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July 1 Night 30 June/1 July - Sitner.

Sunday The day was occupied in movement across the river and proceeding to posns EAST of BEAUFORT.

Bn HQ moved to 384903, A Coy pushed along the rly line and, at last light, were in the vicinity of the bridge at 400896.

B Coy contacted 2/28 Bn and moved back to BEAUFORT. At nightfall, they were in the area 384894.

C Coy were sent to patrol the feature in sqs 39/90 and, at last light, less one pl, were at 399904, 13 Pl being at 397902.

D Coy moved EAST towards the spur cut by the 41 Grid line and, at 1900 hrs, had reached 402895. They reported that three enemy had been sighted.

July 2 Monday B and C Coys 2/28 Bn came under our command, B Coy 2/28 Bn were to relieve our A Coy who were to move to the area of the track junc in sqs 37/91. The former Coy moved into A Coy's area at 1800 hrs.

Our B Coy moved ~~to 372948~~ to 372948 to take over from C Coy 2/28 Bn as from the morning 3 July. The rly and bridges along this route were reported to be in very poor condition due to Allied bombing.

C Coy were ordered to move to the high ground in sqs 41/90. The Coy had a very arduous journey over a razorback. At 413907 they discovered a well defined footpad running in an easterly direction which they followed. At last light, the Coy was at 418907 with one pl at 421906.

D Coy had a lively day - they reached the 100 metre spur at 410896 and contacted enemy at 412898; contact was also made along the rly line due SOUTH of this posn. Arty support was requisitioned and the area was shelled. The enemy was well dug in, his posns were well camouflaged and he offered very stubborn resistance throughout the day. A fighting patrol sent out at 1645 hrs reported in at 1930 hrs. It made contact at 415896 and came under fire from 414896. The patrol replied with 2" mtrs and grenades before withdrawing. Arrangements were made for the Arty to bring down harassing fire tonight. The Coy's dispositions at last light: Coy HQ & 16 pl 408891, 17 pl 409893, 18 pl 410895. The Coy estimated that two Japs had been killed.

July 3 Tuesday

At 0640 hrs, B Coy advised that they were sending a patrol to LUMAT; a line party to examine the rly would accompany them. C Coy moved down the spur towards the rly line at 423893, outflanking the enemy in front of D Coy. At 0950 hrs, a D Coy patrol met enemy 600 yds fwd of 17 pl. Another patrol led by Capt A.P.A. Denness went forward to investigate. The patrols came under fire from an enemy pocket at 415895 armed with an MG, Capt Denness was wounded and had to be evacuated; Capt J.F. Worner took over comd of the Coy. Meanwhile, C Coy were making preparations to set an ambush at 424894.

Arty shelled the area around the house at 415896. At 1330 hrs, a pl patrol went fwd to investigate the results of the Arty shoot. It came under MG fire and the commander (Lt D.D. Williamson) was killed. One dead Jap was found, 3" mtrs engaged the posn. C Coy moved down the spur to a posn overlooking the rly track. They found the going very difficult, the slopes being almost

July 3
Tuesday

perpendicular. The Coy's ration position was causing some concern. Our Arty re-engaged the enemy posn and, also, the island to the SOUTH. A patrol from D Coy went forward to investigate and were pinned down - casualties one wounded. The Coy were ordered to remain in posn overnight; our Arty harassed the enemy posn. C Coy killed two Japs moving along the rly line below them. B Coy's patrol to LUMAT contacted a party of approx ten Japs - shots were exchanged, and one of our men was fatally wounded. An enemy party was sighted by the fwd pl of B Coy at 1955 hrs. They were fired upon and withdrew. These incidents confirmed Native reports that odd bands of Japs were moving back inland from the coast. A Coy in the area 374933 had an uneventful day.

July 4
Wednesday

Our Arty harassed the enemy throughout the night and C Coy reported that all shells were in the target area. This Coy fired on one Jap during the night and believed that he was killed. Sounds resembling trolleys had been heard indicating an enemy withdrawal. Patrols were thoroughly investigating the area adjacent to the Coy's FDLs. A D Coy patrol reached the enemy posn and found it unoccupied. The posn comprised seven foxholes and one dead Jap was found. A large quantity of electrical eqpt and an LMG were captured. 16 pl were despatched along the rly line to contact C Coy, 14 pl moving down to meet them. The Bde Comd visited D Coy this morning. 16 pl contacted enemy of approx sec. strength on the 42 Grid line. Shots and grenades were exchanged and the pl pressed home the attack, killing three Japs and capturing an LMG at the cost of one WW. At 1315 hrs, 14 and 16 pls linked up. This enabled rations to be delivered to C Coy, who had been without them since 1200 hrs the previous day.

A patrol from 13 pl, C Coy towards the bridge 426894 killed two Japs. Odd stragglers, attempting to sneak up the numerous re-entrants, were successfully engaged.

This afternoon, C Coy, with 16 pl under comd, cleared the area to the MONTENIOR BENAR bridge, no further enemy being sighted.

Total Japs killed in the engagement - by C Coy 13, by D Coy 5, Total 18 - own casualties KIA 1 Offr, WIA 1 Offr, 2 ORs.

A patrol from B Coy NORTH to 408014 reported NMS. Late this afternoon, the remainder of 2/28 Bn arrived from WESTON to take over our area, releasing us for operations to the NORTH. C Coy 2/28 Bn relieved our D Coy and arrangements were made for D Coy 2/28 Bn to take over our C Coy's area, early tomorrow morning.

An adv Bn HQ was established at 366943; the remainder of Bn HQ and D Coy staged for the night at our B Echelon's area in BEAUFORT. A native captured by D Coy during their attack was sent to Bde.

July 5
Thursday

Preparations were made to continue the advance to the NORTH as laid down by O/O attached.

Bn HQ was established in the vicinity of the house at 366943, D Coy HQ with 16 pl at 366945, 17 and 18 pls at 372948.

C Coy arrived in the area early this afternoon and moved into posn adjacent to Bn HQ.

B Coy were ordered to move to the general area sqm 40/00 and left for this destination at 1330 hrs.

A Coy were ordered to proceed to LUMAT.

The track from 369944 was recced and found to be unsuitable for jeeps.

Dispositions of our fwd Coys at last light:- A Coy LUMAT, B Coy HQ 400944, 10 pl 401944, 11 pl 422030, 12 pl 405008.

- July 6
Friday
- Our advance to the NORTH commenced this morning and continued uninterrupted until last light, when we were disposed as follows:-
Bn HQ 423032. A Coy HQ 408014, 7 pl 410012, 8 pl 405014, 9 pl 406015.
B Coy HQ and 11 pl 442057, 10 and 12 pls 457078. C Coy HQ 383968,
13 pl 382967, 14 pl 385967, 15 pl 383971. D Coy HQ 424034, 16 pl
426035, 18 pl 433036.
Eight unserviceable 50 calibre Brownings and two outboard motors
were found in a house at 429037. A near miss had caused rail
distortion at 457078. However, a sawmill in the vicinity contained a
quantity of sawn timber which should facilitate the repairing of the
permanent way. A crater on the rly line between LUMAT and MEMBAKUT in
the area of the OO NORTHING is temporarily dislocating traffic.
At 1615 hrs, 17 pl were sent out on a river patrol to the mouth of
the MEMBAKUT.
A patrol to 429035 reported NMS.
The rly bridge at MEMBAKUT is demolished - Tac/R reports indicate
that all bridges NORTH to PAPAR are in like condition.
- July 7
Saturday
- Our Coys consolidated the ground gained and prepared to continue the
advance. Bn HQ remained in posn; C Coy moved to the area 422031.
17 pl reported that the MEMBAKUT river was navigable to LCMs at high
tide from the mouth to 432060. Beyond that point, the stream contained
numerous snags.
Thanks to excellent work by the engr, ably assisted by our Pnr pl,
the rly from BEAUFORT to MEMBAKUT was opened to traffic at 1500 hrs
today.
A Coy reported that a patrol yesterday to 439033 had reced
unsuccessfully for a river crossing. The track, through rubber and
heavy undergrowth, could be made jeepable with a little work.
A B Coy patrol to BONGAWAN found the bridge badly damaged but
infantry could safely cross it.
Another B Coy patrol to 470079 reported NMS.
The Coy captured a Japanese secret policeman - KEMPI TAI - and two
collaborators in the BONGAWAN area.
A Coy moved to the area 436049.
- July 8
Sunday
- D Coy were ordered to move to the coast and patrol NORTH to the
mouth of the BONGAWAN river; the Coy moved out at 1100 hrs.
Engrs, with B Coy providing protection, examined the BONGAWAN bridge
and estimated that a fortnight would be required to repair it.
It will, therefore, be necessary to establish a landing point on
KIMANIS bay in order that our L of C will not be disrupted.
At 1620 hrs, D Coy advised that they had reached the river mouth.
Coy Tac HQ and 17 pl were moving up the coast to 456120 and
remaining there overnight.
A Coy killed a Jap at 436036.
- July 9
Monday
- At 0922 hrs, B Coy moved up to BONGAWAN, arriving there at 1300 hrs
and taking up posn as follows:-
Coy HQ 494108, 10 pl 497117, 11 pl 500126, 12 pl 494110.
A patrol to the bridge at 530180 found MANDAHAN deserted and both
bridges intact. Old diggings were found in the area.
Another patrol to the track/rly junc in sqs 50/09 reported NMS.
D Coy advised that they were now concentrated at 430109. Two LCMs
and a Rocket ship had arrived at the beachhead from LABUAN.
Patrols from C Coy to 440033 and along the SOUTH bank of the ~~xxx~~ ck
WEST of the rly reported NMS.
Over the past few days, many native collaborators have been rounded
up by our fwd Coys and Native guerillas co-operating with us.
- July 10
Tuesday
- B and D Coys continued the advance NORTH, the latter travelling by LCMs.
13 pl, C Coy moved out on a two day patrol to the area of the village
452013, where a Japanese dump was suspected. By last light, this patrol
had reached 468999 where they bivouaced for the night. A quantity of
enemy stores had been found by them en route.
B Coy reached KIMANIS shortly after noon and patrolled to the NORTH,
contacting D Coy at 543270.
Last light dispositions of our fwd Coys - B Coy HQ 533203, 10 pl
536233, 11 pl 535210, 12 pl 535219. D Coy - concentrated in the area
541269.
B Coy reported that the beach at 515164 was suitable for a light BMA.

July 11 Wednesday Bn HQ moved up by LCM to 542268, A Coy moved up the rly line to join our fwd Coys and, at last light, had reached KIMANIS. B Coy moved to 542269, C Coy remained in the MEMBAKUT area for the time being.

At last light, D Coy HQ and a pl were at 564306 with the other pls at 564306 and 546310 - no enemy were sighted. 13 pl's patrol rejoined their Coy - NMS.

July 12 Thursday 16 and 18 pls of D Coy went out on patrols towards PAPAR, the former along the rly line, the latter via the coast.

At 1230 hrs, when they were at 570315, 16 pl observed two Japs moving SOUTH along the rly and an LMG opened fire from 573318. The patrol replied and one Jap was wounded. The enemy withdrew and 16 pl continued their advance.

18 pl reached the PAPAR river mouth without sighting any enemy.

The balance of D Coy left by barge at 1525 hrs to join 18 pl. They reached KUALA village and recce patrols to the SOUTH and SE reported NMS.

A Coy arrived in the area at 1330 hrs and relieved B Coy, the latter moving up the rly line to join 16 pl.

At 1600 hrs, this pl reported that they had reached 580330 - NMS. Permission was granted them to patrol to the bridge. They found it demolished and the town deserted.

Our Regtl guide sec went on a river patrol to BENONI village - NMS.

Two 25 pounder guns arrived in the area and were in posn by 1420 hrs - BENONI trig and IMBAHAU village were registered.

At 1925 hrs, B and D Coys entered PAPAR. The river was reported to be navigable for LOMs from the mouth to PAPAR town except at low tide. This river will, therefore, provide an excellent sea L of C direct from LABUAN.

The area NORTH of the river was investigated for a distance of 1000 yds.

C Coy will remain in the MEMBAKUT area until further notice as L of C protection.

July 13 Friday

Bn HQ moved into PAPAR this morning and established at 582334.

A Coy remained in posn in the area 541267 as BMA protection.

B and D Coy dispositions - B Coy HQ 583333, 10 pl 584330, 11 pl 586331, 12 pl 581330. D Coy HQ 582332, 16 pl 581331, 17 pl 582333, 18 pl 583333.

A patrol supplied by 11 pl B Coy down the track to 586274 to 603270 to 608293 thence NORTH along track to SP reported NMS.

Reports indicate that enemy parties make periodic raids on the neighbouring villages and seize supplies of rice. Following information that seven Japs were at KILATUAN village, 9 pl A Coy under Lt P.H. Clements set out to investigate, travelling by river to BENONI, thence by track. The village was surrounded and six Japs were contacted and killed without loss to the patrol. Rifles and documents were captured.

B Coy discovered a Padi dump at 585321 and sent a standing patrol to picquet it. This evening, natives seized a Jap as he was drawing supplies from a smaller dump at 582302 and delivered him to the patrol.

To date, the Bn has been constantly on the move and the tps are hoping for a few days of inactivity in order that they may devote attention to the necessary "making and mending." It would appear that such hopes are well founded as arrangements are at present in train for a much needed "clean up" of the area. Adequate steps have already been taken to secure the defence of the town.

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July 14
Saturday

At 0245 hrs, one of our picquets observed three umbrella shaped lights go up to the NE of our posn. The distance was estimated at 20/30 miles indicating the JESSELTON area.

C Coy advised their dispositions as follows:-

Coy HQ 423032, 13 pl 428038, 14 pl 424034, 15 pl 423031.

13 pl sent a patrol to 444028 - NMS.

A native brought a Jap to A Coy.

Following a Native report that fifteen enemy were in the village at 630335, a patrol from B Coy moved out to investigate.

This patrol reached LAPUTONG where the natives reported that the enemy had moved, the hut at 630317 was indicated. The patrol was fired upon as it approached this hut and two of our men were wounded. The posn was engaged with grenades and SA fire. (See separate report.) The natives at LAPUTONG were unco-operative and the village chief will be summoned to this HQ and punished for not rendering assistance regarding the wounded men. (The male population of the village were later sentenced to one month's imprisonment with hard labour without pay by the civil authorities.)

Two Chinese coolies caught cutting sig wire in B Coy's area were promptly seized and taken into custody.

Our arty shelled the area where B Coy's patrol engaged the enemy.

July 15
Sunday

A Coy moved up to PAPAR, crossed the river and, by late afternoon, were in posn as follows:-

Coy HQ 586335, 7 pl 588334, 8 pl 592341, 9 pl 587388.

C Coy despatched a patrol to investigate a rumour that six Japs were in the vicinity of 448000; it will remain out overnight.

An FOO, accompanied by a small recce party, examined the area along the PAPAR river to 612334.

Our arty registered 621323 and DUMBAI trig. The latter is known to be an enemy OP; later we established an OP there ourselves. Natives reported that there were ten dead Japs in the house which was the scene of B Coy's patrol clash yesterday. A patrol investigate the posn tomorrow.

Another report indicated that a JUKI had fired upon natives at 674267. An extensive patrol programme has been planned for tomorrow.

July 16
Monday

Extensive patrol activity was a feature of the day.

An arty OP was established on DUMBAI trig protected by a standing patrol provided by 7 pl, A Coy.

A B Coy patrol to the hut at 630317 reported NMS and advised that BENONI trig was not suitable for OP purposes.

16 pl, D Coy patrolled to the ANDUS area - NMS.

A recce party from 10 pl 2/16 Fd Coy with A Coy providing protection examined the tunnel in sqs 62/35. They found it blocked but passable to foot traffic. A derailed locomotive with carriages, badly damaged by Allied bombing, was still in it while the rails were over two feet under water. Empty mine containers were found in the area but, contrary to native reports, no mines.

In order to further strengthen our well drawn out L of C, 15 pl C Coy moved from MEMBAKUT to BONGAWAN and were established in their new posn by 1800 hrs.

During the day, it was announced that the GOC 9 Aust Div (Maj-gen G.F. Wootten) would probably pay us a visit on July 19.

A C Coy protective patrol inland along the MEMBAKUT river reported NMS

July 17
Tuesday

An AUSTER strip has been completed at 563348; it can be developed into a fighter strip with 1000 yds runway in two weeks.

Patrol activity continues; another good OP was found - the feature in sqs 60/28.

C Coy HQ, 2/2 MMG Bn, plus one pl arrived in the area at 1800 hrs.

The Engrs have been very busy working on the AUSTER strip and the construction of a Jeep track, 180 natives being employed.

An Indian snake charmer is providing entertainment for the Tps.

A Fd Bakery has arrived.

July 18
Wednesday

Patrol details:-

The Regtl guides provided a patrol to BAUTA - NMS.

B Coy less 11 pl moved out on a three day patrol with the object of:-

(a) Establishing an OP on the feature at 602289.

(b) Establishing a firm base from which patrols would search for the enemy.

July 18
Wednesday

At 1330 hrs, the Coy Comd reported that the OP had been established and his Coy was located as follows:-
Coy HQ 607 295, 10 pl 606295, 12 pl 614293. No enemy had been sighted. A patrol from this base to 640287 reported NMS.
15 pl sent a patrol from BONGAWAN down the branch rly and found two abandoned locomotives and 150 skeletons - believed to be the remains of Javanese - in the village at 518058. The site had apparently been a hospital area and a thorough investigation of the matter will be made. Brig S.H.W.C. Porter, accompanied by Brig "Bomber" Wells, GBS 1 Aust Corps visited us this afternoon and will remain here overnight. BGS
Standing patrol depails:-
A Coy at 619338, 590334 and 630360.
B Coy at 586321 and 593326.
D Coy at 573320.
Arty OPs are now operating at 619338 and 602289.

July 19
Thursday

A B Coy patrol from their firm base to KAYAU village - sqs 67/27 -NMS.
Another patrol SOUTH along the track to 646260 submitted a like report. A fighting patrol will make a thorough investigation of the OBAL area tomorrow.
15 pl patrolled to KIMANIS - NMS. As their present area is highly malarious, this pl will probably move to a better bivouac site; they have reported the suitability of MANDAHAN in this respect.
The GOC 9 Aust Div (Maj-gen G.F. Wootten) paid us a brief visit this morning and inspected B Coy's area and fwd patrol base before his departure.
We understand that 9 Aust Div have completed all the tasks allocated to them under OBOE SIX, which covers the area PAPAR-MIRI, and, pending further orders, our role will be similar to that of TOBRUK i.e. a defensive role combined with offensive patrol activity.
A large smoke column over the JESSELTON area was observed during the day and, as we have passed back much valuable infm regarding the dispositions of the enemy in this area, we naturally hope that such intelligence is providing the Air Force with pin pointed targets.

July 20
Friday

9 pl, A Coy relieved 7 pl on DUMBAL trig this morning.
A recce party from A Coy to the feature at 642365 reported NMS.
B Coy's fighting patrol under Capt J.N. Liddell, to investigate the OBAL area contacted approx one sec of enemy at 684283. In the initial clash, one Jap was killed and an A/A MG of 303 calibre - believed to be a Browning - and a British service rifle captured. The patrol advanced to 685283 and came under fire from an LMG sited on the northern bank of the PAPAR at 685284. Capt Liddell was wounded and the patrol withdrew to all arty to engage the posn.
12 pl, B Coy will investigate OBAL tomorrow.
C Coy are seeking further evidence relevant to the human remains found by their patrol yesterday.
During the day, our OP on DUMBAL trig and the Naval det at the PAPAR mouth observed at least fifteen large fires burning in an arc from the NORTH - NE.
Appropriate enquiries were launched from this HQ and, at 2125 hrs, the Bd G 3 (AIR) advised that Mitchell bombers, operating from PALAWAN, had attacked JESSELTON this morning. The origin of the other fires is not known.
Our mtrs registered D/F tasks.
Engrs are examining the demolished PAPAR river bridge.
The BBKAU is now functioning at PAPAR under Capt W.A. Money and senior Offrs of that organisation are visiting here.

One of the lessons learnt from the campaign to date is the unreliability of infm derived from the natives particularly in the assessments of enemy numerical strengths. However, interrogation of some of the more intelligent has, sometimes, elicited infm of importance. The attachment of Maj. R.K. Hardwick of the SRD has enabled us to establish the identity of many native collaborators and several have already been captured and fwded to the interested authorities.

July 21
Saturday

This morning, Bde advised us that, as a result of infm originating with this Bn, ten Mitchells bombers would attack the JESSELTON area. At 1345 hrs, our outpost in the tunnel area - one sec of A Coy plus one sec of MMGs - sighted five Japs moving down the rly line. An ambush was set and the entire party wiped out. Only three of the Japs were armed - they carried spears. An Aust. haversack and an abundance of literature and notebooks were found on the remains. 12 pl set out for OBAL. They reached the KAYAU river and, as the depth of water was ten feet, did not cross it. No Japs were seen - on the EAST bank was a raft, on the WEST bank ropes and cut bamboo. Steel helmets and packs discovered in a hut at 685282 yesterday had disappeared overnight. All evidence indicated an enemy retirement across the river. Our Arty harassed the OBAL area this afternoon. B Coy's fwd elements adjusted their posns and, at last light, Tac Coy HQ and 10 pl were at 608295 with 12 pl at 647276. 18 pl, D Coy moved out on a patrol of four day's duration. A firm base will be established in the vicinity of BAUTA and the pl will remain there until the morning 24 July during which time the KILITUAN - SEMPANGAN KIRI - SEMPANGAN KANAN areas will be thoroughly investigated. On July 24, the pl will move WEST to the rly line and return to PAPAR via that route.

July 22
Sunday

Changes in A Coy's dispositions occurred. Coy HQ and 7 pl remained in posn, 9 pl less one sec are on DUMBAL trig with the remaining sec plus one sec of MMGs at 632363. 8 pl moved to 625360 with one sec at 631358. B Coy Tac HQ moved to 647276 with 10 pl at 656277 and 12 pl at 647275. The Coy will send fighting patrols to KAGAPAN and OBAL tomorrow. A C Coy patrol along the rly and track to the MEMBAKUT river at 448018 thence along the river to SP reported NMS. MEMBAKUT and BONGAWAN will be included in 2/43 Bn's area of responsibility as from July 23; C Coy are moving up to KIMANIS tomorrow. 18 pl's patrol are out of comn and D Coy will send a Jeep patrol to contact them tomorrow morning. Our arty det - 24 Bty, 2/12 Fd Regt - now have six 25 prs in the KUALA area and two more in B Coy's fwd locality.

July 23
Monday

10 pl, B Coy patrolled to KAGAPAN - NMS. They found that KAGAPAN village proper is not in the posn as shown on the map but at 693295. 12 pl moved out to OBAL (natives say that the correct name is OBAI) and found it devoid of enemy although there were distinct signs of recent occupation. A party went fwd to the river and ck junc at 694290. One unarmed Jap was sighted as the patrol approached - he was fired upon and fled. Rice stores were found in the OBAI area; native reports indicate that there are rice dumps at mile intervals along the PAPAR river above OBAI. C Coy moved up to KIMANIS. A jeep patrol of sec strength moved out from D Coy and contacted 18 pl at 573215. No japs have been sighted by this patrol to date.

July 24
Tuesday

There was no patrol activity in the area today. This morning, our outpost on DUMBAL trig reported an air strike by 24/26 Mitchells on JESSELTON - smoke columns were subsequently observed. C Coy less 14 pl moved up towards PAPAR and occupied the area of our former BMA - C Coy with 13 pl at 541269 and 15 pl 541267. 14 pl will remain at KIMANIS and maintain patrol contact with 16 pl of 2/43 Bn who are stationed at BONGAWAN. Our area of responsibility is now bounded by the PAPAR river from its mouth to OBAI, thence along a line roughly SW through BAUTA and SEMPANGAN KANAN villages to the BONGAWAN river (excl), WEST to the coast. 18 pl's patrol reported in - NMS (Report attached.)

July 25
Wednesday

In the early hrs of this morning, faint gunfire, 5 - 10 miles up the coast, indicated the usual PT boat activity in the JESSELTON area. B Coy adjusted their dispositions, 11 pl relieving 12 pl. 8 and 9 pls, A Coy patrolled to the area junc. 4 tracks 643360 and the track junc 639367. An ambush was set at the latter point NMS. Allied aircraft were again active in the JESSELTON area. Four Mitchells dropped leaflets some of which were carried in A Coy's FDLs. The Coy reported that the words TERAKERN and TARAKAN appeared on these, the rest of the message being in Japanese characters. Bde advised that the MEMBAKUT bridge was now trafficable for light trains and the Jeep rly line BEAUFORT-PAPAR was complete with breaks at the BONGAWAN and KIMANIS rivers.

- July 25
Wednesday
- 10 and 11 pls, B Coy moved out on a two day patrol. They will move to KAGAPAN and bivouac there on the night 25/26 July. The following day, 11 pl move on to investigate the MARAHANG - MANDALIPAU areas, while 10 pl remain at KAGAPAN as base protection. At 1345 hrs, B Coy advised that 11 pl had reached KAGAPAN. 10 pl, who were following by folding boat, had found it necessary to disembark as the river was not navigable above that point. Our Tk/A pl (most of whom were on rear detail duties during OBOE SIX) is now at full strength and in posn at 587333 being employed as a rifle pl. At 2310 hrs, A Coy reported that they had seen flares and heard gunfire in the JESSELTON area. The Coy stated that the gunfire appeared to come from light Naval craft. A ceremony to commemorate the liberation of PAPAR was observed today. (See separate report.)
- July 26
Thursday
- Bde advised that a tp of tks is to come under comd of the Bn and would arrive here within the next two days. B Coy's patrol were ordered back to their area. C Coy patrols (i) along the KIMANIS river to SEMPANGAN KANAN village and (ii) to BENONI village reported NMS. Tac/R reports indicate that the enemy has def posns at 705458 covering the rly bend and also at 710454. Col Wilton (LHQ Staff Duties) and Lt-col Quinn (LHQ Infantry Directorate) arrived in the area on a brief visit this afternoon.
- July 27
Friday
- An A Coy patrol to 643360 reported NMS. 11 pl, B Coy moved out to the river confluence 685281 where they will remain as a Standing patrol until Monday next. Changes in our dispositions will occur tomorrow. C Coy will take over D Coy's area and the latter sub unit will move to BONGAWAN leaving one pl at KIMANIS. An Air recce and Naval party is examining C Coy's area to ascertain its suitability for the construction of an airstrip. OBOE SIX LOB personnel rejoined the unit. Quite a number of natives from the JESSELTON area have arrived over the past few days and interrogations have disclosed that, as a result of Allied bombing, the town of JESSELTON has been virtually destroyed. The Japanese, who formerly occupied the area JESSELTON-PENAMPANG, are withdrawing to the EAST and impressing all available male natives of the local villages as porters for the journey to TAMBUNAN. It is thought that the ultimate destination of the enemy forces is KENINGAU and this supposition accords with our own findings of enemy intentions. Our patrols and natives have reported the following map inaccuracies:-
- (i) The track junc, which the map shows at 642360 is actually at 643364.
 - (ii) The village marked OBAL on map is actually KAMBALJAAN and the village shown as KAMBALJAAN is KANDUSAN.
 - (iii) OBAL (should be OBAI) village is at 710286.
- July 28
Saturday
- Yesterday, 11 pl sent a sec patrol to the padi field at 710287. The patrol found thirty improvised enemy mines and two A/A tripods. These were recovered and specimens sent in to this HQ where they were identified as being of a common type (93) well known to our engrs. The engrs, in conjunction with the FSS (EE) rep, are giving daily lectures to all rifle Coy personnel. 11 pl will continue to probe the area adjacent to their outpost while stationed there. C and D Coys commenced movement to their new areas and, by last light, C Coy and 15 pl were in posn at 578330 and D Coy with 17 pl were at BONGAWAN. The movement will be completed tomorrow. B Coy Tac HQ returned to its old posn - 584332. A tk tp of 2/9 Armd Regt arrived. The Aust Govt's plan to discharge veterans with five years service in the fighting forces to their credit has, naturally, had its repercussions in this unit and our first member eligible for release under the scheme left us. This was QX 286 Sjt J.K. Bridge, our senior Sig sjt. He embarked from Australia on May 5 1940 as a member of 6 Div ASC. The convoy was diverted to England and Bridge was posted to this unit when it was founded at PENNING'S on June 27 1940. He proved a

July 28
Saturday

distinct asset as a member of the Sig pl displaying efficiency of a high order and, on many occasions, acted as Sig Offr. During the BATTLE of BRITAIN, when it was a case of tightened belts, he was a member of a party engaged in trapping rabbits, hares etc., in order to supplement the restricted ration scale. The skill which he displayed in this sphere caused his comrades to dub him "Trapper" and by this sobriquet he became universally known. He returns to civilian life with the best wishes of the Offrs and men of this Bn.

July 29
Sunday

C and D Coys completed their movement and are now disposed as follows
C Coy HQ 577331, 13 pl 576329, 14 pl 577333, 15 pl 579330.
D Coy less 16 pl at BONGAWAN, 16 pl at KIMANIS.
In order that the engr's be given the opportunity to develop it into a first class route, the rd PAPAR-KUALA has been closed to traffic until further notice.

July 30
Monday

This morning, the 115 Mobile Cinema unit opened at PAPAR. Arrangements have been made for programmes to be screened at 1000 and 1400 hrs daily.

A Rest camp has been opened on the beach at the mouth of the PAPAR river for the primary purpose of allowing tps suffering from skin complaints to sunbathe and thus, clear up the irritation. At the same time, a certain percentage of rifle Coy personnel are allowed to visit the camp for a two day period of relaxation to offset the arduous, constant patrol activity.

In A Coy's area, 9 pl relieved 7 pl.

Following a native report that six Japs were at 639341, the area was shelled and 8 pl sent a patrol to 647349 in the hope that the enemy would retreat up the track and be ambushed. An ideal ambush spot was found at 647348 but, owing to approaching darkness, the patrol was forced to return.

10 pl moved back to 586329, 11 pl to the rd junc 609291, leaving one sec at 647277.

Our Arty were active at 2000 hrs, engaging the houses in sqs 64/34, where natives reported a small enemy party.

July 31
Tuesday

A det of 2/8 Dental Unit arrived in the area this morning.

7 pl sent a patrol from DUMBAL to the river bend at 625302 investigating all houses and features en route - NMS.

A patrol from 8 pl searched the area around 647348.

For the first time during the campaign, carrier pigeons were employed to take messages to Bde HQ in BEAUFORT. This method will enable us to pass back messages in more detail than was formerly possible. It is our intention to place a loft in our area so that our patrols can be provided with pigeons as a further means of comn. Infm obtained from numerous natives, interrogated since 27 July, has elicited confirmation of the Japanese evacuation of JESSELTON, the eastward trend and building up of supply dumps along the banks of the PUTATAN river with the ultimate intention of removing all supplies into the interior. According to the latest informants, the main supply dump is to be at the village of SINSURIN, situated about six miles NORTH of TAMBUNAN.

On the Bn's eastern sector, it is reported that the Japs are also endeavouring to move their dumps from KAGAPAN to KANDUSAN and MANDALIPAU. As a point of interest, all reports confirm the fact that all natives have vacated both PENAMPANG and the eastern sector, forcing the Japs to do their own portage.

On A Coy's front, there is little doubt that the enemy is reinforcing his posns in the LOK KAWIE area, no doubt anticipating some fwd movement by the Bn. Full infm has been passed back to Bde and an Air strike asked for on this area.

..... Lt-col

Comd. 2/32 Aust Inf Bn.

ENEMY

Killed 50
Probably killed 12
PWs 8

70

Includes two killed by C Coy at BEAUFORT while u/c 2/43 Aust Inf Bn,
three bodies found by 2/28 Bn at 415905 - EAST of BEAUFORT -
6 Jul 45.

<u>OWN</u>	<u>Offrs</u>	<u>ORs</u>	<u>Total</u>
KIA	2	6	8
WIA	2	14	16

Total casulties 24

Two Aerial photographs of PAPAR TOWN, Overlays of showing our Patrol activity in the WESTON - BEAUFORT - PAPAR areas and a linen trace showing our fire plan in the PAPAR town area are enclosed.

(i) Superimpose the fire plan over the aerial photographs.

(ii) Code names employed in the PAPAR area.

(a) PANGALAT trig point - SUTCLIFFE

(b) Tanjung PANGALAT - RHODES

(c) Small 100 metre feature in sqs 62/37 - HITCH.

(d) Larger 100 metre feature SOUTH of (c) bisected by 37 Northing.
BLACKIE.

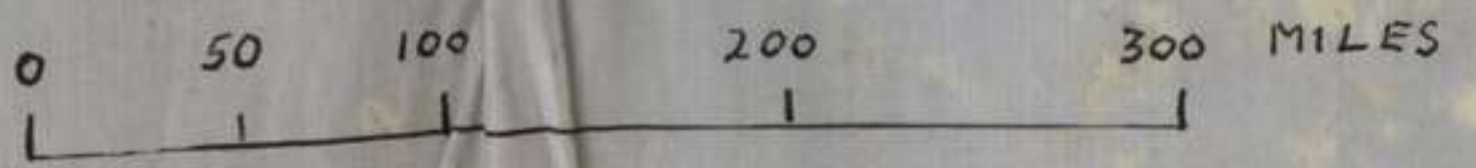
(e) BUKIT KILATUAN - TRUMPER

(f) Feature sqs 60/28 - CARTER.

(iii) As a point of interest PAPAR did not suffer heavy war damage. All the large Administrative buildings near the rly line were obliterated or gutted and the river bridge demolished when we entered the town with bomb craters either side of it. The rest of the township was untouched.

J. Ritchie, For...Lt

IO,2/32 Aust Inf Bn



AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES2/32 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BN DAILY ROUTINE ORDERSPART I
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Lt Col F H SCOTT

Comd 2/32 Aust Inf Bn

No 290

5 Jul 45

290. MEDICAL AND DENTAL TREATMENT

Synopsis of GRO 155/45, applicable to all members of AMF.

1. (a) Subject to certain conditions and exceptions set out in GRO 155/45, a member is entitled to receive medical treatment and to be supplied with medical requisites necessary to render and maintain him fit for military service and to restore him to normal health. A copy of GRO 155/45 is available for inspection in the unit orderly room.

(b) Members on occupational LWOP are entitled to medical treatment in accordance with the provisions of LHQ Memo 168085 of 4 Dec 44.

Medical treatment

2. Except as provided in para 3 below or in GRO 155/45 or in LHQ Memo 168085 of 4 Dec 44 (dealing with medical treatment of members on occupational LWOP), a member requiring medical treatment at army expense will obtain it from an army medical unit, and will not obtain or attempt to obtain medical treatment at army expense from an area medical officer, or a civilian doctor or a public, intermediate or private hospital.

Application for medical treatment

3. (a) A member requiring medical treatment at army expense will apply for it to:-

- (i) the unit by which he is being administered; or
- (ii) if that is not practicable, to the nearest army medical unit; or
- (iii) if that is not practicable, to the nearest RAN or RAAF medical unit; or
- (iv) if that is not practicable, to the nearest area medical officer; or
- (v) if that is not practicable, to a repatriation hospital; or
- (vi) if that is not practicable, to a public hospital; or
- (vii) if that is not practicable, to a civilian doctor.

(b) A claim for expense incurred in obtaining medical treatment from a civilian doctor will be rejected unless it is established to the satisfaction of the DDMS or ADMS of the relevant command or L of C area that it was impracticable for the member to obtain such treatment from any of the above-mentioned service units, from an area medical officer, or from a repatriation or public hospital.

Admission to hospital

4. A member requiring to be admitted to hospital will be admitted:-

- (a) to an army hospital;
- (b) If that is not practicable, to a RAN or RAAF hospital; or
- (c) If that is not practicable, to a repatriation hospital; or

(d) if that is not practicable, to a public hospital.

5. Under special circumstances, a member may be admitted to a private or intermediate hospital.

6. Medical treatment and hospitalization obtained in accordance with para 3(a) or in the proper hospital is free. All other treatment is not free and must be paid for by the member.

Medical certificates

7. A member unable, because of sickness or injury, to return from leave on the due date will send a medical certificate to the unit which released him on leave. The certificate should reach the latter unit before the expiry of the leave.

8. The certificate, signed and dated by the doctor, must include:-

- (a) the diagnosis of the member's condition;
- (b) the treatment given and/or prescribed;
- (c) the time during which it is estimated by the doctor that the member will be unable to travel.

9. A member unable to travel on the estimated date will forward a further medical certificate on or prior to that date to the unit which released him on leave.

10. Failure to forward the certificates, in accordance with paras 7 and 9, may result in the member being posted AWL and payment of allotment and dependent's allowance being suspended.

11. A member on leave who obtains treatment from a civilian doctor who is not an area medical officer will send to his unit on the conclusion of the treatment a medical certificate containing the following particulars:-

- (a) the diagnosis of the member's condition;
- (b) the treatment given to and/or prescribed for the member.

Medicines and dressings

12. Medicines and dressings prescribed by a service medical officer, an area medical officer and a civilian doctor may be obtained free from:-

- (a) an army dispensary; or
- (b) a civilian chemist, if the medical officer or doctor endorses an authority on the prescription for purchase from a civilian chemist. Otherwise, the member will have to pay for them.

Spectacles

13. Spectacles prescribed by an army medical officer or optometrist are supplied free.

14. Spectacles, whether supplied by the Army or not, worn by a member may be repaired without charge by an army optical unit.

Artificial limbs and surgical aids

15. Artificial limbs and surgical aids are supplied free, if prescribed by a medical officer.

16. Repairs of and adjustments to surgical aids and artificial limbs used by a member will be made without charge by the Army if authorized by a medical officer.

Dental treatment.

17. Subject to certain exceptions and conditions in certain cases, a member is entitled to dental treatment necessary to render or maintain him fit for military service.

18. Dental treatment cannot be obtained free from civilian dentists, except on the authority of a CO.

19. Under certain conditions, a member may be reimbursed for dental expenses incurred on leave, but only in accordance with the following scale:-

<u>Nature of treatment</u>	<u>Maximum fee</u>
Extractions (limited to 2 teeth on each period of leave) (including the use of local anaesthetic)	5/- each tooth
Temporary sedative fillings (limited to 2 fillings on each period of leave)	5/- each filling
Simple repairs to dentures (fracture of denture or replacement of tooth)	10/- maximum charge

Ownership of spectacles, etc

20. Artificial limbs, surgical aids, spectacles and dentures, supplied by the army, belong to it until the member is discharged or finalized, when they become the property of the member.

Forfeiture of pay

21. If a member is absent from duty owing to illness, injury or wounds due to an action or conduct constituting an offence of which he is convicted, his CO may authorize the forfeiture of pay for the period of his absence. (WR 27).

22. If the CO authorizes such forfeiture, the cost for medical and hospital attention will also be debited to the pay account of the member at the following rates:-

Officers in hospital	14/- per day
Soldiers in hospital	12/- per day
Members in convalescent depots and convalescent homes	6/- per day
Members not in hospitals, convalescent depots or convalescent homes	2/9 per day

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Serial Nos 291 - 296

8 Jul 45

291. "PLATYPUS" NEWS SHEET

The news sheet "Platypus" being produced daily by HQ 9 Aust Div may be posted in private correspondence to AUSTRALIA, commencing with the issue published 7 Jul 45.

292. PAYMENT FOR JAPANESE HEADS

It has been reported that reference has been made in correspondence that payment is allegedly being made for enemy heads brought in by natives. This is not a fact. No head toll has been paid to natives by any Allied unit in BORNEO and any reference to this falsehood in letters is forbidden.

293. PARCELS

Parcels are being despatched without the inclusion of a slip of paper bearing the full name and full official address of the sender. GRO 371/44 lays down that such a slip be included in all parcels, and senders jeopardize delivery of their parcels by not fulfilling this condition.

