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62 Infantry Battalion
November - December 1943

ORIGINAL

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

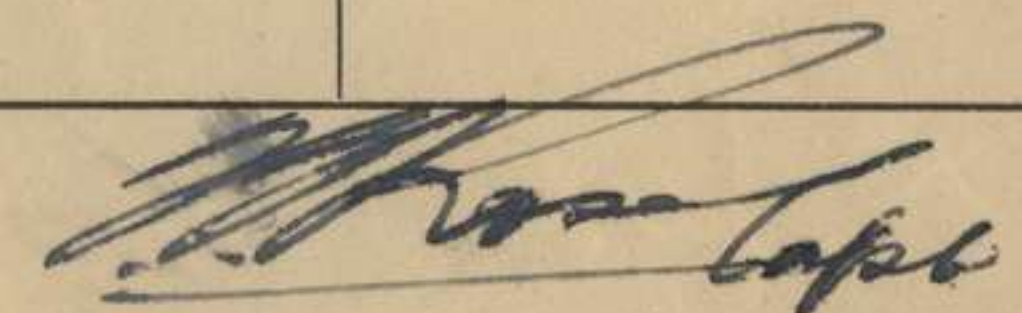
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Army Form C. 2118.
(adapted.)

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Unit 62 Aust Inf Bn AIF Date and Time.—From 1 Nov 43 To 8 Nov 43

| Place. | Date. | Hour. | Summary of Events and Information. | Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c. |
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| MERAUKE | 1 Nov 43 | | Warning Order issued for Coy exercise. Umpires conference held at Bn HQ. Offrs conference held at Bn HQ. Night Trg instructions issued. Warning Order extended one day. Coys engaged in routine work. | Appx 1 |
| | 2 Nov | | 3 Int pers received instruction in Cypher from Force Sigs. Coys engaged in routine work. | |
| | 3 Nov | | A and C Coys moved out on Coy exercise. Message sent to Force HQ. During absence of Adm.Comd and Adjt., Major Moray will be A/Adm.Comd and Lieut. Cameron, I.O., A/Adjt. | |
| | 4 Nov | | A and C Coys on exercise. B and D Coys routine work. | |
| | 5 Nov | | RAAF Int called for samples of Jap bullets from crashed Jap a/c believed to be explosive. B and D Coys engaged on routine work. A and C Coys on exercise. | |
| | 6 Nov | | Maj. McCoy, Adm.Comd, 62 Bn AIF and party returned from exercise. 2035-2042/L earth tremors felt throughout area. Kia Kia natives states these tremors felt at approx. 20 months interval. A and C Coys return from exercise. Field Return of Offrs and O/Rs Capt. Butterworth returns to unit from X List (Hosp) | Appx 2 |
| | 7 Nov | | Church Service held in Bn Parade ground area. Personnel warned that earth tremors may NOT be mentioned in correspondence. | |
| | 8 Nov | | Weekly conference of Offrs held at Bn HQ. Pre-selection of offrs. held at Bn HQ. | |



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Unit 62 Aust Inf Bn AIF Date and Time.—From 10 Nov 43 To 20 Nov 43

| Place. | Date. | Hour. | Summary of Events and Information. | Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c. |
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| MERAUKE | 10 Nov | | Personnel granted permission to mention earth tremors, but date may NOT be stated. | |
| | 11 Nov | | Armistice Day. 2 mins silence observed. Small party of Bn pers. proceeded on 4 days recce. of coast SOUTH of MERAUKE. | |
| | 13 Nov | | Sgt. Gibbs and personnel returned from manning No. 3 Outpost. Race Day held by Merauke Force to coincide with Melbourne Cup Day. | |
| | 14 Nov | | Church Parade held at Bn Parade ground area. Padre Capt. Beatty. | |
| | 15 Nov | 1430 | Major. McCoy addressed NCO parade. Recce. party returned from recce. of coast SOUTH of MERAUKE. Work continuing on A St and 3 Ave. Offrs. weekly conference at Bn HQ. | |
| | 16 Nov | | Order received from Force HQ prohibiting unauthorised pers. on drome. Work proceeding on A St and 3 Ave. | |
| | 17 Nov 4 | | Copies of General Idea for exercise to be held U.S. Hospital-TAMIER area starting 18 Nov issued to Coy Comds. | Appx. 3 |
| | 18 Nov | | B, C and HQ Coys proceeded on exercise. Parties working on A St and 3 Ave. Lieut. Turbayne, OC C Coy, left for school. Capt. Stahle, RMO, returned from leave. | |
| | 19 Nov | 191330L | Message sent to Bde HQ requesting air support for exercise. NO air support could be given owing to climatic conditions. Parties working on A St and 3 Ave. | |
| | 20 Nov | | B, C and HQ Coys out on exercise. Parties working on A St, | |

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W. E. G. Murray *[Signature]*

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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(adapted.)

Unit 62 Aust Inf Bn AIF Date and Time.—From 21 Nov 43 To 30 Nov 43

| Place. | Date. | Hour. | Summary of Events and Information. | Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c. |
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| MERAUKE | 21 Nov | | R.C. Service held at Boeti Church. No Protestant service owing to absence of Padre. Beatty on exercise with troops. B, C and HQ Coy returned from exercise. | |
| | 22 Nov | | Stand down day for personnel returned from exercise. Other Coys work as usual on A St and 3 Ave. Capt. McCallum RMO marched out. | |
| | 23 Nov | | Work and trg all Coys. Brig. Stevenson visited Bn area. | |
| | 24 Nov | | Work and meal times altered. New trg syllabus provides for trg and organised sport on beach on afternoons. Permission granted by First Aust Army for troops to say they are in New Guinea. Lieut. Stratton returned from hospital. | |
| | 26 Nov | | Lecture on Security given in Bn area by F.S.W. | |
| | 27 Nov | | Offrs. conference held at Bn HQ. Syllabus for trg issued. | |
| | 28 Nov | | Prot. Church parade held in Bn area. R.C. " " " " Boeti Church. | |
| | 30 Nov | | Total personnel evacuated to ADS during month - 60 Position and location as at 30 Nov | Appx. 4 |
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*Appx I Diary
Copy No. 14*

WARNING ORDER.

1. Following will move :

(a) No. 1 Group:

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|----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| i. A/Adjt. | vii. 1 O.R. (Cook from HQ Coy) |
| ii. RSM. | viii. 1 " (Water duties) |
| iii. 2 O.R. (Orderlies) | ix. 2 " (Stretcher bearers) |
| iv. 2 " (Sigs) | x. 1 " (Orderly room clerk) |
| v. 4 " (I Sec) (N) | xi. 1 " (Pioneer) |
| vi. 2 " (Regtl Police) (N) | (N) Includes an NCO. |

(b) No. 2 Group : D/E.

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| i. 2 Officers. | iii. 1 O.R. (I Sec) |
| ii. 3 O.Rs. (Orderlies) | iv. 1 " (Sig) |

(c) No. 3 Group - HELMETS FORCE.

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|----------------------------------|---------------------|
| i. "A" Coy. | v. 13 umpires. |
| ii. 1 Sec Pioneers (1 NCO, 7 OR) | vi. 4 Sigs. |
| iii. 4 Stretcher bearers | vii. 1 O.R. (I Sec) |
| iv. 1 Water dutyman. | |

(d) No. 4 Group - HATS FORCE.

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| i. "G" Coy less Coy HQ and 2 Pls. |
| ii. 1 Sec Pioneers (1 NCO and 7 O.R.) |
| iii. 2 Stretcher bearers. |
| iv. 1 Water dutyman. |
| v. 4 Signallers. |
| vi. 1 O.R. I Sec. |
| vii. 4 umpires. |

2. TIME FORECAST.

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| No.1 Group : | No move before 0630 hrs 2 Nov 43. |
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| " 3 " : | " " " " " " " " |
| " 4 " : | " " " 0430 " " " " |

3. ADM. (a) Equipment: Unit Jungle standard. (b) Rations: 3 days' hard, 2 days' emergency.

- (c) Signal gear: i. Helmets Force $\frac{1}{2}$ mile DIII cable, 2 D.Vs.
 ii. Hats Force - same as for Helmets Force.
 (d) Pioneer equipment - Unit Jungle standard.
 (e) UMPIRES. i. Chief Umpire : Capt. Raymond.
 ii. "B" Coy will provide the following:
 3 section umpires to HATS Force.
 5 " " " " HELMETS Force.
 iii. Remaining Umpires will be provided by Bn HQ.

Umpires conference with D/E : 1600 hrs 1 Nov 43.

SIGNED at ⁰⁶⁰⁰ 1600 hrs 1 Nov 43.

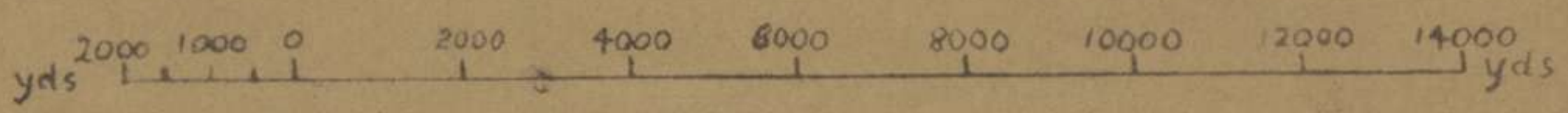
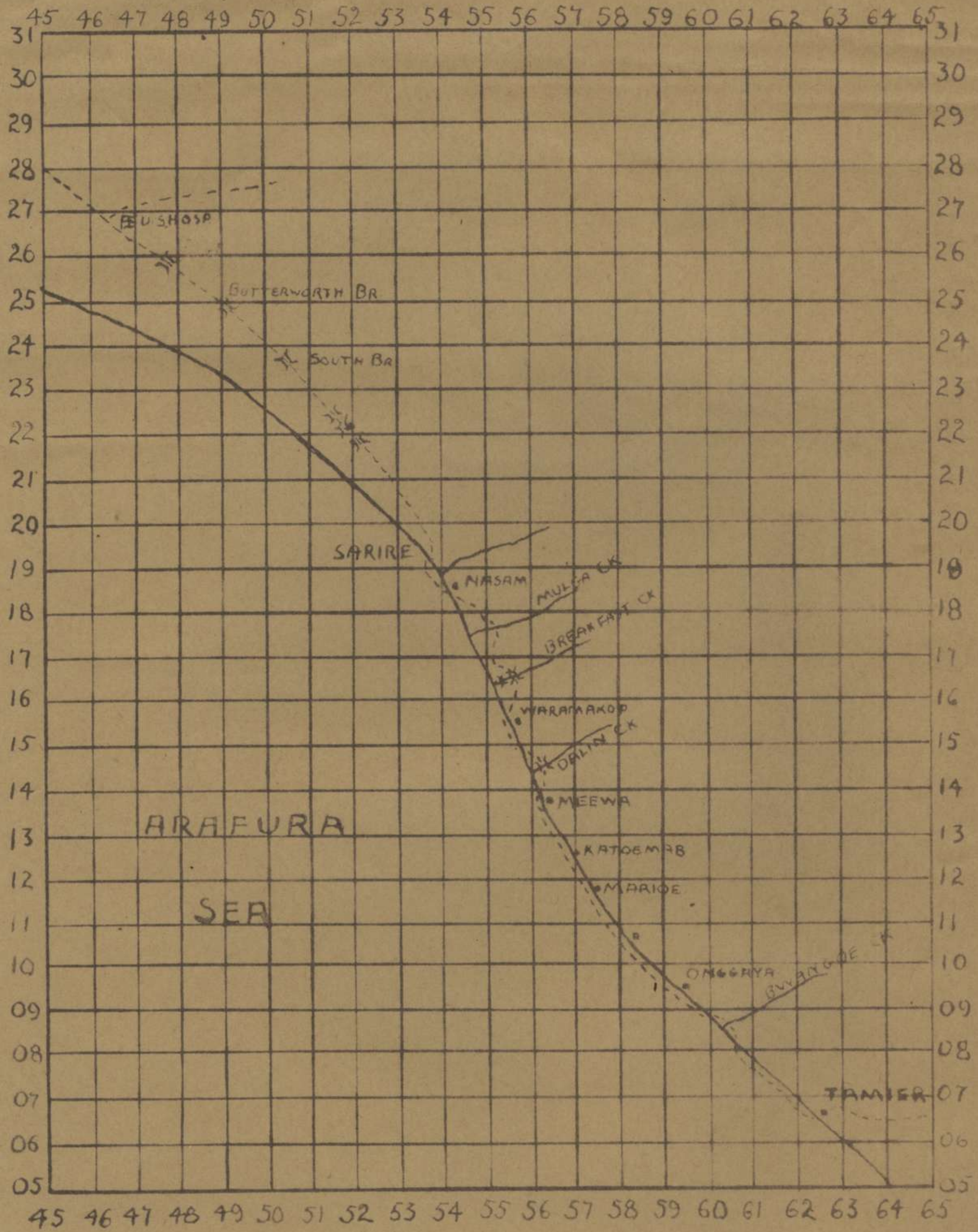
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| 3 | " "A" " |
| 4 | " "G" " |
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| 6 | L.O. |
| 7 | H.O. |

M. E. C. Maj.
 Adm Comd 62 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
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 11 Ctr Adm Comd
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MERAUKE DISTRICT



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Int Sec. 1 NOV 43

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 6 / 11 / 194 3 62 Aust Inf Bn (Unit)
(AIF)

42 / 43 (Serial No.)

W.E. 17 120 2 OFFRS. 32 O.R's. 739 OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 34 ATT. BY W.E.

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

| 1 | | | | 2 | | | | 3 | | | | 4 | | | | 5 | | | | 6 | | | | 7 | | | | 8 | | | | 9 | | | | 10 | | | |
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| W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED. | | | | DETAIL. | | | | ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Rein'ts Required. | Deficient W.E. | Surplus to W.E. | Posted Strength. | | | | | Arm or Corps. | Posted Strength. | Surplus to W.E. | Deficient W.E. | Rein'ts Required. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| - | - | - | 1 | Lieut.-Colonels | | | | AAMC (RMO) | 1 | - | - | - | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| - | 1 | - | 2 | Majors | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| - | 3 | - | 6 | Captains | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| - | 3 | - | 16 | Lieutenants | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| - | | - | | Quarter-masters | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | Civilians Counting as Offrs. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| - | 7 | - | 25 | | | | | | 1 | - | - | - | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | DETAIL | A.I.F. | C.M.F. | A.W.A.S. | A.A.N.S. | A.A.M.W.S. | CIVIL. | R.A.N. | R.A.A.F. | ** | TOTAL. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | A. | 26 | | | | | | | | | 26 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | E.(1) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | E.(2) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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

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

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

| Army No. | Rank. | Name and Initials. | Unit From. | Date. | CAUSE. |
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OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

| Army No. | Rank. | Name and Initials. | Unit To. | Date. | CAUSE. |
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| VX104347 | Capt | BUTTERWORTH K.W. | X List | 3 Nov 43 | Sick - to 6 N.R.S. |
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PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO _____ (Unit) IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED. _____/_____/194_____.

| Army No. | Rank. | Name and Initials. | REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known). |
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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 6/11/1945 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
|---|--------------|------------|-----------|-------------|--|---|---------------------|
| Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held. | Army Number. | Surname. | Initials. | Posting. | Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No) | If not present with Unit, state how employed. | Date of Detachment. |
| Maj T/Lt-Col | 6X1475 | Kaupt | A.G.K. | CO | No. | At school | 7 Oct 43 |
| Lieut T/Maj | 6X44586 | McCoy | P. | 2 1/c | Yes | | |
| | 6X70166 | Moray | M.H. | OC HQ Coy | | | |
| Capt. | 6X20 | Raymond | G.E. | " D | " | | |
| Lieut T/Capt | VX104349 | Turner | E.W. | " B | " | | |
| " | VX102612 | Stewart | A.D. | 2 1/c D" | " | | |
| " | 6X47023 | MacKenzie | A.A. | Att Bn HQ | No. | On leave | 19 Oct 43 |
| " | 6X22429 | Rose | J.J. | A/Adjt | Yes. | | |
| " | 6X44602 | Taylor | E.A.S. | CM | " | | |
| Lieut. | 6X19051 | Shea | R.E. | 2 1/c A Coy | " | | |
| " | VX102621 | Williamson | H.G. | " G | " | | |
| " | 6X16128 | Turbayne | K.G. | OC C Coy | " | | |
| " | 6X14256 | Cameron | A.G.T. | IO | " | | |
| " | 6X16876 | Bradshaw | A.J. | D Coy | " | | |
| " | 6X2974 | Hodham | T. | Sig Pl | " | | |
| " | 6X11309 | Held | H.J. | C Coy | " | | |
| " | 6X15360 | Hoss | W.F.G. | A Coy | " | | |
| " | 6X16841 | Douglas | B.G.P. | B " | " | | |
| " | 6X21349 | Tedford | K. | C " | " | | |
| " | 6X11600 | Holigh | P. | B " | " | | |
| " | 6X76 | Clarke | G.A. | D " | " | | |
| " | 6X19657 | Hamilton | L.K. | C " | " | | |
| " | 6X40243 | Whalley | J.R. | A " | " | | |
| " | 6X35767 | Wilson | R.J. | D " | " | | |
| " | 6X38305 | Lusby | C.W. | D " | " | | |

Attached against W.E.:

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| Capt. | VX114203 | Stahle | I.O. | RMO | No. | On leave | 23 Oct 43 |
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PART E.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER UNITS.

| Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held. | Army Number. | Name and Initials. | Unit. | Date of Attachment. | Nature of Attachment. |
|--|--------------|--------------------|--------------|---------------------|--|
| Chaplain 4/class | 6X149802 | Beatty G.A. | AAGND | 25 Aug 45 | Chaplain. |
| Capt. | 6X63313 | McCallum I. | XKA 19 | 23 Oct 45 | As RMO in absence of Capt. I.O. Stahle on leave |
| A/Lieut | 6X23741 | Gavaye C.J. | Gen Reinf'ts | 12 Oct 45 | On 1st appt - awaiting instrns for disposal - AG & MS List 198 |

6 Nov 43.

Date of Despatch

Clarence L. ...
Signature of Commander

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

Army Form W.3009 (Adapted)

(Page 1)

(Revised Jan., 1943.)

(Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 6/11/3 62 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) (Unit)

W.E. 11 120 2 OFFRS. 32 O.R.'s. 739 + OFFRS. 1 O.R.'s. 34 ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

| W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED. | | | | DETAIL. | ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E. | | | | | |
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| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | |
| Reinfts. Required. | Deficient W.E. | Surplus to W.E. | Posted Strength. | Arm or Corps. | Posted Strength. | Surplus to W.E. | Deficient W.E. | Reinfts. Required. | | |
| - | - | - | 1 | W.Os. Class I. | - | - | - | - | | |
| - | 1 | - | 5 | W.Os. Class II. | AACC | 1 | - | - | | |
| - | - | - | 5 | Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts. | - | - | - | - | | |
| - | - | - | - | Staff Sergeants | - | - | - | - | | |
| - | 7 | - | 24 | Sergeants | See back | 7 | - | 3 | | |
| - | 10 | - | 54 | Corporals | " " | 6 | - | 2 | | |
| 75 | 57 | - | 575 | Troopers, Privates, etc. | " " | 19 | 4 | - | | |
| | | | | Civilians counting as O.R. | | | | | | |
| 75 | 75 | - | 664 | Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2. | | 33* | 4 | 5 | | |

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 7 of instructions for compilation of this return will complete analysis of Part B(1) and B(2).
 * * Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col. Particulars will be shown, e.g., 20 U.K. Forces, 10 N.Z. Forces.

| Detail | A.I.F. | C.M.F. | | A.W.A.S. | A.A.M.W.S. | CIVIL | R.A.N. | R.A.A.F. | * * | TOTAL. |
|--------|--------|-----------------|--------------------|----------|------------|-------|--------|----------|-----|--------|
| | | Under 19 Years. | 19 Years and over. | | | | | | | |
| A | 697 | | | | | | | | | 697 |
| B(1) | | | | | | | | | | |
| B(2) | | | | | | | | | | |

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

| Number of O.Rs. | Unit to which they belong | Number of O.Rs. | Unit to which they belong |
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Part C. Other Ranks Included in Part A Detached to Other Units.

| Number of O.Rs. | Unit to which detached. | Number of O.Rs. | Unit to which detached. |
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| 2 | HQ Merauke Force | | |
| 1 | Old L of C A Records (unit cler) | | |
| 2 | FAA Gas School | | |
| 1 | 102 Aust Bde Wkshps AEME | | |
| 1 | Fd Punishment Centre (Merauke) | | |
| 1 | LHQ Tactical School (as batman) | | |
| 4 | FAA WTS Torres Strait Force. | | |
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Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return To..... (Unit) is Particularly Requested. / / 194.....

| Army No | Rank. | Name and Initials. | REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known). |
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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

Army Form 73000 (Revised)
Page 1
(Revised Jan. 1942)
(Serial No.)

W.E. OFFERS 23 O.R.'s + OFFERS 1 O.R.'s ATT BY W.E.
At 0800 Hrs. Saturday 11/11/42 (Unit)

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

NOTES:

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| W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED | | | allowed under W.E. | | | Particulars of ATTACHED | | |
|-------------------------|----------|-----------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|----------|----------|
| Retained | Detached | Surplus to W.E. | Posted Strength | Atm or Corps | Posted Strength | Surplus to W.E. | Detached | Retained |
| | | | Strength | | | Reqd | | |
| | | | 1 | WO II : AACC (Caterer) | 1 | | | |
| | | | 5 | Sergeants: AACC | 5 | | | |
| | | | 1 | AAMC | 1 | | | |
| | | | 1 | " (Hygiene) | 1 | | | |
| | | | 1 | AA Post C | 1 | | | |
| | | | 1 | AAPC | 1 | | | |
| | | | 1 | AEME (Armourer) | 1 | | | |
| | | | 1 | Corporals: AACC (Shoemaker) | 1 | | | |
| | | | 1 | AAMC (Chiropodist) | 1 | | | |
| | | | 5 | AACC | 5 | | | |
| | | | 1 | AAPC | 1 | | | |
| | | | 2 | Privates: AACC | 2 | | | |
| | | | 1 | AAMC | 1 | | | |
| | | | 1 | Gun Fitter | 1 | | | |
| | | | 1 | Armourer | 1 | | | |

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by A.I.P. Under 19 Years and 19 Years and over. A.I.P. Under 19 Years and over. A.I.P. Under 19 Years and over.

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

| Number of O.R. | Unit to which they belong | Number of O.R. | Unit to which they belong |
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SURPLUS WOs and NCOs on strength : NIL.

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

| Serial No. | Name and Initials | Rank | REMARKS (e.g., possessive withouts if known) |
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PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 6 / 11 / 1943 .

| Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. | W.E. | Posted Strength. | Reints. Required. | Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.) Forward | W.E. | Posted Strength. | Reints. Required. | Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.) Forward | W.E. | Posted Strength. | Reints. Required. | Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.) Forward | W.E. | Posted Strength. | Reints. Required. |
|--|------|------------------|-------------------|--|------|------------------|-------------------|---|------|------------------|-------------------|---|------|------------------|-------------------|
| Ammunition Examiners | | | | Surveyors, Engineering | | | | Operating Room Assts. | | | | G.P.O. Assistants | | | |
| Armament Artificer Fitter | | | | Surveyors, R.A.A. | | | | Operator, Keyboard | | | | Hammermen | | | |
| Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical) | | | | Surveyors, Topographical | | | | Operator, Line | | | | Leather Stitchers | | | |
| Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.) | | | | Surveyors, Trigonometrical | | | | Operator, Signal | | | | Orderlies, Nursing | | | |
| Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.) | | | | Toolmakers | | | | Operator, Switchboard | | | | Orderlies, Nursing Mental | | | |
| Armament Artificer Instrument | | | | Turners | | | | Operator, Wireless | | | | Plate Layers | | | |
| Armament Artificer Radio | | | | Watchmakers | | | | Opticians | | | | Rangetakers | 4 | 4 | - |
| Armament Artificer Signals | | | | Welders | | | | Painters | | | | Riveters | | | |
| Armament Artificer Wireless | | | | | | | | Panel Beaters | | | | Roughriders | | | |
| Artificer, Artillery | | | | | | | | Photographer, Dry Plate | | | | Saddlers | | | |
| Artificer, Engine | | | | | | | | Predictor Numbers | | | | Saddletree makers | | | |
| Blacksmiths | 1 | 1 | - | | | | | Printers | | | | Shoemaker and Boot Repairer | | | |
| Bricklayers | | | | | | | | Radiographers | | | | Stevedores | | | |
| Computers | | | | | | | | Riggers | | | | Stokers, Staty. Engine | | | |
| Cooks, Hospital | | | | GROUP II. | | | | Sawyers | | | | Storemen, Technical | 4 | 4 | - |
| Coppersmiths | | | | Armourers | | | | Signallers | 27 | 27 | - | Tailors | 2 | 2 | - |
| Dispensers | | | | Axemen | | | | Signwriters | | | | Textile Refitters | | | |
| Draughtsmen | | | | Bakers | | | | Telescope Identfn. Numbers | | | | Tinsmiths | | | |
| Draughtsmen (Architectural) | | | | Bty. Comd's. Asst. | | | | Well Borers | | | | Vulcanizers | | | |
| Draughtsmen (Engineering) | | | | Boilermakers | | | | Wheelers | | | | Wagon Erectors | | | |
| Draughtsmen (Mechanical) | | | | Carpenters | 6 | 6 | - | Winchman | | | | Whitesmiths | | | |
| Draughtsmen (Topographical) | | | | Carpenters and Joiners | | | | Wireman | | | | | | | |
| Electricians | | | | Cooks | | | | Woodturners | | | | | | | |
| Electricians (M.V.) | | | | Dental Mechanics | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Electricians (Signals) | | | | Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fitters | | | | Driver-Operator | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fitters (Cycle) | | | | Drainers | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fitters (Electrical) | | | | Electricians | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fitters (Gun) | - | 3 | - | Electricians (Engineers) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fitters (Instrument) | | | | Fire Control Operators | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fitters (M.V.) | - | 2 | - | Gun Operator | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fitters, Railway Signal | | | | Hatchman | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fitters, Signals | | | | Height Taker | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Grinder, Precision | | | | Hello Operator | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mechanics, Instrument | | | | Instrument Operator | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mechanics, Instrument (Signals) | | | | Intelligence Duties | 10 | 10 | - | | | | | | | | |
| Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical) | | | | Joiners | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mechanics, Radio | | | | Lineman | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mechanics, Typewriter | | | | Lineman, Signals | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mechanics, Wireless | | | | Lithographers | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Millwrights | | | | Machinists, Metal | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Operators, Excavator | | | | Machinists, Wood | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Pattern Maker | | | | Masons | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Pharmacist | | | | Masseurs | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Photographer, Wet Plate | | | | Mechanics, M.T. | - | 1 | - | | | | | | | | |
| Photowriter | | | | Miners | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Plumber | | | | Moulders | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Saw Doctors | | | | Nurses, Trained | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Surveyors | | | | Observation Post Assts. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| CARRIED FORWARD | 1 | 6 | - | CARRIED FORWARD | 17 | 23 | - | CARRIED FORWARD | 57 | 64 | - | Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively. | 773 | 697 | 75 |

NON-SPECIALISTS:

| | | | |
|--------------|-----|-----|----|
| Tk A Gun Nos | 22 | 22 | - |
| Batmen | 34 | 34 | - |
| Gen Duties | 3 | 3 | - |
| Hyg Duties | 4 | 4 | - |
| IMG/Rfm | 409 | 327 | 75 |
| MG Nos. | 25 | 25 | - |
| Mortar Nos | 62 | 62 | - |

DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.

| | | | |
|--------------|----|----|---|
| Orderlies | 32 | 32 | - |
| Pioneers | 53 | 53 | - |
| Regtl Police | 7 | 7 | - |
| Storemen | 6 | 6 | - |
| S. Bearers | 21 | 21 | - |
| Water Duty | 2 | 2 | - |
| HSM & CSMS | 6 | 6 | - |
| HMS & COMSS | 6 | 6 | - |

ATTACHED BY W.E.

| | | | |
|-----------|----|----|----|
| AANC | 4 | 4 | - |
| AAOC | 1 | 1 | - |
| ARME | 3 | 2 | NR |
| AAGC | 23 | 23 | - |
| AAPC | 2 | 2 | - |
| AA Post C | 1 | 1 | - |

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

6 Nov 43

Date of Despatch

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Signature of Commander

2nd EXERCISE: MERAUKE - TAMIER.GENERAL IDEA.

1. (a) HATS FORCE represent an enemy which has landed at TAMIER and is advancing on MERAUKE.
 (b) HELMETS FORCE represent Z Bn with the role of advancing on TAMIER and destroying enemy.
 (c) Exercise will last 4 days. The two forces will reverse roles on 3rd and 4th days, HATS Force becoming Z Bn, HELMETS Force the enemy.

2. Special Instruction to OC HATS Force :
 (a) D.1 - Start line: Junc A St-5 Ave.
 Start time: 0730 hrs.
 Route : 5 Ave - Main St - Track MERAUKE-TAMIER.
 (b) On reaching NASSAM you will halt for midday meal, and then deny NASSAM to HELMETS Force advancing from MERAUKE. You will endeavour to hold NASSAM for 2 hours after first ground contact with the enemy. You will then withdraw to south side of DALIN Creek and bivouac for the night, and deny DALIN Creek to HELMETS Force. At 2000 hrs you will send a fighting patrol in the direction of MERAUKE; Limit of advance: MULGA Creek. Task: Locate and raid any enemy bivouaced or encountered. If enemy is contacted before MULGA Creek is reached, the fighting patrol will withdraw after raiding enemy. It will be necessary to return with a prisoner for unit identification, preferably an officer.

 D.2 - You will endeavour to deny DALIN Creek to the enemy until 1000 hrs, and will then withdraw to south side of BWANGOE Creek, and deny BWANGOE Creek to the enemy until 1600 hrs. You will then withdraw to TAMIER, prepare counter-attack position to deny TAMIER to HELMETS Force, and bivouac for night. At 2130 hrs on D.2 you will send out a Fighting Patrol: Task - Locate and raid any enemy encountered. Limit of advance: ONGGAYA. If enemy encountered before reaching ONGGAYA, patrol will raid, and withdraw. It will be necessary to bring back a prisoner for identification, preferably an officer.

 D.3 - Roles Reversed. Start Time: 0830 hrs. You will move from TAMIER in direction of MERAUKE. You will RV with the rest of Z Bn at BWANGOE Creek. You are now Z Inf Bn.

GENERAL IDEA:

- (Time: 0930 hrs. Location: BWANGOE Creek. Your Bn receives the following INFORMATION and INTENTION by W/T from W Bde at MERAUKE.
- i. INFORMATION: Enemy strength unknown landed at SARIRE Creek at 0600 hrs this morning, and are preparing Beach Head Position.
 - ii. INTENTION : Z Inf Bn will advance to MERAUKE and destroy all enemy forces encountered.

62 AUST INF BN (AIF)

2nd EXERCISE : MERAUKE - TAMIER

1. Days 3 and 4. General Idea to HATS Force (2 Inf Bn):

D.3; Time - 0930. Place : BWANGOE Creek.

- (a) Information : Enemy strength unknown landed at SARIRE Creek at 0600 hrs today, and is preparing Beach Head position.
- (b) Intention : 2 Inf Bn will advance to MERAUKE and destroy all enemy Forces encountered.

