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Place: KATIKA, NE NEW GUINEA.

Ref. Map: SATELBERG I:25000

- Nov 1
Monday. A patrol from A Coy (Sgt R. Lovering) sighted 2 E approx. 1000 yds from our FDLs. They were some distance from our patrol and contact could not be made.
We learnt with regret that Brig. Bernard Evans DSO was leaving 24 Aust. Inf. Bde. Lt-col Simpson of 2/17 Aust. Inf. Bn is Adm. Comd pending the appointment of a successor to Brig. Evans.
- Nov 2
Tuesday. Patrolling was continued today, D Coy providing the patrol under Lieut R.T. Lewis and, once again, no movement was seen.
Lt-col Simpson called on our Adm. Comd.
- Nov 3
Wednesday. Today's patrol, Lieut J.C. Clarke, B Coy, saw 2 E camouflaged with leaves and wearing rubber shoes. The scouts opened fire but the E managed to get away.
Some interest was aroused when we heard that a bakery has arrived and is to be established NORTH of the BUMI river. We have almost forgotten what bread looks like and it will be a very welcome change from ration biscuits.
Lt-col Simpson carried out an inspection of the Coy posns.
9 "X" list pers. marched in and LOB pers. (list attached), left us to be brigaded under comd. Maj. Brown in area 64669I.
- Nov 4
Thursday. A quiet day. Sgt H.J. Bell DCM, C Coy, was responsible for today's patrol which was uneventful.
- Nov 5
Friday. There was no patrolling today due to an Arty R being conducted for 2/48 Bn; it was considered that any shooting may endanger our tps.
The area allocated to us for patrolling has a very narrow front, so that most of our work is done over the same ground each day. Torrential rain was the cause of most of us spending an uncomfortable night and only those who had taken special care with overhead cover managed to keep dry.
- Nov 6
Saturday. Another canteen issue was made available today; it included chocolate, sweets, tinned fruit etc.,
2 "X" list pers. marched in from C.C.S.
A talk and demonstration on Boxing, arranged for this afternoon, had to be cancelled on account of heavy rain.
A patrol led by Lieut E.A.G. Smith, D Coy, had, as its main object, a Recce of the area in sq. 6I68 with a view to its suitability as a Bn Def. locality. The northern portion of the area was covered and favourably reported on. In addition, it is considered that the KATIKA track can be made jeepable with a reasonable amount of work on it.
A and C Coys carried out a shoot with all weapons.
2/15 Bn relieved 2/48 Bn; the latter is to move to JIVEVANENG area, whilst two of their Coys are trg with tks in the POLA area
64I592 ref. map LANGEMAK BAY I:25000.

- Nov 7
Sunday
Our Pnr pl. commenced work on the KATIKA track.
Conditions remain quiet, our Arty continues to harass Jap posns day and night.
Lieut S.F. North's patrol, D Coy, carried out a Recce of the area SOUTH of the KATIKA track in sq. 6I68. It is considered a suitable area to defend, but lacks a convenient water supply. No E were seen in this area.
- Nov 8
Monday
The usual daily patrol was out today, provided by C Coy under Lieut M.J. Keley and reported NMS.
We received a visit from our GOC, Maj-gen G.F. Wootten.
- Nov 9
Tuesday
2I "X" list pers. reached the Bn today, incl. Lieuts W.M. Buckley and C.P. Thomson.
Patrol, Sgt S.E. Reeves, B Coy to 620693 NMS.
Our patrols are now being taken part of the way along the KATIKA track by jeep, saving time out and giving them longer periods for recce.
- Nov 10
Wednesday
Some re-organisation of our line took place today when C Coy relieved C Coy, 2/I5 Bn, taking over their posns. A Coy then extended to cover the area vacated by C Coy; a trace of our new fire plan is attached. C Coy of 2/I5 Bn has moved to posns near the SATELBERG RD.
A patrol, Sgt MacCallum, D Coy, to sq. 6I68 reported NMS but found a number of Jap documents which have been forwarded to Bde. O.P.s were selected and manned-NMS.
Lt-col Gorrill R.A.M.C. (C.W.) was in our area today and was given various types of Jap respirators for examination. Capt Marshall, observer from 6 Aust Div, was also in the area.
- Nov 11
Thursday
O/O No 9 issued. (Copy attached.)
Patrol, Lieut E.A.G. Smith, D Coy, to sq. 6I68 and reported NMS.
Our Pnr Pl. is digging a Tac HQ posn at 63506835
Approx. 90 natives from vicinity of BONGA were brought in by PABU, a native attached to this Bn. He and 2 ANGAU pers. went NORTH of BONGA to the SOWI river. PABU reports "plenty" Japs along MASAWENG and SOWI rivers, and large carrying parties with handcarts. Native gardens have been almost exhausted by foraging parties.
- Nov 12
Friday
Lieut S.F. North's patrol from D Coy established O.P.s at 6I5686 and 6I5688 but reported no sign of E.
Brig. B.T. Porter DSO, late 2/3I Aust. Inf. Bn and more recently comd. 30 Aust. Inf. Bde, assumed comd of 24 Bde today.
An inspection of the Bn disposns was carried out by Maj-gen Wootten, Brig Porter and Lt-col Grace (comd. 2/I5 Aust. Inf. Bn.)
Some re-organisation of B Coy posns was made.

Nov 13 We had a visit from Lt-gen Berryman, 2 Aust. Corps Comd, accompanied
Saturday by Maj-gen G.F. Wooten.
A Coy's posns were the subject of some change and our front has
now settled down; coys are now going on with the job of improving
their areas.
Today's patrol, Lieut W.M. Buckley, B Coy, to 6I8686 reported NMS.
Interest in the Melbourne Cup was undiminished by our distance
from the scene and the usual run of sweeps were in evidence.
A limited Canteen issue, mainly tobacco, was available today.

Nov 14 I4 reinforcements arrived today.
Sunday Padre R.E. Williamson conducted a Church parade and Communion
service.
Patrol from A Coy, Sgt I. Fabricius, established O.P.s at
6I5686, 6I5687 and 6I8687- NMS.
Maj. K.F. Mollard held a Coy Comds' conference and gave details of
offensive ops to be commenced within the next few days.

Nov 15 C Coy established an O.P. at 6I5686, which is to be manned
Monday continually, in lieu of patrols, by a pl.

Nov 16 We received 36 reinforcements and 18 "X" list pers. marched in.
Tuesday Brig. Porter, Maj. Mollard and Maj. P.J. White (B.M.), accompanied by
Brig. E. Martin (Comd. 19 Aust. Inf. Bde), carried out a recce from
NORTH HILL of the area of our intended ops to the NORTH.
D Coy relieved C Coy at the O.P.
C Coy of 2/15 Bn moved out through our C Coy to a biv. area in
the vicinity of our O.P. in preparation for ops by 26 Bde.

Nov 17 I.O. and party carried out a recce for possible route for the
Wednesday Bn in the vicinity of NORTH HILL.
O.P. relieved by D Coy.
At 0745 hrs, 26 Bde commenced an offensive directed against
SATELBERG assisted by tks. Initial reports indicated that every-
thing was going well with the tks doing most of the scrapping.
Heavy opposition had been encountered along the SATELBERG rd.
The attack was preceded by an Arty barrage and Air strike
directed mainly at E L of C.

Nov 18 A party consisting of the I.O. and 4 recced an area in the
Thursday vicinity of 642708 for a Bn biv. area.
Lieut R.T. Lewis left with a patrol of 14 ORs to recce an area
sq. 6372; they are due to return at 1600 hrs tomorrow.
Warning Order received and Bn will probably move to Biv. area
tomorrow.
2/48 Bn, who are moving along the SATELBERG rd, are encountering
heavy opposition and are progressing slowly. Tks are unable to
assist due to the gradient being very steep and slippery.

Nov 19 O.P. relieved by 2/17 Bn.
Friday At 1230 hrs, the Bn less D Coy moved from its posn in the KATIKA
area; LOB pers. took over the posns vacated by B Coy.

Nov 19
Friday

At 1700 hrs, the Bn reached the area 64I57087 and a close perimeter was set up for the night.
The journey to this point was uneventful.

Nov 20
Saturday

Place: PABU Feature, NE NEW GUINEA.

Ref Map FORTIFICATION POINT
I:25000

The march was resumed at 0930 hrs and, at 1350 hrs, the point Coy reached 635726. A and B Coys then moved fwd to 63377280 and lay up while our Arty put down a barrage for 10 mins on the PABU feature. At its conclusion, A Coy on the right and B Coy on the left moved in and occupied the feature; there was no sign of the enemy. The Native porter party arrived with water, amm and rations. Bn HQ was established at 63587291. The Arty barrage fired the adjacent kunai and large areas of the grass are burning fiercely. This is quite a good thing from our point of view as it is clearing the ground in front of our FDLs. Our posns now overlook the BONGA-WAREO track and B Coy inflicted at least 10 cas. to E passing along it. Water is the main problem at present and a party ret'd to 642709 to fill bottles; Bde has been requested to send up Water containers at the first opportunity. The trek out was particularly arduous, being over a series of small razor back features and this, combined with the extra rations and amm we carried, resulted in our tps being well and truly tired at the journey's end.

Nov 21
Sunday

Coys are still causing cas. to Japs on track, B Coy claiming 10. It was reported that good progress was being made by engineers on the Jeep track, which was taken to 63807085 at last light, 20 Nov. At 1217 hrs, E attacked on B Coy's front supported by MG fire from the WEST. This was easily beaten off without loss to ourselves. Bn HQ moved to higher ground at 63607299. Lieut M. J. Keley, C Coy, took a patrol to 628729. Considerable E movement was observed and 2 Japs were killed and 1 wounded at 63347313. Lieut Chas Bell, C Coy, had a patrol out to 644736. They found a good water supply at 645733, which will relieve our posn considerably. This patrol heard E movement in the vicinity of 617721. During the afternoon, several E carrying parties attempted to pass along the BONGA-WAREO track and were successfully engaged by MMGs and LMGs. Total E killed estimated conservatively at 40. Our cas. were nil. The Native porter party got through safely with amm and rations. Amm is not over plentiful and all Coys have been advised to use Automatic weapons sparingly until our posn improves. The line to Bde was reported out at 2100 hrs; comm is being maintained by wireless. The night was uneventful.

Nov 22
Monday

After a quiet night, C Coy u/c Lieut M.J. Keley, Capt. H.G. Davies MBE being on the sick list, left at 0830 hrs to occupy the high ground in the vicinity of 627728 with the object of cutting the BONGA-WAREO track further WEST. Tk/A pl. are occupying the posns vacated by C Coy. (Separate report attached.) C Coy encountered E at several points en route and three were accounted for. The Coy eventually reached 63157235 but, owing to the delays, their objective could not be reached before darkness and it was decided to dig in at this point. At 1650 hrs, the Coy was heavily attacked and suffered some cas. Mtr support was called for and was promptly forthcoming, together with some arty and the attack was ultimately broken up. No estimate of E cas was possible but they were believed to have been considerable. At 1900 hrs, Lieut Keley advised that his posn was becoming untenable, and asked for permission to withdraw to avoid possible annihilation; this request was granted. During the day, small parties of Japs continued to move along the track and offered good targets for our MMGs and Brens. A party, endeavouring to repair our line, found E in the vicinity of the ck at our old biv. area and could not proceed further. D Coy, who were coming up to rejoin the Bn, contacted E at 639705. An engagement followed, but the Coy could not make further headway. (Separate report attached.) At 1915 hrs, E mtrs heavily engaged our posn and a 75 mm gun located in PINO HILL area shelled A Coy's posns causing cas. amounting to 3 killed and 14 wounded incl. Capt. J.E. Walker killed, and Lieut R.T. Lewis wounded. A number of our cas. were caused through men endeavouring to bring in the first wounded before the shelling had ceased. Capt. Walker had been wounded and he and the stretcher bearer, Pte T. Langford MM, were both killed while the OCs wound was being dressed. So far, wireless comn, has been maintained. Boomerangs dropped us today's "Guinea Gold", which, needless to say, were greatly appreciated.

Nov 23
Tuesday

At first light this morning, word came from C Coy that they had commenced the return journey at 0430 hrs but the going was very slow with the wounded. Shortly after their posn was vacated, the enemy was heard to launch a strong attack. A further report from C Coy, received at 1400 hrs, gave their posn as 628723, progressing slowly. By 1700 hrs, they had reached 635724 but, although only 500 yds from our perimeter, they could not reach it before nightfall so posns were being set up for the night and, it was anticipated, the Bn area would be reached by about 1000 hrs tomorrow. Their cas. have been 2 killed and 6 wounded and they claim to have killed 12 Japs for certain. At 0855 hrs, the E gun located in the vicinity of PINO HILL again shelled the Bn area but was quickly engaged by our arty and silenced. At 0945 hrs, planes commenced dropping supplies but their aiming was rather inaccurate, the parachutes being scattered over a wide area, some falling in E territory. We recovered 18 parachutes but, unfortunately, none of these contained rations. However, a good supply of amm was obtained. Throughout the day, considerable movement was observed on our front and numerous small parties were engaged with good results. At 1440 hrs, we were again under fire from a 75 mm gun which had been brought up to the EAST on the track. 3 men in A Coy were wounded. Upon being engaged by our mtrs, it withdrew. At 1735 hrs, a line party got through from 2/43 Bn thus re-establishing comms with Bde; the line party will return at first light. This afternoon, our water party saw several Japs in the vicinity of the place from which we have been drawing our supply. Rations are now running low, but we hope to receive further supplies by air tomorrow. Our Arty have been harassing the E throughout the day with good

Nov 23
Tuesday

results and, with line comm re-established, hopes to do even better. Heartening news was received from 2/43 Bn who, with the help of our D Coy and B Ech., repulsed a heavy attack with considerable loss to the E. Bde has advised us that an effort is to be made to occupy PINO HILL, which should ensure a good Lof C.
Maj. Dorney of the ADS stressed the importance of evacuating, at least, the more seriously wounded and Bde has promised to make some arrangement in this respect.

Nov 24
Wednesday

At 1100 hrs, C Coy reported in. 6 members of the Coy had been wounded of whom, 4 were stretcher cases. The Coy had had a particularly gruelling trip in and were very fatigued. They moved into B Coy's posns and B Coy, together with stretcher cases, walking wounded and 2/43 Bn line party, left the area at 1230 hrs. At 1350 hrs, B Coy reported having travelled only 400 yds in heavy jungle, a track having to be cleared for the stretchers. At 637723, they found that our Sig wire had been cut only a short time previously and repaired it, giving us comm with Bde again through 2/43 Bn, who had previously reported that portion of the line had been burnt in a kunai fire. At 1500 hrs, Bde was asked, and agreed to, send a party fwd to meet B Coy. A pl. from 2/43 Bn was despatched accordingly and met B Coy at 641718, assisting them for the remainder of the journey. 2/43 Bn's area was reached at last light, where the wounded were transferred to jeeps. Unfortunately, Lieut R. T. Lewis had died on the way and was buried near the track. We were pleased to hear that Lt-col T. H. Scott had returned and was looking hale and hearty thus exploding the furphy that his career as a fighting soldier was over. It appears that the wound he received on Sep 14, rather than the Scrub mites, was the cause of his indisposition. Under the command of Lt-col Scott, B and D Coys, with tk support, are to capture PINO HILL tomorrow. (This op. was subsequently postponed until 26 Nov.)

At 1900 hrs, our Bde line was cut once again but wireless comm is being maintained. A little movement was noticed on our front throughout the day but, under instructions from the comd., only large parties were engaged. It was hoped that the E may have noticed B Coy and 2/43 party going out and decided to investigate our posns but nothing eventuated. The Arty engaged targets throughout the day. A Coy wounded a Jap and brought him in but he died shortly afterwards. He was carrying grenades and amm but no arms. Several other E dead who were searched had plenty of rice and tinned rations and carried palm fronds on their backs. A Propelling pencil belonging to Pte M. Morris, who was killed at KATIKA in Oct. was recovered from one of them. The total number of Japs counted killed so far is 86. Our cas. to date number 32 incl. 9 killed.

Nov 25
Thursday

There was little E movement during the night but, from first light, considerable movement was noticed. It was learnt that the attack on PINO HILL, which was scheduled for today, has been postponed until tomorrow.

At 1020 hrs, a Boomerang dropped a parcel containing batteries and, 45 mins later, 4 Mitchells dropped us much needed rations. Their aiming was a big improvement on the previous effort and 24 parachutes were recovered.

During the afternoon, visual comms were established with 2/43 Bn on NORTH HILL, and they reported that the Native

Nov 25
Thursday

porter train which had set out for PABU had been held up by E and could not get through today. Our spirits were given a lift when we heard that 2/48 Bn had occupied SATELBERG. At last light 75 mm gun and mortars fired on our posns for about 20 mins from a fairly close range. Fortunately few casualties were caused. Most of the fire was directed on C Coy's posns.

Nov 26
Friday

At 0600 hrs the Japs laid down a very heavy barrage with 2 j75mm guns firing at point blank range and many mortars, and practically covered the whole of our defences. This was followed by an attempt to infiltrate. The attacks lasted for about 2½ hrs and during practically the whole of this time, the guns and mtrs kept up a hy fire. During the early mortaring, the Jap appeared to be using a new type of mortar of a similar type to our SPIGOT quite a number of the bombs failing to explode. Our cas were hy. 2K and 14 wounded. Bde was advised of the urgency of evacuating our more seriously wounded and also that our numbers were being dangerously depleted. It was arranged to send us D Coy who will relieve C Coy to return with wounded. D Coy arrived at 1645 hrs and moved into C Coys posns. C Coy left almost immediately taking 6 stretcher cases and 19 walking wounded and sick. Jeeps met the Coy on the way in, and NORTH HILL was reached at dusk. Our line was repaired and we were again in line comm temporarily, it being put out again at 1900hrs.

Considerable mvt was observed during the day and continued throughout the night and we were ~~not~~ able to inflict a number of cas on the E. Due to the Es persistence, we were unable to send out our usual party for water, but we have enough on hand to see us through till tomorrow and in addition about 80 gals is held as bn reserve.

B & D Coys with Lt-Col SCOTT in charge occupied PINO HILL this morning. Small enemy parties were encountered and annihilated. (Separate report att)

Some very hy concentrations were laid down by the arty today in an endeavour to wipe out E gun posns and known inf posns. 2 Regts being employed throughout the day.

Nov 27
Saturday

There was considerable mvt on D Coy's front during the night and at 0545 hrs the E again heavily shelled and mortared our posns. This continued for an hour followed by a sharp attack directed mainly on A Coys front. The attack was beaten off, our cas were 11 wounded and although considerable losses were inflicted on the E, no est could be given. At 0940 hrs D Coy again came under mortar fire lasting about 20 mins followed by a weak attack on their posns. We suffered a further 6 cas.

Bde was advised that failing a diversion to EXCHANGE or 633727 an overlooking feature to our SW reinforcements will need to be sent urgently.

At 1345 hrs an LMG and Mortar posn was located fwd of D Coy and below a ridge. A patrol to outflank the posn was sent out while D Coy engaged it with grenades. The LMG was knocked out and at least 6 Japs killed. Lieut C P THOMSON was wounded by a sniper during these activities and later died as a result of the wound received. A further air strike was made on HORACES HEAD and all our bombs appeared to fall in target area. Small parties of Japs ~~could~~ contd to move along the track and a number of cas were inflicted. The native porter train arrived escorted by A Coy 2/28 Bn who are patrolling to EXCHANGE tomorrow with the object of occupying same. On the return the Natives carried out our more seriously wounded there being 9 stretchers. At 1535 hrs 4 Mitchells dropped approx 30 parachutes ~~inside the E line~~ but only 5 were recovered, the balance falling inside the E lines or were lost in the jungle. Lieut STEEL K joined us today as a reinftr offr. He was formerly RSM in the 9th Bn.

Nov 28 There was nothing to report during the night.
During the day considerable mvt was observed on both A & D Coy
Sunday fronts and a small party of E was found to have dug in during
the night in the gully below D Coy. It was decided to clean them
out by sending a small patrol to their flank while they were kept
occupied with grenades thrown from D Coy's posns. At least
5 E were killed and an LMG captured.
Our OP at D Coy reported what appeared to be an E gun (this was
later confirmed) had been placed in posn on a knoll 800 yds to
their left. It had evidently been handed into posn during darkness.
Our mtrs engaged it and several hits were scored in the gun pit.
At 1025 hrs, the USAAF carried out a strike against HORACE'S HEAD
and from our posns appeared to be covering the target. 27 Mitchell
B's took part.
A Coy 2/28 Bn sent a patrol of 1 pl strength to EXCHANGE which
was occupied without incident. A gun posn was found and showed
signs of recent occupation, evidently one of the guns which
had been firing on PABU. Later the remaining Pls joined the patrol
and a perimeter was set up.
A Boomerang dropped a parcel containing med supplies for the ADS.
A request was made to the Brig that an additional coy be provided
to occupy the ridge on our left flank which overlooks our posns
Considerable trouble had been caused by woodpeckers firing from this
vicinity and it was here that the E gun had been placed in posn and
was generally a definite danger to our flank. It was agreed to end-
avour to neutralise the posn with arty in lieu of occupation.
At 1535 hrs a coy of 2/43 Bn arrived to relieve A Coy, who were to
return to the 2/43 Bn area in NORTH the vicinity of NORTH HILL.
wounding-3 The native porter train was brought in, carrying rations
and amm and the train was escorted back by A Coy taking out 7
stretcher cases. On the return journey the train was bombed by
4 Jap DB's in vicinity of PINO HILL wounding .3 of the natives.
Twice during the afternoon D Coy posns were shelled by a 75mm but
there were no cas.
Mr DENNESS returned and resumed comd D Coy and Mr CLARK took comd
of C Coy.
An ABC war correspondent, Mr SIMPSON also came out with 2/43 Bn Coy.
Arty harassed suspected E gun posns throughout the day.

Nov 29 During the night much mvt was heard along the BONGA-WAREO track.
Monday LMG's and grenades were directed along the track and judging by the
cries in that direction, casualties were caused. 4 dead could be seen
from the coy posns but no estimate of the total inflicted could be
made.
D Coy engaged an E gun posn on their left with a Tk A Rifle and sev-
eral hits were scored. So far we have prevented it from being
brought into action. During the previous day all mvt to the EAST
on the track appeared to be travelling NORTH and at first light
this morning it appeared that the E had withdrawn from in front
of our FDL's. To test this theory several small patrols went out
to WEST and SW, a Coy of 2/28 Bn having gone to EXCHANGE yesterday.
The patrol to high ground SW of our posns reported E still in the
vicinity but no other mvt was seen. This patrol also reported
75 mm ~~mm~~ gun still in posn but pit unoccupied. This area was again
mortared.
At 1220 hrs Col JOSHUA with 2 coys of 2/43 Bn arrived to relieve
the balance of 2/32 Bn still at PABU. The relief was completed
and the Bn moved out for NORTH HILL at 1500 hrs. While passing
PINO HILL and E gun fired two shells wounding 3 of our pers.
We have had the opportunity of trying out the new AMF FOR and it
was voted a success by all. Each meal was ready to eat and contains
a good variety of eatables including either chocolate or sweets.

Nov 29
Monday

For the purpose of this operation, the names given the various features was due to their resemblance - on the map - to a horse, hence HORACE the HORSE which covered the general area. PABU was the name of a native attached to us who had recently journeyed as far as the MASAWENG R bringing back a large number of natives from that area. The features between PABU and the coast had already been named by 2/43 Bn and reminded us of various good spots in ADELAIDE such as EXCHANGE, IMPERIAL, NORFOLK, GRESHAM and ORIENTAL. A trace showing these posns is attached. During the ops on PABU we captured 10 LMGs, 2 knee mtrs and numerous rifles and E dead counted 195. Our battle cas for the period were:

Casualties : PABU.

	K.I.A.	D of W	W in A
	1 - 16	2 - 4	2 - 48
2/3 Fd Amb	1 K Sec		2/3 Fd
	Sigs	1	Amb 1
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Total Casualties - <u>76.</u>	1 - 17	2 - 5	2 - 49
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Our losses in offr's and NCO's had been particularly severe. A Coy being left with 2 Offrs, B Coy 2 Offrs, C Coy 1., D Coy Nil Mr IRELAND adm comd until the return of Mr DENNESS.

Nov 30
Tuesday

After the strenuous time at PABU today was a day of relaxation and with most a period of reaction after the previous tension. Water had been too scarce to use for washing purposes and the river was the most popular place. A hot meal was waiting us at NORTH HILL and this was much appreciated, it being the first we had had since leaving the KATIKA area. A good issue of canteen stores and tobacco came to hand and was topped off with the arrival of some mail and parcels. Maj MOLLARD was evacuated to hosp.

REPORT ON ACTIVITIES OF "A" COY


PERIOD 19 Nov - 10 Dec 43

A Coy moved with BHQ, HQ Coy and B Coy and C Coys from the KATIKA area 19 Nov 43 on first days march to PABU. B Coy moved as Adv Grd and A Coy moved next in order of march. Night 19/20 was spent at Creek Crossing where Bn bivouaced. 20th Bn moved towards PABU arrived FUP. Attack developed on obj with A & B Coys up. A Right B left. A Coy took up Def Posn on Northern and Eastern flanks of Obj. Owing to low ground on Eastern side and size of perimeter, A coy drew back onto high ground and shortened perimeter. Under Comd were 2 3" mortars and a section of Bn MMGs. Disposition of Coy - Facing BONGA-WAREO track on northern side and linking with B Coy were MMG section protected by 1 sec of 7 Pln, then remainder of 7 Pln, along Eastern side 8 Pln, 9 Pln joined with a section of Mortar platoon who had a part of perimeter. A Coy up to this stage was commanded by the late Capt John Walker. Since arriving in the perimeter, A coy had accounted for odd Japs who walked along the track.

