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29/46 Infantry Battalion
November - December 1943

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

UNIT : 29/46 AUST INF BN

DATE AND TIME

From 0001 hrs 1 Nov 43 TO 0001 hrs 1 Dec 43

PLACE	DATE	HOUR	SUMMARY OF EVENTS AND INFORMATION	REMARKS & REFERENCES
In the Field	1 Nov	0830	I O recce'd SOUTH and NORTH of BUMI RIVER from OLD JAP BRIDGE EAST to KAMLOA.	
		1530	H Q Coy less 3 pl arrive KEDAM POINT. Three pl guarding stores LAE area.	
	2 Nov	0830	TILLEYS FORCE departed for BEACHHEAD on first step to rejoin unit.	
		0900	C O and I O visit ADV NINE DIV HQ. Tps drying and changing gear.	
	3 Nov	0900	Unit reverts to command 4 Bde. Liasion with 2/3 Pioneer Bn maintained.	
	4 Nov	0900	TILLEYS FORCE concentrated on beach. Instructions regarding unit tasks received from Bde H Q. B M and Bde I O visit unit.	
	5 Nov	0900	Bn in defensive role C O to recce defensive areas. Defensive plan formed and sketch of proposed posns completed by 1700 hrs.	
	6 Nov	0900	I O takes sketch proposed defensive posns to Bde H Q.	
	7 Nov	2100	Enemy a/c dropped seven bombs across unit area. No casualties or damage.	
		0900	C of E Church parade with 2/3 Pioneer Bn. Day of Make and Mend.	
	8 Nov	0800	TILLEYS FORCE: Barges arrive and after loading all stores and equipment move out at 0830 hrs.	
		1100	FORCE arrives KEDAM POINT after calm trip.	
		1130	Rejoins unit in Bn defensive area.	
2000		Enemy a/c overhead during night. No bombs dropped.		
9 Nov	0830	Coys recce defensive posns and prepare coy plans. "I" Sec preparing maps. Replacement of clothing stores etc.		
10 Nov	0830	Further recce by coy comds and plans finalised.		
11)				
12) Nov				
13)				
			Coys digging and preparing defensive posns.	

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

UNIT : 29/46 AUST INF BN DATE AND TIME : From 0001 hrs 1 Nov to 0001 hrs 1 Dec 43

PLACE	DATE	HOUR	SUMMARY OF EVENTS AND INFORMATION	REMARKS AND REFERENCES
In the Field	14 Nov	0900	R C Church Parade.	
		1030	Enemy recce plane overhead.	
		1055	14 Bombers escorted by fighters dropped bombs in sea N E of unit area. Pte Woods was wounded by s#hrapnel.	
		1255	"O" Gp conference at Bn H Q. Senior officers move to recce forward posns.	
	15 Nov	0730	C O and coy comds depart to recce proposed site for unit.	
1600		Three pl rejoins unit. 1630 hrs Sec of A Coyrejpins unit. Both from guarding stores. All coys now complete.		
		1730	C O returns and issues orders for unit move to QUOJA RIVER area at 0900/16	
	16 Nov	0230	Enemy a/c overhead. 2 bombs dropped SOUTH of area.	
0900		Unit less B Ech departs for new site.		
1200		First elements arrive. Bn H Q established SOUTH bank of QUOJA RIVER at 1400.		
1445		Comm with 9 DIV established and locations notified. Unit now under comd nine DIV as DIV reserve.		
	17 Nov	0600	Unit's first experience of heavy arty barrage.	
0900		Capt Woodburn and A D S from 4th Fd Amb attached to unit. Lt/Col McArthur Onslow, C O 2/2 MMG Bn visits unit.		
	18 Nov	080 ^u	Latest maps and topographical information received from DIV.H Q.	
	19 Nov	0500	Enemy a/c overhead. 5 bombs dropped SOUTH of unit area.	
0900		Maj Holt, DAD of Hyg, visits Capt Miller RMO, discussing malarial precautions.		
1400		C O visits 2/15 Bn to recce unit area.		
	20 Nov	1630	9 bombers escorted by fighters dropped bombs in sea 1000 yds SOUTH of unit area. No damage or casualties. 4 Lightnings engaged.	
1700		Col Bolan NGF Chaplain visits unit padre.		

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

UNIT : 29/46 AUST INF BN

DATE AND TIME From 0001 hrs 1 Nov 43 to 0001 hrs 1 Dec.

PLACE	DATE	HOUR	SUMMARY OF EVENTS AND INFORMATION	REMARKS ETC.
In the field	20 Nov	0900	C O departs for Div HQ.	
		0915	Coy comds with sec leaders leave to recce 2/15 Bn areas, in readiness to relieve that unit if ordered	
		0930	C O, I O, and coy comds 37/52 Bn arrive to recce Bn posns. Coy 21/cs conduct respective officers through coy areas. A Coy on working party at LAUNCH JETTY.	
	21 Nov	0945 1000	R C Church Parade. Cpl Bourke, B sec FSS calls and discusses unit security with I O .	
	22 Nov	0800 1045 1730	D Coy supplying working party at LAUNCH JETTY. 14 bombers escorted by fighters over unit area. no bombs in unit area. 3 Dive Bombers attacked dumps NORTH of unit area.	
	23 Nov	0500 0930	a/c dropped 2 bombs NORTH of unit area. Nine bombers escorted by fighters over area. Bombs dropped NW of unit area. Ra Raid coincided with allied raid on JAP positions.	
	24 Nov	0830 0920 1000 1345 1630	A coy supplying working party LAUNCH JETTY. C O, I O, depart to recce 20 Bde posns and areas and to check on patrols. Brig Edgar and Bde I O visit unit. Advance party 37/52 Bn arrives Nine bombers escorted by fighters dropped bombs EAST of unit area.	
	25 Nov	1800	C O's conference with coy comds regarding impending moves.	
	26 Nov	0800 0955 1700 1800	B Coy supplying working parties at LAUNCH JETTY. Ten bombers with fighter escort over area ,killing five and wounding three personnel in neighboring unit. Brig Edgar, accompanied by 36 And Bde I O visit unit. C O's "O" Gp conference.	

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

UNIT 29/46 AUST INF BN

TIME AND DATE

From 0001 hrs 1 Nov 43 to 0001 hrs 1 Dec 43

PLACE	DATE	HOUR	SUMMARY OF EVENTS AND INFORMATION	REMARKS AND REFERENCES
In the field	27 Nov	0915	C O receives instructions from G 1 Nine DIV.	
		0930	C O and "R" Gp depart to recce unit site.	
		1030	22 Bn officers visit area to recce sites for their H Q and one Coy.	
		1545	"R" Gp returns and C O directs unit to prepare to move to bivouac area SOUTH of SCARLET BEACH.	
		1750	Unit Operation Instruction No 3 issued.	(APP A)
	28 Nov	0830	Unit commences move as per Op Instr. No 3.	
		0900	H Q reopens new area. Tps prepare to bivouac for night.	
		1830	Four VALS divebombed NORTH of unit area.	
	29 Nov	1000	Order received to relieve 2/15 Bn in defensive posn KATIKA immediately. C O's conference with coy comds.	
		1045	Tps commence move to new area. Bn H Q in occupation by 1200 hrs.	
		1200	Unit under command 20 Bde. All coys. except C in same area as respective coy 2/15 Bn C Coy in bivouac posn close to Bn H Q.	
		1300	C O receives warning of probable unit role in impending operations.	
		1800	C O informs BN H Q and coys of probable role of Bn and gives directions regarding equipment to be carried. Unit to have support of tanks and arty.	
	30 Nov	0300	Enemy a/c overhead for approx one hour.	
		0900	C O departed for Nine Div H Q.	
		1000	D Coy relieved by A Coy 22Bn.	
		1400	A & D Coys move to new areas for training with tanks. Maj Horden, C Sqn 1 Aust tank Bn, lectured to A & D Coys regarding cooperation between tanks and infantry. Lieuts Moffatt and Buckley, 2/48 Bn lectured officers and NCO's on tactics in recent operations.	
		1600	28 personnel instructed to prepare for leave.	


Lt/Col
C O 29/46 Aust Inf Bn.

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

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

A.I.F. _____

W.E. Reference A.M.F. 412072

W.E. 32 X 734

Date 6 NOV '43

Attached Allowed by W.E. 34 X

29/16 (Unit) Unit

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks and W.E.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
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Lieut.-Colonels	1		
Majors	2		
Captains	7		
Lieutenants	13		
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
Totals	32	28	4

* Insert detail of higher rank as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name	Unit or Corps.	Date.	Cause.
PT	J. H. ARBUTHNOT	2945 BN	11/14/43	EXPT. & INT. (SCHOOL)

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Unit or Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit or Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).
LIEUT	R. WESMITH	2945 BN	PRESENT WITH COMPANY
	FIRST AND SECOND LINE		SEPARATE

29/46 Unit Lf Bn.

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT							REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED							REMARKS.	
	W.O's. Class I.	W.O's. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Staff-Serjeants	Serjeants	Corporals	Troopers, Privates, &c.	TOTAL	W.O's. Class I.	W.O's. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Serjeants	Corporals	Troopers, Privates, &c.		TOTAL
Bricklayers																W/E.
Butchers																
Carpenters and Joiners																
Clerks																
EQUIP REPAIRER																
Despatch Riders																
Draughtsmen (topo)																
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.																
Electricians																
Farriers																
Fitters																
Masons																
Painters and Decorators																
Plumbers and Gasfitters																
Saddlers and Harness Makers																
Signallers																
Storemen, Technical																
Vickers Machine Gunners																
Cooks																
REGT POLICE																
INT. DUTIES																
RYE TAKERS																
DIDER LIES																
PIENERS																
STOREMEN																
S. DEARERS																
TR/A GUN NO'S																
BATMEN																
HYGIENE DUTYMEN																
REPAIRING NO'S																
MMG NO'S																
MORTAR NO'S 293																
DUTYMEN																
General Duty Personnel																
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A)																

29/46 Unit Lf Bn.

Date of Despatch 6 Nov 43.

[Signature]
Signature of Commander

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

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

13 Nov 43

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29th (Anti-Aircraft) (Unit)

PART A—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

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

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank	Name	Corps	Date	Cause
LT. V. 121703	KENTLEY, W. W.	29th (A.C.)	12/11/43	from 29th (A.C.) 29th (A.C.) 1943
LT. V. 51210	PURBANK, W. J.	do	do	do
LT. V. 13155	LODGE, A. J.	do	do	do
LT. V. 10477	MOLLISSON, E. J.	do	6/11/43	from 2nd Lt. - School
LT. V. 11605	WATERS, R. B.	do	12/11/43	from 2nd Lt. - School

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank	Name	Corps	Date	Cause
LT. V. 11007	O'BRYEN, E.	29th (A.C.)	12/11/43	from 2nd Lt. - School
LIEUT	DALLER, W. E. K.	29th (A.C.)	12/11/43	from 2nd Lt. - School

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

Rank	Name and Initials	Corps	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known)
LIEUT	CRESWICK, R.	29th (A.C.)	In the 1st TWTC (Antwerp) 1st and 2nd Line R.M.T.S.

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	Personal Number	Name and Initials	Corps	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed
LT COL	100000	A. S. CUMMINGS	29th Inf Bn	YES	
MAJOR	100001	T. A. G. DUFFY	29th Inf Bn	YES	
MAJOR	100002	D. H. TILLY	29th Inf Bn	YES	
MAJOR	100003	M. L. PATRICK	29th Inf Bn	YES	
MAJOR	100004	R. J. EVANS	29th Inf Bn	YES	
MAJOR	100005	M. G. PATTERSON	29th Inf Bn	YES	
MAJOR	100006	R. W. FINN	29th Inf Bn	YES	
MAJOR	100007	R. WILSON	29th Inf Bn	YES	
MAJOR	100008	J. G. GIBSON	29th Inf Bn	YES	
MAJOR	100009	R. A. GIBSON	29th Inf Bn	YES	
MAJOR	100010	A. S. GIBSON	29th Inf Bn	YES	
MAJOR	100011	R. A. MILLER	29th Inf Bn	YES	
MAJOR	100012	R. J. DUFFY	29th Inf Bn	YES	
MAJOR	100013	F. W. GIBSON	29th Inf Bn	YES	
MAJOR	100014	A. S. GIBSON	29th Inf Bn	YES	
MAJOR	100015	J. L. DUFFY	29th Inf Bn	YES	
MAJOR	100016	L. B. HARTMILL	29th Inf Bn	YES	
MAJOR	100017	M. L. MILLER	29th Inf Bn	YES	
MAJOR	100018	T. M. L. GIBSON	29th Inf Bn	YES	
MAJOR	100019	C. S. GIBSON	29th Inf Bn	YES	
MAJOR	100020	L. M. GIBSON	29th Inf Bn	YES	
MAJOR	100021	E. GIBSON	29th Inf Bn	YES	
MAJOR	100022	M. L. MILLER	29th Inf Bn	YES	
MAJOR	100023	A. H. GIBSON	29th Inf Bn	YES	
MAJOR	100024	C. B. GIBSON	29th Inf Bn	YES	
MAJOR	100025	R. J. GIBSON	29th Inf Bn	YES	
MAJOR	100026	R. B. GIBSON	29th Inf Bn	YES	
MAJOR	100027	M. L. GIBSON	29th Inf Bn	YES	
MAJOR	100028	M. J. GIBSON	29th Inf Bn	YES	
MAJOR	100029	A. T. GIBSON	29th Inf Bn	YES	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	Personal Number	Name and Initials	Corps	Date of attachment	Nature of attachment
MAJOR	100000	M. S. MILLER	29th Inf Bn	17/11/43	RETIRED
MAJOR	100001	S. W. GIBSON	29th Inf Bn	17/11/43	RETIRED
MAJOR	100002	R. A. GIBSON	29th Inf Bn	17/11/43	PENDING
MAJOR	100003	R. B. GIBSON	29th Inf Bn	17/11/43	PENDING

29th Inf Bn
13/11/43
(Unit)
(Date of Despatch)

A. S. Cummings
(Signature of Commander)
29th Inf Bn
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving)

29/46 Aust Inf Bn Unit.

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT							REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED							REMARKS.		
	W.O's. Class I.	W.O's. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Staff-Serjeants	Serjeants	Corporals	Troopers, Privates, &c.	TOTAL	W.O's. Class I.	W.O's. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Serjeants	Corporals	Troopers, Privates, &c.		TOTAL	
Bricklayers																W/E	
Butchers																1	
Carpenters and Joiners																6	
Clerks				1				1								9	
EQUIP REPAIRER																1	
Despatch Riders																	
Draughtsmen (topo)																	
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.																	
Electricians																	
Farmers																	
TAILORS																	
Fitters												1		1		2	
Masons																	
Painters and Decorators																	
Plumbers and Gasfitters																	
Saddlers and Harness Makers																	
Signallers												2		2		26	
Storemen, Technical																3	
Vickers Machine Gunners																	
Cooks																	
REGT POLICE																6	
INF DUTIES																9	
RANGEMEN												2		2		4	
ORDERLIES																32	
PIONEERS																33	
STOREMEN																6	
S BEARERS																20	
TRIA GUN NO'S																19	
BATMEN																34	
HYGIENE DUTYMEN																4	
RFM + LMG NO'S										2	5	1	108	116		397	
MMG NO'S																23	
MORTAR NO'S 2 1/2"																57	
DUTYMEN																5	
General Duty Personnel																	
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A)			1					1				2	5	1	113	121	696

29/46 Aust Inf Bn Unit.

[Signature]
Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch... 13 Nov 43

9 Aust Div
Bde., Divn., Area, &c., with which unit is serving.

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

29/46 Aust INF BN (Unit)

PART A—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached)	Surplus to Establishment	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment.)
Lieut.-Colonels	1	—	—
Majors	2	—	—
Captains	7	—	—
Lieutenants	20	1	—
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
Totals	30	1	3

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank	Name	Corps	Date	Cause

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank	Name	Corps	Date	Cause
CAPT	M L PATMAN	29/46 BN	20/11/43	X List (Noop)

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

Rank	Name and Initials	Corps	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known)
LIEUT	NX11044 R. GRESWICK	29/46 BN	Instructor JWTC CANBERRA.
			FIRST AND SECOND LINE REPTS.

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	Personal Number	Name and Initials	Corps	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed
LT-COL	V10008	R.S. CUSHWORTH	CD	YES	
MAJOR	V10011	V.H. LOVEJOY	246	NO	DET OF BATT 246
	VX 52	B.A. TILLEY	246	YES	
CAPT.	V10011	N.J. EVANS	CC 1	"	
"	V10012	N.A. PETERSEN	CC 4	"	
"	V10013	R.B. EMMES	246	"	
"	V10014	H. WILSON	246	"	
"	V10015	J. FLETCHER	CC 1	"	
"	V10016	E.D. MOLLISON	GM	"	
"	V10017	A.H. BOND	BATT	"	
MAJOR	V10018	H.F. FRANCE	CC 10	"	
"	V10019	W.H. WOOD	CC 12	"	
"	V10020	E.A. DEWAIN	CC 5	"	
"	V10021	E.W. WOODS	CC 1	"	
"	V10022	E.S. BREWSTER	CC 10	"	
"	V10023	S.L. BLOTT	CC 1	"	
"	V10024	E.A. WATSON	CC 1	"	
"	V10025	A.L. MILLS	CC 15	"	
"	V10026	J.H. BOND	CC 4	"	
"	V10027	E.S. MURPHY	CC 2	"	
"	VX 138177	C.A. JONES	CC 1	"	
"	V10028	S.E. HOME	CC 1	"	
"	V10029	H.L. WILSON	CC 3	"	
"	V10030	H.A. SHAW	CC 3	"	
"	V10031	G.E. FERREY	CC 1	"	
"	V10032	G.T. THOMPSON	CC 1	"	
"	V10033	H.A. BERRY	CC 1	"	
"	V10034	H.V. BERRY	CC 1	NO	HOSPITAL
"	V10035	H.V. BERRY	CC 1	"	
"	V10036	H.V. BERRY	CC 1	"	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	Personal Number	Name and Initials	Corps	Date of attachment	Nature of attachment
CAPT	V10037	W.G. MILLER	HAME	11/1/43	RMO
"	V10038	C.W. REIS	CH-GEN	11/1/43	CHAPLAIN
"	V10039	J.W. WOODBURN	1 PD AND	11/1/43	1 PD AND
MAJOR	V10040	E.A. RUTHERFORD	CC 1	11/1/43	CC 1
"	V10041	R.B. WATERS	"	11/1/43	"

24/11/43
9 HUNT INF BN
(Unit)
20/11/43
(Date of Despatch)

[Signature]
(Signature of Commander)
9 HUNT DIV
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving)

Unit.

