

**AWM52**  
**2nd Australian Imperial Force and**  
**Commonwealth Military Forces unit war**  
**diaries, 1939-45 War**

**Item number: 8/3/31**

**2/31 Infantry Battalion**  
**January - February 1945**

*Zinderson* Lt-Col.

# WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

CO 2/31 Aust Inf Bn.

Army Form C.2118  
(adapted)

(Erase heading not required)

Unit 2/31 AUST INF BN. Date and Time.—From I JAN 1945 To II JAN 1945

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Kairi.	I		Free day. Six offr and 194 o/rs visited rodeo at <del>P</del> LM Beach.	
	2		Coy trg in Bn area.	
	3		Coy trg in Bn area.	
	4		Coy trg in Bn area.	
	5		Pl trg in Bn area.	
	6	0830	Bn pde. Admn. 1930 hrs boxing tournament held in Bn lines.	
	7	0930	Church pde and admp.	
	8		Coy trg in Bn area.	
	9		Sec trg CHERRY Ck area ref Gordonvale I" 450380.	Appx A
	10		Sec trg CHERRY Ck area ref Gordonvale I" 450380	Appx A
	11		Coy trg in Bn area. 1230 hrs II pl consisting of 1 offr and 30 o/rs and one MMG detachment left for TRINITY BEACH for LVT trg from 12 to 14 Jan 1945.	

1 MAR 1945

# WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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*Trulobson* Lt- Col.  
 Coy 2/31 Aust Inf Bn.  
 Comp.

Army Form C.2118  
 (adapted)

Unit 2/31 AUST INF BN

Date and Time.—From 12 Jan 1945 To 17 JAN 1945

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
KAIRI	I2		Sec trg CHERRY Ck area ref Gordonvale I" 450380.	Appx A
	I3	0815	Bn pde. Bn Pennant and £20 awarded to D Coy for winning guard mounting and line cleanliness competition held over one week.	Appx B.
		1930	Boxing tournament held in Bn lines.	APPX C.
		2200	Snack Bar opened in Bn lines, where members of Bn can obtain meals at nominal cost. Approx 400 offrs and men patronised the Bar before it closed at 2330 hrs. Future hrs of opening of Snack Bar from 1900hrs to 2130 hrs ( excluding Saturdays)	Appx D.
	I4	0815	Church pde and adm.	
	I5		Coy trg in Bn area.	
	I6	0800	Bn moved out to DANBULLA area Ref Gordonvale I" sq. 5542-6642. to carry out tactical exercise with tps in co-operation with aircraft. 1800 hrs Bn arrived in camp area.	Appx E
	I7		P1 trg CHERRY Ck area ref Gordonvale I" 450380.	

*Mulholland* Lt-Col.

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY *comd* 2/3I Aust Inf Bn.

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Unit 2/3I AUST INF BN.

Date and Time.—From 18 JAN 1945 To 23 JAN 1945.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
KAIRI	18		Bn trg Cherry Ck area ref Gordonvale I <sup>n</sup> 450 380 .	
		2000	Bn held unit dance in ATHERTON town hall. 220 personnel from unit attended, Also 120 from womens Services and 20 female civilians. Supper was provided by the unit. Music by the 2/7 Cav Commandoes and 2/3I Bn Pipe Band. Cost of dance was met from Bn funds.	APPX F
	19		Coy trg in Bn area.	
	20		Coy adm. and sports. 1930 hrs boxing held in Bn lines.	
	21	0815	Church pde. Afternoon free.	
	22		A Coy trg in attack and first contact at ref Gordonvale I <sup>n</sup> sqs. 4438, 4538 and 4638.	Appx G
	23		<del>A</del> C Coy trg in attack and first contact at ref Gordonvale I <sup>n</sup> Sqs. 4438, 4538, 4638.	Appx G
			Census taken of Bn average age.	Appx H

*Frederick J. ...* Lt- Col.

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY. *Comd 2/3I Aust Inf Bn*

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Unit *2/3I AUST INF BN.*

Date and Time.—From *24 JAN 1945*

To *31 JAN 1945*

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
<b>KAIRI</b>	24		B Coy trg in attack and first contact at ref Gordonvale I" sqs. 4438, 4538 and 4638.	Appx G.
	25		D Coy trg in attack and first contact at ref Gordonvale I" sqs 4438, 4538 and 4638.	A ppz G
	26		Coy adm and sports.	
	27		A and B Coys moved out to DANBULLA fd firing range ref Gordonvale I" sq. 524I. Cand B Coys adm.	Appx I
	28		C and D Coys moved out to DANBULLA fd firing range ref Gordonvale I" sq. 524I. Aand B Coys admn.	Appx I
	29		Coys were lectured on enemy equipment by FS (EE) Sec. Many items of equipment being on display.	
	30	0745	Bn less I, 5 and 6 pls move out to SEVEN SISTERS area and biv at ref sq 4728 BARTLEFRERE I" for pl trg.	Appx J
	31		Bn at SEVEN SISTERS area doing pl trg.	Appx J.

*J. Office*

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS

PART I  
by

ISSUE NO 417 (528)

LT-COL E M ROBSON

COMD 2/31 AUST INF BN

IN THE FIELD

MONDAY

1 JAN 1944

528. DUTIES.

ORDERLY OFFICER.....	LT W H FOGO
NEXT FOR DUTY.....	LT G P CARROLL
ORDERLY N C O.....	I/CPL GEARY D
DUTY COY.....	C COY
NEXT FOR DUTY.....	B COY

529. BEER RATION.

Owing to strike at CAIRNS BREWERY beer ration will be reduced to one bottle or equivalent per man per week.

*Adj. Lt. Col. Robson*  
 LT  
 ADJT 2/31 AUST INF BN

PART II

TRANSFERS.

QB 149	Mr G G ENGLISH	(BHQ)	SOB	31/12/44	BYAC 2/2	AGH
NX 170711	Pte DAVIDSON	T N	(D)	"	"	BYAC 2/6
QX 59105	" VIDLER	S C	(HQ)	TOB	1/1/45	FROM 4 AUST INF BN

SCHOOLS & COURSES.

NX 5563	Lt R M BRASLEY	(HQ)	ATT	MMG CADRE	COURSE 8	wef 1/1/45
QX 14932	Sjt HICKMAN	C P	(HQ)	"	"	"

DETACHMENTS

QX 11539	Pte DALE	W A J	(HQ)	DET FOR DUTY	MMG CADRE	COURSE 8	wef
NX 92761	" MASON	J G	(HQ)	"	"	"	1/1/45

REJOINED UNIT.

QX 32940	Pte FORREST	J A	(HQ)	RTU	31/12/44	FROM 3AA SCH OF SIGS
QX 51109	" LEWIS	J	(HQ)	"	"	"

APPOINTMENTS

WX 2443 " ROLLAND A J (D) TO BE PAID I/CPL wof 1/1/44

ILLEGAL ABSENTEE

NX 49880 " MILLER R J (A) INVESTIGATION HELD 23/12/44 DECLARED ILLEGAL ABSENTEE.

NOTICES

BOOKS, MAGAZINES, PAPERS. Do not burn these when you and your tentmates have finished reading them. Hand them into your Coy Orderly room where they will be collected by YM Rep. Think of your mates. REMEMBER good reading is hard to secure.

SCREENINGS

ZIEGFELD GIRLS 2 Jan RAA 3 Jan Loc 3 4 Jan Loc 5 5 Jan Loc 4 6 Jan Loc 2  
 Mrs Lady Bug 7 Jan Loc 7.  
 News from Home

THE GREAT WALTZ 2 Jan 2/4 Enrs. 3 Jan Loc 4. 4 Jan Loc 6. 5 Jan Loc 8.  
 Cuban Rhythm 6 Jan RAA. 7 Jan Loc 5.

RIDE AND SHINE 2 Jan Loc 6. 3 Jan Loc 7. 4 Jan Loc 2. 5 Jan 2/4 Enrs.  
 Saw Mill Mystery 6 Jan Loc 3. 7 Jan Loc 8.  
 Ski Parade  
 Battle of the Bismarck Sea

COMMENCING 1930 HRS

*20/Jan*

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ROUTINE ORDERS

PART 1

ISSUE NO 418 (530)

LT-COL E M ROBSON

COMD 2/31 AUST INF BN

IN THE FIELD

TUESDAY

2 JAN 1945

530 DUTIES

ORDERLY OFFICER.....LT G P CARROLL  
 NEXT FOR DUTY.....LT N J NEWELL  
 ORDERLY N C O.....L/CPL ROLLAND A J  
 DUTY COY.....D COY  
 NEXT FOR DUTY.....A COY

*W B O'Connell* LT  
 ADJT 2/31 AUST INF BN

PART 11

APPOINTMENTS

OX 4201	T/CAPT	J H MILES		TO BE CAPT	wef 16/2/44
OX 16130	T/CAPT	R S OAKHILL		" " "	" "
OX 36491	LT	D A CAMPBELL	(A)	" " "	" 21/12/44
WR 2376	PTE	DOODY E J	(D)	" " PAID	L/CPL wef 2/1/45
NK 90529	"	PETERSSON J R	(A)	" " "	" " "
VK 10674	"	WATSON J W	(D)	" " "	" " "
JA 21960	"	RUSSELL W P	(C)	SOS 2/1/45 TO 8 DIV REC CP FOR ON MVT TO 16 AUST PERS STAG CP	
JA 4473	"	BRETHERTON A H	(C)	TOS 2/1/45 RTU UNDER ESCORT	
NK 78961	PTE	COWAN R J	(D)	INTERPOSTED TO H. COY.	

