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**2nd Australian Imperial Force and Citizen
Military Forces unit war diaries, 1939-45 War**

Item number: 8/5/1

2/1 Machine Gun Battalion

December 1944

WAR DIARY ~~or~~ INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Army Form C.21
(adapted.)

Unit 2/1 Aust Machine Gun Bn. Date and Time.—From 1 Dec 44 To 31 Dec 44.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
KAIRI	1 Dec 44.		Coy Comd Conference. I.O. to Div re Divisional Exercise. Meeting of Sports Committee and Welfare Committee to discuss programme for Unit Sports on occasion of 6th Anniversary of Unit. Owing to Div Exercise sports to be held on 22 - 23 Dec 44.	BRO F 2 attached as Appendix 'A'.
KAIRI.	2 Dec 44/		CO completed final planning for exercise and traces, etc sent to 7 Div HQ. Inspection of unit WE. I.O. to 2/4 Aust Pnr Bn, 2/7 Cav(Commando) Regt and 8 Bty 2/2 Tk A Regt re movement for Div Exercise.	Trg Programme 4 to 14 Dec 44 Appx 'B' Recce Exercise Rampant Appx 'C'
KAIRI.	3 Dec 44.		C.O., Adjnt, I.O., Q.M.(Capt McKerrow), C.O., 2/4 Aust Pnr Bn, Maj McCaffrey as C.O. 2/1 Aust M G Bn, O.C. 8 Bty Tk A. Capt Cameron (Div Sigs) on recce in Malanda Area of dispositions of enemy during ^{all} phases of exercise.	Coy Exercise Instr. Appx 'D' 7 Aust Div Trg Exercise , Appx 'E'. Trg Instr 63/44. Appx 'F'.
KAIRI.	4 Dec 44.		C.O. and O.Cs 2/3 and 2/6 Cav Sqn and O.C. 2/4 Fd Coy on same recce as for 3 Dec.	
KAIRI.	5 Dec 44.		2/4 Pnr Bn, 2/3 and 2/6 Cav Commando Sqns, 8 Bty 2/2 Tk A Regt, 2/4 Fd Coy under comd for exercise. I.O., Capt Thornton, Capt Manson, to Arty demonstration	

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KAIRI.	5 Dec 44.	(Continued)	of Divisional Arty. 2/4 Aust Pnr Bn and 2/4 Aust Fd Coy to Lomond's Hill.	BRO F 3 , Appx 'G'.
KAIRI.	6 Dec 44.		C.O., Adjt, I.O., and staff selected to function as enemy force HQ moved to Lomond's Hill Exercise Area and established HQ. 2/3 and 2/6 Cav Sqns moved to RV.	
KAIRI.	7 Dec 44.		2/1 Aust M G Bn, 7 Div Sigs and Pro to RV. Exercise commenced and ran according to "Sequence of Events", 7 Aust Div Exercise 'RAMPANT' -	
	to 11 Dec 44.		Exercise concluded 111400K.	
KAIRI.	12 Dec 44.		Bn concentrated and moved to Bivouac Area at 568138 BATTLE FRERE 1 in to 1 mile. Rest Day.	
KAIRI.	13 Dec 44.		Morning - rest. Afternoon - At 1600 hrs 'C' Coy under comd 25 Aust Inf Bde and 'D' Coy under comd 18 Aust Inf Bde for exercise 'FESTIVE'. Bn HQ, 'A' and 'B' Coys to Mt QUINCAN area as Div troops. Maj H.S. Plummer, Adm Comd.	
			C.O. to 1 Aust Corps to conference on WET of a M G Bn. I.O. to Brig Dougherty conference re enemy dispositions for Exercise 'Festive'.	BRO F 4 , Appx 'H'.

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Army Form C.2118
(adapted.)Unit 2/1 Aust Machine Gun Bn.Date and Time.—From 1 Dec 44 To 31 Dec 44/

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
KAIRI.	14 Dec 44.		Exercise 'FESTIVE' commenced. C.O. in comd SOUTH enemy sector. I.O. remained with C.O. "Enemy" raided 'A' Coy area. Aldershot grenades and "69" grenades thrown. Blood on ground indicated that one of attackers may have been accidentally injured.	
KAIRI.	15 Dec 44.		C.O. and I.O. returned to 2/1 M G Bn and reced areas for suitable positions to support Bde attacks. C.O. recommended to Div that 18 and 25 Bdes be given an additional MG Coy in support.	
KAIRI.	16 Dec 44.		'A' Coy to 18 Aust Inf Bde and 'B' Coy to 25 Aust Inf Bde, to be in support. Bn HQ moved to Malanda Falls Area at 1600 hrs. Further reece by C.O., I.O. and Adjnt.	
KAIRI.	17 Dec 44.		Bn HQ moved to 583158 BARTLE FRERE 1 in to 1 mile, at 1400 hrs. C.O. recommended that the Coys come under comd to co-ordinate fire plan for attack on Lomond's Hill on 18 Dec.	

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KAIRI.	18 Dec 44.		GOCs order ^s for attack given at 0900 hrs. Coys remain under Comd Bdes. 'H' hr 1400 hrs. Exercise finished 1530 hrs. Bn concentrated at bivouac area at 565103 BARTLE FRERE 1 in to 1 mile.	
KAIRI.	19 Dec 44.		Bn returned to Kairi Camp at 0700 hrs. C.Os conference at 1000 hrs, to discuss exercises. GOC addressed Div Offrs, Coy Comds and above, at picture theatre at 1400 hrs. First monsoonal rains.	BRO F 5, Appx 'I'.
KAIRI.	20 Dec 44.		Rest Day.	
KAIRI.	21 Dec 44.		Divisional Sports Day. Only event won by Bn - grenade throwing.	Adm Instr 13/44. Appx 'J'.
Kairi.	22 Dec 44.		Preparation for unit swimming carnival to be held on 23 Dec.	BRO F 6, Appx 'K'
KAIRI.	23 Dec 44		Swimming Carnival held at Malanda Falls Pool. 'B' Coy won points score.	Swimming Adm Instr , Appx 'L' Adm Instr 14/44, Appx 'M'.
KAIRI.	24 Dec 44.		Church parade. Rest.	
KAIRI.	25 Dec 44.		Christmas Day.	
KAIRI.	26 Dec 44.		'A' Coy and 13 Pl 'D' Coy to DEAD MAN'S GULLY at Cairns area to carry out training with Landing Vehs Track No. 1 during period 27 - 30 Dec 44.	BRO F 7, Appx 'N'.

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KAIRI.	26 Dec 44	(Continued)	C.O., 2 IC, Adjt, and I.O. and 2 offr's per Coy as observers. Medium Machine Guns successfully mounted over cabin and fired to support landing of 'Assault Wave'. Fire effect was good but owing to gun numbers having to fully expose themselves to remove guns from vehicles on reaching timber line it is thought casualties would be heavy in an opposed landing with this type of vehicle.	
KAIRI.	27 Dec 44. to 29 Dec 44.		Coys on recapitulation and training for Bn Athletic Sports and Skill at arms Competition with exception of 'A' Coy.	BRO F 8, Appx 'O'.
KAIRI.	30 Dec 44.		'A' Coy returned from Cairns at 1700 hrs.	
KAIRI.	31 Dec 44.		Church parade - make and mend.	Trg Syllabus to 31 Dec 44, Appx 'P'.
				<p style="text-align: right;"><i>A. G. H. H.</i> Lt. Col. Comd. 2/1 Aust. Machine Gun. Bn</p>

War Diary

Appx 'A'

RESTRICTED.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I.

BY

Lt col A.G.K. HAUPT

COMMANDING 2/1 AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION.

PART I. No. F 2. 1 Dec 44.

1. DUTIES.

<u>Date.</u>	<u>Orderly Officer.</u>	<u>Duty Coy.</u>
Sat 2 Dec 44.	Lt R.V.H. CARR-BOYD.	B
Sun 3 Dec 44.	Lt H.A.A. TOURLE.	C
Mon 4 Dec 44.	Lt A.B. JOHNSTON.	HQ
Tue 5 Dec 44.	Lt B.D. BREARLEY.	A

2. VICTORY LOAN - FINAL FIGURES.

<u>Coy.</u>	<u>Number of Subscribers.</u>	<u>Amount.</u>
Bn HQ	1	£100.
HQ.	3	£210.
A	3	£300.
B	3	£240.
C	2	£ 60.
D	2	£410.
<u>TOTAL.</u>		<u>£1320.</u>
Total amount subscribed by 7 Aust Div.		£7120.

3. UNIT SPORTS COMMITTEE.

The following committee is appointed to control unit sports programme, for 21 and 23 Dec 44. -

- Pres. - Capt E.W. MULVEY.
- Sec. - Lt J.S. ROOKWOOD.
- Asst Sec. - W.O.(1) KELLY. R.G.
- Coy Reps. -
- 'A' Coy - Lt B.L. BAIN. Cpl COWAN L.G.
- 'B' " - Lt D.J. HANSEN. Sgt INDIAN T.H.
- 'C' " - Lt K.R. NETTLE. Sgt ANDREWS W.J.
- 'D' " - Lt C.S.B. RIXON. Sgt WIDDOWSON G.
- HQ " - Lt A.B. JOHNSTON. Cpl OWENS J.S.

Committee to prepare programme of events for sports meetings on days mentioned and submit to 2 IC as soon as possible.

4. REPAIRS - BOOTS AND ANKLETS, WEB.

It has been noticed on inspection, that boots and anklets, web, have been handed in for repair, in a filthy condition. In future all boots and anklets will be cleaned before being handed in.

5. BATTLE DRESS - WEARING OF.

The following is an extract from GRO O.422/1944. 'British Pattern Battle Dress or any similar type of uniform, whether issued or purchased privately, will NOT be worn by members of the AMF, except by members of Parachute Bns as working dress.

6. ARMLETS (BRASSARDS) NCO BADGES OF RANK. (Extract from GROs O.343/44).

NCOs may now wear badges of rank on cloth brassards, on outer garments, with the exception of Jackets SD, Jackets drill, Khaki, or Greatcoats. NO chevrons other than worsted on khaki will be worn on armllets.

P.T.O.

7. UNIT TRANSPORT.

Transport vehicles will not leave the Camp Roads, unless during cleaning up of area. All trucks, taking water, wood or stores, to Coy kitchens will use the ramps provided at each Coy kitchen and situated on inner crescent. Vehicles being driven from one kitchen to another, off the road, is NOT permitted.

8. CLEANING OF ANKLETS, WEB.

Many personnel are in possession of anklets, web, which are bound with leather. Under no circumstances are these gaiters to be boiled, as such treatment perishes the leather. For cleaning purposes luke-warm soapy water and a scrubbing brush will give the desired results and will not injure the leather.

9. ANGAU - APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE DISTRICT SERVICES.

The following is re-published from GRO 15 Sep 44, Page 20 - 22.

- i. Applications are invited from members of the AMF for appointment to the District Services of the Australian New Guinea Administrative Unit (ANGAU). This unit is a formation of the AMF and carries on the functions of the former civil administrations of the Territory of Papua and the Mandated Territory of New Guinea.
- ii. Australian New Guinea (comprising both the above-mentioned Territories) has been divided into a number of districts for the purposes of administration, and each district is administered by a District Officer and a staff including Assistant District Officers and Patrol Officers. The position for which applications are invited are those of patrol officers in the district establishments. The duties of such officers relate to all aspects of administration of the areas under control and the extension of government influence amongst the native population.
- iii. The age of applicants should be 20 - 25 yrs, but applications will be considered in cases of special qualifications from applicants not over the age of 35.
- iv. Applicants who have passed the Leaving Certificate or senior exam of any state or have qualified for matriculation at any Australian University, or who have attained at least an equivalent education standard, will not be required to pass any educational or intelligence test before being considered for selection. In other cases, an applicant may be required to pass a special test before his application is dealt with.
- v. Applicants will be medically examined before selection.
- vi. Selected applicants will be appointed to ANGAU on probation until they have completed a period of not less than 12 months field trg and taken a course of about 15 weeks duration at an army school of administration. Appointees who satisfactorily complete this field trg and course will be confirmed in their appointments.
- vii. Appointment to ANGAU on probation will be in the rank held by the applicant at the time of selection, provided that selected applicants of a higher rank of that of lieutenant will be required to accept a reduction in rank to lieutenant. Selected applicants below the rank of lieutenant will be eligible for promotion during the period of field trg. Upon satisfactory completion of the field trg and course, appointees will be posted to ANGAU in the rank of lieutenant.
- viii. It is desirable that applicants should be prepared to make service in the Civil Administration of Papua or New Guinea their career. Selected applicants who are ultimately confirmed in their appt to ANGAU will be eligible for appointment to the Public Services of the Civil Administrations of the Territories when such administrations are re-constituted. The terms and conditions of appointment to the civil administrations will be a matter of future government definition.
- ix. Applications should contain the following information and be forwarded, through normal channels, to reach LHQ on or before 16 Nov 44 (Extended to 31 Dec 44 - GRO Adm 417/44).

9. ix. (continued)

Personal particulars of applicant for appointment.

- No.
- Rank.
- Surname (in blocks)
- Christian names.(in full).
- Unit.
- Medical classification.
- Date of Birth. Age. Yrs Mths.
- Place of birth. Town. Country.
- Married or single.
- Educational record.
(Examinations and subjects, degrees, diplomas, etc.).
- Other qualifications.
- Civil employment.
(Positions held and details of experience in trade or calling.).
- Experience. (including sporting record.).
(In clubs, in organising, dramatic work, music, hobbies, debating, sports, social services.)
- Particulars of military service.
- Whether prepared to remain in NG Administration after the war.
- Names of 2 persons from whom references may be obtained.

Applications to reach this H.Q. by 1800 hours Mon 4 Dec 44.

10. PASSENGER CARRYING CAPACITY OF ARMY VEHICLES.

The following is re-published from GRO Q.420/44.

i. The passenger carrying capacity of army vehicles, when the passengers are in full marching order, is as follows :-

Vans or trucks, 12 - 15 - cwt.	6
Vans, 1 ton, GS.	8
Trucks, 30 cwt.	12
Lorries or trucks, 3 ton.	16
Lorries or trucks, 7 ton semi-trailer.	28
Trucks, 10 ton, Madk Diesel.	20
Trailers, 4 wheeled, GS, 3 ton.	18
Trailers, 4 wheeled, GS, 8 ton.	28
Buses, cars and jeeps.	According to seating capacity.

ii. The numbers of passengers prescribed by para i of this order will not be exceeded except in cases of emergency, provided that formations etc may authorise an increase of up to 25 % of such numbers for passengers travelling without equipment.

R B [Signature]
 Capt.
 Adjnt 2/1 Aust M G Bn.

NOTICES.

CHURCH PARADES. Sun 3 Dec 44.

- Bn Parade. 0900 K.
- R.C. Mass. 1000 K. in 2/13 AA Lines.
- Holy Communion. (P.D.) 0935 in Padre's Chapel.
- Holy Communion. (C of E) 0700 K in 2/13 AA Lines.

STRENGTH INCREASE.

NX 8735	Capt EARLE	A.G. From 2/1 Aust Con Depot.	29/11/44.	C Coy.
TX 960	Pte WATTS	A.K. " " " "	29.11.44.	B "
SX 748	" JARRETT	S.C. " " " "	29.11.44.	HQ "
NX 6569	" ASHTON	A.E. " " " "	29.11.44.	D "
NX 57108	" BUSHE	A.R. " 116 A.G.H.	29.11.44.	HQ "
WX 2509	Sgt SPICE	C.R. " 2/2 A.G.H.	29.11.44.	A "

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STRENGTH DECREASE.

QX 32391	Pte	BRAYSHER	W.A.	To Hospital.	28.11.44.	C Coy.
NX 32520	Cpl	WALES	R.	do	29.11.44.	A "
NX 11760	Pte	SIMPKINS	R.V.C.	do	29.11.44.	HQ "
VX 132777	"	CHAPLIN	L.J.	do	30.11.44.	A "
TX 273	L cpl	MONKS	R.H.	Trans to 16 APSC for re- allocation.	1. 12.44.	D "
QX 22741	Pte	INGHAM	R.J.	do.	1. 12.44.	HQ "
NX 36608	Cpl	TULLY	H.E.	do.	1. 12.44.	D "
NX 26480	Pte	DAVIS	W.J.	dp.	1. 12.44.	D "
NX 53835	"	JEFFERS	C.L.	do.	1. 12.44.	D "
NX 5786	"	BRAND	L.W.	do.	1. 12.44.	A "

MARCHED IN.

VX 3393	Poo	NOTTLE	J.	From 2 Aust Corps Ed Pun.C.	28.11.44.	B Coy.
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MARCHED OUT.

NX 5765	Pte	JOHNSTONE	J.Mc.	To 5 Aust RSD for trg.	29.11.44.	D Coy.
NX 36393	"	LONGFORD	K.J.G.	do.	29.11.44.	A "

RELINQUISHMENTS ETC.

NX 32466	Pte	GARNER	J.H.	Forf. Proficiency Pay.	29.11.44.	D Coy.
NX 3541	"	DUNSTONE	H.O.	Rel. T Gp I Bricklayer (own req)	1.12.44.	HQ "
SX 16209	"	WILLIAMS	R.S.	Rel. Gp III R/T(own req)	1.12.44.	A "

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2/1 AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION.

Training Syllabus. Week 4 - 10 Dec 44.

20.10
Appx 'B'

DATE.	'A' COY	'B' COY	'C' COY	'D' COY	BN H Q	H Q COY
Mon 4 Dec	TANK ROCK RANGE. Field and Night Firing. 15 b.p.g.		Duty Coy.	LECTURES A/G.S HYGIENE AND SANITATION. TRAINING.		
Tue 5 Dec	LECTURES - HYGIENE AND SANITATION. A/G.S TRAINING.		Tank Rock Range. Field Firing and night firing. 15 b.p.g.	A/Gas trg and LMG recapitulation.	Duty Coy.	
Wed 6 Dec	Duty Coy.	DANBULLA RANGE. Rifle and LMG class'n.	A/Gas trg and LMG recapitulation.	Tank Rock Range. Fd Firing and night firing. 15 b.p.g.	PREPARATION FOR DIV EXERCISE.	
Thu 7 Dec.	Div Exercise as Enemy . 7 - 11 Dec.					
Fri 8 Dec.	A/Adjt to issue Adm Instruction covering.					
Sat 9 Dec.	Maj Mc CAFFREY. Acting CO.		Maj PLUMMER. 2 IC.	Lt PIERCE. Acting Adjt.	Lt HUNTER. Acting IO.	
Sun 10 Dec.	'C' Coy to act as inf.		'B' Coy with attacking force 21 Aust Inf Bde..			Picquets and guards ex HQ Coy.

A/Adjt to issue Adm Instr covering- 5 Dec 44. Coy Comds HQ, A, B, D, Coys BnHQ to visit Arty demo.
6 Dec 44. " " HQ, A, and C Coys BnHQ to visit Arty demo.

P Haupt
Lt col.
Comd 2/1 Aust M G Bn.

2/1 AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION.

Training Syllabus. Week 11 - 17 Dec. 44

DATE.	'A' COY	'B' COY	'C' COY	'D' COY	BN H Q	H Q COY				
Mon 11 Dec.		BATTALION	ON	DIV		EXERCISE.				
Tue 12 Dec.		RETURN	TO	CAMP.	MAKE	AND	MEND.	WASHING.		
Wed 13 Dec.		CHURCH	PARADE	-	REST	-	PREPARATION	FOR	DIV	EXERCISE.
Thu 14 Dec.										
Fri 15 Dec.										
Sat 16 Dec.		BATTALION		ON		DIV				EXERCISE.
Sun 17 Dec.										

H. Haupt
 Lt col.
 Comd 2/1 Aust M G Bn.

2/1 AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION.

Training Syllabus. Week 18 - 24 Dec 44.

DATE.	'A' COY	'B' COY	'C' COY	'D' COY	BN H Q	H Q COY
Mon 18 Dec.		COMPLETION	OF	DIV	EXERCISE.	
Tue 19 Dec.		DIV	ACTIVITIES	AND	RETURN	TO CAMP.
Wed 20 Dec.						
Thu 21 Dec.		UNIT	WATER	CARNIVAL	AND	COMPETITION. (RMO)
Fri 22 Dec.		UNIT	SKILL	AT	ARMS	COMPETITION. (Adjt)
Sa t 23 Dec.		UNIT		ATHLETIC		COMPETITION. (RMO)
Sun 24 Dec.		CHURCH		PARADE	AND	REST.

A. H. H. H. H. H.
 Lt col.
 Comd 2/1 Aust M G Bn.

Appx C.

EXERCISE "RAMPANT" 7 - 11 DEC 44

2/1 Aust M G Bn.
2/3 Aust Cav (Commando) Sqn.
2/6 Aust Cav (Commando) Sqn.
8 Bty 2/2 Aust Tk/A Regt.
2/4 Aust Fd Coy, RAE

2/4 Aust Pnr Bn.
2/9 Aust Armd Regt.
Sigs 7 Aust Div.
Hq Comd AASC 7 Aust Div.
7 Aust Div Pro Coy.

1. It is proposed to carry out preliminary recce by comds of units and sub-units and dets constituting "FUJI PYJAMA FORCE" (enemy) for Div Exercise "Rampant" on dates shown below. The following offrs are required to attend.

(a) 3 Dec 44.

CO enemy tps.
'G', 'A', and 'Q' reps (ex 2/1 Aust M G Bn)

OC 2/3 Aust Cav (Commando) Sqn.
OC 2/6 Aust Cav (Commando) Sqn.
BC 8 Bty 2/2 Aust Tk/A Regt.

A/CO and A/Adjt 2/1 Aust M G Bn.
CO 2/4 Aust Pnr Bn.
Sig Offr - (OC det 7 Aust Div Sigs

(b) 4 Dec 44

CO enemy tps.
'G' rep (2/1 Aust M G Bn)
OC Tp 2/9 Aust Armd Regt,
TO - (OC det tpt 7 Aust Div AASC)
Sec Comd - 7 Aust Div Pro Sec.
Sub-Comds as required by above.
Coy Comd 2/4 Aust Fd Coy RAE
Further detailed recce by sub-unit.

(c) 5 Dec 44

2. RV for 3 and 4 Dec 44.

Ref map 1 inch to 1 mile - BARTLEFRERE.
X rds 534154.

3. Time for assembly of recce party at RV 3 and 4 Dec - 0930K.

4. Maps Required

1 inch to 1 mile - BARTLEFRERE exposed to show area E46 to 67, N7 to 25 grid lines.

5. Meals

Lunch and drinking utensils required.
Tea provided by 2/1 Aust M G Bn.

6. Vehicles

Trucks $\frac{1}{4}$ ton 4 x 4 required.

B. L. ...
Lt col.
Comd 2/1 Aust M G Bn.

WD
APPX D

2/1 AUST M G BN COY EXERCISE - 4/5 Dec 44.

OPENING SITUATION.

1. ENEMY.

- (a) On D - 5 a JAP force estimated one inf div and attached tps succeeded in landing and formed a beach-head, the perimeter of which incl :-
CAIRNS 7369 - EDMONTON 7157 - GORDONVALE 7548 - PALMERS POINT 9638.
- (b) On D - 3 the JAP cmd pushed out strong outposts onto TANK ROCK 4858 and DANBULLA 5441.

2. OWN TPS.

- (a) After our initial reverses 27 Aust Corps comprising :-
27 Aust Corps H.Q.
106 Aust Inf Div.
107 Aust Inf Div.
104 Aust Army Tk Bde.
concentrated in the MAREBA area 3461
- (b) The Corps Comd planned offensive ops to commence on D + 1 involving -
i. Two Inf Bdes plus one Tk Regt to capture CAIRNS 7369.
ii. Two Inf Bdes plus one Tk Regt to capture GORDONVALE 7548.
iii. Prior to i and ii two composite forces to remove the threat from his flanks at TANK ROCK 4858 and DANBULLA 5441.
- (c) FOLLY'S FORCE, comprising :-
Comd - Lt col J.H. MUMMER.
2/101 Aust Inf Bn.
One Bty 2/48 Aust Fd Regt.
Two Coys 2/1 Aust M G Bn.
One lt A.D.S. 2/19 Aust Fd Amb.
- was ordered to move during night D - 1/D, capture TANK ROCK 4858 and hold it for at least 48 hrs.

NOTE.

For A & B Coys D day is 4 Dec 44.
For C & D Coys D day is 5 Dec 44.

J. Haupt
Lt col.
Comd 2/1 Aust M G Bn.

20.10

2/1 Aust M G Bn - COY EXERCISES - 4/5 Dec 44.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS.

Reference Maps - GORDONVALE 1 inch to 1 mile.
CAIRNS 1 inch to 1 mile.

1. OBJECT.

(a) General.

To exercise a M G Coy in :-

- i. Supporting an attack on a timed programme.
- ii. Rapid consolidation involving the movement forward of guns.
- iii. Occupation of a defensive position.

(b) In Particular.

To practise :-

- i. Battle procedure.
- ii. Verbal orders by Coy and Pl Comds.
- iii. Fire control orders by NCOs.
- iv. Preparation and execution of night firing.
- v. Re-supply and feeding in gun positions.

2. PLACE.

TANK ROCK RANGE.

3. TIMINGS.

<u>Date.</u>	<u>Serial.</u>	<u>Time.</u>	<u>Coy.</u>	<u>Action.</u>
4 Dec	1.	0645 K	A	Tpt reports Coy lines.
	2.	0700 K	A	Moves out.
	3.	0815 K	B	Tpt reports Coy lines.
	4.	0845 K	B	Moves out.
	5.	0900 K	A	(a) Arrive at debusing pt - TRACK TURN ABOUT - 800 yds NW of TWIDDLERS HILL. (b) Narrative 1 and problem 1 issued to Coy Comds.
	6.	1045 K	B	As for serial 5.
	7.	1100 K	A	Exercise finishes.
	8.	1300 K	B	Exercise finishes.
	9.	1300 K	A & B	Lunch in bivouac area.
	10.	1400 K	A & B	Narrative 2 and problem 2 issued to Coy Comds.
	11.	1730 K	A & B	Tactical feeding.
	12.	1930 K	A & B	Night firing.
	13.	2000 K	A & B	Night firing finishes.
	14.	2045 K	A & B	Embus - on track at foot of TWIDDLERS HILL - return to camp.

5 Dec.

As for above. For 'A' Coy read 'C' Coy.
'B' Coy read 'D' Coy.

4. ADM.

(a) Tpt.

- i. Normal WE of 4 jeeps and trailers, will accompany each Coy with guns, stores, etc. tactically loaded.
- ii. Personnel vehs vide para 3.

(b) AMN

15 belts per gun will be carried on jeeps.

(c) Water.

Coys will carry sufficient water for 2 meals.

(d) Dress.

Vide BSOs.

P.T.O.

5. OPENING SITUATIONS, NARRATIVES, ETC.

Will be issued by Maj J.F. McCaffrey and Maj H.S. PLUMMER tactically.

J.F. McCaffrey
Lt col.
Comd 2/1 Aust M G Bn.

B3.

Appx E

7 AUST DIV TRG EXERCISESGENERAL

1 7 Aust Div will conduct trg exercises as under during 7/11 Dec and 14/18 Dec 44.

(a) Exercise "RAMPANT" 7/11 Dec 44(i) 21 Aust Inf Bde with under comd:-

2/5 Aust Commando Sqn
7 Bty 2/2 Aust Tk A Regt
2/1 Aust Pnr Bn
"B" Coy 2/1 Aust MG Bn
2/8 Aust Tpt Pl
One sec 7 Aust Div Pro Coy

and in sp

2/5 Aust Fd Regt
2/6 Aust Fd Coy
2/7 Aust Sup Depot Pl
2/6 Aust Fd Amb
Det 2/124 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk
Det 2/124 Aust Bde ksp.

(ii) Div Tps The following additional div tps will also take part in this exercise:-

Adv HQ 7 Aust Div
"C" Sqn 2/9 Aust Armd Regt
HQ RAA 7 Aust Div
HQ RAE 7 Aust Div
2/9 Aust Fd Coy
2/25 Aust Fd Pk Coy
Sigs 7 Aust Div
2/6 Aust Gen Tpt Coy
Det 7 Aust Div Pro Coy.

(iii) Enemy
Comd - Lt-Col HAUPT 2/1 Aust MG Bn

2/3 and 2/6 Aust Commando Sqns
One tp "A" Sqn 2/9 Aust Armd Regt
8 Bty 2/2 Aust Tk A Regt
2/4 Aust Fd Coy
2/1 Aust MG Bn less one coy
2/4 Aust Pnr Bn
Det 2/33 Aust Sup Depot Pl
One Sec 7 Aust Div Pro Coy

(iv) 18 and 25 Aust Inf Bde Gps will be imaginary during this exercise.