2. SPECIAL IDEA TO HATS FORCE :

- (a) After crossing GUTSER Creek and consolidating same, you will halt $1\frac{1}{2}$ hours for midday meal.
- (b) Other halts normal, unless in contact with enemy.
- (c) Limit of day's advance - SOUTH bank of SARIRE Creek.
- (d) Upon reaching SARIRE Creek you will withdraw to a position area NORTH of MULGA Creek and SOUTH of NASSAM, and bivouac.
- (e) At 2100 hrs you will send a fighting patrol in the direction of MERAUKE.
 - i. TASK: Raid any enemy force encountered, and bring back a prisoner for unit identification, preferably an officer.
 - ii. LIMIT OF PATROL : Fast Creek.

3. Day 4.

- (a) Start Time : 0830. Proceed towards MERAUKE. After crossing FAST BRIDGE, you will halt $1\frac{1}{2}$ hours for midday meal.
- (b) You will then proceed towards MERAUKE. Limit of day's advance - unit lines.

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2ND EXERCISE MERAUKE - TAMIER

GENERAL IDEA.

- (1) Helmets Force represent 2 Inf Bn with the following information and intention -
- (a) Information: Enemy strength unknown has landed at Tamier and is advancing on Merauke.
 - (b) Intention: 2 Inf Bn will advance to Tamier and destroy enemy.

(2) ROLES.

- (a) The exercise will be of four days duration.
- (b) For the 3rd and 4th day the roles will be reversed. Hats Force will then become 2 Inf Bn and Helmets Force will be the enemy.

(3) Special Order to OC Helmets Force.

D.1.

- (a) Start line Junct. A St. and 5 Ave.
- (b) Start time - 0900hrs.
- (c) Route - 5 Ave, Main St, track Merauke-Tamier.
- (d) Halt for 1 hour at Fast Creek.
- (e) Other halts normal until contact is made.
- (f) Limit of Advance D.1 Breakfast Creek.
- (g) At 2330 you will send a fighting patrol in direction of Tamier.

- (i) Task: Raid any enemy located and bring back a prisoner for unit identification - preferably an officer.
- (ii) Limit of Patrol: village of MREWA.

(4) D.2

- (a) Continue advance to Tamier.
- (b) Start time: 0730hrs.
- (c) Halt for $\frac{1}{2}$ hour at MREWA.
- (d) Halt for 1 hour at Gutser Creek.
- (e) Other halts normal unless contact is made.
- (f) Limit of advance D.2 - 400 yards SE of BWANGOE CREEK.
At 2000hrs you will send a fighting patrol in the direction of Tamier.

- (i) Task: locate and raid any enemy encountered.
- (ii) Bring back a prisoner for unit identification - an officer if possible.
- (iii) Limit of patrol - Tamier.

(5) D.3

- (a) Roles reversed. Helmets Force will now become the enemy.
- (b) Balance of Bn will be left at BWANGOE CREEK.
- (c) B Coy as Helmets Force (enemy) will proceed in direction of Merauke.

Days 3 and 4

(1) General Idea to Helms Force.

- (a) Helms Force operating as enemy, which has effected a landing at Sarire Creek in the rear of 2 Inf Bn which has been operating at Tamier.
- (b) 2 Inf Bn, known as Hats Force, is proceeding from Tamier to Merauke.

(2) Special Idea Helms Force.

Day 3.

- (a) Start line: BWANGOE CREEK.
- (b) Start time: 0815
- (c) Limit of days advance: 500 yds NORTH of SARIRE CREEK.
- (d) You will proceed to GUTSER CREEK and deny same to the enemy until 1230hrs. You will then withdraw to DARLIN CREEK and halt one hour for midday meal.
- (e) You will then withdraw to a position NORTH of MULGA CREEK and deny NASSAM to the enemy (Hats Force) NASSAM must be held at all costs until 1630hrs. You will then withdraw to a bivouac on NORTH side of SARIRE CREEK.

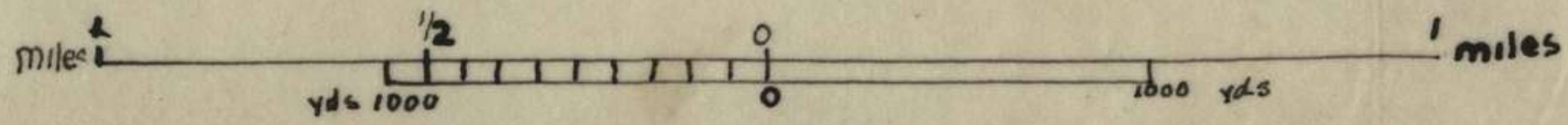
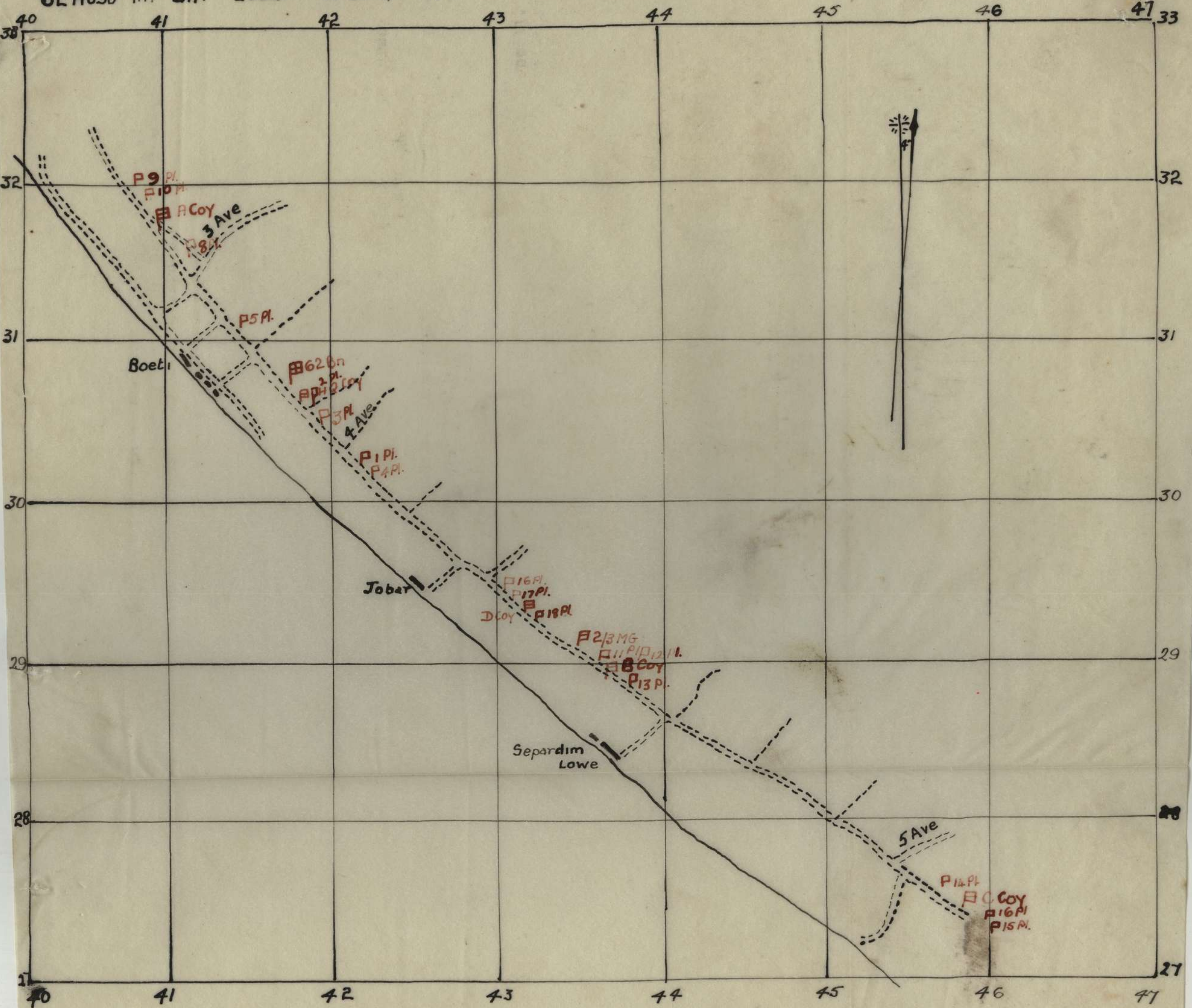
(3) Day 4.

- (a) 0800hrs you will send a fighting patrol in direction of Tamier. Task: Raid any enemy encountered. Limit of Patrol: Mulga Creek. Return with a prisoner.

0800hrs you will proceed in direction of Merauke and make a stand at EAST BRIDGE. You will deny East Bridge to the enemy until 1100hrs, when you will withdraw to SOUTH BRIDGE and deny South Bridge to the enemy until 1500hrs. You will then proceed to Junct. A St and B Ave and ambuss for unit lines.

62 Aust Inf Bn. Location at 30 Nov 43.

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ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

by
Major. P. McCoy
Adm. Comd. 62 Aust Inf Bn AIF.

Formation: Mernuke Force.
Date: 1 Nov 43.

353. ORDERLY DUTIES - Mounting Retreat 1 Nov 43 to Retreat
2 Nov 43.

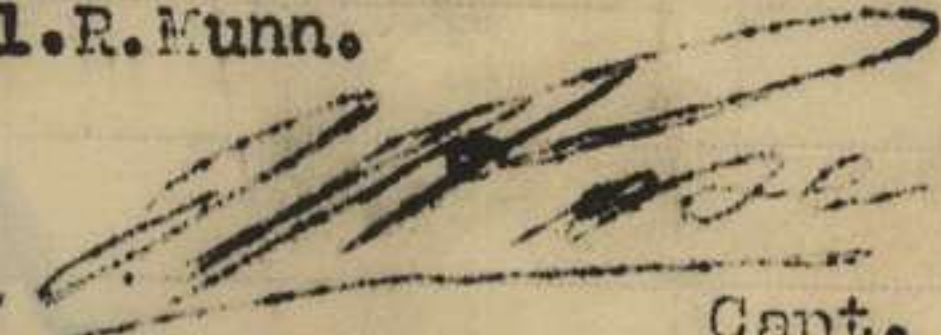
Orderly Offr.
Lieut. G. A. Clarke.
Lieut. T. Rodham.
Lieut. J. R. Whalley.

Ord. NCO.
L/Cpl. A. P. Neilson.
L/Cpl. A. Rein.
L/Cpl. E. M. Ebrington.

Orderly.
Pte. W. E. Powell.
Pte. V. J. Clitheroe.
Pte. J. Mahoney.

Bn Guard.

Guard Comd. Cpl. J. Cormack.
NFD Cpl. J. S. Robinson.
NFD Cpl. R. Munn.


Capt.
Adj. 62 Aust Inf Bn AIF.

PROMOTION.

| No. | Rank. | Name. | To be. | Date. |
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| QX27621 | Pte. | TRIVETT, M. F. | A/Cpl. | 1.11.43. |

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

by

Major. P. McCoy
Adm. Comd. 62 Aust Inf Bn AIF.

Formation: Merauke Force.
Date: 2 Nov 43.

354. ORDERLY DUTIES - Mounting Retreat 2 Nov 43 to Retreat 3 Nov 43.

Orderly Offr.

Lieut. T. Rodham.
Lieut. R. J. Wilson.
Lieut. W. F. G. Ross.

Ord. NCO.

L/Cpl. A. Rein.
L/Cpl. E. M. Ebrington.
L/Cpl. H. E. Coates.

Orderly.

Pte. V. J. Cliteroe.
Pte. J. Mahoney.
Pte. J. W. Gibbards.

Bn Guard.

Guard Comd.

Cpl. J. S. Robinson.

NFD

Cpl. R. Munn.

NFD

Cpl. E. F. Thiele.

355. VISITING HOURS MRS - MDS. (Force RO. A.220)

Visiting hours MRS and MDS will be from 1430 - 1600 hrs daily. Visitors will NOT be allowed at any other time.


356. WORKING PARTIES DISCHARGING CARGO (Force RO. Q.228)

(a) All working parties for discharging cargo from vessels and for operating dump areas will be kept to a minimum, and will work in shifts of 6 hours as follows;

0200 - 0800 hrs
0800 - 1400 hrs
1400 - 2000 hrs
2000 - 0200 hrs

(b) From the time of commencing a shift until relieved by next working party, no member of party will be allowed to leave his place of work for rest or refreshment;

(c) Officers and NCOs in charge of parties will be held responsible to see that the instructions in sub-para (b) are carried out.


Capt.
Adj. 62 Aust Inf Bn AIF.

REVERSIONS.

| No. | Rank. | Name. | To be | Date. |
|---------|-------|--------------|--------------------|----------|
| QX28758 | L/Cpl | POCOCK, O.H. | Pte. (Own request) | 2 Nov 43 |
| QX28279 | " | MALONE, P.A. | " " " | " |

NOTICES.

LOST. P.m. 30 Oct 43 between strip and 3 Avenue envelope containing paybooks - NX104288 Lieut. A. B. FREW - NX135129 Sgt. McDONNELL, J.C.D. If found please return to Bn HQ.

FOUND. Glasses-Reading found in Picture Car Park night of 29 Oct. Case contains name of maker: A.W. KILGOUR, Optometrist, Queen St BRISBANE. Owner may obtain same from Bn HQ.

REGTL. TRUST FUND A/C - Month of October 1943.

| | |
|--|------------------|
| Balance - 1 Oct 43 | 547.1.0. |
| <u>Credits:</u> 15 Oct 43 - ADCS Profit | 66.1.6. |
| | <u>£613.2.6.</u> |
| <u>Debits:</u> Amount drawn for purchase of breeding Poultry - | 30.0.0. |
| Transfer to Canteen Trading A/c | 200.0.0. |
| | <u>230.0.0.</u> |
| Credit Balance as at 31 Oct 1943 | <u>£383.2.6.</u> |
| Unit Canteen Capital A/c | 400.0.0. |
| | <u>£783.2.6.</u> |

Liability:

Per capita payment due to 1 Aust Ind Barrier Pl as at 9 Aug 43 - £85.8.0.

ADDENDUM.

357. WATER.

- (1) Until further notice cooking and drinking water will be delivered only to cookhouses.
- (2) All drinking water will be drawn from cookhouses.
- (3) Other water will be used only for washing and bathing.


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 Adj. 68 Aust Inf Bn AIF.

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Formation: Merauke Force.
Date : 3 Nov 43.

358. ORDERLY DUTIES : Mounting Retreat 3 Nov 43 to Retreat 4 Nov 43.

Orderly Offr.

Lieut J.R. Whalley
Lieut B.C.P. Douglas
Lieut H.G. Williamson

Orderly NCO.

L/Cpl Beer A.K.
L/Cpl Nielsen A.P.
L/Cpl Rein B.G.

Orderly.

Pte Mahoney J.
Pte Gibbards J.W.
Pte Muller A.C.A.

Bn Guard

Guard Comd : Cpl Munn R.
NFD : Cpl Thiele E.F.
NFD : Cpl Robinson J.S.

McCoy Lieut for Capt
Adjt 62 Aust Inf Bn (AIF).

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Formation : Merauke Force.
Date : 4 Nov 43.

359. ORDERLY DUTIES : Mounting Retreat 4 Nov 43 to Retreat 5 Nov 43:

| <u>Orderly Offr.</u> | <u>Orderly NCO.</u> | <u>Orderly.</u> |
|------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| Lieut. B.C.P. Douglas | L/Cpl Nielsen A.P. | Pte Gibbards, J.W. |
| Lieut. H.G. Williamson | L/Cpl Rein B.G. | Pte Muller, A.C.A. |
| Lieut. A.G.T. Cameron | L/Cpl Bear A.K. | Pte Barrett, T.J. |

360. ASCORBIC ACID TABLETS.

| | |
|-------------|---------------------|
| Guard Comd: | Cpl Thiele E.F. |
| NFD | : Cpl Robinson J.S. |
| NFD | : Cpl Cormack J.C. |

360. ASCORBIC ACID TABLETS.

Approval has been given for the issue of one (1) Ascorbic Acid tablet per man per day (including Sunday) to combat any mild vitamin deficiency which may be occurring. Coys will draw supplies under the same conditions as for atebirin.

P. McCoy Lieut for Capt
Adjnt 62 Aust Inf Bn (AIF).

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Adm Comd, 62 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

Formation : Merauke Force
Date : 5 Nov 43.

361. ORDERLY DUTIES : Mounting Retreat 5 Nov 43 to Retreat 6 Nov 43:

Orderly Offr.

Orderly NCO.

Orderly

Lieut H.G. Williamson L/Cpl Rein, B.G.
Lieut A.G.T. Cameron L/Cpl Beer, A.K.
Lieut. H.J. Reid

Pte Muller, A.C.A.
Pte Barrett, T.J.

Bn Guard:

Guard Comd : Cpl Robinson J.S.
NFD : Cpl Cormack J.C.

P. McCoy
Lieut for Capt
Adjt 62 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

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Major F. McCoy
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Formation: Merauke Force.
Date : 6 Nov 43.

362. ORDERLY DUTIES: Mounting Retreat 6 Nov 43 to Retreat 7 Nov 43 :

| | | |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| <u>Orderly Offr.</u> | <u>Orderly NCO</u> | <u>Orderly</u> |
| Lieut. A.G.T. Cameron | L/Cpl Beer A.K. | Pte Barrett T.J. |
| Lieut C.J. Gavaye | Cpl Paten, C.J. | Pte Ryan, J. |
| Lieut H.J. Reid | L/Cpl Willett S.W. | Pte Cunningham, D. |
| <u>Bn Guard :</u> | Guard Comd : Cpl. Cormack, J.C. | |
| | NFD : L/Cpl Spooner, G.G. | |
| | NFD : Cpl Ford, S.W.L. | |

[Signature] Lieut for Capt
Adit. 62 Aust Inf Bn (AIF).

NOTICES

Church Parades, Sunday 7 Nov 43:

Bn Parade : 0930 hrs.
RE Parade : 0900 hrs - Cadre Parade Ground.

Lecture - "Houses for Soldiers."

Sgt Dawson (AES) will lecture on the above subject at 2000 hrs on Monday 8 Nov 43, in the Main Recreation Hut. The lecture will be illustrated by a film strip.

1943 Christmas Book.

Order Forms for the Aust Army Christmas book "KHAKI and GREEN" are now available at all Coy HQ.

PUNISHMENTS

| Number | Rank | Name | | Offence | Punishment | Date |
|---------|------|---------|------|---|---|----------|
| QX18765 | Pte | QUINN | W. | Disobeying a lawful command (A.A. 9(2)) | 28 days Field punishment and forfeiture pay & allowances for 28 days. | 5 Nov 43 |
| QX26582 | " | McLEAY | L.P. | Neglecting to obey BROS which provide that shirts will be worn at all times | Forfeits 10 days ordinary pay. | " " " |
| QX25195 | " | HUCKETT | R. | Do. | Forfeits 28 days ordinary pay. | " " " |
| QX24492 | " | RYAN | J.T. | Do. | Forfeits 12 days ordinary pay. | " " " |

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Formation: Merauke Force.
Date: 7 Nov 43.

363. ORDERLY DUTIES - Mounting Retreat 7 Nov 43 to Retreat 8 Nov 43.

Orderly Offr.

Lieut. C. J. Cavaye.
Lieut. H. J. Reid.
Lieut. R. E. Shea.

Ord. Cpl.

Cpl. C. J. Paten.
L/Cpl. S. W. Willett.
Cpl. G. R. Baird.

Orderly.

Pte. J. Ryan.
Pte. D. Cunningham.
Pte. G. T. Fletcher.

Bn Guard.

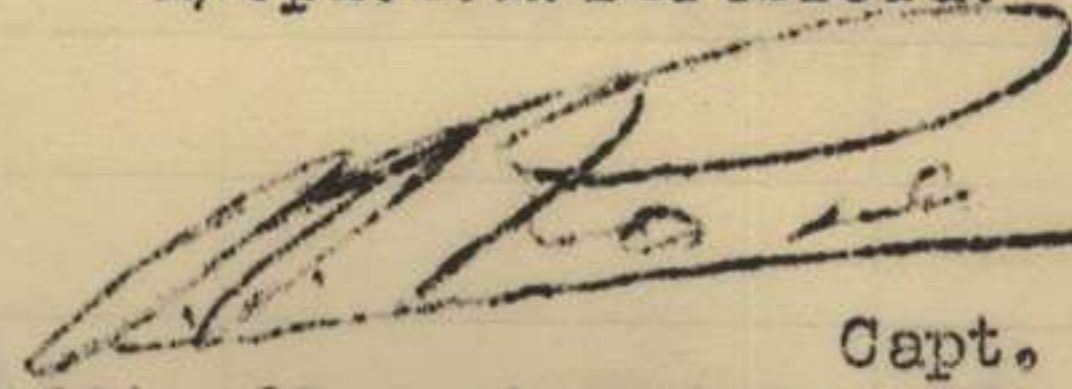
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L/Cpl. G. G. Spooner.

Cpl. S. W. L. Ford.

L/Cpl. C. M. Beresford.


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PUNISHMENT.

| No. | Rank. | Name. | Offence. | Punishment. | Date. |
|---------|-------|-------------|---|------------------------------|-----------|
| VX75026 | Pte | King, R. C. | Conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline (A. A. 40) | Forfeits 7 days ordinary pay | 6 Nov 43. |

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

by

Major. P. McCoy.
Adm. Comd. 62 Aust Inf Bn AIF.

Formation: Merauke Force.
Date: 8 Nov 43.

364. ORDERLY DUTIES - Mounting Retreat 8 Nov 43 to Retreat 9 Nov 43.

Orderly Offr.
Lieut. H. J. Reid.
Lieut. R. E. Shea.
Lieut. P. McHugh.

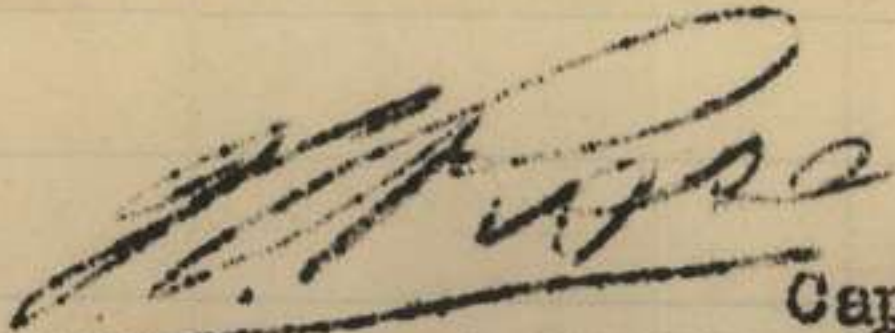
Ord. NCO.
L/Cpl. S. W. Willett.
Sgt. R. C. Thompson.
Sgt. R. C. Thompson.

Orderly.
Pte. D. Cunningham.
Pte. G. T. Fletcher.
Pte. R. F. Irish.

Bn Guard.

Guard Comd.
NFD
HFD

Cpl. S. W. L. Ford.
L/Cpl. C. M. Beresford.
L/Cpl. C. M. Beresford.


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Formation: Merauke Force.
Date: 9 Nov 43.

365. **ORDERLY DUTIES** - Mounting Retreat 9 Nov 43 to Retreat 10 Nov 43.

Orderly Offr.

Lieut. R. E. Shea.
Lieut. P. McHugh.
Lieut. K. Tedford.

Ord. NCO.

Sgt. R. C. Thompson.
Sgt. R. C. Thompson.
Sgt. R. C. Thompson.

Orderly.

Pte. G. T. Fletcher.
Pte. R. F. Irish.
Pte. D. MacKenzie.

Bn Guard.

Guard Comd.
NFD
NFD

L/Cpl. C. M. Beresford.
L/Cpl. C. M. Beresford.
L/Cpl. E. Else.

366. **PRIVATE COMMUNICATIONS CONCERNING CASUALTIES (GRO. 469/42)**

Private cables and telegrams reporting battle and other casualties are prohibited. In letters, no reference is to be made to any such casualty until after a period of one month from the date of its occurrence.

The prohibition and restriction imposed by para. 1 hereof are not applicable to communications sent by a member relative to a casualty sustained by himself.

This order has been dictated by motives of consideration for the feelings of the relatives of members of the Forces who, in many instances, have been caused unnecessary suffering and suspense through information contained in private correspondence from operational areas, and which, in some cases, has proved to be inaccurate.

367. **VISITING HOURS MRS AND MDS.**

Visiting hours at 6 MRS and MDS are as follows and refer to all ranks:

1430 hrs to 1600hrs.
1900 hrs to 2100hrs.

All personnel wishing to visit patients will report to appropriate Orderly Room, before proceeding to wards.

Visitors will leave the hospital promptly at the close of each visiting period.

No vehicles apart from Ambulances are to pass the barricade adjoining MRS Orderly Room.


62 Aust Inf Bn AIF RO. 355 is cancelled.

368. **AUDITS.**

Audits of the following accounts, viz;

Officers Mess,
Sergeants Mess,
Regtl. Trust Fund,
Canteen Fund,

will be completed by Unit Auditors and the requisite certificates lodged at Bn HQ NOT later than 1200hrs on the 3rd of each month.


Capt.
Adj. 62 Aust Inf Bn AIF.

PROMOTION.

| No. | Rank. | Name. | To be. | Date. |
|---------|--------|-----------------|--------|----------|
| QX43569 | A/Sgt. | Collyer, T.H.O. | Sgt. | 8.11.43. |

PUNISHMENT.

| No. | Rank. | Name. | Offence. | Punishment. | Date. |
|---------|-------|--------------|--|---------------------------------|----------|
| QX25563 | Pte | Forriday, W. | Disobeyed a lawful command. (AA. 9(2)) | Forfeit four days ordinary pay. | 9.11.43. |

NOTICES.

FOUND. Wristlet watch was found in NEI Force area about a fortnight ago and is now held by MDS.

MISSING STORES. Two cases of weapons are missing from consignment ex SS "ISLANDER" on that ship's last visit to this port. The cases were consigned to 14 Aust Adv Ord Depot and were marked as follows -

ORD 12A - 520
KKK

A search will be instituted for above stores and a return forwarded to reach this HQ by 10 Nov 43. NIL returns will be submitted.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

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Formation: Merauke Force.
Date: 10 Nov 43.

369. ORDERLY DUTIES - Mounting Retreat 10 Nov 43 to Retreat 11 Nov 43.

Orderly Cffr.
Lieut. P. McHugh.
Lieut. K. Tedford.
Lieut. G. A. Clarke.

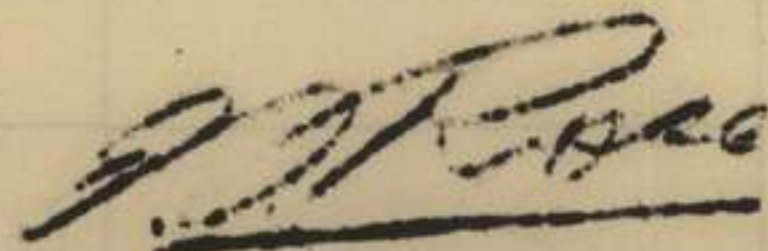
Ord. NCO.
Sgt. R. C. Thompson.
Sgt. R. C. Thompson.
Cpl. S. W. L. Ford.

Orderly.
Pte. R. F. Irish.
Pte. D. MacKenzie.
Pte. P. Stein.

Bn Guard.

Guard Comd.
MFD
MFD

L/Cpl. C. M. Beresford.
L/Cpl. E. Else.
L/Cpl. S. Ide.


Capt.
Adj. 62 Aust Inf Bn AIF.

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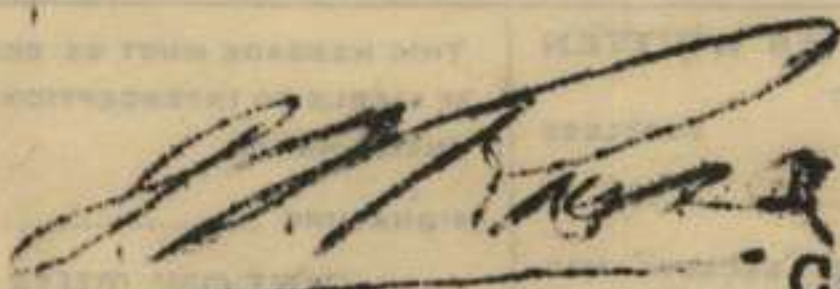
Formation: Merauke Force.
Date: 11 Nov 43.

370. ORDERLY DUTIES - Mounting Retreat 11 Nov 43 to Retreat 12 Nov 43.

| | | |
|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| <u>Orderly Offr.</u> | <u>Ord. NCO.</u> | <u>Orderly.</u> |
| Lieut. K. Tedford. | Sgt. R. C. Thompson. | Pte. D. MacKenzie. |
| Lieut. G. A. Clarke. | Cpl. S. W. L. Ford. | Pte. P. Stein. |
| Lieut. T. Rodham. | Cpl. G. Buckby. | Pte. F. W. Thompson. |
| | | |
| <u>Bn Guard.</u> | Guard Comd. | L/Cpl. E. Else. |
| | NFD | L/Cpl. S. Ide. |
| | NFD | L/Cpl. E. Else. |

371. GAS TRAINING.

1. A return is required showing the following information -
 - (a) Particulars of officers and NCOs who have completed a Gas School, or course, showing -
 - (i) Army No.
 - (ii) Name.
 - (iii) Rank.
 - (iv) Gas Schools or courses attended (all particulars incl. brief exam results)
 - (v) Normal unit posting.
 - (vi) Any special qualifications.
 - (b) Requirements of Respirator facepieces in following categories -
 - (i) Large facepieces.
 - (ii) Normal facepieces.
 - (iii) Small facepieces.
 - (c)
 - (i) Number of personnel who have experienced a D.M. test in a gas chamber.
 - (ii) Number of personnel who have NOT experienced this test.
 - (iii) Stock of D.M. Ampoules on hand.
2. Companies will forward returns to reach Bn HQ NOT later than 19 Nov 43.
3. RSM will complete the return in respect of Bn HQ personnel.


Adjt. 62 Aust Inf Bn AIF. **Capt.**

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Formation: Merauke Force.
Date: 12 Nov 43.

372. ORDERLY DUTIES - Mounting Retreat 12 Nov 43 to Retreat 13 Nov 43.

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|-----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| <u>Orderly Offr.</u> | <u>Ord. NCO.</u> | <u>Orderly.</u> |
| Lieut. G. A. Clarke. | Cpl. S. W. L. Ford. | Pte. P. Stein. |
| Lieut. T. Rodham. | Cpl. G. R. Baird. | Pte. F. W. Thompson. |
| Lieut. J. R. Whalley. | Cpl. G. B. Cooke. | Pte. A. H. W. Harper. |
| | | |
| <u>Bn Guard.</u> | Guard Comd. | L/Cpl. S. Ide. |
| | NFD | L/Cpl. E. Else. |
| | NFD | L/Cpl. S. W. Willett. |

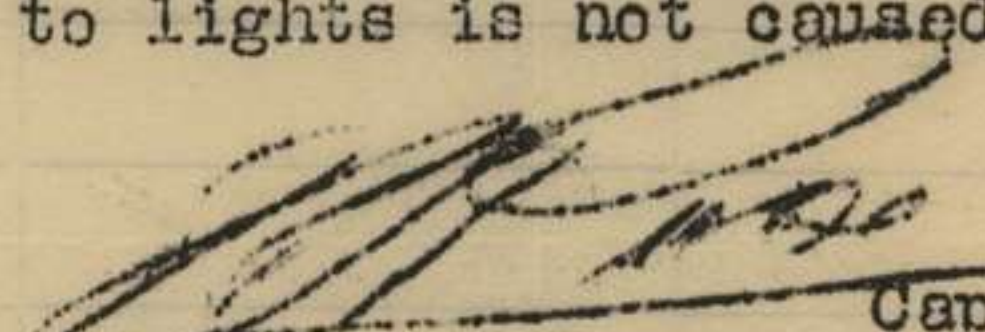
373. DISTINGUISHING COLOR PATCHES.

