change over of parts thus avoiding delay in having to send the whole Hydro burner back. Faulty burners can then be sent back for repairs.

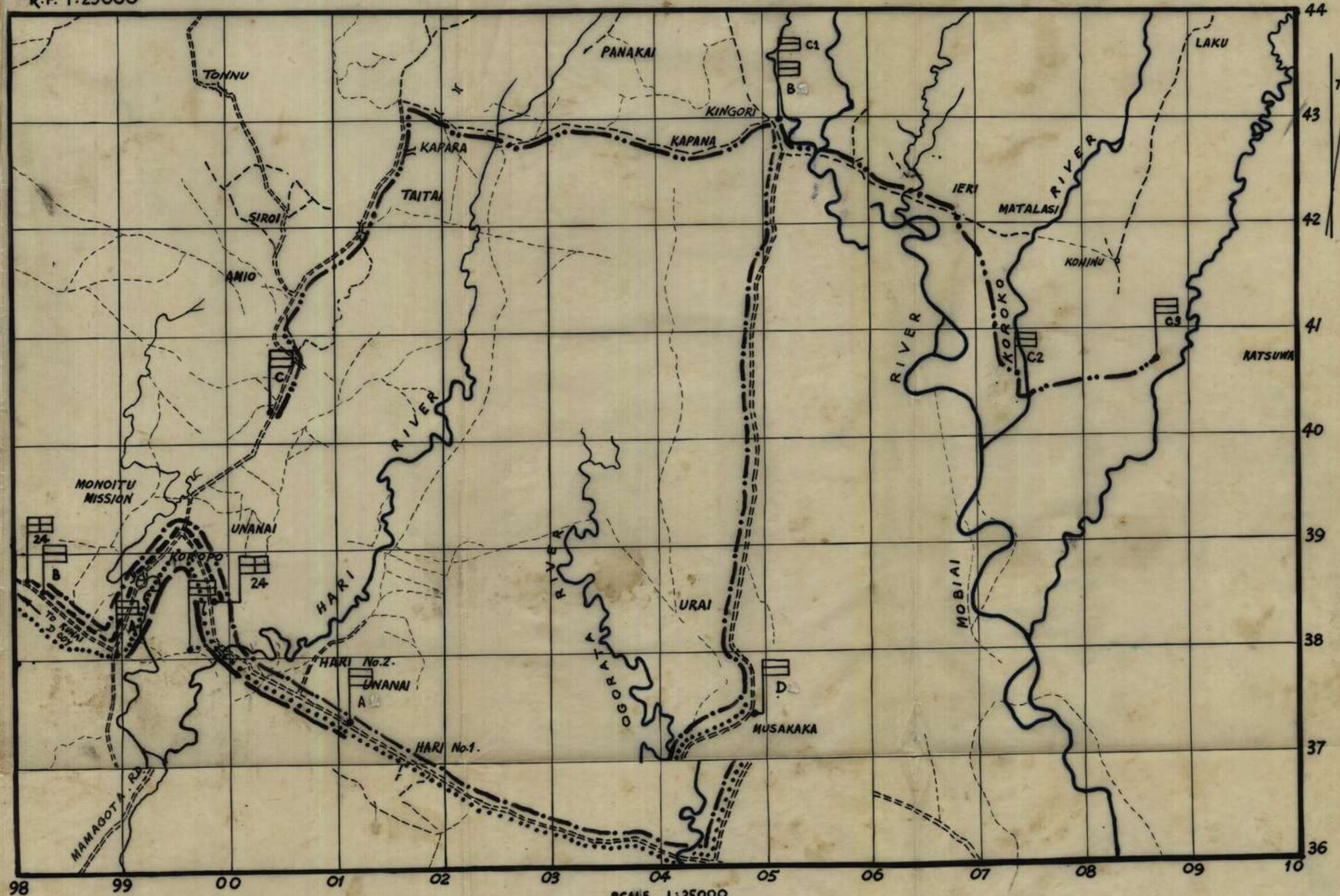
L/T
8. Communications
(a) L/T communications have been better during the past week and this is largely due to co-operation between Battalions in the Brigade. It is found that with constant liaison between Signal Officers, much time and cable can be conserved by taking over lines as the Brigade moves forward.
W/T
(b) Patrols using 208 W/T set have established communications up to distances of 9000 yards. This was due to the fact that most patrols were able to establish bases and set up good aerials. Types of aerials used most satisfactorily were directional aerials of 67 ft lengths for short distances and approximately 120 ft for longer distances.
Pigeons
(c) Pigeons were used on two occasions and all messages sent were received at this HQ the same day as the birds were released.

9. Jap Ruses
DUM DUM Bullets
Several more bullets with lead reversed were found. Tested for accuracy they were accurate up to 50 yds.

24 AUST INF BN DISPOSNS

SHOWING ADVANCES FOR WEEK ENDED 21 JUN '45

R.F. 1:25000



- A COY
- B COY
- C COY
- D COY
- B HQ

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YARDS 1000 500 0 1000 2000 YARDS

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24 AUST. INF. BN (A.I.F.)
23 JUN '45
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24 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION (AIF)

LESSONS FROM OPERATIONS

Week Ended 27 June 45

Serial 9

PART ONE SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS
PART TWO LESSONS FROM OPERATIONS

LESSONS FROM OPERATIONS
WEEK ENDED 27 JUN 45

HQ 24 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
3 Jul 45

Ref Maps: MONOITU }
MIVO RIVER } 1/25000
MUSARAKA }
MAMAGOTA }

A.

PART ONE

1. Summary of Operations

- (a) During the period here reviewed the Battalion has operated as both rear and NORTH flank protection to the Brigade; and carried out extensive detailed reconnaissance of the area bounded by MOBIAI - MIVO Rivers NORTH of BUIN Road for the pending operations.
- (b) As a result of this reconnaissance a suitable L of C for construction of a tankable road, objectives for a flanking encirclement of the enemy and suitable objectives were selected.
- (c) B Coy at KINGORI continued with the role of containing and harassing the enemy on the NORTH flank of the Brigade on the COMMANDO Road and area.
- (d) On 21 June C Coy established a defensive locality at 087407 and cleared a DZ for air dropping supplies. The role allotted this company was similar to B Coy. This was carried out by extensive patrolling in the area WEST of MIVO and SOUTH of COMMANDO Road. From this patrolling information has been obtained so as the enemy's intention can be followed and targets pinpointed for Artillery concentrations. On 22 June an enemy force with estimated strength of 80 to 100 attacked in a series of Banzai charges lasting 2 hours. The Company depleted in strength due to the personnel out on patrols, the lot fell to the reserves of platoons, cooks, batmen, Orderly Room Staff, COMS, totalling 36 in all. All the enemy's fanatical assaults were driven off by this determined force he being forced to retire and lick his wounds. Unknown to the enemy the company's ammunition was near exhausted but the arrival of a KAI bomber saved the situation by dropping ammunition and supplies. Casualties inflicted on the enemy for this action were 13 counted dead. The only offensive measure the enemy has since carried out on the company locality is mortar concentrations from 81mm Mortars. All these have landed outside the area.
- (e) On 23 June A Coy moved to LAWS base at 070353 whilst D Coy moved to 080367 on the EAST Bank of the MOBIAI River. On 24 June A Coy moved up to D Coy area in preparation for move to Battalion assembly area. From this base further reconnoissances of the Battalion assembly area and company objectives were satisfactorily carried out.
- (f) The 15 Fd Coy constructed a bulldozed tankable track from Bn HQ to A Coy and one troop of tanks each to A and D Coys moved up. In addition this track was used by 57/60 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) as an L of C.

- (g) A forward B Ech base was established near D Coy and all stores needed for the operations were transported up by boy lines.
- (h) On 27 June in conjunction with 58/59 Aust Inf Bn the mortar platoons were brigaded under command of Unit mortar commander, for the Brigade Operations at vicinity 081354.
- (i) On 27 June tactical Bn HQ, A and D Coys with their respective troop of tanks moved to the Battalion assembly area vicinity 092361 in preparation for the Brigade attack on 29 June.
- (j) Tactical Bn HQ had for its protection elements of HQ Coy including 5 pl and 11 pl, these were also to be used as a reserve force for the Battalion.
- (k) During the move to the assembly area the forward company, D Coy, whilst en route contacted an enemy position in the area originally selected for the assembly area. In the engagement 9 enemy were killed and 3 wounded. Consequently we were enforced to concentrate in an area 200 yards NORTH of the position selected.
- (l) The close of the period finds tactical Bn HQ, A Coy, D Coy and 11 Pl concentrated at vicinity 092361 in position preparatory for the assault on the BUIN Road whilst B Coy less 11 pl and C Coy are patrolling extensively the COMMANDO Road area and L of C to Bn HQ to provide flank protection for the Brigade's operations and contain portion of the enemy force.

B.

PART TWO

Lessons from Operations

1. Terrain and Vegetation

The terrain over which operations took place in the week under review was different to that previously encountered on the Island. In the vicinity of KATSUWA there is very rough country with steep gullies 30 to 70 feet deep making the construction of Jeep and Tank roads very difficult. Coming SOUTH between the MOBIAI and MIVO Rivers towards the BUIN Road the country is very rough and, particularly after rain, movement is difficult. Rain forest with and without undergrowth is still predominant although gardens are frequent.

2. Defence

When a force is occupying a position as a patrol base it has been found necessary to have a tighter perimeter than usual as so many of the force are absent at the one time.

3. Patrols

The patrol policy in the current phase has been to find and pinpoint enemy positions, then withdraw and bring down Artillery and Mortar fire. This prevents the enemy from consolidating in any one area. By extensive patrolling on the NORTH flank we have been able to contain large numbers of enemy and prevent any outflanking attacks on the axis of the main advance.

4. Navigation, Mapping, Aerial Photographs

Due to the inaccuracy and lack of detail on the maps issued, the method of using a prominent feature as a reference point has been found to yield good results. The value of air photographs has again been brought out as gullies, ravines and other depressions can be located by means of a stereoscope.

5. Artillery

Twice during the week Artillery shoots have been directed by Infantry Officers and NCOs and although the method used was cumbersome compared with an Arty FOO, the value of training leaders in this type of work cannot be over emphasised. It is felt that more attention could be paid to this in training.

6. Tanks

It has been found unwise to place too much reliance on tanks carrying essential stores when advancing through jungle. It is always to be anticipated that tanks will not get through, therefore it is necessary for a duplicate set of supplies with native boy line to be ready at Bn HQ to ensure quick arrival of stores for consolidation.

7. PIB

The PIB have been found invaluable for scouting and gaining information of enemy dispositions and strengths. Their navigation is not very reliable as the white leader has to do it all himself. It is suggested that infantry personnel be attached to PIB patrols to do this work.

8. Man Management

The patrolling in this area has been extremely hard on the men and despite foot and body inspections and constant supervised treatment a number of men are suffering with foot and skin troubles. This is now being counteracted by exposure to sunlight whenever possible and by daily foot baths in a solution of Condys crystals.

The morale is very good, all troops have a sense of pride and satisfaction that the job allotted them has been ably and efficiently carried out with excellent results and a high proportion of kills.

9. Intercomm

(a) Lateral Lines

The importance of lateral and alternate lines has been forcibly brought out. On two occasions the rear links to Brigade were cut and also a lateral to one Battalion. The lateral with the other Battalion enabled information to be passed back.

(b) W/T

As an alternate means of communication, this is satisfactory for passing short messages but is too slow to allow the passage of lengthy sitreps.

(c) Phone Conversations

It must be realised that these should be cut down to an absolute minimum. Brevity, simplicity and clarity are essential.

(d) Cable

Third mile drums are not on issue in sufficient quantity. In difficult swampy terrain where natives are not available mile drums of cable are extremely heavy to carry. If a patrol with L/T communications has to carry its own cable on mile drums an addition strain is put on the man and the fighting efficiency of the patrol is effected in so far that several men, being so heavily laden, are ineffective in a sudden action.

10. Jap Methods

The Japanese in this area is making extensive use of BUKA natives as scouts and guides. Great care must be taken and no natives should be allowed to prowl round company areas.

24 AUS INF BN DISPOSNS

SHOWING ADVANCES FOR WEEK ENDED 27 JUNE '45

R.F. 1:25000



- B HQ —————
- A COY - - - - -
- II PL - - - - -
- D COY
- B ECH

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YARDS

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24 AUS INF BN (A.I.F.)
27 JUN. 45
H. Norman PTE

24 AUST INF BN. (AIF).
8 JULY 1945.

INTRODUCTION.

During the month the Bn. has been engaged in operational tasks and have been in close contact with the enemy on many occasions. The BDE. is now resting after being relieved on the 29-30 June, however B & C Coys. are still committed and are maintained wholly by air droppings. So far these droppings have been very successful.

MOVEMENTS.

B/ECH. moved three times during the month the latter move to our present site being completed in two days. On 22 June new site was cleared and the intention was to move at night; but, only one 3ton load of stores was moved. 3 3 ton vehicles were ordered but received one only which broke down after lifting one load only. Unit transport with the help of 15 Fld. Coy. who co-operated rather well moved the remainder of B/Ech. stores the following ^{night} day. 3 3 ton sand trucks employed by 15 Fld. Coy.