(b) Exercise "FESTIVE" 14/18 Dec 44(i) 18 Aust Inf Bde with under comd:-

2/3 Aust Commando Sqn
5 Bty 2/2 Aust Tk A Regt
2/4 Aust Pnr Bn
"D" Coy 2/1 Aust MG Bn
2/7 Aust Tpt Pl
One sec 7 Aust Div Pro Coy

(iv) 18 and 25 Aust Inf Bde Gps will be imaginary during this exercise.

and in sp

- 2/4 Aust Fd Regt
- 2/4 Aust Fd Coy
- 2/5 Aust Sup Depot Pl
- 2/5 Aust Fd Amb
- Det 2/125 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk
- Det 2/125 Aust Bde Wksp

(ii) 25 Aust Inf Bde with under comd:-

- 2/6 Aust Commando Sqn
- 8 Bty 2/2 Aust Tk A Regt
- "C" Coy 2/1 Aust MG Bn
- 2/9 Aust Tpt Pl
- One sec 7 Aust Div Pro Coy

and in sp

- 2/6 Aust Fd Regt
- 2/5 Aust Fd Coy
- 2/9 Aust Sup Depot Pl
- 2/4 Aust Fd Amb
- Det 2/117 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk
- Det 2/117 Aust Bde Wksp

(iii) Div Tps The following additional div tps will also take part in this exercise:-

- Adv HQ 7 Aust Div
- 2/9 Aust Armd Regt less one sqn and two tps
- HQ RAA 7 Aust Div
- 2/5 Aust Fd Regt
- 2/7 Aust Svy Bty
- HQ RAE 7 Aust Div
- 2/9 Aust Fd Coy
- 2/25 Aust Fd Pk Coy
- Sigs 7 Aust Div
- 2/1 Aust MG Bn less two coys
- 2/6 Aust Gen Tpt Coy
- Pro 7 Aust Div less three secs

(iv) Enemy 21 Aust Inf Bde with under comd:-

- 2/5 Aust Commando Sqn
- Two tps "A" Sqn 2/9 Aust Armd Regt
- 7 Bty 2/2 Aust Tk A Regt
- 2/6 Aust Fd Coy
- 2/7 Aust Sup Depot Pl
- 2/8 Aust Tpt Pl
- Det 2/6 Aust Fd Amb
- One sec 7 Aust Div Pro Coy

2 Object To exercise the Div in the advance and attack over open country using the existing scale of tpt.

3 Representation of Fire

- (a) Tps Taking Part By blank amm and 2" mortar smoke bombs.
- (b) Enemy Will also fire LMGs and MMGs into safety pits, and flash mirrors to indicate direction of fire.
- (c) Umpires Will use Aldershot and 69 (Bakelite) grens and arrange for firing of explosives to indicate arty fire tk a mines of both sides in accordance with fire plans and mov over minefields.
- (d) Allotment of additional trg amm from the GOC's "Pool" will be advised separately.
- (e) 21 Aust Inf Bde flag system of umpiring will be used for exercise "RAMPANT"

4 Directing Staff GOC 7 Aust Div and staff.

5 Umpires

- (a) Requirements for each exercise are shown at Apx "A" att.
- (b) Nominations of umpires in accordance with Apx "A" will be submitted to reach this HQ by 3 Dec 44.
- (c) Instrs for umpires and arrangements for briefing will be issued separately.

6 Directing Staff Comms Will be provided by Sigs 7 Aust Div

7 Neutral Pers and Vehs

- (a) Neutral vehs will fly a white flag.
- (b) Neutral pers will wear a white armband.

8 Safety Precautions

- (a) No hand to hand fighting will be allowed and umpires will control attacks accordingly, particularly during the final assault.
- (b) Blank amm will not be fired at pers within 50 yds range.
- (c) Aldershot grens will not be thrown directly at pers.
- (d) 2" Mortar smoke bombs will be fired to burst at least 100 yds short of the nearest tps.
- (e) HE will not be fired at a distance from tps. of less than 10 yds.
- (f) Enemy Comd will be responsible for enemy safety precautions particularly in connection with the firing of live amm into pits.
- (g) Apart from 2" Mortar Smoke bombs, live amm will not be carried by other than special enemy detts responsible for firing into safety pits.
- (h) 69 (Bakelite) Grens will not be exploded within 25 yds of pers.

9 Opening Situation and Narratives will be issued separately.

10 Maps Required

GORDONVALE	1 in	to	1 mile
BARTLE FRERE	1 in	to	1 mile

11 Conferences A conference of fmn, unit and sub-unit comds and umpires will be held after each exercise. Time and place will be notified separately.

ADM

12 Dress

- (a) Own Tps. Battle Order (Hats Kwaki fur felt)
- (b) Enemy. Battle Order (Hats Kwaki fur felt with white hat band).

13 Blankets

- (a) One blanket per man will be carried in bulk under unit arrangements.
- (b) Extra blankets, if required, will be brought fwd under arrangements Div A SC.

14 Sups

- (a) One emergency ration will be carried on the man.
- (b) Rations for consumption during period of exercises will be fresh.

15 Amn

- (a) AASC will arrange deliveries of amm required prior to exercise.
- (b) During course of exercises amm expenditure will be calculated by units and replenishment demanded. AASC will arrange sup of dummy amm boxes for this purposes.

16 POL

(a) Res in vehs

Trucks 1/2 ton 4x4 4 gals

Trucks 15 cwt or equivalent 8 gals

Trucks 3 ton or equivalent 12 gals

(b) Replenishment

Normal procedure

17 Water

(a) Unit WE water lorries will move with units.

(i) For inf units non-operational water lorries may be used.

(ii) For units other than inf, only WE water vehs will be used.

(b) All water used on exercises will be treated before consumption.

(c) Units will ensure that sufficient water tanks are left filled in camp areas to provide water for rear parties.

18 Med

(a) 2 mot amb of 8 Aust MAC will be allotted to enemy Comd for evacuation of real casualties to 2/2 Aust CCS by the shortest route. These vehs will be treated as neutral vehs.

(b) All other casualties will be evacuated by normal med channels MDS thence true casualties to 2/2 Aust CCS by mot amb of 8 Aust MAC.

(c) Taken casualties will be cleared from MDS to Div Reception Camp at discretion CO Fd Arb.

19 Hyg

(a) Units will construct shallow trench latrines at all halts and biv areas and will ensure such trenches are filled in and suitably marked before leaving the area.

(b) All refuse will be disposed in pits and covered.

(c) Full anti-malarial precautions including the use of mosquito nets will be observed by all ranks.

(d) Strict use and proper application of anti mite fluid will be observed (if supplies of fluid are available).

(e) Units will ensure that all areas occupied during course of exercise are left clear.

20 Care of Private Property

Units will ensure that every care is taken to avoid damage to private property.

(a) Farm buildings and immediate surroundings will be out of bounds.

(b) Fences may be cut, but any gaps will be picketed until repaired. Repairs are a unit responsibility.

(c) All weapon pits etc will be filled in and turf replaced before leaving areas.

(d) Before leaving any area it will be the responsibility of units to ensure that all fires are completely extinguished.

(e) Area NORTH of track 464130 - 480129 up to and incl BROMFIELD SWAMP is out of bounds to all ranks.

(f) Units will issue definite orders to implement the instrs contained in sub paras (a) to (c) above.

21. Tnt

Operational vehs only will be used during period of exercise.

22. Mov

Orders for the move from KAIRI camp area to biv areas and return to KAIRI camp area at conclusion of the exercises will be issued by HQ 7 Aust Div.

23. Biv Areas

Div Tps. HQ 7 Aust Div will allot initial biv areas to Bde Gps and

24. Rear Parties

Minimum security parties will be left in all unit areas.

25. Postal

exercises. 7 Aust Div will arrange mail deliveries during course of

30 Nov 44

James May
Lt-Col
GS 7 Aust Div

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Appx "A" to 7 Aust Div Gen Instr
for exercises 7/11 and 14/18 Dec
44.

UMPIRES FOR 7 AUST DIV EXERCISES 7/18 Dec 44

1 Chief Umpire (both exercises)

Lt-Col E.R. WILMOTH

Pool (both exercises)

CRA
CRE
CO Sigs
CASC
ADMS
CME
Six Lts

2 Exercise "RAMPANT"

	<u>Lt-Cols</u>	<u>Majs</u>	<u>Cpts or</u> <u>Majs</u>	<u>Lts</u>
25 Aust Inf Bde	3		12	20
2/7 Aust Cav (Commando) Regt	1	1	-	3
2/9 Aust Armd Regt	1	1	-	6
RAA 7 Aust Div	-	1(tk a) 1 (fd)	3(fd)	2(tk a)
RAE 7 Aust Div	1	-	2	-
2/1 Aust MG Bn	-	-	1	3
2/4 Aust Pnr Bn	-	-	4	8
Med	1	-	-	-
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	7	4	22	42

3 Exercise "FESTIVE"

18 Aust Inf Bde	-	-	5	6
21 Aust Inf Bde	3	2	12	25
25 Aust Inf Bde	-	-	5	6
2/7 Aust Cav (Commando) Regt	1	1	3	6
2/9 Aust Armd Regt	1	-	2	6
RAA 7 Aust Div	1(fd)	-	2(tk a) 4(fd)	4(tk a)
RAE 7 Aust Div	1	-	4	-
2/1 Aust MG Bn	-	1	2	4
2/1 Aust Pnr Bn	-	-	4	10
2/4 Aust Pnr Bn	-	-	2	4
Med	1	-	-	-
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	8	3	45	69

OPENING SITUATION EXERCISE "RAMPANT"

Ref Maps : GORDONVALE 1 inch to 1 mile
BARTLE FRERE 1 inch to 1 mile

1 A strong JAPANESE force which landed in the INNISFAIL area is being contained.

2 17 FUJI PYJAMA Div and 51 SILKI KIMONA Div which early in the operations had advanced on to the TABLELANDS via the PALMERSTON Highway have been heavily engaged by 1 Aust Corps. Their only line of withdrawal has been cut by 6 Aust Div which is firmly established in the MILLAA MILLAA area. The enemy has suffered heavy casualties from battle and disease and is weak from lack of food but with his back to the wall is still full of fight.

3 On 4 Dec, JAPANESE remnants of these divisions were severely defeated by 7 Aust Div in the KAIRI-ATHERTON area but retired in good order to the SOUTH. 7 Aust Div kept contact with 18 Aust Inf Bde and attached troops.

4 7 Aust Div Special "RAMPANT" Int Summary No. 1 of 5 Dec 44 and Aerial Photographs are attached.

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7 AUST DIV SPECIAL "RAMPANT" INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 3

Based on information received up to 1600 hrs

on 5 Dec 44 (including air photos flown on

20 Nov 44)

Ref Maps 1/63360 GORDONVALE

BARTLE FREERE

PART ISUMMARY OF OPERATIONS(a) LAND (7 Aust Div Area)

The withdrawal of the enemy from the KAIRI area is now completed and the JAP is retiring in good order.

18 Aust Inf Bde is pursuing and keeping contact, encountering some enemy resistance. The enemy is now holding the line LAKE EACHAM - PEERAMON - rd junc 5018 and 18 Aust Inf Bde is attacking these positions with some success. 21 and 25 Aust Inf Bdes are reorganising in the KAIRI area.

JAP casualties to date are 23,220 killed and 24 captured.

The main lines of JAP withdrawal towards LAMONDS HILL appear to be along the lines LAKE EACHAM - rd junc 5721 - BUTCHER CREEK and MALANDA - rd junc 535115 - GLEN ALLYN roads. Tac/R reports indicate signs of enemy activity on these roads.

(6 Aust Div Area)

6 Aust Div is firmly established in the MILLAA MILLAA area and has repulsed several enemy attacks from the south.

These attacks appear designed to penetrate to the MALANDA area.

The only contacts made by 6 Aust Div with the JAP from the MALANDA area have been by patrols.

(b) SEA

Shipping sightings are on a reduced scale and there is some indication that, following the naval battle off INNISFAIL last week, the JAP has abandoned his previous intention of reinforcing the area.

Barge sightings indicate that supplies are being brought into the area, although in no great quantities.

During the week our PT boats and Beaufighters operating north of INNISFAIL have sunk 42 supply laden barges.

(c) AIR

Enemy air activity during the week has been on a much reduced scale, being confined mainly to nuisance raids in small strength, although the enemy air potential is such that surprise raids in fair strength can be expected.

PART IIENEMY(a) Enemy OOB - LAND

Captured documents and PW indicate the following

enemy OOB:-

Unit	Code Name	No	Commander	Estimated Strength
HQ 17 (SILKI KIMONA) Div	NANSHU	1360	SILKI Kimona	30
HQ Div Inf	?		TAKECHI Jinzaburo	20
22 Inf Regt	NANSHU	1363	TAKANO Seichii	750
23 Inf Regt	NANSHU	1364	KATO Suzumi	500
24 Inf Regt	NANSHU	1365	INAI Yoshi	630
? Engr Regt			MIKUNI	150
44 Tpt Regt	NANSHU	?		130
Div Sig Unit				60
Div Med Unit				50
				<u>2,320</u>
HQ 51 (FUJI PYJAMA) Div	KITA	6951	FUJI Pyjama	
HQ Div Inf	KITA	6952	NAGANO Seichii	
54 Inf Regt	KITA	6954	KAWAI Isag	1,500
55 Inf Regt	KITA	6955	KIKUCHI Saburo	1,600
89 Inf Regt	UTSU	4263	TSUBOI Yukio	2,400
2 Indep Tk Coy	OKU	6231	NONOKU Funio	30
60 Mtn Arty Regt	UTSU	4639	TAKANUCHI Saburo	1,700
51 Engr Regt	KITA	6970	AOKI Jinzio	300
51 Tpt Regt	KITA	6971	KITSUI Saburo	1,100
Div Sig Unit	KITA	6972	MATSUI Yujiro	130
Div Med Unit	KITA	6973	ISHII Nobon	500
				<u>9,260</u>
				<u>2,320</u>
			Total enemy troops MALANDA area	<u>11,580</u>

NOTE:-

17 Arty Regt (of 17 Div) was lost at sea with all guns prior to the landing on the Mainland.

(b) Enemy OOB - AIR

Ph/R and sightings lead to the following estimate of enemy air power:-

Areas	F	2EF	L/B M/B	T/B D/B	F/B	F/P	Obsn	3 Dec
INNISFAIL	20	-	10	5	-	3	4	42
MORESBY	30	12	25	6	-	10	6	89
TOTAL	50	12	35	11	-	13	10	131

(c) Identifications

No new identifications are to hand, and all units identified are as shown in para (a) above.

(d) Enemy Equipment

The JAP has at present an assessed number of 20 75-mm guns and 15 70-mm guns at his disposal with a total number of 6 light tanks.

(e) Enemy Tactics

Enemy tactics at present are purely defensive although use is being made of small raiding parties whose activities are confined to the hours of darkness.

(f) Enemy CW

It is appreciated by higher authority that the JAP is most unlikely to initiate the use of chemical warfare, other than employing smoke and/or flame-throwers.

(g) Enemy Intentions

PW state that reinforcements are expected in the INNISFAIL area in sufficient numbers to break through 6 Aust Div at MILLAA MILLAA and reinforce the FUJI PYJAMA or SILKI KIMONA Divisions, which will then stage a counter offensive.

Until these reinforcements arrive it is the intention of these Divisions to fight for time, most probably in the area MALANDA - LAMOND'S HILL.

The possibility of reinforcements arriving in the area in sufficient strength for a JAP counter-offensive to be staged is very remote, but the effect of this propaganda on the enemy must be to cause him to fight desperately.

PART IIITOPOGRAPHICAL

No information.

PART IVOTHER FRONTS

No information.

PART V

SECURITY

18 Aust Inf Bde has reported JAP efforts to interfere with signal communications.

Paulson
Capt
for Lt-Col
GS 7 Aust Div

ACKNOWLEDGE

M E S S A G E F O R M

FROM	7 aust div	060900K
TO	1 aust corps 18 aust inf bde 21 aust inf bde 25 aust inf bde 2/7 aust cav (commando) regt 2/9 aust armd regt RAA 7 aust div RAE 7 aust div 2/1 aust MG bn AASC 7 aust div med pro	
	(for information)	
Originator's No	01 (.) RAMPANT secret (.) sitrep 1 (.) enemy posns along line 5018 - PEERAMON - LAKE EACHAM evacuated during night 5/6-dec (.) enemy now holding spur running north-south through squares 5623 - 5622 high jungle covered feature square 5621 and spur running south to 564190 high ground east of KUREEN and high ground west of rd MALANDA - MILLAA MILLAA from jungle patch south of MALANDA to incl rd junc 524113 <i>All informed</i>	
	If liable to be intercepted or fall into enemy hands this message must be sent IN CIPHER.	Originators Instructions Degree of Priority IMMEDIATE
	Signed..... <i>Paul Baker</i>	THI TOR

MESSAGE FORM

FROM : 7 aust div 061100K

TO : 21 aust inf bde 25 aust inf bde 2/7 aust
cav (commando) regt 2/9 aust armd regt RAA 7
aust div RAE 7 aust div sigs 7 aust div 2/1 aust
MG bn AASC 7 aust div med ord AEME pro
FSS sec FSS(EE)

(for information)
18 aust inf bde comd A Q camp sal

02 (.) exercise secret (.) warning order (.) first (.) 21 aust inf bde gp
25 aust inf bde gp and div tps will be prepared to mov MT WEERIMBA - SEVEN
SISTERS areas not before 070300K (.) second (.) groupings (.) actual (.)
21 aust inf bde with under comd as from 061600K 2/5 aust commando sqn
7 bty 2/2 aust tk a regt 2/1 aust pir bn 'B' coy 2/1 aust MG bn 2/8 aust
tpt pl one sec 7 aust div pro coy 6 ALP det ATIS det aust FSS det FSS(EE)
in sp 2/5 aust fd regt 2/6 aust fd coy 2/7 aust sup depot pl 2/6 aust fd amb
det 2/124 aust bde ord fd pk det 2/124 aust bde wksp (.) mythical (.)
25 aust inf bde with under comd as from 061600K 2/6 aust commando sqn
8 bty 2/2 aust tk a regt 'C' coy 2/1 aust MG bn 2/9 aust tpt pl one sec 7
aust div pro coy 7 ALP det ATIS det aust FSS det aust FSS(EE) in sp
2/6 aust fd regt 2/5 aust fd coy 2/9 aust sup depot pl 2/4 aust fd amb
det 2/117 aust bde ord fd pk det 2/117 aust bde wksp (.) actual (.) div tps
adv HQ 7 aust div HQ RAA 7 aust div 'C' sqn 2/9 aust armd regt HQ RAE 7
aust div 2/9 aust fd coy 2/25 aust fd pk coy sigs 7 aust div 2/6 aust gen
tpt coy det 7 aust div pro coy (.) third (.) adm (.) blankets (.) one blanket
per man will be carried in bulk under unit arrangement (.) sups (.)
units will move with one emergency ration on the man (.) POL (.) following
res will be carried in vehs trucks $\frac{3}{4}$ ton 4 x 4 4 gals trucks $2\frac{1}{2}$ ton or
equivalent 12 gals (.) fourth (.) bde comds heads arms and services COs
2/7 aust cav (commando) regt 2/9 aust armd regt 2/1 aust MG bn will
report HQ 7 aust div 061345K for orders (.) ack all informed

If liable to be intercepted
or fall into enemy hands
this message must be sent IMMEDIATE TOR
IN CIPHER

Signed.....Maj

NOTES FOR GOC's VERBAL ORDERS FOR ADV
TO MT WEERIMBA - SEVEN SISTERS AREA

INFORMATION

1. Enemy

(a) No change from information given in latest Intelligence Summary and Sitreps to 060900K.

(b) Dispositions as marked on maps by staff.

2. Own Troops

(a) See 7 Aust Div Special "RAMPANT" Int Summary and Sitreps to 060900K.

(b) 18 Bde and attached tps are in contact with enemy outposts East of MALANDA. Dispositions as marked on maps. It is dispersed over a wide front, has suffered some casualties and with fatigue caused by four days steady fighting is unable to make further progress.

3. Additional Troops (under Comd as from 061600K)

2 ASP
6 and 7 ALPs

4. Air

(a) It is unlikely that the enemy can provide any serious opposition but he is still making small intermittent strikes.

(b) As our air is fully engaged on the coast it is unlikely that we shall get anything other than the odd plane for Tac R and very limited air sp.

5. Comds Appreciation and Likely Plan for Subsequent Action

As the enemy has no line of withdrawal other than into the mountainous jungle east of MALANDA and must realize that he has little prospect of survival, I consider that he will take up a def posn in the GLEN ALLYN - HILLVIEW - LAMOND'S HILL area and fight to the last.

6 My tentative plan is to pass 21 and 25 Bdes through 18 Bde and attack with the object of boxing the enemy into the area East of the JOHNSTONE River.

7 21 Bde will be responsible for right sector excl PEERAMON - BOONJEE rd with main effort down GLEN ALLYN rd and 25 Bde for left sector incl PEERAMON - BOONJEE rd.

8 Cav will be responsible primarily for flank protection.

9 I will confirm this or otherwise after I have seen Comd 18 Bde to-morrow.

INTENTION

10 7 Div less 18 Bde and att tps will adv 7 Dec to MT WEERIMBA - SEVEN SISTERS areas, with view to subsequent annihilation of enemy in GLEN ALLYN - HILLVIEW - LAMOND'S HILL area.

METHOD

11 Groupings

As set out in Warning Order.

12 Routes of Adv and Bivouac Areas.

As marked on maps.

13 Mov

(a) 21 Bde and Div Tps will move by MT, 25 Bde on foot, in accordance with Mov Table being prepared by 7 Div.

(b) 21 and 25 Bdes and RAA adv parties will mov to bivouac areas under Bde and RAA arrangements not before 061600K.

14 Div Tps

(a) Div Tps at present under comd 18 Bde will revert to Div control on arrival and will be available to sp subsequent actions.

(b) The following Div Tps will be under comd 21 Bde for mov:-

One Tp 2/5 Aust Fd Regt
2/6 Aust Fd Coy
2/7 Aust Sup Depot Pl
2/6 Aust Fd Amb
Det 2/124 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk
Det 2/124 Aust Bde Wksp

15 Engrs

Will be responsible for any engr works necessary along routes of adv.

16 AA Protection

There appears little danger of any serious interference with the move and no AA units are available, but Brens will be dispersed throughout colns and will be prepared to come into action if necessary.

ADM

17 Blankets

One per man will be carried in bulk under unit arrangements.

18 Sup

One emergency ration on the man.

19 POL

Following res will be carried in vehs:-

(a) Trucks $\frac{1}{4}$ -ton 4 x 4. 4 gals

(b) Trucks $2\frac{1}{2}$ -ton or equivalent 12 gals

20

Further details will be included in confirming orders.

INTERCOMN

21 Rear Div HQ remains present location for present.

22 Adv Div HQ opens 4819 at 071900K.

23 As the enemy must be expecting us to move against him, complete wireless silence appears unnecessary. However, wireless traffic will be confined to important op messages and wireless will not be used in Bivouac Areas unless line breaks down.

24 I will be at HQ 18 Bde with my comd gp tomorrow morning and I want Bde Comds to meet me there at 1200 hrs to receive orders for adv from bivouac areas, after I have had a closer look at the position.

25 Synchronization of time - ABC time broadcast.

ORDERS

26 Confirming Orders will be issued as soon as possible.

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7 AUST DIV OO NO.101

Ref Maps : GORDONVALE 1 inch to 1 mile
BARTLE FRERE 1 inch to 1 mile

INFORMATION

1 Enemy

(a) No change from 7 Aust Div Int Summary No.3 and Sitreps to 060900K.

(b) Known disposns shown at Trace 1 att.

2 Own Tps

(a) Sec.7 Aust Div Special "RAMPANT" Int Summary No.1 and Sitreps to 060900K.

(b) 9 Aust Div is being mov to CAIRNS area.

(c) Disposns 18 Aust Inf Bde and att tps shown at Trace 1 att.

3 Additional Tps (under comd as from 061600K)

2 ASP
6 and 7 ALPs

4 Air

(a) It is unlikely that the enemy can provide any serious opposition, but light attacks are expected.

(b) Our air is allotted primarily for ops on the coast and only Tac R sorties and limited sp can be expected.

INTENTION

5 7 Aust Div less 18 Aust Inf Bde and att tps will adv 7 Dec 44 to MT WEERIMBA - SEVEN SISTERS areas, with view to subsequent annihilation of enemy in GLEN ALLYN - HILLVIEW - LAMONDS HILL area.

METHOD

6 Additional Tps under comd and in sp (as from 061600K)

See Appendix "A" att.

7 Routes of Adv and Biv Areas

See Trace 2 att.

8 Mov

(a) Mov of 21 Aust Inf Bde, Div Tps and unit vehs 25 Aust Inf Bde shown in Mov Table att at Appendix "B".

(b) Head of marching personnel 25 Aust Inf Bde will pass SP at 070700K. Tps will keep well to side of rds and will not interfere with MT mov.

(c) Adv Parties 21 and 25 Aust Inf Bdes and RAA mov to bivouac areas under arrangements Bdes and RAA not before 061600K.

(d) Following Div Tps under comd 21 Aust Inf Bde for mov :-

One tp 2/5 Aust Fd Regt
 2/6 Aust Fd Coy
 2/7 Aust Sup Depot Pl
 2/6 Aust Fd Amb
 Det 2/124 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk
 Det 2/124 Aust Bde Wksp

9 Arty

2/4 Aust Fd Regt reverts from 18 Aust Inf Bde comd to CRA comd as from 071900K.

10 Engrs

(a) Will prepare water pts in bivouac areas.

(b) Prepare tk transporter route for minimum Class 24 load.

(c) Prepare convoy circuit for minimum Class 9 load.

(d) 2/4 Aust Fd Coy reverts from 18 Aust Inf Bde comd to CRE as from 071900K.

11 AA Protection

Brens will be dispersed throughout columns ready for instant action.

12 Adm Layout and Traffic Circuits

See Trace 2 att.

13 Ann

AP - vicinity track junc 465125 opens 071800K closes 072000K.

14 Sups

(a) BBP - vicinity 477365

(b) Sup Pt- vicinity track junc 435137/and 491279/open 071600K close 071800K.

15 POL

PP - vicinity track junc 465125 opens 071600K closes 071800K.

16 Engr Stores

RAE dump remains present location.

17 Water

(a) Units will move with water carts filled.

(b) CRE 7 Aust Div will establish WPs as under by 071600K :-

Bridge 458126

18 Medical

- (a) 2/6 Aust Fd Amb will establish Ambulance Car Post at rd junc 423180 by 070800K.
- (b) On completion of move post will rejoin MDS.
- (c) Casualties during move will be evacuated direct to 2/2 Aust CCS.
- (d) Hq Coy 2/6 Aust Fd Amb will establish MDS vicinity 454123 on arrival in bivouac area.
- (e) Casualties will be cleared from Div Tps and Bde bivouac areas direct to MDS.
- (f) 2/5 Aust Fd Amb reverts from 18 Aust Inf Bde comd to ADMS as from 071900K.

19 Traffic Control

DAPM 7 Aust Div will be responsible for all traffic control including Sup P and WPs except that 21 Aust Inf Bde will be responsible for traffic control within Bde Bivouac area.

20 Sal

Div Sal centre remains present location.

21 PW

- (a) Div PW Cage located at rd junc 468235.
- (b) DAPM 7 Aust Div will be responsible for :-
 - (i) establishment and guarding of Div PW Cage.
 - (ii) escorting PWs back to Div PW Cage.

22 Rfts

Rfts will be drafted forward under Div arrangements.

23 Disposal of Tp Carrying Tpt

AASC and Engr tp carrying vehs will return to KAIRI area on completion of mov.

INTERCOMM

- 24 Rear Hq 7 Aust Div remains present location until further orders.
- 25 Adv Hq 7 Aust Div opens 4819 at 071900K.
- 26 Comd gp 7 Aust Div will meet Bde Comds at Hq 18 Aust Inf Bde 528205 at 071200K.

27 Wireless

- (a) Wireless traffic will be confined to important op messages.
- (b) Wireless silence in Bivouac areas unless line breaks down.

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GS 7 Aust Div

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21 Aust Inf Bde	2
25 Aust Inf Bde	3
2/7 Aust Cav (Commando) Regt	4
2/9 Aust Armd Regt	5
RAA 7 Aust Div	6
RAE 7 Aust Div	7
Sigs 7 Aust Div	8
2/1 Aust MG Bn	9
2/1 Aust Pnr Bn	10
Comd	11
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AASC	15
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EXERCISE SECRET

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ADDITIONAL TROOPS UNDER COMD AND IN SUPPORT

1 Under Comd :-

21 Aust Inf Bde	25 Aust Inf Bde
2/5 Aust Commando Sqn 7 Bty 2/2 Aust Tk A Regt 2/1 Aust Pnr Bn 'B' Coy 2/1 Aust MG Bn 2/8 Aust Tpt Pl One Sec 7 Aust Div Pro Coy 6 ALP	2/6 Aust Commando Sqn 8 Bty 2/2 Aust Tk A Regt 'C' Coy 2/1 Aust MG Bn 2/9 Aust Tpt Pl One Sec 7 Aust Div Pro Coy 7 ALP

2 In Sp :-

21 Aust Inf Bde	25 Aust Inf Bde
2/5 Aust Fd Regt 2/6 Aust Fd Coy 2/7 Aust Sup Depot Pl 2/6 Aust Fd Amb Det 2/124 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk Det 2/124 Aust Bde Wksp	2/6 Aust Fd Regt 2/5 Aust Fd Coy 2/9 Aust Sup Depot Pl 2/4 Aust Fd Amb Det 2/117 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk Det 2/117 Aust Bde Wksp

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APPX 'B' to 7 Aust Div
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MOVEMENT TABLE

- 1 SP - Rd junc 465333
- 2 Routes - See Trace 2 att
- 3 VTM & MIH - Convoys 1 to 4 and 6 to 7 - 20 VTM
15 MIH
Convoy 5 - 20 VTM
8 MIH

- 4 Marshalling Area - KAIRI rd 478335 - 479349.
- 5 Debussing Area - 424179 - 451186. Units mov by foot from Debussing Area to Bivouac Area. After debussing, vehs other than unit vehs return for next lift.
- 6 Unit vehs mov direct to Bivouac Areas.
- 7 Recce party HQ 7 Aust Div will mov independently at a time to be notified to DAFM.