22a On the evening of 21 Nov at about last light, a 75mm gun opened fire from PINO HILL and the first shells landed in centre of A Coy in 8 Pln and Coy HQ. During the shelling which lasted only a few minutes 19 cas were sustained in Coy. 3 proved fatal immediately - Capt J E Walker, A/Cpl V Ridley, Pte T Langford MM Stretcher-bearer. Two others - Lieut R T Lewis 7 Pl Comd and Pte Atkins died later. Pte Atkins following day and Lieut Lewis while being carried out by B Coy 2 days later. Capt J J Thornton was ordered to assume Comd A Coy. I arrived at Coy shortly after shelling and found darkness descending and many men still to be taken to RAP. Stretcher-bearers Wylie and Patchell did stout work and parties of SBs from RAP and ADS did splendid work carrying men over a very rough and slippery track. It became too dark to shift the last 2 or 3 men and Capt Kaye RMO came down and did what he could in the pitch dark to alleviate the suffering of the men. Next morning, the last wounded man was taken out. A dangerous spot on the perimeter was in 7 Pln area and with the weakening of Coy, it became necessary to strengthen the corner and a sec of 9 Pln under A/Cpl Hoyle filled in and extended the line in this area. Although slightly exposed in this position, Cpl Hoyle showed good control and leadership during several days in this spot. Coy spirit was good and men showed determination to stay there and took every opportunity to inflict cas on the Jap. BHQ personnel filled in the gap vacated by Cpl Hoyle's sec and did valuable work. Water parties were organised from Bn and A Coy supplied 3 Sgts on different occasions to take charge. Sgts Lewis, A/Sgt Fabricius and A/Sgt Roberts. Later Sgt Lewis was withdrawn to Bn HQ to act as RSM. Air dropping of supplies involved A Coy twice to assist in carrying in ammo and food, and once to recover a three plane load on A Coy's front. 16 parachutes were dropped out in no man's land and under fire 14 were recovered. Some men from C Coy assisted in carrying in loads. Sgt Fabricius did sound work in this, organising the recovery of chutes and showed coolness in emerg. Japs attempted to penetrate perimeter at the exposed corner, but were held off and 7 sec grenades used from Discharger Cup were responsible for the abandonment of the attempt. Pte Chaseman 2" mortar man 8 Pln was useful on several occasions and showed good knowledge of his weapon. MMG Sec att to A Coy under Cpl Rome were always alert and took a toll with careful shooting. Sgts Fowler and McLean of 3" mortars were always keen to "have a go" and their men took a share of the perimeter after A Coy became weakened. On morning of 27th A Coy 7 Pln was subject to a severe shelling and 4 men wounded. A/Sgt Roberts, Pte Shepard, Vines, Lindsay. Lieut Brownlee a recent new arrival had taken over 7 Pln after Lieut Lewis became wounded and he carried on having lost Pln HQ. During Coys stay in PABU, we accounted for 18 certainties and it was known that many other casualties were caused also by 2" Mortar, grenades, etc.

A Tree O-Pip was built in A Coy's area, by Pioneers and a PIB Boy gave good assistance. During the last shelling, the Coy received two direct hits were registered in this tree. During the 9 days in PABU Coy received 3 bouts of direct shelling and several bouts of Mortar fire. I was impressed by the spirit in Coy, their readiness even at the last to attack, to take risks and the control of Food, Water and Ammo by section and pl comds. Work of Pte Jilley, the I sec man attached to coy was excellent. Coy relieved by Capt Grant A Coy 2/43 Bn 29 Nov moved to NORTH HILL, fed well by QM took over C Coy 2/43 Bn following day. 1 Dec took over D Coy 2/43. After spending 2 days on SONG RIVER, Coy moved at 0930 3 Dec for PABU arriving there 1300 moved on to "Horaces Ears" and camped with B Coy. Next day, 4 Dec moved up, dumped Bed Rolls at BHQ was ordered with B Coy to open track on B & D Coys 2/43 success. A few enemy were dug in close by C Coy 2/43. After a 2" mortar shoot Cpl Randall took patrol and found enemy still in position but too close to own troops for 2" Mortar due to air burst in trees. A Coy used its EY Rifle, and discharger cup and enemy were seen to get up and run away. Next morning track was open, A Coy moved to D 2/43 and proceeded along track to small knoll from which patrols were sent out. Enemy located 100 yds in front on track and much working was heard on the hill in front. On patrol information, A Coy detoured on left side of track and attempted to force away to track. Enemy well dug in A Coy had 1 killed Cpl R Bemrose and 6 others were wounded. Cpl Bayley, Cpl Pancarrow W, Cpl Scott, Ptes Walton, Hancock, Burridge. Cpl Scott took over Eln when Cpl Bemrose was killed, had a narrow escape and although distressed brought Pln back and later collapsed. Pte Burley also brought his platoon out and showed courage and leadership. Enemy mortared A Coy's position in attack that evening and fired small arms in morning. Accurate 3" Mortar and arty shoots were directed on established enemy posn. The next day 6th, A & B tried right flank attempt but found enemy posn again, drew back formed perimeter and enemy bombed and shelled again. A Coy next took up posn between B & C Coys and using 2" mortar assisted in enemy's withdrawal. 8 Dec A & B Coys formed perimeter on portion of obj and later A took over C Coy's posn. A high rate of sick and Malarial cas is being experienced since this posn was taken.

SIGNED (JS THORNTON, Capt)
OC A Coy



MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT
PABU RIDGE NOV 43

In this action, the medical services functioned in a manner unique in comparison with previous operations. Here, were all the difficulties of supply, evacuation and treatment of the wounded under trying conditions and under constant shelling with inadequate protection for either staff or patients. Nevertheless in retrospect it is considered that most of the difficulties which did ensue were solved, and that the lessons learned thereby may prove invaluable in any such future action.

1. GENERAL

Under command for this enterprise, was a detachment of 2/3 Aust Fd Amb in charge of Maj W Dorney. This was indeed fortunate, for the Bn medical personnel were depleted in numbers e.g. there were only 44 RSB at the outset, - and sorely overtaxed. Thus SBs from the Amb were used as RSBs whilst the presence of a second medical officer aided the RMO considerably. The RAP and ADS were sited alongside each other, the original medical post being simply a cleared strip of ground near the E side of the perimeter. With the advent of shelling, this was established in a shallow trench. The ADS consisted of a rough shelter to accommodate about 12 patients and at the outset, this was rapidly filled with Malaria cases under treatment. On the second night following the capture of the ridge, the enemy opened fire with arty at point-blank range. Numerous casualties were occasioned, particularly in the A Coy area, and it was 0100 hrs on the following morning before the last of these received attention. Conditions at night were extremely difficult for only shaded lights could be shown with any degree of safety.

For the following 10 days, the enemy repeatedly attacked and shelled the small area intensively, and our casualties mounted daily. Unfortunately, both medical posts had been badly sited and offered no protection. It seemed that both were in the direct line of fire of the enemy guns, and as "air-burst" type of missile was used, attending to the wounded became hazardous and extremely difficult. Early, the enemy mortared the position and with a direct hit completely demolished the RAP and killed a bearer from the Amb detachment.

2. CASUALTIES.

For the greater part, wounds were caused by large shrapnel splinter and no particular part of the body seemed immune. The destruction of tissue was often great with concomitant haemorrhage and severe shock. The lesions were ragged, and tended to become quickly infected. They were generally associated with a fracture. Flies were in abundance, and rapidly the wounds became "blown" and covered with maggots. This in many respects was an advantage for it prevented such injuries from becoming grossly infected. No attempts were made therefore to remedy this, although it occasioned some discomfort on the part of the patient. Bullet wounds were in the minority, and of these, head and chest seemed to be the sites of election. Most resulted in being immediately fatal, or resulted in death shortly afterwards. Some however, survived in a miraculous fashion viz - a young reinforcement with a compound fractured skull, with herniation of brain seemed rational and responsive, and when evacuated was still in good condition. Chest wounds were generally of the "sucking" variety and although not immediately fatal, generally proved so within 48 hrs. Lieut Thomson sustained this type of wound, and when first examined by the RMO was considered to be beyond surgical care. However the wounds were sutured, and with 1 litre of plasma, this officer rallied well, but finally succumbed some 48 hrs later.

Two cases of gas-gangrene developed as complications. Both of these involved wounds of the muscular part of the thigh, in which too, there had been a gross haemorrhage. Neither case survived despite amputation later at the MDS.

<u>TOTAL CASUALTIES</u>	KIA	D of W	W in A	
	1 - 16	2 - 4	2 - 48	
Fd Amb	1	K Sec Sigs 1	Fd Amb	1
Total Casualties	<u>1 - 17</u>	<u>2 - 5</u>	<u>2 - 49</u>	- <u>76</u>

4. EVACUATIONS.

This was the greatest problem at PABU. Being entirely behind the enemy lines, the initial risk of evacuating the wounded was too great to be undertaken. Further at this stage, native-bearers could not hazard the journey for the same reason, hence the wounded for the first 72 hrs remained in the Bn area. This entailed a great deal of nursing, with frequent attention by the medical staff. The allotted area was small, and as pointed out before, under shell-fire, thus adding to the difficulties. The area, under these conditions soon became overcrowded with wounded, who were accommodated in shallow slit-trenches often without head-cover. It was fortunate that only a single wounded received a secondary wound during subsequent shelling., a tribute is paid to these men, who for days lay helpless in this state, constantly bombarded whilst awaiting treatment and evacuation to safety. On the 3rd day, the first of the wounded were carried out by B Coy and on subsequent days this was kept up after PINO HILL had been captured. Native bearers were then employed through this shorter and now safe supply line.

5. MEDICAL SUPPLIES

Early in the occupation, the RAP was blown up and with it was destroyed all but a small quantity of equipment. For a time therefore, captured Japanese and make-shift dressings were employed. Later, medical supplies were dropped by parachute, and this alleviated the situation to a great degree. With the establishment of a supply line through PINO HILL, drugs, bandages soon became plentiful.

6. WATER SUPPLIES

To obtain water, carrying parties were sent daily to a stream 1000 yds distant. This however, could only provide a limited amount, and for medical purposes, e.g. preparation of antiseptics and providing adequate fluid for the patients, this was sorely deficient. The troops themselves were unable to wash and keep themselves clean, and as in the Desert, numerous tropical sores and ulcers soon appeared.

7. GENERAL HEALTH.

It is remarkable that the standard of fitness after this action was not lower than at first apparent. Admittedly, there were many malarial casualties and some cases of dysentery, but these were fewer than expected. Most men were utterly exhausted from both physical strain and mental anxiety that the action entailed, and on relief, were just able to march back to NORTH HILL. It is to their everlasting credit that when called upon 36 hrs later to go into action once more, these same men did so without hesitation. The unit is now badly in need of rest in some area where washing facilities exist and where hot meals can be provided. Most men are suffering from some form of skin complaint, whilst many others are showing signs of complete exhaustion and subclinical signs of fever.

8. LESSONS LEARNED

(i) The policy of having an ADS attached to the Bn in an action such as this, is to be recommended. Without their assistance the Bn medical staff would have had a superhuman task!

(ii) Dropping of medical supplies by parachute - this was excellent, all stores recovered were undamaged and quite fit for use. It is pointed out that many items were in glass-containers and not a single one was broken. In circumstances such as this, parachute dropping of supplies solves the problem.

(iii) The old maxim "always dig in" nearly cost the RAP staff dearly. The original RAP was above ground and this was soon demolished by a direct hit! Adequate head-cover was also essential to prevent injury from "air-burst".

(iv) Medical equipment as now carried by the RAP is at a bare, but essential minimum. The only things carried are those urgently and frequently needed in action and all superfluous instruments etc have been discarded.

(v) The use of vaseline-gauze and ³⁻⁴streptococcal powder instead of shell-dressings in certain wounds has proven its worth. In many wounds, the shell-dressing is awkward to apply, and where the lesion is ~~s~~angular, the "dead space" rapidly fills with blood and bleeds freely. Vaseline-gauze is most suitable in this type of injury.

SIGNED (PETER KAY, Capt)
R.M.O.
2/32 Bn.

D COY 2/32 AUST INF BN
Activities for Period
22-26 Nov Incl

Nov 22

Monday

D Coy marched out from posn at KATIKA to proceed across the SONG R thence along track to rejoin unit at PABU. At approx 1030 hrs the Coy had crossed the SONG R and reached our rear B ech area where an early lunch was partaken of, after having had to take up def posns on two occasions due to the E being in close proximity. After lunch Capt LANCASTER decided to send 16 pl, Lieut E SMITH to the jeep head at 615694. At 1400hrs the pl got to a posn overlooking the native huts at 61691 (a distance of 1400 yds from start point) where E were observed in force in this area. The FOO accompanying them registered this area with arty. Meanwhile E had pushed SE towards the SONG R and had dislodged the Tk A pl of the 2/43 Bn from their posn in the garden area at 619683. This pl of the 2/43 Bn then attempted to capture this posn. The E greatly outnumbered the pl and 18 pl commanded by Sjt C R McCALLUM were ordered to move up through the jungle on the right of the E posns. Our stealthy advance enabled us to get within 8 yds of the E, they were surprised and we killed 5. Our fire was returned by the E with at least 3 LMGs and one knee mortar. 18 pl established a def line here and laid up for 45 mins during which time many casualties were inflicted on the Jap as he endeavoured to recce our posn. At least 8 E were wounded. While this was taking place, 17 pl (Lieut S F NORTH) had attacked twice the original 2/43 Tk A posns from the left flank and were beaten back by the E as he was strongly entrenched there with 3 LMG's and 3 knee mortars and the E also had booby traps in the form of Tk A mines laid on his front. In these attacks, Lieut NORTH and 5 ors were wounded - one Pte McBRIDE by a mine, the effects of which he subsequently died. 16 pl was recalled and rejoined the Coy at approx 1500hrs. At 1630 hrs the E mortared our Coy HQ area 621683 with his "glory box" bombs (Spigot type) - no casualties were caused. We then heavily mortared the E posns with our 2" mortars and at 1740 hrs we again put down a 2" mtr barrage and 16 pl attacked, captured the posn killed 6 E without loss to us. At 1800 hrs 18 pl pushed NE for a distance of 80yds and in doing so, killed 4 E out of 8. A pl perimeter was formed here for the night. When Lieut NORTH was wounded, 17 pl was commanded by Cpl L H FIELDS. The night proved uneventful.

Nov 23

Tuesday

The morning was spent in patrolling our flank front and rear NMS. 60 E dead were counted and approx 112 rifles, 2 LMG's 2 knee-mtrs, one flame-thrower, a quantity of "glory box" bombs and a large no of boxes of SAA amn. 800 to 1000 E weapon pits were found in the area. 40 Unit "X" List pers who had been in hospital and rejoined the Coy and our strength now is 3 Offrs and 97 Ors. At 1500 hrs the coy was then ordered to continue on to PABU. At 1730 hrs PIB scouts sighted E at village 617693 and coy cmd decided to form night perimeter in area 614688 and attack in the morning. At 1815 hrs orders were received to return to B ech and 18 pl to occupy posn vacated by a pl of 2/43 Bn on NORTH HILL. Before leaving the FOO brought by arty fire to bear on village. The night was uneventful.

~~The morning was spent patrolling~~

A letter of appreciation of this Coy's part in foiling the enemy's strong attack on the SONG R defences has been received from Lt³Col R JOSHUA CO 2/43 Bn.

Nov 24

Wednesday

J.D.
Nov 24 - It was decided that D Coy in conjunction with B Coy (who was
Wednesday returning from PABU) would attack and capture PINO HILL on the
25th Nov. B Coy did not arrive until after dark and most of
the personnel were fatigued, so it was decided to postpone the
attack until the 26th Nov. 18 Pl carried out a recce of the
PINO Area approaches.

Nov 25 The remainder of the coy moved up to posns on NORTH HILL and
Thursday bivouaced for the night.

Nov 26 At 0945 hrs the coys moved from the start line each coy being
Friday preceded by 2 tks. B coy on the right and D coy on the left.
A by arty concentration had previously been laid down on the
PINO area. The objective was reached with very little opposition
4 snipers were encountered and two small strongly held HMG
posts and these were soon disposed of. Def posns were taken up
and D coy were then relieved by a coy of 2/43 Bn and ordered to
move to PABU. At 1145 hrs and during the change over the E
heavily changed shelled the area our cas being 1 K & 18 W.
Both Capt LANCASTER and Lieut SMITH were wounded by the shelling.
At 1415 hrs the coy advanced over the open kunai towards PABU
the E shelled the coy en route but fortunately without causing
any cas. During the move to PABU, two tks carried out a diversion
on the coys left flank, knocking out 2 woodpecker posns that
attempted fire on us.

[Red mark]

VX 15117 Lt-Col R JOSHUA
2/43 Aust Inf Bn,

26 Nov 43.

Dear Col Scott,

Will you please convey to all members of your Bn who have been fighting with us in the "garden", and round about, my hearty congratulations and sincere thanks for their magnificent efforts and happy co-operations. We were very hard pressed when the Brigadier placed your D Coy under my command and their splendid fighting undoubtedly saved the situation. B Echelon also lent all its strength to the situation and greatly helped. Capt Lancaster was master of the situation throughout the attack and was never for a moment at a loss.

Please convey to all troops under your command the best wishes and good hunting from all in 2/43.

Sincerely,

Robert Joshua. Lt-Col.

HQ 2/33 Aust Inf Bn
In the Field
2 NOV 45

NOMINAL ROLL L.O.B. PERSONNEL

WX	529	Maj	DIXON	G.E.	
WX	400	T/Capt	MORRISH	J.H.	(Hospital)
WX	12543	Lieut	KENNEDY	R.R.	(Hospital)
QX	297	"	GATWARD	G.M.	(Hospital)
WX	17028	"	BUCKLEY	W.M.	(Hospital)
WX	11080	"	HAMILTON	T.R.	
SX	1188	WO 11	SMITH	C.E.	(Hospital)
VX	13553	"	BUCKLEY	T.C.	
VX	494	"	NORRISH	W.A.	
QX	2842	A/Sgt	WRIGHT	G.J.	(Buna)
VX	16621	Sgt	MILLANE	A.E.	(Buna)
QX	3806	"	VEDOVA	G.	
VX	45094	Pte	STEPHENS	B.R.	
WX	16940	"	McLEOD	K.H.	(Buna)
VX	14514	A/Cpl	GRAHAM	D.	
WX	15492	Pte	ROBERTS	T.J.	
VX	40045	"	PRICE	N.	
WX	20035	"	CLOUGH	R.V.O.	
WX	17635	"	BAXTER	J.D.	
WX	17867	"	CAREY	T.	
VX	41310	Cpl	ANDERSON	B.T.	(School)
VX	12747	Pte	LACEY	F.	(Buna)
QX	7110	Cpl	VICKERMAN	W.	
WX	14274	Pte	KERR	A.	
WX	19207	"	JAMES	A.L.	
NX	11252	"	FEWIRELL	F.J.	
VX	47725	"	LANE	K.A.	
WX	9798	"	BARNETT	J.H.	
WX	10440	"	MOON	R.	
WX	14246	"	HOOSON	J.R.	(Buna)
WX	2159	Cpl	BOWMAN	J.S.	
WX	17328	Pte	MONGER	E.E.	
VX	16320	"	EUSDEN	R.	
WX	18658	"	LONGVA	S.	
WX	12630	"	ATKINSON	A.R.	
WX	15344	"	TUCKER	C.R.	
NX	147094	"	BULL	W.J.	
VX	36305	"	BLAIR	O.H.B.	(Buna)
WX	9116	Cpl	KEENE	D.L.	
WX	12603	L/Cpl	WOODS	E.J.	
WX	17729	Pte	THOMAS	E.J.	
WX	1955	"	COLEMAN	B.	
WX	10316	"	LEGGETT	W.	
VX	13468	"	BURGE	D.T.	
VX	12466	"	MAHER	M.	
QX	7322	"	GOLTON	J.A.	(Buna)
VX	37672	Cpl	MANKEY	W.A.	
WX	9707	Pte	STEWART	D.D.	
VX	14983	"	SULLIVAN	J.J.	
VX	14524	"	BEULKE	G.	
WX	12834	"	ATKINSON	H.L.	
VX	26522	"	ROBERTS	G.L.	
WX	11444	"	SPRIGG	H.T.	
NX	38023	"	WILKS	T.	(Buna)
NX	38084	"	CRAMER	S.E.	(Buna)
VX	30066	"	BROWN	F.G.	
VX	23319	"	WICKING	L.G.	
VX	38540	"	ATKIN	S.L.	(Buna)
WX	18865	"	KELLY	T.S.	(Buna)
WX	18276	"	JEFFORD	J.E.	(Buna)
WX	11422	"	CRAMPTON	A.	

BATTLE CASUALTIESOFFICERS

<u>No</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Co</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
WX 9248	Lieut	D. P. DAY	D	LAE	14.9.43	K in A A
WX 1884	Lieut	G. A. SCOTT	C	"	14.9.43	W in A
WX 47711	Lieut	E. E. IVEY	HQ	"	14.9.43	W in A
WX 11081	Lieut	B. G. GREEN	B	"	16.9.43	W in A
VX 50361	Lieut	H. D. STEWART	C	"	15.9.43	W in A
SX 10309	LtCol	T. H. SCOTT	Bn HQ	"	14.9.43	W in A (remained on duty)
VX 47889	Major	K. F. MOLLARD	" "	"	8.9.43	W in A (remained on duty)
WX 9892	Lieut	LIDDELL J. N.	HQ	KATIKA	23.10.43	W in A
NX 11889	Lieut	K. A. GARNSEY	C	"	25.10.43	W in A
VX 3604	Capt	J. E. WALKER	A	PABU	22.11.43	K in A
WX 13115	Lieut	R. T. LEWIS	A	"	22.11.43	W in A (died of wounds)
NX 3780	Lieut	W. D. LAING	HQ	"	22.11.43	W in A
QX 160	Lieut	C. P. THOMSON	D	"	27.11.43	W in A (died of wounds)
WX 10152	Lieut	S. F. NORTH	D	SONG R	22.11.43	W in A
WX 2110	Lieut	E. A. SMITH	D	PINO	26.11.43	W in A
WX 477	Capt	C. G. LANCASTER	D	"	26.11.43	W in A
WX 9926	Lieut	M. J. KELEY	C	PABU	27.11.43	W in A

BATTLE CASUALTIES 2/32 AUST INF BN

No	Rank	Name	Coy	Place	Date	Remarks
WX 15957	Pte	POLAND	H.C. D	LAE	14.9.43	K in A
NX 6490	WOII	DALZIEL	A.G. D	"	14.9.43	K in A
WX 9217	Pte	ATKINS	R.J. D	"	14.9.43	K in A
WX 19593	Pte	WADE	M.C. D	"	14.9.43	K in A
WX 18598	Pte	BAKER	N.G. D	"	14.9.43	K in A
NX 12822	Sgt	ANDERSON	G.A. D	"	14.9.43	K in A
WX 14411	Pte	JOHNSON	V. C	"	14.9.43	K in A
WX 2134	Pte	MADDERN	S.W. C	"	14.9.43	K in A
WX 14308	L/Cpl	VEAL	G. C	"	14.9.43	K in A
WX 11443	Pte	MULLAN	A.J. C	"	14.9.43	K in A
WX 11436	Cpl	McKAY	A.B. C	"	14.9.43	K in A
NX 200427	Pte	GRONO	F.W. C	"	14.9.43	K in A
WX 9736	Pte	WESTALL	G. C	"	14.9.43	K in A
QX 117	Cpl	KENDRICK	K.J. C	"	14.9.43	K in A
WX 18147	Pte	NETTLETON	T.F. C	"	15.9.43	K in A
QX 1953	Sgt	WILLIAMS	J.E. A	KAKAKOG	17.10.43	K in A
WX 12832	Pte	BULLOCK	F. C	"	17.10.43	K in A
WX 17413	Pte	GOLGATE	G.H. A	"	17.10.43	K in A
QX 1170	L/Sgt	NOBBS	J.R.G. A	PINSCHAFEN	18.10.43	K in A
VX 40423	Pte	FERGUSON	H. D	KATIKA	22.10.43	K in A
WX 12945	Pte	SIMMONS	L.J. D	"	22.10.43	K in A
NX 10142	Pte	WALKLATE	E.M. C	"	23.10.43	K in A
SX 18446	Pte	CRADOCK	M.A. B.	"	24.10.43	K in A
WX 16900	Pte	JONES	A.F. D	"	24.10.43	K in A
QX 3195	Pte	DOWNING	P.E. B	"	24.10.43	K in A
WX 20110	Pte	DEWAR	N.E. B	"	24.10.43	K in A
NX 6380	Pte	MORRIS	M.F. B	"	24.10.43	K in A
NX 11233	Cpl	EVELEIGH	J. B	"	24.10.43	K in A
WX 15142	Pte	McLACHLAN	W.N. D	"	26.10.43	K in A
WX 12098	Pte	LANGFORD	T. (MM) BnHQ	PABU	22.11.43	K in A
VX 46947	Pte	ROWE	W.G. HQ	"	23.11.43	K in A
QX 57501	Pte	BOOTH	J.W.P. A	"	23.11.43	K in A

No	Rank	Name	Coy	Place	Date	Remarks
WX 18470	Pte	ATKINS	F.L. A	PABU	23.11.43	K in A
WX 9705	A/Cpl	SMAILLES	B.S. HQ	"	23.11.43	K in A
VX 16596	Pte	RALSTON	H.B. C	"	23.11.43	K in A
NX 98633	Pte	LINQUIST	F.E. C	"	26.11.43	K in A
WX 15918	Pte	FORREST	R.J.W. HQ	"	26.11.43	K in A
QX 19853	Pte	SAMUEL	M.N. HQ	"	26.11.43	K in A
WX 18560	Pte	SOUTHERN	E.S. D	"	26.11.43	K in A
WX 19048	L/Cpl	CARLESS	P.H. C	"	26.11.43	K in A
WX 12833	Pte	DRYDEN	C.J. HQ	"	25.11.43	K in A
N 436277	Pte	WORMALD	HQ	"	26.11.43	K in A
WX 9732	Cpl	READ	J.W. D	"	26.11.43	K in A
WX 10487	L/Cpl	BEER	J.A. B	PINO	26.11.43	K in A
VX 41310	Cpl	ANDERSON	G.T. B	"	26.11.43	K in A
VX 125456	Pte	HURST	N%N% D	"	26.11.43	K in A
WX 19611	Pte	GRIGGS	S.V. B	KATIKA	24.10.43	K in A
WX 17364	A/Cpl	RIDLEY	V A	PABU	22.11.43	K in A
QX 5019	Cpl	BEIROSE	R. A	?	5.12.43	K in A
BX 19066	Pte	ROWELL	J.H. C	PABU	26.11.43	K in A