STORES.

(General)

Usage rate of web equipment is still fairly high; but, supplies have been kept up to companies by BOWO, fulfilling our demands.

(STORES).

CONTROLLED.

Losses DEA were slight.....replacements were made immediately.

RATIONS.

All items on present ration scale are being received, fresh meat, butter, onions and potatoes received during the month.

EXPENSE STORES.

All items on present scale have been received.

HYGIENE & SANITATION.

Personnel attached to companies under supervision of HYGIENE CPL. still maintained high standard.

AMENITIES.

See A.O.s. report.

Pictures held twice weekly in BDE. area.

CANTEEN.

Supplies being made available to companies once per week. Total amount of purchases from BULK CANTEEN £707.4.4.

MAIL.

Delivers very erratic....some letters taking 9 to 10 days (Air Mail) to come from Melbourne.

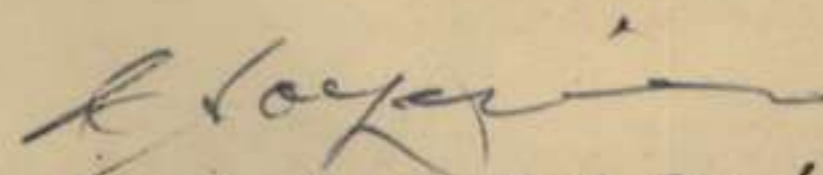
Receipts for Month were:-

Letters 12000
Registered 550
Parcels 90 Bags.

L. Lewis Lt.
S.M. 24 Aust Inf. Bn. (AIF).

24 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
8 July 45

1. Unit transport has been constantly employed during month moving coy and Bn stores, (3-in Mortar bombs have proved a problem. As many as 2000 having been expended in one night.) and with the number of vehicles on present WE, maintenance is difficult to keep up to required standard.
2. L's of C to coys have been in very poor condition owing to continual rain during month, and several minor defects have developed as a result 1 loose steering boxes, weakened springs, and leaking radiators but it has always been possible for vehicles to be repaired by unit pers and LAD fitter MT attached.
3. Trailer trains have been employed frequently - five trailers towed by captured Jap Prime Mover - and by this means 2 coys and BHQ were moved 2000 yds, plus normal daily rations, when roads were impassable to jeeps.
4. New modifications to jeeps were advised during month and to date one vehicle has been delt with by LAD.

 Lt
TO 24 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

HQ 24 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

8 Jul 45

Sickness	Total New Sick	Number Evacuated	Killed in Action
P U O	35	17	
URTI	3	3	
DIARRHOEA - DYSENTRY	6	-	
SKIN	70	26	
OTHER DISEASES	113	13	
BATTLE CASUALTIES	21	16	4
TOTAL	249	76	4

Of the PUCs some were malaria - BT 1, MT 5. The increase of malaria was put down to certain of the personnel not taking their full malaria precautions.

Diarrhoea and dysentery. There were 6 cases, all sporadic which speaks well for the unit hygiene.

Skin. This month there was a higher proportion of skin cases evacuated to total cases. This was due to the fact that the month was very hard and also ~~by the fact that~~ conditions encountered, especially the lack of washing facilities and the inability of the men to change their clothes as frequently as is desirable. The majority were foot cases, particularly tinea circinata. Skin inspections were for the most part carried out regularly, the whole Battalion being examined with the exception of one week, when one Company was missed. Very rigid control was exercised on the part of Coy medical orderlies and Pl Comds and this undoubtedly kept the rate down.

Battle casualties. Of the 21 casualties 4 were killed and sixteen evacuated.

Hygiene - The hygiene of the unit was particularly good considering the operational circumstances. This is apparent by the low numbers of diarrhoea (6). Some details were missed, but no important ones.

R A P Staff

Capt	ARAM
Sjt	GREGORY
Cpl	DAVIES
Pte	HEVEY
Pte	JEMESON

Stretcher Bearers Some changes were made during the month.

Pte CONDRON returned to the unit from duties at the Bde Rest camp. Pte SELICK and Pte PURCHASE were recalled to the RAP temporarily for a rest because of ill health and fatigue. Pte BURRIS was evacuated to hospital suffering from dermatitis. Total Strength - 16.

[Signature] Capt
RMO 24 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

PATROL REPORT No 317.

20 Jun 45

Ref Maps MONOITU, MUSARAKA MIVO RIVER MAMAGATA 1/25000.

Unit. 24 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) Type. RECCE

Sub Unit. A Coy. 7 pl. Comd . Lt R MARTIN.

Strength. 1 offr 12 ORs.

Time out 191030L. Time in 20100L

Object 1. Recce area between MOBIAI and MIVO Rivers to ascertain if area suitable for tanks.
2. Report on fordability of MOBIAI and MIVO Rivers.

Route out. D Coy HQ 041371 to 072376 across MOBIAI River to 077375 thence SE to 087360 due EAST to MIVO River 105360 NORTH along river for 1700 yds then NW to garden 078384 thence SW to MOBIAI River 077375.

Route in. 077375 to D Coy HQ SOUTH along BARRETS Rd then WEST along BUIN Rd to A Coy .

Adm. MPT
Comm. Runner.

Part I.

1. Because of the undulating nature of the country with ravines and gullies 50 ft deep consider the country in the main untankable .
2. The banks of the river are steep but with dozer work the rivers would be fordable .

PART II.

- Leg 1. Start point D Coy 041371. bearing 74 degrees magnetic . At 049372 passed through a small overgrown garden. At 055373 crossed over a small creek 4ft wide with 10 ft banks. These banks could be dozed readily. At 056373 crossed a track with sig wire used by Aust troops. track ran at 130 degrees magnetic. At 062374 struck a steep escarpment 30 ft high. Ground at base of escarpment for a distance of 25 yds was swampy. Continued on bearing and struck MOBIAI River at 072376. Country covered by this leg is covered by thick secondary growth with few big trees. ground is tankable. M
- MOBIAI River At this point the river is 40 yds wide and up to 3ft deep. bank on WEST side 15 ft sheer drop. Both banks of river lined with pit pit. After the bank had been dozed down river would be crossable for tanks.
- Leg 2 Island is very undulating with small hill features up to 50 ft high. WEST bank of EASTERN branch of river is 30 ft high while its EAST bank is 15 ft high. This arm of the river is 30 yds wide. Running down WESTERN side of Island parallel to river is a well worn track not recently used. The island is covered with thick secondary and unsuitable for crossing by tanks.
- Leg 3 Unable to find track reported to be running down EAST side of bank of MOBIAI River so followed down river bank for distance of 1900 yds. Covered with secondary growth with visibility up to 20 and 30 yds. Ground covered very undulating with gullies up to 30 ft deep. thus making this ground unsuitable for tanks.
- Leg 4. The patrol moved EAST from 087360 to the MIVO River at 105360. Ground traversed was still undulating with gullies up to 50 ft deep. Thick secondary growth with few big trees covered. Consider this ground difficult for tanks.
- MIVO River At 105360 the banks are steep 20 ft high to 40 to 50 yds wide ~~max~~ varying from 2 to 3 ft deep. The ~~be~~ be crossable for tanks if the banks were dozed down.
- Leg 5. The patrol at this point struck a well defined track 4 to 6ft wide running north and SOUTH along *west bank of the River*

The track had been well worn but showed no signs of recent use. The patrol followed the track north for 1700 yds . Because of the firm surface this track when widened would be satisfactory for tanks to move along . Several small unused overgrown isolated gardens were passed whilst moving along this track.

Leg 6. From 104376 the patrol moved NW to gardens 078384. At 096377 patrol passed through an overgrown garden which has several overgrown tracks leading out from it. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ As for leg 4 this track was undulating with numerous deep gullies and considered difficult tank country.

Leg 7. From the gardens the patrol searched for the track marked on sketch but was unable to locate it. so moved SW along the MOBIAI P EAST bank to where they originally crossed it at 077375. This ground though slightly undulating could be used by tanks successfully. From here the patrol returned through D Coy via Leg 1 to A Coy HQ.

Signed Lt R Martin.
20 Jun 45

TACTICAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE DOCTRINE

FOR JUNGLE WARFARE

ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTIVE No 7

MAN MANAGEMENT - PREVENTION AND MANAGING OF BATTLE AND
LONG SERVICE FATIGUE

1. GENERAL

The difficulties which deny an adequate supply of reinforcements are due to similar demands elsewhere, manpower requirements in AUSTRALIA, and shipping problems, which are important factors affecting the maintenance of the OOB and future operations of 2 Aust Corps.

Good leadership, skilful fighting and hard training on sound lines have reduced battle casualties to minimum proportions.

Casualties due to malaria, skin infections, etc have been reduced considerably through efficient medical research and advice; and by strict regimental control applied by Commanders in the Field.

Many officers, NCOs and men have served for long periods during this war, including a number of campaigns fought under tropical conditions. The strain imposed by this long service is apparent in recent personnel losses, particularly among leaders, through physical and mental exhaustion.

Prevention of these losses demands the constant attention of Commanders of all grades. Every possible step must be taken which will assist in the retention of a member fit in the field and prevent the necessity for medical evacuation to Australia.

2. POLICY

- (a) Rest areas will be established in forward and rear areas by Formations, etc under command.
- (b) Bn, Coy and Pl comds in forward areas, in active collaboration with RMOs, will note signs of temporary strain among officers NCOs and men under command. In all cases, subject to operational requirements, arrangements will be made to provide rest for personnel so affected, brief as such may be.
- (c) Commanders will maintain an area in which full scale LOB personnel will remain during the unit's tour of duty in the forward area. Officers, NCOs and men in forward areas, showing signs of mental and physical fatigue, will be relieved by personnel from LOB area.
- (d) On relief from active operations, troops will be rested in rear areas, providing maximum rest and amenity facilities.
- (e) The rehabilitation of battle weary troops will be based on a plan to provide maximum mental and physical relaxation.

- (f) Officer and OR personnel who, through long service, age, or temporary physical disabilities, are unable to serve adequately in front line units, will be employed in rear installations within Formation, etc, commands. They will be relieved by personnel serving in rear areas who are fit for service in forward areas. Formation, etc, Commands will constantly review this requirement and act accordingly.
- (g) Officers and NCOs who have proved themselves to be able leaders, but who show signs of mental and physical fatigue, due to long service, which reduces their capacity for leadership, will be rested or granted leave immediately deterioration in leadership is evident, and before further operational fatigue destroys their ability to serve.
- (h) In order to support operations of 2 Aust Corps, maximum facilities will be provided in Convalescent Depots under Base Sub Area for the maintenance of forces of 2 Aust Corps.

3. METHOD

Rest Areas.

Formation, etc, Comnds will plan and inaugurate facilities to rest troops as follows:

(i) Forward areas :-

Establish rest area, as far forward as is compatible with safety, for unit personnel, who show signs of operational distress, to obtain a break of 24 - 48 hours from active participation in operations.

(ii) Formation etc, Rest Areas:-

Commanders will establish a rest area within their area of operations for the rehabilitation of personnel discharged from MDS or ADS, whose recovery from their disability will be of short duration.

Troops from forward areas, who require a longer rest than can be provided in forward rest areas, will be evacuated to the Divisional rest area.

Normal quartering facilities, liberal amenity requirements, and staff obtained from personnel whose age denies service in forward units, will be provided by the Formation concerned.

Provision will be made for regular medical inspections to determine the return of personnel to units, further treatment within the Divisional rest area, or evacuation to Hospital.

4. CONVALESCENT DEPOTS

Cases will occur, particularly with valuable leaders, where a greater degree of medical supervision than can be provided in Formation Rest Area is desirable.

These added facilities are available at Convalescent Depots. Although they may not fall into the category of personnel normally admitted after medical treatment in Hospitals, arrangements may be made through medical channels for attention of special cases in Convalescent Depots.

In these instances ADMS of Div, or SMO of independent Bde Gps, will pass necessary medical opinion and recommendation to DDMS Corps, who will effect admission to Convalescent Depot by arrangements with Hospital concerned.

5. PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH LOSS OF LEADERS DUE TO MENTAL AND PHYSICAL FATIGUE RESULTING FROM STRAIN IMPOSED BY LONG AND RIGOROUS WAR SERVICE.

During recent months heavy wastage has been suffered in the loss of leaders, from Battalion Commanders to Section Leaders, from mental and physical deterioration due to operational fatigue.

In almost every case this applies to leaders with long records of distinguished leadership.

Formation, etc, Commands will apply every means possible to alleviate this situation. Further to ways and means Commands apply themselves, after careful consideration and planning, the following guiding principles will apply forthwith:-

- (a) On first signs being evident of a deterioration in effort by subordinate leaders, of any rank, he will be relieved by opposite number in LOB area.
- (b) When this is not practicable the affected leader will be ordered to report to the Formation, etc, rest area forthwith.
- (c) In cases where medical advice recommends leave to obtain a quick return of a leader to normal duty, leave will be granted at once, irrespective of normal leave quotas.
- (d) CO's AGH's will exploit to the full the feasibility of "after-care treatment" in Con Depots, in preference to medically downgrading officers for return to AUSTRALIA.
- (e) COs of Hospitals will consider whether, in special cases, a leader may be rehabilitated by a longer period of leave on the mainland, thereby saving him for his unit instead of losing his services by transfer to rear duties or by eventual retirement. The number of such cases will be few.