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT							REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED							REMARKS.	
	W.O's. Class I.	W.O's. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Staff-Serjeants	Serjeants	Corporals	Troopers, Privates, &c.	TOTAL	W.O's. Class I.	W.O's. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Serjeants	Corporals	Troopers, Privates, &c.		TOTAL
Bricklayers																
Butchers																
Carpenters and Joiners																
Clerks																
Despatch Riders																
Draughtsmen (topo)																
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.																
Electricians																
Farriers																
Fitters																
Masons																
Painters and Decorators																
Plumbers and Gasfitters																
Saddlers and Harness Makers																
Signallers																
Storemen, Technical																
Vickers Machine Gunners																
Cooks																
General Duty Personnel																
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A)																

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24/46 Aust INF BN.

Unit.

20/11/43

Date of Despatch

Chenworth

Signature of Commander.

9 Aust Div

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

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

Serial No :- 45
W.E. - A.M.F. - 11.120/2
S.E. - 32 x 755
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Allowed by W.E. - 1 x 58

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

27/11/43

29/46 AUST INF BN

(Unit)

PART A—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached)	Surplus to Establishment	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment.)
Lieut.-Colonels	1	0	0
Majors	2	0	2
Captains	7	0	7
Lieutenants	10	0	10
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
Totals	20	0	20

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank	Name	Corps	Date	Cause

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank	Name	Corps	Date	Cause
Lieut	W.V. ROUTLEY	29/46 Bn	24/11/43	List (Hospital)

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

Rank	Name and Initials	Corps	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known)
Lieut	(N11044) R. CRONICK	29/46 Bn	Instructor at J.W.T.C. Caningra
	First and Second Line Rfts.		

PART D. — NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	Personal Number	Name and Initials	Appointment	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed
	VX104101	A.S. BUSHMAN	C.O.	Yes	
Major	VX104111	V.A. BAYLOR	2 1/6	No	Det C.O. Beach
	VX104138	G.A. TILLEY	C.O. HQ Coy	Yes	
Capt	VX104139	H.S. STARR	C.O. Coy	Yes	
	VX104142	H.B.O. PATTERSON	C.O. Coy	Yes	
	VX104155	H.D. BAKER	2 1/6	Yes	
	VX104176	H. ALLEN	2 1/6	Yes	
	VX104180	S. FLETCHER	C.O. Coy	Yes	
	VX104179	H.D. HOLLISON	C.O.	Yes	
	VX104183	H.R. BOND	Adj	Yes	
Lieut	VX104114	A.G. GRACE	C.O. 10 Pl.	Yes	
	VX104181	H.R. WILSON	18	Yes	
	VX104150	H.R. DOWLING	9	Yes	
	VX104223	F.H. HODGSON	2 1/6 A.Coy	Yes	
	VX104278	J.S. BURNLEY	C.O. 14 Pl.	No	Hospital
	VX104313	J.L. FROST	C.O.	Yes	
	VX104163	C.D. HARTSHILL	C.O.	Yes	
	VX104132	H.L. HILLS	C.O. 15 Pl.	Yes	
	VX104178	J.M.L. BUSE	4	Yes	
	VX104137	C.O. BARNETT	2	Yes	
	VX104177	L.H. JAMES	1/Study 21/6 A Coy	Yes	
	VX104103	J.S. TONG	C.O. 11 Pl.	Yes	
	VX104010	H.L. WILSON	8	Yes	
	VX104106	A.H. SMITH	10	Yes	
	VX104315	C.O. FERRIS	12	No	Det 6 Pls (L.O.)
	VX104100	C.S. THOMPSON	1	Yes	
	VX104144	H.B. PENNY	7	Yes	
	VX104184	W.L. FORDWICK	10	Yes	
	VX104188	A.S. GUDFREY	17	Yes	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	Personal Number	Name and Initials	Unit or Corps	Date of Attachment	Nature of Attachment	Allowed by W.E. (Insert Yes or No)
Capt	VX104199	H.C. WELLEN	A.A.M.C.	17/12/41	P.M.C.	Yes
"	VX104119	G.H. BELL	Ch-Cen		Chaplain	No
"	VX104180	J.H. WOODBURN	4 Pd Amb.	16/11/43	Att for Duty	"
Lieut	VX104225	G.A. WATSON	Gen Hqs	2/7/43	Pending	"
	VX104187	H.S. STARR			Pending	"

29/46 MUST INF BN (Unit)

[Signature]
(Signature of Commander)

27/11/43 (Date of Despatch)

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

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT							REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED							REMARKS. W.E.		
	W.O's, Class I.	W.O's, Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Staff-Serjeants	Serjeants	Corporals	Troopers, Privates, &c.	TOTAL	W.O's, Class I.	W.O's, Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Serjeants	Corporals	Troopers, Privates, &c.		TOTAL	
Bricklayers																1	
Butchers																6	
Carpenters and Joiners				1				1								9	
Clerks																1	
Equip. Repairer																	
Despatch Riders																	
Draughtsmen (topo)																	
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.																	
Electricians													1	1		2	
Farriers																	
Fitters																	
Masons																	
Painters and Decorators																	
Plumbers and Gasfitters																	
Saddlers and Harness Makers													2	2		28	
Signallers																5	
Storemen, Technical																	
Vickers Machine Gunners																	
Cooks																6	
Magtl. Police																9	
Inf. Duties																	
Rangefinders													2	2		4	
Orderlies																32	
Pioneers																33	
Storeman																8	
Str. Bearers																20	
Th/A Gun Numbers																19	
Batman																34	
Hygiene Duty Men																4	
Rifle & L.M.G. Nos.										2	7	2	133	146		397	
L.M.G. Nos																23	
Mortar Nos - 2" & 3"													15			73	
Duty Men																5	
General Duty Personnel																	
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A)				1				1					2	7	2	349	715

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Bluesworth

Lt-Col Comd

Signature of Commander.

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Date of Despatch.....

Bde., Divn., Area, &c., with which unit is serving.

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Ref Map SATELBERG 1/25000

27 Nov '43.

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INFORMATION :-

1. 29/46 Aust Inf Bn will move with all stores at present in this area to bivouac area square 6366 on 28 Nov'43.

METHOD :

2. Coys will move by foot to bivouac areas as follows :-

<u>COY</u>	<u>BIVOUAC AREA</u>	<u>TIME PAST S.P.</u>
B. Coy	636667	0830
C. "	640669	0835
A. "	639669	0840
D. "	640668	0845
HQ "	638667	0850
Bn HQ "	638668	0855

S.P. Bridge, Quoja River.

3. Troops will move dispersed along road.
4. P.U.O's. will move on Stores Trucks and act as Picquets on Stores in new area, and will report to Q.M. at 0800 hrs. 28 Nov'43.

ADMINISTRATION :

5. Each ^{man} will carry three days rations.
6. All Stores for transporting, including H.Q.'s packs, will be dumped at B. Echelon by 0800 hrs. 28 Nov'43.
7. Coy areas will be left clean for further occupation of this area by other troops.
8. One R.P. will be stationed at FINSCHAFEN STRIP at 0800 hrs. 28 Nov'43 to guide Tpt Coy Trucks to 'B' Echelon. Six trucks from Gen Tpt Coy will report at 0800 Hrs. 28 Nov'43.
9. Loading parties will be by mutual arrangement between R.Q.M. and O.C. H.Q. Coy.

INTER-COMMUNICATION :

10. Bn. H.Q. closes present site 0800 hrs. 28 Nov'43 and re-opens 638668 at 0900 hrs. 28 Nov'43. Coys will report to Bn H.Q. on completion of occupation of new bivouac area.

11. Signed at :- 1750
12. Method of Issue :- Orderly
13. ACKNOWLEDGE.

James Boyd

Adj. 29/46 Aust Inf Bn. Capt.

WEATHER REPORT FOR NOV 1943

Appx "D"

Date	Wind	Type	Rain	Clouds	Remarks
1			Light	Heavy	Wet
2			Heavy	"	Muddy
3			Light	"	Overcast
4					Hot
5				Light	Warm
6				"	"
7			Light	Heavy	Sultry
8				Light	Very Humid
9					Hot
10	N.W.	Light			Hot
11			Light	Heavy	Muggy
12				Light	Humid
13			Heavy	Heavy	Very Wet
14				Light	Warm
15					Warm
16				Light	Humid
17			Light	Light	Hot
18			Light	Heavy	Fair
19					Fine
20				Light	Fine & Warm
21					Fine & Hot
22				Heavy	Humid
23					Hot
24	South	Light			Hot
25			Hy Showers	Heavy	Fair
26				Light	Hot
27				Light	Hot
28			Light	Light	Fair
29					Warm
30				Light	Hot

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Unit..... 29th 46 AUST INF BN.....

Date and Time.—From..... 0001 hrs 1 Dec 43..... To..... 0001 hrs 1 Jan 44.....

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
In the Field	1 Dec	1520	Leave party departs for Div Reception Camp.	
		1520		
		1640	Pte O. Wamsley accidentally killed.	
	2 Dec	0001	Unit reverts to comd 4 Aust Inf Bde.	
		0600	45 members detached IOB.	
		0800	Unit commences move to BONGA (Assembly Area)	
		1200	BHQ opens in BONGA area, 632720.	
		1430	All coys in bivouac area. 56 Bty and A Coy 2/2 MG Bn and C Sqn 1 Army Tk Bn in sp.	
		1830	CO and OC D Coy attend Bde Conference.	
	3 Dec	1000	CO visits Bde HQ. Aerial photos supplied for area of ops.	
		1330	CO's "O" Gp Conference moves forward for recce of forward areas at 625733.	
		1800	CO issues op orders.	

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WAR DIARY AND INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

UNIT. 29/46 AUST INF BN.

DATE AND TIME. FROM 0001 hrs 1 Dec 43 to 0001 hrs 1 Jan 44

PLACE	DATE	HOUR	T	SUMMARY OF EVENTS AND INFORMATION.	REMARKS AND REFERENCES.
In the Field	4 Dec	2000		Owing to 24 hrs delay in a crossing of the KALEUNG RIVER being effected by 22 Bn, orders revised and reissued.	
	5 Dec	0530		Unit begins move to ASSEMBLY area at GUSIKA 625734.	
		0700		Unit taking up position. D Coy approaching start line laid from 625736 to 623736. B Coy following D Coy, then A Coy BHQ, C Coy and sp arms.	
		0720		D Coy advancing to start line. Start time 0730.	
		0725		D Coy fired on before reaching start line.	
		0726		Arty barrage going down from H-4 to H plus 6, then to lift in 100 yds bounds or on orders of FOO.	
		0730		D Coy moving forward with tks but unable to see targets.	
		0800		D Coy reaches edge of jungle.	
		0845		B Coy moving along W edge of jungle. Contacted enemy snipers 621737. D Coy reached "HUTS" area 622738.	
		1000		D Coy advanced to ck where enemy were contacted 622738. Leading tk damaged tracks when enemy mines exploded on track. Tk disabled and unable to advance. Remaining two tks held up by ck crossing.	
		1030		10 pl B Coy moving towards ck found enemy in well concealed positions and forward elements came under fire. Patrol then withdrew back to the coy.	

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Unit.....29/46 AUSTRALIAN INF. BN.....

Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs 1 Dec. To 0001 hrs 1 Jan. 44

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
In the Field	5 Dec	1030	Both fwd coys held up by enemy fire.	
		1100	D Coy reported Pte KILLALEA and SIG CRESSINGTON wounded.	
		1100	Lieut HOME B Coy took a party to a point further E along ck	
			and came under heavy fire. Party returned to coy HQ.	
			Lieut HOME killed by sniper.	
		1200	A Coy took up position behind B Coy and D Coy.	
		1330	D Coy pushed on without tks to 621741, mines on track preventing	
			use of tks.	
		1340	B Coy reported L/Cpl KEENAN wounded. Coy HQ and 11 pl	
			dug in after retiring 100 yds from ck. 10 and 12 pls moved	
			back to cross ck at 623738. While passing bulldozed on track,	
			two mines exploded, causing casualties. Ptes BISH and STEEL	
			wounded by shrapnel, Cpl HUNT and L/Cpl NATHAN suffered shock.	
		1400	D Coy reached N edge of GARDEN 622742.	

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UNIT . 29/46 AUST INF BN.

DATE AND TIME. From 0001 hrs 1 Dec⁴³ to 0001 hrs 1 Jan 44

PLACE	DATE	HOUR	SUMMARY OF EVENTS AND INFORMATION.	REMARKS AND REFERENCES.
In the Field	5 Dec	1400	10 and 12 pls B Coy continued advance along N bank of ck to 621738 where forward elements came under fire. Pte WETHERALL killed and Pte CRISP wounded. Coy attempting to advance and attack enemy positions but intense MG fire prevented much forward movt.	
		1430	B Coy 22 Bn giving fire demo to divert enemy and assist B Coy 29/46.	
		1500	Lieut ROUTLEY and Pte McDONALD wounded.	
		1530	10 and 12 pls B Coy made another attack and drove enemy from forward positions 620738	
		1600	BHQ and C COY moved to perimeter for night at 623737. 14 pl C Coy moved along track to contact D Coy 620743 and patrolled NW to 622746 S through timber to garden thence via track to perimeter. Found abandoned positions but saw no movt.	
		1700	10 and 12 pls B Coy withdrew 60 yds in rear of ck and formed perimeter for night.	
		1815	D Coy in perimeter for night at 619743. Patrol located enemy LMG 200 yds N of position. A Coy in perimeter 620743.	
		1900	CO issues orders for following day's attack to Bn "O" Gp.	
		1900		
	5/6 Dec	night	Arty and mortar on HF tasks during night. Enemy mortared positions but BN sustained no damage or casualties.	

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Unit... 29/46 ALST. INF. BN.....

Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs 1 Dec 43 To 0001 hrs 1 Jan 44.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
In the Field	6 Dec 43	0700	A Coy moves forward unopposed.	
		0715	C Coy moving round to clear enemy pocket near B Coy area found enemy had vacated positions during the night. D Coy moving forward.	
		0845	D Coy meeting heavy opposition from two LMGs firing between tracks 618747. A Coy pushing up W of track through heavy jungle - going difficult.	
		0900	C Coy patrolling ck to GARDEN 613737.	
		0905	A Coy passing round left flank D Coy. D Coy held up by enemy fire.	
		0920	D Coy began encircling movt, 18 pl left 17 pl right. One sec 18 pl under enemy fire from well concealed positions and lost touch with remaining sections who could not locate origin of fire. Fire from JUKI and LMGs caused casualties and while closing on the first position JUKI fire from further along track caused more casualties. Cpl DESLANDERS killed within 5 yds of JUKI, after being wounded four times/ Pte PILGRIM killed	

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WAR DIARY OR INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

Unit 29/46 AUST INF BN

Date and Time- From 0001 hrs 1 Dec 43 to 0001 hrs 1 Jan 44

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PLACE	DATE	H OUR	SUMMARY OF EVENTS AND INFORMATION	REMARKS AND REFERENCES
In the Field	6 Dec	0920	Further casualties in 18 pl forward sec were Ptes PATON, TURNER and DUCKWORTH wounded. Remaining member of sec-Pte PIKE suffered shock from grenade blast. Six enemy reported killed. Remainder of D Coy attacking force regrouped and made a fresh drive on enemy positions. On closing in it was found that they had been evacuated.	
		0950	C Coy patrol withdrawn.	
		1000	A Coy moved N with 9 pl on high ground to left, 8 pl centre, 7 pl right. 7 and 8 pls contacted enemy fwd elements, killing three. A Coy held up by enemy in strength with HMG and LMG fire. CC Coy then ordered to push forward. 7 and 8 pls sent forward closed on enemy positions which were found to be vacated. B Coy warned to prepare to move at moments notice.	
		1200	Adv BHQ moved to 620743. C Coy moving to GARDEN area.	
		1245	Rear BHQ closed up on 620743.	
			A Coy and D Coy pushing up track after the retreating enemy. A Coy estimated 300 had occupied area cleared.	
		1340	D Coy moved forward to CK 619748 clearing enemy positions.	
		1400	C Coy reached GARDEN 617747. No contact.	
		1425	C Coy moving up cks W of GARDEN.	
		1440	C Coy encountered LMG fire and grenades across kunai patch.	
		1445	A Coy at 618750.	
		1500	Arty plan of support fire for A Coy attack. On barrage lifting A Coy attacked with two platoons forward killing a number of enemy and clearing the track to the track junction near GNAOPOA. C Coy report Cpl Henry killed.	
		1516	D Coy captured a mountain gun and ammunition at 619749.	
		1543	B Coy at garden and going into perimeter for night. A Coy at 621752, and D Coy moving there to contact them.	
		1630	C Coy using arty support on MG posns on W flank and attempting encirclement.	

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UNIT. 29/48 AUST INF BN.