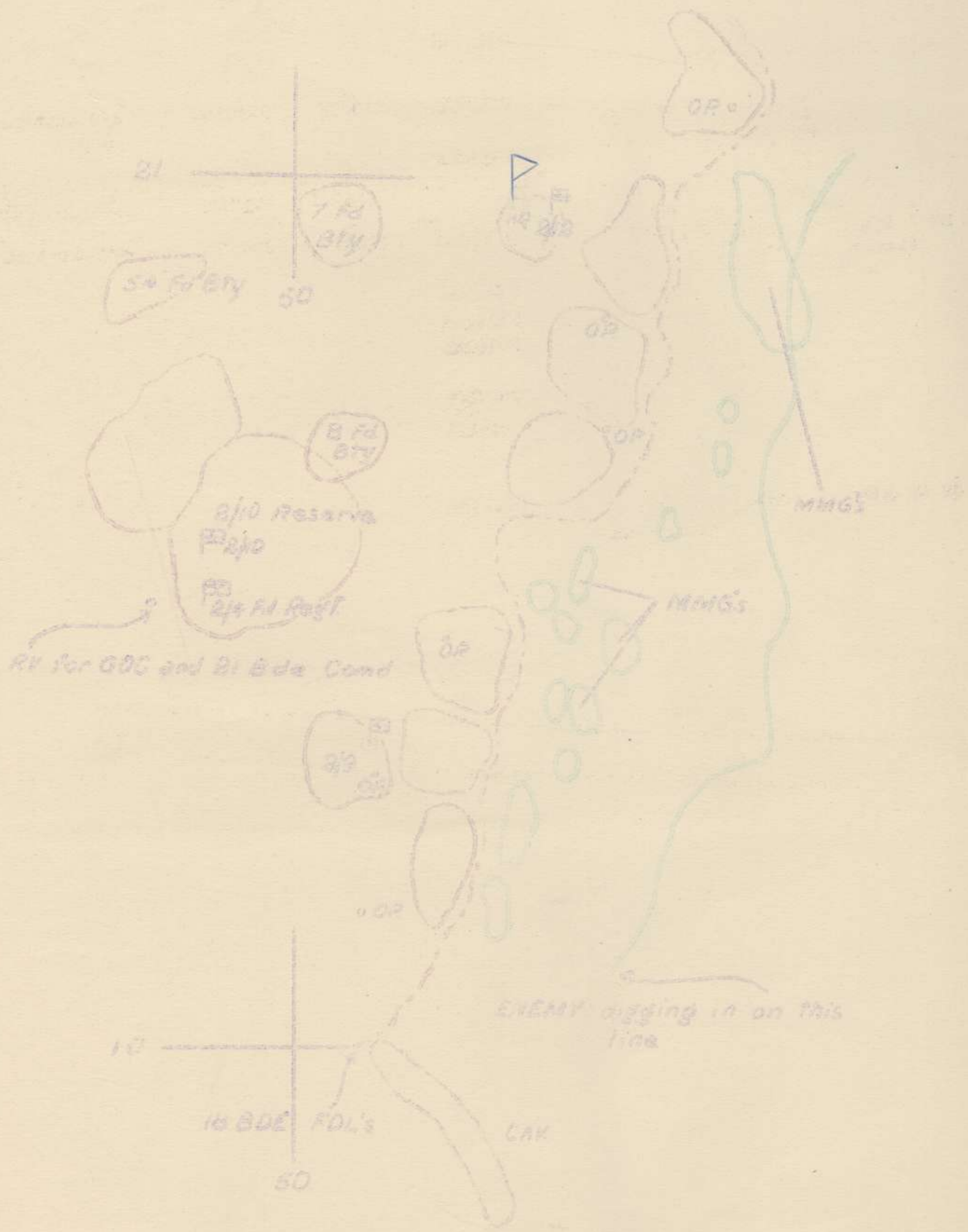
Ser No.	Fm or Unit	Pers	Stor- es	Guns	Fm OR Unit Vehs	Additional Tpt Allotted				Con- voy No.	Leave Unit Lines	Leading Veh passes SP	Convoy Clears SP	Bde or Unit Appointing OC Convoy
						No.	Type	Sup- plied by	Report Bde or Unit by					
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(j)	(k)	(l)	(m)	(n)	(o)	(p)
1	21 Aust Inf Bde Gp	3962	259	32	148	49	3 ton tipper	RAE	061630K	1		070530K	071505K	21 Aust Inf Bde arrangements.
						65	2½ ton	AASC						
2	21 Aust Inf Bde Gp					49	3 ton tipper	RAE		2		070957K		
						65	2½ ton	AASC						
3	21 Aust Inf Bde Gp					49	3 ton tipper	RAE		3		071426K		
						55	2½ ton	AASC						

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(j)	(k)	(l)	(m)	(n)	(o)	(p)
4	Adv HQ 7 Aust Div	136	6	2	4	10	2½ ton	ASC	071333K	4	071503K	071530K	071539K	HQ 7 Aust Div
5	Adv Party "C" sqn 2/9 Aust Armd Regt	8	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	071506K			
6	Adv Party HQ RAA	16			4						071504K			
7	Adv Party HQ RAE	12			3						071510K			
8	Adv Party Sigs	8			2						071506K			
9	Adv Party 2/6 Aust G T Coy	12			3						071510K			
10	Adv Party 7 Aust Div Pro Coy	4			1						071514K			
11	"C" sqn 2/9 Aust Armd Regt	115			35					5	071530K	071600K	071625K	2/9 Aust Armd Regt
12	2/5 Aust Fd Coy less one pl	175	43		19						071537K			
13	25 Aust Inf Bde Gp	3962	259	32	148					6		071645K	071725K	25 Aust Inf Bde
14	Sigs 7 Aust Div	279	41		26	23	3 ton tipper	RAE	071734K	7	071904K	071927K	072030K	2/5 Aust Fd Regt
15	HQ RAA 7 Aust Div	5	2		2						071904K			
16	HQ RAE 7 Aust Div	14	2		4						071910K			
17	2/9 Aust Fd Coy	236	42		32						071912K			
18	One pl 2/6 Aust G T Coy	54	4		11						071910K			
19	2/25 Aust Fd Pk Coy	68	119		41						071914K			
20	2/5 Aust Fd Regt less one tp and tracked vehs	692	133	12	43	59	2½ ton	ASC			071912K			

TRACE SHOWING
DISPOSITIONS OF 18 BDE
KNOWN ENEMY DISPOSITIONS
AND DEPLOYMENT AREAS OF
2/4 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY REGIMENT

Ref. Map 1/63360 BARTLE FRERE

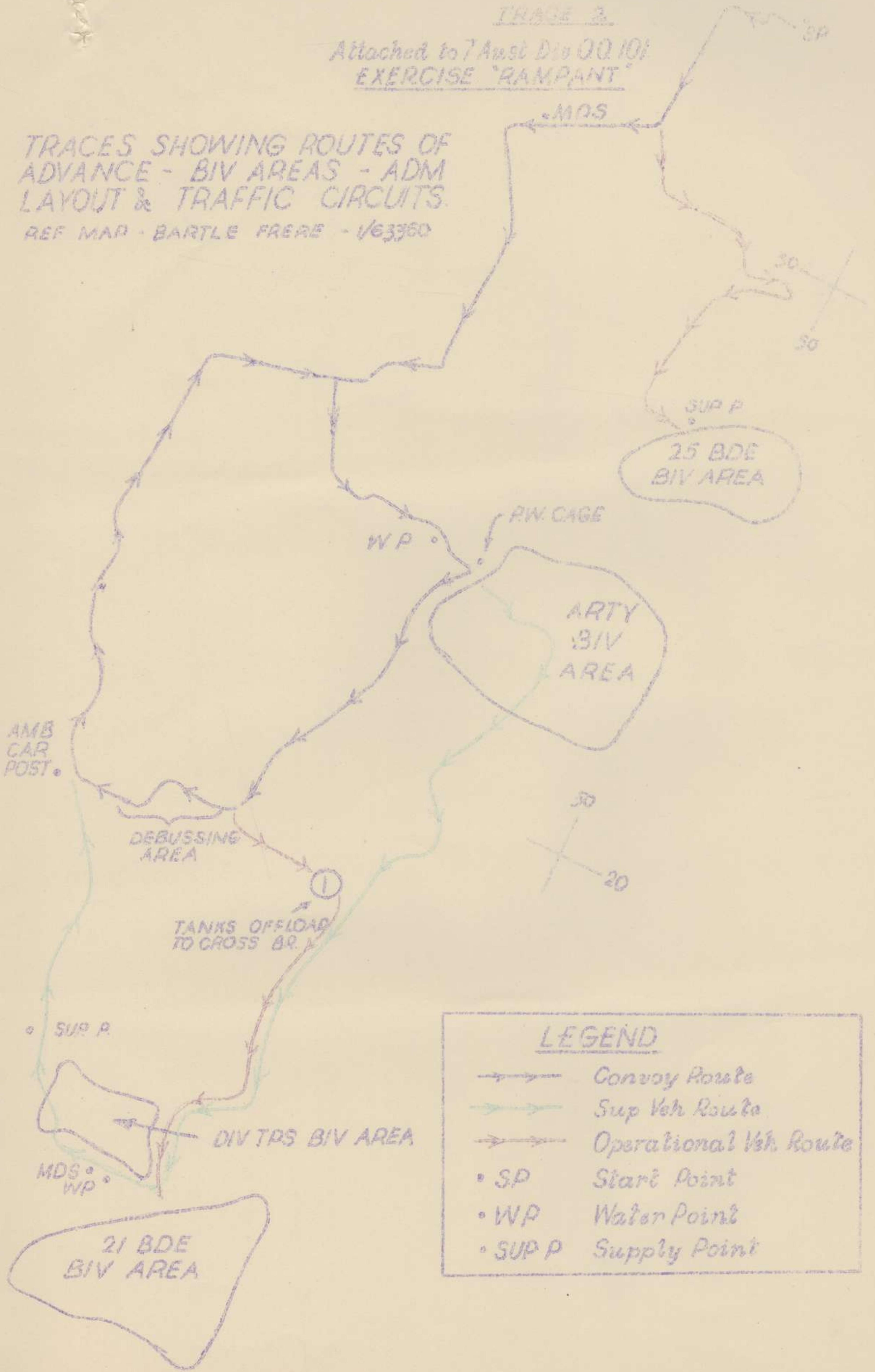
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CO 101
EXERCISE RAMPANT



TRACE 3

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TRACES SHOWING ROUTES OF
ADVANCE - BIV AREAS - ADM
LAYOUT & TRAFFIC CIRCUITS.
REF MAP - BARTLE FREER - V63360



LEGEND

- → → Convoy Route
- → → Sup Veh Route
- → → Operational Veh Route
- SP Start Point
- WP Water Point
- SUP P Supply Point

NOTES FOR GOC'S VERBAL ORDERS FOR ADV FROM BIVOUAC AREAS

INFORMATION

1 Enemy

- (a) No change
- (b) Outpost posns are well sited and fighting tenaciously but appear thin on the ground.

2 Own Tps

18 Bde Comd will point out his disposns on ground.

3 Air

- (a) Columns moving to bivouac areas have been subject to light enemy bombing and strafing. It is expected that these light raids will continue.
- (b) Three Tac R sorties available to Div from MAREEBA between 0900 and 1500 hrs 8 Dec.
- (c) One flt ANSON a/c available for direct sp from 11 Dec.
- (d) Requests for Tac R and direct sp will be submitted through ALPs to ASP at Adv Div HQ.

INTENTION

4 7 Aust Div will adv 8 Dec with view to pushing the enemy into area East of JOHNSTONE RIVER, where he will be attacked and annihilated.

METHOD

5 Summary 21 and 25 Bde Gps will pass through 18 Bde at first light and drive in enemy outposts; 21 Bde Gp right, 25 Bde Gp left.

6 Sectors

(a) 21 Bde Gp -

Right incl GLEN ALLYN rd and rd running East from 533158, with main effort down GLEN ALLYN rd.

(b) 25 Bde Gp -

Left incl PEERAMON - BOONJEE rd.

7 Inter Bde Bdy

See Trace 1 att, to be marked on Bde Comd's maps by Staff.

8 Start Time

Leading elements of 21 and 25 Bde Gps will pass through 18 Bde at 0530 hrs.

9 Res 18 Bde comes into res after 21 and 25 Bde Gps have passed through and will be prepared to conc in area astride rds and rly due East of MALANDA.

10 Cav
(a) 2/5 and 2/6 Sqns 2/7 Cav (Commando) Regt will be used primarily for flank protection.
(b) 2/7 Cav (Commando) Regt less two sqns in res.

11 Armd
2/9 Armd Regt less one sqn in res.

12 Arty
(a) Div arty less Tk A Btys under comd bdes will sp adv.
(b) Allotment of FOOs :-

18 Bde	2
21 Bde	4
25 Bde	3

13 Engrs
(a) Fd coys sp bdes will be responsible for keeping comms open.
(b) 2/9 Aust Fd Coy and 2/25 Aust Fd Pk Coy in res.

14 MMGs
2/1 MG Bn less two coys in res.

ADM

15 No change in Adm Layout.

INTERCOMN

16 Rear Div HQ remains present location.

17 Adv Div HQ opens 4821 at 071900K.

18 Comd Gp will move down rd running East from 533158 in rear of 21 Bde Gp.

19 Wireless silence in Bivouac areas unless line breaks down. No restrictions after passing through 18 Bde posns.

20 Synchronization of time - ABC time broadcasts.

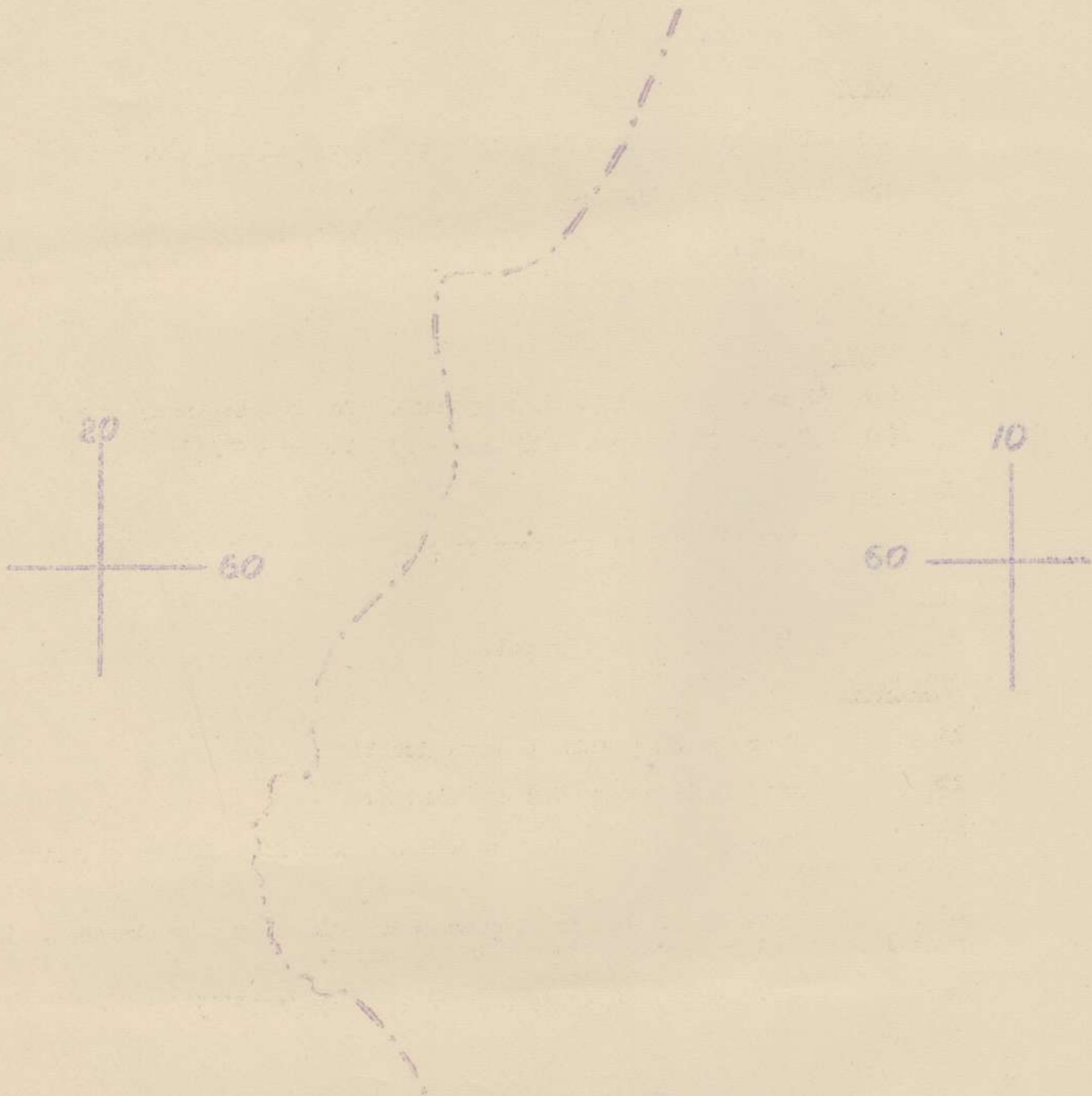
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TRACE 1

INTER-BDE BOUNDARY

EXERCISE RAMPANT



MESSAGE FORM

From 18 aust inf bde

080045K

To adv HQ 7 aust div 21 aust inf bde

for information

25 aust inf bde

03 exercise secret (.) patrols report enemy withdrawal from areas
525115 523121 526125 527135 and 525162 (.) area west of rd
MALANDA MILLAA MILLAA reported clear (.) new enemy posns NOT
contacted ack

If liable to be intercepted or
fall into enemy hands this message
must be sent IN CIPHER,

IMMEDIATE

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR ENEMY - EXERCISE "RAMPANT"1. Composition and Comd

(a) Comd - Lt-Col HAUPT, 2/1 Aust MG Bn.

(b) Composition :-

2/3 and 2/6 Aust Commando Sqns
 One Tp "A" Sqn 2/9 Aust Armd Regt
 8 Bty 2/2 Aust Tk A Regt
 2/4 Aust Fd Coy
 2/1 Aust MG Bn, less one Coy
 2/4 Aust Pnr Bn

Det 2/33 Aust Sup Depot Pl
 one Sec 7 Aust Div Pro Coy.

(c) Enemy as above under comd as from 0600 hrs 5 Dec 44 and will move to exercise area under arrangements Lt-Col HAUPT and Q 7 Aust Div.

2. Dress

Battle Order - white hatbands.

3. Adm(a) Maint

HQ Comd AASC will arrange daily deliveries of rations and POL.

(b) Routes for Sup Vehs

Sup Vehs will use route KAIRI - KULARA - YUNGABURRA - MALANDA.

(c) Tpt

Comd enemy will make arrangements with 7 Aust Div for additional tpt required for movement to exercise area.

4. Dispositions

Dispositions, as arranged on the ground with enemy Comd, are shown on Traces "A" to "G" att.

5. Tactics

Enemy tactics will be in accordance with Sequence of Events issued separately. The Sequence of Events and enemy dispositions will not be altered without ref to the Director or Chief Umpire.

6. Tactical Control

By DS who will keep Enemy Comd fully informed by personal contact or R/T and give any special instrs which may be required during the course of the exercise.

7. Flags

21 Aust Inf Bde flag umpiring system will be used for exercise "RAMPANT". Details of this system are issued in conjunction with Instrs for Umpires. Flags will be provided by 21 Aust Inf Bde under arrangements 7 Aust Div.

8. Patrols

(a) Enemy will patrol in accordance with Sequence of Events.

(b) As opportunity offers Patrol Comds will be shown over the ground they are to patrol, in a neutral capacity under arrangements to be made by DS.

9. Umpiring

Enemy Det Comds will be responsible for own umpiring.

10. Intercomn

(a) As arranged between Enemy Comd and Sigs 7 Aust Div.

(b) Sig diagram att at Appx "H".

11. Representation of Fire and Safety Precautions

(a) In accordance with Gen Instrs for Exercise issued separately.

(b) Enemy Comd will ensure that safety precautions are enforced. These should incl :-

(i) Search of all enemy pers and rifles for ball amn.

(ii) Loaded Bren mags and MMG belts to be carried, issued and collected and guns cleared under supervision of an officer.

(iii) Adequate safety pits to be dug.

(c) Enemy Comd will arrange for mirrors to be carried by enemy pers.

12. Hand to hand fighting will not be permitted. To ensure this enemy dets will surrender where necessary.

13. Captured Personnel

(a) Captured enemy pers will be returned to enemy lines during darkness under arrangements to be made by DS.

(b) Pers captured by enemy will be released at favourable periods.

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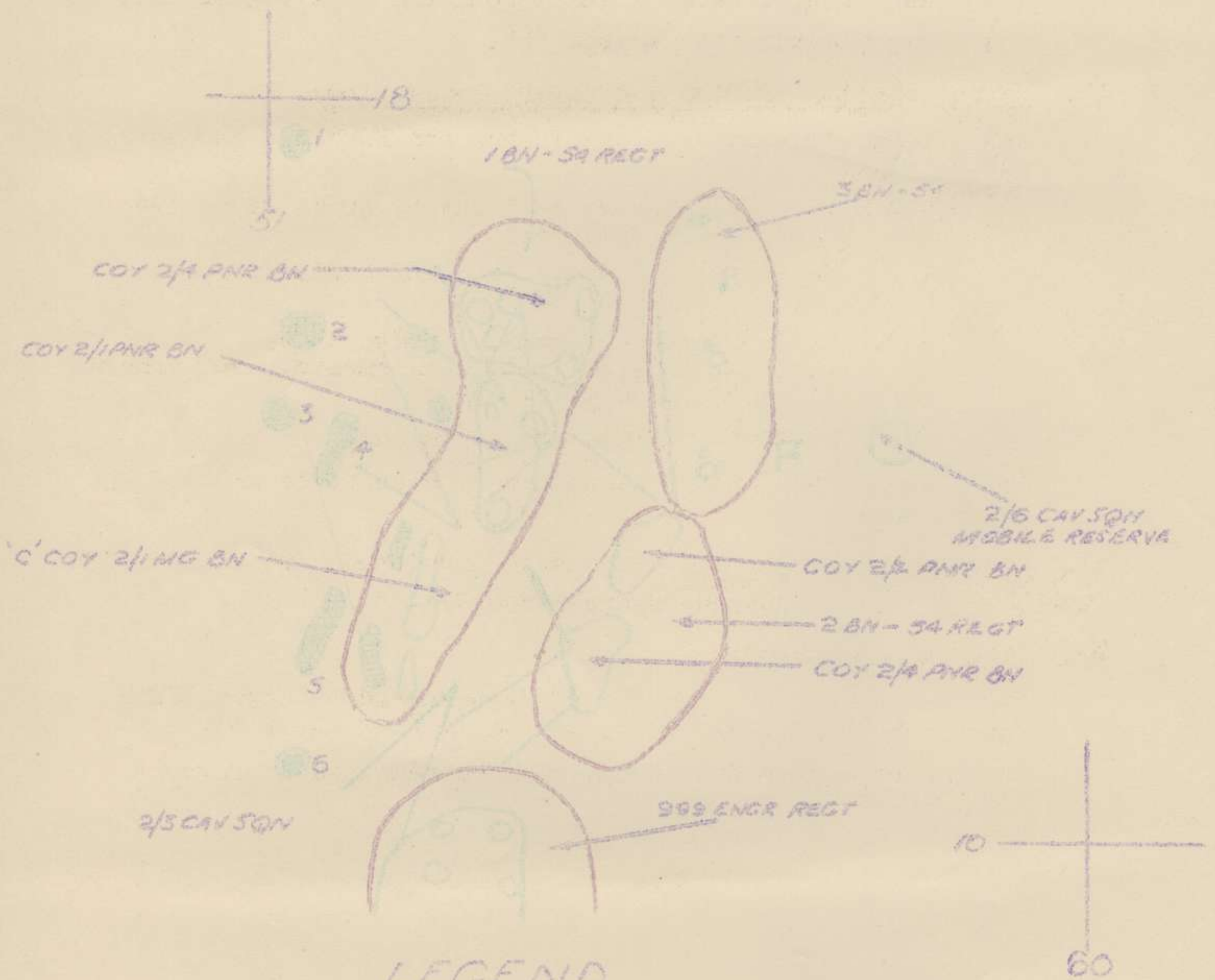
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APPX 'A'

TO INSTRUCTIONS TO ENEMY
EXERCISE "RAMPANT"

ENEMY DISPOSITIONS PHASE I

COVERS SERIALS 1 TO 18 TIMETABLE & SEQUENCE OF EVENTS
Ref Map 1/63360 BATTLE FRERE



LEGEND

ARTY OF TASKS THUS
 1 BTY RIGHT FLANK TASKS 1-3 ON CALL FOO'S
 1 BTY LEFT " TASKS 4-6 ON CALL FOO'S
 1 BTY SUPERIMPOSED LEFT FLANK
 MMG'S AS SHOWN
 M3" TWO DETS EACH FND COY
 " " RESERVE
 MORTAR FIRE TASKS

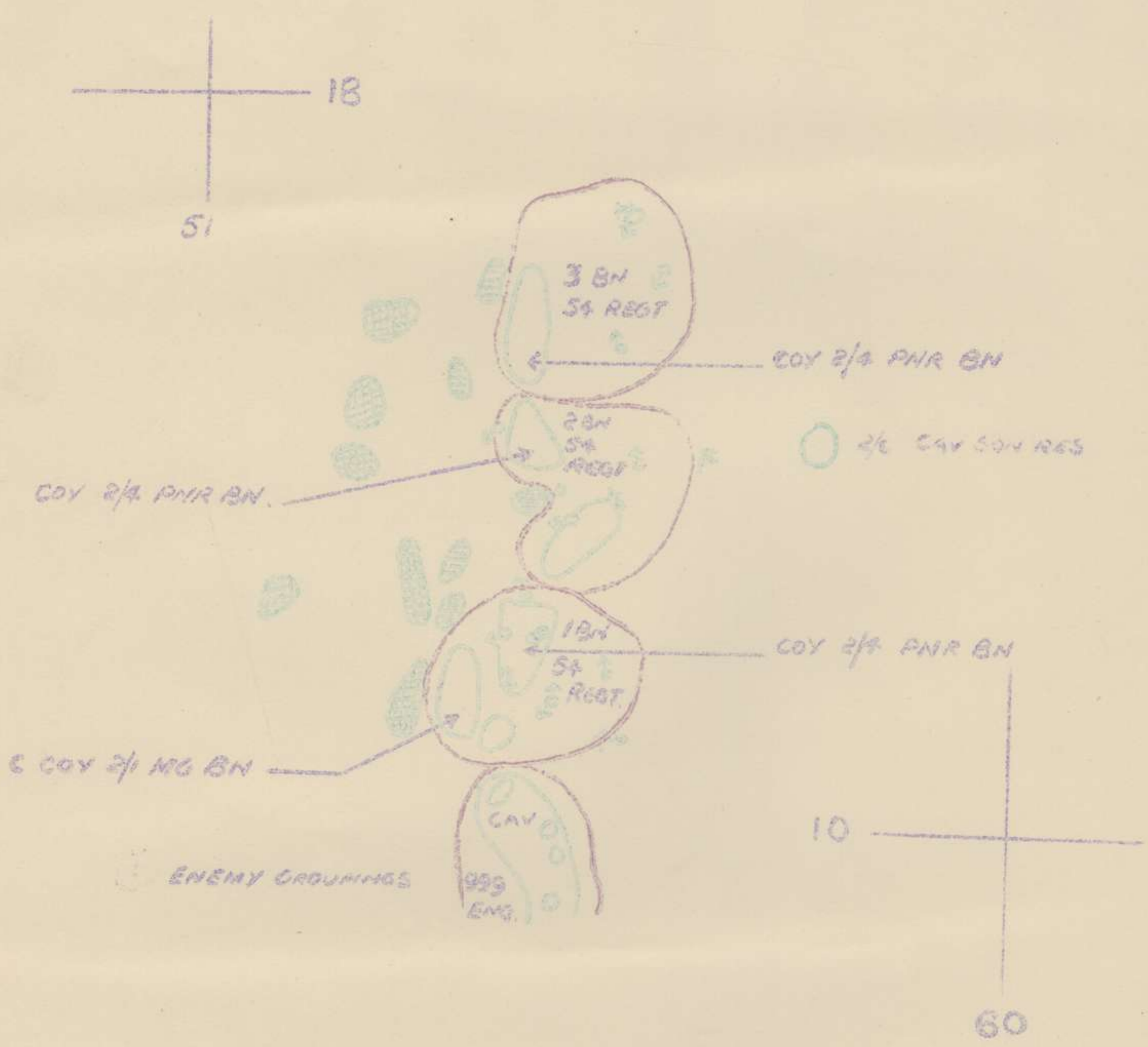
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ENEMY DISPOSITIONS PHASE II