No	Rank	Name	Coy	Place	Date	Remarks
WX 11409	Cpl	BERRYMAN	C.G. C	LAE	14.9.43	W in A. (died of wounds)
WX 16397	Pte	FOX	L.R. C	"	14.9.43	W in A. (died of wounds)
NX 91756	Pte	WILKINSON	L.A. HQ	"	14.9.43	W in A. (died of wounds)
VX 38408	Pte	MOSS	G.F. C	"	14.9.43	W in A. (died of wounds)+
WX 17416	Pte	MOLYNEUX	R.H. HQ	"	15.9.43	W in A. (died of wounds)
WX 14135	Pte	BLIGHT	R.E. A	KAKAKOG	17.10.43	W in A. (died of wounds)
WX 18379	Pte	DUGGAN	J.J.D A	KATIKA	23.10.43	W in A. (died of wounds)
WX 15134	Pte	BARRY	N.D. HQ	"	23.10.43	W in A. (died of wounds)
WX 17649	Pte	WILSON	D. B	"	23.10.43	W in A. (died of wounds)
WX 20039	Pte	PAULKINER	J. B	"	24.10.43	W in A. (died of wounds)
WX 18753	Pte	McKELVIE	D.R. C	"	25.10.43	W in A. (died of wounds)
WX 15085	Pte	BOULTER	J.F. A	"	25.10.43	W in A. (died of wounds)+
VX 125170	Pte	GILL	T.G. B	PABU	22.11.43	W in A. (died of wounds)
VX 11433	Pte	HUGHES	W. HQ	"	22.11.43	W in A. (died of wounds)
VX 58598	Pte	BINDING	H.E. Bn Hq	"	26.11.43	W in A. (died of wounds)
WX 15932	Pte	CULLEN	F. A	"	26.11.43	W in A. (died of wounds)
VX 56553	Pte	MALLET	J.E. (24 Bde)	"	27.11.43	W in A. (died of wounds)
NX 136398	Pte	STONE	A	PINO	26.11.43	W in A. (died of wounds)
WX 18234	Pte	McBRIDE	J.H. D	Song R	22.11.43	W in A. (died of wounds)

No	Rank	Name	Coy	Place	Date	Remarks
WX 16655	Pte	HARRIS	V.L. Bn Hq	LAE	13.9.43	W in A
SX 2363	Cpl	FIELDS L.H.A.J.	D	"	14.9.43	W in A
WX 15991	Pte	HALL	K.M. D	"	14.9.43	W in A
WX 15541	Pte	HEFFERNAN	L.M. D	"	14.9.43	W in A
WX 17341	Pte	SINCLAIR	D. D	"	14.9.43	W in A
VX 90729	Pte	NAMNICK	A.A. D	"	14.9.43	W in A
VX 37893	Pte	ROWSTON	A. D	"	14.9.43	W in A
WX 15017	Pte	WATERS	F. D	"	14.9.43	W in A
WX 16683	Pte	HARRIS	A.P. D	"	14.9.43	W in A
WX 17948	Pte	McMURDO	H.P. d	"	14.9.43	W in A
WX 15083	Cpl	TREASURE	W.J. D	"	14.9.43	W in A
VX 38044	Cpl	CASTLE	J.L. D	"	14.9.43	W in A
VX 26909	Cpl	Le FEVRE	W.H. C	"	14.9.43	W in A
WX 11404	L/Cpl	SMALLSHAW	J. C	"	14.9.43	W in A
WX 18823	Pte	TURRELL	M.G. C	"	14.9.43	W in A
WX 15014	Pte	PAGES_OLIVER	L.M. C	"	14.9.43	W in A
WX 15300	Pte	RICHARDS	E.H. C	"	14.9.43	W in A
NX 168382	Pte	MORLEY	W.G. C	"	14.9.43	W in A
WX 10263	Pte	SAWYER	F. C	"	14.9.43	W in A
WX 12609	Pte	WILSON	B.E. HQ	"	14.9.43	W in A
WX 10195	Pte	WILSON	A HQ	"	14.9.43	W in A
WX 17809	Pte	HUGHES	W.J. HQ	"	14.9.43	W in A
NX 200109*	Pte	TILLEY	W.H. HQ	"	14.9.43	W in A
WX 14712	Pte	CRAWFORD	H Bn Hq	"	14.9.43	W in A
WX 17526	Pte	FLANNAGAN	M.J. C	"	15.9.43	W in A
QX 7338	Pte	GEARY	C.E. HQ	"	15.9.43	W in A
WX 15483	Pte	NESS	J. C	"	15.9.43	W in A
WX 10294	Pte	WEARNE	V.C. C	"	15.9.43	W in A
WX 18792	Pte	DAVERN	L.V. C	"	15.9.43	W in A
WX 14309	Pte	FUSS	K.R. B	"	16.9.43	W in A
WX 13329	Cpl	BURKETT	A. B	"	16.9.43	W in A
WX 14471	Pte	JONES	H.M. A	"	15.9.43	W in A
VX 47503	A/Sgt	CURRY	D.R. C	KAKAKOG	17.10.43	W in A

(R ~ D)

No	Rank	Name	Coy	Place	Date	Remarks
WX 20279	Pte	WICKFYS	F. B	KATIKA	24.10.43	W in A
WX 17232	Pte	HANCOCK	G. A	"	24.10.43	W in A
WX 14431	Pte	LILYWHITE	J.D. A	"	24.10.43	W in A
WX 10013	Pte	CAMERON	H.J. A	"	24.10.43	W in A
WX 14995	Pte	MAJOR	S.H. A	"	24.10.43	W in A
NK 200435	Pte	TAYLOR	C. A	"	24.10.43	W in A
WX 1982	Pte	BOND	R.T. A	"	24.10.43	W in A
WX 14375	Pte	SHIELDS	J. A	"	24.10.43	W in A
QX 3183	A/Cpl	COPELIN	W.E. A	"	24.10.43	W in A
VX 38347	A/Cpl	HANCARROW	W. A	"	24.10.43	W in A
WX 1866	Pte	WARREN	S.E. A	"	24.10.43	W in A
NK 1477	Pte	McPHERSON	B. A	"	24.10.43	W in A
NK 98235	Pte	WALLACE	R.S. A	"	24.10.43	W in A
NK 93493	Pte	MURPHY	J.P. A	"	24.10.43	W in A
NK 38193	Pte	CHINN	B. BnHq	"	24.10.43	W in A
WX 9739	Pte	KING	B.J. A	"	24.10.43	W in A
QX 13998	Cpl	BAYLEY	B. A	"	24.10.43	W in A
WX 18570	Pte	MATHIAS	A.V. C	"	25.10.43	W in A (remained on duty)
QX 1492	Pte	JONES	H. A	"	25.10.43	W in A
WX 10287	Pte	FRENCH	R. B	"	25.10.43	W in A
WX 14112	Cpl	McLEAN	J.D. C	"	25.10.43	W in A
WX 9529	Pte	FERGUSON	S.J. B	"	25.10.43	W in A
WX 14288	Cpl	CLARK	G. B	"	25.10.43	W in A
WX 17233	Pte	McSHANE	F. B	"	25.10.43	W in A
WX 19331	Pte	INGRAHAM	D.J.C. A	"	25.10.43	W in A
TX 14114	Pte	RADFORD	R.J. B	"	25.10.43	W in A
VX 28334	Cpl	CLER	J. HQ	"	26.10.43	W in A
VX 10092	Cpl	McLEAN	R.A.S. D	"	26.10.43	W in A
WX 12046	Pte	HAWKINS	A. D	"	26.10.43	W in A
VX 27401	Pte	MAIN	T.H. C	"	26.10.43	W in A
WX 18257	Pte	CORDERY	J.C. B	"	26.10.43	W in A (remained on duty)
VX 79046	Pte	COPEMAN	W.E. A	"	24.10.43	W in A
WX 16877	Pte	CLOFULLA	L. HQ	PABU	22.11.43	W in A

No	Rank	Name		Coy	Place	Date	Remarks
VX 16896	Pte	MUSE	H.S.	A	PABU	22.11.43	W in A
VX 15811	Pte	FYFE	J.S.	A	"	22.11.43	W in A
VX 19426	Pte	GROFFT	L.	D	"	22.11.43	W in A
VX 16978	Pte	HILLER	A.R.	A	"	22.11.43	W in A
VX 9704	A/Cpl	REYNOLDS	R.C.	A	"	22.11.43	W in A
VX 91644	Pte	DORE	H.S.	A	"	22.11.43	W in A
VX 124809	Pte	EATON	E.R.	A	"	22.11.43	W in A
QX 43989	Pte	CASSEY	J.A.	A	"	22.11.43	W in A (remained on duty)
VX 9728	Pte	ARTHUR	C.J.	Hq	"	22.11.43	W in A
VX 14347	Pte	BUSSELL	F.H.	Hq	"	22.11.43	W in A
VX 19204	Pte	GONDON	E.	A	"	23.11.43	W in A
VX 9115	Pte	FREEMAN	A.H.	Hq	"	23.11.43	W in A
QX 114673	Pte	EKLUND	V.	A	"	23.11.43	W in A
VX 16921	Pte	KELLY	W.A.	C	"	23.11.43	W in A
VX 47503	A/Sgt	CURSEY	D.R.	C	"	25.11.43	W in A
NX 99971	Pte	ARBITAGE	H.L.W.	C	"	22.11.43	W in A
VX 19134	L/Cpl	BALL	I.R.	C	"	22.11.43	W in A
VX 9703	Pte	ALBERTON	R.	A	"	26.11.43	W in A
VX 12729	Pte	HENRY	R.L.	Hq	"	26.11.43	W in A
VX 38291	Sgt	NORTH	H.B.	BnHq	"	26.11.43	W in A
NX 152124	Pte	WALLER	R.J.	C	"	26.11.43	W in A
VX 10355	L/Cpl	HONKER	T.E.	C	"	26.11.43	W in A
QX 42940	Pte	BYWATER	A.J.	A	"	26.11.43	W in A
VX 35833	Pte	OFFICER	W.	C	"	26.11.43	W in A
VX 8436	Pte	GREY	A.W.	Hq	"	26.11.43	W in A
VX 14696	Pte	NEALE	R.J.	C	"	26.11.43	W in A
VX 15822	Pte	DINWOODIE	R.R.	C	"	26.11.43	W in A
VX 20048	Pte	CATCHPOLE	W.G.	C	"	26.11.43	W in A
VX 14829	Pte	COOPER	J.	C	"	26.11.43	W in A
NX 175177	Pte	GAUL	A.C.	C	"	26.11.43	W in A
VX 15942	Pte	HARRIS	D.V.	C	"	26.11.43	W in A
VX 19134	Pte	OSTERBURG	O.R.	C	"	22.11.43	W in A
VX 18284	Pte	STARPE	N.H.	C	"	22.11.43	W in A
VX 155010	Pte	URQUHART	K.	C	"	22.11.43	W in A

<u>Nom</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Cov</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Remarks</u>	
VX 25455	Pte	TOLLIDAY	W.	C	PABU	26.11.43	W in A
WX 20315	Pte	STONE	A.S.	C	"	26.11.43	W in A
QX 48119	Pte	HATCHMAN	E.C.	C	"	26.11.43	W in A
WX 10356	Pte	NEWTON	A.L.	HQ	"	26.11.43	W in A
VX 40374	Pte	EVERETT	W.R.	HQ	"	26.11.43	W in A
WX 1746	Sgt	ANDERSON	N.C.	HQ	"	26.11.43	W in A
WX 10325	Pte	VINES	E.J.	D	"	27.11.43	W in A
VX 70870	Pte	O'MOHANY	B.J.	HQ	"	27.11.43	W in A
WX 1702	Pte	THOMSETT	R.N.	A	"	27.11.43	W in A
WX 19716	Pte	SHIPHARD	J.	A	"	27.11.43	W in A
NX 15155	S/Sgt	STIRLING	J.C.	D	"	27.11.43	W in A
WX 9706	A/Sgt	ROBERTS	L.S.	A	"	27.11.43	W in A
WX 9214	Pte	GROSS	S.J.	HQ	"	27.11.43	W in A
WX 12569	Pte	LINDSAY	R.J.	A	PINO	27.11.43	W in A
WX 17446	Pte	BAFFERTY	J.	B	"	26.11.43	W in A
WX 14815	L/Cpl	PEPPER	J.	B	"	26.11.43	W in A
WX 9776	Pte	COOPER	H.E.	B	"	26.11.43	W in A
WX 18732	Pte	THOMPSON	L.J.	B	"	26.11.43	W in A
NX 200402	Pte	JAMESON	E.E.	B	"	26.11.43	W in A
WX 17356	Pte	Hubery	P.	B	"	26.11.43	W in A
WX 16953	Pte	HARGREAVES	R.E.	B	"	26.11.43	W in A
WX 17694	Pte	JOLLY	A.	B	"	26.11.43	W in A
VX 14294	Pte	CRYER	R.	BnHq	"	26.11.43	W in A
QX 4187	A/Sgt	FROST	R.A.	B	"	29.11.43	W in A
WX 10355	A/Cpl	HATTON	A.E.	B	"	29.11.43	W in A
WX 18756	Pte	PERCIVAL	F.	B	"	29.11.43	W in A
QX 23716	Pte	POLE	W.E.	D	"	26.11.43	W in A
VX 26588	Pte	MAY	L.W.	HQ	"	26.11.43	W in A
NX 99555	Pte	RYAN	C.A.	D	"	26.11.43	W in A
WX 16679	L/Cpl	WILTON	M.B.	D	"	26.11.43	W in A
VX 12637	L/Cpl	BLACK	R.J.	D	"	26.11.43	W in A
WX 17547	Pte	McNESS	T.B.	HQ	"	26.11.43	W in A

No	Rank	Name	Coy	Place	Date	Remarks
WX 17993	L/Cpl	CLIFFORD	V. D	PINO	26.11.43	W in A
WX 17580	Pte	WALKER	R.A. D	"	26.11.43	W in A
NX 14359	Pte	HUDSON	K.J. D	"	26.11.43	W in A
VX 90729	Pte	NAMNICK	A.A. D	"	26.11.43	W in A
WX 9720	Pte	MARRIOTT	J. D	"	26.11.43	W in A
NX 154272	Pte	HARRIS	D.E. D	"	26.11.43	W in A
WX 21109	Pte	WHEARE	R.H. D	"	26.11.43	W in A
NX 6370	S/Sgt	HILL	R.W. C	"	27.11.43	W in A
WX 19038	Pte	CRANE	R.E. D	SONG R	22.11.43	W in A
WX 17401	Pte	McGOWAN	A.D. D	"	22.11.43	W in A
SX 2244	Sgt	PARKER	G.L. HQ	PINO	27.11.43	W in A
WX 16247	Pte	LEITCH	E.T. B	KATIKA	25.10.43	(remained on duty) W in A
WX 14233	Pte	BASTOW	E. A	"	24.10.43	W in A
WX 10330	Pte	MANN	R.L. A	"	23.10.43	(remained on duty) W in A
WX 17743	L/Cpl	PETERS	J.T. D	Song R	22.11.43	W in A (remained on dut
NX 9256	Sgt	LEWIS	R.T. HQ	PINO	26.11.43	W in A (remained on dut
VX 65712	Pte	RAMSAY	W.J. B	"	26.11.43	W in A (remained on dut
WX 17404	Pte	DAMON	E.F. B	"	29.11.43	W in A (remained on duty)
QX 4568	Cpl	RANDALL	N. A	?	4.12.43	W in A
QX 13998	Cpl	BAYLEY	B A	?	5.12.43	W in A
WX 12875	Pte	BURRIDGE	L. A	?	5.12.43	W in A
VX 38349	Cpl	NANCARROW	W. A	?	5.12.43	W in A
WX 11395	Pte	WALTON	O.J. A	?	5.12.43	W in A
WX 11405	Cpl	SCOTT	A.F. A	?	5.12.43	W in A
TX 398	Pte	HOLDEN	J.B. B	?	6.12.43	W in A
QX 3156	Cpl	STRETTON	J.T.J.B	?	6.12.43	W in A

2/32 Aust Inf Bn Operation Order No 2.

Ref Map : SATELBERG 1/25000.

INFORMATION

1. Enemy.

- (a) For some time our front has been completely quiet and deep offensive patrols have failed to locate enemy west of our posn.
- (b) There is every possibility that this state of affairs will cease to continue in the near future.
- (c) The enemy has reinforced BOKA, WABO, SATELBERG areas; possibly only replacing those recently mailed by us. However it could be a fresh Regt and possibly the first top of a fresh Div.

2. Our Tro.

2/32 Aust Inf Bde has been ordered to hold SCARLET BEACH at all costs.

INTENTION

3.

2/32 Aust Inf Bn will hold the ground at present held at all cost.

METHOD

4. Enemy infiltration.

Any infiltration by the enemy will be dealt with by Bn reserves.

5. Fire plan.

- (a) The front will be completely covered by SA fire, MMG, 2" and 3" Mortars.
- (b) MMG.
 - (I) 1 sec MMG Pl in support "C" Coy.
 - (II) 1 sec MMG Pl in support "D" Coy.
 - (III) 1 sec MMG Bn in support "A" Coy.
 - (IV) 1 sec MMG Bn in support "B" Coy. (if available)
- (c) 3" Mortars.

6x3" mortars will be mounted under Bn HQ control. 1 det available to each coy for special tasks when called for; otherwise will be used as a battery at threatened points.
- (d) Arty.

One O.P.O. with "C" Coy.
One O.P.O. with "B" Coy.
DF's will be registered across entire front.

6. Bn Reserve.

Pioneer Pl and "B" ech personnel.

7. Worka priority.

- (a) Clearing considerable area of undergrowth and bush to front of coy posns and between posns especially in deep ravine between "A" and "C"

(2)

coys. Depth to be cleared in front of coys not less than 100 yds. Additional fire lanes to be cut to greater depth where necessary. Bush may be burnt where possible.

- (b) Bren, MMG and 2" Mortar posns will be made extremely strong and will be highly camouflaged. This will require special attention due to thinning of undergrowth.
- (c) All unused weapon pits will be filled in.
- (d) Booby traps for warning purposes will be prepared in front of posns but will not be set until threat develops.

8. Patrols.

Offensive patrolling will be continued as arranged by this HQ.

9. Testing fire plan.

When all posns are complete a Ba test of the fire plan will be made by firing all weapons on their fixed tasks.

AMM.

10. Sigs.

Three reserve rations in coy areas. Two days emergency on the main.

11. Amn.

In Coy posns five days VUR.

(coy VUR can be taken as 43000 rds SAA,
 300 rds 2" mortar,
 2500 rds 9 mm,
 20 Stripless belts per
 gun per day).

12. Medical.

RAP present posn. ADS at 643684.
Amb jeeps will collect casualties rear "B" coy and rear "C" coy.

INTERCOMM.

13. Ba H Q.

Tac HQ, 634684. Main HQ, present posn.

14. Sig plan.

See appx "A" (issued separately).

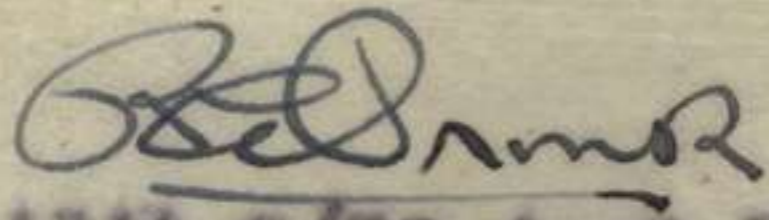
15. Call for def fire.

By line. Otherwise ^{GREEN GREEN GREEN} RED-RED-RED.

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List B (revised).

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Adj't 2/52 Aust Inf Bn.

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Ref Map: SATELBERG 1/25000
FORTIFICATION POINT. 1/25000.

INFORMATION.

1. Issued separately by Int Sec.

INTENTION.

2. 2/32 Aust Inf Bn less "D" Coy. with "A" Coy. 2/43 Aust Inf Bn under comd., will move to jungle feature 635732 and form Bn perimeter cutting the BONGA-WAREO track, and be prepared to exploit westwards to occupy area 629729.

METHOD.

3. Order of March:
Adv. Guard. "B" Coy.
Tac Bn HQ.
"A" Coy.
Main Bn HQ.
RAP.
ADS.
"HQ" Coy. NATIVE CARRIERS
"C" Coy.
"A" Coy. 2/43 Aust Inf Bn.

4. ROUTE:
P.I.B. will supply guides and left flank protection from SP to objective.
Route.. From SP to KUNAI 638715, along eastern edge of timber to 635727, thence to objective.

5. Start Line. 641708.

6. Timings. Start time H hour D day (to be advised)

7. Support.
3" Mtr. Will occupy posn approx 634725 and will give support on call to occupation of feature. Mtr OP will move with Tac HQ.
Arty. FOO will move with Tac HQ.. All targets will be registered prior to movement.

8. Protection. Tk-A pl will supply protection for Mtr pl during the latter's task.

Adm.

9. Sups. On man. Unconsumed portion of Day's ration.
2 days ration. (1xF.O.R.)
2 days emergency ration.

10. Re-supply. Fwd dump will be established at 2/43 Bn "B" ech.

11. Water. Water tins at present held will be carried empty to laying up area.

12. Amn. On man. 200 rds SAA. or 250 rds 9mm.
3 grenades.
30x2" mtr bombs per mtr.
174x3" mtr bombs, to be distributed as follows

Tk-A pl.	54	bombs.
"A" Coy.	27	" at an area
"B" Coy.	18	"
"C" Coy.	27	"
Mtr pl.	48	"

13. Medical. RAP & ADS as per Order of March.

14. Native Carriers. Some Native carriers will be available.

INTERCOMN.

15. Line. (a) "K" Sec sigs are moving with Tac BnHQ laying line from Bde HQ during adv.
(b) Bn sigs will lay line from Mortar pl posn during adv.
16. Wireless. Details to be advised.
17. HQs. See Order of March.

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Adjnt 2/32 Aust Inf Bn.

Distribution.	Copy No.
"A" Coy.	1.
"B" Coy.	2.
"C" Coy.	3.
"D" Coy.	4.
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Agjt S/V35 Anst Inf. Bn.
 Capt.

- IX. Hqs. See Order of march.
- X. Wireless. Details to be advised.
gaining sig.
- XI. Line. (a) "E" sigs are moving with the main line
(b) "B" sigs will join line from 1st or 2nd
line from the HQ gaining sig.

INTERCOM.

MESSAGE FORM

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TO *2/28 2/32 2/43 Bm Cloy 2/2 MGBW L0B Gto*

FROM *24 Aust Inf Bde* Originator's Number *0233* Date *6* In Reply to Number _____

SECRET () Retract from 9 Div Under () Bde will assume responsibility between following tracks () Ref use 1/25000 () 24 and 26 Bdes including 26 Bde track from 615684 to KHTIKA excl coast at 646680 () 20 and 26 Bdes incl to 26 Bde track from village 596684 to track punc 595673 thence reentrant to 593665 excl reentrant 5964 KITSAWA & thence

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Track to escel track and ck pinc 6155950 4 Bae
with 26 and 20 Bae incl 4 Bae track pinc 521598
(ref track map) KWEMBUNG village 558592 TIRIMORO
th and ck pinc 615595 Coast at 636606 02/15 Bn
will relieve 2/18 Bn who will move to area
off SATELBURG rd in sq 6066

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<i>also</i>	<i>641695</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>from</i>	<i>reserve</i>	<i>in</i>
<i>dept</i>	<i>order</i>	<i>of</i>	<i>March</i>	<i>B HQ</i>	<i>0900</i>
<i>HQ Coy</i>	<i>0930</i>	<i>RAP</i>	<i>1000</i>	<i>Route</i>	<i>via</i>
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24 Aust Inf Bde O.O. No. 16

Ref Map : SATELBURG 1:25000.

INTENTION

1. 24 Aust Inf Bde will, in addition to inland operational tasks, defend SCARLET BEACH and SIKI COVE against attack from the sea.

METHOD

2. Beach Defence

(a) O.C. - Capt NICHOLAS "C" Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn.

(b) Tasks

- (i) Co-ordinate defences of all tps located in and adjacent to SCARLET BEACH - SIKI COVE.
- (ii) Defences to be based on sitings of R.A.A. weapons.

(c) Policy

- (i) Enemy craft will be engaged by Tk A and Bofors guns as they come within effective range.
- (ii) Lt AA guns are to be used in a beach defence role where this does not interfere with co-ordination of AA defence.

3. Passive Air Defence

(a) Defensive positions will be concealed and camouflaged from air and sea.

- (b) precautions will be taken against air and naval bombardment by
- (i) Dispersing and camouflaging all dumps;
 - (ii) Building shrapnel-proof overhead shelters for protection of personnel.

(c) Strict blackout will be maintained by night from 1930 hrs to 0630 hrs.

(d) Torches and lights will not be shown and matches will not be struck near the coast during the blackout.

4. Bde Reserve

(a) Res coy 2/28 Aust Inf Bn, at present located in SCARLET BEACH area will be prepared to supplement beach defence on orders from this Hq

(b) At discretion of Bde Comd, this reserve, however, may be withdrawn to counter any penetration of present FDLs.

5. Coast Watching

(a) Stations are being provided under arrangement RAA 9 Aust Div from SCARLET BEACH to incl LANCEMAK BAY - locations Appx 'A'.

(b) No stations, other than those listed in appx 'A' will challenge craft.

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6. Coast watching stations within Bde sector are to notify O.C. SCARLET BEACH by quickest means possible of approach of hostile craft.