DATE AND TIME . FROM

PLACE	DATE	HOUR	SUMMARY OF EVENTS AND INFORMATION.	REMARKS AND REFERENCES	
In the Field	6 Dec	1645	9 Pl A Coy rejoined Coy after patrolling dense jungle west of track and along ck to 613745, NMS. D Coy patrolled N arm of lagoon and GNAOPOA.		
		1650	A Coy forming perimeter for night at 617754.		
		1700	C Coy moving up to close on MG posn. D Coy taking up perimeter at tk junc 621754.		
		1738	BHQ moves to 618745.		
		1755	C Coy reported in posn 614747, enemy having withdrawn.		
		1830	B Coy report finding further enemy dead in garden. Jap 89 Type Discharger found near garden.		
		2030	CO receives outline plan for following day.		
		2120	CO issues orders to Coys for next day's attack. Total known casualties for day 3 killed and 7 wounded.		
		7 Dec	0630	C Coy moving fwd up slopes of feature to 608752.	
			0745	B Coy moving fwd.	
0800	A Coy patrol to investigate enemy sighting on kunai spur running NW from their posn.				
0850	BHQ moving fwd to 621753.				
0910	A Coy patrol identified enemy party in kunai on left flank.				
0950	B Coy moving along coastal tk N.				
0915	C Coy in posn at 608752, no contact.				
1025	B Coy sniped at, 615755, no casualties.				
1115	B Coy astride two tcks 617757. Intense enemy MG fire prevented further adv. Pte. Nealer died of wounds, and Pte Cooper wounded.				
1120	A Coy at 616753 to patrol behind enemy posns.				
1135	Enemy mortar fell in A Coy area causing casualties. Pte Richardson killed, and Cpl. Pemberton, Pte Dutton and Pte Brennan wounded.				
1255	B Coy commenced fwd move under cover of arty spt fire.				
1310	B Coy advg with arty spt into bottleneck and coming under heavy enemy MG fire from both flanks.				
1345	Now pushing across kunai with MMG spt and mortar barrage. Coy encountered enemy fire and went to ground but were able to continue to adv with 11 Pl fwd, 12 Pl on R flank and 10 Pl in rear. Main enemy force to left and front with snipers very active on flanks but Coy reached objective 615759 having suffered no further casualties.				

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UNIT 29/46 AUST INF BN.

DATE AND TIME From 0001 hrs 1 Dec 43 to 0001 hrs 1 Jan 44.

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PLACE	DATE	TIME	SUMMARY OF EVENTS AND INFORMATION	REMARKS AND REFERENCES.
In the Field	7 Dec	1400	D Coy push up behind B Coy.	
		1420	A Coy move two pls down ck 615259.	
		1445	B Coy consolidating on S of ck 615759.	
		1520	A Coy report enemy MG in ck.	
		1530	C Coy moved 14 pl N from coy position down reentrant 612753, thence across kunai to ck 612754. No 6 Sec went forward and enemy allowed it to cross kunai, then grenaded them, causing casualties. Remainder of 14 pl halted - three men moved forward to recce position and by throwing grenades, drew HMG, LMG and rifle fire. Remainder of pl in attempting to move forward met HMG fire. Enemy's main positions vicinity 613757. 6 Sec made desperate efforts to close on enemy but any forward movement met with intense fire. Heavy casualties suffered - to this stage, four had been killed - Ptes SMITH, BLYTHE, EUSTACE and Cpl JOYCE. Four wounded - Sgt WILSON, Cpl LARKIN and Ptes SHIELDS and MANN. Enemy positions well sited and covered all approaches - strength estimated at one pl. 14 Pl now forced to retire with wounded, then contacted A Coy who were moving N along reentrant.	
		1600	A Coy advancing along track fired on by JUM from 615758 - two enemy LMGs also firing over their heads. A Coy took cover and joined B Coy. D Coy attempting to advance under arty cover along coastal track struck difficult going at steep ravine.	
		1630	D Coy sighted and killed one enemy and captured HMG at 615759.	
		1720	14 Pl C Coy joined 9 pl A Coy., and bivouaced across ravine for night 615753.	
		1735	D Coy fired on by two LMGs on cliff with much rifle fire from same direction.	
		1740	D Coy attempting encirclement of enemy - found going difficult.	
		1800	D Coy's leading pl struck strong opposition 615760 withdrew to 615759 for night.	
		1845	CO discussed day's moves and locations - issued orders for following day.	
		2030	2000 rds arty sp used during the day. one pl Dispositions at last light - BHQ 620752 A Coy less 14 pl 615758 B Coy 615759, C Coy less one pl 609752 D Coy 615759 one pl A Coy and one pl C Coy 615753.	
		7/8 Dec night	No incident.	

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UNIT 29/46 AUST INF BN

DATE AND TIME From 0001 hrs 1 Dec 33 to 0001 hrs 1 Jan 44.

PLACE	DATE	HOUR	SUMMARY OF EVENTS AND INFORMATION	REMARKS AND REFERENCES
In the Field	8 Dec	0700	C Coy prepare for attack at 0830. One pl to move along each reentrant N of their position. Coy HQ with centre pl, MMGs and arty to give sp fire on ck junc 613758.	
		0845	C Coy moves forward to commence attack.	
		0900	Capt PETERSEN killed (A Coy OC) while making recce.	
		0915	D Coy pass through A Coy locating body of Capt PETERSEN, which was recovered by Sgt COLE. Enemy had withdrawn.	
		0920	C Coy enter timber in reentrants. 13 pl forward scouts found body of Cpl JOYCE killed previous day. D Coy moving a pl to MG post which fired on A Coy on previous day. LMG fire drew no response.	
		0930	15 pl C Coy moving forward heard fire from 13 pl. 13 pl C Coy under LMG, sniper and grenade fire. Enemy too well concealed to be sighted. Fire returned by Bren and grenades towards enemy. Casualties suffered - Cpl HUNTER killed, Ptes LEWIN and CATLIN wounded. Reserve sec of pl sent back to prevent encirclement as enemy seen moving round left flank.	
		0945	15 Pl C Coy hear sounds of digging and enemy voices. Pl formed perimeter at 612758. Heard enemy cries of "Come on AUSSIES" to other pls.	
		1000	D Coy report enemy sighted across CHASM. One pl right and two left of track.	
		1014	D Coy's forward sec engaging enemy MG post with rifle and hand grenades.	
		1020	14 Pl C Coy under HMG and LMG fire at 612755. Pl of 2/2 MG Bn sighted pl of C Coy closing in on enemy JUKI post. This pl (13) joined MG pl later at 617752.	
		1030	D Coy short of grenades. Report JUKI on right - 17 PL contacted enemy and two were wounded - Cpl JONES and Pte VINCENT. C Coy report casualties suffered - unable to close on enemy. CO decides to send det mortars and supply of grenades. Estimated 200 enemy at ck junc.	
		1115	MG pl moved up in sp B Coy.	
		1130	13 Pl C Coy now with pl 2/2 MG Bn. 14 Pl C Coy had three wounded - Lieut BREALY, L/Cpl CROOKS, Pte PRICE. Coy HQ and 14 Pl were unable to contact enemy and as the pl had only ten fit men left, withdrew to previous night's perimeter. 15 Pl C Coy sent a recce party of three men forward from perimeter to observe	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
In the Field	8 Dec	1130	<p>15 Pl C Coy reached 613758 overlooking gully and saw seven enemy in a group also a wooden structure. Sgt HOWIE returned to perimeter and brought forward 8 sec and pl comd. Sgt McLaren ON tps dispersed on bank overlooking gully - threw 16 grenades on party and fired LMG and rifles. Party was destroyed and sec then fired on by enemy in positions further along ck. Other enemy tps had taken up positions further along ck and opened fire with LMG and LMG as well as mortars, on pl perimeters. Sgt HOWIE returning to perimeter found pl under fire from 25 yds range. Sgt DENNY 2/17 Bn advised withdrawal. Casualties were - killed Ptes PARR, ELLIOTT, wounded Pte STANFORD, who later died of wounds, Sgt HOWIE returned to 8Sec and found Sgt McLAREN had been killed and Pte BINTON wounded.</p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
In the Field	8 Dec	1130	8 Sec 15 Pl withdrew to perimeter and the pl began to withdraw. Pte PINTON again wounded (in groin) Pte NATOLI carried Pte PINTON under HMG fire and with the aid of Sgt HOWIE, went 400 yds. when pl was confronted by enemy patrol in kunai on left flank. Forward scouts killed four enemy. Pte PINTON had to be left and later died of wounds. Remainder of pl circled enemy and returned to coy perimeter of previous night.	
		1200	D Coy captured JUKI - Cpl McNEE renaming and killing crew.	
		1230	D Coy report Cpl STAYNER wounded.	
		1320	Mortar pl engages enemy position, 613758. Bombs landing in target area.	
		1330	Firing heard at 613759 - thought to be 13 pl C Coy.	
		1350	D Coy shelled by 75 mm at 75 yds range. Ptes WOODS and Mc MULLIN killed. Pte PLOWRIGHT died of wounds. Pte McNEVEN wounded.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
In the Field	8 Dec	1350	L/Cpl HAMILTON LM Gunner in D Coy, observed enemy OP during	
			shelling. He continued to fire the LMG during the shelling,	
			causing the enemy to abandon the gun which was later captured.	
		1355	MG and arty firing on coconuts to North. Enemy observed to be	
			retreating in this direction.	
		1400	PL of A Coy moved up to protect rear of D Coy.	
		1415	D Coy observed 50 enemy running WEST up edge of coconuts.	
		1440	Tps observed NORTH of gully thought to be our 13 pl. Mortars	
			ordered to cease fire. Mortar bombs caused large kumai fire	
			and MG pl forced to withdraw until ^{UNTIL} fire abated.	
		1450	D Coy observed enemy movement on right across ck.	
		1505	First report of 13 pl reaches HQ.	
		1510	D Coy found enemy still on right flank. Coy using rifle	
			grenades and 2" mortars.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
In the Field	8 Dec	1530	Further six men of 15 pl return to C Coy. Eight now missing.	
		1555	Further two men of 15 pl return to coy.	
			Report 25 enemy killed by the pl.	
		1600	TKs moving forward and located rear BHQ.	
		1645	B Coy report enemy firing on edge of kunai.	
			Lieut PIRBRICK assumes comd A Coy.	
		1730	D Coy unable to advance and formed perimeter for night.	
		1750	JIKI captured by D Coy forwarded to Bie.	
		1825	At 615759 B Coy located a broken 75 mm gun and broken radio equipment. Two enemy dead and six fresh graves found, thought	
			to be site of unit HQ.	
		1830	C Coy given tasks for following morning by CO.	
		1945	CO issues orders for following day to coy comds.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
In the Field	8 Dec		Casualties for day were three killed thirteen wounded and six missing.	
	8/9 Dec	night	No incident.	
	9 Dec	0630	B Coy ready to move - mortars open fire on enemy pocket. MG report enemy still in ck and movement sighted.	
		0730	C Coy again push along N bank of ck. No contact made.	
		0755	11 Pl B Coy moved down into ck bed. Remainder of Coy on N bank. Movement heard from direction of enemy positions.	
		0810	C Coy begin feint movement towards three cks. C Coy ordered to proceed to 611756 and endeavour to contact B Coy.	
		0820	D Coy patrol now moving forward to TUNOM RIVER without sighting enemy.	

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in the Field	9 Dec	0830	B Coy at ck junc. Commn with pls difficult.	
		0840	C Coy report all pls now in timber in ck bed.	
		0845	B Coy shot one enemy in gully. Ptes MILQUINNY and FLEMING wounded.	
		1000	B Coy moving forward killed further four enemy in gully.	
		1010	C Coy sighted and killed one enemy 609755.	
		1025	C Coy reported enemy moving up three cks.	
			D Coy patrol reported no contact. Coy moving to BRACH on river mouth.	
		1105	D Coy forward pl at track junc 614763 and still advancing	
			shot another enemy.	
		1125	D Coy unable to establish comm with B Coy.	
			CO requests C Coy 22 Bn for relief of our C Coy.	
		1145	D Coy established bridgehead across TUNOM RIVER.	

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Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs 1 Dec 44 To 0001 hrs 1 Jan 44.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
In the Field	9 Dec	1150	B Coy met enemy dug in - unable to move forward.	
		1200	A Coy 22 Bn to relieve C Coy which will return via BHO to A Coy area.	
			B Coy discover two men from C Coy who were previously reported missing, now found to have been killed in action. (Ptes ELLIOTT and STANFORD)	
		1225	B Coy 22 Bn ordered to relieve B Coy. 22 Bn to be responsible for clearing enemy 613758.	
			D Coy now in TUNOM RIVER area.	
		1300	D Coy making recce of BEACH 615763 and reported it good for barges and suitable for dumps.	
		1350	D Coy crossed river and entered S end of coconuts.	
		1400	B Coy successfully drew enemy fire and located their positions.	
			90X 3" mortar bombs fired and observed to land in target area.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
In the Field	9 Dec	1400	<p>Enemy snipers firing on our forward tps halt further advance.</p> <p>LMG fire spraying tree tops not successful in dislodging them.</p> <p>Enemy strength thought to be considerable. One JUKI and two</p> <p>LMGs firing, also LMG in treetops. Seven enemy dead observed.</p> <p>1415 A Coy 22 Bn relieved our C Coy which began to return to BHQ.</p> <p>1420 MG pl moving forward to give added defence to D Coy.</p> <p>1425 BHQ moves to 615759 and establishes perimeter.</p> <p>1440 B Coy 22 Bn commence relief of B Coy.</p> <p>1500 A Coy commence move forward to relieve D Coy holding beachhead.</p> <p>D Coy to remain.</p> <p>1650 D Coy digging in for night. One pl patrolling 300 yds up ck.</p> <p>A Coy with D Coy. Both coys HQ at 615764, one pl D Coy 614756,</p> <p>two pls D Coy 615764, one pl A Coy 613765. Two pls A Coy 614763,</p> <p>MG pl 613764. One pl A Coy patrolling coconuts.</p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
In the Field	9 Dec	1655	C Coy 22 Bn completed relief of our G Coy and our G Coy returned to BHO perimeter.	
		1715	D Coy patrol up TINOM RIVER found three enemy dead and recently vacated positions.	
		1805	A Coy patrolled through the coconuts. Report no sign of enemy defences.	
		1830	CO decides on plan for following day and orders COs A Coy and D Coy to report for conference.	
	9/10 Dec night		No incident.	
	10 Dec	0630	CO issues on orders for day. Attack to commence 0830 hrs. Forward BHO established at 614763.	
		0810	CO moved to forward BHO.	
		0815	2/2 MG Bn pl fire on coconuts five minutes rapid.	

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In the Field	10 Dec	0830	A Coy commences forward move.	
		0830	Forward BHO in position. MG on pl gives further five mins fire.	
			No answering fire from enemy.	
		0835	C Coy moves forward to TINOM RIVER area.	
		0900	C Coy arrive at TINOM RIVER patrolling W along river.	
		0905	A Coy forward pls 30 yds from edge of timber NW plantation.	
		0915	A Coy entered jungle near track.	
		0920	A Coy crossed ck. Forward elements 613768.	
		0925	B Coy moving forward.	
		0935	A Coy patrolled up ck to ck junc. Reported no contact.	
		0948	B Coy moved to ck junc and commenced patrols to SW along ck.	
		0955	C Coy killed one enemy.	
		1000	B Coy sighted three enemy moving across kumai but unable to bring fire on them.	

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Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs 1 Dec 43 To 0001 hrs 1 Jan 44.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
In the Field	10 Dec	1030	Tks over TINOM RIVER to assist if required.	
		1040	B Coy in position 612767 to 614766.	
		1055	A Coy found five abandoned enemy rifles.	
		1125	A Coy patrols returned - no movement seen but fresh tracks in area.	
		1135	B Coy patrol returns - no movement seen.	
		1150	Enemy observed digging in N side of SOWI RIVER.	
		1250	A Coy enlarged perimeter to give protection to bulldozer working on ck crossing.	
		1340	A Coy claimed to be on SOWI RIVER with KILIGIA on right, 610770.	
		1355	Pte HEATH missing two days returns to C Coy - evacuated. Had been wounded, searched and left for dead by enemy.	
		1400	Track opened for tks.	
		1410	A Coy withdrew to 612768 to permit use of arty.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
In the Field	10 Dec	1420	B Coy commenced forward move.	
		1430	D Coy moved forward.	
		1445	All coys ready for attack on KULIGIA. Start time 1500.	
		1500	A Coy moved forward. Mortars and arty opened fire. Report from C Coy of patrol 500 yds up TUNOM RIVER.	
		1510	Visit by Lieut Gen BERRYMAN Maj GEN WOOTTON and Brig EDGAR, who expressed great satisfaction at progress made.	
		1530	A Coy advancing with tks.	
		1535	D Coy in defensive position across ck 613767.	
		1540	A Coy sighted two enemy.	
		1556	B Coy moving to 608768 to cut track. No contact with enemy.	
		1605	A Coy locate enemy positions at 610771 recently vacated.	
		1635	B Coy report line cut. Coy still patrolling forward.	
		1645	B Coy at 609769. No enemy seen.	

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Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs 1 Dec 43 To 0001 hrs 1 Jan 44.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
In the Field	10 Dec	1745	B Coy had patrolled over high ground and kunai, report area clear of enemy	
		1905	A Coy patrolling in search of river crossing killed one enemy (grenade)	
		1930	A Coy and B Coy in perimeter. A in KILIGIA B at 609769.	
	10/11 Dec	night	D Coy report two enemy killed by booby trap (grenade in tin) during night.	
	11 Dec	0715	B Coy patrol leaves to recon river crossing for inf and tks.	
		0750	A Coy report river crossing at mouth suitable for tk crossing.	
			30 ft drop 75 yds from mouth being main obstacle.	
		0840	One enemy fired on and wounded by A Coy N side of SOWI RIVER.	
		0940	One 75 mm firing piece found also amn dump 608773.	
		1010	A Coy report one enemy killed at mouth of river and two fresh graves discovered.	
		1030	A Coy continuing intense patrolling of jungle around KILIGIA	
			and coast, also 300 yds N of river	

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Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs 1 Dec 44 To 0001 hrs 1 Jan 44

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
In the Field	11 Dec	1035	B Coy established a standing patrol at 607768. Other patrol moving SW. No contact made.	
		1040	Recco party SCWI RIVER mouth met party of eight enemy who fired and threw grenades. Party returned fire wounding two enemy. Enemy withdrew up beach, one killed by tk offr at 300 yds range.	
		1055	D Coy at 612767 ambushed seven enemy, five killed two escaped.	
			B Coy found two knee mortars in SCWI RIVER, one with sights.	
		1120	D Coy report enemy found not quite dead and being sent to ADS for questioning by ATIS offr. PW died before offr arrived.. A and B Coy patrols report no movement seen.	
		1415	A Coy report enemy in OP fired on by lmg and withdrew.	
		1500	Coy holding locations and giving protection to bulldozer at river area crossing.	