COVERS SERIALS 19-21 TIME TABLE & SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

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LEGEND

- ARTY OF TASKS
- MORTAR FIRE TASKS

APPX 'C'

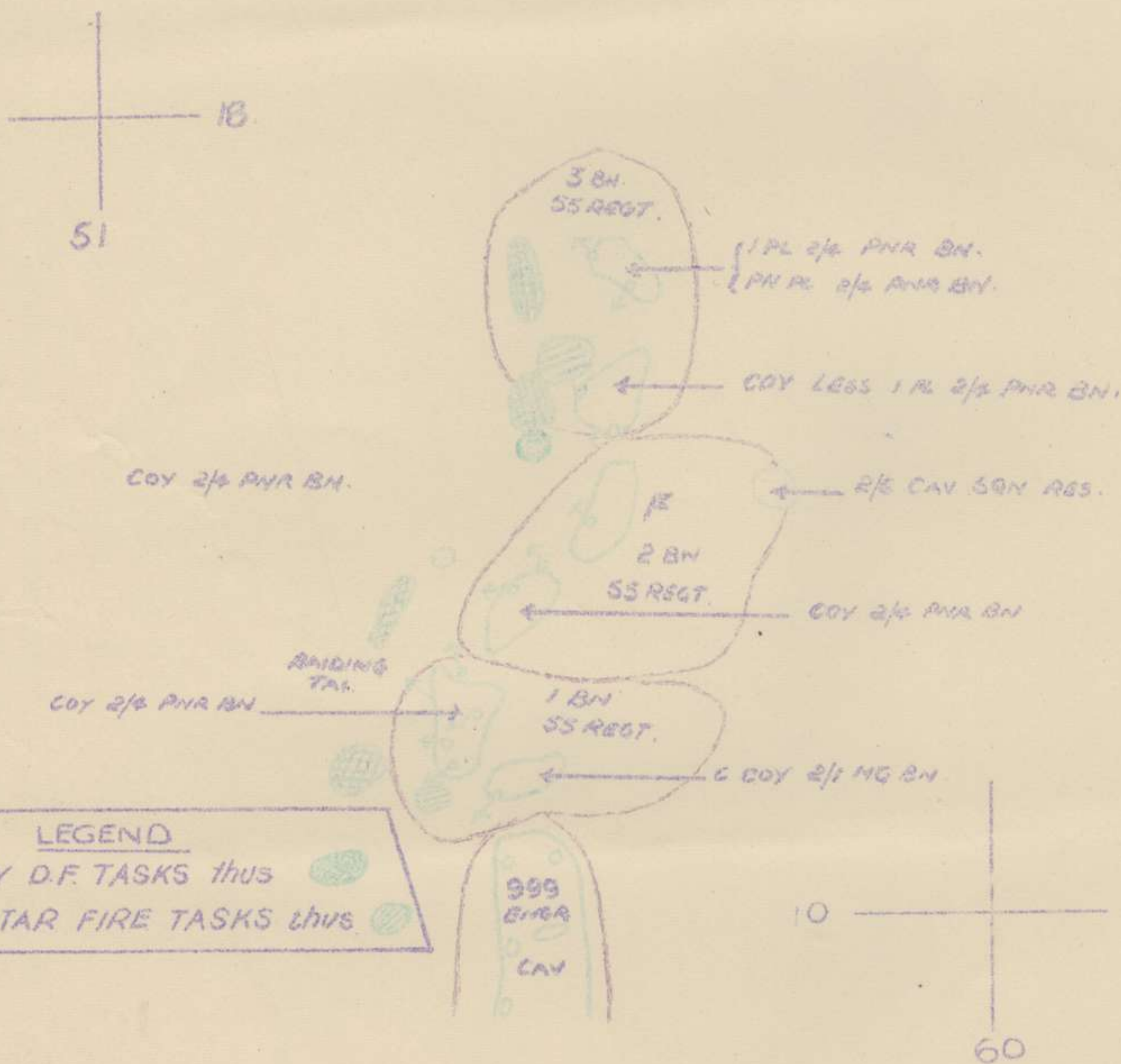
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ENEMY DISPOSITIONS PHRASE III

COVERS SERIALS 22-23 TIME TABLE & SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

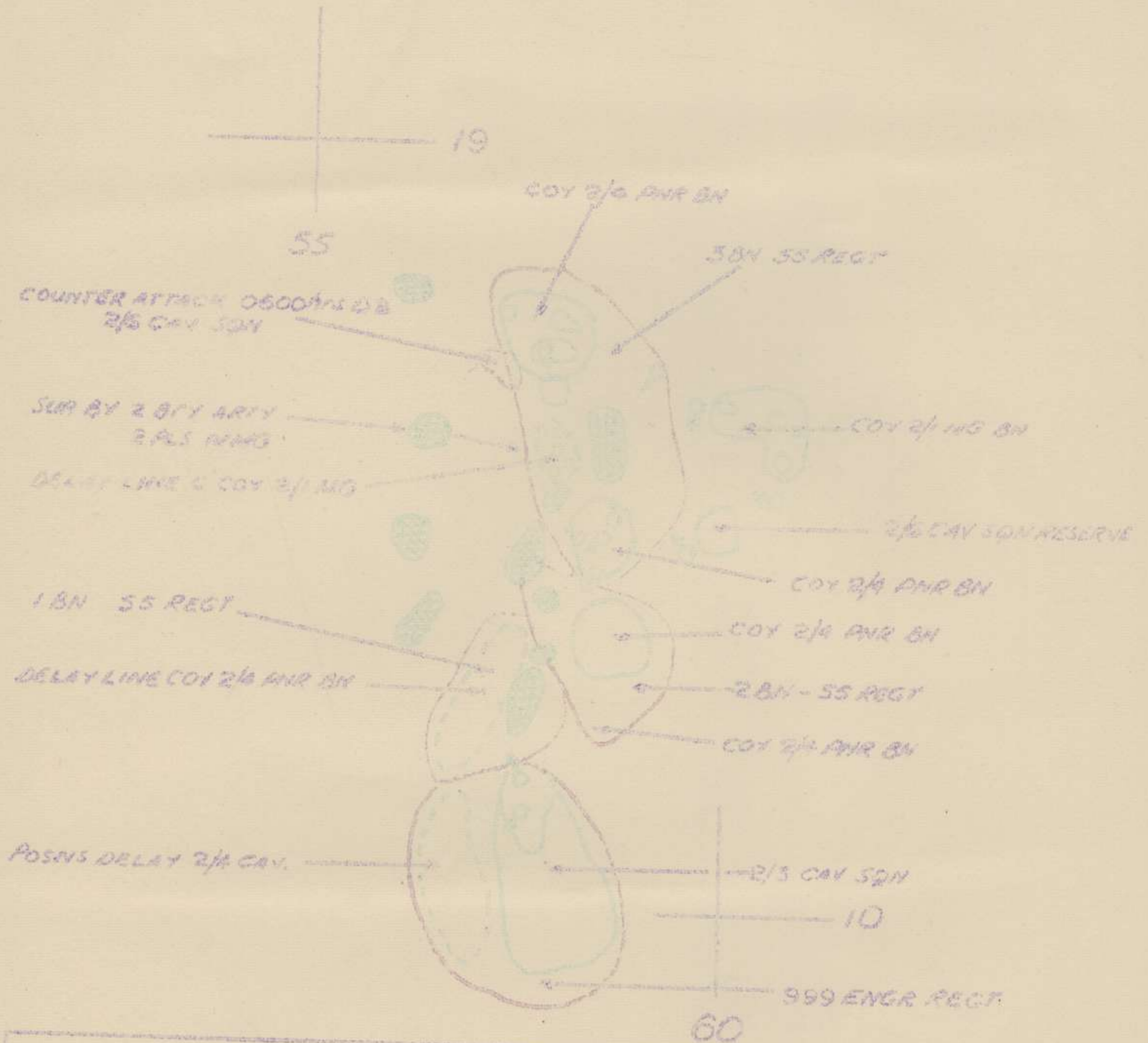
Ref Map 1/63,360 BARTLE FRERE



TO INSTRUCTIONS TO ENEMY
EXERCISE 'RAMPANT'

ENEMY DISPOSITIONS PHASE IV

WEST OF JOHNSTONE RIVER Ref map 1/53360 BATTLE FRONT
SERIALS 24-31 TIMETABLE & SEQUENCE OF EVENTS



LEGEND

- ARTY OF TASKS (with green circle symbol)
- MMG'S AS SHOWN (with green circle symbol)
- MORTAR FIRE TASKS (with green circle symbol)

APPX "E"

TO INSTRUCTIONS FOR ENEMY

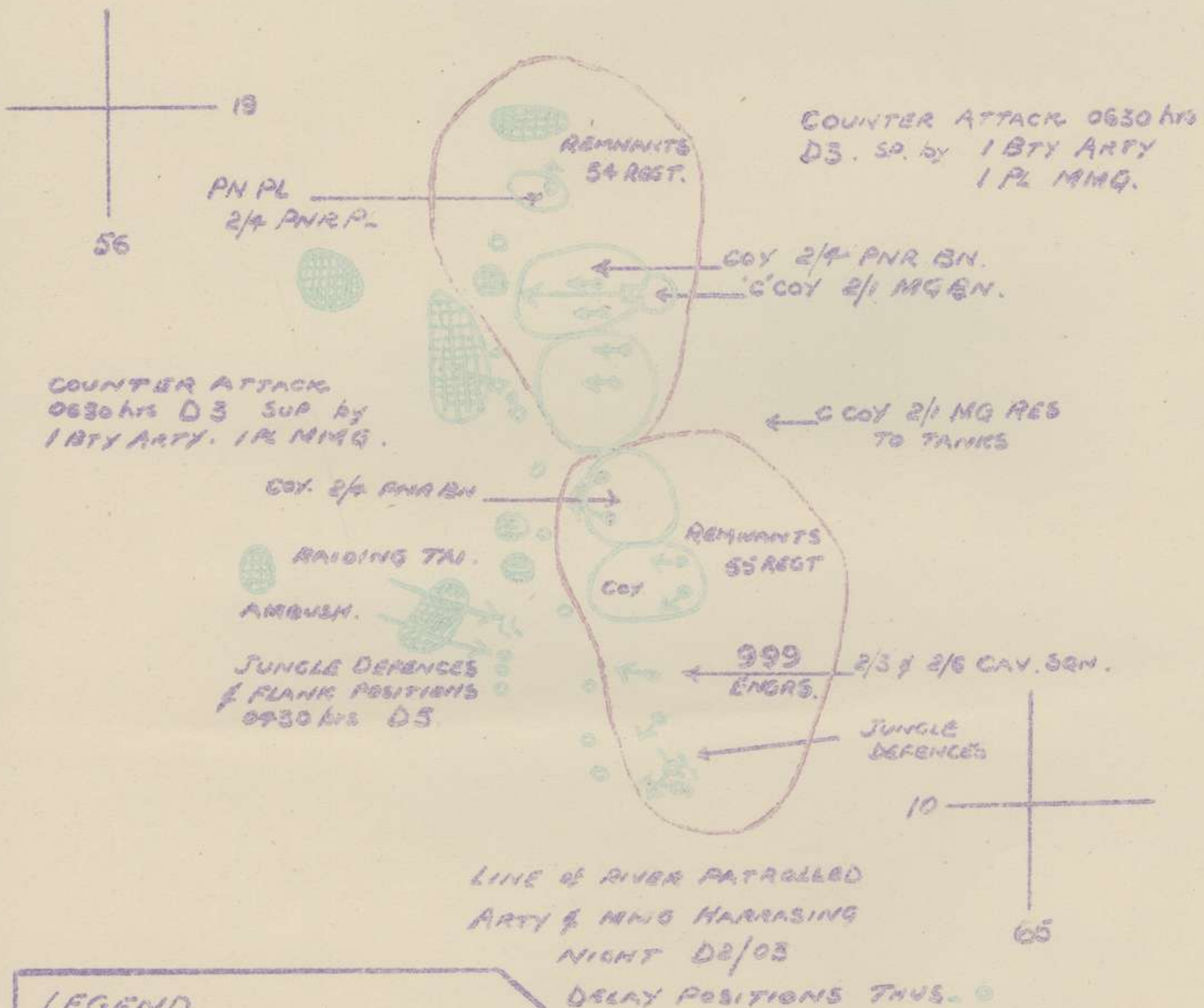
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ENEMY DISPOSITIONS PHASE V

(EAST OF JOHNSTONE RIVER)

REF MAP 1/63,360 BARTLE FRERE

SERIALS 31-40 TIME TABLE & SEQUENCE OF EVENTS



LEGEND
 ARTY OR TASKS THUS 
 MORTAR FIRE TASK THUS 

APPX 'F'

To Instructions for ENEMY
EXERCISE RAMPANT.

ENEMY DISPOSITIONS PHASE VI
(LAMONDS HILL)

Ref. Map. 1/63,360 BARTLEFRERE



- ARTY - 1 BTY EACH IN SUP 1 & 5
1 BTY SUPERIMPOSED 5
- MM Gls - 1 COY 5 & 6
1 COY 1 & 2
1 SEC 3
1 SEC 4
- INF - 2/4 PNR BN. 1, 2, 3, 4.
- CAV - 2/3 CAV 5
2/6 CAV 6
'C' COY 2/1 MG BN. 7
DELAY POSITIONS thus.

APFX "G"

INSTRUCTIONS TO ENEMY

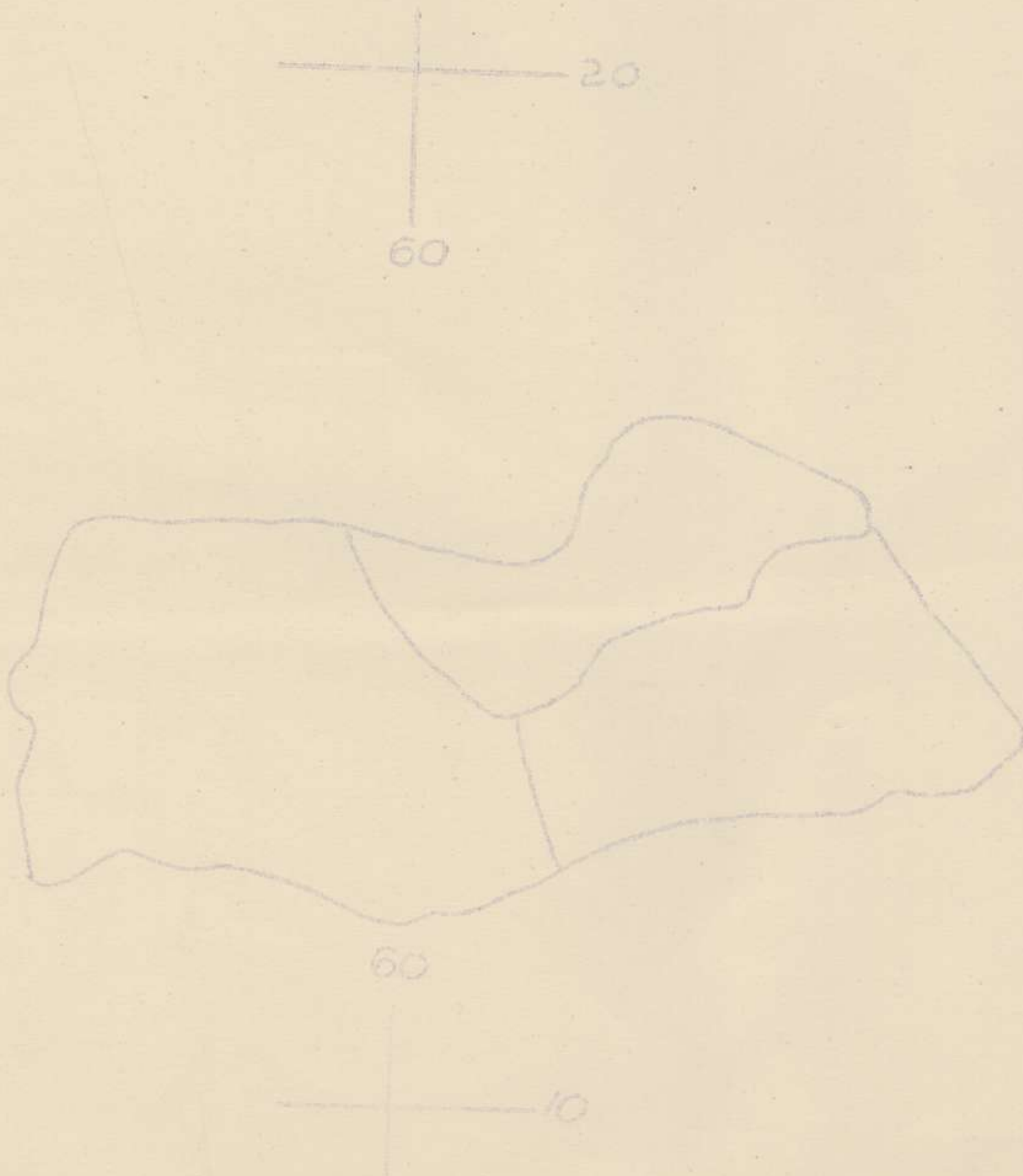
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LOCATION AND MOVES OF MAIN ENEMY 19

- | | | | | |
|----|------------|----------------|--------|--------------------------------|
| 1. | FORCE HQ | JUNGLE PATCH | 565140 | |
| | 2/1 MG BN | VICINITY HOUSE | 575156 | 1800 D-1 to approx 1600 |
| | 2/4 PIR BN | RE-ENTRANT | 8614 | From D1 |
| | | | | |
| 2. | FORCE HQ | VICINITY HOUSE | 590128 | |
| | 2/1 MG BN | " " | 590154 | 1800 hrs D1 to 1200 hrs |
| | 2/4 PIR BN | " " | 590135 | 08 |
| | | | | |
| 3. | FORCE HQ | DIPYARDS | 617159 | |
| | 2/1 MG BN | SHED | 615158 | 1800 hrs D2 to 1400 hrs D3 |
| | 2/4 PIR BN | GLYM ALLEY | 616133 | |
| | | | | |
| 4. | FORCE HQ | APPROX | 663147 | |
| | 2/1 MG BN | | 653158 | 1400 hrs D3 to end of Exercise |
| | 2/4 PIR BN | | 663143 | |

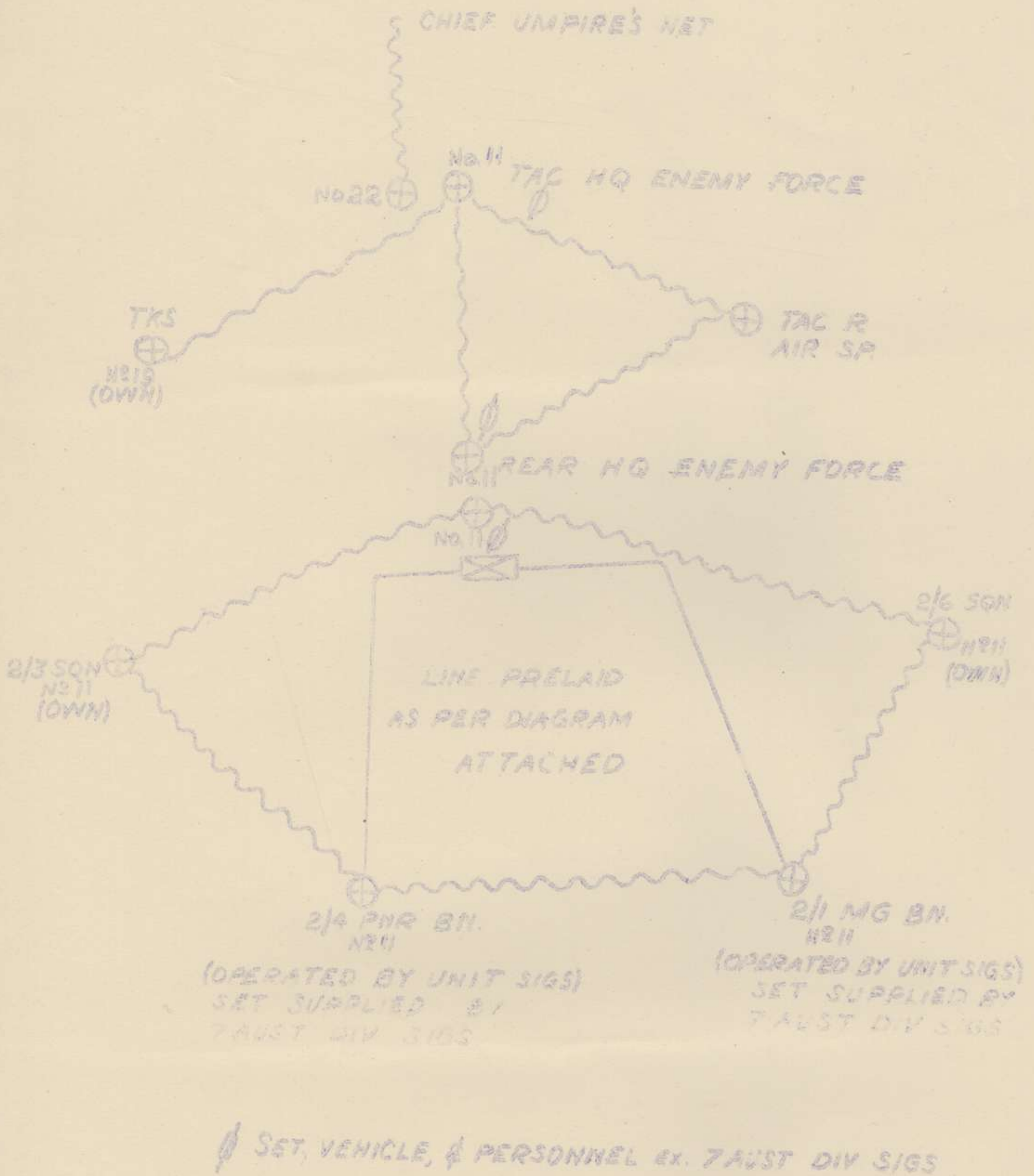
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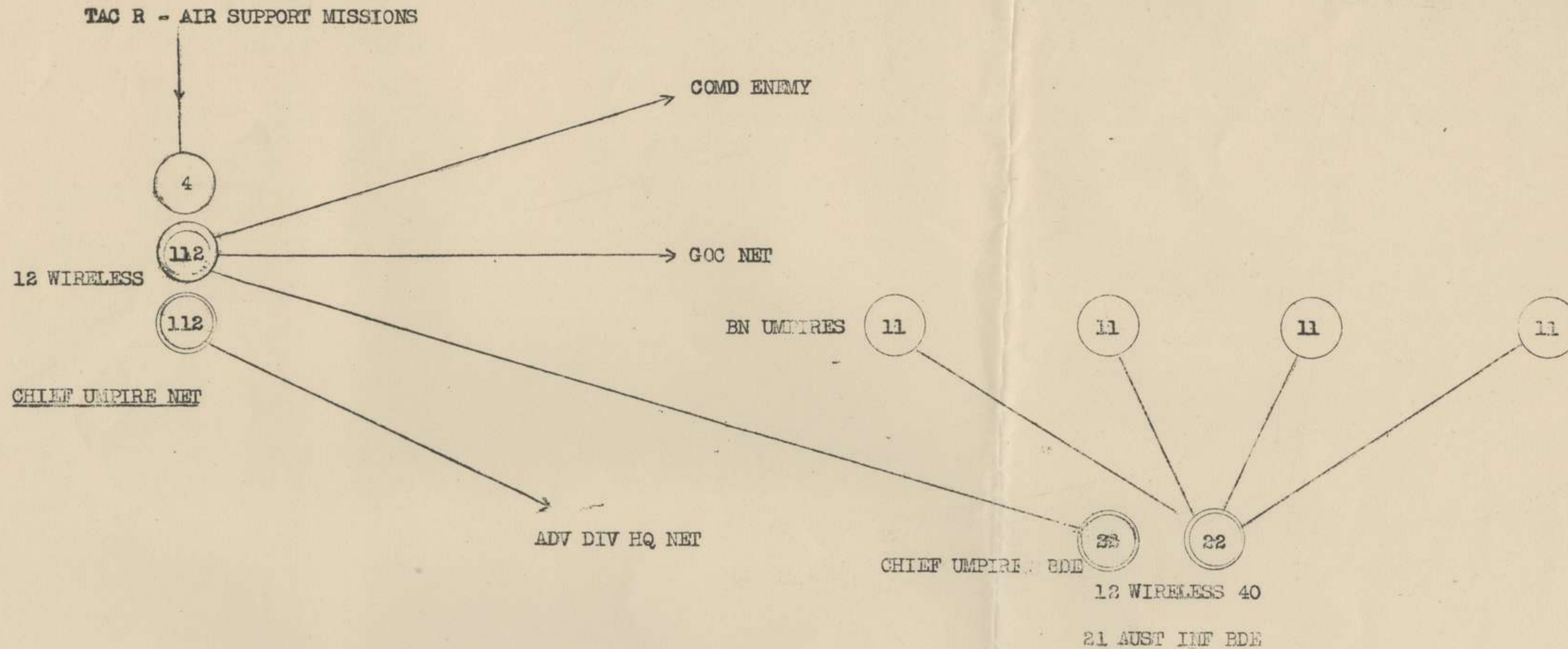
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To Instructions for ENEMY
EXERCISE RAMPART

ENEMY SIG DIAGRAM.



UMPIRES' COMMUNICATIONS : 7 AUST DIV EXERCISE "RAMPANT"

Appendix "B" to "INSTRS
FOR UMPIRES"



APPENDIX "C" to
"INSTRUCTIONS FOR UMPIRES"

21 AUST INF BDE

FLAG UMPIRING SYSTEM

UMPIRING A PLATOON (or A COMPANY) IN ATTACK

1. Each section, (or platoon) is given a distinguishing flag of a single colour, as follows :-

1. WHITE
2. GREEN
3. YELLOW

2. The section, (or platoon) carries the flag allotted to it and displays it as the troops move. The section, (or platoon) is known as the GREEN, YELLOW or WHITE section, (or platoon).

3. On the objective, each enemy post has six double coloured flags, in this case :-

- | | | |
|--------------------|---|--|
| 1. WHITE and RED |) | Each flag is divided
in half into the two
colours. |
| 2. WHITE and BLUE |) | |
| 3. YELLOW and RED |) | |
| 4. YELLOW and BLUE |) | |
| 5. GREEN and RED |) | |
| 6. GREEN and BLUE |) | |

4. The "BLUE" indicates fire against which troops can continue to advance with only minor casualties.

5. The "RED" indicates fire against which troops can only advance with very heavy casualties - the ultimate result being a complete wiping out of the force if they continue to advance. The decision lies with the commander.

6. The double coloured flags are displayed as appropriate by the enemy umpires. If, for example, the "GREEN" platoon came within range of heavy fire, the GREEN and RED flag would be displayed from the post engaging it. If the GREEN and YELLOW platoons came under light fire and the WHITE platoon under heavy fire simultaneously, the flags displayed by the enemy post would be :-

GREEN and BLUE
YELLOW and BLUE
WHITE and RED

BATTALION ATTACK

7. To provide for a battalion attack with NOT more than two companies forward, three more single colours and their combinations with RED and BLUE are used. These colours are :-

PINK
BLACK
BROWN

8. The platoons of one company are then GREEN, YELLOW and WHITE, and of the other company, PINK, BLACK and BROWN.

9. Each enemy post now needs 12 flags. The flags each consist of one half the basic platoon colour and one half the RED or BLUE combination.

10. It is thus possible to indicate either type of fire on any particular platoon, or any number of platoons. As a platoon enters defiladed ground the flag indicating fire on it is dropped when the platoon becomes visible again, the flag is again displayed on the objective.

11. The number of enemy posts can be increased by providing additional sets of 12 double-coloured flags. To avoid complications, the platoons of the remaining two companies of the attacking battalion are given similar colours to those allotted to the first two companies. It is seldom that more than two forward companies are employed.

12. Further representation of fire is added by LMGs firing ball ammunition into pits within the enemy posts, at the same time as the flags are displayed.