7. Light signals for such alarm - RED RED RED

8. All tps in Bde sector who hear or observe possible enemy barge movement will notify this HQ by quickest possible means.

AEK ✓ I 585 0950/10 *[Signature]*

[Signature]
Maj.

Issued through Sigs
Time of signature 1735 hrs

B.M. 24 Aust Inf Bde.

<u>Distribution</u>	<u>Copy No</u>
2/28 Bn	1
2/32 Bn	2
2/45 Bn	3
Capt NICHOLAS	4-6
9 Aust Div	7
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War Diary	10-11

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SECRET

2/43 Aust Inf Bn

28 NOV 43.

2/43 Aust Inf Bn O.O. No 12

Ref Map: FORTIFICATION Pt 1/25000.

IN FM

1. as per sitrep issued by Lt Lec conjointly with this order.

INTENTION.

- 2 2/43 Bn will relieve 2/32 Bn.

METHOD

- 3 Two Echelons will proceed to PABU on 29 Nov 43.

(a) No. 1 Echelon consisting of Lac Bn HQ, Sig Det, TKA PL less 2 gun crew and 4 personnel, 4 mm6 PL, 4 det MOR personnel, RAP with 4 TKA personnel for carrying med stores.

S.P. Bn HQ.

S.T. 0830 hrs 29 Nov.

ROUTE. Through NORTH HILL pass.

(b) No. 2 Echelon consisting of B. Coy escorting Carrier Train.

S.P. D. Coy area.

S.T. 1100 hrs

ROUTE Through NORTH HILL pass.

4. B. Coy remains present posn.

5. D. Coy " " " " & prepare to act as escort for carrier train on 30 Nov.

6. CARRIER TRAIN. Main Bn HQ will take over organization of carrier train commencing 30 Nov.

7. Lp Arms 4 mm6s and 4 - 3" mms will be taken from 2/32 Bn at PABU.

1 Lp Lks ceases to come under comd but will be in Lp.

ADM.

- 8 medical. R.A.P. with Lac Bn HQ.

R.D.S. will arrange mutual relief

ADM. continued

RECEIVED
after emergency

9 SVPS

Rations. Unexpired days' rations +
one days normal. 1 FOR and 2
Emergency rations on the man.

WATER. Full bottles on man.

Containers will be banded
over by 2/32 bw.

amm. on man 150 rds SAA.

200 - per OSMG.

1000 - " Bren.

36 M Grenades - 3 per man

3" mortar bombs. 1 to be stored

- 10. Lac Sq HQ - see para 3 (a)
- 11. main sq HQ - NORTH HILL as from
0830 hrs 29 NOV.
- 12. S. Ech - remain present + posn.
- 13. L/T - Sig offr will arrange
- 14. O. G. HQ Coy will act as L.O. with
2/32 in present 2/43 sq HQ area
and arrange handing over of
weapons and def posns.

ack.

Signed 1500 hrs

Issued by D. R.

K. M. Tolson Capt.
Sig. 2/43 Aust Luf Bn

Serial No 151

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Att Map

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APPX 'A' to 24 Aust Inf Bde O.O. No. 16

LOCATION OF COAST WATCHING STATIONS AND CHALLENGING STATIONS
SCARLET BEACH

<u>Station No.</u>	<u>Coast Watching Stations</u>	<u>Challenging Stations</u>	<u>Responsible for Manning</u>
1	646 694	646 694	RAA 9 Aust Div
2	645 684		"
3	643 681		"

LOCATION OF TK A GUNS
SITED IN COAST DEFENCE ROLE - SCARLET BEACH

<u>Location</u>	<u>Type of Gun</u>
646 694	6 pr
646 689	2 pr
645 685	2 pr
645 684	6 pr
643 682	2 pr
643 681	6 pr

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Int Map *HB*

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072 087

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Location

Table of Gun

FILED IN COAST DEFENCE BOOK - SOUTHERN BEACH
LOCATION OF LK V GUNS

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SOUTHERN BEACH
LOCATION OF COAST MACHING GUNS AND SHOOTING GUNS

Box 1, V, to 24 West Int Bde 0.0. No. 10

COAST NO. 1000
SECRET

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES
Daily Routine Orders
Part 1
By

Maj K. F. MOLLARD
No. 3

Aim Comd 2/32 Aust Inf Bn
Date 9 NOV 45

3. INFORMATION REGARDING LOCATION OF GRAVES.

1. It has been noticed that letters of condolence sent to next-of-kin by Commanding officers, chaplains and others have, in some cases, disclosed the location of particular units by referring specifically to the place of burial of deceased members.

2. Letters of condolence to next-of-kin and others from Commanding officers, chaplains and others will refer only to the actual burial service and contain no information regarding the location of the grave. (G.R.O. A270/45). (N.G.F.O. A405).

4. COURTS OF INQUIRY ON ILLEGAL ABSENCES.

1. By Statutory Rule 345, dated 29 SEP 43, Australian Military Regulation 278A was made, providing for an alternative method of investigation into illegal absence for twenty-one days or more, to that of holding of Courts of Inquiry under AMR 276.

2. As dependents allowance and allotment payable in respect of a member absent without leave can only be suspended under War Financial (Military Forces) Regulation 54 after a Court of Inquiry has been held and declared the member an illegal absentee, Courts of Inquiry will continue, notwithstanding the making of AMR 278A, to be held until further notice under AMR 276 in all cases in respect of members absent without leave for twenty - one days or more. (N.G.F.O. A420).

5. GRAVES REGISTRATION - PHOTOGRAPHS OF GRAVES.

1. Applications from personnel for photographs of graves of deceased comrades will not be made on HQ IIG Force.

2. Each individual grave in a war cemetery in NG is photographed and the negative passed to DGR, who supplies one print, free of charge, to the next-of-kin of the deceased.

3. Personnel requiring prints may obtain them (price 6d each) on application to DGR, Victoria Barracks, MELBOURNE, and applications will be addressed accordingly. (N.G.F.O. A423).

6. POSSESSION OF FIREARMS BROUGHT BACK FROM OVERSEAS.

1. The possession of unregistered firearms is a serious civil offence. Firearms and other weapons captured from the enemy are the property of the Commonwealth and their unauthorised possession by members of the forces is unlawful.

2. Ordnance and salvage depots are authorised to receive such weapons or firearms from members of the forces. Such weapons and firearms will be handed in immediately. (G.R.O. A600).

7. LOSS OF PAY BOOKS.

1. With reference to GRO F623/1942, para. 4, members wilfully destroying or losing by neglect their pay books will be charged under AA 24(1), AA 24(2) or AA 40, which ever is appropriate in the particular circumstances.

2. Members making false statements in declarations regarding the loss of their pay books will be charged under AA 25(1). (G.R.O. F685).

8. GRENADES, No 36M - DESTRUCTION OF BLINDS.

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

2. An amendment to Small Arms Training, Volume 1, Pamphlet No 15, "Grenades", incorporating the above change to existing procedure, will be issued in the near future. In the meantime, action will be taken to ensure that this order is brought to the notice of all ranks. (G.R.O. Q725).

9. APPOINTMENTS, PROMOTIONS, CONFIRMATIONS OF RANK AND TRADE GROUPINGS.

VX 29458	A/Sgt	BELL	H.J.	Rank of Sgt confirmed	17-9-43
VX 23798	Cpl	GILBY	H.R.	Appointed L/Sgt	"
VX 37216	A/Cpl	BURTON	C.R.L.	Appointed L/Sgt	"
SK 2015	Pte	DAVIS	W.E.	Promoted A/Cpl	"
VX 14412	"	McLEAN	J.D.	Promoted A/Cpl	"
VX 2159	L/Cpl	BOUMAN	J.G.	Promoted A/Cpl	"
VX 14143	"	WHARTON	A.J.	Promoted A/Cpl	"
VX 19048	Pte	CARLESS	P.H.	Appointed L/Cpl	"
VX 14390	"	HOKKER	V.F.	Appointed L/Cpl	"
VX 17343	"	HARRIS	T.W.	Appointed L/Cpl	"
VX 15262	L/Cpl	TUNG	H.	Promoted A/Sgt	"
OX 7089	"	ROBINSON	E.P.	Promoted A/Cpl	"
VX 15397	Pte	HOODEE	J.P.	Relinquished Cp 3 rd Sec Storen's	29-7-43
VX 10763	"	GORMAN	H.C.	Relinquished Cp 111 Clerk	"
VX 4942	L/Cpl	PINKINS	R.A.B.	Promoted A/Cpl	18-9-43
VX 17743	"	FINNERS	J.T.	Promoted A/Cpl	"
VX 9727	"	BOHRICHT	H.L.	Promoted A/Cpl	"
VX 12564	"	ASKING	F.	Promoted A/Cpl	"
VX 29714	Cpl	GILMORE	R.W.T.	Appointed L/Sgt	28-8-43
VX 17743	Pte	Peters			
VX 14514	L/Cpl	GRAYAN	D.	Promoted A/Cpl	26-9-43
VX 60657	Pte	NANCARROW	C.	Promoted A/Cpl	"
VX 38349	"	NANCARROW	V.	Promoted A/Cpl	"
VX 42503	Cpl	FABRICIUS	J.W.C.	Promoted A/Sgt	"
VX 15939	Pte	HOYLE	R.	Appointed L/Cpl	"
VX 494	S/Sgt	NORRISH	V.A.	Promoted A/Cpl	25-9-43
VX 23213	Pte	HANNA	P.	Promoted A/Cpl	27-9-43
OX 14011	A/Sgt	GURLEWIS	D.	Rank of Sgt confirmed	1-10-43
VX 11433	Pte	HARRIS	W.	Graded A/Cpl 11 Spec Cook	"
VX 28692	Sgt	GENIANT	J.	Reverted to Pte (AGR)	4-10-43
WM 153	"	SMITH	F.J.	Promoted A/Cpl	"
VX 14412	A/Cpl	McLEAN	J.D.	Promoted A/Cpl confirmed	6-10-43
VX 14143	"	WHARTON	A.J.	Rank of Cpl confirmed	"
VX 2159	"	BOUMAN	J.G.	Rank of Cpl confirmed	"
VX 47503	L/Sgt	CURRY	D.R.	Promoted A/Sgt	"
OX 2132	Pte	COUSINS	G.L.	AAGC Att Promoted A/Cpl	1-8-43
VX 37215	L/Sgt	BURTON	C.R.L.	Rank of Cpl confirmed	17-9-43
VX 38291	"	NORTH	H.B.	Promoted A/Sgt	15-9-43
VX 11434	Pte	HENDERSON	O.	Promoted A/Cpl	14-9-43
VX 41452	"	GATHAWAY	A.R.J.	Promoted A/Cpl	25-9-43
VX 9705	L/Cpl	SHALLEE	B.S.	Promoted A/Cpl	12-10-43
HX 38596	"	CHINI	D.	Promoted A/Cpl	"
VX 16615	Pte	LARSON	A.	Appointed L/Cpl	"
VX 22394	"	BALL	I.R.	Appointed L/Cpl	"
VX 37234	Cpl	COUGHLAN	R.R.	Promoted A/Sgt	14-10-43
VX 9728	Pte	ARTER	C.J.	Promoted A/Cpl	11-10-43
VX 47243	L/Cpl	McKENNIE	G.A.	Promoted Sgt	15-10-43
VX 42005	Pte	GAINBY	J.F.	Graded Cp 11 Intell Duties	10-10-43
VX 47306	"	HILL	C.R.	Promoted A/Cpl	28-10-43
VX 47306	A/Cpl	HILL	C.R.	Appointed L/Sgt	28-10-43
HK 7373	Cpl	HILLIARD	F.E.	Promoted A/Sgt	28-10-43
OX 2199	A/Sgt	McMILLAN	R.	Rank of Sgt confirmed	2-11-43
VX 2141	A/Cpl	ROSE	V.	Rank of Cpl confirmed	2-11-43
VX 1702	A/Sgt	ELLIOTT	R.V.	Rank of Sgt confirmed	2-11-43
OX 2795	A/Cpl	HOKKINS	K.J.	Rank of Cpl confirmed	2-11-43
OX 2795	Cpl	HOKKINS	K.J.	Promoted A/Sgt	2-11-43
VX 14292	A/Cpl	ROBINSON	F.A.	Rank of Cpl confirmed	2-11-43
VX 16111	L/Cpl	McLEOD	H.T.	Promoted A/Cpl	2-11-43
VX 11464	L/Cpl	CLINCH	J.V.J.	Promoted A/Cpl	2-11-43
VX 9793	Pte	HILLO	B.O.	Appointed L/Cpl	2-11-43
VX 1033	"	HAYTON	A.E.	Appointed L/Cpl	2-11-43
VX 12262	L/Cpl	KIRBY	V.H.	Promoted A/Cpl	2-11-43
VX 14390	"	HOKKER	V.F.	Promoted A/Cpl	2-11-43
VX 38502	Pte	KIRKBY	J.F.	Promoted A/Cpl	2-11-43
OX 2851	"	JOHNSON	C.T.	Promoted A/Cpl	2-11-43
VX 18006	L/Cpl	SENTON	V.	Promoted A/Cpl	4-11-43
VX 14315	Pte	PEPPER	J.G.	Appointed L/Cpl	"
VX 14329	L/Cpl	COOPER	J.	Promoted A/Cpl	"
VX 14943	Pte	Taylor	C.J.	Appointed L/Cpl	"

VK 13030	L/Cpl	HOYLE	R.	Promoted A/Cpl	7-11-43
VK 17364	Pte	RIDLEY	V.R.	Promoted A/Cpl	"
VK 9704	"	REYNOLDS	R.O.	Promoted A/Cpl	"
VK 14042	"	SMITH	H.A.I.	Promoted A/Cpl	"
VK 19716	"	SILVER	J.	Graded Op 11 Spec Cook	"
VK 16052	"	SMITH	J.	Graded Op 11 Spec Cook	"
VK 14082	L/Cpl	GOLDIE	J.	Promoted A/Cpl	"
VK 1905	Pte	COLMAN	B.	Promoted A/Cpl	"
VK 17554	"	HILL	G.	Relinquished Op 11 Cook	"
VK 9706	L/Sgt	ROBERTS	L.S.	Promoted A/Sgt	8-11-43
VK 12710	A/Sgt	FOSTER	W.L.	Rank of Sgt confirmed	26-10-43
OK 2941	"	PARKER	G.L.	Rank of Sgt confirmed	"

R.D. Smith Capt,
Adj 2/32 Aust Inf Bn.

NOTICE

A competition for an Australian National Song is announced by the A.B.C.

"The Commission hopes to discover a song with the qualities that will cause it to become eventually 'National'," says the General Manager of the A.B.C. (Col. Charles Rosen).

Prizes totalling £105 will be awarded for the best songs written by Australian composers. First prize is £60, second £30, third £15. The merits and appropriateness of the lyrics will be taken into consideration.

There will also be special prizes of £20, £10 and £5 for the lyrics of the winning songs, if written expressly for the competition. The verses, new and old, must be by an Australian author.

The closing date of the competition is December 31. If the adjudication can be completed in time, it is hoped to broadcast a performance of the winning song(s) in the Australia Day programme (Jan 26) on the National relay. Entry forms and copies of competition rules may be obtained from the A.B.C. Manager in each Capital City. There are no entry fees. The competition is open to: (1) Australian-born citizens (2) British subjects and naturalised Australians domiciled in Australia.

RESTRICTED

Valid for the period 0300hrs 12 APR 43 until 15 JUN 43.

The information contained in this document is not to be disseminated to other field personnel for 60 days and to forfeit all rights to be communicated, either directly or indirectly, to the Press or to any person not holding an official position in His Majesty's Service. The finding and sentence were duly confirmed on 21 AUG 43, and by order of Comd AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES

2/32 Aust Inf Bn Routine Orders Part 1.

By

Maj K.F. HOLLARD
16 4.

Comd 2/32 Aust Inf Bn
Date 15 NOV 43

10. COURTS MARTIAL

A CM convened by Maj-Gen G.F. WOOTEN Comd 9 Aust Div was held in the field on 21 JUL 43 for the trial of VX 9036 Pte Thomas Joseph SCARLON 2/32 Aust Inf Bn.

The accused was charged with:

WOAS absented himself without leave in that he in the field WOAS absented himself without leave from 0300hrs 12 APR 43 until reporting to his company on 15 JUN 43. AA 15 (1).

The Court found the accused guilty except for the periods 0300hrs 12 APR 43 to 2350hrs 19 APR 43 and 27 APR 43 until 15 JUN 43.

Sentence: To suffer field punishment for 60 days and to forfeit all ordinary pay for 60 days.

The accused was 6 days in close arrest awaiting trial. The finding and sentence were duly confirmed on 21 AUG 43, and by order of Comd 9 Aust Div promulgated by publication in routine orders.

11. PERSONNEL TRAVELLING FROM DINIUSI

All personnel travelling by craft from DINIUSI, irrespective of destination will carry 3 days rations.

12. HANDLING OF CAPTURED DOCUMENTS AND EQUIPMENT

(1) All captured enemy documents and equipment handed into intelligence by forward troops is tagged by a printed shipping label as shown below:-

N.G.F. INT. Sec.

O H N S

IMMEDIATE

G.S.I. (A)

ADV. L.H.Q. AUSTRALIA

EXPT.....
PLACE CAPTURED.....
MAP REF.....
TIME AND DATE.....
SENDER.....

WHEN NO LONGER REQUIRED BY U.S. (INT.)
PLEASE FORWARD TO :

NAME.....
ADDRESS.....

563)N.G.F.P.U. 2/3/43-21.

(2) The finder if he so desires may name himself or some other person to whom the souvenir may be sent when no longer required by intelligence.

(3) When the article is received by GSI NEW GUINEA FORCE it is examined and forwarded to GSI ADV LHM (AUST) with the original tag attached together with a letter stating that the article is to be sent to (address) when no longer required.

A copy of this letter is also sent separately.

(4) GSI ADV LHM then despatch the article to AHS if it is a document. If the document is not ~~required~~ to be held there it is returned to GSI ADV LHM for forwarding to finder. If the article is a piece of equipment it may be returned direct to GSI ADV LHM. In the case, however, of certain items which go to HCO's Branch, MELBOURNE, for technical examination, the article is returned to the finder from there. Many of these articles have to be retained for their technical value in which case a letter is forwarded to the finder informing him of this.

(5) Labels to be issued as they become available from stationery.

R. D. ... Capt,
Adj 2/38 Aust Inf Bn.

W. H. O'Connell

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2/32 Aust Inf Bn Routine Orders Part I
by

Lt-Col T. H. SCOTT
No. 5.

Cmd 2/32 Aust Inf Bn
11 Dec 43

13. GREEN ENVELOPES.

- (1) The practice of enclosing unfranked mail in an outer envelope addressed to the Base Censor (otherwise than in a green envelope) will cease forthwith.
- (2) Even when Green Envelopes are in short supply, no authority exists for personnel to forward mail to the Base Censor in order to avoid unit censorship.
- (3) All such letters sighted in future will be returned to the unit concerned.
- (Ref 2 Aust Corps Routine Orders No 270.)

14. POSTAGE OF PACKETS AND PARCELS

For general information the Postal Rules and Regulations governing the dimensions of packets and parcels are quoted hereunder:-

Packets (Postal Rule 108)

(Under 16 ozs) Dimensions - maximum 5 ft in length, breadth and depth combined; the greatest dimensions not to exceed 2 ft. When in the form of a roll the length plus twice the diameter must not exceed 5 ft 4 ins nor the greatest diameter 2 ft 8 ins.

Parcels (Postal Regulation 159)

(To 11 lbs)

The dimensions not to exceed 5 ft 6 ins in length or 6 ft in length and greatest girth combined.

(Ref 2 Aust Corps Routine Orders No 272)

15. PROMOTIONS, REVERSIONS, TRADE GROUPINGS

OX 286	L/Sgt	BRIDGE	J.K.	Prom A/Sgt	1.10.43
VX 16940	Pte	McLROD	K.H.	Graded Gp III Spec	1.10.43
VX 47725	Pte	LANE	E.A.	" " II Cook	11.11.43
VX 16321	A/VO	IGRAHAM	A.	Conf. WO II	16.11.43
VX 77527	A/Cpl	BREWICK	W.G.	Rev Gp II Corp.	16.11.43
VX 13010	Pte	URQUHART	E.	Relinq. Gp II Dvr	16.11.43
VX 11345	L/Cpl	HARVICK	J.A.	Prom Cpl	16.11.43
NX 7873	A/Sgt	HILLIARD	P.E.	Rev Cpl	16.11.43
OX 4187	Cpl	FROST	R.A.	Prom A/Sgt	17.11.43
VX 10432	L/Cpl	HAYTON	A.E.	" A/Cpl	17.11.43
VX 14287	Pte	BEER	J.A.	Apptd L/Cpl	17.11.43
VX 38291	A/Sgt	NORTH	H.B.	Prom Sgt	17.11.43
VX 12854	Pte	BISHOP	E.	Apptd L/Cpl	19.11.43
SK 2363	Cpl	FIELDS	L.H.A.J.	Prom A/Sgt	24.11.43
VX 35300	A/Sgt	McCALLUM	C.R.	Prom Sgt	24.11.43
NX 11062	L/Cpl	GABRIEL	B.V.	Prom A/Cpl	27.11.43
VX 11451	L/Sgt	HALE	H.J.	Prom A/Sgt	1.12.43
OX 7089	A/Cpl	ROBINSON	S.P.	Prom Cpl	1.12.43
VX 9796	L/Cpl	HILLS	E.C.	Prom A/Cpl	1.12.43
VX 7414	Pte	SMITH	C.	Apptd Pd L/Cpl	1.12.43
VX 14509	Pte	FUSS	K.R.	" " "	1.12.43

R. D. O'Connell CAPT.
Aust 2/32 Aust Inf Bn

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Army Form W.3008
(Adapted) (Page 1)
(Revised Jan., 1943)
18,43 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 13/11/1943 2/32 Aust Inf Bn (Unit)

W.E. 11/12/02 OFFRS. 32 O.R's. 731 + OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 35 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	1			Lieut.-Colonels	AAMC	1			
1	1		2	Majors					
4	4		4	Captains					
5	5		14	Lieutenants					
			1	Quarter-masters					
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.					
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.					
11	11		21			1			

DETAIL	A.I.P.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
A.	21									21
E.(1)	1									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.
6017028	LIEUT	BUCKLEY IOM.	HOSPITAL	9.11.43	
84160	"	THOMSON CP.	"	9.11.43	
8431903	"	SMITHERS BFO	GEN REIN (INF)	9.11.43	(TAKEN ON STRENGTH) (NOT YET MARCHED IN)

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
6029585	LIEUT	HAMILTON. A	HOSPITAL	6.11.43	P.U.O
6029667	"	DENNESS A.P.A	"	12.11.43	P.U.O? SCRUB TYPHUS.
602206	"	DOWNEY RK	"	12.11.43	P.U.O? DENGUE

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO 2/32 Aust Inf Bn (Unit) IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED. 13/11/1943

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).
6022425	LIEUT	HARRISON AS	3 A.R.T CARUNGA.
602108	"	DONARDSON R	"
602208	"	CALCINO HV	"

2/32 Aust Inf Bn

Unit

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 13 / 11 / 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.
MAJOR	VX4781	MOLLARD	KF	Adj. Maj	YES		
	UX524	DIXON	GE	2/c		LoB	1.11.43
CAPTAIN	UX477	LANCASTER	CG	Adj. Maj			
	UX6092	DAVIDSON	JJ	Adj. Maj			
	UX37	DAVIES	HG	Adj. Maj			
	UX2083	CARTWRIGHT	RE	Adj. Maj			
LIEUT. CAPT.	VX3064	WALKER	JE	Adj. Maj			
LIEUT. CAPT.	VX39719	CRONK	RG	Adj. Maj			
	VX35729	THORNTON	JT	Adj. Maj			
LIEUT.	UX16080	HAMILTON	TR	1.0			
	UX21398	GARDINER	RH	1.0			
	UX19926	KELEY	HJ	Adj. Maj			
	UX17028	BUCKLEY	D.M.	Adj. Maj			
	UX160	THOMSON	CP	2/c Coy			
	UX17029	IRELAND	R.D.	HM6			
	UX1311	LEWIS	RT	Adj. Maj			
	UX3780	LAING	WD	Sig Off			
	UX4334	CLARK	JL	Adj. Maj			
	UX10752	NORTH	SF	17K			
	UX2110	SMITH	E	16K			
	UX3603	SMITHERS	BFO		NO	NOT YET MARCHED IN.	
CAPTAIN	UX9201	KAYE	P	RMO	YES		

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
CHAPLAIN	N479397	WILLIAMSON RE.		25.5.43	CHAPLAIN

13. 11. 43
Date of Despatch

R. J. Mollard Maj.
Signature of Commander

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 13/ 11/ 194 43 2/32 Aust Inf Bn (Unit)

W.E. 11/ 12/ C.2 OFFRS. 32 O.R.'s 738 + OFFRS. 1 O.R.'s 35 ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.
			1	W.Os. Class I.	AAMC	5			
NR	1		5	W.Os. Class II.	AEME	2		1	
				Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.	AAPC	1		1	
NR	1		4	Staff Sergeants	AROC	1			
NR	3		28	Sergeants	AACC	11		12	
NR	8		56	Corporals	AAPS	1			
	257		374	Troopers, Privates, etc.					
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
270 *	270		468 *	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2		21 *		14	14 *

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

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

Detail	A.I.F.	C.M.F.		A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N	R.A.A.F	**	TOTAL
		Under 19 Years.	19 Years and over.							
A	488									488
B(1)										
B(2)										

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong
2	2/12 FD REGT.		

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

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached
1	DRO WARWICK		
15	REAR PARTY-BUNA		
1	A.D.S.		
1	NB-SIG SCHOOL.		
40	L.O.B.		

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

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

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Unit

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18/11/43 Serial No.

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 13/11/1943.