NOTICES

- AGG.
- Three strip films on HOUSING will be shown with commentary in writing room YMCA at 1930 hrs THURSDAY 4 JAN.
  - PERSONNEL INTERESTED in forming a Bn discussion group on POST WAR HOUSING are invited to attend.

CINEMA

FEATURE - ZIEGFELD GIRLS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
WED 2 Jan	RAA
THU 3 "	3 PAST 21 BDE
THUR 4 "	5 18 BDE
FRID 5 "	4 ENGRS
SAT 6 "	2 2/25 BN AREA
SUN 7 "	7 CAV REGT

FEATURE - THE GREAT WALTZ

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
2/4	AUST PNR BN
4	
6	MG BN
8	2/14 BN AREA
	R A A
5	

FEATURE - RISE AND SHINE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
TUE 2 JAN	6
WED 3 JAN	7
THU 4 JAN	2 2/25 BN AREA
FRI 5 JAN	2/4 AUST PNR BN
SAT 6 JAN	3
SUN 7 JAN	8 2/14 BN AREA

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PART I  
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ISSUE NO 419 (531)

LT-COL R M ROBSON

COMM 2/31 AUST INF BN

IN THE FIELD

WEDNESDAY

3 JAN 44

531 DUTIES

ORDERLY OFFICER.....	LT A C WHITWORTH
NEXT FOR DUTY.....	LT H D SMITH
ORDERLY N C O.....	L/CPL NEWTON H M
DUTY COY.....	H COY
NEXT FOR DUTY.....	A COY

A/ADJT 2/31 AUST INF BN

PART II

TRANSFERS

VX 15585	SGT	A H WEBB	(HQ)	TOE 3/1/45	TO OLD LOC AREA FOR RE-
NX 21096	PTE	HYLAND	F M (HQ)	TOE 1/1/45	ALLOCATION
SZ 39378	"	PAVLICH	H C G (B)	" 3/1/45	FROM 2/2 AGH
NX 174519	"	HALLIBURTON	R H (HQ)	TOE 3/1/45	EVAC 2/6 ED AMB
NX 50773	"	FELHAM	W P (D)	" 3/1/45	" " "

DETACHMENTS

QX 4473	"	BRETHERTON	A H (C)	Det to 2AEPG pending trial	wef 3/1/45
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ATTACHMENTS

NX 203551	Capt	POPE	D C (BHQ)	ATT FOR DUTY FROM 2/4 ED AMB	
NX 33344	Pte	DURRAND	J (BHQ)	wef 3/1/45	

PROFICIENCY PAY

NX 172697	Pte	LINTON	T L (HQ)	WEP 12/8/44	
QX 33994	"	MCDONALD	E (HQ)	" 29/12/44	
VX 123961	"	MUGRAE	T (HQ)	" 1/8/43 to 29/1/44 & 25/7/44	
NX 77999	"	BROWN	L F W (HQ)	" 3/12/44	
NX 177353	"	CAMERON	J A (HQ)	" 1/7/43	
VX 118399	"	CARTER	W B (HQ)	" 6/9/44	
NX 175484	"	HALL	H D (HQ)	" 13/2/44	
QX 59105	"	VIDLER	C C (HQ)	" 1/4/44	
QX 38242	"	ANDERSON	R A (BHQ)	" 31/12/44	
QX 16679	"	UTE	N C L (B)	" 11/9/43	
VX 146199	"	BERGIE	A J (B)	" 3/2/44	
VX 22539	"	HUTCHINSON	K J (B)	" 8/11/44	
NX 176691	"	DUPTY	G W (B)	" 1/4/44	
QX 32674	"	EDDY	R T (B)	" 25/11/44	
VX 22842	"	BAKER	R A (B)	" 25/10/44	
VX 22655	"	BAKER	H W (B)	" 26/4/44	
QX 58528	"	METTYARD	R G (B)	" 1/7/43	
NX 49765	"	COWARD	G J A (B)	" 1/11/43 to 3/8/44	
NX 72971	"	PITMAN	C (C)	" 26/12/44	
QX 16774	L/Cpl	BRYAN	T M (D)	" 17/7/44	
QX 26460	Pte	PETERS	C W (D)	" 29/12/44	



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ROUTINE ORDERS.

PART 1  
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ISSUE NO 420 (532)

LT-COL. E.M. ROBSON.

COID 2/31 AUGT INF BN

IN THE FIELD.

THURSDAY

4 JAN 45

532 DUTIES.

ORDERLY OFFICER.....	LT.H.D.SMITH
NEXT FOR DUTY.....	LT.N.J.NEWELL
ORDERLY NCO.....	L/CPL O'BRIEN.T.
DUTY COY.....	A COY
NEXT FOR DUTY.....	B COY

533 TIMBER

Before cutting any timber, coys will apply to BHC for permission and locality where timber may be cut.

534 UNAUTHORIZED USE OF EXPLOSIVES ETC.

Numerous explosions, not connected with training, have recently taken place throughout the Brigade Area, particularly during the hours of darkness. Serious injuries have resulted in some cases. Such explosions and/or discharge of fire arms will cease forthwith. Disciplinary action will be taken against any offenders.

*MacCormack*  
A/ADJT 2/31 AUGT INF BN

PART 2

TRANSFERS.

VX 90517 PTE DONALDSON. A.N.(HQ) T.O.S. 4/1/45 FROM 2/2 AGH.

PROMOTIONS

QX 28977	L/CPL MARTIN. L.R.	(A)	TO BE CPL. W.E.F.20/12/44
VX 90713	" DALEY. A.W.	(B)	" " " W.E.F.20/12/44
NX 15448	CPL STEVENSON. R.M.	(B)	" L/SGT W.E.F.24/12/44

CORRIGENDUM PROFICIENCY PAY

NX170360	PTE HUTCHINSON.K.J.(B)	W.E.F. 11/11/44	Previously shown as
VX 22539	" " " " " "	" 8/11/44	
VX146199	" BERGIE. A.J. (B)	W.E.F. 30/10/43	Previously shown as
"	" " " " " "	" 3/ 2/44	

PROFICIENCY PAY

The following personnel are entitled to proficiency pay from dates shown below.

VX 22539	Pte JONES.A.A.	(B)	W.E.F. 3/2/44
VX 90943	" LOBB. H.	(BM.)	W.E.F. 18/5/44

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES.

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LT-COL E.M. ROBSON.

COMD 2/31 AUST INF BN.

IN THE FIELD

FRIDAY

5 JAN 45

535 DUTIES.

ORDERLY OFFICER.....	LT.N.J.NEWEILL.
NEXT FOR DUTY.....	LT.A.H.HEARD.
ORDERLY NCO.....	L/CPL.BLAKE.J.R.
DUTY COY.....	B COY
NEXT ID R DUTY.....	C COY

536 VARIATIONS IN ORDERS FOR DRESS.

1. As from and including Sat. 6 Jan the following dress will be worn by all ranks.
  - (a) Trousers and Shirts KD or JG.
  - (b) Hats, Khaki fur, with puggaree.  
Chin straps will be worn neatly adjusted over the brim of the back of the hat.
  - (c) Belts Web; for officers and Warrant Officers Sam Browne belts optional.
  - (d) Boots with Ankllets Web.
  - (e) In no circumstances will shirts be removed in the hours of daylight except for organised sport when singlets may be worn.
2. Between the hours of Sunset and Sunrise except when under mosquito nets shirt will be worn with long sleeves buttoned at the wrist and buttoned in all respects except at the collar where button may be left undone.
3. Cooks may wear singlets.

PART 11.

2/31 AUST INF BN.

TRANSFERS.

NX133800 PTE SIMPSON.A.W.(HQ) T.O.S.5/1/45 EX.2/2 AGH.

PROMOTIONS.

WX 2481	L/CPL	KEOGH. T.W. (D)	TO BE CPL	W.E.F.	4/12/44
NX 15396	L/SGT	HEHIR. H.J. (D)	TO BE SGT.	W.E.F.	4/12/44
OX 21007	CPL	JOHNSON.A.H. (D)	TO BE L/SGT	"	4/12/44

NOTICES.

CHURCH PARADES SUNDAY 7 JAN 45  
R.C. MASS. 0800 in 2/31 Bn Rec Hut.

General Parade 0915 Hrs. in 2/31 Bn Rec Hut  
( Note change in time.)

Holy Communion 0945 Hrs in 2/31 Bn Rec Hut

R.C. MASS Will be celebrated in No 1 Concert Hall...1800 hrs.

2. LOST. One Anklet Web Between A Coy Lines and 2/25 Bn Picture Show Area. Finder return to BHQ.

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ROUTINE ORDERS

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LT-COL E.M. ROBSON.