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Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs 1 Dec 47 To 0001 hrs 1 Jan 44.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
In the Field	11 Dec	1640	Bulldozer completed track each side and working N of river protected by A Coy.	
		1730	The crossing completed and moving across river. A Coy 22 Bn relieves our A Coy holding beachhead.	
	11/12 Dec	night	No incident.	
	12 Dec	0810	Lieut GRACE becomes acting adjt - Capt BOYD vacuated.	
		0830	B Coy patrolling their front to contact patrol of 37/52 Bn.	
		0840	Bde OPERATION ORDER No 7 received. 29/46 Bn to protect area	
			608776 S to TINOM RIVER.	
		1100	B Coy patrol departs to patrol gully leading W from SOWI RIVER	
			606770 to high ground at 601772.	
		1135	CO makes recce of beachhead area deciding to place five pls	
			N of river. B Coy to remain present location. C Coy to ck 61376V.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
In the Field	12 Dec	1250	CO established forward BHQ at A Coy HQ KILIGIA.	
		1330	C Coy began forward move.	
		1400	Rear BHQ moved forward.	
		1500	HQ reopens 609772.	
		1515	B Coy contacted patrol 37/52 Bn.	
		1530	B Coy patrol returned - no movement seen.	
		1555	A Coy and D Coy begin move across river to 607776 and 608773 respectively.	
		1625	A Coy and D Coy in position.	
		1800	B Coy killed one enemy.	
		1850	A Coy advised re patrols for following day.	
		1900	A Coy found two enemy dead which they buried - message from bde states	
			further 53 enemy dead found in pocket attacked by C Coy besides	
			those already buried.	
	12/13 Dec night		No incident.	

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In the Field	13 Dec	0918	D Coy patrol to depart 0930 and go up reentrant 604773.			
		0925	OCs A Coy and D Coy moving to examine ground ahead.			
		1210	D Coy patrol returns, having found one enemy "doovah" vacated two days before. No movement seen.			
		1235	A Coy sending patrol of one pl to investigate timber W of area.			
		1335	TK A pl 22 Bn protecting BEACH, also one 6 pr and one 2 pr 2/3 Tk A Regt.			
		1410	A Coy patrol returns. No movement seen.			
		1600	B Coy reports gunfire to W.			
		1615	Two enemy stragglers sighted W of B Coy. One killed, one escaped.			
				CAPT NORTHCOTT AND LIEUT McINTYRE joined unit.		
			13/14 Dec night	No incident.		
		14 Dec	0830		Orders received from 4 Bde. 29/46 Bn to become Bde RESERVE. A Coy and D Coy to hold present positions until notified by CO.	
					20 Bde taking over defence of KILIGIA BEACH.	
				1000	LIEUT McINTYRE appointed as IO. LIEUT PIGGOTT returns LOB.	
				1035	C Coy at N end of BEACH in assembly area. Coy ordered to hold that position.	
11100	New Dispositions - BHQ 606781, A Coy 604783, B Coy 607780, C Coy 607776, D Coy 605779. No move before 1330.					
1250	Mortars falling in D Coy area. Unable locate source of fire. One killed - Pte STEVENSON, one wounded - Pte BATCH.					
1350	D Coy commenced forward move.					
1425	A Coy moving.					
1530	Mortar pl moving.					
1540	Bn in position in new locations. BHQ 60_779, A Coy 604782, B Coy 607778, C Coy 609777, D Coy 605779.					
1700	IO sent forward to 22 Bn to ascertain present positions. BHQ 22 Bn 598797, D Coy 22 BN 589789.					
1830	In view of gap between A Coy and rear 22 Bn, one pl B Coy sent forward to 604783.					
1930	Forward pl B Coy reported in position.					

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In the Field	14 Dec	2330	MG pl challenged party in KUNAI. No reply to repeated challenge and pl opened fire. Unable to investigate owing to darkness.		
	15 Dec	0645	MG pl at first light made investigations and discovered one enemy killed by rifle fire of pl. Pay Book sent to Bde.		
		0730	OPERATION ORDER No 8 received. 29/46 Bn to remain Bde RESERVE. 22 Bn to capture LAKONA and establish BEACHHEAD over SANGA R.		
		0915	C Coy to move forward. OC COY to contact CO immediately.		
		0920	A Coy patrolled to 685784. Report many deserted enemy positions near ck mouth.		
		0925	CO and IO 2/15 Bn arrive to discuss taking over Bn positions.		
		0940	B Coy moved forward to 602784 (with forward pl). A Coy and B Coy to patrol cks between 594784, 598782 and 597783.		
		1126	BHQ moving forward to 600786.		
		1210	Patrols from A and B Coys report no movement seen.		
		1310	Forward BHQ in position. Rear BHQ moving forward.		
		1320	D Coy in position. C Coy in position. Both coys in perimeter in vicinity BHQ.		
		1440	BHQ and all coys digging in for night. Cloudburst and severe rainstorm continuing well into the night.		
		1930	Eight 75mm shells fell within perimeter. Two of D Coy and one of C Coy hit by shrapnel - no serious wounds.		
		15/16 Dec night		Intermittent heavy rain. No further incident.	
		16 Dec	0730	Bde boundary defined from 605784, 596775, 593767, 589758 thence W along SOWI RIVER.	
0800	Rain cleared.				
0900	CO 22 Bn enquiring for relief of B Coy 22 Bn.				
0910	A Coy ordered to relieve B Coy 22 Bn.				
1010	A Coy commences move to relief at 598783.				
1300	A Coy in position at 598783, relieving B Coy 22 Bn.				

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PLACE	DATE	HOUR	SUMMARY OF EVENTS AND INFORMATION	REMARKS AND REFERENCES
In the Field	16 Dec	1600	Bn warned to prepare for attack over the SANGA RIVER.	
		1630	OCs A Coy and D Coy to report to BHQ.	
		1930	CO, Bty Comd 2/6 Fd Regt, OCs A Coy and D Coy and IO go forward to recon mouth of SANGA and decide on start line.	
		16/17 Dec night	CO issues orders for attack over SANGA RIVER. A Coy and D Coy to move to assembly area at 0730 hrs 17 Dec. A Coy right, D Coy left, start line SANGA RIVER, start time 0900 hrs 17 Dec. No incident.	
	17 Dec	0710	Watches synchronised for attack.	
		0745	All coys moving forward.	
		0800	Forward BHQ moving.	
		0815	Arty sp fire opens barrage, to continue for one hour, thickened with mortar and MMG fire.	
		0840	Forward BHQ in position at 594791.	
		0852	Coys moving into position. A Coy going to start line at 590792, D Coy to start line at 587791, B Coy and C Coy to 596787.	
		0855	D Coy report unable to reach start line by 0900 as hampered by ops of 23 Bn tps.	
		0905	2/2 MG Bn sp fire opened rapid for five minutes.	
		0920	A Coy commenced move across SANGA RIVER. No answering fire. Rear BHQ moves up to 594791.	
		0921	D Coy not yet at RIVER.	
		0934	A Coy reaches edge of timber and continues to push on.	
		0935	A Coy found enemy position 588793 and killed one.	
		0940	D Coy crossing RIVER.	
		0945	A Coy wounded one enemy and took him prisoner. Captured LMG.	
		0950	D Coy moving to high ground across RIVER.	
1000	B Coy and C Coy moving to river bank.			
1005	Prisoner taken by A Coy died of wounds.			
			D Coy pushing on over high rocky ground.	
			A Coy struck enemy pocket, cleared it out and continued advance.	

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PLACE	DATE	HOUR	SUMMARY OF EVENTS AND INFORMATION	REMARKS AND REFERENCES
In the Field	17 Dec	1005	P1 of 2/2 MG Bn in sp cleared out enemy at 594791. 14 enemy killed in this pocket.	
		1007	B Coy and C Coy at 590791.	
		1010	A Coy forward elements struck JUKI position. Pte PORTER ran in, killed the crew with grenades and captured the gun.	
		1016	A Coy carried on mopping up operations, killing six more of the enemy and capturing three LMGs. A Coy report arty barrage very effective and enemy in dazed condition from effects of sp fire concentration.	
		1018	D Coy searching out positions in high, rocky ground on left.	
		1030	A Coy continuing advance through dense timber.	
		1035	A Coy reach and cut track at 589794.	
		1040	D Coy at 587795 searching tongue of timber on hill.	
		1055	D Coy reaches crest of HILL 587794. Unable to see forward, so will push on to higher ridge.	
		1103	B Coy now at 593792 astride ck covering N bank of river. A Coy reaches 589795, without further contact. A Coy instructed to remain at this position until C Coy can be brought up in rear.	
		1110	C Coy moving forward to relieve A Coy.	
		1113	BHQ moving forward to 589794.	
		1126	C Coy relieve A Coy who prepare to move forward.	
		1135	D Coy in position overlooking MASEWENE RIVER at 586797. Observe enemy crossing river heading N.	
		1140	A Coy again moving forward. Shot one enemy straggler.	
		1210	B Coy 22 Bn relieve C Coy at 589795.	
		1213	A Coy continuing to advance without opposition. BONGA and SATELBERG sheets discovered on bodies of enemy dead, also paybooks diaries and text books. All sent to Bde.	
		1250	A Coy advancing along coastal track, with C Coy 100 yds in rear.	
		1255	A Coy in position 588799. Instructed to remain there until D Coy contacted.	
		1305	D Coy on left not yet in contact with A Coy. I ^{not} instructed to push on to ck.	

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In the Field	17 Dec	1310	D Coy to send patrol to contact A Coy. C Coy to remain present location.	
		1325	B Coy now in position 589797.	
		1338	D Coy observed enemy thought to be carrying 75 mm shells towards	
			ck N of their position. Also observed movement in coconuts N of ck.	
		1340	Arty registering on both sightings of enemy.	
		1430	A Coy instructed to withdraw 200 yds to allow use of arty on ck.	
		1505	D Coy report arty fallin g on target area on ck. Coy preparing to attack.	
		1520	Four enemy mortar bombs fell between A and C Coys. No damage or casualties.	
		1535	A Coy and D Coy to attack into ck. A Coy to attack at 586804.	
			D Coy to attack at 585801. B Coy warned to stand by.	
		1545	Forward elements of A Coy 150 yds from ck.	
		1558	Forward elements of A Coy entering ck. No contact made- thought enemy may have withdrawn.	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.	
In the Field	17 Dec	1600	D Coy report enemy running out of coconuts S of MASAWENG RIVER.		
		1605	D Coy nearing ck. Forward pl under lmg fire. Coy advancing in two up formation.		
		1609	A Coy report contact made and LMG holding up advance.		
		1610	D Coy endeavouring to move around rear of enemy. Unable to get good observation of enemy positions.		
		1625	A Coy using rifle grenades on enemy positions. Enemy continued to return fire and inflicted casualties on our tps.		
		1630	D Coy out of communication with BHQ but reestablished communication through Bde line. Coy engaging enemy with 2 inch mortar and grenades.		
		1635	C Coy to move forward to A Coy to make perimeter for night.		
		1640	A Coy report total of casualties to date from enemy snipers and LMG fire. Three killed - Ptes BENNETT, CLARKE and POLLARD.		
				Four wounded - Cpl HALL, Ptes PORT, QUIRK and GARDINER.	

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Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs 1 Dec 43 To 0001 hrs 1 Jan 44.

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
In the Field	17 Dec	1650	D Coy unable to make further progress in encircling enemy and were ordered to pull back to vicinity of OP position on higher ground. Lieut ALCOCK wounded and although an attempt was made to bring him to safety, he had to be abandoned. Sig PEARSON was wounded and believed to be killed.	
		1655	A Coy and D Coy unable to make contact with each other by "walkie talkie".	
		1700	18 Pl D Coy covered coy's retirement and located LMG, which was engaged by rifle, LMG and SMG fire. Coy regrouped on high ground and 17 Pl returned to seek wounded. Lieut ALCOCK discovered to have died of wounds but Sig PEARSON could not be found. Coy at 585801.	
		1705	A Coy unable to clear enemy from ck. Coy then ordered to move 300 yds S to avoid enemy strike at their left flank.	
		1715	A Coy to form perimeter with C Coy and MG pl to move up.	
		1735	A Coy linked with C Coy and forming perimeter.	

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DATE AND TIME From 0001 hrs 1 Dec 43 to 0001 hrs 1 Jan 44.

PLACE	DATE	HOUR	SUMMARY OF EVENTS AND INFORMATION	REMARKS AND REFERENCES
In the Field	17 Dec	1830	D Coy report enemy estimated strength about twenty opposed company on left flank of attack. Estimated killed four.	
			A Coy estimate enemy strength in ck about 100 during encounter, of which about seven were killed.	
		1835	Guides being despatched to meet MG pl.	
		1915	Three shells landed in BHQ area. No damage or casualties.	
		17/18 Dec night	No incident.	
	18 Dec	0610	600 rds arty allotted to unit to soften up resistance in ck.	
		0710	B Coy to pass through A Coy for morning attack.	
			RAP moving forward to 589798.	
		0915	B Coy moving through A Coy.	
		0925	D Coy moved forward to ck without opposition, following arty sp fire. Sig PEARSON previously reported missing discovered to have been killed in action. Body now recovered.	
		0930	B Coy entered ck, killing one enemy straggler but no other contact. C Coy ordered to follow B Coy through, both coys to consolidate at ck with C Coy patrolling forward to MASAWENG RIVER.	
			D Coy to patrol headwaters of ck.	
		0940	D Coy at 584801 patrolling along both sides of ck and endeavouring to contact B Coy.	
		0955	Sgt BRYCE accidentally killed while with pl. protecting MG pl.	
		1010	All sig lines cut by bulldozer.	
1025		Lines repaired.		
			B Coy report no contact and patrolling W to contact D Coy.	
1045	A Coy report ck clear to east. Coy taking up position on coast.			
1130	D Coy patrolling to high ground but unable to see MASAWENG.			
1150	Lt. Col ROWAN, CO 37/52 Bn, visits BHQ.			
1155	B Coy and C Coy to push forward to mouth of MASAWENG RIVER.			
		A Coy to move forward to relieve B and C Coys.		
1210	A Coy moving forward.			
1213	Tks approaching ck vicinity B and C Coys.			
		Pl of 2/2 MG Bn warned of task on N bank of MASAWENG.		
1225	D Coy report contact established with B Coy.			

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PLACE	DATE	HOUR	SUMMARY OF EVENTS AND INFORMATION	REMARKS AND REFERENCES
In the Field	18 Dec	1240	B Coy patrols report ck area clear of enemy and coy moving forward.	
		1245	A Coy taking over from B Coy and C Coy who now move forward. BHQ moving forward to ck.	
		1305	C Coy moved 200 yds without contact.	
		1306	Forward BHQ reach ck.	
		1310	C Coy reached mouth of MASAWENG at 584805 without contact.	
			B Coy pushing up ck to ck junc 578806. No contact.	
		1330	B Coy and C Coy moving forward without contact.	
		1340	C Coy reach MASAWENG RIVER. Report finding of enemy dumps. Two flame throwers, one 4 inch mortar, one knee mortar, one JUKI, three 75 MM, one 37 mm and boxes of amm and detonators.	
		1400	BHQ established 585803.	
		1415	B Coy still moving up ck. Report no movement.	
		1420	B Coy to patrol to HUT 577809 with one pl.	
		1430	Explosives located ck near enemy supply dumps examined by engr.	
		1435	D Coy to be relieved during afternoon by a coy of 22 Bn.	
		1450	CO receives instructions from Bde Comd to move one coy across river.	
		1510	B Coy killed one enemy.	
		1512	A Coy ordered to take over from B Coy.	
		1520	Remainder BHQ moved forward.	
		1530	A Coy moving forward.	
		1555	D Coy relieved by B Coy 22 Bn and moving forward.	
		1600	BHQ now established 584805 and rear elements moving up.	
		1610	One pl C Coy across RIVER. No contact.	
		1630	A Coy in position 578805.	
		1645	D Coy in position. 583806 583806.	
		1700	C Coy across river. In position 583810.	
		1707	B Coy digging in for night near huts 577809.	
		1819	A Coy sighted five enemy 578805.	
		1840	B Coy killed two enemy and wounded two.	
		1920	C Coy sighted and killed one enemy.	
	18/19 Dec	night	No incident.	

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In the Field	19 Dec	0400	Enemy a/c overhead. Dropped six bombs S of Bn area.	
		0700	CO issues orders to coy comds. C Coy to push on to extreme edge of timber 587823, B Coy to move along W edge of timber to 584820. Start time 0800 hrs. A Coy to relieve B Coy. D Coy to relieve C Coy.	
		0805	C Coy moving forward.	
		0812	A Coy moving forward sighted and killed one enemy S of river. Enemy armed with LMG. B Coy moving forward. Bde OPERATION ORDER No 10 received. No change in unit task. Responsibility of Bn to extend to 825 NORTHING. 29/46 Bn with in sp one tp A Sqn Tks, 2 PL A Coy 2/2 MG Bn will secure MASAWENG RIVER beachhead and clear coastal strip to extent of responsibility.	
		0825	C Coy still moving forward. Reached 586809. D Coy moving forward.	
		0830	B Coy reached GARDEN 577812. No movement seen.	
		0837	C Coy at 587810.	
		0900	C Coy report mortars falling near their position and holding up advance.	
		0908	C Coy reached 579814.	
		0910	D Coy at 580808 astride track. In timber 150 yds from MASAWENG RIVER.	
		0913	Arty landing too close to C Coy. CO orders coy to remain present location.	
		0915	2/2 MG Bn firing on N edge of timber.	
		0922	A Coy now in position at HUTS 577809.	
		0945	C Coy at 578816 trying to contact B Coy on flank. C Coy instructed to await sp fire, if in contact with enemy in considerable strength.	
		0955	D Coy confirms position as 580808.	
		1023	C Coy report ten mortar bombs landed forward of their position.	
		1057	B Coy report bearing of mortars 47 degrees from 579815. Bde notified.	
		1220	Cpl STOGDALE Of B Sec FSS arrives to check over captured weapons.	