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP L	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.	76	74	2	G.P.O. Assistants	56	45	11
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, E.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Rangetakers	4	3	1
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Rivetters			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Roughriders			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddlers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Saddletree makers			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Computers								Riggers				Stavedores			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers	27	22	5	Storemen, Technical	4	3	1
Dispensers				Azemen				Signwriters				Tailors	2	1	1
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Textile Getters			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				By. Comd's Asst.				Well Borers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Vulcanisers			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters	6	4	2	Winchman				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman				Whitesmiths			
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics											
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)											
Fitters				Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators											
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				GROUP III.							
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Battery Surveyors							
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Butchers	1	1					
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks	11	7	4				
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Supply							
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	10	10		Clerks, Technical							
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Coach Trimmers							
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Concretors							
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Cooks							
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Dental Clerk Orderlies							
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Despatch Riders							
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Draughtsmen, Signals							
Pattern Maker				Masons				Drivers, H.T.							
Pharmacist				Massenrs				Driver Mechanics							
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Driver Tpin. Plant							
Photowriter				Miners				Engine Hands, E.C.							
Plumber				Moulders				Equipment Repairers	1	1					
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Farriers							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Fitters' Mates							
								Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD	16	14	2	CARRIED FORWARD	56	45	11				

NON TRADESMAN

STOREMEN 12 11 1
R.P.s. 7 5 2
HYGIENE 4 3 1
GEN DUTIES 15 15

DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.

W/DUTIES 2 1 1
S.B.s. 21 13 8
TKJA Nos 22 22
BATMEN 35 35
RFLM, MMB 411 168 243
MMB 25 25
MORTARS 62 62
ORDERLIES 32 32
PIONEERS 24 24

ATTACHED BY W.E.

HYG & RAP 2 2
MED ORDERLIES 2 2
CHIROPODIST 1 1
PAY CLERKS 2 1 1
POSTAL 1 1
SHOEMAKER 1 1
SMITH/ARTIFICER 2 2
ARMOURER 1 - 1
ATERER, COOKS 23 11 12

Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A, respectively. 773 489 288

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

Date of Despatch

R. J. ... Maj.
Signature of Commander

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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20 / 13 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 27 / 11 / 1943 2/32 Australian Bn (Unit)

W.E. 11 / 12 / 02 OFFRS. 32 O.R's. 738 + OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 35 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	AAMC	1						
1	1		2	Majors								
6	6		2	Captains								
9	9		10	Lieutenants								
			1	Quarter-masters								
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.								
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.								
16	16		16			1						
		DETAIL	A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.M.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
		A.	16									16
		E.(1)	1									1
		E.(2)										

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

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.
5410309	Lt. Col.	SCOTT TH	Hospital	20.11.43	

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
6410417	Lieut.	NORTH ST	Hospital	22.11.43	Battle casualty
6410410	Lieut.	SMITH F.G.		22.11.43	
6410477	Capt.	LANCASTER CG		26.11.43	
6410364	Capt.	WALKER J.E.		22.11.43	Killed in action
6410315	Lieut.	LEWIS RT.		21.11.43	Died of wounds
6410370	Lieut.	LANE G.D.	Hospital	22.11.43	Wounded & captured
6410381	Lieut.	HARRISON TR		26.11.43	P.W.

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO PARTICULARLY REQUESTED, 27 / 11 / 1943 (Unit) IS

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).
6410385	Lieut.	HARRISON AT.	3 A.R.T. CARINGA
6410308	"	DOWNHILLSON R.	
6410308	"	CALCINO AV	

75th Aust Inf Bde Unit

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 27 / 11 / 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	Sx10309	SCOTT	TH	Co	Yes		
MAJOR	V. LITRE	HOLLARD	K.F	2/c	-		
	Lx529	DIXON	GE	4/c CMO	-	LOB	21.11.43
CAPTAIN	Qx6092	DAVIDSON	TJ	8/c CMO	-		
	Qx34	DAVIES	HG	1/cy CMO	-		
	Qx2083	CARTWRIGHT	RE	QM	-		
Lieut. Capt	Vx397.9	CRONK	RG	ADJT.	-		
	Vx35129	THORNTON	TJ	1/cy CMO	-		
Lieut.	Qx1388	GARDNER	RA	I.O	-		
	10x17028	BUCKLEY	DM	1/cy CMO	-		
	10x17029	IRELAND	RD	MHG	-		
	Qx4331	CLARK	TC	1/cy CMO	-		
	10x36903	SMITHERS	B.O	9/c CMO	-		
CAPTAIN	Wx9201	KAYE	P	RMG	-		

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.
CAPTAIN	Nx1207	WILLIAMSON RE		21.11.43	A.A.C.D
Lieut	Tx5089	BELL CF	2/13 Bn	16.11.43	
Lieut	Tx1012	BROWNING RL	5/13 Bn	16.11.43	
Lieut	10x213	WORNER JF	20 Bn HQ	21.11.43	

27. 11. 43
 Date of Despatch

[Signature]
 Signature of Commander

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 27/11/1943 2/32 Aust Inf Bde (Unit)

W.E. 11/12/02 OFFRS. 33 O.R's. 738 + OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 35 ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1 W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				5 DETAIL.		6-10 ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.			Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.
			1	W.Os. Class I.		AAMV.	5			
NR	2		4	W.Os. Class II.		AEME	2		1	
				Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.		AAPC	1		1	
			5	Staff Sergeants		APOC	1			
NR	1		30	Sergeants		AAPS	1			
NR	9		55	Corporals		AACC	13		10	
	265		366	Troopers, Privates, etc.						
				Civilians counting as O.R.						
277 *	277		461 *	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2			23 *		12	*

Detail	A.I.F.	C.M.F.		A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL
		Under 19 Years.	19 Years and over.							
A	484									484
B(1)										
B(2)										

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong
14	2/12 Aust Fd Regt.		
31	2/3 Aust Fd Amb		
7	24 Aust Inf Bde Sigs		

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

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.
1	DRO Warwick		
1	24 Aust Inf Bde		
2	School		
8	REAR PARTY - BOND		
37	LOB.		

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

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

2/32 Aust Inf Bn Unit

20/43 Serial No.

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 27/ 11 /1943.

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, R.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangetakers	4	3	1
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevadores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical	4	3	1
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers				Tailors	2	1	1
Dispensers				Armourers				Signwriters	27	18	9	Textile Beaters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identifn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				By. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Whealers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters	6	4	2	Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics											
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)											
Fitters				Driver-Operator								NON TRADESMEN			
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers								STOREMEN	12	11	1
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians								RPS	7	5	2
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)								HYGIENE	4	3	1
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators								BEN DUTIES	15	15	
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Battery Surveyors				N/DUTIES	2	1	1
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Butchers	1	1		SBs	21	12	9
Grinder, Precision				Hello Operator				Clerks	11	7	4	TKIA Nos	22	22	
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Supply				BATMEN	35	25	10
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	10	8	2	Clerks, Technical				RFLM & LMG	411	188	223
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Coach Trimmers				MMA	25	25	
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Concretors				MORTARS	62	62	
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Cooks				ORDERLIES	32	32	
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Dental Clerk Orderlies				PIONEERS	24	24	
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Draughtsmen, Signals				HYG RAP	2	2	
Pattern Maker				Masons				Drivers, H.T.				MED ORDERLIES	2	2	
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Mechanics				CHIROPODIST	1	1	
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Driver Tpin. Plant				PAY CLERKS	2	1	1
Photewriter				Miners				Engine Hands, I.C.				POSTAL	1	1	
Plumber				Moulders				Equipment Repairers	1	1		SHOEMAKER	1	1	
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Farriers				Bsmith & Artificer	2	2	
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Fitters' Mates				ARMOURER	1	1	
								Gun Layers				CATERERS (COOKS)	23	13	10
CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD	16	12	4	CARRIED FORWARD	56	39	17	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A, respectively.	773	484	289

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2-12-43
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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 20/11/1943 2/32 Aust Inf Bn. (Unit)

W.E. 11/12/02 OFFRS. 32 O.R's. 738 + OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 35 ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.
			1	W.Os. Class I.	AAMC	5			
NR	1		5	W.Os. Class II.	AREME	2		1	
				Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.	AAPC	2			
NR	1		4	Staff Sergeants	AADP	1			
			31	Sergeants	AAPS	1			
NR	7		57	Corporals	AACC	11		12	
	216		415	Troopers, Privates, etc.					
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
225 *	225		513 *	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2		22 *		13	13 *

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 7 of instructions for compilation of this return will complete analysis of Part B(1) and B(2).	Detail	C.M.F.		A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N	R.A.A.F	**	TOTAL
		A.I.F.	Under 19 Years.							
	A	535								535
	B(1)									
	B(2)									

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong
14	2/12 Fd RECT		
31	2/3 Fd Amb.		
7	24 BDE SIGS		
1	FSS		

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

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached
1	DRO WARWICK		
11	REAR PARTY-BUNIA		
1	ADS		
1	NB Sig School.		
37	L.O.B.		

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

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

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PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 20/11/1943.

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assis.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, E.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangetakers	4	3	1
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radlographers				Stevadores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical	4	3	1
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers	27	21	6	Tailors	2	1	1
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Ety. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanisers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Whealers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters	6	4	2	Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics											
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)											
Fitters				Driver-Operator								NON TRADESMEN			
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers								STOREMEN	12	11	1
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians								RP's	7	5	2
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)								HYGIENE	4	3	1
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators								GEN DUTIES	15	15	
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Battery Surveyors				W/DUTIES	2	1	1
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Butchers	1	1		SBI	21	12	9
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks				TR/A No's	22	22	
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Supply	11	7	4	BATMEN	35	32	3
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	10	9	1	Clerks, Technical				REIN. LMG	411	220	191
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Coach Trimmers				MMG	25	25	
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Concretors				MORTARS	62	62	
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Cooks				ORDERLIES	32	32	
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Dental Clerk Orderlies				PIONEERS	24	24	
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Draughtsmen, Signals				HYG + RHP	2	2	
Pattern Maker				Masons				Drivers, H.T.				MED ORDERLIES	2	2	
Pharmacist				Masscurs				Driver Mechanics				CHIROPDIST	1	1	
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Driver Tptn. Plant				PAY CLERKS	2	1	1
Photewriter				Miners				Engine Handa, I.C.				POSTAL	1	1	
Plumber				Moulders				Equipment Repairers	1	1		SHOEMAKER	1	1	
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Farriers				B'SMITH, ARTIFC	2	2	
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Fitters' Mates				ARMOURER	1	1	
								Gun Layers				CATERER-COOKS	23	11	12
CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD	16	13	3	CARRIED FORWARD	56	43	13	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A, respectively.	773	535	238

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

(Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday / / 194 (Unit)

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

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10			
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.							
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.			
1	1			Lieut.-Colonels								
1	1			Majors								
1	1			Captains								
5	5			Lieutenants								
				Quarter-masters								
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.								
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.								
11	11		21									
		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.P.	**	TOTAL
		A.	23									23
		E.(1)	1									1
		E.(2)										

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in pers. 10 of instructions for completion 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., 30 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.
643903	MAJOR	SMITHERS B.F.O.	Gen Reind (unit)	24.12	Transferred to 1st Div
		BELL	1st Div		Transferred to 1st Div
73512		BROWNLEE R.L.			Transferred to 1st Div

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

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

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

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).
643903	MAJOR	MARRISON H.T.	B.A.R.T. CARUNGA
643908		MARRISON R.	
643905		CAWSON A.V.	

Unit

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 20/11/1943 (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.
		MOLANNO	RM	20/11/43			
		WREN	WR				
Captain	101111	KENNER	CK	20/11/43			
	101112	DAVIDSON	DD				
	101113	DAVIES	DD				
	101114	CANTON	CC				
	101115	WILSON	WW				
	101116	CALVE	CC				
	101117	FRANKLIN	FF				
	101118	HARRISON	HH				
	101119	GARDNER	GG				
	101120	SMITH	SS				
	101121	THOMSON	TT				
	101122	LEWIS	LL				
	101123	LAIN	LL				
	101124	CARR	CC				
	101125	SMITH	SS				
	101126	SMITH	SS				
	101127	SMITH	SS				
	101128	SMITH	SS				
	101129	SMITH	SS				
	101130	SMITH	SS				
	101131	SMITH	SS				
	101132	SMITH	SS				
	101133	SMITH	SS				
	101134	SMITH	SS				
	101135	SMITH	SS				
	101136	SMITH	SS				
	101137	SMITH	SS				
	101138	SMITH	SS				
	101139	SMITH	SS				
	101140	SMITH	SS				
	101141	SMITH	SS				

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.
Captain	101137	WILSON	101137	20/11/43	Attached
	101138	SMITH	101138	20/11/43	Attached

20.11.43
Date of Despatch

K.J. Molano
Signature of Commander

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EL ALAMEIN REVISITED

Relics in the Sand

By G. E. W. HARRIOTT

(Our Staff Correspondent in the Middle East)

ON October 29 I drove up the desert road from Alexandria to El Alamein. The last time I drove from Alexandria was in August, 1942.

The desert road then was the main supply artery for the Eighth Army, and was jammed, mile after mile, with endless convoys of tanks, guns, and infantry, hastening to stiffen the last obstacle between Rommel and the rich spoils of the Nile delta.

There was a desperate sense of urgency and peril then. On the outskirts of Alexandria defences were hurriedly erected for a last-ditch stand if Rommel broke through the Alamein line, where, strung out across 40 miles of desert, Australian, British, New Zealand, Indian, Free French, and South African troops were fighting for their lives.

To-day, the desert road is peaceful and deserted, except for an occasional R.A.F. convoy or lorries bringing in salvage.

On the outskirts of Alexandria, acres and acres are covered with salvage from last year's battlefields. It forms the world's biggest junk-heap—petrol tins and German water cans stacked in endless piles, miles of rusty barbed wire, broken-down lorries, smashed tanks—all the debris a modern battle leaves behind it.

But to-day the battlefield has moved hundreds of miles away, and the desert road slumbers beneath the desert sun.

Last year, when I drove through minefields and barbed wire to the El Alamein "box," the place was an inferno of bursting shells and thundering guns. In sand-bagged redoubts and in trenches crouched thousands of steel-helmeted soldiers of the Ninth Australian Division and the First South African Division.

On the salt flats beside the sea, where the Australians had just launched a successful attack, and smashed the Italian Sabratha Division, I had met their commander, Sir Leslie

Morshead, of Tobruk, a stocky figure in shorts and shirt-sleeves, who pointed out enemy positions and told me: "This will go down in history as one of the world's decisive battles, and we'll win it."

The Advancing Sand

To-day, the men who helped turn the tide at El Alamein are fighting another enemy in the jungles of New Guinea. The desert sand, which has seen so many soldiers come and go, has already almost hidden the traces of this last and greatest battle. The outlines of redoubts and trenches are still discernible, but the sand is gradually filling in and covering them. The host of shellholes which pitted the whole area have already been filled in by drifting sand. Barbed-wire entanglements still stand out as a grim reminder, but the desert is remorselessly reclaiming Alamein.

After the war, El Alamein will undoubtedly be an object of pilgrimage for thousands from all over the world, but there will be little for them to see. Alamein is just the name of a desert railway station which chance made one of the famous names of history. There is no village of Alamein, no buildings of any sort; it is just a little bit of desert which, in another year, will not be distinguishable from any other strip of the desert.

But, to-day, there are still relics of the battle which the greedy sand has spared. In every redoubt held by

the 2/14th Battalion, A.I.F., I found half-a-dozen battered Australian slouch hats, old copies of Australian newspapers, and a roneoed news-sheet dated November 2, 1942, entitled, "The Furphy-Flyer, official organ of the 2/24th Battalion." This led off with a sad reflection: "You've got to use your nut to get a bottle of beer in Sydney these days"—a reflection which must have been most comforting to those anonymous heroes in the desert sun, dust, and flies.

The famous underground headquarters once occupied by that grand old Boer, Dan Pienaar, commanding the South Africans, is now so choked with sand that one has to crouch double to get through the concreted passages which, a short year ago, were bustling with staff officers.

Near the bitterly-contested Tel El Eisa—a dusty sand mound whose name will always live in Western Australia—lies wreckage of the last German attack, which failed in the face of the Australians' gallant resistance. This includes knocked-out tanks and burnt-out lorries and staff cars.

Near El Alamein station, a forest of white crosses, 5,000 of them, stands out on a bare brown slope as a melancholy reminder of the price of victory. The men who lie there are all Allied soldiers. There is an enemy cemetery a few miles farther west. The bodies have been painstakingly collected by the Graves Concentration Unit from their lonely desert graves, and now all rest together.

The work of collecting the dead is

still going on. There are still many unburied bodies and many isolated graves marked with a broken rifle and battered tin hat, but all are being gradually collected into El Alamein war cemetery.

They lie in a little strip of the desert for which they fought in long rows, with neatly lettered white crosses, and with all distinction laid aside. Lieutenant-Commander Lord Hugh Beresford, of the Royal Navy, is buried between an unknown British soldier and a sergeant of the Royal Artillery.

International Cemetery

There are many races and many regiments represented there. On some graves the Shield of David takes the place of the Cross of Christ, and marks the last resting place of a Jewish soldier. There are Australians, British, New Zealanders, South Africans, Poles, Greeks, and French. Where known, their names, ranks, regiments, and religion are lettered on their crosses, but there are many graves marked only "An Unknown British Soldier, known unto God."

Near a low stone wall surrounding the cemetery is the grave of its only Victoria Cross winner, an Australian, Private A. S. Gurney, of the 2/48 Battalion, A.I.F. Gurney was killed on July 23, 1942.

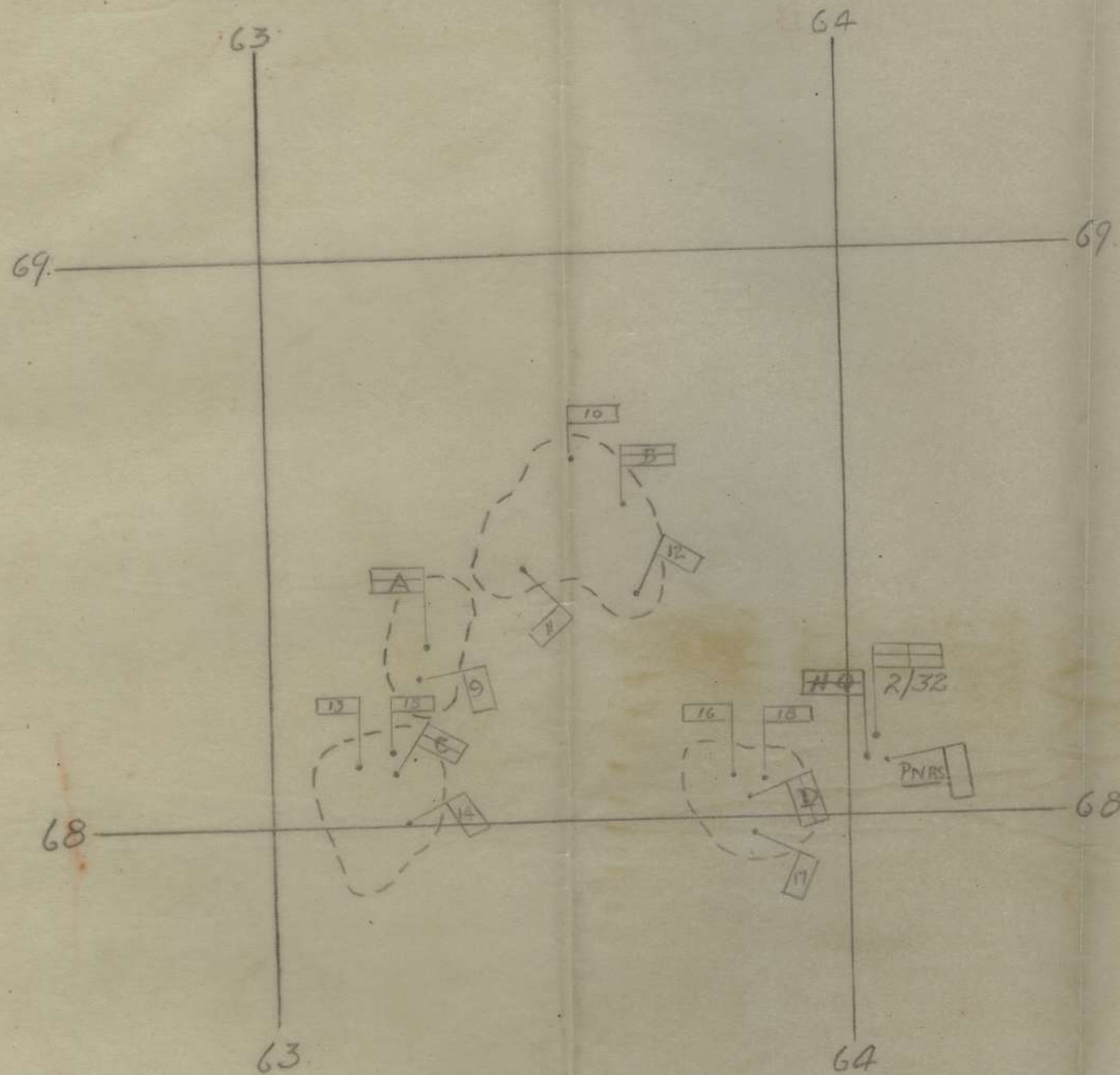
Some Australians have been given more elaborate memorials by their comrades. On the grave of Private G. H. Keyser, of the 2/28 Battalion, A.I.F., who was killed on November 1, 1942, is a rock slab covered with the emblem of the Rising Sun. The grave of Captain K. E. Bishop, of the 24th Australian Infantry Brigade, who was killed the same day, is marked with a grey concrete pillar.

The inscription on the memorial tablet on the grave of a South African corporal provides a fitting epitaph for all: "All ye who pass by tell the Empire that we who died serving it rest here content."

DISPOSNS OF 2/32 BN

as at 16 NOV 43

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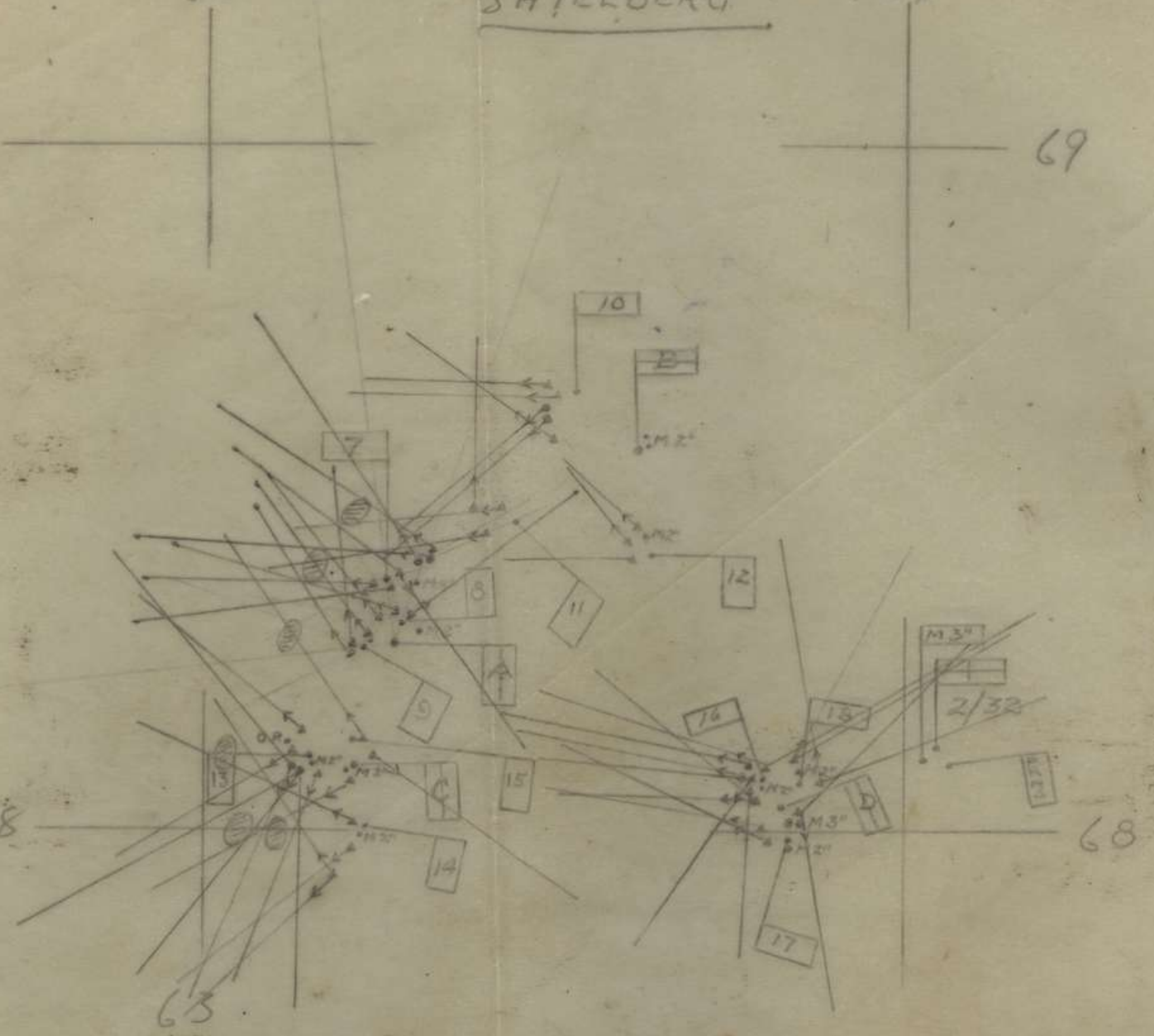
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Advt.



I watched him at the 'Red Lion' of an evening

Just outside London is a little pub called the "Red Lion." Here, of an evening, local residents and members of a nearby military camp foregather for their leisurely pints of "old and mild." Sitting slightly apart is a business man . . . middle aged, observant, reserved. This gentleman recently wrote to the London office of Kiwi here is part of his letter:—

" I say your best advertisement is in the form of a Regimental Sergeant Major who is often to be seen in the 'Red Lion' Hotel when off duty. His entire appearance is smartness itself, but his brown boots and belt surpass everything; I have never seen leather look such a picture."