294. FOREIGN CURRENCY

Some doubt still persists with regard to the inclusion of foreign currency in letters. Permission has NOT been granted for the inclusion of DUTCH currency in correspondence from the divisional area. The inclusion of local currency and JAPANESE invasion money is permitted.

295. CURRENCY

1. The following currencies only will be accepted by AMF Paymasters in BRITISH NORTH BORNEO :-

AUSTRALIAN
AMERICAN
STRAITS SETTLEMENTS
NETHERLANDS EAST INDIES
PHILIPPINE VICTORY PESOS

2. BRITISH NORTH BORNEO and SARAWAK prewar issues will NOT be accepted.

296. WEARING OF IDENTITY DISCS

1. It has been brought to notice that certain personnel brought to hospital have not been wearing identity discs. Identity discs are ordered to be worn to enable correct records in the event of death of the wearer, obtained and in the case of wounded men to enable their correct blood group to be ascertained if a blood transfusion is urgently required.

2. It is an offence which will be severely dealt with for a soldier not to wear his identity discs. Sub-unit commanders will carry out frequent inspections to ensure this order is fully complied with.

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Serial Nos 297 - 300

17 Jul 45

297. ATEBRIN - FIRST AID OUTFIT

1. A physical check of the small tins of atebirin contained in the First Aid Outfit will be made and where an emergency has caused the individual to use any of the contents, steps will be taken immediately to make the number up to 28.

298. WATCHES GS - CARE OF

1. Further to DRO No 187 of 22 Jun 45.

2. A high percentage of watches GS are being received by wksp for repair, with broken balance staffs, of which no replacement stocks are available.

3. The usual cause is sudden jarring, as will happen if a watch is dropped out of a clothes pocket while undressing.

4. Action will be taken to ensure that watches GS are securely attached to the user's person or clothing at all times.

299. COMPLAINTS BY MEMBERS OF THE FORCES

1. Subtended is a copy of GRO A108/42.

2. Attention of all ranks will be directed to AIR & O 293(1) which provides as follows :-

"Officers and soldiers are forbidden to use any method of obtaining redress of real or supposed grievances other than those prescribed by the AIR or authorised by these orders. Anonymous complaints and complaints through the press are forbidden."

3. The use of outside influence is forbidden by AIR & O 307(1) which provides :-

"The use of outside influence to support complaints or applications for personal advantages, or in any matter affecting the position of an officer or soldier, is contrary to discipline. The only proper course for an officer or soldier is to apply through his CO or to complain in accordance with the AIR and these orders. Any attempt to obtain favourable consideration of requests or grievances by other means is forbidden."

4. The provisions of Division 1 of Part IV of the AIR & O will be explained to all formed units on parade at least once in every three months, and to all members in training depots once every month. The consequences of failing to observe the provisions of that Division will be made clear.

5. All complaints or applications of the nature described in para 2 above received at any HQ through unauthorised channels will be forwarded to the unit concerned with a direction that the member will be paraded and informed of the Unit Order on this matter and that any further failure to observe its provisions will be dealt with as an offence."

300. CANTEEN TRUST ACCOUNT

<u>Liabilities</u>		<u>Assets</u>	
Capital a/c		Cash in Hand	214 12 11
as at 31 May 45	564 15 9	Cash in Bank	1047 - -
Less		Stock Account	11 7 5
Transfer to Regtl Funds	3 10 2	Sundry Debtors	258 1 8
	<u>561 5 7</u>	Loan Account	15 - -
<u>Add</u>			
Profit	10 2 5		
	571 8 -		
Sundry Creditors	974 14 -		
	<u>£ 1546 2 -</u>		<u>£ 1546 2 -</u>

Audited and found correct

G E DIXON Maj) Regtl Audit
P MEERS Capt) Board

REGIMENTAL TRUST ACCOUNT

Statement of receipts and expenditure for Month of June 1945

Cash in Bank as at 31 May 45	696 1 4	
Cash in Hand as at 31 May 45	<u>3 8</u>	696 5 -
<u>Add</u>		
Discount received in respect of purchases from AACCS		<u>30 10 -</u>
		<u>£ 726 15 -</u>

Summary

Cash in Bank as at 30 Jun 45	726 11 4
Cash in Hand as at 30 Jun 45	<u>3 8</u>
	<u>£ 726 15 -</u>

The amount of £19/-/1 is held in Trust on A/c "B" Coy

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DISTRIBUTION

LIST "A"

plus -

- 24 Bty 2/12 Aust Fd Regt
- SFCP
- 8 Fd Svy Bty
- 10 Pl 2/16 Aust Fd Coy
- C Coy 2/2 Aust LG Bn
- 2/3 Aust Fd Amb
- 2/13 Aust Fd Amb
- 2/28 Aust Sup Dep Pl

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

2/32 AUST INF BN DAILY ROUTINE ORDERS

PART I
B1

Lt Col T E SCOTT

Comd 2/32 Aust Inf Bn

serials 501 - 503

29 Jul 45

501. INFLAMMABLE FLUIDS

1. Fatal accidents have been caused by petrol and other inflammable fluids being used for lighting or boosting fires.
2. This practice will cease and under no circumstances will inflammable fluids be used for this purpose.
3. Units will ensure that inflammable fluids are not brought within close proximity of naked flame whereby damage might be caused to equipment or personnel.

502. CENSORSHIP

1. Troops may now mention that they are on LABUAN or in the BRUNEI BAY area in private correspondence. NO other place names or locations other than the above may be disclosed.

503. RATE APPOINTMENTS AND EXTRA DUTY PAY

APPOINTMENTS PROMOTIONS AND CONFIRMATION OF RATE

VA 38044	L/Sgt	CASTLE	J L	Promoted A/Sgt	21.5.45
VA 12729	Cpl	MERRY	R L	Appointed L/Sgt	15.6.45
VA 19575	L/Cpl	FRELOVE	R A	Promoted A/Cpl	23.5.45
VA 15541	L/Cpl	HAYFORTH	L L	Promoted A/Cpl	23.5.45
VA 17249	L/Cpl	MARRIS	T W	Promoted A/Cpl	23.5.45
VA 18804	L/Cpl	TAYLOR	J W	Promoted Cpl	19.5.45
VA 18618	L/Cpl	MURPHY	H J	Promoted Cpl	19.5.45
VA 13589	L/Cpl	MURRO	D	Promoted Cpl	21.5.45
VA 140851	Pte	GARLICK	A R	Promoted A/Cpl	15.5.45
		(AACC)			

The following personnel were appointed L/Cpls (Paid) on dates shown.

VA 92840	Pte	HILLS	K B	18.5.45	VA 47471	Pte	LIND	S H	18.5.45
VA 72387	Pte	SEAN	G B	23.5.45	VA 150960	L/Cpl	FODER	H J	18.5.45
VA 103468	Pte	STRONG	L W	19.5.45	VA 109007	Pte	McLAREN	J	19.5.45
VA 23588	Pte	LEE	L W	23.5.45	VA 10514	Pte	JOHNSON	C R	23.5.45
VA 14269	Pte	THOMAS	A C	23.5.45	VA 14252	Pte	LEESE	S	23.5.45
VA 10236	Pte	WENTON	A L	23.5.45	VA 23145	Pte	ARCHER	R R	21.5.45
VA 29410	Pte	DUFFIELD	A A	21.5.45					

The following personnel were appointed L/Cpls (Unpaid) on dates shown.

VA 193411	Pte	MILTON	B G	2.5.45	VA 17759	Pte	PINDLEBURY	R T	2.5.45
VA 15053	Pte	MORBURY	J A	2.5.45	VA 13057	Pte	CURTIS	A L	21.5.45

PROFICIENCY PAY

Proficiency pay to the following personnel was withdrawn on dates shown.

VA 91043	Pte	WILKINSON	F	18.5.45	VA 166973	Pte	WATERS	L A W	7.5.44
VA 16377	Pte	WIGG	L C	11.10.43	VA 166973	Pte	WATERS	L A W	23.1.45
VA 16377	Pte	WIGG	L C	24.1.44	VA 23400	Pte	WIGG	A S	4.7.44
VA 140851	Pte	GARLICK	A R	24.7.44	VA 10268	Pte	RANDALL	T B	23.3.45
VA 42017	Pte	CHAM	O V	18.5.45	VA 14590	Cpl	LONGER	T J	2.11.45
VA 84474	Pte	RABBITT	R	7.12.45	VA 12605	L/Cpl	SIZER	D J	11.5.45

The following personnel forfeited proficiency pay on dates shown.

NX 124966	Pte	NELSON	J H	22.4.45	NX 156449	Pte	BESTWICK	J R	4.2.44
WX 9703	Pte	ALDERTON	R H	22.3.44	NX 135571	Pte	ROBERTS	F B	12.7.44
NX 173058	Pte	GERNERT	K M	28.6.44	VX 76371	Pte	TICKNER	W S	12.2.45
NX 200777	Pte	EGGERT	R J	14.3.45	WX 21413	Pte	TSAKALOS	M	21.10.43
WX 17328	Pte	MONGER	E E	9.2.45	NX 202684	Pte	REEVES	T N	15.12.44
VX 150346	Pte	SCHOLZ	R N	17.10.44	VX 84474	Pte	MABBITT	R	21.1.44

The following personnel were granted proficiency pay on dates shown.

WX 14320	Pte	SKIPPINGS	N J	1.7.43	NX 150960	L/Cpl	FODER	M J	18.5.45
VX 106468	Pte	STRONG	L W	13.3.45	QX 18473	Pte	McKENNA	C L	11.5.45
NX 79894	Pte	MAXWELL	W P	11.5.45	NX 82285	Pte	FORD	K	11.5.45
NX 156449	Pte	BESTWICK	J R	1.7.43	VX 80764	Pte	McCALLUM	T B	1.7.43
NX 156449	Pte	BESTWICK	J R	4.8.44	VX 94417	Pte	TATE	G H	28.8.44
VX 94437	Pte	HANSEN	R H	28.8.44	VX 60600	Pte	HOGAN	H J	12.5.45
NX 201980	Pte	HAMPSON	R H	5.2.44	QX 46666	Pte	STEWART	J G	24.4.45
NX 130235	Pte	McDONALD	A	1.5.45	QX 49568	Pte	HAYWARD	K J	1.7.43
WX 9703	Pte	ALDERTON	R H	1.7.43	NX 135571	Pte	ROBERTS	F B	1.7.43
VX 139048	Pte	SCHURR	A R	14.9.44	NX 135571	Pte	ROBERTS	F B	12.1.45
QX 55346	Pte	MURPHY	F J	29.11.44	VX 21091	Pte	RUSSELL	R L	29.3.45
NX 173058	Pte	GERNERT	K M	14.3.44	NX 178222	Pte	DUNKLEY	G	23.9.44
NX 173058	Pte	GERNERT	K M	18.1.45	VX 76371	Pte	TICKNER	W S	28.2.44
NX 178704	Pte	MILLS	L J	1.7.43	VX 82955	Pte	EDWARDS	R	28.3.45
TX 9200	Pte	DOLBEL	K T	29.6.44	TX 9203	Pte	STOTT	A C	29.6.44
SX 33649	Pte	FOSTER	W G	3.12.44	WX 12605	L/Cpl	SIZER	D J	24.9.44
WX 7725	Pte	ULLYOTT	W L	20.9.44	WX 9108	Pte	NEWELL	T G	27.10.44
WX 18582	Pte	WATKINS	W W	25.5.45	NX 166973	Pte	WATERS	L A W	28.7.43
NX 176970	Pte	CARLISLE	B I	8.6.44	NX 166973	Pte	WATERS	L A W	11.9.44
TX 16377	Pte	KEYGAN	L C	7.10.43	NX 166973	Pte	WATERS	L A W	19.2.45
TX 16377	Pte	KEYGAN	L C	29.12.43	WX 22779	Pte	LYNN	W J	3.12.44
TX 16377	Pte	KEYGAN	L C	25.5.44	QX 23400	Pte	WIGG	A S	23.6.44
WX 28537	Pte	HAWKINS	W C	1.7.43	QX 23400	Pte	WIGG	A S	11.7.44
VX 140851	Pte	GARLICK	A R	1.7.43	QX 58011	Pte	CESARI	S M F	27.4.44
NX 167114	Pte	STOCKS	G P	5.1.45	QX 62663	Pte	MARKS	P W	15.8.43
NX 200777	Pte	EGGERT	R J	3.3.44	QX 49111	Pte	BIGGS	J E	25.5.45
QX 28357	Pte	ROSS	F P J	25.11.44	QX 27203	Pte	GEAR	L M	21.1.45
WX 17404	Pte	DAMON	E F	29.2.45	WX 21413	Pte	TSAKALOS	M	1.7.43
NX 173555	Pte	HOUSTON	D M	29.10.44	WX 21413	Pte	TSAKALOS	M	13.6.44
WX 17328	Pte	MONGER	E E	12.10.44	WX 14390	Cpl	MONGER	W F	1.7.43
WX 22430	Pte	TIGHE	D F	25.5.45	WX 20393	Pte	WILLIAMS	G	25.5.45
QX 26743	Pte	HOLLINDALE	D A	25.5.45	QX 28253	Pte	EBRINGTON	E M	25.5.45
QX 49099	Pte	DARCY	L J	25.5.45	NX 115749	Pte	FORAN	E C	25.5.45
NX 202684	Pte	REEVES	T N	19.5.44	QX 15520	Pte	HAGUE	A E R	10.12.44
NX 202684	Pte	REEVES	T N	15.6.45	VX 150346	Pte	SCHOLZ	R N	27.7.44
VX 146082	Pte	MURPHY	F M	2.2.45	VX 94808	Pte	MARKS	L K	3.11.44
VX 84474	Pte	MABBITT	R	1.7.43	VX 150346	Pte	SCHOLZ	R N	17.4.45
VX 84474	Pte	MABBITT	R	19.1.44	VX 135868	Pte	WOOD	L A	25.5.45
VX 84474	Pte	MABBITT	R	21.7.44					
WX 5044	L/Cpl	DALTON	P C	Corrigendum Ref 16/2129/45 For "11.7.44" substitute "23.8.44"					
NX 176555	Pte	HOUSTON	D M	Corrigendum-Ref 5/1784/45 For "13.1.44" substitute "5.9.43"					

TRADE GROUPINGS

The following personnel were graded Gp 3 Gunlayers on dates shown

NX 46439	Pte	JESSOP	E E	18.5.45	VX 91048	Pte	HALMSHAW	P	18.5.45
QX 42017	Pte	CHALK	O V	18.5.45	WX 26781	Pte	FROOME	K	23.5.45
QX 22432	Pte	MELSON	G T	23.5.45					
NX 150960	L/Cpl	FODER	M J	Relinquishes Gp 3 Gunlayer at own request					
QX 2889	Pte	BLOKSOM	A F	Graded Gp 3 Tech Storeman					
VX 106468	Pte	STRONG	L W	Relinquishes Gp 1 Tech Draughtsman at own request					
VX 22967	Pte	FOSTER (AACC)	A E	Relinquishes Gp 2 Cook at own request					

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BYLt-Col T H SCOTTComd 2/32 Aust Inf BnSerial 30430 Jul 45304. VENEREAL DISEASE

1. Intercourse with women in Borneo is forbidden.
2. Many of these women are suffering from venereal diseases of a virulent kind, and protection cannot be guaranteed.
3. The fact that a soldier develops venereal disease in this area will be taken as prima facie evidence of disobedience of this instruction.
4. All service personnel irrespective of rank are forbidden to fraternise with civilian people of NB. No member of the services will enter any civilian house or property unless ordered to do so in the course of his duty. The onus of proof will rest on the individual member of the services that the duty is legitimate or that an order has been given instructing him or them to so enter the civilian house or property.
5. The provisions of instrs issued 18 Jul and 20 Jul 45 will be strictly enforced.

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Subject - FRATERNISATION WITH CIVILIAN
POPULATION.

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30 Jul 45.

1. Coys and all att units and sub units will acknowledge receipt of RO 84 of 30 Jul and instr "Relationship of Tps with Civilian Population" issued 28 Jul, by 301900I.
2. Acknowledgement will be accompanied by a certificate that both screeds have been promulgated to all tps under comd and that the instructions contained therein are being strictly enforced.
3. Where remote sections cannot be contacted by the time laid down, the certificate will list the pers concerned and a further certificate submitted when the orders have been promulgated.
4. From this date, severe disciplinary action will follow any breaches of these orders.

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2/12 Aust Fd Regt	Det 9 Div Sigs
8 Aust Svy Bty	Det 24 Bde Sig Sec
2/16 Aust Fd Coy	Det 2/3 Aust Fd Amb
2/2 Aust MG Bn	Det 2/13 Aust Fd Amb
28 Aust Sup Dep Fl (AASC)	Det 9 Div Provost
13 Aust Fd Baking Fl	Det RAN Beach Cdo Sqn.
Det 2/8 Aust Dental Unit	

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Lt Col T H SCOTT

Comd 2/32 Aust Inf Bn

Serial Nos 305 - 309

31 Jul 45

305. MOSQUITO SPRAYING

1. It is not the responsibility of AMCU's to spray all buildings for all units.
2. Regular spraying of tents and buildings twice daily by units using unit equipment, is essential.
3. The regular use of mosquito spray is the most valuable means of controlling both flies and mosquitoes in unit lines.

306. ATEBRIN DOSAGE

1. The following procedure will apply in the case of personnel who have NOT taken atebirin under officer supervision for any period :-

- (a) If any personnel do not take their atebirin under supervision of an officer for any one day, two tablets will be given on the following day.
- (b) Any personnel not taking their atebirin under supervision of an officer for two or more days will be given two (2) tablets per day for seven consecutive days in order to build up the atebirin blood level.

2. The above does not in any way relieve officers of the responsibility of superintending the daily administration of atebirin to all personnel under command, but is intended to cover all cases where such administration is stated by the officer concerned to have been impossible due to operational requirements.

307. AIRGRAPH SERVICE - DISCONTINUANCE OF

1. In consequence of the falling off in the Airgraph traffic, coupled with the increased aircraft accommodation now becoming available for the carriage of overseas mails, it has been decided to discontinue the Airgraph Services.
2. By arrangement with the British authorities all countries participating in the Airgraph scheme will discontinue the acceptance of airgraphs after the termination of business on Tuesday 31 Jul 45 and it is anticipated that a public announcement to this effect will be released by the Postmaster General on 30 Jul 45.
3. As it will not be possible to arrange for the filming of airgraph communications after the service has officially closed, airgraph letters will not be accepted after 31 Jul 45.

308. IMPROPER USE OF AUST UNIFORM

Cases have been reported of natives wearing Aus: uniforms which they stated, when questioned, they had obtained from members of AMF. In this connection 9 Aust Div Adm Order No 2 para 37 is repeated for information and action :-

"On no consideration will military personnel give, trade or barter army clothing, rations or supplies to native personnel. All personnel will be instructed that they will not give food to natives as this is provided through normal channels. Disobedience of this order will be severely punished."

509. SALUTING

1. Attention is directed to G Aust Div RC 158 of 14 Jun 45.

2. The standard of saluting throughout the Force continues to be poor. GOC 9 Aust Div directs that Commanders will give this matter their personal and immediate attention. It is the responsibility and duty of all officers to ensure that the correct compliments are paid by all ranks at all times. All officers will be warned that neglect of duty in this regard will be severely dealt with. Failure to pay correct compliments will be treated as an offence.

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CODE WORDS - OBOE SIX

The following code words will be used during OBOE SIX.

24 AUST INF BDE OP

Ref Map - LABUAN NORTH 1:50000
LABUAN SOUTH 1:50000

1. PHASES OF THE OPERATION

(a) BROWN BEACH

Landing effected on correct beach	CANDY
Bound 1 captured	CHOCO
Bound 2 captured	LEMON
Bound 3 captured	ASPIRIN
Airfield captured	PEACH
Bound 4 (covering posn) captured	FORDE
Alternative Plan 'A' to be put into effect	PANTHER
Alternative Plan 'B' to be put into effect	BUNNY

(b) HAMILTON PENINSULA

Landing effected	HAMPTON
House 804822 (ARDIE) captured	WINDSOR
Peninsula captured	RICHARD

2. TOPOGRAPHICAL CODE NAMES

LABUAN TOWN	PARIS
Feature, squares 7584, 7583, 7483	SHEAF
Feature, squares 7686, 7786, 7685	FOREX
Feature, squares 7989, 7988	PRINT
Feature 801906	HEART
Feature 800912	SAUSAGE
Feature 785915	CASCADE
Feature 804931	FOSTERS
101 Feature 805936	ABBOT
Spur 834843	BONDI
Plantation 826827	LEVER
Plantation 82408265	COPRA
Plantation 82058275	LUSHTON
Plantation 816830	LEOPOLD
Rd Junc 83058400	ST KILDA
Point 805827	HOREL
House 804822	ARMIE
HAMILTON PENINSULA squares 7981, 8081, 7980, 8080	PENNY
Saddle 775885	ARABA
Spur 781877	JEBEL
Spur 790883	JIRJA
LABUAN AIRFIELD	PITCH No 1
TIMBALAI AIRFIELD	PITCH No 2
Dispersal area square 8284	ACPARKS

3. ROUTE REFERENCES

Road 815826 - 828822 - 835840 - 816860	ABLE
816907 - 819935	
Road 815826 - 821837 - 816845 - 805887	BAKER
800935	CHARLIE
Track 800825 - 790874 - 761888	EASY
Road 805887 - 813887	FOX
Road 810860 - 816860	

ROAD 81608445 - 821854	GEORGE
ROAD 819827 - 832842	HOW
Track 793872 - 803883	ITEM
Road 796863 - 807863	JIG
Road 821837 - 832827	KING
Track 790874 - 735801	LOVE
Road 816827 - 832826	QUEEN
Road 804901 - 815904	MIKE
Road 803897 - 813817	NAN

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1. PHASES OF THE OPERATION

MAINLAND

GREEN BEACH Captured	APPLE
YELLOW BEACH Captured	KNIFE
BROOKETOWN clear of enemy	VINEGAR
COWIE captured	MARMITE

MUARA ISLAND

WHITE BEACH Captured	BISCUIT
RED BEACH captured	CHICKEN

2. LOCATIONS (ref maps 1/50,000 BRUNEI BAY Series)

MAINLAND

<u>Place or Feature</u>	<u>Map Ref</u>	<u>Codename</u>
BT TEMPAYANG PISANG	6 00530	ATLAS
BRUNEI BLUFF	612571	COWRA
BT COWIE	612561	DELHI
VILLAGE	611555	DERBY
Rd June	615552	FOOCHOW
BARRACKS AREA	613550	GEE LONG
Tg PELOMPONG	674564	GRAFTON
BROOKETOWN	624547	HONEY
COVE	625546	JUNEE
RIDGE	592549-580536	KAIRI
RIDGE	565528-564518	LITHGOW
VILLAGE	475519	LOVEDAY
Kg SERUSUP	484469	MAIZE
Rd June	480455	MASON
Tg SEMASTA (RIVER POINT)	570433	NORTHAM
BT KINDANA	565417	PEARL
AIRSTRIP	Squares 4744 and 4643	PERTH
VILLAGE	480415	RANGOON
Kg GADONG	465417	REBEL
S MERAGANG	Square 3944 to June with S BRUNEI)	REDBANK
BRUNEI TOWN	area on north bank of) S BRUNEI)	RUSTY
NATIVE TOWN	In S BRUNEI Squares) 4738 and 4838	SEYMOUR
VILLAGE	482373	TEROWIE
VILLAGE	539414	TRUNK
HUTS	516394	WAGGA
S BRUNEI	...	WARWICK
S LIMBANG	...	WHEAT
LIMBANG TOWN	Square 5524	WHIPPET

ISLANDS

MUARA

P MUARA BESAR	--	BRICK
POINT	686521	ANVIL
LEDONG POINT	633542	BATON
KRAMATI POINT'	682528	BENDIGO
Tg SAPO	688510	BOWEN
BOWONG POINT	649512	COLOMBO
P KAINGARAN	Square 5745	MILDURA
P CHERMIN	576441	MAREEBA

ROADS & TRACKS

Main Rd	From Rd June 480402)	ROUTE 3
	to TUTONG)	
Road	485523 to rd June)	ROUTE 5
	480402)	
Route	BROOKETOWN to rd June)	ROUTE 6
	480455	
Road	From S BRUNEI at 485385 to)	ROUTE 7
	S LIMBANG at 547254)	
Track	485394- 492392 - 522416 -)	WHISTLE
	539414	
Road	613553 - 611568	ENGLAND
Road	615552 - 617561	EKMOUTH
Road	625547 - 632552	IPSWICH

Care must be taken in the use of code names allotted to features, tracks etc. Amplifying remarks will not be used with the Code Name if it will endanger the security of the code. For instance, when using the code name for a road or track it will not be quoted as, example "BAKER Track" but simply as "BAKER".

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2/16 Aust Fd Coy	22
2/13 Aust Fd Amb	23
SFCP	24
BBCAU	25

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TIMETABLE OF EVENTS - Z DAY

28 May 45.

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BROWN BEACH

Serial	Time	Event
1	D minus 70 minutes	Naval Bombardment begins
2	D minus 65 minutes	LCI(M) begins firing with mortars on HAMILTON PENINSULA. LCI(G) begin firing on assault beach with 40 mm guns.
3	D minus 65 minutes to D minus 62 minutes	LCI(R) and LCS(L) discharge rockets on landing beaches
4	D minus 45 minutes	Aerial bombardment with anti-personnel bombs begins on area C (HAMILTON PENINSULA)
5	D minus 35 minutes	Aerial bombardment with anti-personnel bombs begins on areas A and B (BROWN BEACH and hinterland)
6	D minus 30 minutes	Naval bombardment accelerates
7	D minus 15 minutes	Aerial bombardment on areas A and B ceases.
8	D minus 9 minutes to D minus 6 minutes	LCI(R) and LCS(L) discharge rockets on landing beaches.
9	D minus 6 minutes	1 CL lifts 800 yards inland LCI(G) cease fire on beaches with 40 mm guns.
10	D hour	First wave beaches. Assault troops land.
11	D hour	1 CL (main armament) and 2 DD cease fire.
12	D plus 10 minutes	1 CL (secondary armament) ceases fire.
13	D plus 22 minutes	Second CL (main armament) ceases fire.
14	D plus 22 minutes	1 CL and 1 DD stand by to support advance of 2/28 and 2/43 Aust Inf Bns as required.
15	D plus 40 minutes	Aerial bombardment on area C ceases.
16.	D plus 60 minutes	All scheduled naval fire ceases.

GREEN BEACH

Serial	Time	Event
1	H minus 60 minutes	Naval bombardment begins.
2	H minus 35 minutes	Aerial bombardment with anti-personnel bombs begins on areas O P and Q.
3	H minus 30 minutes	LCI(G) commence firing on landing beach with 40 mm guns.
4	H minus 15 minutes	Aerial bombardment ceases.

Serial	Time	Event
5	H minus 7 minutes	CL/ ^{lifts} 400-800 yards inland.
6	H minus 4 minutes to H minus 2 minutes	LCI(R) and LCS(L) discharge rockets on landing beaches.
7	H minus 4 minutes	DD lifts 400 yards inland
8	H minus 3 minutes	LCI(G) direct fire to flanks of beach.
9	H Hour	First wave beaches; assault troops land.
10	H hour	DD lifts 800 yards inland
11	H plus 7 minutes	Main scheduled naval fire ceases
12	H plus 10 minutes	Close support by LCI(G) ceases

WHITE BEACH

Serial	Time	Event
1	J minus 62 minutes	Naval bombardment begins
2	J minus 62 minutes to J minus 59 minutes	LCI(R) and LCS(L) discharge rockets on landing beach.
3	J minus 35 minutes	Aerial bombardment with anti-personnel bombs begins on area M (beaches and hinterland, SE corner of MUARA ISLAND)
4	J minus 15 minutes	Aerial bombardment ceases.
5	J minus 9 minutes to J minus 8 minutes	LCI(R) and LCS(L) discharge rockets on landing beach.
6	J minus 9 minutes	First DD ceases fire.
7.	J Minus 6 minutes	Second DD ceases fire.
8	J minus 2 minutes	Close support craft cease fire
9	J hour	First wave beaches - assault troops land.
10	J plus 5 minutes	Naval bombardment ceases

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EMBARKATION INSTR

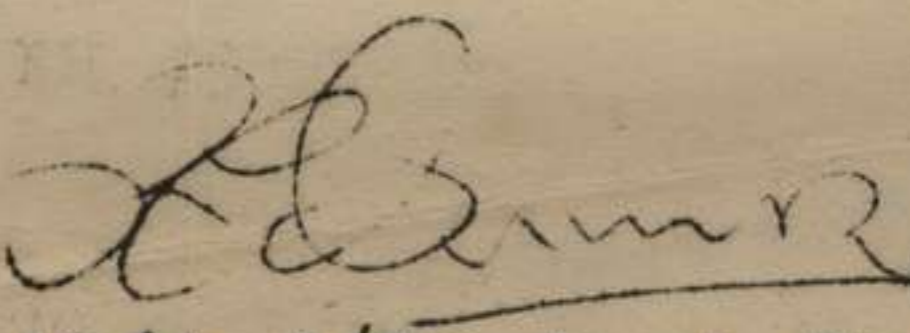
OBOE SIX

1. (a) Pers moving on LST 562 will be ready to move at 290945-I.
(b) Pers moving on LST 573 will be ready to move at ⁰⁹⁴⁵291130-I.
(c) Pers moving on LCI 713 and 1074 will be ready to move
311100-I.
2. Tps moving 29 May 45 will strike tents and return them to Q Store together with all other accommodation stores. Tents are to be rolled so that serial numbers 29865 is shown. Poles are to be in bundles of 9, i.e. three complete sets. All stores will be returned to QM by 0900-I.
3. Stores for follow up convoy will be handed in to QM by 0900-I.
4. Coy lines will be left clean and in good order.
5. Sgt FOWLER will be OC pers moving 31 May 45. He will report to Adjt for instructions 0900 I 30 May 45.
6. Coys will remain in own lines when ready to move and will be called forward as tpt becomes available.

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plus Sgt FOWLER.


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15 June 45

2/32 AUST INF BN OPERATION ORDER No 1

Ref Map - WESTON 1:50,000

INFORMATION

1. Topography Terrain Handbook 59
Air Photos
Intelligence reports already issued
2. Enemy Accurate infm of enemy strength in WESTON is not available. It is not anticipated that the area will be held in strength.
3. Order of Battle Appx "A"
4. Shipping & Craft
 - (a) Shipping
LST 562
LST 573
LSM 54
 - (b) Craft
27 LVT
31 LCM
6 LCVP
5. Naval 2 DD will support operations.
6. Air Reserved.

INTENTION

7. 2/32 Aust Inf Bn Gp will capture WESTON and exploit to covering posn in sq 2174

METHOD

8. Summary - Landing will be effected with two coys fwd, one coy in sp, and one coy res afloat.
9. Groupings - Rt fwd coy C Coy with under comd
1 sec No 2 P1 (MGs)
1 Det No 3 P1 (Mortars)
1 Det 10 P1 2/16 Aust Fd Coy
Left Fwd Coy D Coy with under comd
1 Sec No 2 P1 (MGs)
1 Det No 3 P1 (Mortars)
FOO and party
1 Det 10 P1 2/16 Aust Fd Coy
10. Landing
 - (a) Landing Beach - Grey beach.
 - (b) Assaulting coys will land with two pls fwd.
C Coy WEST of MAIN JETTY 209754
D Coy EAST of MAIN JETTY
 - (c) (i) 27 LVTs
8 LCM will land on a timed program. Landing tables attached.
 - (ii) 23 LCM will remain afloat and will be called to beach as reqd. Craft table att.

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LOADING PLAN FOR LOMS ON CALL

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Serial	Unit	Vehs Etc	Personnel
1	2/1 Armd Recce Sqn	Flame Tk	4
2	2/1 Armd Recce Sqn	Flame Tk	4
3	2/1 Armd Recce Sqn	Flame Tk	4
4	2/1 Armd Recce Sqn	1x2 1/2 T 6x6 1 trlr jeep	2
	2/32 Aust Inf Bn Hq Coy Hq		11
5	2/9 Armd Regt Wksp	1 Jeep & trlr	6
	2/13 Aust Fd Amb	1 Jeep & Trlr	14
6	2/16 Aust Fd Coy	2 jeeps 2 trlrs jeep	13
7	2/15 Aust Fd Coy	2 jeeps 2 trlrs jeep	20
8	2/15 Aust Fd Coy	1 x HD 7 2 sleds arc mesh	20
9	2/15 Fd Coy	1 x RA 16 tons stores	9
	BnHq 2/32 Aust Inf Bn		11
10	Pl 2/16 Aust Fd Coy	1x2 1/2 T 6x6 1 comp trlr	3
	2/32 Aust Inf Bn 5 Pl		15
11	2/16 Aust Fd Coy	1xRA	3
	2/32 Aust Inf Bn 5 Pl	Jeep & Trlr	17
12	2/15 Aust Fd Coy	1xHD 7 2 sleds arc mesh	1
	2/2 Aust MG Bn		20
13	2/24 Aust Fd Pk	1 TD 18 2 sleds	2
	2/2 Aust MG Bn		20
14	2/2 Aust MG	1 jeep & trlr	20
	2/32 Aust Inf Bn	1 jeep & trlr	1
15	2/2 Aust MG Bn	2 jeeps 2 trlrs	25
16	2/14 Aust Tpt Pl	2 jeeps 2 trlrs	4
	2/13 Aust Fd Amb		16
17	2/14 Aust Tpt Pl	2 jeeps 2 trlrs	5
	2/29 Sup Dep Pl		6
	2/32 Aust Inf Bn 6 Pl		12
18	2/14 Aust Tpt Pl	2 jeeps 2 trlrs	5
	2/32 Aust Inf Bn 6 Pl		12
19	2/12 Aust Fd Regt	2 jeeps 2 trlrs	22
20	2/12 Aust Fd Regt	3 jeeps	23
21	2/12 Aust Fd Regt	TD 18 & Trlr Water	22
22	2/12 Aust Fd Regt	TD 9	22
	2/32 Aust Inf Bn	Jeep & trlr	1
23	2/32 Aust Inf Bn	2 jeeps	15
	4 Pl	1x 2 pr	5
	1 Pl	1x2 pr	

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PHASE I

11. Tasks

- (a) Fwd Coys - C Coy will land and secure swamp edge vicinity 205749
D Coy will land and with two pls will secure swamp edge 213750.
1 Pl of D Coy will secure area of MAIN JETTY
- (b) Sp Coys - A Coy will land and concentrate vicinity buildings 209752.

PHASE II

12. Tasks

- (a) C Coy will secure CIRCLE FEATURE 201745 with one Pl.
(b) D Coy will secure area vicinity 215745
(c) A Coy will clear WESTON PLANTATION and take up posn vicinity 209748

13. Support

- (a) Naval and Air bombardment is available on call. Requests for support will be made through BnHQ. SFCP and ASP will move with BnHQ.
- (b) Armour - will remain in reserve.
- (c) Arty - Recce party and Bty will land as per landing tables. BC will advise BnHQ immediately guns are in posn.
- (d) Engrs - (i) Dets with fwd coys will assist in landing of LVTs, Demolition charges will be carried. Beach will be recce for mines and obstacles.
(ii) Recce party will move with D Coy and advise suitability of Causeway for wheeled and tracked vehs.
- (e) MGs - Two pls 2/2 MG Bn will remain under comd BnHQ.
- (f) Mortar - 4 dets will remain under comd BnHQ.
- (g) Pnrs - On landing, Pnr pl will come under comd No 6 Pl Comd.
- (h) Tk/L - On landing, will be immediately sited for beach defence.

14. Reserve B Coy with attached - 9 pers Sig Pl
14 pers BnHQ.

15. W DAY 17 JUN 45

16. P HR 0930 I

17. Embarkation - Separate Instrs

18. Anti-Malaria and Anti-Mite prevautions
Full precautions will be taken. Full clothing will be worn at all times, under NO circumstances whatsoever will clothing be removed.

ADM

19. Normal - details of Beach Maintenance Area issued separately.

INTERCOMN

Afloat - LST 573

20. Location of HQ - PHASE I - as per Landing Table

- PHASE II - vicinity MAIN JETTY.