Unit color patches may be worn on right hand side of hat band or pugaree.

374. DAMAGE CAUSED BY SHOOTING AT NAVIGATION LIGHTS.

(First Aust Army Order No. A. 230)

1. Cases have been reported of navigation lights on parts of the Coast having been damaged by rifle fire. Attention of all personnel will be drawn to the serious consequences which may arise from the failure of such lights.
2. Any similar occurrences in the future will be the subject of strict disciplinary action and commanding officers will take steps to ensure that damage to lights is not caused by troops under their command.


Capt.
Adjt. 62 Aust Inf Bn AIF.

NOTICES.

CHURCH PARADES. Sunday 14 Nov 43. Bn Parade - 0930hrs.
R.C. " 1000hrs Cadre
Parade Ground.

LOST. (a) One wristlet watch, chrome plated, gold face, luminous figures and hands, perspex glass and a leather wrist band with "QX26640" sewn into it.
(b) One brooch, a pearl shell and turtle shell boomerang, with a heart in the centre. The words "FROM ERIC" are scratched on the back. Finder please communicate with Bn HQ.

PUNISHMENTS.

| No. | Rank. | Name. | Offence. | Punishment. | Date. |
|---------|-------|--------------|---|------------------------|-----------|
| QX26473 | Cpl. | Hartigan, M. | Conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline. | Revert to rank of Pte. | 12.11.43. |
| QX26369 | Cpl. | Buckby, G. | (A.A. 40) | " | " |

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Formation: Merauke Force.
Date: 13 Nov 43.

375. ORDERLY DUTIES - Mounting Retreat 13 Nov 43 to Retreat 14 Nov 43.

Orderly Offr.

Lieut. T. Rodham.
Lieut. J. R. Whalley.
Lieut. L. K. Hamilton.

Ord. NCO.

Cpl. G. R. Baird.
Cpl. G. B. Cooke.
L/Cpl. G. G. Spooner.

Orderly.

Pte. F. W. Thompson.
Pte. A. H. V. Harper.
Pte. J. Ryan.

Bn Guard.

Guard Comd.

NFD
NFD

L/Cpl. E. Else.

L/Cpl. S. W. Willett.
L/Cpl. E. A. Reeves.

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Formation: Merauke Force.
Date: 14 Nov 43.

376. ORDERLY DUTIES - Mounting Retreat 14 Nov 43 to Retreat
15 Nov 43

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| <u>Orderly Offr.</u> | <u>Ord.NCO.</u> | <u>Orderly.</u> |
| Lieut.J.R.Whalley. | Cpl.G.B.Cooke. | Pte.A.H.V.Harper. |
| Lieut.L.K.Hamilton. | L/Cpl.G.G.Spooner. | Pte.J.Ryan. |
| Lieut.R.J.Wilson. | Cpl.C.J.Paton. | Pte.J.Ryan. |

| | | |
|------------------|-------------|--------------------|
| <u>Bn Guard.</u> | Guard Comd. | L/Cpl.S.W.Willett. |
| | NFD | L/Cpl.E.A.Reaves. |
| | NFD | L/Cpl.G.G.Spooner. |

377. R.C. CHURCH PARADES.

1. Coy Comds will ensure that personnel under their comd. parade at stated place of parade 15 minutes previous to time for which parade is called.
2. Orderly Officer for the day will be responsible for ensuring that adequate transport arrangements are made.

378. BOUNDS.

1. Following are strictly out of bounds to troops not on duty -
 - (a) Officers and Sergeants Messes and quarters.
 - (b) Officers and Sergeants lavatories, latrines, and showers.
2. It has been noted that timber material has been pilfered from the well supplying Bn HQ officers shower. This timber will be returned by 0900hrs Monday 15 Nov.

379. DISCIPLINE: PREVALENCE OF THEFT OF MILITARY STORES AND SUPPLIES.

1. The offences of stealing and fraudulent misapplication of stores and supplies from military depots, installations, transportation services and even from fellow soldiers have increased to an extent which renders immediate and effective remedial action necessary.
2. The use of terms such as "pilfering", "scrounging" etc, to describe such offences tends to obscure their gravity and may cause them to be somewhat lightly regarded. On the contrary such offences must be viewed very seriously and offenders will render themselves liable to severe punishment.
3. The impression may exist that an isolated instance of theft of military stores and supplies, though a mean and despicable act, does not involve any appreciable weakening of the war effort. Such an impression, if it exists, is completely erroneous. The cumulative effect of such thefts affects seriously the maintenance of the troops in the field, dislocates the supply organization at all points, involves grave waste of man hours, and is, in fact, equivalent in result to that of directly treasonable activity.
4. These considerations impose an obligation of honor upon all members to do their utmost to prevent theft and to assist in every way in the bringing to justice of offenders.

5. As a general rule, no suspension or remission will be made in respect of any award or sentence imposed upon a member for any offence mentioned in this order.

380. USE OF GRINADES, HAND. JAPANESE, TYPE 91. (GRO.G.724)

1. This grenade is in common use by the Japanese and quantities have been captured and used by our troops. Tests indicate that the grenade has certain characteristics which may lead to injury in the hands of inexperienced personnel. These characteristics are -

- (a) The delay fuse, marked 4/5 seconds, has been known to burn in much less time. Some tested fuses burned in 3 seconds.
- (b) While the delay fuse is burning, a considerable quantity of black smoke is emitted through the escape hole at the base of the fuse tube, and small fragments of the delay fuse are sometimes forced out. At night or even at dusk or dawn, a definite glow from this hole can be seen.

2. The following precautions will be taken if the grenade is used.

- (a) it will be thrown immediately after the head has been struck;
- (b) when striking the grenade, the hand will be kept well clear of the escape hole at the side of the fuse tube.

381. GRINADES, No.36M - DESTRUCTION OF BLINDS. (GRO.G.725)

1. Due to the possible occurrence of hangfires, as a result of slow burning fuses, it is essential that an interval of fifteen minutes and not five minutes, as previously published, be allowed to elapse before action is taken to destroy blind 36M grenades.

2. An amendment to Small Arms Training, Vol.I, Pamphlet No.13, "Grenades", incorporating the above change to existing procedure, will be issued in the near future. In the meantime, action will be taken to ensure that this order is brought to the notice of all ranks.

382. REMITTANCES FROM MEMBERS. (GRO.F.747)

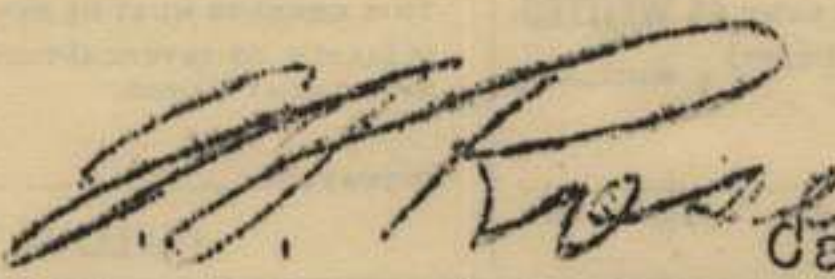
1. The attention of all ranks is drawn to the arrangements which exist for a member to send a remittance of cash or undrawn pay to any person resident in Australia or to another member (wherever serving).

2. These arrangements provide that remittances may be made through Army channels by members who are serving in localities where money order or banking facilities for remittances are not available with reasonable convenience.

3. Remittances through Army channels are effected by the member completing a remittance form (WF.131 or WF.131a) and handing the form to the pay sergeant or paymaster, together with the cash (in the case of a remittance of cash) or the member's pay book (for entry of the debit in the case of a remittance of undrawn pay).

4. A member sending a remittance should take particular care to see that full details are legibly set out on the remittance form. This applies especially to the name and address of the person to whom the remittance is to be sent.

5. The member will ensure that he obtains a receipt from the pay sergeant or paymaster for any cash handed over.


Capt.
Adj. 62 Aust Inf Bn AIF.

NOTICES.

ANNIVERSARY SPORTS DAY.

1. It is desired to put on a bumper sports day to commemorate the first anniversary of the raising of the unit.
2. Coys will each elect a sports committee.
3. Each Coy committee will elect a delegate. These delegates will form a Bn Sports Committee.
4. Bn Sports Committee will draw up a programme and submit to Maj McCoy by 24 Nov.
5. A liberal allocation of prize money will be made from Unit Regtl. Funds.
6. Lieut. McHUGH will officiate as Bn Sports officer.

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Date: 15 Nov 43.

383. ORDERLY DUTIES - Mounting Retreat 15 Nov 43 to Retreat 16 Nov 43.

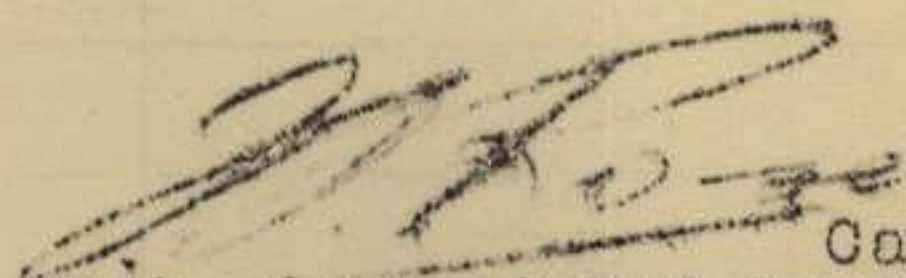
Orderly Offr.
Lieut. L. K. Hamilton.
Lieut. R. J. Wilson.
Lieut. W. F. G. Ross.

Ord. NCO.
L/Cpl. G. G. Spooner.
Cpl. C. J. Paten.
L/Cpl. S. W. Willett.

Orderly.
Pte. J. Ryan.
Pte. J. Ryan.
Pte. F. P. J. Ross.

Bn Guard.

Guard Comd. L/Cpl. E. A. Reeves.
NFD L/Cpl. G. G. Spooner.
NFD L/Cpl. S. Ide.


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Date: 16 Nov 43.

384. ORDERLY DUTIES - Mounting Retreat 16 Nov 43 to Retreat 17 Nov 43.

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| <u>Orderly Offr.</u> | <u>Ord. HCO.</u> | <u>Orderly.</u> |
| Lieut. R. J. Wilson. | Cpl. C. J. Paten. | Pte. J. Ryan. |
| Lieut. W. F. G. Ross. | L/Cpl. S. W. Willett. | Pte. F. P. J. Ross. |
| Lieut. G. A. Clarke. | Cpl. G. B. Baird. | Pte. E. G. Wooton. |

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| <u>Bn Guard.</u> | Guard Comd. | L/Cpl. G. G. Spooner. |
| | NFD | L/Cpl. S. Ide. |
| | NFD | L/Cpl. C. M. Beresford. |

385. PROHIBITED AREA. (Force RO.A. 236)

As from 16 Nov 43 the area described below and shown on attached map is declared a prohibited area. No vehicle, other than airforce, engineer and AA vehicles on duty, will be permitted into this area at any time unless provided with a pass from RAAF or ADC.

No personnel on foot will be permitted into the area during the hours between 1830 and 0700 unless provided with an RAAF or ADC pass.

That portion of the area immediately to the North of the DAF hut enclosed by the wire fence along the strip, the strip itself and MRS road to a point 100 yards from the DAF hut is totally out of bounds to all ranks and is under control of OC 44 OBU.

In detail the prohibited area as shown on the attached map, reference MERAUKE Special 1 in 25000 is as follows -

From junction HIGHWAY ONE and RAILWAY 447319 along WEST SIDE of HIGHWAY ONE SE to ROAD JUNCTION 447314, thence along SOUTHERN SIDE of HIGHWAY ONE to EAGLE JUNCTION 456307, thence a direct line to HIGHWAY ONE at 457291, thence to MAIN STREET and along EASTERN SIDE of MAIN ST to 451295, thence a line 200 feet W of WESTERN TAXIWAY to BEND in RAILWAY at 442318, thence along RAILWAY (exclusive) to JUNCTION HIGHWAY ONE 447319.

386. RECORD OF SERVICE BOOK - AAB.83.

1. A record of service book (AAB.83) will shortly be issued to all personnel.

2. The loss, destruction or defacement of an AAB.83 by a wilful act or by negligence or the unauthorized alteration of any information contained therein is an offence in respect of which a charge will be under AA.40.

387. MISSING ARRANGEMENTS - PERSONNEL TRAVELLING ON LEAVE OR DUTY.

All personnel travelling to the mainland whether on duty or leave, or whether by sea or air, will carry messing gear. Railway Departments will NOT provide messing gear for service personnel.


Capt.
Adj. 82 Aust. Inf. Bn AIF.

NOTICES.

MISSING ACCUMULATORS 12 VOLT FOR BEACH LIGHTS.

Six beach searchlight 12 volt accumulators which were originally issued to det 2/31 Aust Docks Operating Coy, have become mislaid.

The accumulators are packed in wooden cases and fitted with a switch and handle. It is probable that they are being used for lighting rest tents or office huts etc.

All units will institute a search of unit lines and advise result to this HQ NOT later than 1200hrs 17 Nov 43. NIL returns will be submitted.

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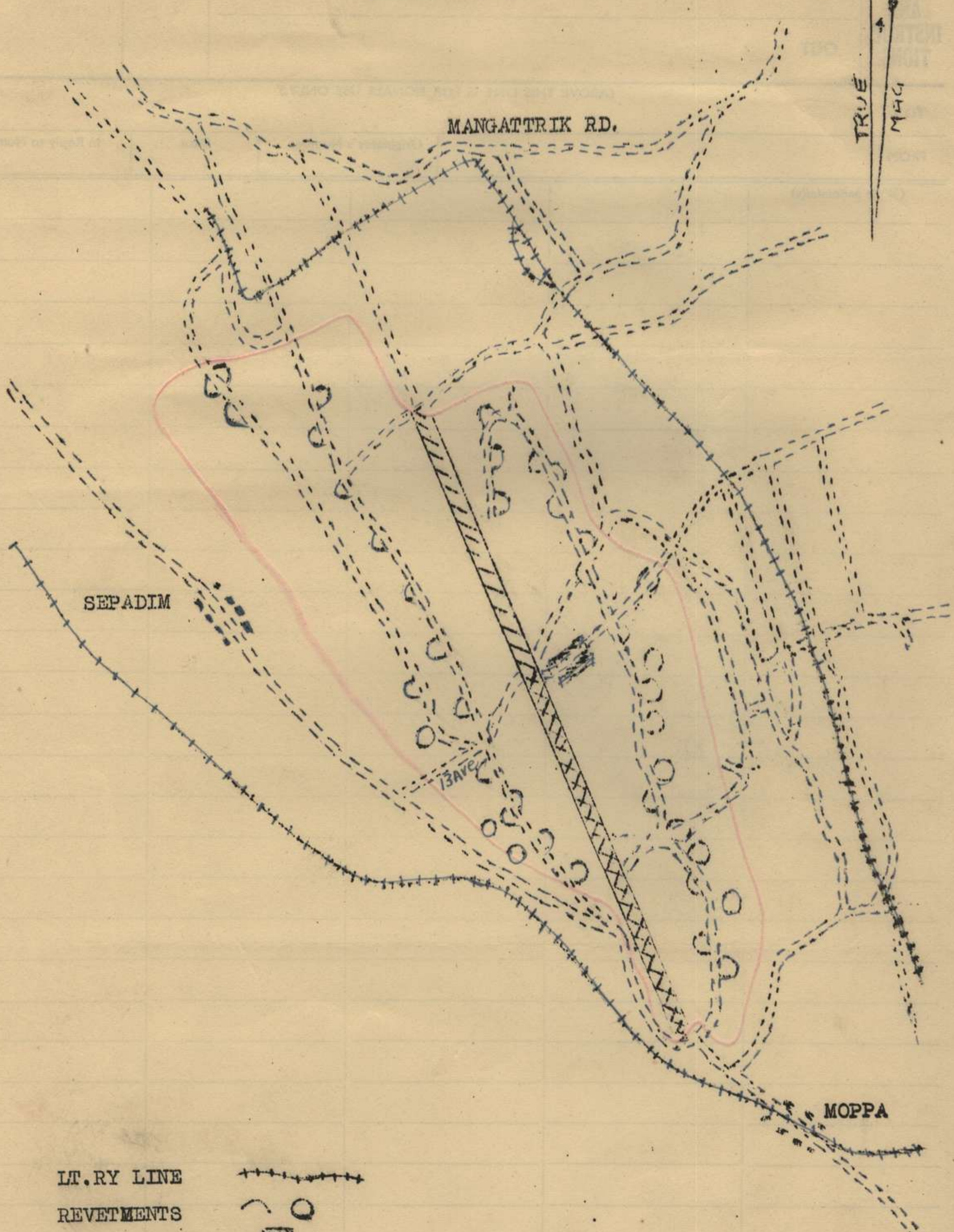
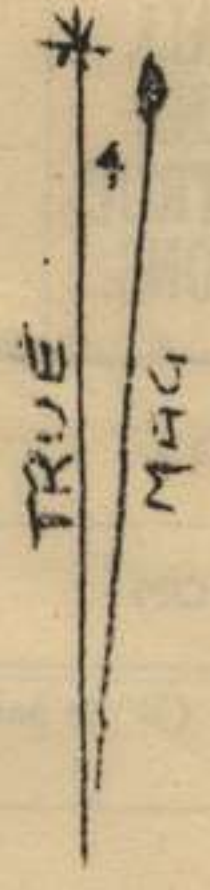
(1) On MAIN STREET between 72 Wing HQ and 12 AVENUE, crocodile purse containing £6 in single notes and 15/- in small change. (Australian) Finder please return to LAC COX, 44 OBU, RAAF.


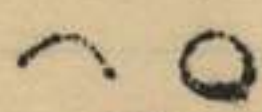


(2) US Army type raincoat (or jacket) left in Australian cinema area Friday night 12 Nov 43. Finder please return to Force HQ.

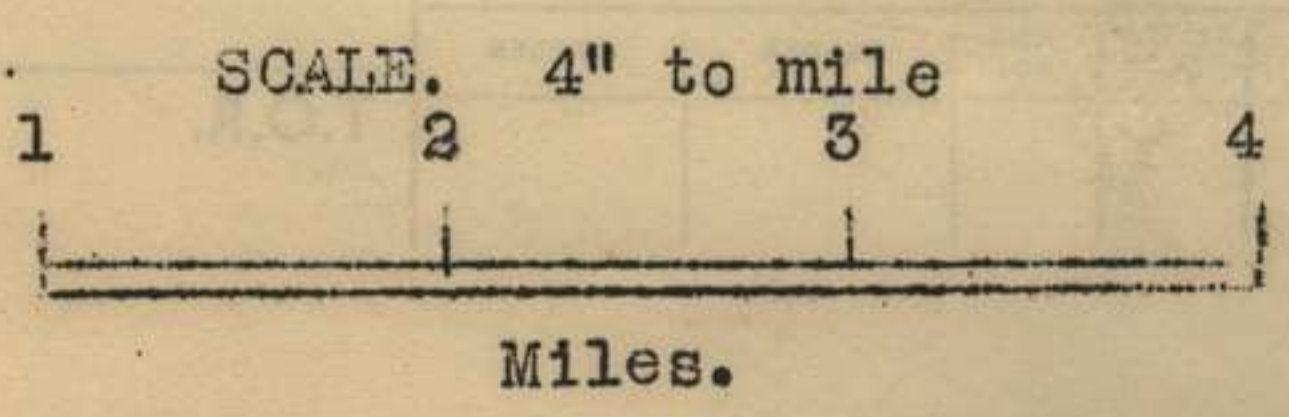
PUNISHMENTS.

| No. | Rank. | Name. | Offence. | Punishment. | Date. |
|---------|-------|-----------|---|-------------|------------|
| OX25336 | Pte | Ogg, G.G. | Disobeyed a lawful command. (Art. 9(2)) | Admonished. | 16 Nov 43. |
| OX25336 | Pte | Ogg, G.G. | Conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline (Art. 40) | Admonished. | 16 Nov 43. |

--- PROHIBITED AREA ---



- LT. RY LINE 
- REVTMENTS 
- ALERT AREA 
- BOUNDARY OF PROH. AREA. 



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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

by

Major P. McCoy
Adm. Comd. 62 Aust Inf Bn AIF.

Formation: Mersuke Force.
Date: 17 Nov 43.

388. ORDERLY DUTIES - Mounting Retreat 17 Nov 43 to Retreat 18 Nov 43

Orderly Offr.

Lieut. W. F. G. Ross.
Lieut. G. A. Clarke.
Lieut. T. Rodham.

Ord. NCO.

L/Cpl. S. W. Willett.
Cpl. G. B. Baird.
L/Cpl. E. A. Reeves.

Orderly.

Pte. F. P. J. Ross.
Pte. E. G. Wooton.
Pte. J. B. Howie.

Bn Guard.

Guard Comd.

L/Cpl. S. Ide.

NFD

L/Cpl. C. M. Beresford.

NFD

L/Cpl. G. G. Spooner.

389. TIME DESIGNATION.

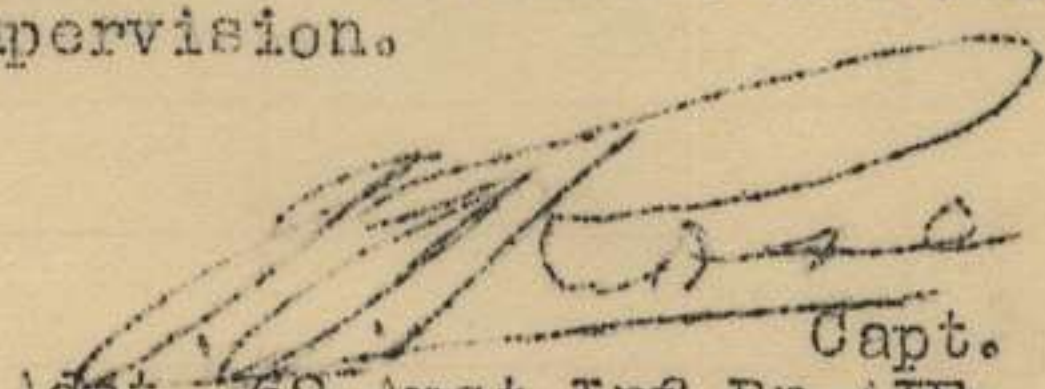
1. In future, all times in messages, orders, letters etc, will be followed by the suffix letter indicating the zone time being used. (In this area, the suffix is "L" while Day-light saving time is in operation.) Thus: 0900L.

2. Times of origin will be expressed in six figures followed by the suffix letter. The first two figures represent the date. The last four figures represent the time. Thus midday on the 15 Nov would be shown as 151200L. The first 9 days of the month would be shown as 01, 02, 03, etc. Thus midday on 3 Nov would be shown as 031200L.

390. AA EDUCATION SERVICE - PUBLIC EXAMINATION. (Extract from First Aust Army Order No. A. 235)

1. AMF personnel pursuing correspondence courses of study may present themselves for public examinations, the majority of which are held in NOVEMBER and DECEMBER each year.

2. Intending candidates should consult Education Officer to arrange examinations and supervision.


Capt.
Adj. 62 Aust Inf Bn AIF.

NOTICES.

ARTILLERY SHOOT.

1. An artillery shoot with live ammunition will take place on Friday 19 Nov 43 commencing about 1000L.

2. The danger area will be: The whole of the area known as ANN FIELD on the South side of MAIN STREET.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

by

Major P. McCoy
Adm. Comd. 62 Aust Inf Bn AIF.

Formation: Merauke Force.
Date: 18 Nov 43.

391. ORDERLY DUTIES - Mounting Retreat 18 Nov 43 to Retreat
19 Nov 43

Ord.NCO.

Cpl. G. B. Baird
L/Cpl. E. A. Reaves
Cpl. S. W. Ford

Guard. Comd.

L/Cpl. C. M. Beresford
L/Cpl. G. G. Spooner
L/Cpl. S. Ide.

Orderly.

Pte. E. G. Wootton.
Pte. J. B. Howie.
Pte. A. H. V. Harper.

392. WEEKLY WEARING OF RESPIRATORS.

As from Wednesday 24 Nov inclusive, all ranks will wear the respirator each Wednesday from 1000hrs to 1030hrs. During this period personnel will continue their normal duties in order to become accustomed to working with the facepiece adjusted. This will be facilitated by an example being set by senior officers.

Only exceptional circumstances will exempt personnel from complying with this instruction and approval for non-compliance can only be granted by the local commander.

393. HORSES ATTACHED TO UNIT TRANSPORT.

Horses attached to unit transport will not be loaned to any person, entered in any sporting event, or ridden by personnel other than personnel responsible for their care, and then only on authorized duty, without the person's permission of the CO or Adm. Comd.

394. COY OR PL. LAUNDRYMEN.

1. Coys will NOT detail any men for Pl. or Coy laundry duties. Individual soldiers will be responsible for such duties in their own time.

2. Coy duties will be kept to a minimum. Light dutymen, when available, will be utilized to the full.

395. UNIT LAYOUT OF BEDDING ETC.

All lines and tents will be left in a clean and tidy condition with bedding, clothing and other gear laid out in accordance with Unit Standard, before 0900hrs each morning.

396. WATER POINTS.

No. 1 W.P. - the new well NORTH of Bn HQ.
No. 2 " - the well known as the Mortar well.

Supplies will be drawn as follows -

No. 1 W.P. A Coy
S.L. Unit.
HQ Coy
Officers Mess.
Tk/A and Sig Pls.

No. 2 W.P. D Coy
B Coy 2/3 MMG Bn.
B Coy 62 Aust Inf Bn AIF
C Coy

397. HOURS OF PARADES AND MEALS.

1. Confirmation of verbal orders issued on 17 Nov 43.
2. As from Thurs. 18 Nov 43 the following times will operate-

| | |
|--------------------------------|------------------|
| (a) Reveille | 0700 hrs |
| (b) P.T. | 0715 to 0730 hrs |
| (c) Breakfast | 0745 hrs |
| (d) 1st Trg and/or duty period | 0900 to 1300 hrs |
| (e) Midday meal | 1315 to 1415 " |
| (f) 2nd Trg and/or duty period | 1415 to 1815 " |
| (g) Evening meal | 1900 hrs |

The 1st and 2nd Trg and/or duty periods will be broken as follows -

| | |
|-----------------|-------------------|
| Morning smoke | 1050 to 1100 hrs. |
| Afternoon smoke | 1600 to 1610 " |

3. Trg and/or duty periods will always commence with inspection of personnel, arms and weapons.
4. End of each Trg and/or duty period will be when troops are dismissed on Coy Parade ground.
5. ^{Two hours} NIGHT Trg will be carried out by all Coys twice weekly as follows -

| | |
|--------|----------------|
| Mon. | HQ and A Coys. |
| Tues. | B and C Coys. |
| Thurs. | D " HQ " |
| Fri. | A " B " |
| Sat. | C " D " |

Period of Trg - 2030 hrs to 2230 hrs.

398. FELLING OF COCONUT TREES.

No more coconut trees will be felled in the unit area, except by special direction of CO or Offr. Adm. Comd.

J. Rose
Adj. 62 Aust Inf Bn AIF.

NOTICE.

All personnel are notified that Christmas or New Year Greeting telegrams should be lodged on or before 7 Dec 43. Early delivery of such telegrams lodged after that date cannot be expected.

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Major P. McCoy
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Formation: Merauke Force.
Date: 19 Nov 43.

399. ORDERLY DUTIES - Mounting Retreat 19 Nov 43 to Retreat
20 Nov 43.

Ord. NCO.


L/Cpl. E. A. Reaves
Cpl. S. W. Ford
Cpl. W. E. S. Abell.

Guard Comd.

L/Cpl. G. G. Spooner.
L/Cpl. S. Ide.
L/Cpl. R. A. Groth.

Orderly.

Pte. J. B. Howie.
Pte. A. H. V. Harper.
Pte. H. O. Brooks.


Capt.
Adjt. 62 Aust Inf Bn AIF.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

by
Major P. McCoy
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Formation: Merauke Force.
Date: 20 Nov 43

400. ORDERLY DUTIES - Mounting Retreat 20 Nov 43 to Retreat
21 Nov 43

| | | |
|-----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| <u>Ord. NCO.</u> | <u>Guard Comd.</u> | <u>Orderly.</u> |
| Cpl. S. W. Ford. | L/Cpl. S. Ide. | Pte. A. H. V. Harper. |
| Cpl. W. E. S. Abell. | L/Cpl. R. A. Groth. | Pte. H. O. Brooks. |
| L/Cpl. H. G. Mugridge | Cpl. C. J. Chapman. | Pte. F. Kelly. |

401. COMMUNICATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES TO PRISONERS OF WAR AND INTERNEES IN ENEMY OR ENEMY OCCUPIED TERRITORY.

1. Interpretation -

In this order the term "prisoner of war" includes all interned persons, naval, military, air force, merchant navy and civilian.

2. Postal charges -

Letters and postcards may be sent by surface mail free of postal charge and may be sent by air mail - so far as air service is available - upon payment of the prescribed air mail charge.

3. Posting of communications -

Letters and postcards sent by air or surface mail will be posted in the ordinary manner and will not be registered or insured.

4. Communications, writing and addressing -

The types of communications and the requirements in connection with writing and addressing the same are detailed in the Schedule hereto. Letters will not be addressed to prisoners of war c/o Australian Red Cross Society, Melbourne.

5. Contents of communications -

- (a) No information likely to be of military, political or economic value to the enemy will be included in communications.
- (b) No statements or remarks (such as abuse of the enemy) likely to result in retaliatory action by the enemy against the recipient or other prisoners of war will be included in communications.

6. Accommodation address -

No member of the AMF will disclose the designation of his unit in communications to prisoners of war, but will use an accommodation address which may be -

- (a) The address of a relative or friend, when the address of the sender will be shown at the top of his letter as follows -

No.
Rank
Name
c/o (the private address of the relative or friend)
Australia.

(A PO Box number or c/o a post office will not be used and the writer should make arrangements for replies to be forwarded to him)

(b) The address "C/o Chief Field Censor, LHQ, Melbourne"

- (i) This address will be used only by those who cannot use such an address as (a) above.
- (ii) The address of the sender will be shown at the top of his letter as follows -

No.
Rank.
Name.
C/o Chief Field Censor, LHQ, Melbourne.

- (iii) The sender will advise the Chief Field Censor of his number, rank, name and unit at the time of writing his first letter.
- (iv) The Chief Field Censor will register those particulars so that replies when received may be forwarded to the sender at his unit.
- (v) Any change of address must be notified to the Chief Field Censor to avoid delay in delivery of replies.

7. Parcels -

Members of the AMF who desire to send parcels to prisoners of war should write to the Australian Red Cross Society which will inform them as to the kind of parcels which may be sent, the form of address, the permissible contents, the mode of despatch and the procedure regarding ration coupons (where such are necessary)

For the present no parcels may be sent to prisoners of war in Japanese hands.