In these instances the CO Hospital will submit medical opinion and recommendation for extended sick leave or immediate normal leave, to Corps HQ, whence approval for leave and despatch will be granted.

6. MAN MANAGEMENT

Wastage in personnel of all ranks is attributable to conditions associated with Jungle Warfare to a greater extent than to battle casualties, or to disease incurred in theatres of war, where normal climatic and living conditions prevail.

Experienced Commanders realise that conditions in jungle warfare first attack the mental outlook of troops. The mental depression these conditions impose is soon followed by physical sickness.

It is the duty of Commanders, of all grades, to ensure that they direct their attention always to ways and means to alleviate conditions experienced by troops in jungle warfare.

Every conceivable means will be adopted to counteract the foul conditions that fighting terrain and climate impose on troops.

Commanders are personally responsible that their planning always provides for:-

- (a) At least one hot meal a day during operations.
- (b) Dry cover to permit men obtaining restful sleep.
- (c) Dry clothing in each man's pack, which will be available to the soldier as far forward as operations permit.
- (d) Regular bathing and daily shaving.
- (e) Full malarial precautions.
- (f) Regular examination of troops by Platoon and Section Leaders to prevent and/or retard skin diseases.
- (g) The provision of amenities, news bulletins and reading matter in every circumstance in which such can be provided.
- (h) Frequent inter Coy and inter Battalion relief in forward areas to the fullest extent which operations permit.
- (i) The appropriation of leave within the quota available, to those units and sub units on relief from active operations during their period of rest in rear area.

THE PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH THE MAINTENANCE OF FORCES IN THE FACE OF PRESENT CONDITIONS IS THE CONCERN OF EVERY COMMANDER. NEGLECT ON THE PART OF INDIVIDUAL COMMANDERS TO KEEP THEIR UNITS FIT AND UP TO STRENGTH WILL FACE THEM WITH THE INESCAPABLE DISBANDMENT OF THEIR COMMAND TO REINFORCE OTHER UNITS. WILL IT BE YOURS? THE ANSWER IS IN YOUR HANDS.

The above is advanced copy of Admin Direction No 7, Tactical and Admin Doctrine for Jungle Warfare. Distribution of the pamphlet will be made later.

The doctrine will have effect immediately.

MESSAGE FORM

Register No. 117

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Ser. No.

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	(w) For Information (INFO.) <i>GAMO BITO</i> <i>Rem Viper</i>	<i>392</i>

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602950 Secret 0 of instn 21/45-0
Info of ~~typing~~ cleared of general area 3000000
from BLANK to RED rivers but small
parties still of 0 TEMPEST will return VIPER
1 July Intentions 0 VIPER less 0/110 2/pls
GAMO and BITO will regroup MABAKKII
area 0 Method 0 one 0 FORO need party
move via rd QUIN BARRET PM 30 July
select site 300 yds S BHQ via DAZTEA
0 two 0 main parties FORO DUOI each with
under comd 1 pl sec MMTG move same route
1/2 pl when relief completed 0 three 0 battle
HQ will return BHQ posn via mortar
cable route 1 July 0 four 0 11 pl GAMO move
with battle HQ and occupy defensive posn
astide HAWN track via DZRTFG
five 0 3 pl less 1 det at BITO prepare
return BHQ 1/2 pl 0 six 0 arty 20

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	For Action 2		
TO	(w) For Information (INFO.)	Message Instructions	GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

Seven O 1 sec TERRY with dozen team
 move PM 30 Jan from FOXO to BARRET rd
 commence dozing rd to BHQ remain there night
 30 Jan 1 gnl if necessary complete rd 1 gnl
 Eight O A sqdm BLUEY 20 move as ordered
 by his HQ O three O 50 natives report
 MGALL compound ^{PM} 30 Jan remaining go such
 SB supply 1 gnl when move battle HQ
 completed O shut home O FOXO and DUDI
 when job concluded O battle HQ 3 pl 11 pl as
 ordered O Patrols O 2 sec 11 pl GAMO char
 area battle HQ BLACK crossing morning
 1 gnl maintain continuous patrol E of
 BLACK river until battle HQ move
 completed O other patrol units separately O
 Admin O check O RAP move with battle
 HQ O Admin O return Coy to areas and
 for RES as directed RSM O SUPS O
 return Coy dump as arranged SUNBAY

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ORIGINATOR'S No.

3 gups will trailers report each FOXO Y DUUDI
 AMM upul as arranged Play line when
 BUIN set clear O If possible tractor train
 will operate then allotment trailers as directed
 by Play line O If coys unable move stores
 along BARRET set dump stores under
 guard at set time for later move by
 tractor train O Inter comm O Btr HQ remain
 present from battle HQ set B Ech return
 prospective sites O Wpt normal O Battle
 HQ II set return B HQ O TEMPEST
 will take over FOXO Y DUUDI present line
 fronts by have new Coy plans and II pl O
 all parties report completion occupation

0935

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MESSAGE FORM

FROM 24 inf bn Date-time of Origin
 TO for action 012300L
 A coy B coy C coy 2pl 3pl 4pl Sig O TO RMO
 2 Fd Regt (Arty LO) 2/4 Armd Regt
for information
 D coy HQ coy 5pl comd 2i/c CM IO 15 inf bde
 57/60 inf bn 58/59 inf bn 15 fd amb D coy PIB

originator's No

GO 199 (.) SECRET (.) op instr 8/45 (.) ref map 1/25000
 series (.) INFM (.) enemy as per sitrep (.) own tps 57/60 inf bn
 has coys at 985438 and 994434 remdr bn vic juic 997447 (.) 58 inf
 bn occupying general area vic BUIN Rd SOUTH OF TOHU (.) INTENTION
 (.) one (.) C coy will occupy def posn astride track at/crossing
 984423 (.) two (.) A coy will relieve B coy 58/59 inf bn and occupy
 def posn 963407 (.) METHOD (.) summary (.) one (.) C coy with
 under comd one sub sec MMG arty FOO will move R and O gps with
 protective pl followed one hour later by main body with boyline
 (.) route (.) rds BUIN - HAMER to B Coy area then SE along track
 to objective (.) start times (.) R and O gps 020700L main body
 020800L (.) two (.) A coy with under comd one sub sec 2pl two sub
 secs 4 pl and in sp one tp tks will move R and O gps followed by
 main body with tks (.) route (.) along BUIN Rd (.) start time (.)
 R and O gps 020800L (.) move of main body to be advised no move
 before 021030L (.) action both coys on objective (.) consolidation
 protective patrols weapon pits fire lanes wire clearing outside
 wire sleeping bays (.) inf weapons (.) MMG (.) one sub sec at
 present bn HQ move with C Coy (.) mor (.) two dets at present
 under comd C coy move B coy morning 2 JUN (.) bty at present
 A Coy area remain present location (.) TK/A (.) sec at present
 under comd C coy move to and come under comd A coy as from 020830L
 (.) pl HQ move bn HQ (.) sp arms (.) arty FOO at present att B coy
 move with C coy pinpoint posn by fire on occupation (.) protective
 patrols (.) B coy provide boyline escort str 1 NCO B ptes (.)
 patrol str one sec patrol track B coy to objective during day (.)

track from B coy to C coy to be accurately traversed (.) ADM (.)
med amn tools (.) normal (.) sups (.) C Coy carry/^{one}day FOR one
emergency unexpended portion days ration on man one day FOR three
days SWP by boyline balance stored B ech area (.) A coy sups norm-
al (.) eqpt (.) C coy battle order remdr personal gear securely
labelled stored B ech (.) A coy marching order (.) wire (.) C coy
move 30 coils by boy line remdr stores B ech A coy normal (.)
tpt (.) C coy (.) TO arrange tpt stores present area to B coy and
B ech as required (.)twojeeps with trailers report A Coy 021000L
for tn stores (.) TO arrange jeeps to move TK/A guns (.) natives
(.) boyline lift/^{one}load present C coy posn carry through to object-
ive then ferry stores from B coy (.) INTERCOMN (.) bn HQ remains
present area (.) L/T (.) direct lines both coys will be laid from
exchange (.) C coy lay alternate line to B coy A coy lay alternate
line 58/59 inf bn switch (.) W/T (.) one 208 set accompany each
R and O gp control set Bn HQ (.) A coy alt W/T link through tks
(.) success (.) by all available means (.) ack all infm

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MESSAGE FORM

Wan Dean

FROM

24 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

Date - Time of Origin
022100L

For action

D Coy A Coy B Coy HQ Coy Sig O TO 3 Pl 5 Pl QM

For Information

C Coy 15 Inf Bde 58/59 Inf Bn 57/60 Inf Bn D Coy PIB
2 Fd Regt (Arty LC) 2/4 Arm'd Regt 15 Fd Amb 2 Pl
Comd 2 i/c RMO IO

Originators No "G0 206 (7) SECRET. (.) Op instr 9/45 (.) ref map.)
1/25000 series (.) INFM (.) enemy (.) area clear of large bodies
ambush parties snipers possible along BUIN Rd (.) own tps (.) 24
Inf Bn (.) A Coy now 963408 C Coy now 979418 (.) 58/59 Inf Bn (.)
HQ 961410 A Coy 968399 B Coy 973394 C Coy less one pl plus one pl
D Coy 976396 one pl 971407 D Coy less one pl 976392 (.) INTENTION(..
D Coy will occupy def posn off BUIN Rd at 968398 (.) METHOD (.)
summary (.) Coy move in two gps via Rds HAMMER - BUIN to objective
(.) one (.) R and O gps plus protective pl (.) two (.) main body
(.) start times (.) R and O gps as determined by Coy Comd to allow
occupation of posn NOT later than 030700L (.) main body 030600L (.)
rear party with stores NOT later than 030830L (.) action on objec-
tive (.) one (.) occupy def posn off but covering BUIN Rd (.) two
(.) keep BUIN Rd open to rear Coy 58/59 Inf Bn by continuous recce
patrols (.) three (.) patrols each one sec str patrol 800 yds NORTH
800 yds NE of Coy destroy scattered enemy parties (.) four (.)
patrol sec str patrol EAST from Coy to TOMOI RIVER then along River
to D Coy 58/59 Inf Bn (.) five (.) recce BUIN ROAD fwd to B Coy
58/59 Inf Bn and repair to make tankable (.) all patrols commence
immediately on occupation (.) all enemy gear found will be salvaged
(.) protective patrols (.) one (.) A Coy provide continuous contact
patrol str one sec to keep Rd open to D Coy (.) two (.) B Coy
provide continuous contact patrol str one sec to keep rd clear to
A Coy (.) C Coy patrol and keep tr clear to B Coy (.) rd constr (.)
A Coy responsible for constr repair BUIN ROAD fwd to D Coy (.) 20
men plus one sec pns with protective party commence 030830L (.)
B Coy responsible for constr repair BUIN ROAD from B ech to A Coy (.)
15 men with protective party commence 030830L (.) D Coy responsible

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constr repair BUIN RD fwd to rear Coy 58/59 Inf Bn (.) all availab.
men plus two secs pns with protective party commence when occup-
ation of posn completed (.) Lt HEALY OC of all rd parties and will
detail priority tasks report OC D Coy 030830L (.) inf weapons and
sp arms (.) mortar F00 will accompany main body (.) ADM (.) med
amn sups tools (.) normal (.) eqpt (.) first gp battle order (.)
main body (.) marching order (.) tpt (.) TO provide 3 jeeps with
trailers report D Coy as arranged to tpt stores fwd then ferry
stores now held A Coy area to new location (.) INTERCOMN (.)bn HQ
remain present location (.) L/T (.) Sig O lay direct line from
exchange to Coy (.) on occupation lay alt line through A Coy to
58/59 Inf Bn (.) lay alt line fwd to rear Coy 58/59 Inf Bn (.)
W/T (.) 208 W/T set move with R and O gp control set bn HQ (.)
success (.) report by all available means (.) ack all infm

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Capt

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MESSAGE FORM

FROM 24 inf bn Date-time of origin 032230L

TO C coy B coy for action TO SigO RMO 2 fd regt 2i/c

for information
A coy D coy HQ coy 2pl 3pl 4pl 5pl comd
IO QM 15 inf bde 58/59 inf bn 57/60
inf bn 2/4 armd regt D coy PIB

Originator's No.