21. Codewords - PHASE I complete - SWEET

PHASE II complete - VIOLETS

22. Sig Plan - Attached.

23. Fluorescent Panels - Red panels will be used.

24. Pyrotechnics - The following pyrotechnic signals for use between ground tps and aeroplanes will be used:-

Used by ground troops

Signal

Aust 2 inch multi star
green

Meaning

"artillery gun fire or bombs
falling within our lines"

ACKNOWLEDGE

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Ser	Unit	Perms	Jeeps	Jeep Trlrs	2½ ton	3 ton	TKs	Mech Eqpt	Trlrs Misc	Guns	Total Vehs	Stores
1	2 Tp 2/9 Aust Armd Regt	14	-	-	-	-	3	-	1	-	4	- Arty Trlr
2	Tp 2/1 Aust Armd Bde Recce Sqn	14	-	-	1	-	3	-	1	-	5	Misc Trlr
3	2/9 Aust Armd Regt HQ Party	3	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
4	Det 2/9 Aust Armd Regt Sig Tp	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5	Det 2/9 Aust Armd Regt Ord Fd Pk	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
6	Det 2/9 Aust Armd Regt Wksps	6	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
7	23 Bty 2/12 Aust Fd Regt	183	6	2	3	-	-	2if	1x	4	14	2 #1-TD9 1-TD 18 x Water trlr 4x4.2 Mortars
8	SFCP	9	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
9	Air Sp Party	6	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-
10	Tac HQ 2/16 Aust Fd Coy	13	2	1	-	2if	-	-	-	-	5	-
11	P1 2/16 Aust Fd Coy	60	1	1	2	-	-	1x	1if	-	6	-
12	P1 2/15 Aust Fd Coy (Bch Gp)	70	2	2	1	2	-	2x	-	-	9	16 7 dozer 4 sleds
13	Det 2/24 Aust Fd Pk Coy	5	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	2	-
14	2/32 Aust Inf Bn Less 2 dets 3 P1 (Mortars)	779	13	11	-	-	-	-	-	2	24	133 2TD 18 4 sleds
15	Det 2/76 Aust LAD	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16	Two P1s 2/2 Aust MG Bn	85	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	-
17	Det 9 Aust Div Sigs	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
18	Det 24 Bde Sigs	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
19	Det 50 Cipher Sec	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20	Det RAN Bch Sig Sec	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
21	Det 2/13 Aust Fd Amb	30	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
22	Det 2/14 Aust Tpt P1	14	6	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	-
28	Det 2/29 Aust Sup Dep P1	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
29	BBCAU	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS		1323	40	32	7	4	6	7	4	6	100	151

2/32 AUST INF BN GP SIG PLAN

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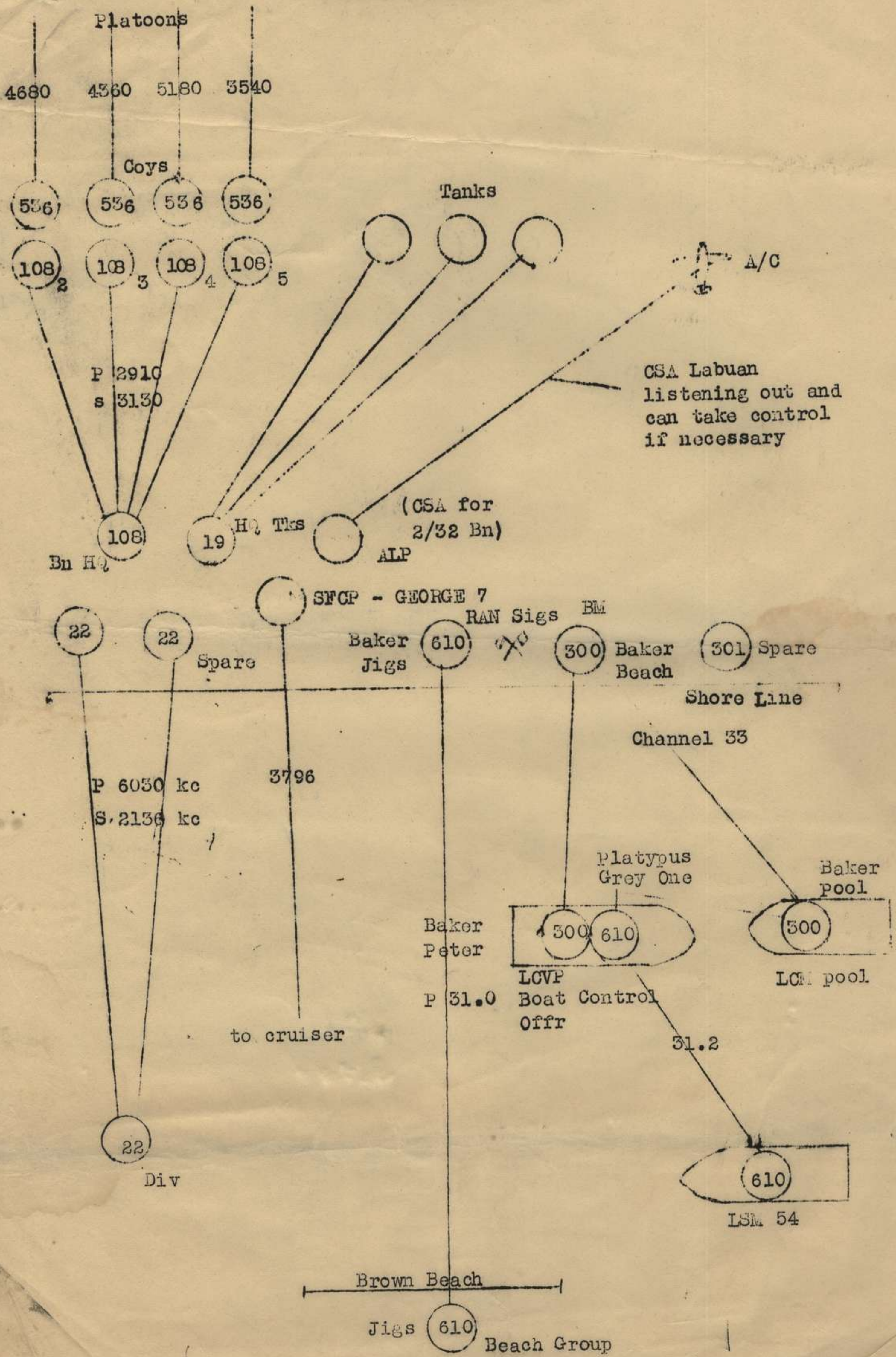
1. NAVAL COMN Vide diagram Appx "A"
2. COMN NAVAL SP - Normal
3. COMN AIR WARNING (ashore)
Will be passed from 9 Div H, in clear FLASH RED -
air raid imminent
(Afloat) - through Naval channels.
4. COMN FWD CONTROL - Normal
5. REAR LINK Will be provided by Sigs 9 Aust Div and Sigs 24
Aust Inf Bde by wireless.
6. FREQUENCIES Will be changed daily as issued through Sig channels.
7. PANEL SYSTEM GROUND-AIR
As detailed in previous instrs.
8. CODE SIGNS, CODE NAMES
Vide Appx "B"
9. CODES & CYPHERS Rear of Bn - medium grade.
Inter-unit - tencode where necessary
Fwd of Bn - RT No 2 to conceal vital portions
unless urgency of message makes
transmission in clear necessary.
10. PASS WORDS As Issued
11. S.D.S. Request has been made for craft to provide waterborne
SDS from LABUAN, time table will be arranged
by Sigs 9 Aust Div and advised later.
12. INTERNAL COMN ON BMA
Provided by Sig P1 2/32 Aust Inf Bn

Appx "B" to Sig Plan

CODE NAMES FOR USE WITHIN 2/32 BN GP

DATE	2/32 AUST INF BN	2/2 AUST MG BN	2/9 AUST ARMD REGT SQN
17	GORI	MERU	FAKA
18	RAPI	SAP0	DOLO
19	BETA	FORU	VEGO
20	WOTO	WAGI	REMI
21	WBTI	PODO	RUDO
22	GORI	MERU	FAKA
23	BETA	FORU	VEGO
24	RAPI	SAP0	DOLO
25	WOTO	WAGI	REMI
26	WBTI	PODO	RUDO

SIG PLAN - WIRELESS COLN



Craft available : 27 LVT
 Average turn-round 31 LCM
 times:

AUST INF BN LANDING TABLE

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Landing Craft			Personnel		Load			Manning		Landing		Remarks	
Craft Ser No (a)	No (b)	Type	Sub-Unit (c)	March ing (d)	On Vehs (e)	Guns (f)	Vehs (g)	Stores (h)	Place (i)	Time (j)	Beach (k)	Time (l)	(m)
<u>Ex LST 562</u>													
1	1	LVT	D Coy Det 2/16 Aust Fd Coy	28 2							Grey	Peter Hr	Left Flank
2	1	LVT	D Coy Det 2/16 Aust Fd Coy	28 2									
3	1	LVT	C Coy ULO & Party Det 2/16 Aust Fd Coy	25 3 2									
4	1	LVT	C Coy Det 2/16 Aust Fd Coy	28 2									Right Flank
5-6	2	LVT	D Coy	60							Grey	Peter &	Left Flank
7	1	LVT	C Coy BnHQ Guide	29 1									Right Flank
8	1	LVT	C Coy	30									Right Flank
9	1	LVT	D Coy HQ Coy Det Mortars BnHQ - (Carriers) 2/12 Fd Regt FOO Party 24 Bie Sig Det	12 5 2 9 2				1x3" Mor			Grey	Peter &	Left Flank
10	1	LVT	HQ Coy 2 Pl less One Sec 2/12 Fd Regt FOO Det A RAN Bch Sig Sec MLO	13 9 4 1				Sig Eqpt 2 MMGs					
11	1	LVT	2/15 Fd Coy Recce Party 2/12 Fd Regt Recce " 2/32 Aust Inf Bn Mortar Det 2/16 Aust Fd Coy (10 Pl)	4 13 5 8				Sig Eqpt 1x3" Mortar					
12	1	LVT	C Coy Sac 2 Pl B Coy	19 23 1				2 MGs					Right Flank

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Ex LST 573													
13-16	4	LVT	A Coy	120									
17	1	LVT	A Coy	10							Grey	Peter &	
			HQ Coy	5				1x3" Mortar			Grey	Peter &	Left Flank
			RAP	3									
			2/9 Armd Regt HQ Party	2									
			2/16 Fd Coy 10 Pl	10									
18	1	LVT	2/16 Fd Coy 10 Pl	23									
			2/32 Aust Inf Bn 6 Pl	7									
19	1	LVT	2/12 Fd Regt	8				2x4.2 Mortars					
20	1	LVT	BnHQ (incl Comd Offr)	14				Wireless					HQ Craft
			SFCP	8				Eqpt					may be re
			Air Support Party	2									quired to
			9 Div Sigs	3									land ind-
21	1	LVT	BnHQ	16									ependently
			HQ Coy (Incl QM)	6									Duplicate
			50 Cipher Det	2									HQ
			2/16 Fd Coy O Gp	3									Right
22 to 25	4	LVT	2/12 Fd Regt	24		4x25 pr					Grey	Peter &	Flank
26	1	LVT	2/12 Fd Regt	8				2x4.2" Mortars			Grey	Peter &	Left Flank
27	1	LVT	2/12 Fd Regt	6				Ann					Right Flank
28	1	LCM	2/24 Fd Park		3		1xTD 18				Grey	Peter &	Left Flank
			2/32 Aust Inf Bn 3 Pl	25			2 sleds						
29	1	LCM	SFCP		1		1 jeep						
			2/16 Fd Coy 10 Pl		2		1 trlr						
			2/12 Fd Regt	17			1 jeep						
							1 trlr						

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 Average turn-round 31 LCM
 times.

AUST INF BN LANDING TABLE

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Landing Craft			Personnel		Load			Manning		Landing		Remarks	
Craft Ser No (a)	No (b)	Type (b)	Sub-Unit (c)	Marching (d)	On Vehs (e)	Guns (f)	Vehs (g)	Stores (h)	Place (i)	Time (j)	Beach (k)	Time (l)	(m)
30	1	LCM	Air Support Party		4		2 jeeps 1 trlr	Sig Equip					
31	1	LCM	2/32 Inf Bn 2/15 Fd Coy	8 16	2		2 jeeps 2 trlrs						Right Flank
32 to 33	2	LCM	2/9 Armd Regt		10		2x Matilda Tanks 1 trlr var				Grey	Peter &	
34	1	LCM	2/9 Armd Regt		5		1x Matilda Tank				Grey	Peter &	Left Flank
35	1	LCM	2/9 Armd Regt (HQ Party) 2/9 Armd Regt Ord Fd Pk 2/9 Armd Regt Sig Tp		1 2 3		1x jeep 1x trlr 1x jeep						Right Flank

~~1st~~ *John*
War Diary

2/32 Aust Inf Bn
21 Jun 45.

9 AUST DIV INTELL OFFR
24 AUST INF BDE (for infm)

1. Chief of LINGKUNGAN Estate states nil Japanese in area. (verified; we are occupying it). People have gone to 5 miles SE into the bush and are remaining there hidden.
2. Chief of MILE 4 (ref 1:50000 244744) reports 20/30 Japs on 19 Jun, moving north. His people are hidden 2 miles SE of MILE 4. We are in contact to-day with Japs at Mile 4.
3. Chief of MARABA, MILE 6 reports 8 Japs on 19 Jun moving north. 4 MGs in position in defences across Rly Line. Japs are hidden. Natives of MILE 6 are hidden 2 miles SE of MARABA.
4. MILE 7 ref 263783 - unknown number.
5. MILE 8 BUKAU. 4 Japs near bridge 262800. Unknown number in rubber plantation. They have 4 MGs. Chief of BUKAU reports Jap CPO moved through villages in BUKAU area Jun 20 to find out where menfolk had gone to. Reports 2 spies, 1 Bruneian, 1 Javanese who have registered with us at WESTON, moved via BUKAU River, APIAPI River back to Japs at LUMADAN. There is no indication of any heavy guns in area. Chief of BUKAU estimated 1000 Japs in BEAUFORT area, 50% of whom are sick. Date of estimate 20 Jun.
6. We have sent per daily courier vessel, 1 native named GABANDU (DUSUN) who has come from RANAU on 25 May and arrived BUKAU area 1 Jun. He says that there are approximately 60 Australian (European?) PSW in that area, but only approximately 30 are left; some having died, some may have been shifted. He is not prepared to go back to RANAU overland from WESTON, but says that he is prepared to be dropped by plane near JESSELTON and make his way to RANAU for further infm or to contact PSW. It is suggested that this might be a good idea, because if PSW know that Australians have landed on BORNEO, it may be possible for some of them to escape with this native and be brought out.

Signed in
the Field
Jun 45.

W. H. A.
Lt-Col
Comd 2/32 Aust Inf Bn

W. Deary

2/32 Aust Inf Bn
22 Jun 45.

2/32 Aust Inf Bn
(for infm)

INFM COLLECTED FROM INTERROGATION OF NATIVES

ABDUL RAHMAN SULAIMAN - Native of BUKAU

Reports 200 Japs BUKAU-LUMADAN hiding in rubber trees. They usually fly at night and are thought to have MGs and Arty (the latter is unlikely in view of other infm and enemy action of date). The Japs have only the most dilapidated huts in the area. Infm probably reliable.

WALTERS ex LINGKUNGAN

This man is a Malay aged 60 years, formerly employed by the LINGKUNGAN RUBBER CO. He was contacted by our patrol at ref map WESTON SE 1:25000 223717 and produced a typewritten certificate with printed heading to effect that he was conductor in charge of cutting. Certificate was signed by F H CAREW as Manager - (Walters stated Carew was a former Indian Army Officer). The date of the certificate was not known.

Infm as follows:-

1. Enemy

On 24 May 45, 1000 Japs were in area between LINGKUNGAN and his village, moving to MESAPOL. Japs were healthy and carried small arms and grenades. At date of our aerial bombardment, enemy withdrew towards BUKAU some remaining at WESTON. He told party of our OP at 226713 and our patrol verified infm. OP manned by 5 Japs with binoculars and was abandoned on W Day. He also reported two guns - calibre about 4" on very large mountings - were removed from WESTON by rail some time, one being taken to BEAUFORT, other to LUMAT.

2. Tracks

LINGKUNGAN-MESAPOL. Reported to be good. Japs proposed to run two buses to MESAPOL however MT rd was not completed and project abandoned.

3. Enemy Intention and Dispositions

There were 400 Japs at WESTON between 24 May and 10 Jun and others coming from BEAUFORT, all intending to reinforce BRUNEI by travelling by barge from WESTON. All barges were "blown up" and when our bombing of this area commenced, the enemy withdrew to the hills east of rly between LINGKUNGAN and BUKAU. Enemy moving from LINGKUNGAN to LAWAS via MESAPOL.

4. General

Br at 243725 destroyed by our bombs. Round bomb under br at BUKAU.

5. PSW

Stated 15 US Airmen at BEAUFORT.

6. Reliability of Infa

Patrol comd considers WALTERS reliable and informant walked to WESTON today for further interrogation.

CHAS FRANCIS LIN

A pure Chinese, very intelligent and co-operative, living at village ref map WESTON SE 1:25000 sq 2275. Formerly from SANDAKAN and worked for 13 years as orderly for Dr STOOKES a medical offr who is now a PW in BEAUFORT and caring for the natives.

This man brought in the various village chiefs who supplied the infa embodied in our report on 21 Jun 45. The native from BANAU stated that Aust PSW were forced to wave when allied planes flew over to prevent our bombing as enemy morale was low in that area.

LIN also states that when bombing of SANDAKAN began, a large party of Japs left for BEAUFORT. The Journey was of 50 days duration and on arrival at BEAUFORT at least 70% were ill with malaria.

At BLANKING there are no Japs, but a party approx 60 strong leaves BEAUFORT periodically to obtain rice at BLANKING. (Our A Coy patrol has reported HMS BLANKING).


At LIKAS (vicinity JESSELTON) there are reported to be 20-2 engined bombers. When questioned re ldg strips, stated that planes used hard beach as runway. Are manhandled to high ground EAST of rd and some are concealed in tunnel under feature, others dispersed in rubber plantation slightly to the SOUTH. Also stated that enemy change camouflage almost daily.

The br at BUKAU is mined with explosives and petrol drums. At HARABA there are two Jap spies dressed as Malays.

Reliability of Infa

It is considered this man's local infa is reliable. Infa re A/C may be correct.

Signed in
the Field
Jun 45


Lt-Col
Comd 2/32 Aust Inf Bn

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2/32 Aust Inf Bn
23 Jun 45

9 AUST DIV
24 AUST INF BDE (for info)

INFO FROM NATIVES

INTERROGATED BY HQCAU

23 JUN 45

1. MARALI - native of SAMPUNG

Informant thinks Jap Hq there - about 100 Japs in the area. States sounds of engines and digging at night.

210000 I - 3 Japs guarding rly.

211200 I - 20 Japs 1 mile SOUTH of MARABA - armed rifles only.

2. OMAS FRANCIS LIM - ex SANDAKAN now resident village ref HQP SECTION SE 1:25000 sq 2275

This informant is considered very reliable (provided info embodied in our memo of 23 Jun) and reported that

(a) 300 Japs were moving from BEAUFORT to BUKAU night 22/23 Jun 45.

(b) Food and amm are tptd down line by push trolley.

(c) 50 Japs seen digging hole 20' WEST of br at BUKAU. States MND's in "fruit trees".

(d) One "cannon" was sent on 21 Jun to MARABA. Now in position on hill to EAST of rly together with several MND's. (The "cannon" could be either 75 mm or Naval gun formerly reported at BEAUFORT)

Arty carried out predicted shoot during night 22/23 Jun and morning 23 Jun, to deal with tps (para (a)) and reported gun poss. No enemy CB.

3. MAYASIH - headman of SIPITANG

Considered very reliable. Bears excellent ref dates 19 Jun 45 from Maj HARDWICK, HQ

(a) 60 Japs at LANAS, proceeding SINDUBAN 23 Jun 45.

(b) 100 Japs left KAMABONG, en route for MALAMAN on 19 Jun 45. Journey 4 days duration. The MURAYS are setting ambush on ITI R.

- 2 -

(The MURATS recently brought in 14 Jap heads to SIPITANG.
Their arms are reported as guns and blowpipes)

4. ALIHAJI - village not stated

States saw 50/60 Japs 21 Jun 45 some unarmed and some with rifles vicinity creek and rly junc, ref map WESTON SE 1:25000 248749. Enemy mov into jungle during day. This confirms previous info.

5. LOCHI - village not stated

Chinese. States Jap HQ at SAPONG & (ref statement MARALI para 1). LOCHI states he was at SAPONG in Apr 45 and saw offr wearing "three stars". This offr could be either a Gen, a Col or a Capt - excl ORs who also wear three stars.

Signed in
the Field
Jun 45

Henry May Lt Col
Comd 2/32 Aust Inf Bn

4. Order of Battle

2/32 Aust Inf Bn with under comd -

Det 24 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec
One Pl 6 Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn
Sec 2/3 Aust Fd Amb
Det 9 Aust Div Pro Coy
Det BECAU

with in sp -

One bty 2/12 Aust Fd Regt
One SFCP
One Pl 2/16 Aust Fd Coy.

INTENTION

5. 2/32 Aust Inf Bn will adv NORTHWARDS from BEAUFORT with the object of

- (a) Driving the enemy NORTE of PAPA R RIVER.
- (b) Establishing a Beach Head on KILINIAS BAY

Adv will commence 6 JUL 45.

ROUTE CD

6. Groupings

Following under comd B Coy -

- 2 dets Mortars
- 1 sec MG (2Pl)
- in support 1 FOC and party 2/12 Aust Fd Regt.

Following under comd A Coy -

- 1 det Mortars
- One Pl 2/2 usg MG Bn

7. Preliminary Moves

Following moves will take place 5 Jul 45.

- (a) B Coy to occupy feature SMITH 405002
- (b) A Coy to occupy TOMO 382970 and provide protection for sunbase.
- (c) Remainder of Bn will concentrate vicinity sgs 3694, 3795.

8. Adv Gd

B Coy - Comd Capt J J G DAVIDSON.

9. Tasks for Adv Gd

- (a) Recce and picquet tracks leading from axis.
- (b) Report condition of rly line, give map ref, detail and extent of all damage.
- (c) Establish bridge head on NORTE side of MAMBAKUT river vicinity town.
- (d) Recce MAMBAKUT river 500 yds each side of bridge and report suitability for craft up to LCMs.

10. Order of March Main Body - A Coy, D Coy, H Coy less dets, C Coy.

11. Moves of Main Body

- (a) A Coy will move to SMITH and take up def posn, one pl outpost to be maintained at bridge 411018.
- (b) D Coy will move to area vicinity 402002.
- (c) C Coy will move to TOMO and take over protection of gun area.

12. Axis of Adv Railway

13. Start Time 060800 I.

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5 JUL 45

2/32 AUSTRALIAN INF BDE 0.0.

Ref Map 1:25000 BRUMBI-JESSLTON
1:50000 KIMANIS
BI SULOK
LUNAT

1. INFORMATION

1. Enemy

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

(a) MEMBAKUT

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

(b) KILANIS

150 with JUKI and AA Gun (Type not specified). Infm classified G3.

(c) PAPAR

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

(d) Fifth Column

In the area north of BEAUFORT the enemy has est a fifth column amongst the natives.

2. Own Tps

24 Aust Inf Bde less 2/32 Aust Inf Bn is to hold the BEAUFORT area.

3. Tasks - allotted to 2/32 Aust Inf Bn -

(a) Adv to area KILANIS BAY on axis rly and recce an area suitable as a BMA. Special attention must be paid to beach exits.

(b) Having established a suitable area you will detach such of your force as you consider necessary to hold the area.

(c) You will submit a report on the suitability of MEMBAKUT and BONGAWANG RIVERS for use by small craft up to LCM.

(d) You will ~~maintain~~ then continue mov to the north as far as KIMANIS 5320 when further instrs will be issued.

6. Tasks detailed to 2/32 Aust Inf Bn

- (a) Assume responsibility for the defence of PAPAR
- (b) Gain control of and be responsible for the protection of all rubber resources within your area of responsibility.
- (c) Supervise the conduct of civil administration within the area as laid down by Bde Hq from time to time.
- (d) Maintain forces, the composition of which will rest with you in the following areas:-

PAPAR Township
KILANIS

and any other area you deem necessary.

7. Order of Battle - 2/32 Aust Inf Bn Gp

2/32 Aust Inf Bn
with under comd

One SFCF
Det 24 Aust Inf Bde sig Sec
Det 9 Aust Div Sigs
C Coy 2/2 Aust LG Bn less one pl.
Det 2/3 Aust Rd Amb

INTENTION

8. 2/32 Aust Inf Bn will carry out tasks as detailed in para 6 and will maintain control of area by intensive and long range patrolling.

METHOD

9. Groupings

- A Coy with under comd
Pl 2/2 Aust LG Bn
Two dets mortars
- B Coy with under comd
No 2 pl LG
Two dets mortars
- C Coy with under comd
One det mortars
- D Coy with under comd
Pl 2/2 Aust LG Bn
One det mortars

10. Protection of PAPAR

- (a) Dispositions for defence and responsibilities of A B and D Coys remain unchanged.
- (b) C Coy will concentrate KILANIS 23 Jul 45 and form firm base.

11. Patrols Local and long range patrolling will continue. Details will be promulgated from this Hq.

12. Contact Points

Patrols from C Coy will contact patrols from 2/43 Aust Inf Bn at -

- (a) KADANGAN 5108 every Tuesday and Saturday.
 - (b) BOLGAMAN 4911 every Monday, Wednesday and Friday.
- Time for each contact will be 1200 hrs.

AM

13. Normal except that C Coy reverts to unit for subs.

INTERCOLL

14. No change.

Capt
Adjut 2/32 Aust Inf Bn

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List "A" plus -

C Coy 2/2 Aust IG Bn less one pl
Det 9 Aust Div Sigs
Det 24 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec
Det 2/3 Aust Fd Amb
Det 2/13 Aust Fd Amb
Det 9 Aust Div Fro

24 Bty 2/12 Aust Fd Regt
SPCP
A Tp 8 Aust Svy Bty
10 Pl 2/16 Aust Id Coy
Det 28 Sup Dep Pl (AASC)
C Det 13 Aust Fd Baking Pl
Det SRB
Det RAN Beach Cdo Gp
Det Public Relations.

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2/32 AUST INF BN OP INSTR 3

Ref Maps : 1:50,000
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NW BORNEO
{ JESSELTON
{ BRUNEI BAY
{ SINDULIN
{ LIRI

INFORMATION

1. Enemy

- (a) During operations to date, the enemy has shown a marked disinclination for offensive action unless trapped and has withdrawn in the face of our advance, fighting rearguard actions when necessary.
- (b) All available information indicates that the enemy in the SOUTH western sector is withdrawing southward towards LUCHING and the enemy in the central and northern sectors eastwards into the RANAU - KEMINGAU - TENOM area.
- (c) In the SOUTH western sector any enemy offensive action, other than small local attacks or counter-attacks is considered most unlikely.
- (d) In the northern sector it is considered that the enemy would react vigorously to any eastward movement from either BEAUFORT or PAPAR and to any northward movement from PAPAR. Although offensive action in this area is unlikely, it remains a possibility and necessary precautions will have to be taken.
- (e) General indications are that the enemy would resist strongly any attempt to penetrate the area RANAU - KEMINGAU - TENOM.
- (f) Local enemy infm as per Unit.

2. Own Tps

- (a) The tasks of 9 Aust Div that remain to be completed are :-
 - (i) The protection of oil and rubber resources in the divisional area to permit of their development.
 - (ii) The military Administration of the Civil affairs of such areas of BRITISH BORNEO as are at any given time under control of 9 Aust Div.

As an extension of these tasks, all food production areas, and timber areas as may be specified from time to time will also be brought under control within the divisional area of responsibility as specified in para 3.

- (b) 26 Aust Inf Bde remain area PARAKAN under comd 1. Aust Corps.

(c) Inter-Brigade and divisional forces boundaries

The inter-brigade and divisional forces boundaries delineating the respective areas of control and responsibility are as follows:-

- (i) 24 Aust Inf Bde Gp

As for divisional boundary from SOUTH PAPAR RIVER to BUKAU RIVER 332762 - all excluding BUKAU RIVER to 318792 - LUADEN 302810 - PADAS RIVER at 320923 - coast 320104.

(ii) 2/11 Aust Cdo Sqn

All inclusive from coast at 072035 - KARAU RIVER at 144012 - thence KARAU RIVER to 150933 - LIAS RIVER to 160982 thence GRAMA RIVER to 209904 thence excluding PADAS RIVER to 320923 thence to coast 320104.

(iii) 2/2 Aust G Bn and troops under command and in support

All excluding coast at 072035 thence boundary 2/11 Aust Cdo Sqn to PADAS RIVER 209905 - thence PADAS RIVER to coast 167733.

(iv) 2/3 Aust Tka Regt and troops under command and in support

All including mouth PADAS RIVER 167733 to 320923 thence 24 Aust Inf Bde boundary to divisional boundary 332762 - thence divisional boundary to LANGALONG RIVER 229496 thence excluding LANGALONG RIVER to coast 056527.

(v) 20 Aust Inf Bde Gp

All including LANGALONG RIVER from coast at 056527 to 229496 thence divisional boundary to coast at 407800.

Divisional boundary of responsibility on the main land of FORMER

Divisional boundary

All inclusive mouth PAPAR RIVER 551352 - PAPAR RIVER to CBAL 695279 - BAUTA 620226 - river junction 615160 - BATUAN 570035 - PUS RIVER 553038 - SELBAUT RIVER - 465966 - PADAS RIVER 426894 - BAKAU RIVER 332762 - village 268709 - LAJAN 228494 - LAMAS RIVER 027340 - LONGTUAK 690210 - ANGGUL 670094 - UJONG - 392013 - RIJAN 640859 - BALONG 708730 - railway 569019 - LIKU pumping station 490825 - DALAM pumping station 446800 - coast 407800.

Intention

24 Aust Inf Bde Gp will occupy the area as shown in para 2(c) above and carry out the following tasks.

(a) Complete the tactical control of the area by maintaining:-

- (i) A co-ordinated system of defended localities.
- (ii) A readily available mobile force of NCT less than one coy, in each bn area, which will be available to come into bde res, if required.
- (iii) in addition to (a) (ii) above, local res.

- (b) execute continuous patrolling
- (c) establish civil adm
- (d) protect natural and industrial resources of the area.

Areas of Responsibility

(a) Area A - 2/32 Aust Inf Bn

South of PAPAR RIVER 551352 thence EAST along river to CBAL 695279 - BAUTA 620226 - SELBANGAM LAMAN 615164 - river and ck junc. 554038 thence WEST along river excl to 471128.

(b) Area B - 2/28 Aust Inf Bn

Village 465966 - river junc 426894 - river at 332762 - ck 320785 - ck 343810 - ck 343827 - ck 366850 - track at 387897 thence along track excl to house 400904 - spur 402924 - ck 424973 - village 465966.

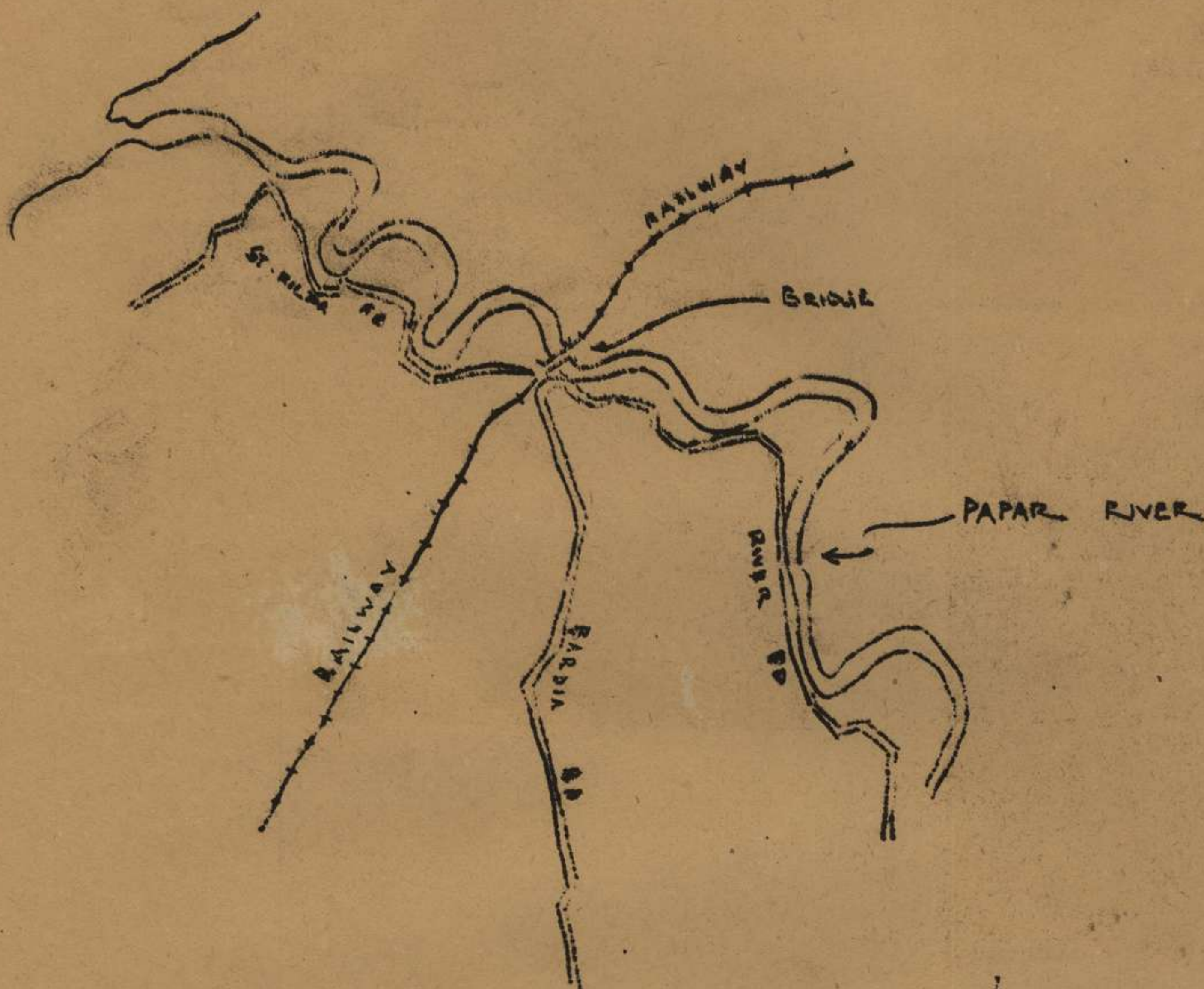
(c) Area C - 2/43 Aust Inf Bn

South of river at 471128 thence EAST along river incl to river and ck junc 554038 - village 465966 - ck 424973 - spur 402924 - houses 400904 - thence along track incl to 387897 - ck 366850 - ck 343827 - ck 343810 - ck 320785 - LUJAN 302810 - village 320923 - coast 320104.

2/12 Aust Inf Bn
21 Jul 45

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The following road names as per sketch, will be used
in this area :-



A. J. ... Capt
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WESTON FALLS WITHOUT FIGHT

From BOB NELSON, Sun War Correspondent

WESTON, BRUNEI BAY, Tuesday. — *The bloodless capture of the port of Weston on the Borneo mainland, 24 miles south of Labuan Island, provides another example of Japanese unwillingness to stand and fight in coastal districts.*

Natives we met on landing here said that a few days before, when Allied minesweepers entered the harbor, the Japanese garrison fled.

A light force of warships which accompanied the Australian landing force did not bother to shell the landing area.

Our troops did not have to open fire as they came ashore in infantry landing craft.

The only sign of human life on the jetty was an emaciated English-speaking Chinese named Kok Pian, who called out: "Our people are waiting to welcome you with joy."

There was not much joy for the Australians in the landing. It was the hottest day we have experienced since our arrival in the area and sweat poured from our men as they

trudged inland with heavy packs and equipment, which could not be carried on jeeps because of lack of roads through the surrounding swamps.

Weston is little more than a cluster of Malay-style native huts surrounding the jetty and what was once the railway station.

It is the terminal of Borneo's only consequential railroad, which runs north-east for 80 miles to the port of Jesselton.

Both these ports, before the war, were export points for rubber, minerals and limited quantities of oil. They were both of considerable importance to the Japanese.

On landing, men of the Ninth Division trudged five miles along the railroad, which is now rusty with disuse, without firing a shot. They halted only to explore swamp areas on their flanks to make sure no enemy force lay concealed there.

The Australians are ripping up the railway to make a motor road.

Capture of Weston means that the Australians are now firmly established on both sides of Brunei Bay.

On the southern side our men hold 35 miles of coastal territory, including the small port of Tutong.

They are rapidly closing in on the large oilfields at Seria, 27 miles farther south. Sooner or later the Japanese will be forced to stand and fight in this area.



John Brennan: Seven days to the minute after their initial landings in the Brunei Bay area and on Labuan Ninth Division troops made another jump to the mainland, at Weston, a tiny town and port six miles up the Padas River from the northernmost corner of Brunei Bay.

It was the first return of Allied troops to British North Borneo. The Japs, too, had landed first at Weston. The assault was made from alligators, which can roll through swamp and mud flat; for even at high water Weston is open only to ships of something less than six feet draught. The alligators churned in long procession up the river.

Spearheading the assault was the A.I.F. battalion famous for its ten-day battle with the Japs on the Wareo track during the Finschhafen campaign. There it had been completely cut off for a time. It fought with distinction at El Alamein. Always a composite battalion of men from every State, it was formed in England during the Battle of Britain.

Weston was empty of the enemy. A reconnaissance party led by Lieut. Douglas Billett, of Devonport (Tas.), had been ashore there the previous day. It penetrated about a thousand yards inland and found a solitary native, who reported that the small Jap garrison had withdrawn four days previously.

The natives, too, anticipating an attack, had mostly gone back into the hill country. A R.A.N. group from H.M.A.S. Lachlan took Billett's party ashore and buoyed the river channel.

Picture of Weston

Weston is set on the river's edge, in the centre, it seems, of a mangrove and nipapalm swamp. There is a small plantation area behind the town, but almost the only solid ground is the built-up causeway which carries the railway line.

Most of the houses are built out over the water. The rest is just fetid, stinking mud. No wonder Japs left this place, the troops said. And one of them was ready with the comment: "Now I understand why they build their houses out in the river. It's the driest place there is around here."

The railway line is single-track, metre gauge. It runs to Beaufort, 20 miles to the north, a pre-war administration centre. From Beaufort another line runs north again to Jesselton. Weston was merely a small port for the shipping of a little rubber and sago.

The enemy's intentions are known to himself alone and, except on Labuan when his force had no means of escape, he has chosen to fight only the merest of rearguard actions during the present operations.

The occupation of Papar, an important town on the main British North Borneo railway, 33 miles north of Beaufort and 24 miles south of Jesselton, has given the Australian forces control of a large and productive agricultural district, which, in pre-war days, supported a population of 25,000. The town is situated on the southern bank of the Papar Estuary, three miles from the sea, and marks the most northerly point reached by the Australians in British Borneo.

No attempt was made by the Japanese to defend the town. Rather than fight they withdrew their forces inland up the Papar River in the face of our advance and, since their arrival, our troops have been actively patrolling north and east of the town without encountering any enemy force of importance.

A two-pronged advance was made on the town, one force moving up the railway line from Membakut, 13 miles north of Beaufort, and the other travelling by barge. The water-borne troops marched several miles down the narrow, tortuous Membakut River from Membakut to a point where the stream was navigable to American L. C. M's of the "Ninth Divvy Navy" which took them to the northern tip of Kimanis Bay from where they marched overland to link up with the other force for the attack on the town.

Several steel and concrete railway bridges north of Membakut had been demolished by Japanese troops and our bombers and the force holding Papar is therefore dependent on barges for its line of communication. A regular barge service is now in operation between Papar and the Australians' main base. During the advance natives rendered useful service in ferrying troops and supplies down the Membakut River to the barge point.

The transport of 25-pounders to support the infantry raised some minor problems. The first guns to be placed in position at Papar were taken by jeep train from Beaufort to Membakut, ~~where they were~~ unloaded on to engineers' pontoons and propelled down stream by outboard motors to the

and the raiders then moved in on the house, firing from the hip. The Japanese never had a ~~chance~~ chance. Two inside the house were killed two were dispatched while attempting to escape, another was shot down 10 yards from the house and a sixth disappeared over a hill in a hail of fire and was later found dead by natives. Next day, a very disconsolate Jap, securely bound, was brought to company headquarters by the natives. It is assumed he was the sentry.

The patrol returned safely, tired but intact, w one Jap sword and four rifles. "It was like shooting ~~--- kangaroos~~ kangaroos", remarked Cpl Carey, who possesses the sword.

Headquarters of the most fertile district on the west coast of British Borneo. Papar is also the most picturesque settleent the Australians have seen since they landed at Weston, which has all the depressing hallmarks of a "White Cargo" setting. On the flat, grassy banks between the sea and the town there is a succession of coconut and rubber plantations w native villages, set in almost idyllic surroundings, at short intervals. Above the town, there is an extensive area of rice fields, banded to collect rain water for the plants. Before the Japs arrived there was a surplus of rice, notwithstanding the big local demand. The Japs made heavy demands on the ~~growers~~ growers. They increased the area under crop but impounded ~~7/10~~ seven-tenths of the harvest for which they paid a low price even in invasion money. When our air force became increasingly active, the natives made the legitimate excuse that it was too dangerous to work in the fields. and production declined. Because of these factors there is now insufficient rice for local needs and the army is doing its best to alleviate the shortage. In the meantime, the natives, under instructions, are replantin heir fields, and, although it is late in the season, it is hoped that by

that, by the end of the year, a crop 75 per cent of normal will be available.

In addition to rice, the rich river flats are also noted for their bananas, pinapples, citrus fruit and sago, which, with poultry and eggs, have found their way on to army menus as unofficial supplementary rations. The natives also ~~keep~~ ponies which were used for racing and general utility purposes.

Before our bombers arrived there were more than 60 shops in the town, which had a population of 750 Chinese and 250 natives. Numerous administrative and residential buildings, however, ~~are~~ are intact and a start has been made with native labour to clear up the debris. The damaged railway bridge, a four-span steel and concrete structure 450 ft. long provides the ~~most~~ most conclusive evidence of the force and accuracy of our bombing. The two central spans have been destroyed and there is no sign of the centre pillars, although they had been driven 25 ft. below the river bed.

Most of the natives are Dusuns, an indigenous agricultural people. Their womenfolk are said to have made Papar the Paris of ~~Borneo~~ Borneo. They wear a distinctive dress consisting of a short ~~celest~~ skirt braided with gold, a velvet jacket ornamented with silver buttons the size of walnuts and a small conical rattan hat dyed in three colours. And around the waist they wear a belt of silver dollars, the more the better, but it is a point of honour with every fashionable Dusun maiden to ensure that ~~the~~ the central portion of her ~~stomach~~ abdomen is exposed to public ~~view~~ view.

The Australians at Papar, some of whom were among the A. I. F. units in England in the critical days of 1940, will rank Papar in their thoughts after Syria. And it was at Papar that they received their first beer issue in Borneo.