"I have often wondered what polish he uses, but have never had sufficient courage to ask him. A few days ago, however, I was in the hotel when the landlord asked the question I had always wanted to, and the soldier's reply was the one word 'Kiwi'."

"I need hardly mention that from now on I shall have no other polish in my household."

* * *

This is just another instance of Kiwi speaking for itself. For despite the fact that Kiwi had been popular in England for over 20 years, it needed this little incident, this proof positive that Kiwi was the finest polish to shine and preserve leather, to convince this man sufficiently for him to buy it himself. Wherever you go, you'll notice that all the best polished shoes are shined with Kiwi.

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C.O. Lt-Col T H Scott.

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Dec 1 A quiet day spent mainly in resting, washing and cleaning the area.

Wednesday A Coy sent out a pl patrol plus 4 PIB Boys, Sjt FABRICIUS comd, and ~~made~~ a thorough recce of the areas in the vicinity of 610696 and 615693 - our old Biv area for the PABU operation - was made but no enemy were sighted. Bedrolls, surplus gear, and some rations left there by us had been completely ransacked by the E when he passed through this area prior to his attack on the SONG R when our D Coy played a major part in foiling his attempt.

A party led by Lieut A P A DENNESS comprising 5 sec comds, 1 Mtr Sgt, 1 MG Sec Comd and 1 CQMS visited the 37/52 Bn and gave talks on our recent experiences in ops. Mr DENNESS reported that the members of this unit were particularly keen, they listened attentively to our lectures and asked many questions. He felt sure they would give a good account of themselves in future operations.

Dec 2 Some fresh issues of clothing were made to-day to replace those lost at the bivouac area when they were dumped there prior to our move to PABU - it is a great tonic to wear fresh clean clothes again.

Thursday The CO visited Bde and received orders for a fresh operation. Bn HQ, A, B, & HQ Coys less detached tps are to move at 0930 hrs to-morrow via NORTH HILL, PINO and PABU and probably take up a posn WEST of HORACES HEAD prior to pushing through the 2/43 Bn and capturing the track junc in the 1800 feature (later known as XMAS HILL). This junc is the converging point for tracks from WAREO, GUSIKA and NONGORA to the SOUTH. At the last mentioned place, the 2/15 Bn is in contact with a strong E force and if our op, ~~XMAS HILL~~ is successful this avenue of withdrawal will be closed to them.

Dec 3 At 0930 hrs A, B, HQ Coys less dets and Bn HQ moved out taking the NORTH HILL - PINO - PABU route and took up posns alongside 2/43 Bn on GUSIKA - WAREO track. LOCSTAT: Bn HQ & HQ Coy 597715 A Coy 601716 B Coy 600715. C & D Coys 2/43 Bn came under our comd. It was found that C Coy 2/43 Bn were in close contact with the E South of the LAKES BACON & EGG at 584717 - the opposing forces being astride the track.

Friday At 1700 hrs O Gp received orders for to-morrow's OP (OO att) D Coy 2/43 Bn is to cut the track at 585716 by a wide flanking move to the SOUTH. Then B Coy 2/43 is to either follow and exploit back EAST along the track to link up with C Coy 2/43 or if possible push through the last mentioned Coy WEST along the track to join up with D Coy 2/43 Bn. Then if these two phases of our attack are successful our A & B Coys are to capture the 1800 feature (XMAS HILL) at 580719 by A Coy attacking up the Western slopes and B Coy up the EASTERN Slopes. At this stage, the 2/15 Bn advised that they were going to eliminate the E from area 580710 - 900 yds SOUTH of our objective on the NONGORA track - and if successful push on to our objective. The Queenslanders were warned to liaise closely with us during this operation.

Dec 4 At 0700 hrs our Arty "plastered" our objective and its vicinity with 500 shells for half an hour. At 0800 hrs our 3" mortars Saturday covered the same area with 100 bombs. A recce patrol was sent along the track and established the fact that the E were still in posn astride the track.

Dec 4
Saturday

At 0800 hrs D Coy 2/43 Bn (OC Capt J GORDON MC) plus one mtr observation offr (Sjt J HOBBS) travelled SOUTH and parallel to the track. The going was particularly rough being a series of razor back ridges - in one instance almost precipitous. As they moved along E voices and mvt could be heard on the main track. At 1325 hrs by excellent navigation and silent mvt over this difficult terrain, the Coy had traversed a wide semi-circle and cut the main track, without E detection, 800 yds (585716) behind the E FDL's - thus cutting off his principal line of withdrawal. L/T was maintained during their encirclement.

Meanwhile, B Coy 2/43 Bn (OC Capt J FLEMING) at 0925 hrs moved off following their D Coy's route and at 1400 hrs had linked up. At this time a small party of E came down the track. One was killed and the remainder fled. D & B Coys proceeded to dig in forming an elongated perimeter astride the track with B Coy EAST & D Coy WEST. While this was in progress, the E fired on our tps, with LMG's and rifles - four were wounded including OC B Coy.

At 1300 hrs our A & B Coys moved to the vicinity of C Coy 2/43 Bn - actually just in rear of this Coy in the KUNAI astride the track (ref 594718 area).

A & C Coys cleaned out snipers on their fronts using EY rifles. One JAP for certain was killed. The other two 2/43 Bn Coys (D&B) were still in close contact with the E - the JAP being at each end of their perimeter and his automatic fire was estimated ~~by~~ ^{to be} 3 LMGs and one WOODPECKER - however the Coy Comds consider the posns quite tenable.

Our mtr NCO (Sjt J HOBBS) with D Coy 2/43 Bn successfully registered rather difficult DF tasks between D & B Coys and our FDBs just WEST of the KUNAI at 594728 and also one to the WEST of the first mentioned coys. Observation was nil and visibility poor. However the ranging was successfully done by sound - the first time a DF has been laid by us using this method. Our mtrs and arty harassed the E at irregular intervals during the night 4/5 Dec. The move by the 2/15 Bn which was scheduled for to-day did not eventuate as the E was found to be still in considerable force on their front. Brig Porter visited us to-day. Due to the difficult nature of the country, we could not evacuate our wounded - fortunately the wounds were only of a minor nature.

Dec 5
Sunday.

Several small recce patrols were pushed out early this morning. C Coy 2/43 Bn went 100 yds to their right and found signs of complete abandonment - some equipment and rifles were left by the E. D Coy 2/43 Bn combed their area for a radius of 200 yds and no E were seen except for 3 dead and one wounded E Sjt who was made a captive, forwarded on to Div for interrogation and despite medical aid died on the 6 Dec. The only information obtained from him was that food and amm were plentiful, he belonged to 1 Bn 79 Regt and 2 Bns of 80 Regt were at WAREO. At 300 yds WEST from the kunai a vacated E gun posn was located with a number of empty shell cases and a dump of 81mm bombs. The E had also constructed a well sited A/Tk ditch and this had been covered by his gun.

Our A Coy pushed WEST along the track combing each side as they did so and finding a quantity of abandoned equipment and 3 dead japs and reached B & D Coys 2/43 Bn without incident. The track was now clear. Our B Coy now moved up along the track with native porters carrying amm and rations. On the return trip the Porters carried out the wounded pers of B Coy 2/43 Bn. Our C Coy arrived (OC Lieut J C CLARK) and relieved C Coy 2/43 Bn. Our A Coy pushed on along the track for a distance of approx 250 yds occupied good posn and pushed a patrol out to the left and parallel to the track. At 300 yds E were seen on our front and mvt was heard on the track. The CO decided to bring B Coy fwd to A Coy's posn (58357180) while the latter endeavoured to outflank the E. B Coy arrived at 1130 hrs and the CO directed that A Coy would move after an early lunch.

Dec 5 A Coy had proceeded 200 yds parallel to and SOUTH of the track
Sunday. and from a ridge E were seen between the Coy and the track
and an attempt was made to break through at this point but there
was found to be another ridge occupied by the E before reaching
the track. At 1530 hrs the Coy had 5 cas - one killed
Cpl R BEMROSE - and 3 of the wounded were Sec Comds - the
posn was becoming untenable so it was decided to evacuate B Coy's
posn and the E area was engaged by our mtrs. A Coy killed
6 E for certain in this short engagement.
Our D Coy arrived - both C & D Coys had been transported to PABU
by 3 ton trucks - and relieved A Coy 2/43 Bn at 603716.
It is interesting to note that our sound ranging was extremely
accurate as all recces revealed that our mtrs had landed their
bombs right in the E defences - and this no doubt had the desired
effect of inflicting casualties and causing him to abandon his posns.

Dec 6 The situation remained normal during the night and E posns were
Monday. harassed with arty and mtrs. From 0740 to 0800 hrs the arty
poured in 500 shells on "1800" (XMAS HILL) feature and at
0800 hrs C Coy relieved D Coy 2/43 Bn at 584718. At 0835 hrs
A & B Coys moved towards the objective B Coy leading. After the
failure to make headway yesterday it was decided that both coys
should move to the right and approach the feature from NE. D Coy
2/43 Bn sent a small party to the left of the track to create a
diversion and the 2/15 Bn also assisted with fire from vicinity
of track at 579710. Our B Coy after moving about 100 yds, the
leading pl saw a native watching them and a little further on 2
more natives and 1 Jap were sighted. 2 Pls were fixed at this
point and one pl probed further to the right in an effort to
outflank the E posn. At this stage the coy cmd estimated he was
within 150/200 yds of the top of the feature. It was soon found that
progress to the right was barred by unscalable cliffs, and the coy
came under fire from a WOODPECKER, LMGs and mtrs - one man was
wounded. The ground here was not favourable for defence so the
~~the~~ coys were ordered to withdraw 100/150 yds and establish them-
selves for the night. At 1530 hrs the coys started to thin out
and by 1700 hrs were in posns on the right of C Coy with B Coy in
the centre. An Arty DF was registered and it was decided to again
harrass the E posns with both arty and mtrs during the night with
another hy concentration at 0700 hrs in the morning.
D Coy 2/43 Bn diversionary party to the left flank contacted
the E after going about 80 yds and shots were exchanged.
A patrol from B Coy 2/43 Bn to the LAKES 5971 reported NMS the
ground between the LAKES being a series of ridges and re-entrants
Our D Coy's patrol to SOUTH found a large number of vacated E
posns in vic 598720 and an abandoned gun posn at 600720.
The native porter train is coming up daily now ferrying supplies
from the Jeep head. Brig Porter visited us to-day and brought
very good news when he announced the award of a MM to Sgt
H J BELL for good work during the LAE operation. The award was
thoroughly deserved and is most popular. Citation as printed
in Melbourne paper is attached. Sjt BELL is the first member of
this Bde to win both the DCM and the MM.

Dec 7 Except for some harassing fire by Arty and Mtrs the night was
Tuesday. quiet. At first light there appeared to be no mvt in the E
posns located yesterday and small recce patrols were pushed out
to investigate. C Coy's patrol found the posns previously
occupied by E on the left of track had been abandoned. The
coy was then ordered to push forward and occupy this ground
B Coy moving up to the posns vacated by C Coy.
"B" Coy contacted E on their right and just fwd of A Coy's FDL's
and killed one. Later B Coy moved fwd and reached ~~without~~ within
50 yds of crest when contact was again made.

Dec 7 The E appeared to be est in some numbers so it was decided to fix
Tuesday 2 pls and probe fwd with the other. It was found that the E
was right across our front so the coy pulled back 100 yds and
formed a perimeter on suitable ground at 1600 hrs $\frac{3}{8}$ and advance
of 150 yds since yesterday.
C Coy sent a ptrol along the track and at 577719 it was fired on
by a mtr which appeared to be situated 350 yds in front and to
NORTH of track. This posn was later engaged by our mtrs. Later
in the day another patrol set out for the track junc to try and
contact a party from 2/15 Bn who were moving up from SOUTH but
after going a short distance came under fire from NW & NORTH in the
vicinity of the junction. The 2/15 Bn patrol was also fired on
from approx the same area and we were unable to contact them.
A Coy on probing fwd found what appeared to be an E HQ and RAP
with some well constructed diggings and a knee mtr and a small
quantity of WOODPECKER amn. A Coy linked up with B & C Coys and
dug in, in the centre and just forward of these two coys. 16 &
17 Pls moved up to the posns previously occupied by B Coy
and 18 Pl and Pnrs were left to guard a track junc at 595716.
All Coys had pressed fwd during the day and at last light we
appeared to hold a line close to the top of the "1800" feature
on the EAST AND SE with the E across our front 80 to 100 yds
away in thick jungle.
The Brig again visited us today and advised that two coys of 2/28
Bn would be relieving the 2 coys of 2/43 Bn at present u/comd.
The ACF representative distributed chocolate, chewing-gum
and tins of coffee and milk. 13 X List and 1 reinft marched in.

Dec 8 The situation remained unchanged during the night. At 1015 hrs
Wednesday B & C Coys 2/28 Bn arrived and relieved B & D Coys 2/43 Bn.
The numerical strength of Coys is very low, due mainly to our
recent heavy casualties, rifle coys having only 1 Offr & 30 odd
NCO's and ORs each. A composite pl of all available pers from
Bn HQ and HQ Coy was organised under comd of Lieut WARNER and
attached to D Coy. D Coy were concentrating at 585717 with the
object of carrying out a wide outflanking move to shift the E in
posn near track junc. Later it was leared that WAREO had been
captured and a coy of 2/24 Bn intended to push along in our
direction so that this move on our part was unnecessary - or so
it appeared at this juncture. 5 Pl and Mr WARNER'S ~~pl~~ ^{pl} composite
pl went along the track to the junc to await the arrival of the
Coy from 2/24 Bn - the patrol of this Bn was held up by E and our
two pls spent the night at the junc. Several patrols were out
during the day without contacting the E. A patrol from D Coy
to the high ground NORTH of our posns at 580610 found what
appeared to be a Bn posn extending over 600 yds with old and
new huts many sig wires and some abandoned equipment. Two engr
Offrs made a recce of the BONGA-WAREO track as far as our posns
with a view to making it Jeepable for the supply of WAREO.

Dec 9 As the 2/24 Bn were unable to make contact with us the WARNER
Thursday Composite Pl was moved out NW along the track leading to WAREO
at 1800 yds (567728) the leading scout had his hat knocked off
by enemy LMG fire, it was determined that the E was occupying
a razor back feature overlooking our posn and numerically superior
and, the pl was withdrawn 100 yds to a favourable piece of ground.
The coy of the 2/24 Bn which attempted to contact WARNER FORCE
were unable to do so owing to Hy E opposition on commanding
ground being encountered. However our patrol was able to
establish the 2/24 Bn's Coy's moves by a series of shots used
as signals.
WARNER FORCE spent a wet night in their pl defensive area, and D
Coy. At 1400 hrs Tac HQ moved up to XMAS HILL track junc 578718
and D Coy formed a perimeter around our Tac HQ Area.
Bde OO issued (copy att) Bn areas were defined and our respon-
sibility is the left flank of the Bde area that is XMAS HILL.

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Dec 10 C Coy plus 1 pl D Coy left on a 3 day recon of the high ground to the NORTH and a trace covering their movements is attached. This Friday necessitated some re-organisation of our perimeter. A Coy moved into C Coy's area and "B" Coy extended to cover the ground vacated by A Coy.

A patrol from 2/24 Bn contacted Mr WORNERS pl at 1015 hrs, the E still being in posn on right of track and a 2" mtr, med supplies and stretcher bearers were sent out, as 2/24 Bn have a very difficult track to negotiate from their end. Balance of Bn HQ moved up to-day.

Dec 11 A quiet day. It was reported that A Coy 2/24 Bn were to attack the JAP posn from the SOUTH but no information could be obtained

Saturday as to its success or otherwise and WORNERS FORCE remained in their def posn thus cutting off any SE move by the E. An ACF distribution was made, each man receiving a packet of cigarettes, 1 oz tobacco and a tin of foot powder.

Dec 12 A small patrol from A Coy to 58107200 found 5 cases JUKI amn, some medical gear and stretchers. It appeared to have been an MDS area. Sunday C Coy's patrol reported back this afternoon and MR WORNERS pl also returned to the Bn area as the 2/24 Bn now reported the area between them and MR WORNERS clear of E. This now meant that the 2/24 Bn had a secure, shorter and better L of C.

In reviewing the capture of XMAS HILL, it is admitted that our advance was slow however this is more than outweighed by the difficulties - which do not readily appear apparent - which were encountered in this operation.

Our advance due to terrain was made principally along the track except for the cutting of the track 800 yds behind the E's EDL's.

in the first phase of the attack and even then the "going" was so difficult that our wounded could not be evacuated along our outward track and had to wait till the following day when the E between our forces were eradicated.

The E successfully took up posns on commanding ground - our attack was made on continually rising ground right to the top of XMAS HILL - and each time, we attempted an outflanking mvt our progress was frustrated by unscalable cliffs on the top of which sat the JAP. It was impossible to use tks. Our Coys were a little more than pls in strength the average being about 40 all ranks.

The only feasible plan under the circumstances was to pin-point the enemy defences and then "bash" him with mtrs and Arty; this method proved really effective causing many casualties on the E and forcing him to evacuate his posns leaving his wounded, equipment, amn and some weapons behind. Admittedly we could have possibly captured the posns quicker by a "death or glory" assault on the E defences however our casualties would have been heavy and we were could ill afford to risk such a venture at this stage due to our sadly depleted strengths and further, our tps were almost exhausted mentally and physically. - actually in this operation our casualties were light - one killed and 9 wounded.

It is worthwhile noting at this stage that the 2/15 Bn and 2/24 Bn found the enemy employing the same tactics as he used against us and they used our methods of driving him out. Actually as was later found out the JAP had a very good reason for stubbornly resisting our advance - the area captured by us embraces the HQ of both 79 & 80 Regts and 26 Fd Arty Regt in addition to being a large dump area for food and amn supplies and the location of many dressing stas. Even up to the date of writing, 22 Dec 43, we are still unearthing dumps of amn and even a 75mm gun but no food whatsoever. Furthermore, the siting of this area by the E for his HQ & Sup dumps was tactically sound by reason of the fact that it was difficult to approach from all points of the compass. Our mortar fire throughout the operation was extremely accurate and inflicted considerable casualties on the E. From information gleaned later from enemy Psw we found that the Jap dislikes it even more than shelling. possibly because there is less warning given by the bomb while in flight and also because of its murderous fragmentation.



Dec 13 The situation remains quiet. A free issue of canteen goods
Monday provided out of Regtl funds was made to-day each man received
 $\frac{1}{2}$ lb chocolate, 30 cigarettes, 2 ozs tobacco, 2 pkts cigarette
papers, 1 pkt Minties, 1 box matches. and a limited amount
of cordial and biscuits. There is now a daily ferry boat service
running between KEDAM BEACH & GUSIKA.

Dec 14 LOB gps allotted fresh tasks. 2/32 Bn personnel remain under
Tuesday comd 2/2 MG Bn and are moving to GUSIKA. When the move is
complete, a change in LOBs will be made.

Dec 15 At 0830 hrs A Coy left on a 3 day patrol to cover the high
Wednesday ground NW of CHRISTMAS HILL. A base was established at
57757185 and it is intended to send out patrols of pl
strength from this point. A trace showing the routes etc of
the various patrols is attached.
Salvage operations were commenced. Coys are gathering all
E equipment, amm and weapons etc, into coy dumps, and this will
gradually be moved back to the Jeephead by the "boong" train
which contigues to bring up our rations each day.
A welcome addition was the arrival of 67 reinfts including 10 Offrs
23 X List personnel also marched inamong them being CAPT MORRISH
& LIEUTS LIDDELL & WILLIS. Padre GARDE conducted MASS and
Padre WILLIAMSON held a short church service.

Dec 16 A patrol by a pl from D Coy went SOUTH along the NONGORA track
Thursday to locate an old E DIV HQ which had been mentioned by a PW but
no indication whatsoever of a HQ area could be found.

Dec 17 DID & AP moved to vicinity of GUSIKA and our B Ech moved up to
Friday 800 yds EAST of EXCHANGE. Our LOB were changed over and a list
of the new LOB pers is attached. The CO & Adjt went to Bde
staying overnight. Capt DAVIDSON & Lieut DENNESS, respectively,
deputising during their absence. A welcome addition to our
diet was the issue of one fresh egg and some cake. Our rations
lack variety and as fires are still banned, there is very little
opportunity to do more than eat them just as they come out of
the tin. Water is fairly scarce, the only supply being a small
stream 200 yds away down a very steep and muddy slope.
A patrol from C Coy (Lieut NICHOLSON) along the WAREO track
to 570728 found extensive JAP posns and later in the day he
led another party to the area for further investigation.
This is obviously the HQ spoken of by a PW and accurately pin-
pointed by him. The reason why we could not find it originally
was because DIV told us it was SOUTH of our XMAS HILL track
junc whereas the junc the PW meant was the one 2000 yds NW of us.
The posns covered a very large area and comprised some well
constructed huts and shelters but very few weapon pits. The
posn appeared to have been vacated in an orderly manner and
except for small quantities of buried amm nothing of any value
was found.

Dec 18 A Coy 2/3 Pnr moved int o our area where they ~~were~~ will bivouac
Saturday while working on the jeep track which is being pushed through
to WAREO. Clearing of the track has reached our Bn HQ and
jeeps are able to use the track to within 500 yds of our posn.
Sjt BELL left for a Weapon Trg School at BOANGILLA.
A warning order (O291 attached) from Bde was received.
24 Bde is to assume responsibility for the area formerly
held by 26 Bde and the Bde area now covers - GUSIKA to Hill
22005672 to BAZULUO with SONG R as rear boundry. This will
probably mean some reorganisation of the Bn area.

Dec 19 A period of trg is to commence to-morrow and the syllabus
Sunday Int Sec and SB's are trg additional men from each coy and it is
intended that they form a reserve from which the various
pls may draw when required.
The IO and 2 i/c of A, C & D Coys carried out a recce of our
patrol biv area 579727 for proposed stalking course. Three areas
were selected and the pnr pl is to commence constructing the
courses to-morrow.
Padre WILLIAMSON conducted a church service.
Salvage is well under way and the following has been sent
on to B Ech. -

A Coy - 1 bag sundry dets and fuzes.
54 81mm mtr bombs
13 type "93" bombs
5 boxes JUKI amn
20 knee mtr bombs

B Coy - 1000 rds JUKI amn
6 81mm mtr bombs
9 E rifles
1 knee mtr.

C Coy - 27 strips amn

D Coy - 4 cases JUKI amn
2 Type 99 bombs

HQ Coy - 27 75mm shells complete
45 2 cartridges

Bn HQ - 27 70 mm shells complete.

Bde Tac HQs moved to just below our B Coy posn at 580718.

Dec 20 To conform with the new area allotted to 24 Bde, OO 296 (attached)
Monday was received to-day containing additional areas to be held
by 2/32 Bn. In accordance with the order B Coy with 2 Secs
2/2 MG Bn moved to PABU. A Coy took up posns in vic 597715 which
was formerly occupied by 2/28 Bn.
C Coy pls have been reformed each pl now consisting of 2 secs
only. Lieut J C CLARK was evacuated to hosp.
10 X List pers and 40 reinfts marched in to-day.

Dec 21 A Coy was on the move once again when orders were received for
Tuesday one Coy to proceed to SATELBERG. The Coy was transferred
by MT. B Coy now has 12 pl occupying EXCHANGE.
Trg is now in full swing.
A further canteen issue was available to-day and paid^{for} out of
regtl funds. Our paybooks are getting very little use these
days and most pers are building up a good balance on the credit
side of their books.
The C in C, Gen Sir Thomas Blamey GBE, KCB, CMG, DSO. visited
this area to-day and expressed his appreciation of the part
played by this unit in the recent ops.

Dec 22 32 X List pers rejoined us to-day and a further 39 reinfts
Wednesday including 1 offr marched in.
The 24 Bde area of responsibility has been further extended
and now includes LANGEMAK BAY and comd has been assumed
of the various units established in that area. Relief of
26 Bde was completed to-day.
Fires are now permitted and coys are doing pl cooking which
should provide for a more varied fare. Kitchens have been
constructed from the jungle timber and we are gradually making
our camp life more comfortable.

Dec 23 A box of books arrived to-day from AES and they will be most
Thursday welcome as reading material has been very scarce. All papers
and periodicals coming through the post usually go the rounds
before being discarded. Trg is being carried out along the
lines laid down in the syllabus.

Dec 23 Our IO Lieut R A GARDINER leaves for NG Aerial Photograph Thursday Interpretation School at PORT MORESBY.

Dec 24 Trg was continued. B coy is providing working parties daily to assist with the preparation of a NGF weapon trg school in vicinity of ORIENTAL. The jeep-head has been advanced and has reached our Bn HQ area. This obviates a carry of 500 yds with all our stores. Friday To-night sing-songs could be heard in the coy areas as the tps endeavour to catch the spirit of Xmas.

Dec 25 Xmas Day in NG - In the absence of our padre, Lt-Col Scott conducted a short Xmas service. Capt MORRISH & Lieut DENNESS Saturday assisting with readings from the Scripture. Our QM looked after us very well and Xmas dinner consisted of ham & turkey with potatoes and cabbage., followed by the proverbial plum pudding washed down with fruit cordials. The ACF also provided each man with an excellent hamper containing:

- | | |
|--------------|-----------------|
| Tin of fruit | Chocolate |
| " of cream | Preserved fruit |
| " pudding | Housewife |
| Cake | Handkerchief |

Writing Material.

For a number of the members of the Bn, this is the fourth Xmas spent in foreign surroundings and it becomes increasingly difficult to capture the spirit of the season. All thoughts are turned to home with the hope that this will be the last we have to spend away from Australia. Late this afternoon a large convoy of warships and landing-craft was sighted moving in a NORTHERLY direction. At least 200 ships being counted up to last light. It was later learned that this force had made successful landings EAST & WEST of CAPE GLOUCESTER on the morning of 26th.