GO 212 (.) SECRET (.) op instr 10/45 (.) ref map 1/25000 series (.) INFM (.) enemy (.) party str estimated 40 dug in 005418 on 3 jun (.) no other specific posns known (.) no enemy parties encountered WEST of COMMANDO rd have been over 40 strong (.) small ambush parties snipers booby traps and minefields may be expected (.) own tps (.) 24 inf bn A coy now 963408 B coy 975428 C coy now 979418 D coy now 969339 (.) 58/59 inf bn as at 031930L Bn HQ 974395 A coy 985386 B coy 979389 C coy 976396 C coy rear 983393 D coy 975392 (.) 57/60 inf bn HQ 994448 A coy 998434 B coy 003416 C coy 999433 D coy 996445 (.) INTENTION (.) one pl C coy will occupy def posn track junc 998402 with a view to coy occupation (.) METHOD (.) one pl with arty FOO native guides and carriers will move to track junc (.) remdr of coy on one hrs notice to move from 040630L (.) route (.) shortest possible route decided by pl comd (.) start time (.) 040630L (.) task (.) one (.) est patrol base and destroy any enemy parties moving NE or SW along track system and main road incl (.) two (.) patrol SOUTH towards junc BUIN MAMAGOTA rds (.) three (.) patrol NE to rd junc 006414 (.) four (.) capture PW (.) protective patrol (.) B coy will provide protective patrol and escort for carrier line to C coy leaving B coy 040630L (.) ADM (.) med (.) two SBs will accompany patrol native carriers will be available as SBs (.) am (.) carried on man Fl (.) res carried by natives one box SAA one box QSMG two boxes grenades six 2 inch mortar bombs (.) sups (.)

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on the man (.) unexpended portion of days ration twodays FOR one
emergency (.) eqpt (.) battle order (.) wire (.) five coils (.)
cooking eqpt (.) one cook with sufficient eqpt for hot meals (.)
wire and eqpt to be carried by natives (.) tpt (.) TO will arrange
tpt to move natives and sig gear to B coy to arrive there by
040530L (.) natives (.) escort from B ech will report QM 58/59
inf bn 040445L collect two UNANI kanaka guides and return with
ANGAU will deliver 34 natives to B ech at 040500L (.)
them to B ech at 040500L (.) B ech will provide escort and tpt
all natives by MT to B coy to arrive there NOT later than 040530L
(.) INTERCOMN (.) Bn HQ remains present location (.) N/T (.) one
208 will accompany patrol and on arrival at objective will est
communications through control set 24 inf bn or 57/60 inf bn or
58/59 inf bn (.) L/T (.) will be laid by patrol from C coy pres-
ent posn (.) if natives NOT arrived at time patrol due to leave
cable will be laid by C coy personnel (.) natives on arrival
will be escorted fwd by C coy personnel to patrol (.) success (.)
by all available means (.) ack all infm

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FROM (A) 84 inf bn <i>For Action</i> C coy B coy TO 21/c	Originator Date—Time of Origin 042130L	Office Date Stamp Message Instructions GR
TO (w) For Information (INFO.)		

ORIGINATOR'S No.

00217 (.) SECRET (.) ref my 00214 (.) amended as follows (.) now
 re (.) INTENTION REARRANGE (.) (BITO) C coy will occupy def posn (LLLZDI)
 999402 with a view to occupying def posn at (DDFTLA) 001398 (.)
 METHOD (.) summary (.) one (.) 13 pl set ambush vic (DDFTLA) 001398
 first light 5 jun (.) two (.) pl comd recee coy area (.) three (.)
 coy with under comd one sec 2pl and native carrier line follow
 sig cable to (LLLZDI) 999402 (.) four (.) occupy def coy def posn x
 vic (DDFTLA) 001398 (.) start time (.) (DGDETD) 050630L (.) action
 on objective (.) one (?) consolidation (.) two (.) on completion
 occupation patrol SOUTH to contact B coy (STALLION) 58/59 inf bn
 and NORTH to contact B coy (REINDEER) 57/60 inf bn (.) three (.)
 set ambush main rd MAMAGOTA-TAITAI (.) four (.) recee and mark suitable
 able DZ (.) five (.) capture PW (.) ADM (.) tpt (.) now reads (.)
 80 natives report B ech 050515L will be escorted to (GAMO) B coy
 by ~~DGDEDD~~ 050600L report (BITO) C coy by ~~DGDETD~~ 050630L with (GAMO) B coy escort
 (.) protective escort one pl from (GAMO) B coy (.) ack all infm

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MESSAGE FORM

FROM

24 inf bn

Date-time of origin
042130L

TO

for action

C coy B coy SigO TO RMO 2i/c

for information

A coy D coy HQ coy 2pl 3pl 4pl 5pl comd

IO 2 fd regt(arty LO) 15 inf bde D coy PIB

58/59 inf bn 57/60 inf bn 2/4 armd regt

Originator's No

GO 218

(.) SECRET (.) op instr 11/45 (.) this amends op
instr 11/45 previously issued by signal (.) INFM (.) enemy (.) no
enemy posns have been observed along route of adv but enemy patrol
of up to str one pl are considered possible (.) enemy known posns
(.) one (.) 005419 str 40 (.) two (.) 976398 str 40 (.) natives
report high ranking jap offr at UNANAI 996396 (.) own tps (.) 24
inf bn 13 pl now est at 999402 (.) 57/60 inf bn Hq 993447 A coy
less 9 pl 001431 9 pl en route KAPARA 017427 B coy 002417 C coy
003427 en route down COMMANDO rd D coy less 18pl 997444 13 pl
997434 (.) 58/59 inf bn A coy 983387 B coy 989386 C coy less
one pl 986393 one pl 976396 D coy 989380 (.) INTENTION (.) C coy
will occupy def posn 999402 with a view to occupying def posn at
001398 (.) METHOD (.) summary (.) one (.) 13 pl set ambush vic
001398 first light 5 jun (.) two (.) pl comd recce coy area (.)
three (.) coy with under comd one sec 2pl and native carrier line
follow sig cable to 999402 (.) four (.) occupy coy def posn vic
001398 (.) start time (.) 050630L (.) action on objective (.) one
(.) consolidation (.) two (.) on completion occupation patrol SOUTH
to contact B coy 58/59 inf bn and NORTH to contact B coy 57/60 inf
bn (.) three (.) set ambush main rd MAMAGOTA-TAITAI (.) four (.)
recce and mark suitable DZ (.) five (.) capture PW (.) inf weapons
(.) one sec MMG move with coy (.) arty (.) FOO at present with 13pl
(.) protective patrols (.) as directed by coy comd (.)

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ADM (.) med amn sups (.) all stores at present in coy will be
tptd fwd by native carrier line in priorities as laid down by
coy comd (.) eqpt (.) battle order (.) surplus eqpt will be
carried back to B coy for tn to B ech (.) tpt (.) 80 natives
report B ech 050515L will be escorted to B coy by 050600L re-
port C Coy by 050630L with B coy escort (.) protective escort
one pl from B coy (.) INTERCOMN (.) Bn HQ remains present loc-
ation (.) L/T W/T as at present in operation (.) success by all
available means (.) ack all infm

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FROM
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05 1230 L

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For Action

FOXO GANO DUDI CUMO LION SIG O TO

RMO IO RSM arty LO comd E1/c

TO

Chaplain McCosker

(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions

GR

BITO B ech

ORIGINATOR'S No.

GO 122 (.) CONFIDENTIAL (.) warning order (.) Bn less (BITO) ~~XXXX~~

All probably move general area BUIH rd SOUTH of HUNAI to NAMAGOTA
 track junction (.) probable disposns (LION) Bn HQ (LAIAR) ~~XXXX~~ (.)
 (FOXO) ~~XXXX~~ (LALTAF) ~~XXXX~~ (.) (GANO) ~~XXXX~~ (LATEAE) ~~XXXX~~ (.)
 (DUDI) ~~XXXX~~ less one pl (LEATLL) ~~XXXX~~ (.) one pl (DUDI) ~~XXXX~~ (LRG
 TLR) ~~XXXX~~ (.) (GANO) ~~XXXX~~ commence move forthwith remdr no before
 (DEGDD) ~~XXXX~~ (.) allocation of sp arms will be advised (.) tpt
 will be advised (.) sig O prepare comms forthwith (.) (BITO) ~~XXXX~~
 role unchanged (.) date of move B ech will be advised (.) ack all infm

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W. D. Smith
Capi

Signed

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MESSAGE FORM

FROM

24 inf bn

Date-time of origin

052130L

for action

TO A coy 10pl C coy D coy HQ coy 1pl 2pl 3pl 4pl
5pl SigO RMO TO 2 fd regt 2/4 armd regt

for information

B coy comd 21/e IO ~~ON~~ 15 inf bde 57/60 inf bn
58/59 inf bn D coy PIB 15 fd amb

Originator's No.

GO 224 (.) SECRET (.) 00 14/45 (.) INFM (.) enemy (.) 30
enemy reported 975388 5 jun (.) enemy unknown str 003402 (.) sus-
pected prime mover 989377 (.) jeep train ambushed 5 jun 968398 by
estimated 5 enemy (.) parties up to 40 possibly in general area of
proposed ops (.) own tps (.) 24 inf bn B coy less 10 pl now 981387
10pl 975429 otherwise unchanged from op instr 11/45 (.) 57/60 inf
bn B coy less 12pl now 004410 12 pl 001414 (.) 58/59 inf bn Bn HQ
now 973393 B coy now 992387 otherwise unchanged from op instr 11/
45 (.) INTENTION (.) one (.) A coy will relieve D coy 58/59 inf bn
at 989381 (.) two (.) C coy will occupy def posn vic 000397 (.)
METHOD (.) summary (.) one (.) A coy with in sp bty four mers
one tp tks will move via BUIN rd to objective one pl occupying
posn by 060630L remdr of coy less tks leave present posn 060600L
(.) tks with escort one sec str leave present posn 061230L (.)
action on objective (.) consolidation (.) contact patrol to B coy
58/59 inf bn (.) patrol 1000 yds SOUTH (.) lay alt sig line as
directed (.) two (.) C coy with under comd one sec MMG arty FOO
attached will recee to 000397 and occupy def posn astride rd MAMO
GATA - TAITAI (.) action on objective (.) as in op instr 11/45 (.)
three (.) 10pl B coy at present 975429 will move via rds HAMMER-
BUIN to present coy posn 983387 no move before boy line passes
through to C coy (.) four (.) one pl D coy be prepared to relieve
pl C coy 58/59 inf bn 975396 when required (.) five (.) adv work-
ing party will prepare Bn HQ vic 982388 for occupation 7 jun (.)
inf weapons (.) MMG allotment unchanged (.) mers (.) one bty four
dets move with A coy two dets at present 975429 revert to under
comd HQ coy (.) pns (.) one sec rd constr under comd Lt HEALY

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two secs plus HQ pers prepare proposed Bn HQ site (.) arty (.) unchanged (.) tks (.) tp at A coy will leave present posn 061230L with escort 1 NCO 8 ptes supplied by A coy and move direct to new coy posn (.) protective patrols (.) one (.) C coy despatch contact patrol at 060700L along sig wire contact carrier line and guide into coy posn (.) two (.) sec patrol instr issued separately (.) ADM (.) med amn sups and tools (.) normal (.) native carrier line will tpt remdr C coy amn and sups fwd from 975429 (.) eqpt (.) A coy marching order (.) two C coy as directed by coy comd (.) tpt (.) no vehs will move SOUTH of TOMOI R before 061200L (.) allotment of vehs as directed by TO for tn of stores and eqpt to A and B coys (.) native carriers (.) 35 carriers plus 16 stretcher bearers leave B ech 060600L escorted by B ech pers move via HAMMER rd to 10pl thence follow cable to C coy meeting C coy contact patrol en route (.) all C coy stores will be moved into coy posn 6 jun (.) natives will back load remaining B coy stores to B ech as available (.) 16 stretcher bearers with 4 days native rations will remain C coy (.) C coy will indent for native rations by 7 jun (.) INTERCOMN (.) Bn HQ unchanged (.) L/T (.) A coy will lay L/T with adv (.) C coy will lay line to new posn (.) sigs will lay lateral line from A coy to B coy 58/59 inf bn as soon as A coy in posn (.) W/T (.) 208 sets will be carried by A coy and D coy used as alt means comn (.) success by all available means (.) ack all infm

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MESSAGE FORM

From

24 inf bn

Date-Time of Origin

102200L

To

D coy HQ coy TO SigO PMO 2pl 3pl 4pl

for information

A coy B coy C coy 15 inf bde 57/60 inf bn 58/59 inf bn

D coy PIB 2 fd regt 2/4 armd regt comd 21/c QI

Originator's No

G0238 (.) SECRET (.) op instr 12/45 (.) ref map 1/25000 series

(.) INFM (.) as per sitrep (.) INTENTION (.) one (.) one pl D coy
 24 inf bn will move to and occupy def posn at present held by A coy
 58/59 inf bn at 997381 (.) two (.) remdr of coy remain one one hrs
 to relieve C coy 58/59 inf bn at 996392 (.) METHOD (.) summary (.)
 one (.) one strong pl with under comd one sub sec MMG one sub sec t
 tkA mortar FOO move via BUIN rd MAMAGOTA junc to posn (.) two (.)
 remdr coy plus one sub sec tkA pl prepare to move (.) no move before
 110800L (.) coy and pl comd contact comd A coy 58/59 inf bn at
 110800L and conduct recce (.) start time for pl 110800L (.) time of
 occupation 110845L (.) inf weapons (.) MMG (.) one sub sec at pres-
 ent B coy join pl at coy posn (.) mortars (.) bty A coy remains
 present posn in sp (.) mortar FOO at present with D coy move with
 pl (.) tkA (.) one sub sec at present D coy move with pl (.) one sub
 sec stand by to move with remdr of coy (.) ADM (.) med (.) one CAP
 orderly accompany pl (.) amn (.) on man Fl ech res by MT (.) tools
 (.) normal (.) eqpt (.) battle order remdr personal gear securely
 tied and labelled by MT as directed by TO (.) cooking (.) one cook
 with necessary cooking eqpt move by MT (.) tpt (.) jeep and trailer
 at present bn HQ report D coy 110745L to ferry stores fwd (.) hyg-
 iene and camp layout (.) coy comd will conduct daily inspection of
 area (.) adm for remdr of coy to be advised (.) INTERCOMM (.) bn HQ
 remains present posn (.) L/T (.) direct line from unit exchange (.)
 alternate line via A coy (.) W/T (.) nil (.) success (.) by L/T on
 occupation (.) ack all infm

