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WAR DIARY

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Unit 25 Bn

Date and Time - From 8 Dec. 41 To 16 Dec. 41

Place	Date	Hour		Remarks & references Appendices, Diaries etc.
CABARLAH	8 Dec		25 Bn. Training Cadre was engaged in specialist training. Courses in progress were Offrs. Wing on tactical syllabus, Rifle Wing, M.M.G. Wing, Adv. training, D. & M. Carrier Course Signal Course, Mortar Trng. "I" Sec. principally on map enlargement. M.T. Dvrs. course and C.Q.M.S. course on Inf. weapons, care and maintenance. Cooks training in musketry. Stretcher bearers course, and P. & R.T. Course for Cpls.	
	13 Dec	0920	Priority telegram received "A5418 Complete your office arrangements for WINTER less first reinforcements. Stop Ack."	
&	13 Dec.		Priority telegram received. "A5469 Further to warning order. Action is now to be taken to call up additional personnel on F.T.D. to W.E. plus first reinf. Offrs. and less first re-inf. other ranks. Units will arrange to complete movement as early as practicable. No entry into camp before 16 Dec. Detailed instruction will be forwarded by 15 Dec. 41. Additions of leave and deferrment of training of men in seasonal occupations or specialised industries are to be continued as at present. Advise Area B.M. by 0900 hrs. Mon. 15 Dec. the number of U.S.P. required to complete to W.E. less first reinforcements other ranks. Ack. Signature W.C. BRISBANE."	
			Coy. Orderly Rooms immediately prepared call-up notices for members of the unit on strength and out of training to report between 16 to 23 Dec. 41. These were signed by Coy. Comd. Draft conducting offrs. were arranged and Hon. Recruiting Offrs. WEREXXXXXXXXX contacted to arrange collection of drafts. The result of the call-up was 642 O.Rs marched in for F.T.D. between 16-23 Dec. 41.	

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CABARLAH	13 Dec		Medically unfit men were dealt with by R.M.O. and those claiming exemption had their claims forwarded to Area Officer and M.P.O. for investigation
CABARLAH	15 Dec 18 Dec		V.D.C. Course ended and personnel returned to Unit. In accordance with 7 Inf. Bde. instructions Lieut M.J. Fleming Q.21639, Lieut. T.D. Baker Q.21810, Lieut. D.R. Wilmott Q.22843, Lieut L.A. Wood Q.21942. Lieut. R.D.K. Jefferies and 7 O.Rs were drafted to H.Q. 7 Inf. Bde for N.Aust service. Lieut T.D. Baker, Lieut. L.A. Wood and Lieut. R.D.K. Jefferies were not required, so were returned to Unit.
	22 Dec		Unit's standing Orders for Battle were forwarded to H.Q. 7 Inf. Bde.
&	25 Dec		Christmas Dinner was arranged for all ranks in camp. The notice that special leave was allowed did not reach Unit in time for advantage to be taken of it. Training programme was arranged to end at 1100 hrs. An amount of £64.4.0 was allotted by Aust. Defence Canteens Service for special Christmas Cheer for the 856 men in camp. The various Coys. vied with each other in arranging messes and Coy cooks excelled themselves, satisfying even those desirous of home leave.
	16 Dec	31 Dec	Training of Unit as a whole commenced. The benefit of Cadre period training to N.C.Os was apparent. All ranks were taking training seriously in view of overseas developments. Personnel trained at CHERMSIDE did not appear to have lost much ground except that they required toughening up again before proceeding to advanced training. Sprinkling of regimental reservists was need of elementary training. The C.O. was very pleased with the general standard of Unit.

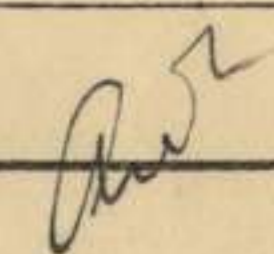
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WAR DIARY of INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Unit 25 Bn Date and Time.—From 1 Jan 42 To 31 Jan 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
CABARLAH	1 Jan to 10 Jan.		To bring Bn. up to full strength a draft of two hundred U.S.P. were called up by Area 25 and entered upon training 23 Dec. 41. Drinking water at CABARLAH CAMP was a problem during drought conditions. Water was drawn from COOBY DAM and decaying Algae combined with the low state of the dam made water most unpalatable. For health reasons all water had to be filtered through Mollinite purifier and super-chlorinated, which did not improve its taste and odour. Increase in Unit strength also brought messing and housing problems. Tables and forms had to be hired from schools in TOOWOOMBA and men had to do without lanterns and floor-boards in tents. The dust nuisance accentuated the need for floor-boards. For training, lengthy route marches and movement over rougher country were now undertaken. Composite duty Coy. with M.M.G. AND Mortar attachments was formed and given alarms and exercises to give practice of getting this group into action without delay. Coy. Comds. had the opportunity of tightening up on many points in organisation and administration to make such movements more effective. It was the considered opinion of the senior Officers that such training would prove invaluable when the Bn. was occupying posn. where such rapid offensive action would be called for to counter beach or para-troop landings, or to out-manoeuvre a moving enemy.	
	11 Jan to 17 Jan. 42		Coy. exercises and bivouacs were commenced and Range Practices Tables B.II and R fired. Every effort was made to obtain maximum proficiency in Unit. Range practices were performed by Coys. who bivouacked on Range during practices. N.C.O's under their own Pl. Sjt. and Offrs. supervised coaching, while sec. leaders coached and scored for their own men.	



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CABARLAH	11 Jan to		ensuring a knowledge from sec. leader upward of the fire power of their Unit.	
	17 Jan 42		Offrs. attended night tutorial discussions on general tactics and information re the Japanese Army. Preparation of the Unit medically proceeded. Injections, T.A.B. and T.T. and Vacc. were given those due for them.	
	21 Jan.		7 Inf. Bde. T.E.W.T. for Senior Offrs. at NORTH COAST AREA was attended by C.O., Maj. Miles, Capt. C.S. Webster, and the Adj. Capt. W.J.E. Jackson. Scheme covered the defence of CALOUNDRA, with a survey of the obstacles between there and BRISBANE. Brig. Craven, Comd. 7 Inf. Bde. controlled the exercise.	
			Free for All training was commenced towards the end of the month. Pls. worked independently carrying out own adm., rationing etc. The area used along TOOWOOMBA MAIN RANGE lent itself to this type of training and clashes by the Pls. were frequent, and umpires reported very favourably on the work done. Pls. averaged 14 to 18 miles per day each, and with a few exceptions tps. stood up well to the test. The men found this type of training most interesting and a welcome change from weapon training and sec. team work.	
			Cabarlah camp was visited by the following Officers on various matters of business and camp improvement, during Jan.	
			Capt. Rouston, A.D.S. & T. 6/7 Jan.	
			Lieut. Grenier, Postal Corps. 8 Jan.	
			Lt-Col. D.R. Glasgow, N.C. Defence Co-operation.	
			Capt. Whitford, A.D.S. & T.	
			Capt. Spencer N. Comd. Veh. Rec. Dept.	
			Lieut. Kennedy, N. Comd. Area Sigs.	
			Maj. Kerr, D.A.D.O.S.	
			Lieut. Jones.	
			Maj. McDermott, A.A.M.C.	

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CABARLAH			Maj.Laffan, A.D.S. & T. Inspection. Capt.Cummins, Adj. A.D.S. & T. " Lieut. Abrahams, B.I.P.O.D. Maj.Single, C.O. 11 M.Reg. Liason. Lieut McConachie, Horse Tpt. Inspection. Lieut North A.A.S.C. Capt.Ralston, R.A.E. Capt.Bazelle R.AE. Capt.Mackay, Mobile Squad N.C. M.T. Inspection. Maj. W.Leonard, A.H.Q. Capt.Fox, Canteen Board. Lieut. Corbett, A.A.S.C. Lieut.Brown, Area Sigs. Capt. Gazelle, Engrs. Maj. Stubbs, Rail Transport. Capt.Peck. Stationery	
	29 Jan		Lieut. J.T.Graham, Q.21736 was seconded to H.Q., N.Comd. to act as Liason Offr.	
	31 Jan.		V.D.C. training and co-operation continued throughout the month.	
			In retrospect this was a period of essential training of the sub-units of the Bn. from a fixed base, CABARLAH CAMP, to the improvement of which Engrs. and other services gave much attention. Maj. Miles however did not overlook the essential of war, training and fire power. Training has been described, but on the "Q" side every effort was made to equip the Unit with weapons and amn. for them, and with vehicles and equip-ment to maintain them. These came in slowly. A few Thompson sub-machine guns, a bren gun, respirators and C.A.P. capsules were additions for training purposes. Two carriers were added to Unit M.T, one of wich was almost immediately loaned to A.I.F. for recruiting purposes. Behind all this was the	

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CABARLAH			driving force of the C.O. whose tireless energy and persistence of purpose was ever before his Officers and men as an example, in no small measure contributing to the high standard of training and morale of the Unit.	
	31 Jan to 1 Feb.		25 Bn T.E.W.T. covering the following proposed Bn. Exercises,-	
			(a) Approach march and occupation of defensive posn. STANLEY R. NORTH of LITTLE MT. BRISBANE.	
			(b) Dawn attack by controlled enemy by infiltration followed by immediate counter attack.	
			(c) Night withdrawal and occupation of posn. for defence of WIVENHOE POCKET aerodrome near LOWOOD.	
			(d) Secret exercise - para troop landings.	
			(e) Road defence - TOOWOOMBA RD. vicinity GATTON.	
			(f) Relief of Bn. (by inter-changing Coys).	
			(g) Shuttle movement to CABARLAH.	
	4 Feb.		7 Inf. Bde. Trng. Instr. No.3 Part II of 31 Jan 42 recd, setting out training and outstation (CALOUNDRA) duty. 9 Bn. 26 Jan; 15 Bn. Wed. 25 Feb.; 61 Bn. 9 Feb.; 9 Bn. 11 Mar. 25 Bn. 20 Mar. to 6 Apr.	
CABARLAH	3 Feb to 7 Feb.		Bn. manoeuvre following on T.E.W.T. was carried out as follows,-	
			(1) Approach march, shuttle M.T. movement CABARLAH to ROCKY CK.	
			(2) Occupation Defensive posn. astride TOOWOOMBA HIGHWAY - ROCKY CK. area, giving tps. training in infiltration anti tactics - outstation duties - carrier tactics and battle str. routine and practice in rapid counter attacks and consolidation. Recruits sentry work was much improved by their exercises which were rendered more realistic by the balance of blank amn. being allotted the enemy.	
	18 Feb.		A.A. & Q.M.G. Secret memo No.42/55 was received calling a conference in Room 6, "A" Block of Victoria Barracks at	

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Appendix 1

MINUTES OF SECRET CONFERENCE CONDUCTED BY LT-COL. SHARPE, ACTG. COL.
IN CHARGE OF ADMINISTRATION.

1. REPLACEMENTS. Lt-Col. Sharpe instructed that all men Class 2, or those proved unfit for service in the front line must be got rid of and replaced by class 1 men. Units can call on A.I.F. if necessary for replacements. 7 Inf. ~~Regt~~ training Bde. was in operation at CHERMSIDE.
2. EQUIPMENT. Army representatives who recently visited N.Comd. had checked up the position with regard to contracts let, and this phase should be speeded up.
3. TROOPS. A.H.Q. representatives commented on the general untidyness of troops and lack of soldierly bearing. They state Northern Command was not as bad, as Southern and Eastern.
4. Transport Problem. Instructions were given to study transport problem quoted in A.T.M. 6 regarding improvised movement.
5. M.T. VEHICLES. It was anticipated that within the next few weeks the Bn. would be implemented with further F.W.D. A shortage existed in light vehicles and these would be gradually replaced with F.W.D.

Lt-Col. Sharpe stated that much had been made of disabled M.T. in the EAST and as much as 50% of vehicles put out of action were placed in service by fitting parts from other vehicles within 24 hours. This training was essential.

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The Unit distinguishing mark on/vehicles was commented upon as against military security and this matter is to be further inquired into.

6. MAINTENANCE PLANT. Lt-Col. Sharpe stated he was concerned in his new job with the maintenance of the following,-

- (1) Transport
- (2) Med. and Vet. Stores.
- (3) Amn.
- (4) Petrol
- (5) Engr. Stores
- (6) Water and other minor details.

7. IRON RATIONS. Unit Q.M. will immediately requisition to A.A.S.C. for one day's iron ration per man per Bn. This will be held in Coy. Stores and issued to the men at the C.O.'s discretion. They would be consumed on C.O.'s instructions and must be replaced immediately. The ration consisted of meat and vegetables in dried form in a packet about $1\frac{1}{2}$ times the size of a Craven A cigarette tin. In addition they would contain a fruit tube ~~like~~ ^{like} into a ~~nick~~ plug of tobacco containing chocolate fruit and nuts which could be cut off with a pen-knife. The meat and vegetables would be placed in boiling water and boiled for a short period. This made an excellent stew, similar in taste to Swallow and Ariel's dried vegetable stew.

The ultimate plan was to supply all men with a week's iron ration. The iron ration could be termed a cardboard ration as this was contained in a cardboard carton and not in a galvanised iron container as in the 1914-18 war. Supplies were coming through slowly.

8. TABLE OF AMN. Col. Sharpe drew attention to table of amn. set out in A.T.M. 5 giving amount for each weapon. All W.E. amn. should be ordered at once and followed up until received.

9. AMN SHELTERS. A new type of shelter designed by Lt-Col. Murray of Redbank was recommended as suitable and Col. Sharpe instructed that such dumps be widely dispersed in the event of bombing of camps. Requisitions for necessary material which could not be obtained by using bush timber would be arranged for by Col. Guthrie, Engrs.

10. WEAPONS.

Bren. A new distribution of 104 Bren would shortly be made among units.

M.M.G. A distribution of 40 ~~xxxxxxx~~ ^{Vickers} would be made shortly. The question of equipping carriers with M.M.G. would be taken up with immediately.

11. CARRIERS. 9 carriers per Bn. are being distributed at present.

12. PETROL. Lt-Col. Sharpe ~~xxxxxxxx~~ stresses the necessity for keeping on hand a sufficient supply of petrol for an immediate move. The regulation dealing with a daily requisition only would be waived. Whilst the number of drums would not permit of complete unit storage, as a "stab in the dark" he instructed C.Os to immediately requisition for the following for emergency use.

- 10 drums per carrier
- 5 drums per 3 ton.
- 4 drums per 30 cwt.
- 2 drums per utility (1 ton, 15 cwt. and D.S. Car.)

He invited suggestions for petrol storage and suggested petrol storage might be underground, well camouflaged.

13. DISPERSAL AREAS. Lt-Col. Sharpe stated that dispersal areas were of a temporary nature, the idea being to put troops out of recognised camps so they could not be found. It was not known when regular camps would be reverted to, and in the meantime Units would stick to the use of temporary structures in dispersal areas. It was not intended that camps be made of dispersal areas. Mess shelters could be made of bush timber with skillion roof, or tarpaulin, old corrugated iron which was rusty if it could be obtained, or second hand iron. C.O's were instructed to buy it and let the A.Q.M.G. know. The temporary kitchen could be any type of old building well camouflaged. The battening would be left to the discretion of C.Os.

14. WATER. Watering in new dispersal areas was a problem and it was necessary for each Bn. to have one 200 gallon tank per Coy. This would be placed in Coy. areas and filled daily. The timber for the stand could be requisitioned for and any reasonable request for this would be passed. The tanks would be provided with welded taps.

15. ENGR. STORES. Lt-Col. Sharpe stressed the necessity for knowing just where to readily obtain Engr. Stores 24 hours of the day.

16. DUMMY RAIL HEADS. Lt-Col. Sharpe referred to the effective use of a dummy rail head in the East, and the actual rail head two miles in the rear. The dummy rail head was continuously bombed without loss to the actual position. He passed this on for similar use in other phases of military operations.

17. Regarding the equipping of camps and the use of material generally for effective training, Lieut. Col. Sharpe stated that the policy in this regard could be summed up in these words.-

"The Lord helps those who help themselves."

Lee

Maj.
C.O., 25 Bn.

CABARLAH,
20 Feb. 42.

CABARLAN,
7 Mar 42.*Appendix 2.*H.Q.,
7 Inf. Bde.25 BN. TRAINING.

The second phase of 25 Bn. training was carried out between 25/26 Feb. and 6 Mar 42. The object of the whole manoeuvres was to exercise troops in mobile warfare, bringing out the lessons that mobile aggressive defence is essential when defending large areas with a comparatively small number of troops. This made for rapid movement providing adequate protection and necessitating bold recce. in order to effect surprise.

The exercises were principally carried out at night or at dawn and were over rough terrain through rivers, across which men had to wade & hold their equipment above their heads.

With the limited transport B Ech. had to be used periodically to ensure rapidity of movement for the mobile warfare practiced. This combination of use of M.T. and marching was a distinct success and enabled many important lessons to be brought out in the limited time.

Movements were made from the fixed camp at CABARLAN at first light, early morning meal being arranged at 0400 hrs. Other movements were made from bivouac areas at 2000 hrs, 0100 and 0400 hrs. The attacks were made at fading light, taking advantage of the moon in consolidation etc., others during the night, and at first light.

In all cases an enemy with blank amn was used, sometimes up to two Coys which made all exercises interesting and as near to war conditions as it was possible to obtain.

Detailed synopsis is attached.

Summing up the exercises as Bn. commander, I am satisfied with the operations conducted, which were all of an offensive nature to give the personnel some idea of their power as an offensive ~~force~~ mobile force.

Throughout the manoeuvres the morale was very high. The friendly rivalry between Coys. taking part in the defence and the attack, the lessons of initiative brought out were valuable, as also were the lessons of rapid movement and handling of M.T. in difficult country by night without lights.

The stamina of the men was all that could be desired. There was very little foot trouble, although the marching averaged 10 miles per day, apart from the mileage covered in moving to the attack, consolidating, patrolling, and rough walking during the actual operations

*E. Miles*Maj.
C.O., 25 Bn.

Encl.

Minister 2

SYNOPSIS.

The attached map will show the extent of the manoeuvres.

The Bn. was divided into four Coy. groups, each group consisting of one rifle Coy., one Pl. ^{of the} N.M.C., det. Mortars, det. Sigs., stretcher bearers etc. and were termed "Composite Mobile Coy. Groups" equipped with pro rata number of A Ech. vehicles.

Other forces such as Arty., A/Tk, Engrs. Pd. Amb. were imaginary. Owing to excessive petrol consumption the carriers were not taken.

It might be stated that neither the attacker nor the enemy was given the disposition of ~~the~~ other, and ~~that~~ ^{that} given a free hand in this matter. In some cases maps of the district were not available which necessitated recon with use of binoculars and compass

FIRST PHASE.

APPROACH MARCH by combination of N.T. and marching, securing base at BLUFF MTH. Before reaching the next firm base HENDALE the advance elements of the forward Coy gp. were met by ^a composite Coy in defence.

Bold recon. disclosed their dispositions and a two Coy. attack was staged at fading light taking advantage of the moon.

After securing the objective and consolidating an enemy composite Coy. was placed in TOOGLOOLAWAH township.

SECOND PHASE.

VILLAGE FIGHTING, TOOGLOOLAWAH. The approaches to TOOGLOOLAWAH were such that infiltration tactics by using a holding force and employing a striking force on the flanks was the solution and a three Coy. attack in this manner was successful in that the holding force of one Coy by bold patrolling and small actions occupied the enemy whilst infiltration tactics via CHESSBROOK CR. and the left flank enabled the surprise effect to be brought about in the rear of the township.

Faying in the field was carried out at TOOGLOOLAWAH.

THIRD PHASE.

COY. GP. FREE FOR ALL TRAINING. Parallel rds. with a connecting rd. in the centre between KILCOY and HARLAN and KILCOY and YINEBUN provided ground for "free for all" training for Coys. Coys. were placed at respective end of rds. with A Ech. vehicles and carried out free for all training, all Coys being hostile to one another. A rd. over the mountain joined the parallel rds. as shown on map. The country abounded in small rivers and creeks, some of which had to be forded, and was excellent for this type of training. Clashes continually occurred and brought out many lessons in all round protection, scouting, patrolling and infiltration tactics. Seven specially selected snipers added to ^{the} exercise.

FOURTH PHASE.

BN. ATTACK, SPLITTER'S CR. AREA. A defensive posn. in this area on a tank obstacle, vis. STANLEY RIVER provided a situation where an outpost Coy was essential and a Bn. attack using two Coys. forward was carried out. The country lent itself to machine gun fire and use of mortars on the right flank. The left flank provided close wooded fighting up to foothills. Exploitation was made in this case on to two further positions NORTH of the SOMERSET DAM.

FIFTH PHASE.

SOMERSET DAM ATTACK. This posn. was astride the Stanley River, and also lent itself to the use of an outpost Coy with two Coys. holding tactical features astride the STANLEY RIVER and one Coy. in depth defence with definite defensive role.

A night march with a dawn attack was necessary and two Coy. eps. were given the task of infiltration by right and left flanks. The night march was over rugged country, crossing the river on one side whilst the night march ^{against} the outpost Coy. was through the foothills of two mountainous features. Surprise was effected in the attack at first light. The counter attack on one posn. was repulsed by rapid consolidation of the posn. and effective covering forces.

SIXTH PHASE.

DEMONSTRATION OF ROAD BLOCKS. SOMERSET DAM RD. The PIRA. constructed various rd. blocks on the main SOMERSET DAM RD. where all personnel by pls. were given a demonstration of their effective use in such posns. where the side of the mountain lends itself.

SEVENTH PHASE.

ATTACK AND DEFENCE - MURRUMBA BRIDGE. The posn. at MURRUMBA BR. 5 1/2 miles from HSK provided an excellent ground for a demonstration of an attack on a bridge-head. The BRISBANE RIVER was the line of the P.D.L.'s. Two Coys. were in defence with the rd. as inter-coy boundary. The attacking forces, (who had no previous knowledge of this area and had to make a protected move for recon using local ^{of} inhabitants, and only map recon.) made an interesting exercise. Unable to ford the river or to obtain depths by patrols until dark, a bridgehead attack ^{at night} with a simultaneous attack at a point where the river was fordable culminated in ^{push} raiding parties only doing minor damage. This then provided all night patrolling, raids etc. all of which was practical training. ^{knowledge}

EIGHTH PHASE.

NORTHBROOK BRIDGE. This area was tactically interesting and one Coy was placed on a very high peak (Hill 604), another holding the bridge-head at NORTHBROOK, with forward elements NORTH of the river. A two Coy. ep. attack was made, one by the main rd. and on the bridge head with flank infiltration by using a holding and striking force. An attack on the hill feature was an impossible task and with the use of E.T. through covered approaches this feature was outflanked by a Coy. ep. cutting their way through the undergrowth and surprised the Coy. holding NORTHBROOK BRIDGE area in the rear, thus enabling the Coy. ep. taking the bridgehead via the NORTHBROOK RD. to push home their attack.

NINTH PHASE.

The Bn. was spelled in the NORTHBROOK BRIDGE area during the morning and general overhaul carried out.

TENTH PHASE.

DEFENCE WITH COUNTER OFFENSIVE ROLE. This area is one whereby the lesson of defence with a counter-offensive role could very easily be taught. On the EAST is the D'AGUILAR RANGE with the BRISBANE R. winding around the foothills. On the WEST are two high features, one of which could be improved with road blocks etc., and at the foot of the other the Brisbane River runs.

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On this post, the Bn. was placed in defence areas with three Coys. forward and one in reserve at Hill 604, with the role of left flank defence. The first exercise carried out was a complete shift of the Bn. to these defensive posts.

The next was a Bn. relief taking over the defence and battle post routine. The lesson of liaison, recon, guides and night movement in rear of posts, was carried out quite effectively and noiselessly.

The next exercise was one where an enemy comprising one Coy. took the role of an attacking force on the main NORTHBROOK BR. RD. moving SOUTH. Messages were sent to the holding force to invite attack and the attacking force moved in from the bridge. The three Coys. swung back on the high ground until the attacking force had penetrated through to the post, on the next crossing, viz. WIVENHOE BR. Here was a force sufficiently strong to defend and hold the movement. NORTHBROOK BR. itself was then retaken and a counter offensive launched by the three Coys. driving the enemy towards the river at the foothills of the D'AGUILAR RANGE.

This exercise took much longer than anticipated, being carried out throughout the night and early morning, but was effective as the enemy were pushed against a river obstacle, and those who crossed it could not get away except up the mountain side and were effectively dealt with at dawn. The enemy were then passed in to a prison compound over WIVENHOE bridge and the posts on the river itself re-occupied.

ELEVENTH PHASE.

The last phase of the exercise was one of a night march combined with N.T. which carried out a "leap frogging" movement throughout the night, embussing and debussing troops along the road. The camp was reached from 0300 hrs. to dawn.

The messing of the men, although difficult, having long communications to the nearest D.I.D. was satisfactory, all difficulties being overcome and improvisations made and initiative used to the fullest advantage. The N.T. work was excellent.


Orders were principally outline plans given verbally, and the working of "R" and "D" Groups, both Bn. and Coy were quite satisfactory.

Empires were consistently changed and leaders were exercised in commands one and two ranks higher with satisfactory results.

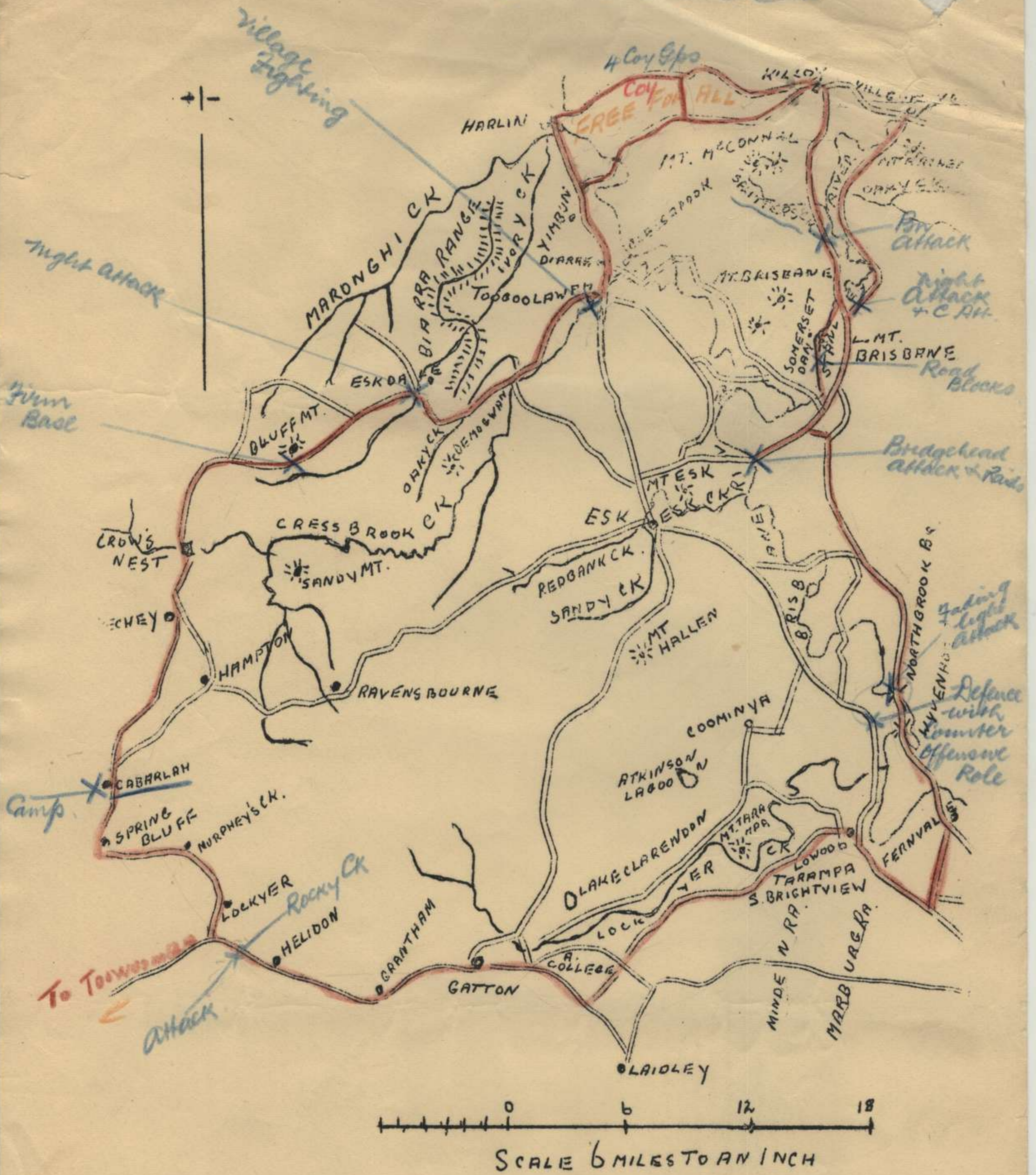
The roads, though rough in places were trafficable. Water was plentiful and organised sleep during the day was arranged.