SCHEDULE

| | Communications to PW in Japanese hands | Communications to all other PW |
|-----------------------------------|--|---|
| (1) | (2) | (3) |
| Types of communications permitted | Letters and postcards only | Letters, postcards and parcels |
| Type of paper | One sheet of plain note paper, not exceeding quarto size, preferably with horizontal lines | As in Column 2 |
| Length of communication | 25 words only (including address and signature) | Provided paper is not too thin, both sides may be used. |
| Who may write | Relatives and close friends only | As in Column 2 |
| Frequency | Not more than once fortnightly | Not more than once per week. |
| Type of writing | Typed or, if not, in BLOCK LETTERS | Clear, legible |
| Enclosures | Snapshots or small unmounted photographs of a personal nature only. Name and address of addressee and sender to be written on back. (See para 6 (a) and (b)) | As in Column 2 |

| | Communications to PW in Japanese hands | Communications to all other PW |
|---------------|---|---|
| (1) | (2) | (3) |
| Address of PW | Service No PW No. Rank Name Nationality * Camp address (if known) Country of internment * If camp address is not known - C/o Japanese Red Cross Society, TOKIO, will be shown after the country of internment. The name and address of PW also to be written on the top left hand corner of the communication. The name and address of the sender to be written on the top right hand corner of the communication. (See para 6 (a) and (b)) | Service No. (omit in letters to Germany when PW No is given) PW No. Rank Name Nationality * Camp address (if known) Country of internment. * If camp address is not known - C/o International Red Cross Committee, GENEVA, SWITZERLAND, will follow country of internment. As in Column 2 |
| Envelopes | At top left hand corner of envelope write - "Prisoners of War Post" and "Service de Prisonniers de Guerre" On back flap of envelope write - "From....." (name and address) | As in Column 2, except that to PW in Germany put "Prisoners of War Post" and "Kriegsgefangenen post" |

402. CHESTS, SA, ETC: MUTILIATION BY THE NAILING ON OF LIDS.
 (GRO O.763)

1. Chests of various types are being returned to ordnance depots in an unserviceable condition owing to the lids being fastened down with nail instead of screws.
2. This practice will cease forthwith. Screws only will be used.


 Capt.
 Adj. 62 Aust Inf Bn AIF.

NOTICES.

PERSONNEL WITH KNOWLEDGE OF NETHERLANDS EAST INDIES AND FAR EAST.

1. Personnel possessing any of the following qualifications -
 - (a) Long residence in or intimate knowledge of any part of the

Netherland East Indies, Malaya, British Borneo, Sarawak, or Portuguese Timor.

(b) Good knowledge of any of the following languages - Dutch, Malay, Javanese, Sudanese, Portuguese, Tetum, are invited to forward through the usual channels, personal particulars as follows -

- (i) Army number, rank, name and unit.
- (ii) Age
- (iii) Medical classification.
- (iv) Outline of military service.
- (v) Educational standard.
- (vi) Detailed particulars of the knowledge of the territories or proficiency in the languages mentioned.

2. These particulars should reach Bn HQ not later than 23 Nov 43.

.303-IN VICKERS MACHINE GUNS- LOSS IN TRANSIT.

1. Two .303-in Vickers machine guns, Mk.1 (registered numbers 6714 and 6718), packed in two chests numbered B 1 - 2, were shipped 01820 by the Naval Armament Supply Officer, Sydney, to the Naval Assistant Armament Supply Officer, Maribyrnong, in January 1943, in s.s. "CARADIAIC"
2. These guns have not been received and all attempts to trace them have been unsuccessful.
3. This HQ will be advised by 22 Nov whether or not these guns are in the unit.

REVERSIONS.

| <u>No.</u> | <u>Rank.</u> | <u>Name.</u> | <u>To be</u> | <u>Date.</u> |
|------------|--------------|--------------|---|--------------|
| QX25731 | Cpl. | Fernie, W.G. | Pte (own request) | 18.11.43. |
| QX25017 | " | Cooke, G. B. | " " " | " |
| QX25775 | " | Ohl, H. E. | " " " | " |
| QX25336 | Pte | Ogg, G. G. | Relinquishes TGIII Rangetaker at own request. | " |

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

by
Major P. McCoy
Adm.Comd. 62 Aust Inf Bn AIF

Formation: Merauke Force.
Date: 21 Nov 43

403. ORDERLY DUTIES - Mounting Retreat 21 Nov 43 to Retreat
22 Nov 43

Orderly Offr.

Lieut. T. Rodham.
Lieut. J. R. Whalley.

Guard Comd.


L/Cpl. S. Ide.
Cpl. D. North.
Cpl. E. B. McFadzen.

Ord. NCO.

Cpl. S. W. Ford.
L/Cpl. V. Robb.
L/Cpl. R. Whiting.

Orderly.

Pte. R. W. Torazzi.
Pte. S. K. Single.
Pte. E. W. A. Kohler.


Adj. 62 Aust Inf Bn AIF. ^{Capt.}

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

by
Major P. McCoy
Adm. Comd. 62 Aust Inf Bn AIF

Formation: Merauke Force.
Date: 22 Nov 43

404. ORDERLY DUTIES - Mounting Retreat 22 Nov 43 to Retreat 23 Nov 43

| | | |
|------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| <u>Orderly Offr.</u> | <u>Guard Comd.</u> | <u>Ord. NCO.</u> |
| Lieut. T. Rodham. | Cpl. D. North. | L/Cpl. V. Robb. |
| Lieut. J. R. Whalley. | Cpl. L. B. McFadden. | L/Cpl. R. Whiting. |
| Lieut. L. K. Hamilton. | Cpl. M. C. Dingwall. | Pte. J. M. Pullen. |
| | <u>Orderly.</u> | |
| | Pte. S. K. Single. | |
| | Pte. H. W. Kohler. | |
| | Pte. O. A. Ohl. | |

405. WEEKLY WEARING OF RESPIRATORS.

Reference Routine Order No. 392. HQ MERAUKE Force G91/403 lays down that "Engineer and other troops engaged in manual work not of a training nature will wear their respirators for a half hour period during their training day".

406. HORSINGIN.

Two experienced horsemen are required for unit transport. Applications are invited from all Coys. Applicants will state experience and qualifications. Coys will submit applications to Bn HQ by 1800 hrs Wed. 24 Nov 43.

407. SPECIAL JUNIOR LEADERS COURSE.

Applications are invited from following personnel -

- (a) NCOs not above rank of L/Cpl.
- (b) Private soldiers.

Date of commencement of course will be notified at an early date.


The class will be restricted to 16, namely 1 student from each Pl., excluding 1 and 6 Pls.

Applicants must possess the following qualifications -

- (1) A good record.
- (2) Have passed all T.O.E.T.s in Rifle, Bren, Grenade and SMG.
- (3) Be in possession of a certificate signed by OC of their Coy to the effect that the abovementioned T.O.E.T.s have been passed.

The course of instruction will include the following -

- (a) Minor tactics.
- (b) Battle procedure.
- (c) Elementary Field Engineering.
- (d) Gas training.
- (e) Map Reading and Field Sketching.
- (f) Unit administration.


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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

by

Major P. McCoy

Adm. Comd. 62 Aust Inf Bn AIF.

Formation: Merauke Force.

Date: 23 Nov 43

408. ORDERLY DUTIES - Mounting Retreat 23 Nov 43 to Retreat 24 Nov 43

| | | | |
|-----|------------------------|-----|-----------------------|
| | <u>Orderly Offr.</u> | | <u>Guard Comd</u> |
| | Lieut. J. R. Whalley. | | Cpl. E. B. McFadzen. |
| NFD | Lieut. L. K. Hamilton. | NFD | Cpl. M. C. Dingwall. |
| NFD | Lieut. R. J. Wilson. | NFD | L/Cpl. R. A. Whiting. |
| | <u>Ord. NCO.</u> | | <u>Orderly.</u> |
| | L/Cpl. R. Whiting. | | Pte. E. J. Kohler. |
| NFD | L/Cpl. V. Robb. | NFD | Pte. O. A. Ohl. |
| NFD | Cpl. D. North. | NFD | Pte. W. J. R. Laing. |

409. MALARIA CONTROL. (Force RO A.244)

The approach of the wet season means the approach of the Malaria Season. All units will check upon their Anti-Malaria Control measures, which are repeated below.

The attention of all ranks is to be drawn weekly to the following measures which will be adopted for personal protection: -

- (a) Long trousers and long sleeved shirts will be worn at all times. Sleeves must be rolled down at 1730hrs and buttoned at the wrist.
- (b) Shirts must NOT be removed at any time no matter how arduous or dirty the work.
- (c) The wearing of shorts is specifically forbidden.
- (d) Personnel on duty at night will wear head nets and gauntlets.
- (e) Gaiters American are to be worn after 1830hrs to protect ankles and legs.
- (f) No showers or other forms of ablutions will be used after 1830hrs.
- (g) The use of latrines after 1830hrs is to be avoided except in cases of emergency.
- (h) All personnel NOT otherwise protected (vide para 2(d) above) will use fluid or other repellent on exposed parts.
- (i) All personnel must be in possession of mosquito nets which will be used on all appropriate occasions. Nets must be kept in good repair and cleared of mosquitoes before use.
- (j) (i) All personnel will take one (1) Atebrin tablet daily except on Sundays, preferably at the evening meal and followed by a drink.
(ii) Great care must be taken that duty men, drivers and cooks and all other personnel whose hours are irregular, conform with this instruction.

In addition to the above the following additional protective measures should be taken -

- (a) Where possible all orderly rooms, hutments and other places where men spend the hours of darkness on duty, should be protected by wire gauze.

(b) All hutments and tents are to be sprayed at 0730hrs and 2100hrs, and all places where men work indoors all day are to be sprayed frequently with special attention to dark places, e.g. under tables.

Beach - Shirts may be removed for purposes of sun bathing, only on the beach between 1000 and 1600 hours, and at least 100 yards from the nearest vegetation.

Sport - Shorts and no shirt may be the dress during the actual playing of sport. Shorts will NOT be held by the men, they must be issued just before the match and withdrawn immediately after the match.

This dress will only be worn by the players during the match and on no account be adopted after 1830hrs.

Boxing - Shirts may be discarded during the actual round. Contestants must have the body completely covered while awaiting their turn to box. Shoes may be discarded only when actually in the ring.

Foot Covering - Some form of foot covering must be worn at all times, as hookworm in this area is a very real danger.

410. PURCHASE OF TRENCH COATS. (Force RO Q.249)

First Aust Army advises that officers stationed North of 26 Parallel can purchase trench coats from Officers Stores at reduced pricing of twelve coupons. This order applies to all sales of trench coats on and after 26 Oct 43.


411. HOURS OF PARADES AND MEALS.

1. Paras 1 to 4 of this unit Routine Orders Serial 222 No.397 of 18 Nov 43 are cancelled. Amended times for parades are as follows -

| | | | |
|-------------------|--------------|------------------|--------------|
| Reveille | 0730 | Quarter call | 1315 |
| Sick Parade | 0735 | Cook house | 1325 |
| Quarter call | 0755 | Pick 'em up | 1330 |
| Sick Parade | 0800 | Quarter call | 1430 |
| 5 min call | 0805 | 5 min call | 1440 |
| Inspection Parade | 0810 | Afternoon Parade | 1445 to 1730 |
| Quarter call | 0815 | Quarter call | 1815 |
| Breakfast call | 0825 | 5 min call | 1825 |
| Pick 'em up | 0830 | Pick 'em up | 1830 |
| Quarter call | 0915 | Tattoo Roll call | 2200 |
| 5 min call | 0925 | Lights out | 2300 |
| Morning Parade | 0930 to 1315 | | |

2. Para 5 of this Unit Routine Orders Serial 222 No.397 of 18 Nov 43 is amended by omitting from "Period of Trg" the words and figures "2030 hrs to 2230 hrs" and inserting in their stead "2000 hrs to 2130 hrs".

3. Officers engaged on night trg will not be required to attend cloth model exercises on those nights.


Capt.
Adj. 62 Aust Inf Bn AIF.

NOTICE.

FOUND. A handkerchief in which a number of coins were tied was found during the progress of the recent exercise. Owner may collect same from Bn HQ on furnishing a description.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

by

Major P. McCoy
Adm. Comd. 62 Aust Inf Bn AIF.

Formation: Merauke Force.

Date: 24 Nov 43

412. ORDERLY DUTIES - Mounting Retreat 24 Nov 43 to Retreat 25 Nov 43.

| | | | |
|-----|------------------------|-----|-----------------------|
| | <u>Orderly Offr.</u> | | <u>Guard Comd.</u> |
| | Lieut. L. K. Hamilton. | | Cpl. M. C. Dingwall. |
| NFD | Lieut. R. J. Wilson. | NFD | L/Cpl. R. A. Whiting. |
| NFD | Lieut. W. F. G. Ross. | NFD | L/Cpl. V. Robb. |
| | <u>Ord. NCO.</u> | | <u>Orderly.</u> |
| | L/Cpl. V. Robb. | | Pte. O. A. Ohl. |
| NFD | Cpl. D. North. | NFD | Pte. W. J. R. Laing. |
| NFD | Cpl. M. C. Dingwall. | NFD | Pte. F. F. Craig. |

413. HOURS OF PARADES AND MEALS.

1. HQ MERAUKE Force has directed that the following daily routine will be observed by all units in the Force -

| | | | |
|-----------|-------------|--------------|-------------|
| Reveille | 0715 | Lunch | 1315 - 1400 |
| Breakfast | 0815 | Parade | 1400 - 1745 |
| Parade | 0900 - 1300 | Evening Meal | 1830. |

2. This Unit Routine Order Serial 227 No. 411 is amended accordingly.

414. FELLING OF COCONUT TREES.

Attention is directed to this Unit Routine Order Serial 222 No. 398 regarding the felling of coconut trees.

415. CENSORSHIP.


1. AMF troops under command MERAUKE FORCE are now permitted to say that they are in NEW GUINEA provided that -

- (a) Such troops have been in the area for a period of one month,
- (b) The actual location such as "MERAUKE" or "DUTCH NEW GUINEA" is not mentioned,
- (c) The present form of "AUSTRALIA" address is not altered.

2. Officers are reminded to exercise extreme care in censoring during the next few weeks, to ensure that this concession is NOT abused. For example, reference will NOT be made to -

- (a) The extremely flat nature of the country.
- (b) Zebu.
- (c) MALAYS or JAVANESE.
- (d) Kaja Kaja.
- (e) DUTCH currency or personnel.

3. Reference may be made to NEW GUINEA natives, without mentioning a particular tribe, and conditions generally may be described.


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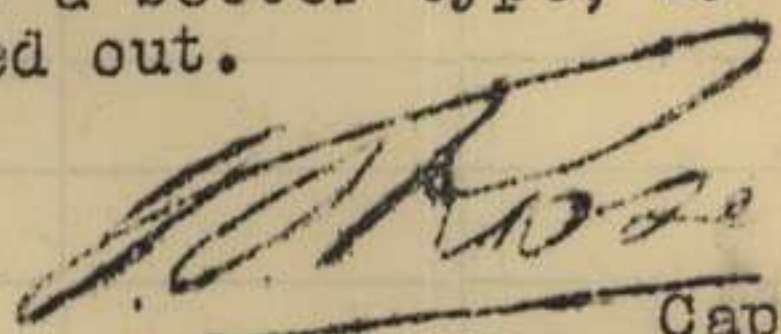
Formation: MERAUKE Force.
Date: 25 Nov 43

416. ORDERLY DUTIES - Mounting Retreat 25 Nov 43 to Retreat 26 Nov 43

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| | <u>Orderly Offr</u> | | <u>Guard Comd</u> |
| | Lieut. R. J. Wilson. | | L/Cpl. R. A. Whiting. |
| NFD | Lieut. W. F. G. Ross. | NFD | L/Cpl. V. Robb. |
| NFD | Lieut. B. C. P. Douglas. | NFD | Cpl. D. North. |
| | <u>Ord. NCO.</u> | | <u>Orderly.</u> |
| | Cpl. D. North. | | Pte. W. J. R. Laing. |
| NFD | Cpl. M. C. Dingwall. | NFD | Pte. F. F. Craig. |
| NFD | L/Cpl. R. A. Whiting. | NFD | Pte. L. W. Carberry. |

417. GRADING OF "A" STREET.

The grader at present being used on "A" Street is not a suitable type. Pending selection of a better type, no further road grading will be carried out.


Capt.
Adj. 62 Aust Inf Bn AIF.

NOTICES.

ARTILLERY SHOOT.

Artillery will be firing 18 pr beach defence gun on Thursday 2 Dec 43 between 1000L and 1500L, out to sea.

BOXING.

A boxing tournament will be held at 102 Aust Bde Wkshop AEEME on Saturday night 27 Nov 43.

PUNISHMENTS.

| No. | Rank. | Name. | Offence. | Punishment. | Date. |
|---------|-------|----------------------|---|------------------------|-----------|
| QX24006 | Pte | O'Connell, A. G. R. | Conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline. | Fined £5 | 24 Nov 43 |
| QX18975 | L/Cpl | McLeod-Ferrie, A. R. | (AA 40) " " " | Reduced to Rank of Pte | " " " |
| QX26749 | Pte | Tobin, R. J. | " " " | Fined £2 | " " " |
| QX26852 | Pte | Bierston, T. | Neglect to obey Bn Routine Order (AA 11) | Fined £1 | " " " |

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Formation: Merauke Force.
Date: 26 Nov 43

418. ORDERLY DUTIES - Mounting Retreat 26 Nov 43 to Retreat 27 Nov 43

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| | <u>Orderly Offr</u> | | <u>Guard Comd</u> |
| | Lieut. W. F. G. Ross. | | L/Cpl. V. Robb. |
| NFD | Lieut. B. C. P. Douglas. | NFD | Cpl. D. North. |
| NFD | Lieut. A. G. R. Cameron. | NFD | L/Sgt. D. D. Walker. |
| | <u>Ord. NCO</u> | | <u>Orderly</u> |
| | Cpl. M. C. Dingwall. | | Pte. F. F. Craig. |
| NFD | L/Cpl. R. A. Whiting. | NFD | Pte. L. J. Carberry. |
| NFD | L/Cpl. A. K. Beer. | NFD | Pte. J. Been. |

419. COs ORDERLY ROOM.

COs Orderly Room will be held on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 0930 hrs.


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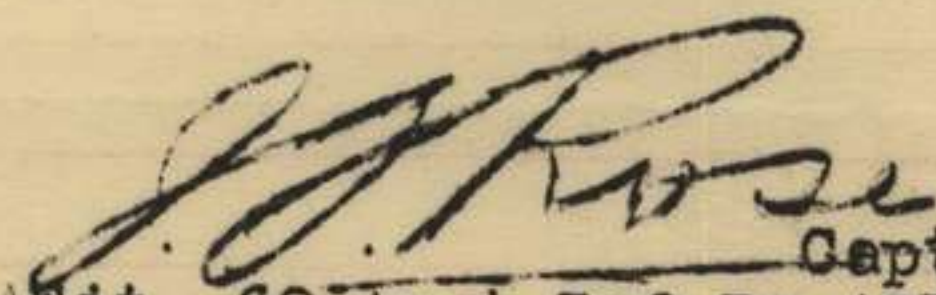
420. ORDERLY DUTIES - Mounting Retreat 27 Nov 43 to Retreat 28 Nov 43

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| | <u>Orderly Offr</u> | | <u>Guard Comd</u> |
| | Lieut. B. C. P. Douglas | | Cpl. D. North |
| NFD | Lieut. A. G. R. Cameron | NFD | L/Sgt. D. D. Walker |
| NFD | Lieut. H. J. Reid | NFD | Cpl. E. F. Thiele |
| | <u>Ord NCO</u> | | <u>Orderly</u> |
| | L/Cpl. R. A. Whiting | | Pte. L. W. Carberry |
| NFD | L/Cpl. A. K. Beer | NFD | Pte. J. Deen |
| NFD | L/Cpl. V. G. Rein | NFD | Pte. A. W. Girvan |

421. AIRGRAPH LETTERS.

1. Owing to several breeches of regulations governing the despatch of AIRGRAPH Letters it has been found necessary to point out the following -

- (a) Censor must sign on bottom left hand corner and above the line, "THIS SPACE SHOULD NOT BE USED".
- (b) Sender must print full name in block letters and also sign with usual signature at end of text as set out in para 8 on back of sheet.
- (c) Censorship stamp must be impressed immediately under the left hand corner space provided for the address.
- (d) Regulations are clearly defined on back of AIRGRAPH letter form, except para (b) above.


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NOTICE

CHURCH PARADES. Sunday 28 Nov 43

Bn Parade - 0930hrs
R.C. Parade - 1000hrs

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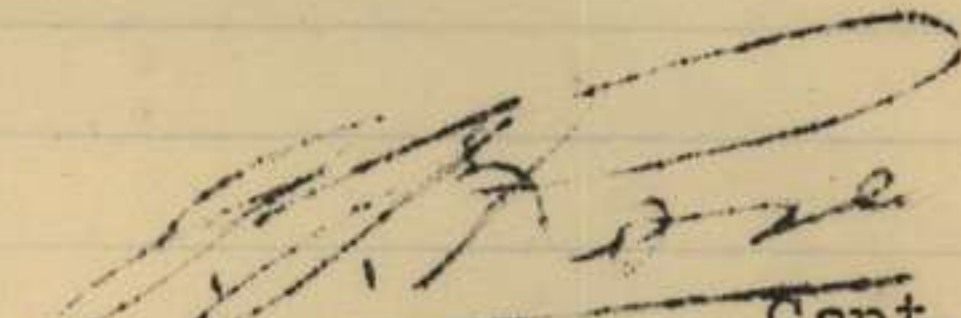
Formation: Mersuke Force.
Date: 28 Nov 43

422. ORDERLY DUTIES - Mounting Retreat 28 Nov 43 to Retreat 29 Nov 43

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| | <u>Orderly Offr</u> | | <u>Guard Comd</u> |
| | Lieut. A. G. R. Cameron | | L/Sgt. D. D. Walker |
| NFD | Lieut. H. J. Reid | NFD | Cpl. E. F. Thiele |
| NFD | Lieut. P. McHugh | NFD | Cpl. H. C. Brayshaw |
| | <u>Ord NCO</u> | | <u>Orderly</u> |
| | L/Cpl. A. K. Beer | | Pte. J. Deen |
| NFD | L/Cpl. V. G. Rein | NFD | Pte. A. J. Girvan |
| NFD | L/Sgt. D. D. Walker | NFD | Pte. R. J. Evenis |

423. SECURITY - DESTRUCTION OF ENVELOPES.

In pursuance of security procedure adopted in advanced areas ALL envelopes of personal mail will be destroyed immediately a letter is opened.


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Formation: Mersauke Force.
Date: 29 Nov 43

424. ORDERLY DUTIES - Mounting Retreat 29 Nov 43 to Retreat 30 Nov 43.

| | | | |
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| | <u>Orderly Offr.</u> | | <u>Guard Comd</u> |
| | Lieut. H. J. Reid | | Cpl. J. P. Thiele |
| NFD | Lieut. P. McHugh | NFD | Cpl. H. C. Breyslaw |
| NFD | Lieut. K. Bedford | NFD | L/Cpl. V. G. Rein |
| | <u>Ord NCO</u> | | <u>Orderly</u> |
| | L/Cpl. V. G. Rein | | Pte. A. W. Girvan |
| NFD | L/Sgt. D. D. Welker | NFD | Pte. R. W. Lvenis |
| NFD | Cpl. J. C. Cormack | NFD | Pte. D. A. Cripps. |

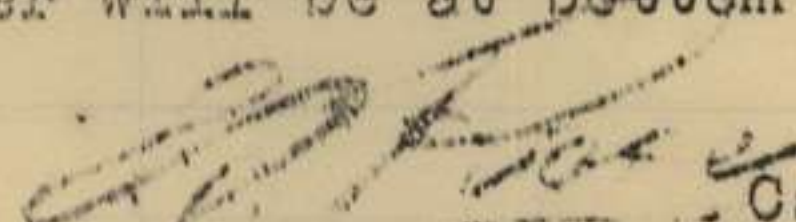
425. CENSORSHIP OF TELEGRAMS.

1. Breaches of regulations are appearing in that the name of the unit is being shown on the back of the telegram form and Censorship stamp impressed in the wrong place.

2. Field Censorship Instructions No. 4 Appx. B para (h) states -

- (a) Franking Officer will ensure that the name of the unit does NOT appear anywhere on the form. Name and number only must be shown on the back of the form.
- (b) Censorship stamp will be impressed in the space provided for the cash register in the top left hand portion of the form.

3. Signature of Franking Officer will be at bottom left hand corner.


Adjut. 62 Aust Inf Bn AIF.

PUNISHMENTS.

| No. | Rank. | Name. | Offence. | Punishment. | Date. |
|----------|-------|--------------------|--|-------------|-----------|
| VX106633 | Pte | Steel, W. S. E. | Failing to appear at place of parade AA 15(1) | Fined £2 | 29 Nov 43 |
| QX24036 | " | Brown, K. H. | " | " | " " " |
| QX26179 | " | Dommett, L. S. | " | " | " " " |
| QX24115 | " | Dyer, A. J. | " | " | " " " |
| QX20501 | " | Howard, S. C. | " | " | " " " |
| QX25820 | " | Langford, W. T. A. | " | " | " " " |
| QX26849 | " | Perrins, S. G. | " | " | " " " |
| QX29018 | " | Bethridge, B. H. | " | " | " " " |
| QX26956 | " | Brooks, H. O. | " | " | " " " |
| QX32437 | " | Devis, N. | " | " | " " " |
| QX28963 | " | Harrison, E. J. | " | " | " " " |
| QX15806 | " | Windsor, I. J. | " | " | " " " |
| QX24815 | " | Green, T. R. | " | " | " " " |
| QX24676 | " | Gyemore, A. | " | " | " " " |
| QX24178 | " | Diggles, R. | " | " | " " " |
| QX20467 | " | Dawson, C. D. | " | " | " " " |
| QX23164 | " | McLenna, V. F. | Conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline AA 40 | Fined £3 | " " " |
| QX23694 | " | Leeson, N. V. | " | " | " " " |
| QX27213 | " | Burgess, V. | " | Admonished | " " " |

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Major P. McGoy
Adm Comd, 62 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

Formation: Merauke Force.
Date: 30 Nov 43.

426. ORDERLY DUTIES - Mounting Retreat 30 Nov 43 to Retreat 1 Dec 43.

Orderly Offr
Lieut P. McHugh
NFD Lieut K. Tedford
NFD Lieut G.A. Clarke

Guard Comd
Cpl H.C. Brayshaw
NFD L/Cpl B.G. Rein
NFD L/Sjt D.D. Walker

Orderly NCO
L/Sjt D.D. Walker
NFD Cpl J.C. Cormack
NFD Cpl H.C. Brayshaw

Orderly
Pte R.W. Evenis
NFD Pte D.A. Cripps
NFD Pte K.R. Gleeson


427. AMMUNITION - CARE AND MAINTENANCE OF.

(1) All ammunition on issue to members will be thoroughly cleaned and rubbed over with a rag only slightly oiled. It is important to note that no oil is better than too much.

(2) All such ammunition will, after cleaning, be inspected by an officer. Coys will render a certificate to that effect, to reach Bn HQ NOT later than 1800 hrs Wednesday 1 Dec 43.

(3) This cleaning and rendering of a certificate will be done weekly, the certificate reaching Bn HQ NOT later than 1800 hrs on each Wednesday.

(4) All ammunition in Coy dumps will be similarly cleaned weekly, and inspected by an officer weekly. A certificate to this effect will be forwarded by Coys to Bn HQ NOT later than 1800 hrs on each Friday, commencing 3 Dec 43.


Capt.
Adjt 62 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

NOTICES

A.B.C. COMPETITION FOR RADIO SCRIPTS.

1. Attention is drawn to a competition being conducted by the Australian Broadcasting Commission for original literary work dealing with Australian life, history or characters.

2. The competition includes six sections, and the following prizes will be awarded :-

Novel
First Prize : £150
Second " : £75

Documentary Feature
First Prize : £60
Second " : £40

Poem
First Prize : £25
Second " : £10

Play
First Prize : £100
Second " : £70

Short Story
First Prize : £50
Second Prize : £30

Discussion
First Prize : £40
Second " : £25

3. In addition to the above prizes the following special bonuses will be awarded :-

| | | |
|--|--|-------------------------|
| | Outstanding contribution (in any section) to | |
| Best work (not a prize winning entry) in each section by a writer who has not had his work published or broadcast. | { | Broadcasting £100 |
| | | Novel £60 |
| | | Play £40 |
| | | Documentary Feature £35 |
| | | Short Story £20 |
| | | Discussion £20 |
| | { | Poem £10 |

4. The competition is open to nationals of all English-speaking countries, but contributions must deal with Australian subjects.

5. Entries for the novel will close on 30 Sep 44. Entries for other sections close on 30 June 44. Entry Forms, with full conditions of the competition, may be obtained from A.B.C. Box 487 GPO SYDNEY.

6. Members of An Education Service will be available to advise personnel interested in this competition.

VACANCIES FOR DIPLOMATIC STAFF CADETS, DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

Applications for temporary appointment as Diplomatic Staff Cadet are invited from British subjects (male or female) who, on 1 January 1944, will have reached the 17th but not the 25th anniversary of their birth. Applications close with the Secretary, Department of External Affairs, Canberra, on December 9 1943.

Applicants must have matriculated or hold the Leaving or Senior Public Certificate. A University degree in Arts, Commerce, Law or Economics is desirable but not essential.

Applicants will be required to undergo a competitive examination in the following subjects -

English Essay, Precis, Current Australian and International Affairs, and General Knowledge on questions of History, Geography, Economics, Social Questions and Politics.

Success at the examination does not confer the right to temporary appointment, selection being made following personal interview of a determined number successful at the examination. In the final selection preference provisions of the Australian Soldiers Repatriation Act will be applied.

Successful applicants will be engaged for two years during which time they will receive remuneration of £274 per annum if an adult or £256 per annum if a minor (subject to cost of living adjustments), plus an allowance towards University costs, and will be required to undertake, at their own expense, an approved course of University study. At the end of the course, applicants will be further examined and, on a satisfactory certificate, will receive a temporary appointment to the Department of External Affairs. The question of permanent appointment to the Commonwealth Public Service will receive consideration at a later date.

Secretary,
Department of External Affairs,
CANBERRA.

Pro Forma

APPLICATION FOR TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT
DIPLOMATIC STAFF CADETS

I,.....hereby make
(Army No) (Rank) (Surname) (Other Names) (Unit)
application for temporary appointment as a Diplomatic Staff Cadet.

I was born at.....on.....and possess the following
qualifications.....
(These may be stated more fully and attached hereto)

My previous civil occupation was.....

Date.....

.....
(Signature of Applicant)

NOTE: This application must be forwarded by the applicant direct to the Secretary, Department of External Affairs, Canberra.

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required.)