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MESSAGE FORM

FROM

Date-Time of Origin
132230L

24 inf bn

TO

for action

B coy A coy HQ coy 2/4 armd regt 2 fd regt 15 fd coy
1pl 5pl FMO

for information

C coy D coy 2pl 3pl 4pl 57/60 inf bn 58/59 inf bn
D coy PIB 15 fd amb 15 inf bde comd 21/c QM TC IO

Originator's No

G0250 (,) SECRET (.) op instr 13/45 (.) ref map 1/25000 series
(.) INFM (.) enemy (.) no indication of enemy withdrawing from HARI
river line (.) disposns as per sitreps (.) own tps (.)
58/59 inf bn (.) HQ : 013390 A and C Coys (PIKE FORCE) plus
two tp tks 017371 B coy plus one tp tks : 998383
D coy plus one tp tks : 009381 (.) 57/60 inf bn
(.) rear HQ and D coy : 005413 adv HQ A B and C coys
057367 ATKINSON FORCE : 111408 SCOTT FORCE plus one tp tks
(.) 042426 (.) 24 inf bn (.) no change from previous
infm (.) INTENTION (.) ROBFORCE will seize and hold BUIN rd vic
(.) 001380 with a view to clearing the HARI river ford (.)
METHOD (.) summary (.) ROBFORCE comprising two pls B coy
with under comd one sec pns in sp one tp tks one sec engr with
dozer arty FOO attached will move in two bounds across HARI river
vic PERERU river junc then advance NORTH and cut BUIN rd (.)
assembly area and start line (.) MAMAGOTA rd vic A coy 989381 (.)
11 hr 140730L (.) route (.) SOUTH along MAMAGOTA rd to tk crossing
of HARI river follow GRALLAMS track to garden 998377 thence NORTH to
BUIN rd (.) rate of adv (.) as determined by coy comd (.) bounds (.)
RED BOUND (.) garden 998377 (.) BLUE BOUND (.) rd at 001380 (.)
tasks (.) one (.) clear area to RED bound there await instrs to
clear to BLUE bound (.) two (.) clear area of enemy NORTH to and
secure rd (.) three (.) clear HARI ford area at 999381 (.) action
on objective (.) consolidate with view to occupation by full coy
local protective patrols weapon pits fire lanes wiring clearing
outside wire sleeping bays (.) inf weapons (.) mortar bty at A coy
on call as required (.) arty (.) up to two regts on call for

approved targets (.) tks (.) one tp at present A coy move with
ROBFORCE remain in posn on occupation of objective (.) pns (.)
one sec report assembly area 140715L then come under comd ROBFORCE
(.) engr (.) one sec with bulldozer report assembly area 140715L
then come in sp ROBFORCE for engr assistance dozing bomb disposal
(.) patrols (.) A coy C coy patrols operating SOUTH of BUIN rd in
area EAST of HARI river WEST to vic FUSEI (.) escorts (.) 1 NCO
6 ptes A coy on call to escort native stretcher bearers (.) ADM (.)
med (.) RAP present location (.) two SBs accompany force (.) 8 nat-
ive bearers report A coy 140800L (.) evacuation route (.) reverse
of route in (.) RMO to be advised by L/T or W/T of evacuations to
permit mov of natives fwd to meet cas (.) amm (.) on the man Fl I.)
res on tks as decided by coy comd (.) sups (.) on the man one day
FOR one emergency (.) on tks two days FOR (.) tools normal (.)
wire (.) 30 coils carried on tks (.) eqpt (.) battle order (.) tpt
(.) one jeep report sig O 140530L to tpt cable sigs to A coy two
jeeps report B coy 140645L to tpt wire amm sups to A coy (.) tpt
to ferry remdr coy stores fwd on clearance BUIN rd available as
required (.) INTERCOMN (.) by HQ present location (.) W/T (.) one
(.) by tks to number 11 set at bn HQ (.) two (.) by tks to 2/4
and regt HQ thence by line to bn HQ (.) L/T (.) cable will be laid
from A coy as force advances (.) completion of bounds will be re-
ported immediately by L/T (.) line available to arty FOO (.) alt-
ernative line to 17 pl D coy will be laid when ordered (.) allot-
ment of sigs (.) 24 inf bn four 2 fd regt two (.) success (.) by
W/T and L/T (.) synchronisation (.) by sig O 140500L and 140700L
(.) ack all infm

ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS

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MESSAGE FORM

Register No.

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FROM (A) 24 inf bn Originator Date—Time of Origin 142100L	Office Date Stamp Message Instructions GR
For Action	
TO HQ A B D coys 1 2 3 4 pls OM TO (w) For Information (INFO.) C coy RMO comd 21/c IO 15 inf bde 58/59 inf bn 2 fd regt 2/4 armd regt	

ORIGINATOR'S No.

GO 253 (.) SECRET (.) WARNING ORDER (.) INFM as per SITREP (.)

24 inf bn responsibility as from am 16 jun will be MAMAGOTA JUNG
 incl TAI TAI junc-AMIO (.) on clearance HUIIN rd WEST from HARI 2
 to B coy 58/59 inf bn at 998383 24 inf bn will take over respons-
 ibility of HUIIN Rd from HARI 2 incl WEST (.) INTENTION (.) bn will
 probably regroup as follows (.) one (.) bn HQ plus one sub sec MMG
 four dets mors one sec tka one tp tks arty LO est vic TAITAI junc
 (.) recce party select site prepare clearing am 15 jun (.) A coy (.)
 on four hrs notice from 150400L to occupy def posns 007376 (.) B coy
 less ROBFORCE plus one sub sec MMG two dets mors will move 150830L t
 005414 prepare coy posn (.) MF allotment 3 jeeps with trailers (.)
 B coy pers with ROBFORCE move new area on return 15 jun (.) C coy.
 unchanged (.) D coy plus one sub sec MMG one sub sec tka two dets
 mors be prepared occupy def posn astride HUIIN rd on high ground EAST
 side of HARI river at 000381 (.) no move before 150830L (.) R gp mov
 when ordered (.) adm normal 3 jeeps with trailers allotted 8 natives
 allotted to tpt 17 pl stores direct (.) B ech recce party select sit
 vic and rear of new bn HQ 15 jun (.) ack all infm

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Originator's Instructions
 Degree of Priority

Signed

Signed *Reynolds*
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Time	System	Op
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MESSAGE FORM

FROM 24 inf bn
 TO A coy HQ coy 2/4 armd regt 1 2 3 4 pls 21/c
 QM TO 2 fd regt RMO
 for action
 for information
 B C D coys D coy PIB 15 inf bde 58/59 inf bn
 57/60 inf bn 15 fd amb comd IO

Originator's No
 GO 258 (.) SECRET (.) op instr 14/45 (.) INFM (.) enemy (.)
 isolated parties believed still operating in general area MARI -
 OGORATA rivers (.) own tps (.) 58/59 inf bn have cleared BUIN rd
 to incl OGORATA river (.) 57/60 inf bn HQ A B C coys via 053368
 (.) INTENTION (.) one (.) bn HQ will be est 997386 (.) two (.)
 A coy 24 inf bn will occupy def posn 011374 (.) METHOD (.) one (.)
 bn HQ with under comd one sub sec MIG four dets mortar one sec tka
 in sp one tp tks arty FOO move via LAMAGOTA - TAI TAI juncs to area
 as previously arranged (.) two (.) A coy will move across country
 to MARI ford thence by BUIN rd to objective (.) start times (.)
 R go with protective party leave coy HQ 160730L (.) main body
 160815L (.) time of occupation (.) complete force to be in posn
 161200L (.) action on objective (.) consolidation local protective
 patrols complete occupation (.) inf weapons (.) two dets mortar
 attached to move at time to be advised (.) tks (.) tp at present
 in sp A coy move to and come in sp bn HQ by 161000L (.) ADM (.)
 med (.) RAP will be est bn HQ by 160930L (.) amn (.) present bn
 HQ amn dump move in priorities as ordered (.) A coy normal (.) tpt
 (.) five jeeps with trailers leave bn HQ 160830L for new bn HQ two
 jeeps with trailers then report A coy by 160730L for attachment
 until all stores tptd (.) three ASC jeeps with trailers available
 general duties and mortar stores as required (.) all other adm
 normal (.) INTERCOMN (.) bn HQ closes present site re-opens 997386
 160800L (.) 15 inf bn take over switchboard present site 160800L (.)
 L/T (.) sig 0 provide direct and alternate comms to all coys 58/59
 inf bn 15 inf bn (.) W/T (.) no ll set move with bn HQ (.) 208
 control set move as directed by sig 0 (.) success (.) notify immed-
 iately on objective (.) synchronisation by L/T 160600L (.) ack all
 infm

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MESSAGE FORM

FROM

Date-Time of Origin

24 inf bn

161615L

TO

for action

B coy QM TO sigO 2 fd regt 2/4 armd regt 2 3 pls

for information

HQ A C D coys D coy PIB 15 inf bde 57/60 inf bn

58/59 inf bn 15 inf bn 15 fd amb ANGAU comd

21/c IO RMO

Originator's No.

GO 259 (.) SECRET (.) op instr 15/45 (.) INFM (.) enemy (.) enemy harassing parties with a total str approx 150 have been operating in the area MIVO RIVER - KINGORI (.) latest reports state these forces have moved NE (.) own (.) 10pl PIB 052427 (.) INTENTION (.) ROBFORCE will est base at KINGORI 051430 and patrol vigorously to NORTH NE and EAST (.) METHOD (.) summary (.) B coy 24 inf bn with in sp 4 tp A sqn 2/4 armd regt one sec 15 fd coy with dozer team 2 fd regt FOO attached 16 stretcher bearer natives will move by MT via MORI river track (.) assembly area (.) present B coy posn 998397 all attached tps report by 161600L (.) 11 hr (.) 170630L (.) inf weapons (.) sub sec MMG two dets mortar revert from under comd B coy and come undercomd A coy 16 jun (.) arty (.) FOO accompany force with call on up to two regts for approved tasks FOO will spot posn by regn fire (.) tks (.) 4 tp A sqn 2/4 armd regt come in sp ROBFORCE 161600L (.) guides (.) 11 pl patrol at present operating KAPARA - KINGORI area despatch 2 guides first light to contact force guide to patrol posn where 11 pl reverts to under comd (.) ADM (.) med amn (.) normal (.) sups (.) european 6 days rations will be tptd on tks replenishments then every second day (.) native rations 6 days carried by natives then replenish every second day (.) eqpt (.) battle order remdr personal gear return bn HQ for tti to B ech (.) tpt (.) five jeeps with trailers

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report B coy before 170600L to tpt pers and stores (.) signposts
(.) force will adequately signpost tracks and base (.) INTERCOMM
(.) bn HQ 998387 (.) W/T (.) one (.) one 108 set move with force
108 set at present with 11pl remain with force (.) two (.) tk W/A
via HQ 2/4 armd regt as main W/T link (.) L/T (.) line will be
laid by force from bn HQ to base (.) 4 sigs move with force (.)
pigeons (.) 8 birds will be delivered B coy 16 jun (.) SDS (.)
Sig O arrange programme (.) ack all infm

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MESSAGE FORM

FROM

24 inf bn

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192130L

TO

for action

A D coys A sqn 2/4 armd regt 15 fd coy RMC IO lpl

for information

C B HQ coys D coy PIB comd 21/c 57/60 inf bn

58/59 inf bn 15 inf bde 15 inf bn 2 fd regt

ANGAU det OGORATA

Originator's No

CO 269 (.) SECRET (.) op instr 17/45 (.) INFM (.) as per
 SITREP (.) INTENTION (.) one pl B coy 24 inf bn will est patrol
 base at garden vic 073375 (.) METHOD (.) summary (.) 16 pl plus
 tk offr engr offr 46 natives incl 8 SBs will move direct to base
 and carry out following tasks (.) one (.) recce suitable route
 tks and jeeps from D coy to base lay line mark route (.) two (.)
 on arrival recce area EAST WEST banks MOBIAT river 600 yds NORTH
 and SOUTH for suitable tk and jeep xing (.) three (.) recce re-
 ported track from 075375 NE to GUALAM FORCE at KATSUWA 094406
 for suitable L of C (.) four (.) recce tracks 075375 SE to 087360
 then across country EAST to KILLENS track via 103560 with a view
 to coy occupation (.) five (.) recce KILLENS track 1000 yds NORTH
 and SOUTH (.) six (.) recce EAST WEST banks MIVO river for tank-
 ability fordings and xings (.) seven (.) recce possible DZ vic
 base (.) patrol instrs will be issued separately (.) start time
 200800L (.) sp arms (.) up to two btys arty available for approv-
 ed targets (.) engr offr and tk offr will report OC D coy 200730L
 to accompany patrol (.) IO will report D coy 200730L to brief
 patrol (.) ADM (.) med (.) one SB will accompany patrol (.) sups
 (.) on man one emergency ration and unexpended portion of days
 ration Fl amm (.) with boy line two days SWP two days FOR six
 coils wire one box 9mm one box 303 two boxes grenades three
 miles cable (.) natives and escorts (.) two secs A coy will
 collect 46 natives incl 8 SBs from ANGAU at 200730L report to

D coy escort natives to base and escort 38 natives back to
ANGAU (.) 8 native SBs carry 5 days native rations remain with
patrol (.) INTERCOMN (.) bn HQ remains present posn (.) one
208 set with pl (.) L/T will be laid (.) on arrival at base ad-
vise this HQ by all available means (.) ack all infm

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MESSAGE FORM

FROM

24 inf bn

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192030L

TO

for action

A B C D coys

for information

HQ coy D coy PIB 57/60 inf bn 58/59 inf bn 15 inf bde
2 fd regt comd 21/c OM TO IO

Originator's No

GO 268 (.) SECRET (.) ref op instr 15/45 my GO 264 and 256
refer (.) additional instra (.) one (.) ATKINSON FORCE has been
ordered by 15 inf bde to send strong party KATSUWA 094406 there
contact GRAHAM FORCE and assist in occupation post (.) capt
GRAHAM will comd ATKINSON FORCE take over all stores extra arm
and use ATKINSON FORCE as desired obtain all infn available of
ASTILLS Xing MUSARAKA 107401 (.) when hand over completed and
all infn gained ATKINSON FORCE will move back to under comd
57/60 inf bn via reported track SW from KATSUWA through D coy
patrol base 073375 to D coy thence via BARRETT rd to unit (.)
two (.) ROIFORCE will provide protective patrols as ordered to
clear track to and secure MOBIAI Xing 064425 KOROKO Xing 076419
prior to move GRAHAM FORCE to KATSUWA 20 JUN (.) after crossing
KOROKO River GRAHAM FORCE responsible own protection ROIFORCE
patrol return KINGORI (.) 8 native SBs remain with GRAHAM FORCE
(.) three (.) 15pl C coy will move via BARRETT rd to KINGORI
with jeep train leaving D Coy 200300L stage night 20/21 JUN with
B coy join GRAHAM FORCE 21 JUN at KATSUWA (.) ack all infn

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MESSAGE FORM

FROM

24 inf bn

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for action

TO

A B D HQ coys 1 2 3 4 pls A sqn 2/4 armd regt 2i/c
QM TO arty LO

for information

C coy D coy PIB 15 inf bde 57/60 inf bn 58/59 inf bn
2 fd regt 15 fd amb 15 fd coy comd RMO IO

Originator's No

GO 273 (.) SECRET (.) op instr 18/45 (.) INFM (.) enemy in oc-
cupation general area MOBIAI River eastward (.) own tps (.) G coy
now in posn vic KATSUWA other disposns unchanged (.) INTENTION (.)
one (.) A coy will occupy def posn at present LAWN base 069381 (.)
two (.) one pl B coy plus one tp tks occupy present D coy posn
047374 (.) three (.) D coy occupy def posn 063365 (.) METHOD (.)
summary (.) one (.) A coy with under comd one sub sec MMG arty FOO
attached move 230630L via rds BUIN - BARRETT to LAWN patrol base
(.) time of occupation 231000L (.) action on objective (.) patrol
to new D coy posn (.) recce proposed assembly area as per patrol
plan (.) two (.) one pl B coy plus 4 tp A sqn 2/4 armd regt move
via BARRETT road to present D coy posn at 047374 (.) time of occupa-
tion by 231200L (.) action on objective consolidation (.) three
(.) D coy less 16 pl plus one sub sec MMG arty FOO attached move
230730L to LAWN patrol base (.) on arrival at base 16 pl as fight-
ing patrol will clear track to objective also lay line (.) on
arrival of A coy in area remdr of D coy with carrier line move to
new posn (.) action on objective (.) contact patrol to C coy 57/60
inf bn (.) recce proposed assembly area (.) inf weapons (.) MMG (.)
one sub sec allotted each A and D coy (.) sub secs at present under
comd HQ and G Coy remain (.) mortar (.) four dets at present A coy
one det at present D coy move B ech with amn (.) dets G coy HQ coy
remain (.) tka (.) all guns with maintenance pers move B ech remdr

pers concentrate HQ coy (.) arty (.) one FOO and party allotted
each A and D coy as arranged by arty LO (.) FOO with C coy re-
main (.) tks (.) 4 tp A sqn move with B coy pl to old D coy site
there come in sp bn HQ (.) patrols (.) see separate patrol
instr (.) escorts (.) A coy escort own native line (.) tka pl
escort D coy carrier line (.) ADM (.) med (.) normal (.) amm (.)
on the man FL (.) res tptd by natives as directed by bn 21/c (.)
supp (.) on the man unexpended portion days ration one emergency
(.) by natives 5 days SWF 2 days FOR (.) tools normal (.) eqpt
(.) battle order reindr personal gear tptd B coy under direction
QM (.) tpt (.) MF allotted by TO separately (.) 80 natives
allotted as arranged by bn 21/c (.) INTERCOMN (.) bn HQ 045373
(.) W/T (.) one 208 set allotted each A and D coy (.) L/T (.)
A and D coyE will each lay direct line as adv (.) existing line
to LAWN base to become direct C coy line (.) D coy contact
patrol to C coy 57/60 inf bn lay alternate line thas coy (.)
B coy pl on arrival tee in existing B coy line (.) success by
L/T and W/T (.) ack all infm

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FROM

Originator

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(A)

84 inf bn

242245L

For Action

A coy HQ coy 11pl 21/c 4pl 2pl 1pl

TO

(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions

GR

B coy D coy Arty LO

ORIGINATOR'S No.

00 279 (.) SECRET (.) op instr 19/45 (.) info as per sitrep (.)
 INTENTION (.) 11pl will relieve (FOXO) A coy (DELTA) 069331 (.) (FOXO) A coy will move conc area as reced via (BATTE) 083366 (.)
 METHOD (.) 11pl will move direct to (DELTA) 069331 (.) (FOXO) A coy with under comd one sub sec MHC will move direct to new posn (.)
 start time (.) 11pl 250300L (.) (FOXO) A coy 250330L (.) AM (.) sups (.) 11 pl and (FOXO) A coy will carry unexpended portion of days rations and one day FOR (.) 11pl will take over hydro burner in present area (.) (SUNRAY MINOR) 21/c will arrange to ^{six} 2/days SWF one day FOR cooking gear hydro burner fuel and wire (.) boyline will leave 11pl 250/30L (.) 11pl will escort boyline and return (VIPER) bn HQ for night 25/26 jun (.) INTERCOMM (.) 11pl will carry own phone one sig at present with pl will move to posn and return (VIPER) bn HQ night 25/26 jun (.) (FOXO) A coy will carry own phone and tee in on (HUXI) D coy line all ask all info

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Signed *M. Wright*

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FROM (A) 24 inf bn Originator	Date—Time of Origin 261430L	Office Date Stamp
For Action A D HQ coys 1 2 11 pls Arty LO		
TO (w) For Information (INFO.) B coy A sqn 2/4 armd regt 15 fd coy 57/60 inf bn 58/59 inf bn 15 inf bde cond IO	Message Instructions	GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

00 207 (.) SECRET (.) op instr 20/45 (.) IIPH (.) parties enemy
 reported patrolling NORTH of HUIH rd between HODAI and HIVO rivers
 main str reported SOUTH of rd (.) (SHAKE) 57/60 inf bn now moving
 assembly area (NAVERICK) 58/59 inf bn holding HODAI xing (.)
 INTENTION (.) (FOKO) A coy and (HUDI) D coy llpl (SANO) B coy and
 battle HQ (VIPER) 24 inf bn will occupy coy assembly areas at (DLPTOE)
 005353 (.) METHOD (.) summary (.) (HUDI) D coy fighting patrol will
 secure assembly area main body with tp tks and dozer team following
 patrol 15 mins later (.) (FOKO) A coy with tp tks move as a force
 behind (HUDI) D coy (.) battle HQ move from present Bn HQ to assembly
 area protected by llpl from conc area (.) order of march and times (.)
 one (.) fighting patrol 270030L (.) two (.) (HUDI) D coy main body
 270045L (.) three (.) (FOKO) A coy force 270015L (.) four (.) battle
 HQ 270030L (.) sp arms (.) MGs mortar arty FOOs move with main bodies
 (.) tks and dozer teams move with coy main bodies (.) action at
 assembly area (.) protective patrols (.) (FOKO) A coy EAST and SOUTH
 (.) (HUDI) D coy SOUTH and WEST (.) patrol 400 - 500 yds out from coy
 (.) security of force strictly watched all noise kept to absolute
 minimum (.) ADM (.) med amn sups expt as previously ordered (.) tpt
 (.) coy boylines move in rear of coy protected by one

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For Action TO (w) For Information (INFO.) -c8 -	

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pl (.) aka pl supply escorts fwd of conc area to assembly (.) band
 pl supply escorts bn HQ to conc area (.) INTERCOMM (.) battle HQ
 (DLGTOT) 095353 rear bn HQ present location (.) L/T will be laid by
 Bde sigs to Battle HQ (.) unit sigs lay lines battle HQ to coys (.)
 sigO have sufficient cable available to lay fwd to FUP on 28 jun and
 objective 29 jun (.) ack all infm

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Signed

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Army Form W.3008
(Adapted) (Page 1)
(Revised Jan., 1943)

22 / 45 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 2 / 6 / 1945 24 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) (Unit)

W.E. 11 120 3 OFFRS. 33 O.R.'s 769 + OFFRS. 1 O.R.'s 32 ATT. BY W.E.

PART A.—POSTED STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10			
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.							
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.			
-	-	-	1	Lieut.-Colonels								
-	2	-	1	Majors								
-	2	-	6	Captains	AAMC	1	-	-	-			
-	-	2	22	Lieutenants								
-	1	-	-	Quarter-masters								
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.								
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.								
-	5	2	30			1	-	-	-			
		DETAIL	A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL
		A.	31	-								31
		E.(1)										
		E.(2)										

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.
** Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col. Particulars will be shown, e.g., 20 U.K. Forces; 10 N.Z. Forces.

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
NX150794	Lt	Syrett J	X List	21/5/45	8th day at BMS 15 Rd amb

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO 24 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) PARTICULARLY REQUESTED. 2 / 6 / 1945.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).
137626	Lt	Fennell D L	Last known whereabouts 1 A.P.S.C.

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

APPX. "F"

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 2/6/1945 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
T/Lt Col	VX1590	Anderson	A J	CO	Yes		
Major	VX39093	Cronk	W A	2 1/6	"		
Capt	VX112153	Dickie	R M	CO A	"		
"	VX76225	Graham	S O	CO C	"		
"	VX146860	Fuhrman	L H R		NO	X List Hospital	17/5/45
"	VX102660	Iser	T B	2 1/6	Yes		
"	VX43140	Thomas	J C	CO D	"		
"	VX104160	Robinson	B R	OC B	"		
Lt	VX26410	Tillett	S D	Suby	"		
"	VX29094	Barling	D R	9 PL	"		
"	VX57168	Bean	G S	2 1/6B	"		
"	VX101073	Phillips	T	12 PL	NO	MDS 7 FA AMB	29/5/45
"	VX138599	Fletcher	R J O	1 PL	Yes		
(T/Capt)	VX104151	Hunsell	A W O	ADJT	"		
"	VX125732	Strong	H G	10(L)	"		
"	VX101076	Brown	J O	12 PL	NO	MDS 15 FA AMB	26/5/45
"	VX7497	Dent	D G	A/CM	Yes		
"	VX37628	Pownall	D L		NO	X List L&OF	9/2/45
"	VX113767	Broadhead	A H	Asst ADJT	Yes		
"	VX139402	Whitebrook	F O	13 PL	Yes		
"	VX88985	Healy	R G	2 PL	"		
"	VX146907	Fox	F R	3 PL	"		
"	VX1158	Lewis	O STL	TO	"		
"	VX109271	Vade	F W	OCLOP	"		
"	VX150794	Syrett	J	5 PL	NO	X List Hospital	31/5/45
"	VX1300	Canner	F F	1 O	Yes		
"	VX85114	Lawn	B S	16 PL	"		
"	VX23534	MacLean	I		NO	Det to 15 Aust Inf Bde Flamethrower Pl	25/3/45
"	VX104471	Martin	R J W	7 PL	Yes		
"	VX104430	Eaton	N E	8 PL	"		
"	VX106341	Spendlove	N J	14 PL	"		
"	VX70717	Featherby	L O	17 PL	"		
"	VX132	Graham	O A	12 PL	"		
ATTACHED ALLOWED BY ME							
Capt	VX90731	AFem	A J T	RMO	Yes		

PART E.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER UNITS.

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
Chaplain	VX174886	McCosker J F	15 Aust Inf Bde	20/3/45	Chaplain
Mr	B3/354	Stevenson C F	Sal Army	2/5/45	Red Shield Representativ
Capt	VX101542	Chambers S	15 Aust Inf Bn	26/5/45	as observer
"	VX43157	Conran C T	do	26/5/45	do

2/6/45
Date of Despatch

Anderson
Comd 24 Signature of Commander Lt Col

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At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 9/6/1945 24 Aust Inf Bn (Unit)

W.E. 11/220/8 OFFRS. 33 O.R's. 769 + OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 32 ATT. BY W.E.

PART A.—POSTED STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.
-	-	-	1	*					
-	2	-	1	*					
-	8	-	6	Lieut.-Colonels					
-	8	-	6	Majors					
-	1	-	20	Captains	AAMC	1	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	Lieutenants					
-	-	-	-	Quarter-masters					
-	-	-	-	A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.					
-	-	-	-	Civilians Counting as Offrs.					
-	5	-	28			1	-	-	-

DETAIL	A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
A.	39									39
E.(1)										
E.(2)										

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 10 of Instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.
** Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col. Particulars will be shown, e.g., 20 U.K. Forces; 10 N.Z. Forces.

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
11201076	Lt	Brown J C	X List	27/5/45	Moved to 109 CCS
V1113767	"	Broadhead A H	X List	8/6/45	Staff School Sabarlah

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO 24 Aust Inf Bn (Unit) IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED. 9/6/1945

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).
137626	Lt	Forshall D L	Last known whereabouts 1 A.P.S.U.

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 9/6/1945 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
T/Lt Col	WX1590	Anderson	A J	OC	Yes		
Major	VX29092	Crook	W A	2 1/0			
Capt	VX15125	Dickie	R M	OC HQ			
"	EX78225	Graham	S C	OC C			
"	VX102660	Iser	T H	1 1/0			
"	VX43140	Thomas	J U	OC D			
"	VX104160	Robinson	E R	OC E			
Lt	SX26410	Tillett	S D	SUPY			
"	KX64094	Barling	D R	9 PL			
"	NX57168	Keen	J U	OC A			
"	NX101075	Butler	T	OC 10B			
"	VX155599	Fletcher	R J C	1 PL			
" T/Capt	VX104181	Russell	A W C	ADJG			
"	NX128732	Strong	R G	ASSTADJG			
"	QX7427	Dent	D G	A/OC			
"	NX139402	Whitebrook	F C	15 PL			
"	VX28965	Healy	R C	2 PL			
"	NX146907	Fox	F R	3 PL			
"	TX1188	Lewis	O STL	T O			
"	NX109271	Esda	F W	sig O(L)			
"	NX1200	Conner	F P	T O			
"	VX25114	Lean	D H	18 PL			
"	NX22474	McLean	I	10 PL			
"	VX104473	Martin	R J	7 PL			
"	VX104430	Fates	H S	8 PL			
"	VX106341	Spendlove	H J	14 PL			
"	VX70717	Featherby	L O	17 PL			
"	QX132	Graham	G A	12 PL			
Attached allowed by							
Capt	VX90721	Aran	A J T	RMO	Yes		

PART E.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER UNITS.

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
Chaplain	NX174686	McCOSEY J R	15 Aust Inf Bde	20/3/45	Chaplain
RE	35/354	Stevenson G F	Sal Army	2/5/46	Red Shield Representative

9/6/45
Date of Despatch

Anderson Lt Col
Signature of Commander

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 16 6 / 5 24 / 1945 Aust Inf Bn(AIF) (Unit)
 II 126 3 33 769 1 32
 W.E. / / OFFRS. O.R's. + OFFRS. O.R's. ATT. BY W.E.

PART A.—POSTED STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
1	2	3	4		5	6	7	8	9	10
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.
-	-	-	1	*					
-	2	-	1	*					
-	2	-	6	Lieut.-Colonels					
-	-	-	6	Majors	A A M C	1	-	-	-
-	-	1	21	Captains					
-	1	-	-	Lieutenants					
				Quarter-masters					
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.					
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.					
-	5	1	29			1	-	-	-

	DETAIL	AIF	A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 10 of instructions for completion of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).	A.	30										30
	E.(1)											
	E.(2)											

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.
 ** Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col. Particulars will be shown, e.g., 20 U.K. Forces; 10 N.Z. Forces.

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.
VX109130	Lt	LESLIE J B	First Appoint-	7-6-45	Auth AMS5360 of 8 Jun 45
			ment to com-		
			missioned rank		

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO 24 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED. 16 6 / 5 / 1945.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).
QX37826	Lt	POWELL D L	Last known whereabouts 1 APSC

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 16/6/1945 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
T/Lt Col	VX1590	ANDERSON	A J	C O	Yes		
Major	VX39093	CRONK	W A	21/c	"		
Capt	VX112135	DICKIE	R M	OC HQ	"		
"	VX76225	GRAHAM	S C	OC C	"		
"	VX102660	ISER	T M	21/c	"		
"	VX42140	THOMAS	J C	OC D	"		
"	VX104160	ROBINSON	B R	OC B	"		
Lt	SX26410	FILLET	S D		No	MDS 15 Aust Pd Amb	11-6-45
"	VX68094	BARLING	D R	21/ca	Yes		
"	VX57168	EGAN	C J	OC A	"		
"	VX101075	BUTLER	T	OC LOB	"		
"	VX188899	FLETCHER	R J	1 Pl	"		
T/Capt	VX104161	SUNSELL	A W	Asst	"		
"	VX125732	STRONG	H C	Asst Adj	"		
"	OX7497	DENT	D C	1/CM	"		
"	VX130402	WHITEBROOK	B O	15 Pl	"		
"	VX86985	HEALY	R G	2 Pl	"		
"	VX146907	FOX	P R	3 Pl	"		
"	TX1158	LEWIS	C S	T O	"		
"	VX109271	GADE	F W	Sigs (L)	"		
"	VX1300	CONNOR	F P	10	"		
"	VX85114	LANN	B E	16 Pl	"		
"	VX22624	MacLEAN	I	10 Pl	"		
"	VX104471	MARTIN	R J	7 Pl	"		
"	VX104430	FATCH	N B	8 Pl	"		
"	VX108241	SPENDLOVE	N J	14 Pl	"		
"	VX70717	WEATHERBY	L C	17 Pl	"		
"	OX132	GRAHAM	C A	12 Pl	"		
"	VX109330	LESLIE	J B	9 Pl	"		
<u>ATTACHED ALLOWED BY U E</u>							
Capt	VX90731	ARAM	A J T	RMO	Yes		

PART E.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER UNITS.

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
Chaplain	VX174886	McGOSKER J B	15 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)	20-3-45	Chaplain
Mr	B3/354	STEVENSON C F	Sal Army	2-3-45	Red Shield Representative

17 Jun 45

Date of Despatch

Commander's Signature of Commander

Lt Col

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25 45
23 5 5 24 Aust Inf Bde (AIF) / (Serial No.)

II 1st 0600 Hrs. Saturday / 789 / 194 (Unit)

W.E. / / OFFRS. O.R's. + OFFRS. O.R's. ATT. BY W.E.

PART A.—POSTED STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
1	2	3	4		5	6	7	8	9	10
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.
-	-	-	1	*					
-	2	-	1	*					
-	2	-	6	Lieut.-Colonels					
-	-	-	6	Majors	A A MCC	1	-	-	-
-	-	1	21	Captains					
-	1	-	-	Lieutenants					
				Quarter-masters					
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.					
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.					
-	5	1	29			1	-	-	-
				AIF					
				DETAIL	A	A	A	A	A
				A	30	-			30
				E.(1)					
				E.(2)					

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.
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PART B.—PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEK.

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.
CX37628	Lt	POWELL D L	X list	15-6-45	ex 128 AGH and leave without pay

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
SX26410	Lt	TILLET S D	X list	15-6-45	Hospital

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO (Unit) IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED. / / 194.

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 23 6 5 /194. (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
T/Lt Col	WX1590	ANDERSON	A J	CO	Yes		
Major	VX39093	CRONK	W A	21/e	"		
Captain	VX112155	DICKIE	R M	OO HQ	"		
"	WX76225	GRAHAM	S C	OO C	NO	MDS 15 Pd Amb	20-6-4
"	VX102660	ISER	T H	21/CO	Yes		
"	VX43140	THOMAS	J C	OO D	"		
"	VX104160	ROBINSON	B R	OO B	"		
Lieutenants	WX68094	BARLING	D R	21/CA	"		
"	WX57168	EGAN	C J	OO A	"		
"	WX101075	BUTLER	T	OO LOB	"		
"	VX138599	FLETCHER	R J C	Supernumerary	Yes		
T/Capt	VX104151	BUNSELL	A W C	Adj	Yes		
"	WX125732	STRONG	H G	Asst Adj	"		
"	WX7497	DENT	D G	A/CM	"		
"	WX37626	POWELL	D L	21/CO	"		
"	WX139402	WHITEBROOK	F C	13 P1	"		
"	VX88985	HEALY	R G	2 P1	"		
"	WX146907	FOX	F R	3 P1	"		
"	TX1158	LEWIS	C STL	TO	"		
"	WX109271	BADE	F W	1 P1	"		
"	WX1300	CONNOR	F P	IO	"		
"	VX85114	LANN	B E	16 P1	"		
"	WX238894	MASLEAN	B E	16 P1	"		
"	VX104471	MARTIN	R J W	7 P1	"		
"	VX104430	EATON	N E	8 P1	"		
"	VX106341	SPEEDLOVE	N J	14 P1	"		
"	VX70717	FEATHERBY	L C	17 P1	"		
"	WX132	GRAHAM	G A	12 P1	"		
"	VX109130	ISSLE	J B	9 P1	"		
<u>ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W E</u>							
Capt	VX90731	ARAM	A J T	R M O	Yes		

PART E.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER UNITS.

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
Chaplain	WX174886	MCCOSKER J E	15 Aust Inf Bde	20-3-45	Chaplain
Mr	B3/354	STEVENSON C F	Salv Army	2-5-45	Red Shield Representative

23 June 1945
Date of Despatch

W Anderson
Lt Col
Comd 24 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
a.w. 3rd bks 12/44

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PART D—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH
At 0000 Hrs. Saturday 1945 (Total to enter with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A)

LIST A NO OFFICERS

Serial No.	Rank	Name	Service No.	Component	Posting	Effective Date	Remarks
11	Lt	TILLET	01482210	S D	Hospital	16 Jun 45	
12	Lt	BROWN	07101076	J C	"	17 May 45	
13	Lt	BROADHEAD	07671114	A H	Staff School	8 Jun 45	
14	Lt	SYRETT	07941501	J	Hospital	31 May 45	
15	Lt	...	...	...	...	...	...
16	Lt	...	...	...	...	...	...
17	Lt	...	...	...	...	...	...
18	Lt	...	...	...	...	...	...
19	Lt	...	...	...	...	...	...
20	Lt	...	...	...	...	...	...
21	Lt	...	...	...	...	...	...
22	Lt	...	...	...	...	...	...
23	Lt	...	...	...	...	...	...
24	Lt	...	...	...	...	...	...
25	Lt	...	...	...	...	...	...
26	Lt	...	...	...	...	...	...
27	Lt	...	...	...	...	...	...
28	Lt	...	...	...	...	...	...
29	Lt	...	...	...	...	...	...
30	Lt	...	...	...	...	...	...
31	Lt	...	...	...	...	...	...
32	Lt	...	...	...	...	...	...
33	Lt	...	...	...	...	...	...
34	Lt	...	...	...	...	...	...
35	Lt	...	...	...	...	...	...
36	Lt	...	...	...	...	...	...
37	Lt	...	...	...	...	...	...
38	Lt	...	...	...	...	...	...
39	Lt	...	...	...	...	...	...
40	Lt	...	...	...	...	...	...
41	Lt	...	...	...	...	...	...
42	Lt	...	...	...	...	...	...
43	Lt	...	...	...	...	...	...
44	Lt	...	...	...	...	...	...
45	Lt	...	...	...	...	...	...
46	Lt	...	...	...	...	...	...
47	Lt	...	...	...	...	...	...
48	Lt	...	...	...	...	...	...
49	Lt	...	...	...	...	...	...
50	Lt	...	...	...	...	...	...

PART E—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER UNITS

Serial No.	Rank	Name	Service No.	Component	Posting	Effective Date	Remarks
51	Lt Col
52	Lt Col

22 June 1945
Date of Despatch
Lt Col
Commanding Officer (A11)

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At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 29 6/194 5. 24 Aust Inf (Unit) (AIP)

W.E. II / 120 3 OFFRS. 230 R's. 769 OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 22 ATT. BY W.E.

PART A.—POSTED STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.
-	-	-	1	*					
-	2	-	1	*					
-	3	-	5	Lieut.-Colonels					
-	1	-	2	Majors	AAMC	1	-	-	-
-	-	1	-	Captains					
-	-	-	-	Lieutenants					
-	-	-	-	Quarter-masters					
-	-	-	-	A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.					
-	-	-	-	Civilians Counting as Offrs.					
-	6	1	28			1	-	-	-

DETAIL	A.I.P.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
A.	01 A	01 B								29
E.(1)	29									
E.(2)										

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.
** Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col. Particulars will be shown, e.g., 20 U.K. Forces; 10 N.Z. Forces.

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
NX76225	Capt	GRAHAM S C	X LIST	21 Jun 45	hospital

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO.....(Unit) IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED. / / 194.....

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 30 / 6 / 1945 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Lt Col	VX1590	Anderson	A J	CO	Yes		
Major	VX39093	Cronk	W A	Pl/c	"		
Capt	VX112138	Dickie	R M	OC H	"		
"	VX102660	Iser	T H	OC C	"		
"	VX43140	Thomas	J C	OC D	"		
"	VX104160	Robinson	B R	OC B	"		
Lt	VX68094	Barling	D R	Pl/cA	"		
"	VX57168	EGAN	C J	OC A	"		
"	VX101078	Butler	T	OC LOB	"		
"	VX188599	Fletcher	R J C	supy	"		
T/Capt	VX104151	Bunsell	A W C	Adjt	"		
"	VX125732	Strong	H G	AsstAdjt	"		
"	VX7497	Dent	D G	A/CM	"		
"	VX37626	Pownall	D L	Pl/cB	"		
"	VX139402	WHITEBROOK	F C	13 Pl	"		
"	VX88985	Healy	R G	2 Pl	"		
"	VX148907	Fox	F R	3 Pl	"		
"	VX1158	Lewis	C SBL	T O	"		
"	VX109271	Eade	F W	1 Pl	"		
"	VX1300	Connor	F F	1 O	"		
"	VX85114	Lawn	B E	16 Pl	"		
"	VX23634	MacLean	I	10 Pl	"		
"	VX104471	Martin	R J W	7 Pl	No	MDS 15 Fd Amb	26-6-45
"	VX104430	Eaton	N E	8 Pl	Yes		
"	VX106341	Spendlove	N J	14 Pl	"		
"	VX70717	Festherby	L C	17 Pl	"		
"	VX132	Graham	C A	12 Pl	"		
"	VX109130	Leslie	J B	9 Pl	"		
<u>Attached Allowed by W E</u>							
Capt	VX90731	Aram	A J T	RMO	Yes		

PART E.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER UNITS.

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
Chaplain	VX174886	McCOSKER J E	15 Aust Inf Bde	20-3-45	Chaplain
Mr	22/3584	STEVENSON C P	Salv Army	2-5-45	Red Shield Representative

30 June 45
Date of Despatch

[Signature] Lt Col
Signature of Commander
Comd 24 Aust Inf Bn (IP) a.w. 3m bks 12/44

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 2 / 6 / 1945.

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assis.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, R.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Sangetakers			
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Riveters	4	4	-
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths	1	1	-					Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevadores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical	4	4	-
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers	26	23	3R	Tailors	2	2	-
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers	-	1	-	Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Bollermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters	6	6	-	Winchman				Whitemiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics											
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)											
Fitters				Driver-Operator	-	1	-								
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				NO I	1	1	-
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers	1	1	-	NO II	6	6	1NR
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	12	14	-	S/Sjt	5	4	1NR
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply				Sjt	27	21	6NR
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				Cpl	53	52	1NR
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	10	8	2NR	Coach Trimmers				Pte	60	47	12R
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors							
Mechanics, Radio				Lincman				Cooks							
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies							
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders							
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals							
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.	-	1	-	See back			
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics	1	3	-	A.A.M.G.	4	4	-
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tpin. Plant				A.A.P.C.	2	2	-
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, L.C.				A.A.P.S.	1	1	-
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers	1	1	-	A.A.O.C.	1	1	-
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers				A.A.O.C.	24	24	-
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers	8	1	7NR				
CARRIED FORWARD	1	1	-	CARRIED FORWARD	17	16	2NR	CARRIED FORWARD	66	60	12NR	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	60	65	149

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2/6/45
Date of Despatch

Comd 24 Aust. Inf. Bn. (A.I.F.) Lt C
Signature of Commander

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 9 / 6 / 1945 .

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, E.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammormen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangetakers	4	4	-
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths	1	1	-					Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevadores			
Computers								Biggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical	4	4	-
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers	26	22	4NR	Tailors	2	2	-
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identifn. Numbers	-	1	-	Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Sty. Comd's Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters	6	6	-	Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics											
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)											
Fitters				Driver-Operator	-	1	-								
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				NO I	1	1	-
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers	1	1	-	NO II	8	8	-
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	12	14	-	Ssgt	5	4	1NR
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply				Sgt	27	23	4NR
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				Cpl	53	48	5NR
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	10	9	1NR	Coach Trimmers				Pte	601	485	136
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors							
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks							
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies							
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				See back			
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				A.A.M.C.	4	4	-
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics	1	2	-	A.A.P.C.	2	2	-
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant				A.A.P.S.	1	1	-
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.				A.A.O.C.	1	1	-
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers	1	1	-	A.A.C.C.	24	25	-
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers	6	1	7NR				
CARRIED FORWARD	1	1	-	CARRIED FORWARD	17	17	1NR	CARRIED FORWARD	66	59	1NR	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	801	649	158

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9/6/45
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Command 24 AIF
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Lt Col

REF PART A COLUMN 4 2 Sgts SUPERNUMERARY PARTICULARS AS UNDER

No	Rank	Name	Age	Med Class	Present Duties	Qualificatio
VX104457	Sgt	HUTCHINS S D	33	AI	Driver	TG3 Dry Mech licences held Ia, Ib, 2a, 4b, 5a.
7184	Sgt	PRETSEL H	34	AI	Acting as Cpl Tailor	Sgt Tailor

NON SPECIALIST PERSONNEL

Category	Number	Remarks	Posted	Details	Rfts Required
TK/A Gun numbers	7		7		-
Batmen	35		32		4
Drivers MP	11		11		-
General Duties	1	Offrs Mess	1		-
"	2	Sgts Mess	2		-
Hygiene Dutymen	4		4		-
LMG & Riflemen	361		337		124
MMG Numbers	20		19		1

Category	Number	Remarks	Number of O.R.	Unit to which they belong
Mortar numbers	55		55	
Orderlies	22		20	
Pioneers	28		28	
Regtl Police	6		4	
Stretcher Bearers	18		18	
Water Dutymen	2		2	
Storemen	6		6	
TOTAL	601		465	

Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return To (Unit) is Particularly Requested

Army No	Rank	Name and Initials	REMARKS (e.g. present whereabouts if known)

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 16/6/1945.

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, R.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Bangetakers	4	4	-
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Rivetters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine	1	1	-					Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevedores			
Butchers								Biggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers	26	22	4NR	Storemen, Technical	4	4	-
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers				Tailors	2	2	-
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters		1	-	Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters	6	6	-	Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics											
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)		1	-								
Fitters				Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators											
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Battery Surveyors				WO I	1	1	-
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Butchers	1	2	-	WO II	6	6	-
Gun, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks	12	14	-	S/Sgt	5	4	1 NR
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Supply				Sgt	27	23	4 NR
Mechanics, Instrument (Aerials)				Intelligence Duties	10	8	2NR	Clerks, Technical				Cpl	53	48	5 NR
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Coach Trimmers				Pte	301	460	141
Mechanics, Radio				Joiners				Concretors							
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman				Cooks							
Mechanics, Wireless				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies							
Millwrights				Lithographers				Despatch Riders							
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals							
Pattern Maker				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.		1	-	ATTACHED BY W.E. See back			
Pharmacist				Masons				Driver Mechanics	1	2	-	AAMC	4	4	-
Photographer, Wet Plate				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant				AAPC	2	2	-
Photowriter				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.	1	1	-	AAPS	1	1	-
Plumber				Miners				Equipment Repairers				AADC	1	1	-
Saw Doctors				Moulders				Farrriers				AACC	24	23	1 NR
Surveyors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers	8	1	7 NR				
CARRIED FORWARD	1	1	-	CARRIED FORWARD	17	16	2NR	CARRIED FORWARD	66	60	13NR	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	301	643	165

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Lt Col

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

Ref Part A Column 4:- 2 Sgts Supernumerary; particulars as under

Ar No	Rank	Name	Age	Med Class	Present Duties	Qualifications
VX104457	Sgt	HUTCHINS	33	A1	Driver	TG 3 Dvr Mech, Licences held 1A, 1B, 2A, 4B, 5A
Q 107184	"	PRETSEL	34	A1	Acting as Cpl Tailor	Sgt Tailor

NON SPECIALIST PERSONNEL

	W	E	Posted	Rfts Required
TkA Gun Numbers	7		7	-
Batmen	35		30	5
Drivers MT	11		11	-
Gen duties Offrs Mess	1		1	-
Sgts Mess	2		2	-
Hygiene Dutymen	4		4	-
LMG & Riflemen	361		236	125
MMG Numbers	20		17	3
Mortar Numbers	68		63	5
Orderlies	32		30	2
Pioneers	28		28	-
Regtl Police	6		5	1
Stretcher Bearers	18		18	-
Water Dutymen	2		2	-
Storemen	6		6	-
	601		460	141

Points Required. 13 NR

1 NR
4 NR
5 NR
141

1 NR

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TRADE

RSM
RMS
CSM
COMS
Intelligence
Signallers
Clerks
Tailors
Technical Storemen
LMG & Riflemen
MMG
Mortars
Pioneers
Transport
Provost
SBS
TKA
Sgts Platoon

ATTACHED ON W E
AAMC
Hygiene Inspector
Medical Orderly
Chiropodist
AAOC
Shoemaker
AAPS
Postal Duties
AACC
Caterer
Cooks
AAPC
Pay Clerks

TRADE	W E					POSTED					Rfts Required
	WO I	WO II	Ssgt	Sgt	Cpl	WO I	WO II	Ssgt	Sgt	Cpl	
	1	1	5	1	2	1	1	4	1	2	NR
		1		1	4		1		1	3	NR
				1	1				2	7	NR
				1	1				2	1	NR
				2	36				2	33	NR
				4	2				4	2	NR
				1	4				1	3	NR
				1	1				1	1	NR
				2	2				1	1	NR
				17	4				14	5	NR
	1	6	5	32	67	1	6	4	30	61	NR
				1					1		NR
				1	1				1		NR
					1					1	NR
				1	1				1	1	NR
				5	5		1		5	3	NR
				1	1				1	1	NR
	1	7	5	41	75	1	7	4	39	67	NR

RETURN TO THE OFFICE OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL
 1000 HOMER ST. W. CANBERRA ACT 2600
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Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, R.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitches			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangetakers	4	4	-
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine	1	1	-					Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevedores			
Butchers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical	4	4	-
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers	26	21	5 NR	Tailors	2	2	-
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers	-	1	-	Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters	6	6	-	Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics											
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)											
Fitters				Driver-Operator	-	1	-								
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors							
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers	1	2	-	WO I	1	1	-
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	12	14	-	WO II	6	6	-
Under, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply				S/Sgt	5	4	NR
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				Sgt	27	25	2 NR
Mechanics, Instrument (ails)				Intelligence Duties	10	8	2 NR	Coach Trimmers				Cpl	53	55	-
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors				Pte	501	461	140
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks							
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies							
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				see back			
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.	-	1	-	AAMC	4	4	-
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics	1	2	-	A/PC	2	2	-
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant				AAPS	1	1	-
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.				AACC	1	1	-
Photewriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers	1	1	-	AACC	24	25	-
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers	8	1	7 NR				
CARRIED FORWARD	1	1	-	CARRIED FORWARD	17	16	2 NR	CARRIED FORWARD	66	59	14 NR	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	801	654	156

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PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 30 / 6 / 1945 .

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	NR
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants				
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, E.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen				
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers				
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing				
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental				
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers				
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Bangetakers	4	4		
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Riveters				
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders				
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers				
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers				
Blacksmiths	1	1	-					Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer				
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stvedores				
Caputors								Biggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine				
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical	4	4		
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers	26	21	5	Tailors	2	1	1	NR
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters		1		Textile Bostters				
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identn. Numbers				Tinsmiths				
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers				
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Bollemakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors				
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters	6	6		Winchman				Whitesmiths				
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman								
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners								
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics												
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)												
Fitters				Driver-Operator		1										
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers												
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians												
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)												
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.				
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				See back				
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers	1	2		WO I	1	1		
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	12	14		WO II	6	6		
Finder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply				S/Sgt	5	4	1	NR
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				Sgt	27	26	1	NR
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	10	6	5	Coach Trimmers				Cpl	52	54		
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors				Pte	601	472	130	
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks								
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies								
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.				
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				See back				
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.		1		AAMO	4	4		
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics	1	2		AAPC	2	2		
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant				AAPS	1	1		
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hand's, I.C.				AAG	1	1		
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers	1	1		AACC	24	25		
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers								
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates								
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers	6	1	7	NR				
CARRIED FORWARD	1	1	-	CARRIED FORWARD	17	16	2	CARRIED FORWARD	66	59	14	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	801	663	147	* *

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