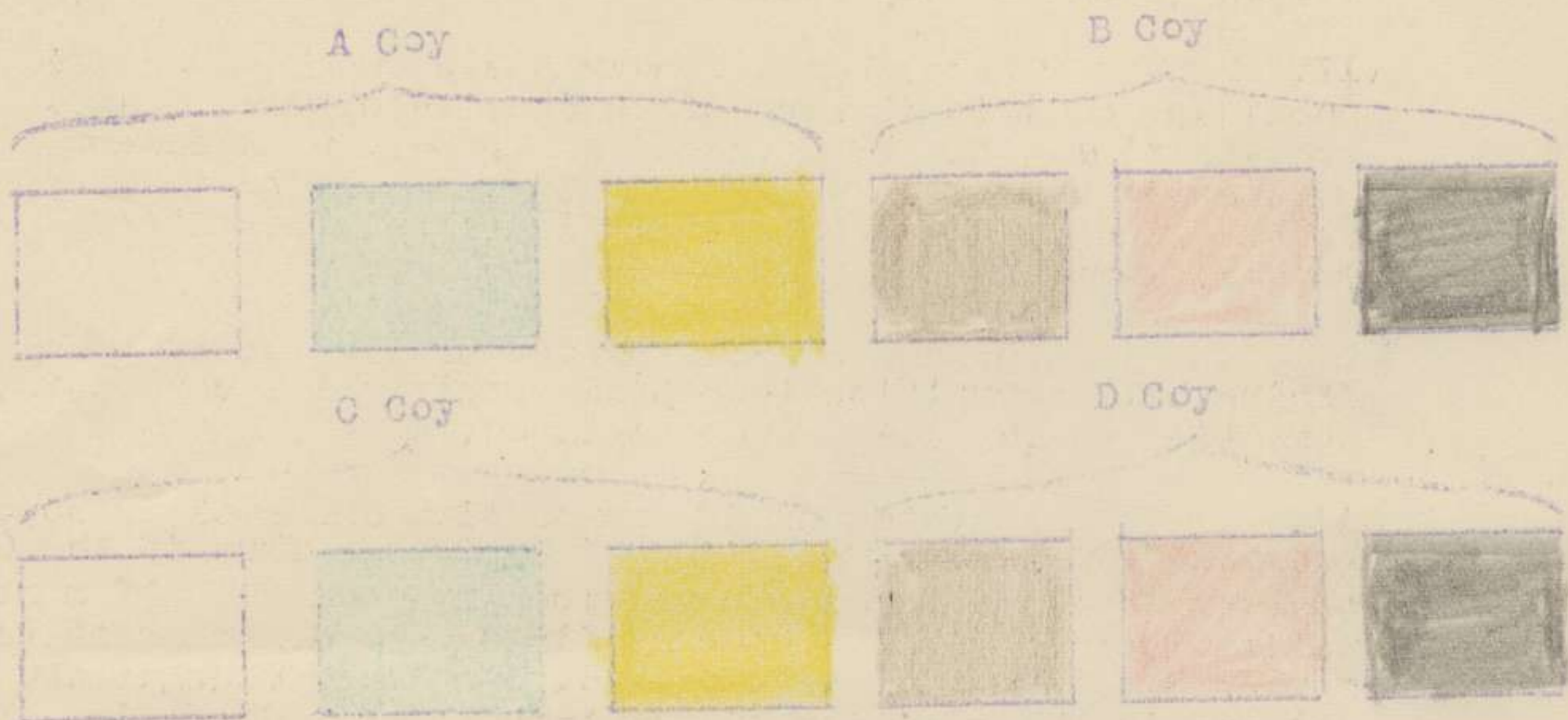
13. A system of R/T comms with 536 sets is superimposed between "own troops" and "enemy" umpires. Thus if the GREEN platoon is RED-flagged and the company comd uses 3" mortars to assist it forward, the time of firing and duration of time are communicated to the enemy umpire. Engineer charges are then let off in the vicinity of the target, and, depending on the accuracy and intensity of the fire, the GREEN and RED flag may be dropped altogether, or replaced with the GREEN and BLUE. The GREEN platoon can then advance.

14. The value of the system is that the attacking troops can watch their objectives and can see from where the fire is coming and the type of fire. They can thus automatically "keep in the picture".

15. Attached at Annexure "A" is a diagram showing the flags necessary to make up a Battalion Umpiring Set.

DEFINING FLAGS

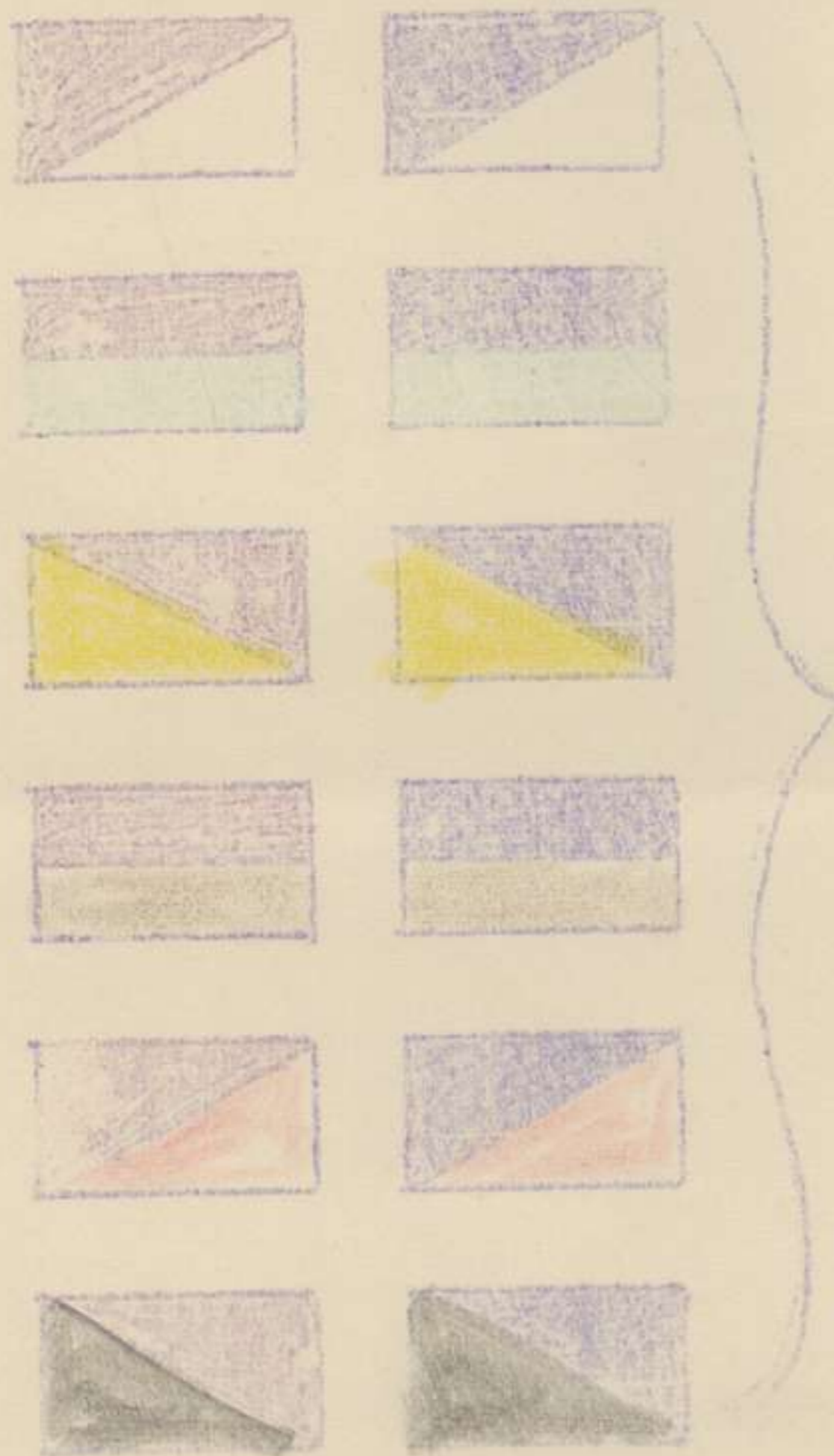
FLAGS CARRIED BY ATTACKING TROOPS



NOTE: If A and C Coys are attacking together, then C Coy must exchange flags with B or D Coys.

FLAGS IN BIELLY POSTS

Each post contains the following flags



12 flags per post.
Normally 6 posts (72 flags)
sufficient for a Bn set.

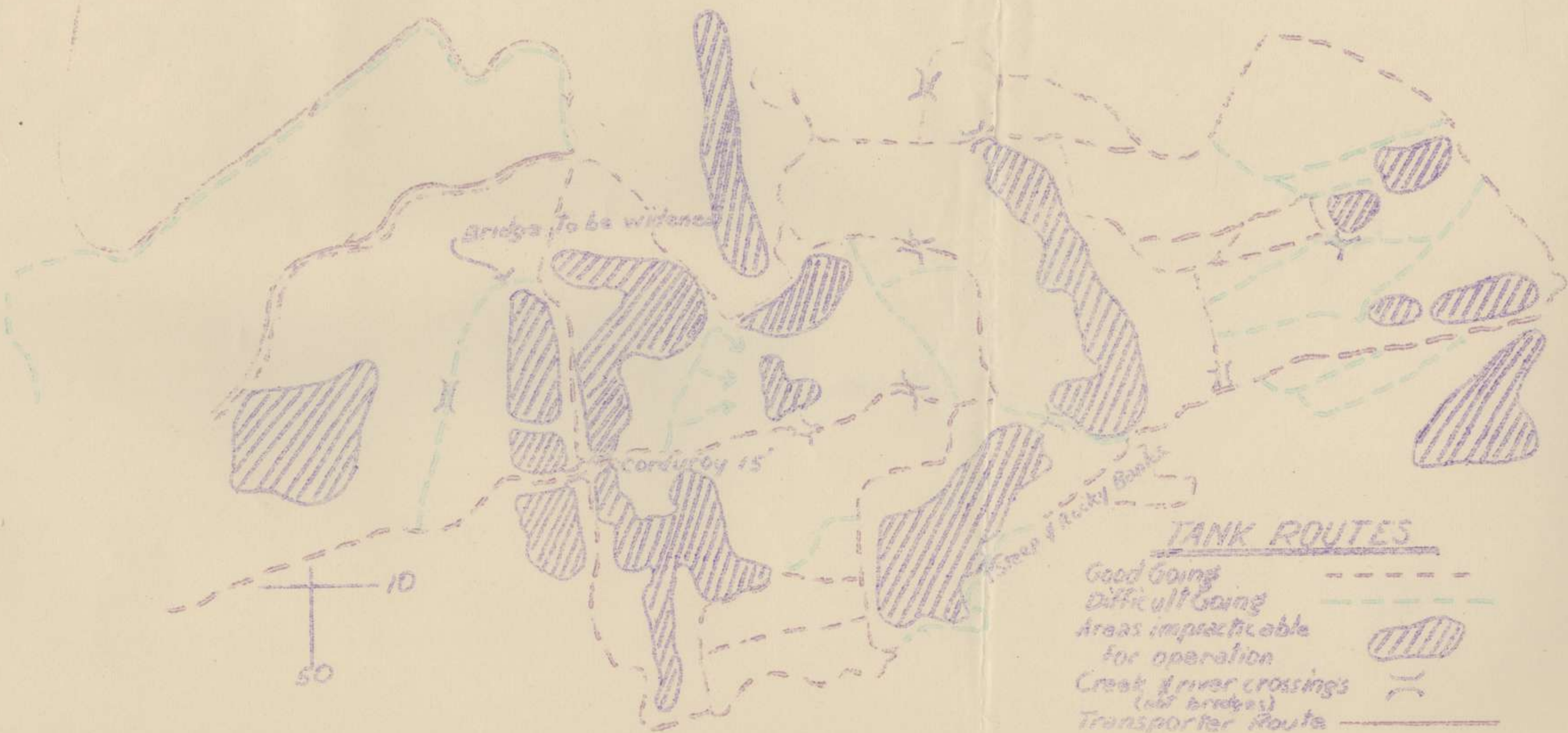
NOTE: Each flag is each 6"3" x 2'6" and have two bamboo sticks let in, one on each side.

TANK-GOING OVERLAY



Ref. Map. 1/63360 BARTLEFRERE



APPX. D
To Instructions for UMPIRES



TANK ROUTES

- Good Going -----
- Difficult Going - - - - -
- Areas impracticable for operation 
- Creek or river crossings (not bridges) 
- Transporter Route _____

INSTRUCTIONS FOR UMPIRES - EXERCISE "RAMPANT"1. Allotment of Umpires.

(a) Umpires are allotted on the following scale :-

	<u>Lt-Col</u>	<u>Majs</u>	<u>Cpts</u> <u>or</u> <u>Majs</u>	<u>Lts</u>
Bde HQ	1			
Cav Commando Sqn		1		3
Armd Sqn		1		
Fd Regt		1	3	
Tk A Bty		1		2
Engrs			2	
MG Coy			1	3
Inf or Pnr Bn	1		4	7

(b) Allotment is shown at Appx "A" att.

2. Marrying Up

Umpires will marry up with headquarters and units as shown above by 2200 hrs 6 Dec 44.

3. Transport

(a) As far as possible Senior Umpires will provide own tpt.

(b) A pool of vehicles for other umpires will be provided under arrangements Q 7 Aust Div.

4. Accommodation

(a) An umpires camp will be established at 188153 under arrangements Q 7 Aust Div - Camp Commandant - Capt LONGWORTH HQ 7 Aust Div.

(b) The following facilities will be provided at the camp :-

(i) Tented accommodation for all umpires and batmen.

(ii) Officers mess and conference tent.

(iii) Meals will be provided including out lunches if required.

(iv) Camp accommodation stores.

(v) White flag for camp

(c) Officers staying at the camp will provide :-

(i) Bed and bedding

(ii) Own eating utensils.

5. Distinguishing Marking

(a) All umpires will wear a white armband. (Officers will provide own armband).

(b) All neutral vehicles will fly a white flag.

(i) Officers with own vehicle will provide flag.

(ii) Q 7 Aust Div will supply flags for pool vehicles.

6. Maps

Umpires unable to obtain necessary maps from unit resources will collect them from HQ 7 Aust Div by 1600 hrs 6 Dec 44.

7. Briefing

- (a) Initial briefing 042000K at HQ 7 Aust Div.
- (b) Final briefing on ground 5 Dec 44 under instrs to be issued separately.

8. Intercomn

See Signal Diagram at Appx "B" att.

9. Flag Umpiring System

- (a) 21 Aust Inf Bde flag umpiring system will be used for this exercise.
- (b) Notes on this system are att at Appx "C".
- (c) Flags will be provided by 21 Aust Inf Bde under arrangements 7 Aust Div.

10. Exercise Casualties

ADMS will arrange for necessary exercise casualty slips to be provided for Chief Umpire for issue to Umpires daily.

11. Tank Going Overlay

See Appx "D" att.

DISTRIBUTION

Paper 10

ALLOTMENT OF UMPIRES

1	<u>Chief Umpire</u>			
		Lt-Col	E R WILMOTH	
2	<u>Pool</u>			
		CRA		
		CRE		
		CO Sigs		
		CASC		
		ADMS	CIEIE	
		Lt	J C WILLIAMS	2/9 Aust Armd Regt
		Lt	E A FARLEY	2/9 Aust Armd Regt
		Lt	C C AVERN	2/9 Aust Armd Regt
		Lt	A G STRONG	2/9 Aust Armd Regt
		Lt	I A GEDDES	2/9 Aust Armd Regt
		Lt	B WALL	2/9 Aust Armd Regt
3	<u>HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde</u>			
		Lt-Col	E M ROBSON	2/31 Aust Inf Bn
4	<u>2/14 Aust Inf Bn</u>			
		Lt-Col	R H MARSON	2/25 Aust Inf Bn
		Capt	B G C WALKER	2/25 Aust Inf Bn
		Capt	W C ROOTES	2/25 Aust Inf Bn
		Capt	W M CROMBIE	2/25 Aust Inf Bn
		Capt	R W P DODD	2/25 Aust Inf Bn
		Lt	J R ANDERSON	2/25 Aust Inf Bn
		Lt	R E THOMAS	2/25 Aust Inf Bn
		Lt	R ROCHE	2/25 Aust Inf Bn
		Lt	R E SELLARS	2/25 Aust Inf Bn
		Lt	G S BANKS	2/25 Aust Inf Bn
		Lt	C I G HUXLEY	2/25 Aust Inf Bn
		Lt	B B McMAUGH	HQ 25 Aust Inf Bde
5	<u>2/16 Aust Inf Bn</u>			
		Lt-Col	N L FLEAY	2/7 Aust Cav (Commando) Regt
		Maj	J A JAMES	2/31 Aust Inf Bn
		Capt	S J MCKENZIE	2/31 Aust Inf Bn
		Capt	G A HENDERSON	2/31 Aust Inf Bn
		Capt	L G GARDNER	2/31 Aust Inf Bn
		Lt	R R JENSEN	2/31 Aust Inf Bn
		Lt	J A PIPER	2/31 Aust Inf Bn
		Lt	J E MUIRHEAD	2/31 Aust Inf Bn
		Lt	A H BEARD	2/31 Aust Inf Bn
		Lt	A S McDOUGALL	2/31 Aust Inf Bn
		Lt	D A CAMPBELL	2/31 Aust Inf Bn
		Lt	T H SCOTT	HQ 25 Aust Inf Bde

6 2/27 Aust Inf Bn

Lt-Col	T R W	COTTON	2/33 Aust Inf Bn
Maj	C N B	PEACH	2/33 Aust Inf Bn
Capt	T E	ARCHER	2/33 Aust Inf Bn
Capt	H D	CULLEN	2/33 Aust Inf Bn
Capt	P S	CURRY	2/33 Aust Inf Bn
Lt	W G	HINTON	2/33 Aust Inf Bn
Lt	C G	WEBSTER	2/33 Aust Inf Bn
Lt	W P	TRESSIDER	2/33 Aust Inf Bn
Lt	H G	GLANVILLE	2/33 Aust Inf Bn
Lt	D G	DAVIDSON	2/33 Aust Inf Bn
Lt	H S	GOLDSMITH	2/33 Aust Inf Bn
Lt	B K	MARSH	2/4 Aust Pnr Bn

7 2/1 Aust Pnr Bn

Lt-Col	A E	McINTYRE	2/9 Aust Armd Regt
Maj	J K	CALLINAN	2/4 Aust Pnr Bn
Capt	G L	CARTER	2/4 Aust Pnr Bn
Capt	D G	CAMERON	2/4 Aust Pnr Bn
Capt	V S	LLOYD	2/4 Aust Pnr Bn
Lt	F O	HARRIP	2/4 Aust Pnr Bn
Lt	J P	LAFFY	2/4 Aust Pnr Bn
Lt	C A	WARD	2/4 Aust Pnr Bn
Lt	W R	SAWELL	2/4 Aust Pnr Bn
Lt	P R	JACKSON	2/4 Aust Pnr Bn
Lt	C P	WEBB	2/4 Aust Pnr Bn
Lt	S C	MANSFIELD	2/4 Aust Pnr Bn

8 2/5 Aust Commando Sqn

Maj	C G	KING	2/7 Aust Cav (Commando) Regt
Lt	J D	LAMB	2/7 Aust Cav (Commando) Regt
Lt	L R	JELBART	2/7 Aust Cav (Commando) Regt
Lt	R T	SCOTT	2/7 Aust Cav (Commando) Regt

9 "C" Sqn 2/9 Aust Armd Regt

Maj	F A	RUNDLE	2/9 Aust Armd Regt
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10 2/5 Aust Fd Regt

Maj	D C	GAUNT	2/4 Aust Fd Regt
Maj	L S	HUMPHREY	2/4 Aust Fd Regt
Capt	W A	WHITE	2/4 Aust Fd Regt
Capt	D	CHAFFEY	2/6 Aust Fd Regt

11 7 Bty 2/2 Aust Tk A Regt

Maj	J M	SIMPSON	2/2 Aust Tk A Regt
Lt	A K	COX	2/2 Aust Tk A Regt
Lt	R T	RALPH	2/2 Aust Tk A Regt

12 Engrs

Maj	S B	McKENZIE	RAE 7 Aust Div
Capt	J M	MUNTZ	RAE 7 Aust Div

13 "B" Coy 2/1 Aust MG Bn

Capt	A G	EARLE	2/1 Aust MG Bn
Lt	C L	LUFF	2/1 Aust MG Bn
Lt	A H	LOFTS	2/1 Aust MG Bn
Lt	J S	ROOKWOOD	2/1 Aust MG Bn

14 2/6 Aust Fd Amb

Lt-Col	G	YOUNG	2/4 Aust Fd Amb
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FORECAST TIME TABLE AND SEQUENCE OF EVENTS - EXERCISE "RAMPANT"

Serial	Day	Approx Time	Event	Instructions to Enemy	Notes for DS and Umpires
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)
1	D-2	1600	Div Intelligence Summary issued		
2	D-1	0900	Div Sitrep issued		
3	D-1	1100	Warning Order for mov issued		Bde and Unit umpires to note action
4	D-1	1400	GOC issues verbal orders		
5	D-1	1600	Issue of Div OO for Adv		Bde and unit umpires to note action and attend subsequent conferences.
6	D-1	pm	Bde adv parties move to bivouac area		Umpires to note org of bivouac areas by adv parties
7	D-1	pm	Issue of Bde and Unit orders for adv		Umpires to note:- (a) Any discrepancies in orders. (Copies of written orders to be obtained for handing on to Chief Umpire). (b) Arrangements for Adv Parties to move to bivouac area and for mov of R and O Gps

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)
8	D	0400	Adv commences		Umpires to note:- (a) Order of march (b) Timings (c) Allocation and loading of transport (d) Arrangements for intercomm (e) Embussing arrangements (f) Road discipline (g) Traffic control (h) Debussing (i) Formations, march discipline, etc during mov from debussing pt to bivouac area.
9	D	1200	Comd 21 Aust Inf Bde and enemy comd, representing comd 18 Aust Inf Bde, meet GOC at HQ 18 Aust Inf Bde (528205) to receive orders for action on D1 Issue of GOC's verbal orders	Enemy Comd representing Comd 18 Aust Inf Bde gives disposns of own and enemy tps and posn generally as he knows it.	
10	D	pm	Bombing and strafing of 21 Aust Inf Bde Gp during move to and assembly in bivouac area		
11	D	1600	Sup P opens in vicinity 465125. Units draw rations, POL, amm.		
12	D	1600	Water Ps should be open opened possibly vicinity 458126		Umpires to observe efficiency of water sup

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)
13	D	pm	MDS should open in vicinity of bivouac area		Umpires to note time of opening, whether arrangements adequate, etc.
14	D	pm	Bde orders for Adv on D plus 1	Enemy representing 18 Aust Inf Bde withdrawn to own comd.	
15	D	2400		Enemy withdraw from area 524113 - 527134 leaving (a) Raiding TAIs in jungle 5312 and 5313 to harass attacking force after it passes through. If discovered TAI will surrender after initial opposition. (b) One PW, one killed, documents and token enemy weapons	Umpires to note :- (a) Whether jungle patches cleared or ignored. (b) Handling of PW, dead, captured documents and weapons.
16	D/D1	night	Enemy patrols raid bivouac and rear areas	Raids to be of hit and run type.	Umpires to note :- (a) Protection in bivouac areas. (b) Re-action to raids, e.g. control, defensive measures etc
17	D1	0045	Message from 18 Aust Inf Bde to Div repeated 21 Aust Inf Bde. Patrols report enemy withdrawal from areas 525115 - 525121 526125 - 527135 and 525162		Umpires to note :- Action taken by Bde. Is revision of orders for Adv necessary.

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)
18	D1	0530	21 Aust Inf Bde adv through 18 Aust Inf Bde posns	<p>1 Enemy on general line 550084 - 544116 - 542123 - 550135 - 532148 - 535154 - 535165 will delay adv</p> <p>2 These posns will be sufficiently strong to hold the adv in accordance with notes shown in next column.</p> <p>3 If Bde attacks in sufficient force enemy will be withdrawn from appropriate posns under instr from BS or Chief Umpire</p>	<p>1 21 Aust Inf Bde plan for adv may embrace the following alternatives:-</p> <p>(a) One bn down rd running east from 532158, one bn down rd running SE from 535154 to 552132 with object of linking up with main adv at 537122, one bn down GLEN ALLYN rd, one bn in res with object of mov down GLEN ALLYN rd. If this happens:-</p> <p>(i) Bn on right will be held by strong enemy posns at 545113 and 545122. It can go to right along line of creek, but country is rough and favourable to enemy, or to left through jungle which would place it in low ground vulnerable to enemy. In any case progress on this flank will be very slow - probably costly.</p> <p>(ii) Centre bn will be held on strong enemy posns on HILLCREST feature and astride centre rd at 543150, 536154 and 541151. It will have no alternative than to take HILLCREST feature before making progress down centre rd.</p> <p>(iii) Left bn will be held by enemy astride rd at 535153. It can attack frontally or make wide detour to north. A bn frontal attack with sp fire should gain this posn but it would then become subject to flanking fire from right (HILLCREST) and faces another enemy strongpoint astride rd at 545157. A wide detour to north should succeed but will take time.</p> <p>(b) One bn down rd running east from 532158, primarily with holding role, one bn down GLEN ALLYN rd or across country to 552132 with object</p>

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)
					<p>of linking up with main adv at 587122, one bn down GLEN ALLYN rd, one bn in res with object of mov down GLEN ALLYN rd.</p> <p>As Bde Comd has been ordered to make his main effort down GLEN ALLYN rd this is considered the most likely course. If this happens:-</p> <p>(i) Right bn will be held as in 1'a) above.</p> <p>(ii) Centre bn will be held by enemy at 545113 and 545122 or in low ground along rly which is vulnerable to enemy and subject to flanking fire from HILLCREST feature.</p> <p>(iii) Left bn will be held as in (a)(iii) above.</p> <p>In both (a) and (b, above Bde Comd will probably be wary of committing his res bn at this early stage. He may keep two bns in res.</p> <p>2 CONCLUSION</p> <p>(a) Bde Comd is unlikely to worry much about left flank. He will probably punch on the right with the object of gaining the high ground at 545113 - 547122. If so left bn will be held up by HILLCREST until attack on right has progressed sufficiently to force withdrawal.</p> <p>(b) If left bn attacks HILLCREST with adequate sp it should succeed. The best method of taking the HILLCREST feature would appear to be down the rd running SE from 535154 with object of first capturing Dip and Yards feature at 544150. This would probably force enemy to withdraw from HILLCREST feature. Attacking force would still be faced by fairly strong enemy posns in area of rd junc 552133. Capture of this area would require another organised attack but should not be so difficult once HILLCREST has been secured.</p> <p>(c) Bde Comd may ask for Armd sp at this stage. If so the most likely areas for use are on the left flank or down the rd running SE from 535154 through HILLCREST. Enemy tk a guns should be able to hold tks unless first neutralised by inf and if necessary umpires will inflict appropriate tk casualties.</p> <p>3 TIME FACTOR</p> <p>It is estimated that from five to six hours would be required for the first attack to break through the initial enemy defs.</p>

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)
18 (contd)					<p>4 <u>CAV</u></p> <p>(a) Have been directed by Div to provide right flank protection.</p> <p>(b) Its progress will be slow against an equivalent enemy force with plenty of opportunity for ambush, etc.</p> <p>5 <u>UMPIRES SHOULD NOTE</u></p> <p>(a) Reaction on first contact.</p> <p>(b) Speed of organisation for cane attack and passing back-of-infm</p> <p>(c) Sp fire programmes.</p> <p>(d) Use of tks.</p> <p>(e) Orders and their application.</p> <p>(f) Development of minor tactics.</p> <p>(g) Consolidation on gaining objectives.</p> <p>(h) Exploitation.</p>
19	D1	0900/ 1500	Three Tac R sorties available to Bde		DS will frame Tac R reports in accordance with posns pilot would be likely to detect.
20	D1	1100	Bde captures localities of 1st enemy line which it has gone for in sufficient strength.	Enemy withdraws under instns from DS or Chief Umpire leaving:- PW, killed, documents and token enemy weapons.	<p>Umpires to note:-</p> <p>(a) Action on gaining of objectives, passing of infm and appreciations and orders for subsequent adv.</p> <p>(b) Handling of PW and captured documents and weapons.</p>
21	D1	1000	Enemy cav withdraw	Withdraw to line 565107 - 572161 - 575091 leaving ambushes at 554097 and 564087.	<p>Umpires to note:-</p> <p>(a) Method of adv, i.e. is country searched sufficiently to ascertain whether clear of enemy.</p> <p>(b) Precautions taken to avoid ambush.</p>

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)
22	D1	1200/1800	<p>Adv held up by enemy on general line 573090 - 555116 - 548130 - 556150 - 553170 depending on areas in which Bde has made initial success.</p>	<p>1 Enemy will hold this line in sufficient strength to endeavour to hold Bde during remainder of daylight D1.</p> <p>2 Easiest approach appears down centre rd and enemy will give this special attention.</p> <p>3 It may be necessary to withdraw from posn at 553133 and 562143 during late afternoon of D1. If so this will be done under instns of DS or Chief Umpire or in emergency at enemy comd's discretion.</p> <p>4 If Bde attacks during night enemy will withdraw to second main def from west of JOHNSTON River after putting up initial opposition.</p>	<p>1 At this stage it is expected that Bde will have:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) One bn astride rd running east from 532158 primarily with holding role. (b) One bn astride rd running SE from 535154 with object of adv down centre rd to GLEN ALLYN rd at 587122. (c) One bn astride GLEN ALLYN rd. (d) One bn in res with object of moving down GLEN ALLYN rd. (e) Armd sqn sp centre bn. <p>2 Umpires must paint picture and control attacking force to ensure that enemy posns, for the most part, remain intact during the remainder of daylight D1.</p> <p>3 The easiest approach appears to be down the centre rd and it may be necessary to allow attacking force to capture posns at 553133 and 562143 during late afternoon of D1. If necessary this will be done under instrs of DS or Chief Umpire. Enemy tk a guns will be sited in this area to stop tks unless guns are first neutralised by inf and if necessary umpires will inflict appropriate tk casualties.</p> <p>4 If night attack is made it will be allowed to succeed, but umpires must paint picture to ensure that only limited exploitation can be achieved.</p> <p>5 If night attack is attempted umpires will note:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Arrangements for assembly areas, forming up, start lines and guides. (b) Silence, formations, and control during attack. (c) Speed of adv and maint of direction. (d) Consolidation on reaching objectives. (e) Exploitations.

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)
23	D 2	0400	Enemy withdraws from areas rd junc 552133 & astride GLEN ALLYN rd to second main def posns west of JOHNSTON R (if night attack has not forced withdrawal earlier) leaving PW, killed, documents and token enemy weapons.	<p>1 Active patrolling before withdrawal.</p> <p>2 Withdraw to second main def posn West of JOHNSTON river leaving delaying outposts astride rd at 568120.</p> <p>3 Enemy cavalry withdraw to line 579102 - 577114 with dets at river crossings 606089 and 586101</p> <p>4 Enemy raiding TAIS to be left in jungle at 5613 and 5612 to harass Brigade L of C after main body passes through.</p>	<p>Umpires to note:-</p> <p>(a) Protection during night.</p> <p>(b) Patrolling and infm obtained, e.g. is withdrawal detected.</p> <p>(c) Speed of passing infm back.</p> <p>(d) Arrangements for resting and feeding tps during night, i.e. are blankets and evening meal brought up in time.</p> <p>(e) Arrangements for clearance of jungle patches by attacking force.</p> <p>(f) Reaction to cutting of L of C, if raiding TAIS achieve that.</p> <p>(g) Handling of enemy PW and captured documents and weapons.</p>
24	D 2	0415. or earlier if necessary	Br at 563119 blown (actual)	<p>1 Enemy engrs will blow this br on approach of attacking force after own tps and vehs have crossed.</p> <p>2 Area of demolition to be mined.</p>	<p>1 Umpire will note reaction, e.g. getting infm back quickly, recce for other routes, br the gap, etc.</p> <p>2 Umpires also to note whether minefields detected and cleared if necessary inflicting casualties on tanks and vehicles.</p>
25	D 2	am	If Bde attacks in sufficient strength on its left flank and in centre enemy will withdraw from posns along line 552133 - 560150 - 554172.	Enemy withdraws to JOHNSTON R def's leaving delaying dets along ridge 572168 - 568156.	If Bde captures rd junc at 552133 it should be a simple matter to roll up enemy to North. Alternatively Bde may elect to swing wide to North on its left flank but this would take time. Frontal attack on North rd should be repulsed.

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)
26	D2	am	Enemy counter attack	<p>1 Enemy counter attack sp by tks up ridge 572160 - 568156 as attacking force adv down Eastern slopes from first main posn.</p> <p>2 Counter attack will be of hit and run type. After attacking up ridge enemy will withdraw down rd to EAST.</p>	<p>Umpires will nominate the degree of success of the counter attack, inflicting appropriate casualties as necessary and will note :-</p> <p>(a) Reaction to counter attack.</p> <p>(b) Whether tps are org to meet it e.g. tk a weapons well fwd, use of ground etc</p> <p>(c) What action is taken to meet counter attack e.g. bde arty sp, use of own tks, tk a def.</p>
27	D2	am	Bde continues adv on its right flank	Enemy delay adv from outpost posns as directed by DS or Chief Umpire	<p>1 Bde will probably adv with :-</p> <p>(a) One bn on northern rd with object of getting across JOHNSTON river and containing enemy on that flank. This bn should have little difficulty in approaching the JOHNSTON river but will strike strong opposn there. Its best prospect of crossing the river appears to be around left flank up rd running North at 578156.</p> <p>(b) One bn down centre rd with object of joining main body on GLENALLYN rd or West of that rd. This bn has an easy downhill run to rd bend at 583140 where it will strike strong opposn.</p> <p>(c) One bn down GLENALLYN rd. This bn should have little difficulty other than with brs until it strikes strong opposn astride rd at 582122.</p> <p>2 Umpires to note :-</p> <p>(a) Whether contact with enemy has been maintained and if so what infm concerning enemy strength and disposn has been passed back by fwd elements.</p>

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)
					<p>(b) Order of march and fms for continuance of adv.</p> <p>(c) Posn and movs of R and O Gps.</p>
28	D 2	am	Brs at 578142 and 586155 blown (theoretically)	<p>1 Enemy would blow these brs on approach of enemy after own tps had crossed.</p> <p>2 Minefields to be laid on line of demolitions.</p>	<p>1 At appropriate time umpires with fwd pls will advise pl comds that brs have been blown and note reaction e.g. is infm passed back quickly, recce for other crossing place.</p> <p>2 DS will arrange for signposting the brs as 'out of bounds' and will place or post sentries to ensure that brs are used only by neutral vehs.</p> <p>3 Umpires to note whether minefields detected and dealt with, if necessary inflicting casualties on tps or vehs.</p>
29	D 2	am	Br at 576124 blown (theoretically)	<p>1 Enemy engrs will blow this br theoretically on approach of attacking force after own tps and vehs have crossed.</p> <p>2 Minefields to be laid on line of demolition.</p> <p>3 Br to be suitably sign-posted and provost posted.</p>	<p>Umpires will note:-</p> <p>(a) Passing back of infm regarding demolition and action to find alternative routes.</p> <p>(b) Whether minefields detected and dealt with, if necessary inflicting casualties on tps or vehs.</p>

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)
30	D 2	am	Bde contacts 2nd main enemy def's West of JOHNSTON River.	<p>1 Enemy holds general line 582094 - 574106 - 576113 - 578122 - 582137 - 577167 in sufficient strength to prevent Bde from crossing JOHNSTON River in strength during daylight.</p> <p>2 A/c available for sp.</p>	<p>1 It is expected that:-</p> <p>(a) Bn on left will be able to obtain footing across river fairly easily by going around left flank but will then be held by strong opposition on the high ground East of river. Any attempt by this bn to cross river on line of road must fail.</p> <p>(b) Bde will probably attack on right flank with two bns sp by arm'd sqn using reserve bn if necessary. Enemy Tk A guns will be sited in this area to stop tanks unless guns are first neutralised by infantry and if necessary umpires will inflict appropriate tank casualties.</p> <p>(c) The best approach for an attack on this flank is along the high ground South of GLEN ALLYN rd. An attack in sufficient strength first taking feature at 569111 and then moving astride rd running East should succeed after hard fighting as once the attacking force gets the high ground at 583116 enemy to the North would probably be forced to withdraw East of the river. Frontal attack along the GLEN ALLYN rd and the low ground to the North is almost certain to fail.</p> <p>2 Umpires to note speed with which infm is got back and of org of bde for attack.</p>

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)
31	D 2	1600 or earlier if bde attack successful	Enemy withdraw	Enemy will withdraw to posns East of JOHNSTON River, strong enemy det to be left in jungle 5717 to counter-attack left bn after leading elements have crossed river. PW, killed, documents and token enemy weapons to be left by enemy. One document will refer to possible use of gas by enemy.	Umpires to note:- (a) Pts as in serial 20 (b) Handling of PW and captured documents and weapons. (c) Handling of enemy document re use of gas e.g. is immediate signal sent by bn to div rptd bde, what is time lag.
32	D 2	1630 or earlier if necessary	Bulldozer destroys approaches to ford by enemy engrs. (Ford itself not to be destroyed)	Approaches will be demolished after enemy tps and vehs have passed through it. Ford may be blocked with suitable obstructions.	Umpires to note passing back of infm regarding demolition and action to find alternative routes.
33	D 2	Late pm	Patrolling by bde to ascertain enemy strength and disposns across river and preparation for river crossing.	1 Counter patrolling to prevent bde from obtaining infm to harass as much as possible. 2 Enemy raids to be made on attacking force HQ and arty gun lines.	Umpires to note:- (a) Infm gained by patrols and speed with which it is passed back. (b) Re action to enemy counter patrols. (c) Protection of HQs and gun posns and whether raids successful or otherwise.
34	D 3	0430	Bde river crossing.	1 Enemy to resist crossing strongly and then withdraw to general line GLEN ALLYN 6211 - 612138 - 610153 jungle def posn ambushes and strong dets will harass bdes adv in jungle 6012. (See also serial 37). 2 Enemy arty and MG harassing fire on river line.	1 Umpires to note:- (a) Arrangements for river crossing e.g.:- Forming up Approach to river Wide front or otherwise Engr tasks Is br head est through which to pass main body or does force cross in strength and go straight through.

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)
				3 Enemy will occupy area South of jungle in 6012 in sufficient strength to ensure that bde moves part of force through jungle.	Control and maint of direction Re-org once crossing effected. (b) Method of getting through jungle 6012 and protective measures against enemy which may be by-passed there. 2 It is expected that main thrust will be in area of ford, and then around enemy left flank.
35	D 3	0600	Bde contacts enemy delaying posns on bdes left flank at 598145 - 605154.	Enemy holds bde on this line.	Umpires to watch points as in serial 18
36	D 3	0615	Enemy diversion.	Enemy creates false impression of concentration on bdes left flank by mov all available vehs on dusty roads in that area.	Umpires to note:- (a) Whether noticed by left bn. (b) Re-action e.g. passing back of infm. (c) Bde re-action e.g. does it attempt to reinforce left bn
37	D 3	0630	Enemy counter-attack.	1 If attacking force attempts to adv in low ground down rd from br at 568155, enemy will counter-attack sp by tanks and arty down rds running NW and West from delaying posns at 598145 and 605154. 2 Counter-attack will endeavour to disorganise opposition and then withdraw.	Umpires to watch points as in serial 20.

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)
38	D 3	0730	Bde contacts enemy on bdes right flank on line GLEN ALLYN feature - GLEN ALLYN village.	Enemy will hold GLEN ALLYN feature until a full scale attack is mounted against it and will withdraw from GLEN ALLYN village area under pressure as directed by DS or Chief Umpire. PW, killed, documents and token weapons to be left by enemy.	<p>1 Umpires will control adv to ensure that GLEN ALLYN feature is not taken unless a full scale attack is mounted and watch points as in serial 10.</p> <p>2 If bde ignores GLEN ALLYN feature it will be held on general line North of that feature by representation of arty and MG fire.</p> <p>3 Armd sqn will probably thrust down GLEN ALLYN rd. Enemy tk A guns will be sited accordingly and umpires will take appropriate action to stop a complete break through in this area.</p>
39	D 3	1030	Enemy a/c to attack bde as it forms up for attack on GLEN ALLYN.		Umpires to note re-action.
40	D 3	1100	Bde attack on GLEN ALLYN feature.	If attack is mounted in sufficient strength, enemy, after initial opposition, will withdraw to main def's on LEMMONS HILL, leaving PW, killed, documents and token weapons	<p>1 Umpires to note points as in serial 10 and handling of PW and captured documents and weapons.</p> <p>2 Bdes only approach in attack on GLEN ALLYN feature is on its right flank through and on edge of jungle.</p> <p>3 Any attack up the steep open parts of the feature must fail.</p>

W.D.

Appx F

EXERCISE - SECRET.

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2 DEC 44.

2/1 AUST M G TRG INSTRUCTION 63/44

7 AUST DIV EXERCISE "RAMPANT" 7 - 11 DEC 44

Ref Map - 1 in to 1 mile BARTLEFRERE.

1. An exercise has been arranged by HQ 7 Aust Div over the period 7 - 11 Dec 44, to be known as Exercise "RAMPANT".

2. Location of exercise:

Area EAST 46 to 67 grid lines.
NORTH 7 to 25 grid lines.

3. The participants:

- (a) Allied Force - 2/1 Aust Inf Bde and att tps (incl "B" Coy 2/1 Aust M G Bn)
- (b) Enemy force - FUJI PYJAMA DIV and att tps comprising -

i. Actual:

HQ Fuji Pyjama Div (ex 2/1 Aust M G Bn)
 54 and 55 Regt Gps) comprising
 999 Engr Regt.)
 2/1 Aust M G Bn less "B" Coy
 ("C" Coy as an Inf Coy "A" & "D" Coys as M G Coys)
 2/4 Aust Pnr Bn.
 2/3 Aust Cav Commando Sqn.
 2/6 Aust Cav Commando Sqn.
 1 tp "A" Sqn 2/9 Aust Armd Regt.
 8 Bty 2/2 Aust Tk A Regt
 2/4 Aust Fd Coy RAE.
 Det Sigs 7 Aust Div.
 Det 2/33 Aust Sup Depot Pl AASC.
 Dets Gen Tpt Coy AASC.
 Sec 7 Aust Div Pro Coy.

Cooperating:

One Sqn Tac R RAAF.

ii. Imaginary:

89 Regt

(Not employed)

4. COMD AND STAFF FUJI PYJAMA DIV.

Comd (OC enemy)	Lt Col	A.G.K.	Haupt.	2/1 Aust M G Bn.
"G"	Capt.	L.B.	Peters.	ditto
"G" (L)	Lt	K.	Gahan.	ditto
"A"	Lt	R.T.H.	Carr-Boyd.	ditto
"Q"	Capt	I.	McKerrow.	ditto
"Q" (L)	Lt	E.O.	Dohnt.	ditto
"Q" Clerk	Cpl	J.S.	Owens.	ditto
I O.	Lt	P.M.	McMahon.	ditto
ADMS	Capt.	E.W.	Mulvey.	ditto
WO I	WO I	J.	Forbes.	ditto
WO II Clerk	Sgt	T.	Ronder.	ditto
Sgt Clerk.	Cpl	A.A.	Konna.	ditto
Cooks.	Pto	J.F.	Stephens.	ditto
	Pto	R.T.	Milos.	ditto
Batmen.	} 2/1 Aust M G Bn - to be detailed later.			
Orderlies.				
Cooks.				
Gen duties.				

WD

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COPY NO.
2/1 Aust Machine Gun Bn
6 Dec '44

AMENDMENT No.1 TO 7 AUST DIV INSTRUCTION - EXERCISE 'RAMPANT'.

1. The following amendments to the above instruction are notified:-

Appendix 'B' Movement Table. In heading:

1. S.P. Amend Map Ref to read ROAD JUNC 478334.
2. Instruction for umpires.
Para 4(a) Umpires Camp. Amend Map Ref to read 588153.
4. Forecast of events. Serial 8.
Col 'C' Amend to read 0530.
5. Notes from G.O.C. verbal orders for advance from bivouac area.
Para 17. Adv Div Hq. Amend Map Ref to read 4819.

2. All copies of 7 Aust Div Training Instruction 'RAMPANT' to be amended accordingly.

3. Acknowledge.

Lt Col L B Peters

Lt col.
Comd. 2/1 Aust Machine Gun Bn.

Distribution:

Copy No.

Hq 2/1 Aust M G Bn	1
'C' Coy 2/1 Aust M G Bn	2
'D' Coy 2/1 Aust M G Bn	3
'A' Coy 2/1 Aust M G Bn	4
2/4 Aust Pnr Bn	5
2/3 Aust Cav Commando Sqn	6
2/6 Aust Cav Commando Sqn	7
'A' Sqn 2/9 Aust Armd Regt	8
8 Bty 2/2 Aust Tk A Regt	9
2/4 Aust Fd Coy RAE	10
7 Aust Div Pro Coy	11
2/33 Aust Sup Depot Pl	12
8 Aust M A C	13
Comd (Lt col A G K Haupt)	14
'G' (Capt L B Peters)	15
'A' (Lt R T H Carr-Boyd)	16
'Q' (Capt I McKerrow)	17
Med (Capt E W Mulvey)	18
I O (Lt P M McMahon)	19
File	20
File	21
WD	22
WD	23

ADDENDUM.

Appendix 'E'. To instructions to enemy.

Amend trace co-ordinates to read:

E/W grids	17 and 10
N/S grids	56 and 66

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)
41	D 3	1300	GLEN ALLYN feature captured. GOC issues orders for bde to endeavour to find a route through jungle East of GLEN ALLYN feature with object of placing a block on BOONJEE rd.	Enemy withdraws and completes main def posns on LAMOND'S HILL.	<p>1 At this stage 25 Aust Inf Bde on left sector have reached high ground immediately East of jungle at 6516.</p> <p>2 GOC's intention is to get rd block across BOONJEE rd about 660098 before making div attack on main enemy defs in that area.</p> <p>3 Umpires to note methods of finding way through jungle.</p>
42	D 3	Night	Enemy raid on Adv Div HQ.	Enemy will raid Adv Div HQ under arrangements to be made between DS and Enemy Comd.	Umpires to note effectiveness of def of Adv Div HQ.
43	D 3	pm	GOC indicates outline plan for attack next day to take place not before 1300 hrs. Details to be confirmed early morning after patrol reports and recce.		
44	D 4	1300	Div attack on enemy main defs on LAMOND'S HILL to be sp by all available a/c.	Enemy to fight to last and then surrender.	<p>1 Umpires to note:-</p> <p>(a) Method of attack incl :-</p> <p>(i) Use of tanks.</p> <p>(ii) Use of Commando Sqn.</p> <p>(iii) Arty programme e.g. barrage, concentrations, smoke, timings, gun posns.</p> <p>(iv) Use of engrs.</p>

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)
					(b) Speed of attack. (c) Control. (d) Crossing of wire and minefields. (e) Re-org on objectives. (f) Exploitation. 2 GOC's intention is to get block in behind enemy's LAMOND'S HILL def's and then attack with 25 Aust Inf Bde rolling up LAMOND'S HILL from left flank with remainder of 21 Aust Inf Bde pressing hard along line of jungle from GLEN ALLYN feature.
45	D 4	pn	Exercise ends.		
46	D 4	pn	Conference of umpires in accordance with instructions to be issued later.		

11. AMM.

- (i) HQ Fuji Pyjama Div will establish A P at time and place to be notified daily after 6 Dec 44.
- (ii) "Q" (enemy) will indent by 1200 hrs 3 Dec 44 for the following amm to be dumped at 2/1 Aust M G Bn by 1200 hrs 6 Dec 44 :-
- | | |
|---------------------|--------------|
| .303 carton. | 150,000 rds. |
| .303 belt. | 150,000 rds. |
| Aldershot Grenades. | 500 |
| 69 Grenades. | 500 |
| 2" Smoke. | 300 |
| 2" Flare | 150 |
| 2" Signal | 75 |
| Smoke candles. | 50 |
| Smoke generators. | 50 |
| Gren. 63 smoke. | 400 |
| Round Illum. | 150 |
| Red | 75 |
| Green. | 150 |
| Golignite. | 100 lbs. |
| .303 blank. | 100,000 rds |
| Dets No 6 Com. | 300 |
| Fuze | 200 |

12. WATER.

- (i) Major units will provide own water trucks. HQ Fuji Pyjama Div will service dets of Gen Tpt Coy, Sup Depot Pl, Pro and Sigs.
- (ii) All water used will be chlorinated. Water points will be notified daily after 6 Dec 44.

13. MED & HYG.

- (i) RAPs of maj units will service own units.
2/1 Aust M G Bn RAP will service HQ Fuji Pyjama Div and att dets.
- (ii) 2 Motor ambulances of 8 Aust MAG will be att to HQ Fuji Pyjama Div, and will establish a casualty collecting circuit to be notified daily after 6 Dec 44.
- (iii) Casualties will be evacuated to MDS, real casualties thence to 2/2 CCS.
- (iv) Clothes will be treated with anti-mite fluid prior to exercise.
- (v) Strict Fd Hygiene will be observed.

14. TPT.

Allocation of unit MT.

HQ Fuji Pyjama Div.	4 jeeps.
"B" Coy.	4 "
"A" Coy	4 "
"D" Coy	4 "
"C" Coy.	3 "

15. IDENTIFICATION FUJI PYJAMA DIV.

All enemy tps will wear 2" wide red band on hats during exercise.
"Q" Fuji Pyjama Div will arrange issue by 1200 hrs 6 Dec 44.

16. FIRE REPRESENTATION.

- (a) Ball amm will be used in MMG and LMG which will be fired into pits.
- (b) Riflemen will be issued with blank.
- (c) 2" Mortar smoke bombs will represent Arty fire.
- (d) 69 grenades Aldershot grenades and golignite will be used to represent mortar fire and land mines.
- (e) All LMG and MMG Nos 1 will carry mirrors to flash to indicate gun positions.
- (f) Green flares fired horizontally represent Fl A fire.

17. SAFETY PRECAUTIONS.

- (a) Care will be taken in firing weapons into pits that a satisfactory catchment is achieved
- (b) MMGs will not be fired into pits with acute depressions, if necessary, guns will be sited to fire into banks.
- (c) Blanks will not be fired at personnel closer than 50 yds.
69 grenades will not be exploded within 25 yds of tps.
HE will not be exploded within 10 yds of tps.
2" mortar bombs will not be exploded closer than 100 yds of tps.
- (d) Hand to hand fighting will not be permitted.

18. CARE OF PRIVATE PROPERTY.

- (a) Care will be taken to avoid damage to private property.
Where damage does occur it will be reported to Force HQ as soon as possible.
- (b) Where fences are cut the person responsible will also be responsible for repairs. Gaps made will be piecquettted until repaired.
- (c) All farm buildings are out of bounds.
- (d) All fires will be extinguished, weapon pits filled and turf replaced before leaving area.
- (e) Area NORTH of track 464130 - 480129 up to and incl BROMFIELD SWAMP is out of bounds.

19. Sigs 7 Aust Div is to provide the following intercomm facilities:-

- (a) WT 3 No 11 Set for com to units.
 1 No 22 set for umpires link.


LINE. All line used to be laid by 1800 hrs 6 Dec 44
(see Appx "C" att).

- (b) Sig diagram att as Appx "B".

20. HQ FUJI PYJAMA DIV and units under comd will open at times and places shown on Appx "C" att.

21. Staff HQ FUJI PYJAMA DIV (see para 4) will assemble at HQ 2/1 Aust M G Bn at 0900 hrs 5 Dec 44 for conference.

ACK.


Adjt 2/1 Aust M G Bn.

Capt.

Issued by L O.

Signedhrs.

DISTRIBUTION (see page 5)

(5)

<u>DISTRIBUTION.</u>	<u>Copy No.</u>	<u>Appx "A"</u>	<u>"B"</u>	<u>"C"</u>
HQ 2/1 Aust M G Bn.	1	1	1	1
"C" Coy 2/1 Aust M G Bn.	2	2	2	2
"D" Coy 2/1 Aust M G Bn.	3	3	3	3
"A" Coy 2/1 Aust M G Bn	4	4	4	4
2/4 Aust Pnr Bn	5	5	5	5
2/3 Aust Cav Commando Sqn	6	6	6	6
2/6 Aust Cav Commando Sqn	7	7	7	7
"A" Sqn 2/9 Aust Arm. Regt.	8	8	8	8
8 Bty 2/2 Aust Tk A Regt.	9	9	9	9
2/4 Aust Fd Coy RAE	10	10	10	10
7 Aust Div Pro Coy.	11	11	11	11
2/33 Aust Sup Depot Pl	12	12	12	12
8 Aust MAC	13	13	13	13
Comd (Lt Col A.G.K. Haupt)	14	14	14	14
"G" (Capt. L.B. Peters.)	15	15	15	15
"A" (LtR. T.H. Carr-Boyd)	16	16	16	16
"Q" (Capt. I. McKerrrow)	17	17	17	17
Med. (Capt. E.W. Mulvey)	18	18	18	18
I O. (Lt P.M. McMahon)	19	19	19	19
File	20	20	20	20
File	21	21	21	21
WD	22	22	22	22
WD	23	23	23	23

7 AUST DIV EXERCISE "RAMPART" MARCH TABLE - ENEMY FORCE.

ISSUED WITH 2/1 AUST M G BN TRG INSTRUCTION No 63/44.

Ser No.	Units	S P.	S T.	DESTINATION.	DIS P.	REMARKS.
1	2/4 Aust Pnr Bn.	Camp site	0800 hrs 5 Dec	Biv site COOPOROO CK area 6713	Rd junc 658189) (Biv site D ₂ to D am during preparation of Lemons Hill line.)
2.	2/4 Aust Fd Coy RAE	Camp site.	0800 hrs 5 Dec	ditto.	ditto	
3.	2/6 Aust Cav Commando Sqn	Camp site.	1200 hrs 6 Dec	Biv site area NORTH of rd bend 577142	Rd junc 162144	Initial biv site D & D D plus 1.
4.	2/3 Aust Cav Commando Sqn	Camp site	1200 hrs 6 Dec	Biv site area re-entrant 553087	Rd junc 550087	ditto.
5.	8 Bty 2/2 Aust Tk A Regt.	Camp site	1200 hrs 6 Dec	Area WINDMILL 5614	Rd junc 562143	Biv sited D & D plus 1.
6.	2/1 Aust M G Bn. Det Sup Depot Coy. Det Gen Tpt Coy. Sec 7 Div Pro Coy.	Camp site.	0800 hrs 7 Dec	Area house 575156	Rd junc 564156	Biv site D & D plus 1.
7.	2/4 Aust Pnr Bn	Biv Area 6713	0800 hrs 7 Dec	Area WINDMILL 5614	Rd Junc 564156	Biv site D to D plus 1.
8.	2/4 Aust Fd Coy.	Biv area 6713	0800 hrs 7 Dec	Area WINDMILL 5614	Rd junc 564156	Biv site D to D plus 1.
9.	Sp tks "A" Sqn 2/9 Aust Armd Regt.	Camp site	0600 hrs 7 Dec	Area NORTH of rd junc 5715	Rd junc 578155	

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EXERCISE RAMPANT . 7 - 11 Dec 44.

AMDT TO 2/1 AUST M G BN TRG INSTR 63/44.

The following amdt to the above instr is advised :-

Para 14. TPT.

- (1) Before "allocation" insert "(a)".
- (2) Before "HQ" insert "(1) WE vehs".
- (3) In HQ Fuji Pajama Div delete "4" and substitute "1".
- (4) Below C Coy insert "HQ 2/1 Aust M G Bn - 3 jeeps".
- (5) All jeeps will have trailers attached.
- (6) Insert below sub-para (i) new sub-para as follows :-

(ii) Domestic vehs. -

Force HQ.

1 3 ton 4 x 2. 1 15 cwt 4 x 4 (wireless).

1 3 ton 4 x 4.

1 8 cwt 4 x 2.

HQ 2/1 Aust M G Bn.

1 3 ton 4 x 2.

1 15 cwt 4 x 2.

2 MCs.

HQ Coy.

1 3 ton 4 x 4.

1 15 cwt 4 x 2.

1 Water truck.

B Coy.

1 15 cwt 4 x 2

A Coy.

3 1 ton 4 x 2.

D Coy.

3 1 ton 4 x 2.

C Coy.

1 15 cwt 4 x 4.

1 15 cwt 4 x 2.

- (7) Insert new para "b" as follows :-

"(b) Allocation of vehs from 7 Aust Div :-

2/4 Aust Pnr Bn. Trucks 3 ton 1.

HQ Fuji Pyjama Div. Trucks 3 ton 20. Water - 1.

- (8) In para 3.(b) i, below ref to 2/1 Aust M G Bn insert No 2 Pl as independent pl..

- (9) In para 4 below "ADMS" insert - "LOs. Lt T.G. YATES.
Lt L. HOLDING.
Lt K.T. Mackintosh.

L.B. Peters

Capt.
Adjt 2/1 Aust M G Bn.

DISTRIBUTION.

HQ 2/1 Aust M G Bn.	1.	8 Aust MAC	13.
'C' Coy 2/1 Aust M G Bn.	2.	Comd. (Lt col A.G.K. Haupt)	14.
'D' Coy 2/1 Aust M G Bn.	3.	'G' (Capt L.B. Peters)	15.
'A' Coy 2/1 Aust M G Bn.	4.	'A' (Lt T.H. Carr-Boyd)	16.
2/4 Aust Pnr Bn.	5.	'Q' (Capt I. McKerrow)	17.
2/3 Aust Cav Commando Sqn.	6.	Med. (Capt E.W. Mulvey)	18.
2/6 Aust Cav Commando Sqn.	7.	IO. (Lt P.M. McMahon)	19.
'A' Sqn 2/9 Aust Armd Regt.	8.	File.	20.
8 Bty 2/2 Aust Tk A Regt.	9.	File.	21.
2/4 Aust Fd Coy RAE.	10.	WD	22.
7 Aust Div Pro Coy.	11.	WD	23.
2/33 Aust Sup Depot Pl.	12.		

RESTRICTED.

War Diary
Appx 'G'

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I.

BY

Lt col A.G.K. HAUPT.

COMMANDING 2/1 AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION.

PART I.

No. F 3.

5 Dec 44.

1. DUTIES.

HQ Coy will supply a roving picquet from Wed 6 Dec 44 until Mon 18 Dec 44. Lt J.S. ROOKWOOD will be Officer IC. Also 1 NCO & 3 ORs for guard on detention compound.

2. SUNDAY ROUTINE.

Sunday routine, in future, (unless Bn is on exercises) will be as follows :-

REVEILLE ----- 0700 K.
BREAKFAST ----- 0800 K.
CHURCH PARADE ---- 0900 K.

3. APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE, TRANSFER, DISCHARGE, ETC.

All applications forwarded to Bn HQ MUST have the following particulars attached :-

Number.
Name.
Age.
Med Class.
Service. Showing date of enlistment.
Civil Occupation.
Next of Kin. Name and address.

4. CLERKS COURSE.

Applications are called for to attend a Clerks Typing - Shorthand Course of 8 weeks duration. Applications to reach this HQ by 061200 K.

5. BOUNDS.

The following is re-published from 7 Aust Div ROs - No. A137 of 24 Nov 44.
"The KAIRI STATE FARM (GORDONVALE sheet 5033 and 5133) is out of bounds to all ranks for training or any other purpose."

6. CHRISTMAS GREETING TELEGRAMS. (7 Aust Div RO Q 143)

(a) The following dates will apply for lodgment of Christmas Greeting Telegrams :-

For delivery overseas. ----- NOT later than 6 Dec 44.

For delivery within the Commonwealth. ----- NOT later than 18 Dec 44.

(b) The existing EMI Telegram Service to the United Kingdom will be suspended from 6 Dec 44 to 25 Dec 44 inclusive, and during that period the "Social Letter Telegram" will be available. This type of cable can only be used for greetings, family news, or non-commercial personal matters. The rate is 5d per word with a minimum of 12 words. It is also available to CANADA but NOT USA. Early lodgment is necessary.

7. BADGES, RANK, NCO, OR BRASSARDS.

Attention is directed to BRO F2 para 6 ref brassards for badges, chevrons NCOs. Unit tailor will produce a standard pattern on the scale of one per NCO. Coys will submit bulk indents to Bn QM, who will arrange materials. Khaki and green cloth of part worn garments may be utilised.

P.T.O.

8. ADMT TO BSOsIn Part XII M T General

Delete para 3 and substitute

3. Max loading of Personnel

The following is the max loading of personnel on vehs by types :-

i. The passenger carrying capacity of army vehicles, when the passengers are in full marching order, is as follows :-

Vans or trucks, 12 - 15 - cwt	6	
Vans, 1 ton, GS.	8	
Trucks, 30 cwt	12	
Lorries or Trucks, 3 ton.	16	
Lorries or Trucks, 7 ton semi-trailer	28	
Trucks, 10 ton, Mack Diesel	20	
Trofflers, 4 wheeled, GS, 3 ton.	18	
Trailers, 4 wheeled, GS, 8 ton	28	
Buses, cars and jeeps		According to seating capacity.

ii. The numbers of passengers prescribed by para i of this order will NOT be exceeded except in cases of emergency, provided that formations etc may authorise an increase of up to 25% of such numbers for passengers travelling without equipment.

Above is excluding drivers.

In part V Dress

In para 18 a, at end of first sub-para insert new sentence:-

"NCOs may wear chevrons worsted on a detachable armband on shirts and pullovers. The band must be of the colour of the shirt e.g. green or kharki and the chevrons of white tape or worsted full size. The band will be 3 in wide and be fastened by a buckle on the inside of the arm."

All copies of BSOs will be amended accordingly.

R. B. Pein
Capt.
Adj't 2/1 Aust M G Bn.

NOTICESDUTY COY

'D' Coy are to be complimented on their excellent turnout and behaviour during the past week. Their guards have been the most consistently best dressed.

DISCUSSION GROUP

Open forum discussion at 0700K Tue 12 Dec 44.

Place Unit Education Centre.

Subject "That preference for Returned Soldiers should continue."

Two speakers to speak for and against respectively.

General discussion. Popular vote on subject.

PICTURES

"Navy Steps Out" (Geo Murphy & Lucille Ball) and Shorts.

Showing at 2/1 Aust M G Bn Fri 8 Dec 44.

"Babes On Broadway" (Mickey Rooney & Judy Garland)

Showing at Commandos Thu 7 Dec 44.

INTER COY TRANSFER

TX 784 Pto WARD C. From HQ Coy to 'D' Coy. 5.12.44

STRENGTH INCREASE

NX 155	Maj	AUSTIN	G.W.	From LHQ Tac School	2.12.44	D Coy.
NX 53863	Pto	MARSH	R.P.	From Hosp	1.12.44	D Coy.
NX 12876	Pto	GARN	R.T.	From Illegal Absence	3.12.44	HQ Coy.
VX 117751	Pto	McNAMARA	D.F.	Rft from 5 Aust ARD	4.12.44	C Coy
VX 118486	Pto	FRIEND	O.C.	do	4.12.44	D Coy.
VX 134933	Pto	HARRIS	W.J.R.	do	4.12.44	HQ Coy.
NX 136957	Pto	MATHEWS	P.F.	do	4.12.44	C Coy
SX 28454	Pto	CGWLEY	R.C.	do	4.12.44	D Coy.
VX 134990	Pto	CROSSLEY	F.J.	do	4.12.44	HQ Coy.
SX 29360	Pto	KRAEHE	S.M.	do	4.12.44	HQ Coy.
VX 117782	Pto	LOXTON	R.K.	do	4.12.44	HQ Coy.
VX 134944	Pto	KAMPMAN	F.N.	do	4.12.44	HQ Coy.
SX 25965	Pto	CUNNINGHAM	T.L.G.	do	4.12.44	C Coy.
VX 136947	Pto	KEEP	O.R.	do	4.12.44	D Coy.
VX 145346	Pto	CLEE	A.C.H.	do	4.12.44	HQ Coy.
VX 89120	Pto	WILSON	G.M.	do	4.12.44	HQ Coy.
VX 2057	A sgt	THOMPSON	P.A.	From 2/2 A.G.H.	4.12.44	A Coy.
NX 11760	Pto	SIMPKINS	R.V.C.	do	4.12.44	HQ Coy.

STRENGTH DECREASE

NX 14107	Pto	THURGOOD	K.C.	To Illegal Absence	30.11.44	A Coy.
NX 69424	Pto	ROBINSON	A.E.	do	29.11.44	B Coy.
NX 47244	Pto	GRAY	H.	do	29.11.44	B Coy.
NX 20272	Pto	BULLARD	R.J.	do	29.11.44	B Coy.
VX 6341	Pto	GARLICK	G.E.C.	do	29.11.44	B Coy.
VX 50762	Pto	KEIRVEN	A.C.	do	29.11.44	B Coy.
VX 4049	Pto	SHEAN	A.A.G.	To 2/2 A.G.H.	5.12.44	D Coy.

MARCHED IN

XI 26882	Pto	HUMPHREY	E.	From 5 Aust RSD	2.12.44	B Coy.
VX 3937	WO II	COUNSEL	L.J.	From FAA Regt Trg School	2.12.44	A Coy.
QX 1575	L sgt	FROST	W.	From 1 Aust Corps W/ProofSch	2.12.44	HQ Coy.
NX 4864	Pto	McSIAN	A.E.	do	2.12.44	HQ Coy.
NX 47682	Pto	LAWRIE	A.N.W.	do	2.12.44	HQ Coy.
VX 3736	Pto	PATTERSON	K.	do	2.12.44	HQ Coy.
NX 92996	Pto	NEVILLE	E.J.	From leave	3.12.44	HQ Coy.

MARCHED OUT

VX 5686	Pto	BAKER	R.T.	To FAA School of Sigs	3.12.44	B Coy.
QX 11343	Pto	MARTIN	N.R.S.	do	3.12.44	C Coy.
SX 1059	Pto	GIFFORD	E.E.	do	3.12.44	D Coy.
NX 47203	Pto	LACEY	J.W.	do	3.12.44	D Coy.
NX 140007	Pto	HARD	W.D.C.	do	3.12.44	B Coy.
VX 38409	Pto	CALMAN	J.V.	do	3.12.44	HQ Coy.

TRANSFERS

VX 5005	Pto	LINDSAY	H.R.	Trans to AACG from 2/1 Aust M G Bn and att for duty	5.12.44	D Coy.
SX 385	Pto	FOSTER	H.T.	do	5.12.44	HQ Coy.
NX 78570	Pto	HOYSTEAD	J.	do	5.12.44	B Coy.

Appx H

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

BY
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COMMANDING 2/1 AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION.

PART I.

No F 4.

13 Dec 44

1. LOCAL LEAVE.

It has been noticed that many soldiers have been found out of their formation camp areas or camp areas without a leave pass. In future, leave passes will be issued to personnel on all occasions on which they leave such areas, other than on duty or on an organised outing within 1 Aust Corps Area for which unit transport is used.

Attention is directed to the fact that MAREEBA is out of bounds to tps under comd 1 Aust Corps. Accordingly, no leave will be granted to this town, except on special occasions to visit next of kin. (7 Aust Div Memo A 3892 of 12 Dec 44 re-published for information)

L B Peters

Capt.

Adjt 2/1 Aust M G Bn.

N O T I C E S.

DISCHARGE OF PERSONNEL FOR UNIVERSITY STUDY - YEAR 1945.

1. War Cabinet has given approval for the discharge of personnel who desire to commence or resume University Courses in the 1945 University year, and whose discharge is recommended by the manpower Directorate.
2. Personnel who desire to commence courses may be recommended for discharge if :-
 - (a) they enlisted before their 21st birthday.
 - (b) they have completed three years full time service.
 - (c) they are qualified to enter upon the course
 - (d) they are selected within the number prescribed for release.
 Other personnel, with at least two years service, and who are qualified to commence University Courses may apply, but their applications will be considered within the quotas of reserved civilian students and will be selected in open competition with civilian applicants
3. Personnel who desire to resume courses in reserved faculties which were interrupted by enlistment may be recommended for discharge if:-
 - (a) they have completed one year of full time service, and
 - (b) in the opinion of the Universities Commission their record as a student prior to enlistment was a reasonable one.
(Reserved faculties are Medicine, Dentistry, Engineering, Science, Agri culture and Architecture).
4. Personnel who desire to resume courses in reserved faculties which were interrupted by enlistment may be recommended for discharge if :-
 - (a) having completed two years full time service and requiring not more than two years to complete the course, they are considered by the Universities Commission to have an academic record above average,
 - (b) having completed three years full time service and requiring not more than three years to complete the course, they are considered by the Universities Commission to have a satisfactory record.

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5. No graduate of any one Faculty will be discharged for the purpose of commencing a course in another Faculty.
6. Army rank or location of unit will not debar any applicant from consideration for discharge.

DISTRICT COURT MARTIALS.

NX 5941 Pte WALLACE. S. District Court Martial held in the Field on 29 Nov 44 by order of Maj Gen E.J. Milford, Comd 7 Aust Div.

On the Charges of-

First Charge. WOAS striking his superior officer being in the execution of his office.-in that he- at KAIRI on the night of 30 Sep 44 did strike with his fist on the neck and with his foot on the right thigh WO II Ridley.E.L. when being placed under arrest.

Second Charge. WOAS Using threatening language to his superior officer.

Third Charge. WOAS disobeying a lawful command given by his superior officer.

Plea. Not guilty of all charges.

Finding. Guilty of the first charge, guilty of the third charge, NOT guilty of using threatening language but guilty of using insubordinate language on the second charge.

Sentence. To undergo detention for one hundred and twenty days.

Date of Sentence. 29 Nov 44

Confirmation. Confirmed by Maj Gen E.J. Milford on 4 Dec 44.

Loss of pay. Period in close arrest. 59 days.
Period of detention. 120 "

Date of Promulgation. Promulgated to accused on 6 Dec 44.

NX 105179 Pte WALSH. J.S. District Court Martial ordered to assemble by Major General E.J. Milford Comd 7 Aust Div. and held in the Field on 30 Nov 44.

Charge. WOAS Absenting himself without leave-in that he- at KAIRI absented himself without leave from 1800 hrs 14 Sep 44 to 1345 hrs 2 Nov 44, a period of 48 days 12 and $\frac{3}{4}$ hrs.

Plea. Guilty.

Finding. Guilty of the charge.

Sentence. To suffer Fd Punishment for the period of 30 days.

Date of Sentence. 30 Nov 44.

Confirmation. Confirmed by Maj Gen E.J. Milford on 4 Dec 44.

Promulgation. Promulgated to accused on 6 Dec 44.

Loss of Pay. Period in close arrest. 3 days
Aut. Forfeiture. 49 days
Period Fd Punishment. 30 days.

APPOINTMENTS PROMOTIONS AND CONFIRMATIONS OF RANK.

NX 59076	L/Cpl	Sullivan.J. E.	Promoted A/Cpl.	17.10.44	BnHQ
NX 59076	A/Cpl	Sullivan.J.E.	Promoted A/Sgt.	23.10.44	"
NX 65731	A/Sgt	Hallowes.W.M.	Rank of Sgt confirmed	28.10.44	D Coy
VX 13488	A/Sgt	Currell.W.G.	" " " "	28.10.44	B "
QX 384	A/Sgt	Day.F.G.	" " " "	28.10.44	A "
QX 82	A/Sgt	Haly.E.G.A.	" " " "	28.10.44	C "
VX 4724	A/Sgt	Kempton.J.H.	" " " "	28.10.44	B "
NX 47660	A/Sgt	Lean.J.	" " " "	28.10.44	A "
SX 1047	A/Sgt	Manning.G.H.	" " " "	28.10.44	C "
VX 6747	A/Sgt	Rose.L.	" " " "	28.10.44	HQ "
SX 286	A/Sgt	Sims.D. C.	" " " "	28.10.44	C "
NX 32490	A/Cpl	Owens.J.S.	" " " "	6.11.44	HQ "
NX 1 491	Pte	Staples.J.S.	Promoted A/Sgt.	31.10.44	HQ "
VX 3882	Cpl	Nancarrow.K.M.	Appointed L/Sgt	30.10.44	B "
NX 11146	Cpl	Hickey.L. R.	Promoted A/Sgt.	16.10.44	A "
VX 6326	Cpl	Kemley.A.J.	Promoted A/Sgt.	17.10.44	D "
NX 25361	A/Cpl	Williams.R.J.	Rank of Cpl confirmed.	17.10.44	A "

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TRADE GROUPINGS.

NX 11760 Pte Simpkins.R.V. Grading of Gp II Cook confirmed 1.8.44
VX 53552 Pte McMillan.A. " " " " " " HQ Coy.
10.11.44

MARCHED IN.

NX 87944 Pte Hawtin.R. J.C. From 1 Corps Cam Trg Sch. 5.12.44 B Coy
NX 151774 Pte Greentree.F.J. From leave 6.12.44 D Coy.
VX 3980 Pte Willimott.F. From Vic L of C Area 9.12.44 B Coy

TRADE GROUPINGS.

VX 134990 Pte Crossley.F.J.) Relinquished Trade Grouping HQ Coy
VX 134944 Pte Kampman.F.M.) of Gp II Dvr Mechanic at HQ Coy
SX 29360 Pte Kraeke.S.M.) own request. 5.12.44 HQ Coy
VX 117782 Pte Loxton.R.K.) HQ Coy.

STRENGTH DECREASES.

QX 1575 L/Sgt Frost.W. Trans to Island RR & GDD - discharged
NX 153192 Pte London.A.K. " " 13 AAOD 6.12.44 HQ
NX 4873 Pte Brooks.G. " " " " 6.12.44 A
VX 137552 Pte Howlett.E.J. " " 16 APSC re-allocation 6.12.44 B
NX 60644 Pte Nolan V. " " " " 6.12.44 A
NX 6169 Pte Davidson N.A. " " " " 6.12.44 C
NX 31830 Cpl Enright J. To Hospital. 6.12.44 B
NX 35863 Pte Marsh R.P. " 2/2 A.G.H. 10.12.44 D
NX 154857 Pte Collison J. " " " " 10.12.44 D
SX 28727 Pte Hill R.S. " Hospital. 12.12.44 A
NX 4039 Sgt Freeman W.J. " FAA Regt Trg School. 13.12.44 B
VX 4042 Cpl He yes W.A.G. " " " " 13.12.44 C
NX 94007 Pte Levy L.L. " 2/2 Aust Gen Hosp. 13.12.44 A
WX 33410 Lt Holding L. " FAA Regt Trg School. 13.12.44 A
VX 88653 Lt Yates T.G. " " " " 13.12.44 A
VX 107509 Lt Mackintosh K.T. " " " " 13.12.44 D
NX 5941 Pte Wallace S. To 4 Aust Det Bks. Trans to Gen Rfts. 7.12.44 D

STRENGTH INCREASES.

VX 13400 Cpl Halliday T.K. From FAA Regt Trg School. 9.12.44 B
NX 33569 L cpl Dorey D.A. " " " " " " 9.12.44 D
NX 47410 L cpl Wratten J.L. " " " " " " 9.12.44 C
NX 3910 Cpl Holmes J.H. " " " " " " 9.12.44 A
NX 47244 Pte Gray H. " Illegal Absence. 7.12.44 B
NX 32520 Cpl Wales R. " 2/2 A.G.H. 9.12.44 A
NX 11568 Pte Gill D.M. " Illegal Absence. 8.12.44 C
SX 28727 Pte Hill R.S. " Hospital. 9.12.44 A
NX 11008 A sgt Stanley W.N. " 1 Aust MG Trg Coy. 9.12.44 A
NX 150220 Pte Grealy R.H. " RR & GDD N.S.W. 9.12.44 C
NX 26922 Pte Snell L.R. " Hospital. 12.12.44 A
SX 22233 Pte Chapman I.K. " " 10.12.44 A
TX 1118 Pte Me nzie M. " 2/2 A.G.H. 10.12.44 HQ
NX 59076 Sgt Sullivan J.E. " FAA Regt Trg School. 9.12.44 BnHQ

MARCHED OUT.

NX 105179 Pte Walsh J.S. To 2 Aust Corps Fd Pun Centre.
7.12.44 A

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PART I No F 5. 19 Dec 44

1. DUTIES

<u>Date</u>	<u>Orderly Offr</u>	<u>Duty Coy</u>
Tue 19 Dec	Lt A.B. JOHNSTON	HQ
Wed 20 Dec	Lt L.C. McKNIGHT	D
Thu 21 Dec	Lt T.G. LONG	C
Fri 22 Dec	Lt R.V.H. CARR-BOYD	B
Sat 23 Dec	Lt H.P. KEACH	A

2. PERSONNEL ATTENDING CONSULTATIONS

Coys will ensure that personnel attending consultations carry cut lunches.

3. 7 AUST DIV SPORTS MEETING

See appendix "A" attached.

[Signature]
 Capt.
 Adjnt 2/1 Aust M G Bn

NOTICES

PICTURES

"Private Affairs" (Robert Cummins & Nancy Kelly) and Shorts. Showing at the Commandos Thu 21 Dec 44.
 "Rats of Tobruk" and "Men of Timor" by Damien Parer. Showing at 2/1 Aust M-G Bn Sat 23 Dec 44.

STRENGTH INCREASE

VX 103149	Pte	SMITH	L.J.	RTU ex LWOP	15.12.44	B Co
QX 30642	Pte	TAYLOR	G.	From 2/2 A.G.H.	15.12.44	C Co
QX 3081	A/Sgt	MILLIKEN	S.T.	" 2/2 A.G.H.	16.12.44	C Co
NX 31830	Cpl	ENRIGHT	J.	" 2/2 A.G.H.	16.12.44	B Co
VX 50762	Pte	KEIRVEN	C.S.	" Vic L of C ex Illegal Absence	17.12.44	B Co
NX 2259	L/Cpl	SMITH	F.A.	From 2/2 C.C.S.	18.12.44	A Co
NX 94007	Pte	LEVY	L.L.	" 2/2 C.C.S.	18.12.44	A Co
QX 16263	Pte	CODY	P.N.	" 2/2 A.G.H.	18.12.44	D Co
NX 136957	Pte	MATTHEWS	P.F.	" 2/2 C.C.S.	19.12.44	C Co

STRENGTH DECREASE

QX 630	L/Sgt	SPARKS	C.E.	To FAA Regt Trg School	14.12.44	HQ Co
QX 58	Cpl	TICEHURST	E.J.	do	14.12.44	HQ Co
WX 2245	Pte	THOMAS	R.S.	To 2/2 A.G.H.	14.12.44	A Co

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STRENGTH DECREASE

X 16263	Ptc	CODY	P.N.	To 2/2 ...G,H,	14.12.44	D Coy
NX 2259	L/Cpl	SMITH	F.A.	do	14.12.44	A Coy
NX 5343	Ptc	THOMPSON	R.J.	do	14.12.44	D Coy
VX 93527	Ptc	WEBB	R.J.	do	17.12.44	C Coy
SX 286	Sgt	SIMS	D.C.	do	14.12.44	C Coy
NX 136957	Ptc	MATTHEWS	P.F.	do	14.12.44	C Coy
VX 50711	L/Cpl	HOCKING	P.F.	do	17.12.44	B Coy
VX 26456	Sgt	PIDOTO	J.E.	do	19.12.44	B Coy.

MARCHED IN

NX 11713	Ptc	TAYLOR	E.C.	From 2 Aust Corps Fd Punsh Centre	16.12.44	C Coy
VX 15418	Sgt	STEWART	K.W.	From LH Gas School	19.12.44	B Coy.

MARCHED OUT

VX 1976	Ptc	VINES	W.C.	On 7 days leave	16.12.44	B Coy
X 3013	Sgt	ARROWSMITH	W.E.	do	16.12.44	H Coy
VX 4201	Ptc	MORSE	J.A.	" 22 " "	19.12.44	B Coy.

7 AUST DIV SPORTS MEETING. 21 Dec 44.

APPX 'A' to

COMPETITORS. 2/1 Aust M G Bn.

BRO F 5. 19 Dec 44.

100 yds. FRIEND O.C. (D), KEITH W. (B). 220 yds. ROCHE C.L. (C), WARD C. (D)
440 yds. WARD C. (D), CONROY K.E. (C). 880 yds. SUTHERLAND A. (D)
1 mile. Mc INDOE A.V. (B) 120 yds Hurdles. NAUGHTON T.E. (C),
SMITH R. (A).
1 mile Relay. 880 yds. PELL A.A., 440 yds. GARNER J.M. (D), 220 yds. PAULL N.I. (D),
110 yds. LANDSBERG H., 110 yds. DEARLE N. (A).
High Jump. SUTHERLAND A. (D). Shot Putt. RIXON C.S.B.
Broad Jump. SUMMONS W.M. (D) Kicking Football. ANDREW W.J.
Hop, Step, and Jump. SUMMONS W.M. (D) Throwing Cricket Ball. CANTWELL J.T.
Tug-of-War. Lt HUNTER, Lt JOHNSTON, (HQ), Sgt FORD J.H. (A), Ptes. MOORE T.A. (C),
WEBECK R.J. (C), KEMPTON J.H. (B), MABIN R.A. (C), BRYANT R.F. (B),
McNAUGHTON D.W. (C), CARPENTER R. (HQ). Coach - Lt LUFF.
Woodchop. McGUIRE A.E. (A). DR Relay. LYBURN J.U. (D), NELSON W. (HQ),
CALNAN J.V. (HQ), BROUGHTON J. (HQ).
Platoon Drill. Lt GAHAN K.M. (D), Sgt CURRELL W.G. (B), Cpl TAYLOR J.P. (A), Cpl WARREN D. (C), L cpl POWER K.C. (D).
A Coy. COGHLAN J.K., SCOTT A.L., DIESSEL P., HAMILTON J., MASKELL W.E.,
CHAPMAN I.K.
B Coy. BLIGH W.J., DUFFIELD A.A., GRAHAM S., FOWKES R.E., SHEEHAN A.
C Coy. CRAIG D.J., BEASLEY R.F., PEARSON A.C., CROKER W.M.,
CUNNINGHAM T.L.G.
D Coy. AMBREY W., CHECKLEY A.H., BULLEN M.V., LEWIS C.L., HIGGINS L.C.
PARK K.S.
HQ Coy. GILL CC., TURNER J.McD., WHITE W.P., FOX T.
Grenade Throwing. GARNER J.M. (D)
440 yds Bicycle Race. (ORs) CLARK K.R. (A).

- All competitors are to assemble at D Coy Parade Ground at 0830 hrs 20 Dec, and at 0800 hrs 21 Dec for movement to Sports Ground.
Transport.
TO will arrange for 40 personnel from D Coy lines at 200830K and 210800K.
- Dress.
Pedestrian events and Field games - football shorts, white singlet, with unit number (14) on back, sandshoes, or bare feet.
Tug-of-war. - Football sweaters, trousers, army boots, and gaiters.
Grenade throwing. Battle order, as for Pl drill, less arms.
DR Relay. - JG shirts, trousers, army boots, and gaiters.
Pl drill - Battle order.
- Adm.
 - 200 gal tank to be in unit area on Sports Ground (Area 21) and filled, by 20 Dec.
 - Unit arrangements for lunch for Bn and competitors on Sports Ground 21 Dec.
 - Flag Pole and unit flag to be in position before 0800 hrs 21 Dec. Also unit sign on bottom of pole.
 - Tent fly for competitors to be erected before 0800 hrs 21 Dec in competitors' enclosure.
 - Competitors and officials will lunch with their units.
 - YMCA will supply soft drinks free on the ground.
 - Movement of Bn to area allotted (Area 21) - details later.

Appx J
W D

2/1 AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION.

ADM INSTR 13/44.

DIV SPORTS MEETING. 21 Dec 44.

1. 7 Aust Div Sports Meeting will be held at KAIRI SPORTS GROUND on 21 Dec 44, commencing at 0900 hrs.
2. All personnel of 2/1 Aust M G Bn less sick and essential personnel will attend.
3. The unit will march to the sports grd by Coy gps departing unit lines 0830 hrs. Unit area is 21.
4. Competitors.
As per Appx 'A' to BRO F 5 of 19 Dec 44.
5. Programme.
As per Appx 'A' to BRO F 5 of 19 Dec 44.
6. Meals.
Coys will cook midday meal in camp and will send same to sports ground by MT. Lunch 1200 hrs. Coys will arrange for lunch veh to transport men's personal messing kit.
7. Dress.
All ranks - K.D., Gaiters, waist belt WE, or SB.

Date: 20 Dec 44.

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Capt.
Adjt 2/1 Aust M G Bn.

WTD

DIVISIONAL SPORTS MEETING

ALLOCATION OF POINTS AND DETAILS OF PRIZES FOR EVENTS

EVENT	GP POINTS			PRIZES		
	1st	2nd	3rd	1st	2nd	3rd
100 Yds Championship	5	3	1	£5	£2	£1
220 " "	5	3	1	£5	£2	£1
440 " "	5	3	1	£5	£2	£1
880 " "	5	3	1	£5	£2	£1
One Mile	5	3	1	£5	£2	£1
120 Yds Hurdle Champ	5	3	1	£5	£2	£1
Mile Medley Relay Race	10	6	2	£1 ea member of Winning Team.		
High Jump	5	3	1	£3	30/-	10/-
Broad Jump	5	3	1	£3	30/-	10/-
Hop, Step and Jump	5	3	1	£3	30/-	10/-
Shot Put	5	3	1	£2 Winner Only		
Tug-of-War	10	6	2	£1 ea member of Winning Team		
Kicking the Football	5	3	1	£2 Winner Only		
Throwing the Cricket Ball	5	3	1	£2 Winner Only		
Underhand Woodchop	5	3	1	£5	£2	£1
D/R Relay Race	10	6	2	£1 ea member of Winning Team		
Pl Drill	10	6	-	£1 ea member of Winning Pl		
Grenade Throwing	5	3	1	£3	30/-	10/-
440 Yds Army Bicycle Race for ORs	5	3	1	£3	30/-	10/-

In the event of a TIE or DRAW the points and prize money for the respective places will be added and equally divided.

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PROGRAMME TIMING SCHEDULE

Time Hrs	PEDISTRIAN EVENTS	FIELD GAMES	MILITARY EVENTS	NOVELTY EVENTS	DEMONSTRATIONS
0900	100 Yds Champ.				
3	" " "				
6	" " "				
9	" " "				
12	" " "				
15	" " "				
0918	440 Yds Champ				
22	" " "				
26	" " "				
30	" " "				
34	" " "				
38	" " "				
0942	120 Yds Champ				
46	" " "				
50	" " "				
54	" " "				
58	" " "				
1002	" " "				
1004	220 Yds Champ				
8	" " "				
12	" " "				
16	" " "				
20	" " "				
24	" " "				
1028					
1128	Semi-Final 100 yds Champ				
31	" " " " "				
34	" " 120 " Hdle "				
38	" " " " " "				
1142	330 Champ				
1147					
1200	LUNCH				

PROGRAMME TIMING SCHEDULE. (Continued - Page 2.)

Time.	PEDESTRIAN EVENTS.	FIELD GAMES.	MILITARY EVENTS.	NOVELTY EVENTS.	DEMONSTRATIONS.
1300.	Semi-final 220 Yds Championship.	Broad Jump.			
1304.	" " 220 " "				
1308.	1 Mile Medley Relay Race. 1st Heat.	Throwing Cricket Ball			
1316.	" " " " 2nd "	to continue until			
1324.	" " " " 3rd "	completed.			
1332.	" " " " 4th "				
1338.	FINAL 120 yds Hurdle Champ.		FINAL ORs Bicycle Race.		
1342.				FINAL Offrs Bicycle Race.	D/R Display.
1357.	FINAL 100 Yds Champ.				
1401.	1 Mile Championship.				
1410.	FINAL 440 Yds Champ.				
1415.			D/R Relay Race.		
1445.					Paratroop Drop.
1500.			FINAL P1 Drill.		
1530.	FINAL 220 Yds Champ.				
1535.		FINAL Woodchop.			
1545.		FINAL Tug-of-War.			
1555.	FINAL 1 Mile Medley Relay.				
1605.	PRESENTATION OF PRIZES.				

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War Diary

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BY

Lt col A. G. K. HAUPT

COMMANDING 2/1 AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION.

PART I.

No. F 6.

22 Dec 44.

1. DUTIES.

Duty Coy. From 1800 hrs 24 Dec 44 till 1800 hrs 27 Dec 44, as per instructions issued separately.

Duty Officer.	Sunday, 24 Dec 44.	Lt G.H. YEOMANS.
	Monday, 25 Dec 44.	Lt K.R. NETTLE.
	Tuesday, 26 Dec 44.	Lt G. PUTNAM.
	Wednesday, 27 Dec 44.	Lt B.D. BREARLEY.

2. PRIVATE COMMUNICATIONS CONCERNING CASUALTIES. (Re-published from GRO A 437. 1 Dec 44.)

- a. Private cables and telegrams reporting battle or other casualties are prohibited. In letters, no reference is to be made to any such casualty until after a period of one month from the date of its occurrence.
- b. The prohibition and restriction imposed by para 1 hereof are not applicable to communications sent by a member relative to a casualty sustained by himself.
- c. This order has been dictated by motives of consideration for the feelings of the relatives of members of the forces who, in many instances, have been caused unnecessary suffering and suspense through information contained in private correspondence from operational areas and which, in some cases, has proved to be inaccurate.

3. MESSAGE FROM GOC 7 AUST DIV TO ALL RANKS.

'The period of training just concluded has been a strenuous one entailing much physical discomfort and hard work. You have willingly accepted this and worked with zest; your physical fitness and spirit has been evident.

It was hoped that by this time you would be on your way further to prove your worth against the enemy. This has not so far happened but it is most unlikely to be long delayed. You will I know, continue to maintain your efficiency and so give a good account of yourselves in the not far distant days to come. I wish you a Happy Xmas and I am confident of a successful New Year and confusion to our enemies.'

(Signed) E.J. MILFORD.
Maj Gen.

4. AMDT TO ADM INSTR 12/43.

In para B, 7th line add - 'In addition all charges under AA 8(2), 9(2) and 22 will be remanded to the CO.'

In para B, 8th line after 'fine' add 'or forfeiture of pay'.

In para B, 9th line delete 'as' and substitute 'except'.

L. B. Peters
Capt.
Adjt 2/1 Aust M G Bn.

NOTICES.

CHURCH SERVICES.

Bn Church Parade. Sun 24 Dec 44. 0900 hrs.
 C of E Holy Communion. Sun 24 Dec 44. 0645 hrs.
 Special singing of Xmas Carols round the camp fire in unit lines at
 1830 K, Sunday, 24 Dec, 44.
 Midnight Mass will be celebrated at 2400K, 24 Dec 44, in No 1 Theatre.

Xmas Day Services.

Xmas Service within the Bn at 0900K, 25 Dec 44, followed by Holy
 Communion (PD) in the Padre's Chapel.
 C of E Holy Communion in Y.M.C.A. at 0700K. (Padre Corrigan).

STRENGTH INCREASE.

QX 32391	Pte BRAYSHER	W.A.	From 2/1 Aust Con Depot.	20.12.44.	C Coy
SX 1891	Pte LEWIS	C.L.	" " "	20.12.44.	D "
V 511959	Pte JAMES	M.H.	" 126 A.S.H.	20.12.44.	A "
SX 28727	Pte HILL	R.S.	" 2/2 Aust CCS.	21.12.44.	A "
NX 6419	Pte WAIN	J.W.	" 5 Aust Gd Compound.	22.12.44.	HQ "
VX 50711	L cpl HOCKING	P.F.	" 2/2 AGH.	22.12.44.	B "

STRENGTH DECREASE.

NX 13202	Pte CHALKER	J.G.	To Illegal Absence.	20.12.44.	A "
NX 11000	Pte McIVOR	F.	" " "	20.12.44.	A "
WX 2367	L cpl WALKER	F.A.	" " "	20.12.44.	A "
NX 10194	Pte STAPLETON	J.	" " "	20.12.44.	A "
NX 11493	Pte ABRAHAM	W.A.	" 2/2 AGH.	20.12.44.	A "
NX 140007	Pte HARD	W.D.C.	Trans to 7 Aust Div.HQ.	22.12.44.	A "
NX 4227	Pte HUMPHREYS	H.J.	To Illegal Absence.	21.12.44.	D "
VX 135585	Pte DAVEY	E.A.	" Detention-Gen Rfts.	26.10.44.	HQ "
TX 895	Lt T.G. LONG.		" FAA Regt Trg School.	14.12.44.	C "

MARCHED IN.

NX 5765	Pte JOHNSTONE	J.Mc.	From Detachment to 5 RSD.	21.12.44.	D "
NX 25752	Pte JACKSON	W.T.	" 4 A.P.O. Atherton.	22.12.44.	A "
NX 150726	Pte JOHNSTON	G.H.	" A.W.L.	22.12.44.	A "

MARCHED OUT.

NX 13097	Pte TRENHOLME	F.J.	To Fd Punishment.	21.12.44.	A "
NX 94007	" LEVY	L.L.	do	21.12.44.	A "
NX 11631	" SCOTT	A.L.	do	21.12.44.	A "
NX 2325	" HAMILTON	J.B.	do	21.12.44.	A "
NX 2258	" REID	E.F.	do	21.12.44.	A "
NX 13089	" TRENHOLME	W.J.	do	21.12.44.	A "
NX 2315	" CLARKE	R.J.	do	21.12.44.	A "
NX 70067	" DIESSEL	P.	do	21.12.44.	A "
NX 33394	" PRINCE	L.M.	do	21.12.44.	A "
VX 11827	" FRANKLIN	A.G.	do	23.12.44.	B "
TX 5198	" MADDOX	G.G.	do	21.12.44.	A "
NX 81894	" STAPLETON	K.E.	do	21.12.44.	A "
NX 51722	" MITCHELL	J.S.	To Compassionate leave.	22.12.44.	B "
NX 3393	" NOTTLE	J.	To 4 A.P.O. Atherton.	22.12.44.	B "
NX 89602	" LAY	G.W.	do	22.12.44.	C "
NX 58497	" MANSELL	H.	do	22.12.44.	D "

REVERSIONS.

NX 11008	L sgt STANLEY	W.N.	To A/Cpl re-joining unit.	9.12.44.	A
VX 57628	Cpl BAIRD	J.H.	To Pte at own request.	22.12.44.	D
NX 7632	L cpl HUNTER	R.W.	To Pte at own request.	22.12.44.	A

Appx L
W.D

2/1 AUST MACHINE GUN BN

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

ADM INSTRS

1. GENERAL

The Bn will move to MALANDA FALLS by MT on 23 Dec 44.

2. TPT

- (a) 5 x 3 ton AASC vehs are allotted to each Coy and will report by 0830K (approx).
- (b) TO will meet AASC Offr IC vehs at the entrance to camp and guide vehs to Coy lines.
- (c) Unit tpt is allotted:-
 - i. One kitchen veh to report Coy lines by 1045K.
 - ii. One veh to Offrs Mess and Sgts Mess to report by 1045K.
 - iii One veh for canteen to report by 0930K.
 - iv. One veh for Cond Offr.
 - v. Two vehs for officials to report to Offrs Mess by 0800K.
 - vi. One jeep and two DRs for traffic control to report to Maj G.W. AUSTIN by 0845K.
 - vii One veh for amplifier will report to Lt T. BARKER by 0800K.

3. MOVEMENT

- (a) The Bn moves in convoy vide March Tables attached as Appx 'A'.
- (b) OC Convoy is Maj G.W. AUSTIN.
- (c) Traffic Control will be enforced throughout the move.
- (d) Guides - one per Coy - will report to Maj H.S. PLUMMER at 0815K at the Offrs Mess - Coy signs will be carried.

4. LUNCH

- (a) Lunch will be served in Coy dispersal areas at 1245K.
- (b) Movement of vehs vide March Table attached as appx 'A'.

5. CANTEEN

- (a) Canteen Sgt will arrange for the canteen to be established by 1130K.
- (b) Iced drinks will be served.

6. DRESS

- (a) KD or JG - walking out order.
- (b) Trunks or shorts must be worn for swimming.

Maj.
President Sports Committee.

MOVEMENT TABLE

WD

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1. SP
(a) Fwd Journey Serials 1 and 2 - NORTH DASE
2. (b) Return Journey Serials 3 and 4 - X rds 515172
2. ROUTE
KAIRI, KULARA, YOUNGABURRA, MALANDA. (Reverse for Return Journey).
3. DIS P
(a) Fwd Journey - X rds 515172 - will be met by Coy Guides.
(b) Return Journey - Coy Lines.
4. V.T.M.
15.
5. MIH
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6. ORDER OF MARCH
A, B, HQ, C, D Coys.
7. CHECK Ps
KAIRI - X rds 466332 - (YOUNGABURRA Rd June 517268 - X rds 515172)
8. DISPERSAL AREAS
Vide trace attached.

Serial No	FMN or Unit	No. of Vehs	Will pass S.P.	Est time arrival at Dis P	Remarks
			Head	Head	
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)
1	Pers Vehs	25	0900K	1000K	
2	Kitchen Vehs	6	1100K	1200K	
3.	Kitchen Vehs	6	1400K	1500K	Return Journey
4.	Pers Vehs	25	1700K	1800K	Return Journey

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Appx M

2/1 AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION.

ADM INSTR 14/44

UNIT SKILL AT ARMS COMPETITION.

1. The unit will hold a skill at arms competition at KAURI CREEK field firing range on ~~27 Dec 44~~ *3 Jan 45*.
2. The competition is designed to provide a days entertainment for personnel of the unit and all events will be those covered in normal weapon training.
3. Schedule of events:

(a) MMG HANDLING COMPETITION:-

- i. Gun drill team of three - entries one team per platoon.
- ii. Stoppage competition team of four - entries one team per platoon.
- iii. Blindfold stripping team of three - entries one team per platoon.

Competitors to be rank of L cpl or Pte.
Conditions of competition given in appendix 'A' attached.

(b) LMG HANDLING COMPETITION.

Gun drill team of two - entries two teams per coy.

Competitors to be rank of L cpl or Pte.

Conditions of competition given in appendix 'A' attached.

(c) JD AND RANGE ESTIMATION COMPETITION.

Teams of three - entries two teams per coy, ~~one~~ an NCOs team one a Ptes team.

Conditions of competition given in appendix 'A' attached.

(d) MUSKETRY.

- i. Rifle team of six - entries one team per coy.
- ii. LMG - entries four guns per coy.
- iii. MMG - entries four guns per coy.
- iv. OSMG - entries two men per coy.
- v. Rifle fire with movement team of six - entries one team per coy.
- vi. Pistol competition - all officers.

Personnel participating in musketry competitions may be of any rank except 'vi' which is for officers only.

4. FINETABLE

Attached as appendix 'B'.

5. OFFICIALS.

- | | | |
|--------------------|---|----------------|
| (a) Chief marshal | - | Major Plummer. |
| Marshalls MMG | - | Lt Hansen. |
| LMG | - | Lt McKnight. |
| JD | - | Lt Bain. |
| Musketry | - | Capt Earle. |
| | | Lt Brearley. |
| | | Lt Fourle. |
| Assistant marshals | - | Coy C S Ms. |
| (b) Judges. MMG | - | Capt Manson. |
| | - | Capt Bolton. |
| | - | Capt Crandon. |
| | - | Lt Hay. |
| LMG | - | Lt Warron. |
| | - | Lt Gahan. |
| | - | Lt Yeomans. |
| JD | - | Major Austin. |
| | - | Lt Keach. |
| Musketry | - | Capt Thornton. |
| | - | Lt Rookwood. |
| | - | WO(I) Forbes. |
| (c) Timekeepers. | - | Lt Luff. |
| | - | Lt Putnam. |
| | - | Lt White. |

To act under direction of Chief Marshal as required.

(d) Butts parties and general duties.

R S M will detail butts party under direction of Marshal for musketry events.

6. SCORING.

Points allotted for each event shown in appendix 'C' attached will decide winners in each case. In addition coy aggregates will be kept to ascertain best company.

7. PRIZES.

Money prizes (individual) are allotted for each event. A suitable trophy for best company will be arranged. List of prizes shown in appendix 'C' attached.

8. TARGETS.

Targets at the range will be used. Lt Mansfield will arrange with QM for construction of suitable targets. Lt Carr-Boyd and Lt Dohnt will assist.

9. MOVEMENT.

Coys will move as per march table attached as appendix 'D'. TO will arrange MT with AASC for conveyance of personnel and unit vehicles for domestic purposes.

10. MEALS.

Midday meal will be served on the ground by companies. Officers and sergeants will eat with their coys.

11. DRESS.

- | | | |
|-----------------|---|------------------------|
| (a) Competitors | - | KD or JG, drill order. |
| (b) Spectators | - | KD or JG. |

CONDITIONS OF EVENTS - SKILL AT ARMS COMPETITION.

(Issued with 2/1 Aust M G Bn Adm Instr 14/44)

EventA MG Handling.i. Gun drill teams.

Team - 3 men (L epls or Ptes).

Conditions - Stores to be laid out as for E G D team fallen in behind.

Judge orders series of five gun drill movements changing Squad around after each movement.

Points allotted each movement - 10

Points will be deducted for incorrect handling.

Times will be averaged over the competition and 1 point added or deducted for every two seconds under or over average time.

Maximum possible - 50.

Movements to be carried out will NOT be revealed until the event is staged but will cover lessons 45 to 56 only.

ii. Stoppage competition.

Team 4 men (L epls or Ptes).

Conditions. - As for T O E T 9 all points apply. One round will be fired at a target when each I A is complete. Points for each I A will be forfeited if aim is inaccurate.

Maximum possible - 20.

iii. Blindfold stripping.

Team 5 men (L epl or Ptes).

Conditions - Gun, lock and feed block to be stripped by team and laid out in any order.

Team to be blindfolded and on command GO reassemble all parts.

Time taken from command GO until No 1 says UP.

Points will be deducted for incorrect handling and faulty assembly.

Judge will check to see if gun will load and fire when assembled.

Points will be averaged and one point added or deducted for every second over or under average. Max possible - 20.

B LMG Handling.Gun drill teams.

Team of 2 men (L epls or Ptes).

Conditions. - Gun to be stripped down and parts laid out. On command GO gun to be assembled and carried forward five yards and mounted, loaded and fired at prearranged target. Judge immediately orders "gun does not fire" No 1 applies I A and goes on firing.

Judge orders "gun fires one or two rounds and stops again" No 1 adjusts gas regulator and goes on firing.

Points will be deducted for incorrect handling. Times will be averaged and one point added or deducted for every 3 seconds over or under average time. Maximum possible - 20.

C JD and Range Estimation.

2 teams of 3 men. (one Ptes, one NCOs team).

Ptes team - to judge distance to two objects by any means, at distances between 600 and 1000 yds.

NCOs team. - to estimate ranges to two objects not further distant than 2000 yds and within reasonable distance of known ranges.

In each case one range will be obtained in kneeling position and one lying position.

Ranges obtained to be accurate within permissible limits vide SAT 1, Pam 2, pages 16 & 17.

Time allowed - one minute for each range.

Points - 5 for each range correct within permissible limits.

D Musketry.

i. Rifle.

Team → 6 men (any rank).

Conditions -

Three practices (2, 4 & 7 see page 41 & 42 SAT 1, pan 14)
5 rds app.)
5 rds snap.) all at yds.
5 rds rapid) 2 sightors before first practice.
Scoring normal - Maximum possible - 75.

ii. LMG.

Team → 4 men (4 guns).

Conditions -

Three practices (2, 4 & 5 see pages 43 & 44 SAT 1, pan 14.)
12 rds app.)
(single rds and automatic)) All at yds
20 rds automatic.) 2 rds ranging before
12 rds automatic) first practice.

iii. MMG.

Team 12 men (4 guns)

Conditions -

Three practices.

100 rds app. Time allowed 50 secs, 1 point for each
hit on scoring circle. Max possible - 100.

100 rds rapid. Time allowed 25 secs. 1 point for each
hit on scoring circle - Max possible - 100.

100 rds fleeting. Time allowed 76 secs. stores to be
laid out 5 yds in rear of gun position
on order GO gun to be mounted and
fired. 1 point for each hit on scoring
circle. Max possible - 100.

iv. OSMG.

Individual (ORs).

Conditions -

Three practices (2, 3 & 4 see page 38 SAT 1 pan 14.)
4 rds instinctive snap.) 3 points each hit on
4 rds automatic alignment.) figure. Max possible 33.
3 rds emergency.)

v. Rifle. (Fire with movement).

Teams 6 men (any rank)

Conditions - see pan 14 page 12.

Score - Max possible 50 per man.

vi. Pistol.

Individual. (officers)

Conditions -

4 rds app right hand.) Shots to be fired in groups
4 rds app left hand.) of 2 rds.
6 rds rapid either hand.) Scoring - 1 point for hit
on rectangle. Max possible 14.

12. GENERAL.

(a) Throughout the competition strict attention will be paid in judging to accuracy of handling rather than speed.

(b) Shooting will be as for service conditions e.g, no slings or wind gauges allowed. Rests are permitted but points will be deducted for incorrect resting or faulty handling during firing.

(c) Coys will eliminate finalists before the date of the competition.

R B Peters

Capt.

Adjt 2/1 aust MG bn.

23 December '44.

War Diary

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

BY

Lt col A.G.K. HAUPT

COMMANDING 2/1 AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION

PART I

No F 7

26 Dec 44

1. DUTIES

<u>Date</u>	<u>Orderly Officer</u>	<u>Duty Coy</u>
Tue 26 Dec	Lt D.J. Hansen	
Wed 27 Dec	Lt K.A. Mansfield	B
Thu 28 Dec	Lt E.O. Dohnt	B
Fri 29 Dec	Lt A.B. Johnston	B
Sat 30 Dec	Lt L.C. McKnight	B

2. AMDT TO ADM INSTR 14/44.

Appx 'A'. Event 'B' LMG Handling, Gun Drill teams, line 6 for "No 1" substitute "team".

P. Haupt
 Capt.
 Adj 2/1 Aust M G Bn.

NOTICES

PICTURES

"Despatch from Reuters" (Edward G. Robinson, Edna Best) and Shorts Showing at 2/1 Aust M G Bn Tue 26 Dec 44, and at Commandos Wed 27 Dec.
 "Captain of the Clouds" (James Cagney, Brenda Martin) and Shorts Showing at the 2/1 Aust M G Bn Thu 28 Dec.
 "The Road to Zanzibar" (Bob Hope, Bing Crosby, Dorothy Lamour) Showing at the Commandos Sun 31 Dec 44.

CONCERT PARTIES

2/33 Aust Inf Bn Concert Party will present a programme in No 1 Theatre on 26, 28, and 29 Dec 44 commencing at 1930 hrs, open to all units 7 Aust Div.

STRENGTH INCREASE

SK 794	Lt	McMILLAN	C.W.	From 2/2 A.G.H.	23.12.44	C Coy.
NX 5343	Pte	THOMSON	R.J.	From Hosp	23.12.44	D Coy.
NX 7304	Pte	ADAMS	B.C.S.	" FAA AASC Clerks School	23.12.44	A Coy.
X 31788	Pte	FOSTER	G.A.	do	23.12.44	B Coy.
NX 152899	Pte	CHINN	R.A.	do	23.12.44	D Coy.
WX 2245	Pte	THOMAS	R.S.	From 2/2 A.G.H.	23.12.44	A Coy.
VX 26913	Pte	COLLIVER	F.S.	" 3 Aust Observer and Visitors Sec	26.12.44	B Coy.

STRENGTH DECREASE

SK 794	Lt	McMILLAN	C.W.	To RAAF School of Army Co-operation	25.12.44	C Coy.
VX 4736	L/Cpl	TRAEGER	F.	Evac to 2/2 A.G.H.	22.12.44	B Coy.
NX 57410	L/Cpl	TRIBOLET	R.A.	do	22.12.44	D Coy.
NX 150485	Pte	AYERS	R.C.	Trans to Hq 7 Aust Div	23.12.44	B "

P.T.O.

MARCHED IN

EX 124	Pte	SMITH	H.C.B.	From det to 4 Aust L of C Post Unit	22.12.44	D Coy
NX 140015	Pte	TAYLOR	E.S.	do	22.12.44	A Coy
NX 105179	Pte	WALSH	J.S.	From 2 Aust Fd Punsh	23.12.44	A Coy

MARCHED OUT

NX 149315	Pte	GOODWIN	J.B.	To 2 Aust Fd Punsh	23.12.44	D Coy
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Appendix O *Word Diary*

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

BY

Lt Col A.C.K. MAUPT

COMMANDING 2/1 AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION

PART I

No F 8

29 Dec 44

1. DUTIES

<u>Date</u>	<u>Orderly Officer</u>	<u>Duty Coy</u>
Sunday 31 Dec 44	Lt H.L. Meach.	Composite
Monday 1 Jan 45	Lt B.D. Brearley	Composite
Tuesday 2 Jan 45	Lt R.V.H. Carr-Boyd	A

Duties for Sun 31 Dec 44 and Mon 1 Jan 45, as per instructions issued separately.

2. PAY & POSTAL TENT.

The Pay and Postal tent is out of bounds to all ranks. The practice of collecting mail direct from the postal tent or waiting inside the tent either on duty or otherwise will cease at once

3. WEARING OF CHINSTRAPS

Attention is directed to BRO No E 98 para 3 re wearing of chin straps. They will be worn at all times on Bn parades, guards, and other ceremonial occasions.

W. H. B. ...
Capt.
Adjnt 2/1 Aust MG Bn.

NOTICES

CHURCH PARADES

Bn Church Parade	0900 hrs Sun 31 Dec 44.
R.C. Church Parade	1000 " " "
C of E Holy Communion	0700 " " "

FOUND

- 1 tobacco pouch at picture show on Tuesday night. Owner apply to 7 Bty 2/6 Aust Fd Regt.
- 1 haversack containing messing gear and book. Apply to unit R.A.P.

STRENGTH INCREASE

NX 17771	Pte	FOX	C.R.	From 2/2 A.C.H.	28.12.44	O Coy.
X 22252	Pte	BYRNE	L.J.	do	28.12.44	O Coy

P.T.O.

STRENGTH DECREASE

NX 66129	Pte	HARVEY	H.M.	Illegal Absentee	14.12.44	B Coy.
VX 6110	Sgt	WILKINSON	R.W.H.	Evac to 2/2 A.G.H.	27.12.44	D Coy.
NX 11760	Pte	SIMPKINS	R.V.C.	Trans to 16 APSC for re-allocation	28.12.44	Hq Coy.
VX 1483	Pte	McARTHUR	K.M.	do	28.12.44	C Coy.
X 2645	Cpl	LANDSBERG'	H.	Evac to 2/2 A.G.H.	28.12.44	C Coy.
NX 6945	Pte	CONROY	K.E.	do	28.12.44	C Coy.

MARCHED OUT

NX 38520	Pte	McPHEE	H.D.	Attend IM, Mobile Sch of Cooking	26.12.44	C Coy.
VX 61954	Pte	RICHARDSON G.		Attend FA, AASC Clerks Course & trans to 'X'	27.12.44	D Coy.
NX 11660	Pte	KOEFOD	L.H.	do list.	27.12.44	C Coy.
NX 86791	Pte	McDONALD	R.A.	do	27.12.44	B Coy.
NX 150726	Pte	JOHNSTON	G.H.	To 2 Aust Fd Punish	27.12.44	A Coy.

Appx "P" 10

2/1 AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION.

TRG SYLLABUS - WEEK 25 - 31 Dec 44.

Date.	A Coy	B Coy	C Coy	D Coy	HQ Coy	Bn HQ
Mon 25 Dec	X M A S D A Y - R E S T D A Y.					
Tue 26 Dec	Amphib ious trg - Trinity Beach.	MMG Trg.	MMG Trg.	MMG Trg.	Normal Duties.	Normal Duties.
Wed 27 Dec	do.	MMG Trg.	MMG Trg.	MMG Trg.	MMG Trg.	MMG Trg.
Thu 28 Dec	do.	LMG and Rifle Trg.	LMG and Rifle Trg.	LMG and Rifle Trg.	AM -- LMG and Rifle trg. PM -- Normal duties.	AM- LMG and Rifle Trg. PM -- Normal duties.
Fri 29 Dec	do.	C O M P A N Y E L I M I N A T I O N S F O R B N S P O R T S .				
Sat 30 Dec	AM-- Return to camp. PM-- WE Inspection.	AM -- Camp cleaning. PM -- WE Inspection.	AM -- Camp cleaning. PM -- WE Inspection.	AM -- Camp cleaning. PM -- WE Inspection.	AM -- Camp cleaning, Normal duties. PM -- WE Inspection.	AM -- Camp cleaning and normal duties. PM -- WE Inspection.
Sun 31 Dec	C H U R C H P A R A D E - R E S T D A Y - M A K E A N D M E N D .					

NOTES.

1. MMG, LMG and Rifle trg to be with particular reference to subjects to be covered in Bn Skill at Arms Competition.
2. Coy elimina tions to be with reference to events on Bn Sports Day on 1 Jan 45.

J. J. Haupt

Lt col.
Comd 2/1 Aust M G Bn.

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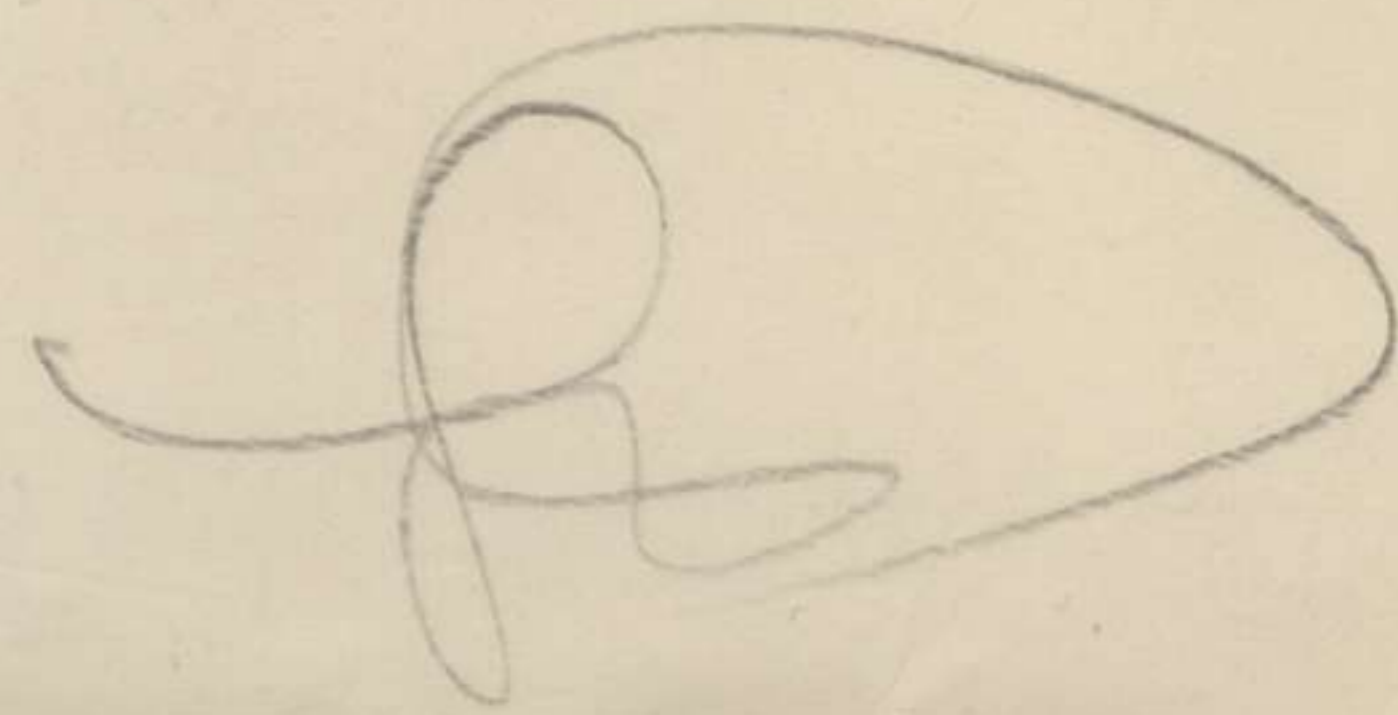
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