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PLACE	DATE	TIME	SUMMARY OF EVENTS AND INFORMATION	REMARKS AND REFERENCES
In the Field	19 Dec	1125	A Coy report heavy mortaring W of new position.	
		1150	B Coy and C Coy not yet in contact with each other.	
		1225	B Coy now at 582816 keeping in cover of timber.	
			C Coy contacted, moving right towards ck at 584817.	
			One 75 mm gun found buried at 582816 by B Coy.	
		1235	C Coy now at 585816 astride track at N edge of kunai in timber.	
		1320	Forward elements of C Coy came under fire from rifles and then from LMGs. Fire coming from high ground on left.	
		1330	B Coy and C Coy instructed to withdraw to approx 582816 to enable a sp fire plan of arty, MMG and mortar to soften resistance before resuming advance. One casualty (wounded) in C Coy in initial advance.	
		1400	B and C Coys in position near huts.	
		1401	C Coy preparing for advance with Tk sp.	
		1409	Plan for sp fire - arty to open 1420 and cease 1450. Three tps to fire 250 rds per tp. MMGs to fire 1417 to 1423, rapid. Mortars to thicken fire with sixty HE bombs.	
		1417	MGs(2/2 MG Bn) open fire on timber.	
		1420	Arty fire opens and shelling reported accurate by C Coy.	
		1445	B Coy report shelling accurate.	
		1450	C Coy moving forward awaiting positioning of tks to accompany advance. Arty fire ceases. C Coy advancing with tks in close sp. Further MG sp fire given.	
		1500	Wireless communication not established between tks and infantry, as Walkie Talkie sets not operating successfully.	
		1510	B Coy moving forward on high ground.	
		1523	Mortars landed 400 yds N of A Coy.	
1530	Tks going in after forward elements of C Coy. C Coy advanced 50 yds beyond position reached when withdrawal ordered at 1330. At this point, C Coy again came under fire. Going became more difficult with steep upward slope on left flank and cliff on right flank.			
1540	Tks opened fire with BEZAS, going line ahead on narrowing track and giving sp fire while infantry thus enabled to make short advances.			
1545	C Coy maintaining advance along coast road which narrowed to a defile, making the going increasingly difficult, while enemy in prepared positions on high ground dominated line of advance.			

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PLACE	DATE	TIME	SUMMARY OF EVENTS AND INFORMATION	REMARKS AND REFERENCES
In the Field	19 Dec	1600	C Coy moving forward on narrow and difficult track.	
			B Coy moving on high ground. Going rocky and difficult - no contact.	
		1635	C Coy report per LO present position 585819, near second ck. Enemy on high ground on left flank. Coy in a difficult position from the point of view of holding ground gained.	
			B Coy investigating possibility of holding high ground W of C Coy.	
		1645	A Coy to move and assist C Coy, with MG pl in sp.	
		1720	D Coy to occupy positions held by C Coy on previous night.	
			C Coy report enemy positions being blasted by BEZAS from tks and by HOWITZER fire. Coy then following up advantage and mopping up as it progresses.	
		1725	Leading tk fired on by 37 mm Tk A gun at short range while advancing beyond second ck at 585819. Four direct hits registered on tk, shrapnel wounding two officers of A Sqn Tks and two of C Coy.	
			Enemy Tk A gun silenced by forward Tk using HOWITZER and enemy commenced to retire. Eighteen enemy killed.	
		1732	Three stretchers sent forward to C Coy. One wounded offr able to walk. Tks now being held up in their attempt to advance further by a natural tk obstacle which cannot be bypassed.	
		1750	C Coy to be relieved by A Coy and D Coy in order to ensure holding ground gained, as orders received that this ground must be held.	
		1800	B Coy reported in position on high ground 583821 and ordered to dig in there for night.	
			C Coy remaining in position until relieved by A and D Coys.	
			A Coy at ck 585819.	
1812	D Coy, now forward, unable to dig in on ck and moving forward to see if enemy still in position.			
	1900 A Coy in position and digging in at 585818.			
	1915 D Coy killed one enemy and captured an LMG.			
		Coy in position and digging in for night at 586821.		
		C Coy in position on N bank of MASAWENG previously occupied by D Coy.		
	19/20 Dec night		D Coy killed one enemy straggler. Otherwise no incident.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
In the Field	20 Dec	0655	D Coy report one enemy straggler killed.	
		0815	C Coy to send patrol to comb hut area 575812.	
		0820	D Coy patrolled forward to edge of timber N of position - no movement seen. Enemy appear to have left positions.	
		0910	C Coy report much enemy equipment found by patrol. Sig wire cut by mortar fire in three places.	
		0940	Tks to move up to D Coy and push forward to 825 NORTHING.	
		1030	Tks arrive D Coy and forward move commenced.	
		1050	Tks unable to get through tk obstacle (BANK). Engrs to demolish.	
		1120	C Coy patrol report no movement seen in huts area.	
		1125	US Barge landed on MASAWENG BEACH.	
		1135	D Coy moved forward on edge of jungle - no contact. Patrols forward to 825 NORTHING.	
		1155	MG pl returning as of no use forward.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
In the Field	20 Dec	1215	D Coy endeavouring to contact B Coy but unable to do so. Found equipt and documents.	
		2255	Comm from B Coy - waiting from B Coy 37/52 Bn to pass through.	
		1315	Kunai fire burnt out lines to forward coys N of MASAWENG RIVER	
		1400	C Coy in difficulties with fire - moving to new position 584809.	
			D Coy patrol returns from 825 NORTHING. No movement seen.	
			D Coy to continue patrolling in this area.	
			B Coy to remain in present position.	
		1500	B Coy 37/52 Bn contacted by B Coy and in position 200 vds W.	
		1555	A Coy patrolling intensely through timber - no movement seen.	
		1600	D Coy report patrol discovered crashed ZERO at 587835. Cockpit, tail and wing burnt out. Wireless missing, engine apparently intact.	
		1715	Enemy mortaring W of ridge from 800 ft feature to coast - no damage or casualties.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
In the field	20 Dec	1725	D Coy patrol commands view over flat to 575848. No movement seen.	
		1735	Mortars landing 200 to 300 yds W of B Coy. Thought to be in 37/52 Bn area.	
		1820	D Coy ordered to place standing patrol on ZERO. (By order 9 Aust Div.)	
		1915	Further mortaring WEST of unit area. No bombs fell in Bn area.	
	20/21 Dec night		No incident.	

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In the Field	21 Dec	0720		D Coy patrol to SWAMP area 586830. D Coy to place a guard on crashed ZERO pending arrival of 5 USAF rep (on instructions 9 AUST DIV).	
		1100		LT.COL O'CONNOR 22 Bn and LT.COL ROWAN 37/52 BN arrive at BHQ for visit of COMMANDER IN CHIEF AMF.	
		1130		CIC arrives at BHQ accompanied by MAJ.GEN WOOTTON (9 AUST DIV COMD) and BRIG EDGAR, 4 AUST INF BDE. CIC conferred with COs and exchanged greetings with the men.	
		1240		Coys granted permission to light fires.	
		1600		MAJ TILLEY assumed comd HQ Coy. CAPT BOYD resumed duty as ADJT. CAPT NORTHCOTE transferred to D/Coys as 2 i/c. LIEUTS McFADGEN and WHITTAKER joined unit. LIEUT GRACE returned LOB.	
	21/22 Dec	1910 night		D Coy sighted one enemy on HILL N of their position. Enemy escaped. No incident.	
	22 Dec	0900		A Coy sent three small patrols to search woods beyond KUNAI in HUTS area and to cross MASEWENG R at 587807 to search abandoned enemy positions S of river.	
		0945		CO visiting all coys.	
		1145		Bde OPERATION ORDER NO 11. 29/46 Bn responsible for protection of 20 Bde L of C. to 825 NORTHING.	
		1227		Guard on crashed ZERO to be maintained from first to last light. A Coy patrols returns from search of positions S of MASAWENG R. Evidence discovered of a small CAMP HOSPITAL at 578805.	
		1600		CO and ADJT recce new site for BHQ. IO visiting 37/52 BN. No incident.	
	22/23 Dec	night			
	23 Dec	0800		Forward BHQ moving to new area at 582806.	

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In the Field	23 Dec	0830	BHQ CLOSES at 584805 and reopens 582806.	
		1030	BRIG EDGAR, BM (MAJ WALSOE) and SC visit CO.	
		1500	Working party of 60 unloading barges at MASEWENG BEACH.	
		1645	CO 9 AUST DIV SIGS and STAFF COLONEL SIGS visit OCs A Coy and D Coy to discuss use in ops of WALKIE TALKIE wireless.	
	23/24 Dec	night	CO to attend Bde Conference re patrols to HINTERLAND.	
			All coys resting in areas.	
			No incident.	
	24 Dec	0900	Allecooks to report to A Coy area to prepare turkey for Xmas.	
		1052	Bde OPERATION ORDER No 13. 29/46 Bn with one pl PIB to control N and W approaches to Bde area, based on ZAGAHEMI.	
			CAPT EAMES to be OC patrol and to take D Coy. LIEUT McFADYEN to accompany patrol.	
		Patrols also, to be sent by 22 Bn and 37/52 Bn for same purpose.		
1330		D Coy preparing to move.		
	1455	D Coy leaves coy area for ZAGAHEMI		
	1705	FS report on wrecked ZERO indicates nothing of value to protect.		
25 Dec	0800	ACF hampers distributed to all ranks.		
	0900	RC Mass celebrated.		
	0940	C of 6 service conducted.		
	0935	Xmas greetings from 37/52 Bn received and reciprocated..		
	1900	Greetings to 22 Bn and 4 Bde sent and reciprocated.. Large convoy observed going NORTH.		

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In the Field	26 Dec	1200	D Coy patrol reports progress slow owing to difficult nature of the country. Approx 100 enemy had occupied a camp at 522809.	
		1600	Patrol reports three enemy killed by PIB. Documents captured forwarded to Bde.	
	27 Dec	0900	Working party of thirty supplied to unload BARGES at BEACH.	
		1040	C Coy commenced relief of B Coy.	
		1200	Relief of B Coy completed by C Coy.	
		1500	Xmas greetings from 3 AUST DIV.	
		1550	D Coy report moving W along MASEWENG RIVER. PIB killed one enemy. Guard on crashed ZERO still to be maintained.	
	28 Dec	1020	Coys commencing training syllabus of weapon trg and map reading.	
		1115	D Coy patrol reports reaching village E of HOMPUA and PIB patrolling forward in search of tracks.	
		1830	D Coy patrol under comd 4 Bde.	
	29 Dec	0900	Soy comds conference at BHQ. Trg and adm discussed.	
		1000	D Coy patrol report country very precipitous. Unable to carry packs and LMGs further unless track located. PIB unable to discover a practicable route.	
1830		Working party of thirty unloading BARGES at BEACH. Orders received for relief of guard on crashed ZERO.		

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PLACE	DATE	TIME	SUMMARY OF EVENTS AND INFORMATION	REMARKS AND REFERENCES	
In the Field	30 Dec	0830	D Coy patrol still unable to advance as tracks not yet found.		
		0930	BM (MAJ WALSOE) visits BHQ and meets BHQ offrs.		
		1135	PIB with assistance of a KANAKA locate track to HOMPUA, killing one enemy during the search. D Coy patrol leaving for HOMPUA.		
		1300	Working party of thirty unloading stores at MASAWENG BEACH.		
		1330	Map reading classes for offrs and ncos commenced at BHQ.		
		1645	WARNING ORDER received from Bde. 29/46 Bn to move on 31 Dec to VILLAGE area 474962 ref map 1:25000 BLUTCHER POINT. One pl xA Coy 2/2 MG Bn to move with 29/46 Bn.		
		1815	WARNING ORDER issued to all Coys to prepare to move by foot at 0830 hrs 31 Dec.		
		2000	Vessel sighted by 2/2 MG personnel on MASAWENG BEACH. Vessel observed to be signalling to SHORE.		
		2105	Recognition flare fired from DID on BEACH. Discovered to be AB vessel adrift with motor trouble, manned by two SMALL CRAFT personnel who had lost their course.		
		31 Dec	0830	CO departs to recce Bn area vicinity village 474962.	
			0900	A Coy, B Coy, HQ Coy, BHQ set out for VILLAGE. March to be completed in two days with RV en route at WALINGAI.	
			1045	IO departs for VILLAGE taking B ECH tpt to proposed site near WALINGAI.	
			1220	CO in conference with Bde CMD at VILLAGE and preparing to recce Bn area for defensive siting of Coys.	
			1230	Forward elements of unit entering HUBIKA. Instructions received from 4 Bde per TO that unit to return to MASEWENG area and resume occupancy of positions just vacated.	
1430	Unit commences return trip to previous areas occupied.				
1530	CO and IO return from VILLAGE, on receiving foregoing instructions.				

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In the Field

31 Dec 1700

Unit resumes positions previously occupied.
C Coy remaining in A Coy area.
D Coy patrol instructed by 4 Bde to return to Bn area.


.....Lt-Col.

Comd 29/46 Aust Inf Bn.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Army Form W.3008
(Adapted) (Page 1)
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AMP At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 4 / 12 / 1943 29/46 HUST INF Bn (Unit) APPX. J.
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.

W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
1	2	3	4		5	6	7	8	9
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	*					
1	1	-	2	*					
1	1	-	99	Lieut.-Colonels					
+	+	-	12	Majors					
				Captains	A. A. M. C.	1	-	-	-
				Lieutenants					
				Quarter-masters					
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.					
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.					
3	3	-	30			1	-	-	-

	DETAIL	A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	* *	TOTAL.
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).	A.	29	30	-	-	-	-	-	-		30
	E.(1)										
	E.(2)										

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

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.
VX104174	CAPT	PRATTMAN A.L.	HOSPITAL	28/11/43	"X" LIST
VX26713	LIEUT	ROUTLEY W.V.	-	28/11/43	-

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
VX142225	LIEUT	RUTHERFORD G.A.	15 HUST INF Bn	3/12/43	POSTING ORDER 16/27
VX26278	-	BREARLEY G.S.	HOSPITAL	1/12/43	"X" LIST

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO 29/46 HUST INF Bn (Unit) IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED. 4 / 12 / 1943.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).
VX11044	LIEUT	CRESWICK R.	INSTRUCTOR AT J.W.T.C. <i>Canberra</i>
			FIRST AND SECOND LINE RIFLES

29/46 HUST INF BN Unit.

Serial No 44
4/12/43

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT							REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED							REMARKS.		
	W.O's. Class I.	W.O's. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Staff-Serjeants	Serjeants	Corporals	Troopers, Privates, &c.	TOTAL	W.O's. Class I.	W.O's. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Serjeants	Corporals	Troopers, Privates, &c.		TOTAL	
Bricklayers																	
Butchers																	
Carpenters and Joiners																	
Clerks			1					1									
EQUIPMENT REP																	
Despatch Riders																	
Draughtsmen (topo)																	
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.																	
Electricians																	
Farmers TAILOR												1	1			2	
Fitters																	
Masons																	
Painters and Decorators																	
Plumbers and Gasfitters																	
Saddlers and Harness Makers																	
Signallers												2	2			26	
Storemen, Technical																3	
Vickers Machine Gunners																	
Cooks																6	
REGTL POLICE																9	
INT DUTIES																4	
RANGEFIRE												2	2			52	
ORDERLIES																33	
PIONEERS																6	
STORMMEN																20	
STR. BEARERS																19	
TR/A GUN NO																34	
BATMEN																4	
HYGIENE DUTY MEN																397	
RIFLE + L M G NO											2	6	3	153	144	23	
L.M.G. NO																73	
MORTAR NO 2" + 3"												16	16			5	
DUTY MEN																	
General Duty Personnel																	
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A)			1					1				2	6	3	154	165	713

29/46 HUST INF BN Unit.

Date of Despatch 4/12/43

Signature of Commander.

9 HUST DIV

Bde., Divn., Area, &c., with which unit is serving.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

(Serial No.) 95/43

(Unit) 29/46 Amst Inf Bn

A.M.F. At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 11/12/1943

W.E. 11/12/43. 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'fts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'fts Required.
—	—	—	1	Lieut.-Colonels					
1	1	—	2	Majors					
2	2	—	7	Captains	A.A.M.C	1	—	—	—
3	3	—	16	Lieutenants					
				Quarter-masters					
				A.A.N.S and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.					
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.					
6	6	—	26			1	—	—	—

	DETAIL.	A.I.P.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.P.	••	TOTAL.
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).	A.	26									26
	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.
VX 26270	Lieut	BREARLEY. GS	HOSPITAL	4/12/43	(X - LIST)

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
VX 117180	Capt	PETERSEN. N.H.G.	—	8/12/43	KILLED IN ACTION
QX 45103	Lieut	HOME. S.E	—	5/12/43	" " "
VX 26713	"	ROUTLEY. W.V	—	5/12/43	Wounded " "
VX 26270	"	BREARLEY. G.S.	—	5/12/43	" " "

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO 29/46 Bn (Unit) IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED. 11/12/1943

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).
NX 11044	Lieut	CRESWICK. R	Instructor at J.W.T.C. Canungra First and Second Line Rnfts.

29/46 Aust Inf Bn Unit

45743 (Serial No.)

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 11 / 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.
Lt. Col.	VX 14046	CUSWORTH	K.S.	C.O.	yes		
Major	VX 105111	LOVEJOY	V.A.	2 1/2	"		
"	VX 58	TILLEY	Q.A.	O.C. HQ Coy	"		
Capt	VX 138579	EYANS	W.J.	" C Coy	"		
"	VX 117185	EAMES	R.B.	2 1/2 D Coy	"		
"	VX 104174	PATMAN	M.L.	O.C. D Coy	NO.	HOME LEAVE	1/12/43
"	VX 104176	WILSON	H	2 1/2 C.I.	yes		
"	VY 4050	FLETCHER	S.	O.C. B.I.	NO	Hospital X-List	7/12/43
"	VX 104179	MOLLISON	E.D.	Q.M.	yes		
"	VX 47918	BOYD	K.A.	Adjt	"		
Lieut.	VX 104114	GRACE	A.G.	O.C. 10 Pl	"		
"	VX 104181	ALCOCK	W.H.	" 18 pl	"	R.I.A.	17/12/43
"	VX 104180	DOWNING	E.R.	" 5 pl	"		
"	VX 52203	HADSON	F.W.	2 1/2 A Coy	"		
"	VX 56518	PIGOTT	S.L.	T.O.	"		
"	VX 104193	HARTNELL	C.B.	T.O.	"		
"	VX 104182	MILLS	M.L.	O.C. 15 pl	"		
"	VX 135788	BLISE	J.M.L.	" 4 pl	"	(L.O.B)	
"	VX 104187	MAC QUEEN	C.C.	" 2 pl	"		
"	NX 138177	JARMAN	L.M.	2 1/2 D Coy	"	(U/STUDY)	
"	VX 109010	WILCOX	H.L.	O.C. 8 pl	"		
"	VX 4706	SHAW	A.N.	" 3 pl	"		
"	NX 4213	TERREY	C.G.	" 12 pl	NO	DET. 4 Bde as. L.O.	
"	NX 10900	THOMPSON	G.J.	" 1 pl	yes		
"	VX 88144	PERRY	H.B.	" 7 pl	"		
"	VX 51284	PURBRICK	W.L.	" 16 pl	"		
"	NX 138453	GODFREY	A.J.	" 17 pl	"		

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.
Capt	VX 104189	MILLER W.G.	A.F.M.C	17/12/43	R.M.O.
"	VX 108119	REIS C.W.	CH-GEN	17/12/41	CHAPLAIN
"	QX. 33630	WOODBURN.	4 Fd Amb	12/11/45	A.T. for duty
Lieut.	VX 106057	WATERS	GEN. REFS. AIF.	2/7/43	Pending Posting (L.O.B)

11 Dec '43.

Date of Despatch

Truth—7/43.