Debussing on the move was practiced without accident, and protection from aircraft was diligently practiced with both men and machines ~~vehicles~~

The area is eminently suited to mobile warfare in all its stages.


Maj.
C.O., 25 Bn.

25 Bn Training



25 Bn MANOEUVRE AREAS

CABARLAH,
25 Feb. 42.

Prepared by C.O., 25 Bn.

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1. OBJECT. To exercise Tps. in Mobile Warfare.
2. LESSONS. (i) When defending large areas with a comparatively small number of tps. mobile aggressive defence is essential.
(ii) To achieve Lesson (i) it is necessary to mystify, mislead and surprise the enemy by rapid movement with adequate protection and bold recce.
3. OPENING SITUATION.
 - (i) Enemy tps are known to be operating in the NORTH and small composite mobile elements have been reported moving SOUTH.
Intelligence reports reveal enemy Tps. consisting of a Coy Gp. harassing communications in the KILCOY area.
 - (ii) At 2000 hrs. 25 Feb. 42 Bde. Comd., 7 Inf. Bde. sent warning order in cipher to C.O., 25 Bn. to prepare move to KILCOY area.
 - (iii) At 2130 hrs. 25 Feb. 42 ciphered message received from 7 Inf. Bde. stated that at 1600 hrs. today enemy tps. seen making recce. of roads WEST of KILCOY. 25 Bn. GP would move NORTH and clear enemy tps. in BRISBANE and STANLEY RIVER VALLEYS.

No move before 0500 hrs. 26 Feb. 42.
 - (iv) Under command 25 Bn 2130 hrs. 25 Feb. 42,-

13 Bty. A.F.A.)	
1 Tp A/Tk)	Imaginary.
1 Sec. Engrs.)	
1 Sec. Fd.Amb.)	
4. AIRCRAFT. - passive.
5. INTERCOMM. - D.R., K.T.P.
6. TASK - As C.O., 25 Bn. Gp. - carry on.

DISTRIBUTION
As per key list.

"APPROACH MARCH"
(Action of Controlled Enemy).

FORECAST OF EVENTS.

Approx. Time.	Situation	Action by Controlled Enemy.	Instruction
25 Feb. 42. 2000 hrs.		Instructions by Director.	
2030 hrs.	Warning Order issued.		Note prep. for move and advice personnel of Coy. Roll call etc.
2200 hrs.	O.O. issued.		Check up composition "0" Gps. and map markings of route.
26 Feb. 42 0550 hrs.		Enemy move out to embussing area.	Check marching out state and note embussing and camouflage.
0610 hrs.	B Coy Gp. (fwd. protective elements) move out of camp to embussing area.		ditto Check Password.
0610 hrs.	"R" Gp. move to embussing R.V.		Check personnel.
0615 hrs.	Remainder marching tps of Bn. gp (C & D Coy gp) move out of camp to SP.		Check marching out state, password and time passing S.P. as per O.O.
0810 hrs	B Coy gp. (fwd. protective elements) arr. BLUFF MTN. and occupy first bound.		Check orderly and tactical debussing & preparation for holding of firm base Check message to Bn. H.Q.
0830 hrs		Enemy arrive ESKDALE RIDGE.	Watch debussing use of turning point (camouflage).
0915 hrs	Marching tps, C & D Coy Gps arrive PECHEY Forest at turning pt.		Watch preparation for orderly and tactical embussing.
0930 hrs	M.T. arrive & embuss C Coy. Gp.		Note time taken.
0940 hrs		Enemy in posn. ESKDALE RIDGE.	Note preparation for defence. Protection whilst on receipt & during occupation of posn. Check up fire plan.
1000 hrs	M.T. arrive & embuss D Coy Gp.		Check embussing times etc.
1030 hrs	C Coy gp. pass through firm base (BLUFF MTN)		Check composition & distance fwd. of protective elements.
1035		Enemy movement seen by M.C. Scouts.	
1045	M.C. Scouts report enemy in vicinity ESKDALE RIDGE. C Coy. Gp. debuss at 4 ml. Water Reserve.		Check message from Scout, also message to Bn. H.Q. & messages back to B & D Coy Gps & Q.M. Watch tactical debussing and M.T. move back

Approx. time.	Situation	Action of controlled enemy	Instructions
26 Feb. 42 1100 hrs	C Coy Gp occupy posn. high ground fwd. of 4 mls. water reserve.		Check outpost posn.
1100 hrs	D Coy Gp. arr. rear of B Coy Gp on first firm base.		Check tactical debussing.

SECOND PHASE - "ATTACK."

Break for conference regarding movement - 1130 hrs.

26 Feb. 42 1300 hrs	Warning Order issued		Check message and action taken by Coy Gps. through chain of command to men in secs.
1310 hrs	"R" Gp. make recce. under protection C Coy Gp. fwd. tps.		Check map recce. and route taken to O.P. for ground recce. & R.V. for "O" Gp.
1400 hrs	Verbal outline plan issued.		Check composition "O" Gp. & place & time for final orders.
1500 hrs	Issue of O.O.		Watch prep. & detailed orders down to personnel in secs.
1600 hrs	D Coy Gp move by M.T. to 4 ml. water Res.		
1700 hrs	Hot meal, all Coys.		
1800 hrs.	Commence move to P.O. A.		Check instructions given and route
1900 hrs	2 Coy. Gps. on P.O.A.		Check tactical posn.
1930 hrs.	Move to F.U.P.		Note route and movement.
2000 hrs.	Cross S.L.		Check times and suitability.
2030 hrs.		Enemy open fire	Check method of infiltration.
2130 hrs.	Attack ends.		Check exploitation, also consolidation and messages, liason work.

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WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

Army Form C.2118
(adapted)

(Erase heading not required).

Unit 25 Bn Date and Time.—From 7 Mar 42 To 31 Mar 42.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
CABARLAH	7 Mar		7 Inf. Bde. Trng. Inst.No.1 for outstation received for study and preparation of syllabus.	
	15 Mar.		Maj.Miles notified (pending gazettal) of his promotion to Lt-Col.	
	17 Mar.		Bn. less 11 carriers which were railed to LANDSBOROUGH moved to STAFFORD, stores per M.T., personnel by train from SPRING BLUFF. The move was made without hitch. Morning march was to train was done before dawn over Toowoomba Range to SPRING BLUFF Ry. stn.	
	18-19 Mar		Bn. bivouacked at STAFFORD in dispersal area while Bde. Armourer carried out inspection of Unit weapons. Preliminary camp construction work was carried out, tents erected and slit trenches dug in preparation for 9 Bn. taking over.	
	19 Mar.		9 Bn. Adv. party arrived and 25 Bn adv. party proceeded to CALOUNDRA.	
	20 Mar.		25 Bn. moved by Unit and 101 Res. M.T. to CALOUNDRA. The move was under 7 Inf. Bde. direction. Bn. again moved without hitch and according to Bde. movement order.	
CALOUNDRA	20 Mar.	1030 1145	"R" Gp. 25 Bn. arrived CALOUNDRA. Main body arrived and by 1510 hrs. take-over from 9 Bn. had been completed. The forward defences were manned by "D" Coy with three Coys. in Res. The unit was divided into four Gps. (1) Fwd. Coy, (2) Duty Coy. on wheels ready to move to any danger point, (3) Working Coy to continue wiring, weapon posts and other defences, (4) Training Coy. to carry out Syllabus of Range practices and weapon training.	
	21 Mar.		Lt-Col Miles met with accident necessitating his going to hospital for a period, from 22-25 Mar. incl. Maj.R.Weppner B. M.G.O. temporarily in command.	
	22 Mar.		Battle practice with live amn. carried out by M.M.G., mortar and rifle posts on DICKEY BEACH, Personnel not taking part observed from MOFFAT HEADLAND. Valuable lesson given in	

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Unit 25 Bn

Date and Time - From 1 Apr. 42..... To 30 Apr.....

Place	Date	Hour	Remarks & references Appendices, Diaries etc.
CALOONDRA	1 Apr.	12 Apr.	V.D.C. NAMBOUR DISTRICT RECEIVED training from 25 Bn. Sundays and Wed. nights.
	1 Apr.	12 Apr.	Manning of Defences of CALOONDRA continued. Wiring of beaches continued, erection of three Armco boxes completed and camouflaged. Pnr. Pl. made an excellent job of these. They were erected low on beaches to obtain most effective fire. Arm rests were inserted in each box. Entrance was obtained by an overhead hole immediately outside the door, while a tunnel was constructed to bring up amm under cover if reqd. whilst under fire.
			Bn. training continued in conjunction with above. Daily exercises in manning M.M.G. and Mortar posts, taking up Coy. posns. and performing Coy. tactical exercises with Carrier support, countering infiltration tactics and Range practices, including the throwing of live grenades. Long marches to keep men fit were included in the training programme.
			12 horses allotted to the Unit were utilised in recce. of densely timbered areas and in patrol work
	7 Apr		Lt-Col. Miles returned from R.A.A. & A/Tank co-op. School, PUCKAPUNYAL, Vic. and resumed command of Unit from Maj. F.B. COMMON who administered command during his absence.
			Liason was made with BRIBIE FORT, American Radio Location Forces, 5 & 11 Motor Regt. and Naval P.W. Stn.
	11 Apr.		Letter from J. Donnelly, Cafe proprietor, CALOONDRA, re good conduct of 25 Bn. during period at battle station. Similar appreciations were received from C.W.A., Councillor Nichols, Police Constable, Proprietor Picture theatre and Methodist Welfare Committee.
	12 Apr		H.Q., 7 Inf. Bde. given a report on work done by 25 Bn. whilst 25 Bn occupying CALOONDRA outstation.

Mrs. Donnelly's letter att.
Appendix 1.Copy of report.
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Unit 25 Bn.

Date and Time - From 12 Apr. 42. To

Place	Date	Hour	Remarks & references Appendices, Diaries etc.
CALOUNDRA	12 Apr	1200	Adv. party moved to CHERMSIDE to prepare for Unit move to dispersal area vacated by 15 Bn.
CHERMSIDE	13 Apr		Unit moved per M.T. to training area, CHERMSIDE area. Bldg. of 9 Bn. in "D" block utilised as Bn. H.Q. Unit dispersed in MARCHANT PARK area.
	14 Apr.	26 Apr	The C.O. expected that approx. five weeks would be spent in this location and Unit was to concentrate on intensive weapon training and range practices Programme of training carried out. Four V.D.C. personnel were att. "B" Coy for training.
	21 Apr		Capt. E.G. White, Q.22704 returned to Unit from special camouflage work at COWAN FORT for N.Comd.
&	21 Apr	1900	C.O.s conference called at Bde. H.Q. Warning order issued that Bde. now came under 5 Aust.Div.Comd. and would be moving to new training location.
RP	22 Apr	0745	B.M. with 2 i/c of Bns. moved to make recce. of LANDSBOROUGH NAMBOUR, YANDINA, NORTH ARM, EUMUNDI area with Col. Murphy and five other Div. Staff. 25 Bn. allotted area EUMUNDI. Maj. Common made preliminary recce. of this area and liasoned with prominent citizens of EUMUNDI re suitable bivouac area, communications, water points, Q building etc. Areas suggested were examined by Col. Reinbold (Engrs) and Forestry Res. approx. two miles EAST of EUMUNDI on VERRIERDALE RD. was selected as best location.
	23 Apr.		2 i/c took C.O. to area and Coy. areas were allotted, tentative ly as shown in att. sketch.
	25 Apr.		Anzac Day Commemoration service held by Padre Trezise at 0615 hrs. in Bn. dispersal area and by Padre Trezise Rosenskjar in R.C. hut at 0630 hrs.

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Unit 25 Bn.

Date and Time - From 25 Apr. 42. To

Place	Date	Hour	Remarks & references Appendices, Diaries etc.
CHERMSIDE	25 Apr		Lieut J.T.Graham Q.21036 transferred from E(MG)Coy 25 Bn to
	26 Apr	0700	2 i/c E(MG) Coy 61 Bn. owing to their shortage of M.G. Offrs. Capt. Jackson, Adjt. marched out to Coy. Comd. Course, Roseberry Racecourse, SYDNEY. Lieut. Marsh who had been training as Asst. Adjt. became Asst. Adjt.
		2200	O.O. No.4 of 5 Aust.Div. received, moving of Div. to new locations. 25 Bn. allotted EUMUNDI area as stated in warning order.
	27 Apr	1000	Recce. of EUMUNDI training area by "O" Gp. Capt. White and a preparatory party went forward to do essential road work to permit of heavy convoy M.T. using main track to area. Adm. Inst. No.1 is self explanatory.
		to 2000	Unit O.O. No.1 was issued in accordance with 5 Aust.Div.O.O. No.4 and 7 Inf.Bde. O.O. No.1. Conference of Coy.Comd. and Adm Offrs. was held. At this conference many details connected with the move were discussed and the path cleared for definite and uniform action. Unit strength and personnel also were discussed and arrangements made to deal with ineffective members of the Unit and action to be taken to bring unit up to full fighting strength in trained personnel.
	27 Apr		H.Q.. 7 Inf. Bde. notified that Lieut. W.Robinson, Q.21948 remains Unit Security Officer.
	28 Apr	0800	Adv.party of one N.C.O. and 10 O.Rs per Coy. moved with cook and three days rations, tentage and necessary stores to new Unit training location as selected by R Gp. between EUMUNDI and VERRIERDALE. This parties orders are contained in Adm. Instruction No.1 of 25 Apr.
			All Coys. except E(MG) Coy. sent personnel to ENOGGERA for further range practices, Table Q, in accordance with the C.Os policy that every man must improve his ability to shoot and destroy the enemy.

25 Bn. Adm. Inst. No.1
of 25 Apr. 42. See
Appx.5.

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Unit 25 Bn.

Date and Time -- From 28 Apr. 42. To

Place	Date	Hour	Remarks & references Appendices, Diaries etc.
CHERMSIDE	28 Apr		Working parties were engaged in loading M.T. in preparation for move to new location, and in filling in slit trenches and cleaning up of area being vacated.
	28 Apr	2310	A warning order was received per 'phone from 77 7 Inf. Bde. that certain over-age Officers, Capt. F. Hill, Lieut. K.M. O'Donnell, Lieut. Buchanan, were to report to H.Q., 5 Aust. Div. on 29 Apr. 42.
CHERMSIDE	29 Apr	0800	Movement of main body of 25 Bn. to new training location, EUMUNDI commended. This move by M.T. was made according to O.O. and movement table without a hitch. Heavy rain was experienced in EUMUNDI area on night of 27 and 28 Apr. O.C. Adv. party Capt. White advised to this effect so C.O. and Adjt. moved ahead of main body and consulted I.O. re roads and turning circuits for Reserve M.T. which had to return to Brisbane.
			The smoothness with which this movement progressed was aided by excellent work on road drainage and track preparation by the Pnr. Pl under Sjt. Deller in the Adv. party. The roads once bitumen was left at EUMUNDI were rain sodden. One ford would have been impassable had not a det. of Pnr. Pl. under Cpl. Lafield built a corduroy bridge over same. All Coys. met difficulties in moving trucks to areas through mud, but it was excellent training for both men and drivers. All Coys. were in new areas by 1300 hrs. and busy unloading and preparing for bivouac. Bn. H.Q. was established at EUMUNDI 158092.
			C.O. and Adjt. liasoned with Lieut. Roper of 16 A.Fd. Coy. Engrs. Services and leading citizens of new area.
	29 Apr	1000 1400	Capt. F.J. Hill, Q.21612, Lieut. O'Donnell K.M., Q.21967, Lieut. Buchanan C.B., Q.21622 marched out and reported to A.A. & Q.M.G. (Maj. Cummins) for allotment to 5 Aust. Div. I. of C Area, and Padre Trezise to Capt. Ulcoq for transfer to 117 A.G.H.. Unit

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Unit 25 Bn.

Date and Time - From 29 Apr. 42. To 30 Apr. 42.

Place	Date	Hour		Remarks & references Appendices, Diaries etc.
EUMUNDI	29 Apr	2400	allotted Padre Rosenskjar from 7 Inf. Bde H.Q. C.O. was issued with warning order by 7 Inf. Bde L.O. (Capt. C.R.K. McDonald) that Unit would move by rail to TOWNSVILLE not before 5 May 42.	2 i/c and Adj. only informed.
"	30 Apr		Visit to C.O. by Brig. North. comd. 7 Inf. Bde. and Actg. B.M. Capt. C.R.K. McDonald. C.O. perused complete O.O. of a similar move NORTH by a Bde. and had short discussion with the Brig. over details contained in same. Unit had experience of being almost entirely without M.T. owing to rain and bad roads rendering it necessary to ground all but a few vehicles.	
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Appendix 1

Bulcock Street

Caloundra.

11th April, 1942.

Colonel Miles,
Officer Commanding
25th Battalion Military Forces
CALOUNDRA.

Dear Sir,

I would like to place on record the fact that I have asked the opinion of quite a few people here on the conduct of the troops under your command, and they, without exception, agree with me that they are a fine, orderly and well behaved body of men.

In my business, as a cafe proprietor, I have had the opportunity of first hand observance of their conduct and I am more than pleased to say that there has not been one instance on my premises where your men have not behaved as gentlemen.

I trust that your duties and that of your battalion will, so far as is consistent with events, make it probable that we will see you here often.

J. Donnelly
Yours faithfully,

Mr

R.A.
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H.Q.,
7 Inf. Bde.HAND OVER - OUTSTATION.

In accordance with Clause 27 of 7 Inf. Bde. instruction for hand over of outstation dated 24 Feb. 42,- Detailed report is given hereunder,-

1. Wiring Programme. Due to inability to obtain wire, 58 coils of which were requisitioned for, only a small portion of fence across Tooway Ck. was wired. However the whole front was completed with double apron fence posts apart from some 200 yds. on MOFFATT HEADLAND, approx. 4,500 yds. in all. This amount with 3,000 yds. mostly wired taken over by 25 Bn. makes about 7,500 yds. in all. About 300 yds. of fence on Northern end of SHELLEY BEACH has been double fenced ready for wire.

At a point below No.1 M.M.G. post and again on either side of MOFFATT HEADLAND it will be necessary to drill holes and cement in iron pickets.

Again there is a Bren gun post on PUMICESTONE CHANNEL near a windmill at ref. 318698 which requires a fence in front of post which might be interlaced in existing trees, plus concertina. Suggested extra fencing to make area tactically sound is to continue fence as far NORTH as CURRIMUNDI CK, this being the strongest natural obstacle on the northern flank; also the narrow strip of beach from CURRIMUNDI CK to the sea should be effectively wired. This suggestion has been made verbally to the Bde. Comd.

All known wire which was scattered along beaches has been stacked near TOOWAY CK. at ref. 331720. Steel pickets have been returned to Engrs. Store.

2. ARMCO BOXES. Three have been erected on beaches as shown on map. These have been erected low on beaches in order to obtain the most effective fire. Very high tides may move some of the sand in front of boxes, the replacement of which will be a very simple matter, and preferable to placing boxes high above beaches and thereby considerably reducing effectiveness of fire. Arm rests have been inserted in each box, two have been covered and one treated with camouflage paint. A fourth box, not yet erected, is lying near beach close to wire at ref. 331720. The site chosen for this post was at the point of adjoining post, but erected sufficiently high to give all round field of fire. Bde. approval to erect this has not yet been given, but the matter was personally represented to Bde. Comd. during his visit. An escape hole has been placed in each immediately outside the door of the box, the tunnels having been crected for the bringing up of amm. under cover.

3. WEAPON FITS, previously constructed along the beaches from the point of view of strength, concealment, ability to use weapons in them, and all round protection, are a problem for a plan co-ordination. Apart from other work done time of occupation has not permitted 25 Bn. to carry out much work on these section posts but if they are to be retained by Bde. a great deal more work on them is required.

All round defence could most easily be obtained by placing men under natural cover in folds of ground, the country here along the beaches being eminently suitable for this. Again, the posts are not strong enough to give protection against shelling or mortar fire, and since the timber in them makes them very obvious, they become ranging marks and death traps rather than strong posts; therefore if to be occupied, they would require to be much better concealed.

4. MORTAR POSTS. A pit has been dug in No.7 Res. area, ref.314704 (no pit in area previously)

No.1 Post is particularly obvious, and requires concealment, or a change to a posn. of better cover.

No.3 Post has had some work done on it to improve camouflage, and also a cement block plus sandstone put in under base plate posn as clay base was unsatisfactory.

No.5 post has been drained, but will be very unsatisfactory unless drainage still further improved and some suitable base plate foundation put in. Clay is not satisfactory. Rain held up the work on this post, being in a sodden area.

5. M.M.G. POSTS.

No.1 Post has just been completed. The greatest weakness to it at the moment is the amount of uncovered clay which gives the posn. away. Voice control is unobtainable between guns and speaking tube is essential.

No.3 Post. Work on communication trenches was carried out.

6. A.A. POSTS. Ref. to pamphlet "Defence against Airborne Troops" p.7 shows that the type of A.A. post constructed here can be very easily picked up by aircraft, or by air photography.

No.1 Post. For this post an alternate site has been prepared at 323703, all earth having been carried away and an all round field of fire having been sacrificed for concealment, as experience has shown to be essential. See Pam. Defence against Airborne Tps.

No.2 Post. (An alternative site) is in course of completion at ref. 336718. Engrs. to complete work with air compressor plant

No.3 Post, alternative site at ref. 317730 on southern edge of timber.

No.4 Post, same posn. Design has been altered, awaiting assistance of Engrs. for completion.

In Nos. 1, 2 and 3 posts original posts have been left undamaged, dummy guns having been erected to mislead enemy air photography in accordance with pamphlet.

7. LIASON. This has been carried out with following units,-

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Left flank - ~~Six L.H. (Glenview) ref. area 232755~~

11 L.H. (Glenview) ref. area 232755.

5 L.H. (Buderim).

In area - American Technical Unit (Signals)

Naval Stn. (Port war stn.)

Bribie P.O.P. on Signal Hill

55 Pd. Pk. Coy R.A.E.

A.A.S.C. (D.I.D)

Garrison Unit (Landsborough)

R.A.A.F. (King's Boarding House).

8. SIGNALS. In addition to existing installation on take over, this Unit in co-operation with P.M.G.'s Dept. provided metallic return lines from forward Pls. and forward Coy H.Q. to Bn H.Q. Plug points were installed by P.M.G. as instructed by Bde. Sigs. offr. and these have been connected by double cable (kindly supplied by local American Unit) to forward Coy and Pl. H.Q. The switchboard has been connected to the American Technical Unit (Signals).

The work on the underground signal exchange in the Res. Bn. H.Q. posn. north of Cemetery has been completed. The rifle range has been connected from the 600 yds. mound to the butts by an overhead metallic return which will be left in posn.

Signal communications to all fwd. H.Q., Coy Biv. areas, Q Store, and Transport lines were maintained continuously.

*See Miller's Report
CO. 25 Ar*

Appendix 3.

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Copy No 15

Date 10 Apr 42

7 INF BDE

O.I. NO.3

Maps 1" to 1 ml.

SAMFORD, REDCLIFFE,
CABOOLTURE, LANDSBOROUGH.

INFORMATION

1. 25 Bn in outstation.
2. 15 Bn in bivouac area.

INTENTION

3. 15 Bn will relieve 25 Bn 13 Apr 42.
4. 25 Bn will return to 15 Bn bivouac area.

METHOD

5. Moves will be made by M.T. 15 Bn carriers will be carried by M.T. 25 Bn Carriers by rail from LANDSBOROUGH to ZILLMERE.
6. Personnel of 15 and 25 Bns not carried by Unit M.T. will be carried by one Sec and two sub-secs 101 Res M.T. Coy.
7. One Sec and two sub-secs 101 Res M.T. Coy will come under comd 15 Bn at 0725 hrs 13 ~~Mar~~^{Apr} 42 at CHERMSIDE.
8. 15 Bn.-

MAIN BODY. "A" COLUMN

S.P. - X-RDS LAWNTON 148124 (SAMFORD)
Start Time - 0800 hrs
Dispersal Pt - CALOUNDRA TURNOFF, BRUCE HIGHWAY RD JUNC
222742 (LANDSBOROUGH)
V.t.m.- 10
M.i.h.- 15. Pace setters - Table Appx "A".
Halts - Emergency halts only.
Route - MAIN GYMPIE RD; PETRIE; DAYBORO; MT PLEASANT;
BOOTAWA; MT MEE; DELANEY'S CK; D'AGUILAR; WOODFORD;
STANMORE; CEDARTON; PEACHESTER; BEERWAH;
LANDSBOROUGH; CALOUNDRA TURNOFF; BRUCE HIGHWAY.
T.C.P's - No.1. S.P. X'rds LAWNTON 148124 (SAMFORD).
No.2. RD JUNC DAYBORO 978233 (CABOOLTURE).
No.3. RD JUNC D'AGUILAR 953487 (LANDSBOROUGH).
No.4. BEERWAH RD JUNC 129637 (LANDSBOROUGH).
No.5. CALOUNDRA TURNOFF RD JUNC 222743 (L'BORO).

Movement Table Appx "B" att.

"B" COLUMN

S.P. - X-RDS LAWNTON 148124 (SAMFORD).
Start time - 0845 hrs.
Dispersal Pt - CALOUNDRA TURNOFF, BRUCE HIGHWAY RD JUNC
222743 (LANDSBOROUGH).
V.t.m. - 10
M.i.h. - 15
Halts - Emergency halts only.
Route - MAIN GYMPIE RD; ANZAC AV; CALOUNDRA TURNOFF.
T.C.P's - No.1. LAWNTON X-RDS 148124 (SAMFORD) S.P.;
No.7. X-RDS CABOOLTURE 116364 (CABOOLTURE);
No.5. CALOUNDRA TURNOFF RD JUNC 222743 (L8BORO).

Movement Table Appx "C" att.

9. One Sec and two sub secs Res M.T. Coy ceases comd 15 Bn not later than 1400 hrs at CALOUNDRA.
10. One Sec and two sub secs 101 Res M.T. Coy will harbour in area OLD FORESTRY RD square 2672 to 2472 (LANDSBOROUGH)
11. One Sec and two sub secs 101 Res M.T. comes under comd 25 Bn at 1500 hrs.
12. 25 Bn. -

S.P. - RD & TRACK JUNC 181676 (LANDSBOROUGH) T.C.P.6.
 Start Time - 1600 hrs
 Dispersal Pt - X-rds LAWNTON 148124 (SAMFORD) T.C.P.1.
 V.t.m. - 10
 M.i.h. - 15 from S.P. to junc FORESTRY RD & BRUCE HIGHWAY 133633 (LANDSBOROUGH)
 20 from junc FORESTRY RD & BRUCE HIGHWAY to Dispersal Pt, X-rds LAWNTON 148124 (SAMFORD).
 Halts. - Emergency halts only.
 Route. - FORESTRY RD, BRUCE HIGHWAY, ANZAC AV, MAIN GYMPIE RD.
 T.C.P.'s - No. 6 RD & TRACK JUNC 181676 (LANDSBOROUGH) S.P.
 No. 4 JUNC FORESTRY RD & BRUCE HIGHWAY, BEERWAH 133633 (LANDSBOROUGH).
 No. 7 X-rds CABOOLTURE 116363;
 No. 1 x-rds LAWNTON 148124 (SAMFORD).

Movement Table Appx "D" att.

13. Turning Circuit CALOUNDRA AREA Appx "E".
14. 101 Res M.T. Coy vehicles will not go further EAST than line of turning circuit rd at points 309702 to 309715 (LANDSBOROUGH).
15. 101 Res M.T. Coy ceases comd 25 Bn at CHERMSIDE on completion of move.

ADM.