Army Form C. 2118.
(adapted)

Unit 62 AUST INF BN AIF Date and Time.—From 2 Dec 43 To 8 Dec 43

| Place. | Date. | Hour. | Summary of Events and Information. | Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c. |
|---------|-------|-------|---|--|
| MERAUKE | 2 Dec | | Lieut. CAMERON left area to attend LHQ School of Military Intelligence. | |
| | 3 Dec | | Personnel of 62 Aust Inf Bn AIF, who had been on outpost duty at MAPPI, returned to unit. | |
| | 4 Dec | | A Sports Meeting was held to commemorate the first anniversary of the change of name of this unit from 14 Aust Garrison Bn to 62 Aust Inf Bn AIF - a change which was appreciated by all ranks as it gave recognition to the Units AIF status. The weather was fine and an excellent program of sports had been arranged and was carried out without a hitch. Prize money to a total value of £130.0.0. was distributed. Music was provided by the band of the 31/51 Aust Inf Bn and representatives of other units were present. The program concluded with a Boxing Tournament at night. D Sec 79 Aust Dental Unit moved from 62 Aust Inf Bn AIF area to MRS. | |
| | 5 Dec | | The usual Sunday Church Parades were held. This was followed by Make and Mend. | |
| | 6 Dec | | Very heavy rain caused majority of tents to leak. The trouble appears to be with the camouflage paint, as portions of material NOT treated do not leak. | |
| | 7 Dec | | Maps prepared for next exercise. | |
| | 8 Dec | | Bn area was inspected by Brig. SHEEHAN, BGS First Aust Army (AIF) and Brig. LEGGE, DA&QMG First Aust Army (AIF) and Brig. STEVENSON, 11 Aust Inf Bde. A, B, C, D, Coys departed on exercise. B and C Coys will return tonight while A and D Coys will continue for four days. A Coy, as HELMETS Force, has dets. from HQ Coy and a skeleton is operating. D Coy represents HATS Force. In the absence of | Appendix 1. BHQ |

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Unit 62 AUST INF BN AIF Date and Time.—From 8 Dec 43 To 12 Dec 43

| Place. | Date. | Hour. | Summary of Events and Information. | Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c. |
|---------|--------|-------|---|--|
| MERAUKE | 8 Dec | | Maj. MCCOY on the exercise, Maj. MORAY is Adm. Comd. Lieut. STRATTON relinquished post as OC 2 Pl and is now Tpt Offr. Lieut. BUSBY marched out to GDD. Lieut. ROSS marched out of LHQ Gas School. Spr. GRACE from 2/3 Docks Operating Coy marched in to 62 Aust Inf Bn AIF by command of 4 Aust Div. | |
| | 9 Dec | | A number of personnel have returned from the exercise as casualties. Heat exhaustion and sore feet appear to be the main trouble, although a few had to return owing to faulty boots. | |
| | | 2330 | The whole of B and C Coys are now back in lines as the exercise for these Coys only lasted one day. | |
| | 10 Dec | | Additional casualties returned from exercise. Personnel of 62 Aust Inf Bn AIF provided a concert at 6 MRS to a large and appreciative audience. Many requests were received to have another concert shortly and our Concert Party have acquiesced, The highlight of the evening was provided by Sgt. McGLYNN who fell through the stage, but fortunately, was not injured. | |
| | 11 Dec | | Security Conference at MERAUKE Force HQ attended by Sgt. CYFFIN-ROBERTS. B and C Coys returned from exercise. | |
| | 12 Dec | | Bn area was inspected by Col. ABBOTT CO 26 Aust Inf Bn, Maj. LYONS BM 11 Aust Inf Bde and Capt. KEANE GS(1) 11 Aust Inf Bde. Church Parades were held at the usual times. High tide, backed up by strong wind, broke across the beach in a few places, but have caused no damage up to date. Gusts of wind have reached a high velocity causing some damage from falling coconut trees & the Sig. Pl has been occupied in repairing broken lines. | |

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Adj. 62 Aust. Inf. Bn. A.I.F. Capt.

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Unit..... 62 AUST INF BN AIF..... Date and Time.—From 12 Dec 43..... To 21 Dec 43.....

| Place. | Date. | Hour. | Summary of Events and Information. | Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c. |
|---------|-----------|-------|---|--|
| MERAUKE | 12 Dec 43 | | Comforts Fund Xmas parcels were distributed. The contents were well chosen and arrived in good condition and were appreciated by all. | |
| | 13 Dec | | Bn Parade was held on beach at JOBAR and was addressed by Maj. McCOY. 62 Aust Inf Bn AIF took over manning of PWSS from NAVY. High tides and strong wind causing further erosions of coast, but there has been NO serious damage. | |
| | 14 Dec | | Offrs. Conference at Bn HQ. | |
| | 15 Dec | | Lt.Col. HOPKINS SMO visited Bn area. | |
| | 16 Dec | | Troops had fresh mutton for evening meal. This was very much appreciated as it was the first time fresh meat has been issued in about five months. | |
| | 17 Dec | | Offrs. Conference. Demonstration of Bn Fire Power was given on beach. All tps NOT actually taking part in the exercise were in points of vantage on the sand dunes and witnesses a very instructive display. Brig. STEVENSON was in attendance. | Appendix. 2 |
| | 18 Dec | | Capt. McKENZIE returned from leave and marched out to GDD. | |
| | 19 Dec | | First free issue of one bottle of beer. This was provided from Canteen profits. Lieut. WILSON marched out on leave. | |
| | 20 Dec | 1200L | Offrs conference at Bn HQ. Work continued on beach defences. Standing Orders Part 2 (Movement by Sea) issued | Appendix. 3. |
| | 21 Dec | | HQ Coy commenced range practice. Other Coys working and training. | |

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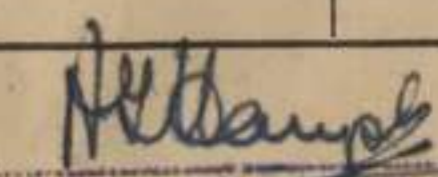
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Unit 62 AUST INF BN AIF Date and Time.—From 21 Dec 43 To 31 Dec 43

| Place. | Date. | Hour. | Summary of Events and Information. | Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c. |
|---------|--------|-------|--|--|
| MERAUKE | 21 Dec | | Area was inspected by Maj.Gen. MURRAY. He was accompanied by Brig. STEVENSON. Standing Orderd Part 1 issued. | Appendix. 4. |
| | 22 Dec | | Bn area was visited by ADMS 4 Div accompanied by SMO. | |
| | 24 Dec | | Lt.Col. HAUPT returned to unit and resumed command. Another beer issue was made. Lieut. STRATTON marched out to 1 Aust Reinft Trg Bn (JW) | |
| | 25 Dec | | Xmas was celebrated by a day of rest. All Church Services were well attended and an excellent dinner was provided. Poultry and fresh meat and vegetables were available and the cooks made the most of the opportunity to show the troops just how well they could cook when they had the materials. | |
| | 26 Dec | | Church Services were held as usual. This was followed by Make and Mend. | |
| | 27 Dec | | Work and Trg resumed. HQ Coy carrying out range practice on beach near BOETI. | |
| | 28 Dec | | Offrs Conference at Bn HQ. Amendment 1 to OO No.3 was issued. | Appendix 5 |
| | 31 Dec | | Lt.Col. NEWTON AMS First Aust Army visited area. Bn Parade at JOBAR was addressed by Lt.Col. HAUPT. A concert was held in Bn Concert area. | |


 Lt-Col.
 C.O. 62 Aust. Inf. Bn. A.I.F.

1st EXERCISE MERAUKE - RIVER INAHARIKI 8/11 DEC 43

Ref attached Map U.S. Hospital - TAMIER. 1 inch to 1 mile

(1) GENERAL IDEA to O.C. HATS

- (a) HATS represent an enemy Force that has landed at the Mouth of RIVER INAHARIKI, approx. 2 miles S.E. along the coast from the village of TAMIER. HATS constitute a threat to the Allied Base at MERAUKE.
- (b) HELMETS represent a Force that has been despatched from MERAUKE with the mission to destroy HATS.

(2) SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR O.C. HATS

DAY 1

(a) Proceed to RIVER INAHARIKI.

- (i) Route. A St - 3 Ave - Main St - track MERAUKE-TAMIER.
- (ii) Method. MT Convoy from Start line to junct. track WASSOER - TAMIER. MR 489269.
- (iii) Debuss and proceed.
- (iv) Start Time: 081200L
- (v) Start Line: present assembly area.
- (vi) Limit of 1st Days advance: SARIRE CREEK.
- (vii) At 2100hrs you will despatch a Fighting Patrol in the direction of MERAUKE. Limit of Patrol will be TURKEY CREEK. Task of Patrol will be to raid any HELMETS encountered and capture prisoners and booty.

(b) DAY 2

- (i) You will deny the village of NASSAM to HELMETS until 1030hrs. You will then withdraw to RIVER INAHARIKI. You will observe the normal 10 minutes to clock hour halts, and will not halt for midday meal until you have crossed DALIN CREEK.
- (ii) At 2230hrs you will send out a Fighting Patrol in the direction of MERAUKE. Limit of Patrol, village of ONGAYA. Task, raid any HELMETS encountered and capture prisoners and booty.

(c) DAY 3

- (i) You will deny RIVER INAHARIKI to HELMETS at all costs.

Chief Umpire - HATS Force

1st EXERCISE MERAUKE - RIVER INAHARIKI

PHASE 2. DAYS 3 and 4

(1) GENERAL IDEA to O.C. HATS

(a) HATS represent a Force that is returning to MERAUKE after destroying an enemy landing Force at RIVER INAHARIKI. There is a possibility of further enemy landings between RIVER INAHARIKI and MERAUKE.

(b) SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS to O.C. HATS

(i) DAY 3

Place: RIVER INAHARIKI
Start time: 1130hrs

You will proceed to MERAUKE. Limit of Days advance, NORTH side of GUTSER CREEK.
Halt one hour for meal at BWANGOE CREEK.

(ii) DAY 4

Start time: 0730hrs.

After crossing BREAKFAST CREEK you will halt one hour for midday meal. You will then proceed to junct. WASSOER track MR 489269 and embuss for Unit lines.
Other halts normal.

1st EXERCISE MERAUKE - RIVER INAHARIKI

Ref attached Map U.S. Hospital - TAMIER. 1 inch to 1 mile.

PHASE I

(1) GENERAL IDEA TO O.C. HELMETS

- (a) Enemy Force, strength unknown, has landed at the mouth of the RIVER INAHARIKI, approx. 2 miles S.E. along the coast from the village of TAMIER.
- (b) This Force constitutes a threat to the Allied Base at MERAUKE and will be known as HATS.

(2) SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR O.C. HELMETS

- (a) Proceed to RIVER INAHARIKI and destroy HATS.

- (i) Route A St - 5 Ave - Mainst - track MERAUKE-TAMIER.
- (ii) Method MT Convoy from start line junct. track WASSOR - TAMIER. MR 400269.
- (iii) Debuss and proceed.
- (iv) Start Time: 081415h.
- (v) Start Line: Junct. A St - 5 Ave.
- (vi) Limit of 1st Days advance: EAST CREEK.
- (vii) At 2300hrs you will despatch a Fighting Patrol in the direction of RIVER INAHARIKI. Limit of Patrol, village of NASSAI. Task, raid any HATS encountered and capture prisoners and booty.

(b) DAY 2. 0800hrs

- (i) Continue approach on RIVER INAHARIKI.
- (ii) Halt for 30 minutes before crossing MUGA CREEK.
- (iii) Halt one hour for meal immediately after crossing BREAKFAST CREEK.
- (iv) Other halts normal.
- (v) LIMIT OF DAYS ADVANCE: BRANCOE CREEK.
- (vi) At 2345hrs you will despatch a Fighting Patrol. Task, to locate HATS at RIVER INAHARIKI and observe dispositions.

(c) DAY 3.

Start Time: 0635hrs REPEAT 0635hrs.
Proceed to RIVER INAHARIKI and destroy HATS.

1st EXERCISE MERAUKE - RIVER INAHARIKI

PHASE 2. DAYS 3 and 4

(1) GENERAL IDEA TO O.C HELMETS

(a) HELMETS represent an enemy Force that has landed at DALIN CREEK and cut off HATS Force, which are operating from MERAUKE, and which are believed to be S.E. of TAMIR.

(b) SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS TO O.C. HELMETS

DAY 3

Place: RIVER INAHARIKI
Start Time: 1030hrs.

Proceed (less Bn HQ and B Echelon) to GUTSER CREEK and hold same against HATS until 1630hrs. You will then withdraw to DALIN CREEK and bivouac.

DAY 4

- (i) You will hold DALIN CREEK against HATS until 0930hrs and then withdraw to BREAKFAST CREEK.
- (ii) You will hold BREAKFAST CREEK against HATS until 1200hrs and then withdraw to FAST CREEK.
- (iii) You will halt one hour for meal at FAST CREEK and then proceed to Junct. WASSOR track IR 489269 and embuse for Unit lines.
- (iv) Halts, other than meal hour, will be normal.

FORECAST OF EVENTS

1st MIRAUKU - RIVER INAHARIKI Exercise

Map Ref: U.S. Hospital - TAHIR
1 inch to 1 mile.

| <u>Date & Time</u> | <u>Place</u> | <u>Event</u> |
|------------------------|-------------------|--|
| 080900L | A Street | Warning Order to HATS |
| 081100L | " " | Movement " " " |
| 081115L | " " | Warning " " HEMITS |
| 081200L | " " | HATS move |
| 081300L | " " | Movement Order to HEMITS |
| 081415L | Junct. A St-3 Ave | HEMITS move |
| 081500L | PAST CREEK | HATS raid HEMITS |
| 082300L | CARRIE CREEK | HEMITS raid HATS |
| 090900L | NASSAU | HEMITS attack HATS |
| 091030L | " | HEMITS withdraw in direction River INAHARIKI |
| 092300L | DIANCOE CREEK | HATS raid HEMITS |
| 100045L | INAHARIKI RIVER | HEMITS raid HATS |
| 100630L | " " | HEMITS attack HATS |
| 100800L | " " | HEMITS destroy HATS |

ROLE REVERSED

HEMITS Force less Bn HQ and B Echelon representing an enemy Force that has landed at DALIN Creek and which is attempting to cut off HATS Force from MIRAUKU.
HATS Force plus Bn HQ and B Echelon will advance towards MIRAUKU and destroy HEMITS.

| | | |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|---|
| 100800L to 101000L | INAHARIKI RIVER AREA | Both Forces reconnoitre; (a) possibility of proceeding further SOUTH along coast line. (b) possibility of proceeding further SOUTH by an inland route try coast. |
| 101030L | " " | HEMITS move towards MIRAUKU |
| 101150L | " " | HATS move towards MIRAUKU |
| 101530L | GUTCHIN CREEK | HATS attack HEMITS |
| 101630L | " " | HEMITS withdraw to DALIN CREEK |
| 110800L | DALIN CREEK | HATS attack HEMITS |
| 110030L | " " | HEMITS withdrew to BREAKFAST Creek |
| 111015L | BREAKFAST CREEK | HATS attack HEMITS |
| 111200 | " " | HATS destroy HEMITS |

Exercise ends - troops return to MIRAUKU.

HATS halt one hour for meal at BREAKFAST CREEK after action.

HEMITS halt one hour for meal at PAST CREEK.

TRANSPORT TIME TABLE

EXERCISE MIRAUKU - RIVER INAHARUKI

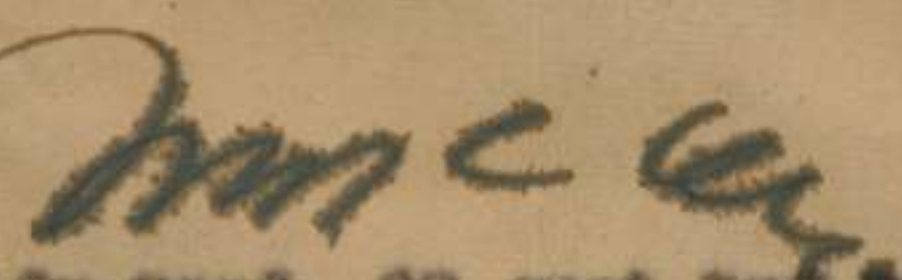
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PHASE I

- (1) 8 Dec 43. Time: 1150hrs.
The following convoy will be at D Coy facing North along A Street:
- (a) 4 x 3 ton lorries.
 - (1) Troops will embuss and convoy will move at 1200hrs to Debussing Point.
 - (b) Debussing Point: Junct. WASSOR track MR 439269
 - (c) Route A Street - 3 Ave - Main St.
- (2)
- (a) After debussing troops at Debussing Point empty convoy will proceed to A Street and form up, head of convoy level with Traffic Control Post, facing EAST along 3 Ave.
 - (b) Convoy will be in above position not later than 1405hrs.
 - (c) 2nd wave of troops will embuss and convoy will move at 1415hrs to Debussing Point.
 - (d) Debussing Point and route as in Para 1 (b) and (c)
- (3) Place: HQ Coy. Time: 1345hrs. Transport required: 1 x 3 ton lorry.
After loading Mortar Det and HQ Sec this truck will join convoy at junct. 3 Ave and A St and move with convoy.
- (4) Place: Bn HQ. Time: 1345hrs. Transport required: 1 x 3 ton lorry.
After loading Bn HQ personnel and Jungle Sec Pioneers this lorry will join convoy as Para 3 above.

PHASE 2

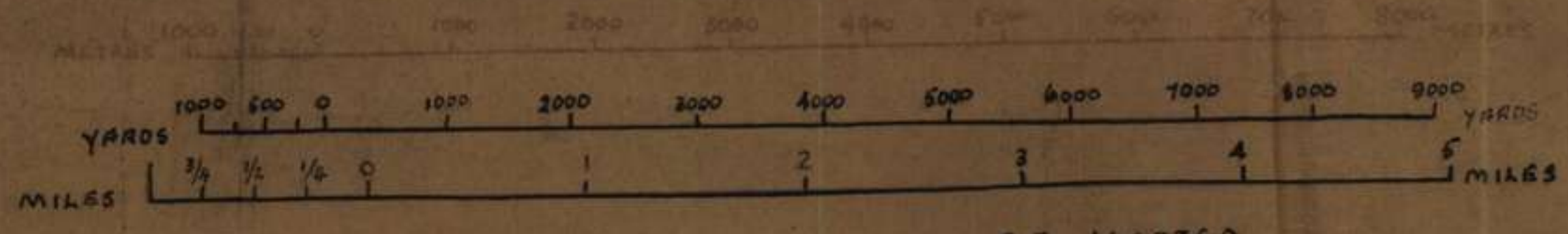
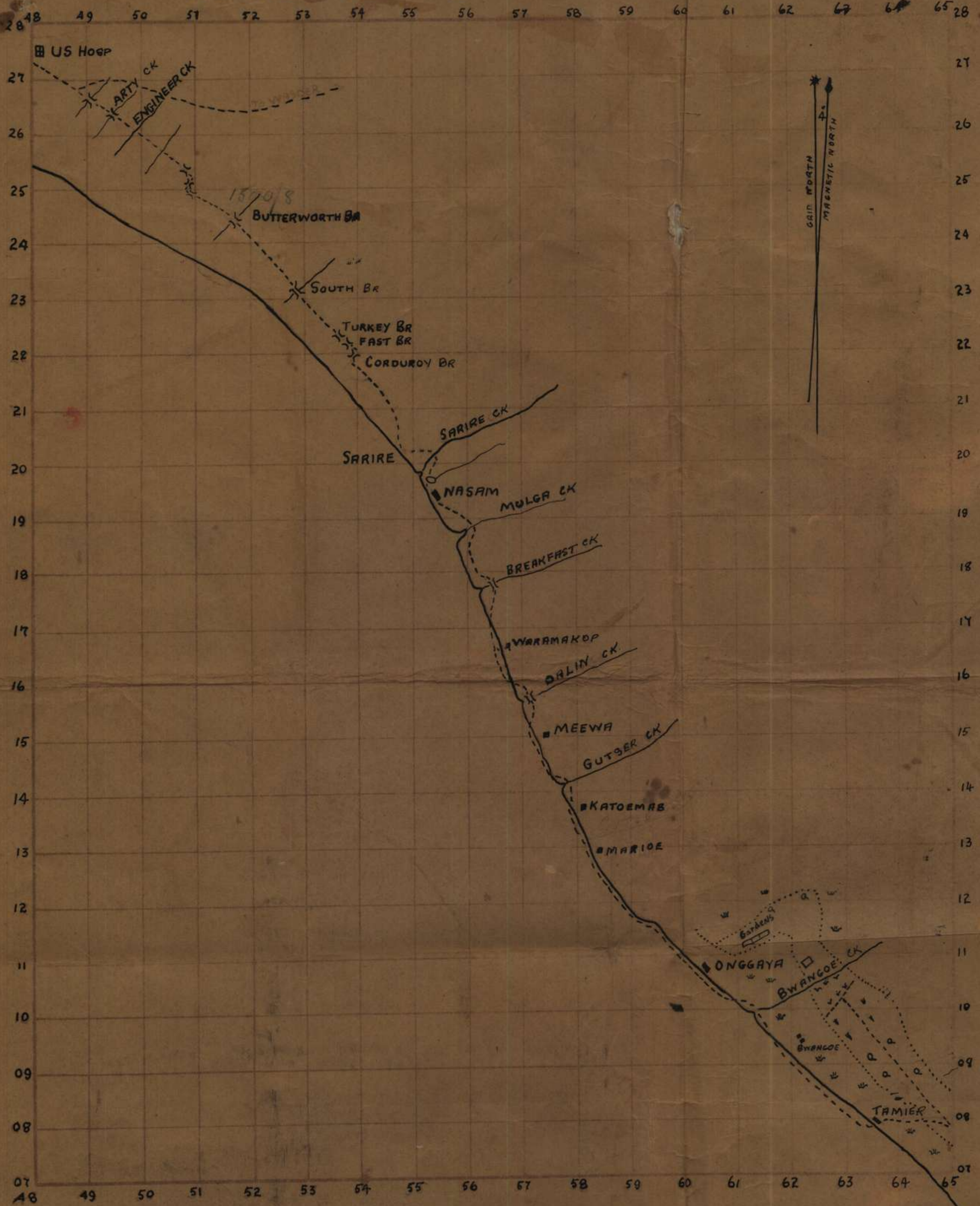
- (5)
- (a) 11 Dec 43. Time: 1550hrs.
4 x 3 ton lorries and 1 Jeep will be at junct. track WASSOR MR 439269, embuss troops and transport them to A Coy lines.
 - (b) 11 Dec 43. Time: 1645hrs.
6 x 5 ton trucks and 1 Jeep at same R.V. as in para 5 (a) above.


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U.S. HOSP MERAUKE - TAMIER



Scale 1 inch to 1 MILE


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METRIC GRID CONTINUATION OF MERAUKE SPECIAL

THIS COMPILED FROM COMBAT AND TRAIL RECORDS AND OTHER AVAILABLE SOURCES

(1) GENERAL IDEA.

- (a) For the purpose of this demonstration of Bn Fire Power, it has been decided to paint a tactical picture. The demonstration will be held on the beach SOUTH of Lower 5 Ave.
- (b) The ground between dunes and waterline will represent the land through which runs the MERAUKE-SARIRE track.
- (c) The sea will represent an impassable swamp. The dunes will represent the edge of a bad but passable swamp.
- (d) The following will be marked each by a row of flags -
- (i) TURKEY CREEK.
 - (ii) FAST CREEK.
 - (iii) CORDUROY CREEK.
- (e) The whole of the unit not engaged in firing will observe from Dune line in positions to be allotted to Coys.
- (f) ALL troops will have the attached tactical picture explained to them by Coy Comds. and Pl. Comds. before the demonstration commences.
- (g) This is highly important as this demonstration is not put on as a fireworks display. On the contrary, it is designed to show the troops the value and weight of their support fire. The area to be covered will have dummies arranged to represent 2 Coys holding the track in depth.
- (h) After the demonstration has finished each Coy will be marched to the area and the dummies will be examined and the value of the fire pointed out by the officers.
- (i) Dummies will be left untouched in order that all Coys may get the true picture.
- (j) The attached Operation Order and sketch will paint the tactical picture.
- (k) The tactical picture is based on a sand table exercise recently completed by the officers. The Information para of the Operation Order contains more detail than is usually the case. In actual combat verbal speed orders would be issued, and the Operation Order condensed to a few short sentences to the O Group. However, it is considered necessary to paint a full picture for the purpose of the exercise.
- (l) Troops will be taken over the ground before the show commences and the tactical picture painted to them by their Coy and Pl Comds.


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EXERCISE ONLY

Appendix 2 (b)

Operation Order No. 1.

Secret
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Ref. Map attached sketch 1 inch to 100 yds.

(1) INFORMATION.

(a) ENEMY

- (i) An enemy attack on TURKEY Creek has been repulsed. Enemy unit has been identified as the ICHIMIKI Bn which is part of the INAMESI Task Force commanded by Colonel INASHADO.
- (ii) The ICHIDIKI Bn is also part of the above Task Force, and it is considered likely that this unit will be in support of its sister Battalion.
- (iii) The enemy have withdrawn to FAST CREEK and are holding by fire.

(b) OWN TFS.

- (i) C and D Coys are holding line TURKEY Creek. Bn HQ is with D Coy.
- (ii) A Coy is in position on left flank 150 yds SOUTH of TURKEY Creek.
- (iii) HQ Coy is astride the track 400 yds NORTH of TURKEY Creek.
- (iv) B Coy is Holding Reserve astride track 100 yds NORTH of HQ Coy.

(2) INTENTION.

X Bn will attack and destroy enemy.

(3) METHOD.

- (a) A Coy objective CORDUROY CREEK. Approach by left flanking movement through swamp. Move at H minus 18. Be in position to launch an attack at H. Limit of exploitation - small creek 100 yds SOUTH of CORDUROY Creek.
- (b) C Coy objective FAST CREEK. Approach by left flanking movement through swamp. Move at H minus 12. Be in position to launch an attack at H.
- (c) D Coy will move at H minus 5 to a position 100 yds NORTH of FAST CREEK, and afford "fire support" to A Coys attack at H.
- (d) B Coy, MOBILE RESERVE, will move at H minus 5 and occupy line TURKEY CREEK.
- (e) HQ Coy, less No.1 (Sig) Pl, will act as follows -
- (i) No.2 MMG Pl in position to bring fire to bear on FAST CREEK and CORDUROY CREEK.
- (ii) No.3 MORTAR Pl in position to bring fire to bear area FAST CREEK - CORDUROY CREEK.
- (iii) No.4 Tk/A Pl (less Tk/A guns) protection of Mortar Pl.
- (iv) No.6 Adm. Pl. protection Coy HQ and R.A.P.
- (v) No.5 Pnr. Pl. protection B Echelon.

(e) FIRE PLAN.

- (i) MMG Pl. One Sec. Task FAST CREEK
One Sec. Task CORDUROY CREEK.
(Normal fire from H minus 5 to H minus 3. 1 belt per gun)
- (ii) MORTARS. Task area FAST CREEK-CORDUROY CREEK.
H minus 5 to H minus 1, three rounds per Det.
H minus 1 to H, 7 rounds per Det. Smoke will NOT be used.

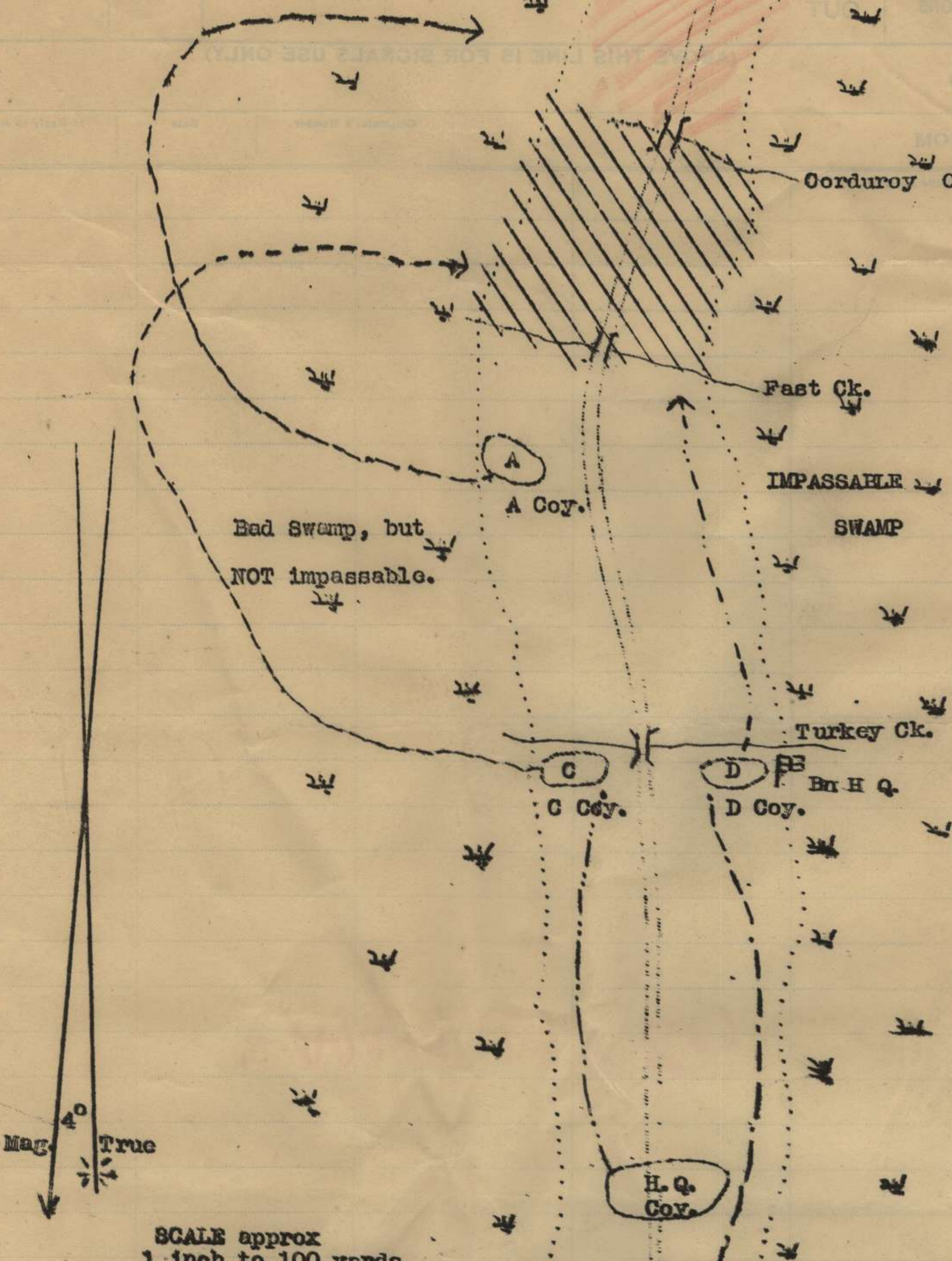
(4) ADM. as existing.

(5) INTERCOMM.

- (a) Bn HQ junct. TURKEY CREEK and WEST swamp line on NORTH side of creek.
- (b) Intercomm. - R/T and runner.
- (c) Success Signal - (i) 5 round burst of tracer into air repeated 3 times.

Appendix 2 (6)

2" Map Task



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STANDING ORDERS (PART II)

War Diary
Appendix 3

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(C) MOVEMENT BY SEA

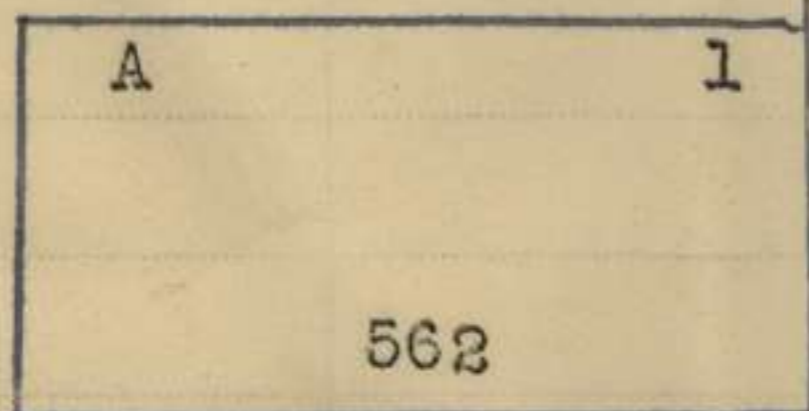
1. The movement will consist of three (3) divisions :

- (a) Advance Party
- (b) Main Body
- (c) Rear Party (if necessary).

2. WARNING ORDER.

Upon the receipt of warning order, the following procedure will operate simultaneously :

- (a) Appointment of Advance Party ;
- (b) Preparation of documents, embarkation nominal rolls etc., in triplicate unless otherwise ordered;
- (c) Casing of Coy. stores as follows :
 - i. Strong cases, capable of being roughly handled.
 - ii. Cases not to weigh more than 100 lb approximately.
 - iii. Case dimension, if possible, to be not greater than 12 cubic feet, i.e. 3 ft x 2 ft x 2 ft, smaller if possible.
 - iv. Case to be marked in left hand top corner with Coy. distinguishing letter, and number of cases on top right hand corner. Each Coy will number its cases commencing with 1.
 - v. Distinguishing letters shall be : HQ Coy - H. Rifle Coys - their letter, i.e. "A", "B", "C" or "D". Bn HQ cases will be branded "Z". Medical - "ZM". Regtl QM stores will be branded "Q".
The figures "562" will be branded along bottom edge of top of case, and the centre will be left clear for any movement code name and/or letter that may be allotted to the unit. Example thus :



← Centre space left clear
for code

- vi. A contents slip will be made out in triplicate. One slip will be placed in case, one forwarded to Bn HQ and one retained by Coy. Slips will also show the approximate cubic measurement of case. It is important that Bn HQ is enabled to form an estimate of cubic measurement of its baggage for shipping purposes.

3. COMPOSITION AND DUTIES OF ADVANCE PARTY.

- (a) ADVANCE PARTY will consist of :
 - i. 1 NCO, 1 Guide, 1 Cook, from each Coy; 1 NCO RAP. The guide will carry three cardboard signs indicating his Coy, 1 hammer and a quantity of light nails or tacks, and a piece of chalk. The party will be commanded by an officer appointed by Bn HQ and will assemble at a RV to be indicated.
- (b) DUTIES OF OG ADVANCE PARTY :
 - i. Contact and liaison with Movement Control.
 - ii. Board ship as soon as possible.
 - iii. Report to ship's Captain or other competent authority, and ascertain all ships' orders relating to troops etc.
 - iv. Allocate Coy areas, galleys, mess decks, tables etc. Allocate Officers' quarters in relation to their Coys, allocate Sjts' quarters etc.
 - v. Inform Adjutant of all ship's orders etc. when Adjt boards ship.

- vi. Coy guides will guide their Coys to their areas on embarkation. RAP NCO will guide RMO to RAP.
- vii. Cooks will take over and prepare galleys.
- viii. UNIT SHIP'S ORDERLY OFFICER.
OC Advance Party will be unit ship's orderly officer for first day of voyage.

4. REAR PARTY.

A rear party will only be necessary when Camp and Barrack stores and/or weapons and amm are being handed over to a relieving unit; and will consist of :

- (a) QM ; (b) 1 S/Sjt; (c) 1 storeman; (d) 1 clerk; (e) 4 O.R.
- Coys supplying personnel will be indicated in warning order.

5. SECURITY.

All inoperative files, maps, orders etc. will be burnt. All envelopes, letters, labels or anything bearing the name of the unit will be burnt.

All areas will be left clean.

6. Immediately before moving out, Coy Comds will forward a certificate to the 2 i/c to the effect that para 5 has been complied with. 2 i/c will inspect or cause an inspection to be made of each Coy area.

7. EMBARKATION.

Method and order of move to embarkation point will be notified in movement order.

- (a) Roll will be called in Platoons immediately prior to moving on to gangway;
- (b) Coys will check against embarkation nominal rolls;
- (c) REPORTS: Within 15 minutes of each Coy's embarkation, OC Coy will render a report to Adjt, showing full details of any discrepancy between Nominal Roll and personnel embarked. If no discrepancy, a NIL return will be submitted.
Adjt will submit a consolidated report to CO within 30 minutes of last soldier embarking.
- (d) GANGWAY GUARD: The Guard will permit no person to leave ship after embarking, excepting officers concerned with the movement.

8. OC Advance Party will inform Adjt of necessary duties, such as AA posts, sentries etc, and ship's regulations concerning blackouts, fire precautions, boat stations etc.

OCs Coys will ensure that troops are equipped with life belts.

9. EMBARKATION OFFICER will be appointed by Bn HQ. His duties will be to take control of embarkation at the dock side. He will liaison with OC Advance Party, and will control embarkation of troops and loading of baggage. Embarkation officer will wear a white hatband.

10. FIGHTING STORES.

- (a) All MMGs, LMGs, SMGs and personal arms will remain with Coys, and will NOT be placed in hold. Personnel will retain personal arm.
- (b) Coy amm will remain with Coys.
- (c) Tk A Guns, Mortars and their amm will be deck cargo (if permitted); if not permitted, will be top cargo.

11. Tents and cooking utensils not wanted on voyage will be second top cargo.

12. M.T. If MT is taken on voyage, same will be lightly loaded with tents and cooking gear.

13. BAGGAGE GUARDS.

- i. Coys will be responsible for their own baggage guards at intermediate dumps.
- ii. Coys will provide baggage guard for Bn HQ baggage as required.

14. DISEMBARKATION.

- (a) If operationally, in accordance with operation order.
- (b) If non-operationally :

- i. Disembarkation officer and OC Advance Party will be appointed by Bn HQ.
- ii. Both Officers will liaison with Movement Control, and obtain all particulars and instructions on the following :

DISEMBARKATION arrangements.
 Unit destination, route and method of move to destination, times etc.

and report same to Adjt.

iii. Advance Party will proceed ahead and make same general arrangements regarding Coy areas as outlined in para 3 (B) (i) to (viii).

15. TRANSPORT. T.O. will organize all MT required.

ACK.

D. M. G. Maj
 Adm Comd 62 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

Date : 20 Dec 43.

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THIS MESSAGE MUST BE SENT AS WRITTEN IN EITHER IN ENGLISH OR IN HINDI OR IN URDU OR IN SANSKRIT OR IN PRAKRT OR IN ANY OTHER LANGUAGE UNDERSTOOD BY THE RECIPIENT.

(BELOW THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY)

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STANDING ORDERS - PART I

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Appendix 4.

ADMINISTRATION.

1. (a) Reveille
(b) Tattoo
(c) Lights Out
(d) Parades
(e) Meal Hours
(f) Dress and Equipment

shall be as notified from time to time in Battalion Routine Orders Part I.

DRAFFS.

2. (a) The officer, WO or NCO in charge of any party joining or re-joining the unit will immediately report at Bn HQ, with relevant documents.
(b) The officer, WO or NCO in charge of any party marching out from the unit will report to Bn HQ before leaving.

PROMULGATION OF STANDING ORDERS PART I.

3. (a) These orders will be promulgated as follows :
 - i. To all troops on the first Monday of each month;
 - ii. To all troops marching in, immediately on joining or re-joining unit ;
- (b)
 - i. Coy Comds will be responsible for promulgation to Coys.
 - ii. RSM will be responsible for promulgation to Bn HQ personnel and drafts marching in;
 - iii. In the case of distant detached Coys, the CSM will act as outlined in para. 3(b) (ii) above.

HYGIENE AND SANITATION.

4. (a) It will be the duty of each NCO or senior Pte in charge of each billet, sub-billet, bivouac or other quarters to ensure that lines and quarters will be kept tidy, clean and free from rubbish.
(b) In quarters a receptacle will be improvised for cigarette butts, match stalks etc. This will be emptied daily.
(c) Wet rubbish containers will be placed at cookhouses, mess huts etc. and will be fly-proof.
(d) All rubbish will be incinerated daily.
(e) Where incineration is not practicable, rubbish pits will be dug. These rubbish pits will NOT remain open for any period longer than five (5) days.
Rubbish will NOT be deposited after it has reached within 3 ft 6 inches from the surface. The pit will be filled in, and sealed off with hessian dipped in sump oil. The hessian seal will be placed 6 inches below the ground surface with a minimum overlap of three (3) ft. The seal will then be covered with 6 inches of soil, and a stake sign erected at each side of pit bearing the sign "FOUL GROUND." The signs will slightly face each other, in order to indicate the foul area.
(f) No scraps of food or grease will be left exposed to flies.

COOKHOUSES AND MESS HUTS.

- (g)
 - i. All food will be protected from flies.
 - ii. No greasy water will be spilled, excepting into properly constructed grease traps.
 - iii. RMO will inspect cooks' hands daily (if Bn is assembled in a close area); weekly, if Bn is dispersed over an area exceeding one mile.

DISPOSAL OF FAECES.

- (h)
 - i. Where ground is suitable, fly-proof deep trench lavatories will be constructed.
 - ii. Where ground is too marshy for deep-trench lavatories, incinerator lavatories will be constructed.

MARCH AND BIVOUAC HYGIENE.

4. (contd).

(1) Rubbish and faeces pits will be dug at every long halt and bivouac and filled in immediately prior to leaving. No rubbish or food scraps of any description will be left at any halting place or bivouac.

SEPTIC SYSTEMS.

In areas where septic systems are in operation, the following precautions will be taken:

- i. No cigarette butts or rubbish of ANY description will be thrown into the system.
- ii. Disinfectants will NOT be put into system.
- iii. Only toilet paper will be used.

MEDICAL.

5. (a) RMO will be responsible for trg of RAP personnel and Bn stretcher bearers.

MALARIA CONTROL.

- (b) In malarious areas all anti-malaria measures will be strictly enforced.
- (c) Field Dressings will be carried at all times.

SECURITY OF INFORMATION.

- 6. (a) All SECRET documents, operational maps, Operation Instructions and orders will be kept under lock and key when not in use.
- (b) All envelopes bearing the designation of unit etc. will be destroyed immediately on receipt of same.
- (c) Personnel will NOT carry letters or diaries containing details of unit or other units, troop movements, shipping movements, etc.
- (d) Personnel will NOT discuss projected moves or operations, excepting insofar as it relates to their duty connected with same, to authorized persons only.
- (e) When quitting an area, all old files, maps, orders, correspondence etc. not to be taken will be thoroughly burnt.
- (f) All personnel will at all times obey instructions in force relating to SECURITY OF INFORMATION.

ALCOHOLIC AND/OR SPIRITUOUS LIQUORS.

- 7. It is an offence for any soldier to be in possession of alcoholic and/or spirituous liquor :
 - (a) In camp or bivouac;
 - (b) On any battle station or post;
 - (c) On line of march;
 - (d) On any MT convoy;
 - (e) In any troopship, troop train, or troop plane;
 - (f) In any public conveyance, or public place.

Canteens:

- (h) Regulations in force will govern the purchase and consumption of alcoholic and/or spirituous liquor from service canteens;
- (i) Unit Regulations will govern possession of alcoholic and/or spirituous liquor on special occasions, such as Christmas period.

GAMBLING.

8. Gambling is strictly prohibited.

FIRE.

9. Coy Comds and Comds of detached posts will take all precautions regarding fire outbreaks, and promulgate instructions regarding same.

DUTIES.

- 10. (a) Essential duties in Bn HQ and Coy areas will be reduced to the absolute minimum compatible with the efficient working of the unit.
- (b) Duty Coys When required by Bn HQ will provide necessary duties such as guards, orderly officer and NCO, etc.

LEAVE.

11. Leave will be in accordance with regulations operating from time to time.

Inspection:

- (a) All troops proceeding on leave, whether long leave or local short leave, will be inspected in Coy areas by CSM before proceeding.
- (b) RSM will inspect Bn HQ personnel and attached AAMC.

LOSS OF OR DAMAGE TO GOVERNMENT PROPERTY.

12. (a) All losses of Government property, or damage to same, will be reported to Bn HQ without delay. Report will contain :
- i. Correct description of property lost or damaged.
 - ii. Particulars of officer or soldier responsible for charge of the property.
 - iii. Extent of damage.
 - iv. Full details of circumstances of loss or damage.
 - v. List of witnesses and statements.

INVESTIGATING OFFICERS.

13. Bn HQ will appoint officers to investigate all matters requiring investigation.

INJURY TO PERSONNEL.

14. Injury to personnel will be reported to Bn HQ without delay, with full details, medical report, statement of injured person, and statements of witnesses.

AIR ATTACK.

15. Unless otherwise instructed, local cmd on the spot will issue fire order at his discretion.

ALARM.

16. (a) Alarm shall be in accordance with operation orders.
 (b) Action shall be in accordance with operation orders; and troops at too great a distance from own Coy will report to officer or NCO in charge of nearest combatant post, and notify their Coy HQ of their whereabouts.

BOUNDS.

17. The following are out of bounds to all troops not on duty :

- (a) Officers' and Sjts' messes and quarters;
- (b) Quartermaster's and Ration stores;
- (c) All technical stores, and supply dumps;
- (d) All petrol, oils, ammunition and ration dumps;
- (e) All welfare and mess huts, and hotels, during training and/or duty periods.
- (f) All kitchens.
- (g) Any other place or area as may from time to time be published in Bn Routine Orders Part I.

18. Each Coy will be responsible for supplying its own inlying picquet.

CARE OF ARMS AND AMMUNITION.

19. All Comds will ensure that the following is carried out :
- i. Daily inspection of arms and weapons
 - ii. Weekly inspection of ammunition and anti-gas respirators.
 - iii. Grenades shall be inspected and serviced weekly.

EXPLOSIVES.

20. (a) HE Mortar bombs will be stored apart from smoke bombs.
 (b) HE Grenades will be stored apart from smoke grenades.

20. (continued).

(c) Unless the tactical situation demands otherwise, the following will be the maximum number of projectiles permitted to be stored in one dump:

- i. Mortar Bombs 25 cases
- ii. Grenades 100 "
- iii. S.A.A. 50 "
- iv. 2-pr shells 20 "

(d) (a) Ammunition dumps shall be adequately roofed with a minimum overhang of 3 feet;

(b) Dumps will be well ventilated and ammunition placed on benches, the minimum ground clearance to be 1 ft. Dump will be constructed to allow of air circulation below lowest bench, and between benches.

(e) Unless the tactical situation demands otherwise, the minimum distance between ammunition dumps shall be 25 yards.

21. A.W.L.s: EFFECTS

The CQMS will be immediately informed of all AWLs, and will within 24 hours of a man being reported AWL complete the following :

(a) Cause to be collected all the soldier's arms, equipment, ammunition, clothing and all other gear on issue to him, and store same in Coy QM store;

(b) Take an inventory in duplicate of such collected gear, and forward one copy to QM;

(c) The same procedure will be observed if a soldier is suddenly taken ill or injured, and hurriedly evacuated to hospital;

(d) Pl Comd of soldier will ensure that the above is carried out.

CARE OF STORED WEAPONS AND EQUIPMENT.

22. A weekly inspection will be made of all arms, weapons, and other unit equipment carried in any QM store, technical store or armourer's store.

(a) All arms and weapons will be kept clean and oiled;

(b) All technical stores will be kept in good order and free from rust;

(c) All other equipment will be kept in good order and out of the weather.

SIGNALLING STORES.

23. (a) All signalling equipment and stores will be stored out of the weather and inspected weekly.

(b) Care will be taken to store wireless equipment in a dry warm place, all such equipment will be kept well ventilated, and placed in sun when opportunity occurs.

(c) ACCUMULATORS will not be allowed to become fully discharged.

(d) Acids will not be added to accumulators except by direction of a competent authority.

BREACHES OF STANDING ORDERS.

24. (a) Ignorance of Standing Orders will not be accepted as a reason for breach of same.

(b) In cases where ignorance of orders is advanced as a reason for a breach, investigation will be made, and if investigation proves negligence on the part of any person responsible for promulgation, disciplinary action will be taken.

DISTRIBUTION:

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| Copy No. 1 | OC HQ Coy |
| 2 | " A " |
| 3 | " B " |
| 4 | " C " |
| 5 | " D " |
| 6 | QM |
| 7 | RMO |
| 8 | IO |

Maj C Coy Maj
 Adm Comd 62 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
 Date : 21 Dec 43

Copy No. 9 TO
 10-11 War Diary
 12 File
 13-16 Spare.

SECRET

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28 Dec 43.62 AUST INF BN (AIF)OPERATION ORDER NO.3Amendment No. 1

62 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) Operation Order No. 3 of 21 Sep 43 is amended as follows :

- (a) In first line of para. 8(c)(i) delete "6 Pl" and substitute "5 Pl."
- (b) In third line of para. 8(d)(i), delete "SW" and substitute "SE."

ACKNOWLEDGE.

Method of Issue: Safe Hand.

Time of Issue:

1550/L

J. J. [Signature]
Capt
Adjt 62 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

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| 9 | IO |
| 10 | RMO |
| 11-15 | HQ Coy |
| 16 | B Coy 2/3 Aust MG Bn |
| 17-18 | HQ MERAUKE Force |
| 19-20 | War Diary |
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| 22-23 | Spares |

REF. OPERATION ORDER No. 3.

62 AUST INF BN AIF

APPENDICES A AND D.

Attached is Appendix A of abovementioned Operation Order; and
Wireless Diagram of Appendix D.



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Adm. Comd. 62 Aust Inf Bn AIF.

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| Adj. S. | 8 |
| I. O. | 9 |
| RMO | 10 |
| HQ Coy | 11-15 |
| B Coy 2/3 MG Bn | 16 |
| MIRAUKE Force | 17-18 |
| War Diary | 19-20 ✓ |
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| Spare | 22-23 |

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18 Dec 43.

OPERATION ORDER NO 3. - 62 AUST INF BN AIF.
APPENDIX "A".

Ref. Maps- MERAUKE SPECIAL 1:25,000. BEACH AREA 10inch to 1 mile.

Para 6, sub-para (iv) - ARTY TARGETS ON CALL.

Support fire will be called for by Coy Comdrs through BHQ, by referring to numbered disc placed near target and NOT by Map Reference.

The BEACH targets; Nos 1 to 5 inclusive (also 6-7 NOT yet registered) are linear targets to be marked on maps thus:



B 1 (Target No).

The "A" STREET targets: Nos 8 to 13 inclusive, are general target areas to be marked on maps thus;



B 12. (Target No).

MAP REFERANCES OF TARGETS:

| | BEACH | | "A" STREET |
|----|----------|-----|------------|
| B1 | 40953103 | B8 | 41203139 |
| B2 | 41403050 | B9 | 415630/94. |
| B3 | 42232972 | B10 | 4210 3034 |
| B4 | 43202870 | B11 | 42492994 |
| B5 | 44132786 | B12 | 42692972 |
| | | B13 | 44022865 |

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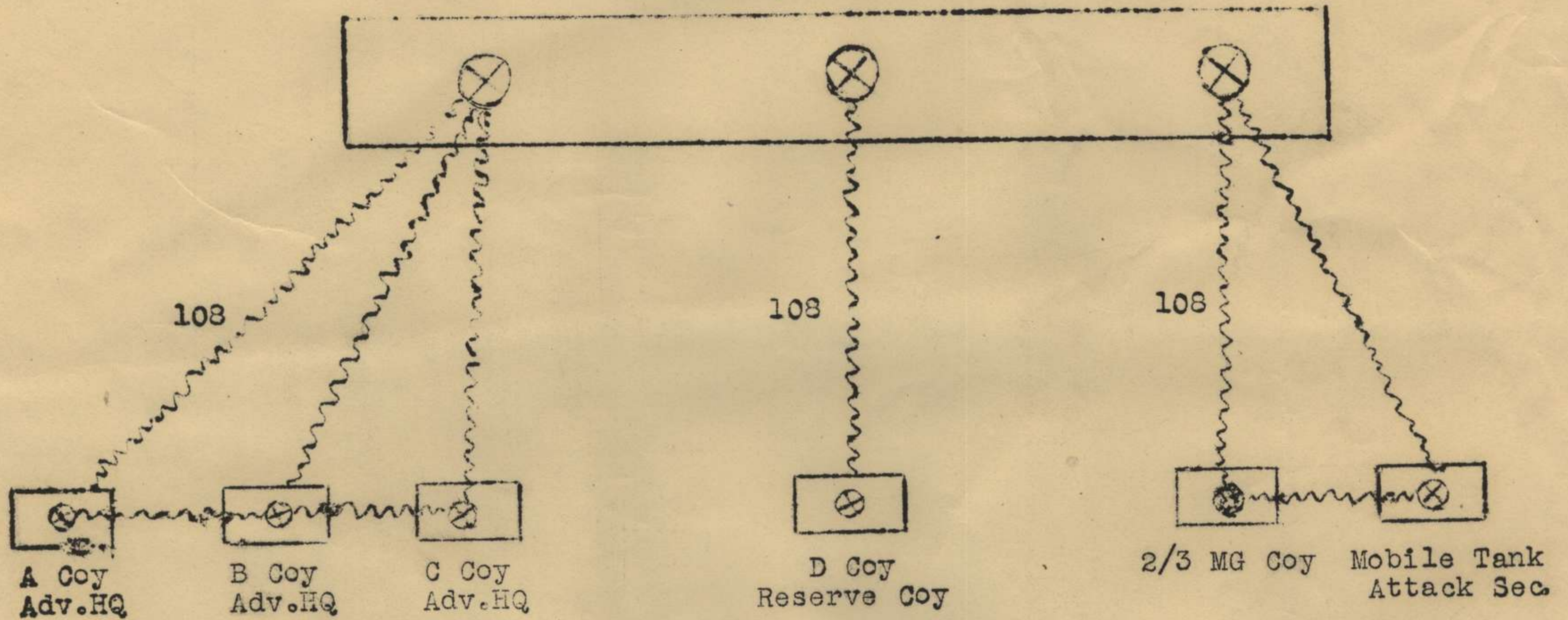
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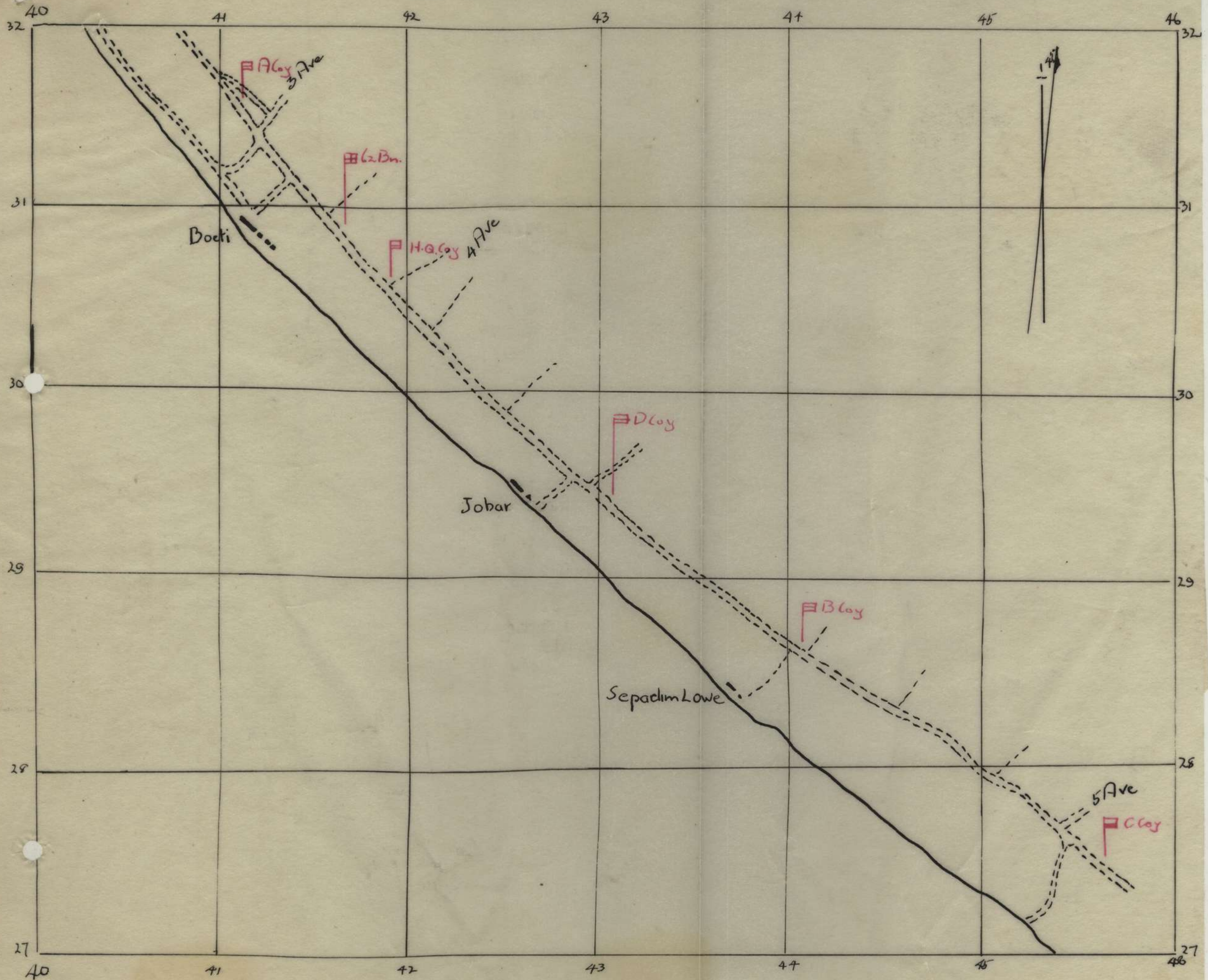
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62 Aust. Inf. Bn Situation as at 31 Dec. 43

Ref. Merauke 1:25000



FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Army Form W.3008
(Adapted) (Page 1)
(Revised Jan., 1943)
46/43 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday **4/12/1943** **62 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)** (Unit)

W.E. **11/120/2** OFFRS. **32** O.R.'s. **755** OFFRS. **1** O.R.'s. **34** ATT. BY W.E.

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

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | | | | | |
|--------------------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------|---|--------------------------|------------------|-----------------|----------------|-------------------|--------|--------|----------|----|-------|
| W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED. | | | | DETAIL. | ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E. | | | | | | | | | |
| Rein'ts Required. | Deficient W.E. | Surplus to W.E. | Posted Strength. | | Arm or Corps. | Posted Strength. | Surplus to W.E. | Deficient W.E. | Rein'ts Required. | | | | | |
| - | - | - | 1 | Lieut.-Colonels | | | | | | | | | | |
| - | 1 | - | 2 | Majors | | | | | | | | | | |
| - | 2 | - | 7 | Captains | AAMC (RMO) | 1 | - | - | - | | | | | |
| - | 3 | - | 16 | Lieutenants | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | Quarter-masters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs. | | | | | | | | | | |
| - | 6 | - | 26 | | | 1 | - | - | - | | | | | |
| | | | | DETAIL | A.I.F. | C.M.F. | A.W.A.S. | A.A.N.S. | A.A.M.W.S. | CIVIL. | R.A.N. | R.A.A.F. | ** | TOTAL |
| | | | | A. | 27 | | | | | | | | | 27 |
| | | | | E.(1) | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | E.(2) | | | | | | | | | | |

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

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

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

| Army No. | Rank. | Name and Initials. | Unit From. | Date. | CAUSE. |
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OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

| Army No. | Rank. | Name and Initials. | Unit To. | Date. | CAUSE. |
|----------|-------|--------------------|--------------------|----------|--|
| QX14256 | Lieut | CAMERON A.G.T. | X List - At School | 2 Dec 43 | LHQ SMI Course 13 from 13 Dec 43 to 24 Jan 44. |
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PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO (Unit) IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED. /194.

| Army No. | Rank. | Name and Initials. | REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known). |
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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 4 / 12 / 1943 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
|---|--------------|-------------|-----------|------------|--|---|---------------------|
| Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held. | Army Number. | Surname. | Initials. | Posting. | Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No) | If not present with Unit, state how employed. | Date of Detachment. |
| Maj T/Lt-Col | SX1475 | Haupt | A.G.K. | CO | No | At school | 7 Oct 43 |
| Lieut T/Maj | QX44586 | McCoy | P. | 21/c | Yes | (X) | |
| " | NX70166 | Moray | H.H. | OC HQ Coy | " | | |
| Capt. --- | NX20 | Raymond | C.E. | OC D Coy | " | | |
| Lieut T/Capt | VX104347 | Butterworth | K.W. | " A | " | | |
| " | VX104349 | Turner | E.W. | " B | " | | |
| " | VX102612 | Stewart | A.D. | 21/c D | " | | |
| " | QX47023 | Mackenzie | A.A. | Att HQ No. | " | On leave | 19 Oct 43 |
| " | QX22429 | Rose | J.J. | A/Adjt | Yes | | |
| " | QX44602 | Taylor | E.A.S. | QM | " | | |
| Lieut | QX19051 | Shea | R.E. | 21/c A Coy | " | | |
| " | VX102621 | Williamson | H.G. | " C | " | | |
| " | QX16188 | Turbayne | K.G. | OC | " No. | At school | 18 Nov 43 |
| " | QX17832 | Stratton | W.P. | MMG Pl | Yes | | |
| " | QX16876 | Bradshaw | A.J. | D Coy | " | | |
| " | QX2974 | Rodham | T. | Sig Pl | " | | |
| " | QX11309 | Reid | H.J. | C Coy | " | | |
| " | QX15360 | Ross | W.F.G. | A | " | | |
| " | QX16841 | Douglas | B.C.P. | B | " | | |
| " | QX21849 | Tedford | K. | C | " | | |
| " | QX11600 | Mellugh | P. | B | " | | |
| " | NGX76 | Clarke | G.A. | D | " | | |
| " | QX19657 | Hamilton | L.K. | C | " | | |
| " | QX40248 | Whalley | J.R. | A | " | | |
| " | QX35767 | Wilson | R.J. | D | " | | |
| " | QX38305 | Busby | C.W. | D | " | | |
| Attached against W.E.: | | | | | | | |
| Capt. | VX114203 | Stable | I.C. | RMO | " | | |

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

| Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held. | Army Number. | Name and Initials. | Unit. | Date of Attachment. | Nature of Attachment. |
|---|--------------|--------------------|-------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| Chaplain 4/class | NX149802 | Besty G.A. | AAChD | 25 Aug 43 | Chaplain |
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4 Dec 43
Date of Despatch

[Signature]
P. Maj. Adm Comd
Signature of Commander

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 4/12/1943 62 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) (Unit)

W.E. II 120 / 2 OFFRS. 32 O.R's. 755 + OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 34 ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

| 1 W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED. | | | | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
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| W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED. | | | | DETAIL. | | | | ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E. | | | | |
| Reinfts. Required. | Deficient W.E. | Surplus to W.E. | Posted Strength. | DETAIL. | | | | Arm or Corps. | Posted Strength. | Surplus to W.E. | Deficient W.E. | Reinfts. Required. |
| - | - | - | 1 | W.Os. Class I. | | | | - | - | - | - | - |
| - | 1 | - | 5 | W.Os. Class II. | | | | AA CC | 1 | - | - | - |
| - | - | - | 5 | Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts. | | | | - | - | - | - | - |
| - | - | - | - | Staff Sergeants | | | | - | - | - | - | - |
| - | 7 | - | 24 | Sergeants | | | | See back | 8 | - | 2 | - |
| - | 16 | - | 48 | Corporals | | | | " " | 5 | - | 3 | - |
| 104 | 80 | - | 568 | Troopers, Privates, etc. | | | | " " | 20 | 5 | - | - |
| | | | | Civilians counting as O.R. | | | | | | | | |
| 104* | 104 | - | 651* | Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2. | | | | | 34* | 5 | 5 | * |

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

** Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col. Particulars will be shown, e.g., 20 U.K. Forces, 10 N.Z. Forces.

| Detail | A.I.F. | C.M.F. | | A.W.A.S. | A.A.M.W.S. | CIVIL | R.A.N. | R.A.A.F. | ** | TOTAL. |
|--------|--------|-----------------|--------------------|----------|------------|-------|--------|----------|----|--------|
| | | Under 19 Years. | 19 Years and over. | | | | | | | |
| A | 685 | | | | | | | | | 685 |
| B(1) | | | | | | | | | | |
| B(2) | | | | | | | | | | |

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

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

| Number of O.Rs. | Unit to which they belong | Number of O.Rs. | Unit to which they belong | Number of O.Rs. | Unit to which detached. | Number of O.Rs. | Unit to which detached. |
|-----------------|---------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|
| | | | | 3 | HQ Merauke Force | | |
| | | | | 1 | Qld L of C A Records (unit clerk) | | |
| | | | | 2 | FAA Gas School | | |
| | | | | 1 | 102 Aust Bde Wkshops AEME | | |
| | | | | 1 | Fd Punishment Centre (Merauke) | | |
| | | | | 1 | LHQ Tactical School (as batman) | | |
| | | | | 2 | FAA School of Signals | | |

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

| Army No | Rank. | Name and Initials. | REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known). |
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PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 4 / 12 / 1943 .

| Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. | | | Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.) | | | Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.) | | | Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.) | | |
|--|------------------|-------------------|--|------------------|-------------------|---|------------------|-------------------|---|------------------|-------------------|
| W.E. | Posted Strength. | Reints. Required. | W.E. | Posted Strength. | Reints. Required. | W.E. | Posted Strength. | Reints. Required. | W.E. | Posted Strength. | Reints. Required. |
| | | | Forward | 1 | 5 | Forward | 17 | 22 | Forward | 57 | 62 |
| Ammunition Examiners | | | Surveyors, Engineering | | | Operating Room Assts. | | | G.P.O. Assistants | | |
| Armament Artificer Fitter | | | Surveyors, E.A.A. | | | Operator, Keyboard | | | Hammermen | | |
| Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical) | | | Surveyors, Topographical | | | Operator, Line | | | Leather Stitchers | | |
| Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.) | | | Surveyors, Trigonometrical | | | Operator, Signal | | | Orderlies, Nursing | | |
| Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.) | | | Toolmakers | | | Operator, Switchboard | | | Orderlies, Nursing Mental | | |
| Armament Artificer Instrument | | | Turners | | | Operator, Wireless | | | Plate Layers | | |
| Armament Artificer Radio | | | Watchmakers | | | Opticians | | | Rangetakers | 4 | 4 |
| Armament Artificer Signals | | | Welders | | | Painters | | | Riveters | | |
| Armament Artificer Wireless | | | | | | Panel Beaters | | | Roughriders | | |
| Artificer, Artillery | | | | | | Photographer, Dry Plate | | | Saddlers | | |
| Artificer, Engine | | | | | | Predictor Numbers | | | Saddletree makers | | |
| Blacksmiths | 1 | 1 | | | | Printers | | | Shoemaker and Boot Repairer | | |
| Bricklayers | | | | | | Radiographers | | | Stevedores | | |
| Computors | | | | | | Riggers | | | Stokers, Staty. Engine | | |
| Cooks, Hospital | | | GROUP II. | | | Sawyers | | | Storemen, Technical | 4 | 4 |
| Coppersmiths | | | Armourers | | | Signallers | 27 | 27 | Tailors | 2 | 2 |
| Dispensers | | | Axemen | | | Signwriters | | | Textile Refitters | | |
| Draughtsmen | | | Bakers | | | Telescope Identfn. Numbers | | | Tinsmiths | | |
| Draughtsmen (Architectural) | | | Bty. Comd's. Asst. | | | Well Borers | | | Vulcanizers | | |
| Draughtsmen (Engineering) | | | Boilermakers | | | Wheelers | | | Wagon Erectors | | |
| Draughtsmen (Mechanical) | | | Carpenters | 6 | 6 | Winchman | | | Whitesmiths | | |
| Draughtsmen (Topographical) | | | Carpenters and Joiners | | | Wireman | | | | | |
| Electricians | | | Cooks | | | Woodturners | | | NON-SPECIALISTS: | | |
| Electricians (M.V.) | | | Dental Mechanics | | | | | | Tk A Gun Nos | 22 | 22 |
| Electricians (Signals) | | | Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.) | | | | | | Batmen | 34 | 34 |
| Fitters | | | Driver-Operator | | | | | | Gen Duties | 3 | 3 |
| Fitters (Cycle) | | | Drainers | | | | | | Hyg Duties | 4 | 4 |
| Fitters (Electrical) | | | Electricians | | | | | | LMG/Rfmm | 409 | 326 |
| Fitters (Gun) | - | 2 | Electricians (Engineers) | | | | | | MMG Nos. | 25 | 23 |
| Fitters (Instrument) | | | Fire Control Operators | | | | | | Mortar Nos. | 78 | 60 |
| Fitters (M.V.) | - | 2 | Gun Operator | | | GROUP III. | | | DETAILS OF NON-SPECIALISTS | | |
| Fitters, Railway Signal | | | Hatchman | | | Battery Surveyors | | | Orderlies | 32 | 32 |
| Fitters, Signals | | | Height Taker | | | Butchers | 1 | 1 | Pioneers | 33 | 32 |
| Grinder, Precision | | | Helio Operator | | | Clerks | 11 | 11 | Regtl Police | 7 | 7 |
| Mechanics, Instrument | | | Instrument Operator | | | Clerks, Supply | | | Storemen | 6 | 6 |
| Mechanics, Instrument (Signals) | | | Intelligence Duties | 10 | 10 | Clerks, Technical | | | S. Bearers | 21 | 17 |
| Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical) | | | Joiners | | | Coach Trimmers | | | Water Duty | 2 | 2 |
| Mechanics, Radio | | | Lineman | | | Concretors | | | RSM & CSMs | 6 | 5 |
| Mechanics, Typewriter | | | Lineman, Signals | | | Cooks | | | RMS & QMSs | 6 | 6 |
| Mechanics, Wireless | | | Lithographers | | | Dental Clerk Orderlies | | | ATTACHED BY W.E. | | |
| Millwrights | | | Machinists, Metal | | | Despatch Riders | | | AAMC | 4 | 4 |
| Operators, Excavator | | | Machinists, Wood | | | Draughtsmen, Signals | | | AAOC | 1 | 1 |
| Pattern Maker | | | Masons | | | Drivers, H.T. | | | AEME | 3 | 3 |
| Pharmacist | | | Masseurs | | | Driver Mechanics | | | AACC | 23 | 23 |
| Photographer, Wet Plate | | | Mechanics, M.T. | - | 1 | Driver Tptn. Plant | | | AAPG | 2 | 2 |
| Photowriter | | | Miners | | | Engine Hands, I.C. | | | AA Post G | 1 | 1 |
| Plumber | | | Moulders | | | Equipment Repairers | | | | | |
| Saw Doctors | | | Nurses, Trained | | | Farriers | | | | | |
| Surveyors | | | Observation Post Assts. | | | Fitters' Mates | | | | | |
| | | | | | | Gun Layers | | | | | |
| CARRIED FORWARD | 1 | 5 | CARRIED FORWARD | 17 | 22 | CARRIED FORWARD | 57 | 62 | Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively. | 789685 | 104 |

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

4 Dec 43

Date of Despatch

a.w. 6m bks 3/43

Signature of Commander

Maj. Adm Comd

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

NOTES:

(1)

Particulars of ATTACHED allowed under W.E.:

**Posted Surplus Deficit Reinfnts
Strength to WE WE Reqd**

| WO II : | AAGC (Caterer) | 1 | 1 | W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED | | |
|--------------------|--------------------|----|----|-------------------------|----|---------|
| | | | | Reqd | WE | Surplus |
| Sergeants : | AAGC | 5 | | | | |
| | AAMC | 1 | | | | |
| | "(Hygiene) | 1 | | | | |
| | AA Post G | 1 | | | | |
| | AAPC | 1 | | | | |
| | AEME (Armourer) | 1 | 8 | 2 | | |
| Corporals : | AAGC (Shoemaker) | 1 | | | | |
| | AAMC (Chiropodist) | 1 | | | | |
| | AACC | 5 | | | | |
| | AAPC | 1 | 5 | 3 | | |
| Privates : | AAGC | 12 | | | | |
| | AAMC | 1 | | | | |
| | AEME Fitter Gun | 1 | | | | |
| | " Armourer | 1 | 20 | 5 | | |

Part B - Other Ranks Attached from Other Units: **5**

Part C - Other Ranks Included in Part A Attached to Other Units: **34**

SURPLUS WOs and NCOs on strength : NIL.

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

| No. | Name and Position | Rank | Army No. |
|-----|-------------------|------|----------|
| | | | |
| | | | |
| | | | |
| | | | |

ANALYSIS BY RANKS OF PART E.

| Details | | | W.E. | Posted Strength | Reinfts Required | Details | | | W.E. | Posted Strength | Reinfts Required |
|------------------------|------|--|------------|-----------------|------------------|---|--------|------------|------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Blacksmiths | Ptes | | 1 | 1 | - | Brought Fwd | | 642 | 546 | 104 | |
| Fitters Gun | " | | - | 2 | - | Orderlies | Ptes | 32 | 32 | - | |
| Fitters MV | " | | - | 2 | - | Pioneers | Sjts | 1 | 1 | - | |
| Carpenters | " | | 6 | 6 | - | " | Cpls | 4 | 3 | - | |
| Intelligence Duties | Sjts | | 1 | 1 | - | " | Ptes | 28 | 28 | - | |
| " | Cpls | | 2 | 2 | - | Regtl Police | Sjt | 1 | 1 | - | |
| " | Ptes | | 7 | 7 | - | " | Ptes | 6 | 6 | - | |
| Mechanics MP | Ptes | | - | 1 | - | Storemen | Ptes | 6 | 6 | - | |
| Signallers | Sjts | | 1 | - | - | Stretcher Bearers | Sjts | 1 | 1 | - | |
| " | Cpls | | 2 | 2 | - | " | Cpls | 2 | 2 | - | |
| " | Ptes | | 24 | 25 | - | " | Ptes | 18 | 14 | - | |
| Butchers | Ptes | | 1 | 1 | - | Water Dutymen | Ptes | 2 | 2 | - | |
| Clerks | Sjts | | 2 | 2 | - | RSM | WO I | 1 | 1 | - | |
| " | Cpls | | 5 | 3 | - | RQMS & CSMs | WO II | 6 | 5 | - | |
| " | Ptes | | 4 | 6 | - | QMS | S/Sjts | 5 | 5 | - | |
| Equipment Repairer | Pte | | 1 | 1 | - | TOTAL, OWN STRENGTH | | 755 | 651 | 104 | |
| Range Takers | Ptes | | 4 | 4 | - | ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E. | | | | | |
| Tech Storemen | Sjts | | 1 | 1 | - | AAMC | Sjts | 1 | 1 | - | |
| " | Ptes | | 3 | 3 | - | " | " | 1 | 1 | - | |
| Tailors | Sjts | | 1 | 1 | - | " | Cpls | 1 | 1 | - | |
| " | Cpls | | 1 | 1 | - | " | Ptes | 1 | 1 | - | |
| Tk A Gun Nos | Sjts | | 3 | 3 | - | AAOC | Cpls | 1 | 1 | - | |
| " | Cpls | | 4 | 2 | - | AEME | Sjts | 1 | - | - | |
| " | Ptes | | 15 | 17 | - | " | Cfn | 1 | 2 | - | |
| Batmen | Ptes | | 34 | 34 | - | " | " | 1 | 1 | - | |
| General Duties | Ptes | | 3 | 3 | - | AACC | WO II | 1 | 1 | - | |
| Hygiene Duties | Ptes | | 4 | 4 | - | " | Sjts | 5 | 5 | - | |
| LMG/Rfmm | Sjts | | 12 | 11 | - | " | Cpls | 5 | 3 | - | |
| " | Cpls | | 36 | 27 | - | " | Ptes | 12 | 14 | - | |
| " | Ptes | | 361 | 288 | 88 | AAPC | Sjts | 1 | 1 | - | |
| MMG Nos. | Sjts | | 2 | 1 | - | " | Cpls | 1 | - | - | |
| " | Cpls | | 3 | 2 | - | " | Ptes | - | 1 | - | |
| " | Ptes | | 20 | 20 | - | AA Post C | Sjts | 1 | 1 | - | |
| Mortar Nos. | Sjts | | 5 | 5 | - | TOTAL ATTACHED | | 34 | 34 | - | |
| " | Cpls | | 5 | 5 | - | TOTAL, OTHER RANKS, including ATTACHED | | 789 | 685 | 104 | |
| " | Ptes | | 68 | 52 | 16 | | | | | | |
| Carried Forward | | | 642 | 544 | 104 | | | | | | |

Signature of Commandant: _____ Date of Report: _____

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

By

Major. P. McCoy
Adm. Comd. 62 Aust Inf Bn AIF.

Formation: Merauke Force
Date: 1 Dec 43

428. ORDERLY DUTIES - Mounting Retreat 1 Dec 43 to Retreat 2 Dec 43

| | | | |
|-----|----------------------|-----|----------------------|
| | <u>Orderly Offr.</u> | | <u>Guard Comd</u> |
| | Lieut. K. Tedford. | | L/Cpl. E. G. Rein. |
| NFD | Lieut. G. A. Clarke. | NFD | L/Sgt. D. D. Walker. |
| NFD | Lieut. T. Rodham. | NFD | Cpl. E. F. Thiele. |
| | <u>Ord NCO.</u> | | <u>Orderly.</u> |
| | Cpl. J. C. Cormack. | | Pte. D. A. Cripps. |
| NFD | Cpl. H. G. Brayshaw. | NFD | Pte. K. R. Gleeson. |
| NFD | L/Cpl. E. G. Rein. | NFD | Pte. J. D. Lyell. |


429. PAY.

1. A soldier will not be permitted to draw more than 16 guilders per pay without the written sanction of the CO or Offr. Adm. Comd.
2. If it is desired to remit money to Australia, such remittance can be effected through the Unit Pay Sgt. There is no limit to the amount which may be remitted, provided the soldier has the necessary credit in his paybook.
3. Sums of money may be paid to Unit Pay Sgt and credited in paybook. Such sums will be limited to 30 guilders unless, in the case of a larger sum, the CO or Offr. Adm. Comd, gives his sanction in writing.

430. ALCOHOLIC OR SPIRITOUS LIQUOR.

It is strictly forbidden for any soldier to be in possession of Alcoholic or Spiritous Liquor -

- (a) In camp or on post.
- (b) On any Battle Station.
- (c) On the line of march.
- (d) In any M.T. convoy.
- (e) In any troopship or troop train, or any ship, train or other public conveyance in which a soldier is permitted to travel.


Capt.
Adj. 52 Aust Inf Bn AIF

| No. | Rank. | Name. | <u>PUNISHMENTS.</u> Offence. | Punishment. | Date. |
|---------|-------|-----------------|--|--------------------------------|----------|
| QX25312 | Pte | Fong, J. | Conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline. (AA40) | Forfeit 28 days ordinary pay | 1 Dec 43 |
| QX25312 | Pte | Fong, J. | " " | | 1 Dec 43 |
| QX25312 | Pte | Fong, J. | Insubordinate language to a superior officer. (AA 8(2)) | | 1 Dec 43 |
| QX27319 | Pte | Thompson, R. D. | " " | Fined £5 28 days detention. | 1 Dec 43 |
| QX30727 | Pte | Gorman, T. J. | Disobeyed lawful command. (AA 9 2) | Fined £3 | 1 Dec 43 |
| QX22696 | Pte | Soutter, J. D. | Failed to appear at place of parade (AA 15(1)) | Fined £2 | 1 Dec 43 |

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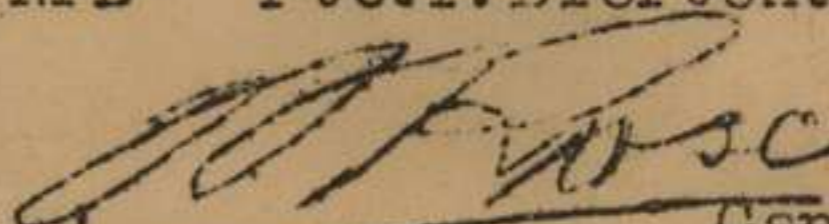
by

Major P. McCoy
Adm. Comd. 62 Aust Inf Bn AIF.

Formation: Merauke Force
Date: 3 Dec 43

431. ORDERLY DUTIES - Mounting Retreat 3 Dec 43 to Retreat 4 Dec 43

| | | | |
|-----|------------------------|-----|----------------------|
| | <u>Orderly Offr</u> | | <u>Guard Comd</u> |
| | Lieut. T. Rodham. | | Cpl. E. F. Thiele. |
| NFD | Lieut. J. R. Whalley. | NFD | Cpl. H. C. Brayshaw. |
| NFD | Lieut. L. K. Hamilton. | NFD | Cpl. L. J. Ballard. |
| | <u>Ord NCO</u> | | <u>Orderly</u> |
| | L/Cpl. B. G. Rein. | | Pte. J. D. Lyell. |
| NFD | Cpl. J. C. Cormack. | NFD | Pte. R. Stibbs. |
| NFD | Cpl. A. H. Tucker. | NFD | Pte. T. Bieron. |


Capt.
Adj. 62 Aust Inf Bn AIF.

NOTICE.

REGTL. TRUST FUND - November 1943

| | |
|------------------------------|------------------|
| Balance - 1 Nov 43 | . 383.2.6. |
| <u>Credits</u> - ADCS profit | 65.12.2. |
| | <u>448.14.8.</u> |

Debits:- Amount spent in purchase of sporting material from Amenities 121.13.8

| | |
|--|---------------|
| Contribution to prize money - Arts and Crafts Exhibition | 10.0.0 |
| Per Capita Payment to 1 Aust Ind Carr Pl | 85.8.0. |
| Purchase of books | 2.10.0 |
| Purchase of Vegetables Seeds | <u>1.16.0</u> |

| | |
|--------------------------|----------------|
| | 221.7.8 |
| Balance 30 Nov 43 | <u>227.7.0</u> |
| Unit Canteen Capital A/c | 400.0.0 |
| | <u>627.7.0</u> |

PUNISHMENTS.

| No. | Rank. | Name. | Offence. | Punishment. | Date. |
|---------|-------|--------------|---|-------------|----------|
| QX23117 | Pte | Wood, R.E. | Disobeyed lawful command. (AA. 9(2)) | Admonished | 3 Dec 43 |
| QX24575 | Pte | Lawton, M.M. | Insubordinate language to a superior officer (AA. 8(2)) | Fined 15/- | 3 Dec 43 |

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by
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Adm. Comd. 62 Aust Inf Bn AIF

Formation: Merauke Force.
Date: 5 Dec 43

432. ORDERLY DUTIES - Mounting Retreat 5 Dec 43 to Retreat
6 Dec 43

| | | | |
|-----|------------------------|-----|------------------------|
| | <u>Orderly Offr</u> | | <u>Guard Comd</u> |
| | Lieut. L. K. Hamilton. | | Cpl. L. J. Ballard. |
| NFD | Lieut. R. J. Wilson. | NFD | L/Sgt. A. H. Clothier. |
| NFD | Lieut. W. P. Stratton. | NFD | Cpl. A. H. Tucker. |
| | <u>Ord NCO</u> | | <u>Orderly.</u> |
| | Cpl. A. H. Tucker. | | Pte. T. Bierton. |
| NFD | L/Sgt. L. J. Barlow. | NFD | Pte. F. F. Craig. |
| NFD | L/Cpl. R. A. Whiting. | NFD | Pte. G. H. Bell. |

433. CHRISTMAS PARCELS FOR THE TROOPS. (First Aust Army Order Q259)


1. The Army and the Post Office are co-operating closely to ensure that Christmas parcels for and from the troops in distant areas will be delivered to the addresses before Christmas Day.

2. The success or otherwise of this effort will depend, however, upon the help given by all concerned in posting parcels early. When it is remembered that in some cases parcels have to be carried more than 4,000 miles by railway, then by limited and infrequent shipping services, and frequently by motor transport, the need for early posting is obvious.

3. The Postmaster-General therefore makes a strong appeal for all Christmas parcels posted to or by troops in distant areas to be posted NOW. They should also be very carefully packed and clearly and fully addressed - abbreviations of addresses should be avoided.

434. SALT TABLETS.

Evidence of salt deficiency still exists in the unit. Coy Comds. will ensure that all personnel consume one salt tablet per day.


Capt
Adj. 62 Aust Inf Bn AIF

NOTICE

EMPTY TOBACCO TINS AND MATCH BOXES.

Members are requested to save their empty tobacco tins and match boxes and deliver them to Coy Orderly Rooms. Coys are requested to deliver them, as batches are collected, to RAP.

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Formation: Merauke Force.
Date: 6 Dec 43

435. ORDERLY DUTIES - Mounting Retreat 6 Dec 43 to Retreat 7 Dec 43

| | | | |
|-----|------------------------|-----|------------------------|
| | <u>Orderly Offr.</u> | | <u>Guard Comd</u> |
| | Lieut. R. J. Wilson. | | L/Sgt. A. H. Clothier. |
| NFD | Lieut. W. P. Stratton. | NFD | Cpl. A. H. Tucker. |
| NFD | Lieut. W. F. G. Ross. | NFD | Cpl. D. North. |
| | <u>Ord HCO</u> | | <u>Orderly</u> |
| | L/Sgt. L. J. Barlow. | | Pte. F. F. Craig. |
| NFD | L/Cpl. R. A. Whiting. | NFD | Pte. G. H. Bell. |
| NFD | L/Cpl. R. A. Whiting. | NFD | Pte. T. Biepton. |

436. WEEKLY WEARING OF RESPIRATORS.
Routine Orders Numbers 392 and 405 relative to weekly wearing of respirators are cancelled.


Capt.
Adj. 62 Aust Inf Bn AIF.

NOTICE

SPORTS DAY RESULTS.

Coy Points:

| | |
|----------------------|----|
| C Coy | 59 |
| A Coy | 31 |
| B Coy | 27 |
| B Coy 2/3 Aust MG Bn | 24 |
| HQ Coy | 22 |
| D Coy | 8 |
| Bn HQ | 3 |

Guard Competition.

Order of Merit:

C Coy
B Coy
HQ Coy
D Coy
A Coy

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Adm. Comd. 62 Aust Inf Bn AIF.

Formation: Merauke Force
Date: 7 Dec 43

437. ORDERLY DUTIES - Mounting Retreat 7 Dec 43 to Retreat 8 Dec 43

| | | |
|-----|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| | <u>Orderly Offr.</u> | <u>Guard Comd.</u> |
| | Lieut. B. C. P. Douglas. | Cpl. A. H. Tucker. |
| NFD | Lieut. H. J. Reid. | NFD Cpl. D. North. |
| NFD | Lieut. R. E. Shea. | NFD Cpl. L. B. McFadzen. |
| | <u>Ord NCO</u> | <u>Orderly</u> |
| | L/Cpl. R. A. Whiting. | Pte. G. H. Bell. |
| NFD | L/Cpl. R. A. Whiting. | NFD Pte. T. Dierton. |
| NFD | Cpl. L. J. Ballard. | NFD Pte. R. Fischer. |

438. PERSONNEL WITH SEAFARING OR MARINE ENGINEERING EXPERIENCE.

Personnel with seafaring or marine engineering experience are urgently required for the operation and maintenance of small craft.

Coys will submit returns of all personnel (up to and incl. the rank of captain) who possess any of the following qualifications:-

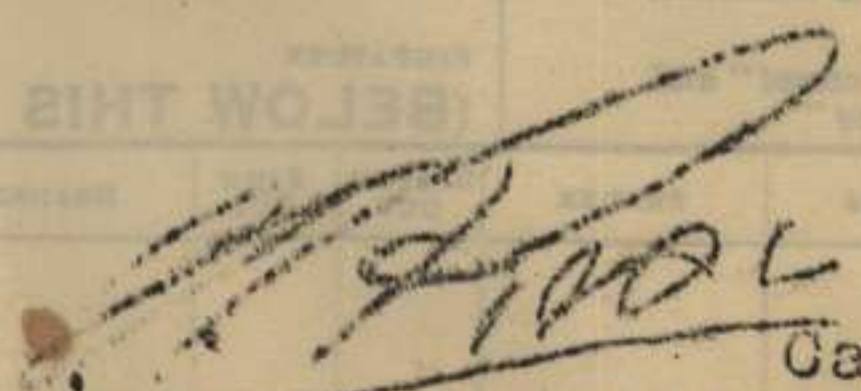
- (i) Certificates of competency as masters, officers or engineers for foreign going, coastal or harbor craft.
- (ii) Yachtmaster certificates or navigational qualifications equivalent to that standard.
- (iii) Thorough knowledge of the operation and maintenance of diesel, petrol or steam engines on small craft.
- (iv) Seafaring experience or experience in handling small craft which would qualify them as deckhands or engine-room hands.

The returns, containing the following particulars;

- (i) army number, rank, name and unit,
- (ii) age and medical classification,
- (iii) particulars of the certificate or certificates held, or other qualifications or experience, will be forwarded to reach this HQ not later than 1800hrs 8 Dec 43.

439. IMPROPER USE OF MALARIOL. (Force RO Q. 267)

It has been noticed that malarial is being used for spraying latrines in certain areas. As supplies of malarial are limited, it must not be used for this purpose. Used sump oil is to be used for spraying latrines.


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Formation: Merauke Force.
Date: 8 Dec 43

440. ORDERLY DUTIES - Mounting Retreat 8 Dec 43 to Retreat 9 Dec 43

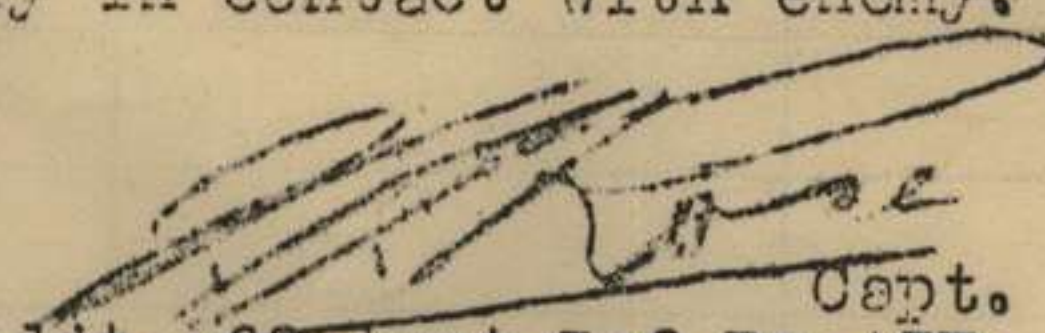
| | | | |
|-----|-----------------------|-----|----------------------|
| | <u>Orderly Offr.</u> | | <u>Guard Comd.</u> |
| NFD | Lieut. H. J. Reid. | NFD | Cpl. A. H. Tucker. |
| NFD | Lieut. P. McHugh. | NFD | Cpl. D. North. |
| | | NFD | Cpl. B. B. McFadzen. |
| | <u>Ord. NCO.</u> | | <u>Orderly.</u> |
| | L/Cpl. R. A. Whiting. | | Pte. G. W. Bell. |
| NFD | L/Cpl. R. A. Whiting. | NFD | Pte. T. Bierston. |
| NFD | Cpl. L. J. Ballard. | NFD | Pte. R. Fischer. |

441. WEARING OF EQUIPMENT AND CARRYING OF ARMS.

1. Troops will carry arms at all times, including attendance at pictures.
2. Web equipment and arms will be carried at all times when troops are employed on duties away from unit areas.

442. S.M.Gs.

Until further notice S.M.Gs will NOT be fired for any purpose whatever, unless actually in contact with enemy.


Capt.
Adj. 62 Aust Inf Bn AIF.

NOTICES.

RESULTS OF TRIALS BY COURTS MARTIAL.

1. A COM convened by Brig J.R. STEVENSON was held at MERAUKE on 2 Dec 43 for the trial of QX24743 Pte. James Hector RANKIN of 62 Aust Inf Bn AIF.

The accused was charged with conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline namely improper possession of Razor blades - AA 40.

The Court found the accused not guilty of the charge.

2. A COM convened by Brig J.R. STEVENSON was held at MERAUKE on 3 Dec 43 for the trial of QX26827 Pte BRIDGEMAN, Eric, of 62 Aust Inf Bn AIF.

The accused was charged with -

- (a) stealing public property, namely a pistol - AA 18(4)
- (b) conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline namely improper possession of a pistol AA 40 (alternative to (a)) and
- (c) conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline namely improper possession of razor blades AA 40

The Court found the accused not guilty of all the charges.

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Formation: Merauke Force
Date: 10 Dec 43

443. ORDERLY DUTIES - Mounting Retreat 10 Dec 43 to Retreat 11 Dec 43

| | | | |
|-----|------------------------|-----|-----------------------|
| | <u>Orderly Offr</u> | | <u>Guard Comd.</u> |
| | Lieut. P. McHugh. | | Cpl. L. B. McFadzen. |
| NFD | Lieut. K. Tedford. | NFD | L/Cpl. R. A. Whiting. |
| NFD | Lieut. G. A. Clarke. | NFD | Cpl. J. F. Robinson. |
| | <u>Ord NCO</u> | | <u>Orderly.</u> |
| | Cpl. L. J. Ballard. | | Pte. R. Fischer. |
| NFD | L/Sgt. A. L. Clothier. | NFD | Pte. G. Holland. |
| NFD | L/Cpl. A. P. Neilsen. | NFD | Pte. F. J. Smith. |


444. BN ORDERLY DUTIES.

1. Attention of all personnel concerned is directed to the orders which appear on the board in Bn HQ Orderly Room covering duties of :

Bn Orderly Officer.
Bn Orderly NCO.
Bn Orderly.

2. Personnel reporting for these duties will report wearing side arms, gaiters, hat turned up, chin strap down.

3. The orders referred to in para 1. will be strictly observed.


Capt.
Adj. 62 Aust Inf Bn AIF.

PUNISHMENT.

| No. | Rank. | Name. | Offence. | Punishment. | Date. |
|---------|-------|--------------|---|--|-----------|
| OX24830 | Pte | MALCOLM T.R. | Disobeying a lawful command. AA 9(2) | 28 days field punishment forfeiture 28 days ordinary pay & allowances. | 10 Dec 43 |

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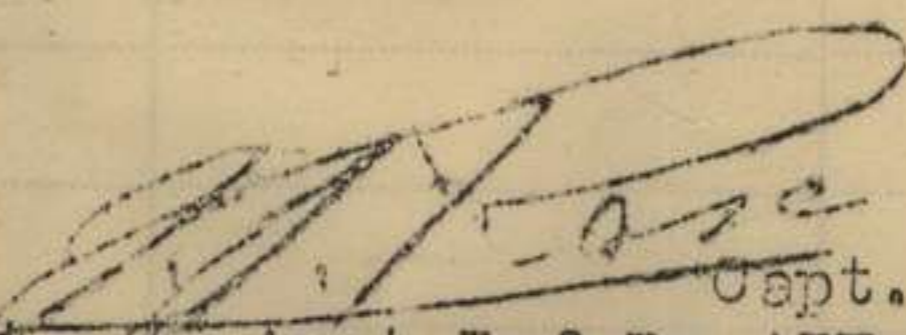
Formation: Merauke Force.
Date: 11 Dec 43

445. ORDERLY DUTIES - Mounting Retreat 11 Dec 43 to Retreat 12 Dec 43.

| | | |
|-----|------------------------|--------------------------|
| | <u>Orderly Offr.</u> | <u>Guard Comd.</u> |
| | Lieut. N. Tedford. | L/Cpl. R. A. Whiting. |
| NFD | Lieut. G. A. Clarke. | NFD Cpl. J. P. Robinson. |
| NFD | Lieut. T. Rodham. | NFD Cpl. J. W. Long. |
| | <u>Ord NCO</u> | <u>Orderly</u> |
| | L/Cpt. A. L. Clothier. | Pte. G. Holland. |
| NFD | L/Cpl. A. P. Neilsen. | NFD Pte. F. J. Smith. |
| NFD | L/Cpl. R. C. Brayshaw. | NFD Pte. R. W. Lvenis. |

446. WEARING OF EQUIPMENT AND CARRYING OF ARMS.

1. Troops will carry arms at all times, including attendance at pictures.
2. All equipment and arms will be carried at all times when troops are employed on duties away from unit areas.


Capt.
Adjt. 62 Aust Inf Bn AIF.

NOTICES.

LOST.

Bren Butt Plate was lost between Arty Bridge on MASSAM Rd and C Coy area. If found please notify C Coy immediately by phone.

CHURCH SERVICES.

Bn Parade - 0930 hrs.
RC Parade - 0900 hrs.

A brief evening service will be held in the Main Recreation Hut at 1900 hrs on Sunday. All men are invited.

T.H.T.

T.O.R.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

by

Major P. McCoy
Adm. Comd. 62 Aust Inf Bn AIF.

Formation: Merauke Force.
Date: 12 Dec 43

447. ORDERLY DUTIES - Mounting Retreat 12 Dec 43 to Retreat 13 Dec 43

| | | | |
|-----|------------------------|-----|----------------------|
| | Orderly Offr. | | Guard Comd. |
| | Lieut. G. A. Clarke. | | Cpl. J. F. Robinson. |
| NFD | Lieut. T. Rodham. | NFD | Cpl. J. W. Long. |
| NFD | Lieut. J. R. Whalley. | NFD | Cpl. R. Munn. |
| | <u>Ord. NCO</u> | | <u>Orderly</u> |
| | L/Cpl. A. P. Neilsen. | | Pte. F. J. Smith. |
| NFD | L/Cpl. H. C. Brayshaw. | NFD | Pte. R. W. Lvenis. |
| NFD | L/Cpl. A. K. Beer. | NFD | Pte. G. J. Lewis. |

448. BN ORDERLY ROOM.

- Personnel other than the following, viz:
 - Bn Orderly Room Staff.
 - Bn Orderly Offr.
 - Bn Orderly NCO.
 - Bn Orderly.

will NOT enter the orderly room until permitted to do so by the RSM or O/R Sgt.

2. Personnel wishing to interview any of the Orderly Room staff will wait outside the door and will knock. They will NOT enter the RSM or O/R Sgt then calls them in. They will then state their business to RSM or O/R Sgt who will either attend to the matter himself or give permission for some other member of the Orderly Room staff to be interviewed.

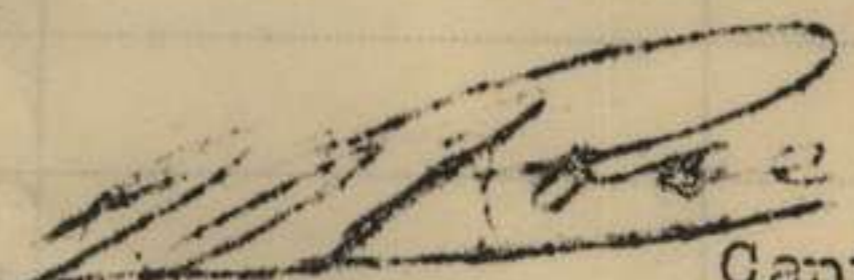
3. Only one person at a time will be permitted to enter the Orderly Room. No further interviews will take place until the first mentioned one is completed.

4. Disciplinary action will be taken against any person found entering the Orderly Room in circumstances other than those permitted by this order.

5. All officers and NCOs will police this matter and take the necessary steps should a breach come under their notice.

449. TEXT BOOKS.

- Text books will NOT be taken from Bn Orderly Room without the express permission of the RSM.
- If any person is found in possession of any Text book missing from the Bn Orderly Room he will be severely dealt with.


Capt.
Adj. 62 Aust Inf Bn AIF.

NOTICE.

ACF PARCELS.

All members are requested to write a few lines of appreciation to the donors of the ACF parcels now being distributed.

REVERSION

| No. | Rank. | Name. | Classification. | Date |
|---------|-------|----------|--|-----------|
| QX25762 | Pte | MALIG H. | Reverts to pay as Pte from TGII (Cook) | 12 Dec 43 |

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

by
Major P. McCoy
Adm. Comd. 62 Aust Inf Bn AIF.

Formation: Merauke Force.
Date: 14 Dec 43

450. ORDERLY DUTIES - Mounting Retreat 14 Dec 43 to Retreat 15 Dec 43

| | | | |
|-----|------------------------|-----|----------------------|
| | <u>Orderly Offr</u> | | <u>Guard Comd</u> |
| | Lieut. J. R. Whalley. | | Cpl. R. Munn. |
| NFD | Lieut. R. J. Wilson. | NFD | L/Sgt. D. D. Waker. |
| NFD | Lieut. W. P. Stratton. | NFD | Cpl. J. S. Robinson. |
| | <u>Ord. NCO</u> | | <u>Orderly</u> |
| | L/Cpl. A. K. Beer. | | Pte. G. J. Lewis. |
| NFD | L/Cpl. H. C. Brayshaw. | NFD | Pte. Hensley. |
| NFD | L/Cpl. A. P. Neilsen. | NFD | Pte. L. Hair. |

W. H. L. ...
Capt.
Adj. 62 Aust Inf Bn AIF.

NOTICE

LOST. Army Education Service library book "Goodbye Mr Chips" in Aust Cinema area night 9 Dec 43. Finder please return to Education Sgt, Force Hq.

Near Lighthouse, Red identity card of 7289 Cpl. BARKIM, NBI Coy. Return to I Branch, HQ MERAUKE Force.

PUNISHMENTS.

| No. | Rank. | Name. | Offence. | Punishment. | Date. |
|---------|-------|----------------|---|---------------------------------|-----------|
| QX22865 | Pte | SMITH F. A. | Unfit for duty by reason of previous indulgence in alcoholic stimulants. AA40 | Fined \$3.0.0. | 13 Dec 43 |
| QX25912 | Pte | DEWIR D. | " " " | Fined \$3.0.0. | 13 Dec 43 |
| QX22864 | Pte | SMITH G. A. | " " " | Fined \$3.10.0. | 13 Dec 43 |
| QX26705 | Pte | BRINDLEY F. A. | Drunkenness AA 19 | Fined \$3.10.0. | 13 Dec 43 |
| QX25935 | Pte | REILLY A. P. | " | Fined \$3.10.0. | 13 Dec 43 |
| QX30955 | Pte | HANLON L. J. | Disobeyed a lawful command AA 9(2) | Forfeiture 21 days ordinary pay | 13 Dec 43 |

T.H. (BELOW THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY) T.O.R.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

by

Major P. McCoy
Adm. Comd. 62 Aust Inf Bn AIF

Formation: Mersuke Force
Date: 15 Dec 43

451. ORDERLY DUTIES - Mounting Retreat 15 Dec 43 to Retreat 16 Dec 43

| | | | |
|-----|--------------------------|-----|-----------------------|
| | <u>Orderly Offr.</u> | | <u>Guard Comd.</u> |
| | Lieut. R. J. Wilson. | | L/Sgt. D. D. Walker. |
| NFD | Lieut. B. G. P. Douglas. | NFD | Cpl. J. S. Robinson. |
| NFD | Lieut. W. P. Stretton. | NFD | L/Sgt. D. D. Walker. |
| | <u>Ord. NCO.</u> | | <u>Orderly</u> |
| | L/Cpl. H. C. Brayshaw. | | Pte. Hemsley. |
| NFD | L/Cpl. A. P. Heilsen. | NFD | Pte. L. Hair. |
| NFD | L/Cpl. H. C. Brayshaw. | NFD | Pte. C. W. Fairbairn. |

P. McCoy
Adjt. 62 Aust Inf Bn AIF.

NOTICES.

RECREATION PARTIES.

ALCV will be available on Sundays to transport small parties of personnel for purposes of recreation. Strength of parties and further details will be notified later.

ARTY SHOOT.

1. Artillery will be firing 25 pr guns on Thursday 16 Dec 43 between 1000L and 1700L

2. The danger areas will be the areas bounded by --

- (a) NORTH: by SOUTHERN bank MERRAUL RIVER.
- EAST : by grid line 406
- SOUTH: by 2 Ave.
- WEST : by line 500 yards WEST of High Water mark.
- (b) NORTH: by grid line 350
- EAST : by grid line 480
- SOUTH: by grid line 315
- WEST : by grid line 455

3. 2/59 Aust Fd Bty will arrange for adequate sentries to carry out all safety precautions.

APPRECIATIONS.

The following has been received from Comd. No. 6 MR3 under date 11 Dec 43.

1. We would like to express our appreciation of the efforts of the members of your Units' Concert Party who last night visited this unit and gave us a really first class entertainment, unlike many camp concerts, it was not by any means amateurish.

2. These gestures by the various Army Units to entertain us and our patients are very much appreciated by all.

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ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

by
Major P. McCoy
Adm. Comd. 62 Aust Inf Bn AIF.

Formation: Mersuke Force.
Date: 17 Dec 43

452. ORDERLY DUTIES - Mounting Retreat 17 Dec 43 to Retreat 18 Dec 43.

| | | |
|-----|------------------------|--------------------------|
| | <u>Orderly Offr.</u> | <u>Guard Comd.</u> |
| | Lieut. W. P. Stratton. | L/Sgt. D. D. Walker. |
| NFD | Lieut. H. J. Reid. | NFD Cpl. R. Funn. |
| NFD | Lieut. R. E. Shea. | NFD L/Cpl. B. Hisc. |
| | <u>Ord. Cpl.</u> | <u>Orderly.</u> |
| | L/Cpl. H. C. Brayshaw. | Pte. C. J. Fairbairn. |
| NFD | L/Cpl. A. P. Neilsen. | NFD Pte. L. Heir. |
| NFD | A/Cpl. E. A. Reeves. | NFD Pte. L. R. Matthews. |

453. QUALIFYING EXAMINATIONS FOR PROFICIENCY PAY. (GRO.G769)

1. GRO F.660/1943 provides that entitlement to proficiency pay depends, inter alia, upon the passing of a prescribed examination. A soldier will be deemed to have passed the prescribed examination when he -

- (a) has been certified by his CO as being in all respects proficient in performing the duties of his appointment, and
- (b) has passed the tests applicable to soldiers of the category to which he belongs.

2. For the purpose hereof, soldiers who are tested for proficiency pay are divided into the following categories -

Category A - Personnel of the undermentioned units (except those shown on the war establishment as "attached") -

Light Horse Regts.
Cavalry (Commando) Regts.
Motor Regts.
Infantry Bns.
Machine Gun Bns.
Pioneer Bns.
Garrison (Coast Defence) Bns.

Category B - Personnel of units other than those included in Category A who are neither shown on war establishments as "attached" personnel nor members of the AAMC.

Category C - Personnel of the AAMC.

Category D - Personnel shown as "attached" on the war establishments of the unit with which they are serving.

3. The tests for all categories include the Tests of Elementary Training for Gas, as specified in "Gas Training (Aust) 1942" Sec 15. The following additional tests are prescribed -

- (i) For Category A - Small arms test with the rifle or light machine gun or medium machine gun or, in the case of personnel issued with the sub-machine gun or pistol as a personal weapon, the sub-machine gun or pistol. The standard required of the candidate is classification as

a first class shot.

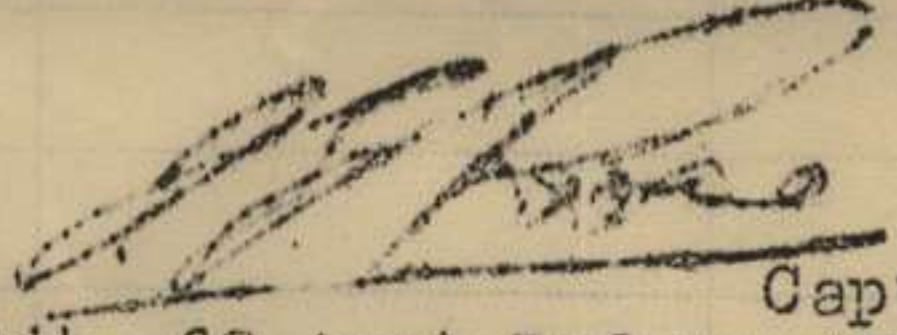
- (ii) For Category B - Small arms test as for Category A. The standard required is classification as a second class shot.
- (iii) For Category C - A test conducted under unit arrangements embracing the following subjects -
 - (a) A general knowledge of elementary anatomy and physiology (RAMC Trg, Chap XXIII)
 - (b) First Aid -
 - Simple tests in the use of the triangular bandage (RAMC Trg Chap XXIV)
 - A general knowledge of wounds and their treatment, dressing and healing of wounds, antiseptics and asepsis (RAMC Trg Chaps XXV, XXVI, XXVII)
 - Arrest of haemorrhage (RAMC Trg Chap XXIX)
 - (c) An elementary knowledge of the AAMC organisation (RAMC Trg Chap XIII)
 - (d) A general knowledge of the organisation of the unit to which the member belongs (RAMC Trg Chap XII)
 - (e) A general knowledge of personal anti-malarial control measures and personal hygiene.
- (iv) For Category D - The tests for an "attached" member will be those prescribed for the arm to which he belongs.

4. The following conditions will govern the conduct of the small arms test, referred to in para 3 hereof -

- (a) All rifle, light machine gun and medium machine gun tests will be fired on open ranges.
- (b) Classifications Tables, Part II, for the respective weapons will be fired and the conditions of qualification will be as specified in SAT, Vol. I., Pamphlet 14.
- (c) One repetition only at each test will be permitted to count as qualification for proficiency pay.

5. Where practicable, personnel in receipt of proficiency pay will undergo the prescribed tests at six monthly intervals.

6. Where the location and duties of a unit are such that, in the opinion of the formation commander, the conduct of the prescribed test is impracticable, a soldier will, notwithstanding the provisions of para 1 hereof, be deemed to have passed the prescribed examination if he is certified by his CO as being in all respects proficient in the duties of his appointment.


Capt.
Adjt. 62 Aust Inf Bn AIF.

THE WISE SOLDIER says :-

- (1) Cover from view is not cover from fire if you have been seen getting there.
- (2) Field craft is offensive, don't cower in a hole, use ground to stalk and kill the enemy.
- (3) Section leader; your Officer and Sgt may be dead; don't squat and wait for orders. DO SOMETHING. It is better to boil over than not boil at all.
- (4) Famous last words - "The blanky gun has jammed!" Keep your gun clean.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

BY

Major P. McCoy
Adm. Comd. 62 Aust Inf Bn AIF

Formation: Merauke Force

Date: 18 Dec 43

454. ORDERLY DUTIES - Mounting Retreat 18 Dec 43 to Retreat 19 Dec 43.

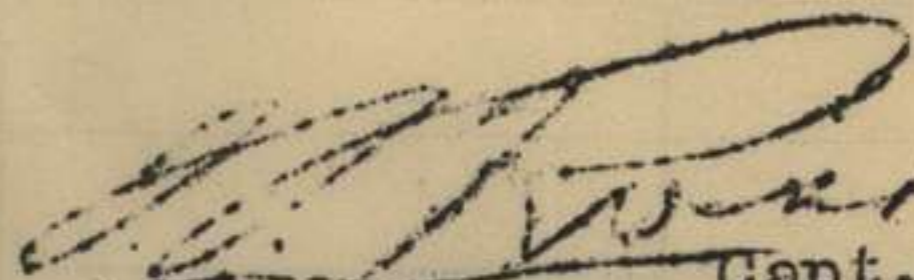
| | | |
|-----|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
| | <u>Orderly Offr.</u> | <u>Guard Comd.</u> |
| | Lieut. H. J. Reid. | Cpl. R. Mann. |
| NFD | Lieut. R. L. Shea. | NFD L/Cpl. B. Elise. |
| NFD | Lieut. P. McHugh. | NFD L/Cpl. C. J. Beresford. |
| | <u>Ord Cpl.</u> | <u>Orderly</u> |
| | L/Cpl. A. P. Nielsen. | Pte. L. Hair. |
| NFD | A/Cpl. L. A. Reeves. | NFD Pte. R. Matthews. |
| NFD | L/Cpl. L. A. Reeves. | NFD Pte. G. Shirley. |

455. CENSORSHIP.

1. Breaches of LMG Field Censorship Instn No. 4 are still occurring.
2. Appx. A (letters) para 1(d) states :-
"The name and address of the sender must NOT be shown on the envelope".
3. Appx. A (parcels and packets) para 1 states :-
"The regimental number, rank and name of the sender but NOT the unit will be shown on the parcel or packet".
4. LMG Field Censorship Instn No. 4 is available to all officers at Intelligence office.

456. STANDING ON RUNNING BOARDS.

Personnel will NOT stand on running boards of vehicles.


Adj. 62 Aust Inf Bn AIF.

NOTICE

CHURCH SERVICES.

Bn Parade - 0930 hrs
RC Parade - 1000 hrs

An evening service will be held in the main Recreation Hut at 1915 hrs on SUNDAY. Transport will be arranged from A and C Coys.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

by

Major P. McCoy
Adm. Comd. 62 Aust Inf Bn AIF

Formation: Merauke Force
Date: 20 Dec 43

457. ORDERLY DUTIES - Mounting Retreat 20 Dec 43 to Retreat 21 Dec 43

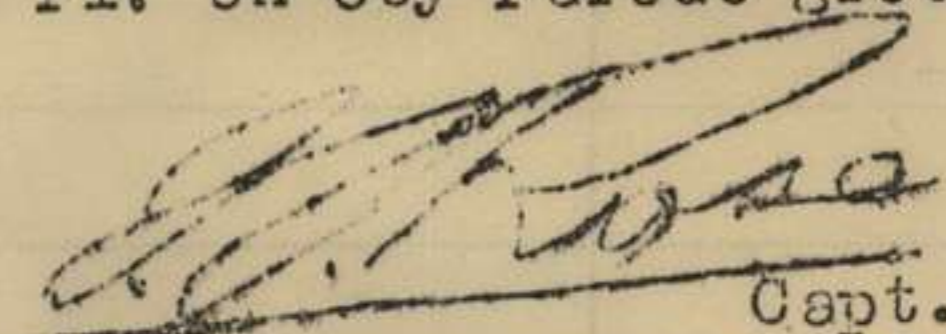
| | |
|---|---|
| <u>Orderly Offr.</u> Lieut. P. McHugh. NFD Lieut. A. J. Bradshaw. NFD Lieut. R. Tedford. | <u>Guard Comd.</u> L/Cpl. C. J. Beresford. NFD L/Cpl. E. Else. NFD L/Cpl. S. W. Willett. |
| <u>Ord. NCO</u> L/Cpl. E. A. Reaves. NFD L/Cpl. E. A. Reaves. NFD Cpl. S. W. Ford. | <u>Orderly.</u> Pte. G. Shirley. NFD Pte. J. Ryan. NFD Pte. A. S. Jackson. |

458. DAILY ROUTINE.

1. The morning training and/or duty period will be broken for smoke from 1050 to 1100hrs.
2. The afternoon training and/or duty period will be broken for smoke from 1600 to 1610hrs.

459. ATTENDANCE AT CINEMA.

1. Attendance at pictures will be limited in the case of each rifle Coy to one Pl. on any one night.
2. In the case of HQ Coy the limit will be two Pls.
3. In all cases, the respective Pl. Comd. will accompany his Pl.
4. All personnel will wear drill order and will carry the following arms -
 - (a) Pistols in the case of personnel armed according to W.E. with pistols.
 - (b) OSMGs in the case of personnel armed according to W.E. with OSMGs.
 - (c) Rifles in the case of all other personnel.
5. All personnel will carry first line amn. for their weapons.
6. Coy Comd. or 2 i/c will inspect Pl. on Coy Parade ground prior to departure.


 Capt.
 Adj. 62 Aust Inf Bn AIF.

PUNISHMENTS

| No. | Rank. | Name. | Offence. | Punishment. | Date. |
|---------|-------|------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------|
| QX27609 | Pte | BOOTH K.A. | Neglect to obey Routine Order AAll. | Severely reprimanded | 20 Dec 43 |
| QX29076 | Pte | LYELL J.D. | " " | Fined 10/- | " " " |
| QX26696 | Pte | HORN G.E. | " " | " " | " " " |
| QX25828 | L/Cpl | BILLY A.K. | " " | Reprimanded | " " " |

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ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

by
Major P. McCoy
Adm. Comd. 62 Aust Inf Bn AIF.

Formation: Mersuke Force.
Date: 21 Dec 43

460. ORDERLY DUTIES - Mounting Retreat 21 Dec 43 to Retreat 22 Dec 43

| | | | |
|-----|-----------------------|-----|-----------------------|
| | <u>Orderly Offr.</u> | | <u>Guard Comd.</u> |
| | Lieut. A. J. Bradshaw | | L/Cpl. E. Else. |
| NFD | Lieut. K. Tedford. | NFD | L/Cpl. S. W. Willett. |
| NFD | Lieut. G. A. Clarke. | NFD | L/Cpl. E. Else. |
| | <u>Ord. Cpl</u> | | <u>Orderly.</u> |
| | L/Cpl. E. A. Reeves. | | Pte. J. Ryan. |
| NFD | Cpl. S. W. Ford. | NFD | Pte. A. S. Jackson. |
| NFD | Cpl. G. R. Baird. | NFD | Pte. H. T. Finnigan. |

461. TRADING WITH NATIVES. (Force RO A186)

The practice of using army rations or any form of Government property as a medium of exchange with, or payment of, natives will cease forthwith.

462. PAYBOOKS - NOT TO BE WITHDRAWN FROM MEMBERS.

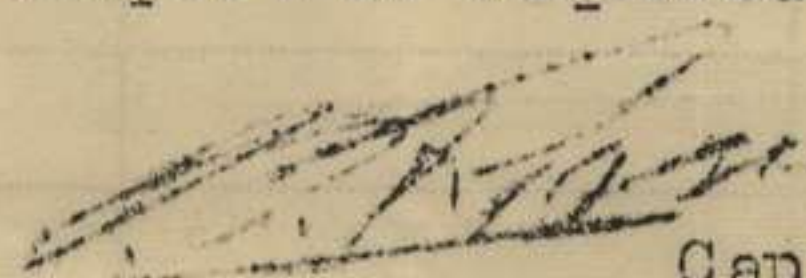
Paybooks will be in possession of all personnel at all times, except when withdrawn for official purposes, in which case they will be returned as early as possible.

463. FIELD DRESSINGS.

Field dressings will be carried by all personnel at all times.

464. REQUISITIONS FOR TRANSPORT.

Requisitions for transport will be made to Transport Officer 24 hours before time at which transport is required.


Capt.
Adjt. 62 Aust Inf Bn AIF.

NOTICES

LOST

1. A loaded Owen gun magazine was left at American picture show Saturday night 11 Dec 43. Finder please return to 242 Aust LAD.

2. Pistol No. 959135, Smith & Wesson .38, has been lost between Sawmill and 2/59 Aust Fd Bty area. Finder please return to B Coy 2/3 Aust MG Bn.

3. Crocodile purse, containing \$4 Australian and an American money order for \$1.50, together with a girls picture in a coin, was lost by U.S. soldier at the Australian cinema on Saturday 11 Dec. Finder please return to Bn HQ.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

by
Major P. McCoy
Adm. Comd. 62 Aust Inf Bn AIF

Formation: Merauke Force.
Date: 23 Dec 43

465. ORDERLY DUTIES - Mounting Retreat 23 Dec 43 to Retreat
24 Dec 43

Orderly Offr.
Lieut. G. A. Clarke.
NFD Lieut. T. Rodham.
NFD Lieut. J. R. Whalley.

Guard Comd.
L/Cpl. L. H. McC.
NFD L/Cpl. E. A. Reaves.
NFD L/Cpl. S. W. Willett.

Ord. NCO.
L/Cpl. E. A. Reaves.
NFD Cpl. G. R. Baird.
NFD Cpl. S. W. Ford.

Orderly
Pte. J. Ryan.
NFD Pte. J. Ryan.
NFD Pte. A. H. W. Harper.

Capt.
Adj. 62 Aust Inf Bn AIF

NOTICES

XMAS CHURCH SERVICES.

1. Padre BEATTY will conduct a service at 0730 hrs Xmas morning in the Main Recreation Hut. Holy Communion will be celebrated. Transport will be arranged from A and C Coys.
2. Padre BRILL will celebrate Mass at BOLTI Church at 1030 hrs Xmas morning. Transport will be arranged from C, B and D Coys.
3. Midnight Mass will be celebrated on night 24/25 Dec at MERAUKE. Transport will be arranged.

THE WISE SOLDIER SAYS :-

- (1) If one shot will kill your man, don't use two. Ammunition is HEAVY and means of transport are LIMITED.
- (2) One bullet that HITS is better than a hundred that MISS.
- (3) Do your feet receive daily maintenance? Unlike tyres they can't be retreaded.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

by
Lt. Col. A. G. K. Haupt
Commanding 62 Aust Inf Bn AIF.

Formation: Merauke Force.
Date: 25 Dec 43


466. ORDERLY DUTIES - Mounting Retreat 25 Dec 43 to Retreat 26 Dec 43

Orderly Offr.
Lieut. J. R. Whalley.
NFD Lieut. L. K. Hamilton.
NFD Lieut. B. C. P. Douglas.

Guard Comd.
L/Cpl. S. W. Willett.
NFD Cpl. M. G. Dingwall.
NFD Cpl. E. B. McFadzen.

Ord. NCO
Cpl. S. V. Ford.
NFD Cpl. D. North.
NFD Cpl. V. Robb.

Orderly.
Pte. A. H. W. Harper.
NFD Pte. D. J. E. Smith.
NFD Pte. W. Lindsey.


Adj. 62 Aust Inf Bn AIF.

NOTICES

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE.

The Comd. MERAUKE Force has extended to all ranks the Seasons Greetings with the hope that next Christmas will see us in more congenial surroundings.

CHURCH SERVICES - Sunday 26 Dec 43

Bn Parade - 0930 hrs
RC Parade - 1000 hrs

An evening service will be held in the Main Recreation Hut at 1915hrs. Transport will be arranged from A and C Coys.

THE WISE SOLDIER SAYS :-

- (1) A weapon is only as good as the man who uses it.
- (2) A rifle and bayonet are the soldiers best friends. Look after them.
- (3) Famous Last Words ; "They won't see me going across here!"

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

by
Lt. Col. A. G. H. Haupt
Commandin. 68 Aust Inf Bn AIF

Formation: Merauke Force
Date: 27 Dec 43

467. ORDERLY DUTIES - Mounting Retreat 27 Dec 43 to Retreat 28 Dec 43

Orderly Offr.
NFD Lieut. D. C. P. Douglas.
NFD Lieut. H. J. Reid.
NFD Lieut. M. L. Ches.

Guard Comd.
NFD Cpl. E. B. McFadden.
NFD L/Cpl. R. A. Whiting.
NFD Cpl. D. North.

Ord. 100
NFD Cpl. V. Robb.
NFD L/Cpl. L. R. Mann.
NFD Cpl. M. C. Dingwell.

Orderly.
NFD Pte. W. Lindsey.
NFD Pte. W. Lindsey.
NFD Pte. C. R. Swann.


Capt.
Adj. 68 Aust Inf Bn AIF.

PUNISHMENT

| No. | Rank. | Name. | Offence | Punishment | Date |
|---------|-------|--------------|---------------------------------------|------------|-----------|
| EX31268 | Lte | HOWARD J. J. | Disobeyed a lawful command AA 9(2) | Fined 35 | 27 Dec 43 |

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ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

By
Lt.Col.A.G.K.Haupt
Commanding 62 Aust Inf Bn AIF.

Formation: Merauke Force
Date: 28 Dec 43

468. ORDERLY DUTIES - Mounting Retreat 28 Dec to Retreat 29 Dec 43


| | | |
|-----|----------------------|----------------------|
| | <u>Orderly Offr.</u> | <u>Guard Comd.</u> |
| | Lieut.H.J.Reid. | L/Cpl.R.A.Whiting. |
| NFD | Lieut.R.E.Shea. | NFD Cpl.D.North. |
| NFD | Lieut.P.McHugh. | NFD Cpl.L.J.Ballard. |
| | <u>Ord. NCO</u> | <u>Orderly.</u> |
| | L/Cpl.B.R.Mann. | Pte.W.Lindsey. |
| NFD | Cpl.M.C.Dingwall. | NFD Pte.C.R.Swann. |
| NFD | Cpl.E.B.McFadzen. | NFD Pte.E.G.Marsh. |

469. TRAFFIC - WEST OF MAIN STREET. (Force RO. A292)
The following traffic rules will be strictly observed when use is made of avenues to and from 62 Aust Inf Bn area:

2nd Avenue
When open will be used for two-way Jeep traffic only.

3rd Avenue
Down traffic only i.e. towards 62 Aust Inf Bn area.

5th Avenue
Up traffic only i.e. from 62 Aust Inf Bn area.


Capt.
Adjt. 62 Aust Inf Bn AIF.

NOTICES

GREETINGS:

The Commander-in-Chief sent the following message to Comd. MERAUKE Force -

"Best wishes for Xmas and the New Year to yourself and all ranks under your command!"

LOSS OF PISTOL.

Pistol No.126421 Webley .455MkIV has been lost. Any information regarding the finding or knowledge of the whereabouts of the above pistol is to be notified to this HQ.

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ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

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Formation: Merauke Force.
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NFD Sgt.A.L. Clothier.

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Capt.
Adjt. 62 Aust Inf Bn AIF.

NOTICES.

Bn Parade.

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| QX27221 | Pte | SMITH N.R. | Losing by neglect one rifle bolt. AA 24(2) | To pay value of loss. | 29.12.43 |
| QX8647 | A/Sgt | NUNN F.J. | Absent without leave AA 15(1) | Reduced to rank of L/Sgt | 29.12.43 |

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