[Signature]
Signature of Commander

Serial No. 45

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

(Adapted)

29th Aust Inf Bn. (Unit) *11/12/* 19 *43* (Date).

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	1		
W.Os. Class II.	6		
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	3		2
Staff Serjeants	1	1	
Serjeants	26		5
Corporals	56		8
Troopers, Privates, &c.	404		244
TOTALS	497	1	259

*These totals should agree with the details shown in Part D on page 2 of Army Form W3009.

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
W.O. II	A.A.C.C.		
Sqts	"	Not allowed by W.E.	
Cpls	"	WE. Posted	
Ptes	"		
Sgt	A.A.P.S.	O.R's	4 Aust Inf Bde
Sgt	A.A.P.C.	Sqts	4 Aust Fd Amb
Cpl	"	Cpl	"
Sgt	A.A.M.C.	L/cpl	"
Cpl	"	Ptes	"
Ptes	A.A.O.C.		
Cpl	A.E.M.E.		
Sgt	"		
CFN	"		

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

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

11/12/43

29/46 Aust Inf Bn

Unit.

Army Form W.3009
(page 2)

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.							REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.							REMARKS.	
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.		TOTAL.
Bricklayers																W.E.
Butchers																1
Carpenters and Joiners																6
Clerks				1				1								9
Despatch Riders																1
Draughtsmen (topo)																
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.																
Electricians																
Farriers <i>TAILORS</i>													1	1		2
Fitters																
Masons																
Painters and Decorators																
Plumbers and Gasfitters																
Saddlers and Harness Makers																
Signallers													2	2		26
Storemen technical																3
Vickers Machine Gunners																
Cooks																
<i>Req. Police</i>																6
<i>Int Duties</i>																9
<i>Range Takers</i>													2	2		4
<i>Orderlies</i>																32
<i>Pioneers</i>																33
<i>Storemen</i>																6
<i>St Bearers</i>																20
<i>TR/A Gun Nos</i>																19
<i>Batmen</i>																34
<i>Hygiene duty men</i>																4
<i>Rifle + LMG. Nos</i>										2	7	12	304		325	397
<i>LMG. Nos</i>																23
<i>Mortar Nos 2"43"</i>													16	16		73
<i>Duty Men</i>																5
<i>General duty personnel</i>																
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)			1					1		2	7	12	325		346	713

29/46 Aust Inf Bn
Unit.

St. Post Lieut. H. G. Co
Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch 11/12/43

9 AUST DIV
Bde., Divn., Area, &c., with which unit is serving.

a.w. 3m bks 5/41

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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

46/43 (Serial No.)

A.M.F. At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 18/12/1943 29/46 Bm (Unit)

W.E. 18/12/43 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'fts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'fts Required.
—	—	—	1	Lieut.-Colonels					
1	1	—	2	Majors					
2	2	—	7	Captains	A.A.M.C.	1	—	—	—
2	2	—	17	Lieutenants					
				Quarter-masters					
				A.A.N.S and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.					
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.					
5	5	—	27			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.
VX 88140	Capt	NORTHCOTT. F.N	9 DIV REC. CAMP	13/12/43	T.O.S
NY 24627	Lieut	MCINTYRE. A.L.	" "	13/12/43	"

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
VX 4050	Capt	Fletcher. S.	Hospital	15/12/43	X-List
VX 104181	Lieut	ALCOCK. W.H.	—	17/12/43	K. I. A.

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO 29/46 Bm (Unit) IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED. 18/12/1943.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).
NX 11044	Lieut	CRESWICK. R.	Instructor at J.W.T.C. CANUNGRA. First and Second Line RNFTS.

29/46 Aust Inf Bn Unit

46/43 (Serial No.)

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 18/12/1943 (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.
Lt - Col	VX 14046	CUSWORTH	K.S.	C.O.	Yes		
MAJOR	VX 108111	LOVEJOY	V.A.	2/c	"		
"	VX 58	TILLEY	G.A.	OC HQ Coy	"		
Capt	VX 138519	EVANS	W.J.		"	(L.O.B.)	
"	VX 118173	FAMES	R.B.	2/c D Coy	"		
"	VX 104174	PATMAN	M.L.	5-c D Coy	No	Home Leave	1/12/43
"	VX 104176	WILSON	H.	2/c Q Coy	YES		
"	VX 104179	MOLLISON	E.D.	Q.M.	"		
"	VX 47918	BOYD	K.A.	Adjt	No		
"	VX 88140	NORTHCOTT	F.N.	2/c D Coy	YES		
Lieut	VX 104114	GRACE	H.G.	OC H Pl	"		
"	VX 104180	DOWNING	E.R.	" Spl	"		
"	VX 52203	HODGSON	F.W.	2/c H Coy	"		
"	VX 56518	PIGGOTT	S.L.		"	(L.O.B.)	
"	VX 104183	HARTNELL	G.B.	T.O.	"		
"	VX 104182	MILLS	M.L.	O.C 15 Pl	"		
"	VX 135788	BUSE	J.M.L.		"	(L.O.B.)	
"	VX 104187	MAC QUEEN	C.C.	" 2 Pl	"		
"	NX 138177	JARMAN	L.M.	2/c D Coy	"		
"	VX 109010	WILCOX	H.L.	O.C 5 Pl	"		
"	VX 4706	SHAW	A.H.	" 3 Pl	"		
"	NX 4213	TERREY	C.G.	" 12 Pl	No	Det to 4 Bde as LO.	
"	NX 10900	THOMPSON	G.J.	" 1 Pl	YES		
"	VX 88144	PERRY	H.B.	" 7 Pl	"		
"	VX 51284	PURBICK	W.L.	" 16 Pl	"		
"	NX 138453	GODFREY	A.J.	" 17 Pl	No	HOSPITAL X-list	11/12/43
"	NX 24627	MCINTYRE	A.K.	10	YES		

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
Capt	VX 104189	MILLER V.G.	A.A.M.C.	17/12/41	R.M.O.
"	VX 108119	REIS C.W.	CH GEN	17/12/41	CHAPLAIN
"	QX 33680	WORDBURN J.W.	4 Fd Amb	16/11/43	Att. for duty
Lieut	VX 106057	WATERS R.B.	GEN. REC AIF	2/7/43	Pending Posting (L.O.B.)

18/12/43
Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

29 Aust Inf Bn (Unit) 18/12 / 19 43 (Date).

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I. <i>W.E</i>			
W.Os. Class II.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants			
Staff Serjeants			
Serjeants			
Corporals			
Troopers, Privates, &c.			
TOTALS			
	454	1	272

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.

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

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

18/12/43

29/46 Aust Inf Bn Unit.

Army Form W. 3009 (page 2)

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.							REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.							REMARKS.	
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.		TOTAL.
Bricklayers																W. E.
Butchers																
Carpenters and Joiners																1
Clerks				1				1								6
Despatch Riders																9
Draughtsmen (topo)																1
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.																
Electricians																
Farriers <i>TAILORS</i>													1	1		2
Fitters																
Masons																
Painters and Decorators																
Plumbers and Gasfitters																
Saddlers and Harness Makers																
Signallers													2	2		26
Storemen technical																3
Vickers Machine Gunners																
Cooks																
Reg. Police																6
Int. Duties.																9
Range Takers.													2	2		4
Orderlies																32
Pioneers																33
Storemen																6
St. Bearers																20
TK/A Gun Nos																19
Batmen																34
Hygiene duty men										2	1	4	244	251		4
Rifle & L.M.G. Nos.										2	5	8	329	343		397
LMG. Nos.																23
Mortar Nos 2" & 3"																73
Duty Men																5
General duty personnel																
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)			1					1			2	5	8	244	259	713

29/46 Aust Inf Bn Unit.

Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch 18/12/43

Bde., Divn., Area, &c., with which unit is serving.

u.w. 3m bks 5/41

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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

47/43 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 25/12/1943 . . . 29/46 Bn (Unit)

W.E. 25/12/43 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	1	—	2	Majors	A.A.M.C	1	—	—	—
2	2	—	7	Captains					
—	—	—	19	Lieutenants					
				Quarter-masters					
				A.A.N.S and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.					
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.					
3	3		29			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.	29									29
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.
VX 108116	Lieut	CREWES. M.R.	9 DIV REC Camp	20/12/43	EX N.G.F. Trng School
VX 108273	"	MC FADYEN C.G.	"	22/12/43	T.O.S
VX 183250	"	WHITTAKER H.F.	"	22/12/43	"

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
NX 138453	Lieut	GODFREY H.G.	Hospital	19/12/43	X list

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).
NX 11044	Lieut	CRESWICK R.	Instructor at J.W.T.C. CANUNGRA First and Second line Rnfts.

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 25/12/1943 (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.
Lt-Col	VX 14046	CUSWORTH	K.S.	C.O.	Yes		
MAJOR	VX 108111	LOVEJOY	V.A.	2 1/2	"		
"	VX 58	TILLEY	G.A.	O.C. HQ Coy	"		
Capt	VX 138519	EYANS	W.J.	L.O.B.	"		
"	VX 118173	EAMES	R.B.	O.C. D Coy	"		
"	VX 104174	PATMAN	M.L.	-	No	Home Leave	1/12/43
"	VX 104176	WILSON	H.	2 1/2 CCoy	Yes		
"	VX 104179	MOLLISON	E.D.	G.M.	"		
"	VX 47918	BOYD	K.A.	Adjt	"		
"	VX 88140	NORTHCOTT	F.N.	2 1/2 D Coy	"		
Lieut	VX 108116	CREWES	A.R.	O.C. 13pl	"		
"	VX 104114	GRACE	A.G.	L.O.B.	"		
"	VX 104180	DOWNING	E.R.	O.C. 5pl	"		
"	VX 52203	HODGSON	R.W.	2 1/2 A Coy	"		
"	VX 56518	PIGOTT	S.L.	L.O.B.	"		
"	VX 104183	HARTNELL	C.B.	T.O.	"		
"	VX 104182	MILLS	M.L.	O.C. 15pl	"		
"	VX 133488	BUSE	J.M.L.	L.O.B.	"		
"	VX 104187	MAC QUEEN	C.C.	O.C. 3pl	No	Hospital 25/12/43	
"	NX 138177	JARMAN	L.M.	2 1/2 D Coy	Yes	U/study	
"	VX 109010	WILCOX	H.L.	O.C. 8pl	"		
"	VX 4706	SHAW	A.H.	" 3pl	"		
"	NX 4213	TERREY	C.G.	-	No	Det 48de as L.O.	
"	NX 10900	THOMPSON	G.J.	O.C. 1pl	Yes		
"	VX 88144	PERRY	H.B.	" 7pl	"		
"	VX 57284	PURBRICK	W.L.	" 16pl	No	Hospital 30/12/43	
"	NX 24627	McINTYRE	A.L.	I.O.	Yes		
"	VX 108373	McFADYEN	C.G.	O.C. 18pl	"		
"	VX 133250	WHITTAKER	A.F.	" 11pl	"		
Officers with active Service Prior to 3 Sept 37 - Nil							

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.
Capt	VX 104189	MILLER W.G.	A.A.M.C.	17/12/41	R.M.O.
"	VX 108119	REIS. C.W.	CH Gen	17/12/41	CHAPLAIN
"	RX 33680	WOODBURN J.W.	4th A.M.B.	16/11/43	Abb for duty
Lieut	VX 106067	WATERS R.B.	Gen RFLs AIF.	2/7/43	Pending Posting (L.O.B)

25/12/43.

Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

27/46 Aust Inf Bn Unit.

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.							REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.							REMARKS.	
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.		TOTAL.
Bricklayers																WE
Butchers																1
Carpenters and Joiners																6
Clerks				1				1								9
EQUIP. REPAIRER																1
Despatch Riders																
Draughtsmen (topo)																
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.																
Electricians																
Farriers TAILORS													1	1		2
Fitters																
Masons																
Painters and Decorators																
Plumbers and Gasfitters																
Saddlers and Harness Makers																
Signallers													2	2		26
Storemen technical																3
Vickers Machine Gunners																
Cooks																
Reg Police																6
Int Duties																9
Range Takers													2	2		4
Orderlies																32
Pioneers																33
Storemen																6
St. Bearers																20
TR/A Gun Nos																19
Batmen																34
Hygiene Duty men																4
Rifle + LMG Nos.										2	1	4244		251		397
LMG Nos																23
MORTAR 2" & 3"													16	16		73
Duty Men																5
General duty personnel																
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)			1					1			2	1	4265		272	913

29/46 Aust Inf Bn Unit.

Date of Despatch 25/12/43.

Signature of Commander.

4 Aust Inf Bde - 9 Aust Div
Bde., Divn., Area, &c., with which unit is serving.

PERSONAL DATA SUPPLEMENT ATTACHED TO LIST THE MEN
ATTACHED TO LIST THE MEN WHO SERVED WITH THE

<u>Army No.</u>	<u>Rank.</u>	<u>Name.</u>	<u>Unit from which attached.</u>
127014	Major	E. R. Tindall	5 Aust PD Assn.
127125	Lieut.	C. E. H. H. H.	" " "
125003	Capt.	E. L. H. H. H.	35 Aust Inf Bn AIF.
125006	Capt.	R. G. O'Connell	" " "
127206	Lieut.	A. H. O'Connell	" " "
125150	Lieut.	B. H. O'Connell	" " "
120000	Lieut.	R. H. H. H. H.	104 Aust A/SA Regt.
130006	Lieut.	H. H. H.	" " "
131000	Lieut.	L. H. H. H. H.	10 Aust Coy R. A. S. G.
130000	Lieut.	T. J. H. H.	5 Aust PD Coy R. A. S.
130000	Lieut.	S. H. H. H. H.	6 Aust PD Coy R. A. S.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

30 AUG 1945

(Unit)

11/12/5 34 x 873 Attached 1 x 14

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
*			
*			
1 Lieut.-Colonels	0		
3 Majors	0		
9 Captains	0	0	
20 Lieutenants	14		6
2nd Lieutenants			
1 Quartermasters (1st Lt)	0		
34 Totals	14	1	2

*Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>1112711</i>	<i>Lt J. G. ...</i>	<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>Yes</i>	
<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>1112712</i>	<i>Lt J. G. ...</i>	<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>Yes</i>	
<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>1112713</i>	<i>Lt J. G. ...</i>	<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>Yes</i>	
<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>1112714</i>	<i>Lt J. G. ...</i>	<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>Yes</i>	
<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>1112715</i>	<i>Lt J. G. ...</i>	<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>Yes</i>	
<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>1112716</i>	<i>Lt J. G. ...</i>	<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>Yes</i>	
<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>1112717</i>	<i>Lt J. G. ...</i>	<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>Yes</i>	
<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>1112718</i>	<i>Lt J. G. ...</i>	<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>Yes</i>	
<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>1112719</i>	<i>Lt J. G. ...</i>	<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>Yes</i>	
<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>1112720</i>	<i>Lt J. G. ...</i>	<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>Yes</i>	
<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>1112721</i>	<i>Lt J. G. ...</i>	<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>Yes</i>	
<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>1112722</i>	<i>Lt J. G. ...</i>	<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>Yes</i>	
<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>1112723</i>	<i>Lt J. G. ...</i>	<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>Yes</i>	
<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>1112724</i>	<i>Lt J. G. ...</i>	<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>Yes</i>	
<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>1112725</i>	<i>Lt J. G. ...</i>	<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>Yes</i>	
<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>1112726</i>	<i>Lt J. G. ...</i>	<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>Yes</i>	
<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>1112727</i>	<i>Lt J. G. ...</i>	<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>Yes</i>	
<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>1112728</i>	<i>Lt J. G. ...</i>	<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>Yes</i>	
<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>1112729</i>	<i>Lt J. G. ...</i>	<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>Yes</i>	
<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>1112730</i>	<i>Lt J. G. ...</i>	<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>Yes</i>	
<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>1112731</i>	<i>Lt J. G. ...</i>	<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>Yes</i>	
<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>1112732</i>	<i>Lt J. G. ...</i>	<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>Yes</i>	
<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>1112733</i>	<i>Lt J. G. ...</i>	<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>Yes</i>	
<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>1112734</i>	<i>Lt J. G. ...</i>	<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>Yes</i>	
<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>1112735</i>	<i>Lt J. G. ...</i>	<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>Yes</i>	
<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>1112736</i>	<i>Lt J. G. ...</i>	<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>Yes</i>	
<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>1112737</i>	<i>Lt J. G. ...</i>	<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>Yes</i>	
<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>1112738</i>	<i>Lt J. G. ...</i>	<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>Yes</i>	
<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>1112739</i>	<i>Lt J. G. ...</i>	<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>Yes</i>	
<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>1112740</i>	<i>Lt J. G. ...</i>	<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>Yes</i>	
<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>1112741</i>	<i>Lt J. G. ...</i>	<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>Yes</i>	
<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>1112742</i>	<i>Lt J. G. ...</i>	<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>Yes</i>	
<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>1112743</i>	<i>Lt J. G. ...</i>	<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>Yes</i>	
<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>1112744</i>	<i>Lt J. G. ...</i>	<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>Yes</i>	
<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>1112745</i>	<i>Lt J. G. ...</i>	<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>Yes</i>	
<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>1112746</i>	<i>Lt J. G. ...</i>	<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>Yes</i>	
<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>1112747</i>	<i>Lt J. G. ...</i>	<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>Yes</i>	
<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>1112748</i>	<i>Lt J. G. ...</i>	<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>Yes</i>	
<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>1112749</i>	<i>Lt J. G. ...</i>	<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>Yes</i>	
<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>1112750</i>	<i>Lt J. G. ...</i>	<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>Yes</i>	
<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>1112751</i>	<i>Lt J. G. ...</i>	<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>Yes</i>	
<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>1112752</i>	<i>Lt J. G. ...</i>	<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>Yes</i>	
<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>1112753</i>	<i>Lt J. G. ...</i>	<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>Yes</i>	
<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>1112754</i>	<i>Lt J. G. ...</i>	<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>Yes</i>	
<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>1112755</i>	<i>Lt J. G. ...</i>	<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>Yes</i>	
<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>1112756</i>	<i>Lt J. G. ...</i>	<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>Yes</i>	
<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>1112757</i>	<i>Lt J. G. ...</i>	<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>Yes</i>	
<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>1112758</i>	<i>Lt J. G. ...</i>	<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>Yes</i>	
<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>1112759</i>	<i>Lt J. G. ...</i>	<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>Yes</i>	
<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>1112760</i>	<i>Lt J. G. ...</i>	<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>Yes</i>	
<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>1112761</i>	<i>Lt J. G. ...</i>	<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>Yes</i>	
<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>1112762</i>	<i>Lt J. G. ...</i>	<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>Yes</i>	
<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>1112763</i>	<i>Lt J. G. ...</i>	<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>Yes</i>	
<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>1112764</i>	<i>Lt J. G. ...</i>	<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>Yes</i>	
<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>1112765</i>	<i>Lt J. G. ...</i>	<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>Yes</i>	
<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>1112766</i>	<i>Lt J. G. ...</i>	<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>Yes</i>	
<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>1112767</i>	<i>Lt J. G. ...</i>	<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>Yes</i>	
<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>1112768</i>	<i>Lt J. G. ...</i>	<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>Yes</i>	
<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>1112769</i>	<i>Lt J. G. ...</i>	<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>Yes</i>	
<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>1112770</i>	<i>Lt J. G. ...</i>	<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>Yes</i>	
<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>1112771</i>	<i>Lt J. G. ...</i>	<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>Yes</i>	
<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>1112772</i>	<i>Lt J. G. ...</i>	<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>Yes</i>	
<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>1112773</i>	<i>Lt J. G. ...</i>	<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>Yes</i>	
<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>1112774</i>	<i>Lt J. G. ...</i>	<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>Yes</i>	
<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>1112775</i>	<i>Lt J. G. ...</i>	<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>Yes</i>	
<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>1112776</i>	<i>Lt J. G. ...</i>	<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>Yes</i>	
<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>1112777</i>	<i>Lt J. G. ...</i>	<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>Yes</i>	
<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>1112778</i>	<i>Lt J. G. ...</i>	<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>Yes</i>	
<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>1112779</i>	<i>Lt J. G. ...</i>	<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>Yes</i>	
<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>1112780</i>	<i>Lt J. G. ...</i>	<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>Yes</i>	
<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>1112781</i>	<i>Lt J. G. ...</i>	<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>Yes</i>	
<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>1112782</i>	<i>Lt J. G. ...</i>	<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>Yes</i>	
<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>1112783</i>	<i>Lt J. G. ...</i>	<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>Yes</i>	
<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>1112784</i>	<i>Lt J. G. ...</i>	<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>Yes</i>	
<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>1112785</i>	<i>Lt J. G. ...</i>	<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>Yes</i>	
<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>1112786</i>	<i>Lt J. G. ...</i>	<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>Yes</i>	
<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>1112787</i>	<i>Lt J. G. ...</i>	<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>Yes</i>	
<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>1112788</i>	<i>Lt J. G. ...</i>	<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>Yes</i>	
<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>1112789</i>	<i>Lt J. G. ...</i>	<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>Yes</i>	
<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>1112790</i>	<i>Lt J. G. ...</i>	<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>Yes</i>	
<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>1112791</i>	<i>Lt J. G. ...</i>	<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>Yes</i>	
<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>1112792</i>	<i>Lt J. G. ...</i>	<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>Yes</i>	
<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>1112793</i>	<i>Lt J. G. ...</i>	<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>Yes</i>	
<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>1112794</i>	<i>Lt J. G. ...</i>	<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>Yes</i>	
<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>1112795</i>	<i>Lt J. G. ...</i>	<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>Yes</i>	
<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>1112796</i>	<i>Lt J. G. ...</i>	<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>Yes</i>	
<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>1112797</i>	<i>Lt J. G. ...</i>	<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>Yes</i>	
<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>1112798</i>	<i>Lt J. G. ...</i>	<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>Yes</i>	
<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>1112799</i>	<i>Lt J. G. ...</i>	<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>Yes</i>	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>1112711</i>	<i>Lt J. G. ...</i>	<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>12 Feb 43</i>	<i>Attached to 8 Aust</i>
<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>1112712</i>	<i>Lt J. G. ...</i>	<i>1st Lt</i>	<i>12 Feb 43</i>	<i>Attached to 8 Aust</i>

(Unit.)

(Signature of Commander.)

(Date of Despatch.)

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

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

(Adapted)

30 Aust Inf Bn (Unit) 27 Feb 19 (Date)

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

W.O. 11/12/3 34 x 858 Att 1 x 14

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments).
1 W.Os. Class I.	1		
7 W.Os. Class II.	7		
5 Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	6	1	
Staff Serjeants			
36 Serjeants	32		
76 Corporals	74		
733 Troopers, Privates, &c.	622		111
858 TOTALS	742	*	* 117

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Other Attachments

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
1 Cpl, 1 Opl.	Command Quartermaster	1 O/R	8 Aust Inf Bn AIF
1 Sgt	2 Div Postal Unit	1 Opl 111	A.A.C.
1 S/Sgt, 1 Sgt, 2 Opl's	2 Div A.A.C.	1 O/R	5 Aust Inf Bn
1 Sgt, 1 Opl.	A.A.C.		
1 Opl 11	A.A.C.		

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

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

Ref Map: FORTIFICATION POINT 1:25,000

Route taken by
A Coy.
GUSIKA — FORTIFICATION POINT.



I Section 29/46 Bn. 8:2:44.

Overlay draughted by Ptes ROWE. D.K. 60
and COOPER. L.

NEW GUINEA FORTIFICATION POINT

SECOND EDITION

NETHERLANDS EAST INDIES GRID
SOUTHERN NEW GUINEA ZONE

REFER TO THIS MAP AS
FORTIFICATION POINT 3667 1:25,000 SERIES

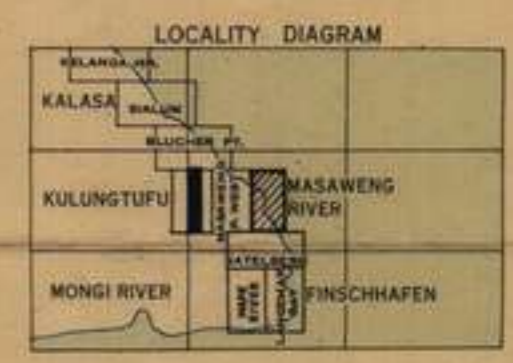
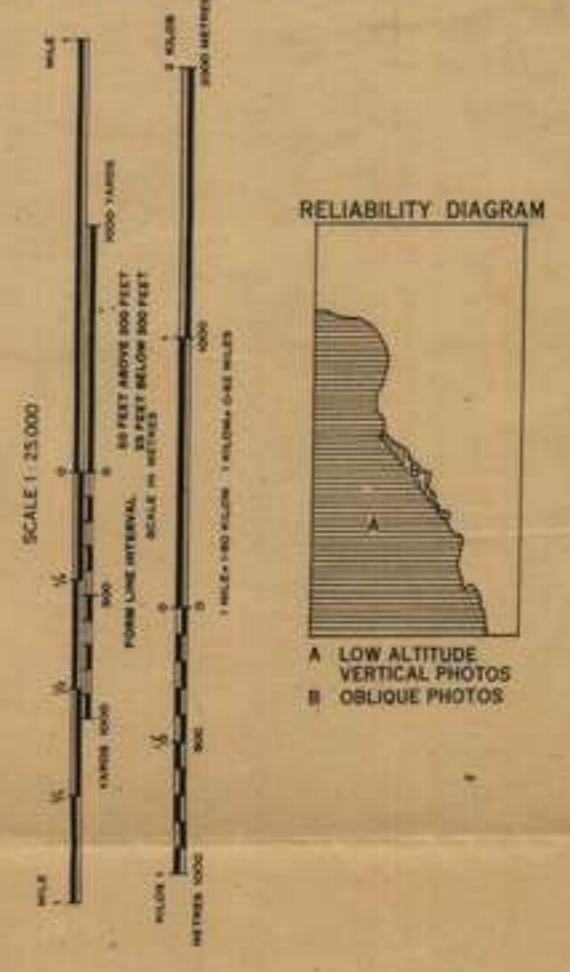
CONTROL: Triangulation and Astronomical Fixation
by 2/1 Aust. Army Topo. Survey Coy.
at Salankau Lat. 06°33'28.4"
Long. 147°51'07.2"

PROJECTION: Lambert Conical Orthomorphic
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Bridge
Motor Road
Jap Track
Foot Track
Reported Track
Telegraph Line
Airfield
Sea Plane Base
Cemetery
Mission Station
Spot Height
Contours

Trig Station
Astronomical Station
Native Garden
Native Village
Undiscovered Native Village
Building
River or Intermittent Stream
Non perennial Stream
Fathom Line

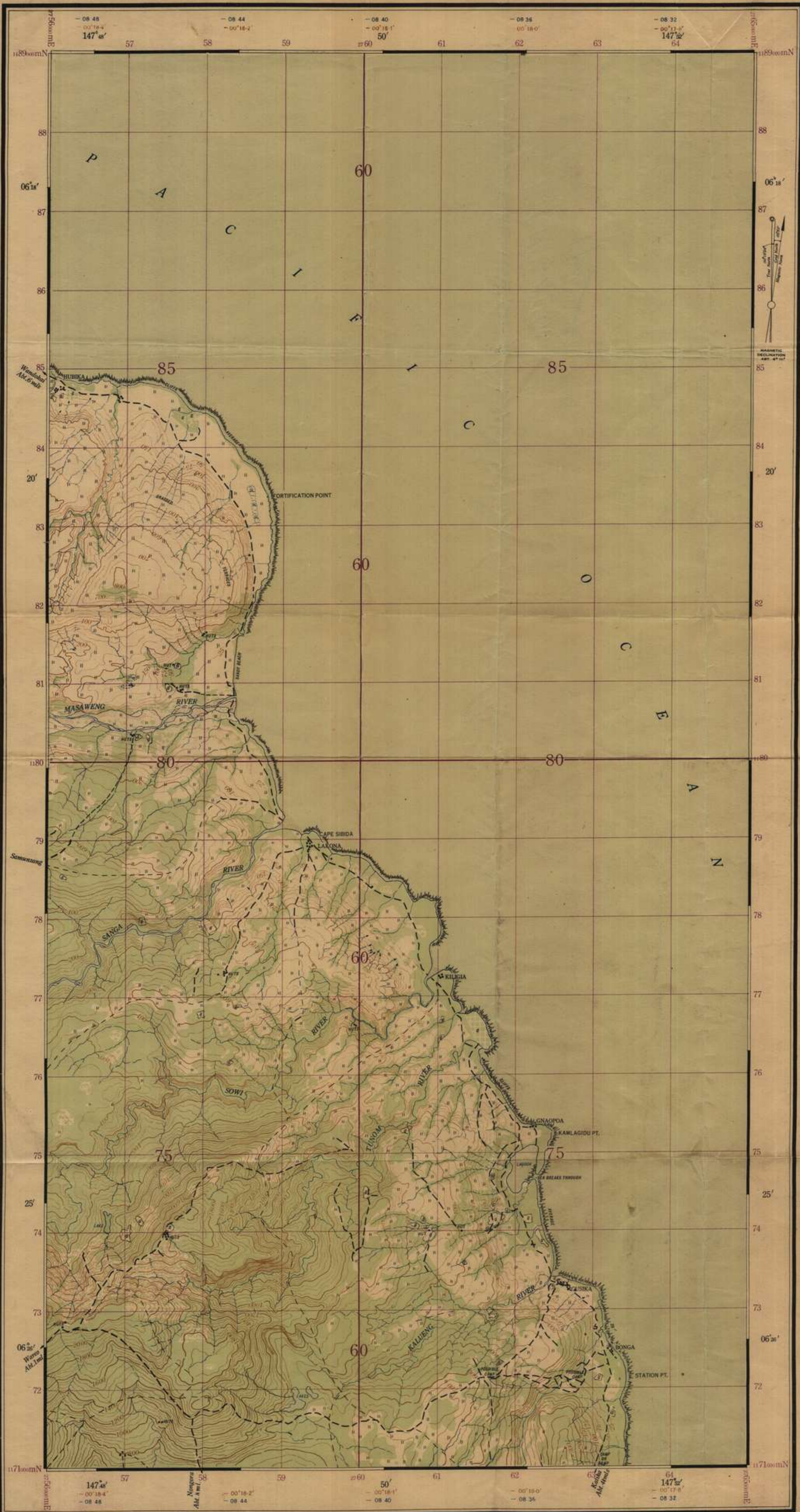
Swamp
Spring With Waterhole
Mangrove
Dense Jungle Forest
Scattered Timber
Plantation
Secondary Growth
Cultures: Farm Lines
Ridge
Cliff

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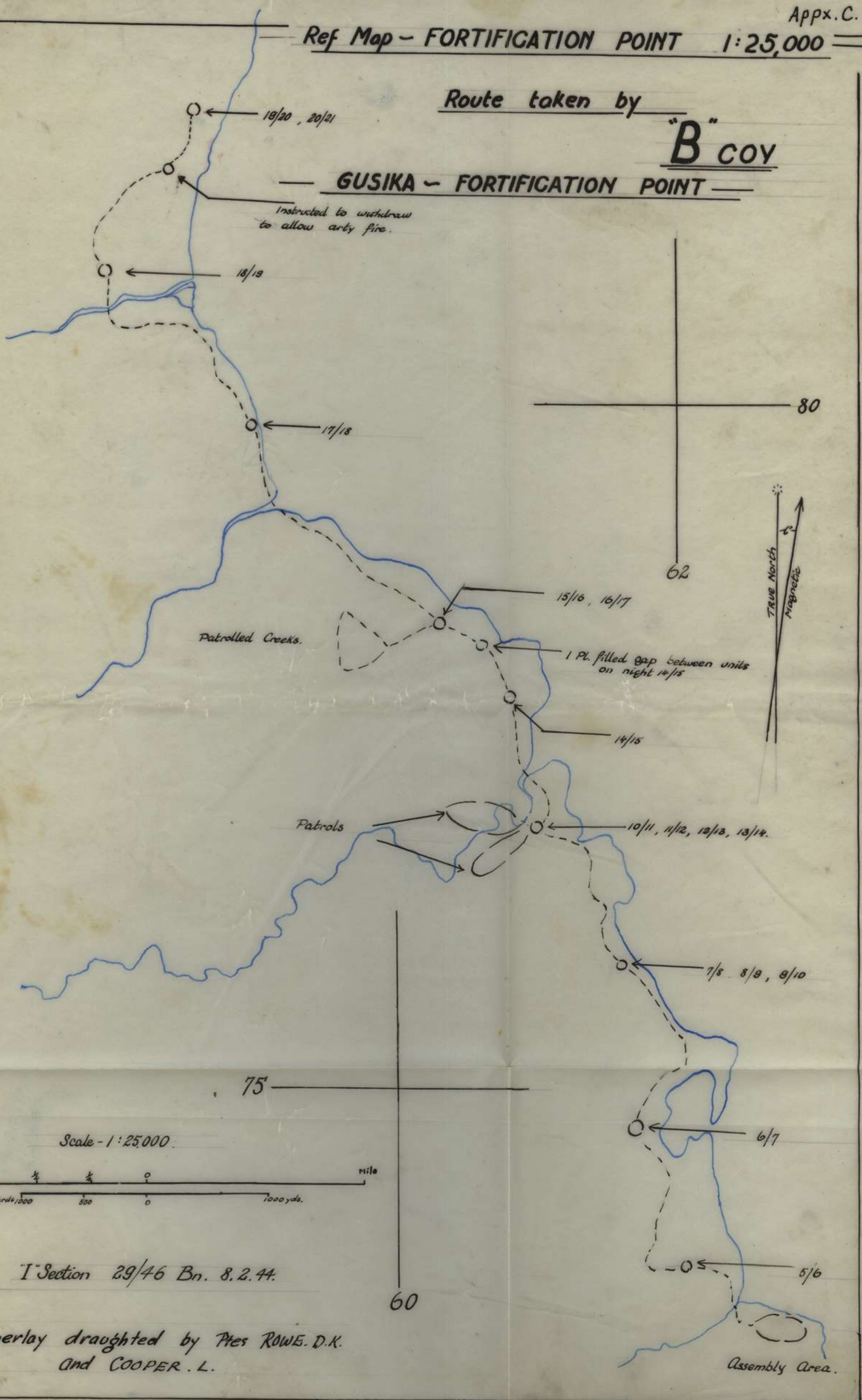


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Route taken by "B" COY

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Instructed to withdraw to allow arty fire.