Dec 26 13 Pl C Coy moved to vicinity of HORACE'S EARS. Trg was resumed by the rest of the coys and specialist pls in their own areas. Sunday

Dec 27 C Coy HQs & 14 & 15 pl joined 13 pl at HORACE'S EARS and the coy is now disposed - Coy HQ 14 Pl and 15 Pl in vic 598715 Monday 13 Pl 602717. A Coy sent a patrol, Pl strength to MASANGKOO without incident. Three British Army offrs - Maj DICKSON, R. Berks, Lieut DOWNIE of Green Howards & Lieut GRIGGS of Royal Fusiliers - have been attached to us as observers. Our CO Lt-Col SCOTT is adm comd of 24 Bde during the absence of Brig PORTER, who has been evac with Malaria. A Bde boxing tournament was held at 1730 hrs in the KUNAI below Bde Tac HQ. Although the pugilists from this unit were conspicuous by their absence a good "house" witnessed some interesting bouts.

Dec 28 A patrol from A Coy went to MARARUO - NMS. Trg was continued. In addition to the Stalking Course a 30 yd range is now available Tuesday for practice with rifles and light automatics. 6 X List pers including Lieuts GARNSEY, KENNEDY & SMITH rejoined the unit to-day.

Dec 29 14 Pl & 15 Pl. C Coy provided a working party at Bde to assist with the erection of huts. B Coys trg has been of a sporadic nature due Wednesday to the fact that the coy is continuing to supply a daily working party to help with the preparation of the NGF Weapon Trg School. All pers not engaged on working parties continued with their trg, A Coy sending a patrol to PALANKO - NTR. The patrolling being carried out by A Coy although part of the Coys responsibility in the area is also proving useful for trg purposes, particularly for the new men in the coy.

Dec 29 : The usual weekly free issue of 2 oz of tobacco and 1 box
Wednesday of matches was made to-day. The QM Capt CARTWRIGHT was evac
(Cont) to hosp, Lieut T HAMILTON acting in his stead.

Dec 30 Normal trg continued. Tonight the Mobile Cinema unit paid us a
Thursday visit and a good programme of shorts and a feature picture
was shown. Unfortunately the main picture was interrupted for
half an hour owing to the presence of E aircraft. However
this did not detract from our enjoyment. of the entertainment
asit was the first we had seen since our departure from BUNA
in Sept.

Dec 31 Another batch of Canteen Stores came along to-day. During the
Friday past month canteen supplies have been arriving regularly and
tobacco has been plentiful so that we now have no cause for
complaint in that direction. Mail, our best morale builder, has
also improved and Xmas parcels, etc, have been coming in
consistently.
A welcome variation in our diet has been an occasional ration
of fresh meat, potatoes and real Australian butter.
This evening some of our pers visited the YMCA tent near Bde
where community singing was held and to see the old year out
and the new one in.

..... *W. Scott* Lt-Col.
Comd 2/32 Aust Inf Bn

"A" COY'S ACTIVITIES
21/22 DEC 43

Coy move to SATELBERG by MT completed in one lift by 5 trucks by 1430 hrs 21 Dec. Reported to Lt-Col Ainslie 2/48 Bn and Bn had not been advised of their relief by "A" Coy. Coy camped near Water Point for night and 2/48 Bn were advised of move at approx 1830 hrs from Bde. Area was taken over from 2/48 this morning and 2/48 Bn completed its move out by 1300 hrs. Two outposts held by Coy's of 2/48 Bn - Village MARAWO 2000 yds west of SATELBERG and 2200 feature ~~on~~^{on} track 1500 yds East of SATELBERG are now NOT occupied. Coy disposition. Coy HQ in 2/48 Bn BHQ 9 Pln at approx 544661 on track leading to PALANKO. 7 & 8 Pln on 3200 feature approx 1000 yds North West. This feature commands SATELBERG RIDGE and is ideal for MMGs. A track trace was handed over to "A" Coy from 2/48 Bn HQ. Training will include track recces to become acquainted with area. Handover from 2/48 Bn. Quantities of Amn and Rations were collected and stocked neatly in dumps. Bn 2 i/c made inspection of SATELBERG area with OC A Coy 2/32 Bn and a satisfactory state of clearing found. In every way the handover was satisfactory and co-operation was enjoyed from the CO down. One blanket per man was taken over from 2/48 Bn. The CQMS has visited a DID at JIVENANENG and arranged to draw our rations. Communications have been established with 2/28 Bn at WAREO but at time of writing line out to 2/32 Bn. Since time of moving, 21 Dec 2 ORS have been evacuated. Pte Major left at ADS near old camp with poisoned leg. Cpl Jones evacuated today to same ADS with swollen leg. 7 Reinfts marched in just prior to leaving last camp. Coy Strength 5 Offrs 62 ORs. 1 Offr & 2 ORs Arty - 70

War Diaries

HQ 2/32 Aust Inf Bn
In the Field
19 DEC 43

TRAINING SYLLABUS RIFLE COYS AND TK/A PL - 7 DAY PERIOD.

Day	Period	Subject	
1-2	3 hrs	Rifle	T.O.E.T. Bullring System.
"	4 "	Bren	
"	½ "	O S M G	
"	½ "	2" Mortar	
"	½ "	E Y Rifle	
"	½ "	Boyes TK/A	
"	½ "	M 36 Grenade	
"	½ "	Questionnaire	
3	1 "	Theory of S A Fire	
"	1 "	Camouflage and Concealment	
"	2 "	Scoutercraft	
"	1 "	Jungle Texture Appreciation	
4	1 "	Bren	
"	1 "	O S M G	
"	1 "	Jungle Texture Appreciation	
"	2 "	Stalking	
5	1 "	Boobytraps	
"	1 "	2" Mortar	
"	2 "	Rapid Sketching of an Area	
"	1 "	Camouflage and Concealment	
6	1 "	M 36 Grenade	
"	1 "	E Y Rifle	
"	½ "	Boyes Rifle	
"	½ "	Scoutercraft	
"	1 "	Theory of S A Fire	
7	2 "	Stalking	
"	1 "	Educational Talk	
"	1 "	Boobytraps	
"	1 "	Rapid Sketch of an Area	

I Sec

Training Syllabus for Specialist Platoons for a Period to Cover
7 Days.

Day	Period	Subject	"I" Sec.
1	1hr.	Duties and Functions Int. Secs. within Bns. & Bdecs.	
	1"	Maps. Types & Infm. shown thereon.	
	1"	Conventional Signs & Definitions	
	1"	References & Use of Reamers.	
	1"	Pc. V. Their Value & Handling.	
	1"	Scales & Their Uses.	
2	2"	Protractors Types & Uses.	
		Compasses. Liquid, Dry & Their Uses.	
		Conversion of Bearings.	
	1"	Resection & Intersection.	
	1"	Organisation of Jungle Inf. Div.	
	1"	Questionnaire on Trg. to Date.	
3	1"	Abbvs.	
	1"	Message Writing.	
	1"	Div. Weapons & Their Characteristics.	
	2hrs.	Compass March.	
4	1hr.	Traverse Lecture.	
	4hrs.	" Exercise.	
5	1hr.	Reports -Types & Illustration.	
	1"	Map Marking.	
	1"	Layout Bn. H. Q. Area & Marking of Same.	
	1"	Questionnaire.	
	2"	Collecting, Recording, Grouping & Presentation of Infm.	
	2"	Aerial Photography.	
6	1	Study of Aerial Photographs.	
	1	Infm. Required from Coy. "I" Personnel.	
	2"	Infm. Required for Fire Plan & Preparation of Same.	
	1"	Enemy Documents, Their Value & Where Secured.	
7	1"	Stereoscope: Use of.	
	1"	Photomaps: ASP. Study of.	
	2"	Enemy Identifications, Equipment & Terms.	
	1"	Questionnaire.	

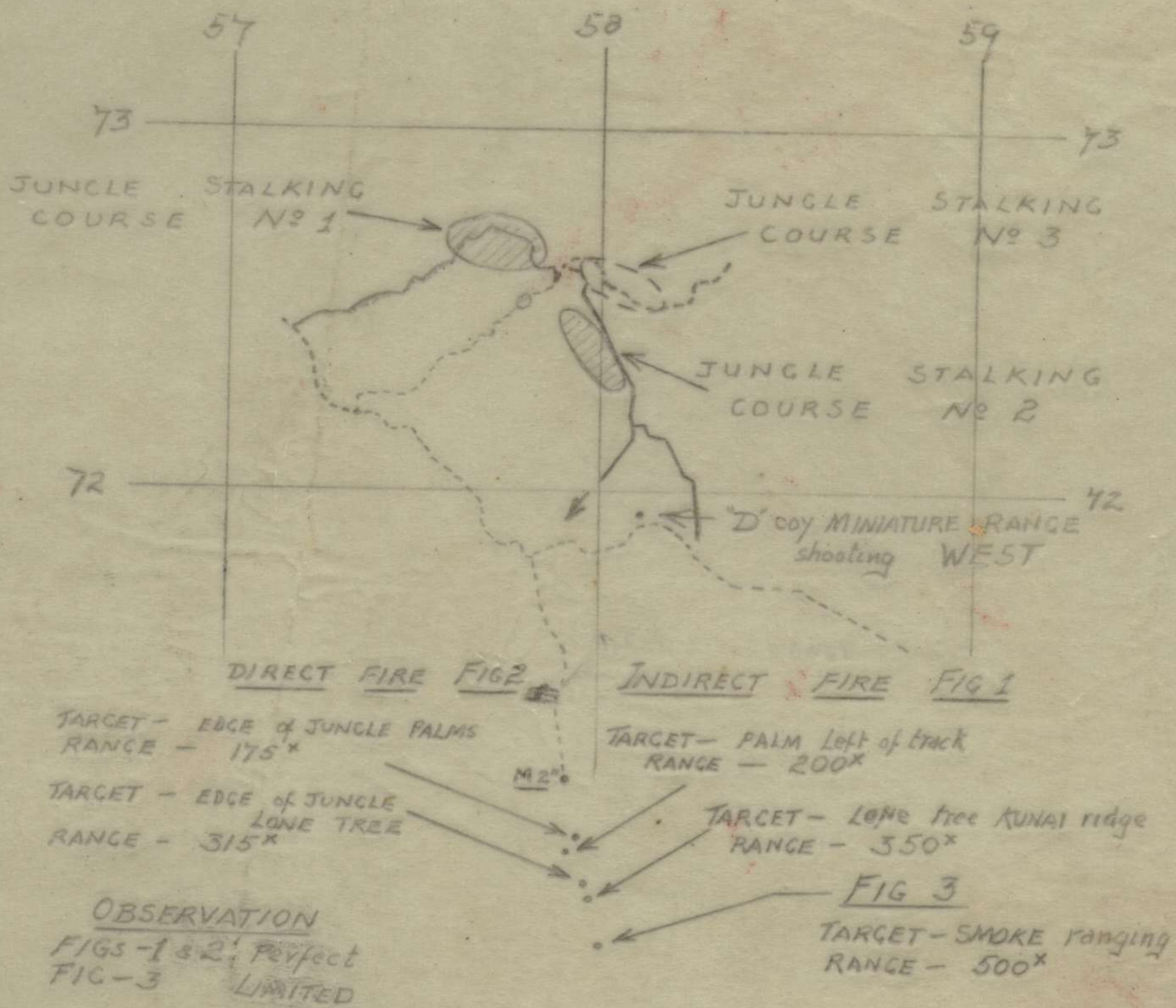
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Day	Period	Subject	lPl. (Sigs.)
1	1 hr.	Knots.	
	1"	Line Work.	
	1"	Outline on IW.	
	1"	IW. Faultfinding.	
2	1"	Morse Code.	
	1"	Line Work.	
	1"	Sig. Clerks Duties.	
	1"	Morse Code.	
	1"	Operators Duties.	
	1"	Tests on U.C.10	
3	1"	IW. Circuit.	
	1"	Orderlies Duties.	
	1"	Line Building.	
	1"	Morse Code.	
	1"	Phonograms.	
4	1"	Message Forms.	
	1"	Phonetic Alphabet.	
	1"	Morse Code.	
	1"	Battery Connections.	
5	3"	Cable Maintenance.	
	1"	Morse Code.	
	1"	Message Procedure.	
	1"	Semaphore.	
	1"	R/T Use.	
6	1"	W/T Use	
	1"	U.C.10 Operating.	
	1"	Morse Code.	
	1"	Phonetic Alphabet.	
	1"	Sig. Clerks Work.	
7	1 1/2"	Walkie-Talkie.	
	1"	Morse Code.	
	1"	Phonetic Alphabet. Semaphore.	
	3"	Walkie-Talkie. Questionnaire & Recapitulation.	

Day	Period	Subject	Spl. (Mortar Pl.)
1	1 st	8" Mortar: Its Capabilities & Limitations.	
	1 st	Description of Mortar, Name of Parts, Weights Etc.	
	1 st	Mount Mortar.	
	1 st	Dismount Mortar.	
	1 st	Sightsetting.	
2	1 st	Traversing Handle.	
	1 st	Cross Levelling Bubble.	
	1 st	Traversing Handle & Bubble Together.	
	1 st	Fall In & Take Post.	
	1 st	Action.	
3	3 rd	Recapitulation.	
	1 st	Laying On Aiming Post.	
	1 st	Rapid Corrections.	
4	1 st	Lecture: Area Shoots.	
	1 st	Practice Area Shoots. (without firing)	
	1 st	Lecture: Fuses & Bombs.	
	1 st	Use of Carrying Harness.	
	1 st	Lecture & Practice : Selection of Mortar Positions.	
5	1 st	Lecture: Night Firing.	
	1 st	Preparation of Mortar for Night Firing.	
	1 st	Lecture: Smoke.	
	1 st	Sand Table Exercise: Ranging Mortar.	
	1 st	Recapitulation.	
6-7		T. S. O. R. T. Action, Controlled Corrections, Rapid Corrections & Cease Fire.	

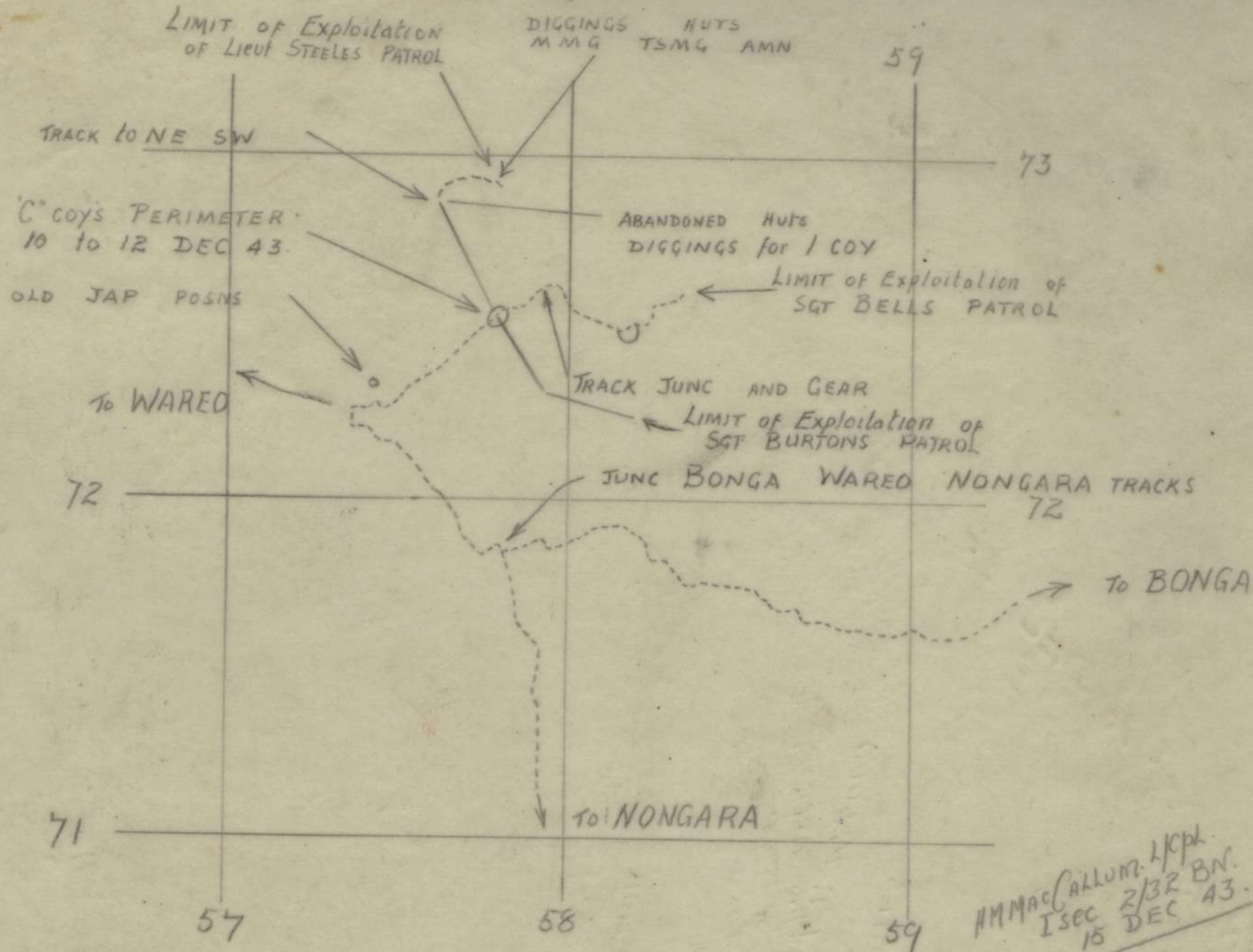
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1	1hr.	Gen. Description & Characteristics.	
	1"	Stripping.	
	1"	Mechanism	
	1"	"	
	1"	Stripping & Daily Cleaning.	
2	1"	Mechanism.	
	2"	R.C.D.	
	1"	Stripping Component Parts.	
	1"	Mechanism;Recapitulation.	
3	1"	1st. Position Stoppage.	
	1"	2nd. "	
	1"	R.C.D.	
	1"	Fire Control (Incl. Wind.)	
	1"	Consistency of Tap & Adjustment of Clamp.	
4	1"	Third Position Stoppage.	
	1"	Combined Sights Rule.	
	1"	1st. & 2nd. Position Stoppages.	
	1"	Instruments (Elev. Wheel & Dir. Dial)	
	1"	R.C.D. Adv. Handling.	
5	1"	4th. Position Stoppage	
	1"	Line & Bar Foresight.	
	2"	Recapitulation; Stoppages.	
	1"	Weekly Stripping & Cleaning.	
6	5"	T.S.O. R.T. R.C.D. Mount & Dismount, Load & Unload Laying the Gun.	
7	3"	T.S.O. R.T. Stoppages.	
	2"	Field Firing.	



TRACE showing COY PERIMETER and ROUTES of PATROLS

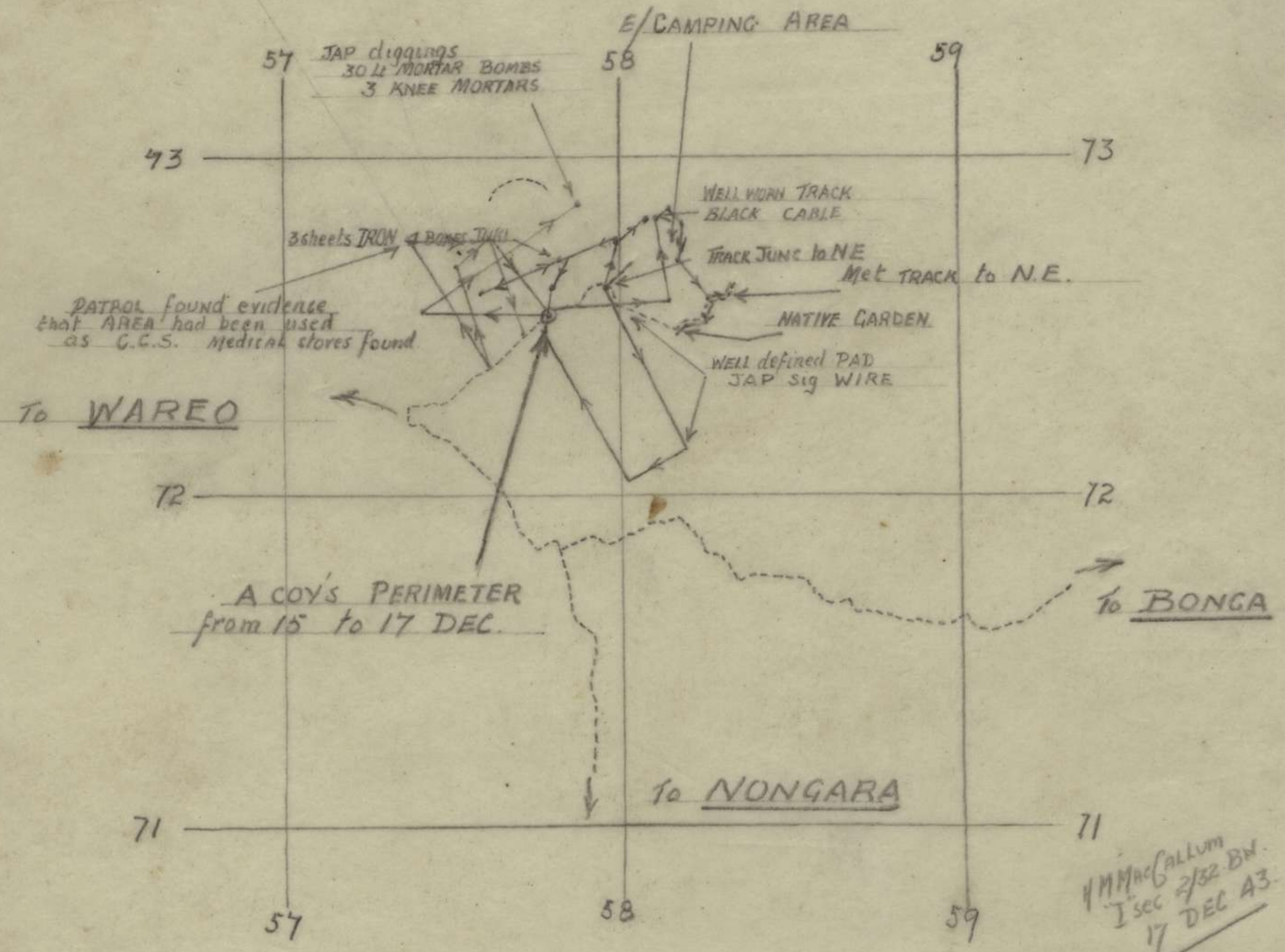
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I sec 2/32 BN.
15 DEC 43.

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I sec 2/32 BN.
17 DEC 43

War Diary
R E S T R I C T E D.Serial No. 6
Nos. 16 - 22AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES2/32 Aust Inf Bn Routine Orders Part I
byLt-Col T.H. SCOTTComd 2/32 Aust Inf Bn
28 Dec 43.16. GREEN ENVELOPES.

1. The practice of enclosing unfranked mail in an outer envelope addressed to the Base Censor (otherwise than in a green envelope) will cease forthwith.

2. Even when Green Envelopes are in short supply, no authority exists for personnel to forward mail to the Base Censor in order to avoid unit censorship.

3. All such letters sighted in future will be returned to the unit concerned.

(Ref NGFO G.477)

17. WITHDRAWAL OF SHORTS.

1. Shorts will not be issued to personnel in NEW GUINEA.

2. Shorts now on issue will be withdrawn immediately from all personnel in NEW GUINEA. Shorts which are the personal property of individuals will be handed in to the Kit Store.

3. Unit Commanders will ensure that para 2 of this Order is fully complied with and will render to their respective Formation Commanders not later than 27 Dec 43 a certificate to that effect.

4. Necessary action will be taken by all concerned to ensure that shorts in the possession of personnel subsequently arriving in NEW GUINEA are withdrawn on arrival.

5. Necessary issues will be made to enable each member to have in his possession three pairs of slacks.

6. The wearing of shorts will be treated as an offence, on and from 15 Dec 43.

(Ref NGFO A.476)

18. MINING AND SALE OF GOLD.

1. It is an offence against the laws of the Territories of Papua and New Guinea to:-

- (a) fossick for gold or otherwise engage in mining, without being in possession of a Miner's Right; or
- (b) take or remove gold from the claim of another person (even if in possession of a Miner's Right); or
- (c) be in possession of gold without lawful excuse; or
- (d) export gold from those Territories without a licence.

2. Those laws apply to, and will be observed by, all members of the AMF.

(Ref NGFO A.477)

19. MISUSE OF ARMY EQUIPMENT.

1. Misuse of Army Equipment such as wearing of bootlaces for hat bands, cutting down of American gaiters and stretchers, ambulance for beds, will cease forthwith. Disregard of this order will be treated as serious and offenders will be appropriately charged.

20. DRESS.

1. 2 Aust Corps Routine Order 274 is cancelled.
2. Attention is drawn to NEW GUINEA FORCE Order A475 reading as follows:-

"1. NGF Order A456/43 is cancelled.

2.(a) The following dress will be worn :-

- (i) slacks and shirt or safari jacket. Shirt or safari jacket will be worn with long sleeves fastened at the wrists and buttoned in all respects except at the collar where the button may be left undone;
- (ii) boots and socks, with anklets web or gaiters SD or puttees short.

PROVIDED THAT -

- (A) in respect of the period between the hours of sunrise and sunset (which hours will be fixed by Formation Commanders may, in their discretion, empower COs to permit:
 - (i) members to wear sleeves rolled up;
 - (ii) members of authorised working parties, whilst actually engaged in strenuous work, to work with the upper portion of the body bare;
- (B) Formation Commanders may also authorise COs to permit personnel to work with the upper portion of the body bare when actually working in ships'holds between sunset and sunrise.
- (b) Members granted permission to work with the upper portion of the body bare will wear shirts when proceeding to and returning from the actual place of work.
- (c) No general permission will be given by COs pursuant to the above proviso. A specific direction must be given by COs on each occasion.

3. A member issued with American gaiters may wear same in lieu of gaiters SD.

4.(a) Officers and WOs Class I may wear Sam Browne belts or belts web.