COMD 2/31 AUST INF BN

IN THE FIELD

SATURDAY

6 JAN 45

537 DUTIES ORDERLY OFFICER.....LT.A.H. BEARD.  
 NEXT FOR DUTY.....LT.A.S.McDOUGALL  
 ORDERLY NCO.....L/CPL NEILSON,N.  
 DUTY COY.....C COY  
 NEXT FOR DUTY.....D.COY

538 CORRIGENDUM ---Ref R.O. 421 Variations in Orders for Dress.  
 Para.3. Delete; and insert;-  
 " Cooks may wear singlets whilst working in the immediate vicinity of the kitchen"

539 LEAVE  
 All personnel proceeding beyond KAIRI RAILWAY CROSSING must be in possession of a Leave Pass. Dress as laid down in Routine Orders 536 will be worn at all times.

*McNaught* LT  
 A/ADJT 2/31 AUST INF BN.

PART 11

TRANSFERS.

<u>SX 18970</u>	PTE	CLAYTON. S.A (A)	Evac 2/6 Fd Amb. 6/1/45
VX 91317	"	McNAUGHT. P.G.(C)	T.O.S.From 2/2AGH 6/1/45
<u>SCHOOLS &amp; COURSES.</u>			
<u>NX 91840</u>	Sgt	HOLT. R.H.(BHQ)	LHQ School of Intelligence MI Course 20 6/1/45
NX 15458	L/Sgt	Whitechurch.R.W.(HQ)	LHQ Gas Sch.Course 42 6/1/45
NX 51425	Lt	MATTES. S.H.(C)	LHQ School of Hygiene SYDNEY.Course 49.5/1/45

INTERPOSTINGS.

<u>VX91317</u>	Pte	McNAUGHT.P.G.(C)	To (BHQ) 6/1/45
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NOTICES

NOTE:- Alterations in Church Parades.Sunday 7 Jan 45  
 General parade. 0930 Hrs.  
 Holy Communion. 1000 Hrs.

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ROUTINE ORDERS.

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LT-COL E.M. ROBSON.

COMD 2/31 AUST INF BN.

IN THE FIELD

MONDAY

8 JAN 45.

540 DUTIES. ORDERLY OFFICER.....LT.A.G.MORRIS.  
NEXT FOR DUTY.....LT.G.N.MILLER.  
ORDERLY NCO.....L/CPL SMITH.T.P.  
DUTY COY.....HQ COY  
NEXT FOR DUTY.....A COY

*[Signature]*  
ADJT 2/31 AUST INF BN.

PART 2.

CINEMA.

FEATURE:-OVER THE MOON(REX HARRISON/  
MERLE OBERON) TECHNICOLOUR.  
Plus 5 short features.

DATE	LOCATION.
Tue 9 Jan	RAA
Wed 10 "	3 Past 21 Bde
Thu 11 "	5 18 Bde
Fri 12 "	4 Engrs.
Sat 13 "	2 2/25 Bn
Sun 14 "	7 Cav Regt.

FEATURE:-MODEL WIFE. (Joan  
Blondell/ Dick Powell)  
Plus 2 short features.

DATE	LOCATION
Tue 9 Jan	2/4 Pnr Bn
Wed 10 "	4
Thu 11 "	6 Mg Bn.
Fri 12 "	8 2/14 Bn
Sat 13 "	RAA
Sun 14 "	5

FEATURE:- ATLANTIC CONVOY.(Bruce Bennett/John Beale/  
Virginia Field.)

Plus 2 short features.

DATE	LOCATION.
Tue 9 Jan	6
Wed 10 "	7
Thu 11 "	2 2/25 Bn
Fri 12 "	2/4 Pnr Bn
Sat 13 "	3
Sun 14 "	8 2/14 Bn

NOTE:- Commencing time 1930 Hrs NOT 1915.

NOTICES.

A.E.S. A recorded recital of "The Gondoliers" will be held in YMCA Hut at 1900 hrs monday 8 Jan. - Commentary by Sgt Cameron. Bde.A.E.S.

LOST:-Book; "LIFES UNFOLDING" Finder please return to Pte McLaughlin. of A Coy.

LOST.## Two HATS Khaki Fur Felt, in boxing ring area on Sat 6 Jan. Finder please return to BHQ.

FOUND.## HAT Khaki Fur Felt, found in sports area Sat Jan 6. Owner apply at BHQ.

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ROUTINE ORDERS.

PART 1  
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LT-COL A.M. ROBSON.

COMD 2/31 AUST INF BN

IN THE FIELD

TUESDAY

9 JAN 45

541 DUTIES. ORDERLY OFFICER.....LT.G.N.MILLER.  
NEXT FOR DUTY.....LT.N.J.NEWELL.  
ORDERLY NCO.....CPL. PEARSON. A.A.  
DUTY COY.....A COY.  
NEXT FOR DUTY.....B COY.

*[Handwritten Signature]*  
ADJT, 2/31 AUST INF BN

PART 2

TRANSFERS

NX130081	Pte	DWYER.G. (D)	T.O.S. 7/1/45	Ex Illegal Absentee.
NX 26701	"	BUCKLEY.L(D)	" " " "	" " " "
NX111792	"	MERCHANT.J.M. (HQ)	" " " "	" " " "
QB 149	Mr	ENGLISH.G.G. (YMCA)	Attached. Ex 2/2 AGH	
NX125454	Lt	SAWYER. S.E. (HQ)	Det.7/1/45	F.A.A.School of Sigs WONGABEL.
QX 31840	Pte	NEWMAN.L.J. (HQ)	" " " "	" " " "
QX20930	"	DAY. J.R. (HQ)	" " " "	" " " "
NX 13010	"	SHAW.C.G. (A)	TRSED To L.H.Q. Cartographic Coy.	8/1/45
SX 1708	Woll	WILLSON.R.W(D)	" 8/1/45	To staff of LHQ Small arms School.
NX192619	Pte	KENNY.J.W. (HQ)	"	To 2/153 Aust Tpt Coy. 9/1/45
QX 15487	"	HAMILTON. D. (HQ)	Evac. to 2/6 Fd Amd.	8/1/45.
QX 21049	"	PETERS. C.W. (HQ)	" " " "	9/1/45

REVERSION.

NX 13010 Sgt SHAW.C.G. (A Trsf'd) Reverted to Pte at own request (8/1/45)

INTERPOSTINGS.

VX118399 Pte CARTER. W.E. (HQ) 9/1/45 Interposted to B Coy.  
NX176775 " JACKSON.C.E. (BHQ) 9/1/45 " " C Coy.

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**REMEMBER!** Good reading material is hard to secure, so do not needlessly destroy it.

ARMY EDUCATIONAL SERVICE - Personnel interested in the post-war "Housing" problem are invited to join a Bn discussion group at 1900 hrs 10 Jan 45 in the YMCA Hut.

2. A further supply of books is now available at the Bn AFS Library.

LOST. --1 Axe between Canteen and Transport Lines. Finder please return to BHQ Orderly Room.

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SHEET 1

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PART 1  
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LT-COL E.M. ROBSON

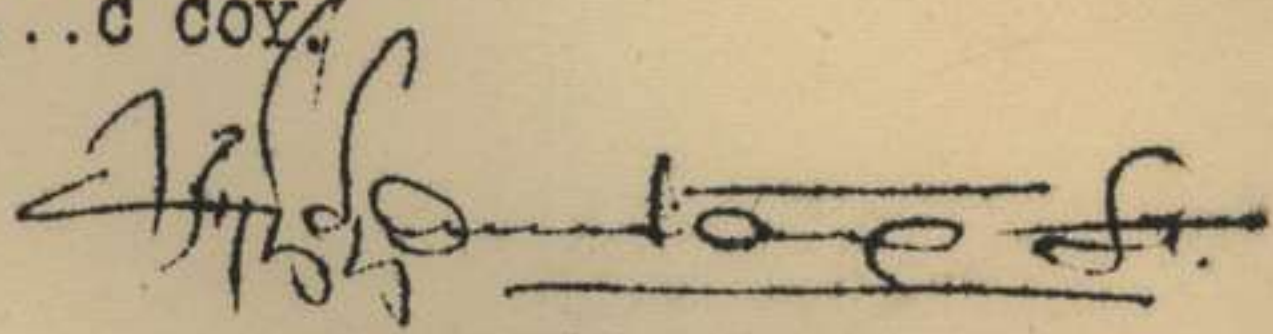
COMD 2/31 AUST INF BN.

IN THE FIELD

WEDNESDAY

10 JAN 44

542 DUTIES. ORDERLY OFFICER.....LT.N.J.NEWELL.  
 NEXT FOR DUTY.....LT.E.B.PETHERICK.  
 ORDERLY NCO.....L/CPL.HORSFALL.A.D.  
 DUTY COY.....B COY  
 NEXT FOR DUTY.....C COY.



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PART 11.

TRANSFERS.

NX 22082	Lt	Sheppard.R.	(BHQ)	Trsf'd 10/1/45	to GDD SYDNEY
QX 4628	Pte	FOSTER. A.V.	(HQ)	T.O.S.10/1/45	Ex 2/1 Con Depot.
SX 39315	"	MARSHALL.F.H.	(BHQ)	" "	" " " "
SX 39315	"	" " "	"	Det 10/1/45	to 25 Bde.
QX 12387	"	PHILLIPS.R.R.	( A )	Evac 10/1/45	to 2/6 Md Amb

FORFEITURE OF PROFICIENCY PAY

NX130081	Pte	DWYER.G.	( D )	9/1/45	A.W.L. OFFENCE
NX111792	"	MERCHANT.J.M.	(HQ)	" "	" "

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IN THE FIELD

542

DUTIES. ORDERLY OFFICER.....LT.N.J.NEWELL.  
 NEXT FOR DUTY.....LT.E.B.PETHERICK.  
 ORDERLY NCO.....L/CPL.HORSFALL.A.D.  
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IN THE FIELD.

FRIDAY

12 JAN 45

543 DUTIES. ORDERLY OFFICER.....LT C.D. BRENNAN  
 NEXT FOR DUTY.....LT R.A. LEWIS.  
 ORDERLY NCO.....L/CPL CARMAN, W.G.  
 DUTY COY.....D COY  
 NEXT FOR DUTY.....HQ COY.

544 DRESS.

Coys will again promulgate to all ranks VARIATIONS IN ORDERS FOR DRESS as promulgated in Routine Orders No 421 para.536.

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PART 11

TRANSFERS.

NX 76160	LT	SILCOX. G.H. (AtHQ) 11/1/45	Ceases to be att.
NX152722	SGT	PITKIN. O.W. (D) T.O.S. 11/1/45	Ex 5 MG BN.
NX 11632	PTE	JORDAN. P.G. (C) T.O.S. 12/1/45	Ex 103 Con Depot
WX 40839	"	COUSINS. A.J. (HQ) S.O.S. 11/1/45	Evac 2/6 Fd Amb.
SX 39315	"	MARSHALL. F.H. (BHQ) S.O.S. 12/1/45	to 25 Bde.

ILLEGAL ABSENCE.

QX 20921	Pte	BABAROVICH. N.P.	(C) Investigation held 10Jan 45 reported that these soldiers illegally absented themselves with- out leave on 13/12/44 & are still so absent. S.O.S. 10/1/45.
QX 19010	"	O'BRIEN. R.H.T.	

PROMOTIONS.

QX 16700	L/Cpl	JOHNSON. G.N. (A)	To be A/Cpl	W.E.F. 30/12/44
QX 11792	"	KIERLE. S.W. (C)	" " "	" "
QX 12393	"	WOOLER. H.R. (B)	" " "	" "
QX 16774	"	BRYAN. T.M. (D)	To be Cpl	W.E.F. 30/12/44
NX 91986	"	FOLEY. N.A. (A)	" " "	" "
NX 78783	"	GRICE. R.G. (D)	" " "	" "
NX 90909	"	O'BRIEN. T.P. (A)	" " "	" "
QX 15632	"	OTTREY. A.J. (A)	" " "	" "

NOTICES

CHURCH PARADES. Sunday 14 Jan 45--

GENERAL PARADE---0815 hrs.)  
HOLY COMMUNION---0845 hrs ) At YMCA REC HUT.  
R.C. MASS -----1000 hrs )

A.E.S.---1. A recorded recital of Gilbert & Sullivan's 'IOLANTHE' will be held in the YMCA Hut at 1900 hrs 15 Jan 45.  
 2. 'IOLANTHE' is considered to be one of the most popular of the Gilbert and Sullivan's light operas. All Pers are invited to attend

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IN THE FIELD

MONDAY

COMD 2/31 AUST INF BN.  
15 JAN 45

545 DUTIES. ORDERLY OFFICER.....LT F.R. GOULD  
NEXT FOR DUTY.....LT. J.A. PIPER  
ORDERLY NCO.....L/CPL HARTCHER. C.J.  
DUTY COY.....B COY  
NEXT FOR DUTY.....C COY.

546 The correct procedure to be followed in despatch of parcels, packets and newspapers.  
GRO 371/44 Para 13 States:-

All communications from a member subject to unit censorship shall contain the full name of the sender and his full official address. This shall be written in the case of packets, parcels or newspapers on a slip of paper enclosed therein.

In NO case will name or No or unit be placed on outside of packages.

547 YMCA SERVICE:

All ranks are informed that for the period 20 Aug 44 to 20 Dec 44, 5663 gals. of drink ( tea, fruit juices, and coffee) were served to the Battalion.

All ranks show their appreciation for the service rendered.

548 The following is a Statement of Accounts of Regimental Funds for the month ending 31 Dec 44:-

<u>RECEIPTS</u>					<u>EXPENDITURE</u>				
		£	s	d			£	s	d
Dec 1	By Balance	111	3	3	Dec 31	To Supp. Rationing	66	13	3
" 31	" Collection for Photographs	51	10	6	" "	" Sporting Equipment	4	1	-
" 31	" Dist. Comforts Fund (SA)	48	-	-	" "	" Entertainment	12	10	-
" 31	" Dist. Gen Canteen Profits	53	6	4	" "	" Gen. Welfare	10	18	11
" 31	" Donation by J. Glasgow	5	-	6	" "	" Purchase of Photographs	51	10	6
" 31	" Reimbursement Supp. Rations	35	8	10	" "	" Balance A/C	158	16	1
£304 9 5					£304 9 5				

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TRANSFERS.

QX 43259	LT	MORRIS. A.G.	(HQ)	S.O.S.	15/1/45	to 16	APSC
QX 29989	PTM	MILLAN. J.M.	(BHQ)	"	"	"	"
EX 151	S/SGT	HENRY. V.K.	(HQ)	"	"	"	"
NX 97777	PTE	HOPKINS. N.H.	(BHQ)	"	"	"	"
QX 28883	PTE	BIRMINGHAM. W.M.	(B)	"	13/1/45	to B Coy	
						2/1 Aust Gd Regt.	
QX 15544	PTE	WALLACE. W.J.	(A)	T.O.S.	14/1/45	Ex Detention	
NX 13359	"	FULHAM. M.J.	(H)	"	"	"	"
QX 15487	"	HAMILTON. D.	(HQ)	"	"	"	"
NX136086	"	WALLACE. W.C.	(B)	"	13/1/45	"	2/2 AGH
NX108199	"	TIMMS. A.	(D)	"	"	"	"
NX119344	"	WEBSTER. V.	(A)	"	"	Ex Illegal absentee	"
QX 15490	"	VIDLER. L.D.	(B)	DET.	15/1/45	To 7 Aust Div	"
NX 8077	CAPT	HAYES. H.	(B)	"	"	"	"
WX 30790	LT	NOELL. L.C.	(HQ)	ATT.	11/1/45	From 2/4 Pnr Bn	

INTERPOSTINGS.

VX 81951	CPL	CORLATTI E.A.	(AACC)	(B)	Interposted to HQ Coy
VX 60095	PTE	COAD. I.D.	Tg11	(D)	" " B "
NX111632	"	JORDAN. B.		(C)	" " (BHQ)

TRADE GROUPING.

VX141243 PTE BRUCE. A.G. (BHQ) To be T/g 11 Int. 15/1/45

CINEMA IWINERARY.

FEATURE: JOHNNY EAGER (Lana Turner/ Robert Taylor)      FEATURE: BEDTIME STORY. (Loretta Young/ Frederick March)

DATE	LOCATION.
Tue 16 Jan	2. 2/25 Bn
Wed 17 "	3. 21 Bde
Thu 18 "	4. R.A.E.
Fri 19 "	6. MG BN
Sat 20 "	R.A.A.
Sun 21 "	5.18 Bde

DATE	LOCATION.
Tue 16 Jan	R.A.A.
Wed 17 "	5.18 Bde
Thu 18 "	2/4 Pnr Bn
Fri 19 "	4. R.A.E.
Sat 20 "	7. Cav Regt.
Sun 21 "	8.2/14 Bn

9 DIV CONCERT PARTY.

9 Aust Div Concert Party will show to Units of 7 Aust Div from 13 Jan to 22 Jan 45 inclusive.

To avoid overcrowding Units will ensure that personnel do not attend other than their appointed night.

Personnel from this Unit will attend showing at No 1 theatre on Wed 17 Jan 45.

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IN THE FIELD

WEDNESDAY

17 JAN 45

549. DUTIES.

ORDERLY OFFICER.....LT H FOGO  
 NEXT FOR DUTY.....LT A C WHITWORTH  
 ORDERLY NCO.....L/CPL ANDERSON T  
 DUTY COY.....D COY.  
 NEXT FOR DUTY.....H Q COY.

*[Handwritten Signature]*  
 ADJT 2/31 AUST INF BN.

PART 2

TRANSFERS.

QX 21903	Sgt	GREGOR.T.S.	(HQ) Att 17/1/45 From 2/5 Aust Arm Regt.
QX 2865	WO11	HARRIS. A.K.	(HQ) Att 16/1/45 From 2/2 AGH
QX 14932	Sgt	HICKMAN. C.P.	(HQ) RTU 16/1/45 From 2/1 Mg Bn Cadre
QX 11539	Pte	DALE.W.A.T.	(HQ) " " " " " "
TX 507	L/Sgt	BONNEY.D.M.	B " 17/1/45 From MR&FS Course
NX 15396	"	HEHIR. H.J.	D " " " "(Wongabel
VX113177	Pte	LUKINS.T.A.	D S.O.S.16/1/45 Evac 2/6 Fd Amb
NX14177 4	"	LESTER.E.	B " 17/1/45 " " " "
VX 19070	Sgt	Seex.W.H.	} (HQ) Det.17/1/45 Attending Mg Cadre course. 18/1/45 to 31/1/45 2/1 Mg Bn.
QX 19523	Cpl	CORRIE.R.M.	
QX 11920	"	JOHNSTONE. G.	
QX 20885	"	SCHOFIELD.	

N.O.T.I.C.E.S.

The R.A.E. and A.A.S.C. Will hold an elimination boxing contest at this Bn ring tonight 17/1/45.

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IN THE FIELD.

THURSDAY.

18 JAN 45.

550 DUTIES. ORDERLY OFFICER.....LT A.C. WHITWORTH  
 NEXT FOR DUTY.....LT R.M. BEASLEY.  
 ORDERLY NCO.....L/CPL CORBETT.A.  
 DUTY COY.....HQ COY  
 NEXT FOR DUTY.....A COY.

551 REGISTERED LETTERS.

(a) Large numbers of registered letters are being sent by troops in this Division in envelopes provided by the Philanthropic Societies which are highly unsuitable for registration, mainly because of the inferior gum used.

(b) To provide better security for troops to register mail, a special registered envelope is manufactured by the PMG Dept and is on sale at all FPOs. The price is 8d, which covers the following:-  
 Airmail Fee 4d, Registration Fee 3d, Cost of envelope 1d.

*M. G. ...*  
A/ADJT 2/31 AUST INF BN.

PART 2.

TRANSFERS.

NX 5563	LT	BEASLEY, R.M.	(HQ) RTU 16/1/45	Ex Mg Cadre 2/1 Mg Bn
QX 16193	CPL	HARRIS, R.G.	(HQ) SOS 18/1/45	Ex FAA Regt Trg School
VX 9863	PTE	ROBINSON, E.J.	(BHQ) SOS 18/1/45	Evac 2/6 Fd Amb.

ILLEGAL ABSENCE.

QX13242	PTE	ROSS, E.	(HQ) { Investigation held 18/1/45 Reported that this soldier illegally absented himself without leave on 26/12/44 & is still so absent.
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N.O.T.I.C.E.S.

LOST: One pair of spectacles in blue leather case.

Finder please return to BHQ.

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IN THE FIELD.

SATURDAY

20 JAN 45

552 DUTIES.

ORDERLY OFFICER.....	LT. N. D. SMITH.
NEXT FOR DUTY.....	LT. A. H. BEARD.
ORDERLY NCO.....	2/OPT. WYDER, D.
DUTY COY.....	3 COY.
NEXT FOR DUTY.....	3 COY.

*[Handwritten Signature]*  
 ADJT 2/31 AUST INF BN.

PART 2

TRANSFERS.

WX 30790	LT NOELL.	L.E. (HQ)	ceases to be att. 20/1/45
QX 722	Pte MILLER.S.	S. (HQ)	" " " " " "
NX 70672	capt. CAMERON.	D.G. (HQ)	Attached for duty " From 2/4phrs
NX 55071	Pte WESTERBERG.	L.G. (HQ)	" " " " " "
NX103542	Sgt BUNTER. C. (AAMC)	BHQ	Attached from 2/6 Fd Amb 20/1/45
VX 13383	Pte GORMAN.	D.J. (C)	T.O.S. 19/1/45 ex Detention
NX 86053	" CLARKE.	A.E. (D)	" " " " Ex 19 Aust Detn Bks
NX 82150	" CURTIS.	P.C. (D)	" " " " Ex 3 Aust Gd Comp.
QX 7413	Cpl CARSLEY.	P.L. (C)	S.O.S. 20/1/45 To Camp Comdg HQ 1 Aust Corps.

NOTICES

BN SNACK BAR.

1. Bn snack bar will NOT be open on Saturday nights.
2. It will not open before 1900hrs on any other night.
3. It is out of bounds except after 1900hrs.

FOUND.

Overcoat at Atherton Hall, after the Bn dance. Owner apply to BHQ.

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IN THE FIELD

MONDAY

22 JAN 45.

553. DUTIES.

ORDERLY OFFICER.....	LT E.B.PETHERICK
NEXT FOR DUTY.....	LT C.D.BRENNAN
ORDERLY N.C.O.....	L/CPL KAY A.I.
DUTY COY.....	D COY.
NEXT FOR DUTY.....	HQ COY.

554. D.C.M.

A District Court-Martial ordered to assemble by Brigadier K.W.EATHER ADM COMD 7 AUST DIV, was held in the field on 9 Jan 45 for the trial of QX 4473 Pte Arthur Henry BRETHERTON, 2/31 Aust Inf Bn, on the charges of:

FIRST CHARGE

WOAS WILFULLY INJURING HIMSELF WITH INTENT THEREBY TO RENDER HIMSELF UNFIT FOR SERVICE

Army Act  
Sec 18 (2)

In that he  
In the field on 19 Sep 43 when in a forward area of operations, by discharging a rifle, shot himself through his right hand with intent thereby to render himself unfit for service.

SECOND CHARGE

(Alternative to first charge)

Army Act  
Sec 40

WOAS NEGLECT TO THE PREJUDICE OF GOOD ORDER AND MILITARY DISCIPLINE

In that he  
In the field on 19 Sep 43 when in a forward area of operations so negligently handled a rifle as to cause it to be discharged thereby injuring his right hand and rendering himself unfit for service.

THIRD CHARGE

WOAS DISOBEYING A LAWFUL COMMAND GIVEN BY HIS SUPERIOR OFFICER

Army Act  
Sec 9 (2)

In that he  
In the field on 27 June 44 did not go back to "C" Coy lines when ordered to do so by WO I E.E. COOKE his superior officer.

FOURTH CHARGE

WOAS BEING IN ARREST ESCAPING

Army Act  
Sec 22

In that he  
In the field at about 1900 hrs 24 Aug 44 when in close arrest at 2/31 Aust Inf Bn "C" Coy lines escaped.

FIFTH CHARGE

WOAS ABSENTING HIMSELF WITHOUT LEAVE

Army Act  
Sec 15 (I)

In that he  
In the field absented himself without leave from 1900 hrs 24 Aug 44 until he was arrested at BRISBANE at 1800 hrs 30 Oct 44.

SIXTH CHARGE

WOAS ABSENTING HIMSELF WITHOUT LEAVE

Army Act  
Sec 15 (I)

In that he  
While in arrest at 3 Aust Guard Compound absented himself without leave from 5 Nov 44 until he was arrested at 1000 hrs on 14 Nov 44.

Army Act  
Sec 15 (I)

in that he  
While in arrest at ROCKHAMPTON at 0945 hrs on 13 Dec 44  
absented himself without leave until he was arrested at  
BRISBANE at 2230 hrs on 26 Dec 44.

Pleas:

Not guilty to the first and second charges, not guilty  
to the third charge, guilty to the fourth charge, fifth  
and sixth charges and not guilty to the seventh charge.

Findings:

Guilty of the first charge and not guilty of the  
second charge, guilty of the third, fourth, fifth and  
sixth charges and not guilty of the seventh charge.

Sentence:

To be imprisoned with hard labour for the period of  
one (1) year.

Date of Sentence: 9 Jan 1945.

Confirmed by Maj-Gen E.J. MILFORD: 17 Jan 1945.

Promulgated: by NX 127935 Lt A.H. BEARD 22 Jan 45

The accused will suffer loss of pay for 97 days spent by him in close  
arrest awaiting trial.

President of the court: Major B.H. STEVENSON, PPCM 7 AUST DIV.

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DISTRICT COURT MARTIAL

A District Court-Martial ordered to assemble by Brigadier K.W. EATHER  
ADM COMD 7 AUST DIV, was held in the field on 11 Jan 45 for the trial of  
VX 138886 Pte Roy Edward ROGAN, 3/31 Aust Inf Bn, on the charge of -

Army Act  
Sec 40

WOAS NEGLECT TO THE PREJUDICE OF GOOD ORDER AND MILITARY  
DISCIPLINE

In that he

In the field on 27 Nov 44 so negligently handled his  
rifle as to cause it to be discharged, thereby  
rendering himself temporarily unfit for duty.

Plea

Not guilty.

Finding

Guilty of the charge.

Sentence

To be fined the sum of five pounds (£5).

Date of Sentence 11 Jan 45.

Confirmed by Maj-Gen E.J. MILFORD - 17 Jan 45.

Promulgated by NX 127935 Lt A.H. BEARD 22 Jan 45.

Days in Close Arrest - NIL.

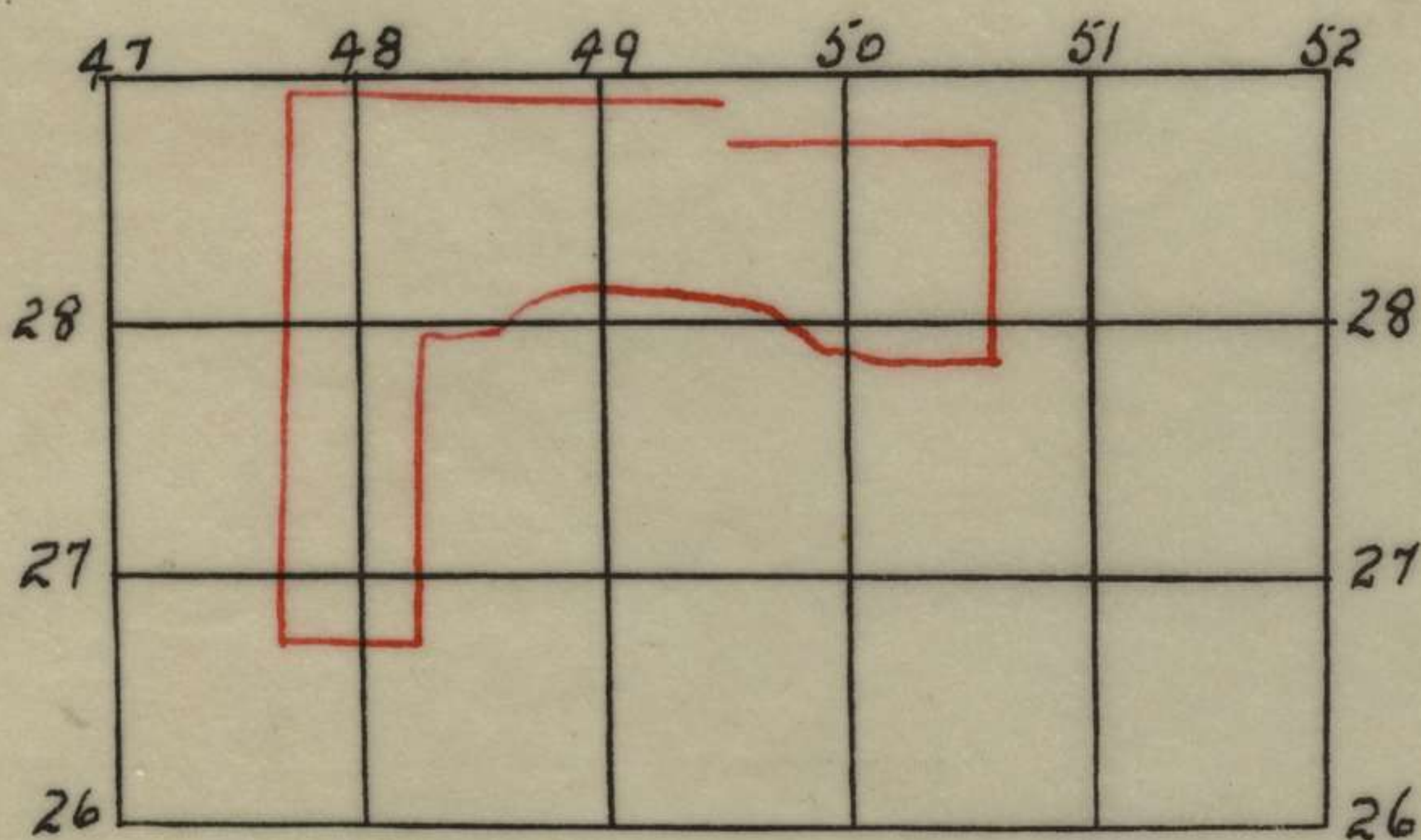
Days in Open Arrest - NIL.

President of the Court - Major B.H. STEVENSON, PPCM 7 AUST DIV.

*A.G. O'Donnell*  
LT.  
ASST/ADJT 2/31 AUST INF BN.

2/31 TRG AREA FEB 45 -A-

PLACE OVER BARTLE FRERE 1 IN 1 MILE



2/3I Aust Inf Bn.

3 Feb. 1945.

To  
Military History Section,  
MELBOURNE.

Sirs,  
Please find inclosed following photographs-

Nos. 68354-68358  
68577-68581.

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for

*L. Hatheson* Cpl  
B.E.D. Robertson Lt.  
I.O. 2/3I Bn.



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IN THE FIELD

THURSDAY

23 JAN 45

556 DUTIES.

ORDERLY OFFICER.....LT C.D.BRENNAN  
 NEXT FOR DUTY.....LT. I.M.HUMPHRIES  
 ORDERLY NCO.....*John Druhan La*  
 DUTY COY.....HQ COY  
 NEXT FOR DUTY.....A COY

*[Signature]*  
 ADJT 2/31 AUST INF BN

PART 2

TRANSFERS.

NX 70672	Capt	GLENNON.	D.E. (HQ)	Ceases to be Attached 21/1/45
NX 55071	Pte	WESTERBERG.	L.G. (HQ)	" " " " " "
NX 31275	Pte	GIBSON.	J.B. (D)	T.O.S. 21/1/45 ex 2 AFPC (Detn)
WX 40161	Cpl	HAMPSON. A.	(C)	" 22/1/45 "F Coy 2/1 Gd Regt
NX 94845	Cpl	STENZ.	B.V. (HQ)	" " "2/25 Fd Pk Coy
SX 2193	Sgt	FOWLES.	R. (HQ)	" 23/1/45 Ex Illegal Absentee
NX 83986	S/Sgt	McGRATH.	E. (B)	S.O.S. 23/1/45 For Re-allocation
QX 16350	Pte	CAMPBELL.	J.R. (D)	" " " " " "
NX 86081	Pte	GAZZARD.	S.H. (D)	T.O.S. 23/1/45 Ex 2FPC (Detn)
QX 11794	L/Cpl	NEWTON.	H.E. (HQ)	Attending Mg School 2/1 Mg Bn
NX176049	Pte	HANSLOW.	M.W. (")	" " " Det 22/1/45
VX118130	"	BELL.	D.P. (")	" " " " " "
NX 11415	"	BURNS.	A.B. (")	" " " " " "

PROMOTIONS.

NX112261	L/Cpl	O'BRIEN.	L.A. (HQ)	To be A/CPL W.E.F. 30/12/44
NX 11457	"	CAMPBELL.	M.D. (")	" " CPL " "
QX 28488	"	PITKIN.	S.G. (")	" " " " " "
QX 20987	Cpl	DALLING.	W.T. (")	" " SGT " "
QX 11920	"	JOHNSTONE.	G. (")	" " " " " "
NX 15458	L/SGT	WHITECHURCH.	R.W. (")	" " " " " "
NX 92140	"	WINKWORTH.	C.J. (")	" " " " " "

CINEMA ITINERARY.

FEATURE: SAPS AT SEA. (Laurel & Hardy)	FEATURE: SUSPICION. (Joan Fontaine/ Cary Grant)		
Also- WOMEN WITHOUT NAMES. (Ellen Drew/Robert Paige).	News from Home. Also New Pupil. (short)		
DATE	LOCATION.	DATE	LOCATION.
TUE 23 Jan	RAA	TUE 23 Jan	2 2/25 Bn
WED 24 "	5 18 Bde	WED 24 "	3
THU 25 "	8 2/14 Bn	THU 25 "	2/4 Pnr Bn
FRI 26 "	4 RAE	FRI 26 "	6Mg bn
SAT 27 "	7 Cav Regt	SAT 27 "	5
SUN 28 "	3 21 Bde	SUN 28 "	RAA

N.O.T.I.C.E.S.

YMCA. Entries will be taken now for 3 weeks progressive Table Tennis Tournament according to rules laid down, Commencing Friday 26 Jan 45 Nights of play- Monday - Wed- Friday.

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IN THE FIELD

THURSDAY

25 JAN 45

557 DUTIES.

ORDERLY OFFICER.....	LT L.W. LOW
NEXT FOR DUTY.....	LT L.H. EVERETT.
ORDERLY NCO.....	L/CPL HORSEFALL.A.D.
DUTY COY.....	B COY
NEXT FOR DUTY.....	C COY.

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A/ADJT 2/31 AUST INF BN

PART 2

TRANSFERS.

NX122334	LT EVERETT.L.H.	(B)	T.O.S.23/1/45	Ex 1	A.R.T.B.(JW)
WX 5287	" LOW	J.W. (C)	"	"	" " " " " "
NX131096	" MCGREGOR	C.R. (HQ)	"	"	3 A.R.T.B.(JW)
QX 14579	" MONTGOMERIE.	L.M. (A)	"	"	" " " " " "
NX 15858	" WALKER.	D.W. (D)	"	"	4 A.R.T.B.(JW)
NX174519	PTE HALLIBURTON	R.H. (HQ)	"	24/1/45	Ex 2/2 AGH
QX 11659	" KRAST.	W. (")	"	"	2/1 Con Depot
NX141774	" LESTER.	E. (B)	"	25/1/45	Ex 2/2 CCS
NX 48905	L/SGT HARVEY.	B.J.AACC(D)	Ceases to be att.24/1/45. Det to FAA AASC Bread baking school		
QX 19277	" SHERVEY.	H.J. (D)	S.O.S. 25/1/45 To Canteens Atherton		
QX 18680	Pte SYMONS.	C.T.R. (B)	AACC Ceases to be att 25/1/45 Evac 2/2 AGH.		
QX 13210	L/SGT O'BRIEN.	A.N. (C)	DBT 25/1/45 to 1 Aust Corps.		

REVERSION.

NX 15448 L/SGT STEVENSON. R.M. (B) Reverts to Pte 24/1/45 <sup>n</sup> Drunkenness offence.

TRADE GROUPING.

NX 93334	Pte	ARMSTRONG.	J.(BHQ)	To be Tgll Int	W.E.F.10/1/45
QX 29421	"	BROWN.	H.A. (")	A/Tgll Int,	To be Tgll Int 25/1/45
NX137265	L/CPL	CONDON.	E.T. (C)	"	" " " " " "
NX 114421	Pte	HICKEY.	K.F.(BHQ)	"	" " " " " "
NX 97416	"	WILKINSON.	T.R.(D)	"	" " " " " "

INTERPOSTINGS.

QX 37858	Lt	JENSEN.	(A)	Interposted to B Coy 25/1/45	
NX134006	"	PIPER.	J.A. (A)	"	" BHA "
NX142290	"	WHITWORTH.	A.C. (B)	"	" " " "
NX127935	"	BEARD	A.H. (C)	"	" " " "
QX 42414	"	McDOUGALL.	A.S. (D)	"	" " " "

N.O.T.I.C.E.S.

7DIV RACE MEETING-----7 Aust Div will hold a race meeting on 24 Feb 45 in 7 Aust Div Cav Commando Sports Area. Further Infm will be published

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES.

ROUTINE ORDERS.

PART 1  
by

ISSUE NO 434(558)

LT-COL E.M. ROBSON.

COMD 2/31 AUST INF BN

IN THE FIELD

FRIDAY

26 JAN 45

558 DUTIES. ORDERLY OFFICER.....LT L.H. EVERETT  
 NEXT FOR DUTY.....LT.D.W. WALKER  
 ORDERLY NCO.....CPL HAMMOND. G.D.  
 DUTY COY.....C COY  
 NEXT FOR DUTY.....HQ COY.

559 FLIGHTS BY ARMY PERSONNEL.

Members of units under command 1 Aust Corps will not make a flight of any description in an aircraft of Allied Air Forces unless authorised by the formation HQ to which the aircraft are at the time allotted. Normal movement from one place to another by transport plane excepted.

It is pointed out for the protection of Army personnel that in the event of an accident occurring during a flight, pension rights may be repudiated.

560 UNOFFICIAL PUBLICATIONS BY UNITS & INDIVIDUALS.

Recent cases have brought to notice that the provisions of GROs A 582/43, and A 20/44, dealing with unofficial publications by members of the forces, are not thoroughly understood.

These GROs require inter alia that any intended publication dealing with military matters, whether it is to be published by a unit or an individual, must be submitted to the Directorate of Public Relations for approval before arrangements are made for publication.

561 REMOVAL OF FIREWOOD. T.G.F. SHOREY'S PROPERTY. CARBREEN.

Firewood will not be removed from the above property. The area is bounded by:-

Ref Map GORDONVALE 1" to 1 Mile .

- 318446
- 320428
- 335443
- 342426.

A/ADJT 2/31 AUST INF BN

PART 2

INTERPOSTINGS.

QX 20655	Pte	MASSON.	H. (A)	Interposted to BHQ	26/1/45
NX 73940	"	JACKSON.	C.W. (C)	" " "	"
NX108199	"	TIDMS	A. (D)	" " "	24/1/45

TRANSFERS.

QX 21049	Pte	PETERS.	C.W. (D)	T.O.S.	26/1/45	ex 2/2 AGH
QX 12396	Sgt	VIDLER.	T.E. (C)	S.O.S.	26/1/45	Evac 2/2 AGH
QX 21903	Sgt	GREGOR.	T.S. (Hq)	Ceases to be att. 26/1/45. Ret 2/5 Aust Armd Regt.		

NOTICES.

CE Holy Communion will be held at 2/33 Bn Lines Sunday 28/1/45 at 0830hrs  
 No general parade will be held.

561 REMOVAL OF FIREWOOD. T.G.F. SHOREY'S PROPERTY. CARBREEN.

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ROUTINE ORDERS

PART 1  
by

ISSUE NO 435(562)

LT. COL. E.M. ROBSON.

8012 2/31 AUST INF BN

IN THE FIELD

SATURDAY

27 JAN 45

562 DUTIES

ORDERLY OFFICER.....	LT. D.V. WALKER
NEXT FOR DUTY.....	LT. A.R. McGRUBER.
ORDERLY NCO.....	CPL. O'BRIEN, L.A.
DUTY COY.....	HQ COY
NEXT FOR DUTY.....	D COY.

563 DRESS

1. A recent check of Provost Personnel of soldiers on leave in the ATHERTON Area revealed many irregularities in dress namely:-

- (a) No web anklets.
- (b) No waist belts.
- (c) Sleeves rolled up after 1900hrs.

These and other irregularities regarding dress are in direct contravention of the instructions promulgated in 1 Aust Corps A20755 of 1 Jan 45 and 7 Aust Div Adm Instr 26.

2. ROs issue No 421 Para 536 of 5 Jan 45 will be promulgated to all ranks.

Before proceeding on leave, Duty Officer of each Coy will inspect personnel to ensure that dress is correct.

  
 LT  
 A/ADJ. 2/31 AUST INF BN

PART 2

TRANSFERS.

QX 7387	L/SGT	WEIER.	G.W. (A)	T.O.S.	27/1/45	Ex	FAA Regt Trg Sch.
QX 44890	PTE	SULLIVAN.	E.J. (C)	"	"	"	102 Con Depot
NX164579	L/CPL	HARGRAVES.	L.R. (D)	"	"	"	1 Aust Fd Censorship
NX123473	LT	McCOY	A.L. (C)	"	"	"	FAA REGT Trg Sch. Coy
NX 15458	L/SGT	WHITECHURCH.	R.W. (HQ)	RTU	"	"	LHM Gas School

REVERSION.

NX164579 L/CPL HARGRAVES. L.R. (D) Reverts to Pte 27/1/45 At Own Req.

INTERPOSTINGS.

QX 17086	PTE	HUTCHINSON.	K.J. (B)	Interposted	26/1/45	to	BHQ
QX 29730	"	CARLSON.	L. (HQ)	"	27/1/45	to	B Coy

NOTICES

R.C. MASS: Will be held at 1000hrs in 2/31 Bn Rec Hut.

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IN THE FIELD

MONDAY

29 JAN 45.

564. DUTIES.

ORDERLY OFFICER.....JT J.A.PIPER  
NEXT FOR DUTY.....LT F.R.GOULD  
ORDERLY N.C.O.....As arranged  
Duties as arranged

565. BETTING AT BOXING TOURNAMENTS.

The calling of odds at all Boxing Tournaments is prohibited. It is the responsibility of every Officer to see that this practice ceases.

*M.G. Gould*  
LT  
ADJT 2/31 AUST INF BN

PART 2

TRANSFERS

NX 92958	Pte	SMITH	D.W. (C)	S.O.S.	28/1/45	Evac 2/2 CCS.
NX 78924	Sgt	DISNEY	G. (C)	S.O.S.	29/1/45	To OCTU SEYMOUR.
QX 5712	Cpl	HOPPER	N.C. (HQ)	S.O.S.	29/1/45	To Q'ld L of C & GDD For discharge.
NX 11540	Pte	HENRY	R.M. (C)	T.O.S.	29/1/45	From 2/12 AGH

COMMITTED TO DETENTION

QX 4473	Pte	BRETHERTON A.H.	(C)	S.O.S.	28/1/45	Trfd to HM Prisons STUARTS Ck to serve sentence.
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INTERPOSTINGS

NX 57579	Pte	STEMPINSKI R.	(B)	to H.Q. Coy	w.e.f. 29/1/45
QX 27373	"	WALSH J.S.	(B)	" " " "	" "

N.O.T.I.C.E.S.

PICTURE SHOWS

In future because of likelihood of wet weather, films will be shown in Concert Halls. Unit allotments of night will be shown in Routine Orders. All members will wear hats so as to show unit. otherwise they will NOT BE ADMITTED.

## TRAINING SYLLABUS for Week Ending 7 JAN 45

Serial No	Date	Coy	0745 -- 0845	0845 -- 1145	1245 -- 1530
1	Mon 1 Jan	A	Coy Pdes : Close Order Drill - Guards and Sentries	Miniature Grenade : Discharger Cup	Range Fd Works - Sec Post: Bayonet Trg
2		B			
3		C			
4		D			
5	Tue 2 Jan	A	" " " "	Bde Educ Offr: LMG Trg Miniature OSMG Trg : A/Gas OSMG Trg : A/Gas	A/Gas : PITA and 2" Mortar Range Bde Educ Offr: PITA & 2" Mor Stalking and Camouflage
6		B			
7		C			
8		D			
9	Wed 3 Jan	A	" " " "	OSMG Trg: Gren & Discharger Bde Educ Offr: LMG Trg Miniature Coy Route March	Stalking and Camouflage A/GAS : PITA and 2" Mortar Range Bde Educ Offr: PITA & 2" Mor
10		B			
11		C			
12		D			
13	Thu 4 Jan	A	" " " "	Route March by Coys Miniature	Fd Works - Sec Post: Bayonet Trg Stalking and Camouflage Stalking and Camouflage Range
14		B			
15		C			
16		D			
17	Fri 5 Jan	A	" " " "	LMG Trg : Pl Comds discussion	Map and : Bayonet Compass Trg
18		B			
19		C			
20		D			
21	Sat 6 Jan	All Coys	BN PDE	Coy Adm	Organised Sport
22	Sun 7 Jan	All Coys	CHURCH	PARADES	FREE
23	Mon to Thu Fri	HQ	Coy Pdes : Close Order Drill - Guards and Sentries	Specialist Miniature	Trg Range

REMARKS:

Preparations to take place for Inter Coy Gd mounting competition to commence 8 Jan 45.