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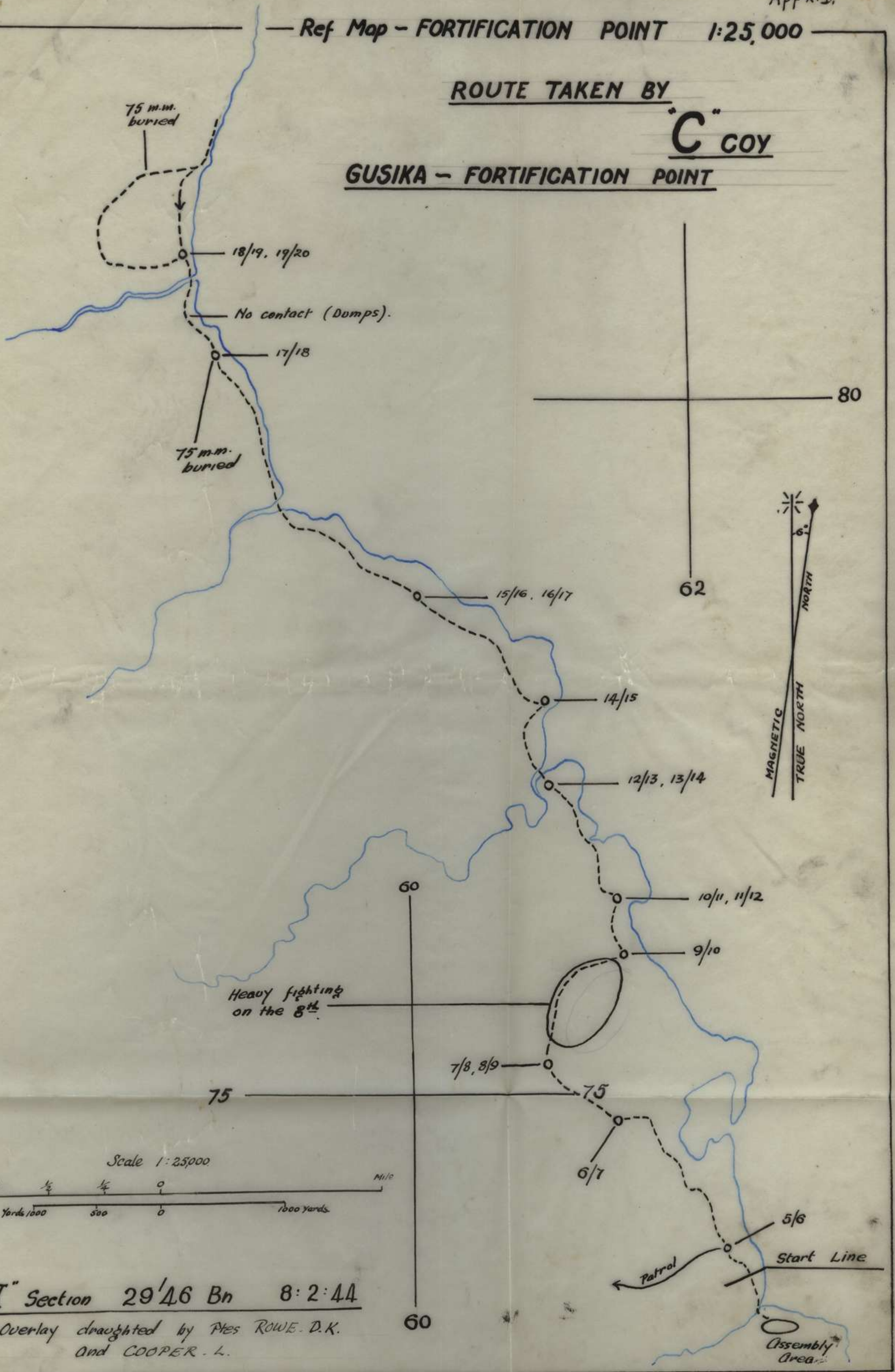
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ROUTE TAKEN BY

C COY

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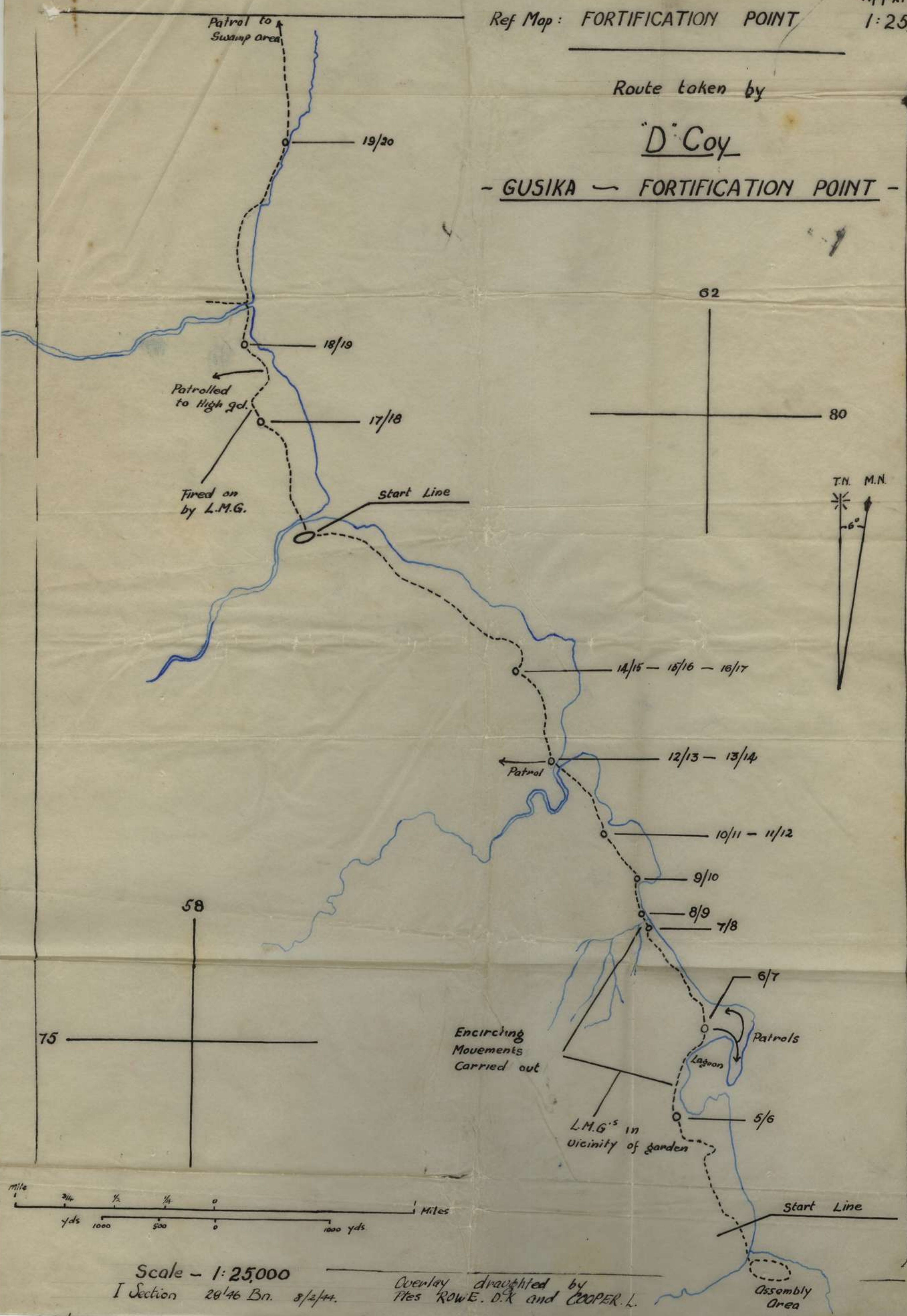
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Route taken by

"D" Coy

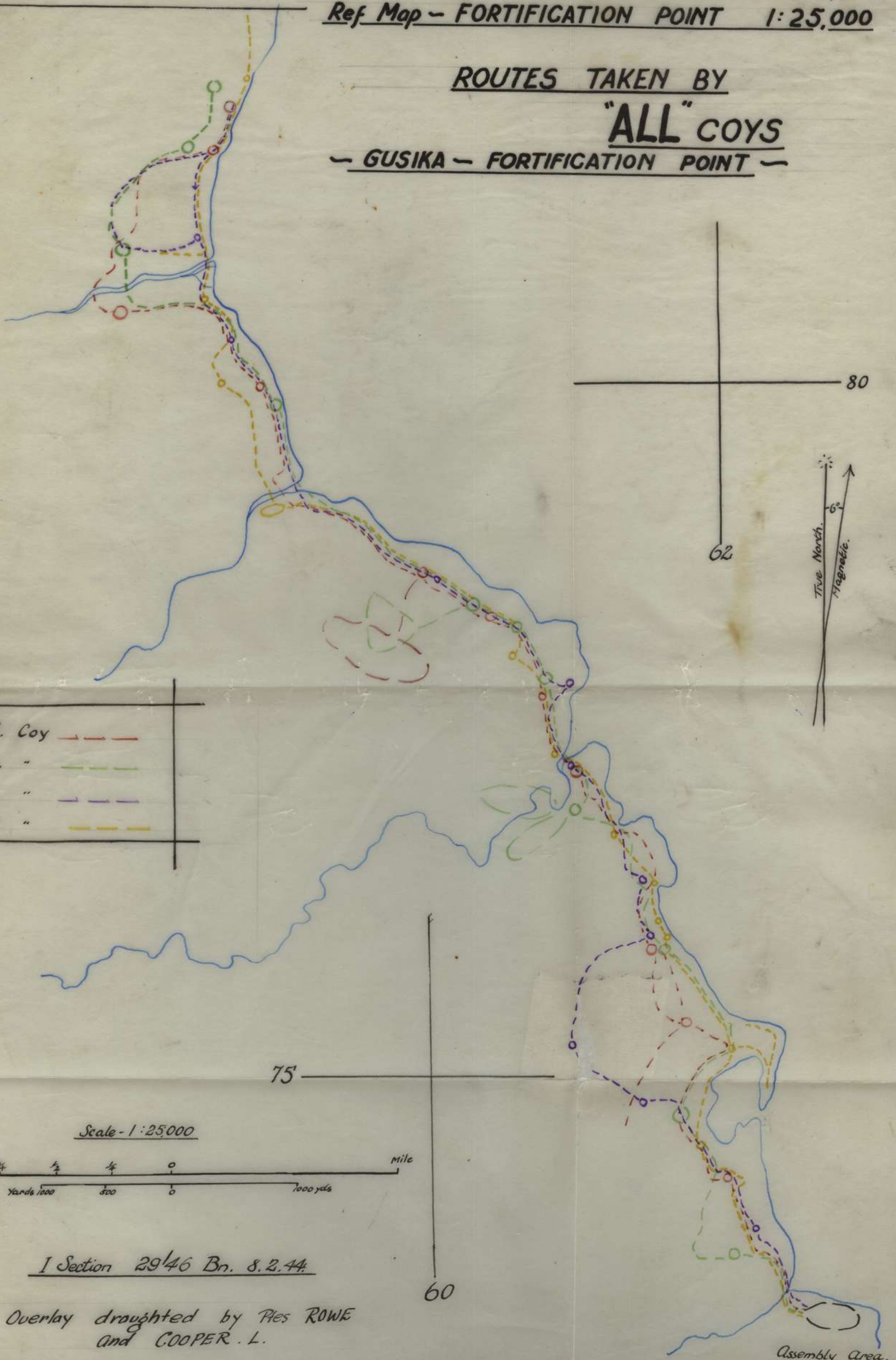
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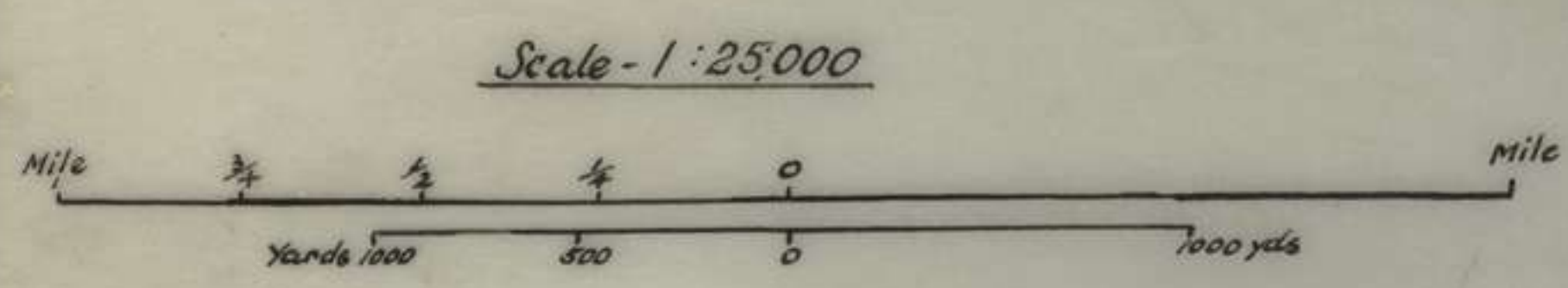
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ROUTES TAKEN BY
"ALL" COYS

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A. Coy	— — — — —
B. "	— — — — —
C. "	— — — — —
D. "	— — — — —



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Assembly Area.

Battle CASUALTIES.Unit. 29/46 Aust Inf Bn.From 0001 hrs 1 Dec. '43. to 0001hrs 1 Jan. 43'OFFICERS.Killed in Action

VXII7182.	Capt. PETERSEN.	N.H.G.	7/12/43.
QX45103.	Lieut. HOME.	S.W.	5/12/43.
VXI01184.	Lieut. ALCOCK.	W.H.	17/12/43.

Wounded in Action.

VX26278.	Lieut. BREARLEY.	G.S.	8/12/43.
VX26713.	Lieut. ROUTLEY.	W.V.	5/12/43.

Other Ranks.Killed in Action.

VXI05949.	Cpl. DESLANDES.	R.C.A.	6/12/43.
VXI05973.	" HENRY.	J.C.	"
NXI55317.	Pte. PILGRIM.	H.C.	"
VXI88793.	" RICHARDSON.	J.I.	7/12/43.
VXI44930.	" NEALER.	E.C.	"
VXI03927.	Cpl. BBYTE.	A.	8/12/43.
VXI42232.	Cpl. JOYCE.	N.	"
VXI44386.	" HUNTER.	E.B.	"
VXII8792.	L/Cpl. PARR.	A.W.	"
VXI85469.	Pte ELLIOT.	L.W.	"
NXI53987.	L/Cpl. SMITH	M.J.	"
VXI05959.	Pte. EUSTACE.	R.R.	"
V 200396.	" STAMFORD.	F.P.	"
VXI06005.	Sgt. McLAREN.	G.	"
VXI44447.	Pte PUNTON.	G.K.	"
VXI36256.	" STEVENSON.	W.J.A.	"
VXI32273.	" WOODS.	I.S.	8/12/43.
NXI 55319.	" McMULLEN.	V.M.	"
VXI44390.	" CLARKE.	N.M.	17/12/43.
V 185429.	" BENNETT.	F.E.	"
V 39908.	" POLLARD.	D.	"
VXI44189.	" WETHERALL.	V.D.	5/12/43.
VXI06103.	Sig. PEARSON.	A.R.	17.12/43.

Wounded in Action.

VXI44189	Pte. BISH.	A.B.	5/12/43.
VXI44156.	" STEEL.	R.	"
VXI38484.	L/Cpl. KEENAN.	J.J.	"
VXI44439	Pte. CRESSINGTON.	E.L.L.	"
VXI44242.	L/Cpl. KILLALEA.	K.C.	"
VXI44936.	Pte. CRISP.	M.E.	"
VXII8749.	L/Cpl. NATHAN.	W.J.L.	"
VXI32548.	Cpl. LOTT.	H.G.	"
VXI08939.	" HUNT.	W.J.	"
VXI06053.	" TOMLINSON.	F.P.	6/12/43.
V200059.	Pte. PATON.	F.F.	"
N 16008.	" TONER.	J.W.	"
V 38621.	" SMITH.	J.F.	"
VI47004.	" DUCKWORTH.	L.H.A.	"
VXI44411.	L/Cpl. LEMIN.	W.R.	"
V 161207.	" HAYES.	P.J.	"
VXI44507.	Pte. COOPER?	A.S.	7/12/43/
V 185557.	Cpl. PEMBERTON.	F.A.	"
V38108.	Pte. DUTTON.	T.	"
V 250487.	" BRENNAN.	P.J.	"
VXI09006.	Cpl. STAHL.	P.	"
VXII8741.	" MANN.	F.	"
VXI06065.	L/Sgt. WILSON.	D.K.	"
VXI47012.	Pte. SHIELDS.	J.M.	"

V. 250

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V 250430.	Pte.	TAYLOR.	J.J.	7/12/43.
VX83118.	L/Cpl.	CROOKS.	S.	8/12/43.
VXII8445.	Pte.	CATLIN.	P.J.	"
V 210666.	"	LEWIN.	P.O.	"
VXI44487.	"	SMITH.	K.W.	"
VXI44488.	"	VINCENT.	G.	"
VXI06026.	"	PRICE.	M.J.	"
VXI35565.	"	STAYNER.	G.S.	"
VXI40374.	"	McGRATH.	L.W.	"
QX58388.	"	McNEVEN.	P.L.	"
V 50811.	"	HELLIER.	K.R.	"
VXI32274.	Cpl.	JONES.	J.M.A.	"
VXI40376.	Pte.	FLEMING.	R.P.	9/12/43.
VXI40372.	"	BATCH.	H.E.	14/12/43
VXII5759	Sig.	BAIRD.	L.S.	15/12/43.
VXI05966.	Pte	GOODWIN.	E.T.	"
VXI35556.	"	EGAN.	J.	"
V 200317.	"	SIMPSON.	J.M.	"
VXI44412,	"	PORT.	F.J.	17/12/43.
VXI40377.	"	GARDNER.	W.K.	"
VXI09986.	Cpl.	HALL.	G.	"
VXI05984.	"	JONES.	G.C.	"
VXI06023.	L/Cpl.	RACKHAM.	R.S.	"
VXI08999.	Cpl.	McNEE.	L.J.	18/12/43.
VXI44397.	Pte.	HEWSON.	E.P.	19/12/43.
V 125178.	"	LEWIN.	W.G.	"
V 220697.	"	GRAY.	D.M.	"

Died from result of wounds.

VXI44486.	Pte.	PLOWRIGHT.	C.L.	Wounded. 8/12/43.
				Died. 9/12/43.

METEOROLOGICAL REPORT.

The first half of the month was marked by intermittent heavy rainstorms with few fine spells. Particularly heavy rain fell on the afternoon and night of 15 Dec'43. The latter half of the month was generally fine except for some rain towards the end of the month.

The weather was generally humid as the Bn. was at all times in low jungle or open kunai near the coast.