(b) WOs Class II may wear belts, waist, brown, leather or belts web.

(c) All other ranks may wear belts web.

5. Hats will be worn by all ranks except that, at their option :

- (a) officers and warrant officers may wear, in lieu, caps, officer pattern;

(b) drivers MT may wear in lieu, caps SD.

6. Safari jackets may be worn only by those other ranks who:

(a) have returned from service with the AIF out of Australia or ~~have~~ now serving in NEW GUINEA as members of the AIF ; or

(b) have had such articles issued to them by Ordnance.

7. Personnel will wear the right arm colour patch of their unit on the RIGHT hand side of, and in the centre of, the hat band, unless ordered not to wear colour patches for security reasons.
8. Notwithstanding that personnel wear other types of identity discs, all ranks will wear the identity discs issued to them.
9. COs will be responsible for ensuring that members of their units are made fully conversant with the requirements of this order and will take all necessary measures to bring about strict compliance therewith.
10. This order will take effect on and from 15 Dec 43."
3. COs of units of 2 Aust Corps Tps are empowered to permit the dress variations contained in NEW GUINEA FORCE Order A475 para 2A(i) (ii) between 0700 hrs and 1900 hrs daily.

(Ref 2 Aust Corps RO No 280)

21. RETURN SPRINGS - JAP LMG.

1. Jap LMG return springs are interchangeable with BESA MG return springs which are at present in short supply.
2. Where possible, Jap LMG return springs will be extracted and forwarded through normal channels to nearest ADOS dump.

22. APPOINTMENTS, PROMOTIONS, CONFIRMATIONS AND TRADE GROUPINGS.

QX 286	L/Sgt	BRIDGE	J K	Promoted A/Sgt	1-10-43
WX16940	Pte	McLEOD	K H	Graded Gp III Spec Clerk	1-10-43
QX 383	A/WOI	McKNIGHT	J J	Reverted to WO II	31-10-43
NX 7373	Cpl	HILLIARD	F E	(AAPC) Prom A/Sgt	27-11-43
VX38318	Pte	GERDTZ	G H	Appointed Paid L/Cpl	7-12-43
WX15073	"	RITCHIE	J	Graded Gp II Spec Int Duties	5-10-43
VX22933	"	WILEMAN	L C	Promoted A/Cpl	13-12-43
VX24750	"	STEELE	C J	Promoted A/Cpl	16-12-43
WX 145	A/Sgt	WOBBS	J H	Rank of Sgt confirmed	"
WX 1792	A/Cpl	RICHARDSON	R C	Rank of Cpl confirmed	"
VX22899	A/Cpl	DURKIN	D J	Rank of Cpl confirmed	"
VX38318	L/Cpl	GERDTZ	G H	Promoted A/Cpl	"
WX14687	A/Cpl	GERMAIN	D	Rank of Cpl confirmed	"
NX 7373	A/Sgt	HILLIARD	F E	(AAPC) Reverted to Cpl	7-12-43
VX42508	"	FABRICIUS	J W C	Rank of Sgt confirmed	16-12-43
WX17324	Pte	KIRBY	A G	Promoted A/Cpl	"
WX17574	"	CRIDDLE	K M	Promoted A/Cpl	"
NX170328	L/Bdr	MAYO	N E	Reverted to Pte	14-12-43
NX171596	"	GIBBONS	A J	Reverted to Pte	"
VX14524	Pte	BEULKE	G	Graded GpII Spec Cook	22-12-43
WX17618	"	NEWMAN	G W	Graded GpII Spec Cook	"
QX 2842	A/Sgt	WRIGHT	G J	Rank of Sgt confirmed	"
WX 7520	Cpl	HEGARTY	J P	Reverted to Pte	26-12-43
WX 7414	Cpl	SMITH	C	Promoted A/Cpl	23-12-43
VX47725	Pte	LANE	K A	Appointed Paid L/Cpl	"
<u>TRANSFERS</u>					
QX52979	Pte	FOX	B E	Transferred to 2/2 Aust MG Bn	22-12-43
WX 7520	"	HEGARTY	J P	Transferred to "A" Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	26-12-43

Redmond. Capt.
Adjnt 2/32 Aust Inf Bn

NOTICES

AIR MAIL LETTER CARDS

1. Owing to difficulty encountered in manufacture, AIR MAIL LETTER CARDS are now NOT obtainable in NEW GUINEA.
2. It is understood 90,000 LETTER CARDS are en route from MELBOURNE and will be distributed immediately on arrival.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS. The following message has been received from ADELAIDE Branch 2/32 Bn Comforts Club:

"Much pleasure in extending to 2/32 Battalion on behalf of Adelaide Branch Comforts Club. Seasons greetings and good luck G Scott."

Was Injury

UNIT STATISTICS

9 AUG 43 to 19 DEC 43.

	<u>Offrs.</u>	<u>ORs</u>
Original Strength Milne Bay -----	31	740
"X" List rejoined unit during period -----	18	330
Reinfts -----	13	114
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	62	1184
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<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>Offrs</u>	<u>ORs</u>
<u>KIA</u>	2	50
Died of Wounds	2	19
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	4	69
Wounded -----	11	194
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	15	263
Evacuated Hosp Sick -----	15	499
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	30	762
Present Strength	32	422
Actual Present Strength	32	422

Percentages :-

Sick evacuations : Offrs 48% ORs 64 %
 Battle Casualties 36% of original strength
 " " Deaths to total Battal Casualties 25%
 " " 31% of Original Strength plus
 Reinforcements to 19/12/43.

HQ 2/32 Aust Inf Bn
In the Field
16 Dec 43

LOB PERSONNEL

VX	48771	Maj	MOLLARD	K F	Bn HQ	Hosp
WX	205	Lieut	DOWNEY	R K	HQ Coy	
QX	36903	"	SMITHERS	B FO	C "	
WX	12543	"	KENNEDY	R R	B "	"
QX	297	"	GATWARD	G M	A "	"
SX	1932	Pte	PARNELL	R E	Bn HQ	
VX	47378	"	RANKIN	C M	HQ Coy	Cook
VX	16221	Sgt	MILLANE	A E	"	Sig (A2) (Buna)
TX	1262	Pte	WOOD	A	"	"
TX	1076	"	PARRY	R J	"	"
QX	2199	Sgt	McLELLAN	R	"	MMG
WX	10688	Pte	MONAGHAN	B J	"	"
WX	16402	"	JOHNSON	W	"	"
VX	22899	Cpl	DURKIN	D J	"	Mtrs (Hosp)
SX	1697	Pte	STOREY	F S	"	"
WX	18351	"	PAICE	R T	"	"
WX	1969	Cpl	HILLGROVE	M	"	TK/A
QX	20393	Pte	FEIGN	J H	"	"
QX	20395	"	GIFFORD	W S	"	"
WX	11450	"	WILLIAMS	N E	"	Pnrs
TX	12	"	WEBSTER	A N	"	" (Hosp)
WX	18276	"	JEFFORD	J E	"	Admin (Buna)
SX	4345	"	DOVER	L	"	" (Buna)
WX	9805	"	HENRY	E P	"	" (Hospital)
VX	14189	"	BRADFORD	W C	"	Pnrs
WX	17751	Pte	HOWARD	W H P	A Coy	
WX	16734	"	CHEESEMAN	W	"	
WX	14256	"	STEWART	J H	"	
WX	11464	A/Cpl	EDINCH	J W J	B Coy	
VX	16320	Pte	EVERSDEN	R V	"	
VX	43284	"	FEATHERSTON	B W	"	
QX	42491	"	PIKE	E D	"	
WX	12262	A/Cpl	KIRBY	W H	C Coy	
WX	14948	L/Cpl	TAYLOR	C J	"	
WX	14266	Pte	KING	A H	"	
WX	18658	"	PARKER	D H	"	
WX	19492	"	PARK	S	"	
WX	19661	"	MAYNE	L E	"	
WX	15894	"	LOADER	R J	"	
WX	16650	"	CARROTT	A	"	
VX	29714	L/Sgt	GILMORE	R W T	D Coy	
WX	9124	Pte	HUTCHINSON	T	"	
WX	17949	"	SHORT	W	"	
SX	1299	"	WATSON	H J	"	
WX	15017	"	WATERS	F	"	
WX	7725	"	ULLYOTT	W	"	
VX	37893	"	ROWSTON	A	"	
QX	383	WO II	McKNIGHT	J T	"	

H. C. 2/58 Aust Inf. Bn.

In the Field

28/12/43

TRAINING SYLLABUS RIFLE COYS. FOR THE WEEK END. Dec. 28 - Sat. Jan. 4

Day	Period	Subject
1	1hr.	Boobytraps.
	1 st	3" Mortar.
	3 rd	Rapid Sketching of an Area.
	1 st	Camouflage & Concealment.
2	1hr.	M33 Grenade.
	1 st	N Y Rifle.
	1 st	Boyer Rifle.
	1hr.	Scoutcraft.
	1hr.	Theory of S. A. Fire.
3	1hr.	Stalking.
	1 st	Educational Talk.
	1 st	Boobytraps.
	1 st	Rapid Sketch of an Area.
4	1hr.	Iron.
	1 st	Map Reading.
	1 st	Rifle.
	1 st	Compass.
	1 st	Rapid M. Sketching.
5	1 st	Sniping.
	1 st	Map Reading.
	1 st	Girls on trg to date.
	1 st	Scoutcraft.
	1 st	Lecture Hygiene.
	1 st	3" Mortar.
	1 st	N-Y Rifle.
6	1hr.	Stalkers Course
7	1hr.	30yds. Range.

Stalkers Course and 30yds. Range will be staggered by Coys. throughout the week.

Day	Period	Subject	Lvl. (Sigs.)
1	1hr.	Morse code.	
	1"	Message procedure.	
	1"	Semaphore.	
	1"	R/T use.	
	1"	W/T use.	
2	1hr.	U.C.I.O Operating.	
	1"	Morse code.	
	1"	Phonetic alphabet.	
	1"	Sig. clerks work.	
	1hr.	Walkie Talkie.	
3	1hr.	Morse code.	
	1"	Semaphore.	
	1"	Walkie Talkie.	
	2"	Questionnaire & recapitulation.	
4	1hr.	Morse code.	
	1"	Phonetic alphabet.	
	1"	Semaphore.	
	1"	Cable maintenance.	
	1"	Cable knots & joints.	
	1"	Recapitulation days work.	
5	1hr.	Morse code.	
	1"	U.C.I.O operating.	
	1"	Sig. clerks duties.	
	1"	Message form procedure.	
	1"	PROBABLE FAULTS U.C.I.O switchboard.	
6	1"	Morse code.	
	1"	Operating DW tele.	
	1"	Probable faults DW. tele.	
	1"	Semaphore.	
	1"	R/T & W/T procedure.	
7	1hr.	Tests U.C.I.O switchboard.	
	1"	" DW. tele.	
	1"	Morse code.	
	1"	Advantages of Fullerphone MK.1	
	1"	Message form procedure.	
	1"	Recapitulation & questions by students.	

Day	Period	Subject	"I" Section.
1	1hr. 1" 1" 1" 2" 1"	Reports-Types & Illustrations. Map marking. Layout En. H. C. area & marking of same. Questionnaire. Collecting, recording, grouping & presentation of info. Aerial photography.	
2	1hr. 1" 2" 1"	Study of aerial photographs. Info. required from Coy. "I" personnel Info. required for fire plan & preparation of same. Enemy documents-their value & where secreted.	
3	1hr. 1" 2" 1"	Stereo-usage of. Photomaps, ASP. Study of. Enemy identifications, equipment & terms. Questionnaire.	
4	1hr. 1" 1" 2 1/2 hrs.	Military writing, Sitreps, Revsits, Summaries. Message writing Jap badges of rank. Organisation of a Jap. Inf. Div.	
5	5hrs.	Track traverse.	
6	1hr. 1" 1" 2"	Jap. weapons. Recapitulation-Compass, protractor & their use. Definitions & conventional signs. Compass march.	
7	5hrs. 1" 1" 1"	Contours, V. I. H. N. Intervisibility. Questionnaire. Aerial Photography, with Stereo. Recapitulation, Div. organisation & weapons.	

Day	Period	Subject A.M. (M.F.C.)
2	1hr. 1 st 2 nd 1 st	4th. Pos. stoppage Oline & bar foresight. Recapitulation. Stoppages. Weekly stripping & cleaning.
3	5hrs.	To. O. E. T. - M. G. D. mount & dismount, load & unload & laying gun.
3	5hrs. 2 nd	To. O. E. T. Stoppages. Field firing.
4	1hr. 1 st 1 st 1 st 1 st	Field sign. E. G. D. (recapitulation) Stoppages Spare parts. Stripping & daily cleaning.
5	1 st 2 nd 1 st 1 st	E. G. D. (recapitulation) Fire orders direct. Introduction - Indirect fire. Stripping & daily cleaning.
6	1 st 1 st 1 st 1 st 1 st	Indirect fire. Crest method. To continue firing in event of target becoming obscured. Lecture. Types & siting of gun pits. Field sign. (recapitulation) Stoppages special.
7	1 st 2 nd 1 st 1 st	Constitution of M. M. G. Pl. Night firing & lecture. E. G. D. Advanced handling. Weekly cleaning.

H.Q. Coy.
Sydney
New South Wales

H. 2/52 Aust Inf. Bn.

In the Field

23/12/43

STALKERS COURSE FOR THE WEEK 23rd Dec. 43 - 2nd Jan. 44

Day	Period	Subject	
1	1hr.	Boobytraps.	
	1"	8" Mortar.	
	8"	Rapid Sketching of an Area.	
	1"	Camouflage & Concealment.	
2	1hr.	M53 Grenade.	
	1"	E Y Rifle.	
	1"	Boyer Rifle.	
	1 1/2 hrs.	Scoutcraft.	
	1hr.	Theory of S. A. Fire.	
3	5 hrs.	Stalking.	
	1"	Educational Talk.	
	1"	Boobytraps.	
	1"	Rapid Sketch of an Area.	
4	1 1/2 hr.	Even.	
	1"	Map Reading.	
	1"	Rifle.	
	1"	Compass.	
	1"	Rapid Fd. Sketching.	
	5	1"	Sniping.
		1"	Map Reading.
		1"	Quiz on trg to date.
1"		Scoutcraft.	
1"		Lecture Hygiene.	
6	1"	8" Mortar.	
	1"	E-Y Rifle.	
6	5 hrs.	Stalkers Course	
7	5 hrs.	50 yds. Range.	

Stalkers Course and 50 yds. Range will be staggered by Coy. throughout the week.

Day	Period	Subject	3Pl. (Mortars)
1	1hr.	Lecture	Night firing.
	1"	Preparation of mortar	for night firing.
	1"	Lecture	Smoke.
	1"	Sandtable exercise.	Ranging mortar.
	1"	Recapitulation.	
2 - 3	10	Ts. O.E.T.	Action, controlled corrections, rapid corrections & cease fire.
4	1hr.	Action on misfire.	
	1"	Auxiliary aiming mark.	
	1"	Ranging.	
	1"	Mount mortar uneven ground.	
	1"	Dismount.	
5	1"	Ranging recapitulation.	
	1"	Checking mortar sights - elevation.	
	1"	" " " " " " - direction.	
	3"	Recapitulation-action.	(against the clock.)
6	1"	March to Horace's Head.	
	1"	Area shoot . Questions & answers on the ground.	
	1"	Return to camp.	
	1"	Lecture.	Special features of jungle warfare as it affects the mortar.
	1"	Elementary mortar drill.	(recapitulation)
7	1"	Practice selection of mortar pos. & C.P.	
	3"	B.M.D. (Competitive)	
	1"	Ranging inst.	
	1"	Area shoots (recapitulation)	

Period Subject SPL. (Mortars)

1	3hr.	Lecture Night firing.
	1"	Preparation of mortar for night firing.
	1"	Lecture, make.
	1"	Sanitary exercise, ranging mortar.
	1"	Recapitulation.
2 - 4	10	W. G. E. T. Action, controlled corrections, rapid corrections & cease fire.

1hr.

W. G. E. T. Action

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TO 2/38 2/32 Bns.

FROM 36 Bde Originator's Number 0296 Date 19 In Reply to Number

Confirmation of No change of 2/28 Bn will move earlier
20 Dec. and relieve 2/23 Bn. less 1 Coy now on
patrol on relief 2/28 Bn comes under command 36 Bde
relief to be complete by night 21/22 Dec. on 20 Dec 2/32
Bn will take over responsibility for area all incl.
EXCHANGE XMAS HILL vital ground to be held by
at least 1 Coy EXCHANGE PABU area 603716

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TO *2/32 Bn*

FROM <i>TAC 24 Bde</i>	Originator's Number <i>0299</i>	Date <i>21</i>	In Reply to Number
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<i>24</i>	<i>Bde</i>	<i>assumed responsibility</i>	
<i>26</i>	<i>Bde</i>	<i>area at</i>	<i>1200 hrs</i>
<i>29</i>	<i>December</i>	<i>all informed</i>	

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T.H.I.

2130

T.O.R.

7/13/20 0328

CO - *Ruf*
advt ~~*Ruf*~~ *Ruf*
do. *Ruf*

L.O.B.
L.H.T.

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FROM	<i>7/13/20 0328</i>	CLASSIFICATION NUMBER	<i>0328</i>	DATE	<i>7/13/20</i>	IN REPLY TO NUMBER	
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TO *2/32 Am*

FROM *TAC 24 Bole* Originator's Number *0297* Date *21* In Reply to Number

<i>Ref.</i>	<i>owe</i>	<i>0297</i>	<i>of</i>	<i>21 DEC</i>	<i>⊙</i>
<i>Amend</i>	<i>area</i>	<i>of</i>	<i>responsibility</i>	<i>to read</i>	
<i>incl.</i>	<i>LANGKAMAR</i>	<i>BAY</i>	<i>All informed</i>		

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T.H.I. *2035*

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DO [unclear]

T.O.B.

T.H.T.

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Advt [unclear]

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DEGREE OF PRIORITY
ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS

FROM

3/25 [unclear]

Originator's Number

350

Date

31 DEC 1950

In Reply to Number

TO

3/25 [unclear]

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TO *2/32*

FROM *24 BDE.* Originator's Number *291* Date *18* In Reply to Number

WARNING ORDER @ Ref map 25000 series @
 24 AUST INF BDE will assume responsibility
 for area BONGA WAREO to front incl
 GUSIKA to HILL 2200 5672 to BA'2 ULUO
 @ Fwd of this for depth and warning
 left for flank protection @ Rear body
 R/SONG excl. @ Additional steps

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*under command two tps C sqn tks
2/4 bav. commando sqn 2/2 MG bn
less two coys plus LOB 24 and 26
bde and 2/4 commando sqn @ IN
sp 2/12 fld reg less bty 2/13 fld coy
@ bde refce party already notified
will recce area commencing 19/Dec*

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FROM	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
<p>① Probable allotment of areas 2/2 MG bn GUSIKA beachhead and coastal approaches 2/32 bn area EX CHANGE</p>			
607722	XMAS HILL	5871	all incl ①
2/43	bn HILL	2200	5672 WAREO
all incl ①	2/28	bn area	incl WAREO

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*incl BAZULUO @ 2/4 bav. commands sqn
left flank protection @ Time to be
in pen VOT before 22 Dec. detail
later. @ Tac Bde opens vicinity
XMAS HILL on 19 DEC main repair
present area ACK all informed
ack I 210*

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TO

FROM	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
1598716 @ XMAS HILL @	2/43 Bn. in Bde. res. will		
be on 12 hrs. notice to move and will hold			
NTH. P. NO. / NTH. HILL	and SCARLET BEACH		@ latter
with at least 1 Coy @	C Coy 2/2 M.G. Bn. remains		present
ADN @	radios unencumbered position plus 1 F.O.R.		and 2 emergency unman @ down and onative
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*Relief 26 Bele completed by 1200 hrs
22 Dec @ command assumed of additional
units allotted by 9 AUST Div area of
responsibility now all incl GUSKAF
B H Z U L N O 5371 LANGEEMAK
all informed*

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INSERT INCLUDING...
 ORIGINATOR'S NAME, REGTELE, EXCEL, AND
 SIGNATURE

BY WHOM: (EXCEL) MINUTE
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TO 4 BDE 24 BDE 26 BDE

FROM 9AUST DIV

Originator's Number 0.979 Date 27 In Reply to Number

(Write horizontally)

SECRET ref my 0.0 23 not to 1 th BN
and a coy PTB 0 infm 0 pt BOATS REPORT
THEIR patrol close inshore in daylight
today from incl NAMBA BAWA to the south
saw no enemy and drew no fire 0 the enemy
may possibly have withdrawn or purposely
remained concealed without opening fire INTENT
- 10N 0 no change 0 METHOD 0 paras 2 3
and 4 of my 00 23 apply 0 PHASE FOUR 0
phase four will comprise holding of GUSIKA
- LANGEMAK BAY - WAREO the holding
of MASAWENG BEACH - KILIGIA - FORTIFI-
CATION HILL and an adv to line WANDA
4303 - SPUR 4300 20 0 4 and 24 Bdes
will continue present tasks 0 the adv will
be made with ca 20 bde leading and 26
Bde in immediate res 0 immediately on completion
capture spur 496942 - 475937 20 Bde
will commence recce as far fwd as SIALUM 0
this recce will be a joint landward
and sea-ward recce party. Landward det
being not less than two pls in strength
and sea-ward det being ESB craft in constant
comm with and carrying res amm sups and
water

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fort the landward det @ the recce party will be in comm with 20 Bde and will incl beach recce in its tasks @ ground gained by the landward party will be held @ 20 Bde will be prepared to despatch one bn and sp arms to SIALUM by sea immediately SIALUM is reported clear @ independently of this recce 20 Bde will commence adv 28 dec to line NANDA - SP UR 43 00 20 @ 26 Bde will ~~as~~ 20 Bde advances continue to protect the rear of 20 Bde and its own left flank @ all otment esb craft to 20 Bde for recce party is one LCV 27 dec one LCV one NAVIGATING craft 28 dec - 271625L

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16 Dec	o	CHANGES	o	24 Bde	10
is	to	assume	responsibility	26	15
Bde	area	in	addition	to	20
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area	incl	GUSIKA	to	WARRO	35
to	incl	LANGEMAR	BAY	o	40
Following	additional	tp	come	under	45
comd	24	Bde	on	passing	50
of	comd	26	Bde	area	55
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incl	EXCHANGE	XMAS	HILL	holding	100
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o	2/28	Bde	area	incl	110
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<i>will</i>	<i>be</i>	<i>drawn</i>	<i>from</i>	<i>LAUNCH</i>	55
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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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(Adapted) (Page 1)
(Revised Jan., 1943)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 4/12/1943 2/22 Post War (Unit)

(Serial No.)

W.E. 11/12/43 OFFRS. 23 O.R.'s 2547 OFFRS. 1 O.R.'s 33 ATT. BY W.E.

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

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W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.					Rein'ts Required.
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.	
3	3	1	1	*	A.A.M.C.	1				
7	7		1	*	Lieut.-Colonels					
8	8		1		Majors					
			11		Captains					
			1		Lieutenants					
			1		Quarter-masters					
					A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.					
					Civilians Counting as Offrs.					
18	18		14			1				

DETAIL	A.I.P.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL
A.			17							17
E.(1)			1							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.
WV8667	LIEUT.	DENNISS A.P.A	HOSPITAL	27-11-43	REJOINED UNIT
QX24675	"	STEELE H	GEN REINF ALF	27-11-43	TAKEN ON STRENGTH
WV9588	"	HAMILTON A	HOSPITAL	28-11-43	RET. UNIT
WV305	"	DOWNEY R.K	"	2-12-43	" "

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
WV509	MAJOR	DIXON G.E.	HOSPITAL	29-11-43	P.O.O
QV37	CAPT.	DAVIES H.C.	"	29-11-43	P.O.O ? MALARIA
WV9926	LIEUT.	KELLY M.T.	"	27-11-43	BATTLE CASUALTY WIND
VX47881	MAJOR	MOLLARD R.F.	"	1-12-43	ANTHRAXIS

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO 2/22 Post War (Unit) IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED. 4/12/1943

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).
WV22425	LIEUT.	HARRISON A.T.	3 A.I.T. CORUNGA
WV2108	"	DONALDSON R.	" "
QX4203	"	CALCINO A.V.	" "

3/32 ASST INF BN Unit

21/43 (Serial No.)

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
LT-COL	Sx10309	SCOTT	T.H.	C.O.	YES		
CAPTAIN	Qx10092	DAVIDSON	J.T.D.	364000	"		
"	Qx2083	CARTWRIGHT	R.E.	S.M.	"		
LT T/CAPT	Wx39719	CROOK	R.G.	ADJT	"		
"	Wx25100	THORNTON	J.J.	464000	"		
LIEUT	Wx8667	DENNESS	A.P.A.	664000	"		
"	Wx205	DOWNEY	R.K.	7000	"		
"	Qx21388	CARDINER	R.A.	1.0.	"		
"	Wx17028	BUCKLEY	M.M.	144000	"		
"	Wx17009	IRELAND	R.D.	144000	"		
"	Qx4331	CLARK	T.C.	114000	"		
"	Wx9585	HAMILTON	A		NO	L.O.B	28-11-43
"	Qx36903	SMITHERS	B.F.O.	944000	YES		
"	Qx24472	STEELE	H		"		
CAPTAIN	Wx59291	KAYE	P	R.M.O.	"		

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
CHAPLAIN	Wx72297	WILLIAMSON R.E.	ASST D	21-5-43	
LIEUT	Tx5923	BELL C.E.	3/43 BN	16-11-43	
"	Tx5012	BROWNING R.I.	"	16-11-43	
"	Wx313	WARNER J.F.	24 BOCHE	24-11-43	

Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

2132 Aust Inf Bn Unit

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 4/12/1943.

Table with columns for Details of Tradesmen (GROUP I, II, III), W.E., Posted Strength, and Reints. Required. Includes categories like Ammunition Examiners, Surveyors, Engineers, etc., with handwritten numerical data.

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

6-12-43 Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander