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2/2 Aust NIG Bw

War Diary

July 1945

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Patrol Reports.

Glenn Bw

Bruce Armstrong

2/2 Aust MG Bn
8 Jul 45

PATROL REPORT

Ref Map: Tg SAKAT 1:50,000 (Sheet 3247-111)
Unit: No 2 Sec A3 Pl 2/2 Aust MG Bn
Type: Recce
Comd: Sjt ALLENDEN, R.
Str: 8 ORs
Time Out: 050845 I
Time In: 051445 I
Route Out: From BELANOT through square 9996 SOUTH to track junction Ref: 996956, continuing SOUTH, then branching WEST at Ref 996953. From there WEST along 20 metre feature to Ref 993953, then followed track SOUTH WEST through square 9894 to old Japanese OP at Ref 996937.
Route IN: From Japanese OP to track junction Ref 995935 turned EAST and followed track to limit on map, then by uncharted track along cret of features 100 and 80 metre in NORTH EASTERLY direction to village of BAYONG. From there along track to junction Ref 996952, then by uncharted track in NORTH EASTERLY direction through squares 450095, 450096 to cocconut plantation on EAST of creek running into sea at ref 006971, then SOUTH WEST along shore to camp site.

Remarks: After leaving BELANOT a stretch of 200 yds of white loose sand is encountered, culminating in a swamp about 50 yds wide. Country then opens out into grass land, firm sandy soil, with patchy scrub; open area being about 1000 long by 300 wide. After leaving track junction ref 996956, country becomes more heavily overgrown and a swamp about 50 yds across is encountered at ref 997954. Country from there is open grassland, firm soil, bounded by strips of jungle and swamp. Area spreads out into bays each about 500 yds long and 200 yds wide from a strip about 400 yds long and 100 yds wide. On eastern end of feature 20 metre open grassland covered by light scrub and bracken extends WEST to ref 989953. Moving along track SOUTH from feature heavy scrub is encountered broken by small areas of grassland. A creek approx 20 ft wide and banks of 8 ft with about 2' to 3' of running water cuts track at 987946. From there heavy scrub with wet muddy track in patches to bottom of feature 20 metre at ref 993941. Feature to Jap OP is deep and open grassland. Natives contacted throughout patrol report NO enemy mov in this area for about 14 days. From OP to BAYONG country is thickly overgrown, but track jeepable from ref 996937 to ref 005941. Don 6 cable in good condition from ref 996937 to ref 005941. BAYONG village on marshy ground and track from there to ref 999949 wet and muddy. Open grassland again along EASTERN end of 20 metre feature then patchy scrub and swampy country all the way to the coast.

Deductions: From BELANOT sandy patch would have to be covered with arc mesh for use of MT, various swamps encountered en route to 20 metre feature could be bridged or corduroyed. Country around 20 metre feature (as previously reported) suitable for camp site, drainage good, ground firm and suitable for MT.

Water: A spring is situated at ref 997953 and runs into a creek. All area probably could be supplied by skin wells.

Signed
A/ Sjt
(R. Allenden) NX 15849

2/2 Aust MG Bn
8 Jul 45

PATROL REPORT

Map Ref: Tg SAKAT 1:50,000
Unit: No 2 Sec A3 Pl 2/2 Aust MG Bn
Type: Recce
Cond: L/Sjt RANDALL, L.
Str: 7 ORs
Time Out: 060845 I
Time In: 061445 I
Route Out: House at 997967 along beach to river at 971962, thence along unmarked track to houses at 978947, along old track to junc MELAKAI-BELANOT track at 992940.
Route In: Along BELANOT track to 992952 then SOUTH EAST to house at 997949 and NORTH EAST to BELANOT-BAYONG track and back to house at 997967.

Remarks: Crossed 4 creeks between BELANOT and Tg TOULAK, 2 being unmarked on map. All were about 20 ft wide and 4' to 6' deep from top of bank. Good timber (belar) plentiful along shore. The beach is about 10' wide at high tide and fairly firm. River at 971962 about 30' wide and 3' of water. About 200 yds inland belt of swamp a few yards wide. Ground was flat, well timbered in parts, with small clearings here and there. Clearings were covered with long grass like swamp grass, although ground appear firm. From house at 978947 to MELEKAI track well timbered, with few small creeks. Back towards BELANOT country rises to plateau between grid lines 95 and 96. From house at 997949 to track BELANOT-BAYONG small open ridges well drained.

Deductions: At low tide, transport can move along the beach to Tg TOULAK the 4 creeks being crossable at mouth. After Tg TOULAK beach impassable. Jeep track can be made with little work, however, from BELANOT to river at 971962, good timber being available for bridging creeks if necessary. Swamp could be crossed 972959 with little difficulty.

Signed L/Sjt
(L. Randall)

2/2 Aust MG Bn
8 Jul 45

PATROL REPORT

July Dup

Ref Map: TG SAKAT 1:50,000
Unit: No. 2 Sec A3 Pl
Type: Recce
Comd: Major. M.I. Wheatley
Str: 1 Offr, 6 ORs, 1 interpreter
Time Out: 060845 I
Time In: 061445 I

Route Out: House at 997967 due SOUTH along unmarked track and marked track to house at 997949. Then detailed recce of SOUTH halves of squares 9895 and 9995.

Route In: From a point on 20 metre feature at 990953 to head of creek at 986959, thence backwards and forwards making detailed recce of NORTH halves of squares 9895 and 9995, and some areas in squares 9896 and 9996.

Remarks: Route out and certain areas of 20 metre feature have been adequately covered in patrol report of 5 JUL submitted by Sjt ALLENDEN. Additional information is contained in large scale map and trace att. The open and jungle areas NORTH of 20 metre feature on 1:50,000 map are accurate, but many foot tracks exist which are NOT marked. In places the open areas are now growing a small amount of secondary growth, but do not present any difficulty regarding clearing.

The swamp in square 9796 extends to the EAST, passes SOUTH of BELANOT, and apparently joins the swamp in square 0197. Natives state that this is so. In places, this swamp appears to be up to 100 yds wide, and in 3 places depths of 4 ft were encountered without reaching the centre.

A creek about 18 ft wide is found at 997954, the only crossing being along a fallen log on the track.

Two springs exist at approx 998953, and water runs NORTH through the jungle belt and presumably into the creek at approx 998956. The largest hole seen (998953) was 4 ft deep and 8-10 ft in diameter, with clear fresh water.

A rubber plantation was found at 985954.

Deductions: (Some deductions are made as a result of information gained on previous patrols and naval report on suitable beach area for landing of LSTs.)

The area marked on attached trace and map is suitable for a camp, subject to engineer advice re tracks, water, drainage, etc.

From LST beach NORTH of coccoanut plantation 0096 the best track to open ground is along the coast to BELANOT, then SOUTH to EAST end of 20 metre feature. Main obstacles are:

- (1) Creek at 005971 requiring a bridge of about 50 ft, and artificial track along the sand for about 100 yds.
- (2) A patch of sand immediately SOUTH of BELANOT requiring about 150 yds of artificial track.
- (3) A swamp just SOUTH of this sand and about 50 yds wide.
- (4) A creek at 997954 about 18 ft wide with some soft ground on either side.

M.I. Wheatley Maj
(M.I. Wheatley)
2 i/c 2/2 Aust MG Bn

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8 Jul 45

PATROL REPORT

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Comd: Major M.I. Wheatley
Str: 1 Offr 6 ORs 1 interpreter
Time Out: 050845 I
Time In: 051445 I

Route Out: House at 997967 along unmarked track to marked track at 996961 SOUTH to track junction 996956, thence along track SOUTH EAST to track junction at 015935 and along track to telegraph line at coconut plantation 018935.

Route In: As for route out as far as a point on track at 003953, thence along an unmarked track past houses at 006958, skirting WEST of coconut plantation and striking beach at 006972, thence WEST along beach to patrol base.

Remarks: Between BELANOT and grid line 96 is a patch of heavy white sand about 200 yards wide and a swamp about 50 yds wide. The track then runs along a low ridge, well grassed, with very firm light soil. The country is open (with odd patches of low scrub) in an area approx 1000 yds by 300 yds, which is well drained.

Nearing BAYONG the ground becomes swampy and the track then goes through fairly heavy jungle as far as the houses at 014941. In this sector the going is patchy, with numerous little ridges and creeks, none of which are shown on the map. The water in these creeks does not look suitable for drinking, but was not tested.

At a point approx 013943 an unmarked track comes in from the WEST. A don 3 cable, in good order, is laid alongside. This cable follows the track to the houses at 014941, and then runs NORTH EAST along the marked track.

Natives contacted state no Japs have been seen in the area for 14 days or more.

The houses in sq 0194 form a village, which the natives call JUNKUM. This area is hilly and cleared with cultivation, growing bananas, sugar cane, pineapples, paw-paws, water melons, marrows and cucumbers.

From the houses to the telegraph line the track winds over small but steep ridges, with thick secondary growth and odd patches of lantana and kunai grass.

The telegraph line is on posts about 10 ft high, and is a single strand of about No. 6 gauge. It is in good order at this point, but the natives cannot give any information as to whether it is broken in other places.

Deductions: The navy report that LSTs can land only to the EAST of creek at 05971, and it is considered that the best track to the open ground in sq 9995 would be found by going along the beach to BELANOT, and thence by the out route taken by the patrol. This would mean bridging the creek at 005971 and the laying of some artificial track across the sand SOUTH of BELANOT, and also the swamp in that area. From there a track to the open ground could be made with little work. (See also Sjt ALLENDEN's patrol report.)

Deductions (Cont'd)

From the NORTH side of BAYONG and along the remainder of the route the construction of a jeep track even, would require considerable work.

Wells, of 6 ft depth, appear to yield good water at almost any point, but for this reason the digging of deep latrines may be difficult.

Engineer advice is necessary for estimates of time taken to construct roads and the possible yield of water holes.

M.I. Wheatley

Maj

(M.I. Wheatley)

2 i/c 2/2 Aust MG Bn.

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PATROL REPORT

30 June 45

Ref Map: TG KLIAS (BORNEO) 1:50000
Patrol Comd: Lt. MOORE
Type of Patrol: FIGHTING
Patrol Strength: 1 - 8 ORs
Weather: FINE
Area: Between MEMPAKUL and MEMUMBOK
Time Out: 1230 hrs.
Time in: 1700 "
REPORT:

We proceeded by jeep to 956347 and contacted natives who reported two Japs armed with one sword stole a boat and went SOUTH 100 yds to a small island. We proceeded to this island and found the stolen boat and followed their tracks which went into the mangroves in a WESTERLY direction. After searching this area for three hours, we lost sight of his tracks, so gave up the search and reported back to the Bn area. The last tracks seen were in the vicinity of 945842.

(Sgd) J.F. MOORE, Ltd.
2/2 MG Bn

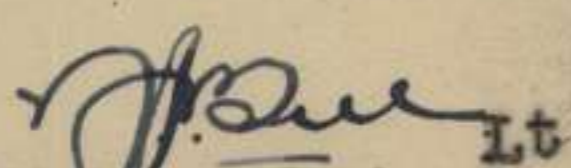
PATROL REPORT

13 Jul 45

Ref Map: Tg KLIAS 1:50,000 & Tg SAKAT 1:50,000

1. Unit: 2/2 Aust MG Bn
2. Patrol Leader: Lt. N. J. BELL
3. Strength of Patrol: 1 Off 1 Cpl 9 Ptes. from No. 2 Pl HQ Coy.
Dukw Crew (1 Offr 2 Ptes)
1 "I" NCO, 1 Sig and 1 Offr Observer
4. Object of Patrol: To locate reason for smoke seen from hill 120 and Map Refs 997936 bearing 160° Mag, estimated to be in vicinity of sq. 0187 and if caused by Japs to kill or capture them.
5. Route Out: MEMKAPUL EAST by sea to KLIAS River, NORTH by left ANABRANCH to 984878, thence EAST up creek to creek junction 017878
6. Route In: From 017878 WEST down creek to ~~002884~~, thence SOUTH down KLIAS river via right anabranh to MEMKAPUL
7. Time Out: 130930 I.
8. Time In: 131600 I.
9. Remarks:

- (1) Patrol was transported by Dukw and had a canoe to patrol in shallower and narrower parts.
- (2) Patrol interrogated 3 natives in canoe at 984878. These natives could give us no information concerning Japanese or smoke in the area. Creek junction 017878 was reached at 1200 hrs. From this junction to creek junction 006878 all tributaries were patrolled. There were 5 tributaries. (i) 017878 to 019877; (ii) 0178878 to 018881 (iii) 011876 to 013874 (iv) 007876 to 008871 (v) 006877 to 007881.
- (3) No signs of human occupation or use were found in these tributaries. Two old disused bamboo fish traps were noticed in lower reaches of creek. On closer examination no tracks could be found.
- (4) WEST of bend 005877 the vegetation is thick mangrove. EAST of this point it is for the most part thick NIPA palm with odd mangroves.
- (5) The "I" NCO and myself climbed hill ~~40079884~~ on route back and noticed what could be either vapor or smoke at bearing 118° Mag.
- (6) Map appears to be accurate, with exception of width of creek which is from 40 to 60 yds. Mangroves and Nipa palm are growing in water, and as map was made from aerial photos water may have shown through Nipa and mangrove. This probably accounts for apparent difference in width.
- (7) The depth of water is sufficient to allow Dukw to traverse at high tide all but the very upper reaches, where it is impossible to turn round. High tide today was at 1352 hrs.


Lt
(N.J. Bell)
Patrol Leader

PATROL REPORT

Patrol Strength: 1 Offr 10 ORs.

Patrol left MEMPAKULccamp by two jeeps at 0700 hrs on 13 Jul 45, and followed jeep track which leads to "A" Coy 2/2 MG Bn to circle feature 973902 Tg SAKAT Map 1:50,000.

Patrol dismounted leaveing drivers with jeeps.

Patrol moved over fairly open country and a banana plantaion to BAMBANGAN village, All native huts were searched along route and in the village.

The village was inahbited by approx 20 natives, whom we questioned. As far as they knew there were no Japanese in the area.

The patrol followed the line of the telegraph to a point 974890 Tg SAKAT map 1:50,000, searching all huts and plantations seen. Six personnel were left at this point and five followed the ridge, down to the landing point on the river KLIAS at 982884, ref Map Tg KLIAS 1:50,000, and returned alongside the swamp on the SOUTH side of the ridge to rejoin the remaining six personnel.

The patrol combed the area WEST from here to a patch of jungle at 986891 ref map Tg SAKAT 1:50,000 where L/Cpl WILLIAMS stated he saw the Japanese and his possible camp. We searched the copse and the only traces we wound were some blackened stones, which had apparently been used in a fireplace. The footprints had been washed away, and the growth nearby was undisturbed.

I do not consider that further searching is required on that evidence.

The patrol picked up the jeeps at 964895 and arrived back in camp at 1600 hrs.

2/2 Aust MG Bn
14 Jul 45

Lt

(J. B. Kearney)

PATROL REPORT

Unit: 2/2 Aust MG Bn
Type: Recce
Comd: Lt-Col G.A. SEARLE
Strength: 2 Ofprs 17 ORs
Time Out: 030830I
Time In: 031600I
Route Out: From HQ to MELIKAI via KLIAS RIVER to 998927
995933 991932 986939 975937
Route In: To 985920 991932 to MELIKAI by KLIAS RIVER to HQ.

Remarks: Patrol moved by LCM to MELIKAI. It was necessary to obtain canoes to cross the mangrove area. The patrol then moved along the route given following a telephone line not shown on the map. This line led to 2 Japanese barracks buildings in the area 990935. These buildings proved to be empty. The patrol proceeded and discovered a watch tower some 40'x in height 100 yds S.W. Natives who were interrogated stated that Japanese had not used the area for two months.

The patrol continued, passing through open grassland and cultivated areas, with occasional patches of woodland.

The patrol returned to H.Q.

Information obtained and deductions made. The passage through the mangroves at MELIKAI could be enlarged sufficiently to permit an LCM to make a dry landing. As the WEST coast is said to be unusable during the latter part of the year, and in view of the swampy nature of the road to MELIKAI, this would be invaluable for re-supply should troops be camped in this area.

2. Names should be taken as being indicative of localities rather than villages.
3. The area appears to be suited for camping. Further recce is necessary to confirm this.
4. The area suggests that roads should NOT present any problem, but an expert opinion is required.
5. Water is plentiful.
6. The natives are very friendly.

B. A.
Lt.
(W.B. Armstrong)
IO 2/2 Aust MG Bn

PATROL BY 2/2 AUST M G BN.

COMD: LT-COL. SEARLE

STRENGTH : 2 officers, 16 other ranks.

TYPE : Reconnaissance.

ROUTE OUT : From HQ by KLIAS RIVER to MELAKAI. Route thereafter decided by circumstances. If normal to 995933, 991932, 990915.

ROUTE IN : To MELAKAI by KLIAS RIVER to HQ.

TIME OF
DEPARTURE : 030830 I

ETR : 031700 I

WEAPONS.

2 Brens,
6 OSMG,
10 Rifles,
Grenades.

NOMINAL ROLL.

Lt-Col. Searle	OG Patrol
Lt. Armstrong	
Sjt. Jenkins	Section Leader
" Ihlein	" "
Cpl. Hensler	
Pte. Dunker	
" Payne	
" Gill	
" Hutchinson	
McMahon	
" Watts	
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McIver	
" Collins	
" Simmons	
" Ward	
" Iffland	Stretcher Bearer
" Cooper	
Malay Interpreter	

MAP REFERENCE:

BORNEO 1: 50,000 Sheet 3247-111, Tg SAKAT.

" " Sheet 3246-1V, Tg KLIAS.

PATROL REPORT 2/43 LOB

3 July '44

Leaving position HQ going to coast HQ 9585 - WEST to coast, then NORTH on TG SAKAT sheet in sq 9589. Coast runs to point, EAST then to 100 feature in sq 9689, then SE to telegraph, then back

APPX "E"

MESSAGE FORM

FROM XAI
TO XY

191645

Ref Map WESTON SOUTH EAST 1/2500 Report patrol Sjt SNODGRASS and 5 ORs. Patrol left 211754 1530 hrs by canoe. He reached 218757. Could not land shoreline mangroves. On return journey landed at native hut 218757. Hut deserted but in excellent condition. No sign of occupation of hut recently. No tracks in vicinity of hut. No movement seen. Reported back 1640 hrs.

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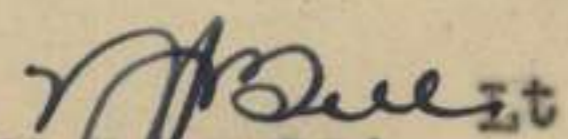
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(N.J. Bell)
Patrol Leader

PATROL REPORT

2 Jul 45.

To H Q 2/2 Aust MG Bn

Ref Map to KLIAS 1:50000.

1. TYPE: Fighting (object- kill any Japs seen in area)
2. STR: 1 offr 3 ors
3. PATROL LEADER: Capt K.O. HOWARD
4. UNIT: 2/43 Aust Inf Bn L.O.B. Gp
5. TIME OUT: 021030 I
6. TIME IN: 021145 I
7. ROUTE OUT: From present posn 958857 EAST to telegraph line thence along line to edge of swamp 963870.
8. ROUTE IN: From edge of swamp 963870, along swamp edge to houses at 962854. Thence back to present posn.
9. PART I: The patrol left with the object of locating and killing any enemy in the area traversed- all huts either occupied or deserted were searched- one enemy was found and killed.
10. PART II:
 - (a) INFM Isolated JAPANESE have been seen in the general area over the last few days.
 - (b) ENEMY KILLED: One Jap soldier was found lying beside the track at 963867. He was shot dead before having time to move.
 - (c) EQPT: Soldier was carrying one JAP service rifle badly rusted, leather pouches containing 60 rounds SAA, bayonet, steel helmet, waterbottle, haversack with messing gear, rations etc- all the above was normal issue eqpt.
 - (d) INT: Documents herewith were found on body of soldier.
 - (e) PHYSICAL CONDITION etc: Soldier was in excellent condition, clothing was clean, with a change of clean clothing in haversack- his rations of dried fish, rice were adequate for several days- all his eqpt and clothing was very wet.
 - (f) GENERAL:
 - (i) Natives in the area traversed could give no information of this or any other Jap soldiers recent movements.
 - (ii) Area traversed was thick undergrowth and very swampy, except in isolated clear patches around habitations.

Signed: K.D. Howard. Capt.

2/2 Aust MG Bw

War Diary

July 1945

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ALLIED LAND FORCES IN SOUTH-WEST PACIFIC AREA

M.G.O. EQUIPMENT ORDER

CONTENTS

Order No,
C-1/9

CARRIERS, BELT BOX, VICKERS .303-IN. M.G., (AUST.), MK. I.

Major-General,
Master-General of the Ordnance

L.H.Q.
22nd January, 1945.

Order No.
C-1/9

CARRIERS, BELT BOX, VICKERS .303-IN. M.G., (AUST.), MK. I.

1. The Carrier, belt box, is for use with Guns, machine, Vickers, and is fitted to the right side of the crosshead of the mounting, tripod, M.G., Mk. IVB (for fitting details, see DME. T.I. B1-39).
2. The belt box carrier, when fitted to the tripod, provides the following characteristics towards the efficient functioning of the gun:—
 - (a) Permits a complete 360° traverse of the gun and obviates stoppages of crossfeeds due to twisted belts.
 - (b) Obviates the preparation of a platform for the belt box when the gun is mounted on uneven and sloping ground.
3. Indents can be made immediately for this item on the scale of issue of one (1) per Guns, machine, Vickers, .303-in., Mk. I.
4. The Catalogue Number and nomenclature for the belt box carrier are as follows:—

Section	Cat. No.	Nomenclature
C.1	CAA 0404	Carriers, belt box, Vickers .303-in. M.G., (Aust.), Mk. I.

L. E. Deakin

Major-General.
Master-General of the Ordnance.

5 copies 1/2 sheet M.M.G. Single or Double
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MEDIUM MACHINE GUNS. space

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in full.

1. The main characteristics of the [M.M.G.] remain the same, whether fighting in an easily concealed weapon capable of an open Desert or dense Jungle, viz, concentrated volume of sustained, accurate fire. Even when, as frequently happens in the Jungle, long range shooting is impracticable despite the heaviness of the load, it has been found that the use of the gun on shorter ranges fully justifies ^{the} ~~this~~ labour of transport under difficult conditions. ^{To our own troops} The moral value of the ^{in full} [M.M.G.] support and defensive fire, is immense, as well as being most effective ^{against the enemy}.
2. If possible the guns should be kept concentrated - the fire effect of massed ^{By making use of the longer range attainable, this method will frequently be found preferable to moving right forward into the F.D.Ls.} [M.Gs.] cannot be over emphasised. ^(in full) The practice of spreading them over a wide front ^{along the F.D.L.} should be avoided, this role should be left to the Bren and ^{other Small Arms.} their ~~sets~~.
3. ^{in full} [M.M.Gs.] are ~~quite~~ capable of cutting their own "fire Lanes" through ^{low} jungle and to a lesser extent, ^{Kunai}. High Jungle presents the usual difficulties, but by judicious cutting of firelanes an effective curtain of defensive fire can be ~~and the lethal effect of the gun is impaired. It is advisable, when possible~~ put up where it is most required. ~~to cut lanes in this type of jungle, so that the guns can put up a curtain of fire, where desired.~~
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1. Ref HQ. 9 Aust Div G949/50/3, para 4, dated 1 Jun 44.
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THE EMPLOYMENT OF M M GS IN JUNGLE WARFARE.

1. GENERAL.

The term "Jungle" is applied to certain parts of the tropical belt in which operations are likely to take place.

The terrain will vary from low flat plains to high mountainous and extremely rugged country in any part of which the vegetation will vary greatly. ^{There will be} ~~This is~~ found open grassland, light savannah, rain forest, moss forest and dense secondary growth.

These widely differing conditions are likely to be encountered at any stage in an operation and M M Gs like other weapons will be required for employment under any or all of these conditions at any time.

Whatever the terrain or conditions of vegetation the basic principles underlying the tactical employment of M M Gs will not change; they can be used to support the attack, the defence and the withdrawal.

Close country, however, dictates certain changes in the organisation of the M M G Pl and in the conception of the section as the fire unit.

2. EFFECT OF THE JUNGLE ON CHARACTERISTICS.

(a) Where the terrain is open the only limitations imposed on normal use of the gun are those resulting from L of C difficulties, restriction of ammunition supply and limitations due to ~~manhandling~~. These factors may restrict the number of guns ^{quantity of} and stores employed.

(b) In savannah country, the field of vision is restricted, but lanes may be cut either by weapon or by hand. In this type of country guns should be well up with the forward infantry. They are then capable of pinning the enemy frontally with heavy fire from close range while an attack is put in from the flank or vice versa.

Guns well forward are available for rapid consolidation.

In defence, by the development of fire lanes the guns can be employed normally.

(c) In secondary growth and high kumai, visibility may prevent the guns being fired direct.

Where accurate maps or photomaps exist and the gun position can be accurately located the guns may be used by map shooting ^{methods}.

At close ranges they can be laid by compass and fired on a timed programme. Fire lanes can be cut either manually or by fire and the guns employed normally.

(d) In rain forest country, shortness of range limits considerably the use of the gun for support in attack.

It will normally mean that the MMG will be used at extremely close ranges and as single guns. This is practicable but it is considered that the tasks could ^{be} done ~~more~~ suitably by the LMG; the more correct use of the MMG is for consolidation. In defence fire lanes will be shorter.

(e) In all cases defence presents no special problem other than limitation of ammunition which is general to all weapons and short ranges.

In attack development of the technique of preliminary air softening which obliterates the vegetation ^{in the target area} will give greater opportunity for firing by observed fire on enemy localities. If suitable positions for the guns can be found P O Gs should accompany the forward infantry and control fire by line or wireless.

Positions from which to fire will be dependant on the terrain. Where adjacent ridges at suitable ranges exist, positions for observed fire ~~should be able~~ ^{can} to be developed by normal methods, or by provision of suitable OP's and firing the guns ~~indirect~~. This may necessitate laying the guns by compass and using nearby trees as OP's.

In attack and defence the vegetation or terrain may necessitate the employment of guns singly.

The close jungle and limited visibility emphasise the need for gun positions to be prepared for all round defence. Positions should be mutually supporting and if practicable, self contained.

3. MAIN TASKS OF M M Gs IN CLOSE COUNTRY.

(a) DEFENCE

- (i) Thickening perimeter defence - with construction of fire lanes.
- (ii) Defensive fire in front of reserve localities.
- (iii) Covering tracks with fixed lines.
- (iv) Providing basis of defence of firm base.
- (v) Harassing fire tasks.
- (vi) Counter preparation tasks.

(b) ATTACK

- (i) Consolidation.
- (ii) Covering fire either frontally or from a flank including anti-sniper task - raking tree tops with fire before or during the attack or "hose piping" enemy positions with guns mounted in trees.
- (iii) Flanking protection.

(c) WITHDRAWAL

Normal except as modified by above comments.

4. REDUCED SCALE OF GUNS AND STORES.

(a) Where all loads must be manhandled and no additional portage is available it is not practicable to carry four guns per platoon. It has been found that two guns and their stores with five belts per gun is a reasonable carrying scale.

This leaves half of the platoon at any one time available for the protection of the carrying party. *And for reliefs*

(b) The use of single guns becomes as normal in jungle conditions as is the use of the two-gun section in open country. There has never been any reason why MMG fire should be less effective at 50 yards than it is at 1500 yards. In point of fact, the effectiveness of fire is considerably increased.

Two sections of one gun each can always be used as one section of two guns.

5. OPERATION OF M G BN AS A WHOLE.

The M G Bn may usefully be employed in tropical warfare on the following independent roles (~~with~~ with or without other arms.)

- (a) Beach defence
- (b) Defence of a beachhead
- (c) Aerodrome defence
- (d) To fill a gap during daylight and so form the basis of Stabilisation
- (e) To hold a portion of a front during daylight to make Inf available for offensive action
- (f) To form the framework of defence in open or semi-open country e.g. Kuni or Savannah.

6. CONCLUSION.

It is considered that the most important limiting factor on the maximum employment of the gun ^{in close country} is that of mobility due to poor communications resulting in difficulties of ammunition supplies and manhandling of stores.

This means that the guns should as far as possible be reserved for the most suitable tasks.

Experiments in the way of improvised harness to facilitate the carrying of loads should be carried out.

Also further training on the lines of map and compass shooting and in the use of jeeps will enable the guns to be used to meet any normal operational requirements in tropical warfare.

Finally the best basic training for employment of MMGs in close country is in reasonably open country of the "normal" type. Basic principles will be the same whatever the type of terrain encountered.

A SUGGESTED METHOD OF ENGAGING TARGETS FOR HARASSING
OR COUNTER PREPARATION TASKS.

One suggested method of using guns - for harassing or counter-preparation tasks especially - differs little from artillery principles. The method presupposes two conditions.

(i) The guns must be positioned so that their fire may reasonably be expected to reach the target area.

(ii) They must be controlled from an OP from which the target can be clearly seen.

In jungle conditions this OP may have to be very close or actually in the target area.

Visibility at the gun position may be practically nil, but care must be taken that the line gun - target is as clear as possible. MMCs will eventually clear their own fire lanes, but careful siting with relation to the target, and perhaps the falling of timber which is in line of fire, will conserve ammunition.

As a guide 150 rounds at a range of twenty yards will cut down normal rain forest timber with a diameter of six inches.

A forward slope or a small clearing are suitable places for gun positions.

(A) Initial direction can be obtained by:-

(i) A compass bearing taken from a tree or from some point from where the target is visible. If this is taken from a flank a correction will have to be made.

(ii) Making a compass traverse of the area between the gun and the target and measuring the bearing gun - target from the resultant diagram.

(iii) From maps or aerial photographs.

(B) Initial elevation requires that both range and angle of sight be measured.

(i) Range can be obtained by R/F, map, aerial photographs. or, in the last resort by ranging.

(ii) Angle of sight can be measured from a map, in some cases judged approximately from an aerial photograph, or taken normally by means of a director.