Subject - (a) GENERAL NOTES ON EXPERIENCE
OF TARAKAN CAMPAIGN

2/32 Aust Inf Bn
20 May 45

(b) INF CO-OP WITH THE

A Coy
B Coy
C Coy
D Coy
HQ Coy

1. I.O. & War Diary.

(a) 1. Herewith extracts from notes made by Capt DAVIDSON as a result of conversations with CC, "C" Sqn 2/9 Aust Arm Regt, whose Sqn operated with 26 Aust Inf Bde on TARAKAN.

GENERAL

1. Where other types of harassing failed to dislodge the enemy it was found that he would not hold a position in the face of NAPALM (bally-tank) bombs, which were dropped with great accuracy on small areas.
2. The need for consolidation is stressed. Bunkers cleared by sgv tps were often re-occupied by the enemy and features found unoccupied by our patrols were afterwards reoccupied and took several days to clear. The same applied to tunnels cut through ridges. These often zig-zagged and provide cover from most inf weapons. Finally, all tunnel entrances were blown by engs.
3. Maximum fire power must be utilised in neutralisation of large pill boxes. Concentrate fire power on bunker being attacked to enable rifn to approach the position with grenades or flamethrower.
4. Difference of opinion exists as to whether mines were electrically detonated or set off by pull or trip wires. The final policy adopted was to cut all wires.
5. PITAS were not generally carried by rifle coys and little use was made of them.
6. The need for aggressive patrolling was again shown. If patrols were pushed fwd on capture of objective, a counter attack did not usually follow. But failure to patrol immediately after occupying feature invariably resulted in a quick, fierce counter-attack.
7. The Jap usually avoids supporting fire and bombing prior to an attack by withdrawing behind his FDLs. Our inf, following close on the barrage or bombing frequently beat him to his positions. The enemy sometimes moves to the rear of his FDLs at night.
8. Unit and sub-unit EICs can give valuable assistance by providing hot water and hot showers at every opportunity. Fresh water swimming pool and streams on TARAKAN were found to be polluted with Amoebic dysentery germs and Balhartzia. The most effective method of preventing tired dizzy troops from using these sources is by the provision of hot sterilized water.
9. Fluorescent panels were used successfully in indicating positions of our fwd tps, often being hung from the tops of trees. Flares also proved satisfactory, for this purpose.
10. Infiltration and "jack in the box" tactics stressed the need for all pers to move armed at all times.
11. Most of the mines encountered on TARAKAN could be exploded by foot pressure. They were easily located and neutralized but must NOT be lifted.

(b) TK/INF CO-OP

These notes are amplified by notes on a discussion of lessons learned from the TARAKAN op already in circulation :

GENERAL

1. Even though NOT engaged, tks, by their presence in fwd areas deterred enemy from harassing inf by fire or counter attacks.

Tks are prepared to carry comd fwd for recess. Tks prepared to carry some of hq stores and amn of tps moving with them. On TARAKAN before moving fwd each morning, they also reported to BnHQ to move stores to fwd tps if necessary.

Tks depend upon inf for -

(a) Direction (especially in close country)

If in open country and tk obstacle encountered, inf should recess for tk crossing, and leave man to sig tks to that effect.

If tks are held up during attack guides or connecting files should be left by inf to bring them fwd.

(b) Signal Face is always set by tps on ground.

2. Signs

Inf must make every attempt to indicate posn of fwd pl, particularly if tks about to engage target. DO NOT let tks pass through fwd screen. (one tk over-hot fwd pls by 150 yds before it could be stopped and was therefore entirely unprotected)

If other coms fail, get word back to tp comd tk (always in rear) or say Hq. Flare sigs or smoke fwd of leading tk, if prearranged, will serve as a stop sig.

Tks do NOT ack an order except by its execution. If a tk does NOT act on your order then say again or check com. The tks need at least 10 mins to get in theirset to the SCR 536.

3. Engs/RAE

On most occasions, engs cleared mines from front of tks, under fire. Few engs were sustained. When tks engaged they must always be accompanied by engs who are usually under comd of the sqn. When NOT engaged tk engs were used by Bn. Minimum requirements, 8 engs to tp.

4. Protection

Enemy threw grenades constantly at tks without results. Also endeavoured to throw fused shells under tks. Draw "yardstick" mines across path of tks and then behind them.

Own tps move through undergrowth to flank of tks in SHORT BOUNDS.

5. Fire Control & SF

Amn. 231 Fuse (how delay) best as permitted penetration of undergrowth, tunnels or bunkers before explosion. Instantaneous fuse good for clearing undergrowth or camouflage from front of posn before using AP or delay fuse.

Tks even if unable to move with inf on to obj, often able to sp from flank. Start off with HM and when inf close to obj still able to sp and keep heads down by using blank or AP shell. Most of the shooting by tks done from 200 to 400 yds. DO NOT ask tks to use amn indiscriminately, otherwise lose their sp when they go back for re-sup. State whether "PROBABLE" target or definite target. Fire has been directed from mortar op, through phone, to tp comd.

War Diary

A REVIEW OF OPS
from WESTON to PAPAR

PART I

FACTORS AFFECTING THE CAMPAIGN

To write a report on the current campaign, I consider that it is necessary to take into consideration the rapid progress of the Allied forces in the prosecution of the war against Japan, with the almost complete destruction of the Jap Air Force in the BORNEO theatre and the neutralisation of the Japanese Navy - firstly as a fighting force and secondly as a provider for safe sea lines to BORNEO to bring in re-sup, weapons, amm and food.

From infm there seems little doubt that the Jap realised that he could not hold BORNEO and this is substantiated by earlier reports of the evacuation of key personnel. He did not endeavour to sup and re-inf his tps, as in the PHILLIPINES, no doubt considering this country a "wasting asset".

Although the picture presented so far is a broad one, it has a definite bearing on the rapid adv of the 2/32 Bn from WESTON to PAPAR, for it certainly influenced -

- (a) Enemy physical fitness and morale,
- (b) Discipline and trg,
- (c) Fighting ability and
- (d) Most important of all made it impossible for the Japanese High Comd to make any coherent plan for the def of BORNEO.

PART II

THE OPERATION

The unopposed ldg at WESTON was not unexpected, but the rapidity of the adv to LINGKUNGAN despite a terrain obviously advantageous to the enemy was rather surprising.

The small actions in this area showed no co-ord plan by the enemy, apart from his small ambush parties on the rly - a very obvious measure to delay an advance along the only ~~usable~~ line of adv in the area.

A strange action on the part of the Jap was his allowing a constant procession of natives bearing infm to pass through his lines to us.

Then came the episode of the PADAS R, when A Coy, later followed by the balance of the Bn, travelled by barge for long distances and met no opposition. That ambushes on such a valuable and obvious L of C were not encountered was ~~inexp-~~^{inexp-}licable, yet in keeping with enemy policy to date.

All native reports indicated the tendency by the enemy to withdraw to the EAST and the capture of BEAUFORT confirmed such reports, as our own experiences to the EAST of the town showed when small parties, probably enemy rear-guards, were encountered

The swift adv and the taking of the rich and important town of PAPAR without opposition, again fitted the general pattern of the campaign. The only Japs encountered were odd parties of stragglers, probably seeking food.

PART III

GEN REMARKS ON THE ENEMY

The fighting ability of the enemy encountered by the Bn to date is hard to assess. No aggressive action has been encountered and the odd clashes have disclosed either -

- (a) a complete lack of knowledge of warfare or,
- (b) competent soldiers capable of inflicting cas.

These facts fit in with our prior knowledge of the enemy having only a percentage of front line tps in BORNEO, the balance being composed of base and L of C Units.

Enemy morale is low and their reaction to our adv is to take to the interior leaving small rearguards to observe our movements and guard food dumps pending transportation of the contents inland.

All Ps W brought to me have been poor specimens dressed in rags.

PART IV

ENEMY INTENTION

Consideration of the following points is suggested :-

1. Complete failure of the Jap to re-inf and provide amm and food for his tps (Part I).
2. The unopposed adv, despite terrain naturally designed for ambushes and delaying actions (There is little doubt that the enemy could have made the campaign arduous and costly to us).
3. The action of the enemy when engaged i.e. to withdraw if possible.
4. Native reports of consistent enemy mov to the EAST following our initial ldg at WESTON.
5. Collection by the enemy of all rice stocks and other foods to provide for a journey inland.

These facts lead me to the following deductions -

1. The enemy never intended to make a stand from WESTON to JESSELTON.
2. He will continue to withdraw inland and not attempt a counter attack of any worth while proportion. *However the prospect of harassing our fwd. elements with strong patrols*
3. The main concentration areas are to be - *may appeal.*

PENAMPANG - RANAU
KENINGAU
SAPONG
TENOM

4. If we do NOT follow him inland he will endeavour to become self-supporting by use of own tps and native labour. Further he will attempt to colonise these districts.

PART V

CONCLUSION

The general movement to the concentration areas may be the result of a direct order. All other movement seems confused and lacking in co-ord.

A report from BALIKPAPAN that Jap Army Officials had openly stated to their tps that the war was lost may well have an echo in this theatre.

It is my opinion that the Jap, knowing the war is already lost, intends to hold out in certain strong points already mentioned, with the ultimate hope of repatriation to Japan following upon the cessation of hostilities.

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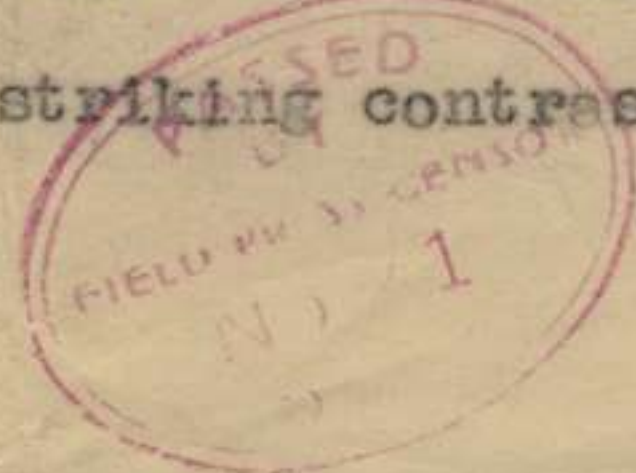
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Grisly evidence of the calculated ill treatment meted out to Javanese laborers by the Japanese has been found at the Bongawong Rubber Estate, five miles south east of Bongawong, a village on the Beaufort Jesselton railway line in British North Borneo. This estate hospital was used by the Japanese as a "hospital and rest camp" for the enslaved Javanese, but, in fact it was a concentration camp where an unestimated number of laborers died from starvation disease and cruelty.

On July 17, Lieut. L. J. Miller, of the 2/33rd. Aust Inf Bn, who was leading a patrol through the estate, found half-a-dozen sick emaciated Javanese in the vicinity of the hospital eating leaves in a desperate effort to maintain their existence. They were so weak that they could scarcely walk. The Javanese took Lieut. Miller to a spot close to the hospital where there were rows of human graves, marked only too clearly by a surface litter of bones and skulls which had been washed out of the ground by water action. There were from 40 to 50 graves, dug along the old plantation paths about 25 yards from the hospital. Several days later Lieut. Miller found an area approximately 50 yards ~~square~~ square, dug indiscriminately with bones and skulls protruding through the surface, on a ridge 200 yards west of the hospital.

There is no doubt that these graves contain the remains of numerous Javanese who succumbed to the atrocious conditions of the Jap hospital administration. It is impossible to estimate the number buried in the graves, many of which contain more than one body, but the evidence suggests a total of at least 400. ~~Survivors~~ The Javanese found by Lieut Miller said that once one of their number entered the hospital he never expected to leave it alive. Those who remained alive were forced to bury their compatriots who died. Some managed to escape and foraged for themselves in the hinterland or were harbored by native chiefs. Altogether about 50 survivors have made their way to Australian Army posts, from where, after receiving food and first aid treatment they were sent to hospital. Their physical *condition in* most cases, was in striking contrast to those *found by Lieut*



Miller. A Chinese, who in peacetime was a clerk employed on the estate told investigators that the first batch of Javanese were sent to the hospital in August 1944, from various parts of North Borneo. They numbered 300 and were very weak on their arrival, and, of the original party which set out for Bongawong, some died on the journey. Later, an additional 150 arrived. Of the total of 450 few survived. There were no Japanese soldiers at the hospital, which was controlled by a young Japanese civilian assisted by several Borneo natives enlisted as police boys or as medical dressers. The Chinese said he had been told by the Javanese that the permanent official had hit and kicked the patients. Quantities of from 60 to 70 bags of rice were sent to the hospital, but very little was distributed among the Javanese and he assumed it had found its way into illicit channels. The Japanese left the hospital in May last.

A young Borneo native, of Chinese extraction, who worked at the hospital as ~~dresser~~ a medical dresser from January to May last stated that more than 100 Javanese died while he was at the hospital. Two or three bodies were buried in one grave. When Allied bombers came over, the Japanese official in charge beat the Javanese with a stick. Some died immediately, but others lingered on, only to receive further beatings. The Javanese were suffering from Malaria, tropical ulcers, scabies, beri beri and dysentery. There was very little medicine and leaves had to be used for bandages. The daily food ration for each patient was about four oz. of rice.

Javanese survivors told simple pitiful stories of their sufferings, although their skin conditions and scanty threadbare clothes spoke more eloquently than words. A spokesman for a party of six said that the daily death rate ranged up to six and that altogether deaths totalled 400, principally from starvation. At times there were 100 men in a ward 60 ft. by 20 ft. and the daily ration distributed among all the patients was a few pounds of rice or corn. The Javanese said that they had either been conscripted for work in Borneo or ticked into coming. On one boat there were 3500 laborers forced to live in tiers built in the holds. Many of them were under 16. In Borneo they had been employed transporting rice and timber.



CHINESE THANKSGIVING

On the 15th July 1945 the Battalion without trouble, literally walked into Papar. It was a pretty little township prewar, and, now that we have cleaned up the place, it is regaining some of its former charm, not the least of which are the straight little built up roads lined with colourful hibiscus. Green shrubs, palms and capock trees add their bit to the charm. The crowning glory is the flaming poiniana.

The town comes to rest upon a widish river with a name the same as the town. The natives - Chinese, Dusans, Malays, Javanese and Eurasians - throng the township by day (it is unsafe to move about by night as any prowling native is the subject of strong suspicion) peddling fruit, vegetables, eggs and drawing "Paddy" from the local administration. Their women folk wash clothes on the river bank watched by swarms of naked, pot bellied youngsters with enlarged navels and the enlarged spleens of a malarial ridden race.

At first the various works were frequently interrupted as the natives stopped to view with awe the amazing equipment of a modern army. Landing barges, which brought part of our force into the town, provided the first amazing development. A clanking bull dozer with its robot like action attracted curious, gesticulating crowds to within a respectful distance, but the advent of a DUKW lumbering out of the water brought forth a rising murmur of awe. A troop of 25 pounders impressed no end and, when they fired, the locals tumbled over each other in their haste to get away, their fingers stuck in their ears.

In the centre of the town is a grassed square which, in peace time, was where the sport loving Englishmen played their Rigger. When the Jap came, he held it up as an example of the Britishers indolence and promptly ploughed it up for planting vegetables to show what benefits would come out of the co-prosperity Plan of Nippon. It was on this square that the Chinese union erected a dais, festooned with flowers and patriotically flying from the corners, the Australian flag, Stars and Stripes, Union Jack and the flag of China.

Local dignitaries in the shape of fat, gold toothed Chinamen in their Sunday best sat upon the platform and welcomed the CO - probably the same oily smiles welcomed the victorious Japanese commander.

Valuable speeches in Chinese welcomed the succouring forces. They thanked us for their deliverance and loudly proclaimed our prowess. Then, assuring us of their loyalty and support, the unintelligible gabble came to an end to be repeated in Malay and English. The CO suitably thanked the leaders and their following. His thanks were duly passed on in Chinese and Malay.

An Administrative Officer then informed everyone that they were under Martial law and that they were to obey the edicts of Tuan Colonel, who was responsible to his superiors for the safekeeping and rehabilitation of the populace. This also was pronounced in the three languages, all of which took time and everyone was beginning to feel the heat. However, all the addresses were greeted with much Oriental bowing, low murmurs of approval and discreet handclaps.

An unexpected and unannounced demonstration of power came on the scene at this stage in the shape of twelve bombers with impressive fighter escort, flying low on their way to a target. Some of the fighters circled overhead, then screamed down with guns blazing onto a distant target. Much nodding of heads and a polite buzz of conversation - then the show went on.

Four rather charming flower girls embarrassed the "Old Man" by presenting him with a like number of flower-filled baskets. This sort of thing was not for a good fighting soldier who was hating the whole show anyhow.

The supreme head of the Chinese was just about to make an announcement when another unexpected and fortuitous demonstration was given by two RAAF Boomerangs who, returning from reconnaissance, screamed overhead at a few hundred feet and dropped a message bag with its red, white and blue streamer right into the midst of the assembly. Loud cheers, shrill female squeals and a lot of nattering proclaimed this interlude.

The supreme leader called for attention and proceeded with his interrupted announcement. We learned from his words that each family had brought along a gift to show their appreciation. The leader requested that the CO personally receive the gifts from the people, who were preparing to file past the dais. This conjured up a vision of growing piles of vegetables, fruit, chickens, (skinny) eggs and squealing pigs. However, the CO acceded to the request and prepared himself to being inundated with all the livestock. He probably would not have been surprised at this stage if he had been presented with a Cobra.

The procession started and, as the "Tuan Colonel" fixed a permanent smile on his lips and braced himself for the onslaught, the QM stepped into the breach and, somehow, managed to lead the procession past the dais, thence to the QM store, where the gifts could be suitably dealt with.

After all had received the murmured thanks of the Colonel, he and his dignitaries, plus the flower girls, drank Orange juice in the Command post.

PATROL REPORT

19 June 1945

<u>D Coy</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Strength</u>	<u>Time Out</u>	<u>Route</u>	<u>OBJECT</u>
16 pl plus FOO Party	Recce & Standing	16 pl 1 & 35 Arty 1 & 7 Sigs 2 Total 2 & 44	1220 hrs	Along track SOUTH from LINGKUNGAN to Track Junc thence shortest possible route to top of feature 200 at 247742	To watch for signs of recent enemy occupation, any movement and to hold high feature (200 metres)

REMARKS

Patrol moved off from village of LINGKUNGAN along track leading SOUTH. A good jeepable track but would not stand much work as mostly made of soil only. About 12' wide. About two large bomb craters about 300 yds from village. Track junc not seen, is apparently small footpad to native house. When village in sight of fwd scouts, one native seen, moved into bush, on to track again and then moved quickly SOUTH. Reached river. Recce both ways for some 200 yds did not give crossing. Waded stream, little over waist high, running about 2½ knots. Continued EAST along footpad, very narrow and not recently used. At approx 242724 met two Malays, questioned them re enemy. Stated that enemy had been out in their villages to NE and SE but had left sometime and gone NORTH along line. Malays both well fed and well dressed. Moved around NORTH end of smaller feature, large swamp, 68 grass on left. Crossed swamp, knee deep, at approx 244724 about 140 yds wide. Very steep climb to top of feature through rubber plantation with approx three years dense undergrowth. Put pl in posn approx 247723. A good posn and could have held against larger force. Time 1745 hrs. Further patrols, one sec strong sent to twin feature to SW, ambush on track EAST of posn at 253724 NMS. Patrol one sec to track on 21 June brought back one Malay - only movement seen. All three Malays sent back to Bn HQ.

(sgd) R. I. HINDMARSH Lt.

PATROL REPORT

June 19 45

Ref map WESTON SE 1/25000

Comd Capt J. J. Thornton. Type Fighting-recce. Strength 30ffrs, 48 ORs

TO 181040I TI 181720I

REMARKS Reached the rly bridge at 262800 at 181410I. Steel bridge in good order. No signs of demolition. On NORTH end of bridge, bomb slightly damaged the track but line still serviceable. Some evidence of Jap foxhole NORTH of bridge. 4 boxes 3.7 shells, 1 drum benzine.

Patrol sent SOUTH to village BUKAU 264796 - NMS. Discovered 8 trolleys on rails in goods shed - good order.

LCM reached point on river at 261803 continued journey on foot. Left to return at 181520I, reached WESTON at 181720I

River contains numerous shoals but good L of C to BUKAU. Last 400 yds along SOUTH bank of river to bridge is good going through Rubber plantation for foot traffic.

Natives state about 20 armed Japs camped near SOUTH end of bridge night 17/18 June 45 then returned to LUMADEN estate. Enemy str unknown reported LUMADEN. Natives friendly and helped the patrol as much as possible. Two returned with the patrol to WESTON and are being interrogated by BBKAU.

PATROL REPORT

SUBUNIT A Coy, 2/32 Aust Inf Bn. TYPE Recce - fighting STR Full Coy.

COMD Capt J.J. Thornton.

TASK To recce the PADAS river as far as possible and destroy any enemy found.

TO 0853 hrs, 20 June 1945.

LOG

- 200853 Left WESTON - one gunboat, three LCMS. Fine day. Crew tested MMGS. Passed ten canoes containing natives heading for WESTON.
- 200922 At mouth of PADAS river - mangrove swamps either side.
- 200956 Spotting plane circled overhead and dropped following message at 152759 - " No Japs seen PADAS river to BAINKING. Numerous natives in area. Much track activity from sqs 15/83 to BAINKING. BAINKING possible biv. area with fire posn 220882. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~. No obstacles in river, many natives in canoes. Possibly Japs in hut under trees 216869, persons observed inside. Well worn track from hut to river at 218858. River narrows here, bank on ENE side good for def. No defs seen during flight."
- 201045 Halted at 145767. Ran into bank. Left 1130.
- 201155 Opposite BENGKALALAK. Numerous natives brought out fruit. Friendly.
- 201250 At 182836. Halted at native hut on right bank of river. Comd and party went ashore to recce Coconut grove to SOUTH and left 1340. Located Bn posn with good water supply.
- 201430 At 182837. Halted and interviewed natives at hut. Picked up two natives for BAINKING. Left 1450. Received message from Bn HQ - "40 -60 Japs vicinity BAINKING. Slow down. Japs are armed and enter village for food."
- 201520 At 198837. Pulled into bank to interview natives.
- 201555 Return to 185821 where good biv. site.
- 201635 Reach posn and prepare to biv. for night. One pl on NORTH bank. Balance Coy on SOUTH.
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- 210800 Natives bring in two Japs with their hands tied. Clean and in native clothes. Say they are not regular soldiers but get supplies from natives. Former native police boy states that there are no Japs before BEAUFORT and about fifty there. HQ at SABONGAN. Four PWS at GADONG. Police boy, native that caught Japs and native from WESTON to accompany patrol.
- 210920 Continued journey. Sent message re police boy's infm to Bn HQ.
- 211030 Natives waved from bank. Pulled in and they had two Native collaberators from GADONG. Posn 211854.
- 211040 Left with collaberators aboard.
- 211105 Reached BAINKING. Sent out patrols.
- 211300 BAINKING area 500 yds NORTH recommended Bn base. Probable Bde base with development.
- 211345 Continued journey with one LCM taking collaberator.
- 211425 Contacted pl patrol on bank at 210888.

- 211440 Reached GADONG. About 100 natives on bank. Comd, two ORS and native guide went ashore, were handed documents and reced area.
- 211620 Left to return BAINKING.
- 211645 Reached BAINKING and prepared to biv. for night.
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- 220845 Left BAINKING one pl remaining to await arrival of barge from WESTON.
- 220920 Stopped at 221900. Natives state some Jap soldiers are in vicinity.
- 220925 Continued journey.
- ? Reach 223909 and sent two pls ashore to establish a def posn. Party of three sent back to BAINKING to order pl to join patrol. The three Coy HQ pers. to await arrival of barge from WESTON. One pl plus Mtr det leave for NAPARAN where Japs reported.
- 221725 Patrol reaches NAPARAN. NMS. Natives report 30 Japs at 211939. Mtrs fire thirty rounds. Results unobserved.
- 221800 Patrol reports in. Coy assembles 223909 for overnight bivouac. Posn about 400 yds SOUTH of GADONG. (Map inaccurate)
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- 231025 LCM (1 pl) with gunboat patrols up river.
- 231100 Stopped at 248902. Natives state that Japs who were at NAPARAN have moved to BEAUFORT.
- 231120 Continued journey.
- 231145 Pulled into bank at 274909 and inspected clearing.
- 231155 Moved on. Reached 274910 went ashore and inspected area.
- 231330 Commenced return journey to GADONG.
- 231410 Arrived GADONG. Tac Bn HQ plus 15 pl arrive from WESTON 1430 hrs.
- 231800 Ordered to move up river to 274911. Leave GADONG.
- 231920 Pull into bank at 270910 and natives handed over two prisoners.
- 231940 Reach Biv, posn 274911.
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- 240915 Two patrols thirteen strong sent (a) to village 276933 and (b) to village 252918. Both report NMS.
- 241000 Capt Thornton and party of five take LCM and gunboat up river to try and contact 2/43 Bn.
- 241130 Party advise they have contacted 2/43 Bn at LIMBAWANG. CO moves fwd.
- 241200 Coy ordered to move up river to 321922.
- Coy reached latter reference during afternoon and remained there overnight. Found white woman (wife of Chinese settler) and sent her back to HQ.
- Bn less D Coy arrived in area night 24/25 June.

(sgd) V.M. Costin

Int Sec att A Coy.

Report on Patrol 21 June 1945

(i) TPS ENGAGED

Two secs 18 pl.
Pl HQ less 2" mtr.
Arty FOO and party.

(ii) INFM ENEMY

17 pl reported that they had been fired on by a party of Japs from area of river 247748. Strength of enemy approx eight but estimated that there were two LMGs with the party.

(iii)

METHOD

- (a) SP - 240737
- (b) ST - 211400I
- (c) Route - along rail track
- (d) Formation - One sec fwd moving on either side of the track Pl HQ, second sec moving similarly to the fwd sec.
- (e) No contact was made with the enemy up to the track bend 245745. From here, the arty ranged onto the track bend at 248747. Then the tps adv under arty fire which lifted to the river and track crossing 247748.
- (f) The patrol halted approx thirty yards from the river and fired into a small village on the far side of the river. Sjt O'Reilly and the pl Comd then moved across the bridge to recce the far bank. The fwd sec sighted two of the enemy on the far bank and engaged them with the LMG.
- (g) The patrol was then ordered to retire by the Coy Comd.
- (h) It was NOT possible to determine the enemy strength.

(iv) INFM OBTAINED

- (a) the river was quite fordable at this stage. Width 30 feet. Banks steep 5 ft high. Depth of water 3'.
- (b) The bridge had been destroyed by the enemy with the exception of the two steel bearers.
- (c) The arty fire was very effective.
- (d) It is not possible to move off the track approaching the river. On both sides of the river there is a strip of firm grd about 40 yds wide.
- (e) Cas - Own nil, enemy two probably killed.

(sgd) D.D. Williamson Lt.

REPORT ON PATROL 22 JUNE 45

1. TPS ENGAGED

Two secs 18 pl
Pl HQ
Arty FOO and party

2. INFM

As gained on previous day

3. METHOD and ACTION OF PATROL

- (a) SP 240737
- (b) ST 2208001
- (c) Along rail track
- (d) Formation - same as previous patrol.
- (e) Initial contact made at track bend 246747 estimated str. five with LMG and rifles. The enemy withdrew when engaged by arty and 2" mtrs. One sniper fired when the patrol continued their adv. but he quickly withdrew.
- (f) On reaching the river, the patrol tried to push across under supporting fire from the 2" mtr and EY rifles. The river was found to be unfordable this day. Snipers and an enemy LMG covering the bridge engaged the right sec. The patrol dug in on the near bank. The enemy appeared to withdraw while shots were being exchanged.
- (g) The arty then ranged on the track bend 248749.
- (h) At 2115 hrs, the enemy moved down the track and arty fire killed at least one. One Jap was seen to drop after engagement by rifle fire - a pool of blood was found in this posn later.
At 2200 hrs, three enemy moved down the track and set off a booby trap.
- (i) Cas - Own nil, enemy one killed, two probably killed.

(sgd) D.D. Williamson Lt

PATROL REPORT

13 July 1945

SUB UNIT 9 pl, A Coy. TYPE Fighting STR 1 & 17. COMD Lt P.H.Clements.

TO 0930

TI 1830

OBJECT Investigate native report of seven Japs resting at KILATUAN.

ROUTE OUT Canoe to track at 584287, then by track in southerly direction to KILATUAN, returning same route.

REPORT On reaching objective, native guides were used by seven sec to move around objective cutting escape route 200 yds to SOUTH. Small holding force left on track. Remaindre armed with two Brens, three Owens and five rifles moved to rear of objective and closed in, catching enemy entirely by surprise and killing all sighted - six in number.

CAPTURED EQPT Four rifles and Documents.

(sgd) P.H.Clements Lt

PATROL REPORT

14 July 1945

SUB UNIT 11 pl B Coy TYPE Fighting STR 19 ORs COMD L/Sjt F.A.Robinson.

TO 1330

TI 1730

ROUTE OUT From Coy area , across river, followed its northern bank to LAPUTONG, SE to 612323, along padifield to 619320, along track to 630317.

ROUTE IN As above.

REPORT

Started off to find enemy reported at DUMBAI. On reaching LAPUTONG, natives reported that the enemy had left the above village and had a standing patrol of 10 men on ridge at 628333. A further five men were reported behind them as rear protection. More natives contacted reported that the enemy had moved again, this time to hut 630317. Reported fourteen in hut, one guard - dismantled LMG. When within fifty yards of hut and getting into formation to attack, were fired on by sniper who wounded the Bren gunner and his number two with the next shot. Patrol returned fire and JUKI opened up from about fifty yards NORTH of huts - no further casualties. EY rifle and Bren employed on the house, two Japs observed escaping into jungle. Native scout accompanying patrol reported enemy to our rear so patrol tied up wounded and withdrew. Natives of LAPUTONG were unco-operative.

(sgd) F.A.Robinson L/Sjt

Patrol Report

25 July 45

Sub Unit 18 pl, D Coy.
Type Recce - fighting.
Str 37 ORs and a native interrogator.
Command Sgt G. H. O'Reilly.
Object To recce area in localities BUKIT KILATUAN, BAUTA, SEMPANGAN KIRI, SEMPANGAN KANAN, the high ground EAST of the latter two villages and the NORTH bank of the KIMANIS river and to destroy any enemy encountered.
Route Out SP at track (PAPAR) 588333 via track to 608227, thence via track to (KIMANIS) 535219.
Route In (Kimanis) 535219 via rly line to SP.
Time Out 211245 I
Time In 241745 I

Part I

No enemy seen during patrol nor evidence of enemy positions or dumps.

Part II

Patrol (less 11 men) marched to (PAPAR) 603266 Jeep ferried the remainder of patrol with rations and eqpt to this point. Full patrol then moved to (KIMANIS) 608277 and established base
Time in 211700 I - NMS.

220830 I Sec patrol 12 ORs moved out to recce BAUTA area, failed to locate correct track after reaching point (KIMANIS) 613213 returned to base at (KIMANIS) 608227 NMS.

221215 E Patrol 2 (21 ORs) moved out with guide along BAUTA track to LINGAN and endeavoured to reach BUKIT KILATUAN from this area. Natives of this village and the villages of BAUTA and KITATUAN do not know of any tracks leading to feature from WEST, SOUTH or SE. Country at base of it is swampy or heavily timbered. The feature is covered with thick jungle. Patrol returned to base by same route. Time In 221845 I NMS.

230845 I Patrol 3 (29 ORs) moved with guide SOUTH along track to (Kimanis) 573204. Thence SE via track and river bank to (Kimanis) 612176 Returned by same route to 573204, thence NORTH to (Kimanis) 573214. Time in 231830 I - NMS.

Base moved from (Kimanis) 608227 at 230900 I via track to (Kimanis) 573214 and re-est base.

240945I

Patrol 4 (7 ORs) moved with guides from base at (KIMANIS) 573214 to river bank 565207 thence along bank to 544207. thence by native perahu to (Kimanis) 534204 where contact was made with C Coy. Moved via rly to (Kimanis) 535219. Met there by base party who had moved along track from 573214. Time in 241230I. Full party moved via rly to (Papar) 580330. Time in 241745I - NMS.

Native Report

Natives of KILATHAN report small pocket of Japs in valley between two hills approx area 68/26 who send small foraging parties to LINGAN. This was not confirmed by natives of LINGAN who appeared uncommunitative and frightened of repercussions for disclosing information of enemy.

Topographical

Main track followed from SP SOUTH to 609220 and then WEST to 535219 - it is jeepable to 266215 and, with minor repairs to bridge decking and road surface in a few spots would be very good road. Tracks off main road are badly defined and used infrequently. Native guides are necessary as tracks lead through swamps and heavy rain forests. Various tracks not shown on map (track from 609220 to 573204).

Remarks and Deductions

From native reports and patrol observations there are no enemy in area and general evacuation to KENINGAU has taken place. Area patrolled was not used by Japs as bases nor for def posns. During enemy occupation, areas patrolled by Japs but no occupation of a permanent nature in districts observed. Enemy's main L of C was from KIMANIS to KENINGAU SOUTH of river.

Intercomm 108 set. carried. Proved unsatisfactory out of contact with bomb post throughout patrol. Main tracks jeepable from SP to 266215 thence to rly line swampy and unmountable. Native tracks are hard to find without guides and consist of circuitous, muddy buffalo tracks 1 mile on map = 1 1/2 miles on ground. Evacuation of casualties would prove long and difficult from deep patrols.

(Sgd) C. H. O'Reilly Lt

War Diary
Subject - REPORT ON SMALL CRAFT PATROLS

2/32 Aust Inf Bn

25 Jul 45

G 7/21/532.

24. AUST INF BDE

1. This Bn has carried out several minor operations with the above craft.

(a) COY PATROLS on BUKAU & PADAS RIVERS

Force - A Coy with under comd Sec MMC. Det 3" Mortars.
In sp. FOO & Party (for sp while within range of guns
thence recon for gun posn). Engr Recon Party.

Craft - Gun boat which carried OC patrol, sig pers, interpreter
Used and native guide.

Three LSMs carrying 1 pl and det mortars	1
1 pl main coy HQ and Engr Party	2
1 pl and sec MMC	3

Craft proceeded in that order. In addition No 1 craft carried FOO and engr sgt. Communications between craft was SCR 536. Gun boats rear link was used for communication back to the Bn.

Movement Craft proceeded along river with the Gunboat some 200 yds in the lead with the other craft following at 100 yd interval. If opposition encountered, the Gunboat would immediately return fire, as if possible by Brens and rifles of the other craft. Plan would then be for the Gunboat to keep the enemy engaged while the No 1 craft landed a pl to move on land to deal with the enemy. At the same time, No 3 would land a Pl as a firm base and if needed, det mortars could be landed to operate from the firm base with the FOO (det comd) moving up to the fwd pl. Waiting craft would be kept back around bend. For protection No 2 craft would always move to the opposite bank to land a small party to take up a posn covering the flank and the craft. Gunboat would continue to sp land party and if situation allowed, could edge along river giving closer support. If enemy posn warranted, and the observation and range were suitable the gunboat could fire rockets. In any case, the gunboat could back if range was too short provided the obs remained. The patrol operated from base to base and in each case the sec of MMC and part of the force was left until a new base was found.

Natives These were invaluable in advising whereabouts of the enemy before our movements were made known to him through the noise of the craft which can be heard over a long distance. Their knowledge of the river was also a great assistance.

Gunboat This carries very heavy fire power and must be kept clear of non-essential personnel so that gun crews may not be impeded in the operation of the guns. There is little protection for the gun crews and it is suggested that sand bagging would help to overcome this drawback.

(over)

When fired on, gunboat should stop and if enemy fire is too heavy it can back to next bend. It can still continue firing out of effective small arms fire as its 20mm guns easily outrange the SA fire. The craft should be kept facing the enemy for the following reasons -

- (a) effective fire can only be maintained when able to concentrate broadside or fwd fire onto enemy posn.
- (b) when turning coxswain and engines become exposed.

Rigid compliance with orders is vital for the operation to be successful. Full co-operation was enjoyed from the American crews and the officer i/c of Gunboat.

(b) COASTWISE OPERATION - From DANIT RIVER to ANBUS area in search of beachhead for adv on PAPAN.

Force - D Coy with under comd det 3 in Mortars, sec MMG.
In sp engr recce party, Arty recce party.

Craft - 1 LCM converted rocket boat.
2 LCM
Rocket boat carried coy comd, 2 sigs with 108 set,
Engr offr and Arty Offr. 1 Sec Inf.

1 LCM carried assault pl, 1 sec MMG, Coy HQ.
2 LCM carried two pls less onesecc, det mortars.

Procedure

Rocket boat lead in a one up formation travelling about one mile from the coast until required area was reached when craft came to within 1000 yds of the coast. When likely beach was sighted, Rocket boat closed in with No 1 LCM 500 yds in rear. Rocket boat lightly touched beach and led the sec of inf followed by the recce party. If beach provided suitable beaching facilities and maintenance area, the assault Pl was called in to push inland and cover the landing of the main body.

Again in this case the Americans were fully co-operative.

(c) NATIVE CANOE

In the coastwise op, canoes were used to ferry tps and stores down the DANIT river. Natives were most co-operative in this regard. On one occasion canoes were of great assistance to a patrol in the ANBUS area. A native reported the presence of a party of Japs at a small hamlet east of BUNONI VILLAGE. The native offered to guide a patrol to the area. A patrol was sent out intending to go on foot. However the guide obtained canoes and lead the patrol along shallow creeks and through swamps. This meant a great saving in fatigue and time which resulted in the ambushing of the Jap party with their complete destruction.

Signed in the Field
25-Jul 45

V.A. Scott
Lt-Col
Comd 2/32 Aust Inf Bn

IO
Subject - SALUTING

2/32 Aust Inf Bn
4 Jul 45

QM
IO
ALL COYS

1. Subtended is 9 Div RO 199 of 27 Jun 45.
2. The standard of saluting throughout the Force continues to be poor. GOC 9 Aust Div directs that Commanders will give this matter their personal and immediate attention. It is the responsibility and duty of all officers to ensure that the correct compliments are paid by all ranks at all times. All officers are warned that neglect of duty in this regard will be severely dealt with. Failure to pay correct compliments will be treated as an offence.

R. D. [Signature]
Capt
Adjt 2/32 Aust Inf Bn

Subject - BARTERING

2/32 Aust Inf Bn

8 Jul 45

IO

RSM C COY

A COY D COY

B COY HQ COY

War diary

1. Exchange of food and other articles with the natives will cease forthwith.

2. All transactions with the natives will be on a cash basis in accordance with the attached price list. The prices laid down will NOT be exceeded.

R. D. ...

Capt

Adjt 2/32 Aust Inf Bn

PRICE LIST FOR FOOD

<u>Fresh Fish</u>	No 1	10 cents
	2	8 cents
	3	6 cents
<u>Eggs</u>		3 cents
<u>Powl Chinese</u>		35 cents per Kati (1 1/3 lb)
<u>Powl Native</u>		25 cents " "
<u>Duck</u>		35 cents " "
<u>Bananas</u>	1 Jou	1 cent each
	Mas	1 cent for two
	Malaoba	1 cent for two
<u>Pineapple</u>		25 cents each
<u>Water Melon</u>		3 cents per Kati
<u>Vegetables Long Beans</u>		1 cent per bundle of ten
	Cucumber	5 cents per Kati
	Brinjal	1 cent for three
	Sweet Potatoes	2 cents per Kati

Subject - MILITARY DISCIPLINE & ORDER

2/32 Aust Inf Bn
16 Jul 49

1. Some natives have acquired articles of military clothing and equipment. These articles will be ~~withheld~~ withheld and natives warned against accepting or wearing such articles.
2. No soldier will barter, or for any reason give, any article of clothing or equipment to a civilian. Severe disciplinary action will be taken against any officer, NCO or other who disobeys this order.
3. ~~Some~~ have issued cert. in civil servants with cloth, namely shirts 30 and trousers 30. Such pers will be permitted to wear same.

R. Brown Capt
2/32 Aust Inf Bn

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Army Form W.3008

(Adapted) (Page 1)

Revised Jan., 1943

(Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 7/7/1945

(Unit)

W.E. 1 OFFRS. 27 O.R's. plus OFFRS. 1 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	2	18 1	Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs.	AAC	1			
	1	2	20			1			

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].

DETAIL	A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
A.	29									29
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* 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.
OK 11580	Lt	DEATY H A	2/1 COB	3/7/45	Rejoined ex Hosp

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
VI 8667	Capt	DUNN A P A	EV20 MD	3/7/45	WIA
VI 146289	Lt	WILLIAMSON D	KIA	3/7/45	

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].

Unit

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 7...../7.../194 . (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	44 10309	SCOTT	T H	Comd	Yes		
Major	41 255	HENDRY	J B	SIC	"		
Major	41 529	DIXON	G S	CO HQ	"		
Capt	41 8092	DAVIDSON	J J O	CO B	"		
Capt	41 36129	THORNTON	J J	CO A	"		
Capt	41 39719	CHANE	R G	ADJT	"		
Capt	41 43089	FURCHON	J E D	CO C	"		
Capt	41 9892	FIDELL	J H	SIC B	"		
Capt	41 215	FORBES	J F	CO D	"		
Lt	41 17029	IRLAND	R D	1/ADJT	"		
Lt/2/Capt	41 6238	WATTS	P	ADJT	"		
Lt	41 9585	HAMILTON	A	10 Pl	"		
Lt	41 10722	WORTH	E P	10 Pl	No	Det HQ 24 Bde	16/3/45
Lt	41 76315	CLEMENTS	F H	9 Pl	Yes		
Lt	41 46017	KINDSMAN	R I	16 Pl	"		
Lt	41 10113	GIBSON	A	10	"		
Lt	41 109293	PAIG	G G	8 Pl	"		
Lt	41 11320	BEATTY	H A	10 Pl	"		
Lt	41 10605	GRE	A V B	5 Pl	"		
Lt	41 133122	ACKERLY	F E	13 Pl	"		
Lt	41 32435	FLYNNER	A J	12 Pl	"		
Lt	41 6243	CHAMIN	G J	1 Pl	"		
Lt	41 745	FITCHNER	G Y	11 Pl	"		
Lt	41 446	BILLYE	D L	8 Pl	"		
Lt	41 111614	HILLER	H J	15 Pl	"		
Lt	41 31915	WACKINSON	K	6 Pl	"		
Lt	41 26224	LUKIN	K B	7 Pl	"		
Lt	41 136572	GEORGE	D A	14 Pl	"		
Lt	41 11031	RODICHRIE	J S	17 Pl	"		
<u>Att by</u>							
Capt	41 201703	HOLLYWOOD	T D	ADJ	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	41 100247	WELLS	SAHQ	2/8/44	unit chaplain
SP	41 235	WELLS J L	SA Rep	23/5/45	welfare offr

7 July 45

Date of Despatch

[Signature]

Signature of Commander

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 12 / 7 / 1943

(Unit)

W.E. OFFRS. O.R's. plus OFFRS. O.R's. 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'fts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'fts Required.
		1	17 1	* * Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs.	AASC	1			
		1	20			1			

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DETAIL	A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
A.	27									27
E.[1]										
E.[2]										

* 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.

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
134300	Capt	F. WILSON J. E. D.	H/O to Det "A" 2/32 Aust Inf Bn	12/7/43	10B
11100	Lt	BRATTY H. A.	H/O to Det "A" 2/32 Aust Inf Bn	12/7/43	10B

Unit

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday/...../194... (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	XX 10200	SMITH	J H	COND	Yes		
Major	XX 280	SMITH	J H	SIC	"		
Major	XX 289	SMITH	J H	CC B	"		
Capt	XX 2072	DAVIDSON	J J G	CC B	"		
Capt	XX 20129	SMITH	J J	CC A	"		
Capt	XX 20719	SMITH	J J	CC B	"		
Capt	XX 2072	SMITH	J J	SIC B	"		
Capt	XX 213	SMITH	J J	CC B	"		
Capt	XX 17029	SMITH	J J	A/ADJ	"		
LT/7/Capt	XX 6238	SMITH	J	CC	"		
LT	XX 9088	HAMILTON	A	10 PL	"		
LT	XX 10700	SMITH	J J	CC	No	Det HQ 24 Bde	15/3/45
LT	XX 46017	HINCHMAN	H I	16 PL	Yes		
LT	XX 76215	CLEMENTS	F H	9 PL	"		
LT	XX 10110	SMITH	A	10	"		
LT	XX 10900	SMITH	C C	8 PL	"		
LT	XX 10600	SMITH	A W B	8 PL	"		
LT	XX 120100	ACKROY	F H	15 PL	"		
LT	XX 88400	SMITH	A J	12 PL	"		
LT	XX 6243	SMITH	G J	1 PL	"		
LT	XX 745	SMITH	G Y	11 PL	"		
LT	XX 445	SMITH	D L	8 PL	"		
LT	XX 111014	SMITH	H J	15 PL	"		
LT	XX 21915	SMITH	K	3 PL	"		
LT	XX 20224	SMITH	R B	7 PL	"		
LT	XX 124573	SMITH	D A	14 PL	"		
LT	XX 11031	SMITH	J J	17 PL	"		
All by...							
Capt	XX 20170	SMITH	J J	SIC	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.
Colonel	XX 16507	SMITH	XXXX	2/9/44	Unit Colonel
LT	XX/...	SMITH	XX Reg	23/6/44	Temporary Officer

15 July 45
Date of Despatch

[Signature]
Signature of Commander
First Aust Army Mob Print Unit—A72—621M—5/43.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 14 / 7 / 1945 2/32 INF BN (Unit)

W.E. / / OFFRS. 8 O.R's. 62 + OFFRS. - O.R's. 2 ATT. BY W.E.

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

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.			
-	2		1 1 4	Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs.								
-	2		6									
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).		DETAIL	A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
		A.	6									6
		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.
NX83237	LT	FITZSIMONS S	MORDAI	11-7-45	EX SPECIAL DUTY
QX11520	LT	BEATTY HA	2/32 INF BN	11-7-45	TRANSFER
VX43089	CAPT	FERGUSON JLD	2/32 INF BN	13-7-45	TRANSFER

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
WX17028	LT	IRELAND RD	2/32 INF BN	7-7-45	TRANSFER

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).

2/32 INF BN LOB GP Unit

5/45 (Serial No.)

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 14/7/1945 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
MAJOR	VX12007	CAHILL	NM	OC	NO	ON LOAN 2/32 INF BN	29-6-45
CAPT	VX43089	FERGUSON	14D	21/C	YES		
LT	WX2110	SMITH	EAC	-	NO	INSTR 2/3 TK/A REGT	5-7-45
LT	WX17029	BUCKLEY	WM	-	NO	SPEC DUTY	14-7-45
LT	NX83237	FITZSIMONS	S MCH	-	YES		
LT	QX11520	BEATTY	HA	-	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.

14-7-45.
Date of Despatch

W. Ferguson CAPT
Signature of Commander
OC 2/32 INF BN LOB GP

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..... / (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 22/7/1945 (Unit) 29 45

W.E. OFFRS. 26 O.R's. + OFFRS. O.R's. ATT. BY W.E.

less remote detachments of 7 offrs and 75 O.R's plus 2 att. by W.E.
PART A.—POSTED STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10				
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.								
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.				
			1 2 4 18 2	* * Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs.	AANC	1							
	2	2	26			1							
		DETAIL		A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
		A.		27									27
		E.(1)											
		E.(2)											

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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.

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
WX 9892	capt	LIDDELL J H	Hospital	20/7/45	Wounded in action.

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).

Unit

29/45 (Serial No.)

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 21/7/1945 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
1st Lt	10309	SCOTT	T H	Comd	Yes		
1st Lt	256	HURDLY	J C	210	Yes		
1st Lt	530	DIACK	O B	02 HQ	Yes		
1st Lt	6002	DAVIDSON	J O	00 B	Yes		
1st Lt	25130	THOMPSON	J J	00 A	Yes		
1st Lt	20710	SNOW	R O	Adjt	Yes		
1st Lt	213	WORNER	J P	00 D	Yes		
1st Lt	17020	IRELAND	R D	A/Adjt	Yes		
1st Lt	6231	NEERA	P	01	Yes		
1st Lt	9505	HAMILTON	A	10 P1	Yes		
1st Lt	10752	HORTH	S P	10 P1	No	Det HQ 21, Bde	16/3/45
1st Lt	76315	CLARK	P H	9 P1	Yes		
1st Lt	66012	HIGHMARSH	R I	16 P1	Yes		
1st Lt	101120	SIBBONS	A	10	Yes		
1st Lt	100201	TALG	O O	8 P1	Yes		
1st Lt	10605	ONE	A V B	5 P1	Yes		
1st Lt	133132	ACERNEY	P E	13 P1	Yes		
1st Lt	20105	WILSON	A J	12 P1	Yes		
1st Lt	6203	TAMM	O J	1 P1	Yes		
1st Lt	715	PERSCHE	O V	11 P1	Yes		
1st Lt	506	BILLYETT	D L	2 P1	Yes		
1st Lt	111611	HILLER	H J	15 P1	Yes		
1st Lt	51015	MORTIMER	R	3 P1	Yes		
1st Lt	26226	LURIN	R D	7 P1	Yes		
1st Lt	136572	GEORGE	D A	11 P1	Yes		
1st Lt	11031	McILL CHRIST	J S	17 P1	Yes		
Att by							
Capt	201705	HOLLYWOOD	T D	120	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	165217	ROMANUS P	AAOCD	2.8.45	Unit Chaplain
1st Lt	03/292	MOINTYRE J L	SA Rep	23.9.45	Welfare Officer.

21.7.45
Date of Despatch

J. H. Scott
Comd 2/32 Aust Inf Bn
Signature of Commander

Monday

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 21/7/1945 ^{LOB GP} 2/32 INF BN (Unit)

6/45 (Serial No.)

W.E. / / OFFRS. 8 O.R.'s 62 + OFFRS. NIL O.R.'s 2 ATT. BY W.E.

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

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

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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.
WX9926	CAPT	KELLY MJ	LHQ TNC SCHOOL	16-7-45	EX SCHOOL

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. / / 1945

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

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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.			
111	2	2	1 3 6 22 1	* * Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs.	AARG	1						
	2	2	33			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.
Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).		A.	34									34
		E.(1)										
		E.(2)										

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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.
VR 12007	Major	CANILL B M	Det "A" 2/32	2/7/45	Rejoined Unit
VR 9926	Capt	EMLEY H J	Det 10B		
VR 13039	Capt	FERGUSON J L D			
VR 133182	Capt	ASHLEY P S			
VR 2110	Capt	SMITH B A G			
VR 11520	Capt	SMITH B A			
VR 3227	Capt	FERGUSON B M			

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
VR 12007	Major	CANILL B M	2/43 Aust Inf Bn	2/7/45	Detached for duty
VR 2110	Capt	SMITH B A G	2/3 Aust Tpt/A Bn		as instr
VR 3227	Capt	FERGUSON B M	2, Bde Tpt Bn		as instr

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).

2/32 Aust Inf Bn Unit

..... (Serial No.)

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 28/...../194. (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.
	10503	SCOTT	F H	Comd	Yes		
	236	HEWITT	J G	210			
	529	DIACK	G B	00 H			
	12007	CASILL	H H	00 B	No	Det 2/43 Aust Inf Bn	
	12008	WATSON	J J	00 B	Yes		
	12009	THOMSON	J J	00 A			
	12010	CROSS	J H	Adj't			
	12011	FERGUSON	J H	210 G			
	12012	ROBERTS	J H	210 B			
	12013	WHEAT	J H	210 B			
	17023	REID	J H	A/Adj't			
	17024	WHEAT	J H	210 B			
	17025	WHEAT	J H	210 B			
	17026	WHEAT	J H	210 B			
	17027	WHEAT	J H	210 B			
	17028	WHEAT	J H	210 B			
	17029	WHEAT	J H	210 B			
	17030	WHEAT	J H	210 B			
	17031	WHEAT	J H	210 B			
	17032	WHEAT	J H	210 B			
	17033	WHEAT	J H	210 B			
	17034	WHEAT	J H	210 B			
	17035	WHEAT	J H	210 B			
	17036	WHEAT	J H	210 B			
	17037	WHEAT	J H	210 B			
	17038	WHEAT	J H	210 B			
	17039	WHEAT	J H	210 B			
	17040	WHEAT	J H	210 B			
	17041	WHEAT	J H	210 B			
	17042	WHEAT	J H	210 B			
	17043	WHEAT	J H	210 B			
	17044	WHEAT	J H	210 B			
	17045	WHEAT	J H	210 B			
	17046	WHEAT	J H	210 B			
	17047	WHEAT	J H	210 B			
	17048	WHEAT	J H	210 B			
	17049	WHEAT	J H	210 B			
	17050	WHEAT	J H	210 B			
	17051	WHEAT	J H	210 B			
	17052	WHEAT	J H	210 B			
	17053	WHEAT	J H	210 B			
	17054	WHEAT	J H	210 B			
	17055	WHEAT	J H	210 B			
	17056	WHEAT	J H	210 B			
	17057	WHEAT	J H	210 B			
	17058	WHEAT	J H	210 B			
	17059	WHEAT	J H	210 B			
	17060	WHEAT	J H	210 B			
	17061	WHEAT	J H	210 B			
	17062	WHEAT	J H	210 B			
	17063	WHEAT	J H	210 B			
	17064	WHEAT	J H	210 B			
	17065	WHEAT	J H	210 B			
	17066	WHEAT	J H	210 B			
	17067	WHEAT	J H	210 B			
	17068	WHEAT	J H	210 B			
	17069	WHEAT	J H	210 B			
	17070	HOLLYWOOD	F D	210			

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.
	16527	ROMANUS P	AACD	2.1.44	Unit Chaplain
	3/232	ROTH TYS J L	SA Rep	13.5.45	Welfare Officer

[Handwritten Signature]
Comd 2/32 Aust Inf Bn

Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

2/32 Unit 1st Bn.

Unit

25/45 (Serial No.)

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 23/6/1945.

Table with 13 columns: 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. Rows include various tradesmen like Ammunition Examiners, Surveyors, Engineers, etc.

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.

23/June 45

Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

UNIT : 2/32 AUST INF BN

DATE 23 Jun 45

Trade Group	Classification	Rank	WE	Posted Strength	Def	Surp	Rfts Recd
I	Blacksmith Fitter MT	Pte	1	1	1	1	None
II	Carpenter Int duties " " " " Signallers Signallers	Pte Sgt Cpl Pte Cpl Pte	6 1 2 7 4 22	4 1 2 3 3 19	2	1	None
III	Butcher Clerk " " " " Egpt Repairer Range taker Storeman Tech " " Tailor " " Gunlayers Dvr Mech Roughriders	Pte Sjt Cpl Pte Pte Pte Sgt Pte Sgt Cpl Pte	1 3 6 4 1 4 1 3 1 1 1 8	1 2 5 7 1 5 1 2 1 1 1 8		5 1 1	
<u>NON SPEC</u>	RAI CEM RMS C MS Pl Sjts Batmen Dvr MT " " Gen duties (Mess) Hys duties LMG/Riflemen " " MMG Nos " " Mortar Nos " " Orderlies Pioneers " " Regt Police " " Storemen S/Bearers " " " " Tkn/A Gun Nos " " Water Duties	WOI WOII WOII S/Sjt Sjts Ptes Cpl Pte Ptes Ptes Cpls Ptes Cpls Ptes Cpls Ptes Sjt Ptes Ptes Sjt Cpl Ptes Cpls Ptes Ptes	1 5 1 5 25 35 1 11 3 4 36 561 2 20 5 68 32 4 23 1 6 6 1 2 18 4 15 2	1 3 1 3 22 30 1 10 3 4 31 340 1 19 8 64 32 4 39 1 6 6 1 3 13 2 2 2	1		
TOTAL C/forward			769	785	4	35	

Classification	Rank	WF	Posted Strength	Def	Surp	Site Req.
Total Brought Forward		739	739			
<u>ATTACHED BY WE</u>						
<u>AAC</u>						
Chiropodist	Cpl	1	1			
Wg Inspector	Sgt	1	1			
Med orderly	Sgt	1	1			
" "	Pte	1	1			
<u>AAOC</u>						
Shoemaker	Cpl	1	1			
<u>AAPS</u>						
Postal duties	Sgt	1	1			
<u>APC</u>						
Pay Clerk	Sgt	1	1			
" "	Cpl	1	1			
<u>AACC</u>						
Caterer	WOLL	1	1			
Books	Sgt	5	5			
"	Cpl	5	5	1		
"	Pte	1215	14			
		739	739	5	57	

SURPLUS TRADESMEN NOT ALLOWED BY WE

PL Sigs	IE	Posted	Def	Surplus
1 Pl Sigs	1210	908	1	
2 Pl Sigs	1	1		
2 Pl Sigs	3	3		
3 Pl Sigs	3	3		
4 Pl Sigs	3	3		
5 Pl Sigs	1	1		
Totals	25	25	1	

DATE OF DESPATCH 23 Jun 43

Lt-Col.

Comd 2/32 Aust Inf Bn

DATE 23-1-45

CLASSIFICATION	RANK	PTS	REMARKS	REMARKS	SUBJECT	REF
	CPL	1				
	PTA	3				
	CPL	1				
	SGT	1				
BATTALION	PTA	5				144
DEPT	PTA	1				
COMP	CPL	1				
	PTA	10				
PLATOON	CPL	1				
	PTA	2				
PLATOON	PTA	4				
RIFLEMAN	PTA	2				
<u>ATTACHED ALLIED UNITS</u>						
	SGT	1				
	PTA	1				
		51		50		

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PLATOON

2/32 Aust Mob Unit

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 30/6/1945.

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			
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			
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers				Tailors			
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters				Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics											
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)											
Fitters				Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors							
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers							
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks							
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply							
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical							
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties				Coach Trimmers							
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors							
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks							
Mechanic, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies							
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals							
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.							
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics							
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant							
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.							
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers							
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD				Total of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.			

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30 June 45
Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

UNIT : 4/52 AUST INF BN

DATE 30 Jun 45

Trade Group	Classification	Rank	WE	Posted Strength	Def	Surp	Rfts Reqd
I	Blacksmith	Pte	1		1		Hosp Ref NOT reqd
	Fitter MT			1		1	
II	Carpenter	Pte	6		2		Rfts NOT reqd awaiting promulg
	Int Duties	Sgt	1	4			
	" "	Cpl	2	1			
	" "	Pte	7	2		/	
	Signallers	Cpl	4	3			
	Signallers	Pte	23	3			
			19	19			
III	Butcher	Pte	1				
	Clerk	Sjt	2	1			
	"	Cpl	6	2			
	"	Pte	25	5			
	Trpt Repairer	Pte	1	7		3	
	Rangefinder	Pte	4	1		/	
	Storeman Tech	Sgt	1	5			
	" "	Pte	3	1			
	Tailor	Sgt	2	2			
	"	Cpl	1	1			
	Gunlayers	Pte	8	8	7	1	Hosp Ref NOT reqd
	Dvr Mech			9		9	
	Houghriders			1		1	
<u>NON</u>	RAI	WOI	1				
<u>SPEC</u>	CRM	WOII	5	1			
	RMS	WOII	3	3			
	CMS	S/Sjt	5	1			
	Pl Sjts	Sjts	25	5	4	1	Hosp Ref NOT reqd awaiting promulg
	Patmen	Ptes	25	22	1		
	Dvr MT	Cpl	1	30			
	" "	Pte	11	1			
	Gen Duties (Mess)	Ptes	10	10			
	Hvy Duties	Ptes	4	3			
	LMG/Riflemen	Cpls	36	4			
	" "	Ptes	35	30		2	
	LMG Nos	Cpls	2	321	299	253	
	" "	Ptes	20	1			
	Mortar Nos	Cpls	5	13			
	" "	Ptes	68	5			
	Orderlies	Ptes	32	64			
	Pioneers	Cpls	4	32			
	"	Ptes	23	4			
	Regt Police	Sjt	1	23			
	" "	Ptes	6	1			
	Storemen	Ptes	6	6			
	S/Bearers	Sjt	1	6			
	"	Cpl	2	1			
	"	Ptes	18	2			
	Tk/A Gun Nos	Cpls	4	13			
	" " "	Ptes	15	2			
	Water Duties	Ptes	2	2			
TOTAL C/forward			694	769	317	18	

Classification	Rank	WE	Posted Strength	Def	Surp	Rfts Rqd.
Total brought forward	694	766	681 705	31 7	18	
<u>APPROVED BY WE</u>						
<u>AMC</u>						
Chiropractist	Cpl	1	1			
Wg Inspector	Sgt	1	1			
Med orderly	Sgt	1	1			
" "	Pte	1	1			
<u>AAOC</u>						
Shoemaker	Cpl	1	1			
<u>AAPS</u>						
Postal duties	Sgt	1	1			
<u>APPO</u>						
Pay Clerk	Sgt	1	1			
" "	Cpl	1	1			
<u>AAOC</u>						
Caterer	WO1	1	1			
Cook	Sgt	5 4	4			
"	Cpl	5	4	1		
"	Pte	12 14	14		2	Awaiting prom Rfts NOT reqd
	724	801	712 730	32 8	20	

SURPLUS TRADESMEN
NOT ALLOWED BY WE

PL Sigs	WE	Posted	Def	Surplus
1-116	10 10	9	1	
1 Pl Sigs	1	1		
2 Pl W/C	3	3		
3 Pl Hqs	5	5		
4 Pl Tks	3	3		
5 Pl Pns	1	1		
Totals	23 23	22	1	

DATE OF DISPATCH

30 Jun 45

[Signature]
Comd 2/32 Aust Inf Bn

Lt-Col.

ADDET 2/32 INF BN Unit

Serial No. 345

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 30/6/1945.

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				Bangetakers				
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				Stevedores				
Computers								Biggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine				
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical				
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers				Tailors				
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters				
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths				
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers				
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Bollermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors				
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters				Winchman				Whitesmiths				
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman								
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners								
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics												
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)												
Fitters				Driver-Operator												
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers												
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians												
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)												
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.				
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors								
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers								
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks								
Grinder, Precision				Heft Operator				Clerks, Supply								
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical								
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties				Coach Trimmers								
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors								
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks								
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies								
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.				
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals								
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.								
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics								
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant								
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.								
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers								
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers								
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates								
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers								
CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD				Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.			*	*

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30-6-45
Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander LT

30.6.45A DET 2/32 INF BN

GROUP	CLASSIFICATION	RANK	WE	POSTED STRENGTH	DEF	SURP	RIFTS REQD
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2	SIGNALLERS	CPL	1	1			
2	"	PTE	3	3			
3	CLERK	CPL	1	1			

NON-SPEC

	PL SGT	SGT	1	1			
	BATMEN	PTE	5	5			
	DVR MT	"	1	1			
	LME R'MAN	CPL	8	8			
	"	PTE	22	22			
	MME NO'S	CPL	1	1			
	"	PTE	2	2			
	MORTAR NO'S	"	4	4			

ATT ALLOWED BY WE

2	AACC	SGT	1	1			
2	"	PTE	1	1			

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UNIT : 2/32 AUST INT BN

DATE : 7 JUL 45

Trade Group	Classification	Rank	WE	Posted Strength	Def	Surp	Rfts Reqd	
I	Blacksmith	Pte	1					
	Fitter MF			1	1	1	Resp Reif NOT reqd	
II	Carpenter	Pte	6					
	Int duties	Sgt	1	4	2		Rein NOT reqd	
	" "	Cpl	2	1			awaiting promulg	
	" "	Pte	7	2				
	Signallers	Cpl	4	8		1		
	Signallers	Pte	23 xx 19	3 19				
III	Butcher	Pte	1					
	Clerk	Sjt	2	1				
	"	Cpl	6	2				
	"	Pte	5	5				
	Eqpt Repairer	Pte	1	7		3		
	Rangebaker	Pte	4	1		1		
	Storeman Tech	Sgt	1	5				
	" "	Pte	3	1				
	Tailor	Sgt	1	2				
	"	Cpl	1	1				
	Gunlayers	Pte	8	7	1		Rft NOT reqd	
	Dvr Mech			9		9		
	Roughriders			1		1		
	NON SPEC	RSI	WOI	1				
		CSM	WOII	5	1			
RMS		WOII	3	3				
CMS		S/Sjt	1	1				
Pl Sjts		Sjts	5	4	1		Resp Rft NOT reqd	
Batmen		Ptes	25 xx 23	22	1		Rft NOT reqd	
Dvr MT		Cpl	35 xx 30	30			awaiting promulg	
" "		Pte	1	1				
" "		Pte	11 xx 10	10				
Gen duties (Mess)		Ptes	3	3				
Hvy duties		Ptes	4	4				
LMG/Riflemen		Cpls	36	4				
" "		Ptes	38 xx 28	30		2		
MMG Nos		Cpls	2 xx 324	299	25			
" "		Ptes	20 xx 18	1				
Mortar Nos		Cpls	5 xx 18	18				
" "		Ptes	5 xx 64	5				
Orderlies		Ptes	32 xx 4	64				
Pioneers		Cpls	4	32				
"		Ptes	23	4				
Regt Police		Sjt	1	28				
" "		Ptes	6	1				
Storemen		Ptes	6	6				
S/Bearers		Sjt	1	6				
"		Cpl	2	1				
"	Ptes	18	2					
Tr/A gun Nos	Cpls	4	18					
" " "	Ptes	15 xx 2	2					
Water duties	Ptes	2	2					
TOTAL C/forward			694 xxx	769	681	31	18	

Classification	Rank	WE	Posted Strength	Def	Surp	Rtts Rgd.
Total Brought Forward	694	735	681	31	18	
<u>ATTACHED BY WE</u>						
LMC						
Podiatrist	Cpl	1	1			II
HYG Inspector	Sgt	1	1			
Med orderly	Sgt	1	1			
" "	Pte	1	1			
<u>AAOC</u>						
shoemaker	Cpl	1	1			III
<u>AAPS</u>						
postal duties	Sgt	1	1			
<u>ALPO</u>						
Pay Clerk	Sgt	1	1			
" "	Cpl	1	1			
<u>AACC</u>						
Caterer	WOLL	1 ²⁴	1			
cook	Sgt	5	4	1		
"	Cpl	5	4		2	Awaiting Promulg
"	Pte	12 ^{xx} 15	14			
		724 xxx 801	712	32	20	

SURPLUS TRADESMEN
NOT ALLOWED BY WE

PL	Sigs	WE	Posted	Def	Surplus
1	PI Sigs	12 ^{xx} 10	9	1	
2	PI Sigs	1	1		
3	PI M/G	3	3		
4	PI M/Gs	3	3		
5	PI Tks	3	1		
6	PI Pnrs	1			
Totals		25 ^{xx} 23	22	1	

DATE OF DESPATCH 7 Jul 45

W. Scott
Lt-Col.
Comd. 2/52 Aust Inf Bn

2/32 Aust Inf Bde

Unit

Army Form W.3009 (Adapted) (Page 2) (Revised Jan., 1943)

28/45 (Serial No.)

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

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Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toofmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangetakers			
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Riveters			
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				Stavedores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers				Tailors			
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Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters				Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics											
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)											
Fitters				Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
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Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers							
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks							
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply							
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical							
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties				Coach Trimmers							
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors							
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks							
Mechanic, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies							
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals							
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.							
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics							
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant							
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.							
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers							
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD				Total of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.			

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Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

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

Army No	Rank	NAME	MED CLASS	TARGET OR DUTY
NX 163300	CPL	BYANE DC	AI	ARTY RFLMNT
VX 146856	CPL	HUTSON AJ	AI	" "
WX 238153	CPL	ISBEL CS	AI	" "
WX 26232	CPL	JENYNS R	AI	" "
VX 189440	CPL	MCINTYRE BF	AI	" "
VX 181363	CPL	SIMONS HARV	AI	" "

W/Os and NCOs Placed in accordance with BRO 189/44

3/32 Art Det Inf Bde
Ref: W.3009/20/45
14 July 45

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Signature of Commander

Date of Despatch

UNIT : 2/32 AUSTRALIAN INF BN

DATE: 14 July 45

Trade Group	Classification	Rank	WE	Posted Strength	Def	Surp	Rt's Recd
I	Blacksmith <i>4-11-42 MT</i>	Pte	1	1		1	
II	Carpenter	Pte	6	6			
	Int Duties	Sgt	1	1			
	" "	Cpl	2	2			
	" "	Pte	7	7			
	Signallers	Cpl	4	4			
	Signallers	Pte	20	20			
III	Butcher	Pte	1	1			
	Clerk	Sjt	2	2			
	"	Cpl	6	6			
	"	Pte	4	4			
	Expt Repairer	Pte	1	1			
	Rangefinder	Pte	4	4			
	Storeman Tech	Sgt	1	1			
	" "	Pte	8	8			
	Tailor	Sgt	1	1			
	"	Cpl	1	1			
	<i>Commissary</i>	<i>Pte</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>2</i>			<i>Not used</i>
	<i>Div Mech</i>			<i>7</i>			
	<i>Recon</i>			<i>1</i>			
<u>NON</u>	RAM	WOI	1	1			
<u>SPLC</u>	OSM	WOII	5	5			
	RAMS	WOII	1	1			
	OMS	S/Sjt	5	5			
	Pl. Sjt's	Sjt's	25	22			
	Estmen	Ptes	35	30			
	Int. Int	Cpl	1	1			
	" "	Pte	11	10			
	Gen Duties (Mess)	Ptes	3	3			
	Hqs Duties	Ptes	4	4			
	Inf/Riflemen	Cpls	33	29			
	" "	Ptes	361	303			
	IMQs	Cpls	2	2			
	" "	Ptes	20	17			
	Mortar Nos	Cpls	5	5			
	" "	Ptes	60	44			
	Orderlies	Ptes	32	22			
	Pioneers	Cpls	4	4			
	"	Ptes	23	27			
	Regt Police	Sjt	1	1			
	" "	Ptes	6	6			
	Storemen	Ptes	6	6			
	S/Bearers	Sjt	1	1			
	"	Cpl	2	2			
	"	Ptes	10	15			
	Tr/L Gun Nos	Cpls	4	4			
	" " "	Ptes	15	13			
	Water Duties	Ptes	2	2			
TOTAL C/forward			760	657	25	19	

Classification	Rank	WE	Posted Strength	Def	Surp	EC's Rqd.
Total brought forward		796	657	33	19	
<u>ALLOWED BY WE</u>						
<u>AAC</u>						
Janitor	Cpl	1	1			I
Wg Inspector	Sgt	1	1			II
Med Orderly	Sgt	1	1			
" "	Pte	1	1			
<u>AAGC</u>						
Shoemaker	Cpl	1	1			III
<u>AAPS</u>						
Postal duties	Sgt	1	1			
<u>AAPC</u>						
Pay Clerk	Sgt	1	1			
" "	Cpl	1	1			
<u>AACC</u>						
Caterer	WOII	1	1			
Bookie	Sgt	5	4			
"	Cpl	5	4			
"	Pte	13	13			
		801	717	26	19	

Rate Not Recd
Laird Patrick

SURPLUS TRADESMEN
NOT ALLOWED BY WE

PL	Sigs	WE	Posted	Def	Surplus
1	Pl Sigs	10	9	1	
2	Pl SIG	3	3		
3	Pl Hops	3	3		
4	Pl Tks	3	3		
5	Pl Pns	1	1		
Totals		26	22	1	

DATE OF DESPATCH 15 JUL 45

J. H. Scott
Lt-Col.
Cond. 2/52 Aust Inf Bn

2/32 INF BN 408 GP Unit

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

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.			Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)			Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)			Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)		
W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners			Surveyors, Engineering			Operating Room Assts.			G.P.O. Assistants		
Armament Artificer Fitter			Surveyors, E.A.A.			Operator, Keyboard			Hammermen		
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)			Surveyors, Topographical			Operator, Line			Leather Stitchers		
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)			Surveyors, Trigonometrical			Operator, Signal			Orderlies, Nursing		
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)			Toolmakers			Operator, Switchboard			Orderlies, Nursing Mental		
Armament Artificer Instrument			Turners			Operator, Wireless			Plate Layers		
Armament Artificer Radio			Watchmakers			Opticians			Rangetakers		
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			Stevedores		
Computers						Biggers			Stokers, Staty. Engine		
Cooks, Hospital			GROUP II.			Sawyers			Storemen, Technical		
Coppersmiths			Armourers			Signallers			Tailors		
Dispensers			Axemen			Signwriters			Textile Refitters		
Draughtsmen			Bakers			Telescope Identfn. Numbers			Tinsmiths		
Draughtsmen (Architectural)			By. Comd's. Asst.			Well Borers			Vulcanizers		
Draughtsmen (Engineering)			Bollermakers			Wheelers			Wagon Erectors		
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)			Carpenters			Winchman			Whitesmiths		
Draughtsmen (Topographical)			Carpenters and Joiners			Wreman					
Electricians			Cooks			Woodturners					
Electricians (M.V.)			Dental Mechanics								
Electricians (Signals)			Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)								
Fitters			Driver-Operator								
Fitters (Cycle)			Drainers								
Fitters (Electrical)			Electricians								
Fitters (Gun)			Electricians (Engineers)								
Fitters (Instrument)			Fire Control Operators			GROUP III.			DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.		
Fitters (M.V.)			Gun Operator			Battery Surveyors					
Fitters, Railway Signal			Hatchman			Butchers					
Fitters, Signals			Height Taker			Clerks					
Grinder, Precision			Helio Operator			Clerks, Supply					
Mechanics, Instrument			Instrument Operator			Clerks, Technical					
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)			Intelligence Duties			Coach Trimmers					
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)			Joiners			Concretors					
Mechanics, Radio			Joiner			Cooks					
Mechanics, Typewriter			Linemans, Signals			Dental Clerk Orderlies					
Mechanics, Wireless			Lithographers			Despatch Riders			ATTACHED BY W.E.		
Millwrights			Machinists, Metal			Draughtsmen, Signals					
Operators, Excavator			Machinists, Wood			Drivers, H.T.					
Pattern Maker			Masons			Driver Mechanics					
Pharmacist			Masseurs			Driver Tptn. Plant					
Photographer, Wet Plate			Mechanics, M.T.			Engine Hand's, I.C.					
Photewriter			Miners			Equipment Repairers					
Plumber			Moulders			Farriers					
Saw Doctors			Nurses, Trained			Fitters' Mates					
Surveyors			Observation Post Assts.			Gun Layers					
CARRIED FORWARD			CARRIED FORWARD			CARRIED FORWARD			Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	*	*

SEE APPENDIX "F" ATTACHED

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.

14-7-45
Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander
OC 2/32 INF BN 408 GP
CAPT

INIT: 2/32 INF BN LOB GP

DATE 13 JUL 45

GRADE GP	CLASSIFICATION	RANK	WE	PS	DEFICIENCY	SURPLUS	RFTS REQ'D
2	SIGNALLER	L/SGT	1	1			
2	"	PTE	4	4			
3	CLERK	CPL	1	1			
3	"	PTE	1	1			
3	STOREMAN	"	1	1			
<u>NON-SPECIALISTS</u>							
	WO II	WO II	2	1	1	-	NR
	PI SGT	SGT	2	2			
	L/SGT MME S COMD	L/SGT	1	1			
	PTE " NO'S	PTE	2	2			
	CPL SEC COMD	CPL	7	7			
	CPL 3" MTRMN	"	1	1			
	PTE " "	PTE	3	3			
	" 2" "	"	1	1			
	" TK/A GUN NO'S	"	2	2			
	" PNR	"	1	1			
	L/CPL LMC R'MAN	L/CPL	3	3			
	PTE R'MAN	PTE	24	24			
	L/CPL "	L/CPL	1	1			
	PTE BATMEN	PTE	3	3			
	" ORDERLY	"	1	1			
<u>ATTACHED ALLOWED BY WE</u>							
	SGT AACC	SGT	1	1			
	PTE "	PTE	1	1			
TOTAL			64	63	1	-	-

J. Ferguson CAPT
OC 2/32 INF BN LOB GP

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

(Unit) *2/32 Aust Inf Bn*
 Saturday 21/7/45
 Ref W3009/29/45
 21 JUL 45

ATT. BY W.E. OFFERS O.R. + OFFERS O.R.

Part A Posted Strength minus or Discrepancy Required.
WOS and NCOs posted in accordance with GRO 187/44

W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED		ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.	
Army No	Rank	Name	Med Class
NX163300	Cpl	BYRNE	W.O. Class D C 1
VX146856	Cpl	HUTSON	W.O. Class A J 1
WX 26232	Cpl	JENYNS	Squadron or Company R 1
VX189440	Cpl	MCINTYRE	Quarters Sgt. P 1
VX131363	Cpl	SIMONS	Staff Sgt. L V 1
Sergeants			
Corporals			
Troopers, Privates, etc.			
Civilians counting as O.R.			
Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on page 2.			
TOTAL			

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units				Part C. Other Ranks Included in Part A Detached to Other Units			
Number of O.R.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.R.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.R.	Unit to which detached	Number of O.R.	Unit to which detached
1	<i>1st Lt 1st Bn</i>	2	<i>Leave</i>				
1	<i>1st Lt 2nd Bn</i>	1	<i>DAO</i>				
1	<i>1st Lt 3rd Bn</i>	1	<i>1st Lt 3rd Bn</i>				
1	<i>1st Lt 4th Bn</i>	1	<i>1st Lt 4th Bn</i>				
1	<i>1st Lt 5th Bn</i>	1	<i>1st Lt 5th Bn</i>				

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

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

2/32 Aust Inf Bn

Unit

29 / 45 (Serial No.)

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

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	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.)				Toofmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangetakers			
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Riveters			
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			
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers				Tailors			
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters				Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics											
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)											
Fitters				Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors							
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers							
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks							
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply							
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical							
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties				Coach Trimmers							
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors							
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks							
Mechanic, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies							
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals							
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.							
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics							
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant							
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.							
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers							
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD				Total of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.			

SEE APPENDIX A ATTACHED

- NOTES.—(a) If rank other than private is involved give details on back.
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21 July 1945
Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

APPENDIX "A" (Contd)

Classification	Rank	WE	Posted Strength	Def	Surp	Rfts Rgd.
Total Brought Forward		694 769	694	17	17	
<u>ATTACHED BY WE</u>						
<u>AMIC</u>						
Chiropodist	Cpl	1	1			
MV's Inspector	Sgt	1	1			
Med orderly	Sgt	1	1			
" "	Pte	1	1			
<u>AAOC</u>						
Shoemaker	Cpl	1	1			
<u>AAPS</u>						
Postal duties	Sgt	1	1			
<u>APC</u>						
Pay clerk	Sgt	1	1			
" "	Cpl	1	1			
<u>AACC</u>						
Caterer	WOII	1	1			
Cooks	Sgt	5	5	1		1 Hosp Rfts not r
"	Cpl	5	4	1		1 Rfts not r
"	Pte	13	13			1 awaiting Promtg
		784 801	723	19	19	

SURPLUS TRADESMEN
NOT ALLOWED BY WE

Pl Sigs	WE	Posted	Def	Surplus
1 Pl Sigs	12 10	0	1	
2 Pl SIG	3	3		
3 Pl Mtrs	5	5		
4 Pl Tks	3	3		
5 Pl Pns	1	1		
Totals	25 23	23	1	

DATE OF DESPATCH 21 Jul 48

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

21 Jul 45

Fitter MT

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22

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2

1

Gunlayers
Dvr Mech
Hogriders

Fto

8

7

1

RFCS NOT reqd

9

9

1

1

23

2

3

1

5

2223
2230

22

1

Hosp RFCS NOT reqd

30

1

2210

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2222
2224

22

13

1

21
2218

311

1

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2222

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694 2222

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20 2/32 Aust Inf Bn

Det 'B' 2/32 Aust Inf Bn Unit

Army Form W.3009
(Adapted) (Page 2)
(Revised Jan., 1943)

1/45 Serial No.

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

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	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			
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Rivettiers			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery	1							Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers	1		
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radlographers				Stevedores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers				Tailors			
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bly. Comd's Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Bollermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters				Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics											
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)	1										
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.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Battery Surveyors				CPLS	2		
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Butchers	1			PNRS	3		
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks				SIGS	1		
Mechanics, Instrument	1			Instrument Operator				Clerks, Supply				T/KA	6		
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties				Clerks, Technical				M.T.S.	7		
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Coach Trimmers				YMCA	2		
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Concretors							
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Cooks							
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Dental Clerk Orderlies							
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Draughtsmen, Signals							
Pattern Maker				Masons				Drivers, H.T.							
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Mechanics	1						
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Driver Tptn. Plant							
Photowriter				Miners				Engine Hands, I.C.							
Plumber				Moulders				Equipment Repairers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Farriers							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Fitters' Mates							
								Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD				Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	28	*	*

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21-7-1945
Date of Despatch

[Signature]
Signature of Commander

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 1/1945 2334th Air Transport Group (Unit)

W.E. 1/1945 OFFERS 33 O.R.s. 1945 + OFFERS 1 O.R.s. 32 ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

NB Unit 23/8
 Ref W.3009/30/45
 28 JUL 45

ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.

Army No	Rank	Name	Trade or duty	Class	Remarks
					W.O. Class I
					W.O. Class II
					Staff Sergeants
					Sergeants
					Corporals
					Troopers, Privates, etc.
					Civilians counting as O.R.s.
					Totals of cols. marked should agree with details shown in Part C on page 2.
003361XN	Cpl	BYRNE	LMG	1	
VX146856	Cpl	HUTSON	"	1	
WX 26232	Cpl	JENYNS	"	1	
VX189440	Cpl	McINTYRE	"	1	
VX131383	Cpl	SIMONS	"	1	

W.O.s and NCOs posted in accordance with GRO 187/44

TOTAL	R.A.A.F.	R.A.N.	CIVIL	A.A.M.W.B.	A.W.A.B.	O.R.s.		A.I.C.	D.R.M.	Remarks
						Under 18 Years	18 Years and over			
372										* Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this column. ** Personnel will be shown, e.g., 20 U.R. (20 in N.K. Form).

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.				Part C. Other Ranks Included in Part A Detached to Other Units.			
Number of O.R.s.	Unit to which they belong.	Number of O.R.s.	Unit to which they belong.	Number of O.R.s.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.R.s.	Unit to which detached.
1	2334th Air Transport Group	1	2334th Air Transport Group	1	2334th Air Transport Group	1	2334th Air Transport Group
1	2334th Air Transport Group	1	2334th Air Transport Group	1	2334th Air Transport Group	1	2334th Air Transport Group
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Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return To (Unit) is Particularly Requested. 1/1945

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

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Trade Gro	Classification	Rank	WE	Posted Strength	Def	Surp	Rfts Reqd.
I	Blacksmith Fitter NT	Pte	1	1 1		1	
I	Carpenter Int duties " " " " Signallers Signallers	Pte Sgt Cpl Pte Cpl Pte	6 1 2 7 4 22	4 1 2 7 4 24	2	2	
III	Butcher Clerk " " " " Elt Repairer Rangemaker Storeman Tech " " Tailor " " Gunlayers Dvr Mech Roughriders	Pte Sjt Cpl Pte Pte Pte Sgt Pte Sgt Cpl Pte	1 2 6 4 1 4 1 3 1 1 1 8	1 2 6 7 1 5 1 5 1 1 1 7 9 1	1	3 1	Rfts NOT reqd
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TOTAL C/forward			769	765	21	17	

Classification	Rank	Wd	Posted Strength	Def	Surp	Rfcs Rqd.
Total brought forward		788	788	51	17	
<u>ALLOWED BY WE</u>						
Podiatrist	Cpl	1	1			
Inspector	Sgt	1	1			
Orderly	Sgt	1	1			
"	Pte	1	1			
<u>AAOC</u>						
Shoemaker	Cpl	1	1			
<u>AAPS</u>						
Postal duties	Sgt	1	1			
<u>AAC</u>						
Pay Clerk	Sgt	1	1			
"	Cpl	1	1			
<u>AACC</u>						
Caterer	WOII	1	1	1		
Books	Sgt	5	5	1		
"	Cpl	5	14			
"	Pte	13				
		801	788	55	17	

HOOP Rfcs NOT Rqd
Rfcs NOT Rqd
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SURPLUS TRADESMAN
NOT ALLOWED BY WE

Pl	Grds	IE	Posted	Def	Surplus
1	PL SAs	12	1		
2	PL SAs	1	3		
3	PL SAs	1	5		
4	PL SAs	3	3		
5	PL SAs	1	1		
Totals			24	1	

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Lt-Col.
Comd 2/32 Aust Inf Bn

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PAPAR BRITISH NORTH BORNEO Ref maps PAPAR KIMANIS PATAU TANDOI JESSELTON 1/50000 BRUNEI BAY 1/250000	1st Wed		<p>At 0830 hrs, three enemy, approaching A Coy's standing patrol fwd of the tunnel, were promptly engaged and killed. The Japs were in good physical condition and were well clothed and equipped. At the same time, two Japs were observed near the left flank of the pl posn. Unfortunately, they heard the shots which killed their comrades and made off, hastened by shots from a rifleman. A small patrol moved NORTH to 632376 in an endeavour to intercept them, as it was thought they would attempt to reach MALINSONG village via the EAST-WEST track in sqs 62/37. However, the enemy did not reappear. Our arty engaged MALINSONG village and its environs</p> <p>17 and 18 pls, D Coy patrolled both banks of the BONGAWAN river to 513088; the light rly line was also investigated - NMS. The Coy also made routine contact with 2/43 Bn - their D Coy are stationed in the MEMBAKUT area.</p> <p>2 tks moved into B Coy's area taking up posn at 594327 and 595327. The CO left for BEAUFORT to attend a Bde Comd's conference which will be held tomorrow.</p>	
	2nd Thu		<p>11 pl, B Coy moved out to investigate native reports that enemy parties were in the KAYAU - OBAL - KAGAPAN areas apparently searching for rice dumps which our patrols had removed. The patrol visited the KAYAU - PAPAR river junc, OBAL and the cultivated area 688 268 - NMS.</p> <p>A patrol from 17 pl moved from MANDAHAN to the houses 548130 to 515092 thence along the BONGAWAN river to their Coy area - NMS.</p> <p>16 pl sent a patrol along the KIMANIS river by perahu to the junc 615160, returning to KIMANIS along the SOUTH bank of the river - NMS.</p> <p>An AUSTER courier service is operating between PAPAR</p>	

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PAPAR,	2nd Thu		<p>and LABUAN, the plane arriving here at 0945 and departing at 1000 hrs daily.</p> <p>Maj. J.G. Hendry MC, Bn 2 i/c, was notified of his promotion to the rank of T/Lt-col and departed to take over command of 2/28 Aust Inf Bn.</p> <p>At 1715 hrs, A Coy's Standing patrol in the Tunnel area observed a person emerge from the jungle fwd of their posn and proceed along the rly line in a northerly direction. The figure was dressed as a native, limped badly and appeared to be using a walking stick. (actually a rifle.) A patrol comprising a Cpl and two Ptes of 2/2 MMG Bn det plus a member of A Coy set off up the rly line to investigate. The "native" looked round, disappeared into the cutting and, as our patrol approached, shot and killed the NCO. The patrol threw grenades and heard moans but further investigation of the area did not reveal any sign of the enemy. This incident confirms native infm that the Japs may endeavour to infiltrate into our lines disguised as natives.</p> <p>With reference to our previous infm regarding the LOK KAWIE area, further evidence of the enemy's intention to strengthen his defences has now come to hand. The general standard of the three Japs killed yesterday, in comparison with the five previously killed, who, it will be remembered were armed with spears, would appear to indicate that better Jap tps are being sent to this area and, at this HQ, it is considered that increased enemy infiltration is likely to occur in the near future.</p> <p>The CO returned from BEAUFORT this evening.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-----</p>	
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PAPAR BRITISH NORTH BORNEO	3rd Fri		<p>A Coy sent out five patrols to investigate the following areas:-</p> <p>(i) Tk/A pl from 588333 to 606325 to SP.</p> <p>(ii) 7 pl from DUMBAI to 620324 to 606325, EAST along track to 621328, NORTH to SP.</p> <p>(iii) 7 pl from DUMBAI NORTH along 62 Grid line to 619353, SE along track to 624344, SOUTH to house 624340, back along the track to SP.</p> <p>(iv) 8 pl from 624360 to tunnel, to 619353, to 638364, back along rly to SP.</p> <p>(v) From 8 pl to recce general area sqs 62/36.</p> <p>All reported NMS.</p> <p>12 pl, B Coy relieved 11 pl.</p> <p>Engrs have made good progress regarding the restoration of the Bridge across the BONGAWAN river.</p> <p>Another arty OP was established in A Coy's area near the railway tunnel.</p> <p>A native found a Japanese 50 mm grenade (Type 89) at 624347 and delivered to Bn HQ. This grenade had obviously been recently dropped. A Coy searched the area but nothing else was found.</p>	
	4th Sat		<p>Two Beaufighters were over PAPAR at 0750 hrs this morning and sprayed the area with DDT.</p> <p>KIMAMIS rly bridge is now open for light traffic.</p> <p>A Coy's local patrols over the same grd covered yesterday reported NMS.</p> <p>D Coy sent patrols along both banks of the BONGAWAN river to KADANGAN - NMS. The Coy is maintaining contact with 2/43 Bn. This morning, Bde advised us that 24 planes (Kittyhawks and Spitfires) would attack LOK KAWIE at 1230 hrs today.</p>	

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PAPAR BRITISH NORTH BORNEO	4th Sat		<p>Later, a message was received notifying us of the postponement of the mission until 1620 hrs, when the aircraft would attack the objective in waves until 1700 hrs.</p> <p>The weather deteriorated during the afternoon and, at 1745 hrs, 8 Kittyhawks passed over PAPAR at an approx altitude of 500 ft flying in the direction of LOK KAWIE. No further definite infm of the Airstrike reached us, the extremely poor visibility preventing our OP on DUMBAI trig from witnessing developments. PT boats are sweeping the waters adjacent to JESSELTON nearly every night. Their southern operational limit is PERANGGI - 662418.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-----</p>	
	5th Sun		<p>Bde advised us of the cancellation of the Airstrike scheduled to take place yesterday, stating that the mission would eventuate between 1200 and 1300 hrs today.</p> <p>At 1315 hrs, 13 Kittyhawks and 4 Spitfires bombed and strafed targets in the LOK KAWIE area. Our OP on DUMBAI reported that all targets were accurately dealt with.</p> <p>B Coy sent 12 pl along the NORTH bank of the PAPAR river to KAGAPAN. The patrol investigated the areas 703311 and 711312 - NMS.</p> <p>18 pl, D Coy patrolled along the BONGAWAN and down the PUS river to 557032 - NMS. The patrol Commander considered that nobody had been in the latter area for two years.</p> <p>Natives found the body of a Jap dressed in Native clothes at approx 658375 confirming A Coy's report that they had probably killed the enemy encountered in the tunnel area on Aug 2.</p> <p>A native, who has proved fairly reliable, submitted a report to A Coy that an enemy force had left KINARUT, when our bombing ceased and had moved to MANTUKUD island.</p>	

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PAPAR BRITISH NORTH BORNEO	6th Mon		<p>During the night 5/6 Aug, PT boats engaged the island of MANTUKUD. A Tac/R report received this morning confirms native reports that the enemy has def posns in the LOK KAWIE area. At 1400 hrs, our OP on DUMBAI trig reported sighting two small craft leaving MANTUKUD island and moving in the direction of the KINARUT river mouth. Unfortunately, a very severe thunderstorm broke over PAPAR this afternoon and air operations were out of the question. A Coy conducted local patrols - NMS. BEAUFIGHTER DDT spraying continues.</p>	
	7th Tue		<p>----- At 2100 hrs last night, our MMg outpost in the tunnel area heard movement fwd of their posn. Three grenades were thrown and noises indicating retreat were audible. An investigation this morning revealed indefinite signs and the outpost consider that they were made by human beings. At 0200 hrs, a message was received from Bde advising that 16 planes would attack LOK KAWIE today. The strike would commence at the earliest possible hour. At 0920 hrs, A Coy advised that three waves each comprising four planes, had strafed LOK KAWIE. Three smoke spirals were seen to rise from the target area shortly afterwards. Between 1530 - 1600 hrs, four Kittyhawks bombed and strafed KINARUT; a large smoke column resulted. Our OP observed two unidentified craft leave MANTUKUD island and approach the PERANGGI - KINARUT river mouth area this afternoon. The GOC 9 Aust Div (Maj-gen G.F. Weetten) arrived in the area at 1520 hrs on an overnight visit; he inspected A Coy's area before nightfall.</p>	

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<p>PAPAR BRITISH NORTH BORNEO</p>	<p>7th Fri</p>		<p>Chaplain Swindlehurst visited PAPAR and conducted a Church service for OPDs.</p> <p>Beaufighters again carried out a DDT spraying mission.</p> <p>An interesting report was received from a native who lives in a hut (ref 716473) about the results of our bombing and strafing mission carried out on August 5. He stated that, during the night 5/6 Aug, the Japanese retreated up the mainrly line and followed the branch line past his house. As it was night, he was unable to estimate the strength of the force but considers it was large as a long time elapsed before all the tps had passed his house. The destination of these tps could be LOK KAWIE, PUTATAN or PENAMPANG. It is thought that this infm is reliable because the retreat of the enemy, immediately he knew his dispositions were no longer a secret, is considered quite reasonable.</p> <p>The informant also stated that a number of Japs had been destroyed by our planes.</p> <p>Natives from the PENAMPANG area continue to stream in and their interrogation is proving a full time job for Maj. Hardwick. Whilst much of this infm has no tactical significance, reports over the past fortnight leave no doubt that the enemy has vacated the JESSELTON town area and is building up large supply dumps at villages, which are not shown on existing maps, from PENAMPANG eastwards along the PUTATAN river. The ultimate destination of these forces appears to be TAMBUNAN and all available natives are being impressed as porters to carry supplies (rice, salt, biscuits, cloth etc.,) to the interior.</p> <p>The villages to which we have referred, would make excellent targets for further bombing missions and an appropriate request has been fwded to Bae.</p>	

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PAPAR BRITISH NORTH BORNEO	8th Wed		<p>After an inspection of our area, the GOC departed for LABUAN this morning.</p> <p>16 pl sent a patrol to investigate the KIMANIS estate. It made a thorough examination of the area and reported in at 1700 hrs - NMS.</p> <p>The news that the Allies have launched a new weapon, the atomic bomb, against JAPAN has aroused keen interest and speculation among the tps. The consensus of opinion is that, if the bomb has the devastative powers with which scientists credit it, VP day is close at hand.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-----</p>	
	9th Thu		<p>A Naval bombardment of 30 mins duration was heard to the NORTH at 0800 hrs this morning. Subsequent reports from natives indicated LOK KAWIE as the target.</p> <p>In A Coy's area 9 pl relieved 7 pl. A line party tapped the civil telephone line running NORTH to JESSELTON from the tunnel in order to ascertain whether the enemy were using it but they reported that no traffic passed over it during the day.</p> <p>This afternoon, four Spitfires strafed PANDAN PANDAN trig. Tac/R reports confirm the excellent results achieved by our recent Air strikes on LOK KAWIE and KINARUT. The only resistance offered our planes has been ineffectual rifle and LMG fire.</p> <p>Five five year veterans marched out today. They included our QM, Capt P. Meers.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-----</p>	
	10th Fri		<p>" All quiet on the PAPAR front."</p> <p>Activity is confined to A and D Coys local routine patrols.</p> <p>RUSSIA'S dramatic declaration of war on JAPAN and the further "atomisation" of the enemy's war scarred homeland, indicate that the Pacific war is racing to its climax.</p>	

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PAPAR BRITISH NORTH BORNEO	10th Fri		<p>Late tonight, the radio announcement that the enemy is definitely negotiating for peace confirmed this popular opinion. The feelings of the tps are better imagined than described though the more cautious element are keeping their enthusiasm well within bounds until a definite official notification is received.</p> <p>It has been pointed out that, even if the war ends, this Bn will probably remain in the area until all the Japanese troops here are rounded xxxxxx up and the release of the members of the ill fated 8 Aust Div effected.</p>	
	11th Sat		<p>Controlling the native populace is a difficult problem. Hundreds of evacuees swarm in daily from the NORTH and, of these, a certain percentage desire to return to the KINARUT - PUTATAN areas that their families, goods and chattels be retrieved. As leakages of security would certainly result, it has not been possible to grant this request.</p> <p>The route followed by the natives journeying to the NORTH is to the coast via the rly and PANGALAT rivers and, to ensure that the natives observe our order forbidding their return, two secs of 15 pl were sent to the PANGALAT mouth. The other sec remained as a standing patrol at 573320. One sec of 13 pl moved into the area vacated by 15 pl. The Bde Comd arrived in PAPAR on an overnight visit. Our arty registered a D/F task on the high grd NORTH of the rly in sqs 63/36.</p>	

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PAPAR BRITISH NORTH BORNEO	12th Sun		<p>While the world awaits the outcome of the latest international developments, we continue to conduct routine local patrols. The enemy appears to have gone to ground and we have not sighted any Japs since Aug. 2.</p> <p>Infm received from semi-official sources indicates that Allied planes are grounded and all strikes in the area called off pending further advice from GHQ.</p> <p>A Church service for OPDs was conducted by Mr McIntyre. Under his direction, the Salvation Army have provided for our welfare in their own inimitable way.</p>	
	13th Mon		<p>We are awaiting news of the Japanese reaction to the Allied surrender terms.</p> <p>Three Spitfires approached PAPAR at a low altitude early this afternoon and circled around Bn HQ several times before departing in formation. Our more optimistic members interpreted the incident as a VP celebration but it appears to have been merely a courtesy call on the part of the pilots who visited PAPAR recently and were entertained by us.</p>	
	14th Tue		<p>C Coy relieved A Coy, the changeover being effected by 1200 hrs. New disposns - A Coy HQ 577311, 7 pl 586335, 8 pl 576329, 9 pl 577333.</p> <p>C Coy HQ 585334, 13 pl less sec 619338, one sec 632363, 14 pl less sec 532333, one sec 625361, 15 pl less sec 604373, one sec 573320.</p> <p>The international situation continues to keep other matters in the background.</p>	

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PAPAR, BRITISH NORTH BORNEO	15th Wed		<p>At 0800 hrs, from the BBC LONDON, the cultured voice of Mr C.R. Attlee, Britain's Prime Minister, told us:-</p> <p>"JAPAN has today surrendered; the last of our enemies is laid low."</p> <p>The announcement was robbed of its drama by the false alarms which we have experienced over the past week. It is obvious that some days (or even weeks) may elapse before the Japanese Imperial Order to cease hostilities reaches all the Japanese soldiers in BORNEO and we will not be in a position to write "finis" to our battle history until all the enemy tps here have definitely laid down their arms.</p> <p>However, we all feel an inward sense of relief that the struggle which, at the best, seemed likely to continue for another year, is now virtually over. Never has the axiom "Great wars have a habit of ending suddenly", been more vividly portrayed.</p> <p>1 Aust Corps Comd (Lt-gen Sir Leslie Morshead), accompanied by GOC 9 Aust Div and 24 Bde Comd, paid us a brief visit.</p> <p>This morning, an Auster aircraft flew low over PAPAR to drop a message. The engine stalled when the pilot endeavoured to gain altitude, the plane struck a tree and crashed in Bn HQ's area. Though the machine was extensively damaged, the pilot escaped with minor lacerations.</p> <p>BONGAWAN rly bridge was opened to traffic, eliminating all breaks on the rly BEAUFORT - PAPAR.</p> <p>Lt-col Muntz, comd 2/9 Cav Cdo Regt, arrived in PAPAR this evening on an overnight visit.</p> <p>A message received from Bde dealing with measures to be taken to meet the present situation is attached.</p>	

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PAPAR, BRITISH NORTH BORNEO	16th Thu		While we await news of the signing of the surrender terms, activity is confined to local protective patrols in C Coy's area. A sec of Tk/A pl have relieved 15pl at the PANGALAT river mouth. Native reports indicate enemy movement from the KINARUT area to JESSELTON.	
	17th Wed		Violent thunderstorms and torrential falls of rain have been daily occurrences over the past week. The waterways have steadily risen but, fortunately, our area is adequately drained and there is no immediate prospect of it being inundated. Our Naval Det reported that one of the US barges overshot the PAPAR mouth and travelled some distance up the coast before the crew became aware of their error. About four miles SOUTH of JESSELTON, they sighted three planes (Two fighters, one larger aircraft) concealed by overhanging growth. They placed the posn as either 711550 (at the end of the airstrip) or 706568 (at the end of the road.) We passed this infm back to Bde and suggested that an investigation be made by PT boats tonight or by a plane tomorrow morning. Bde advised that, although the Japanese Emperor had ordered all his tps to lay down their arms, it would take from 6 - 12 days for the order to reach all the enemy tps in BORNEO. It will be necessary, therefore, for full military precautions to be observed for the present.	
	18th Thu		As a result of heavy rain during the night, the PAPAR river overflowed and much of the peninsula between it and the township was under water to a general depth of two feet at daybreak.	

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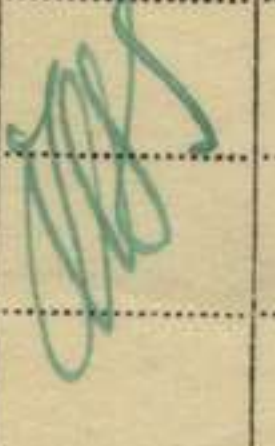
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	19th Sun		<p>Relief of D Coy by B Coy commenced. B Coy less 10 pl moved to BONGAWAN and D Coy less 16 pl moved into B Coy's former area. D Coy HQ 583332, 17 pl 609291, 18 pl 583329.</p> <p>10 pl will relieve 16 pl at KIMANIS tomorrow.</p> <p>A native woman reported to Bn HQ and substantiated previous native infm regarding the Air Strike on LOK KAWIE on August 5, stating that, as a result of it, 30 Japs had been killed.</p>	
	20th Mon		<p>Relief of D Coy by B Coy completed.</p> <p>The natives of BENONI village celebrated the liberation of their district this evening. The CO and other Offrs of this unit were present as guests.</p>	See separate report.
	21st Tue		<p>In order to provide extra accommodation for the BBCAU, who are steadily expanding, some adjustments were made in Bn HQ's area.</p>	
	22nd Wed		<p>Time passes quietly as we await the signing of the peace terms. The enemy continues to lay low.</p> <p>Chap. Kerle, 2/28 Aust Inf Bn, conducted a thanksgiving service for OPDs.</p>	

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PAPAR, BRITISH NORTH BORNEO	23rd Thu		<p>Time is hanging heavily. The enemy continues to enshroud his intentions in a veil of secrecy. In order to give the tps every opportunity to make the best use of their present period of inactivity, arrangements are being completed to conduct lessons in First Aid, Practical Surveying, Baking, Bookkeeping and Boot Repairing. A Hobby hut has also been established. An educational programme is being planned at Bde.</p>	
	24th Fri		<p>28 more of our veterans left us this morning and were accorded an enthusiastic farewell. Their train pulled out at 0715 hrs with our band playing the time honoured tune of "Auld Lang Syne." The party included Capts J.J. Thornton, J.L. Ferguson, Lts D.L. Billett and G.J. Trewin. Our OP on DUMBAI observed large fires burning in the LOK KAWIE - PATAU - KAYAU areas during the day.</p>	
	25th Sat		<p>More large fires observed burning in the KAYAU - GOPO + JESSELTON areas. Later, natives reported that fifty Japs had set fire to several native huts at KINARUT as a reprisal for the killing of a Japanese soldier by natives in this area. It appears likely that the other fires represented other punitive measures on the part of the enemy and this was later confirmed by native reports.</p>	
	26th Sun		<p>Representatives from this Bn attended a native thanksgiving which was held at MEMBAKUT.</p>	

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WAR DIARY

Army Form C. 2118.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

Unit 2/32 Aust Inf Bn.

Commanding Officer Lt-col T.H. Scott DSO

Month and Year AUG 1945

(Erase heading not required).

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	References to Appendices.
PAPAR, BRITISH NORTH BORNEO.	26th Sun		During the afternoon, DUMBAI OP reported that they had observed a flying boat travelling towards JESSELTON and six more fires burning in the general direction of that town.	
	27th Mon		A report was received from natives to the effect that five Japs entered MANDALIPAU on August 24 and demanded food and labour for portorage purposes. The villagers resisted and, in the resulting clash, killed three of the enemy, the remainder escaped. The cinema unit made its initial open air screening this evening. The arrangement was welcomed by the tps as the building used for daytime screenings is none too comfortable.	
	28th Tue		Although it has been officially announced that the enemy forces in BORNEO had received the order to cease fire from their regional commander on August 25, there have been no developments on our front. Some adjustments to our fwd posns in the tunnel area were made; it is considered that Jap envoys will approach us from the JESSELTON area.	
	29th Wed		A prahu, manned by four persons carrying a flag, was observed moving SOUTH along the coast from JESSELTON by our OP at DUMBAI. Warning shots were fired by our outpost as they passed the PANGALAT river mouth; they replied by standing up and waving a Dutch flag. They reached the PAPAR mouth shortly after 1800 hrs, were hailed by pers. at the rest camp and pulled into shore. The men proved to be an NEI PW and three natives. After producing	

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PAPAR, BRITISH NORTH BORNEO	29th Wed		<p>identity discs, they were sent to Bn and, from there, to Bde. The escaped PW stated that he had seen forty Japs in JESSELTON on Aug 26. Earlier in the day, an Indian Pw came in. He gave us interesting infm to the effect that the Japs were now moving back to JESSELTON. This is the first intimation that we have had and leads to the belief that they may intend to concentrate in the vicinity of that town.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-----</p>	
	30th Thu		<p>A Chinaman arrived from JESSELTON and stated that the Japs there sent their best wishes to us. It is not possible to describe the reactions of our tps in print.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-----</p>	
	31st Fri		<p>Changes in our disposns occurred. Tac C Coy HQ moved up to the tunnel area. Tac D Coy HQ joined rear C Coy HQ and 16 and 17 pls moved across the river, 16 pl moving to 616348 with one sec at 619380 and 17 pl to 592342 with the role of Mobile reserve. 18 pl concentrated at 642277. These changes were effected to be in a state of preparedness for any Japs coming in to surrender.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-----</p>	
				

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

2/32 AUST INF BN DAILY ROUTINE ORDERS

PART I
BY

Lt Col T H SCOTT

Comd 2/32 Aust Inf Bn

Serial No 310

4 Aug 45

310. CANTEEN TRUST ACCOUNT

Liabilities

Assets

Sundry Creditors		772	6	10	Cash in Hand	118	17	1
Capital A/c					Cash in Bank	769	9	7
As at 30 Jun 45	571	8	-		Loan A/c	100	-	-
Add Profit	46	9	3	617	17	3		
					Stock A/c	172	19	1
					S'dry Debtors	228	18	4
				<u>£ 1390</u>		<u>4</u>	<u>1</u>	

Audited and found correct

G E DIXON Maj) Regtl Audit
P MEERS Capt) Board

REGIMENTAL TRUST ACCOUNT

Statement of receipts and expenditure for July 1945

Cash in Bank as at 30 Jun 45	726	11	4				
Cash in Hand as at 30 Jun 45			3	8	726	15	-
<u>Receipts</u>							
Proportion of Profit AACF Apr/May	106	17	-				
5th Aust Fighting Forces Fund	24	-	-				
Final payment on sale of piano	2	5	9		133	2	9
Balance as at 31 Jul 45					<u>£ 859</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>9</u>

Summary

Cash in Bank as at 31 Jul 45	859	14	1				
Cash in Hand as at 31 Jul 45			3	8	£ 859	17	9

The following amounts are held in Trust by 2/32 Aust Inf Bn and appear in balance of Funds held as at 31 Jul 45.

B Coy	19	-	1				
Cash in lieu of photos	108	-	-		£ 127	-	1

Audited and found correct

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Adjt 2/32 Aust Inf Bn

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Serial Nos 311 - 313

6 Aug 45

311. MOVEMENT OF PERSONNEL - LABUAN - MAINLAND

1. A check point has been established at CHICK PONTOON BROWN 2 BEACH to control the movement of personnel on resupply missions.
2. Only personnel on duty and duly authorised to travel by HQ 9 Aust Div in Daily Loading Schedule - resupply missions will be permitted to travel to the mainland.
3. Personnel will report to the PROVOST CHECK POST now established at CHICK PONTOON at the time advised in the daily Loading Schedule Resupply Mission under heading "Time and Place of Loading". Personnel arriving after this time may be "Shut off" the craft.

312. USE OF EXPLOSIVES IN WATERS OF BRITISH BORNEO

1. Subtended is 9 Div RO 198 of 20 Jun 45 :-

" Personnel at all times will take such action as is possible, in accordance with operational necessities, to conserve sources of native food supplies and to prevent destruction of native property. The native population has suffered considerably under Japanese rule. Little food was provided for them and in many cases their gardens and paddy-fields have been destroyed and their stock confiscated and killed. In order that the natives may become self-supporting in the shortest possible time when practicable they are being returned to their villages. Where this is not practicable they are to be given employment as labourers from compounds under arrangements BBCAU. Owing to the shortage of food and to conserve the remaining livestock in this area neither food nor livestock will be purchased from natives. GOC 9 Aust Div feels sure that he will have the full co-operation of all ranks in this matter which will materially assist in the rehabilitation of the native population in British North Borneo."

2. One of the principal sources of food for natives in British Borneo in the coastal areas is fish, and in many localities fishing is the main industry.
3. The use of explosives of any kind for the purpose of obtaining fish has serious effects, often of a permanent nature, owing to the destruction of large numbers of small fish and the fact that normal feeding and breeding grounds are abandoned.
4. All ranks will appreciate the serious effects that will result as far as the native population is concerned if the use of explosives to obtain fish is permitted. Therefore the use of explosives of any description whatsoever is prohibited for the purposes of obtaining fish, or for any purpose whatever other than actual action with enemy, in the waters and streams of British Borneo.
5. Severe disciplinary action will be taken for breaches of this order.

313. RELATIONSHIP OF TROOPS WITH CIVIL POPULATION

1. Para 10 of Appendix "N" to 9 Aust Div Adm Order No 2 is reprinted here for information :-

"(a) It is considered that the population of BRITISH BORNEO, and particularly BRUNEI inhabitants, will be of great assistance once their confidence has been gained. In this regard, it is

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imperative that all ranks will maintain the most friendly relations with the civilian population and any violence, bad behaviour or other acts, as a result of which natives are adversely affected, will be regarded seriously and severe disciplinary action taken against the member or members concerned. It is essential that all troops impress the natives favourably in every possible way.

- (b) All ranks will ensure that native religious observances are respected at all times. The majority of the native population are Mohammedans particularly in the BRUNEI Area and religion plays a major part in their lives. It is therefore incumbent on all ranks to respect the local religious customs as far as practicable.
- (c) It is customary for native women in the BRUNEI BAY Area to be married at a very early age. Consequently, it will be impressed on all ranks that any ill behaviour will cause dissension.
- (d) The following will be strictly observed :-
 - (i) Troops will contact the civilian population only when absolutely necessary for the purpose of their duties.
 - (ii) Troops will not enter native villages, dwellings or gardens except in the performance of their duties.
 - (iii) The unnecessary discharge of any weapons near native labourers, villages or dwellings is strictly prohibited.

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2/32 AUST INF BN DAILY ROUTINE ORDERSPART I
by

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Comd 2/32 Aust Inf Bn

Serial Nos 314 - 319

22 Aug 45

314. ATEBRIN TABLETS

1. Coys will check immediately all individual containers, atebirin, to ensure that 24 tablets are held.
2. In the event of shortages, QM will submit indents to AASC, who will take action to replace stocks.

315. DDT AERIAL SPRAY

1. The effect of DDT Aerial Spray on an area is transient, lasting for a period of up to seven days only. It is not a substitute for normal anti-malarial precautions, which will at all times be fully carried out. As the DDT Aerial Spraying is very wasteful in DDT, it is not proposed to re-spray areas that have already been sprayed.

316. PROHIBITED ARTICLES

1. It is apparent from censorship of parcels that neither troops nor franking officers are conversant with current regulations dealing with prohibited articles. The following list of prohibited articles will be brought to the attention of all ranks :-

(a) Films

Exposed undeveloped film other than film of official unit photographers.

(b) Plants

Plants, shrubs, cuttings, bulbs, seeds and coconuts are prohibited for medical reasons. Exception is granted only for supply to Herbaria or Scientific bodies subject to approval of Director General of Health (Quarantine Section Plant- CANBERRA).

(c) Military equipment

Any article issued by or belonging to the Commonwealth or Allied Forces.

(d) Canteen or ACF goods

Any articles, sold, distributed or supplied by Australian Army or Allied Forces Canteen Services or Australian Comforts Fund. The inclusion of canteen goods, particularly cigarettes, has been prevalent recently and in most cases senders particulars have been insufficient to trace the owner.

(e) Loot

Any item of local or enemy origin which may be of use to the civil authorities for the rehabilitation of the territory. The most common breach in this category is the inclusion of cloth.

2. It is stressed that full military address must be included on a slip of paper in all parcels.

317. RETURN OF EMPTY BEER BOTTLES AND STRAW OR FIBRE CONTAINERS TO AA CANTEENS SERVICE

1. In consequence of the establishment of an aerated water factory in the MOROTAI Area and the ensuing requirement for bottles, the following procedure will apply in future.

- (a) All units and/or messes will ensure that branded and unbranded empty bottles are packed separately and cases marked indicating contents before return to AA Canteens Service.
- (b) All bottles will be returned to MOROTAI, branded bottles being retained at MOROTAI whilst unbranded bottles will be returned to the mainland for resupply of bottled beer.

318. CARELESS DRIVING - DAMAGE TO ROAD ALIGNMENTS AND CULVERTS

1. From engineer reports it is apparent that much of the damage being caused to roads is due to careless driving. This consists mainly in :-

- (a) Driving too close to road alignments resulting in the road edge breaking.
- (b) Endeavouring to pass on narrow road ways

The latter is causing vehicles to run off the road edge into drains.

2. All Sub-units will ensure that drivers are instructed as to the above.

319. RANK APPOINTMENTS AND EXTRA DUTY PAY

PROFICIENCY PAY

The following personnel were granted proficiency pay on dates shown.

SX 33554	Pte	DAVIS	T F	27.9.44
NX 179080	Pte	HOLLICK	E E	12.8.44
TX 15227	Pte	COOKE	C	2.5.44
VX 94742	Pte	DEAN	K J	17.10.44
WX 22836	Pte	VERISCHETTI	P J	3.1.45
TX 14667	Pte	WRIGHT	G H C	Forfeits Proficiency Pay 20.4.45

Robinson Lt
Adjt 2/32 Aust Inf Bn

NOTICE

Times of picture screenings each week, will be as follows :-

First Programme Second Programme

Area	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue
PAPAR	1300	1000 1300 1500			0930 1300	0930 1300	
BTY POSN	2000 #						
KUALA PENYA			2000 #				

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2/32 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BN DAILY ROUTINE ORDERS

PART I by

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Comd 2/32 Aust Inf Bn

Serial Nos 320 - 328

26 Aug 45

320. INDISCRIMINATE FIRING OF WEAPONS

1. Many cases of the indiscriminate firing of weapons have occurred recently.
2. No unit or individual will carry out any firing practice without prior approval from this HQ.

321. DISCIPLINE

The standard of discipline in the Bn area has shown marked improvement. Further improvement is necessary. As it is probable that there will soon be Jap prisoners in the area all ranks must maintain a high standard of dress and soldierly bearing in keeping with the highest traditions of the AIF.

322. PENDING CHARGES

Coys etc will ensure that witnesses required in the hearing of charges are NOT marched out for disposal.

323. CIVILIANS ON TRAINS

Civilians, unless in possession of a special pass from BBCAF are NOT permitted to travel on trains. Certain trains specified by the Railway Controller may be used for civilians in possession of passes. All ranks will co-operate with railway staff in ensuring this order is carried out.

324. ANTI DISEASE PRECAUTIONS

Tins and disused weapon pits are active breeding grounds for various types of mosquitoes. Coys will ensure that all waste tins are burned and that disused weapon pits are filled in.

325. CIVIL PROPERTY

1. All units will submit a complete list giving details of civilian goods, furniture etc taken over from civil properties and at present in use.
2. If possible, the return will show the source from which such property was acquired.
3. Return required not later than 281500 I.

326. WASHERWOMEN

It has been observed that pers are still having washing done by native women. This practice will cease forthwith. Disciplinary action will be taken against offenders.

327. DRESS

1. The following dress will be worn by all members of this Bn :-
 - (a) Trousers and Shirts KD or JG
 - (b) Hats, Khaki Fur, with puggaree.
 - (c) Boots with anklets web, or gaiters D or American pattern or puttees short.

2. Between the hours of sunset and sunrise shirts will be worn with long sleeves buttoned at the wrists and buttoned in all respects except at the collar where the button may be left undone.

3. In respect of the period between the hours of sunrise and sunset (which hours will be taken until further orders as 0700 hrs and 1830 hrs respectively), shirts will NOT be removed for any reason except bathing

328. ISSUES FROM RQ STORE

NO issues of clothing etc will be made direct from the RQ Store to any personnel other than CQMSs or thier authorised representatives.



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Adjt 2/52 Aust Inf Bn

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Serial Nos 329 -

31 Aug 45

329. ANTIMITE PRECAUTIONS

Full Antimite precautions will be carried out by all units on LABUAN ISLAND as well as those stationed elsewhere in BORNEO. Two cases of scrub Typhus have occurred recently amongst the civil population on LABUAN. The dangers of entering native houses and fraternising with natives is again stressed.

330. FOREIGN CURRENCY

The export of Straits Settlements currency and postage stamps is prohibited.

331. PREVENTION OF MALARIA AND DENGUE FEVER BY UNITS IN THE FIELD

Subtended herewith Chap 18 para 9 (a) of 9 Aust Div Standing orders for routine procedure to be complied with in respect of prevention of Malaria and Dengue fever in the Field.

9. ADM PROCEDURE FOR CONTROL**(a) PREVENTION OF MALARIA AND DENGUE FEVER BY UNITS IN THE FIELD**

The following measures will be adopted as a routine procedure in addition to the directions given in GRO A321/44:-

- (i) Each pl (or equivalent) incl att personnel, will hold muster parades daily after breakfast and the evening meal. Mosquito-repellent lotion will be applied. The Pl etc comd will inspect the parade and ensure that gaiters are worn, sleeves are rolled down and clothing is not torn. At the morning parade, as each name is called by the Pl etc comd, each soldier will receive and swallow one atabrin tablet. An attendance roll will be marked and kept available for inspection by HQ. The Pl etc comd will then inspect the members of his Pl or equivalent in the area who were absent on duty during the muster parade, and on completion will make a report to the Coy etc comd. Coy etc HQ will be inspected by Coy etc comd or SIC, or be att to a Pl or equivalent for parades. All Coy etc offrs and one unit HQ offr will be present during these parades. For operational reasons, the foregoing instrs may be impracticable, and delegation to NCOs may be necessary, but delegation will never be effected unless completely unavoidable. Adm control is an offr's responsibility.
- (ii) Coy etc comds and unit HQ offr will report personally to the CO either in person or by phone or sig, whichever is more practicable, certifying that compliance has been made with the above orders. Coy etc comds under comd of other units will report to the CO of the unit comd the Coy etc.
- (iii) Applications of mosquito-repellent lotion will be rptd two hourly through the night and day, except when under a mosquito net.
- (iv) Gd Comds will ensure that all sentries repeat the application of mosquito-repellent lotion two hourly during tour of duty.

- (v) Sleeves will be rolled down at all times. Any variation during the hours of daylight must be authorized by an offr.
- (vi) All personnel will carry a bottle of mosquito repellent at all times.
- (vii) At 2000 hrs daily, unit HQ duty offr will notify all Coys etc by tele or runner, that it is time to re-apply lotion.
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- (viii) Each Coy etc will detail a flying, in charge of an NCO. These will work in shifts of two, and during the hours of darkness will inspect sleeping personnel and move any whose bodies are touching the net. They will carry a torch and rifles and act as lines patrol as well. This rule will not apply to outposts whose numbers preclude the provision of this gd. The flying squad will spray nets and bivouacs as soon as tps have retired, and again at 2200 hrs. Coy etc orderly offr will inspect any recreation huts at 2200 hrs to ensure re-application of lotion.
- (ix) After blankets are folded and gear packed correctly for morning inspection, mosquito nets will be left with sides down for sub-units comd's inspection. Duty NCO will accompany the offr and will fold sides of net on to top in a uniform manner as an indication that the net has been inspected and passed. Nets requiring mending will be left down and inspected again during the afternoon to ensure they have been mended.
- (x) During picture shows in unit areas an offr will be detailed to announce at 2000 hrs and 2200 hrs that repellent lotion will be reapplied. Any personnel found to be without a bottle of repellent lotion, or who fails to apply it as instructed, will be apprehended.
- (xi) All personnel resting during the day will be covered by a mosquito net.
- (xii) Patrol leaders will be responsible that every member of the patrol is in possession of a bottle of mosquito repellent lotion, a mosquito net and 24 tablets of atabrin in a watertight container, prior to setting out. A certificate stating that this has been carried out will be rendered to fmn HQ.
- (xiii) All mosquito nets will be tucked in by 1800 hrs each night.
- (xiv) COs will apply for a court-martial of any offr or det comd failing to comply with the above orders.
- (xv) Unit comds will report daily to fmn HQ that the above orders have been complied with."

W. J. Gibbons Lt
Adjnt 2/32 Aust Inf Bn

INFORMATION ON ALLIED PW IN BRITISH NORTH BORNEO AND SARAWAK

BRITISH NORTH BORNEO

1. Of 2400 Allied PW known to have been in the SANDAKAN area in Nov 44, it is estimated that a maximum of 300 now remain alive. Approximately 20 PW are believed to be in RANAU area and approximately 200 in the general BOTO (BAUTU) - BELURAN area whose exact whereabouts is unknown. Of the 20 in the RANAU area it is believed that only 6 survivors were left on 15 Aug 45.

2. Their physical condition is known to be very low. The fact that they are probably scattered over a large area will complicate their early recovery. It is believed that they comprise British and Australian PW only.

SARAWAK

3. Estimate of numbers

It is known that there were 2600 Allied PW and internees in the KUCHING area in Nov 44. No information of their present strength is available but, allowing for deaths due to malnutrition and disease, it is estimated that between 2000/2500 are still in the KUCHING area.

4. Composition of PW and civilians

They comprise British and Australian PW, Dutch and Indonesians and civilians, the majority of whom are Europeans. A few American flyers and Indians may also be there.

5. In Oct 42 there were approximately 235 women and children and 600 males interned at KUCHING. This number was subsequently augmented by internees from SANDAKAN. As a rough estimate as many as 1000 civilian internees may be at KUCHING.

6. In Oct 44 it is believed that there were approximately 1520 PW including 12 AIF officers at KUCHING. It is NOT known whether this figure includes Indonesians.

7. A captured Japanese document covering the period Nov 42-Jan 43 lists a total of approximately 100 males and 475 females (of whom 250 odd are nuns) as being in the internment camp.

8. On information up to Sep 44, the administration of the women in the camp was under Mother BERNADINE and the men were under an Englishman named LE GROS CLARK.

9. To summarise, it is believed that there are a maximum of 1500 Allied PW and 1000 civilians at KUCHING. The latter are subdivided into approximately 500 males and 500 females of whom 250 odd are nuns.

10. Location of PW compounds

There are two PW compounds at KUCHING

(a) LINTANG BARRACKS (SOUTH end of town)

(b) A compound approximately 7 miles SOUTH of KUCHING near KUCHING airfield.

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PAPAR
3 Aug 45

We, the undersigned acknowledge that we have been warned that prostitution and adultery are offences, both under martial and civil law, and that we are liable to severe punishment if we fraternise with or have any relationship with Army or Navy personnel.

We also acknowledge having been warned to report to the Native Hospital of the first day of each month for medical inspection by the medical Officer in charge of the Hospital

Jitta

Junita

Lulencia

Stephania

Liukardia

Iny

Clara

Yasibria

PAPAR
3 Aug 45

Kami orang yang tersebut dibawa surat ini mengangku
ia itu kami sasudah di bri ingat pada tentara menundal
biah bujang atau kewin di larankan dan siapa² buat bagini
kena dosa. Dan lagi pun jikalau kami orang menangkun
hukuman jikalau kami trima soldata dalam rumah atau naik
soldata punya tempat atau barkawan sama dia, biah baikken
atau jahatan.

Dan lagi kami orang janji mesti datang dan report
satu hari bulan² sepiah di preskakan uleh tuan Doctor
yang mengkuasakan di rumah saku tentara.

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REPORT ON OPSWESTON - BEAUFORT - PAPAR

Ref Maps : 1:50000 LUMAT BINSULOK
 KARUKAN KIMANIS
 LUMADAN PAPAR
 WESTON PATAU

PART I - WESTONIntroduction

1. On the day prior to the landing at WESTON, Lt BILLET and 1 OR of this Bn landed from a naval vessel and carried out a recon of the town area and the causeway. He reported NMS and confirmed the topography info, gathered from air photos and native reports. He also emphasized the unsuitability of both the landing beach and the exits.

Outline of Op

2. The following day, 17 Jun, the landing was carried out unopposed. Occupation of the township and subsequent exploitation across the causeway to the ground beyond swamp was more of an exercise than an operation, and was completed without contact with the enemy. Contact was made the following day by a pl patrol at LINGKUNGAN. The enemy withdrew under pressure and there commenced a series of clashes as our patrols probed forward along the axis of the rly line to BEAUFORT. Apart from these contacts, extensive patrolling in all other areas, including river patrol up the BAKAU river to BAKAU village reported NMS.
3. It became apparent that the enemy were fighting delaying actions along rly in an attempt to prevent any rapid adv on BEAUFORT. Small parties only were being employed and these were armed with LMG, rifles and 1 or 2 MMGs. No set plan was evident, nor did there appear to be any co-ordination, no aggressive patrols were encountered and no attempt was made to cut our L of C.
4. As pressure was increased along rly, native reports indicated considerable enemy movt down the rly line from BEAUFORT, the obvious deduction from these reports was that the enemy had become concerned about the threat and proposed to strengthen his forces opposing our adv.
5. Meanwhile, a river patrol by A Coy up the PADAS R had reached GADONG, and reported NMS (3 LCMs, 1 Gunboat). Native reports received by A Coy suggested that there were only a few scattered parties of enemy between GADONG and BEAUFORT.
6. Situation on 22 Jun 45.
- (a) Enemy opposition along WESTON-BEAUFORT Rly still minor but many reports of reinforcements moving down from BEAUFORT.
 - (b) Rly only axis of adv, narrow in many parts with swamp on both sides. Excellent country for delaying action and ambushes.

(c) L of C such that movt of tanks and jeeps would be practically impossible, and guns could only be moved by means of rly trolleys and then with the greatest difficulty. All sups moving fwd on rly trolleys would be pushed by tps. No prime movers were available.

7. The above indicated that any advance on BEAUFORT along rly would be on a narrow front and manoeuvre of tps would not be possible. The adv would be slow and perhaps costly. Sp would be limited and oft times uncertain, fatigue of tps would be great.

Chronological sequence of Events - WESTON

8. Monday 17 Jun 45

0700 hrs embarked into LVTs and commenced long run to WESTON. En route five LVTs broke down including both Tac and Duplicate HQ. Tac HQ transferred to LCVP and continued journey in comfort.

0900 hrs. Assault coys landed unopposed.

0950 hrs. Phase I complete. This included occupation of WESTON, seizing of bridgehead across causeway at 215748 and investigation of firm ground at 202745.

1200 hrs. D Coy established protective posn 225738 and commenced patrolling along rly towards LINGKUNGAN.

1900 hrs. Last light disposns - A Coy 211749

B Coy 219733

C Coy 219736

D Coy 225738

BnHQ 224738

9. Tuesday 18 Jun 45

A Coy 2 pls on river patrol at BAKAU river to BAKAU village 262799. Craft 2 LCMs 1 gunboat. Patrol return in evening NMS.

B Coy Extensive patrolling covering areas 212730, 215720, 222729, 223724, 220723.

C Coy Readjusting posn, standing patrol to feature sq 2472 (this pl was later diverted to assist 17 Pl, see below)

D Coy 17 Pl patrolling to MARABA, contacted a party of 12 Japs. 237734. Enemy engaged and retired to culvert 237735. Own cas 1 offr killed 2 ORs wounded. 13 Pl, then in vicinity, joined 17 Pl. At 1400 hrs, with arty and mortar sp, attack launched and area cleared.

10. Wed 19 Jun 45

A Coy Moved to high ground 216737.

B Coy Remained same area and patrolled 232734 and sq 2271.

C Coy Local patrols except 13 Pl who were at LINGKUNGAN Station area.

D Coy 16 Pl occupied outpost feature 2472, 17 Pl contacted enemy about 700 yds north of LINGKUNGAN astride rly line, enemy using IMG and rifles. 18 Pl remained original coy posn. LOBs took over protection of EMA. 2/43 Aust Inf Bn reported to have landed at MEMPAKUL, landing unopposed.

At 1500 hrs 2/32 Aust Inf Bn reverted from Comd 9 Aust Div to comd 24 Aust Inf Bde.

11. Thursday 20 Jun 45

A Coy At 0850 hrs commenced a river patrol up the PADAS R with BAINKING village 2288 as objective. Biv area 185821 for night. NMS.

B Coy Continued patrolling and visited areas 214732, 219728, and 223714.

C Coy 13 P1 returned Coy area,

D Coy 18 P1 moved fwd and joined coy. Patrol to 238737 found new graves and documents; feature occupied.

12. Friday 21 Jun 45

A Coy Reported reaching BAINKING at 1105 hrs NMS. Comms with A Coy difficult and uncertain.

B Coy Patrol to 212730, 215720, 220723, NMS.

C Coy Local patrols.

D Coy Contacted enemy at 247747. Assisted by arty sp, enemy driven back and area captured. Investigation of 253724 villages in sqs 2573, 2673, and 2672 NMS.

13. Saturday 22 Jun 45

A Coy Comms practically non existent. From distorted message, it was thought that they had reached the area of GADONG 2090 and reported it to be an excellent base. (This was later verified the area recommended being in sq 2290). Battle 2IC left WESTON to investigate A Coy posn.

B Coy Patrols investigated 223729, 221728 and 223736, NMS.

C Coy Patrol investigated 215712 NMS.

D Coy 1 P1 in contact with enemy vicinity 248748 with at least 1 LMG. Enemy forced to withdraw leaving five dead and two probable. Own cas - nil.

Total Cas for WESTON

	<u>OWN</u>		<u>ENEMY</u>	
	<u>Offrs</u>	<u>ORs</u>	<u>COUNTED DEAD</u>	
KIA	1	2	EST DEAD	7
WIA		5	PsW	3

Lessons

14. There were no outstanding lessons learned, as stated before the op was more of an exercise than an operation, normal procedure and drills were carried out and proved efficient and satisfactory. However, the following points are listed :

- (a) LVTs are suitable only for an assault with a reasonably short approach on a good beach with good beach exits. If used with a long approach (i.e. 5 miles) they are subject to mechanical breakdown. In addition, there is great discomfort for troops - heat, terrific noise and engine fumes.

Unless the beach and exits are good, on reasonably hard, very few LVTs will get ashore or inland. They bog or belly very easily in mud and can become a very real obstruction to following craft.

- (b) All tps incl sp arms can wear shirts at all times.
- (c) The necessity for salt tablets was again demonstrated. It is essential that tps should be educated to take salt prior to, and during op.

PART II - BEAUFORT

Introduction

15. With 2/43 Aust Inf Bn commencing the adv through KOTA KLIAS towards BEAUFORT, the obvious difficulties of approaching BEAUFORT along the rly from WESTON, the advantages of exploiting A Coy's adv up the PADAS R was very apparent. At the same time, the pressure along the rly from WESTON was continuing to draw troops from BEAUFORT. This was a factor not to be overlooked.

16. On 22 Jun 45, orders were received from Bde to exploit the unopposed move of A Coy up PADAS R with two coys, pressure along rly was to be continued pending the early release of 2/32 Aust Inf Bn at WESTON by 2/28 Aust Inf Bn.

Outline

17. On 23 Jun, Tac HQ moved to GADONG area and joined A Coy. In the meantime, A Coy had patrolled further along the river. Patrols also operated inland, investigating native reports. No contact was made with the enemy. The following day elements of C Coy arrived at GADONG area and A Coy moved well along the river and est a firm base at 320923 near the junction of river and telegraph line from KOTA KLIAS. Here they were joined shortly afterwards by A Coy 2/43 Aust Inf Bn who had come overland from KOTA KLIAS. About 2 hours later both Bn Comds met in this area and as Tac Bde HQ could not be raised by wireless, discussed and agreed upon a plan for the capture of BEAUFORT. Upon the arrival in the area of Tac Bde HQ, Bde Comd decided to delay the execution of the plan, although the method used to capture BEAUFORT several days later was materially the same.

18. During the following 2 days, the Bn concentrated. A Coy moving further along river towards BEAUFORT est a firm base on south bank of river at 320900, here they were joined by B Coy. C Coy concentrated 291914 near BnHQ. D Coy eventually released from WESTON also concentrated in this area. On the following day the Bn moved by bounds to 348904. A Coy commenced patrolling along railway line to BEAUFORT, and B Coy patrolling south along line reached PADAS VALLEY village. Minor contact with enemy resulted in three Japs killed.

19. As 2/43 Aust Inf Bn commenced the assault on BEAUFORT, A Coy pushed along the line on the south side of the river towards the rail terminus of STH BEAUFORT. Sharp contact with the enemy at the terminus required the use of 3" mortar before the enemy were forced to withdraw.

20. During the capture of BEAUFORT by the 2/43 Aust Inf Bn, our activities consisted of patrolling with D Coy east along south bank of river and B Coy moving south along rly towards WESTON. Minor contact with enemy only.

C Coy was detached and placed under comd 2/43 Aust Inf Bn. After capture of BEAUFORT by 2/43 Aust Inf Bn, the Bn less B Coy, commenced the exploitation of their success by advancing through them eastwards along rly towards TENOM. B Coy was under comd 2/43 Aust Inf Bn and continued adv south to make contact with 2/28 Aust Inf Bn at LUMADEN.

21. On the TENOM line, contact with the enemy was made near br at 415895, the enemy occupied a well sighted and dug in posn, and though shelled and mortared it was not until encircled by C Coy that this posn was finally cleaned out, and the enemy driven beyond the line of exploitation set by Bde.

22. Bn was then relieved by 2/28 Aust Inf Bn and concentrated at KLIAS, ready for an advance northwards towards PAPAR.

Sequence of Events - BEAUFORT

23. Sunday 23 Jun 45

A Coy River patrol to 270910, land pa trols to 218920 and 233922, all NMS. Natives reported 12/15 Japs in NAPAREN, village mortared.

B & C Coys Local patrols WESTON.

D Coy Readjusted pl posns, no contact.

TacHQ Left for GADONG area, arrived area sq 2290 at 1430 hrs. Area suitable for Bn group base incl gun area. Comms to WESTON and Bde difficult and uncertain.

24. Monday 24 Jun 45

A Coy Patrol along river and est firm base at 330923. A Coy 2/43 Aust Inf Bn contacted them in this posn later in the day. Remainder of Bn less D Coy moving up PADAS R to concentrate D Coy area. Comd went fwd to A Coy, later met Col JEANES. Comms to WESTON and Bde non-existent, Bde Comd arrived GADONG area and ordered concentration of Bn vicinity 290915.

25. Tuesday 25 Jun 45

BY 0900 hrs Bn disposns as follows - A & B Coys area 320900 C Coy 291914, D Coy moving up PADAS R arrived 290915 at 1915 hrs. BnHQ 290915. Local patrols from A Coy NMS, Patrol from B Coy cut and mined rly line at culvert 338877. (The mine later blew up a trolley and wounded 2 Javanese.)

26. Wednesday 26 Jun 45

A Coy Moved to 348904 and commenced probing fwd towards line terminus at STH BEAUFORT.

B Coy Moved to astride line sq 3488 and patrolled to PADAS VALLEY village. Slight contact by these two coys resulted in three Japs killed.

C Coy Moved to 327898,

D Coy to 320900,

BnHQ to 327898.

27.

Thursday 27 Jun 45

A Coy relieved by C Coy moved along axis of rly to STH BEAUFORT terminus. 7 Pl reached terminus without opposition, but were ambushed immediately beyond by enemy at 368892. Own cas 1 killed and two wounded. 8 Pl moved to sp 7 Pl moving to terminus area contacted the enemy in vicinity houses 363897 killed two enemy and captured 1 LMG.

B Coy Patrolling to 364872 (PADAS VALLEY village) NMS/

D Coy Commenced to move south of A Coy through sqs 3688, 3788, at 1800 hrs reported in biv area 376887.

BnHQ moved out to 348903.

28.

Friday 28 Jun 45

Thorough investigation of area occupied carried out by all coys. NMS. Disposn at completion of day.

A Coy less 9 Pl vicinity rail terminus 9 Pl on feature sq 368893,

D Coy less Pl at 373888, 1 Pl 372887,

C Coy moved across river and came under comd 2/43 Aust Inf Bn.

29.

Saturday 29 Jun 45

B Coy commenced moving down line towards WESTON and 1900 hrs reported pl at 337872, 319857, and 325861.

D Coy 1 Pl as a fighting patrol moved to feature in sq 3989.

30.

Sunday 30 Jun 45

On orders from Bde A Coy sent 2 pls to LIMBAWANG and BINGKUL to destroy reported enemy, NMS, ordered to return to rd junc 362907.

B Coy continued moving towards WESTON. 1700 hrs Bde reported 2/28 Aust Inf Bn patrols at LUMADEN, NMS.

C Coy Reverted to comd reported posns 13 Pl 369984, 14 Pl 368910, 15 Pl 367904. D Coy posns 16 Pl 369891, 17 Pl 371886, 18 Pl 373888.

31.

Sunday 1 Jul 45

Day mainly occupied with moving across river and proceeding to posns east of BEAUFORT, to take over the advance along TENOM line from 2/43 Aust Inf Bn. Last light disposn - A Coy Fwd coy reached bridge 400896,

C Coy Moving inland from river and rly had reached 399904 with 13 Pl at 397902.

D Coy at 402895

BnHQ at 384893,

B Coy after contacting 2/28 Aust Inf Bn had returned to 384894.

32. Monday 2 Jul 45

D Coy Took over adv from A Coy and made contact with enemy 412898, also on rly due south from there. Enemy posns well sighted and dug, and his defence stubborn throughout the day. Posns shelled, mortared and probed by D Coy without dislodging enemy.

C Coy reached 418907 with one pl at 421906.

B Coy moved 372948 and took over area from C Coy 2/28 Aust Inf Bn. B & C Coys 2/28 Aust Inf Bn came under comd and relief by them commenced in order to free 2/32 Aust Inf Bn adv to PAPAN.

33. Tuesday 3 Jul 45

Throughout day, further offensive action and attempted encirclement by D Coy, also shelling and mortars on enemy posn 412898, failed to dislodge opposition. Own cas, 1 offr killed, 1 offr wounded 1 OR wounded. Counted enemy dead 1.

C Coy Cut rly line behind enemy posn and killed two.

B Coy In LUMAT area, exchanged shots with 10 Japs ^{one Jap} ~~results~~ ~~unobserved~~, own cas one killed.
killed

A Coy Moved to 374933.

34. Wednesday 4 Jul 45

Enemy pocket at 412898 cleared by combined efforts of D & C Coys. Additional enemy killed 15. Own cas 1 wounded. Relief by 2/28 Aust Inf Bn continued and was completed morning 5 Jul.

Total Cas for BEAUFORT

	<u>Offrs</u>	<u>OWN</u> <u>ORs</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>ENEMY</u>	
KIA	1	4	5	COUNTED DEAD	28*
WIA	1	6	7	EST DEAD	3
			<u>12</u>	PsW	<u>2</u>
					<u>33</u>

35. (a) Comms were a major problem throughout the operation. Wireless was seldom satisfactory due to the low power of 108 sets for the long distances involved. Line remained the only dependable method, but the supply of wire could not be maintained. The problem of carrying wire needs constant attention. Its weight precludes the possibility of manhandling sufficient for the needs of mobile ops. It is suggested that the only real answer is the provision of a pool of three 22 sets or equivalent for use fwd of BnHQ.
- (b) Rivers if suitable are excellent for the mov of tps and supply. American LCMs sp by gunboats are usually the most suitable type of craft for fwd coys.

* Excludes 2 Japs killed by C Coy while u/c 2/43 Bn.

War Diary
Subject - KENINGAU - BINGKOR AREA

2/32 Aust Inf Bn
2 Aug 45

24 AUST INF BDE

1. On 19 Jul 45, VINCENT CHEONG, Chinese of KIMANIS suggested he could arrange for a native patrol of trusted men to go to the above districts and endeavour to obtain infm. As this man had previously given us infm considered fairly reliable the request was approved.

2. The party consisted of :-

TUMANGUNG - Dusun - formerly of KENINGAU - now
resident KIMANIS
MINGGIT - Dusun - formerly of KENINGAU - now
resident KIMANIS
SHUNTING - Dusun - KIMANIS
KUNTING - Dusun - KIMANIS

3. The party left KIMANIS 21 Jul 45 and followed track towards KENINGAU. At KG BOTUNG (not shown on map but stated to be one days march from KIMANIS) saw 70 Japs. They stated that all along the track between KIMANIS and KENINGAU small parties of approx 10/20 Japs were seen and local natives said these parties were constantly doing short protective patrols.

4. There were no Japs at LIAWAN village (ref map JESSELTON 1:250000 8096) but 2 miles further along track towards KENINGAU a def system described as a "fortress" was seen. The patrol endeavoured to recce the area but were ordered by the Japs to leave the track and detour SOUTH to LIAWAN River. However they observed portion of the layout and upon further interrogation described bunkers constructed of logs with hy overhead cover.

5. The party followed the river and reported Jap concentration area $1\frac{1}{2}$ NW of KENINGAU ldg grd. The ldg grd itself was stated to be partially unserviceable and 3 planes, 2 of which are damaged, are concealed in the rubber between the ldg grd and LIAWAN River.

6. The party arrived at KENINGAU on 24 Jul. The trip was very arduous, over steep trails and through very heavy jungle. There are no Japs in the town which was described as not badly damaged by our bombing, although a number of stores had been destroyed.

7. On 25 Jul, the patrol set out for BINGKOR and arrived there on afternoon of the same day. Between the "second" ldg grd and BINGKOR the Japs are between rd and river on EAST side in dug in def posns and also have a Radar sta set up. This party was considered to be in the form of a standing patrol and no further Japs were seen on rd between KENINGAU and BINGKOR.

8. There were no Japs in BINGKOR town but local native reports stated enemy were concentrated outside the town area. Our bombing had damaged the ldg grd, destroyed a part of the town and a number of paddi stores.

9. The party left BINGKOR on 26 Jul, reached KIMANIS on 30 Jul and reported back to PAPAR on 31 Jul 45.

10. These men could give no definite numbers or estimations of enemy str. The infm is not definite but may be of interest.

11. Owing to the inadequacy of existing maps and studies it is not possible to pinpoint posns accurately.

Signed in
the Field
2 Aug 45

V. H. Scott
Lt Col
Comd 2/32 Aust Inf Bn

Wm Brown

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Subject - HYGIENE AND MODESTY OF TPS

2/32 Aust Inf Bn
3 Aug 45

Ref memo "Lack of Modesty by Members of AMF in BEAUFORT Area" issued 27 Jul 45.

1. From a general survey of the area it is obvious that some sub-unit have not complied with this instr.
2. Coy Comds, sub unit comds, and det comds will carry out immediate inspection of their area and ensure that at least shoulder high screens are provided for all latrines, urinals and showers.
3. Tps will be warned that future instances of indecent exposure will result in severe disciplinary action.

(2)

Subject - PROTECTIVE AREA OF PAPAR

1. Protective area of PAPAR is bounded by the following points:-
"PAPAR River from 587332 to 576334 then from River to railway at 580330 then to BARDIA rd at 583330 then to RIVER rd at 588331"
2. NO tps are permitted beyond the protective area except on military duty.

Wm Brown
Adjt 2/32 Aust Inf Bn

REPORT ON OPERATION OBOE SIX

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REPORT BY: 10 pl. 7/16 Aust Fd Coy.

REF MAP: WESTON 1:50,000

LUMADEN 1:50,000

KLIAS 1:50,000

LUMAT 1:50,000

BINSULOK 1:50,000

KIMANIS 1:50,000

PAPAR 1:50,000

PATALI 1:50,000

DATE: 12 Aug 45

SUMMARY:

1. Assault landing at WESTON
2. Advance to BEAUFORT via Padas River
3. Consolidation of BEAUFORT
4. Advance to PAPAR via MEMBAKUT and coast
5. Consolidation of PAPAR

A. H. Brown
For Lt

10 pl. 7/16 Aust Fd Coy

C.O.
Subject to
your approval, I
think this could be
typed in its own form
& included in our War
Diary.
I regard it as an excellent piece
of work.

13/8/45

OK - [Signature]

1. ASSAULT LANDING AT WESTON

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(a) STRENGTH : 1 and 59 plus 2 724 Aust fd park coy.

(b) STORES CARRIED : Normal platoon WE less non-essential stores eg cooking gear, tentage etc.

(c) M.T : 2 GMC's
1 Jeep and trailer
1 tractor
1 Dozer.

(d) SUMMARY : Prior to the landing, which took place at 0930 hrs on 17 Jun 45, sapper parties consisting of 4 each were allotted to C and D Coys 2/32 Bn to proceed with the assault wave. Their task was to clear the beachhead of any obstacles, mines, booby traps etc and generally assist the LVT's to land and the infantry to progress. This done, they were to report to a pre-arranged rendezvous. The landing was unopposed however and no obstacles were encountered.

In due course the pl. moved to a quarry at 212752 with vehicles tractor and dozer. It was realised that the only L of C between WESTON and BEAUFORT was the railway line and this was damaged as little as possible.

Engn tasks in the consolidation of WESTON were :-

- ① The establishment of a water point at 215746. This produced 3000 gals a day - 2 'S' tanks in operation.
- ② Graveling over the railway line from quarry to BMA and

later from a second quarry in the vicinity of the water point back to No 1 quarry.

- ③ Rebuilding, widening and repairing Culverts and bridges from BMA to BHQ.
- ④ Searching for mines on line to LINGKUNGAN and generally making safe for supplies to reach forward elements.
- ⑤ To maintain close support to forward infantry patrols. This support called for sapper parties to declare 'safe' any buildings, bridges, railway trucks etc. encountered and 'booby-trap' the perimeter at night. Two sappers were injured while engaged on this work.

On Wednesday 20 Jun. a recon party of 3 moved with AA Coy on patrol in BIANGKING area. They were to investigate area as a possible base for future ops BEAUFORT. Due, apparently, to rapid movement at the time, the area proved unsatisfactory.

On 23 Jun pl. oc. with 9 or's moved from WESTON to GADONG, the remainder of the pl with all stores less MT following on 24 Jun and coming under command of pl. oc. on Monday 25 Jun.

From this point, movement was carried out by 'barge-hopping' along south bank of Padas River until BEAUFORT was reached on Saturday 30 Jun

Engr tasks during the advance were:-

1. Installation of water points and construction of rough barge offloading points at the various staging areas
- ② Operating FBE boat with outboard motor. This proved most effective for transporting stores over short distances
- ③ Maintain close support to forward patrols.

Recces and patrols worth mentioning:-

- a) on Monday 25 Jun. a sapper party of 4 was sent on patrol with B Coy. Main task was to set a charge on the railway line approx 1/2 mile north of PADAS VILLAGE the object of which was to prevent rail traffic from WESTON. A hand trolley detonated the charge at 2330 hrs wounding 2 enemy and 2 collaborators
- b) on Wednesday 27 Jun a sapper party was sent with a patrol of infantry (which was fired on) to locate and inspect

ADVANCE TO BEAUFORT VIA PADAS RIVER (cont)

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a locomotive on the line to BEAUFORT. The engine was reported in good working order except for a missing gudgeon pin. Another pin was ordered and this arrived on Sunday 1 Jul when the loco was repaired and driven to SOUTH BEAUFORT terminus.

First Engr task in the consolidation of BEAUFORT was to prepare for the establishment of an L of C between BEAUFORT and WESTON. To do this it was necessary to fill bomb craters preparatory to relaying line at South BEAUFORT Terminals and overhaul the locomotive in readiness for a recce on Tuesday 3 Feb.

A recce was carried out to BAKU BAKU by pl. oc. and 1 Sec (SPR GOAD driving) and completed in 6 hours. Prior to its departure the train, which comprised 5 trucks (with stores for 728 Bw) and was armed with 2 Vickers Guns, was inspected by Brig. Porter and staff.

Other Engr tasks were:

1. Operating FBE ferry service between SOUTH BEAUFORT and BEAUFORT
2. To instal water point at SOUTH BEAUFORT
3. To Construct a permanent barge offloading point with ARC mesh and corduroy at BEAUFORT
4. To repair railway line bridges culverts etc to a distance of approx 3 miles from BEAUFORT towards TENOM.

A recce was carried out to a siding approx 1 mile past JIMPANGAH to inspect 3 locomotives and 12 Carriages. One engine and most of the carriages were in good order. This train was later used to haul stone from MEMBAKUT quarry to BEAUFORT.

Prior to moving from BEAUFORT it was necessary for certain repairs to the railway line and filling of bomb craters between BEAUFORT and LUMAT to be carried out. Work on this was completed at approx 1500hrs on Thursday 5 Jul and the pl. moved with its stores to LUMAT.

On Friday 6 Jul. a recon to MEMBAKUT Railway Bridge disclosed that it had been bombed and a 52' gap would have to be bridged.

The pl. moved to MEMBAKUT on Saturday 7 Jul after filling 3 bomb craters and relaying the railway line en route. Engr tasks at MEMBAKUT were:

- ① Installation of water point
- ② Preparing demolished bridge for reconstruction
- ③ Constructing offloading ramps on both sides of MEMBAKUT river
- ④ Building FBE raft to transport artillery and stores across river
- ⑤ Clearing timber from river
- ⑥ Transporting stores in FBE boat and outboard motor to river mouth
- ⑦ Constructing unloading ramp for stores at edge of railway line

- ⑧ Reconditioning Saw mill for the supply of timber for BEAUFORT
- ⑨ Completion of Bridge.

Reces and Patrols : (a) On Sunday 8 Jul. a recce to BONGAWAN Railway Bridge by pl. oc. disclosed that it had been bombed and a gap of 160' would have to be bridged.

(b) On the same day a party of 4 sappers was sent to give engr support to B Coy.

(c) pl. oc. and 2 sappers left Monday 9 Jul on 4 day coast recce towards PAPAR with D Coy.

(d) On Wednesday 11 Jul. 1 Sect. moved from MEMBAKUT to join pl. oc.

Pl oc. with section reached PAPAR on Friday 13 Jul to be joined on Sunday 15 Jul by a further party from MEMBAKUT making a total of 1 and 30

The remainder of the pl. stayed at MEMBAKUT to recondition the Saw mill and complete the bridge.

CONSOLIDATION OF PAPAR

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Engr tasks on arrival in Papar :-

- ① Survey of area in vicinity of river mouth for Auster Air strip. A suitable strip was found and measured 300 yds x 25 yds. Work on this was commenced on Saty 14 Jul. and completed and tested by plane at 181300I
- ② Establishment of an L of C between Coast and PAPAR. For this purpose it was decided to widen a jeepable track running from PAPAR to the Airstrip and rebuild or strengthen the existing bridges and culverts. Should a fall in the river or a sand bar across river mouth make it impossible for LCM's to reach PAPAR, this road would be the only means of access to PAPAR from the Coast. Work was commenced on Saty 14 Jul and is continuing. At present 2 tip trucks and 1 D4 are operating from a quarry at 562348, gravelling the road. A Chinaman was constructed in the quarry to speed the work.
- ③ Installation of water point and tank stands.
- ④ Construction of
 - (a) a semi permanent barge offloading pt with ARC mesh.
 - (b) a permanent timber and stone barge offloading ramp. This is in the course of construction at present.
- ⑤ Setting up FBE ferry Service across PAPAR river.
- ⑥ To bridge a 36' gap in the KIMANIS Railway Bridge. This

CONSOLIDATION OF PAPAR (Cont)

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Work commenced on Friday 27 July and was completed on Friday 3 Aug.

⑦. Reconstruction of KIMANIS Saw mill. This will be used to supply milled timber for the bridges which are yet to be built. The job is 70% complete at present.

RECCES AND PATROLS:

1. On Monday 16 Jul. a sapper party reced to 6030 and found that the road which follows river from PAPAR to 609291 is free of mines and suitable for jeeps for 75% of way. Remaining 25%, or small sections which were not covered by recce could safely be assumed to be jeepable also.
2. On the same day a recce to rail tunnel at 625358 was carried out. In the tunnel were found one loco (derailed) and 8 flat tops damaged beyond repair. Due to bombing, the far end of tunnel was blocked. A 500lb uxB was discovered in the vicinity. This was exploded in situ at 171100 I.
3. A sapper party was sent on Wednesday 18 Jul to patrol up PAPAR river with B Coy. On Sunday 29 Jul, 3 type 93 Jap mines and an improvised box mine were found in KAYAU river area and forwarded to this HQ.
4. A road recce from 582332 to 687282 disclosed that road was jeepable in present state. By rebuilding bridges, track

could be made to take class 9. KAYAU river is not bridged at 582332 - 60' wet gap.

5. On Tuesday 24 Jul a further 2 sappers were sent to B Cay at 686281 to operate FBE boat with outboard motor. This was to transport stores, rations etc.
6. On Wed 8 Aug. 3 UXB's were deloused at 608329.

At a later date, it is intended to improve River Rd and Bardia Rd.

See page 10
1209002.

Barrow
for 11
10pc of 16 Aust 7d Cay.

2/32 Aust Inf Bn
8 Aug 45

A COY
B COY
C COY
D COY
HQ COY

1. INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this memo is to give all ranks some idea of the means whereby their efforts in the form of patrols, Ps W and the sending in of captured documents, insignia, diaries, eqpt etc eventually lead to definite infm regarding the str of the opposing enemy forces, his disposns and probable intention and enable the planning of his defeat.

2. SOURCES OF INFM

On the Bn level, the main sources of infm are :-

(a) The Fwd Tps

By means of actual contact with natives and the enemy the fwd tps are in a posn to gain invaluable infm. Enemy dead must be carefully searched and the following articles (if any) removed.

- (i) Insignia of every kind
- (ii) Identification tags on both clothing and eqpt
- (iii) All papers and Diaries
- (iv) Everything else which even looks like being important (e.g. Packs bearing Jap marks etc)

These articles must be parcelled up and despatched as speedily as possible to Bn Hq with a map ref of the place of capture together with date and time.

At the same time, a description of the physical standards of the departed together with particulars of arms eqpt, minor tactics he used, etc will give a basis for deductions on standards of trg, fitness, morale etc.

Diaries and papers when translated often give particulars of the owner's unit and domestic details of WE, state of sups, Ration strengths, morale and so on.

(b) Native Reports

These are often of great interest. Experience has shown that they must be treated with due caution, as the native has little or no idea of numbers and consequently grossly exaggerates. However, they often accurately describe enemy moves, locations of dumps, state of health, weapons etc.

Infm regarding, say, dumps and enemy concentrations can often be verified by our Tac R Boomerangs operating from LABUAN. If targets are of sufficient importance they may be shelled (as in the case of MANDALIPAU) or bombed and strafed (as at LOK KOWI)

(c) PSW

PSW should be taken if their capture does not place any risk on our own tps. At one time it was thought that the Jap would NOT talk and consequently little importance was attached to the taking of prisoners. The latest instrs stress their value, for, far from being reticent, the Jap has no idea of security and will talk freely. The main reason for this is that the possibility of being taken alive is NOT part of Japanese Military teachings. He is therefore NOT taught to tell only his No Rank and Name.

To illustrate how various items of infm collected and passed back by the fwd coys are used against the enemy, the following incidents in this area will be promulgated to all tps.

NORTHERN SECTOR

A Coy, by sending in natives, provided valuable infm which disclosed that the enemy was thickening up his defs in the KINARUT - LOK KOWI area. By careful interrogation, it was possible to actually "pin point" his disposns.

A small party of Japs, poorly clad and armed with spears, were killed by A Coy outpost at the tunnel area on 21 Jul 45.

On 1 Aug 45, three Japs were killed in roughly the same area - but this party was well fed, well clothed, had new rifles and new eqpt, carried grenades and fd dressings and wore steel helmets cam with dead leaves.

This led to the conclusion that fighting tps had moved into the area and provided partial confirmation of native reports.

The prompt passing back of insignia, eqpt, etc by the Coy disclosed that the enemy party were fighting tps belonging to 2 MG Coy 2 Bn of 25 Independent Mixed Regt - the Coy Comd's name being MIZUTA. The location of this unit had previously not been definitely established although it was thought to be in the JESSELTON area. The unit str (a "ration state" was among the captured documents) placed it as 300. By Tac R, we were able to get the exact layout of his defs and this enabled a bombing and strafing mission by 20 Spitfires and Kittyhawks to be carried out.

EASTERN SECTOR

Continuous patrolling by B Coy, coupled with native reports established the fact that the Jap was making food dumps to the EAST along the PAPAR River. Further reports confirmed that the Jap was endeavouring to get his sups into the interior by moving everything from one dump to another, leaving small protective forces to try and delay any adv by our tps.

Further patrols harassed the enemy and portion of his vital sups were captured by us. Tac R recce enabled us to shell the suspected location of his dumps and according to native reports, cas were inflicted.

From all the foregoing, it was possible to form a fairly accurate deduction of his intention and ultimate destination. As a matter of interest, allied bombers had already blasted his dumps and proposed concentration areas.

On 5 Aug one of our Arty OPs reported movement of small craft towards MENTUKUD, a small island off the coast (6745). Our planes had bombed LOK KOWI that day, native reports also the same day told us Japs were evacuating LOK KOWI using the KINARUT River to the coast. Information came to Bn HQ quickly, was passed higher up pronto. That night PT Boats "did over" the island very thoroughly. Next day (6th) Jap movement was observed to be reversed, from island

to LOK KOWI. Result? - another air strike on LOK KOWI. Yesterday (7 Aug), further reports showed that he is moving out of LOK KOWI by another route. We are still chasing him.

Recently natives reported that Japs in an area along way NORTH EAST of here were using native clothing because their own were in bad condition. It was also reported from an entirely different source that a Jap had been in our area dressed as a native. A few days ago one of our soldiers was shot by a man dressed in native clothing, the fire was returned and the "native" thought to have been wounded. Yesterday natives found the body of a dead Jap dressed in civilian clothing near the railway line NORTH of where the shooting took place.

Conclusion - Part of the first report is definitely confirmed, the veracity of the second report is strengthened.

3. SOUVENIRS

The above incidents should impress all ranks that, in addition to saving lives, our knowledge of enemy movements and intention will enable us to destroy him. Such info can ONLY be obtained by complete understanding, the co-operation of all ranks and the speedy passing back of the items detailed earlier in this memo.

Some doubt appears to still exist as to "souveniring". It is hoped that the following will make the matter clear :-

- (a) Pass EVERYTHING back to Bn Hq. A large proportion of the souvenirs will have no military value and will be returned immediately per Coy "I" man. These articles may be posted direct but a tag, signed by IO must accompany the letter, otherwise they may be returned at Base.
- (b) If a souvenir is particularly required, the owner must attach a tag or label to show Army Number, Name and Home Address. When of no further use to Intelligence of higher formations, the article will be forwarded to the address given.
- (c) IT MUST BE CLEARLY UNDERSTOOD THAT INTELLIGENCE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO RETAIN ANY IMPORTANT ITEM. When this occurs a letter will be despatched to the home address.

Tps must realise that if this occurs, the item is of much more value than a mere souvenir and its retention is assisting in some way to the prosecution of the war and the destruction of the enemy.

As an illustration of this point, certain articles captured in the NEW GUINEA Campaign were of sufficient importance to be forwarded to BRITAIN and AMERICA for expert examination.

Another instance was the capture of some machinery, small engines and spare parts by this Unit in NG. Upon examination by trained Intelligence staff, the location of the actual manufacturing centres of certain vital aircraft parts were discovered. When the American Strategical bombing of Japan first started, these factories (one of which was a bottle neck for ball bearings) were soon of the first targets to be selected.

Information is disclosed in so many ways and by so many things to expert investigators, that happenings and articles, which to you and me seem unimportant or valueless are sometimes, in fact often, of immense value.

DON'T TRUST NATIVES. You and I can't tell the difference by looking at them between a Jap and a Chinese-Malay. Many of the Chinese and Natives understand English but can't or won't speak it.

DON'T DISCUSS ANYTHING in their hearing, not even the 5 year plan. Work out for yourself what the Jap could discover about this unit This Bde and This Div in this area, from loose talk about the above. He can deduce things from Native reports too.

SEND IN INFORMATION QUICKLY - it means Jap casualties.

DON'T DISCLOSE INFORMATION wittingly or unwittingly - it may mean your life or your cobber's.

A trace is attached illustrating enemy disposns as built up from native reports, Tac R etc.

Signed in
the Field
9 Aug 45

V. Scott
Lt Col
Comd 2/32 Aust Inf Bn

RESTRICTED

2/32 Aust Inf Bn
15 Aug 45

TOPOGRAPHICAL INFM

Ref Maps PATAU 1:50000
 PAPAR 1:50000

According to infm obtained from our patrols and native sources, the following inaccuracies appear on above maps :-

PATAU 1:50000

KAGAPAN village should be at ref 693295.
OBAL should be "OBAL" and is situated map ref 710286.
The village of OBAL as marked should in fact be KAMBIJAAN.
The village of KAMBIJAAN should be KUNDASAN at map ref 719323.

PAPAR 1:50000

Track junc ref 642360 should be at 643364

Existing maps are to be adjusted in accordance with above.

L. Gibbons

IO 2/32 Aust Inf Bn Lt

DISTRIBUTION

List "A"
Plus All Att Units

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Date, Time of Origin 151045I

FROM 24 Aust Inf Bde.

TO 2/32 Aust Inf Bn.

GO 468. Secret. Following from 9 Aust Div. Quote. Difficulties may be experienced in ensuring that all enemy has received and are complying with surrender notification. Full security measures must, therefore, be continued. Surrender of individual Japs will NOT be accepted in case of small isolated parties which have lost contact with their unit HQs. Individuals of units trying to surrender are to be directed to report to OC of their unit. Jap unit surrenders will NOT be accepted until further instrs are issued earliest. In event of Jap Comdrs NOT below Coy Comdrs desiring comm with our force, Bn Comdrs directed by Bde Comdrs may make arrangements for interviewing enemy Comdr within our lines. Usual procedure for conducting enemy parliamentaries that is, white flag NO arms, escorts and blindfolded through fwd posns will be adopted. Unquote. Should any Jap Comdr NOT below Coy Comdr communicate with our force, Bn Comdr will advise this HQ and await Bde Comdr's direction as to action to be taken.

SUBJECT

LEAFLETS DROPPED OVER ENEMY LINES

HQ 24 Aust Inf Bde
Ref G218/11/996
25 Aug 45

see
2/28 Aust Inf Bn
2/32 Aust Inf Bn
2/43 Aust Inf Bn
2/12 Aust Fd Regt

1. Herewith copy of a leaflet dropped by Allied planes over enemy held territory during week ended 24 Aug 45.

SEEN

RECEIVED.
2/32 Aust. Inf. Bn.
27 AUG 1945
FILE | | 2149

C.O. _____
2 I/C _____
ADJ. _____
I.O. _____
Q.M. _____
R.S.M. _____

[Signature]
Maj.
BM 24 Aust Inf Bde.

TRANSLATION OF LEAFLETS DROPPED OVER JAP LINES

EMPEROR HIROHITO SURRENDER DECLARATION

Emperor Hirohito commenced by saying that, owing to the pressure of circumstances and after Imperial reflection, he had decided to take the extraordinary measure of accepting the terms of the Potsdam ultimatum. "We declared war on America and Britain because of our sincere desire to ensure our safety and endeavour to carry out a stabilisation of EAST ASIA. It was never our intention to intrude on the sovereignty of other nations, or to embark upon territorial aggrandisement, but now that the war has lasted nearly 4 years, our fighting on would not only result in a collapse and obliteration of the Japanese nation, but would also lead to the total extinction of human civilization. Such being the case, how are we to save our honour and how are we to atone before the hallowed spirits of our ancestors? This is the reason we have ordered Japanese acceptance of the provisions of a joint Allied demand."

STATEMENT OF CASULTIES OWN AND ENEMY 10 JUN to 31 AUG 45

OWN

	<u>Offrs</u>	<u>ORs</u>	<u>Total</u>
KIA	2	7	9
WIA	2	14	16
			25

ANALYSIS

<u>PLACE</u>	<u>A Coy</u>		<u>B Coy</u>		<u>C Coy</u>		<u>D Coy</u>		<u>HQ Coy</u>		<u>Total</u>	
	<u>KIA</u>	<u>WIA</u>	<u>KIA</u>	<u>WIA</u>	<u>KIA</u>	<u>WIA</u>	<u>KIA</u>	<u>WIA</u>	<u>KIA</u>	<u>WIA</u>	<u>KIA</u>	<u>WIA</u>
LABUAN									1			1
WESTON					1	1	1/1	4			1/2	5
BEAUFORT	3	2	1				1/-	1/4			1/4	1/6
PAPAR	1*			1/2							1	1/2
	4	2	1	1/2	1	1	2/1	1/8	1		2/7	2/14

* 2/2 MMG Bn att.

ENEMY

KILLED	55
PROBABLY KILLED	12
PWs	8
	75

ANALYSIS

<u>PLACE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>			<u>A COY</u>			<u>B COY</u>			<u>C COY</u>			<u>D COY</u>		
	<u>K</u>	<u>PK</u>	<u>PW</u>	<u>K</u>	<u>PK</u>	<u>PW</u>	<u>K</u>	<u>PK</u>	<u>PW</u>	<u>K</u>	<u>PK</u>	<u>PW</u>	<u>K</u>	<u>PK</u>	<u>PW</u>
WESTON	8	8	3			3				3	3		5	5	
BEAUFORT	30	3	2	3	1	2	3			18			6	2	
PAPAR	17	1	3	16		1	1		2					1	
	55	12	8	19	1	6	4		2	21	3		11	8	

LIBERATION OF BENONI DISTRICT CELEBRATION

On August 20, at the invitation of OMAN, the chief of BENONI village, Lt-col T.H. Scott, comd 2/52 Aust Inf Bn, accompanied by some of his officers, attended a celebration there to commemorate the liberation of the village and its environs.

The party left PAPAN at sundown and, after travelling part of the way by Jeep, were met by the native chief and his henchmen and completed their journey by prahus over flooded "paddy" fields.

BENONI village is located on an island in a very picturesque setting and the villagers were colourfully attired for the occasion. The cleanliness of the settlement created a favourable impression on the visitors; it is obviously one of the more progressive villages of the PAPAN region.

A cool, open air building had been erected and decorated with wildflowers and ferns. Snowy white tablecloths decorated the tables at which the guests sat and enjoyed native delicacies and coffee.

The natives indulged in their many complicated and (to us) incomprehensible folk dances alternated with selections played by our Regt band, who accompanied the CO's party. Their performance was appreciated by the natives, who had never heard a brass band before, their expressions of approval being very exuberant.

The native chief had an excellent speech of thanks read on behalf of the villagers to which, the CO suitably replied.

To add the carnival touch, our arty fired star shells over BENONI to the great delight of the locals. At first, they recoiled in horror and consternation, with their hands clapped firmly over their ears. Maj R.K. Hardwick of the SRD explained that the bursting of the shell, with the beautiful light therefrom, was symbolical of the lightening of the gloom which had surrounded their waking and sleeping hours during the occupation by the Japanese. This simple imagery was readily understood and, thereafter, much cheering, murmurs of wonderment and sibilant hisses of approval greeted each shell.

Our party, surfeited by the abundance of food and coffee so hospitably provided, returned to PAPAN at 2200 hrs with protestations of goodwill showered upon them from all sides.

Det 'B' 2/32 Aust Inf Bn Unit

1/45 (Serial No.)

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

20 2/32 Aust Inf Bn

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.
Unit 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 Stitches			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangetakers			
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders	1		
Artificer, Artillery	1							Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stvedores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers				Tailors			
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters				Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics											
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)	1										
Fitters				Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				CPLS	2		
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers	1			P.N.R.S	3		
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks				T.K.A	6		
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply				M.T.	9		
Mechanics, Instrument	1			Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical							
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties				Coach Trimmers							
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors							
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks							
Mechanic, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies							
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals							
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.							
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics	2						
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant							
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.							
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers							
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD				Total of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	27		

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.

14/7/45
Date of Despatch

[Signature]
Signature of Commander

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

War Diary

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 4 / 8 / 1945 . 2/32 Aust Inf (Unit)

W.E. 11/129 3 . OFFRS. 53 O.R's. 769 + OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 32 ATT. BY W.E.

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

1	2	3	4	5					6	7	8	9	10			
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.											
Rein'fts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'fts Required.							
Nil	1		1	Lieut.-Colonels												
Nil	2		2	Majors												
			6	Captains	AAMC	1										
		2	32	Lieutenants												
			1	Quarter-masters												
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.												
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.												
	3	2	32			1										
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).				DETAIL	A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.		
				A.	33											33
				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.

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
256	Maj	HENDRY J G	2/23 Aust Inf Bn	2/8/45	Transfer

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 4/8/1945 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Lt Col	SX 10309	SCOTT	T H	Comd	Yes		
Major	WX 529	DIXON	G E	2IC	"		
Major	VX 12007	CAHILL	H M	OC C	No	Det 2/43 Aust Inf Bn	
Capt	QX 6092	DAVIDSON	J J G	OC B	Yes		
Capt	VX 35129	THORNTON	J J	OC A	"		
Capt	VX 39719	CRONK	R G	Adjt	"		
Capt	VX 43009	FENOUSON	J L D	2IC C	"		
Capt	WX 215	WONNER	J F	OC D	"		
Capt	WX 9926	KELLY	M J	2IC A	"		
Lt	WX 17029	IRELAND	R D	A/Adjt	"		
Lt/T/Capt	NX 6259	MERRIS	P	OM	"		
Lt	WX 17029	BUCKLEY	W M	10 Pl	"		
Lt	WX 9585	HAMILTON	A	11 Pl	"		
Lt	WX 2110	SMITH	E A C	4 Pl	No	Det 2/3 Tk/A Regt	
Lt	WX 10752	NORTH	S F	MP	"	Det 24 Bde HQ	16/4/45
Lt	NX 76315	CLEMENTS	P H	9 Pl	Yes		
Lt	NX 46017	HINDMARSH	R I	16 Pl	"		
Lt	NX 101130	GIBBONS	A	10	"		
Lt	VX 100223	TAIG	C C	8 Pl	"		
Lt	VX 10605	GEE	A W B	5 Pl	"		
Lt	QX 11520	BRATTY	H A	13 Pl	"		
Lt	NX 189102	ACKERLY	F E	13 Pl	"		
Lt	VX 89485	FLETCHER	A J	12 Pl	"		
Lt	VX 6243	TREWIN	G J	1 Pl	"		
Lt	DX 745	PETSCHLER	G V	TO	"		
Lt	NX 85257	FITZSIMONS	S M	MP	No	Det 24 Bde Trg Sch Instr	
Lt	TX 446	BILLET	D L	2 Pl	Yes		
Lt	NX 111614	MILLER	M J	15 Pl	"		
Lt	WX 31913	MackINNON	K	3 Pl	"		
Lt	WX 26224	LUKIN	R B	7 Pl	"		
Lt	NX 136572	GEORGE	D A	14 Pl	"		
Lt	SX 11031	McGILCHRIST	J S	17 Pl	"		
<u>Attached by WE</u>							
Capt	NX 201793	HOLLYWOOD	T D	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	NX 165247	MOMANUS P	AACHD	2/8/44	Unit Chaplain
MP	B3/232	McINTYRE J L	3A Rep	23/5/45	Welfare Offr

Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

Lt Col

WAR DIARY

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Army Form W3008
(Adapted) (Page 1)
(Revised Jan., 1943)

32 / 45 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 11 / 8 / 1945 2/52 Aust Inf Bn (Unit)

W.E. 11 / 180 3 OFFRS. 33 O.R's. 700 + OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 32 ATT. BY W.E.

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

W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.							
Rein'fts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'fts Required.			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10			
				Lieut.-Colonels *								
				Majors *								
				Captains								
				Lieutenants	AAC	1						
				Quarter-masters								
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.								
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.								
	3	1	32			1						
		DETAIL	A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
		A.	33									33
		E.(1)										
		E.(2)										

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

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.
WX 8667	Capt	A P A DEWESS	Hoop	1/9/45	Rej Unit

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
WX 6233	Lt/T/Capt	P HEARS	6233 HQ L of C	1/9/45	W/O Discharge

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).

2/30 Aust Inf Bn

Unit

32 / 45 (Serial No.)

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 11/8/1945 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Lt Col	10309	SCOTT	T H	1001	Yes		
Major	539	DYER	G H	100	Yes		
Major	18007	GARRETT	H H	100	No	Det 2/45 Aust Inf Bn	
Capt	8002	DAVIDSON	J J	100	Yes		
Capt	38130	THORNTON	J J	100	"		
Capt	30710	ORR	R O	100	"		
Capt	0647	DEWESS	L P	100	"		
Capt	45000	FITCH	L P	100	"		
Capt	218	HOBBS	J P	100	"		
Capt	9926	KELLY	H J	100	"		
Lt	17020	IRWIN	R D	100	"		
Lt	17023	MURPHY	H H	100	"		
Lt	0505	HAMILTON	A	11 P1	"		
Lt	2110	SMITH	A G	1 P1	No	Det 2/45 Bn/A Regt	
Lt	10752	NORTH	L P	1 P1	No	Det 24 Bn/A Regt	10/4/45
Lt	70316	CLIMENTS	P H	0 P1	Yes		
Lt	40017	HINDMARSH	R I	10 P1	"		
Lt	101130	GIBBONS	A	10	"		
Lt	100808	TAID	O O	0 P1	"		
Lt	10005	ONE	A W	0 P1	"		
Lt	11820	HEASTY	A A	10 P1	"		
Lt	130182	ACKERLY	P H	10 P1	"		
Lt	00405	FLITTOUR	A J	10 P1	"		
Lt	0043	TRIMIN	O J	1 P1	"		
Lt	745	FITZGERALD	O V	10	"		
Lt	00207	FITZGERALD	O H	10	No	Det 24 Bn/A Regt	
Lt	440	BILLET	O L	0 P1	No	Det 24 Bn/A Regt	July 5/45
Lt	111614	WILLER	H J	10 P1	Yes		
Lt	31013	HOOVER	K	0 P1	"		
Lt	00204	LINCH	R D	0 P1	"		
Lt	136572	ORR	O A	14 P1	"		
Lt	11031	HOLLICROFT	J B	17 P1	"		
Attached by me							
Capt	201703	HOLLICROFT	T D	100	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	105047	ROMANUS P	AAHQ	2/3/45	Unit Chaplain
LT	3/233	MCINTYRE J L	AA Regt	13/5/45	welfare officer

11 Aug 45
Date of Despatch

[Signature]
Signature of Commander

WAR DIARY

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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53 / 45 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 15 / 8 / 1945 (Unit) 2/52 Aust Inf Bn

W.E. 11 / 120 3 OFFRS. 33 O.R's. 700 + OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 32 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.				
Nil	2		1	*									
Nil	1	1	1	*	AAMC	1							
			7	Lieut.-Colonels									
			21	Majors									
			1	Captains									
				Lieutenants									
				Quarter-masters									
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.									
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.									
	5	1	31			1							
		DETAIL		A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
		A.		32									32
		E.(1)											
		E.(2)											

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

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

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

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

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
WA 529	MAJ	DIXON G R	2/4 AGI	15/8/45	Evacuated

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).

2/33 Aust Inf Bn Unit

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 19 / 8 / 1945 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Lt Col	OX 10309	SCOTT	T H	Comd	Yes		
Major	VX 12007	CARILL	H M	MP	No	Det 2/45 Aust Inf Bn	
Capt	OX 6092	DAVIDSON	J J G	OC HQ	Yes		
Capt	V1 28129	THORNTON	J J	OC A	"		
Capt	VX 39719	CHONK	R G	OC C	"		
Capt	WX 0887	DEWESS	A P A	OC D	"		
Capt	VX 48089	FREDERSON	J L D	SIC C	"		
Capt	WX 213	WIGHER	J F	OC B	"		
Capt	WX 2986	KELLY	H J	SIC A	"		
Lt	WX 17029	IRELAND	R D	Adj	"		
Lt	WX 17030	BUCKLEY	H K	10 Pl	"		
Lt	WX 2595	HAMILTON	A	11 Pl	"		
Lt	WX 2110	SMITH	B A G	4 Pl	No	Det 2/5 Tr/A Regt	
Lt	WX 10762	HORTH	B F	MP	"	Det 24 Bde HQ	19/4/45
Lt	WX 76818	CLIMBERS	P H	8 Pl	Yes		
Lt	WX 45017	HINDMANSH	R I	16 Pl	"		
Lt	WX 101130	GIBBONS	A	10	"		
Lt	VX 109295	TALO	C G	8 Pl	"		
Lt	V1 10305	OS	A W B	5 Pl	"		
Lt	OX 11330	DEATY	H A	18 Pl	"		
Lt	WX 139122	ACKERIT	F E	13 Pl	"		
Lt	V1 33438	FLETCHER	A J	12 Pl	"		
Lt	VX 0843	BRIN	O J	1 Pl	"		
Lt	DX 745	FRIEDLER	G V	08	"		
Lt	WX 05237	FITZSIMONS	G M	12	No	Det 24 Bde Trg Sch Infr Det	
Lt	WX 446	BILLIAT	D L	2 Pl	"	do	5/8/45
Lt	WX 111614	KILLER	H J	15 Pl	Yes		
Lt	WX 21913	NECKINSON	E	3 Pl	"		
Lt	WX 26224	LUXIN	R B	7 Pl	"		
Lt	WX 128572	CHONK	D A	14 Pl	"		
Lt	OX 11031	MCYLAURIST	J S	17 Pl	"		
Adj by HQ							
Capt	WX 201703	HOLLYWOOD	T D	EMO	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	WX 105247	McMANNING P	AACHD	2/2/44	Unit Chaplain
MP	33/238	McINTYRE J L	SA Reg	23/5/45	Welfare offr

19 Aug 45
Date of Despatch

V H Scott
Signature of Commander

WAR DIARY

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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34 / 45 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 25 8 / 194 5 2/32 Aust Inf Bn (Unit)

W.E. 11 120 5 OFFRS. 33 O.R's. 700. + OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 33 ATT. BY W.E.

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

W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.											
1	2	3	4		5	6	7	8	9	10						
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.							
111	2		1	*												
111	5		1	*												
2	2		13	Lieut.-Colonels	AAMC	1										
			1	Majors												
				Captains												
				Lieutenants												
				Quarter-masters												
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.												
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.												
2	7		23			1										
				DETAIL	A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.		
Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).				A.	27									27		
				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.

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
VX 55129	Capt	THORNTON J J	GDD Vic	24/8/45	Discharge
VX 43089	Capt	FERGUSON J L	GDD Vic	24/8/45	Discharge
QX 11580	Lt	BEATH H A	2/13 Fd Amb	20/8/45	Evacuated sick
VX 6243	Lt	TRENIN G J	GDD Vic	24/8/45	Discharge
TX 446	Lt	BILLET D L	GDD Tas	24/8/45	Discharge

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday/...../194. (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	SX 10309	SCOTT	T H	Comd	Yes		
MAJOR	VX 13007	CAILL	H M	SIC	No	Det 2/43 Aust Inf Bn	
capt	VX 5092	DAVIDSON	J J G	CC HQ	Yes		
capt	VX 39719	CHOK	R G	CC C	"		
capt	WX 8687	BRINNES	A P A	CC D	"		
capt	WX 213	WOMER	J Y	CC B	"		
capt	WX 9986	KELBY	M J	CC A	"		
LT	WX 17029	IRLAND	R D	Adj	No	Det 9 Div Jr Staff Sqn	
LT	WX 17025	BUCKLEY	W H	10 Pl	Yes		
LT	WX 9595	HAMILTON	A	11 Pl	"		
LT	WX 2170	SMITH	E A G	4 Pl	"		
LT	WX 10752	NORTH	S F	NP	No	Det 24 Bde HQ	16/4/45
LT	WX 76315	CLEMENTS	P H	9 Pl	Yes		
LT	WX 46017	ALDRIDGE	R I	16 Pl	"		
LT	WX 101130	GIBSONS	A	10	"		
LT	VX 10898	TAIG	C C	3 Pl	"		
LT	VX 10805	GEE	A W B	6 Pl	"		
LT	WX 150152	ACKENLY	F D	13 Pl	"		
LT	VX 86485	FLETCHER	A J	12 Pl	"		
LT	WX 745	FETSCHER	O V	3E	"		
LT	WX 83237	FITZSIMONS	S H	A/Adj	No	Det 24 Bde HQ	5/9/45
LT	WX 111614	MILLER	M J	15 Pl	Yes		
LT	WX 31913	MACLIMON	K	5 Pl	"		
LT	WX 26224	LURIN	R B	7 Pl	"		
LT	WX 136572	GEORGE	D A	14 Pl	"		
LT	SX 11031	MCILCHRIST	J S	17 Pl	"		
Att by ME							
capt	WX 201003	HOLLEWOOD	T D	BNQ	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	WX 165247	MCNAMUS P	AACHD	2/3/44	Unit Chaplain
MF	25/232	MCINTYRE J L	3A Rep	13/5/45	Welfare Offr

25 AUG 45

Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 4/8/1945.

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.F.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer				Surveyors, B.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				Rangefinders			
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				Stevedores			
Computers								Eiggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers				Tailors			
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters				Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics											
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)											
Fitters				Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors							
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers							
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks							
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply							
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical							
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties				Coach Trimmers							
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors							
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks							
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies							
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals							
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.							
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics							
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tpin. Plant							
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.							
Photewriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers							
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD				Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	*	*	

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.

Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

UNIT : 3/52 AUSTRALIAN INF BATT

DATE 5 AUG 45

Trade Group	Classification	Rank	WM	Posted strength	Def	Surp	Rfts Recd.
	Blacksmith	Pte	1	1			
	Factor MT			1		1	
II	Carpenter	Pte	6	4	2		
	Int duties	Sgt	1	1			
	" "	Cpl	2	2			
	" "	Pte	7	7			
	Signallers	Cpl	4	4			
	Signallers	Pte	23	23		3	
III	Butcher	Pte	1	1			
	Clerk	Sjt	2	2			
	"	Cpl	6	6			
	"	Pte	4	7		3	
	Mpt Repairer	Pte	1	1			
	Rangefinder	Pte	4	3		1	
	Storeman Tech	Sgt	1	1			
	" "	Pte	3	3			
	Tailor	Sjt	1	1			
	"	Cpl	1	1			
	Gunlayers	Pte	8	7	1		Rfts NOT reqd
	Dvr Mech			9		9	
	Roughriders			1		1	
MON	RM	WOI	1	1			
SPEC	CSM	WOII	5	4	1		Awaiting Promis
	RMS	WOII	1	1			Rfts NOT reqd
	CMS	S/Sjt	5	5			
	Pl Sjts	Sjts	25	22	3		1 Hosp, 2 Awaiting
	Batmen	Ptes	35	35			from Rfts NOT reqd
	DVR MT	Cpl	1	1			
	" "	Pte	11	11			
	Gen Duties (Mess)	Ptes	3	3			
	HYG Duties	Ptes	4	4			
	LMG/Riflemen	Cpls	36	41		5	
	" "	Ptes	561	337	224		
	IMGNos	Cpls	2	2			
	" "	Ptes	20	20			
	Mortar Nos	Cpls	5	5			
	" "	Ptes	68	63			
	Orderlies	Ptes	32	32			
	Pioneers	Cpls	4	4			
	" "	Ptes	23	23			
	Regt Police	Sjt	1	1			
	" "	Ptes	6	6			
	storemen	Ptes	6	6			
	S/Bearers	Sjt	1	1			
	" "	Cpl	2	2			
	" "	Ptes	18	18			
	Tk/A Gun Nos	Cpls	4	4			
	" " "	Ptes	157	7			
	Water Duties	Ptes	2	2			
TOTAL C/Forward			769	761	31	23	

APPENDIX "A" (Contd)

Classification	Rank	VA	Posted Strength	Def	Comp	Rtts Red.
Total brought forward		788	703	81	83	
<u>APPROVED BY ME</u>						
<u>AAC</u>						
Janitor	Cpl	1	1			II
Inspector	Sgt	1	1			
Orderly	Sgt	1	1			
"	Pte	1	1			
<u>AAC</u>						
Shoemaker	Cpl	1	1			III
<u>AAPS</u>						
Postal duties	Sgt	1	1			
<u>APO</u>						
Pay Clerk	Sgt	1	1			
"	Cpl	1	1			
<u>AACO</u>						
Caterer	WOII	1	1			
Books	Sgt	5	5			keep Rts not food
"	Cpl	5	5			
"	Pte	13	13			
		801	708	82	83	

SURPLUS TRADESMAN NOT ALLOCATED BY ME

PL	Grds	VA	Posted	Def	Surplus
1	PL SAs	12	12		
2	PL SAs	1	1	1	
3	PL SAs	1	1		
4	PL SAs	3	3	1	
5	PL SAs	1	1		
Totals		25	25	2	

DATE OF DESPATCH 4 Aug 48

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

2/32 Aust Inf Bn

Unit

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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 11/8/1945.

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 Sitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangetakers			
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Riveters			
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				Stevedores			
Computers								Biggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers				Tailors			
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identifn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Sty. Comd's Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Bellermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters				Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics											
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)											
Fitters				Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors							
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers							
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks							
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply							
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical							
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties				Coach Trimmers							
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors							
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks							
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies							
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Elders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals							
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.							
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics							
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant							
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.							
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers							
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD				Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.			*

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11 Aug 45
Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

APPENDIX "A" to W5009

UNIT : 3/52 AUSL INT B1

DATE 11 Aug 48

Trade Group	Classification	Rank	WF	Posted Strength	Def	Group	Rfts Recd.
I	Blacksmith	Pte	1	1			
II	Carpenter	Pte	6	6	1		
	Int Duties	Sgt	1	1			
	" "	Cpl	2	2			
	" "	Pte	7	7			
	Signallers	Cpl	4	4			
	Signallers	Pte	28	28			
	Drainer			1		1	
	Dvr Operators			2		2	
III	Butcher	Pte	1	1		1	
	Clerk	Sjt	2	2			
	"	Cpl	6	6			
	"	Pte	4	7		3	
	Wgt Repairer	Pte	1	1	1		
	Rangstaker	Pte	4	5		1	
	Storeman Tech	Sgt	1	1			
	"	Pte	3	4		1	
	Tailor	Sgt	1	1			
	"	Cpl	1	1			
	Gunlayers	Pte	8	10		2	
	Dvr Mech			8		8	
	Roughriders			1		1	
NON SPEC	RM	WOI	1	1			
	CSM	WOII	5	4	1		
	RMS	WOIII	1	1			
	CMS	S/Sjt	5	4	1		
	Pl Sjts	Sjts	25	21	4		
	Batmen	Ptes	35	35			
	Dvr LT	Cpl	1	1			
	" "	Pte	11	11			
	Gen Duties (less)	Ptes	3	3			
	Hyg Duties	Ptes	4	4			
	LMG/Riflemen	Cpls	36	39		3	
	" "	Ptes	561	393	23		
	MMGs	Cpls	2	2			
	" "	Ptes	20	20			
	Mortar Nos	Cpls	5	5			
	" "	Ptes	68	68			
	Orderlies	Ptes	32	32			
	Pioneers	Cpls	4	4			
	"	Ptes	28	28			
	Regt Police	Sjt	1	1			
	" "	Ptes	6	6			
	Storemen	Ptes	6	6			
	S/Bearers	Sjt	1	1			
	"	Cpl	2	2			
	"	Ptes	18	18			
	Tk/L Gun Nos	Cpls	4	4			
	" " "	Ptes	15	7			
	Water Duties	Ptes	2	2			
TOTAL O/Forward			762	753	34	23	

Awaiting Promulg
Rfts NOT reqd
do NOT reqd
1 Hosp 3 A/Promulg
Rfts NOT reqd

APPENDIX "A" (Contd)

Classification	Rank	W/L	Posted Strength	Dat	Surp	Rtts Req.
Total Brought Forward			768	34	85	
<u>ATTACHED BY ME</u>						
<u>AAOC</u>						
Chiropodist	Cpl	1	1			
W. Inspector	Sgt	1	1			
ed Orderly	Sgt	1	1			
" "	Pte	1	1			
<u>AAOC</u>						
shoemaker	Cpl	1	1			
<u>AAPS</u>						
Postal duties	Sgt	1	1			
<u>APO</u>						
Pay Clerk	Sgt	1	1			
" "	Cpl	1	1			
<u>AAOC</u>						
Caterer	WOII	1	1			
books	Sgt	5	5			
"	Cpl	5	5			
"	Pte	13	13			
		801	789	30	23	

SURPLUS TRADESMEN
NOT ALLOCATED BY ME

PL Sigs	W/L	Posted	Dat	Surplus
1. PI Sigs	12	11	1	
2. PI Sigs	1	1	1	
3. PI Sigs	1	1	1	
4. PI Sigs	3	3	1	
5. PI Sigs	1	1	1	
Totals	25	21	4	

DATE OF DESPATCH 11 Jul 45

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Lt-Col.
Comd 2/32 Aust Inf Bn

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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 / /194 .

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				Rangotakers			
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				Stevedores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signalers				Tailors			
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identif. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				By. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Valcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters				Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics											
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)											
Fitters				Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors							
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers							
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks							
Grinder, Precision				Hello Operator				Clerks, Supply							
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical							
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties				Coach Trimmers							
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors							
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks							
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies							
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals							
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.							
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics							
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tpin. Plant							
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.							
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers							
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD				Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	*	*	

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Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

UNIT : 2/32 AUST INF BN

DATE 18 Aug 45

Trade Group	Classification	Rank	WE	Posted Strength	Def	Surp	Rfts Reqd
I	Blacksmith	Pte	1	1			
II	Carpenter	Pte	6	5	1		
	Int duties	Sgt	1	1			
	" "	Cpl	2	2			
	" "	Pte	7	7			
	Signallers	Cpl	4	4			
	Signallers	Pte	22	22			
	Drainer			1		1	
	Dvr Operators			2		2	
III	Butcher	Pte	1	2		1	
	Clerk	Sjt	2	2			
	" "	Cpl	6	6			
	" "	Pte	4	7		3	
	Emp Repairer	Pte	1	1	1		
	Rangemaker	Pte	4	5		1	
	Storeman Tech	Sgt	1	1			
	" "	Pte	3	4		1	
	Tailor	Sgt	1	1			
	" "	Cpl	1	1			
	Gunlayers	Pte	8	8			
	Dvr Mech			8		8	
	Roughriders			1		1	
NON SPEC	RM	WOI	1	1			
	CSM	WOII	5	4	1		Awaiting Promulg
	RMS	WOII	1	1			Rfts NOT reqd
	CS	S/Sjt	5	4	1		do NOT reqd
	Pl Sjt	Sjts	25	21	4		1 Hosp 3 A/Promulg
	Batmen	Ptes	35	35			Rfts NOT reqd
	AVM/T	Cpl	1	1			
	" "	Pte	11	11			
	Gen duties (Mess)	Ptes	3	3			
	Hyg duties	Ptes	4	4			
	BMG/Riflemen	Cpls	36	39		3	
	" "	Ptes	361	335	26		
	IMG Nos	Cpls	2	2			
	" "	Ptes	20	20			
	Mortar Nos	Cpls	5	5			
	" "	Ptes	68	68			
	Orderlies	Ptes	32	32			
	Pioneers	Cpls	4	4			
	" "	Ptes	28	28			
	Regt Police	Sjt	1	1			
	" "	Ptes	6	6			
	Storemen	Ptes	6	6			
	S/Bearers	Sjt	1	1			
	" "	Cpl	2	2			
	" "	Ptes	18	18			
	Tk/gun Nos	Cpls	4	4			
	" "	Ptes	15	7			
	Water duties	Ptes	2	2			
TOTAL C/forward			769	756	34	21	

Classification	Rank	WE	Posted Strength	Def	Surp	RECS Req.
Total brought forward		739	756	54	21	
<u>ALLOWED BY WE</u>						
<u>AMC</u>						
Chiroprapist	Cpl	1	1			
WV Inspector	Sgt	1	1			
Head Orderly	Sgt	1	1			
" "	Pte	1	1			
<u>AACC</u>						
Shoemaker	Cpl	1	1			
<u>AAPS</u>						
Postal duties	Sgt	1	1			
<u>APC</u>						
Pay Clerk	Sgt	1	1			
" "	Cpl	1	1			
<u>AACC</u>						
Interpreter	WOII	1	1			
Books	Sgt	5	4	1		Hosp Rft NOT Reqd
" "	Cpl	5	5			
" "	Pte	13	13			
		801	787	35	21	

STAMPIUS TRADESMAN
NOT ALLOWED BY WE

PL Spts	WE	Posted	Def	Surplus
1 Pl Spts	12	11	1	
2 Pl Spts	3	3	1	
3 Pl Spts	3	4	1	
4 Pl Spts	3	2	1	
5 Pl Spts	1	1		
Totals	25	21	4	

DATE OF DESPATCH

18 Aug 45

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2/32 Aust Inf Bn Unit

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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				Sangetakers			
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			
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers				Tailors			
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				By. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters				Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics											
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)											
Fitters				Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors							
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers							
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks							
Grinder, Precision				Heli Operator				Clerks, Supply							
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical							
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties				Coach Trimmers							
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors							
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks							
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies							
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals							
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.							
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics							
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant							
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.							
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers							
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assis.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD				Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.			* *

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Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

UNIT : 2/52 AUSTRALIAN INF BATT

DATE 25 Aug 45

Grade Group	Classification	Rank	WE	Posted Strength	Def	Surp	Rfts Reqd
I	Blacksmith	pte	1	1			
II	Carpenter	Pte	6	6	1		
	Int Duties	Sgt	1	1			
	" "	Cpl	2	2			
	" "	Pte	7	7			
	Signallers	Cpl	4	3	1		Awaiting Promulg Rfts NOT Reqd
	Signallers	Pte	22	22			
	Drainer Dvr Operators			1 2			1 2
III	Butcher	Pte	1	2		1	
	Clerk	Sjt	2	2			
	" "	Cpl	6	6			
	" "	Pte	4	7		3	
	Empt Repairer	Pte	1		1		Awaiting Promulg Rfts NOT Reqd
	Rangemaker	Pte	4	4			
	Storeman Tech	Sgt	1	1			
	" "	Pte	3	3			
	Tailor	Sgt	1	1			
	" "	Cpl	1	1			
	Gunlayers	Pte	8	9			1
	Dvr Mech			8			8
	Roughriders			2			2
NON SPEC	RAI	WOI	1		1		Awaiting Promulg Rfts NOT Required
	CSM	WOII	5	1	4		
	RMS	WOII	1		1		
	CMS	S/Sjt	5	3	3		
	Pl Sjts	Sjts	25	19	6		1 Hosp 5 A/Promulg Rfts NOT reqd
	Batmen	Ptes	35	35			
	AVF LT	Cpl	1	1			
	" "	Pte	11	11			
	Gen Duties (Mess)	Ptes	3	3			
	HYG Duties	Ptes	4	4			
	IMG/Riflemen	Cpls	36	41		5	
	" "	Ptes	361	351	30		
	IMG Nos	Cpls	2	2			
	" "	Ptes	20	20			
	Mortar Nos	Cpls	5	5			
	" "	Ptes	68	68			
	Orderlies	Ptes	32	32			
	Pioneers	Cpls	4	4			
	" "	Ptes	23	23			
	Regt Police	Sjt	1	1			
	" "	Ptes	6	6			
Storemen	Ptes	6	6				
S/Bearers	Sjt	1	1				
" "	Cpl	2	2				
" "	Ptes	18	18				
Tk/A Gun Nos	Cpls	4	4				
" " "	Ptes	15	7				
Water Duties	Ptes	2	2				
TOTAL C/Forward			760	744	48	23	

APPENDIX "A" (Contd)

Classification	Rank	WE	Posted Strength	Def	Surp	Rfts Reqd.
Total brought forward		739	744	48	85	
<u>ALLOWED BY WE</u>						
<u>AAC</u>						
Chiropract	Cpl	1	1			
Inspr	Sgt	1	1			Awaiting Promulg
Orderly	Sgt	1	1			Rfts NOT Reqd
"	Pte	1	1			
<u>AACC</u>						
Shoemaker	Cpl	1	1			
<u>AAPS</u>						
Postal duties	Sgt	1	1			
<u>ALPC</u>						
Pay Clerk	Sgt	1	1			
"	Cpl	1	1			
<u>AACC</u>						
Caterer	WOII	1	1			
Books	Sgt	5	5	3		Rfts NOT Reqd
"	Cpl	5	5	1		Resp Rfts NOT Reqd
"	Pte	13	13			
		801	771	53	85	

EXTRA TRADESMEN
NOT ALLOWED BY WE

PL	Grds	WE	Posted	Def	Surplus
1	PL Sigs	12	13	1	1
2	PL TIC	3	1	2	
3	PL Hqs	3	3	2	
4	PL Trk	3	2	1	
5	PL Pns	1	1	1	
Totals		25	19	7	1

DATE OF DESPATCH 25 AUG 45

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Lt-Col
Comd 2/32 Aust Inf Bn