16. ENGINEERS Dets of 24 Fd Coy will be at TERRORS CK Br DAYBORO 979233 (CABOOLTURE) from 0800 hrs to 1000 hrs and DELANEY'S CK Br 931434 (CABOOLTURE) from 1000 hrs to 1200 hrs.
17. Two vans 241 L.A.D. and one Ambulance from 7 Fd Amb will move in rear of columns and will harbour with 101 Res M.T. Coy.
18. 25 Bn Carriers will be loaded at LANDSBOROUGH Rly Stn by 1100 hrs 13 Apr 42 and will proceed by first train to ZILLMERE.

INTERCOMN.

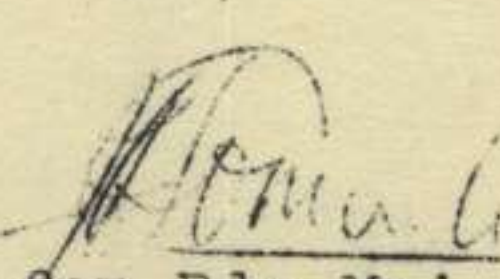
19. (a) D/R's traverse column.
 (b) "J" Sec Sigs advise Bd. H.Q. of progress of column.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

20. Special Instructions as shown on att Appx "F".

ACK.

Signed at 1200 hrs
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 Capt.,
 for Bde Maj, 7 Inf Bde.

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 "C" " " "B" Column 15 Bn.
 "D" " " 25 Bn.
 "E" Turning circle - CALOUNDRA
 "F" Special Instructions.

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TABLE FOR PACE SETTER

Appx "A" to 7 Inf Bde O.I. No 3 of 10 Apr 42

S.P. to	Distance in miles from		Time taken from		Speedo Reading	Time past	Remarks
	S.P.	last pt	S.P.	last pt			
S.P. LAWNTON Xrds 148124 (SAMFORD)	-	-	-	-	00.0	0800hrs	-
PETRIE Rd Junc	1	1	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ min	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ min	01.0	0802 $\frac{1}{2}$	A.l road.
DAYBORO TCP 2 978233 (CABOOLTURE)	12.5	11.5	43"	40 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	12.5	0843	Stiff climb starts at speedo 010.0. Speedo down to 10mph to cross br.
SWIMMING POOL	16.1	3.6	1h3m	20"	16.1	0903	rd good to school on right at speedo 014.4 then climb
House on left	18.4	2.3	1h12m	9"	18.4	0912	rd surface good. Hilly
" " "	20.8	2.4	1h25m	13"	20.8	0925	" " " "
Kiosk	21.4	.6	1h28m	3"	21.4	0928	" " " "
Rd junc	24.2	2.8	1h37m	9"	24.2	0937	Keep right
" "	24.8	.6	1h39m	2"	24.8	0939	" "
Rd junc 920473 (CABOOLTURE)	26.4	1.6	1h46m	7"	26.4	0946	Keep left School on School on right
Rd junc 922410 (CABOOLTURE)	28.7	2.3	1h56m	10"	28.7	0956	Good rd. Watch for sign to change down to low gear. Take next portion of rd to DELANEY'S CK Br at 10 m.p.h.
DELANEY'S CK Br 931435 (CAB)	30.4	1.7	2h 9m	13"	30.4	1009	pass over br at 10 mph
D'AGUILAR	34.2	3.8	2h28m	19"	34.2	1028	good rd, increase speed gradually
WOODFORD standp	37.0	2.8	2h37m	9"	37.0	1037	A.l, rd
Rd junc 910557 (LANDSBOROUGH)	39.0	2.0	2h43m	6"	39.0	1043	Keep right, Good rd.
STANNON School 937598 (L'BORO)	41.9	2.9	2h52m	9"	41.9	1052	Good rd.
Rd junc 974644 (LANDSBOROUGH)	43.1	1.2	2h56m	4"	43.1	1056	Good rd, after here Stiff climb 10 mph to next point.
Rd junc 976670 (LANSSBOROUGH)	47.5	4.4	3h16m	20"	47.5	1116	Good surface, long descent
Rd junc 003673 (LANDSBOROUGH)	49.0	1.5	3h22m	6"	49.0	1122	Keep right Good rd
PEACHESTER	53.1	4.1	3h33m	11"	53.1	1133	Good rd.
BEERWAH rd junc 129637 (L'BORO)	57.6	4.5	3h50m	17"	57.6	1150	Good rd.

Allow for slow vehicles on gradients. Make up lost time gradually.
 Heavy vehicles speed on steepest grade 10 m.p.h.

MAPS

BAIFORD
REI CLIFFE
CAI OOLTURE
LAI DSBOROUGH

MOVEMENT TABLE 15 BN COLUMN "A" MAIN BODY

Issued as Appx "B" to 7 Inf Bde O.I. No . 3 of 10 Apr 42
8 Serials - 83 vehicles. SPEED - 15 m.i.h. DISTANCE
10 v.t.m.

SECRET
COPY NO 15
DATE 10 Apr 42.

S.P. to	Distance in Miles	Time in hrs & mins to pass 83 vehicles	Time of passing - head of column							
			Serial 1	Serial 2	Serial 3	Serial 4	Serial 5	Serial 6	Serial 7	Serial 8
S.P. Xrds LAWNTON 142124 (SAMFORD) T.C.P.1	-	33mins	10 Veh 0800hrs	10 Veh 0804hrs	10 Veh 0808hrs	10 Veh 0812hrs	10 Veh 0816hrs	10 Veh 0820hrs	10 Veh 0824hrs	13 Veh 0828hrs
PETRIE	1	36mins	0803hrs	0807hrs	0811hrs	0815hrs	0819hrs	0823hrs	0827hrs	0831hrs
LAYBORO RD JUNC 971233 (CABOOLTURE) T.C.P.2	12.5	1hr 13mins	0843hrs	0847hrs	0851hrs	0855hrs	0859hrs	0903hrs	0907hrs	0911hrs
KIOJK	21.4	2hrs 1min	0928hrs	0932hrs	0936hrs	0940hrs	0944hrs	0948hrs	0952hrs	0956hrs
D'AQUILLAR RD JUNC 952487 (L'BORO)TCP3	34.2	3hrs 0min	1027hrs	1031hrs	1035hrs	1039hrs	1043hrs	1047hrs	1051hrs	1054hrs
WOODFORD	37.0	3hrs 10mins	1037hrs	1041hrs	1045hrs	1049hrs	1053hrs	1057hrs	1101hrs	1105hrs
RD JUNC 003673 (LANDSBOROUGH)	49.0	3hrs 55mins	1122hrs	1126hrs	1130hrs	1134hrs	1138hrs	1142hrs	1146hrs	1150hrs
BEERWAH RD JUNC 130637 (L'BORO) T.C.P. 4	57.6	4hrs 23mins	1150hrs	1154hrs	1158hrs	1202hrs	1206hrs	1210hrs	1214hrs	1218hrs
LANDSBOROUGH	61.0	4hrs 37mins	1203hrs	1207hrs	1211hrs	1215hrs	1219hrs	1223hrs	1227hrs	1231hrs
CABOONDA TURNOFF RD JUNC 222743 (L'BORO) Dispersal t	67.0	5hrs 01mins	1227hrs	1231hrs	1235hrs	1239hrs	1243hrs	1247hrs	1251hrs	1255hrs

MAPS

SAMFORD
REDCLIFFE
CABOOLTURE
LANDSBOROUGH

MOVEMENT TABLE 15 BN COLUMN "B"

Issued as App "c" to 7 Inf Bde O.I. No 3 of 10 Apr 42
23 Vehicles : 17 new Inls, 6-3tonners carrying LP2A Carriers
SPEED - 15 m.i.h. DENSITY - 10 v.t.m.

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S.P. to	Distance in Miles	Time in hrs & mins to pass - 23 vehicles.	Time of Passing	
			Head of Column	Tail of Column
S.P. X rds LAWNTON 142124 (SAMFORD) T.C.P.1	-	9mins	0845hrs	0854hrs
PETRIE	1	-	-	-
MONUMENT NECK N15a79 (REDCLIFFE)	7½	39mins	0915hrs	0924hrs
BURPENGARY BR 142283 (CABOOLTURE)	14½	1hr 7 mins	0943hrs	0952hrs
MORAYFIELD	18½	1hr 23mins	0959hrs	1008hrs
X rds CABOOLTURE 116364 (CABOOLTURE) T.C.P. 7	20	1hr 29 mins	1005hrs	1014hrs
ELIMBAH	25½	1hr 51mins	1027hrs	1036hrs
BEERBURRUM	29½	2hrs 7mins	1043hrs	1052hrs
GLASSHOUSE MTS	34	2hrs 25mins	1101hrs	1110hrs
BEERWAH T.C.P. 4	37	2hrs 37mins	1113hrs	1122hrs
RD JUNC LANDSBOROUGH 139699 (LANDSBOROUGH)	40½	2hrs 51mins	1127hrs	1136hrs
CALOUNDRA TURNOFF RD JUNC 222743 (LANDSBOROUGH) T.C.P. 5 DISPERSAL PT	46½	3hrs 15mins	1151hrs	1200hrs

NOTE - Oblong plates approximately 18" x 9", painted orange, are placed at intervals of 176yds along the road. Drivers will check their spacing with these signs. Faults in v.t.m. must be corrected gradually. Speed limits as laid down for different types of vehicles are not to be exceeded.

MAPS
SAMPFORD
CABOOLTURE
REDCLIFFE
LANISBOROUGH

MOVEMENT TABLE, 25 BN MOVE TO CHERMSIDE, MAIN BODY

Appx "D" to 7 Inf Bde O.I. No. 3 10 Apr 42
8 Serials - 91 Vehicles, 10 v.t.m., 15 m.i.h. S.P. to BEERBURRUM.
20 m.i.h. BEERBURRUM to Dispersal Pt T.C.P.1

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Date 10 Apr 42.


S.P. to	Distance in Miles	Time in hrs & mins to pass-91 vehicles	Time of Passing - Head of Column							
			Serial 1 C Coy	Serial 2 Bn H.Q.	Serial 3 H.Q. Coy	Serial 4 E(MG) Coy	Serial 5 A Coy	Serial 6 D Coy	Serial 7 B Coy	Serial 8 B Ech
S.P. RD & TRACK JUNC 181676 (L'BORO) T.C.P. 6	-	36mins	15 Veh 1608hrs	6 Veh 1606hrs	11 Veh 1608½hrs	5 Veh 1613hrs	7 Veh 1615hrs	8 Veh 1618hrs	9 Veh 1622hrs	30 Veh 1625½hrs
RD JUNC BEERWAH 134634 (L'BORO) T.C.P.4	4	52mins	1613hrs	1622hrs	1624½hrs	1629hrs	1631hrs	1634hrs	1638hrs	1641½hrs
GLASSHOUSE MTS	7	1hr 4 mins	1628hrs	1634hrs	1636½hrs	1641hrs	1643hrs	1646hrs	1650hrs	1653½hrs
BEERBURRUM	11½	1hr 22mins	1646hrs	1652hrs	1654½hrs	1659hrs	1701hrs	1704hrs	1708hrs	1711½hrs
ELIMBAH	15½	1hr 34mins	1658hrs	1702½hrs	1704½hrs	1708hrs	1709½hrs	1711½hrs	1714hrs	1716½hrs
X rds CABOOLTURE 117363 (CABOOLTURE) T.C.P.7	21	1hr 50½mins	1714½hrs	1719hrs	1721hrs	1724½hrs	1726hrs	1728hrs	1730½hrs	1733hrs
MORAYFIELD	22½	1hr 55mins	1719hrs	1723½hrs	1725½hrs	1729hrs	1730½hrs	1732½hrs	1735hrs	1737½hrs
BURPENARY BR 142283 (CABOOLTURE)	26½	2hrs 7 mins	1731hrs	1735½hrs	1737½hrs	1741hrs	1742½hrs	1744½hrs	1747hrs	1749½hrs
MONUMENT NECK N15a79 (REDCLIFFE)	33½	2hrs 28mins	1752hrs	1756½hrs	1758½hrs	1802hrs	1803½hrs	1805½hrs	1808½	1810½Hrs
FETRIE	40	2hrs 47½mins	1811½hrs	1816hrs	1818hrs	1821½hrs	1823hrs	1825hrs	1827½hrs	1830hrs
X rds IAWNTON 148124 (SAMPFORD) Dispersal Pt	41	2hrs 50½mins	1814½hrs	1819hrs	1821hrs	1824½hrs	1826hrs	1828hrs	1830½hrs	1833hrs

NOTE - Speed at the rate of 10 m.i.h. will be maintained until head of column passes BEERBURRUM.

APPX "F" TO 7 INF BDE O.I.
NO. 3 10 APR 42

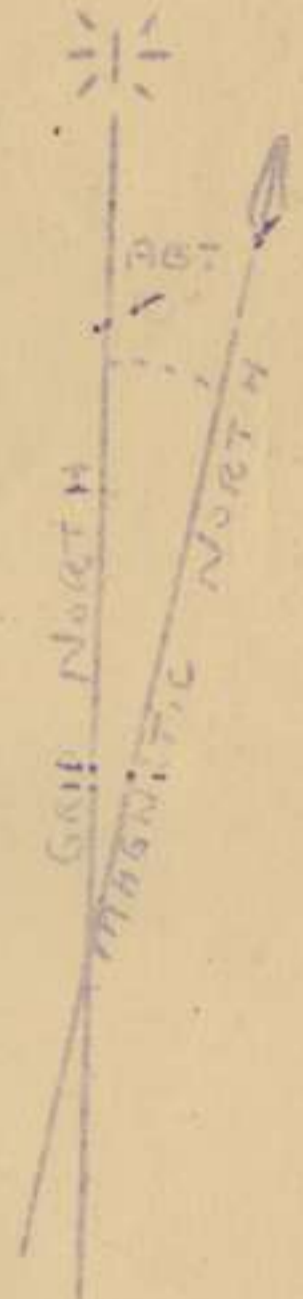
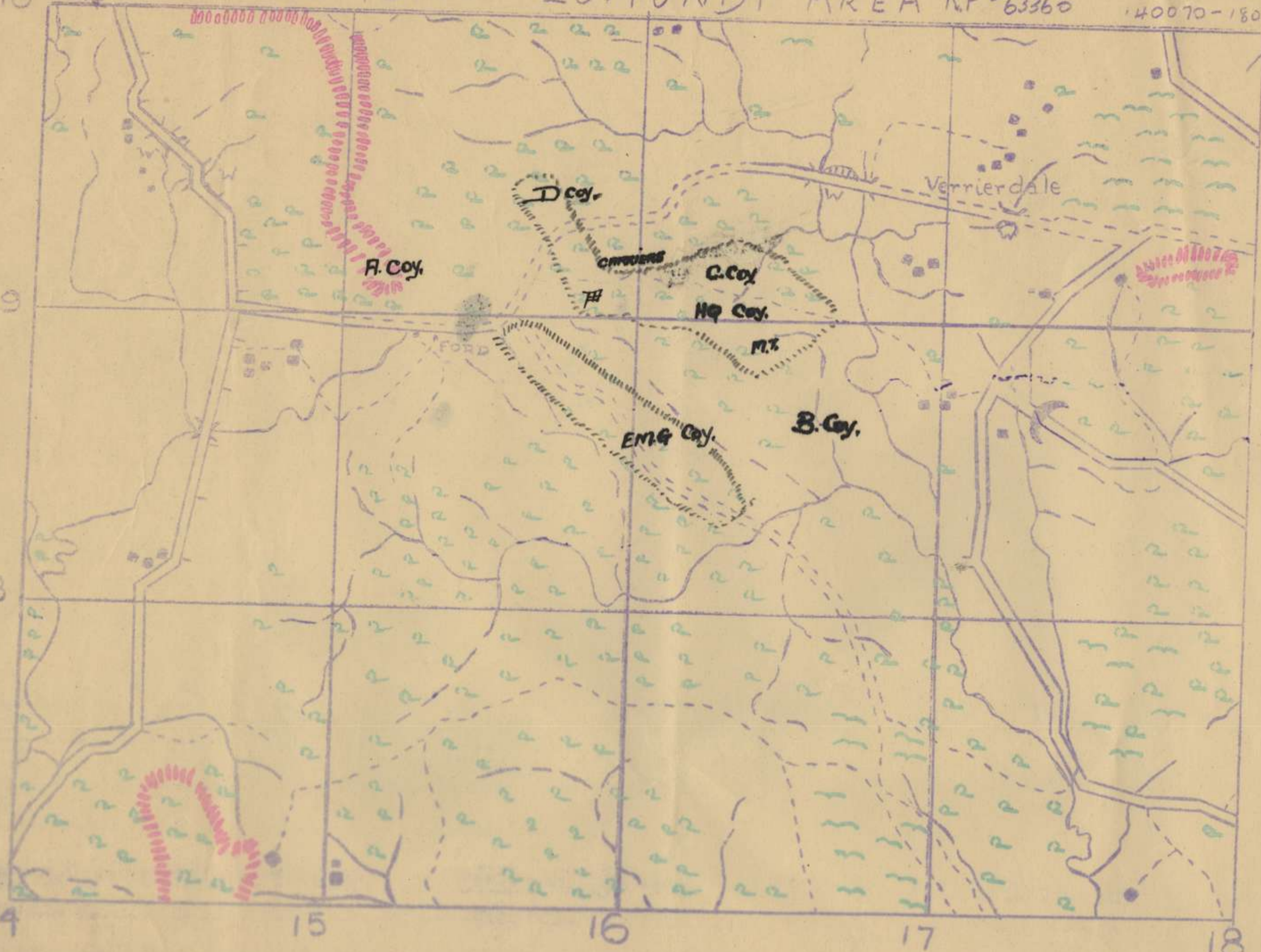
SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

1. An Officer or N.C.O. will travel in each vehicle, and will complete a list of personnel in that vehicle. He will be responsible for the discipline and conduct of the tps.
2. Standing up in vehicles is forbidden. Officers and N.C.O's will strictly enforce this.
3. The spare driver or person occupying the front seat with the driver will, if the vehicle is fitted with a cabin hatch, stand in the hatchway so that he can observe vehicles in front and rear, and pass on orders or signals to driver.
4. Speed for vehicles as laid down in Bde Battle S.O's. para 79.
5. Faults in v.t.m. must be corrected gradually.
6. Drivers must observe and act on road signs which have been placed in position by this H.Q.
7. Traffic Control Personnel will be placed at all road juncs to direct traffic.
8. All drivers will be informed of v.t.m. and m.i.h. before move.
9. Right of way to be given to Staff Cars, D/R's and Ambulances.
10. T.C. Personnel will control the column and report all irregularities.
11. Convoy will be broken into serials. The Unit plate of leading vehicle of each serial will be numbered, showing the serial no. and the number of vehicles in that serial, e.g. $\frac{5}{8}$ indicates serial 5 composed of 8 vehicles.
12. Units will allot D/R's and Reg Police to serials. They will traverse the vehicles of their serial, and report to the serial comdr on the running of that serial.
13. Carriers are to be loaded - front of carrier facing rear.
14. Density must be observed when embussing or debussing.

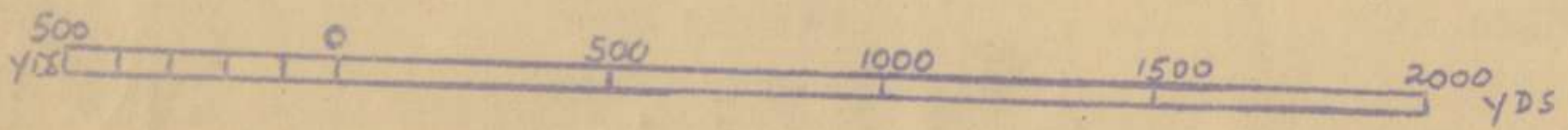
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ENLARGEMENT EUMUNDI AREA RF 63360

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Appendix 5

*A. J. P.
for W. W.
Army*

SECRET

COPY No.

25 Apr. 42

ADM. INSTRUCTION No. 1

Map: EUMUNDI
RF 63,360

1. A new training location has been allotted 25 BN, and Recce. made by 'R' Gp. and 2 i/c.
2. Bn. will move to this location per M.T. NOT before 28 Apr. 42.
3. Recce. will be made by 'O' Gp. on 27 Apr. 42 and preparation of the area for occupation will commence so that as little trng. time as possible is lost by the main move.
4. The Advance Party accompanying the 'O' Gp. will consist of:-

(a)	1 O/c (Capt. E. G. White)	1
(b)	Pioneer Pl. under Sgt. Deller	21
(c)	Cpl. Bush to supervise Sig. operations	1
(d)	I Sec. representative - Cpl. McKee - to arrange guides and supervise locations.	1
(e)	Two guides per Coy. to act as under:-	
	(i) Runners to 'O' Gp.	
	(ii) Guides to 8 M.T. serials of main body	
	(Extras to be drawn from pioneers)	
	(iii) Working party to augment pioneer Pl. in essential preparatory work.	12
(f)	1 Cook	1
	2 Drivers	2
		39

- 5(i) All personnel will carry cut lunches.
- (ii) Working Party will carry rations for three days

6. 'O' Gp. will carry out the following preparatory work:-

- (a) Recce. of Coy. Areas
- (b) Allotment of Pl. " by o/c Coys. (T signs to be posted)
- (c) Choice of Site for Coy. & Bn Amn. & Explosives Dumps
- (d) " " " " " " " " Cookhouses & water stands
- (e) " " " " Bn Petrol & Oil Dumps
- (f) " " " " " R.A.P.
- (g) " " " " " Sig. exchange & Adm. H.Q.
- (h) " " " " " Latrine arrangements in Coy. Area
- (i) " " " " " Recreation Hut site.

7. Working Party will carry out essential preliminary construction work on:-

- (a) Amn. & explosives dumps
- (b) Cookhouses
- (c) Water stands
- (d) Patrol & oil dumps
- (e) R.A.P.
- (f) Sig. exchange
- (g) Latrine arrangements.
- (h) Repairs to bridges, fords and roads within the area to allow the convoy to negotiate same without delay.

8. O/C of working party is responsible for the following:-

- (a) Most effective use made of ^{natural} camouflage
- (b) That timber restrictions are observed.
- (c) That veh. used observe track discipline.
- (d) That C.O. policy of dispersal is observed.

9. O/C. Working Party will confer with Q. & Sgt. Deller re materials and stores required for the Advance Party including tentage, lanterns, tools etc.

10. Veh. allotment will be as follows:-

- 1 D.S. car) 10' Gp.
- 1 Van -30 cwt)
- 1 Lorry - 30 cwt pioneers } Working Party
- 1 " 30 cwt for W.P. and stores } Working Party
- 1 M.C. orderly } Working Party

11. Veh. will move in convoy from H.Q. Coy. Dispersal Area at 0700 hrs., Monday 27 Apr. 42.

W. Marsh ^{hint}
 Adj. ^{for} Capt. ^{t.}
 25 BN

<u>Distribution:</u>	H.Q. Coy	Sig.O
A	"	Capt. White
B	"	R.S.M.
C	"	R.Q.M.S.
D	"	W.O. Caterer
E	"	Cpl. McKee
C.O.		Cpl. Busch
2 i/c		Sgt. Deller
Q. M.		
Adj.		
A/Adj.		
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I.O.		
Tec.O		

(a) Am. & explosives dumps
 (b) Cookhouses
 (c) Water stands
 (d) Petrol & oil dumps
 (e) R.A.P.
 (f) Sigs. exchange
 (g) Latrine arrangements
 (h) Repair to bridges, fences and roads within the area to allow the convoy to negotiate same without delay.

Appendix 6

SECRET.

Copy No. 49
27 APR. 42.

Ref. MAPS BRISBANE

EUMUNDI R.N. 1/38,360.

Ref. 7 Aust. Inf. Bde. O.O. No. 1.

INFORMATION 1. Units of 7 Inf. Bde. are to move from present location to area NAMBOUR - YANDINA - NORTH AMM - EUMUNDI.

ATTENTION 2. 25 Bn. less rear party will move from CHERMSIDE dispersal area to new training location EUMUNDI beginning 28 Apr. 42.

METHOD 3. All movement less carriers will be made by M.T.
4. S.P. for 7 Inf. Bde. Units JUNC. GYMPIE RD. & MURPHY'S RD 198007 (BRISBANE).
5. Head of Unit Adv. Party will pass Bde. S.P. at 0800 hrs. 28 Apr. 42.
6. Head of Unit Main Body will pass Bde. S.P. at 0800 hrs 29 Apr. 42.

7. T.C.P. REPORTS

- (a) Unit will carry HEAD and TAIL boards to report arrival of head and clear of tail to each T.C.P. passed en route. (See Appx. A)
- (b) Leading vehicle of Unit will carry the 25 Bn. serial No., viz. 9 (nine).
- (c) T.O. will arrange the control of each Unit serial.
- (d) ROUTE as per att. Appx. A.
- (e) SPEED AND DENSITY - 20 v.t.m., 20 m.i.h.
- (f) HALTS - 10 mins. every two hrs. and if necessary one hour for lunch between 1300 and 1400 hrs.

8. REAR PARTY Lieut O'Neill and 18 O.Rs (3 per Coy) will remain to complete cleaning of camp and dispersal areas. O.Rs will report to Lieut. O'Neill at cookhouses "D" block at 0800 hrs. 29 Apr. 42.

ADM. 9. A/A protection. (a) One veh. to be att. to "B" Coy.
(b) " " " " " " Bn H.Q.
(c) Policy of A/A det. ACTIVE.

10 (a) Unit serials will be marshalled as per appx. "B"
(b) Order of march and S.T. as per Appx. "B".

11. ALLOTMENT OF RES. M.T.- GUIDES. One Guide per Coy will report to Sjt. Sullivan at Main Gate - CHERMSIDE CAMP to direct Res. M.T. vehicles to Coy areas at 1400 hrs. 27 Apr. 42 and again at 1400 hrs. 28 Apr. 42. T.O. will be responsible for the allotment of these to Coys as required.

12. ATT. TPS. Dvrs. att. from Res. M.T., and att. tps. will be rationed by Coys.

13(a) One Motor Amb. of 7 Fd. Amb. will report to 25 Bn. 28 Apr. 42

(b) One W/T van will report to 25 Bn. 28 Apr. 42.

(c) One Hygiene Detail will report to 25 Bn. 28 Apr. 42.

14. CARRIERS will move by rail under directions of Lieut. O'Donnell in accordance with 5 Aust. Div. O.O. 4.

15. DEBUSSING. Coy guides will meet respective serials ref. RD. JUNC. 146090 (EUMUNDI) and guide these to Coy. areas for debussing

16. (a) Vehicles will proceed under direction of R.S.M., who will be responsible for arrangement of working party from duty Coy to load same at 15 Bn. Amn. dump at 1400 hrs. 28 Apr. 42. Lorries to be guarded overnight.

Amn. will be unloaded immediately on arrival at new location. Guide will be provided by Adv. party to take vehicles direct to site selected.

R.S.M. will arrange a party of one Sjt. and 20 O.Rs from C Coy to promptly unload amn. in order that Res. M.T. vehicles will be released for further duty.

P.T.O.

- 17. (a) TENTS will be carried and erected by Adv. Party
 (b) 1 N.C.O and 10 O.Rs per Coy will be allotted to this party and will report to Bn. H.Q. at 0530 hrs. Coys will arrange an early breakfast.
 (c) TENTS will be struck in present area by 1200 hrs. 27 Apr 42 and stacked ready for loading at 1400 hrs. 27 Apr. 42.
 (d) FLOORBOARDS will be stacked ready for loading at 1300 hrs. 28 Apr. 42.
 (e) STRAW from palliases will be bagged by 0700 hrs. and placed at JUNC. KIRBY RD. and ELLISON RD for collection by salvage vehicle.
- 18. (a) Slit trenches will be filled in throughout all areas by 1500 hrs. 28 Apr. 42.
 (b) Coy.Comd. will render a certificate of the cleanliness of their area and cookhouses to the C.O. at 0600 hrs. 29 Apr. 42.
- 19. MESSING. Hot box breakfast will be supplied by cookhouses at 0430 hrs. 29 Apr. 42, also cut lunch for all personnel. Ration for three days will be carried; arrangements for transport to be made by W.O. Caterer with T.O.
- 20. BAGGAGE AND KIT BAGS. - will be loaded under Coy. arrangements into vehicle allotted by T.O.
- 21. Standing up in vehicle is not permitted and Coy.Comds. will ensure that an N.C.O. is placed in control on each vehicle to see this is rigidly adhered to.
- 22. WATER. All Offrs. will ensure that instructions re water for drinking, washing and cooking are known to all ranks.

INTERCOMM.

- 23a Coys will supply one runner each to Bn H.Q. at 1300 hrs. 28 Apr. 42 to enable communication to be maintained when sig. connection is broken.
 (b) W/T van on move.

- 24. REPORTS. On arrival new area 7 Inf. Bde. will be notified by D.R. of location of Bn H.Q. and R.A.P. A.D.M.S. will also be advised of posn. of R.A.P.
- 25. H.Q. 25 Bn closes CHERMSIDE 0750 hrs. 29 Apr. and opens EUMUNDI at 0750 hrs., two doors from Post Office.
- 26. Capt. Fitzpatrick will act as pace-setter to Unit and will contact Bde. T.O. prior to movement.

Signed at 1800 hrs.
Issued through Sigs.

Sgd. A.W. Marsh, Lieut.
Adjt., 25 Bn.

DISTRIBUTION.

Copy No. 6	H.Q. Coy	Copy No. 33	2 i/c
7	A Coy	34	Bn H.Q.
10	B Coy	35	R.M.O.
13	C Coy	36	Q.M.
16	D Coy	37	Adjt.
19	E Coy	38	W.O. Caterer
22	T.O.	39	Chaplain
23	T.O.	40	R.S.M.
24	101 Res. M.T.	41	War Diary
25	-30 7 Inf. Bde	42	-50 File and spares.
31	L.A.D.		
32	C.O.		

SECRET APPENDIX "B"

MAP ENLARGEMENT SHOWING DEFD EMBUSSING AREAS AND ORDER OF MOVEMENT R.F. 8333

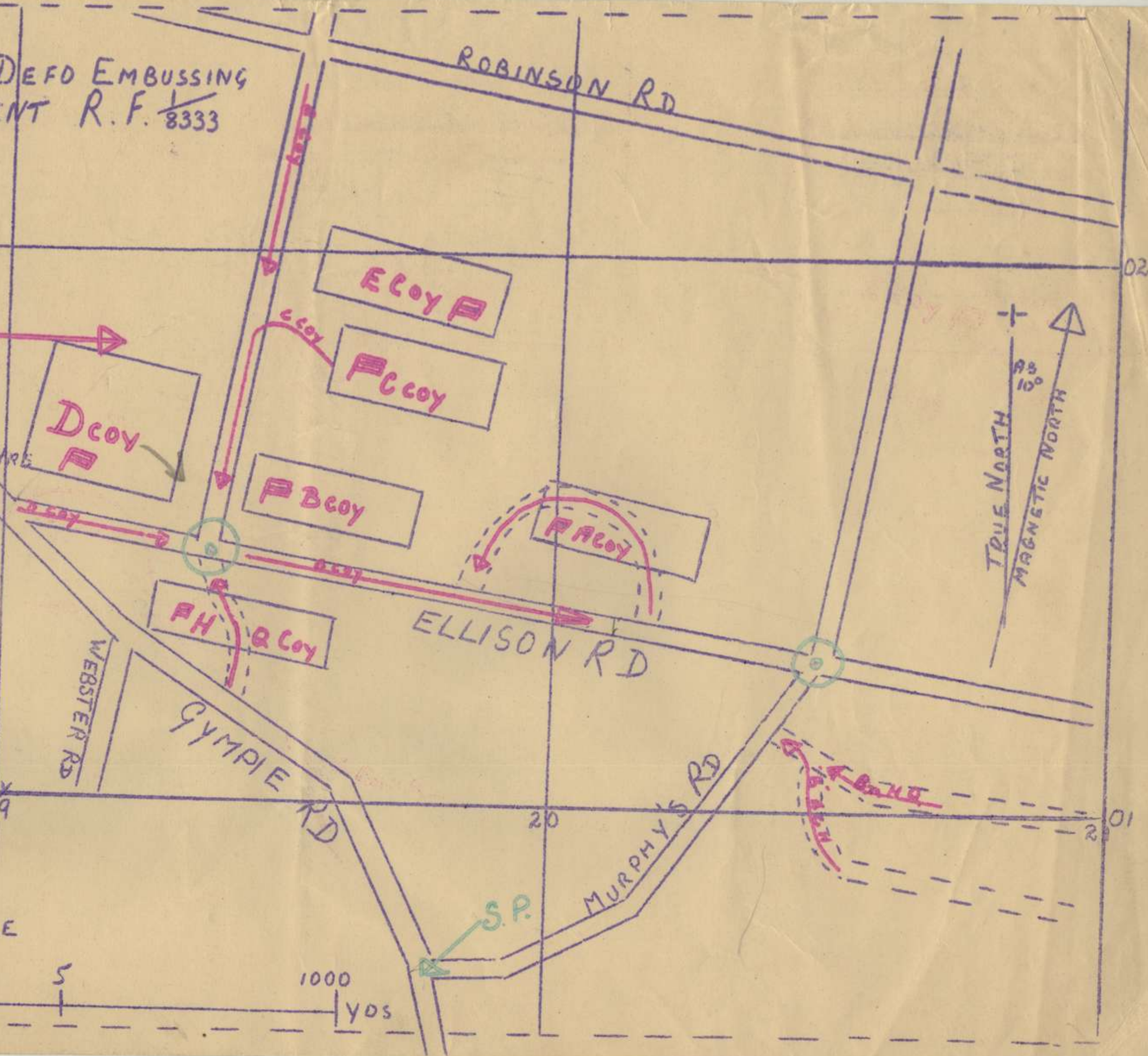
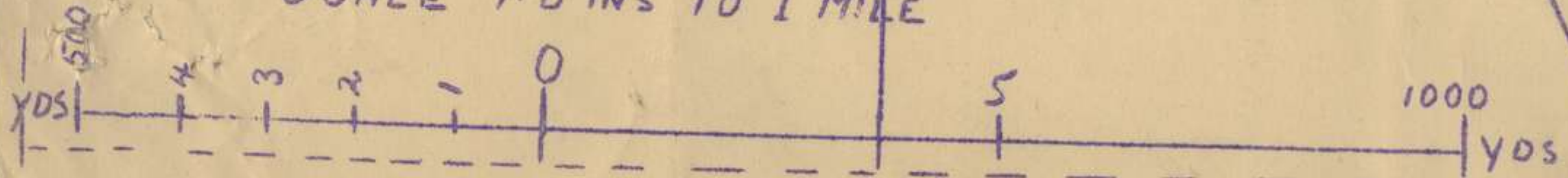
AGENDA

BN CONTROL PTS
 POINT AND DIRECTION OF MOVEMENT FROM EMBUSSING AREAS
 ORDER OF MOVEMENT FROM EMBUSSING AREAS —

- SERIAL I - B COY WITH PROTECTIVE SCREEN TO MOVE 0752 HRS
 PASS S.P. 0800 HRS
- " 2 - C Coy
 - " 3 - HQ Coy ✓
 - " 4 - D Coy
 - " 5 - E Coy ✓
 - " 6 - A Coy ✓
 - " 7 - "B" ECH
 - " 8 - Bn HQ ✓

NOTE - ALL COYS TO BE IN POSITION BY 0720 HRS AND FOLLOW B COY AS PER MOVEMENT ORDER.

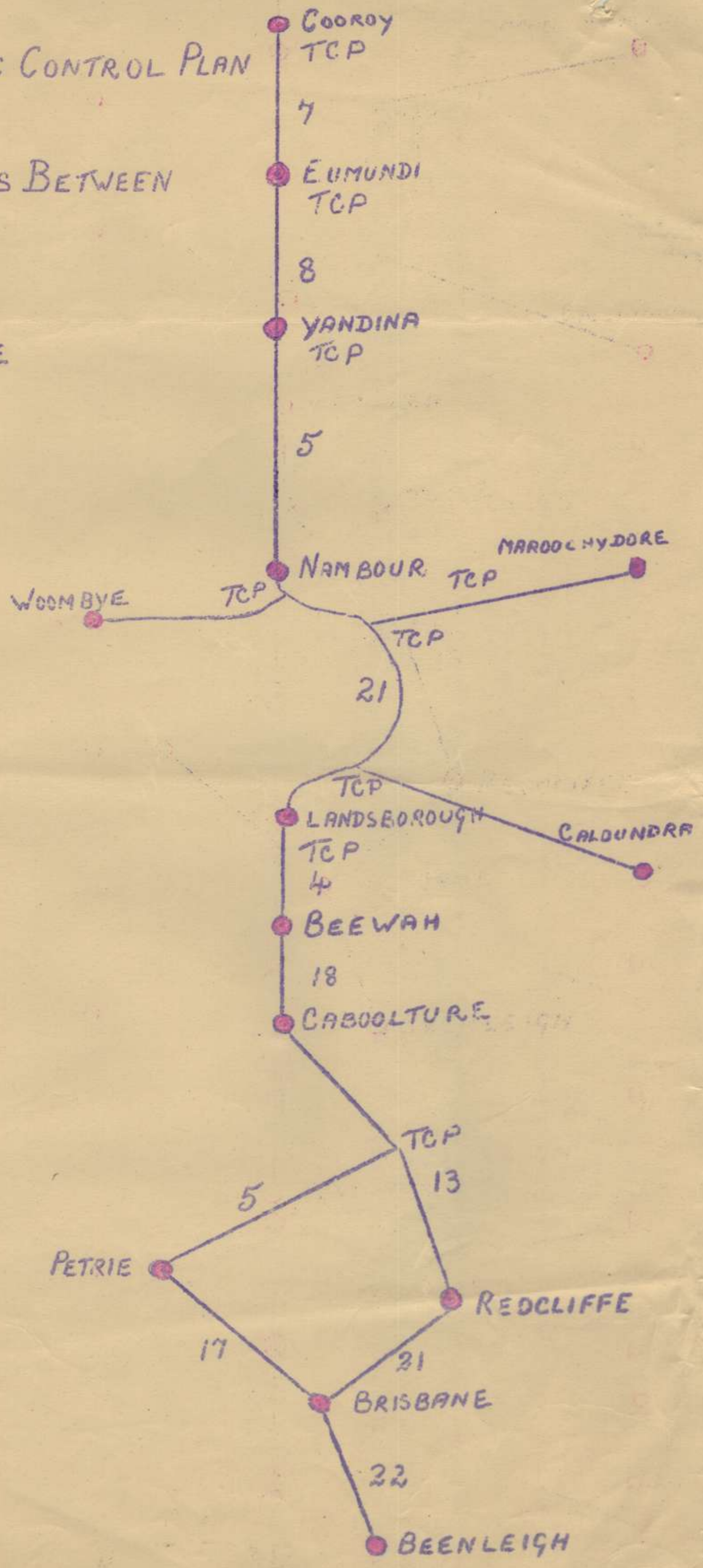
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APPX "A"
ROAD AND TRAFFIC CONTROL PLAN

SHOWING DISTANCES BETWEEN
MAIN TOWNS

NOT TO SCALE



Appendix 7.

H.Q., 7 INF. BDE.

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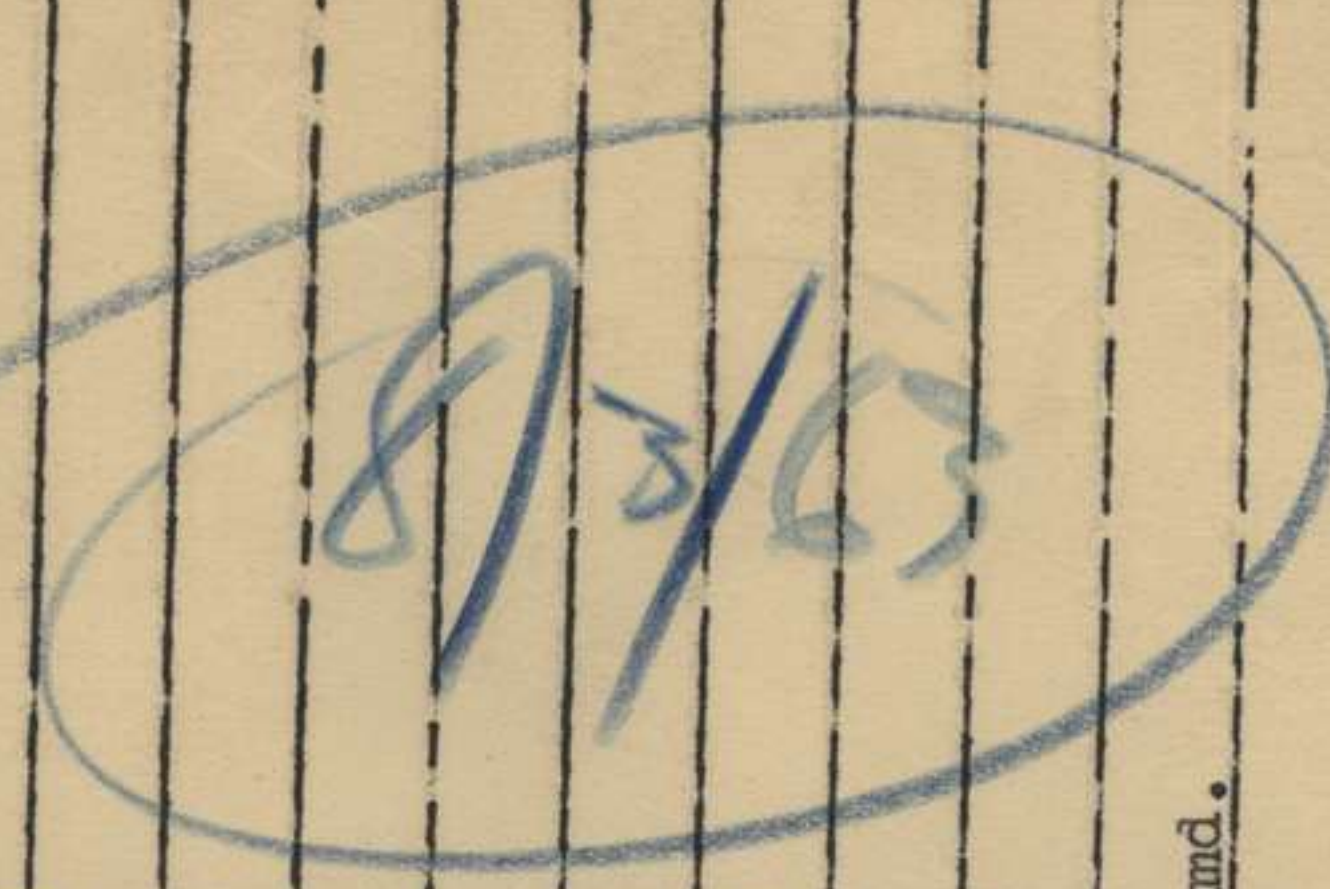
TABLE FOR PACE SETTERS AND DRIVERS
TABLE OF DISTANCES AND TIMES AT 20 m.i.h.

STARTING POINT TO	DISTANCE	TIME		TIME OF PASSING
		Hrs.	Mins.	
S.P. Junc GYMPIE RD & MURPHYS RD (198007 BRISBAN E Map)	--	--	--	0800 ^{Times as kept}
PETRIE T.C.P. 3	8.8		24	0824
Rd Junc BRUCE HIGHWAY & REDCLIFFE RD (N15a79 REDCLIFFE Map) T.C.P.4	15.4		42½	0841
Burpengary Br (142283 CABOOLTURE Map)	22	1	0½	0849
MORAYFIELD	25.7	1	10½	0909½
X rds CABOOLTURE (116364 CABOOLTURE Map)	27.4	1	15	0914
ELIMBAH	32.6	1	30	0927½
BEERBURRUM	36.7	1	41	0939
GLASSHOUSE MTS	40.8	1	52	0949
BEERWAH	43.8	2	0½	1011
Rd Junc LANDSBOROUGH (139699 LANDSBOROUGH Map) T.C.P. 5	47.3	2	9½	1020½
Rd Junc BRUCE HIGHWAY CALOUNDRA RD (222743 LANDSBOROUGH Map) T.C.P.6	53	2	26	1034½
Rd Junc BRUCE HIGHWAY MAROOCHYDORE Rd (177863 EUMUNDI Map) T.C.P.7	62.2	2	50½	1059
Rd Junc BRUCE HIGHWAY WOOMBYE RD (145879 EUMUNDI Map) T.C.P. 8	64.3	2	57	1105
X Rds NAMBOUR (135920 EUMUNDI Map) T.C.P.9	67.3	3	5	1112½
X Rds YANDINA (133000 EUMUNDI Map) T.C.P.10	72.6	3	19½	1126½
Rd Junc NORTH ARM (128056 EUMUNDI Map)	76	3	29	1136
X Rds EUMUNDI (128104 EUMUNDI Map) T.C.P.11	79.6	3	39	1145½
COOROY T.C.P. 12	86.2	3	57	

- NOTES (a) A halt of 10 mins will be made before each even clock hour.
 (b) The times laid down in the table do not allow for these halts. Pace setters must add the period of halts to succeeding time. A M.P.H. of approximately 22 must be maintained to average 20 m.i.h. including halts.
 (c) Mileages have been estimated from speedo readings and may vary a few points.

Unit 25 Bn Date and Time - From 1 May 42 To

Place	Date	Hour	Remarks & references Appendices; Diaries etc.
EUMUNDI	1 May	1000	Addenda to Feb. Diary - On 11 Apr. 42 the Bn. had its first casualty - Q.103218 Pte Steinmuller E of "B" Coy was drowned whilst on bathing parade on DICKEY BEACH.
EUMUNDI	1 May	1000	Lt-Col Miles was called to Bde. Comd. (Brig. North) conference at Bde H.Q., NORTH ARM. Bde. Comd. informed Units that 7 Inf. Bde. ceased to be 5 Aust Div. at 1800 hrs. 30 Apr. 42 and became 1 Aust. Corp Tps. C.Os were warned that movement to TOWNSVILLE may be accelerated and to make arrangements accordingly.
		2300	Message received from 7 Inf. Bde "Move to TOWNSVILLE temporarily postponed all informed."
	2 May	0930	C.O. summoned to conference at 7 Inf. Bde H.Q. to discuss (a) Postponement of proposed movement to NORTH (b) New role of Bde in MAROCHY-EUMUNDI Area. During conference Maj-Gen. Rowall, Corps Comd. 1 Aust. Corp arrived and met Bde Staff and C.Os of Units. Returning to Unit C.O. ordered conference of all Offrs. 1330/hrs. which was followed by recce. of NOOSA-TEWANTIN-COOROY area, to be followed by plan of the defence of the area EAST and NORTH of EUMUNDI and what offensive action would be taken in event of enemy landings EAST and N.E. of EUMUNDI. During this recce. liason was made with 1st Motorized Bde Comd. Brig. Woodrow, and his B.M. Capt. Kennedy. C.O. informed by them that 1 Corp H.Q. was at ESK. Recce. of Railway facilities for loading at EUMUNDI and COOROY by Cpl. McKee of "I" Sec. Recce. of POMONA for the above. " by Coy. Comd. and N.C.Os of NOOSA area.
	3 May		



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WAR DIARY

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Unit 25 Bn

Date and Time - From 3 May To

Place	Date	Hour	Remarks & references Appendices, Diaries etc.
EUMUNDI	2 May		Recce. by C.O. with M.M.G. O. and Mortar Offr. and Carrier Offr of NOOSA HEADS area to enable C.O. to complete his appreciation of the tactical situation before making his plan of its defence.
	3 May	1637	Message received from 7 Inf. Bde (ZENA) which when decoded read as follows, - "To TIGH, DEFO, LOLA, from ZENA. Orig. No E.60. Date 3. - Official advice now received that ZENA Gp is now repeat now on ACTIVE SERVICE. Field punishment may now be imposed. Charges will commence with words quote "Whilst subject to military law on active service" end of quote. T. of O. 1620. T.H.I. 1637."
EUMUNDI	5 May	1200	Warning order 17 Fd. Regt., 4 Bty., 101 A/Tk Regt., 9 Bn., 25 Bn. 61 Bn. 7 Fd. Amb., 7 Camp Coy A.A.S.C., 16 Fd. Coy, 5 Fd. Hyg. Sec. 101 1st Ord. Fd. Parks, 101 Ind. Bde Workshops from 7 Inf. Bde. Originators No. 078, Date 5. WARNING ORDER. 7 Inf. Bde. will move BRISBANE to TOWNSVILLE commencing 8 May
		1800	42 ack. S.D.R. IMMEDIATE. T. of O. 0945 hrs." Conference of C.Os Units called at 7 Inf. Bde. H.Q. for 1200 hrs. 6 May 42 re Adm. arrangements for move to NORTH. Adv. party of 2 Offrs. and 8 O.Rs arranged (See Bn. O.O. No.1 re this move).
	9-14 May		Unit moved as per att. O.O. to new location in TOWNSVILLE area. Exact location was not advised until detraining was in progress. O.C. Trains were wired at ROCKHAMPTON that 25 Bn. M.T. would detrain at PARFINGTON SIDING and proceed to destination by road, while troops would branch at STUART and be detrained at destination. This was ANTIL PLAINS. The movement did not keep to the timing as shown in O.O. owing to Railway difficulties and necessity to hold back the later troop train to allow provision trains right of way. Troops however,

Bn O.O. 1

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WAR DIARY.

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Unit ..25.Bn.....

Date and Time - From To

Place	Date	Hour	Place	Date	Hour	Remarks & references. Appendices, Diaries etc.
						were given meals at stations shown and suffered little inconvenience by the delays. 7 Inf. Bde. ceased to come under Comd 1 Army Corps at 0900 hrs. 10 May 42 and came again under comd 5 Aust. Div. Upon arrival Units went into bivouac in dispersal area at ANTIL PLAINS.
ANTIL PLAINS	12 May					C.O. and Adj. liasoned with H.Q., 7 Inf. Bde and Lt-Col Miles was allowed to read 5 Aust. Div. Operation Order setting out the role of the Bde and general 5 Aust. Div. policy. Brig. North gave Lt-Col Miles verbally the probable role of 25 Bn. in TOWNSVILLE area.
						C.O., Capt. Webster, T.O. and Adjt. went on recce. of GIRU-WOODSTOCK rd. where Bn. role was likely to be.
	13 May					Bde. Comd conference of C.O.s of Units and recce. to CASTLE HILL where disposition of defending forces and role of supporting Units was explained. Message received that 25 Bn. would cease to come under Comd. 7 Inf. Bde but would remain in same location. Adm. Instructions Nos. 1 and 2 as per Appendix issued.
						C.O. took Coy. Comds. to Castle HILL and gave general outline of roles of Units as far as they affected 25 Bn. and then proceeded to GIRU-WOODSTOCK area to reconnoitre that area.
	14 May					
						Lt-Col Miles requested by Div. Comd. for appreciation of situation for defence of WOODSTOCK-GIRU area, incl time to occupy the area position and the supplies necessary to complete Coy. Comd. and special offrs. recce. to complete.
	15 May					
						Remainder 7 Inf. Bde. moved NORTH to new task. Adm. Instruction No. 3 issued.
	18 May					
	20 May	2116				Sig. message received from Col. Fullarton the text of which was

Adm. Inst. 1
 Appendix 2
 Adm. Inst. 2
 Appendix 3.

See appendix x.

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WAR DIARY

WAR Army Form C 2113

Unit ... 25 Bn.

Date and Time - From To

Place	Date	Hour	Place	Date	Hour	Remarks & references Appendices, Diaries etc.
ANTIL PLAINS	20 May					
	21 May	1000				
	22 May	1700				
		2100				O.O.F. Appendix 4
&	23 May	1745				O.O.F. Appendix 5
	22 May					
GIRU GAP	24 May					
	to 27					
	May					
	25 May					
	26 May					

W.L. Speight *J.E. Osborne*

/ WAR DIARY.

Unit 25 Bn.

Date and Time - From To

Army Form C 2118

Place	Date	Hour	Remarks & references Appendices, Diaries etc.
GIRU GAP	27 May		Further recce. by Maj. Williams, C.O. of 17 Regt. R.A.A. Maj Blackman and Capt. Poole to have personal knowledge of area generally and to select O.Ps and positions from which to carry out tasks
	27 May	2100	Visit by Capt. Tutt and Lieut Warner of 1 A/Tk Bty who were given a map recce. of the area and the fire plan with which his Bty. was to co-ordinate their selection of posns.
	27 May		49 re-inforcements, all A.I.F. personnel, were received from training camp, Bogabilla to restore Unit strength which had dropped gradually with exemptions, transfers and men marched out medically unfit. These were allotted to Coys. according to needs.
	28 May		Lieut. Hoare, Q Security Offr. paid Unit a visit and att. Pte Bisset to Unit to make a report on Unit's security generally.
			13 Fd. Bty. under command of Capt. Smith moved to support position chosen by Maj. Williams, 3.7 miles in rear of Bn. posn.
			Recce. of 1 A/Tk Bty. under command of Capt. Tutt continued Bty. personnel moved into bivouac one mile in rear of Bn. posn.
	29 May		Capt. W.J.E. Jackson, Adjt., returned to Unit from Senr. Offrs. Course, Roseberry Racecourse, SYDNEY.
			Col. Fullarton, G.S.O. visited Unit and examined defences being prepared throughout the Bn. area. He approved the Bn. scheme and was pleased with the "work already performed.
			Col. Jessen and Mr. Rolfe of P.M.G. Dept. visited Unit in connection with telephone communication with TOWNSVILLE.
			Maj. Walker of New Guinea Forces paid a visit to Unit to discuss Offrn. of Unit recently transferred to L. of C Area and posted to 8 M.D. Trng. Depot.
	31 May		Maj Gen. Milford paid unofficial visit to Unit. He contacted Offrs. of supporting Arty and arranged to visit this Bn. 1 Jun 42.

Additional Appendices.
Adm. Instr. 3 & 4.
W.F. 3008
W.F. 3009.

Richard J. ...

INFORMATION.

1. 25 Bn. in occupation of dispersal area 2½ miles EAST of EUMUNDI.

INTENTION.

2. 25 Bn. as Unit of 7 Inf. Bde. will move by rail to new area.

METHOD.

3. Movement will be by a series of trains departing EXHIBITION and GAYTHORNE as per Appendix A.
4. Transport will be composite and vehicle allotment and movement will be as per Appendix B.
5. Personnel not on vehicles will be entrained at EUMUNDI as per Appendix C.
6. Carriers will be loaded separately at NAMBOUR and be att. to Train No.22, and loading will be completed by Sjt. L.A.COX before 1800 hrs. Sun.10 May 42 (Unit will provide chocks).
7. Adv. party in charge of Capt. Webster and consisting of I.O., Lieut.R.McInnes; Sjt.Deller, Pnr.Pl and H.Q. Coy guide, L/Cpl.White, "A" Coy guide; Cpl.Brunckhorst "B" Coy guide; L/Cpl O.W.Wren, "C" Coy. guide; Pte J.F.Hogg, "D" Coy guide; Cpl C.F.E.Cameron, "E" Coy guide, will report ROMA ST. stn. 1915 hrs. 7 May 42 as already instructed.
8. Rear party under Capt. WHITE E.G. and consisting of Cpl. Lafield Pnr. Pl and 1 O.R. Pnr.Pl and a representative from each Coy. Names of nominees to be handed to Capt. White by 1000 hrs. 8 May 42.

This party will move by mail train as ordered later.

9. A/A PROTECTION. Will be supplied on trains as follows,-

Train 14	M.M.G.	A/A	team centre of train		
"	18)			
"	19)	Bren gun team protection.		
"	22)	A/A Pl./ ^{team} centre of train.		
"	24)	A/A	"	"
"	26)	A/A	"	"
"	27)	A/A	"	"

The allotment of the personnel to the above teams will be arranged by O.Cs Coys concerned and Lieut. Jones.

10. Unit O.C. of each train will prepare a nominal roll of the personnel travelling on his train.

ADM.

11. (a) TROOPS ON TRAINS. Complete personal luggage (incl. three blankets) and full scale of equipment will be carried by all ranks. Kitbags will be carried by personnel.
- (b) SERVICE DRESS (winter) will be worn at entraining and detraining stns. by all personnel except drivers and loading parties.
- (c) Shirts and shorts may be worn during the journey.
- (d) Offr. i/c each train will be responsible for discipline throughout the journey.
- (e) At meal stns. tps. will fall in by carriages and move as a formed body to refreshment rooms.
- (f) Intoxicating liquor will NOT be taken on trains.
- (g) There must NOT be chalked inscriptions on vehicles or rolling stock.
- (h) Tps. may NOT leave train without permission.
- (i) The senior Offr. on each train will prepare Field Parade Card in triplicate showing Offrs., O.Rs and Unit vehicles by types, incl. M/C, copies to.-
 - i. Offr. i/c of entraining
 - ii. Offr. i/c " detraining
 - iii. Unit file.

DM. (CONTINUED).

- 12. (a) Hot meals will be provided for rail parties as shown in Appendix D.
- (b) Offr. i/c train will carry F.59 and TS.4 to cover their supply of meals.
- (c) Four (4) days reserve rations will be carried by each gp. in bulk and this will be the responsibility of the Unit Offr. in charge of 25 Bn. tps. on the train.
- (d) All tps. will entrain with water bottles filled. Offr. i/c of train will take every opportunity to keep them replenished throughout the journey.
- (e) Messing EUMUNDI prior to departure will be as follows,-
 Sat.9 May 42. Bn. will mess from A,B,C & D kitchens.
 Sun.10 " 42. 410 tps. remaining will be fed from C and D kitchens. (Morning meal).
 Midday and evening meals will be hard rations.

13. TENTAGE. Tents will be struck and packed in Coy. vehicle prior to their movement. Time is at Coy. Comd's direction.

14. MEDICAL. The following allotment of Unit medical personnel is to be followed. First aid kit will be in possession of each party.

- Train 14. L/Sjt. Warrrian & Pte Cameron.
- " 18. R.M.O. & Pte. McNab.
- " 19. Cpl. Brunckhorst & Pte. Hawke.
- " 22. Sjt. Ryan & Pte. Newton.
- " 24. Cpl. Walters & Pte. Sheppard.
- " 26. Pte. Moon & Pte. Biddle F.
- " 27. Pte. Steel & Pte. Biddle B.

15. BN. AREAS. Certificate will be rendered by each Coy. to C.O. per Capt. White E.G, that their area has been left in a clean and tidy condition and that all slit trenches have been filled in.

16. Hired building will be thoroughly cleaned and tidied and fences restored.

17. Lieut Wood, "D" Coy will act as Unit entraining Offr. He will be responsible for the issue of rail warrants, A.A.F. F.59, TS.4 and forms "Conveyance of Troops by Rail" to O.C. trains.

18. T.C.P. will be arranged for entraining by T.O., detraining by Sjt. Sullivan.

- 19. AMN. (a) All ranks will carry not less than 20 rds.
- (b) Rifles will NOT be loaded.
- (c) No.18 train will have 20 boxes amn. in Guard's van and loading party 20 O.R. must be ready to load this immediately the train arrives. O.C. train to arrange.
- (d) No.19 train will have 10 boxes loaded similarly
- (e) Bn. amn. will be distributed throughout Unit vehicles.

INTERCOMM.

20. Bn. H.Q. will close EUMUNDI (Lieut. Green) at 0001 hrs. 11 May 42 and open new area (Capt. Webster) at same

Ack.

W. Marsh Lieut.
Actg. Adjt., 25 Bn.

Signed at 2045 hrs.

Issued per Sigs.

DISTRIBUTION.

Copy No. 1	H.Q. Coy	Copy No. 7	R.S.M.
" " 2	A Coy	" " 8	7 Inf. Bde.
" " 3	B Coy	" " 9	C.O.
" " 4	C Coy	" " 10	2 i/c
" " 5	D Coy	" " 11	Q.M.
" " 6	E Coy.	" " 12	F.M.O.
		" " 13	Caterer.

APPENDIX "A" ISSUED WITH 25 BN. O.O. NO.1

Train No.	Entraining Stn.	Train Deps.		Train arr.		Pers- onnel	Veh.	Offr.i/c train apptd.by.
		Date	Time	Date	Time			
3	EXHIBITION	8 May	1415	10 May	1555	5	2-3T.	61 Bn.
14	" (EUMUNDI)	9 "	1825	11 "	2020	40	17	25 Bn.
		9 "	2235 (Appr)	11 "	"	100	-	(Capt. Robinson)
18	EUMUNDI	10 "	0645 (Appr)	12 "	0500	262	-	25 Bn. (Capt. Mathison)
19	EUMUNDI	10 "	1005 (Appr)	12 "	0800	140	-	9 Bn.
22	GAYTHORNE	10 "	1600	12 "	1820	55	14	9 Bn.
22	NAMBOUR	10 "	2000			20	10 Car.	9 Bn.
24	" (GAYTHORNE EUMUNDI)	10 "	2040	12 "	2345	30	14	A.A.S.C.
		11 "	0125	"	"	70		
26	GAYTHORNE	11 "	0005	13 "	0325	55	14	16 A Fd. Coy.
27	" (EXHIBITION EUMUNDI)	11 "	0240	13 "	0500	30	14	25 Bn.
		11 "	0645	13 "	"	60		(Capt. Duggan)

APPENDIX "C" ALLOTMENT OF PERSONNEL

<p><u>Advance Party:</u> Capt. Webster Lieut. McInness 7 O/r</p> <p><u>No. 3 Train:</u> Lieut. O'Neil 4 Drivers</p> <p><u>No. 14 Train:</u> Capt. Robinson i/c M.M.G. Coy 16 H.Q. Coy 10 Bn. H.Q. 6 (Exhib) 32 M.M.G. 104 Sgt. Sullivan 1 Pte. Prceall 1 Medical Detail 2 (Eumundi) 208</p> <p><u>No. 18 Train:</u> Capt. Matheson i/c M.M.G. 16 H.Q. Coy & Att. 134 A.A. Detail 3 R.M.O. & Ord. 2 C.O., Adj. & Batmen 5 Bn. H.Q. 14 B Coy details 27 " " 32 D " " 15 (Eumundi) 249</p> <p><u>No. 19 Train:</u> 9 BN Offr. i/c Unit Offr. - Capt. Ryan A Coy 88 Med. details 2 A.A. 3 B Coy 47 (Eumundi) 140</p>	<p><u>No. 22 Train:</u> 9 BN Offr. i/c Unit Offr. - Capt. Fitzpatrick Dvrs: M.M.G. 8 Mortars 14 A.A. Dvr. 2 A. Coy 2 B Coy 2 Others: B Coy 25 Med. details 23 55 G/thorne H.Q. Coy Carriers 20 Nambour } 75</p> <p><u>No. 24 Train:</u> A.A.S.C. Offr. i/c Unit Offr. - Capt. Steele Dvrs: H.Q. Coy 4 A.A. Dvr 2 A Coy 10 B " 10 C " 2 28 H.Q. Coy 2 30 G/thorne Others: C Coy 68 Med. details 2 70 Eumundi 100</p> <p><u>No. 26 Train:</u> 16 A. Fd. Coy. Offr. i/c Unit Offr. - Capt. Foster D Coy 25 D Coy 2 A.A. Dvr 2 Intel. 2 H.Q. Coy 12 Dvrs C Coy 10 Med. detail 2 (Eumundi) 55</p> <p><u>No. 27 Train:</u> Capt. Duggan i/c Dvrs: D Coy 10 H.Q. Coy 16 Others: D Coy 4 30 Exhib. A.A. 3 Med. detail 2 D Coy 55 60 Eumundi 90</p>
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REAR PARTY:

Capt. E. G. White and 8 O/r's.

25 BN - EXERCISE No. 1

Ref. Map. HELIDON 1" to 1 Mile.

NARRATIVE 2.

1. Enemy pushed in outpost Coy. and now in occupation of CUDDIHY'S HILL. Ref. 197804.
2. D and C. Coys. to be relieved by B. and A. Coys. during night of 4/5 Feb. in order to carry out a dawn attack on enemy posn.

The time is now 1700 hrs.

3. TASK. As C.O. 25 Bn. - Carry on.

NO.	NAME	GRADE	DATE	TIME	PLACE	REMARKS
2A	BERNARDI	II "	0842	13 "	90	(Coy. D. B. Hill)
	EXHIBITION	II "	0840	13 "	0200	30 14 32 BN
2B	GUAYLONNE	II "	0002	13 "	0232	22 14 16 V. B. Coy.
	BERNARDI	II "	0732	" "	"	10
2C	GUAYLONNE	TO "	3040	13 "	3342	20 14 V.V. 2. C.
2D	RYNEBODH	TO "	3000	" "	30	1000 3 BN
2E	GUAYLONNE	TO "	1900	13 "	1850	22 14 3 BN
	BERNARDI	TO "	1002	13 "	0300	110 - 3 BN
	BERNARDI	TO "	0942	13 "	0200	323 32 BN
	BERNARDI	3 "	3322	11 "	"	100 (Coy. D. B. Hill)
	"	3 "	1832	11 "	3030	40 14 32 BN
2	EXHIBITION	3 No. 2	1412	10 No. 2	1222	2 3-2L 31 BN

A P P E N D I X 'B'

TO 25 BN O.O. No.1

SECRET

7 May 42.

TRAIN	DEP. EUMUNDI hrs.	ENT. STN.	DEPART		VEH. & LOADING	ARRIVE	
			T ime hrs.	Date		T ime hrs.	Date
3	0500	Exhib.	1415	Fri. 8 May	1-3 Ton 1-3 Ton <u>2</u>	Gen.loading (Armourer (Q.Store)	1555 Sun. 10 May
14	0900	Exhib.	1825	Sat. 9 May	1-30 cwt 1-30 cwt 1 D.S.Car 1 D.S.Car 2 Sigs. 2 Office 1 Water Cart 1 M.O. 7 M.M.G. <u>17</u>	M.M.G.Kit H.Q.Kit Padre Bn.H.Q. Medical	2020 Mon 11 May
22	0600	Gaythorne	1600	Sun. 10 May	4 M.M.G. 7 Mortars 1 A.A. 1 'A' Coy. Kit 1 'B' Coy. Kit <u>14</u>		1820 Tue. 12 May
24	0700	Gaythorne	2040	Sun. 10 May	1 'H.Q.' Coy (30 cwt) 1 'C' Coy. Kit 1 'A' Coy. 1 'B' Coy. 1 'C' Coy. <u>10</u>		2345 Tue. 12 May

HPPX B (CONT'D).

TRAIN	DEP. EUMUNDI	ENT. STN.	Time	DEPART Date	VEH. & LOADING	ARRIVE	
						Time	Date
26	Hrs. 0800	Gay thorne	hrs 0005	Mon. 11 May	5 'C' Coy 1 'D' Coy. Kit. 1 A.A. 1 Intel. 1 Bn. canteen 1 Car Pl. Veh. with Stores 4 Q. M. <u>14</u>	hrs. 0325	Wed. 13 May
27	0900	Exhib.	0240	Mon 11 May	5 'D' Coy 5 Q. M. 1 Water cart 1 T. O. 1 Camp Stores <u>13</u> 4 - 3 T on A.A.S.C. vehicles with 25 BN Amn. also on this train, and must be guarded,	0500	Wed. 13 May

T. O. will be in charge of marshalling and despatching convoys to schedule.
 No vehicle must exceed overall height of 7'6"!!
Petrol: Sufficient for 100 m. will be carried in tanks of vehicles only.
 241 L.A.D. will provide facilities at BRISBANE Stations.
 T.O. will apportion Motor cycles to trains, and supply o/c Trains with No. of vehicles & class.
Late Alteration: only 14 veh. will be taken on No. 24 Train, and No. 27 Train will now carry 14.
 One caterer's vehicle will be transferred.

A P P E N D I X 'D'

H O T M E A L S

ISSUED WITH 25 BN O. O.

Train No.	PLACE	GYMPIE	ROSEDALE	ROCKHAMPTON	ST. LAWRENCE	BOWEN		
3	ARR DEP	2030 2050	0525 0535	1410 1450	2030 2045	0850 0920		
14	ARR DEP	0735 0810	1435 1535	1910 1925	0645 0730	1410 1500	AYR 1850 1920	
18	ARR DEP	0850 1230	1555 1630	0915 1010	1505 1520	1825 1905	TOWNSVILLE 0500	
19	ARR DEP	1210 1250	1900 1945	0600 0625	1210 1255	1755 1810	TOWNSVILLE 0800	
22	ARR DEP	2255 2315	0720 0735	1210 1255	1645 1700	0735 0815	1120 1200	TOWNSVILLE 1820
24	ARR DEP	0950 1040	1225 1240	1705 1745	0845 0930	1235 1315	1625 1700	
26	ARR DEP	0655 0740	1400 1500	1645 1700	0725 0740	1250 1335	1800 1840	
27	ARR DEP	0850 1230	1555 1630	0915 1010	1505 1520	1825 1905	TOWNSVILLE 0500	

Note: At ROSEDALE, AYR, BLOOMSBURY, PROSERPINE, carton meal and bulk hot tea will be supplied

Appendix 2

10 MAY 45

ADM. INSTRUCTION No. 1

MARKING OF UNIT VEHICLES

1. All vehicles of 5 Aus. Div. will be painted with Unit serial numbers in accordance with secret instructions.
2. The Veh. Serial Numbers marking will cover the complete plate, front and rear the figures being six inches deep, leaving two inches margin at the top.
3. For A.F.Vs. the Unit Serial Number will be painted centrally on the front and rear of vehicles.
4. Requisite supplies of paint may be obtained on demand from Ordnance stores, Townsville. (Q.M. will req. \$0 Bde.)
5. No Divisional sign has yet been allotted, but a recommendation has been forwarded to Higher Authority for approval.

25 BN

Background: RED

Serial Number, in WHITE - 50.

Distn. Q.M. (3)

T.O. (4)

War Diary (2) ✓

File

W. H. ...

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Lt. Col.
C. O., 25 BN

Van Diney

Appendix 3

SECRET

13 May 42.

ADM. INSTRUCTION No. 2

This instruction is to be exhibited on Coy. Notice Bds. in addition to being promulgated to tps. on Adm. Parade.

LEAVE FOR TROOPS

All previous instructions regarding leave are cancelled. Subject to operational requirements, and until further notice leave will be granted as set out hereunder:-

1. As from 11 May 42, leave to TOWNSVILLE at the rate of ONE day per FORTNIGHT may be granted.

2. This leave will commence at 0700 hrs. and expire at 2359 hrs. All tps. must leave town by 2330 hrs.

3. No additional leave is to be granted. Rosters must be maintained.

4. No more than 10 per cent of a Unit is to be granted on the same day.

5. Leave may NOT be accumulated.

6. Unit transport is NOT to be used to convey tps. proceeding or re-turning from leave.

7(a) a picquet consisting of two officers, two sergeants and twenty O/rs. will be detailed to report for instructions at 1800 hrs. each day (as per para C) to Provost Offr. at Police Station, off Flinders St., TOWNSVILLE.

(b) An Inlying Picquet consisting of two Officers, two sergeants and 20 O/rs. will be maintained at call.

(c) Duty Roster until further notice, for this Unit, will be:-

16 May	-	Town Picquet	-	A Coy
22 May		Inlying "	-	B Coy
29 May		Town "	-	C Coy
30 May		Inlying "	-	D Coy

(d) For conveyance of duty personnel, Unit transport WILL be used.

8. All personnel proceeding on leave will be provided with a cut lunch.

Rest and Recreational Facilities are to be established in the near future, and the canteens are establishing a cafe where meals may be purchased. Dates of commencement of these amenities will be notified in due course.

9. Arrangements for co-operation in the matter of transport are being made with Q.G.R. and local bus proprietors. Time tables will be notified as soon as available.

10. Dress to be worn by tps. on leave will consist of boots, socks, hose tops, half putties, shorts, shirt and felt hat. Steel helmets and respirators are to be carried

11. In event of Air raid alarm or other warning, tps will return immediately to their respective areas.

12. Restrictions in relation to the possession and consumption of liquor are as follow:-

1. Except as provided in para. 2 hereof no member of the Australian Military Forces when in uniform shall,

- (a) In any public place; or
- (b) In any doorway or vestibule opening on to any public place or to which access may be gained from any public place; or
- (c) In any highway or public road; or
- (d) In any vacant land adjacent to a park or public reserve or;
- (e) On any part of a park or recreation reserve; or
- (f) In any public conveyance.

consume any intoxicating liquor or have in his possession any intoxicating liquor contained in a bottle or a container of any description.

2. Nothing in this Order shall prevent:-

- (a) the consumption of liquor upon licensed premises in accordance with the Queensland Liquor Laws or upon the premises of any Naval, Military or Air Force Institute, Mess or Canteen in accordance with the regulations and orders applying to such Institute, Mess or Canteen; or
- (b) The supply or possession of liquor contained in a bottle or other container to or by any such Institute, Mess or Canteen in the ordinary course of its lawful business.

3. The personnel of this Unit are expected to show respect for their uniform, the wearing of which should operate not as a license to contravene the law but as an obligation to set an example in its observance.

13. THREE DAYS' notice must be given in advance, of numbers travelling, to 5 Aus.Div. H.Q.

W. Marsh Kent
for Lt. Col.
C. O., 25 Bn

DISTRIBUTION:

H.Q. Coy	3
A "	3
B "	3
C "	3
D "	3
E "	3
T. O.	5
Q. M.	2
W.O. Caterer	1
C. O.	1
2 i/c	1
Adjt.	1
War Diary	2
File	1

MESSAGE FORM

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS.

IN

OUT

No. of Groups
GR.

Serial No.

OFFICE DATE STAMP

(ABOVE THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

TO

All Coys of W.O. Caterer

FROM

ZELU

Originator's Number

082

Date

22

In Reply to Number

<i>Omission</i>	<i>from</i>	<i>OO.</i>	<i>no</i>	<i>y</i>	<i>o</i>
<i>Coys</i>	<i>will</i>	<i>be</i>	<i>provided</i>	<i>with</i>	<i>cut</i>
<i>lunches</i>	<i>tomorrow</i>	<i>o</i>	<i>5 Ams</i>	<i>Dis</i>	<i>OO.</i>
<i>states</i>	<i>one</i>	<i>days</i>	<i>reserve</i>	<i>rations</i>	<i>will</i>
<i>be</i>	<i>carried</i>	<i>o</i>			

THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT **AS WRITTEN** BY ANY MEANS:

As above sent
SIGNED

IF LIABLE TO BE INTERCEPTED OR FALL INTO ENEMY HANDS, THIS MESSAGE MUST BE SENT **IN CYPHER.**

SIGNED

ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS
DEGREE OF PRIORITY

TIME OF ORIGIN

2100hs

(BELOW THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

SYSTEM IN	TIME IN	READER	SENDER	SYSTEM OUT	TIME OUT	READER	SENDER	SYSTEM OUT	TIME OUT	READER	SENDER

T.H.I.

T.O.R.

Ref. Map TOWNSVILLE;
MANTON 4" to 1 ML.

INFORMATION.

25 Bn. is encamped ANTIL PLAINS.

ATTENTION.

25 Bn. will take up defensive posn. astride WOODSTOCK-GIRU RD.
as ordered by 5 Aust. Div.

METHOD.

1. Move will be made by M.T. in Coy. convoys to reconnoitred Coy. posns.

4. Coys. will supply their own guides for their "A" and "B" Ech.

5. S.P. TOONPAN RY. STATION.

6. MOVEMENT TABLE. Heads of convoys will pass S.P. at following times.-

1 Sec. Carrier Pl.	0900 hrs.	23 May 42.
"A" Coy.	1000 hrs.	" "
"E" Coy.	1020 hrs.	" "
"C" Coy.	1040 hrs.	" "
"D" Coy.	1110 hrs.	" "
Bn. H.Q.	1130 hrs.	" "
H.Q. Coy	1150 hrs.	" "
"B" Coy.	1210 hrs.	" "
2 Secs. Carriers.	1230 hrs.	" "

7. A.A.S.C. Res. M.T. is timed to report at 0900 hrs. Coys. and Bn. H.Q. will supply guides (two each) to report to the T.O. at ANTIL CK. bridge at 0845 hrs. to direct this to areas. Release of these vehicles at destination will be controlled by T.O.

8. SPEED AND DENSITY. 15 m.i.h. to WOODSTOCK, thence 20 m.i.h. to destination. 10 v.t.m.

9. REAR PARTY. Rear party of 1 O.R. per Coy. in charge of Lieut. Abernethy will remain to ensure the cleanliness of vacated areas is satisfactory and that no stores have been overlooked. T.O. will arrange transport for this party to rejoin Unit.

10. A.A. Protection to each convoy will be arranged by Coys. with Lieut. Jones.

11. Carriers will move in separate convoy as stated in para. 6 to give adv. and rear protection to the Unit.

12. Coys. will notify Bn. H.Q. immediately their defensive posn. has been occupied.

13. Work on essentials to defensive posn. will commence as soon as posn. has been occupied.

DM.

14. All tents will be struck by 0800 hrs. 23 May 42.

15. Slit trenches, latrines etc. will be filled in and certificate of cleanliness rendered C.O. prior to Coys. moving out.

16. Drivers and troops will be warned that strict track discipline is to be commenced and adhered to in the new area. Every attention is to be paid to concealment and camouflage, particularly of track and tents.

17. Embussing, debussing, loading and order of march of Coy. vehicles will be the responsibility of respective Coy. Comds.

18. T.O. will arrange the necessary allotment of att. vehicles.

19. A loading party of one Sjt. and 20 O.R. will report from Res. Coy (B Coy) at 0850 hrs. to R.S.M. for the purpose of loading amm. The same party will be responsible for unloading it at destination.

over/

20. INTERCOMM. By D.R. and runner till L/T is established. Coy. runners will be supplied to Bn. H.Q. upon arrival. Bn. H.Q. will close ANTIL PLAINS 11.00 hrs. 23 May 42 and open RD. WOODSTOCK - GIRU ref. 137420 (MANTON)

Sgd. A.W. Marsh, Lieut.
Actg. Adjt., 25 Bn.

Signed at 1920 hrs.
Issued by Sig. D.R.

DISTRIBUTION.

Copy No. 1-3	H.Q. Coy	Copy No. 28	2 i/c
" " 4-6	A Coy	" " 29	Adjt.
" " 7-9	B Coy	" " 30	Q.M.
" " 10-12	C Coy	" " 31	A/Adjt.
" " 13-15	D Coy	" " 32	R.M.O.
" " 16-18	E Coy	" " 33-34	5 Aust. Div
" " 19-21	T.O.	" " 35	W.O. Caterer
" " 22	R.S.M.	" " 36	Pay Sjt.
" " 23-26	A.A.S.C.	" " 37-38	War Diary
" " 27	C.O.	" " 39-45	Spare & file.

A.A.S.C. Res. M.T. is timed to report at 0800 hrs. Coy. H.Q. will supply guides (two each) to report to the T.O. ANTIL CR. bridge at 0845 hrs. to direct this to areas. Release of these vehicles at destination will be controlled by T.O. 13 m.i.h. to WOODSTOCK, thence 20 m.i.h. to destination. 10 v.t.m.

Rear party of 1 O.R. per Coy. in charge of Lieut. Abernethy will remain to ensure the cleanliness of vacated areas is satisfactory and that no stores have been overlooked. T.O. will arrange transport for this party to rejoin Unit.

10. A.A. Protection to each convoy will be arranged by Coy. with Lieut. Jones.

11. Carriers will move in separate convoys as stated in para. 8 to give adv. and rear protection to the Unit.

12. Coys. will notify Bn. H.Q. immediately their defensive post has been occupied.

13. Work on essentials to defensive post will commence as soon as an. has been occupied.

All tents will be struck by 0800 hrs. 23 May 42. All trenchers, latrines etc. will be filled in and certificates of cleanliness rendered C.O. prior to Coy. moving out. Drivers and troops will be warned that under tank discipline to be commenced and adhered to in the new area. Every attempt to be paid to concealment and camouflage, particularly of tracks.

14. Messing, debussing, loading and order of march of Coy. will be the responsibility of respective Coy. Comds. T.O. will arrange the necessary allocation of vehicles.

15. A loading party of one Sjt. and 20 O.R. will report from Bn. H.Q. (Coy) at 0850 hrs. to R.S.M. for the purpose of loading and the rear party will be responsible for unloading at destination.

Secret.

Copy No.
22 May 42.

Ref. MANTON)
AYR) 1" to 1 mile.

INTENTION.

1. 25 Bn. will prepare a defensive posn. on the GIRU-WOODSTOCK RD. in squares 1541 and 1542 for occupation by one Bn.

METHOD.

2. F.D.L's Foothills of detached knoll and "Old Coach Rd," Hills on RIGHT flank across gap to a line forward of foothills of spur of MT. (Sharp) ELLIOTT and continuing NORTH passing SUNNYSIDE hill on to WALKERS CK.
3. SECTORS. "A" Coy. RIGHT, area old coach Rd. Hills.
"D" Coy. CENTRE - area spur of MT (Sharp) ELLIOTT.
"C" Coy. LEFT - area SUNNYSIDE HILL.
"B" Coy. RES. - astride rd. in sq. 1341 (seven Mile Ck. Area) with role - mobility, flank and rear protection and depth defence.
4. BOUNDARIES. - Right - A line in prolongation from SWAMP in sq. 1942 - Small Ck in sq. 1642 and 1641 - to junct. fork rds. ref. 153415 at "RED PINCH", into to centre Coy ("D").
Centre - re-entrant between Mt. (Sharp) ELLIOTT and SUNNYSIDE HILL incl to left Coy ("C").
5. POSN. WILL BE PREPARED for protracted defence with alternative posns. and against tanks.
6. GROUND ESSENTIAL TO HOLD.
(a) MT. (Sharp) ELLIOTT to main highway, incl.
(b) OLD COACH RD. HILLS.
7. ARTY. Tasks -
(a) Detached knoww in sqs. 1841 & 1840.
(b) Opportunity targets WALKER'S CREEK area.
8. A/TK. DEFENCE. - A/Tk mines astride junct. rds. in sq. 1542 as per mine-field plan.
9. M.M.G. Regimented as per fire plan.
1 Pl. operating with right Coy.
1 " " " centre Coy.
1 Sec. " " left Coy.
1 Sec. in depth defence left centre for penetration and rear protection.
10. CARRIERS. - 1 sec. operating on right flank with role of patrols and right flank protection.
2 secs. mobile reserve, Depth defence right centre or as situation develops.
11. MORTARS. - Regimented.
1 det. right flank
2 det. left flank.
3 det. Mobile Reserve for situations as battle develops.
12. PRIORITY OF DEFENCE TASKS.
(a) Weapon pits with crawl trenches.
(b) Clearance fields of fire.
(c) Carrier runs.
(d) Camouflage.
(e) Wire section posts - Pl area - 4 wire cattle fence - apron on enemy's side, then inside apron, thence trip wires.
(f) Alt. posns.
(g) Higher posns. in event of tank attack.

- 13. PATROLLING. - Systematic deep fwd. patrolling by fwd. Coys. synchronised by I.O.
- 14. MEDICAL. - R.A.P. ref. 142420.
(7 Fd. Amb. TCONPAN).
- 15. AMN. RES. - Amn. dump ref. 150420.
- 16. SUPPLIES. - D.I.D. - WOODSTOCK.
- 17. TRANSPORT. - "B" Ech. SEVEN MILE CK. area.
- INTERCOMM.
- 18. Line R.T., Helio, D.R., Coy runner.
- 19. Battle H.Q. ref. 15418.
- 20. Rear H.Q. ref. 137420.
- 21. Light signals - S.O.S. - 2 ~~RED~~ REDS, 2 GREENS. NOT to be delegated below O.C. Coys.
- 22. LIASON. - Between Coys. to be constant and synchronised by I.O.

Ack.

Sgd. A.W. Marsh,
Actg. Adjt., 25 Bn.

Signed at 2100 hrs.
Issued by runner.

DISTRIBUTION.

Copy No.	1 - 3	H.Q. Coy	Copy No.	30	2 i/c
" "	4 - 6	A Coy	" "	31	Adjt.
" "	7 - 9	B Coy	" "	32 -33	I.O.
" "	10 - 12	C Coy	" "	34	Q.M.
" "	13 - 15	D Coy	" "	35	A/Adjt.
" "	16 - 18	E Coy	" "	36	R.M.O.
" "	19 - 21	T.O.	" "	37 -38	5 Aust. Div
" "	22	R.S.M.	" "	39	W.O. Caterer
" "	23 - 26	A.A.S.C.	" "	40	Pay Sjt.
" "	27 - 28	A.D.M.S.	" "	41 -42	War Diary.
" "	29	C.O.	" "	43 -50	Spare & fill

Appendix 6

25 Bn. ADM. INSTRUCTION NO. 4.

25 Bn. HOME FORCES.

26 May 42.

Subject. ACTION IN THE EVENT OF AIR RAIDS
(CITY OF TOWNSVILLE).

1. In the event of Air Raids on TOWNSVILLE, between the hours of 0700 and 2359, a large number of troops are likely to be in the city area.

2. SHELTERS AND SLIT TRENCHES.

Numerous shelters and slit trenches have been constructed by the Town Council; these shelters and slit trenches have been designed to accommodate no more than the women, children and other civilians in the city area. In consequence, under no circumstances will any personnel of 5 Aust. Div. use them.

3. ACTION TO BE TAKEN ON RECEIPT OF AIR RAID WARNING.

Troops on becoming aware of an Air Raid warning will filter individually towards the outskirts of the town in the following general areas,-

Those in WEST END will move out past the SHOWGROUND on to the flats.

Those in SOUTH TOWNSVILLE will move out towards the ROSS RD.

Those in the NORTHERN end of the city will move towards the SPORTS RESERVE.

Those between LOWTHS HOTEL and Junc. FLINDERS ST. WEST and CHARTERS TOWERS RD. will move to vicinity of the CAUSEWAY.

4. RESPONSIBILITY OF OFFICERS.

Officers and N.C.Os will be responsible for directing troops they encounter to the areas outlined in para 3, and the senior Officer in the areas will at once take charge of all troops of whatever arm or service. He will arrange for the immediate dispersion of these in groups each in charge of an officer or N.C.O.

5. ASSISTANCE TO CIVIL DEFENCE.

As soon as the troops have been dispersed in this manner, the senior Officer will communicate by runner with the nearest Police station or Warden's Post and inform him of the approx. number of personnel in his charge and their locations. He will employ his party to the best advantage, as requested by the Police or Wardens or at his own discretion, in assisting in rescue, fire-fighting, first aid, demolitions, traffic control etc., on an organised basis.

6. LOCALITIES AND LOCATIONS.

All Officers and N.C.Os will make themselves acquainted with the locations of Police Stations, Warden Posts, First Aid Posts etc. in these areas, and all personnel will take every opportunity of learning the various routes to the areas outlined in para (3) so that they can recognise these by night.

7. LIGHTS.

Under NO circumstances will lights of any description be allowed in the areas where troops assemble.

8. PROMULGATION OF INSTRUCTION.

Pl. Comds. will be held responsible for seeing that these instructions are passed on to all men under their command.

A. W. Marshall
Lieut.
Actg. Adjt., 25 Bn.

W. J. Green

H. Q.
25 BN HOME FORCES
19 May 42.

ADM. INSTRUCTION No. 3

ANTI-GAS POLICY - 1. AUSTRALIAN CORPS

GENERAL

1. JAPAN has already initiated Chemical Warfare in CHINA and it is to be expected it may be used in AUSTRALIA.
2. To provide adequate protection against gas a high standard of anti-gas is required. Tng. in protection against Blister gas and decn. is equally as important as tng. in the use of the Respirator.
3. 1 Aust Corps Anti-Gas policy is to ensure uniform anti-gas tng in the Corps in conformity with the principles laid down in Manuals of Protection Against Gas & Air Raids Pams 1, 2, & 3; and to provide for special problems which may be encountered.

T S O E T

4 Attention is drawn to First Aust Army Chemical Warfare Instn No 1 which requires that 'all ranks will undergo T S O E T A/G tng every three months.'

WEEKLY WEARING OF RESPIRATORS

5 First Aust Army CW Instn No 1 also requires that 'all ranks will wear the respirator each Wednesday from 1000 hrs to 1030 hrs. During this period personnel will continue their normal duties in order to become accustomed to working with the face piece adjusted.

WEEKLY UNROLLING OF CAPES ANTI-GAS AND PRACTICE IN DECN?

6 Each Wednesday immediately following the wearing of the respirator, all ranks will:-

- (a) Practice wearing the cape anti-gas in the worn posn from the rolled posn.
- (b) Carry out the motions of personal decn., e.g. C O E C D C - vide Section 41 Para 4 Manual of Protection Against Gas & Air Raids Pam 10 with amendments.

This will be done in this Unit immediately Capes are on hand.

MINIMUM INITIAL TRAINING SYLLABUS FOR ALL RANKS

<u>Serial No.</u>	<u>Subjects</u>	<u>Periods allotted</u>
1	The recruits' initial lesson	1 period of 50 min
2	Respirator fitting	1
3	Use of the respirator	1
4	War gases, lectures	1
5	Decontamination	1
6	Ground gas weapons	1
7	Air gas weapons	1
8	First aid for gas casualties	1
9	Personal & unit anti-gas eqpt	1
10	Duties of gas sentries & use of detectors.	1
11	T S O E T	1

CARE OF ANTI-GAS EQPT

3 Anti-gas equipment will be carried on tactical exercises and route marches. In order to avoid undue wear, respirators and anti-gas eqpt will NOT be carried by tps all the time. Except on tng exercises and when required for anti-gas tng they will be held by individuals and kept with personal kit.

DISTRIBUTION: Copy: All Coy
C. O.
2 1/c
Adj. G.
A/Adj. G.

R.S.M.
C. M.
War Diary (2)
File

W. J. Green
1st Col.
C. Coy. 25 BN

25 B N.

SECRET.

Information required as per verbal instructions Bde. L.O.-

1. PERSONNEL.

Offrs.	34
O.R.	853
TOTAL	<u>887</u>

2. BAGGAGE. - Total dead weight not capable of being carried in Unit Tpt. (principally due heavy unit vehicles (3 ton) not yet supplied).
Total made up as follows,-

Arm.	25
Q.M. Stores	10
Extra rations (4 days)	6
Petrol	6
	<u>47</u>

3. UNIT VEHICLES - CLASSIFIED.

M.C.	11
15 cwt. and 1 ton Vans. incl. D.S. Car	56
Extra D.S. Car xxx ex Bde. for Padre	1
30 cwt. incl. two water	16
3 ton <i>trucks</i>	2

4. CARRIERS.

<u>No.</u>	<u>Type.</u>
2	L.P.1.
8	L.P.2a.
<u>10</u>	

5. No. of out of gauge vehicles (out of gauge 7'6") nil.
(Canopies of 30 cwt. and Office Van installations can be removed).
6. Weight of tentage. 17 ton.

E. Smith

25 Bn HOME FORCES
29 Apr. 42.

Lt-Col.
C.O., 25 Bn.

0040 hrs 30 apr

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

25 Bn (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels	1		
Majors	1		2
Captains	11		
Lieutenants	24	3	
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters	1		
TOTALS	38	3	2

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
		NIL		

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
		NIL		

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.
(i) Officers posted to Unit (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A).

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Maj/Lt.Col.	Q21602	MILES E.S.	25 Bn	Yes	
Capt/Maj.	Q21610	COMMON F.B.	"	"	
Lieut/Capt	Q21989	WEBSTER C.S.	"	No	3mr.Offrs.Course Syd.
"	Q21624	JACKSON W.J.E.	"	Yes	
"	Q21620	STEEL P.J.	"	"	
"	Q21621	RYAN B.T.	"	"	
"	Q22778	DUGGAN J.E.	"	"	
"	Q21732	FITZPATRICK H.J.	"	"	
"	Q22704	WHITE E.C.	"	"	
"	Q21992	MATHISON T.W.	"	"	
"	Q21979	JUST M.E.	"	No	R.A.A.F. Co-op School
"	Q21948	ROBINSON W.	"	Yes	
"	Q21822	FOSTER J.H.A.	"	"	
Lieut.	Q21661	McINNES R.D.	"	"	
"	Q21948	WOOD L.A.	"	"	
"	Q21980	JEFFERIES R.D.K.	"	No	Hospital
"	Q21697	CORFE J.E.	"	Yes	
"	Q21800	ABERNETHY T.J.	"	"	
"	Q21954	MARSH A.W.	"	"	
"	Q22888	WOODROW D.P.	"	No	1 M.D.T.S.
"	Q22887	O'NEILL F.J.	"	Yes	
"	Q21810	BAKER T.D.	"	"	
"	Q22553	GREEN H.S.	"	"	
"	Q21947	LEADBETTER C.J.	"	"	
"	Q22885	BAKER A.T.	"	"	
"	Q21791	PHILLIPS F.J.	"	"	
"	Q22004	BATHERSBY T.J.	"	"	
"	Q21982	NELSON W.R.	"	"	
"	Q22344	McDONALD R.N.	"	"	
"	Q21941	COLLINS T.J.	"	"	
"	Q21915	HARRIS H.A.	"	"	
"	Q21864	SCHLYDER E.J.	"	"	
"	Q21617	JONES A.R.	"	"	
"	Q21857	SMITH A.V.	"	"	
"	Q21618	BAIN E.	"	"	
"	Q22853	SCHINDLER A.J.	"	No	S.A.A. Bonagilla
"	Q22855	MORRISON L.R.	"	Yes	
"	Q22236	DEUBLE L.M.	"	No	Hospital

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt.	Q128622	WILLIAMSON W.S.	A.A.M.C.		R.M.O.

25 Bn

(Unit.)

30-5-42

(Date of Despatch.)

(Sgd.) H.S. Green Lieut.

for (Signature of Commander.)

5 Aust. Divn.

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

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WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

Army Form C.2118
(adapted.)

(Erase heading not required).

Unit 23 Aust. Inf. Bn.

Date and Time.—From 1 June 42

To 30 June, 42.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
GIRU-WOODSTOCK RD.- GIRU GAP	L		Maj. Gen. E. J. Milford D.S.O. visited the Area and examined the prepared defences with Lt. Col. E. S. Miles. The preparation of the defences was continuing with erection of tactical wires and corrals. Fields of fire for fixed lines were being cleared and other areas thinned out to increase effectiveness of fire-power in keeping with needs for camouflage and element of surprise. ^{continuous} Manning of defences commenced with night patrols to the JUMP-UP area. Unit Pumping plant established at MAJOR CRK. to temporarily replace AMERICAN pump damaged by vandalism of some persons unknown.	
GIRU GAP	3		Sighting of tank proof positions rear of alternate positions commenced. - Work on other defences continuing.	
	6		As Unit had no Padre attached services were conducted by visiting Padres from 7 Aust. Inf. Bde - Padre Rosenskjar (R.C.) and Padre Gilman (C of E).	
	9		Capt. Bruce, C.O. of 49 U.S. Engrs. called on Col. Miles. Col. Rheinhold C.R.E. and Capt. Leonard of 16 Fd. Pk. Coy R.A.E. went over the defences of the area with Lt. Col. E. S. Miles to examine the area and assess the engineering requirements. Col. Rheinhold expressed his admiration for the amount of work completed in the short time that had been available. An auxiliary Rd. connecting the defended area to ANTIL PLAINS following foothills of Mts. commenced so that main road could be avoided and supplies delivered if necessary by a covered approach. Lieut. D. E. Woodrow ill in hospital 117 A.G.H. Toowoomba was placed on X List.	
	10		A courtesy visit paid the Unit as he was passing through by Brig. MORIARTY and his B.M. Capt. Hodgen and party.	
	11		Col. Rheinhold C.R.E. brought Brig.-Gen. Lucas to look over the area.	

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Unit 25 Aust. Inf. Bn.

Date and Time.—From 1 June 42 To 30 June 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			Lieut. Hoare and W.O. J.T.Linke, 5 Aust.Divn F.S.S. came as selection committee and interviewed candidates for F.S.S.	
	12		Word was received that Lt.Col. E.S.Miles was to be a Member of a ^{Sp} Court ^{of Enquiry} ^{at} TOWNSVILLE.	
	13		Personnel due for injections T.A.B. and T.T. or refreshers were given same by travelling mobile clinic. 24 hours no duties was ordered for those receiving these.	
	14		Senr. Offrs. attended a lecture by Col. Peyton U.S.Attache to Embassy Berlin in early days of war, now Liason Offr. American Forces attached L.H.Q. Lecture was held TOWNSVILLE.	
	15		Digging of Tk. Proof positions continuing	
	18		Capt.Bruce and his ffers. were the guests of Bn. for evening Mess.	
	20		Series of lectures on legal subjects commenced by Capt.W.Elson-Green, 7 Aust.Inf.Bde L.S.O. C.A.S.C. Lt.Col.Homewood and his S.S.O. Capt.Bush visited the Unit to investigate any problems of supply the Unit may have. The former was most interested in the tactical possibilities provided by the contour of the area and the defences prepared, (making use of the natural advantages) in striking an enemy. Brig.J.Field, newly appointed Bde. Comdr. 7 Aust.Inf.Bde., and B.M. J. Mahoney visited Unit. Brig. Field for the first time met the Offrs. of the 25 Bn who normally would be under his Comd. After a short discussion with Offrs. on some of his overseas experiences and his general line of policy, the Brig. went round the defences. The equipment of the Unit was being gradually augmented. Q.M. for example received 400 prs. leggings for distribution. These were a necessity where spear grass and allied varieties gave men sore legs when constantly moving in it. Also the danger of snake bite was a real one. Preparations made to resume training and troops were withdrawn from defence to prepare for Coy FREE FOR ALL Training. This	

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Unit 25 Aust. Inf. Bn.

Date and Time.—From 1 June, 42 To 30 June, 42.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			was carried out in area MT. ELLIOT, MAJOR CRK. ROCKY FALLS, DOUBLE CRK. The exercises provided a complete change to the troops and were carried out with zest. There were several valuable lessons learned the chief being that in Mountain Areas M.T. can be more of a liability than an asset. From a physical standpoint the mountain area selected tried out the endurance of the men and gave them the toughening exercise needed after the period of more or less static preparing defences. The open country of the right flank gave valuable practice in the usage of Carriers.	
	23		FREE FOR ALL concluded. MOBILE CANTEEN Picture Unit gave an entertainment in 'D' Coy Area. A few troops were unfortunate as a bush fire which broke out on mountains had to be checked. A warning order was issued verbally to all Offrs, at 1800 hrs. that the Unit was to move to ROLLINGSTONE Area and once again came under Comd. of 7 Aust. Inf. Bde. Move not before 30 June, 42. Lieut. Walkley, 5 Aust. Divn, Camouflage Offr., visited Unit to advise on this matter.	Free For ALL Exercise Appendix 1.
	25		Lt. Col. E. S. Miles, Capt. W. J. E. Jackson, Adjt., Q. M. Lieut. F. J. O'Neill and I. O., Lieut. R. D. McInnes visited new area on Recce. Liason made with 7 Inf. Bde. Bde. Comdr. examined area and policy then outlined.	
	26		C. A. S. C. Lt. Col. Homewood again visited Unit and was taken over positions by Lt. Col. E. S. Miles. Lieut. C. F. Leadbetter, Unit T. O. marched out to Army School Carrier Wing, Glenfield, Sydney.	
	27		A wet day, the first experienced in the area. The defences of the area tried out by a three phase exercise. The first phase was a dawn attack by 'C' Coy on main defensive positions in Gap. The second phase was a try out of the defences of the left flank and the third phase a testing of the right flank. These exercises were conducive of much valuable information. The exercises had a valuable moral effect on the troops in giving them confidence, their ability to hold the position even against great odds of	

8/2/63

COY 'Free for all' EXERCISES

SECRET

25 Aust. Inf. Bn.
21 Jun 42.

Prepared by: Maj. F. B. Common
Lieut. R. McInness

IAP REF MANTON/AYR
Scale 1/63360

'C' COY GP

Information: Enemy strength - ONE Coy Gp.

Own Tps - ONE Coy Gp. (Det. Mortars, Int. & Sig Personnel,
(with A Ech Tpt) No 6 Sec M.M.G., 1 Sec Carriers)
in Biv WALKER CK BRIDGE (ref 182438) at 0830 hrs
22 JUN 42

Intention: DAY (1) To secure FARM HOUSE near MAJOR CK XING - OLD BOWEN RD
(ref 063453) where Coy will biv for night 21/22 JUN 42.

Route: Via junction 7 MILE and MAJOR CKS (ref 164363)

DAY(11) To secure DOUBLE CK WATER POINT (ref 186470)

Route: Via Head waters 7 MILE CK through GAP and 'C' COY AREA
to biv DOUBLE CK.

Adm.

Medical: R.A.P. posn unchanged
Coys will carry own 1st Aid Kits.

Amn: All LIVE Amn will be withdrawn from personnel and placed
in Coy Amn Dumps for duration of Exercises.
(Certificate by O/c Coys required by C.O. at 0800 hrs
22 Jun 42 that this has been carried out.)
5 rnds BLANK Amn will be issued to each man.

Food Coy arrangements. Meal M.Ts. only will receive free
passage to & from Tps during the following hrs.
0600/0800, 1200/1400, 1700/1900.

Dress Steel helmets - chalk marked

Capt. Jackson

UMPIRE

Ex. ends 1600 hrs 22 Jun 42.

COY ' Free for all' EXERCISES

SECRET

RAF REF: HANTON/AYR
Scale 1/63360

Prepared by: Maj. F.B. Conson
Lieut. R. McInness

25 Aust. Inf. Bn.
21 Jun 42.

'B' COY OP

Information: Enemy strength - ONE Coy. Op.

Own Tps. - ONE Coy. Op. (Det. Mortars, Int. & Sig. Personnel,
(with A Bn. Tpt) No. 20 Pl. M.E.G., 1 Sec Carriers)
in biv at 7 MILE CR BRIDGE (ref 132416) at
0900 hrs 22 Jun 42.

Intention:

DAY (1) COY OP will biv for night 21/22 JUN 42

Route via junction 7 MILE & MAJOR CR.

DAY(11) To secure CROSSING near MAJOR CR FARM (ref 132470)

Route via 'C' COY AREA, through GAP and via headwaters
7 MILE CR.

Adm.:

Medical H.A.P. posn. unchanged.
COYS will carry own 1st Aid Kits.

Amn All live amn will be withdrawn from personnel and placed
in Coy Amn Dumps for duration of Exercises.
(Certificate by C/c Coys required by C.O. at 0800 hrs
22 JUN 42 that this has been carried out)
3 rads BLANK Amn will be issued to each man.

Food Coy. arrangements. Meal H.Ts. only will receive free
passage to & from Tps during the following hrs.
0800/0900, 1200/1400, 1700/1900.

Dress Felt hats turned down.

UNFIRE

Capt. Just.

Ex. ends

1600 hrs 22 JUN 42

COY 'Free for all' EXERCISES

SECRET

Prepared by: Maj. P. B. Common
Lieut. R. McInness

25 Aust Inf Bn
21 Jun 42

MAP REF: MANTON/AYR
Scale 1/63360

'D' COY GP

Information: Enemy strength - ONE COY GP

Own Tps - ONE Coy Gp (1 Det Mortars, Int. & Sig Personnel,
(with A Ech Tpt) No 19 Pl M.M.O., 1 Sec Carriers)
in biv at WALKERS CK BRIDGE (ref 162438)
at 1000 hrs on 22 JUN 42

Intention:

DAY (I) To secure FARM HOUSE near MAJOR CK King - OLD BOWEN RD
(ref 063453) where Coy will biv for night 21/22 JUN 42

Route: Via 'C' COY AREA through MAIN GAP and via head waters
of 7 MILE CK to biv MAJOR CK KING.

DAY(II) To secure DOUBLE CK WATER POINT (ref 166470)

Route: Via junction 7 MILE CK and MAJOR CK (ref 164363)
to biv DOUBLE CK.

Adm:

Medical R.A.P. posn unchanged
Coys carry own 1st Aid Kits.

Amn All LIVE amn will be withdrawn from personnel and
placed in Coy Amn Dumps for duration of exercises.
(Certificate by C/o Coys required by C. C. at 0800 hrs
on 22 Jun 42 that this has been carried out).

5 rnds BLANK amn will be issued to each man.

Food Coy Arrangements. Meal M.Ts. only will receive a free
passage to & from Tps during the following hrs.

0600/0800, 1200/1400, 1700/1900.
Steel helmets - unchalked.

Dress

Steel helmets - unchalked.

UNPIRE

Capt. Mathison.

Ex. ends 1600 hrs. 22 JUN 42.

COY. 'Free for all' EXERCISES

SECRET

Prepared by: Maj. P. B. Common
Lieut. R. McDunn

25 Aust. Inf. Bn.
21 Jun 42.

MAP R.: HANTON/AYR

Scale 1/63360

'A' COY GP.

Information: Enemy strength - ONE Coy Gp.

Own Tps. - ONE Coy Gp. (1 Det. Mortars, Inf. & sig. personnel,
(with A Ech Tpt) No. 5 Sec. M.M.G., 1 Sec. Carriers)
in Biv. at FARM HOUSE near MAJOR CK KING -
OLD BOWEN RD (ref. 063453) at 0900 hrs 22 JUN 42.

Intention: DAY (1) To secure DOUBLE CK WATER POINT (ref. 186470) where Coy.
Gps will biv. night 21/22 JUN 42.

Route: Via headwaters 7 MILE CK through MAIN GAP and 'C' COY
AREA to Biv. DOUBLE CK.

DAY(11) To secure 7 MILE CK BRIDGE, WOODSTOCK RD (ref 152416).

Route: Via junction 7 MILE and MAJOR CKS (ref 164383).

Adm.: Medical R.A.F. psn. unchanged.
COYS will carry own 1st Aid Kits.

Amn All live amn will be withdrawn from personnel and placed
in Coy Amn Dumps for duration of exercises.
(Certificate by C/o Coys required by C.O. at 0800 hrs
22 JUN 42 that this has been carried out).
5 rads BLANK amn will be issued to each man.

Tpt. Coy Comds will arrange for M.T. to proceed to MAJOR CK
FARM only.

Food Coy. arrangements. Meal M.Ts. only, will receive free
passage to & from Tps. during the following hrs. -
0800/0800, 1200/1400, 1700/1900.

Dress Felt hats to be turned up at side.

UNPINS Bn. T. O., Lieut. C. Leadbetter.

Ex. ends 1600 hrs. 22 JUN 42.

Ref. Maps TOWNSVILLE, T'VILLE (spcl) 1" - 1 ml.
TOWNSVILLE 4" - 1 ml.

1. INFORMATION. 7 Aust. Inf. Bde Gp are stationed vicinity ROLLINGSTONE.

INTENTION.

2. 25 Aust. Inf. Bn will move to ROLLINGSTONE area, T'VILLE 062063, 1 Jul 42.

METHOD.

3. Movement will be made as per att. Movement Table.

4. Order of March.

Serial No.	Serial Comd.
1, Bn. H.Q. plus A.A. det.	Maj. Common.
" No. 2, E(MG) Coy.	Capt. Just.
" No. 3, A Coy plus A.A. det.	" Ryan
" No. 4, D "	" White
" No. 5, Amn. trucks.	(R.S.M. to arrange)
" No. 6, B Coy plus A.A. det.	Capt. Webster.
" No. 7, C Coy	" Steel.
" No. 8, H.Q."	" Mathison.
" No. 9, R.A .P., plus A.A. det.	" Williamson.

Kitchen vehicles, under control Cpl. N. Meibusch, will move separate convoy, leaving 0930 hrs. Unit vehicles will precede A.A.S.C. vehicles in each serial.

5. Allocation A.A.S.C. vehicles.

Bn. H.Q.	1	
H.Q. Coy	4	Vehicles will report this Unit 1400
A "	7	hrs. 30 Jun. R.S.M. will arrange
B "	6	loading amn afternoon 30 Jun. Q.M.,
C "	5	T.O. and O.C. Carrier Pl. will load
D "	5	their vehicles same evening.
E(MG) "	1	
Q.M.	4	Vehicles for tpt. of personnel will
Tpt.	2	report embussing points at 0730 hrs.
R.S.M. (Amn.)	3	1 Jul.
Carrier	1	
(grounded)		
Spare	2	
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6. Embussing Points and Times.

As per movement table.

Coy. guides will be on WOODSTOCK-GIRU RD. at point of turn-in at 0700 hrs. 1 Jul. 42.

After embussing, serials will move and wait with head at following points,-

Serial	1.	GRID on WOODSTOCK RD.
"	2.	WOODSTOCK RD. - 100 yds. in rear Bn. H.Q.
"	3.	Junc. track and WOODSTOCK RD.
"	4.	EASTERN side RED PINCH.
"	5.	Entrance to rd.
"	6.	" " "
"	7.	WOODSTOCK RD. - 200 yds. in rear D Coy.
"	8.	Entrance to RD.
"	9.	" " "

A.A. Dets. will report to respective Serial Comds. at 0730 hrs.

over/

7. Traffic Control.

<u>T.C.P's</u>	1. Starting Pt. (GRID)	-	Unit control.
	2. RY. Xing, WOODSTOCK	-	" "
	3. STUART	-	Prov., T'VILLE.
	4. RISING SUN.	-	" "
	5. CAUSEWAY	-	" "
	6. T'VILLE SHOWGROUNDS	-	" "
	7. Dispersal Point	-	Unit Control.

D.R's will tra-verse own Serial every half hour and report delays or breakdowns to Sjt.Sullivan.

Sjt.Sullivan will allot M. cycles, for purpose of movement, to each serial, drawing from Coys. as may be required.

Coln. will NOT halt for breakdowns.

8. Protection.

1 det. A.A. Pl will move at head of coln, in rear of serial Comd's vehicle.

1 det. A.A. Pl will move with A Coy

1 " " " " " " B Coy.

1 " " " " " at rear of coln with R.A.P.

9. Adv. Party.

O.C. - Capt. J.E.Duggan.

Personnel - (Pioneer Pl.

(Guides (1 Bn.H.Q., 1 each Coy).

("I" Sec. (2).

(Sigs. (1).

Vehicles - 1 - 1 ton van (Use Coy vehicle).

1 - 3 ton truck (Pnrs. & equipment).

Guides for Carriers, Mortars, will be taken from Pnr.Pl.

Role.

Select and mark bivouac Areas.

Maintenance of tracks and ck. crossings.

Rations. - Cut lunch to be carried first day.

Rations for three meals required.

10. Rear Party.

O.C. - Lieut A.T.Baker.

Personnel - 13 Pl. "C" Coy., 1 cook.

Vehicles. - 1 - 15 cwt. van.

Role. - Maintenance and protection of posn.

Party will bivouac at present location of Adv. Bn. H.Q. and retain one 200 gal. tank for water.

Pl. will be relieved 9 Jul and weekly changes made thereafter.

Rations will be collected daily from WOODSTOCK.

ADM.

11. Medical. - R.A.P. will be located at rear of coln.

Evacuation of Casualties - SOUTH OF STUART to 7 Aust.Fd.Amb.

NORTH OF STUART to A.D.S. FULHAM RD., TOWNSVILLE.

12. Amn. Personnel, other than A.A. Pl. will NOT be in possession of ball amn.

R.S.M. will arrange guards and loading parties for amn.t

13. "B" Ech. Will move with Coys excepting kitchens, which will report to Cpl. Meibusch at Tpt. lines by 0915 hrs.

14. Tools. All tools will be taken to new location.

15. P.O.L. Sufficient for 150 mls. will be carried, (incl. that in vehicles for use).

16. Meals and rations. Two (2) days rations will accompany Unit on move.
Hot breakfast will be provided 1 Jul 42. at 0600 hrs.
Cut lunches will be carried by all ranks.
Water bottles will be filled the night before move and Mollinite Trucks will travel empty.
See also under "Adv. and Rear Parties".
17. Baggage. - If weather fine, tents will be struck 30 Jun, otherwise troops will sleep under flys and tents rolled for packing.
Tents, blankets and kit bags will be loaded on Unit vehicles by 0600 hrs. 1 Jul 42.
- INTERCOMM.
18. Adv. Bn. H.Q. will close present area 0745 hrs. and re-open same time at head of coln.
Rear Bn. H.Q. will close present area 0745 hrs. and move behind Adv. H.Q.
19. Messages or reports by D.R. to head of coln.
20. ACK.

Jacquin
Capt.
Adj. 25 Aust. Inf. Bn.

Issued by D.R. and runner.
Signed at 1700 hrs.

DISTRIBUTION.

Copy No.	1.	5 Aust.Div.	Copy No.	13	R.M.O.
"	"	A.A.S.C.	"	14	R.S.M.
"	"	Prov., T'ville.	"	15	Caterer
"	"	7 Aust.Inf.Bdo.	"	16	H.Q.Coy
"	"	C.O.	"	17	A Coy
"	"	2 i/c	"	18	B Coy
"	"	Adj.	"	19	C Coy
"	"	A/Adj.	"	20	D Coy
"	"	Q.M.	"	21	E(MG)Coy.
"	"	I.O.	"	22	Adv. Party.
"	"	Sig.Offr.	"	23	Rear Party.
"	"	T.O.	"	24	File.
			"	25-26	War Diary.
			"	27-30	Spare.

TABLE - 25

Route: Woodstock - T'ville -
Northern H'way - Rollstone area.

TO ROLLINGSTONE

Density: 15 v.t.m.

Speed: 15 m.i.h.

S.P.: Grid.

Ref. MAPS: T'ville, T'ville Special - 1" = 1 m.
" " " " 4" = 1 m

COPY No:

2 Jul 42.

Serial No.	Group	No. of Vehicles	Bussing Times & Pts	Pass 1 S.P.		Pass 2 T.C.P.		Pass 3 T.C.P.		Pass 4 T.C.P.		Pass 5 T.C.P.		Pass 6 T.C.P.		Arrive Dispersal Point	
				Head	Tail	Head	Tail	Head	Tail	Head	Tail	Head	Tail	Head	Tail	Head	Tail
1.	Bn HQ & A.A.	7	HQ Areas 0705	0800		0845		0935		0955		1002		1005		1202	
2.	E(MG) Coy	20	Coy HQ Area 0745														
3.	A Coy & A.A.	13	Track loop 0735														
4.	D Coy	9	Biv Area 0745														
5.	Arm. Trucks	3															
6.	B Coy & A.A.	12	Biv Area 0755														
7.	C Coy	9	Geary's House 0735														
8.	HQ Coy	28	Biv area 0755														
9.	RAP : A.A.	2	RAP 0815														
	AASC Cars & baggage	3															
	Spare	2		0829		0914		1004		1024		1031		1033		1231	
	Separate C/voy Kitchen vehicles	108 6		0930	0932	1015	1019	1105	1107	1125	1127	1132	1134		1332	1334	

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

25 Aust Inf Bn (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
	*		
	*		
Lieut.-Colonels ...	1		
Majors ...	1		2
Captains ...	11	1	
Lieutenants ...	23	2	
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...	1	5	
TOTALS ...	37	3	2

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
<i>23888</i>	<i>Wesley DP</i>	<i>25 Bn</i>		<i>Wrote 'X' Card</i>

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Capt	21602	Wicks E.S.	25B	Yes	CO
Capt	21610	Wicks E.S.	"	Yes	21/c
Capt	21989	Wicks E.S.	"	"	any
"	21624	Wicks E.S.	"	"	
"	21620	Wicks E.S.	"	"	
"	21621	Wicks E.S.	"	"	
"	22778	Wicks E.S.	"	"	
"	21932	Wicks E.S.	"	"	
"	22704	Wicks E.S.	"	"	
"	21992	Wicks E.S.	"	"	
"	21979	Wicks E.S.	"	"	
"	21948	Wicks E.S.	"	"	
"	21882	Wicks E.S.	"	"	
Rear	21661	Wicks E.S.	"	"	CO
"	21945	Wicks E.S.	"	No	after (imp) 15/3/42
"	21980	Wicks E.S.	"	Yes	
"	21697	Wicks E.S.	"	Yes	
"	21800	Wicks E.S.	"	No	Hospital
"	21954	Wicks E.S.	"	Yes	
"	22887	Wicks E.S.	"	"	Q.M.
"	21810	Wicks E.S.	"	"	
"	22553	Wicks E.S.	"	"	
"	21947	Wicks E.S.	"	No	ECTS Corner Way
"	22885	Wicks E.S.	"	Yes	
"	21791	Wicks E.S.	"	Yes	
"	22004	Wicks E.S.	"	"	
"	21982	Wicks E.S.	"	"	
"	22344	Wicks E.S.	"	"	
"	21941	Wicks E.S.	"	"	
"	21915	Wicks E.S.	"	"	
"	21864	Wicks E.S.	"	"	
"	21647	Wicks E.S.	"	"	
"	21857	Wicks E.S.	"	"	
"	21618	Wicks E.S.	"	"	
"	22823	Wicks E.S.	"	"	
"	22835	Wicks E.S.	"	"	
"	22836	Wicks E.S.	"	No	Hospital

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt	22062	Williamson W.B.	25B		RMO

25 Aust. Inf Bn
(Unit.)

27 June 42
(Date of Despatch.)

[Signature]
(Signature of Commander.)

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

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

(Adapted)

25 Aust. Inf. Bn. (Unit) 27-6-1945 (Date)

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1 Detail.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	1		
W.Os. Class II.	8		
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	6		
Staff Serjeants	1		
Serjeants	39		2
Corporals	88	2	3
Troopers, Privates, &c.	153	22	
TOTALS	896	* 24	* 2

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
10 R.	AAPC.		
"	1st Post Unit.		
"	AAme		
"	AAOD		
"	AAOC.		
"	AAOW.		
2	2d Hyg.		

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

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

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

Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)
Ammunition Examiners			Fire Control Operators			Panel Beaters		
Armament Artificers			Fitters			Pattern Makers		
Armourers			Fitters and Turners			Pharmacists		
Artificers, Artillery			Fitters, Cycle			Photographers, dry plate		
Axemen			Fitters, Drivers			Photographers, wet plate		
Bakers			Fitter's Mates			Photo-Writers		
Battery Surveyors			Fitters, M.V.			Plate Layers		
Battery Comdrs. Asst.			Fitters, Railway Signal			Plumbers		
Blacksmiths			Fitters, Signal			Predictor Numbers		
Boilermakers			Grinders			Printers		
Bricklayers			Gun Layers			Radiator Mechanics		
Butchers			G.P.O. Assistants			Radiographers		
Camouflage Modeller			Gun Operators			Range Takers		
Carpenter and Joiner			Hammermen			Riggers		
Clerks	1		Height Takers			Riveters		
Clerks, Engineering			Helio Operators			Saddlers		
Clerks, Supply			Instrument Mechanics			Saddle Tree Makers		
Clerks, Technical			Instrument Mechanics, Surgical			Saw Doctors		
Coachmakers			Instrument Operators			Sawyers		
Computers			Intelligence Duties			Shoemakers		
Concretors			Joiners			Signallers		
Cooks			Leather Stitchers			Signwriters		
Cooks, Hospital			Linesmen			Stokers, Stationary Engine		
Coppersmiths			Linesmen, Signals			Storemen, Technical		
Dental Clerk Orderlies			Lithographers			Surveyors		
Despatch Riders			Machinists			Surveyors, Engineering		
Dispensers			Masons			Tailors		
Draughtsmen			Masseurs			Telescope Identification Numbers		
Draughtsmen, Architectural			Mechanics, Dental			Textile Refitters		
Draughtsmen, Mechanical			Mechanics, M.T.			Tinsmiths		
Draughtsmen, Signal			Mechanics, Typewriter			Toolmakers		
Draughtsmen, Topographical			Mechanics, Wireless			Turners		
Driver Mechanics			Millwrights			Vulcanizers		
Driver Operators			Miners			Wagon Erectors		
Drivers, Transportation Plant			Moulders			Watchmakers		
Electrical Fitters			Nursing Orderlies			Watermen		
Electricians			Nursing Orderlies (Mental)			Welders		
Electricians, Eng. Units			Nurses, Trained			Well Borers		
Electricians, Signal			Observation Post Assistants			Wheelers		
Engine Artificers			Operating Room Assistants			Whitesmiths		
Engine Hands I/C			Operators, Signal			Wiremen		
Equipment Repairers			Opticians			Woodturners		
Farriers			Painters					
General Duties	21							
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)	22							

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

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Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch 27 June 42

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

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GENERAL REVIEW OF DEFENSIVE POSN. COVERING RD. GIRU - WOODSTOCK - OCCUPIED BY ONE INF. BN., 1 BTY. ARTY, and ONE TP. ANTI-TANK.

1. OBJECT. To prevent enemy movement by main rd from direction of AYR and GIRU towards WOODSTOCK, thereby protecting lines of communication to CHARTERS TOWERS etc., and preventing an attack on TOWNVILLE from the S.E.

2. BASIS FOR SYSTEM OF DEFENCE. Aggressive defence with plans for counter offensive.

3. GENERAL. The area for defence following the main rd. in THE GAP lends itself to both lateral and depth defence; therefore troops have been dispersed laterally and in depth. Owing to the large frontage it has been necessary to place three coys forward and one coy ~~with role~~ as rear tps with role of counter attack, right and rear protection, and/or depth defence. A series of three ridges, known locally as "RED PINCH" has been developed by the rear coy tps for all-round defence as a base from which such rear tps can operate as a mobile force as and when required.

4. F.D.Ls. - no easily defined line. Details are as follows,-. A general line from the eastern slope of OLD COACH HILLS ref 173404 along re-entrant EAST to OLD COACH RD., thence NORTH and passing between small knoll on EAST and occupied locality on WEST to a ck ref. 177418, thence WEST along line of ck to junc ck and fence ref 169416; thence in a N.E. along the easterly edge of line of trees forward of MT. SHARP ELLIOTT spur, thence in the same general line along SUNNYSIDE HILL to rd. ref. 174443, thence N.W. to GEARY'S HOUSE and NORTH along lane of fire to BAKER'S KNOLL and dry creek beyond on to MR. SHARP ELLIOTT, ref. 167467.

5. INTER-COY BOUNDARIES. General line from marsh in sq. 1841 to junction of main rd. with OLD COACH RD. in sq. 1841 incl to centre coy.

Re-entrant between MR. SHARP ELLIOTT spur and SUNNYSIDE HILL incl to left coy.

Rear boundary of centre coy, foothills of RED PINCH.

6. TASKS. being
Arty. (One Bty with possibility of 1 Regt./available).

- (a) Knoll in sq. 1741, 1841.
- (b) Roadway and bridge with forming up posn along WALKER'S CK in sqs. 1843 and 1844
- (c) Along main rd in sq. 1743
- (d) On observation to break up any attack.

A/TK.

Protection against tank attack in GAP itself and right flank, and rear protection. A/TK guns sited in defiladed posns on either side of rds in GAP, one gun under OLD COACH HILLS and one under MT. SHARP ELLIOTT SPUR. Rearward and right flank guns sited in defilade on either side of rd. westward slope of RED PINCH.

M.M.G. 2 Pls. forward covering coy. fronts, one Pl in depth penetration task and rear protection as per fire plan.

CARRIERS. One sec right flank protection (mobile) with two guns on fixed lines at night. One sec left flank protection, mobile, with two guns on cleared lane of fire at night, one sec. in reserve, mobile, for use as battle develops, or with rear mobile tps.

MORTARS. Two dets. right flank, vicinity OLD COACH HILLS with defensive tasks right flank and front of RIGHT Coy area, one det. MT. SHARP ELLIOTT spur, with tasks in gap between defended localities centre coy and left coy, and opportunity targets, in GAP. One det.

SUNNYSIDE HILL with tasks in WALKER'S CK and crossings, two dets. mobile on carriers in reserve for depth defence and/or as supporting fire with mobile rear tps.

PATROLS. Rear tps occupying RED PINCH will patrol forward to area known as "JUMP UP", approx. 4 miles from GIRU from 1730 hrs. to 0700 hrs. having one mobile fighting patrol, with two posts on the roadway leading down to the lower plateau. Forward Coys to patrol forward to SPRING and WALKER'S CKS.

7. POSNs. FOR ADDITIONAL TPS. which would strengthen posn. Additional posns have been prepared for one Pl in area of re-entrant ref. 167433.

Areas are available for two Pls on extreme left flank about sq 1645 and 1646 near foothills of MT. SHARP ELLIOTT for possible use to cut enemy communications GIRU RD sq. 1645 and 1646.

The saddle in sq. 1443 and 1444 could be occupied by one Coy and a Pl of this Coy be used for harassing enemy comms GIRU RD.

8. BATTLE H.Q. AND SIG. STATION. NORTH side of main rd, western slope of RED PINCH, ref. 153416.

9. ADM. H.Q. Ref. 151422. R.A.P. southern side of main rd., RED PINCH, ref. 150414.

10. M.T., "Q" STORE ETC. In protected area foothills of MT. SHARP ELLIOTT spur, S.W. slope, area sqs. 1442 and 1443.

11. O.P. OLD COACH HILLS 135 deg. and MT. SHARP ELLIOTT SPUR 130 deg.

12. COMMS. L/T to all Coy posns. Helio LEFT Coy H.Q. to outpost Pl under MT. SHARP ELLIOTT in sq. 1645. D.R. and 108 as applicable. (109 set connection from Battle H.Q. with Div. H.Q.)

C.O.'S POLICY IN EVENT OF ENEMY ATTACK.

GENERAL. In the event of enemy attack all posns will be held, and no rearward movement to alternative or A/Tk posns unless authorised by C.O. through senior offr. of Coy in command at the time.

POSSIBLE ENEMY ACTIONS.

1. Rapid forcing of GAP along main rd. should the enemy attempt to force THE GAP and penetrate the forward posns, alternative posns, on the flat must be held in turn and resistance given from such posns.

Should the enemy penetrate both the forward and alternative posns on the flat, the right ~~flank~~ Coy fwd of OLD COACH HILLS will take up prepared tank proof posns back on OLD COACH HILLS. The centre Coy fwd. of MT. SHARP ELLIOTT SPUR ~~xxxxxxkxxxxxx~~ will take up tank-proof posn back on MT. SHARP ELLIOTT SPUR and resist with lateral fire any enemy penetration through the gap. Rear tps with those on penetration task will hold RED PINCH and the covering gaps on right and left thereof, supported by two dets. Mortars and one sec. carriers in reserve.

2. Attack on left flank via WALKER'S CK over saddle in sq. 1444. Enemy light tanks could not negotiate the saddle in MT. SHARP ELLIOTT spur in sq. 1443 and 1444. Enemy foot troops could cross this saddle and carry L.M.G., M.M.G. and mortars etc. Should the enemy attack along the foothills of MT. SHARP ELLIOTT, resistance will be offered by outpost Pl in area of BAKER'S SPUR ref. sq. 1645 and fire along cleared laneway from SUNNYSIDE HILL will be given.

The two PIs on SUNNYSIDE HILL, eastern and northern side, will support, together with Arty, mortars, Carrier sec less guns (two) sited on laneway of fire.

Mobile rear tps with two reserve dets. Mortars will move by M.T. to west of saddle over the prepared track and be prepared for counter offensive from N.E. foothills of MT (SHARP) ELLIOTT spur about sq. 1544. The reserve Carrier sec will be prepared to support counter offensive from the re-entrant between MT. SHARP ELLIOTT SPUR and SUNNYSIDE HILL in sq. 1643.

3. Attack on right Coy posn in sq. 1740. Should attack come against Right Flank Coy SOUTH of Knoll in sqs. 1741 and 1841, carriers allotted the right flank ~~posn~~ protection will be prepared resist and manoeuvre within safety limit of arty and mortar fire. Mobile rear tps will be prepared for counter offensive from vicinity OLD COACH HILLS to strike enemy through re-entrant between hills and spur about ref. 171406, or as battle situation ~~xxxxxxxx~~ dictates.

4. Attempt to outflank posn by movement SOUTH of OLD COACH HILLS near MAJOR CK. Rear tps with two dets. Mortars and one sec. Carriers will move along western side of OLD COACH HILLS with 7 MILE CK. on their right and engage the enemy in a delaying action, if possible pivoting with their left flank on OLD COACH HILLS. The manning of RED PINCH then must be accomplished by all and sundry tps available to give depth to such attack by this mobile coy.

E. Miles

Lt-Col
C.O. 25 Aust. Inf. Bn.

REPORT FROM MAINTENANCE PLATOON.

A.T. Baker Lieut.

O/C 13 Pl.

WEDS. 1 July 42

Moved into new Biv. Area. Move completed by 1400 hrs. Tents erected etc.

1400 - 1700 - Pl. bond + Pl Sgt. make recce. of maintenance works. Men rest.

Rations drawn from Supply Point at 1530 hrs.

THURS. 2 July

Commenced work on wire around Adv. Bn H.Q. Find it necessary to cart posts, thus entailing use of more petrol than anticipated. Rations short owing to Req. for 30 men only, have asked that this be increased to 35 men.

Water supplies could be kept up more economically by the use of an additional 44 gal drum. At present have only one drum.

FRIDAY. 3 July.

Finding mail arrangements difficult. This refers to outward mail. Have arranged with Major Commons of the D.R.S. to have franked mail left there, and then sent to Field Ambulance for sensors Rubber Stamp. Would suggest that Maintenance Platoon have its own mail bag and Rubber Stamp. Maintenance work continuing.

~~The~~ Flies are bad and are evidently breeding in region of Adv. Bn. H.Q.'s book-house. On taking over area this was found to be in filthy condition.

Ratons:- Mower - meadows for the use of. and 2 horses with 10/R arrived at 1200 hrs.

Commenced work C Coy area 4 July 42. Rations now O.K.

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HOME FORCES,
30 Jun 42.

DEFENCE WORK COMPLETED AND IN PROGRESS - GINU-WOODSTOCK.

1. FIELD WORKS.

(a) Weapon pits with crawl trenches and Pl. and Coy H.Q. in forward posts completed.

(b) Where alternative posns on low ground are obtainable, weapon pits have been dug and a number of crawl trenches provided - others in progress.

(c) Posns in tank proof localities on ground vital to hold, viz. OLD COACH HILLS and MT. SHARP ELLIOTT SPUR, weapon pits have been dug or sangars provided.

2. FIELDS OF FIRE. A laneway of fire on the left flank involving the clearing of trees completed - clearing of trees under MT. SHARP ELLIOTT in dry ck. in sq. 1646 in progress - clearing timber for fields of fire in forward areas nearing completion. Cutting grass and/or burning off for fields of fire immediately in front of section posts partly completed - waiting arrival of mowing machine from HOLLINGSTONE. This is expected to arrive 2 Jul 42. The grass is too green to burn at present.

3. WIRING.

(a) Single cattle fence as protective wiring on all fwd sec posts, also linking up between sec. posts and Pl. H.Q.

(b) M.M.G., Mortar posts and Coy H.Q. wired for protection.

(c) Tactical wire (single cattle fence), with corral fences where these are essential. (Plans for each sec. att.) Further development of tactical wire as training permits.

4. CARRIAGE RNS.

(a) Right flank over saddle OLD COACH HILLS.

(b) Centre, between MT(SHARP) ELLIOTT SPUR and SUNNYSIDE HILL in sq. 1643.

(c) Left flank, OSARY'S FARM to BAKER'S SPUR IN sq. 1645.

5. AUXILIARY RDS.

(a) Rear to left flank. Main auxiliary rd (dry weather only) for bringing up supplies to avoid using main WOODSTOCK-GINU rd. is at the foothills of MT. ELLIOTT and junctioning at MAJOR CK. with rd. from ANTEL PLAINS. It continues on to present M.T. park and "q" store in sq. 1442, thence to rear Bn. H.Q. and amn dump on western slope of RED PINCH in sq. 1541, with a branch off in sq. 1442, following the S.W. foothills of MT. SHARP ELLIOTT SPUR around to the eastern slope of the same spur sq. 1642, thence on to main rd. One short piece from ref. 165423 to 168431 (about 1000 yards) remains to be completed. With the short piece completed the auxiliary rd. would then be complete from ANTEL PLAINS through to the outpost Pl. in BAKER'S SPUR sq. 1645, which is the extreme left of the posn.

A rd. through the re-entrant SUNNYSIDE HILL and MT. SHARP ELLIOTT SPUR ref. 168431 continues over WALKER'S CK. in sq. 1544 to the outpost Pl. posn in sq. 1645.

(b) Right flank. On right flank a rd. from ref. 144416 running SOUTH of rear Coy posn, thence along NORTHERN foothills of OLD COACH HILLS to right Coy Biv. area in re-entrant ref. 171408.

(c) Rear of right flank. A rd. along western side of OLD COACH HILLS from Rd. JUNC. 155416 to extreme right flank and over saddle about sq. 1638 for any M.T. movement to this flank.

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6. A/TK OBSTACLE.

(a) Natural obstacles to be improved as labour and material available.

(i) Dry gully along F.D.L's in sq. 1741 and 1641 - southern or home side of banks to be sheared. Part completed - will not hold without revetting.

(ii) WALKER'S CK from June. with SPRING CK in sq. 1643 to cleared laneway of fire in sq. 1644 - southern bank to be sheared where applicable and timber to be fallen into the ck providing obstacle and giving better view.

(b) Mines. - Mines to be laid in dry gully from sq. 1741, across rd. to sq. 1642, via. 3,000 yds. (centre of posn) where sheared banks do not make this an obstacle. (250 mines on hand for this).

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Lt-Col
C.O. 25 Aust Inf. Bn.

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ROLLINGSTONE	1 Jul 42		O.P. on MOUND MT taken over by 25 Bn from 9 Bn. L/T communication set up between H.Qs and Coys bivouac areas. Capt Goldsmith from Coy of 9 Bn occupying the area remained with 25 Bn. to act as liason offr. till Bn. was settled in new area. All Offrs. except 2 i/c and Adm. Offrs. and 20 N.C.Os notified they were to act as umpires in Bde manoeuvres with 61 or 9 Bn. Conference of Offrs. called at Bde H.Q at 0900 hrs 2 Jul and for all umpires at 1000 hrs for lecture by B.M., J.C. Mahoney upon umpiring.	
	3 & 4 Jul		Offrs. and N.C.Os not employed were engaged in supervision of men completing Otway pits, slit trenches and Coy amn. dumps. With Lt-Col Miles acting as Chief Umpire, Unit Offrs. and 20 N.C.Os were engaged in umpiring inter-battalion tactical exercises.	
	3 Jul 42		From 2 Jul a mobile res. pl. was constituted consisting of a rifle pl, one sec carriers with four vehicles always att. loaded with pl's automatics and amn ready at a moment's notice to move against air-borne tps. This reserve was a duty daily from first light to dark.	
	7 Jul 42		Personnel not engaged in umpiring were given work clearing heavy timber to provide field of fire NORTH of WILD BOAR HILL. This work was continued 5th and 6th Jul. 0600 hrs Lt-Col E.S. Miles called to conference with Bde Comd. The following message was received from B.M. 7 Inf Bde by S.D.R.— "WARNING ORDER - 7 Bde Gp is to be prepared to move immediately. Adv parties 2 Offrs 7 O.Rs per Bn. ready to move 1100 hrs 7 Jul. 90 days rations, plus two days emergency. First line amn plus 30 days res. M.T. reduced to half W.E. scale. Main body moves 12/13 Jul ack.	

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			<p>This message was followed by a second from B.M. - WARNING ORDER. Adv. Coy ready to move 1100 hrs today. Equip with full W.E. Brens and tripods. Ack. With this message were received the very secret instructions att., appx. 1.</p> <p>Lt-Col Miles ^{honoured} placed Maj Common F.B., Q.21661, Lieut R.D. McInnes, Q.22661, I.O., Q.22641 S/Sjt HOGAN B.M. of Q staff, Q.21975 Sjt Busch R.A., Sigs Sjt, Q.103344 Cpl Meibusch N.S., Transport, Q.22791 Cpl Lafield J.P., Pnrs., Q.103306 Pte McFarlane A.J., Dvr.-Batman to I.O., Q.17024 Pte Fossey, V.M. runner, batman to 2 i/c, Q.103394 Dvr. Drews A. <i>as adv. party</i></p> <p>B Coy under comd. of Capt Webster was allotted the task of defensive Coy and preparations for immediate move were made. These parties embarked from TOWNSVILLE on "TASMAN" at 2000 hrs and sailed 0300 hrs 9 Jul 42, arriving destination 1330 hrs 11 Jul after a good voyage. Maj Sutch, 2 i/c 9 Bn. acted as O.C. ship. No enemy interference was met with. The move of the Adv. party ^{was} in accordance with 7 Inf Bde Gp movement order No. 2 of 7 Jul 42 issued at 1750 hrs.</p> <p>7 Aust Inf Bde Op Instn No 7 issued to Comd. 2 Aust Recce Bn gave the infm that the 7 Aust Inf Bde would be relieved in ROLLINGSTONE area by 2 Recce Bn.</p> <p>Lieut A.T. Baker's Rt maintenance Pl WOODSTOCK-GIRU area which had been recalled by D.R. returned to Unit after handing over area to a Unit of 29 Bde. All leave was stopped for personnel 9 Jul 42 onwards. Preparations were in progress for main movement. Material being returned to Kit store established at CHARTERS TOWERS was collected by Q.M. Half Unit W.E. Tpt was sent to 102 Ind. Bde Gp Workshops, TOWNSVILLE in accordance with 7 Aust Inf Bde Op Instn No. 8 issued 8 Jul 42. Unit Adm. staff engaged preparing necessary documents A206, A206(a) A206(b) and T.51. Surplus equipment and training stores were returned to F.O.D. CHARTERS TOWERS. Censorship restrictions imposed upon all ranks that no ref whatever was to be made in correspondence or conversation to the move.</p>	<p>Secret Instructions, xxx Appendix 1.</p>
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	9 Jul 42		7 Inf Bde Op Instn No.9 recd 9 Jul which apptd Lt-Col E.S.Miles O.C. ship, second flight. In accordance with this Instn all maps, tracings etc. relating to Australian defences were handed to H.Q. 7 Inf Bde for disposal and finalised correspondence returned to Area 25A.	
	10 Jul 42		25 Aust Op Instn No.1 was issued to cover the arrangements of the move, see Appx. 2.	25 Aust Inf Bn Op Instn No.1, Appx. 2.
	11 Jul 42		7 Aust Inf Bde Op Inst No.10 of 11 Jul 42 gave details of the move, (code name MAT2) on "BONTEKOE." Unit stores, vehicles, equipment etc. were loaded on this boat on night of 11 and morning of 12 Jul. Personnel proceeded per A.A.S.C. res. M.T. to TOWNSVILLE where they remained dispersed in South Townsville until called on ship at 1600 hrs.	
			104 personnel did not accompany the unit as per Appx. 3. Drivers and vehicles followed by later vessels vessels. The summarised statement of personnel and vehicles embarked is shown on A.A.F. T.51, Appx. 4.	Summary personnel not embarked, Appx. 3.
			Unit had two only who went A.W.L. because of the move, one from the Adv. party and one from the main draft. A report on the voyage is att. as Appx. 5.	Strength return on Embarkation, A.A.F.T.51. Appx.4.
			During the voyage instruction was given re prevention of malaria and native habits and customs in NEW GUINEA. A list was taken of personnel with previous experience in the Island and its neighbourhood. A copy of shipboard orders is att. as Appx. 6.	Voyage report, Appx. 5.
	15 Jul 42	1530	S.S.BONTEKOE berthed GILI-GILI pontoon wharf, MILNE BAY, N.G. Prior to berthing Maj J.C. Mahoney boarded the vessel by launch and issued instructions for disembarkation and unloading. He also informed Lt-Col Miles that the primary role of the Bn. was to be on aerodrome defence. Upon berthing tps were disembarked immediately and moved to dispersal area in shelter of coconut plantation until tpt was available to take Coys to Biv.	Shipboard Orders, Appx.6.

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			<p>areas allotted by 2 i/c Maj F.B.Common. The unloading of the ship was commenced immediately in accordance with MILNEFORCE Adm Instn No.3 and continued without break until the ship was cleared. The assistance of the Ship's Offrs was freely given to those engaged in working the hatches. The excellent work of the Ship's S.M., Sjt-Maj.Erbacher of E(MG) Coy and of C.S.M. xxxxxxx Luxmoore gained them the special commendation of U.S. Port Comd., Maj L Miller, and brought under the special notice of the Bde Comd who passed same on to the C.O.</p>	
	16 Jul 42.		<p>Coys bivouaced in the open without tents or mosquito nets as same were not available until ship was partially unloaded. Working parties engaged unloading boat, on dock, carrying stores to A.A.S.C. dump and unit dump. Coys with residue of their personnel as vehicles became available, collected tents from Unit dump and commenced erection of camp. As all kitchen ware etc. had to be placed together in ship's hold this had to be sorted at the Unit dump and Coy kitchens arranged as quickly as possible.</p> <p>As soon as possible the Q.M., Lieut O'Neill drew and issued mosquito nets. Owing to the number of men engaged on working parties, Coys were unable to complete their tentage by nightfall and A and E Coys received a drenching from heavy rain fall which fell during the night.</p>	
	17 Jul 42		<p>Coys completed erection of tentage and commenced slit trenches, Otway latrines and cook-houses in Coy areas. Working parties were supplied to the ship, docks, A.A.S.C. store at a copra factory and at night to the aerodrome where the laying of metal strips on graded surface was commenced. Two parties worked on this throughout the night, one at each end under the direction of 46 U.S.A. Engrs. Approx. 100 yds of landing strip was laid by the party each night.</p>	

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			B Coy being the Adv party was already in occupation of def. posn on the 'drome with two Pls, one Pl being held as a mobile reserve to deal with para tps or to throw in where necessary. The def. posns on the 'drome were being dug and carefully camouflaged. From 28 Jul Unit supplied working parties to clear fields of fire for unit weapons in these posns, and Pl areas were wired in with cattle fence.	
	18 Jul-31 Jul		Unit "I" Sec commenced immediately the task of mapping the Unit's area and plotting the defences, and by reconnaissance and compass traverses etc. marking in features, extent of plantations, swamp and jungle areas, tracks, native villages and any other relative material of military value. An O.P. was established in 61 Bn area on a bald ridge giving a commanding view of the area when clouds and haze permitted of same. Quinine supplies for the Unit were sufficient for only two days suppressive treatment, and owing to 11 Fd. Amb which accompanied the Unit being moved at short notice, no further supplies were available until 30 Jul when A.A.S.C. recd and issued supplies. Other measures taken to avoid Malaria were the wearing of long trousers, and shirts with sleeves down from before the evening meal to dawn when not under mosquito nets. No Dovers cream was available for those on duty at night. The dampness of the soil and almost daily rain made it necessary, in the interests of health, to get the sleeping quarters off the ground. This was done by using palliasses to make bush stretchers, and flooring was provided by using empty cases as they became available. Due to the secrecy being maintained no outward mail was permitted other than F.S. Post Cards and no inward mail was received until 28 Jul. As no canteen supplies were available, men quickly became short of razor blades, toilet requisites and tobacco. Replacement is expected early in August.	

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Army Form C.2118
(adapted.)

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Unit 25 Aust Inf Bn Date and Time.—From 2 Jul 42 To 31 Jul 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			<p>In order to establish MILNEFORCES and avoid losses of stores and equipment by aerial action unit personnel from day of arrival were engaged by shifts 24 hours a day (a) in strip laying and gravelling on the drome under direction of 46 U.S.A. Engrs. (working parties engaged on this work are shown in memo Appx. 7) to enable it to be used to land fighters. Approx. 1500 yds had been laid by 22 Jul when 76 Sqn. R.A.A.F. landed their first flight of planes. On the evening of 21 Jul three fighter planes returning from a raid made an emergency landing on what the pilots took to be an open strip of country, to find a perfect landing strip almost completed.</p> <p>(b) In unloading boats as they came in. As Bde Instns show, these required three parties, one on the boat working the hatches, one on the pontoon wharf clearing the dock and one mobile carting the stores to A.A.S.C. dumps. As 25 Bn was the only complete Unit in the area men had to work on these parties six hrs on and six hrs off until other units of the Bde Gp were able to supply parties. Boats unloaded were S.S. BONTOKOE, S.S. JAPARA, S.S. MONGOLIA, S.S. BANTAM, S.S. SWARTENHONDT and others.</p> <p>(c) Road maintenance parties to assist 24 Fd. Engrs. in keeping open during wet weather; coral gathering parties were also supplied.</p> <p>Working parties at all times were armed and ready for to go into action if necessary.</p> <p>The drome being defended by Hy A.A., Lt A.A., A/Tk as well as Inf weapons, Brig. J. Field placed Lt-Col E.S. Miles in charge of the co-ordination of the ground defences other than A.A. After conference with the respective Comds a policy was arrived at and inner defences augmented by M.M.G. and Mortar support. The outer defences included the mobile Pl plus one sec. Carriers with Unit para troop force comprising 1 Rifle Coy. 1 Sec M.M.G.</p>	<p><i>Working Parties to 46 U.S. Engrs. Appendix 7.</i></p>

VERY SECRET.

MOVEMENT 11 AUST INF BDE AND ATT. GPs.

1. Movement of adv. party ⁷ 11 Bde to take place today by boat (embark approx 1800 hrs).
2. Adv. party to consist of Bde Comd and Recce party, one Coy. Inf, Fd Coy and att. Fd. Amb.
3. No reinforcements for coy. are to be taken.
4. Tpt will be reduced to 50 % of w.e.t.
5. 90 days rations, 1 day emergency and one day ships rations to be taken.
6. 1st line and 30 days res amn, tentage and camp equipt (scale SM38585) to be taken.
(of 18 Apr)
7. L.H.Q. issued warning order 30809 at 1945K/6.
8. Capt Chapman requires, in respect of adv. party, the following information by 0800 hrs. today.
 - (a) Strength of adv. party.
 - (b) Approx tonnage of baggage and equipment (vehs will not be laden).
 2. (c) Number of types of vehicles.
 - (d) Weight 90 days rations.
 - (e) Weight P.O.L. Required.

Main body move 12/13 July.

1. No move before 12 Jul 42.
2. All baggage and equipment not being carried with tps are to be at dock by 1400 hrs 11 Jul. It must bear Unit Rod 50, Coy sign, and movement sign (M.A.T.)
3. Cooking gear will be left until last day. It must be marked in accordance with above
4. All spare galv. iron must be carried and will be creased in crates of bush timber. Coys will construct own crates.
5. C Coy will provide working party and vehicles to collect coils of barbed wire and return to Engr's dump by 1000 hrs 10 Jul.
6. All available tanks and 2 gal. water tins will be taken with Unit. Tanks will be filled with any small articles to conserve space. Take 44 gal. drums.
- 6a. All loose stores must be crated or boxed where possible to make easy handling on and off boat.
7. Training. A.A. personnel and res. of personnel will be given intensive training in A.A. def. Riflemen will also be given further instruction in this regard.
8. Field and Camp Works. Permanent structures will be left intact, but all loose iron and material taken. Slit trenches to be filled in. Latrines to be filled in and marked "Old Latrine Site". No other defensive works or wire to be interfered with.
9. SECURITY.
NO map, sketch, fire plan or document relating to any portion whatsoever of Australia must be carried with Offrs. or men.
This applies to precis of lectures from schools and copies of orders or exercises.
These items will be wrapped securely, marked with No., rank and name and lodged at Bn. H.Q. by 0900 hrs. 10 Jul. A/Sjt McKee will arrange to lodge these packets, in a case, at Bn. H.Q. by 1000 hrs.
10. LEAVE. No further TOWNSVILLE leave to be granted. Compassionate leave will NOT be further considered unless of extremely urgent nature.
Coy.Comds. will see that C.O. is not worried by time-wasting interviews in this respect.
Coy.Comds. are responsible that watch is kept over men likely to be absented and this watch will be kept until boat leaves.
11. Cleanliness of Areas. Usual certificate will be rendered to O.C. 25 Bn. (less one Coy), Capt Steel, by one hour after time of departure from area.
12. Ship's Staff.

O.C. Tps	-	Lt-Col Miles
Ships Adjt.		Capt. Jackson
" Q.M.	-	Lieut O'Neill
		Lieut Corfe (Asst).
" S.M.	-	W.O.II Erbacher.
O.R.Sjt.	-	Sjt. Greenwood.
6 O.Rs.		(1 Clerk
To be det-		(2 runners
ailed by		(1 "I" Sec.
Lt. March		(2 Sigs.

ACK.

Jackson Capt
Adjt., 25 Aust. Inf.

Signed at 0700 hrs.
Issued through Sigs.

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Appendix 3

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

25 Aust. Inf. Bn.,
HOME FORCES,
11 Jul. 42.

H.Q.
7 Aust. Inf. Bde.,
HOME FORCES.

GENERAL SUMMARY OF 25 AUST. INF. BN.
POSITION REGARDING MEN NOT DEBARCKED

		Offrs.	O.R.
1.	At schools as per list attached	4	30
2.	On Leave ditto		6
3.	In hospital do.		30
4.	Attached to Units do.		2
5.	A.W.L. do.		5
6.	In Detention	NIL	NIL
7.	M.T.Drvs. & others being sent forward by 7 Inf.Bde by later boats		31
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Amhurst

Lieut.
for Capt. Adjt.
25 Aust. Inf. Bn.

Appendix 4

SUMMARY OF STRENGTH RETURNS (T.51) - EMBARKED TOWNSVILLE PER /
"BONTEKOE" - 12 JUL 42.

	<u>Offrs.</u>	<u>W.O.</u>	<u>SJTS.</u>	<u>CPLS.</u>	<u>PTES.</u>	<u>TOTALS.</u>
7 Inf. Bde	-	-	1	6	17	24
25 Bn.	26	5	30	97	521 520	679 678
25 Bn.						
25 Bn.						
A/Tk Coy ^{Bk}	3	-	3	11	50	67
Fd. Arb.	2	-	3	3	33	41
A.A.S.C.	-	-	4	7	26	37
61 Bn	1	-	-	4	25 24	30 29
9 Bn	1	-	1	3	13	18
	<u>33</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>42</u>	<u>131</u>	605 683	696 894

Ed Miles

Lt-Col

O.C. ship.

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25 Aust Inf Bn.,
HOME FORCES.
20 Jul 42.

H.Q.,
7 Aust Inf Bde

VOYAGE REPORT - MAT II - SS. "BONTEKOE".

Ref. para 41 of Routine Order Part 1, Serial No 7/42 dated 19 Jul 42.- Att. hereto is summary of T51 strength returns, together with two copies of each.-

ACCOMMODATION. - Personnel - Fairly satisfactory for short journey. 361 other ranks in bunks, hammocks or given space for lying on deck due to shortage of hammocks. 31 bunks for 33 Offrs., two on deck.

Rough seas and rain en route made conditions unpleasant on deck where troops were allotted areas.

Stowage. Satisfactory in holds. Provisions, equipment etc. stowed at sides of hatches not satisfactory. Losses occurred irrespective of number of sentries.

MESSING. Quality and quantity of rations satisfactory. Insufficient utensils for distribution and only two serving points for 361 men. This was extended to four points by utilising Unit utensils obtained from hold.

The feeding of working parties on the ship whilst unloading was NOT satisfactory. It simply resorted itself into parties being given portion of the cased rations being unloaded and NOT taken from the ship's food.

HYGIENE. Below decks ventilation was bad. Sanitation was restricted to limits of ship and with the attention of sanitary personnel of Unit, catered for troops for the short journey.

After seasickness decks were hosed down, each Coy being responsible for its own area. Portion of the rear working party cleaned up finally before leaving ship.

HEALTH OF TROOPS. - Satisfactory. One case of measles developed en route. Seasickness was prevalent.

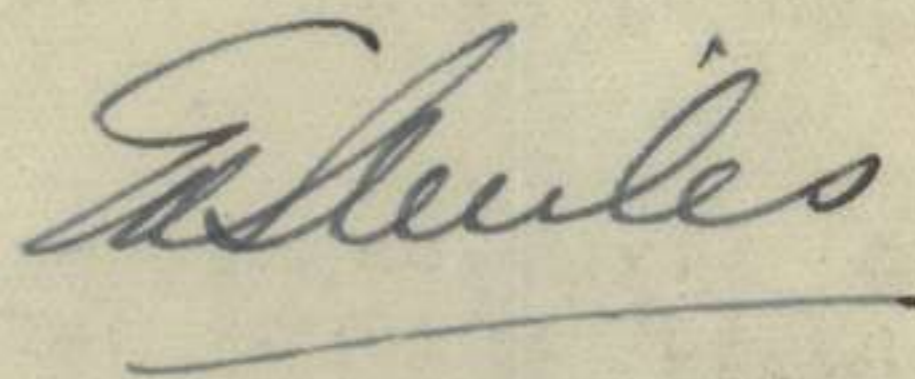
A/A PROTECTION. - Satisfactory. Boat had two single Brownings

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forward and two aft. Two Vickers on bridge, two twin Brownings on roof rear of bridge and one 3" gun mounted on the stern. In each Coy or Unit area M.M.G. and Bren guns were continuously mounted from 0530 to 1800 hrs. co-ordinated with ship's gunnery Offr. One 2-pounder on portee on fore deck, capable of anti-submarine fire.

SHIPBOARD ROUTINE. Guard posts numbering 12 were mounted continuously. Black-out orders were explained to men and rigidly carried out. Air-raid precautions were adhered to and understood by all troops. Lifebelt and lifeboat drill commenced immediately boat left wharf, one practice being given at 1730 hrs. The following day practice at 1030 hrs. was commented upon favourably by the First Officer.

DISCIPLINE. Excellent. Embarkation orderly and favourably commented upon by D.A.A.G., 5 Div. and Harbour Master, Townsville.



Lt-Col
C.O. 25 Aust Inf Bn

Appendix 6

GENERAL ORDERS.

BLACK-OUT. All troops will assist in keeping a strict blackout from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. No smoking will be allowed on deck between these same hours.

SIGNALS. a. AIR RAID SIGNAL. Three short blasts on claxons repeated at 15 second intervals. At this signal all personnel will go below or to their quarters.

b. FIRE SIGNAL. Two strokes on ships bell repeated at intervals. At this signal troops will remain where they are except that those in the immediate vicinity of the fire will clear the area so as not to hinder the work of the ships crew. Troops will aid in fire fighting only upon request of the ships officers.

c. ABANDON SHIP. The signal to abandon ship is six short blasts followed by one long blast on the ship's whistle and claxons. All troops will carry their life preservers. At the sound of the abandon ship signal all troops will proceed to group stations which will be arranged by chief officer. In the event of actual abandonment the ship's Master will signal for the rafts to be thrown overboard and for the troops to jump into the water.

GUARD POSTS, will be numbered as follows.-

1. The forward end of the corridor on the port side of the lower deck
2. The forward end of the corridor on the starboard side of the lower deck
3. The after end of the corridor on the port side of the lower deck.
4. The after end of the corridor on the starboard side of the lower deck.
5. The refrigerator on the lower deck
6. The foot of the stairway leading from the forward quarter deck to promenade deck on the port side
7. The foot of the stair-way leading from the forward quarter deck to the promenade deck on the starboard side.
8. The foot of the stairway leading from the after quarter deck to the promenade deck on the port side.
9. The foot of the stairway leading from the after quarter deck to the promenade deck on the starboard side.
10. At the head of the stairway on the starboard side of the boat deck
11. Beside the 3" gun on the stern of the ship.

Posts 1, 2, 3 and 4 will observe that the ship's stores along these corridors are not disturbed by unauthorised persons.

Post 5 will stand guard over the stores in the refrigerator

Posts 6, 7, 8 and 9 will forbid passage to the promenade deck except to the gun crews when going on duty, or when being relieved.

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Post 10 will observe/ that unauthorised personnel do not make use of the Officer's lounge etc.

Post 11 will forbid access to the after gun to all unauthorised persons.

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AUSTRALIA.

2 Aug. 42.

H.Qs.,
MILNEFORCE.

WORKING PARTIES SUPPLIED TO AERODROME.

Since arriving in this area the following working parties have been supplied by this Unit to 46 U.S. Engrs on 'Drome :-

		No. of men	Hours.
Jul 16.	Strip Laying	6. A.Coy)	
		25 HQ ")	1830
		25 C ")	to
		30 D ")	0500
		15 E ")	
" 17.	" "	84 A. ")	" "
" 18.	" "	77 D. ")	0700 to 1700
" 19.	Gravelling Party.	86 A. ")	1830 to 0500
	Strip unloading	26) C. ")	0700 to 1700
	plate laying	11) D. ")	1830 to 1530
" 20.	Strip laying and gravelling	70 A. ")	0700 to 1700
	Strip laying	74 C. ")	1830 to 0530
" 21	Gravelling and strip laying	70 A. ")	0700 to 1700
" 22.	do.	74 A. ")	" "
	do.	81 D. ")	1830 to 0600
" 23.	do.	70. A. ")	1830 to 0600
" 24.	do.	40. HQ. ")	0700 to 1700
	do.	40 A. ")	1830 to 0600
" 25.	do.	35 A. ")	0700 to 1830
26.			
27			
" 28.	do.	40. A ")	1830 to 0600
	do.	70. D. ")	0700 to 1700
	do.	35. A. ")	" "
" 29.	do.	40. A ")	1830 to 0600
" 30	do.	35. A. ")	0700 to 1700
" 31.	Advised that no further night work would be required.		

A. Coy since that date have been supplying a day party of 25 men.

Night parties were worked in two shifts, half working to mid-night, the other from then to dawn.

Arthur

Lieut.

For Lt - Col., C.O.?

25 Bn.

ROUTINE ORDER PART 1.Lt - Col. E.S.MILES.COMDG. 25 AUST INF BN.24 JUL. 42.

1. A.A.D.C. Maj. A.G. Margets, 2/9 Aust Lt A/A. Bty, is appointed A.A. Def. Comd., MILNEFORCE to coordinate A.A. def of the area.
2. D/Rs NOT TO CARRY PASSENGERS. D/Rs on duty will not be asked to carry a pillion passenger. Passenger-carrying may delay an urgent operational message. D/Rs may be stopped and given messages but must not be diverted from their assigned duty.
3. SICKNESS. Personnel are instructed not to undertake self-treatment for such maladies as sore throats or slight influenza, but are to report sick to R.A.P. at once.
4. NATIVE LABOUR. Any empty biscuit tins not required by units are to be fwd to A.N.G.A.U. for use of natives for cooking.
5. OUT OF BOUNDS. MAIWARA Labour Lines are out of bounds for all tps not on duty.

6. DEALINGS WITH NATIVES,

The Aust administration in New Guinea has spent years in securing the respect and co-operation of the natives. All ranks must assist in maintaining this relationship. A District Office (Capt L. Austin) and a det of Ausn New Guinea Administration Unit is established in this area. All dealings with natives will be through the D.O. and his advice on general matters relating to natives will be followed.

The following infm on native customs is to be promulgated to all ranks (preferably in a lecturette):

- (1) Village Policemen are appointed to control gps of villages. Single villages have as their heads Councillors who are appointed by the people themselves. Most Village Policemen (V.Cs) understand English to a certain extent and, when properly approached, will be able to give valuable infm to men and patrols. The V.C. reports to the Magistrate all breaches of the peace, in this and his other adm work he is assisted by the Councillors.
- (2) Natives are encouraged to take a pride in themselves and in their houses, villages, gardens and roads. The house and garden are often the only assets the native possesses; he lives by these. Therefore any damage caused to these assets without first asking his permission or without giving due compensation will undoubtedly lead to lack of co-operation between native and white men, and a loss of good-will now existing. The native's pride in himself must also be safeguarded; this can be done by observing the physical and moral rules of decency.
- (3) Natives themselves do not show their private parts or go entirely naked even in their own villages and they are liable to punishment for so doing in front of white people. Tps must not appear naked or relieve themselves in the sight of natives. Lack of self-respect in this matter would lower the white man in the native's estimation.
- (4) Pilfering from cargo, stores in transit or in dumps, besides being a punishable offence, is also a bad example to natives. Severe penalties are imposed on natives for theft in order to train their minds against it. They are very observant and soldiers must avoid pilfering of any kind.
- (5) Fowls, pigs, dogs and other livestock in and around villages are all owned by someone and must not be treated as public property. They may be acquired by purchase. This applies

to coco nuts also; every tree has its owner.

If trees must be cut down for military reasons, the fact must be reported to the D.O., so that compensation to the native concerned may be arranged.

(6) All natives in this district are primed to give infm of things they see and hear which they think may be valuable to us. They also bring to this centre salvaged gear from wrecked planes. For this they are rewarded by the Government. Any native who reports with infm or eqpt should be sent to the D.O. for the reward.

(7) In purchasing food or articles from natives care should be exercised that an exorbitant price is not paid nor should insufficient payment be given.

(8) No natives working for the government, whether casually or permanently, is to given payment for work done in the course of duty. This applies especially to policemen. If a V.C., or councillor is consulted for infm or gives other assistance, it is in order to give him some small compensation. Assistance given to patrols by V.C.s or councillors should be reported to D.O..

(9) Natives are human beings and have human feelings. When treated as human beings, they give valuable assistance. Any other treatment is wrong and can have unfortunate results.

Jammy Carr

Adjt.,

25 Bn.

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ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1.

1 - Col. E.S.MILES.

COMDG. 25 AUST INF BN.

28 JUL. 42.

UNIT CAMOUFLAGE. The construction and maintenance of camouflage works in a military unit or installation are primarily the responsibility of that unit.

The Unit should seek engineer advice, if required, from the appropriate Engineer Commander.

The Engineer Commander concerned will:

- (a) provide necessary engineer stores.
- (b) decide whether engineer assistance is required, and if necessary provide it.

BAKERS REQUIRED. Bakery Units are being raised forthwith. Coy's will forward return of personnel, with baking experience, by 1630 hrs 30 Jul. 42. (A "NIL" return is required.)

PERSONNEL WITH SIGNAL QUALIFICATIONS SERVING IN ARMS OTHER THAN SIGNALS: There is an acute shortage of signal personnel. Coy's will render a return by 1630 hrs. 30 Jul. 42 ("NIL" return is required) of personnel with the following qualifications:

- Telephone mechanics.
- Linesmen.
- Telegraphists.
- Wireless Operators.
- Telephone switchboard operators.
- Electricians
- Cable jointers.
- Teleprinter operators
- Teleprinter mechanics.

Also personnel with the Postmaster-General's Dept's Amateur Operator's Proficiency Cert.
In the form:

Rank.	No.	Name	Unit	Civil Vocation	Remarks.
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Officers and N.C.Os will not be included.

CHURCH PARADES. So far as exigencies of Service permits. O.Cs will arrange Coy programmes up to 1000 hrs each Sunday to allow maximum number of personnel to attend Church Parade.

TRUCKS FWD FD AND CVT The front wheel drive of these vehs will only be used under emergency conditions. It must be disengaged immediately this condition exists. All drivers will be instructed accordingly.

HANDTOOLS. The present shortage of handtools and the difficulty securing replacements necessitates every care being taken of those tools now on issue. This is equally applicable to tools in possession of W/Shop and Unit Tradesmen as well as tools which comprise part of VOL of vehs and carriers.

O.C.s will arrange for a check to be made of tools.

(a) On issue to Unit tradesmen.

(b) Forming part of VOLS A.A.F., G.I.s of A, B and A.A.S.C. vehs.

All tools will be made the specific responsibility of tradesmen and drivers to whom they are on issue. O.Cs will conduct frequent inspections and ensure that tools are being properly cared for and correctly used. Where carelessness is established or defects exist, the circumstance will be investigated and strong disciplinary action taken against offenders.

POSTAL ADDRESSES. The use of the indicators "A.I.F Australis" and "HOME FORCES" in postal addresses will be discontinued forthwith. In future, the address for correspondence (including telms) for members of Units of the Field Army serving in Australia or its territories (i.e. New Guinea and Papua) will comprise:-

- (1) Army Number
- (2) Rank
- (3) Name
- (4) Coy.
- (5) Unit (i.e. 25 Aust Inf Bn.)
- (6) the indicator "Australia"

Mail matter and telegrams for personnel of Units comprising Fixed defences, tng. units, hospitals, and other stationery establishments, will continue to be addressed to place names as hitherto.

The attention of all Offrs will be drawn to para 2 of Appendix "C" to Army Field Censorship Instn No.22. It is of the utmost importance that the correct military address of the writer be set at the head of all correspondence from members of the Forces. The Unit title should be shown in full but, where abbreviations are used, only those authorized will be permitted.

8. CO-ORDINATION OF TPT. Every assistance must be given by units Tpt Offr in making best possible use of vehs available and in coming difficulties of moving by traffic over bad roads.

Coys will ensure that working parties for which tpt has been arranged are ready to meet the vehs at the time and place specified.

Coys to whom vehs or working parties have been sent will post a guide on the main rd to direct vehs and party to the offr to whom they are to report.

Vehs must NOT be kept waiting idly. They must be used promptly and returned to tpt park as soon as possible. Dvrs have been instructed that if they are not met at the R.V. appointed and used promptly they are to return at once to tpt park.

Unit will restrict movt on rds to ESSENTIAL vehs. Offrs and O.Hs will NOT obstruct rds by driving to dock to meet ships or to enquire about consignments of stores. Approach to dock by those who have LEGITIMATE business there should normally be on foot from GILI GILI Wharf so as to leave dock rd free for load carrying vehs.

9. ENGR STORES - BARBED WIRE AND PICKETS. Coys to forward immediate estimates of barbed wire, star pickets, sandbags and other Engr stores required for works.

Wiring will be first a four-strand single 'cattle' fence. Units will demand for the length of fence required, and NOT the length of wire.

"B" Coy will have separate requisition.

MAINTENANCE OF M.Cs. - ALL MAKES All Motor Cycles are top overhauled every 1500 miles. at Ord Workshop.

11. M.Cs. - FIRE HAZARD. A warning is issued to Units who have recently received W.D. type B.S.A. 500 c.c. side-valve model cycle.

Difficulty in starting these machines is due to incorrect setting of the controls; consequently, if the carburettor is flooded to excess, the engine is liable to back-fire and ignite petrol.

Similar trouble of back-firing and petrol igniting has been experienced with these machines when in course of travel, due to slightly lean mixture.

Pending the results of further tests now being conducted dispel the risk of fire, which will be promulgated at a later date the following instns are issued as a guide.

(a) Riders of B.S.A. M/Cs of the type mentioned will adhere strictly to the advice given in manufacturers book.

(b) When preparing to start, set the throttle at $\frac{1}{8}$ inch open. Do not unnecessarily flood the carburettor.

(c) When machine is travelling, close the air control lever sufficiently to allow smooth running without developing too rich a mixture.

The correct procedure to extinguish a fire on a m/cycle is:

- (a) Turn off the petrol.
- (b) Raise and hold valve-lifter open.
- (c) Keep on turning over the engine with the kick-starter, or alternatively, wheel the machine along in gear.

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Lieut.

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- Col. E. S. MILES.

COMDG 25 AUST INF BN.

29 JUL. 42.

SECURITY OF INFM.

1. As from 1 Aug 42 letters may be sent from this station but all ranks must understand that the success of the present operation depends upon secrecy and that no military infm must be allowed to leak out. Details which seem trivial to the writer may supply useful infm to enemy intell if intercepted.

In writing, therefore, all ranks must take precautions to conceal the fact that this Force is now in NEW GUINEA and the following MUST NOT BE DISCUSSED IN LETTERS:

- (a) the sea voyage or the points of embarkation or arrival
- (b) place names or any description of local scenery, natives, native villages or customs.
- (c) the harbour and shipping, the landing strip, the number or type of tps, guns, planes, camps, amm, petrol or supplies
- (d) the nature of the work in progress here;
- (e) the weather or ground conditions in the area.

3. Franking offrs must carefully scrutinise all mail, inc parcels, to ensure that no dangerous infm slips out.

4. All tps must be warned that on active service breach of censorship is a serious offence. No attempt must be made to send mail by the hand of an offr, soldier, sailor, airman or civil proceeding outside the theatre of operations. Recognised military channels only can be used.

WORKING PARTIES, COORDINATION OF The development of this area requires the skilful application of every man-hour available. Careful coordination is therefore essential between units demanding and units supplying working parties.

The REQUISITIONING UNIT is responsible that

- (1) only the needed number of men is requisitioned;
- (2) all concerned are infmd of the time, place and to whom to report.
- (3) the demand includes infm of the nature of the work, the tools and eqpt to be brought by the party, and the total time the party is required;
- (4) the working party is met at the correct time and place by the proper person;
- (5) the party is instructed what to do and how to do it;
- (6) a responsible offr or N.C.O. is present on the job at all times.

The UNIT FURNISHING THE WORKING PARTIES is RESPONSIBLE that

- (1) the correct number of men reports at the designated spot at the proper time to the individual named;
- (2) that an offr or N.C.O. is present with the party to report;
- (3) that an offr or N.C.O. remains with the party at all times and keeps touch with the offr or N.C.O. in charge of the job;
- (4) parties up to sec strength (6) men are in charge of a cpl; parties up to pl strength (30 men) are in charge of a sgt; parties of pl strength or over are in charge of an offr.

TRAFFIC CONTROL Dangerous congestion is being caused by drs failing to obey instns for traffic control. All units must accept instns of Tpt Offr (Lieut Carson) and pro per in all matters concerning traffic control. Disciplinary action will be taken against offenders.

Concentration of vehs at pts such as FACTORY and GILI GILI wharf must be avoided. No veh must approach within 100 yds of water front at GILI GILI unless and until called fwd by traffic control.

Drs must remain with their vehs. Rd blocks have been caused by drs parking vehs at important points, leaving them and taking the key MEYS MUST BE IN ALL VEHs AT ALL TIMES. This is an essential mil precaution.

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