(C) Means of communication between OP and guns would normally be by N/T or L/T, and once the fire controller is in position at the OP and the guns have been given their initial elevation and direction, fire can be opened, and corrections made if necessary until the target is engaged. If this is carried out with one gun, the correct elevation and direction can be recorded and any number of guns can be opened on the target. A suitable working distance between guns is ten yards.

(D) For observation, the use of one in six tracer has been found satisfactory and bursts of 50 rounds appear to be preferable to the service bursts of 25. Once the target is engaged the continued use of tracer serves no useful purpose.

Targets can be registered in this way when the guns are being used in defence and the firing of single rounds of tracer is advisable to avoid disclosing the presence of the guns.

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with reference to the above, the experience gained by his Coy in operations in N.G. fit in entirely with the remarks set out particularly as set out in para 2, 4, 5, and 6.

COMMENTS.

Para 2. With the lack of concentrated Artillery and mortar fire from the enemy, M.G.'s were able to be sited closely at all times, with the result that far better concentrated fire was obtained.

Para 4 In this case Jeep was our only means of keeping up the supply of Ammunition in quantity, and with the Jeep head always handy, much hard labour was overcome, at the same time the support asked for was easily handled.

Para 5. This was thought about at LARON when A.P. before siting guns for a support role, had to firstly clear 15 Yaps from the area before proceeding with their task.

Para 6 Kunai grass was the most suitable ground where M.G.'s could be sited with best results in defence by knocking the grass down to obtain the necessary fields of fire. Not only were the guns able to cover a reasonable arc, but they covered the flank of the depending force also, who were usually sited under cover in the jungle itself.

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1. Revised draft copies of the above pamphlet are being distributed.
2. Additional matters on Defence will be supplied later.
3. Comds and Heads of supporting arms and services will examine the drafts and be prepared to discuss with Lt Col S HODGMAN of 1 Aust Corps any matter they suggest should be added, deleted or amended.
4. Lt Col HODGMAN is expected to be in the div area for several days starting about 12 Aug 44.

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1. It has been decided that instead of formations proceeding concurrently with the revision of the draft MTP (Aust) No 23, 9 Aust Div is to produce a draft pamphlet "Tropical Warfare" which 1 Aust Corps intends pass to other formations for comment.
2. About two weeks will be available for preliminary work by 9 Aust Div formations, and two to three weeks for consolidation, conferences and revision. Lt Col R. OGLE is to be attached to 9 Aust Div for the last two or three weeks to assist in the work.
3. It is most important to decide early the level on which subjects are to be treated, the scope of the pamphlet and arrangement of subjects. MTP No 56 "Mountain Warfare" is being taken as a general guide, but additional matters, which it appears necessary to include, are :-

Ref Mountain Warfare

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Terrain and cover, climate, principles of war. In present 2, cover, in addition.-

- (a) Operations based on a beachhead and moving inland, coastwise operations using either or both land and sea communications, operations from a base maintained by air, operations past a defile through which vehicles cannot move.
- (b) Columns maintained by ship, air, small craft, aircraft landing or dropping, native porter, troop portage, or animal transport.
- (c) Operations generally to capture or protect actual or potential bases for navy, army or airforce.
- (d) Variety of warfare - mountain warfare, open warfare, amphibious operations, jungle warfare, bush and forest warfare, village fighting.

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In present 3, add - maintenance considerations, and conditions of and facilities for movement, govern the numbers of men and the numbers and types of vehicles, weapons and stores that can be moved to the area of operations, and limit the area in which operations can be carried out.

Construction and maintenance of communications are directly affected by engineer resources in manpower and mechanical and other equipment.

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Under "Means of transport" - show advantages of using vehicles when practicable, and deal with the subject of limited transport scales. Necessity for reducing requirements in stores and equipment to minimum, and need for having most stores prepared as one or two man loads.

Under Weapons - Desirability and practicality of being able to use all types.

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6 and 7

HYGIENE

7

Under Infantry, MG and Arty include limitations of weapons and application of fire.

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ADD new sub-heading: Reconnaissance Troops - trained as infantry - self-contained to avoid reducing fighting strengths of brigades.

Under Infantry in dealing with control, include - need for additional LOC - imperative need for good signal communications, particularly line.

Below Infantry, add new heading "MG".

11 12

Under "General" discuss the study of enemy maintenance, and naval, army and airforce action to collapse it. /f

In "Methods of Attack" deal with soft spot tactics in masking some posts and mushrooming behind them, and infiltration.

4. subdivision of work

CHAPTER 1

26 Bde - Chapter 1

less paras 26-33 (Artillery), 34-37 (Engineers) and 38-40 (Signals).

Medical -

New section - "Hygiene".

RAA -

paras 26-33 (Artillery)

RAE -

paras 34-37 (Engineers)

Sigs -

paras 38-40 (Signals)

MG -

New paras dealing with employment of MG Bn - to be on the same level as the present section 7, and for inclusion in that section.

20 Bde - Chapter 11

CHAPTER 11
less paras 98-120 (Defence)

RAA in conjunction with
20 Bde -

Artillery matter under the headings of Attack, Pursuit and Withdrawal.

RAE in conjunction with
20 Bde

Engineer matter under the headings of
Attack, Pursuit and Withdrawal.

26 Bde

Paras 98-120 (Defence)

RAA in conjunction with
26 Bde

Artillery matter under the heading of
Defence.

CHAPTER III

AQ - Sec 18

Ammunition and Supplies - Dumping, Rations,
Water.

AQ - Sec 19

Transport - General, M.T., Animal Transport,
Carrying Parties and Porters, Airlandings,
Air dropping.

Medical - Sec 20

Medical - First Aid, Holding casualties,
Evacuation Equipment.

AQ New section

Storage and Care of Equipment - General,
Ammunition, supplies, Care of Weapons,
Waterproofing Vehicles.

AQ - Sec 22

Accommodation - General

AQ - Sec 24

Labour

20 Bde - Sec 25

Clothing and Equipment (of the soldier)

The subject matter of Chapters IV and V will not be included in
"Tropical Warfare".

5. Formations and units to whom work is allotted, vide para 4 above,
will :-

- (a) submit as early as possible 5 copies of their notes showing
how they intend to break their subjects up into sections and
paragraphs.

These are required so they can be checked and distributed to
other formations and units who will want to know early what is
being covered by others.

- (b) Submit, by 14 Jun if practicable, 5 copies of their completed
drafts.

These, too, are required for checking and circulation.

6. Although paragraph 3 is intended as a guide, layout is a matter
open for consideration. Suggested improvements affecting the present
subdivision of work will be submitted as soon as possible; any others
will be submitted in accordance with paragraph 5(a) above.

H. Barlow Lt Col
G3 9 Aust Div

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31 MAY 1944

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1. The following is a copy of a letter from 1 Aust Corps:-

1. "(a) Forwarded under separate cover are copies of the revised draft of MTP (Aust) No 23 Part XX on the following scale of distribution:-

6 Aust Div	15
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(b) The draft of the supplement (Notes for Junior Leaders) will be forwarded as soon as it is reproduced.

2. It is emphasised that these documents are purely drafts, and further distribution is not intended until they have been considered by selected experienced commanders, and until the doctrines therein expressed, (or as amended as the result of this study) are agreed as being acceptable for the nature of the operations with which the pamphlets treat. On this stage being reached the pamphlets will be published and distributed and become the basic document for use in formation and schools concerned with training for jungle conditions. Probably they will also form the basis of training for tropical warfare of other empire forces.

3. Addressees will arrange for distribution of drafts to selected commanders and for the production of one draft embracing all such amendments as are finally decided upon. This amended draft will be forwarded to reach HQ 1 Aust Corps not later than 5 Jun 44. The draft is typed on one side only to facilitate the noting of suggested alterations.

4. When divisional recommendations are received a Corps conference will be held to decide on the final draft of the pamphlet. The conference will consist of a representative of each div, of corps and of the DMT. Div representatives will require to be fully conversant with the decisions reached within the formation, in order to put the div point of view at the conference. The date of the conference will be notified separately. A similar procedure will be followed on receipt of the draft of "Notes for Junior Leaders."

2. Copies of the draft pamphlet have been issued to inf bdes, RAA, RAE, Comd, G, AQ. One copy will be made available for a short time by 26 Aust Inf Bde to 2/2 Aust MG Bn, by G to Sigs and AQ to ADMS.

3. Constructive criticism of the pamphlet's scope, subject matter, or arrangement or any other matter connected with it will be appreciated. Whenever possible criticism will be in the form of suggested amendments to the draft. Formations and units will comment in particular on the parts shown against them herunder but will also comment on any other part they may wish to.

- From Preface to Chapter IV - Inf Bdes
- Chapter V - All addressees
- Chapter VI - Inf Bdes (but see para 4 below)


Chapter VII - Inf Bdes
Chapter VIII -- Inf Bdes and where applicable, RAA
and 2/2 MG Bn
Chapter IX - G Branch, RAE
Chapter X - RAE
Chapters XI to XV - Inf Bdes
Chapter XVI - Sigs
Chapter XVII - All addressees
Chapter XVIII - All addressees
Appx 1 - Inf Bdes

RAA, RAE, Sigs, 2/2 Aust MG Bn, AQ, ADMS will also comment on any paras which affect them in any way.

4. Some regrouping and major alterations suggested for consideration are:-

- (a) Deletion of para 81 and inclusion^{of} its substance in para 20.
- (b) Extraction of some of the matter from para 12 and inclusion of it in revised chapters IV and VII.
- (c) Rewriting paras 17, 18 and 19 in Chapter IV to include reference to the dependence of movement, fire support and supply on communications by track, road, sea or air and on availability of porters, suitable vehicles, water craft or aircraft and on engineer resources in men and equipment.
- (d) Redrafting Chapter VI into one general paragraph and transferring any of the present paras or subparas to other chapters.
- (e) Rewriting and renaming Chapter VII. It might better be a chapter on "AFFECT of MAINTENANCE and COMNS on PLANNING" and might include any amplification of what is written on movement and communications in Chapter IV and discussion of development of own communications before and during the planned operation, of protection of communications during the operation & of enemy communications. Affect of weather on communications and consequently on planning might also be included.

5. As matters stand, the date by which comments are due at HQ 9 Aust Div is 31 May 44. HQ 1 Aust Corps has asked how long is needed to revise the pamphlet to commanders' satisfaction. So that a close estimate can be given, addressees will say as early as possible what time they require to consider and report on the pamphlet.


Lt Col
GS 9 Aust Div

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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

5/45 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 7/7/1945 2/24th MGB (Unit)

W.E. 111/124/1 OFFRS. 14 O.R.'s 204 OFFRS. 2 O.R.'s 31 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 3 8 1	* * Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs.	R.A.M.C. R.A.S.C.	1 1							
			14			2							
		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.											16
		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.
1212343	1st Lt	Wheatley M.I.	L.O.P. Co.	1-7-45	
1212376	Lieut.	Boothwick R.M.K.	L.O.P. Co.	4-7-45	

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
1212409	Capt	Boothwick C.E.	Blk. 2/24th MGB	1-7-45	Transferred.
12100276	Lieut.	MOORE H.F.		4-7-45	FOR DUTY. } detached.
1212376		Boothwick R.M.K.	PACAN. 2 Det	5-7-45	FOR DUTY. }

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).

1/2 Aust MG Bn Unit

5/45 (Serial No.)

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 7/7/1945 (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	826263	SEARLE	E.A.M.H.	C.O.	yes		
MAJOR	8212343	Wheeler	M.L.	21.C.	yes		
"	826363	SEARLE	P.H.	OB.M.I.	yes		
CAPT.	8215377	BARNUM	P.E.	B.M.	yes		
"	8270865	BENNETT	W.M.	POST	yes		
"	8215037	BENNETT	R.	21.M.I.	yes		
LIEUT.	8211210	WALKER	J.S.	S.O.	yes		
"	82100276	MORSE	H.F.	PL.COM	no	Det. B. Coy. 2/2nd MG Bn.	11.7.45.
"	8226071	MILLS	T.Y.	T.O.	yes		
"	8219967	SEARLE	G.T.	PL.COM	yes		
"	82100270	HIGGINS	H.H.F.	.	yes		
"	8212371	BERTHWICK	R.W.K.	.	no	Det BSCAD Z Det	5.7.45.
"	8265657	ARMSTRONG	W.B.	L.P.	yes		
"	8220700	BELL	N.S.	PL.COM	yes		
Chap.	82112175	Thomas	T.M.	PAID	yes		
Capt.	82200337	Bennett	W.B.	R.M.O.	no	Det 2/3rd MG Bn.	26.6.45.

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.

7 July 45.
Date of Despatch

W Bennett
Signature of Commander
1/2 Aust MG Bn
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W. E. M. 11/62

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 7/7/1945 2/2 Aust. M. G. Bn. (Unit)

W.E. 111/62 / OFFRS. 14 O.Rs. 204 OFFRS. 2 O.Rs. 21 ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.						Reinfts. Required.			
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.						
			1	W.Os. Class I.										
			3	W.Os. Class II.										
				Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.										
			3	Staff Sergeants										
			19	Sergeants	2	1	1	2	2					
			18	Corporals	1		1	2	2					
			179	Troopers, Privates, etc.	1			2	5	1				
				Civilians counting as O.R.										
*			223*	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.	<u>ARMY</u>	<u>NAVY</u>	<u>RAF</u>	<u>ANZAC</u>	<u>AMC</u>	<u>ANC</u>	<u>ARND</u>			
				Detail.	A.I.F.	C.M.F.		A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	* * *	TOTAL
						Under 19 Years.	19 Years and over.							22.
				A										245.
				B(1)										
				B(2)										

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 7 of instructions for compilation of this return will complete analysis of Part B(1) and B(2).
* * 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. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

Part C. Other Ranks Included in Part A Detached to Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.
6	<u>2/3 Aust. Fd. Amb.</u>						
3	<u>2/2 Aust. Fd. Regt.</u>						

Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return To..... (Unit) is Particularly Requested...../...../194.....

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

2/2 Huss. M.G. Bn. Unit

5/45 (Serial No.)

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 7/7/1945.

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reinfs. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reinfs. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reinfs. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reinfs. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering		1		Operating Room Assts.	5	6		G.P.O. Assistants	4	4	
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				Rangetakers			
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Riveters	6	6	
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers		1						Radiographers				Stevadores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers	23	23		Tailors	4	4	
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters	2	2	
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters	2	2		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											
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators											
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator											
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman											
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker											
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator											
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator											
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	3	3									
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners											
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman											
Mechanic, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals											
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers											
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal											
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood											
Pattern Maker				Masons											
Pharmacist				Masseurs											
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.											
Photewriter				Miners											
Plumber				Moulders											
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained											
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.											
CARRIED FORWARD		1		CARRIED FORWARD		5	6	CARRIED FORWARD		41	46	Total of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A, respectively.		204	223

NOTES.—(a) If rank other than private is involved give details on back.
 (b) Authorised trades or specialists not included in list will be added as required in spaces provided.
 (c) Where A.W.A.S. and/or A.A.M.W.S. personnel are desired show details on back.
 (d) Where replacement not desired note accordingly on return by insertion of N.R. in col. "Reinfs. Required."
 (e) Where any request or notation is made on back of form, the words "See Back" should be written in one of the blank spaces on this page.

7. July 45.
Date of Despatch

Capt
Adit 2/2 Huss. M.G. Bn.
Signature of Commander

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

W.E. 11/18/44
OFFERS IN O.R. 200
AT 0500 Hrs. Saturday 11/17/44
SPLASHING (Unit) Lt Col B.C.D. Capt

Personnel Surplus in Accordance G.R.O. 187/44.

No	Name	Rank	Age	med. clas	Posting
Lx81590	THOMAS. W.H	Pte.	32	A1	Bricklayer T.G.I. Supernumerary.
Wx34991	Broadley S.L.	Sgt	35	A1	Sgt Cook. A.R.C.C.

Total of all ranks
shown in Part A
is 210

Total of all ranks
shown in Part B
is 112

Total of all ranks
shown in Part C
is 108

Part C. Other Ranks Included in Part A Detached to Other Units.

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

No	Name	Rank	Age	med. clas	Posting

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

No	Name	Rank	Age	med. clas	Posting

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

6 / 45 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 14/7/1945. 2/2 AUS. MG. (Unit) Less B.C.D. Coys.

W.E. 111/62/1 OFFRS. 14 O.Rs. 206 OFFRS. 2 O.Rs. 21 ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.						
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.			Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.
			1	W.Os. Class I.				2			
			3	W.Os. Class II.	1						
			3	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.							
			3	Staff Sergeants							
			18	Sergeants	3	1	1	2	2		
			18	Corporals	2			1	1		
			172	Troopers, Privates, etc.	4			1	2	1	
				Civilians counting as O.R.							
*			215*	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.	RAAC	RAPC	RAPS	RAAMC	RAAC	RENE	ANCHD
											22*

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 7 of instructions for compilation of this return will complete analysis of Part B(1) and B(2).

** 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.

Detail.	A.I.F.	C.M.F.		A.W.A.B.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
		Under 19 Years.	19 Years and over.							
A										237
B(1)										
B(2)										

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

Part C. Other Ranks Included in Part A Detached to Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.

Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return To (Unit) is Particularly Requested. / /194

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

22 Aust MGBN Less. BC D Coy.

6/45 (Serial No.)

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 14/7/1945.

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.			Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)			Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)			Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)		
W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reinfs. Required.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reinfs. Required.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reinfs. Required.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reinfs. 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			Rangetakers		
Armament Artificer Signals			Welders			Painters			Riveters	6	6
Armament Artificer Wireless						Panel Beaters			Roughriders		
Artificer, Artillery						Photographer, Dry Plate			Saddlers		
Artificer, Engine						Predictor Numbers			Saddletree makers		
Blacksmiths						Printers			Shoemaker and Boot Repairer		
Bricklayers						Radiographers			Stevadores		
Computors						Riggers			Stokers, Staty. Engine		
Cooks, Hospital			GROUP II.			Sawyers			Storemen, Technical		
Coppersmiths			Armourers			Signallers			Tailors	4	4
Dispensers			Axemen			Signwriters	23	23	Textile Refitters	2	2
Draughtsmen			Bakers			Telescope Identfn. Numbers			Tinsmiths		
Draughtsmen (Architectural)			Bty. Comd's. Asst.			Well Borers			Vulcanizers		
Draughtsmen (Engineering)			Boilermakers			Wheelers			Wagon Erectors		
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)			Carpenters	2	2	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								
Fitters (Cycle)			Drainers								
Fitters (Electrical)			Electricians								
Fitters (Gun)			Electricians (Engineers)								
Fitters (Instrument)			Fire Control Operators			GROUP III.					
Fitters (M.V.)			Gun Operator			Battery Surveyors					
Fitters, Railway Signal			Hatchman			Butchers	1	1			
Fitters, Signals			Height Taker			Clerks	9	9			
Grinder, Precision			Helio Operator			Clerks, Supply					
Mechanics, Instrument			Instrument Operator			Clerks, Technical					
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)			Intelligence Duties	3	3	Coach Trimmers					
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)			Joiners			Concretors					
Mechanics, Radio			Lineman			Cooks					
Mechanic, Typewriter			Lineman, Signals			Dental Clerk Orderlies					
Mechanics, Wireless			Lithographers			Despatch Riders					
Millwrights			Machinists, Metal			Draughtsmen, Signals					
Operators, Excavator			Machinists, Wood			Drivers, H.T.					
Pattern Maker			Masons			Driver Mechanics	2	5			
Pharmacist			Masseurs			Driver Tptn. Plant					
Photographer, Wet Plate			Mechanics, M.T.			Engine Hands, I.C.					
Photowriter			Miners			Equipment Repairers	1	1			
Plumber			Moulders			Farriers					
Saw Doctors			Nurses, Trained			Fitters' Mates					
Surveyors			Observation Post Assts.			Gun Layers					
CARRIED FORWARD	1	59	CARRIED FORWARD	5	6	CARRIED FORWARD	41	45	Total of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	206	215

NOTES.—(a) If rank other than private is involved give details on back.
 (b) Authorised trades or specialists not included in list will be added as required in spaces provided.
 (c) Where A.W.A.S. and/or A.A.M.W.S. personnel are desired show details on back.
 (d) Where replacement not desired note accordingly on return by insertion of N.R. in col. "Reinfs. Required."
 (e) Where any request or notation is made on back of form, the words "See Back" should be written in one of the blank spaces on this page.

14 July 45.
Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander
 Capt
 22 Aust MGBN

FIELD RETURN OF RANKS

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 14 July 1948.

TRADE	RANK	WE	PS	SUR	Def	TRADE	WE	PS	SUR	Def
Carpenters	CPL	1	1							
Signallers	CPL	1	1							
Clerks	Sgt	2	2			AMMC				
"	CPL	4	4			Chiropodist	1	1		
Tailors	Sgt	1	1			Hyg Inspector	1	1		
"	CPL	1	1			Med Orderlies	2	2		
Tech Storeman	Sgt	1	1			AEME				
PAHMG. Neo	CPL	1	1			Armourer	1	1		
Stretchers Bearer	Sgt	1	1			Armourer TG 2	1	1		
"	CPL	1	1			Filter T.G. 1.	1	1		
Drivers M.T.	CPL	1	1			Mech. M.T. TG 2	1	1		
Transport	Sgt	1	1			AAPC				
"	CPL	1	1			Pay Clerk	1	1		
Pioneer	Sgt	1	1			AAPS				
Project	Sgt	1	1			Postal Clerk	1	1		
M.G. Details	CPL	6	6			AADC				
Intelligence Duties	CPL	1	1			Shoemaker	1	1		
R.S.M.	WO 1	1	1			AACC				
R.Q.M.S.	WO 2	1	1			Caterer	1	1		
C.S.M.	WO 2	2	2			Cooks	8	9	1	
E.Q.M.S.	S/Sgt	2	2			AACH.D.	1			
Sergeants unspecified	Sgt	11	11			Driver Batman.		1		
ATTACHED										
AMMC	Sgt	1	1							
Hyg Inspector	Sgt	1	1							
Chiropodist	CPL	1	1							
AAPC										
Pay Clerk	Sgt	1	1							
AAPS										
Postal Clerk	Sgt	1	1							
AADC										
Shoemaker	CPL	1	1							
AACC										
Caterer	WO 2	1	1							
Cooks	Sgt	2	3	1						
"	CPL	2	2							
AEME										
Armourer	Sgt	1	1							
Filter	Sgt	1	1							
TOTAL.		56	57	1	-	TOTAL.	21	22	1	-

Signature of Commandant

14 July 48

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Army Form W.3008
(Adapted) (Page 1)
(Revised Jan., 1943)
/ 25 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 14/7/1945 1/2 Aust. MGB (Unit)

W.E. 111/120/1 OFFRS. 124 O.R's. 206 + OFFRS. 2 O.R's. 21 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 3 2 1	* * Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs.	A.H.M.C. A.P.C.D.	1 1							
			151			2							
		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.											17.
		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.
12356	Major	Stanford F.R.K.	1/2 Aust MGB	8/7/45	Transferred to HQ Coy.

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

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

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).

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 21/7/1945 2/2 Aust MG and Loss BCD Coy (Unit)

W.E. 111/630/1 OFFRS. 14 O.Rs. 206 + OFFRS. 2 O.Rs. 21 ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1 W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				5 DETAIL.						7 ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.					10	
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.							Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.		
				W.Os. Class I.												
			3	W.Os. Class II.												
				Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.												
				Staff Sergeants												
			18	Sergeants						3	2	1	1	2		
			18	Corporals						2	1		1			
			171	Troopers, Privates, etc.						4	2		2	1		
				Civilians counting as O.R.												
*			214	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.						ANCO	AMME	ANPC	ANPC	ANPC	ANPC	22.

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 7 of instructions for compilation of this return will complete analysis of Part B(1) and B(2).

Detail.	A.I.F.	C.M.F.		A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	* * *	TOTAL.
		Under 19 Years.	19 Years and over.							
A										236.
B(1)										
B(2)										

* * 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. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.				Part C. Other Ranks Included in Part A Detached to Other Units.			
Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.

Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return To (Unit) **is Particularly Requested**..... /...../194.....

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

2 Aust MG Bn 455. BCP Col. Unit

7/45 (Serial No.)

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 21/7/1945.

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reinfs. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reinfs. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reinfs. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reinfs. 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				Rangetakers	6	6	
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								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	23	23		Tailors	2	2	
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				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	2	2		Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman				Non Specialist			
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners				M.A.M.G. Det.	13	13	
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics								Mini. NO.	2	2	
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)								Batmen	16	16	
Fitters				Driver-Operator								Gen Duties	2	2	
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers								Hyd Duties	2	2	
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians								M.G. Details	66	71	
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				Orderlies	13	13	
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers	1	1		Regt Police	7	7	
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	9	9		Storeman	3	3	
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply				Stretch Beat	5	5	
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				Water Duties	2	2	
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	3	3		Coach Trimmers				Drivers, M.T.	7	7	
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors				Pioneer	1	1	
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks				Provost	1	1	
Mechanic, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies				Transport.	2	2	
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				R.S.M.	1	1	
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				R.G.M.S.	6	6	
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics	2	4		C.S.M.	2	2	
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant				C.M.S.	2	2	
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.				Sergeants	11	11	
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers	1	1		unspecified			
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD	5	6		CARRIED FORWARD	44	44		Total of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	206	214	

NOTES.—(a) If rank other than private is involved give details on back.
 (b) Authorised trades or specialists not included in list will be added as required in spaces provided.
 (c) Where A.W.A.S. and/or A.A.M.W.S. personnel are desired show details on back.
 (d) Where replacement not desired note accordingly on return by insertion of N.R. in col. "Reinfs. Required."
 (e) Where any request or notation is made on back of form, the words "See Back" should be written in one of the blank spaces on this page.

21 July 45.

Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

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Capt. 2d MG Bn

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER DETAILED PERSONNEL

PART E - Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3003 at 0500 Hours Saturday 21 7 1945

TRADE	Rank	WE.	PS.	Sun	Def.	Trade	WE.	PS.	Sun	Def.
Carpenters	Cpl	1	1							
Signallers	Cpl	1	1							
Cherks.	Sgt	2	2			<u>NAME</u>	+	+		
"	Cpl	4	4			Chiropracist	1	1		
Troopers	Sgt	1	1			Hyg Inspector	1	1		
"	Cpl	1	1			Med Orderlies	2	2		
Tech Storeman	Sgt	1	1							
AA/LMG NCO	Cpl	1	1			<u>NAME</u>				
M.C. Details	Cpl	6	6			Armourer	1	1		
Stretcher Bearer	Cpl	1	1			Fitter TG 1	1	1		
"	Cpl	1	1			Mech Mt. TG 2	1	1		
Drivers M.T.	Cpl	1	1			Armourer TG 2	1	1		
Pioneer	Sgt	1	1							
Provost	Sgt	1	1			<u>NAME</u>				
Transport	Sgt	1	1			Pay Clerk	1	1		
"	Cpl	1	1							
R.S.M.	WO1	1	1			<u>NAME</u>				
R.B.M.S.	WO2	1	1			Postal Clerk	1	1		
C.S.M.	WO2	2	2							
C.B.M.S.	S/Sgt	2	2			<u>NAME</u>				
Sergeants	Sgt	11	11			Shoemaker	1	1		
Unspecified Intelligence Duties	Cpl	1								
<u>ATTACHED</u>						<u>NAME</u>				
<u>NAME</u>	Sgt	1	1			Ch N.				
Hyg. Inspector	Sgt	1	1			Batman	1	1		
Chiropracist	Cpl	1	1							
<u>NAME</u>	Sgt	1	1			<u>NAME</u>				
Pay Clerk	Sgt	1	1			Caterer	1	1		
<u>NAME</u>	Sgt	1	1			Cooks.	8	9	1	
Postal Clerk	Sgt	1	1							
<u>NAME</u>	Cpl	1	1							
Shoemaker	Cpl	1	1							
<u>NAME</u>	WO2	1	1							
Caterer	Sgt	2	3	1						
Cook	Cpl	2	2							
<u>NAME</u>	Sgt	1	1							
Armourer	Sgt	1	1							
Fitter	Sgt	1	1							
		56		57		21		22	1	

21 July 45

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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

7 / 26 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 21 / 7 / 1943 (Unit) 212455500

W.E. 120 / OFFRS. 121 O.R's. 206 + OFFRS. 2 O.R's. 21 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 3 2 2 1	* * Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs.	R.A.M.C. W.A.C.D.	1 1						
			15			2						
		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.	17									17
		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

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

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
104537	Capt.	Bretton, A.	W.A.C.D.	20/7/43	Loyal duties.
1012303	Major.	Wheatley, M.L.		20/7/43	9 days special leave.

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 21 / 7 / 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.
Maj. Gen.	W513223	WALTERS	W.A.	Col.	Yes		
Major	W513256	WILKINS	M.L.	Col.	Yes	Detached to leave.	21-7-45
"	W513263	WATKINS	P.K.	Col.	Yes		
Capt.	W513237	WALKER	R.	Col.	Yes	Detached to leave.	23-7-45
"	W513237	WALKER	R.	Col.	Yes	Detached to leave.	23-7-45
"	W513237	WALKER	R.	Col.	Yes	Detached to leave.	23-7-45
Lt. Col.	W513237	WALKER	R.	Col.	Yes	Detached to leave.	23-7-45
"	W513237	WALKER	R.	Col.	Yes	Detached to leave.	23-7-45
"	W513237	WALKER	R.	Col.	Yes	Detached to leave.	23-7-45
"	W513237	WALKER	R.	Col.	Yes	Detached to leave.	23-7-45
"	W513237	WALKER	R.	Col.	Yes	Detached to leave.	23-7-45
"	W513237	WALKER	R.	Col.	Yes	Detached to leave.	23-7-45
"	W513237	WALKER	R.	Col.	Yes	Detached to leave.	23-7-45
Capt.	W513237	WALKER	R.	Col.	Yes	Detached to leave.	23-7-45
Capt.	W513237	WALKER	R.	Col.	Yes	Detached to leave.	23-7-45

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.

21 July 1945
Date of Despatch

W. Bennett
Signature of Commander

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 28/1/44
 W.E. III 1941 OFFERS W. O.R. 200 OFFERS W. O.R. 200 ATT. BY W.E.

Personnel Surplus in Accordance G.R.O. 187/44

No	Name	Rank	Age	Med Class	Posting
Nx81590	Thomas. W.H.	Pte	32	A1.	Briekhayer T.G. - Lupa numerary
Wx34491	Broadley S.H.	Sgt	35	A1.	Sgt Cook. (ARCC) (Surplus in Rank).

TOTAL					
232					

Part C. Other Ranks Included in Part A Detailed
 Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units
 Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return To (Unit) is Particularly Requested.

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 28 / 7 / 1945. 2/2 AUST. M.C.D.W. Less. BC O Coy

W.E. III / 62^A / 1. OFFRS. 14 O.Rs. 206 + OFFRS. 2 O.Rs. 21. ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.								
1	2	3	4	5			6		7	8	9	10
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.	DETAIL.			Arm or Corps.		Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.
				W.Os. Class I.								
			<u>3</u>	W.Os. Class II.			<u>1</u>					
				Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.								
				Staff Sergeants								
			<u>19</u>	Sergeants			<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	
			<u>18</u>	Corporals			<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>		<u>1</u>		
			<u>174</u>	Troopers, Privates, etc.			<u>4</u>	<u>1</u>			<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>
				Civilians counting as O.R.								
*			<u>217</u>	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.								<u>22</u>

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 7 of instructions for compilation of this return will complete analysis of Part B(1) and B(2).
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Detail.	A.I.F.	C.M.F.		A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	* *	TOTAL.
		Under 19 Years.	19 Years and over.							
A	<u>239.</u>									<u>239.</u>
B(1)										
B(2)										

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

Part C. Other Ranks Included in Part A Detached to Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.

Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return To..... (Unit) is Particularly Requested...../...../194.....

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

2/2 Aust. M.G. Bn. Less B.D. Coy.

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(Adapted) (Page 2)
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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 28 / 7 / 1945.

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reinfs. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reinfs. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	5	6	Reinfs. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	4	4.5	Reinfs. 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				Rangetakers	6	6	
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								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	23	23		Tailors	2	2	
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				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	2	2		Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners				Non Specialist			
Electricians (M.V.)	1	1	8	Dental Mechanics								AMMUN. Det.	13	13	
Electricians (Signals)	1	1	8	Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)								AMMUN. NO.	2	2	
Fitters				Driver-Operator								BATTEN	16	16	
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers								GEN DUTIES	2	2	
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians								H/B DUTIES	2	2	
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)								MG Details	66	73	
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators											
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADES MEN.			
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Battery Surveyors				ORDERLIES.	13	13	
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Butchers	1	1		Regt. Police	1	1	
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks	9	9		Storeman	3	3	
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Supply				STRETCH BEAR.	5	5	
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	3	3		Clerks, Technical				Water Duties	2	2	
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Coach Trimmers				DRAWING	7	7	
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Concretors				PIONEER	1	1	
Mechanic, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Cooks				PROVOST	1	1	
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Dental Clerk Orderlies				TRANSPORT	2	2	
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Despatch Riders							
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Draughtsmen, Signals				R.S.M.	1	1	
Pattern Maker				Masons				Drivers, H.T.				T.G.M.S.	1	1	
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Mechanics	2	5		C.S.M.	2	2	
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Driver Tptn. Plant				CANIS.	2	2	
Photowriter				Miners				Engine Hands, I.C.				Serpents.	11	11	
Plumber				Moulders				Equipment Repairers	1	1		Unspecified			
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Farriers							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Fitters' Mates							
GUN LAYERS								Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD	1	2	10	CARRIED FORWARD	5	6		CARRIED FORWARD	4	4.5		Total of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	206217		

NOTES.—(a) If rank other than private is involved give details on back.
(b) Authorised trades or specialists not included in list will be added as required in spaces provided.
(c) Where A.W.A.S. and/or A.A.M.W.S. personnel are desired show details on back.
(d) Where replacement not desired note accordingly on return by insertion of N.R. in col. "Reinfs. Required."
(e) Where any request or notation is made on back of form, the words "See Back" should be written in one of the blank spaces on this page.

28 July. 45
Date of Despatch

W. Semmens
Signature of Commander
2/2 Aust M.G. Bn
Capt

Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 28/7/1942
 PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in

TRADE.	RANK	WE	PS	SUR	Def.	TRADE.	WE	PS	SUR	Def.
Carpenters.	CPL.	1	1							
Signallers.	CPL.	1	1							
Clerks	Sgt	2	2							
"	CPL.	4	4							
TAILORS.	Sgt	1	1							
"	CPL.	1	1							
Tech Storeman.	Sgt.	1	1							
ARMY NCO	CPL.	1	1							
Stretcher Bearer	Sgt.	1	1							
"	CPL.	1	1							
Drivers MT.	CPL.	1	1							
Transport	Sgt	1	1							
"	CPL.	1	1							
Pioneer	Sgt	1	1							
Provost.	Sgt	1	1							
M.G. Details	CPL.	6	6							
Intelligence duties	CPL.	1	1							
R.S.M.	WO.1	1	1							
R.Q.M.S.	WO.2	1	1							
C.S.M.	WO.2	2	2							
C.Q.M.S.	S/Sgt	2	2							
Sergeants	Sgt.	11	11							
(Unspecified)										
ATTACHED:										
NAME.										
Hyg Inspector	Sgt	1	1							
Chiropodist	CPL	1	1							
APPC										
Pay Clerk	Sgt.	1	1							
AAPS										
Postal Clerk	Sgt.	1	1							
APAC										
Shoemaker	CPL.	1	1							
APCC										
Caterer	WO.2	1	1							
COOKS.	Sgt	2	3	1						
"	CPL	2	2							
BENEF										
Armourer	Sgt	1	1							
Fitter	Sgt.	1	1							
TOTAL.			56	57	1	TOTAL	21	22	1	

NOTE—(a) If any other than those specified are required, give details in notes.
 (b) Additional trades or specialties not included in list will be added as required in space provided.
 (c) Where A.W.A.R. is required, give details in notes.
 (d) Where reinforcement not needed, give reasons in notes in column of "Remarks".
 (e) Where reinforcement or reduction is made on date of issue, the date "Issued" should be written in one of the blank spaces on this page.

28 July 42
 Date of Dispatch

Signature of Commanding Officer

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

...../..... (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday...../...../194.....

..... (Unit) *1st M.S.M. Bn. 6th B.C. 2nd Coy.*

W.E. OFFRS. O.R's. + OFFRS. O.R's. 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.																											
				* *																																			
				Lieut.-Colonels																																			
				Majors																																			
				Captains																																			
				Lieutenants																																			
				Quarter-masters																																			
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.																																			
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.																																			
				15																																			
				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.	17									17																									
				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.
	Lieut	MOORE, M.F.	B. Coy.	27.9.43	By Detachment.

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

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

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).

1st MG Bn, Less BCP Unit

..... (Serial No.)

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 28/7/1945 (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.	421512	SEARLE	Col. Mch	C.C.	YES		
MAJOR	421523	WHEATLEY	M. I.	2nd Lt.	NO	Detached LEAVE	16.4.45
"	421535	STARKIND	P.R.H.	1st Lt.	YES		
"	421543	SEARLE	V.V.	1st Lt.	YES		
Capt.	421534	FREEMAN	R.	1st Lt.	NO	Detached 1st MG Bn, Legal Officer	13.7.45
"	421527	BURDAGE	R.E.	1st Lt.	YES		
"	421515	BENNETT	W.M.	1st Lt.	YES		
Lt. Col.	421511	WILKER	J.S.	1st Lt.	YES		
"	421524	MORRE	H.E.	1st Lt.	YES		
"	421527	MILLS	T.J.	1st Lt.	YES		
"	421527	MANCHESTER	W.B.	1st Lt.	YES		
"	421524	SEPPERT	W.M.	1st Lt.	YES		
"	421524	HUGHES	W.H.	"	YES		
"	421511	DODD	R.W.K.	"	NO	Detached 2nd MG Bn, H.A.C.H.V.	16.4.45
"	421520	BELL	K.J.	"	YES		
Capt.	421534	BENNETT	W.M.	R.M.C.	NO	Det. 1st MG Bn, 1st MG Bn	16.4.45
C.Maj.	421515	THOMAS	T.W.	1st Lt.	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.

Date of Despatch

W Bennett
Signature of **Commander** 1st MG Bn
a.w. 3m bks 12/44

C Coy 2/2 MG Bn

War Diary 102

B.H.

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12 Jun 45

24 AUST INF BDE OPERATION INSTR 1

INTA

1. As per latest sitreps.

INTENTION

2. 24 Aust Inf Bde will secure areas EMSY route - JIRJA - ARABA and JEBEL and patrol SOUTH along LOVE route to ascertain if enemy is in area TO KIASAN.

METHOD

3. Grouping

(a) 2/11 Aust G Co Sqn less one tp
with in sp
FOO parties 2/12 Aust Fd Regt
SFOP
AL Sec

(b) 2/28 Aust Inf Bn
with under cord
det 24 Bde Sig Sec
one pl G Coy 2/2 Aust IG Bn
Sec 2/3 Aust Fd Arb
with in sp
FOO parties 2/12 Aust Fd Regt
Det 2/7 Aust Fd Coy

(c) 2/43 Aust Inf Bn
with under cord
Two tps 2/9 Aust Regt
One tp 2/11 Aust G Co Sqn
Det 24 Bde Sig Sec
One Pl G Coy 2/2 Aust IG Bn
Sec 2/3 Aust Fd Arb
with in sp
FOO parties 2/12 Aust Fd Regt
SFOP
AL Sec
Det 2/7 Aust Fd Coy

4. Tasks

(a) 2/11 Aust G Co Sqn

Move to and hold area EMSY route and patrol NORTH along both JEBEL and BAKER routes to ascertain if enemy is in area.

(b) 2/43 Aust Inf Bn

- (i) Seize and hold area JIRJA - JEBEL.
- (ii) Patrol SOUTH along LOVE route
- (iii) Patrol NORTH along ITA route
- (iv) Hold one coy in each of the following areas
 - June CHARLIE and JIG route
 - June BAKER and JIG routes

(v) Coy at junc BAKER and JIG will NOT be moved until relieved by 2/28 Aust Inf Bn on instructions from this HQ.

(c) 2/28 Aust Inf Bn

(i) Pop up area WEST of route BAKER to line 804 easting from present area to JIG route.

(ii) On completion (i) above 2/28 Aust Inf Bn will relieve coy of 2/45 Aust Inf Bn at junc JIG and BAKER routes and assume the following dispositions :-

Locality astride ABLE in area 814873
Locality astride track 816869
Locality - junc BAKER and JIG route
Locality - high ground 809868

(iii) Act as Bde reserve

5. Arm

(a) Two troops B Sqn 2/9 Arm Regt under comd 2/45 Aust Inf Bn

(b) B Sqn less two troops in Bde res in area 814869

6. Arty

(a) Naval

STCP with each 2/11 Cde Sqn and 2/45 Aust Inf Bn otherwise no change.

(b) Fd

2/12 Aust Fd Regt will sp operations. One tp 4.2 mortars will be in quick support 2/11 Cde Sqn,

7. Air

AL secs with each 2/11 Aust Cde Sqn and 2/45 Aust Inf Bn.

8. RE

(a) NO change except that 2 personnel per tank of B Sqn 2/9 Aust Arm Regt revert to comd 2/7 Aust Fd Coy.

(b) 2/7 Aust Fd Coy will remain responsible for providing all necessary engr assistance for B Sqn 2/9 Arm Regt.

9. Beach Def

Following Beach Def force is constituted

(a) Comd Capt R.W. Cameron C Coy 2/2 IG Bn

(b) Tps C Coy 2/2 IG Bn less two pls.
one Tp 2/3 Aust Tr A Regt less one sec
Tr A pl 2/45 Aust Inf Bn

(c) Tasks Issued separately.

D

10. LOB

(a) Bn LOB personnel will be changed as follows :-

2/28 Aust Inf Bn - 13 Jun

2/43 Aust Inf Bn - 14 Jun

(b) All LOB will move to area in corner of FIPOM 1 by 151400I.

INTERCOM

11. Bde HQ closes present location 151100 I reopens area 817857 at same time.

Signed at 2235 hrs
Issued by IO

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H. J. ...
24 Aust Inf Bde.

DISTRIBUTION

Copy to

2/28 Aust Inf Bn
2/43 Aust Inf Bn
2/11 Aust Cdo Bn
3 Bn 2/9 Aust Regt
3/12 Aust Fd Regt
Naval Bombardment Tp
2/7 Aust Fd Coy
C Coy 2/8 Aust IG Bn
2/3 Aust Fd Amb
Air Sq Sec
9 Aust Div
Comd
HQ
SC
File
War Diary

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T/A

Must be position and will
contact you 1900 hrs by auckl's

		26 empty	
		8 full	
14	2	10	6
		26	40
1A-10			

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PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

FROM: 9 DIV

121630I

TO : LIST B less serials 1,3-4,31,34,40-43

INFM: 20 INF BDE

AG508 (.) RESTRICTED (.) ref map LABUAN SOUTH special 1: 25000 (.)
ref 9 div adm order 2 para 29(a) (.) 9 div WAR CEMETERY loc
836837 (.) separate sections for AUST BRITISH and US dead (.) 23 war
graves unit will lay out cemetery accordingly (.) all dead on LABUAN
will be buried in this cemetery (.) burials are unit responsibility
(.) for each grave filled unit concerned will dig another grave so
that one grave is open at all times.

W. J. H. H. H.
Map.

SDS

NOT TO BE IMPLEMENTED UNTIL RECEIPT OF FURTHER
INSTRS FROM THIS HQ

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24 AUST INF BDE OP INSTR 2

Copy No 8
14 Jun 45

Ref map LABUAN 1 : 25,000

INFO

1. As per latest sitrops.

INTENTION

2. 24 Aust Inf Bde will concentrate by units and patrol the whole island for the purpose of locating and destroying any remnants of the enemy.

METHOD

3. Localities

Units will move to and occupy the general areas as shown on the attached map by 1800 hrs 15 Jun.

4. Areas of Responsibility

The following units will be responsible for beach defence and patrolling within the areas indicated on the attached map.

2/28 Aust Inf Bn
2/45 Aust Inf Bn
2/11 Aust Cdo Sqn

5. Protection

Normal scale of defence for purposes of protection.

6. Beach Def

- (a) Responsibility

Units will be responsible for coast defence within the limits of responsibility shown on the map attached.

- (b) Mobile Troops

Units as follows will hold the following sub units available at all times to move at 30 mins notice.

- (1) 2/28 Aust Inf Bn - one coy
- 2/45 Aust Inf Bn - one coy
- (11) 2/11 Aust Cdo Sqn - one tp

- (c) Coast Watching Posts

Coast watching posts will be established and named as follows :-

- (1) 2/28 Aust Inf Bn
Area feature 805936
Area T ARU 816907

(11) 2/45 Aust Inf Bn

TG LAYING LAYING TG 785904
Area TG HIAH SAH

(111) 2/11 Aust Cdo Sqn

Southern end W/1 ILTON POINT

(d) Recognition Signs

Challenge and reply signals will be issued separately.

(e) Fire Support

2/12 Aust Fd Regt will be available for support of beach defence and will register targets requested by unit comds.

ADJ

6. Detail of location of adj units will be issued separately.

7. LOB

(a) LOB personnel will rejoin units in concentration areas.

(b) LOB of 2/32 Aust Inf Bn will concentrate with 2/28 Aust Inf Bn.

INTERCOM

6. Ede HQ remains present location until movement to site shown on attached map is advised.

File
Hq. 2/28 Aust Inf Bde.

Signed at 1545 hrs
Issued by LO

DISTRIBUTION

- 2/28 Aust Inf Bn
- 2/32 Aust Inf Bn
- 2/45 Aust Inf Bn
- 2/11 Aust Cdo Sqn
- B Sqn 2/7 Aust Regt
- 2/12 Aust Fd Regt
- 2/7 Aust Fd Coy
- C Coy 2/2 Aust LG Bn
- 2/3 Aust Fd Amb
- 6 Aust Div
- War Diary (2)
- File (2)

SECRET

24 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE OPERATION INSTRUCTION 2

Copy No
19 Jun 45

(NO change from verbal orders)

Ref maps : Tg KLIAS 1 : 50,000
Tg SAKAT 1 : 50,000
Tg KARUTAN 1 : 50,000
Tg NOSONG 1 : 50,000

1. Enemy Information

- (a) The enemy in the area of 9 Aust Div operations is withdrawing from contact and showing NO signs of offensive action.
- (b) Earlier information from native sources indicated that a small enemy force, estimated at NOT more than 50 all ranks, moved overland to the MEMUMBOK 962853 area. However, latest reports show NO sign of enemy activity in the area.
- (c) Lt Comd TANGRED RAN landed at MEMPAKUL 933840 on 18 Jun 45 and reported that there were NO enemy forces in the village area. Evidence pointed to a small number of Japs having recently evacuated the area. Natives briefly interrogated ashore stated that there were 50 enemy at KINANAP 957874 and 5 at MELIKAI 998922. NO enemy defences were observed in the vicinity of the beach.

2. Own troops

2/32 Aust Inf Bn Gp has captured WESTON and is reconnoitering towards BEAUFORT.

3. Intention

24 Aust Inf Bde will :-

- (a) Land 2/43 Aust Inf Bn Gp on MEMPAKUL beach with a view to exploiting NORTH to NOSONG 2020.
- (b) Combine the operation of 2/32 Aust Inf Bn, 2/11 Aust Cdo Sqn and 2/43 Aust Inf Bn with the object of capturing BEAUFORT.

4. Tasks of 2/43 Aust Inf Bn in general

You will assume command of troops as in Appx A attached - 2/43 Aust Inf Bn Gp and execute the following tasks :-

- (a) Conduct a reconnaissance in force of MEMPAKUL beach.
- (b) If NO opposition exists on MEMPAKUL beach, land your force and consolidate a beachhead.
- (c) Using 2/11 Aust Cdo Sqn, exploit forward in the direction of Tg NOSONG for the purpose of carrying out the following:-
 - (i) Gaining control of area KARUKAN 150036 - SITOMBOL LAKE 2011
 - (ii) Ascertaining whether SITAMBOE LAKE and entrance thereto are suitable for small craft.
 - (iii) Ascertaining whether sheltered anchorages exist in the vicinity PUNAGAH 218165 suitable for small craft.

- 2 -
- (iv) Ascertaining whether landing beaches suitable for re-supply by small craft, exist along the coast between Tg KLIAS 9284 and Tg NOSONG.
 - (v) Ascertaining how far RIVER KLIAS is navigable and its suitability as a line of supply and maintenance.

5. Tasks 2/43 Aust Inf Bn in detail

- (a) You will land strong patrol on SCARLET BEACH and, if successful, land the remainder of your group and consolidate a beach head on the line MENUMBOK 962855 to high ground at 953854 to coast at 936853.
- (b) You will establish an outpost line on suitable ground in the area KINANAP 959875.
- (c) On orders from this HQ you will commence exploitation as in para 4 (c).
- (d) Should it be necessary to support the operation of 2/11 Aust Cdo Sqn with elements of 2/43 Aust Inf Bn, you will refer the use of such to this HQ, except in cases of emergency, before committing them.

6. Bounds

- (a) BOUND ONE
MEMPAKUL CREEK
- (b) BOUND TWO
Line MENUMBOK 962855 to high ground at 953854 to coast at 936853.
- (c) BOUND THREE
Line running EAST and WEST through KINANAP.
- (d) BOUND FOUR
Promontary on square 9788.
- (e) BOUND FIVE
MELIKAI 000920.

7. Co-ordination

Movements to successive bounds will be ordered by this HQ in order to co-ordinate administration and movement.

8. Supporting Fire

- (a) 2/12 Aust Fd Regt less two btys will support 2/43 Aust Inf Bn.
- (b) 2/3 Aust Comp AA Regt will support the operation by fire of HAA guns from present positions.
- (c) Detailed schedule of fire; allotment of target areas etc will be issued separately.

9. Allotment of Craft

The following craft will be available for the operation:-

LCI 778
LCI 1071
1 LCI (G)
1 LCI (S)
1 LCM Gunboat
6 LCM

10. D Day

19 Jun 45.

11. H hr

1030 I

Signed at 2130 hrs
Issued by LO

By P. J. Lee
Brig.
Comd 24 Aust Inf Bde.

DISTRIBUTION

Lt-Col M R JEANES Comd 2/45 Aust Inf Bn

Copies to:-

2/11 Aust Cde Sqn
2/12 Aust Fd Regt
2/16 Aust Fd Coy
C Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn
2/3 Aust Fd Amb
HQ 2/156 Aust Gen Tpt Coy
9 Aust Div
File (2)
War Diary (2)

SECRET

OOB 2/43 AUST INF BN GP
(Issued with 24 AUST INF BDE OPERATION INSTRUCTION 2)

APPX A

SER	UNIT	PERS	VEHS AND TRKRS					Guns	Total Vehs & Guns	STORES	
			Jeep	2 1/2 Ton	3 Ton	Mech	Trks Jeep			DW	Cubic
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(k)	(l)	(m)
1	CAV 2/11 Aust Cdo Sqn	248	2				2		4		
2	ARTY POO Party 2/12 Aust Fd Regt	19									
3	LO Party 2/12 Aust Fd Regt										
4	One Tp 2/12 Aust Fd Regt	54	2	1			2	4	9		
5	SFCP B Tp 1 Aust Naval Bombt Gp	9	1				1		2		
6	ENGRS Det HQ 2/16 Aust Fd Coy	66	1	1	1	3 (plus 2 (loomp)			8		
7	One Pl 2/16 Aust Fd Coy					3 sleds)					
8	SIGS Det 2/9 Aust Cav Cdo Regt Sig Tp	3									
9	Det 5 Aust Engr Sig Sec	2									
10	Det 24 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	8	1				1		2		
11	Det 2/43 Aust Cipher Sec	2									
12	Det 9 Aust Div Sigs	3	1				1		2		
13	INF 2/43 Aust Inf Bn less rear details	414	9				9		18	25	34
14	G Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn less one pl	85	3				3		6		
15	AASC Det HQ 2/156 Aust GT Coy	7		1	1				2		
16	Det 2/14 Aust Tpt Pl	11	6				6		12		
17	Det 2/23 Aust Sup Dep Pl	6									
18	MED Det 2/3 Aust Fd Amb	40	2				2		4	.5	1
19	ARME Det 2/76 Aust LAD	6				1 (plus			1		
20	Det 2/31 Aust LAD	2				1 sled)					
21	MLSC Det 1 Aust Beach Gp	17									
22	Det B Aust FS Sec	1									
23	Det BECAV	2								3	6
24	LO 24 Aust Inf Bde	3									
25	Det 34 Aust US Sec (EM)	1									
26	YMCA Rep	1								.5	
		1011	28	3	2	4	29	4	70	29	41

C Coy 7/2 Aust MG Bn

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2/43 AUST INF BN LANDING CRAFT TABLE

Craft available 6 LCM

FERRY SERVICE

Ldg Craft Ser No	Landing Craft Type	Personnel			Load			Manning		Landing		Remarks
		Sub Unit	March ing	On Vehs	Guns	Vehs	Amn & Stores	Place	Time	Beach	Time	
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)	(m)
9	LCM	2/43 Inf Bn		2		2 Jeeps 2 Trlrs	Sig Stores) Bn HQ, RAP) 1 Ton DW			SCARLET	ON CALL	
10	LCM	2/11 Cav Cdo Sqn		2		2 Jeeps 2 Trlrs				"	"	
11	LCM	Det 24 Bde Sigs Det 9 Div Sigs		5 1		2 Jeeps 2 Trlrs	5 Tons DW			"	"	
12	LCM	2/16 Pd Coy	20			1xD4 1 Sled arc mesh				"	"	
13	LCM	2/16 Pd Coy BRCAN Det 34 FS Sec (FE)	15 1				3 Tons DW			"	"	
14	LCM	2/43 Inf Bn No 2 (MMG) Pl	28	1		1 Jeep 1 Trlr	MMG Amn			"	"	
15	LCM	2/43 Inf Bn Adv B Ech A Coy C Coy 2/3 Pd Amb	20 19 21 12				1 Ton DW			"	"	
16	LCM	2/3 Pd Amb		4		2 Jeeps 2 Trlrs				"	"	
17	LCM	2/12 Pd Regt	5		1x25pr	1x24ton	2 1/2 Tons DW			"	"	

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)	(m)
18	LCM	2/12 Pd Regt	23		3x25pr					SCARLET	ON CALL	
19	LCM	2/12 Pd Regt Det 2/61 LAD	2	2		2 Jeeps 2 Trlrs				"	"	
20	LCM	2/43 Inf Bn Dets No 3 Pl 2/16 Pd Coy	11	1 1		1 Jeep 1 Trlr 1 Jeep 1 Trlr				"	"	
21	LCM	HQ 2/156 GT Coy	1	1		1x2½ ton						
22	LCM	HQ 2/156 GT Coy	1	1		1 x 3 ton				"	"	
23	LCM	Det 2/14 Tpt Pl Det 2/28 Sup Dep Pl	5 6	2		2 Jeeps 2 Trlrs				"	"	
24	LCM	SFCP C Coy 2/2 MG Bn	40	1		1 Jeep 1 Trlr	1 Ton DW			"	"	
25	LCM	C Coy 2/2 MG Bn	2	2		2 Jeeps 2 Trlrs				"	"	
26	LCM	C Coy 2/2 MG Bn	41	1		1 Jeep 1 Trlr	1 Ton DW			"	"	
27	LCM	Det 2/14 Tpt Pl		2		2 Jeeps 2 Trlrs				"	"	
28	LCM	Det 2/14 Tpt Pl		2		2 Jeeps 2 Trlrs				"	"	
29	LCM	2/43 Inf Bn No 6 Pl	2	2		2 Jeeps 2 Trlrs				"	"	Water Tra
30	LCM	2/16 Pd Coy 2/43 Inf Bn No 5 Pl less dets 12		2		1x2½ ton 1 Trlr				"	"	
31	LCM	2/76 LAD	6			1x28 1 Sled Arc Mesh				"	"	

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)	(m)
32	LCM	2/16 Fd Coy		1		1 x 3 Ton				SCARLET	ON CALL	
33	LCM	2/16 Fd Coy	2			1 x R4 1 Sled Arc Mesh				"	"	
34	LCM	Sal Army		1		1 Jeep 1 Trlr				"	"	
35	LCM	2/43 Inf Bn (misc)	Up to 60			Up to 2 Jeeps 2 Trlrs	Up to 12 Tons DW			"	"	NOT required initially. Specified and called for as necessary

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(No change verbal orders)

Ref map 1:25000 LUMAT SW
LUMAT SE
LUMADAN NW
LUMADAN NE

INFORMATION

1. Enemy

- (a) The enemy appears to have been surprised by the speed of our adv on BEAUFORT and whilst stubborn resistance has been overcome, it is apparent that little co-ordination was effected by the enemy in his defences.
- (b) It must be anticipated that the enemy will react to our capture of the area by either a full scale counter attack or by infiltration tactics by day and by night.

2. Own Tps

2/43 Aust Inf Bn is pushing fwd along the axis of the rly line to the EAST with one coy while the remainder of the bn is holding the BEAUFORT area.

3. Tps reverting from comd

2/11 Aust Cdo Sqn reverts comd 9 Aust Div as from 300600I.

INTENTION

4. 24 Aust Inf Bde will hold BEAUFORT as a firm base and secure the ground in the river bend area 4289.

METHOD

5. Groupings

(a) 2/28 Aust Inf Bn

with under comd
Det 9 Aust Div Sigs
One Pl C coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn
Det 2/3 Aust Fd Amb

(b) 2/32 Aust Inf Bn

with under comd
One tp B Sqn 2/9 Aust Armd Regt
Det 24 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec
Det 9 Aust Div Sigs
Det 2/3 Aust Fd Amb

(c) 2/43 Aust Inf Bn

with under comd
Det 24 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec
Det 2/3 Aust Fd Amb

6. Tasks

(a) 2/28 Aust Inf Bn

- (i) Will hold the NORTHERN and EASTERN approaches to BEAUFORT via rly line and RUNDLE feature.
- (ii) The ground in area 3792 will be occupied and patrols pushed EAST to LAWLEY feature.

(b) 2/32 Aust Inf Bn

- (i) Will consolidate astride PADAS RIVER for def of BEAUFORT TOWN.
- (ii) Effect a junction with 2/28 Aust Inf Bn on rly line BEAUFORT - WESTON
- (iii) Prepare to relieve 2/43 Aust Inf Bn.

(c) 2/43 Aust Inf Bn

Will continue adv to EAST with a view to

- (i) Maintaining contact with enemy.
- (ii) Hitting enemy with all available fire power
- (iii) Avoiding cas to own tps.
- (iv) Securing ground area GREENIE

7. Supporting Fire

(a) Arty

(i) 2/12 Aust Fd Regt is available for DF tasks for all units. Maximum number of guns will be capable of firing on all DF tasks.

(ii) FOOs

2/28 Aust Inf Bn	1
2/32 Aust Inf Bn	2
2/43 Aust Inf Bn	2

(b) Gun boats - Rocket boats

Two gun boats and one rocket boat are available for sp 2/43 Aust Inf Bn.

8. Armd

One Tp B Sqn 2/9 Aust Armd Regt is under comd 2/32 Aust Inf Bn but to be available to sp 2/43 Aust Inf Bn if required.

9. Engrs

(a) 2/16 Fd Coy less one pl plus one pl 2/15 Fd coy is in sp the bde.

(b) Priority of work

- (i) AUSTER strip
- (ii) Assisting the fwd
- (iii) Barge off loading pt improvement
- (iv) Rly installations and repair of ferries

AIM

10. Normal

INTERCOM

11. Normal

ACKNOWLEDGE

Signed at 1500 hrs
Issued by hand

W. H. H. H. H.
Maj.
HQ 24 Aust Inf Bde.

DISTRIBUTION

2/28 Aust Inf Bn
2/32 Aust Inf Bn
2/43 Aust Inf Bn
B Sqn 2/9 Armd Regt
2/12 Aust Fd Regt
2/16 Aust Fd Coy
Pl C Coy 2/2 MG Bn
2/3 Aust Fd Amb
HQ 2/156 Aust Gen Tpt Coy
593 KB & S Regt (Gunboat Comd)
9 Aust Div
Comd
IM
IM(L)
SG
IO LO
File (2)
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Ref maps 1:250,000 BRUNEI - JESSELTON
1:50,000 KIMANIS
BINSULOK
LUMAT

INFORMATION

1. Enemy

Detail of enemy str in area BEAUFORT - PAPAR has been derived mostly from native sources which vary and must be considered as inaccurate and treated accordingly. Captured documents however confirm certain infm given below.

(a) MEMBAKUT

20 to 30 - Infm from captured documents and native reports. Permanent picquet of ten men with a JUKI is maintained on rly sta at all times and a further JUKI is stored in the sta building. By day a standing patrol of four men is posted at the sta end of the br. Natives report that there is no digging. There is a possibility of further enemy up to 100 dug in, in the MEMBAKUT Estate area.

(b) KIMANIS

150 with JUKI and AA Gun (Type not specified) Infm classified C3.

(c) PAPAR

150 - Infm from captured document and native reports. There are possibly a further 4/500 in the area but it is thought that mov is taking place up the PAPAR R en route to the RANAU area.

2. Own Troops

24 Aust Inf Bde less 2/32 Aust Inf Bn Gp is to hold the BEAUFORT area as a supply base.

INTENTION

3. 24 Aust Inf Bde will exploit NORTHWARD from BEAUFORT with the object of :-

- (a) establishing a Beach Head on KIMANIS BAY.
- (b) driving the enemy NORTH of PAPAR RIVER.

4. Fwd Tps

2/32 Aust Inf Bn Gp.

5. Constitution 2/32 Aust Inf Bn Gp

2/32 Aust Inf Bn

with under comd

det 24 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec
One pl C Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn
sec 2/3 Aust Fd Amb
det 9 Aust Div Pro Coy
det BBCAU

with in sp

one bty 2/12 Aust Fd Regt
one SFCP
one pl 2/16 Aust Fd Coy

6. Tasks

You will carry out the following tasks :-

- (a) Adv to the area KIMANIS BAY on axis rly, and recce an area suitable as a BMA. Special attention must be paid to beach exits.
- (b) Having established a suitable area you will detach such of your force as you consider necessary to hold the area.
- (c) You will submit a report on the suitability of NEMBAKUT and BONGAWANG RIVERS for use by small craft up to LCM.
- (d) You will then continue mov to the NORTH as far as KIMANIS 5320 when further instrs will be issued.

7. Bounds

The following bounds will be reported clear :-

- (a) LUMAT 3897
- (b) NEMBAKUT RIVER 4203
- (c) Line track at 471079 - BRUNEL 4308
- (d) BONGAWAN RIVER 4911
- (e) MANDAHAN 5216
- (f) KIMANIS 5320

8. Supporting Fire

(a) Naval

One SFCP will travel with Bn HQ. Details of naval craft available for sp will be advised later.

(b) Arty

(i) One bty 2/12 Aust Fd Regt will sp the adv.

(ii) FOC

Two FOC parties will be allotted 2/32 Aust Inf Bn.

(c) Air

One AL party is allotted 2/32 Aust Inf Bn.

9. Engrs

(a) One pl 2/16 Aust Fd Coy will be in sp of 2/32 Aust Inf Bn

(b) Priority of Work

(i) Maint of rly L of C initially

(ii) Water supply

(iii) General assistance during the adv.

10. IMG

One pl C Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn under comd 2/32 Aust Inf Bn.

11. Start Time

060800I

12. Concentration

Concentration will commence forthwith and will be completed NOT later than 051400I.

ADM

13. Sups - Amn - Water

(a) Det 2/28 Aust Sup Depot Pl will be under comd 2/32 Aust Inf Bn to control sups in the KIMANIS BAY H.A.

(b) Pack train with 5 days sups all natures will accompany the bn. In the event of craters on the line, a protective party will remain with engrs until gap is repaired.

14. Med

- (a) Sec 2/3 Aust Fd Amb under comd 2/32 Aust Inf Bn.
- (b) Evacuation by rail until beach head established thence by sea if situation permits.

15. Air Dropping

If the necessity arises air dropping of sups can be arranged. Twelve hrs notice to this H, would be necessary to arrange details.

INTERCOMMUNICATION

16. Bde HQ

Location unchanged.

17. Line

Duplicate lines will be laid with your bn from this H, under arrangements Bde Sig Offr.

18. Allotment VT

Two 22 sets will be allotted to the group. one for use in the BMA and one with the force which continues mov to the NORTH.

19. Reports

It is vital that you submit hourly reports of progress. Such reports need only be brief with a detailed sitrep each day at 1800 hrs.

Signed at 1600 hrs
Issued by LO

[Signature]
Brig.
Comd 24 Aust Inf Bde.

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2/28 Aust Inf Bn	3
2/43 Aust Inf Bn	3
2/12 Aust Fd Regt	4
2/16 Aust Fd Coy	5
C Coy 2/2 Aust Inf Bn	6
2/3 Aust Fd Amb	7
2/156 Aust GT Coy	8
9 Aust Div	9
File	10-11
War Diary	12-13

24 AUSTRALIAN INF BDE RLY ADM INSTR 1

GEN

1. A rly system has been organised and is operating on the following routes:-

- (a) NORTHERN Route - From BEAUFORT to LUMAT and NORTH thereof
- (b) EASTERN Route - From BEAUFORT along PADAS RIVER to the EAST
- (c) SOUTHERN Route - From SOUTHERN side of PADAS RIVER to WESTON via LUMADEN.

OPERATION AND CONTROL

- 2.
- (a) The rly system will operate in accordance with this instr.
 - (b) Capt R.J. LIPMAN of HQ 24 Aust Inf Bde is responsible for co-ordination of the system and will est a rly Control Centre at the BEAUFORT rly sta.
 - (c) Units will contact Capt LIPMAN direct at the Rly Control Centre on all matters relating the the rly.
 - (d) Units will NOT use rly line to move rolling stock either by hand or other means. All mov by rail will be under the control of the Rly Control Centre.

TIMETABLES

3. Timetables for the three routes mentioned in para 1 are att as Appx's A, B and C respectively.

4. It is essential that the times laid down be adhered to. Units will NOT delay trains.

- 5.
- (a) In addition, Rly Control Centre will arrange special trains, within the capacity of the system, to meet emergencies.
 - (b) At least six hrs notice to Rly Control Centre is required for special trains, except in cases of extreme emergency.

MOV BY RAIL

6. In order that the system may be efficiently co-ordinated, all mov by rail will be as a result of a booking effected with the RTO at Rly Control Centre.

7. Any unit requiring such a booking will phone RTO. One half hour later, the unit will again phone the RTO who will then advise the arrangement made for mov.

- 8.
- (a) Small articles need not be the subject of a specific booking. Such articles may be lodged with the MFO at Rly Control Centre, who will arrange for forwarding by the next available train.

8. (Contd)

- (b) All packages for forwarding through MFO will be clearly labelled.

EVACUATION OF CAS

9. Gas may be evacuated by normal trains. In urgent cases a special train will be arranged.
10. An amb jeep of 2/3 Aust Fd Amb will be converted for use on rails.

SAL

11. Salvageable material will be returned to BEAUFORT by normal booking in accordance with paras 6 and 7.

LOST PROPERTY

12. Rly Control Centre will est a Lost Property Office at BEAUFORT rly sta. Units will, where possible, be advised by Rly Control Centre of property held at Lost Property Office.

PROTECTION

13. C Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn will provide protection on all trains on the NORTHERN route.
14. 2/3 Aust Tk A Regt is providing protection for trains on the SOUTHERN route.

MAINTENANCE OF PERMANENT WAY

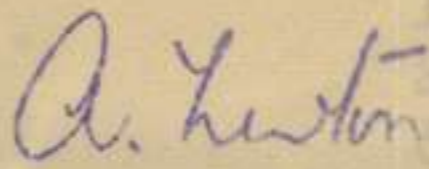
15. Maintenance of permanent way is the responsibility of RAE
16. Any decision made by RAE as to un-serviceability of permanent way will be advised direct to Rly Control Centre.
17. Any such decision will be adhered to until RAE advise that the line is again serviceable.

MAINTENANCE OF ROLLING STOCK

18. Maintenance of rolling stock is the responsibility of 2/122 Aust Bde Wksp.
19. A high standard of maintenance is necessary and 2/122 Aust Bde Wksp will arrange adequate maintenance at times when rolling stock can be made available by Rly Control Centre.
20. 2/122 Aust Bde Wksp will submit a daily maintenance report covering the 24 hrs ending 0900 I to Rly Control Centre showing:-
- (a) Number of vehs by types maintained in preceding 24 hrs.
 - (b) Number of vehs by types NOT maintained in preceding 24 hrs.
 - (c) Infm as to conversions of and repairs to rolling stock.
21. Such report will be submitted to Rly Control Centre by 1200 I daily.

INTERCOMN

- 22. (a) A Rly Sig Centre has been est at BEAUFORT rly sta. This centre will implement SDS on all routew.
- (b) Bde Sig Offr will promulgate details of SDS.


 Capt.
 SC 24 Aust Inf Bde.

DISTRIBUTION

- 2/28 Aust Inf Bn
- 2/32 Aust Inf Bn
- 2/43 Aust Inf Bn
- Det B Sqn 2/9 Aust Armd Regt
- 2/12 Aust Fd Regt
- 2/16 Aust Fd Coy
- 2/15 Aust Fd Coy
- C Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn
- LOB Gp
- HQ 2/156 Aust GT Coy
- 2/3 Aust Fd Amb
- 2/122 Aust Bde Wkep
- 9 Aust Div Cash Office
- 115 Det Aust Cinema Unit
- Det BECAU
- 2/3 Aust Tk A Regt
- 9 Aust Div
- Comd
- BM
- SC
- IO
- Sig Offr
- Gd Pl
- LAD
- Bde ASC Offr
- Bde Ord Offr
- File (2)
- War Diary (2)

APPX "A"
 24 Aust Inf Bde Rly Adm
 Instr 1.

TIMETABLE NORTHERN ROUTE

	Depart <u>BEAUFORT</u>	Arrive <u>LUMAT</u>	Depart <u>LUMAT</u>	Arrive <u>BEAUFORT</u>
Train 1	0700 I	0815 I	0845 I	1000 I
Train 2	1030 I	1145 I	1200 I	1315 I
Train 3	1500 I	1615 I	1630 I	1745 I

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APPX "B"
 24 Aust Inf Bde Rly Adm
 Instr 1.

TIMETABLE EASTERN ROUTE

	Depart <u>BEAUFORT</u>	Arrive <u>EASTERN BEAUFORT</u>	Depart <u>EASTERN BEAUFORT</u>	Arrive <u>BEAUFORT</u>
Train 1	0715 I	0815 I	0830 I	0930 I
Train 2	1015 I	1115 I	1130 I	1230 I
Train 3	1530 I	1630 I	1645 I	1745 I

APPX "C"
 24 Aust Inf Bde Rly Adm
 Instr 1

TIMETABLE SOUTHERN ROUTE

	Depart <u>WESTON</u>	Arrive <u>LUMADEN</u>	Depart <u>LUMADEN</u>	Arrive <u>SOUTH BEAUFORT</u>	Depart <u>SOUTH BEAUFORT</u>	Arrive <u>LUMADEN</u>	Depart <u>LUMADEN</u>	Arrive <u>WESTON</u>
Train 1	0800 I	0835 I	0850 I	0935 I	1000 I	1045 I	1100 I	1145 I
Train 2	1400 I	1435 I	1450 I	1535 I	1600 I	1645 I	1700 I	1745 I

Note:- A ferry service will operate across PADAS RIVER from BEAUFORT to SOUTH BEAUFORT at following times:-

0915 I to 1015 I
 1515 I to 1615 I

DISPOSNS & AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY

TOP SECRET

24 AUST INF BDE GP BEAUFORT

Ref Maps 1/25000 Series :- LUMAT S.E.
S.W.
LUMADEN NE
N.W.

42

94

one
pl.

one coy
less pl.

2/43 AUST INF BN.

2/28 AUST INF BN.

35

90

one coy
less one pl.

one
pl.

one coy

one
coy.

one pl.

one coy
less one
pl.

one
coy.

one coy.
less
standing
patrol.

standing
patrol.

NOTE:- 2/43 BN will
maintain one coy at
LUMADEN.

PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

FROM

24 INF BDE

031550I

TO

2/28 BN, 2/32 BN, 2/43 BN B SQN 2/9 ARMD REGT, 2/12 FD REGT
2/16 FD COY, C COY 2/2 MG BN, 2/3 FD AMB, HQ 2/156 GEN TPT COY
2/122 BDE WKSP, 2/122 AUST BDE ORD FD PK

for information

9 AUST DIV

GO 747 SECRET ref 24 bde 00 3 (.) disposns as laid down will be adopted
on relief of 2/32 aust inf bn by 2/28 aust inf bn on ^{orders} ~~service~~ from this
HQ (.) para 12(a)(ii) delete 2/43 aust inf bn and substitute 2/32 aust
inf bn

If liable etc.
Samuel Maj

IMMEDIATE

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24 AUST INF BDE 00 3

Ref maps 1:25000 LUMAT SW
LUMAT SE
LUMADAN NW
LUMADAN NE

INFORMATION

1. Enemy

- (a) Since being surprised in the BEAUFORT area the enemy has shown no inclination to hold ground in the face of the eastward adv of our tps, with the fire power applied by them.
- (b) Many enemy have been cut off by the speed of our adv and it must be expected that parties of 50 - 100 enemy armed with automatic weapons may attack our rear areas.
- (c) For some time TENOM - KEMINGAU has been in the course of development as a last stronghold area and there is an estimated 2000 enemy in that area.

2. Own Troops

No change

INTENTION

- 3. 24 Aust Inf Bde will hold the BEAUFORT area as a supply base with a view to further operations to the NORTH.

METHOD

4. Summary

The area will be held by 24 Aust Inf Bde Gp less 2/52 Aust Inf Bn Gp.

5. Groupings

(a) 2/22 Aust Inf Bn

with under cmd
det 24 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec
× one pl C coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn
one sec 2/3 Aust Fd Amb

with in sp
Two FOO parties 2/12 Aust Fd Regt
One AL Sec

(b) 2/43 Aust Inf Bn

with under cmd
det 24 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec
one sec 2/3 Aust Fd Amb

with in sp
Two FOO parties 2/12 Aust Fd Regt

6. Localities to be held

- (a) Attached as Appx A hereto is detailed allocation of localities to be held by each unit.
- (b) Localities shown are gen areas only.

7. Inter Bn bdy

As per appx A attached.

8. Responsibility

(a) 2/28 Aust Inf Bn

- (i) 2/28 Aust Inf Bn will be responsible for the protection of southern and eastern approaches to the BEAUFORT area.
- (ii) A standing patrol will be maintained at all times in the area 427878 to give early warning of enemy approach and to call down DF tasks registered in that area.

(b) 2/43 Aust Inf Bn

- (i) 2/43 Aust Inf Bn will be responsible for the protection of southern and western approaches to the BEAUFORT area and for the protection of the town and base installations.
- (ii) A coy will be stationed at LUMADEN at all times with the responsibility of the protection of the rly line BEAUFORT - WESTON.

9. Supporting Fire

- (a) 2/12 Aust Fd Regt less one bty and one tp will be in sp 24 Aust Inf Bde in this area.

(b) Allotment FOOs

2/28 Aust Inf Bn - Two
2/43 Aust Inf Bn - Two

10. Armd

✓ One tp B Sqn 2/9 Aust Armd Regt will be in bde res in area BEAUFORT town.

11. Engrs

- (a) 2/16 Aust Fd coy less one pl will be in sp 24 Aust Inf Bde in this area.

(b) Priority of tasks

Preparation and maint AUSTE strip
Repair, maint and org of rly systems
Maint Barge C^o Loading Its
Maint rd facilities
Water supply

(c) Labour

Par pls 2/28 Aust Inf Bn and 2/43 Aust Inf Bn will be on call to OC 2/16 Aust Fd Coy.

12. MG

(a) Allotment C Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn

(i) Coy Hq with Bde Hq in present area.

(ii) One pl under comd each 2/28 Aust Inf Bn and 2/43³² Aust Inf Bn.

c/ (iii) One pl in sp 2/16 Aust Fd Coy for protection rly trains.

13. Res

(a) TPS

(i) One coy 2/43 Aust Inf Bn will be available as bde res in area BUNDLE.

(ii) One tp B Sqn 2/9 Aust Armd Regt area BEAUFORT town.

(b) Probable Roles

(i) Destruction of small parties of enemy reported in areas beyond the scope of individual bns.

(ii) Reinforcement on any flank as required.

14. Patrolling

✓ (a) A vigorous patrolling policy will be instituted forthwith by all units within the boundaries laid down.

(b) Details of projected patrols for each week will be forwarded to reach this Hq NOT later than 0900I each Thurs.

15. Scale of Defence

✓ (a) All defences will be dug, camouflaged and completed to final phase.

✓ (b) Strict care will be exercised in the cutting of fire lanes and in the cam of posns.

ADP

16. Anti Disease

✓ Particular attention will be paid to all anti disease and hygiene instrs in this area.

17. Tpt

(a) Road

(i) Jeeps and trucks may be used for ops and maint purposes but until rd constr is completed their use will be kept to a minimum.

(ii) Hy vehs except engr vehs for constri purposes will NOT be used.

(iii) Rail trucks will NOT be used by rd vehs.

(iv) Det 2/14 Aust Tpt Pl vehs will form a pool of vehs and units may draw from it on application to this Hq.

(b) Rail

(i) 2/16 Aust Fd Coy will be responsible for the maint and op of the rly system.

(ii) Co-ordination of services and timetables will be laid down by this Hq.

(c) Watercraft

(i) Application for the use of all watercraft will be submitted to this Hq by 1700 hrs daily.

(ii) Courier LCM to LABUAN will depart from barge off-loading pt 360902 at 0800 hrs daily. Application for mov of personnel and stores to be submitted to this Hq by 1700 hrs daily.

18. AASC

(a) OC 2/156 Aust G T Coy will cond all AASC units in the Bde area and will liaise with SC re installations and holdings.

(b) Arm Subs POL

(i) AP at 360905

(ii) Sup P at 360905

(iii) PP at 360905

X (c) Holdings - 7 days level will be maintained.

19. Med

(a) An ADS will be est within each Bn area.

(b) IDS at 369897 BEAUFORT Town.

(c) Rear sec of MDS 289918 will mov fwd when condition of patients allow.

20. Dental

B and E Secs of 2/8 Aust Dental unit at 369897 and attached to 2/3 Aust Fd Arb for Adm.

21. Ord

(a) All indents for ord stores to Bde Ord Officer.

(b) Det of 2/122 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk will move from LABUAN to BEAUFORT.

22. AME

(a) 2/122 Aust Bde whspss will est a light sec at BEAUFORT.

(b) OC will liaise with 2/16 Aust Fd Coy in maint of rly rolling stock.

23. Engr Stores

All applications for engr stores to OC 2/16 Aust Fd Coy.

24. Pay

A det of 9 Aust Div Cash Office will be est at an early date.

25. Postal

FPO 0 35 at 360905.

26. Pro

(a) A det of 2 sec 9 Aust Div Pro Coy will be under comd. Town Major BEAUFORT.

(b) Remainder of sec will carry out such duties as required by this Hq.

27. Sal

(a) Det of 9 Aust Div Sal unit at 368895.

(b) Units will return all sal to this location and all material of no local use will be evac to LABUAN under arrangements this Hq.

28. Town Major BEAUFORT

(a) Capt J POLLOCK 2/43 Aust Inf Bn has been appointed Town Major BEAUFORT.

(b) He will be responsible for local adm of town area.

(c) No unit will mov into town area without previous application to Town Major.

(d) BEAUFORT Town is Out of Bounds except to units located in that area.

(e) All visitors must apply to Town Major for permission to enter town area.

INTERCOLN

29. Hq 24 Aust Inf Bde at 364905.

30. Line

(a) Line will be duplicated to all unit Hqs.

(b) Line will be laid to all detached sub-units.

(c) NO lines will be run over rly lines.

31. Wireless

- (a) Normal wireless links will apply. Schedules may be operated, with permission Bde Sig Offr.
- (b) Should any lines fail, normal wireless link will come on the air immediately.

ACKNOWLEDGE

Signed at 1220 hrs
Issued by hand and sigs.

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 Lt Col Aust Inf Bde.

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2/28 Aust Inf Bn	1-2	(a)
2/32 Aust Inf Bn	3	
2/43 Aust Inf Bn	4	
3 Sqn 2/9 Aust Armd Regt	5	(b)
2/12 Aust Fd Regt	6	
2/16 Aust Fd Coy	7	
C Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn	8	
2/3 Aust Fd Arb	9	
H. 2/156 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	10	(a)
2/122 Aust Bde W'rsp	11	
2/122 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pl	12	(b)
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FROM: 26 INF BDE

311915I

TO : LIST C

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GO 684. SECRET (.) revsit to 311900I (.) weather report for next 24 hrs (.)
 showers in early morning otherwise fine further outlook NO change (.)
 2/4 cdo sqn killed 1 jap wearing AUSTRALIAN Boots and shirt and carrying
 AUSTRALIAN tinned food at 406727 (.) 2/3 Pnr bn killed 2 japs at 464605 (.)
 3 japs were killed by 2/23 bn at 428693 (.) japs were carrying bags of
 rice (.) native today brought in 2 PW and a further 2 were captured in
 DISTRICT SIX (.) enemy cas for day 6 counted dead 4 PW (.) progressive
 totals 1521 235 39 and 322 PW (.) locations 2/48 bn HQ coy AMAL B coy
 442658

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FROM : 25 INF BDE

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G0687 (.) SECRET (.) r v s i t to 011900I (.) weather report for next 24 hrs
showers in the afternoon and early morning (.) 2/46 bn (.) 5 japs were
seen at 442659 3 were taken PW and 2 escaped (.) search for 2 is still
continuing (.) 2/5 pnr bn (.) LCM patrol killed one jap at 445797 (.)
other patrols made no contact during the day (.) enemy cas for 24 hrs one
counted dead 3 PW progressive totals 1522 235 39 and 325 (.) locations (.)
following changes 2/5 pnr bn C and D coys 441647

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FROM : 26 INF BDE

TO : List C

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GO677 (.) SECRET (.) revsit to 281900I (.) weather forecast fine
 during evening moderate showers after midnight fine again during day
 (.) further outlook continuation of showers then improving (.) LCM
 patrol. A killed 3 japs on a raft at 361510 4 japs on a raft at
 460810 were taken PW (.) natives on TIBI ISLAND captured 2 japs and
 the D Coy 2/2 MG bn prahoe patrol captured one jap near SADAU (.)
 MGs found blood stains and fresh footprints at 422660 where a booby
 trap had been sprung night 27/28 jul (.) natives on BERBATOE took 3
 PW (.) enemy cas for day counted dead 3 PW 10 progressive totals
 1496 235 39 and 315

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TO : LIST C

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GO 674 (.) SECRET (.) revsit to 271900I (.) weather report for next 24 hrs
 (.) scattered broken cu base 3000 ft almost clear tonight (.) fine (.)
 further outlook NO change (.) 2/23 bn (.) 1 enemy captured today at 405682
 armed with rifle and grenade (.) 1 jap sighted at 411693 (.) 2/3 pnr bn (.)
 LCM patrol killed 2 japs and captured 1 on a raft at 360800 (.) 1 jap on
 floating drum in water near SOUTH PIER killed night 26/27 jul (.) NICA took
 1 PW in DISTRICT SIX (.) 4 dead japs found in village at CAPE DJOEATA by
 prahoe patrol, 2/2 MG Bn (.) enemy cas counted dead 7 PW 4 (.) progressive
 totals 1496 235 39 and 305 (.) locations (.) 2/3 pnr bn B coy pl BOENJOE
 ISLAND C and D coys 441647

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TO : List C

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GO671 (.) SECRET (.) revsit to 261900I (.) PT boats today captured 3
 japs on a prahoe which they had made themselves near TANAMERAH (.) one
 PW captured by D coy 2/2 MG bn prahoe patrol (.) other patrols made no
 contact during the day (.) total enemy cas for 24 hrs 4 PW progressive
 totals 1489 235 39 and 301 (.) locations no change (.) weather for
 next 24 hrs isolated early evening showers then chiefly fine (.) further
 further outlook very similar conditions

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FROM : 26 INF BDE
TO : LIST C

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GO 116 (.) SECRET (.) revsit to 251900I (.) 2 PW surrendered voluntarily
to NICA in DISTRICT SIX today (.) patrols in other sectors made NO
contact (.) locations NO change (.) enemy cas 2 PW (.) progressive totals
1489 235 39 and 297 PW
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FROM : 26 INF BDE

242100I

TO : List C

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G0667 (.) SECRET (.) revsit to 241900I (.) weather report for next 24 hrs
some storms and moderate showers during night (.) enyr activity (.) 50
cubic yds rock collected from BOENJOE (.) all sectors thoroughly patrolled
today (.) C sqn 2/9 armd regt killed one jap 431663 (.) 2/23 bn (.) D coy
patrol killed one jap 406694 (.) 2/24 bn (.) 4 japs were sighted on SNAKE
moving SOUTH were engaged but escaped into undergrowth leaving behind billy
containing cooked grubs and fern leaves (.) 2/48 bn (.) C coy patrol killed
2 japs between PATRICK and MICHAEL in creek at 450698 (.) 2/3 pnr bn (.) 2
japs surrendered to C coy at DINGO whilst personnel were lined up for mess
(.) D coy 2/2 MG bn patrol to OSTRICH killed 4 japs at 425675 (.) further
patrol found dead jap 426661 identified as having been wounded 22 jul (.)
patrol to WILLS STURT and FRANK sighted 7 japs at 415668 (.) japs escaped
(.) enyr cas for day counted dead 9 PW 2 progressive totals 1489 235 39
and 295 (.) own cas for day 1 KIA 3 WIA (.) locations (.) 2/48 bn A coy
443657 C 442665 D 442662
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FROM: 26 INF BDE
TO : LIST C

GO 666 (.) SECRET (.) revsit to 231900I (.) weather report for next 24 hrs (.)
Showers towards early morning but tending to be light and isolated otherwise
fine with morning haze further outlook similar conditions mainly fine (.)
2/3 pnr bn (.) LCM patrol captured one jap at CAPE DJOEATA (.) pl stationed
at BOENJOE ISLAND killed two japs (.) one believed to be senior officer (.)
one jap also killed on BOENJOE by guerillas (.) during night NICA guards
DISTRICT ONE killed one jap of p rty of four remainder escaped (.) RAAF
personnel killed one jap on OTWAY also one at 427664 (.) natives brought in
5 PW captured at BERBATOE incl Lt Comd HOTTA paymaster 101 Fuel Depot (.)
PT boats brought in 2 PW captured at TANAMERAH (.) natives from BARAOE
brought in 4 PW (.) enemy cas for day (.) counted dead 5 killed by guerillas
1 PW 12 (.) progressive totals (.) 1480 235 39 and 293 PW (.) locations (.)
2/48 bn 13 pl LAURA 15 pl LANKY (.) remainder unchanged (.) engr activity (.)
general rd improvement (.) war cemetery commenced construction of pre cast
kerbs and drains

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TO : List C

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G0661 (.) SECRET (.) revsit to 221900I (.) weather for next 24 hrs (.) further showers during night chiefly after midnight fine during day (.) further outlook no change (.) engr activities scouring of DJOEATA swimming pool in progress (.) today was observed as a rest day (.) 2/48 bn (.) B coy killed one jap armed with chopsticks and surrender leaflet in pack at 495642 (.) natives on MALINAU killed one jap and brought one PW to the island (.) D coy 2/2 MG bn (.) today saw 2 japs who escaped from underneath native hut (.) locations no change (.) enemy cas for 24 hrs 2 counted dead 1 PW progressive totals 1475 235 38 and 281

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FROM: 26 INF BDE

TO : LIST C

GO 660 (.) SECRET (.) revsit to 211900I (.) engr report (.) stone crusher operating DISTRICT IV crushing aggregate for concrete at War Cemetery (.) scouring of DJOETA oilfield swimming pool in progress (.) 169 points of rain fell during the proceeding 24 hrs (.) NEI pl killed 2 japs and took 1 prisoner in CAPE DJOETA village (.) patrol from 2/2 MAC pl killed one jap and wounded another who escaped at 422660 (.) D coy 2/2 MG Bn patrolling in garden area killed 1 jap at 417667 and another at 420665 (.) 452 sqn RAAF report during last night jap entered their lines stealing service pistol pair binoculars and other items equipment and clothing (.) at 1540I a jap PETTY OFFICER was killed by a member of sqn at 438653 (.) jap was wearing windsheet jacket and carrying remaining items stolen gear (.) during last night 2 japs again attempted infiltrate 2/4 cao sqn lines 1 killed other escaped (.) 2/48 bn (.) at 0120 I 2 japs were fired on moving NORTH along SARRIS TRACK (.) japs escaped but left behind steel helmet with bullet hole in brim (.) 2/3 pnr bn (.) pl departed by LCM for BOENJOE ISLAND this morning following report that escaped japs from TRAKAN were harrasing local natives for food (.) patrol to 488653 to investigate chopping heard by 2/48 bn searched area report NMS (.) enemy cas for day (.) 7 counted dead 1 PW (.) progressive totals (.) 1474 235 37 and 280 PW (.) locations 2/23 bn A coy 398718 B coy 397718 C coy 406683 D coy 398719 (.) 2 Coy 1 Bn NEI Inf (.) now concentrated area 439644 (.) remainder unchanged

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FROM : 33 INF BDE

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TO : List C

G0057 (.) SECRET (.) revsit to 201900I (.) weather forecast for next 24 hrs
 thunderstorms and showers during night after 2200I further outlook still
 unsettled (.) 2/3 pnr bn (.) patrols made no contact today (.) NEI (.) japs
 attempting to get food from kitchen on BOENJOE ISLAND wounded one person
 (.) 2/4 cdo sqn (.) 2 japs were engaged in unit lines night 19/20 jul (.)
 one was killed and one escaped (.) 2/54 bn (.) patrol saw no sign of enemy
 mov (.) 2/48 bn (.) patrol followed footprints of 4 - 5 japs into swampy
 country where tracks disappeared (.) other patrols made no contact (.) 2/23
 bn (.) no sign was seen of enemy today by patrol (.) enemy cas for 24 hrs
 (.) counted dead one (.) . . ogressive totals 1467 235 37 and 279

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FROM: 26 INF BDE
TO : LIST C

GO 654 SECRET (.) reysit to 191900I (.) weather report for next 24 hrs (.)
 fine with NO change likely (.) engr activity (.) maint and re gravelling
 of GLENELG and ANZAC HIGHWAYS in progress (.) cleaning of water pipes
 DJOEATA water supply and reconstruction of weir under way (.) 2/4 cdo sgn
 3 enemy engaged in cav lines last night 1 enemy was wounded and 2 escaped (.)
 the wounded jap taken PW this morning (.) 2/24 bn patrols and 2/48 made
 NO contact with enemy during the day (.) 4 PW are held by NICA on BOENJOE
 ISLAND (.) LCM patrol was unable to get them today owing to time shortage
 (.) 2/3 pnr bn (.) 3 japs were killed by a patrol at 468634 japs carried
 rice and fresh vegetables (.) 1 jap launched an attack against air maint
 coy last night (.) jap was killed (.) 2 japs killed by D coy 2/2 MG bn
 at 419558 (.) 1 dead jap who had been killed by RAAF several days ago
 was found at 417556 (.) B coy 2/24 bn captured one jap at 388723 (.) 1 PW
 was brought to SADAU today by natives (.) enemy cas for 24 hrs counted
 dead 7 PW 7 (.) progressive totals 1466 235 37 and 279 PW (.) locations
 NO change

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TO : List G

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 G0651 (.) SECRET (.) rewsit to 181900I (.) weather forecast for next 24 hrs heavy to moderate showers after midnight followed by light rain until dawn (.) engr report (.) corduroy on SNAGS TRACK being continued (.) maint and repair ANZAC and GLENELG HIGHWAYS in progress (.) airstrip taxiway "D" matted to 700 ft hard stands being trimmed (.) drainage in progress taxi way "A" with hand trimming existing gravel (.) little progress trimming flight strip due wet conditions (.) total enemy cas today counted dead 6 est additional dead 2 killed by guerillas 13 PWs 16 (.) natives from TANAMERAH delivered 3 PW to PT boats early this morning (.) NEI tps captured 3 japs in DISTRICT IV last night (.) D coy 2/2 MG bn prahoe patrol killed one jap at 370688 and took 3 PW at 349711 incl lt-comd YAMAGATA SMO jap garrison on TARAKAN (.) C sgn 2/9 armd regt (.) 1 jap killed 424668 carrying quantity rice and dried fruits (.) one set foot prints proceeding NORTH at 422666 (.) one jap wounded at 430663 lost in thick undergrowth (.) in same area 2 only 4 gall rice one DUTCH carbine 2 36 grenades found in dugout (.) recent dead body jap found at 442663 (.) 2/7 fd regt patrol sighted and engaged 3 japs at 400707 one wounded all escaped into swamp (.) 2/23 bn (.) 2 japs carrying leaflet and white flag surrendered to D coy at 408694 (.) patrol killed 2 japs at 402701 (.) patrol to BEECH 1 captured 5 japs incl 3 offrns wearing decorations (.) 2/3 pnr bn (.) LCM patrol found one raft with rifle 5 grenades and a pack 390808 (.) clothing identified as belonging to PO (.) body in water sighted 300 yds from raft (.) on approach of LCM jap disappeared and not sighted again presumed drowned (.) C coy patrol following set of foot prints killed jap at 489652 (.) from reliable source guerillas have killed additional 13 japs islands adjacent TARAKAN (.) progressive totals enemy cas counted dead 1459 est additional dead 235 killed by guerillas 37 PJ 272
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1720301

FROM : 26 INF BDE
TO : LIST 0

GO 644 (.) SECRET (.) revisit to 171900I (.) weather for next 24 hrs (.) heavy showers and thunderstorms developing during night fine again by 0800I (.) further outlook nightly showers but not so intense (.) engr activity (.) br at 405691 completed maint and repairs to GLENELG and ANZAC HIGHWAY (.) drainage sports area TARAKAN (.) bulk oil 10000 BBL tank ready to take AVGAS (.) D coy 2/2 MG bn (.) Patrols killed 1 jap wounded 2 419666 2 escaped (.) further jap killed and 2 taken PW 421665 (.) large quantity Australian tinned rations and rice captured 419666 where 1 PW was taken (.) Prahee patrol took 1 PW 365687 (.) 5 japs captured by natives at BERBATOE brought back (.) 2/9 arm'd regt (.) C sqn (.) patrol killed 1 enemy armed with pistol and bayonet 426662 (.) 2 further enemy killed 433655 (.) numerous tracks of enemy seen by patrols during day (.) 2/48 bn (.) saw considerable signs of enemy mov in sector during day but made NO contact (.) 2/3 pnc bn (.) 2 japs seen 481650 1 killed and 1 who escaped subsequently killed by another patrol (.) 6 rifles found in this area (.) 2/24 bn patrol killed 1 jap 443752 (.) 2/4 cdo sqn (.) C tp patrol killed 4 enemy 387/24 (.) track leading NORTH from THIGH showed signs of recent use (.) 2/23 bn (.) 1 jap killed 432698 and 2 rifles and 200 rds of amn found (.) 1 jap killed 418687 2 rifles and 2 grenades taken (.) 1 dead jap found 423688 (.) 2 japs killed by DUTCH NAVY on KAPAL ISLAND 2 escaped (.) RAAF killed 2 japs 366685 (.) 1 killed 1 wounded by natives on PAJAU (.) 4 enemy killed by postal unit night 16/17 Jul at 416637 (.) NEI inf killed 1 jap took 1 PW CAPE DJOEATA (.) owing to mistake since found in records figures for PW quoted last night's revisit should read 246 (.) enemy cas for day counted dead 25 estimated additional dead 1 PW 10 (.) progressive totals 1453 233 24 and 256 PW (.) locations NO change

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FROM : 26 INF BDE
TO : LIST C

GO 646 (.) SECRET (.) OBOE TWO (.) reysit to 161330I (.) SEPINGGANG MANGGAR
sector (.) 2/14 bn A coy now 747679 (.) D coy moving through B coy to approx
posn 730694 (.) 2/16 bn A coy patrol made contact with 4 japs approx 677698
1 wounded all escaped (.) pl patrol moving to 683705 BABY then hut NE (.)
2/7 cdo regt local patrol otherwise sitnor (.) BATOCHAMPAR area (.) 2/25
bn A coy sending strong patrol to establish comm C coy (.) 2/33 bn patrol
probing forward to locate enemy fwd posns (.) 2/31 bn patrol moving to B coy
via SOEMBER KIRI chain file and return (.) time out 0900I time due in 1400I
(.) A coy to investigate crashed A/C 617678 time out 0930I (.) C coy via
MACDONALDS track to make contact 2/33 bn CELLO then return along highway 4
(.) D coy standing patrol JUNIOR (.) 2/6 cdo scn (.) ambushes established
MILFORD HIGHWAY 633702 POPES TRACK 626695 (.) patrol moving via CLONGURRY
to make contact NEI at SOEMBER KIRI (.) otherwise sitnor (.) CAPE PENADJAM
(.) patrol on Jap vessel night 15/16 Jul report 152345I 50 ft jap launch
approached towing 5 prahoes and 15 ft motor boat amn and fuel (.) approx
40 japs in all vessels (.) direction of approach downstream (.) patrol
engaged enemy with SA and PITA fire (.) large barge gutted lying 398688
small motor boat sunk (.) enemy cas 4 counted dead estimated additional
dead 6 (.) infm to 162130I (.) SEPINGGANG MANGGAR sector (.) 2/27 bn (.)
4.2 in mortar fire AMBORAWANG area killed 5 natives wounded two (.) 2/14
bn D 721698 moving TIMBER MILL (.) track completed 721688 to AGOG possible L of C
L of C fwd coys (.) 2/7 cdo regt (.) patrol report stores amn dump two
OERLIKON type one point five guns along track 675663 (.) one 3 ton truck
683624 (.) cav patrol killed enemy track jun ENVOY ELOPE (.) BATOCHAMPAR
sector 2/25 bn further infm enemy attack night 15/16 jul enemy cas counted
dead 10 killed three (.) disposns (.) Bn HQ D coy CHAIR A coy 632678 B coy
staging 2/33 bn area one coy CALM (.) A coy patrol to C coy reached posn
without contact approx 161320I (.) C coy patrol feature 629690 reached
630687 found extensive unoccupied defensive posns (.) patrol CADDY reached
626687 NO contact (.) 2/33 bn B coy relieved one coy 2/25 bn GARD 641681
(.) D coy patrol moved 641677 observed effect of arty fire ridge 637678 (.)
then to 638679 saw 1 jap mortar and 12 japs in pits patrol was observed
and returned (.) 2/6 cdo scn (.) ambush posn 633701 killed 10 enemy
and knocked out enemy truck (.) all enemy parties were moving SOUTH (.)
ambush posn POPES TRACK killed 8 enemy (.) NEI (.) patrol observed 7 japs
digging in approx 616753 (.) enemy engaged and one killed (.) patrol fired
on from 619748

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FROM : 26 INF BDE

161920I

TO : List C

00642 (.) ~~SECRET~~ (.) reysit to 161900I (.) 2/23 bn (.) 2 japs were seen between LIZZIE and FREDA and both were killed (.) 2/48 bn (.) 12 pl encountered 3 japs armed with 2 rifles at 494623 all were killed (.) a newly constructed raft was found in the area (.) 2/3 pnr bn (.) 2 PW were captured today on THORN (.) at 469628 a patrol killed one jap armed with a bayonet (.) LCM patrol A captured one jap at 340833 (.) one PW a lt-comd surrendered to 2/4 cdo sen during the night 15/16 jul (.) 53 comp AA regt captured 2 PW and killed one jap at 404664 (.) 5 enemy were seen 2 of whom escaped (.) D coy 2/2 MG bn prahoe patrol captured one PW in CAPE KARIS area (.) enemy cas for day counted dead 6 PW 8 (.) progressive totals counted dead 1428 est additional dead 233 killed by guerillas 24 PWs 250 (.) locations (.) 2/23 bn B coy 418716 418717 419715 421715

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151015I

FROM : 26 INF BDE
TO : LIST C

GO 636 (.) SECRET (.) revsit to 151900I (.) weather next 24 hrs (.)
broken cu base 2000 tops 10000 moving from BORNEO to produce scattered
showers during night (.) further outlook continuation of present conditions
(.) engr activity for day (.) rd maint and gravelling on ANZAC HIGHWAY to
AIRSTRIP now in progress (.) corduroy being continued on SNAGS TRACK (.)
2/48 bn (.) 1 PW was captured night 14/15 Jul by bn cooks in B ech area (.)
a newly made raft and 4 to 5 sets of footprints were seen by patrol 494623
but NO contact was made (.) 2/3 pnr bn (.) patrol found 20 DUTCH mines
at 481652 (.) 3 sets footprints were found at 465588 but NO enemy seen (.)
2/23 bn (.) 1 PW was captured at 403687 (.) PW was armed with grenade but
made NO attempt to resist and surrendered with hands above the head (.)
3 rifles and one WINCHESTER were captured today (.) 53 comp AA regt (.)
captured 2 japs at 395665 (.) Major Douglas 2/11 Fd Amb while engaged in
scientific marine research on 14 Jul observed 3 sets Jap footprints 494623
(.) NO enemy were apprehended (.) locations (.) 2/23 bn tac HQ 400717
A Coy 397717 B 398717 C 427689 432688 425679 427692 D 398718 (.) enemy cas
for day (.) 4 PW progressive totals 1422 233 24 and 242

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FROM : 26 INF BDE
TO : LIST C

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0629 (.) SECRET (.) revsit to 131900I (.) weather report for next 24 hrs (.)
Fine before midnight with light showers in area before dawn (.) fine during
day (.) further outlook NO change (.) engr activity (.) auxilliary engine
installed town water supply (.) D coy 2/2 MG Bn (.) patrol last night set ambush
at 421665 at 121930I killed 2 japs (.) patrols today were fired on by 3 japs at 42
428673 wounded 2 (.) own cas NIL (.) Prahoe patrol killed 1 jap at 350769 (.)
located raft at 340756 and on investigation found equipment of two men (.)
patrol landed and searched area finding one sword badge of rank of PO two maps
and one trace (.) further patrol to BERBATOE reports six japs at NAPAL and
two at BERBATOE (.) 2/48 bn (.) patrol sighted 3 japs at 455668 1 killed and
1 wounded (.) total enemy sightings all sectors 8 japs (.) enemy cas for day
counted dead 4 (.) progressive totals 1403 233 24 by guerillas and 229 PW (.)
Locations NO charge (.) 80 Sqn RAAF is now on the island

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FROM : 26 INF BDE

121900I

TO : List C

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G0622 (.) SECRET (.) revsit to 121900I (.) weather report for next 24 hrs
(.) fine except for moderate early morning showers (.) further outlook
similar conditions with showers gradually becoming more intense (.) engr
activity (.) maint all rds gravel resheeting ANZAC HIGHWAY sunken barge
at PONTON JETT salvaged drainage work at war cemetery (.) 2/3 enr bn (.)
patrol killed one jap 420614 (.) 2 japs seen 481652 one killed (.) 20
DUTCH mines found in area (.) 2/48 bn (.) one jap at 0210I approached B
coy kitchen coy comd investigated noise tackled jap single handed and slew
enemy (.) 11 pl patrol killed one jap 446584 (.) 3 pl patrol from D coy
2/2 IG bn saw 3 japs 423668 one killed remainder fled (.) further patrols
to same area saw 4 japs and wounded 2 (.) 2/24 bn (.) 2 japs were killed
by a patrol at 445731 (.) one grenade was found on dead jap (.) 2/23 bn
(.) patrol killed one jap on AGNES armed with spear (.) 6 japs were seen
437687 (.) one was killed but the remainder escaped into bush (.) 3 jap
rifles and several packs were captured (.) during night 11/12 jul 2 PW
were taken by 452 sqn and RSU (.) one surrendered one was shot in foot and
captured (.) locations no change (.) enemy counted dead 9 est additional
dead nil killed by guerillas nil PW 2 (.) progressive totals 1399 233 24
and 229
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GO 618 (.) SECRET (.) revsit to 111900I (.) weather report next 24 hrs (.)
 early morning showers with evening thunder storms over mainland (.) further
 outlook light showers but generally finer (.) D Coy 2/2 MG Bn (.) PRAHCE
 patrol from SADAU saw eight japs 351774 (.) japs fled followed by patrol
 who killed two at 356765 (.) 22 PWs were taken today (.) natives took one
 on BIRPAHCE ISLAND one LIANGAU RIVER 2/48 bn patrol captured two 499697
 who led them to further twelve carrying white flags (.) all surrendered (.)
 provost captured one SOUTH PIER LINGKAS BEACH (.) RAAF took four at first
 light this morning at CLAPPER 416647 (.) native PW (Jap subject) who came
 from PALAU surrendered to NICA in DISTRICT SIX (.) a native constable on
 BOENJOE killed 4 japs who were attempting to land from a raft (.) NEI pl
 at CAPE DJOFATA killed one (.) 2/48 bn (.) one jap killed yesterday by a
 patrol was NOT reported in revsit 10 Jul (.) This HQ extends an apology to
 Mr FARQUHAR (.) patrols found three dead japs in PATRICK and MICHAEL areas
 (.) 2/24 bn (.) killed one jap 387722 (.) 2/23 bn (.) C coy patrol killed
 one jap 431682 (.) enemy cas for day counted dead 8 estimated additional
 dead NIL killed by guerillas 5 PW 22 (.) progressive totals 1390 233 24
 and 227 (.) locations 2/24 bn HQ 396717

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102100I

FROM : 26 INF BDE

TO : List C

GO613 (.) SECRET (.) revsit to 101900I (.) weather report (.) fine
visibility 30 miles and further outlook generally fine conditions
prevailing for next few days (.) engr activity (.) br at 405691 EDC evening
12 jul (.) 2/23 bn (.) patrol to AUNTY - ESSIE area saw 3 japs scrounging
at D coy former HQ (.) one killed 2 escaped to NORTH (.) 6 japs seen at
413655 one killed others fled into swamp area one rifle one LUGER captured
(.) 3 of these subsequently killed by 2/123 bde wksp (.) 2 PW taken in
FUKUKU area (.) one carried AUSTRALIAN grenade (.) 2/4 cdo son (.) 2 japs
seen on track 384742 both wounded and taken PW (.) third jap reported by PW
to have escaped into bush (.) 2/24 bn (.) one jap was killed on SNAKE today
(.) enemy cas for 24 hrs (.) counted dead 8 est additional dead nil killed
by guerillas one PW 11 (.) progressive totals 1382 233 19 and 205 (.)
locations no change

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092100I

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GO 612 (.) SECRET (.) revsit to 091900I (.) weather report for next 24 hrs (.) almost cloudless tonight broken cu base 3000 ft with a light morning shower about 0400 - 0630 hrs fine with only scattered cloud tomorrow (.) further outlook improved conditions with decrease in shower intensity at night (.) engr report (.) bulk oil tanks bunding in progress (.) tunnels blown on FUKUKAKU area (.) br at 407684 estimated time of completion 111800I (.) natives from BERBATOE ISLAND today brought in 2 PW captured on BARU ISLAND (.) 2/4 cdo sgn (.) at 0900I one jap surrendered to sgn HQ (.) patrol to creek junc 393723 sighted 4 japs (.) one killed and two wounded but escaped NORTH (.) 2/23 bn (.) bearers en route to evacuate wounded on ESSIE killed 1 jap on AUNTY on returning killed another at 430693 (.) patrol to MAJOR killed one at 398684 (.) further patrols sighted 3 japs at 413688 enemy engaged results unobserved (.) 2/24 bn (.) map reading cadre captured one jap at 393725 (.) patrol killed one at 411726 armed with sword investigation revealed jap had had right arm amputated (.) 2/48 bn (.) patrol killed two japs on track between FLUTE and JANIE (.) japs were unarmed and attempted to escape on patrols approach (.) patrol came across 3 japs at 441673 (.) two surrendered other killed attempting to escape (.) 2/3 Pnr Bn (.) patrol sighted 4 japs with 2 rifles at 465649 (.) two killed remainder fled NORTH (.) fishing party at PASIR JETTY saw 4 japs on floating log near shore (.) japs landed on beach 3 were killed one wounded who escaped through undergrowth to NORTH (.) NEI pl captured two japs at CAPE DJOEATA (.) NEI tps guarding NICA area DISTRICT SIX captured two japs (.) A Coy 2/12 Fd Amb force rest camp killed one jap of party of two attempting to steal food from mens mess at 0150I (.) own cas one killed (.) D Coy 2/2 MG Bn (.) 2 pl relieved 1 pl on SADAU ISLAND used as base for Prahoc patrols (.) enemy cas for day (.) counted dead 15 PW 10 (.) progressive totals (.) 1374 est dead 233 killed by gucrillas 18 PW 194 (.) locations (.) D Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn 1 pl 423653 2 pl SADAU 3 pl 422657

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FROM : 26 INF BDE

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TO : List C

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GO608 (.) SECRET (.) revsit to 081900I (.) weather for next 24 hrs (.) further showers late evening to early morning (.) visibility 20 to 30 miles reduced to zero in showers (.) further outlook deteriorating (.) engr activity (.) SNAGS TRACK jeep head now 1500 yds from SPARKS turnoff (.) br at 405691 50% complete (.) 2/24 bn (.) 3 sets fresh footprints seen 439736 but no contact made (.) 2/48 bn (.) one Jap killed on OTWAY at 0100I (.) attempted to throw grenade in C coy area (.) 2 Japs seen on ESME one killed (.) one Jap seen on AGNES escaped into scrub (.) 3 Japs captured SOUTH stream 507742 (.) one jap captured SOUTH BINALATOENG (.) jap on crutches (.) one DUTCH rifle 2 pouches of amm captured in area (.) 2/23 bn (.) one PW captured on ESSIE carrying white flag (.) 2 japs killed 429689 rifle and amm captured (.) 2 japs killed in tunnel 427695 where several bags of rice were found (.) one jap killed one wounded this afternoon on ESSIE (.) 2/3 pnr bn (.) one jap killed in tunnel 467626 (.) 2 japs fired on 467627 but fled (.) 2/2 MG bn (.) patrol found footprints 2 japs 425670 also 2 recently used palm beds (.) one jap killed 1930I near water point 423660 thought to be offr possibly gentleman (.) LCM patrol today sighted smoke on shore 435799 loud speaker was used in attempt to persuade japs in area to surrender nil return (.) pnr bn LCM patrol sighted raft near shore killed one jap and took one PW 2 escaped (.) raft was destroyed (.) enemy cas for day counted dead 10 PWs 11 (.) progressive totals 1359 est dead 233 killed by guerillas 18 PWs 184 (.) locations (.) 2/23 bn B coy 398713 C 427689 pls 427692 432688 425679 D 398718 (.) NEI pl 426691

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GO 604(.) SECRET (.) retransit to 071900I (.) weather report for next 24 hrs(.) moderate showers between midnight and dawn otherwise fine (.) visibility good (.) further outlook continuation of night showers (.) 2/4 cdo sdn (.) 3 enemy infiltrated sdn lines during night 6/7 July NO cas enemy escaped (.) dead jap found by patrols 404777 rank ENSIGN (.) 2/48 bn (.) 1 dead jap laid out neatly covered with groundsheet 497662 groundsheet examined but rejected as fit for further use (.) other patrols NO contact (.) 2/24 bn (.) ADS with bn captured 1 jap at 0830I today (.) 1 dead jap partially consumed by crocodile found 401703 (.) 2/7 fd regt party fired on by 2 japs 401722 (.) own cas 1 killed (.) engr activity (.) foundation prepared for new br 505691 (.) 2/23 bn (.) found 1 dead jap 434686 (.) fresh footprints seen near RIPPON area NO contact made (.) 2 PW captured by natives on TIBI (.) 1 in DISTRICT VI (.) 12 japs killed by guerillas on SEBATAK approx 63 miles NORTH of TAREAN (.) enemy counted dead today 17 PW 4 progressive totals 1379 232 and 173 (.) locations (.) A tp 2/4 cdo sdn 406724

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GC598 (.) SECRET (.) revsit to 061900I (.) weather report for next 24 hrs
fine whole period visibility 20 odd miles (.) future outlook little change
but tendency for showery conditions before midnight after 48 hrs (.) natives
brought in one PW from area SEKATA river (.) 2/23 bn mortar pl killed 8
japs and captured one PW in tunnel 431692 (.) C coy patrol fired upon by one
jap 434686 jap killed (.) further C coy patrols killed 2 enemy 431694 and 3
at 430694 (.) D coy patrol to FAITH found one dead jap (.) one jap killed
438699 (.) escort sup train captured one jap at 423702 2 others fled (.)
NEI coy patrol captured one jap OIPE DJOEATA (.) 2/24 bn A coy patrol
killed one jap 405735 tk attack pl killed 2 417715 (.) 2/48 bn D coy patrol
killed enemy 505725 (.) 2/4 cdo con patrol found 3 dead japs at 384773 and
a further one dead at 378757 (.) D coy 2/2 MG bn patrol killed 3 japs
on KARIS ISLAND (.) natives in same area handed over 3 jap PW (.) natives
from BABATOE area brought in 2 PW incl one naval WO (.) MISC personnel
killed 2 japs in their HQ area at 0330I (.) 2 japs were taken prisoner by
RAAF personnel on JONES at 1830I (.) enemy cas for day counted dead 30 PWs
11 (.) progressive totals 1362 232 and 169 (.) following location changes
2/23 bn A coy 425754 pls 422754 420754 B 419717 pls 420746 423745 421746
(.) NEI pl in sp 426754
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GO 591 (.) SECRET (.) revert to 051900I (.) weather report for next 24 hrs (.) some further falls of rain but tending to clear in the above period (.) visibility 15/20 miles generally reduced by haze (.) half a mile during rain (.) surface wind SOUTH to SW 10 to 15 knots (.) further outlook occasional light early morning showers (.) engr activity (.) maint on all rds (.) culvert on DJOEATH rd at 405673 cleared and tank trap breached to carry off flood waters (.) 2/23 bn (.) 1 PW surrendered on WALLY today (.) PW carried white flag and surrender leaflet (.) 3 japs killed on CHARITY (.) 3 enemy carrying a white flag surrendered to 2/4 coy sgn this morning (.) PWs came from direction of Mt TANGKOL (.) 2/23 bn patrol found 1 dead jap at 434785 where a previous patrol had reported wounding 1 enemy (.) 7 japs were seen at 445694 1 was killed and 2 wounded (.) 3 rifles 5 helmets 2 grenades were captured (.) at 1500I 4 japs were seen at 430694 1 was killed 1 was wounded and a carbine 2 bayonets some medical gear and 2 bags of rice were captured (.) further 2 japs were killed by a patrol at 419690 (.) at 430687 an apparent bivouac site was found and booby trapped (.) 2/24 bn (.) patrols today saw recently built huts but NO sign of enemy at 378721 (.) fresh foot prints were seen at 383721 (.) 2/48 bn (.) D coy patrol NORTH along coast from AMAL killed 1 jap at 506719 (.) 3 japs were seen at 497661 and 1 was killed 2 escaped into swamp dead jap had rifle cap boots and puttees (.) escort for boong train to AMAL killed 1 jap today (.) enemy cas for day counted dead 11 estimated additional dead NIL PW 5 (.) progressive totals 1332 232 and 158 (.) PW was picked up today by PT boats at NOENOEKAN ISLAND

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040820I

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G0588 (.) SECRET (.) revsit to 031900I (.) weather report for 24 hrs to 041800I (.) fine before midnight and during day. Light to moderate showers between midnight and dawn (.) engr report (.) unit scale A accn 2/23 bn 100% complete remainder 85% complete (.) gun maint on all rds (.) rainfall TARRAN period 1/30 jun incl 1449 pts (.) 2/48 bn (.) fresh footprints seen near hut 432659 and signs that 2 persons had slept there (.) LCM captured one jap 506743 (.) put ashore Pw at 497777 who brought back 2 further Pws (.) other patrols made no contact (.) 2/24 bn (.) patrol killed one jap 412772 (.) one jap killed one probably killed at 404743 (.) jap footprints seen on DUTCH TRACK but NO enemy seen (.) one jap approached 14 pl posns in 2/3 pnr bn area (.) fled into bush when fired on (.) 2/23 bn (.) C coy patrol captured 4 japs at 428692 (.) 4 japs seen on BOBIE 2 wounded (.) at 417690 a patrol found 4 tunics 3 bags tinned food 2 packs of rice bayonet grenade 3 ground sheets (.) one jap seen in area fled (.) one jap killed on CLARICE (.) tracks of jap using crutches found on FAITH but no enemy seen (.) 2 Pws captured by LCM patrol on raft near CAPE SIMAYA (.) one PW captured 2/48 bn patrol 504720 (.) MLI brought in 2 PW from DINGO village (.) enemy cas for day (.) counted dead 3 est additional dead one Pws 13 progressive totals 1321 232 and 153 (.) locations (.) one pl 2/2 MG bn D coy now on S.DAC (.) otherwise no change

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041330I (.) latest report 2/14 bn at MANGGAR KETJIL mines reported in area
(.) MANGGAR KETJIL br demolished MANGGAR BASAR br passable to foot traffic
(.) 25 bde report 68 enemy dead counted on NURSY NOBODY features (.) 21
bde report 2/14 bn consolidating on MANGGAR air strip NO opposition (.) 18
bde div reserve remaining present areas (.) 21 bde report 2/7 cdo sqn
patrol cleared areas JINGO 637611 JAZZ 633612 JONE 642612 patrol at 631631
NO enemy contacted (.) 2/14 bn report fwd tps on MANGGAR air strip (.)
other disposns unchanged (.) 25 bde report 2/25 bn NO change (.) 2/31 bn
secured line NAIL 578622 NOBODY 586624 with patrols fwd to ORRS junc
584630 NO opposition reported (.) 2/33 bn hold line through OPUS 591618
OPERATOR 592621 OLYGEN 595623 OCTOBLR 599619 with B coy on 593630 NO
opposition reported (.) 18 bde H₂ 558589 NO other reported changes (.) 21
bde report 2/14 bn came under sporadic gunfire mostly aimless bursts from
75mm location guns NOT established (.) 25 bde NO reported change (.)
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GO 584 (.) SECRET (.) revsit to 031900I (.) weather forecast for next 24 hrs (.) Fine except for light showers late evening and early morning (.) Visibility Excellent except in showers (.) further outlook: NO change (.) Engr report (.) maint carried out on all main rds (.) 2/24 bn (.) 6 japs were seen today on the 76 feature (.) the japs fled towards CHARITY before our patrol could make contact (.) a bag of rice which had been recently opened was found at 433711 (.) 2 japs were killed at 377767 (.) 2/23 bn (.) a patrol from 8 pl killed 1 jap at 443786 (.) 6 enemy were seen at 433692 (.) they split into groups and fled on the approach of our troops (.) 1 jap was killed in a tunnel at 434692 (.) patrols today killed 4 japs (.) 2 at 442707 and a further 2 at 444707 (.) 3 enemy dead found at 440708 (.) 2/48 bn (.) 3 to 4 japs were seen on OSSIE (.) japs were armed with rifles 1 killed (.) 2 armed japs were seen at 436664 (.) japs moved off track on seeing our troops (.) 2 japs were killed at 441665 carrying packs and other gear but no food (.) the LCM patrol killed 1 jap at 504730 and brought back 1 PW taken by NEI (.) 2/3 pnr bn (.) chinese reported that two japs raided a house at 462635 taking some food (.) patrol is now investigating (.) 1 jap was killed at 478601 (.) dispositions (.) NO change (.) enemy cas for last 24 hrs counted dead 16 estimated additional dead NIL PW 1 (.) progressive totals 1318 (.) 231 and 140 PW (.) included in counted dead today are 6 killed by guerillas on TUBI ISLAND (.)

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G0582 (.) SECRET (.) revsit to 021000I (.) weather report next 24 hrs (.) scattered showers during night fine during day visibility 20 - 30 miles reduced considerably during showers (.) wind surface SW 10 - 15 MPH (.) further outlook fine conditions with occasional showers during early morning (.) engr activity (.) oil jetty completed (.) 2/24 bn (.) 2 japs seen one killed 439737 (.) 2 of party of 4 probably killed 443733 (.) at 418726 jap armed with spear killed (.) 2/48 bn (.) LCM patrol found one dead jap in sea 514704 (.) one jap C coy HQ night 1/2 jul (.) one enemy in party of 3 killed by 14 pl patrol one probable rifle and 100 rds captured (.) natives killed 4 enemy on TIBI ISLAND took one PW (.) 2/2 MG bn patrol in prahoe killed one jap on raft 361694 2 japs picked up from SADAU ISLAND captured by natives on KARIS (.) 2/3 pnr bn (.) one jap killed one wounded 477622 dead jap was armed with grenade (.) 4 japs seen one killed 475637 (.) C coy killed one jap 475604 jap had rifle and grenade (.) 2/23 bn killed one jap on ESSIE one jap 435760 (.) 2 dead japs found 428690 (.) 6 PWs picked up by LCM patrol near BOENJOE (.) 2 captured by PT boat 13 miles SOUTH of island (.) 5 captured on raft SOUTH of BANGKOEDOELIS (.) enemy cas for day counted dead 19 est additional dead 4 PWs 22 progressive totals 1302 231 and 139 PWs (.) locations no change

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GO 576 (.) SECRET (.) revsit to 011900I (.) weather forecast for next 24 hrs (.) moderate showers at approx midnight with intermittent light rain until sunrise but fine during day (.) visibility good except for early morning (.) further outlook NO change (.) Engr activity (.) decking for 10000 bbl tank complete (.) maintenance all main rds (.) 2/3 pnr bn 1 jap seen 488653 fled into bush leaving rifle (.) 3 japs 1 MEIHO seen at 492582 1 sjt killed 2 ORs wounded (.) wounded escaped (.) 1 25mm twin barrel found in tunnel at SPEAR (.) gun was mounted on trolley (.) LCM patrol found 2 rifles at 309801 (.) 2/23 bn (.) patrol killed jap 432767 (.) 6 enemy contacted on WALLY armed with rifles enemy fled (.) 1 jap taken PW 435704 3 grenades and surrender leaflet found on PW (.) 2 japs killed 446708 and OSMG and mag recovered (.) 8 japs seen this area (.) 1 dead jap found 378754 by 2/24 bn patrol 4 enemy contacted SNAKE 2 killed 1 probably killed (.) 1 enemy seen on LOYAL (.) 2/48 bn LCM patrol captured 3 japs 505718 killed 3 japs and probably killed 1 at 505715 (.) D coy shot 1 jap at 0145I and wounded 1 (.) 2 others fled (.) enemy dead for day 11 estimated additional dead 3 PWs 5 (.) progressive totals 1283 227 and 117 PWs (.) locations only changes C coy 2/48 bn 14 pl 443666 13 pl 441664

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ARMD REGT 2/7 FD REGT D COY 2/2 MG BN 4 pl A COY 2/1 GD REGT

GO 102 (.*) SECRET (.) on Tue 24 Jul units will carry out a thorough search of their sectors in accordance with 26 aust inf bde 00 3 of 14 jul (.) in order to ensure simultaneous search all patrols will commence at 0800I

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Ref Maps : TARAKAN ISLAND NORTH 1 in 25000
TARAKAN ISLAND SOUTH 1 in 25000

INFM

1. Enemy

- (a) Organised resistance by the enemy as a force has ceased.
- (b) The force has broken up into separate gps operating independently throughout the island.
- (c) Estimated effective strength - 250.

2. Likely Enemy Action

- (a) Each gp is likely to continue resistance.
- (b) Attempts may be made to escape from the island.
- (c) Isolated gps in search of food may attempt to enter bivouac and camp areas.

INTENTION

3. 26 Aust Inf Bde Gp will eliminate all enemy on TARAKAN ISLAND.

METHOD

4. Summary

Each unit will be allotted a Sector of Responsibility for mopping up and security.

5. Sectors of Responsibility

The island has been divided into four sectors :-

WILLIAM SECTOR.
X-RAY SECTOR.
YOKE SECTOR.
ZEBRA SECTOR.

6. Btrs

See Trace P att.

7. Allotments of Tps

(a) WILLIAM SECTOR

(i) Tps
2/24 Aust Inf Bn with in sp one tp C Sqn 2/9 Aust Arm Regt, 14 bty 2/7 Aust Fd Regt, one pl NEI Coy and with on call one tp 57 bty 2/7 Aust Fd Regt and one bty 55 Aust Comp AA Regt.

(ii) Comd
CO 2/24 Aust Inf Bn.

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(b) X-RAY SECTOR

- (i) Tps
2/23 Aust Inf Bn with in sp two tps C Sqn 2/9 Aust Armd Regt, 13 bty 2/7 Aust Fd Regt and on call one bty 53 Aust Comp AA Regt.
- (ii) Comd
CO 2/23 Aust Inf Bn.

(c) YONE SECTOR

- (i) Tps
2/48 Aust Inf Bn with in sp one tp C Sqn 2/9 Aust Armd Regt, 57 bty 2/7 Aust Fd Regt, one pl NEI Coy and on call one bty 53 Aust Comp AA Regt.
- (ii) Comd
CO 2/48 Aust Inf Bn.

(d) ZEBRA SECTOR

- (i) Tps
2/3 Aust Pnr Bn with in sp one tp C Sqn 2/9 Aust Armd Regt, 13 bty 2/7 Aust Fd Regt, one pl NEI Coy and on call one bty 53 Aust Comp AA Regt.
- (ii) Comd
CO 2/3 Aust Pnr Bn.

8. Tasks

- (a) Eliminate all enemy within each sector.
- (b) Prevent escape of enemy from the island.
- (c) Protect vital installations within each sector.
- (d) All enemy weapons, amm, food or other eqpt likely to be of value to the enemy, will be either removed to a place of safety or completely destroyed.

9. Cav

2/4 Aust Cdo Sqn will concentrate in DJOEATA OILFIELDS, available for special tasks as required.

10. Armour

C Sqn 2/9 Aust Armd Regt will be prepared to operate with inf in dealing with enemy in areas where tks can operate.

11. Arty

(a) Fd

One FOO party from 2/7 Aust Fd regt will remain at each Bn HQ prepared to move out to any pt where sp is required.

(b) 3.7"

One bty 53 Aust Comp AA Regt in ground role will remain on call to sp ops in each Sector.

12. Engrs

2/13 Aust Fd Coy will provide engr sp for the bde gp as and where required.

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13. MMG

D Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn will concentrate in KARAP GANJAR area available for special tasks as required.

14. NEI Coy(a) Allotment

One pl in sp of 2/24 Aust t Inf Bn, 2/48 Aust Inf Bn and 2/3 Aust Pnr Bn.

(b) Tasks

NEI tps will be employed, as far as is possible, on all patrols in tracking and locating the enemy.

15. LCM patrol

(a) The LCM armed patrol will continue to operate :-

(i) During daylight hrs between SADAU ISLAND and CAPE BINALATOENG.

(ii) At night remain on station off CAPE DJOEATA.

(b) Tasks

(i) Examine the coast for signs of enemy mov and hidden craft and rafts.

(ii) If mov seen ashore LCM will move close in-shore and only when satisfied that tps are enemy will engage.

(iii) Intercept and examine all craft either moving or beached.

(iv) Report immediately the discovery of any enemy either afloat or ashore.

16. Plans and Reports(a) Outline Plans

Commencing 22 Jun 45 each Sector Comd will submit to Bde HQ by 1200I daily a brief outline of his plan for ops on the succeeding day.

(b) Reports(i) Patrol reports

Patrol reports in prescribed form will be submitted to Bde HQ by 2100I daily.

(ii) Situation reports

Situation reports will continue to be rendered at the times laid down.

ADM

Within op limits the following adm will be implemented :-

17. Sal

All sal, own and enemy, incl dumps of eqpt, food, amm and sig cable will be collected and moved to Sal. Where it is not practicable for units to bring in sal this HQ will be notified of all details.

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18. Fly

Every effort will be made to prevent fly and mosquito breeding in unit sectors by burning and burying.

19. Enemy Dead

All bodies of enemy dead will be searched for identification, buried and the map ref of the grave together with the identification will be forwarded to this HQ.

INTERCOMN20. Line

- (a) Units will leave in present posns such fd cable as is required for the execution of tasks laid down in this order.
- (b) All other fd cable will be recovered.

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Issued through Sigs

Signed at 211110 I

H J KATEKAR
(H J KATEKAR) Maj
BM 26 Aust Inf Bde

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2/24 Aust Inf Bn	2	2
2/48 Aust Inf Bn	3	3
2/4 Aust Cdo Bn	4	4
C Sqn 2/9 Aust Armd Regt	5	5
2/7 Aust Fd Regt	6	6
53 Aust Comp AA Regt	7	7
2/13 Aust Fd Coy	8	8
B Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn	9	9
2/3 Aust Pnr Bn	10	10
NEI Coy	11	11
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Ref Map : TARAKAN ISLAND 1:50000

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1. Small parties of enemy still remain on the island.
2. Many of the enemy are in a starving condition and are becoming progressively more desperate in their search for food.
3. In most cases, they are anxious to evade capture and are careful to avoid contact with our patrols.

INTENTION

4. 26 Aust Inf Bde Gp will carry out a thorough search for all enemy on TARAKAN ISLAND on 17 Jul 45.

METHOD

5. Summary

The island has been re-divided into sectors each of which has been allotted to units as their responsibility to clear of enemy.

6. Sectors

For allotment of sectors see Trace att.

7. Tasks

- (a) Each unit will thoroughly comb its allotted Sector and kill or capture any enemy encountered.
- (b) The maximum number of personnel from each unit will be employed in order to ensure the coverage of all likely "hide outs" in each Sector.
- (c) In searching for enemy special attention will be paid to all tracks, water-courses, huts, gardens, tunnels, and old food dumps.

8. Timings

These tasks will be commenced and completed on 17 Jul 45.

9. Outline Plans

Each unit will submit to Bde HQ by 161700I an outline plan showing its proposed method of carrying out the above tasks.

ADM

10. No change.

INTERCOMM

11. No change.

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26 AUST INF BDE OP INSTR 2

Ref Maps : TARAKAN SOUTH (SPECIAL) 1 in 25000
TARAKAN NORTH (SPECIAL) 1 in 25000

INFM

1. Enemy

- (a) It is estimated that present effective strength remaining on the island is approx 415.
- (b) This figure excludes an unknown number of ineffectives who may be capable of fighting in an emergency.

2. Likely enemy action

- (a) As the enemy force is now almost completely surrounded and subjected to constant pressure from all directions it is possible that he may attempt a large scale counter-attack.
- (b) Such a counter-attack may be carried out in one of the following ways :-
 - (i) A banzai charge by all his remaining effectives directed against our rear areas with a view to causing great havoc to personnel and vital installations.
 - (ii) A planned counter-attack with the object of re-capturing some vital objective such as MT API, SNAGS TRACK or the area in the vicinity SIMPENTIGA.
- (c) It is likely that these operations may be commenced at night in the hope of penetrating our fwd posns and reaching the rear areas before light.
- (d) These operations may also be co-ordinated with previously sent out raiding parties destined to infiltrate unobserved into rear areas and to disorganize our defences.

3. Air

The enemy is capable of mastering from distant sources a number of aircraft to support his counter-attack.

4. Mot

	8 Jun	9 Jun	10 Jun
Sunrise	0700	0700	0701
Sunset	1918	1918	1918
Moonrise	0458	0553	0604
Moonset	1735	1829	1929
Moon phase	Last quarter	New moon	New moon

INTENTION

5. 26 Aust Inf Bde Gp will be prepared to repulse any enemy counter-attack and destroy all enemy penetrating to rear areas.

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METHOD6. Sectors of Responsibility

- (a) NORTHERN SECTOR
Area NORTH of CRAZY RIDGE to incl DJOEATA OILFIELDS.
- (b) CENTRE SECTOR
Incl CRAZY RIDGE to exclude the line FRED A - TRACK JUNC KNOLL (431679) - OSTRICH - SYLVIA - FRANK. This SECTOR includes the Airfield.
- (c) EASTERN SECTOR
Incl FRED A - TRACK JUNC KNOLL - OSTRICH to incl TRIG 102 - LAURA - ESMIE - DISTRICT I.
- (d) SOUTHERN SECTOR
All that area SOUTH of the 665 GRID LINE.

7. Allotment of Troops

- (a) NORTHERN SECTOR
2/24 Aust Inf Bn with in sp one tp C Sqn 2/9 Aust Arm'd Regt, 2/7 Aust Fd Regt, det 2/13 Aust Fd Coy and one pl D Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn.
- (b) CENTRE SECTOR
2/23 Aust Inf Bn with in sp two tps C Sqn 2/9 Aust Arm'd Regt, 2/7 Aust Fd Regt, det 2/13 Aust Fd Coy and one pl D Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn.
- (c) EASTERN SECTOR
2/48 Aust Inf Bn with in sp one tp C Sqn 2/9 Aust Arm'd Regt, 2/7 Aust Fd Regt, det 2/13 Aust Fd Coy, one pl D Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn and one Coy 2/3 Aust Pnr Bn.
- (d) SOUTHERN SECTOR
2/3 Aust Pnr Bn less one Coy with in sp one tp C Sqn 2/9 Aust Arm'd Regt, 2/7 Aust Fd Regt and det 2/13 Aust Fd Coy.

8. Tks

- (a) Allotment
One tp to each of 2/24 and 2/48 Aust Inf Bns and to 2/3 Aust Pnr Bn; two tps to 2/23 Aust Inf Bn.
- (b) Tasks
Tk-inf teams will be prepared to deal with enemy penetrations in accordance with 26 Aust Inf Bde Op Instr 1.

9. Artz

- (a) Fd
2/7 Aust Fd Regt will sp the units in the defence of their sectors with DF and SOS tasks.
- (b) Anti Aircraft
53 Aust Comp AA Regt will be prepared to engage all enemy aircraft operating in this area and to provide illumination of any threatened areas by use of SLs.

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10. Engrs

2/13 Aust Fd Coy will sp the units to which allotted by establishing booby traps on all likely lines of approach.

11. MMGs

Allotment

One pl in sp each 2/23, 2/24 and 2/48 Aust Inf Bns.

12. Patrols

(a) Recco

Units will carry out constant daylight patrols fwd of their posns with the object of ascertaining if enemy is either vacating his fwd posts or forming up for an attack.

(b) Standing

Units will ensure that engr parties, setting booby traps, are protected by standing patrols.

13. Local protection

(a) All units are responsible for their own local protection both by day and by night and for the protection of all military eqpt and installations under their charge.

(b) Units will ensure that adequate guards are provided at all times to give warning and deal with enemy in their immediate vicinity.

ADM

14. Units will exercise strictest economy in use of amm and only fire if directly attacked and NOT because firing occurs in other areas.

INTERCOMM

15. Line

(a) It is likely that lines will be cut if the enemy attempts a counter-attack.

(b) To prevent this every effort will be made to pole lines.

16. Wireless

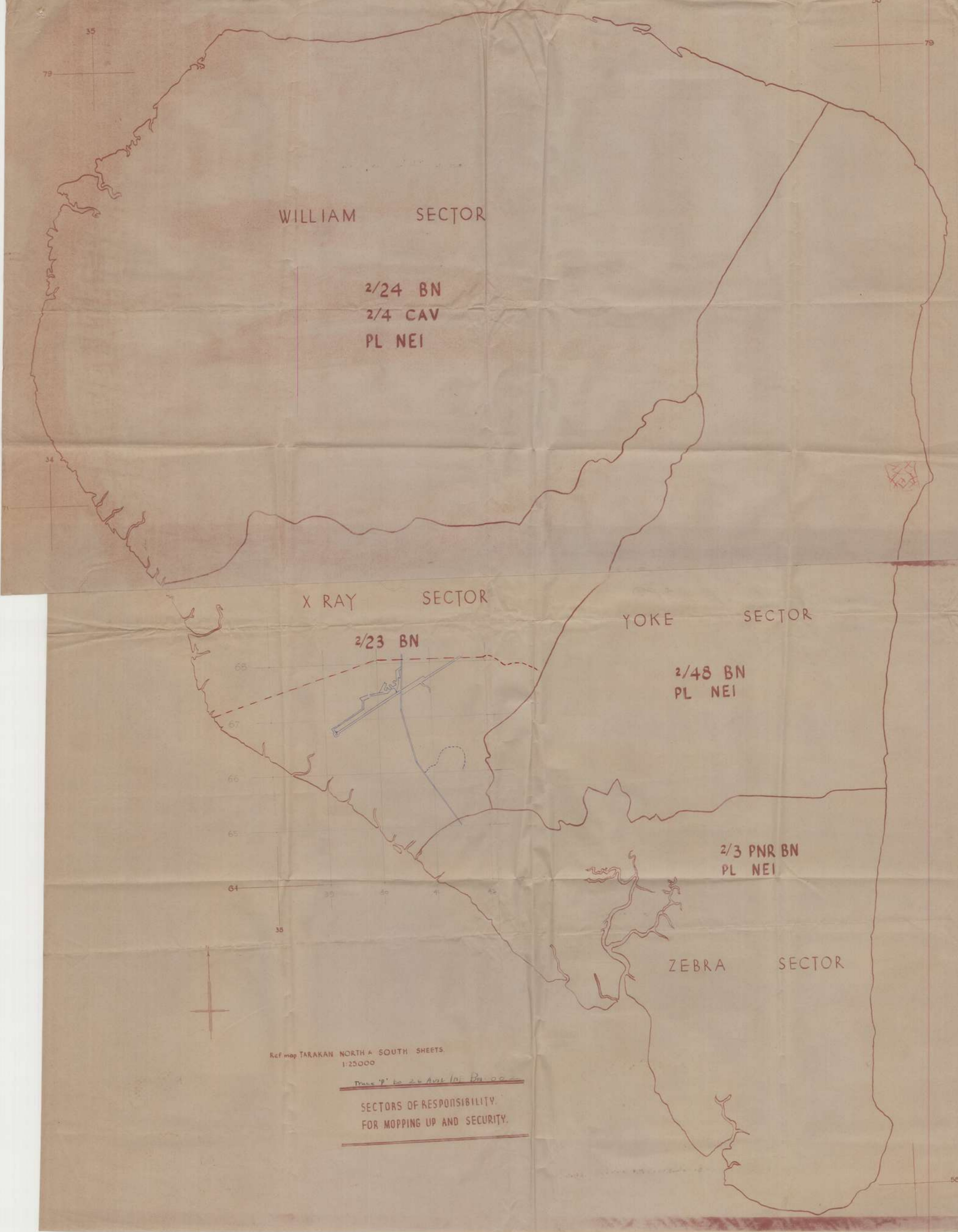
All wireless nets will be tested to ensure their maximum efficiency as an alternative link in the event of line comms failing.

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26 AUST INF BDE GS INSTR. 3

LCM ARMED PATROLS

Ref maps : DJOBATA : 1:80000
FANNY ISLAND : 1:80000
BOEANG : 1:50000

1. Gen

Commencing 231700I two LCM armed patrols will commence ops to prevent enemy escaping from TARAKAN ISLAND.

2. Org

The patrols will be known as :-

- (a) LCM Patrol A.
- (b) LCM Patrol B.

3. Composition

The patrols will be composed as follows :-

(a) LCM Patrol A

One offr 12 ORs	- 2/3 Aust Pnr Bn
One int OR	- 2/3 Aust Pnr Bn
Two sigs	- 26 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec
One interpreter	- NICA
One S/L operator	- C Sqn 2/9 Aust Armd Regt

(b) LCM Patrol B

One offr 12 ORs	- 2/48 Aust Inf Bn
One int OR	- 2/48 Aust Inf Bn
Two sigs	- 26 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec
One interpreter	- NICA

4. Sectors of Responsibility

(a) LCM Patrol A

BATABU STRAIT from SADAU ISLAND to CAPE SELAJANG (430799).

(b) LCM Patrol B

Coast between CAPE SELAJANG and CAPE BINALATOENG.

5. Tour of Duty

(a) LCM Patrol A

For 24 hrs changing 1700 hrs daily.

(b) LCM Patrol B

For 24 hrs changing 1200 hrs daily.

6. Tasks

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- (a) Prevent enemy from escaping from TARAKAN ISLAND¹
- (b) Continuous patrol off-shore examining the coast-line for signs of enemy.
- (c) Fire upon any enemy parties located ashore and within range.
- (d) At the discretion of patrol comd, land and engage enemy.
- (e) Search the coast and in particular inlets and mouths of creeks and rivers for craft such as prahoes or rafts.
- (f) Destroy any craft or remove to safety any craft so located.
- (g) Intercept all craft found moving within Sector of responsibility and examine craft and occupants.
- (h) All native craft should be in possession of NICA pass.
- (i) Apprehend enemy or suspects found in such craft.
- (j) Confiscate any suspicious cargo such as weapons or other war eqpt.
- (k) The mov of the patrol between the limits of its Sector will be continuous by night and day.
- (l) Maximum use will be made of tides and currents to assist in the mov of the craft in order to conserve fuel and also to assist in surprise by silent mov. This is particularly desirable at night when the enemy is more likely to attempt to escape.

7. Comd

- (a) LCM Patrol A - Offr from 2/3 Aust Pnr Bn.
LCM Patrol B - Offr from 2/48 Aust Inf Bn.
- (b) The coxswain is in comd of the craft and the mov of the craft will be subject of close liaison between coxswain and patrol comd.

8. Weapons and Eqpt

Each patrol will carry such weapons and arm as is considered necessary to carry out the above tasks.

9. Rations

Responsibility for sup of rations for complete patrol :-

- (a) LCM Patrol A - 2/3 Aust Pnr Bn.
- (b) LCM Patrol B - 2/48 Aust Inf Bn.

10. Reliefs

- (a) LCM Patrol A
Will be changed over daily at 1700 hrs.
- (b) LCM Patrol B
Will be changed over daily at 1200 hrs.

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- (c) Patrol comd will ensure that all members of patrol complete with arms, eqpt and rations are assembled at sea end of NORTHERN PIER at time of relief.
- (d) During relief of one patrol in its absence the other patrol will cover its Sector of Responsibility.

11. Reports

- (a) Patrol comd will report immediately by wireless to Bde HQ and to other patrol all incidents which may occur.
- (b) A report in duplicate covering the patrols period of duty will be submitted by patrol comd to Bde HQ within 6 hrs of completion of tour of duty.

12. Intercomm

WS 22 on continuous watch from LCM to Bde HQ.

13. Prisoners

On capture of PW Bde HQ will be notified immediately and instrs will be issued as to their disposal.

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9 AUST DIV GENERAL STAFF INSTRUCTION 5

JAPANESE MINES AND BOOBY TRAPS WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO
THEIR USE ON TARAKAN ISLAND

1. This instruction is intended to emphasize the need for the widest promulgation of information about Japanese use of booby traps and mines and to supply examples from recent Japanese use of booby traps and mines especially on TARAKAN ISLAND. Similar use may well be expected at OBOE SIX.
2. In the recent fighting on TARAKAN ISLAND Japanese mines and booby traps were encountered sown on a very extensive scale (1,500 mines and booby traps were reported disarmed by our troops on the first 8 days) and may be taken as an indication of likely enemy methods in areas yet to be occupied by our forces. All ranks should therefore be informed of the importance of recognising the signs of booby trapping, the avoidance of careless souveniring and the extent of the enemy's ability to improvise booby traps from almost any form of lethal weapon.
3. Although little that is new in the enemy types of booby traps and mines used at TARAKAN has emerged from investigations so far conducted, it is the number and extent of their use which has indicated that their placing has shown considerable understanding of the principles of a stubborn delaying action.
4. Attention is also drawn to the use of the following publications which have been or are being distributed for the education of all ranks on Japanese booby trapping.
 - (a) "Japanese Mines, Minefields and Booby Traps" issued by HQ RAE 9 Aust Div. Appendices are issued by HQ RAE as information becomes available.
 - (b) "Japanese Explosive Ordnance" (Revised Edition) especially Chapter VI.
 - (c) 1 Aust Corps Intelligence Summaries issued daily.
5. Full use for lecturing and demonstration should be made by units of FS (EE) personnel attached. They are in a position to know latest developments in enemy equipment and its use and to impart that information. 34 Aust FS Sec (EE) has made a special study of enemy booby traps.
6. Arrangements have been made for 34 Aust FS Sec (EE) to train a limited number of students in the negotiation of a booby trapped area. CG 34 Aust FS Sec (EE) will co-ordinate arrangements for this course individually with brigades with following order:
 - (a) 24 Aust Inf Bde
 - (b) 20 Aust Inf Bdeand it is expected that classes will begin 23 May 45.
7. Issued herewith is appendix *F* to 9 Aust Div Intelligence Review 1 OBOE SIX - dealing with enemy mines and booby traps. The appendix is divided into four parts as follows:
 - Part One - Principles of booby trapping. Aim, detection and types of booby traps and switches used.

Part Two - Types of mines and booby traps used by the enemy on TARAKAN ISLAND.

Part Three - Recent mines and booby traps used by the enemy in NEW GUINEA and the PHILIPPINES.

Part Four - Marking of enemy minefields.

Every Soldier should be made familiar with the information contained in the appendix.

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PART ONE
PART ONE - PRINCIPLES OF JAPANESE BOOBY TRAPS

1. Aim of booby traps

The aim of booby traps is to delay an enemy. They are therefore, mainly the weapon of a retreating army. They are, however, frequently used as an alarm on a perimeter.

Recent reports show that the Japanese are using increasing numbers of these traps. This was particularly apparent in the TARAKAN operations.

The Japanese efforts to date indicate that, while they fully appreciate the value of booby traps as a defensive weapon, they have not yet developed the same technique in laying them that the Germans did. However recent efforts in this direction have shown a great advance since the first reported Japanese booby traps and a further great improvement can well be expected.

In the past the greatest weakness in their methods has been poor concealment. The Japanese appear to realize this weakness and more recent traps have shown much greater attention paid to this point. Many, however, are still fairly obvious.

2. Detection of booby traps

To be effective booby traps must be placed where they are most likely to catch the intended victim. A little thought should indicate which places are likely to be trapped and which are likely to be fairly safe. Defiles, buildings, captured equipment and attractive items that would make good souvenirs are the most likely things to be trapped. Careful observation should enable detection of these traps and so defeat the enemy's objective.

3. What to look for

Boards, small pieces of timber or flat iron lying on roads or tracks should be thoroughly examined before they are touched and on no account should they be walked on. Trip wires, either slack or taut stretched across roads and tracks. Vines may be used as trip wires. The Japanese also have a trip wire resembling tennis gut in appearance. Trip wires may be at varying heights, from ground level to head height.

Signs of disturbed earth, signs that someone has remained in one place for a considerable period or any indication of kneeling.

Electric wires or batteries, horns of sea mines and anti-invasion mines.

Small metal or broken glass cylinders with fuse attached.

Objects of high souvenir value or cans of attractive food stuffs or useful personal items left lying about conspicuously.

Objects that you have to move and that may be holding down some spring loaded firing device.

Be particularly careful when passing along narrow tracks, through defiles and in and around buildings, paying particular attention to opening doors and windows. Lighting fires and to loose footboards. Also carefully examine captured dumps before removing any of the stores from them.

4. Types of booby traps

Booby trap switches may be classified under the following headings :-

- (a) Pressure type switches
- (b) Release type switches.
- (c) Pull switches.
- (d) Electrical switches.
- (e) Chemical switches.
- (f) Time switches.

Pressure switches

Pressure switches may be actuated by the shearing of a soft metal wire when the pressure is applied. This releases the striker and initiates the trap. Others may be actuated by the same method as is employed in our land mines.

This type of switch is placed under some object upon which pressure will be exerted. Under door steps, loose floor boards, in front of or behind the wheels of vehicles or artillery pieces and under the surface of roads and tracks are likely places to find these switches.

Release type switches

The principle underlying this type of switch is the same as that of the striker of the Aust M36 grenade. When pressure is released from the striker lever the striker is forced on to the cap and the charge is initiated.

This type of switch will usually be found under some object that will have to be moved to allow progress of troops or vehicles. It may also be placed under objects that are likely to attract souvenir hunters.

Pull switches

In this type of switch the pulling of a string (a) releases the striker, (b) pulls the pin or (c) ignites a friction head.

These may be found anywhere where troops are likely to move or may be attached to doors, windows, souvenirs or any object that may have to be moved.

Electrical switches

These are actuated by either making or breaking an electrical circuit. These types must either employ a battery of some type or be attached to an electrical circuit already in existence. All objects such as cars, aircraft, houses etc which have inbuilt electrical circuits should be treated with suspicion. Although the switches in an existing circuit may be used there is no limit to the number of switches that may be improvised for it is only necessary to bring two bare wires together for an efficient switch to be made.

Chemical switches

This type of switch is mainly used in time pencils. Chemicals are also employed as igniters or electrical generators.

These switches are usually found in sea mines and in delay charges left in buildings or installations.

PART TWO

TYPES OF MINES AND BOOBY TRAPS USED BY THE JAPANESE ON TARAKAN ISLAND

1. Mines

Mines used have been :-

- (a) Dutch standard anti-tank mine
- (b) 75 mm and 105 mm shells (as anti-tank and anti-personnel)
- (c) Japanese and Dutch aerial bombs.
- (d) Japanese depth charges
- (e) Japanese and British sea mines
- (f) Japanese yard-stick mines.

Shells have also been used as hand grenades and thrown under tanks and in bivouac areas.

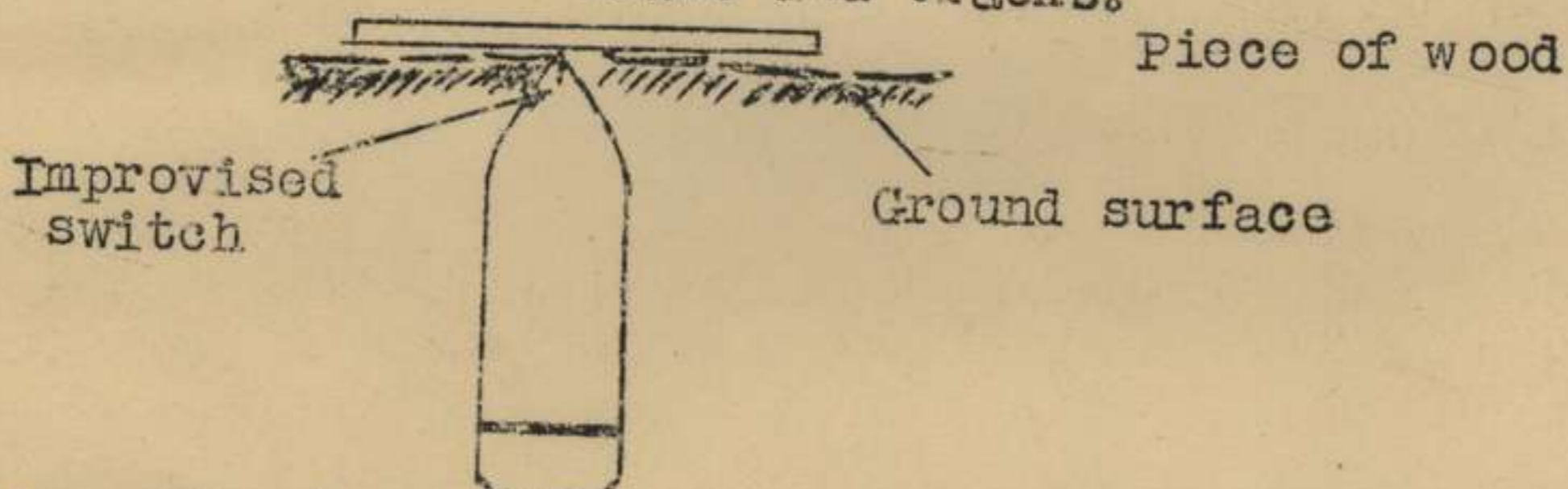
The anti-tank mines are laid principally on road verges, but anti-personnel mines and booby traps were found on all tracks, in possible bivouac areas, in abandoned defensive areas. They are also sown apparently aimlessly in the scrub. Below types of mines and demolition charges used on TARAKAN are listed.

2. Dutch anti-tank mine

The use of this is already well known.

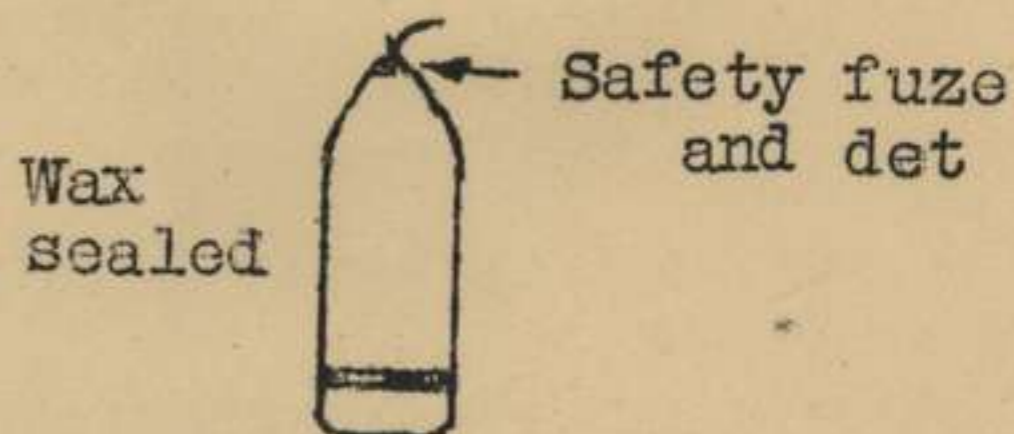
3. 75 mm and 105 mm shells

Used as a mine. An improvised switch actuated by pressure is screwed into the nose of the shell. The shell is then buried nose up in the ground. Very little pressure is required to fire the charge. A piece of timber or iron may be placed over the nose of the shell. Laid on roads and tracks.



Used as a grenade.

The fuze is replaced by a detonator and safety fuse sealed with grease. The fuze is lit and the shell then thrown by hand. A very short fuze is used. The shell is rolled under a tank.



Tactical use - As a demolition charge for guns and gun emplacements. PW reports reveal that plans have been made to organize suicide squads (KIRI KOMI TAI) armed with these shells. Their mission is to infiltrate and attack HQ and gun positions by throwing the shells by hand. In all cases where these shells have been found there is evidence that the fuzes have been lit but have proved ineffective due to moisture.

4. Dutch and Japanese aerial bombs - 250 and 500 kg.

When used as an anti-tank mine - When used as an anti-tank mine the bomb is buried with the nose up and just below the surface of the ground. A pressure type fuze is fitted. The fuze is armed by screwing the butterfly head in a clockwise direction. Pressure from tracks breaks shear wire and fires charge. To delouse, screw head in anti-clockwise direction and remove fuze with a wrench.

Time switches

Time switches are used to actuate a charge after a definite period has elapsed, and may be found in the form of clockwork mechanism or a mechanical or chemical time pencil.

This type is usually employed in buildings likely to be occupied by troops or in any of the essential installations.

NOTE : Switches incorporating two or more of these principles are not uncommon.

Shells have also been used as land grenades and thrown under tanks and in various ways. The anti-tank mines are laid principally on road verges, but anti-personnel mines and body mines were found on all tracks in Korea. In various areas, in abandoned defensive areas, they are also seen apparently scattered in the scrub. Below types of mines and description of their use on TANKS are listed.

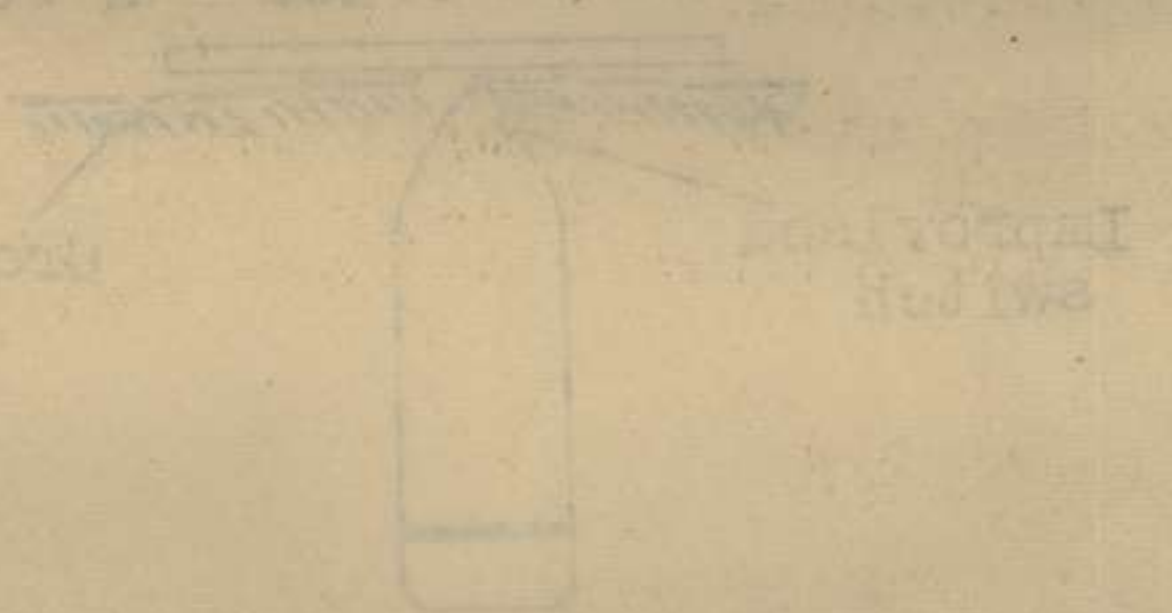
Dutch anti-tank mine

The use of this mine is very well known.

IS and LOS anti-tank mine

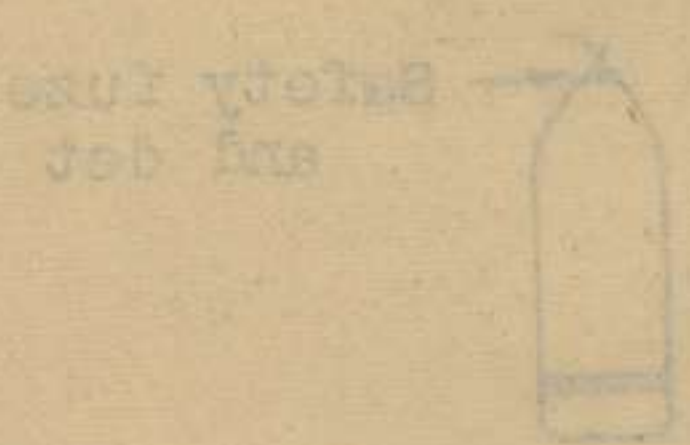
Used as a mine. The mine is actuated by pressure is lowered into the hole of the shell. The shell is then buried up to the ground. The mine is actuated by the pressure of the shell. A wire is attached to the mine and the shell is rolled under a tank.

Piece of wood



Ground surface

Improved switch



Safety fuse and det

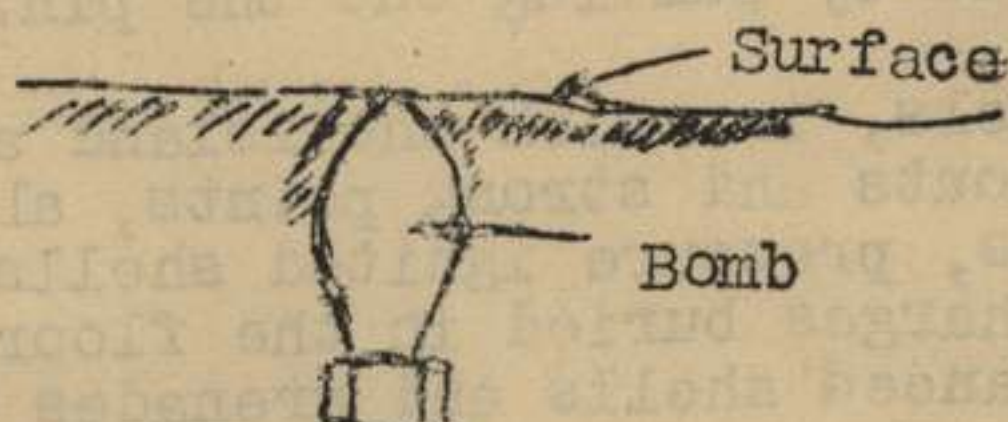
Used as a grenade. The fuse is retained by a detonator and safety fuse sealed with grease. The fuse is lit and the shell then thrown by hand. A very short fuse is used. The shell is rolled under a tank.

Tactical use. In a defended area, the mine is used as a land mine. The mine is actuated by pressure is lowered into the hole of the shell. The shell is then buried up to the ground. The mine is actuated by the pressure of the shell. A wire is attached to the mine and the shell is rolled under a tank.

Batch and Japanese anti-tank mine

Used as an anti-tank mine. The mine is actuated by pressure is lowered into the hole of the shell. The shell is then buried up to the ground. The mine is actuated by the pressure of the shell. A wire is attached to the mine and the shell is rolled under a tank.

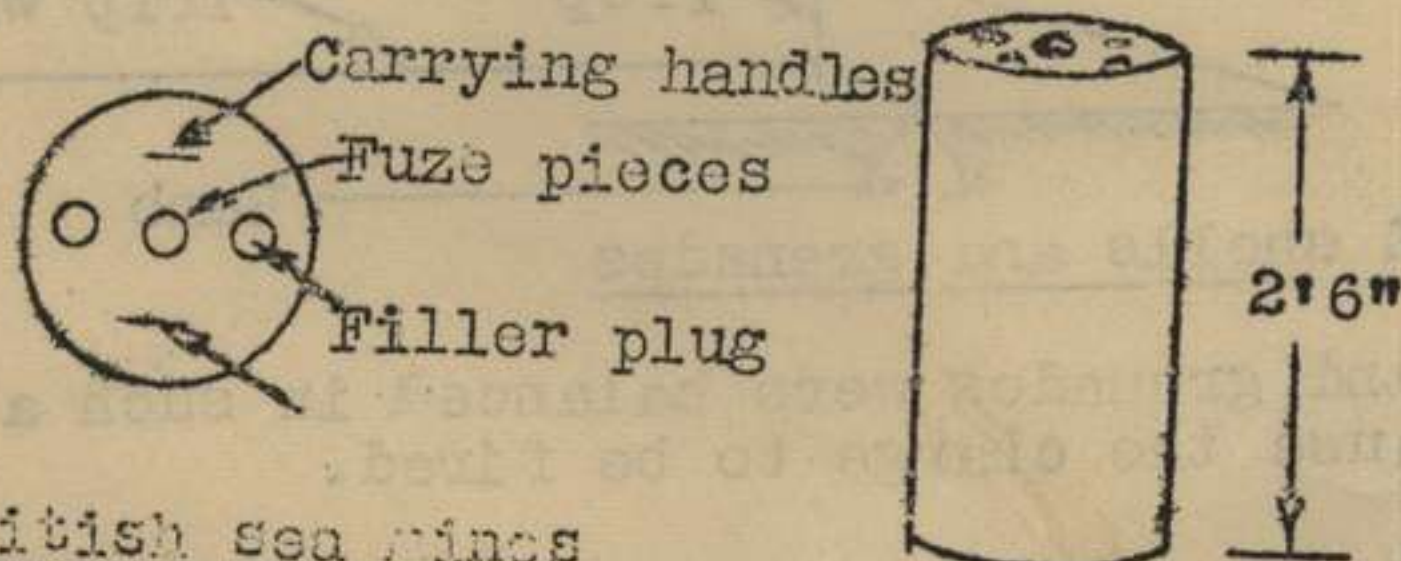
As an anti-personnel mine. When used as an anti-personnel mine, the shear wire is removed. To delouse, insert a safety pin in shear hole and proceed as above.



5. Japanese converted naval depth charges

These mines have been used as land mines by inserting a pressure switch and large booster charge in the recess provided for the normal fuze. Some of these were completely buried while others projected 6 to 8 inches above the ground.

Tactical use - These mines have been laid along main roads and on defensive features. Some of the mines have been set off in the path of tanks causing a crater 30 feet in diameter and 4 feet deep. It is understood, from PW reports, that in such cases the mines are exploded manually by means of a long rope.



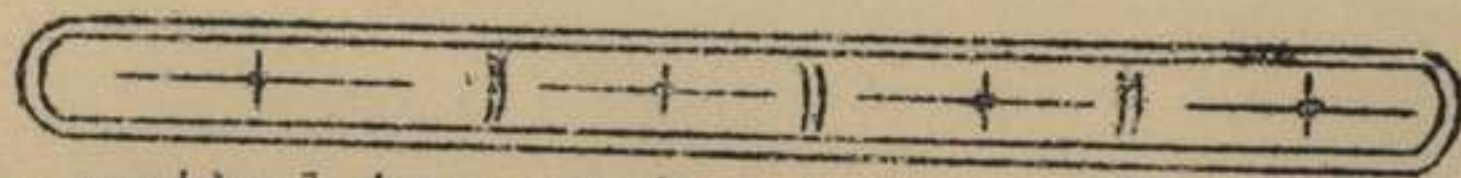
6. Japanese and British sea mines

Spherical mines used as a cratering charge. A safety fuze and detonator in a black powder charge is either tied to the place where the horns usually are or in the centre of the mine. These did NOT prove very effective because of moisture.

7. Japanese yard stick mine

This land mine consists of an oval metal tube 36 inches long which contains 8 cast blocks of picric explosive and fitted with 4 pressure actuated fuzes. Application of a weight of 300 lbs crushes the tube and fires the charge.

Tactical use - As an anti-vehicular weapon laid across the wheel tracks on roads.



8. Anti-vehicular - method to acquire delay action

Two jeeps were badly damaged by passing over mines. These mines were NOT located and it is understood that they were buried under the surface of the road. With the heavy traffic passing over the loose surface of the road the covering earth was worn down resulting in a surprise mine.

9. Airfields

The airfield was heavily mined and booby trapped with practically every type described herein. Over two hundred mines were recovered from dispersal areas and other parts of the field.

10. Booby traps

The old bird trap idea is still prevalent, a 75 mm or 105 mm shell being used with a heavy piece of wood propped above it and sometimes trip wired.

Both booby traps and demolition charges have been exploded by a wire connected to a safety pin and laid for as much as 500 yards and fired by pulling out the pin.

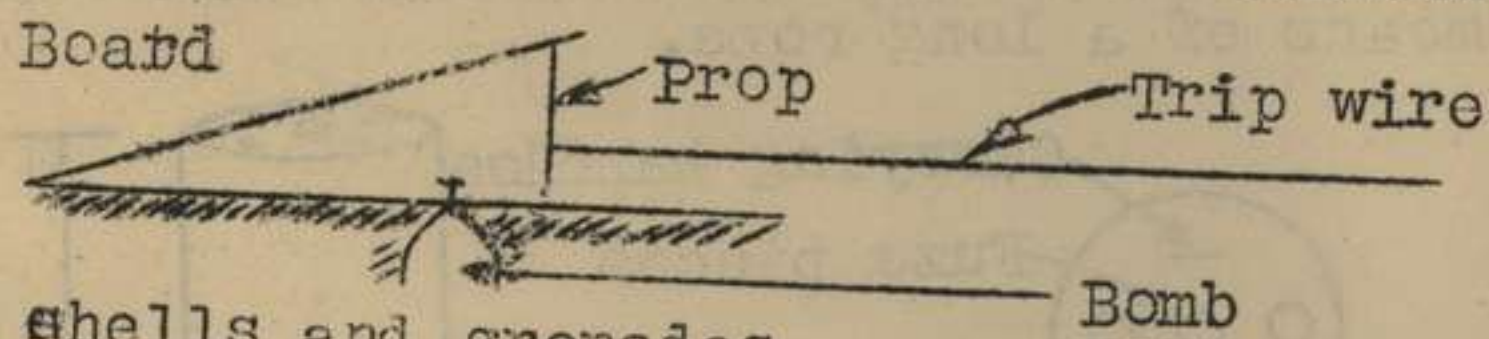
In tunnels, in which the island abounds, and which have been used as hideouts and strong points, all types of booby, trip wires to grenades, pressure ignited shells under pieces of wood and iron, depth charges buried in the floor and detonated by foot pressure and balanced shells and grenades have been found.

BELOW ARE TYPES OF BOOBY TRAPS USED ON TARAKAN ISLAND

11. 75 mm and 105 mm shells - both Japanese and Dutch

When used as a booby trap these are fitted with a fuze similar to that employed when they are used as mines. A piece of wood or iron may be placed over the nose of the shell.

Tactical use - As an anti-personnel weapon placed at the entrances to tunnels and buried in the floors of tunnels.



12. Balanced shells and grenades

Shells and grenades were balanced in such a way that displacement would cause the charge to be fired.

Tactical use - As an anti-personnel and delaying weapon.

NOTE:

Aerial bombs and converted depth charges, already described as mines, were also extensively used as booby traps.

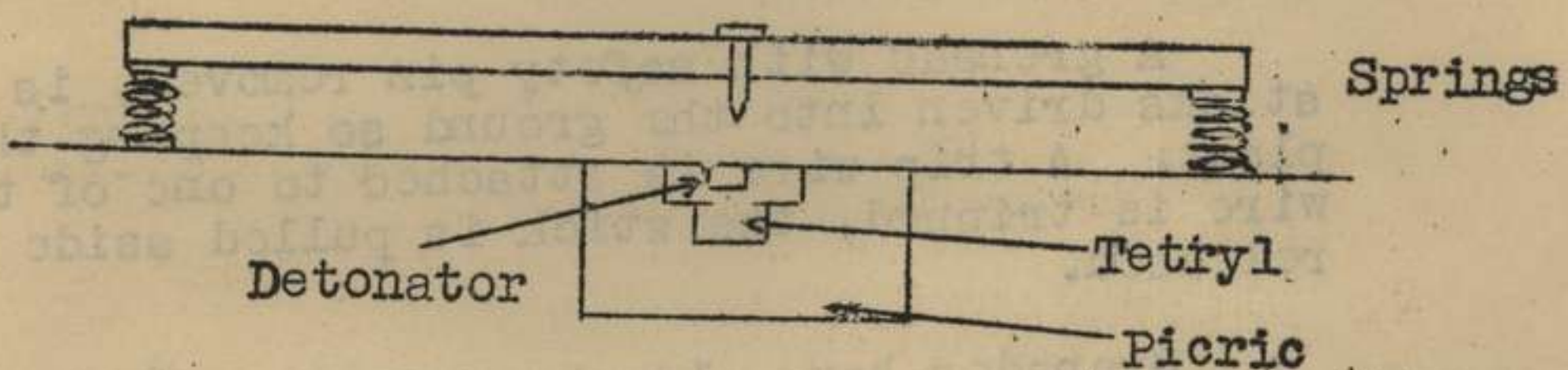
PART THREE

RECENT MINES AND BOOBY TRAPS USED BY THE JAPANESE IN
NEW GUINEA AND THE PHILIPPINES

1. Using pressure type switches

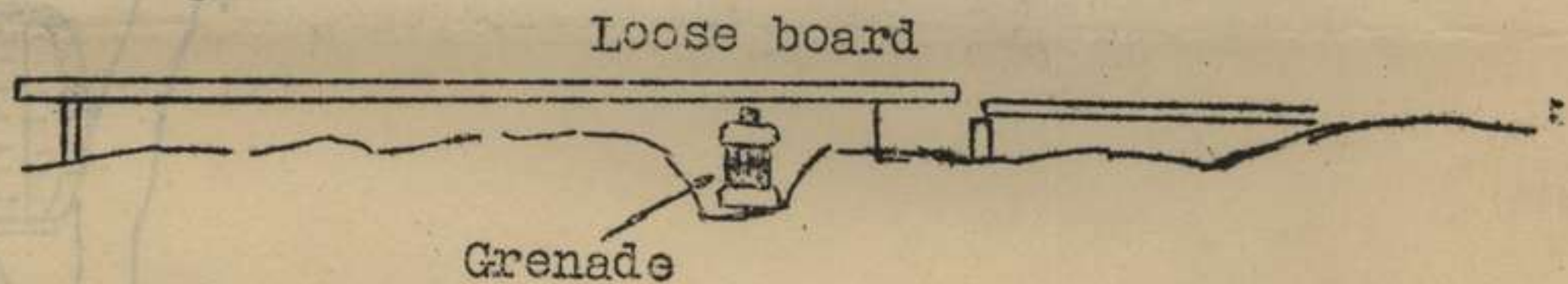
(a) Improvised land mine

This consists of a board supported by springs at each corner and a spike through the centre positioned over a tetryl cap set into an explosive charge.



(b) Hand grenades

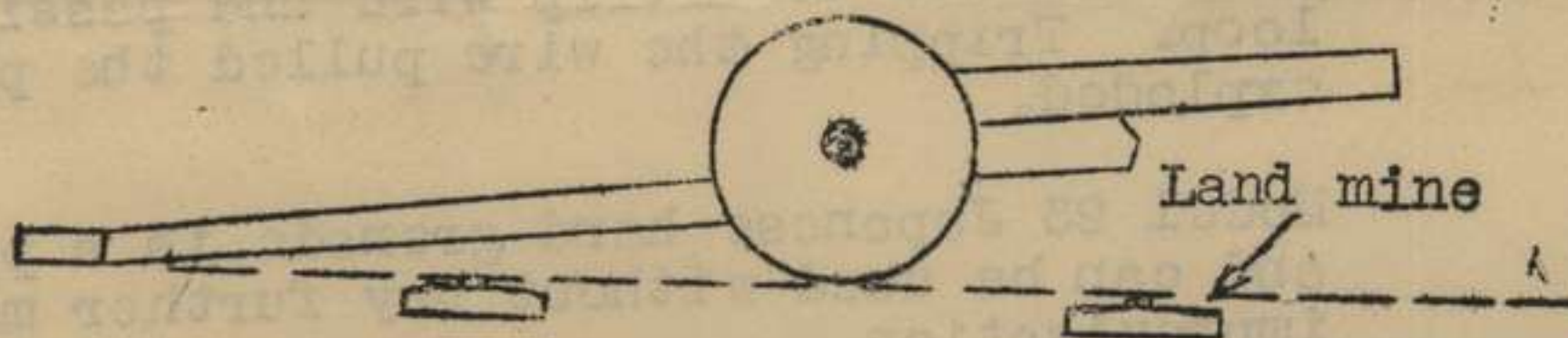
Hand grenades with delay train removed were placed in a shallow depression with a board placed over the striker so that pressure on the board would actuate the charge.



Note: Captured Dutch mushroom mines and Japanese ceramic mines have been similarly used.

(c) Land mines

Land mines have been buried in front of and behind the wheels of stationary vehicles and guns, in addition to their usual role in minefields. They have also been converted to an anti-personnel weapon by the employment of a lighter shear wire.



(d) Coconut mine

A coconut, hollowed out, was filled with explosives and bent wire fragments. An armed Type 97 hand grenade was inserted in the top with the percussion fuze exposed.

Type 91 grenade

Black powder filling

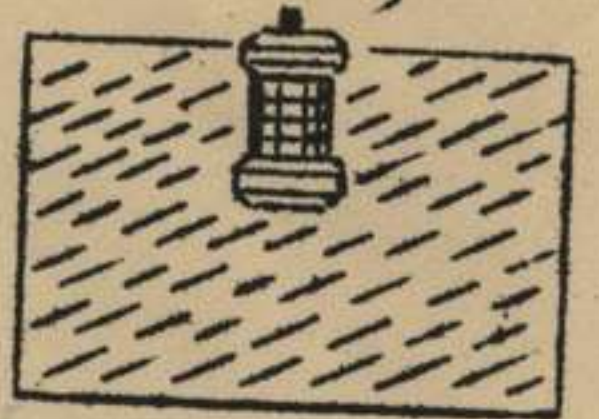


Coconut

(e) Box mines

Large boxes were filled with explosive. A Type 97 hand grenade was inserted in the top and the mine was buried with the percussion cap exposed.

Type 97 grenade



2. Types employing release switches

Captured US and Aust hand grenades

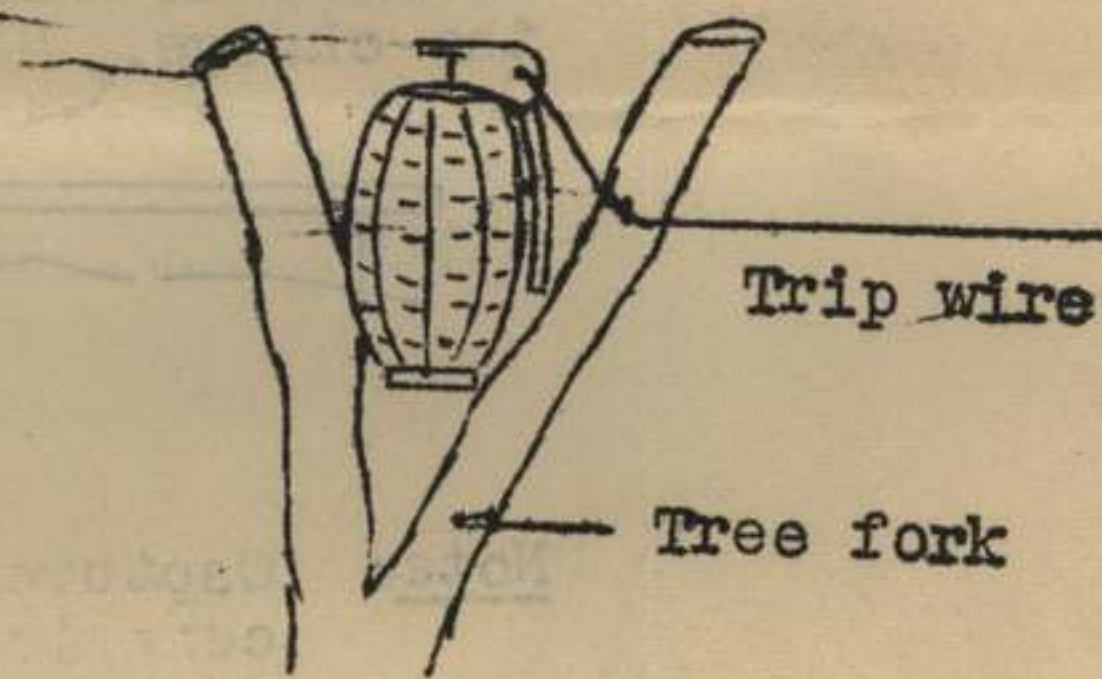
Black powder

Although to date, no switches of this type, of Japanese origin have been reported, it is reasonable to assume that they exist and will be encountered in future operations. Booby traps embodying this principle have been devised from Aust 36 M hand grenades and US grenades.

A grenade with safety pin removed, is wedged between two sticks driven into the ground so keeping the striker lever in place. A trip wire is attached to one of the sticks. When the wire is tripped, the stick is pulled aside and the striker lever released.

Grenades have also been found wedged between bamboos in thickets. Troops passing through the area disturb the bamboo; the grenade falls to the ground and explodes.

M36 grenade



3. Using pull type switches

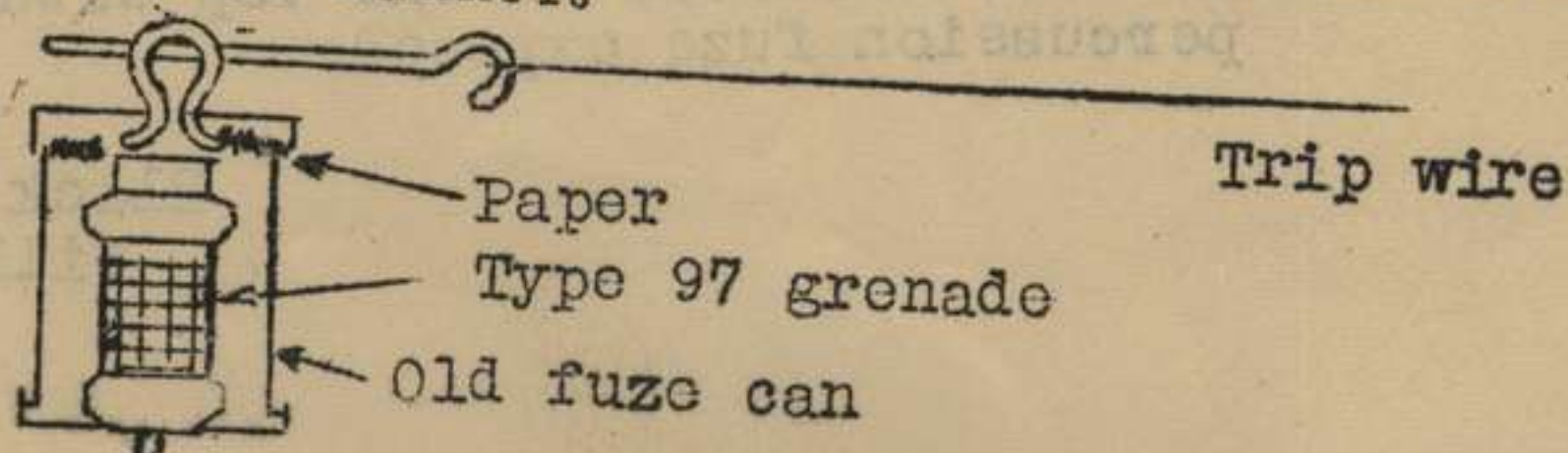
This type, together with the pressure type, are the most favoured by the Japanese.

(a) Hand grenades

An armed hand grenade was placed in a tin filled with HE. A loop of wire was attached to the bottom of the tin. The whole was suspended above a flat rock by a pin attached to a trip wire and passing through the loop. Tripping the wire pulled the pin and the grenade exploded.

Model 23 Japanese hand grenade is a pull type grenade and can be used without any further modification or improvisation.

Besides being attached to trip wires stretched across tracks, they are also attached to fallen trees forming road blocks and to any other objects that will have to be moved. Special pull igniters have also been manufactured for use in a block of explosive and could be used in a similar manner.



(b) Pickle can booby trap

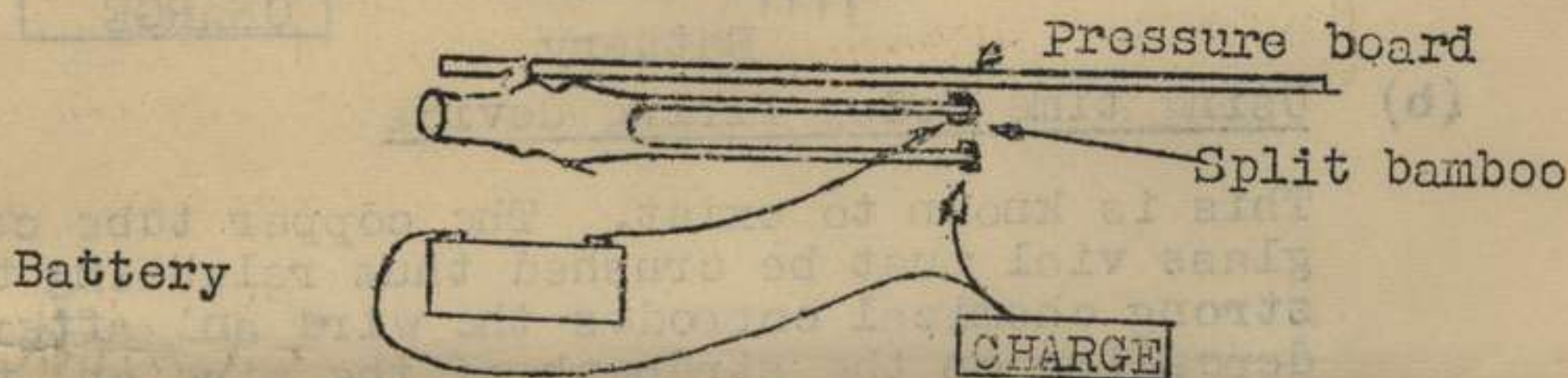
A can to represent American dill pickles (with label attached), was filled with HE and a friction igniter inserted in a specially prepared recess in the side of the can. The can was placed in a conspicuous place with the string of the igniter attached to some immovable object. Picking up the tin caused an explosion. It would be equally easy for the Japanese to manufacture traps of this type to represent popular Australian types of canned goods.

Small brightly coloured calico bags filled with HE were similarly employed.

4. Using electrical switches

(a) Electric contacts

A bamboo strip, split at one end to give a clothes peg effect, was rigged with wires fastened to nut and bolt contacts at the split ends. The leads ran through a battery to an explosive charge. Slight pressure closed the circuit. Two such devices were placed under boards at the entrance to caves but little attempt was made to conceal the wiring.



(b) Gramophone charge

An electric contact on the pickup assembly was so arranged that sufficient movement of the arm to play a record would close a circuit and set off the charge concealed, with battery, under the floor boards.

(c) Explosive radio

All batteries but one were removed from a radio and the cavity filled with explosive. The circuit was closed when the switch was turned.

Note: Electrically actuated booby traps may be found in any object that has built in electric circuits and switches. Motor vehicles, aircraft and houses are favourite places for this type of switch.

5. Using time switches

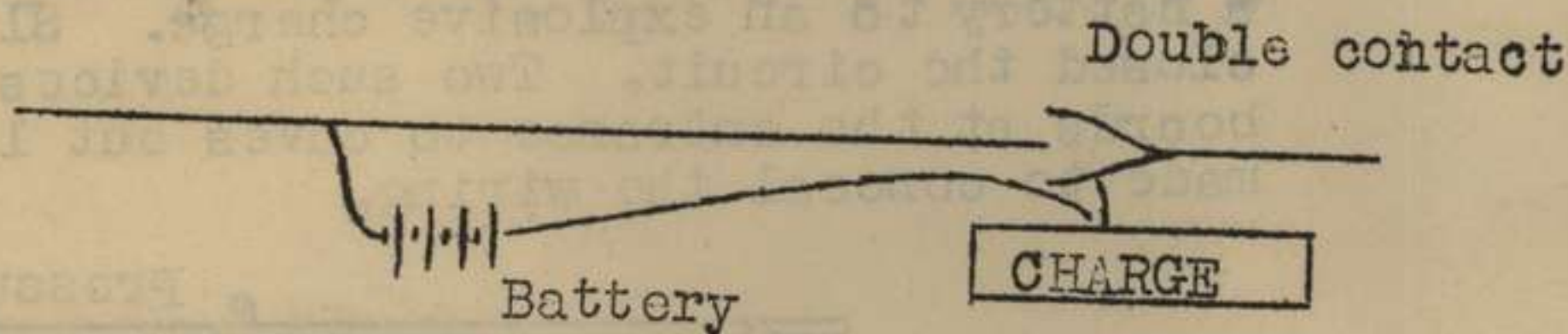
(a) Japanese demolition clock

This was recovered at ALEXISHAFEN by Aust forces. The clock has a maximum time setting of seven days. Electric leads connect the contacts on the clock, through a battery to a placed charge. A day indicator moving in a reverse direction indicates the number of hours remaining before the clock will fire.

In addition to the electric firing this clock is capable of mechanical firing. Drawings show a groove in the bottom of the clock to receive a safety fuze and it is assumed that a firing pin and fuze are located inside the clock therefore cutting the battery leads may NOT render the clock inoperative. The recovered clock is approximately 5½ inches high, 3½ inches in diameter. Documents report the existence of a smaller clock with a one to twenty four hour setting.

This clock was evidently used in the large booby trap found on a captured airstrip in NEW GUINEA.

This trap consisted of a large number of heavy bombs buried nose upwards and covered by a sheet of corrugated iron, with a twoway electric switch attached to it. Pressure on the sheet of iron or any attempt to raise it actuated the switch. The time clock was also included in the circuit. To give additional force to this trap a large amount of HE was packed around the bombs.



(b) Using time delay firing device

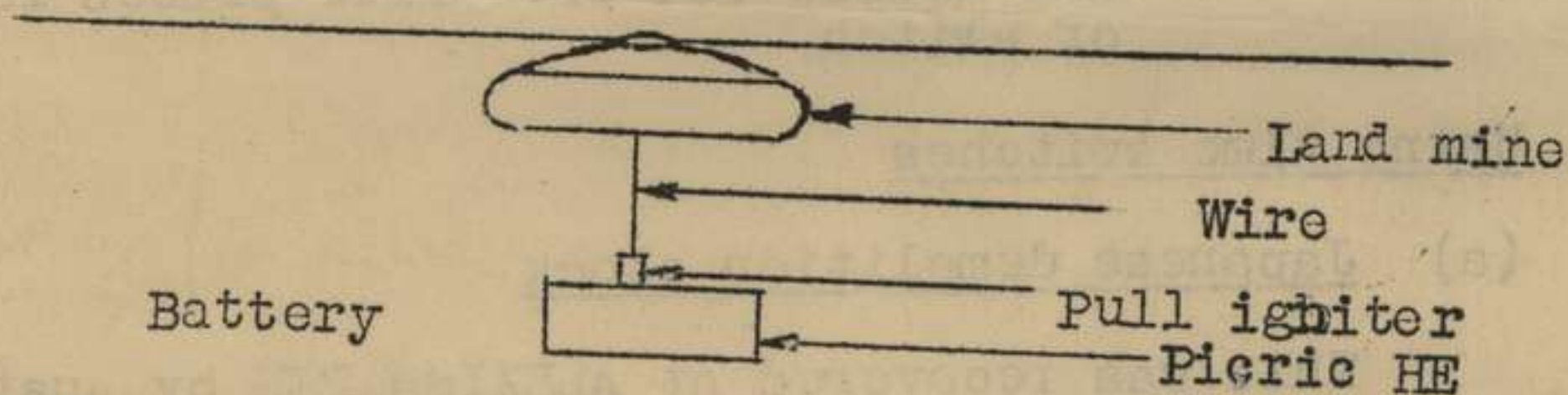
This is known to exist. The copper tube containing the glass vial must be crushed thus releasing the acid. The strong chemical corrodes the wire and after a given time depending on the strength of the wire and the chemical, the wire breaks and frees the striker.

6. Miscellaneous

(a) Double booby traps

Examples of Japanese double booby traps have been reported. One consisted of a Type 93 "tape measure" mine laid above a charge of 10 lbs of explosive. Pressure on the mine would detonate the entire charge and a pull igniter in the explosive was fastened to the mine by lines. Any attempt to remove the mine would also cause detonation.

On another occasion, a line fixed to a Japanese land mine was fastened to the partially pulled pin of a British grenade, thus moving the mine would allow the grenade to fire.



(b) Mined corpses

This is a favourite habit of the Japanese. Many methods have been used.

A Japanese body was booby trapped by placing a picric charge in the pack to which were attached several pull igniters. Lines from the igniters were secured to the ground under the body so that attempts to lift the body or straighten the limbs would detonate the charge.

36 M hand grenades are frequently placed under the arms or between the legs of corpses. The safety pin of the grenade is withdrawn. Any movement of the limbs releases the grenade.

(c) Soap cakes

This is a device made to resemble a popular brand of ivory soap. The name "PROCTOR & GAMBLE" is stamped on one side of the cake. Attempts to use as soap may cause serious skin injury or may have an incendiary effect.

(d) Documentary evidence exists that the enemy may be considering new booby traps using common articles with typical cunning. These include double bottomed trunks, steel cylinders, empty tobacco tins, parasols, bamboo cylinders, ping pong balls, dry electric cells, fountain pens, walking sticks, matchboxes, firewood carts, flash lights, kerosene tins, smokers' pipes, boxes of lollies and the use of bottle which have an incendiary effect when picked up or shaken.

(e) Poisoning of water

Two documents captured recently at IWO JIMO set out measures that were to be taken in regard to the destruction of equipment and installations.

The first document, presumed to have been issued by the NAVAL GUARD UNIT, shows that the medical officer was to make every effort to transport water tanks to the rear. Those that it was impossible to transport were to be "poisoned or destroyed". The poisoning was to be carried out using hydro-cyanic acid. This was to be held in the custody of the CO of every unit.

The other document issued by a unit of 145 Inf Regt has the following instruction regarding water supply and wells. Obtain sufficient violent poisons (TN - GEKIYAKU - also translated as "strong medicines") from the medical dispensary and mix them in (the water) or put picric acid in.

PART FOUR

MINEFIELD MARKING

One minefield in the FINSCHHAFEN area had a piece of red and white cloth showing above ground level over each mine. This may be the standard Japanese method of marking mines for their own protection as some rolls of similar cloth were found in captured engineer dumps.

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PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

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00101 (.) SECRET (.) conference of comds addressee units will be held at Bde Hq commencing 2309001 to discuss lessons from ops and future trg policy (.) comds (except of inf bns) will submit to Bde Hq by 2212001 list of subjects which they wish to discuss at conference

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26 AUST INF BDE

Notes on Conference held at Hq 26 Aust Inf Bde on 18 Jul 45

1. PRESENT

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2. OBJECT

To discuss lessons from recent ops and future trg policy.

3. FLAME WEAPONS

- (a) The flame thrower is a conspicuous weapon and must be used correctly to enable tps to maintain fullest confidence in its capabilities.
- (b) Its conspicuousness can be reduced to a certain extent by improving the standard of trg of the operator but even more by its correct tactical emp.
- (c) It must be treated as an additional sp weapon for the pl or coy and to be used efficiently all members of the coy must understand it equally as well as the 2" mortar or PITA.
- (d) It is a weapon which should be used in a deliberate operation.
- (e) It is desirable for the weapon to be used in gps of 2 or 3 operated by any one sec of a pl. This is the maximum number which a sec can usually handle efficiently.
- (f) In order that the weapon can be efficient and maintained as such, a well planned system of maint must exist in each bn.
- (g) Where possible servicing personnel should be kept reasonably static but at the same time must be capable of mov fwd for varying periods.
- (h) In each bn one offr, at least, plus an understudy should make a special study of the capabilities of the weapon, incl its maint and the mixing of fuels.
- (i) Further consideration should be given to the practicability of an initial gen "spraying" of the enemy posn in preparation for the engagement of specific targets or whether the obscuring of targets with smoke and flame and loss of surprise may not outweigh this method of emp.
- (j) On the present scale of issue of 12 flame throwers per bde it is considered that each bn should be allotted and retain four.

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- (k) The value of the flame thrower as a def weapon should be considered, experimented in and reported upon by bns.
- (l) The question of concealing the presence of the flame throwers among attacking tps should be studied.

4. MAP READING

- (a) The results of numerous patrols proves that much more trg is needed in keeping direction. The development of special aids to assist in this should be made.
- (b) Many oftrs and NCOs still lack the ability to interpret the nature of ground existing between wide contour intervals found on existing maps.
- (c) Much useful trg can be undertaken on these aspects of map reading.

5. WEAPON TRG

- (a) Continuous firing practices will improve the efficiency in handling all weapons.
- (b) It has been proved that the 30 yds range is not the ideal for firing practices.
- (c) Although opportunities for firing at longer ranges are few, firing practices on long classification ranges should be carried out.
- (d) Arrangements are being made for the constr of classification ranges for the use of units.

6. CARE AND ECONOMY OF WEAPONS

- (a) Due to a variety of reasons weapons and amm were lost during the current ops.
- (b) The enemy took advantage of this and has used these weapons against our own tps.
- (c) This becomes especially important in a campaign such as this, where the enemy re-supply was precarious or non-existent.
- (d) It must be instilled into each soldier that his personal weapon unless retained by him leaves him practically defenceless.
- (e) During any clashes which are not immediately successful sec and pl comds should check to see whether any weapons have been lost and if so steps should be taken wherever possible to recover them.
- (f) Particular care should be taken to recover the weapons and amm of own cas.

7. MAINT OF CONTACT

- (a) All patrols should be carefully briefed so as to provide for the contingencies of either an unexpected success in gaining valuable ground or a partial success in gaining portion of a feature without actually forcing the enemy to abandon it entirely.

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- (b) In both these cases patrols should be trained to refer the matter to the pl or coy comd for orders as to whether or not they should hold the ground.
- (c) This will then give the comd an opportunity of reinforcing such a success.
- (d) There is an inclination for comds to look for the ideal ground to occupy rather than an acceptance of the fact that less favourable ground than that held by the enemy may be successfully occupied.
- (e) On narrow ridges counter-attacks are not easy and it was obvious that the enemy considered such an operation unprofitable in view of our superior fire power.
- (f) The question of a partial withdrawal from contact to more suitable ground should be considered on the following basis, "will such a withdrawal enable the enemy to occupy an additional posn fwd of his main defs, thus forcing us to fight for ground previously gained and abandoned".
- (g) It has been found that in practice the enemy has followed up a withdrawing patrol and occupied ground from which the patrol has withdrawn.
- (h) On the other hand a withdrawal could possibly be deliberately used as a means of extending the enemy forces. This principle obviously only applies during an adv and not in def.

8. DEF

- (a) The tendency among tps to "huddle" is marked.
- (b) More attention must be given to the efficient siting of def posns even of a temporary nature.
- (c) The principles of def are clearly laid down in the pamphlet "Tropical Warfare".
- (d) The enemy practice of and ability to approach our posns at night with raiding parties has caused considerable strain among our tps.
- (e) The following methods to counter this should be practised.
 - (i) Clearing of undergrowth in front of our posns.
 - (ii) A system of alarms.
 - (iii) Counter-measures which are definitely safe for our own tps; not the present system of booby traps.
- (f) If clearing around our posns is carried out, steps should be taken to prevent the enemy from taking advantage of this increased fd of view by closely recce-ing and pin-pointing our posns.
- (g) More ingenuity should be used in constr and setting suitable warning devices.

9. COOPERATION WITH SP ARMS

- (a) Air Sp
 - (i) The mechanics of air sp requires further practice.

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- (ii) Advantage should be taken of carrying out rehearsals with fighter aircraft at present based in this area. The benefits of "ground briefing" pilots can be proved.
- (iii) Special consideration should be given to methods of indicating targets with smoke, especially with a view to ensuring surprise.
- (iv) The question of marking the posn of fwd tps with either fluorescent panels or balloons should be studied.
- (v) Efforts are being made to obtain balloons and also red arty smoke to assist in these experiments.

(b) Arty

- (i) Use of Harassing Fire requires more study.
- (ii) Every effort should be made to obtain the maximum harassing effect using the minimum amount of amm.
- (iii) 3.7" fire is not favoured as it seems to harass our own tps nearly as much as the enemy. To reduce this effect the fire should not be overhead and well to a flank.
- (iv) Inf offrs incl pl comds should be given trg in the observation and directing of arty fire.

(c) Tks

Further trg of the tk-inf-engr team is needed.

(d) Mortars

- (i) An increase in the number of 'L' phones for use of mortar OPs is advocated.
- (ii) A suggested amendment of WET is the replacement by 'L' phones of four of the present sound-powered type.
- (iii) Mortar personnel must be trained to provide their own protection. It is rarely possible to provide rifle coy personnel to carry out this task.

10. CONCLUSION

- (a) The matters dealt with in these notes should be stressed in future trg.
- (b) Separate conferences will be held with the various sp arms to arrive at lessons from their pt of view worthy of consideration in trg.

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(iii) Mortar personnel in particular should train with the arty as much as possible.

(iv) There is a real need for arty and inf to discuss and arrive at solutions to various problems affecting each arm.

(b) Harassing Fire

(i) Noise of HF has a disturbing effect on own tps. However, this effect decreases as tps become more accustomed to HF.

(ii) HF close to own tps is not favoured for the following reasons :-

The noise, especially if the HF is more than a single rd at intervals, gives the enemy an opportunity of closing in undetected.

May endanger own tps sleeping above ground.

(iii) All HF amm expenditure should be carefully planned. HF should be regarded as part of the plan for an operation such as the capture of a certain feature and should be applied with that object in view.

(iv) It is preferable to use HF against distant targets, but the main difficulty is the problem of locating such targets.

(c) It was considered desirable if patrols could call for fire on enemy caught unawares.

(i) It is usually difficult to send an FOO with patrols.

(ii) However, each case should be treated on its merits and if it seemed likely that arty fire might be needed by a patrol, then an FOO should be sent with that patrol.

(d) Registration in the jungle is difficult and various aids have been proved useful if used in conjunction with an air spotter.

The most useful aids were the 2" mortar flare and fluorescent panels.

(e) The use of arty in thickly timbered country falls into two phases.

(i) The smashing and opening up of the timber overhead to allow unhampered penetration.

(ii) The destruction of enemy defs with delay action shells.

(f) In addition arty has a decided effect on morale.

(i) Examined scientifically, it required at least 3 hrs continuous arty fire to demoralise European tps.

(ii) It is considered that, owing to the stoical temperament of the Jap it would require about 6 hrs continuous fire to make him break.

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- (g) The application of fire in thick country presents contrasting problems to that in open country.
- (i) In open country it is most effective for intense arty concs to be put down at the last possible moment before the inf assault; in fact the inf normally follow in about 100 - 150 yds behind the concs, thus catching the enemy in a dazed condition in a matter of 2 to 3 mins after the arty has lifted.
 - (ii) In close country such as was found here that is manifestly impossible.
 - (iii) Because of tree bursts the inf cannot move closer to the arty than 200 - 250 yds. Furthermore, the approaches are so steep and difficult with the added hindrance of smashed branches that it usually takes 10 - 15 mins before the inf can assault after the lifting of the arty. This time lag enables the enemy to recover his senses, unless he has been completely demoralised and forced off the objective by a prolonged arty programme.
 - (iv) Consequently, it is considered that it is more profitable to extend the arty preparation over a long period at a slow rate, rather than by concs over a shorter period.
 - (v) The question of what is the minimum number of rds required to produce this demoralising effect requires study.
- (h) Counter Bty
- (i) It is most helpful if all tps are trained to report immediately all necessary particulars regarding enemy arty.
 - (ii) Unless these particulars are sent back promptly it is usually difficult to produce accurate CB quickly.
- (i) It was agreed that arty can be employed successfully in assisting inf in locating their exact posn in relation to registration rds.
- (j) In regard to ground sp provided by 3.7 guns, the inf should be made aware of the time limitations in laying the guns due to lack of eqpt.
- (k) The effect of sp fire from 3.7 guns on this island was greatly reduced by not only the lack of certain eqpt but also the non-availability of reduced charges. Because of these factors the sp actually provided should not be treated as a true criterion of the capabilities of this weapon.
- (l) The aversion to the use of 3.7 guns for HF should be re-considered when reduced charges are available as the annoying noise effect will be greatly reduced.
- (m) The SLs have a useful ground role in producing artificial moon light.
- (i) Experience has proved the SLs of great value to inf and engrs in carrying out various tasks at night, such as mov, rd and br construction.
 - (ii) Further trg and op experience may reveal many other uses.
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- (iii) 53 Aust Comp AA Regt will make arrangements to demonstrate the effect of SLs in a ground role.

8. ENGRS

- (a) Engrs will supervise and assist in the constr of firing ranges.
- (b) Considered that inf should be given some trg in the detection of mines and booby traps.
- (c) In this operation neutralisation of mines was a simple matter and if inf had been given more trg ans so gained confidence, they could have done more dis-arming.
- (d) However, a little knowledge is a dangerous thing and as it is not possible for all inf to be thoroughly trained in the handling of mines, it was decided to train inf pnr pls to engr standard.
- (e) The engrs would make arrangements to hold cadres, each of one week's duration, teaching 4 teams of 10 men at each cadre.

Each of the following units would sup teams :-

Inf Bns
Pnr Bn
Coo Sqn
Armd Sqn

9. MMGs

It was decided that D Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn should conduct cadres for MG personnel from the bns.

10. PNR

The trg of the Pnr Bn should be along the same lines as that of the inf bns.

11. SIGS

- (a) The "building up" of sig lines from the outset of ops should be insisted upon.
- (b) In practice it has been proved that unless lines are laid well away from rds, "breaks" will be caused by vehs and mech eqpt.
The initial laying is the vital one.
- (c) It was decided that the Bde Sig Sec should conduct cadres in line-testing for bn sig personnel.
- (d) Only by constant daily maint will "walkie-talkie" sets produce satisfactory results.

12. MED

- (a) All Med personnel should be given certain inf trg especially weapon trg.
- (b) The def of med installations requires attention in trg.
- (c) In ops the siting and def of med installations should be the responsibility of the Bde Staff.

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- (d) It is especially desirable for bearer parties to be given inf trg so as to improve their confidence and protection when operating in fwd areas.

13. ARMOUR

- (a) T- engr - inf team trg will be included in the collective trg period.
- (b) A coy at a time will train with one tp of this in a selected area.

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Agenda for Conference on Trg to be held at Bde HQ at
0900 hrs 23 Jul 45

2/4 AUST CDO SQN

(a) Bren

With 14 Brens per sqn it is very apparent that more are required and a suggested scale is 23 per sqn, allowing 2 per sec, 1 per tp HQ and 2 per sqn HQ.

(b) PITA

Investigation of the possibility of employment of PITAS against pill-boxes and bunkers is required and if satisfactory trg will be necessary.

(c) Booby Traps

Trg in delousing of enemy booby traps and mines is required by all tps.

C SQN 2/9 AUST ARMD REGT

(a) Preliminary Trg

- (i) One tp allotted out to each bn in their own areas if possible for the purpose of allowing all inf pers to inspect and get to know the tks and how they are operated. Also to train all pers in the use of the rear telephone on target indication and fire control.
- (ii) Talks could be given by offr of each arm to their opposite numbers in the other two arms.
- (iii) To stage a demonstration of tk fire-power showing the destructiveness of the tk guns, particularly the 3-in How HE and controlled by the various methods at our disposal. It is suggested that one demonstration should be put on for each bn.
- (iv) Prior to carrying out any exercises, practice in target indication by the inf for the tks, using the SCR 536B, 108 set, LT, Verey and tracer amm, is suggested.

(b) Lessons to be Taught by Exercises

- (i) The protection of tks along rds.
- (ii) The protection of engr by tks and inf.
- (iii) Controlled and co-ordinated movement of the three arms.
- (iv) Practice with live amm.
- (v) Methods whereby tk crews can ascertain posns of our own fwd tps.
- (vi) The use of alternative means of comm.
- (vii) Directing the fire of the fwd tk in a tp on to enemy posns by means of the telephone on the rear tk.

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3. 2/7 AUST FD REGT

(a) Harassing Fire

- (i) On enemy posn close to own tps.
- (ii) On distant targets.

(b) Application of Fire

Is prolonged fire on an objective at a slow rate preferable to a hy cone for a short period.

(c) Counter Bty

Importance of prompt and accurate reports from as many sources as possible.

- (d) Value of registration rounds to assist in map spotting during an adv. — sound.

4. 53 AUST COMP AA REGT

(a) Use of 3/7" in Ground Role

- (i) Harassing fire - effect on inf.
- (ii) Time required - during engagements. Limitations due to equipment.
- (iii) Inability to engage close targets - indirect fire with full charge.

- (b) SL Co-op with various arms for provision of artificial moonlight.

5. CRE 1 AUST CORPS TPS

- (a) Control of native labour.
- (b) Unit self-help in engr matters.
- (c) Care of rds.

6. 2/13 AUST FD COY

- (a) Trg of all arms in mine detection and neutralisation.
- (b) Future use of booby traps as lethal or warning devices.
- (c) Trg of inf - engr - tk assault teams.

7. D COY 2/2 AUST MG BN

No suggestion.

8. 2/3 AUST PNR BN

(a) Lessons

- (i) Enemy defensive arrangements.
- (ii) Use of Alternative Posns.
- (iii) Concealment.
- (iv) Patrolling.

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- (v) Effectiveness of Arty, Mortars and Aircraft
- (vi) Booby trapping.
- (vii) Maint of contact.
- (viii) Fd Op Rations.

26 AUST INF BDE SIG SEC

- (a) All tps must be line conscious. Lines must be built up off the ground. *Sigs must be conscious of built up lines.*
- (b) Knowledge of the functions of all sig units should be common to all sig personnel.
- (c) Sigs not responsible for re-supply of ~~certain~~ ^{any} sig eqpt - it is a "Q" not a sig responsibility.
- (d) Line testing. *short course will be run by Bde Sigs.*
- (e) Maint of sig eqpt.
- (f) Comms in inf - tk cooperation.
- (g) Instr in amendment to sig procedure.
- (h) Cipher instr.
- (i) Slider RT Code Instr.

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- (a) Medical
 - (i) Nursing
All available personnel should receive specialised nursing trg.
 - (ii) Surgical Teams attached
These should spend some time with Fd Amb before a campaign so that Amb theatre personnel and nursing orderlies know their methods.
- (b) Equipment Loading
 - (i) By man loads for MDS personnel are unsatisfactory. Cannot carry enough to function without vehs, therefore unnecessary.
 - (ii) Extra vehs pre-loaded for amphibious ops very satisfactory.
- (c) Inf Trg
 - (i) All Fd Amb personnel require inf trg in considerable detail.
 - (ii) Weapon trg essential.
 - (iii) Def of medical installations.
- (d) Covering parties for SBs.
Consider economical methods of providing adequate covering parties for SBs in fwd areas.