*Review*  
for ADJT ----- 2/31 AUST INF BN

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TRAINING SYLLABUS for Week ending 14 JAN 45

Serial No	Date	Coy	0745 -- 1145		1245 -- 1530	
1	Mon 8 Jan	A B C D	A/Gas Explosives	Fd Works Wire Crushing	Close Order Drill - Guards and Sentries	
2	Tue 9 Jan	"	Composition of the Sec		Sec in the approach	
3	Wed 10 Jan	"	Sec on contact		Sec Patrols	
4	Thu 11 Jan	"	Sec in Def		Wiring	
5	Fri 12 Jan	"	Miniature Range		see	Remarks Para 3.
6	Sat 13 Jan	"	Bn Pds: First Aid : Bayonet		Coy Adm : Organised Sport	
7	Sun 14 Jan	"	CHURCH PARADES		F R E E	
8	Tue 9 Jan to Thu 11 Jan	HQ	SPECIALIST		TRG	
9	Mon 8 Sat 13 & Sun 14	HQ	As		per	Rifle Coys

REMARKS: (1) All Coys - Tue 9 Jan, Thu 11 Jan - 1930 hrs to 2100 hrs "Inter pl patrols". Coy Comds will submit by 1700 hrs 4 Jan forecast of events.

REMARKS:

(2) A, B, C and D Coys will submit by 1700 hrs 4 Jan Pl Comds' forecast of events covering 9, 10 and 11 Jan

(3) The following is the allotment of the Miniature Range:-

8 Jan	-	D Coy
9 Jan	-	C Coy
10 Jan	-	B Coy
11 Jan	-	A Coy
12 Jan,	-	
13 Jan)	-	HQ Coy and HQ

(4) For the purpose of allotment of inter Coy parment, Coys will be judged throughout the week on guard mounting, sentries, dress, saluting and lines.

(5) For morning of serial 1, OC 5 Pl will make a det of Pnrs available to each Coy.

IN THE FIELD  
2 Jan 45

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ASST/ADJT ----- 2/31 AUST INF BN LT



TRAINING SYLLABUS for Week ending 21 JAN 45

Serial No	Date	Coy	0745 -- 1145		1245 -- 1530			
1	Mon 15 Jan	A) B) C) D) HQ and BHQ	Close Order Drill:	Miniature Cable Laying & Telephone: A/Gas Trg LMG Specialist	Sp Arms: Trg : Trg : Sp Arms: Cable laying and Telephones.	Range Education Offr: Educational Offr Trg	A/Gas Trg Trg	
2	Tue 16 Jan	A) B) C) D) HQ	Pl	in approach	and	first contact	Miniature Range	A/Gas Trg
3	Wed 17 Jan	A) B) C) D) HQ and BHQ	Pl	in	attack		Miniature Range	A/Gas Trg
4	Thu 18 Jan	A) B) C) D) HQ and BHQ	Pl	in	def		Miniature Range	A/Gas Trg
5	Fri 19 Jan	A) B) C) D) HQ	Close Order Drill:	Cable Laying & Telephones: Miniature Cable Laying & Telephones: A/Gas Trg Specialist	Sp Arms: Trg : Trg : Trg	Educational Offr: Range Trg Educational Offr Trg	A/Gas Trg Trg	
6	Sat 20 Jan	All Coys	Bn	Pde :	Coy	Adm	Organised	Sport
7	Sun 21 Jan	All Coys	CHURCH	PARADES			F R E E	

REMARKS:

- (1) NIGHT TRG: Rifle Coys - Tue 16 Jan 1930 to 2100 hrs - "Night Wiring"  
Thu 18 Jan 1930 to 2100 hrs - "Night Patrols and infiltration  
by secs"
- HQ Coy 16 & 18 Jan 1930 to 2100 hrs - 2, 3 and 4 Pls - "Night  
occupation"
- (2) Coy Comds will submit by 1700 hrs 12 Jan - TMTs for 16, 17 and 18 Jan.
- (3) During periods for Cable Laying, all Coy Offrs will be lectured by Sig personnel on  
Signal procedure.
- (4) C Coy will fire on Miniature Range Sat 20 Jan 45.
- (5) Coy Comds will give lectures on wp arms.

IN THE FIELD  
8 Jan 45

*W. H. Lambton*  
ADJT 2/31 AUST INF BN

TRAINING SYLLABUS for Week Ending 28 Jan 45

Serial No	Date	Coy	0745 -- 1145		1245 -- 1530	
1.	Mon 22 Jan	A) B)	Coy in approach		and first contact	
2.		C	Miniature Range :		Pl comds recapitulation on	
3.		D	House and Village clearing; Pl Comd on Current Affairs		Camouflage and Fd Craft: Rifle exercises	
4.	Tue 23 Jan	A	As		per Serial 2	
		B	As		per Serial 3	
		C) D)	Coy in approach		and first contact	
		A) B)	Coy in the		deliberate attack	
5.	Wed 24 Jan	C	As		per Serial 3	
		D	As		per Serial 2	
		A	As		per Serial 3	
6.	Thu 25 Jan	B	as		per serial 2	
		C) D)	Coy in the		deliberate attack	
		A) B)	Close Order Drill : Coy Adm		Organised Sport	
		C) D)	FREE		FREE	
8.	Sat 27 Jan	A	Fd Firing DANBULLA Range :		Return from Range	
		B	Move to Range		Fd Firing DANBULLA Range	
		C) D)	Close Order Drill : Coy Adm		Organised Sport	
		A) B)	CHURCH PDE		FREE	
9.	Sun 28 Jan					

Serial No	Date	Coy	0745 -- 1145		1245 -- 1530	
			Fd Move	Firing to Range	Fd Firing	Return from Range
9.	Sun 28 Jan	C D		DANBULLA Range		DANBULLA Range
10.	22 Jan	HQ	1 Pl	: Camp Comns - Specialist Trg		26 Jan FREE
	to		2 Pl	: With rifle Coys in Coy exercises		
	26 Jan		3 Pl	: With rifle Coys in Coy exercises		
			4 Pl	: Selected personnel from rifle Coys will be instructed on Gun Drill and sub calibre shoot.		
			5 Pl	: Camp improvements		
27 Jan	HQ	2 Pl	: DANBULLA Range			
		3 Pl	: Close Order Drill - Coy Adm - Organised Sport			
		4 Pl				
		5 Pl				
	28 Jan	HQ	2 Pl	: DANBULLA Range		
			3 Pl	: CHURCH PDE - FREE		
			4 Pl			
			5 Pl			

REMARKS:

- (1) Night Exercises 1900 - 2130 hrs as follows:-
- |               |  |
|---------------|--|
| 22 and 24 Jan | - A and B Coys                                 |
| 23 and 25 Jan | - C and D Coys                                 |
| HQ Coy        | { 2 Pl - Night Occupation and shoot 27/28 Jan. |
|               | { 3 Pl - With Rifle Coys                       |
|               | { 4 Pl - As arranged by OC                     |
- (2) For Serial 3 :
- |                                |                                     |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| (a) House and Village Clearing | - I.T 1944 Part VIII Sec 36 and 37. |
| (b) Camouflage and Fd Craft    | - I.T 1944 Part VIII Sec 4.         |
| (c) Rifle Exercises            | - Appx "A" ATM No. 37               |
- (3) Miniature Range - Zeroing of LMG and Rifles will be completed.

IN THE FIELD  
16 Jan 45

*[Signature]*  
LT  
ASST/ADJT -- 2/31 AUST INF BN

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TRAINING SYLLABUS for Week Ending ----- 4 FEB 45

Serial No	Date	Coy	0745 -- 1145	1245 -- 1530
1	29 Jan	A } B } C }	Guards and Sentries : A/Gas : Rifle Exercises	Map and Compass: C.A.B : P.T
2		D	Miniature	Range
3	30 Jan	A } B } C } D }	Move to trg area:	Camflge and Ed Craft - Scouts
4	Wed 31 Jan	A } B } C } D }	Sec - Approach and Contact:	Sec - def
5	Thu 1 Feb	A } B } C } D }	Sec - Attack	Return to camp
6	Fri	A } B }	Coy Adm : Aircraft Lecture:	Organised Sport
7	2 Feb	C	As for	Serial 2
8		D	As for	Serial 1
9	Sat	A	Move to DANBULLA Range	Range practise
10		B	DANBULLA Range Practise	Return from range
11	3 Feb	C } D }	As for	Serial 6
12	Sun 4 Feb	A } B } C } D }	CHURCH PDE	FREE
13	Mon 29 Jan	HQ	As for	Serial 1

Serial No	Date	Coy	0745 -- 1145		1245 -- 1530	
			Trg	Area		
14	30 31 Jan and 1 Feb	HQ				
15	2 Feb	HQ	Specialist			
16	3 Feb	HQ	As	for	Serial	6
17	4 Feb	HQ	As	for	Serial	12

- REMARKS:
- (1) Pl Comds incl 2, 3, 4 and 5 pls to submit TEWTS approved by Coy Comds to BHQ by 0800 hrs 27 Jan covering serials 3, 4, 5 and 14. Smoke grenades will be available.
  - (2) Night exercises 30 and 31 Jan.
  - (3) MAJ. BOARD, HQ 1 Aust Corps will deliver Aircraft lectures.
  - (4) Times for DANBULLA RANGE - B Coy - practise 0830 hrs to 1300 hrs  
A Coy - practise 1300 hrs to 1730 hrs
  - (5) P.T Serial 1 will incl Tunnel Ball  
Basket Ball  
Volley Ball

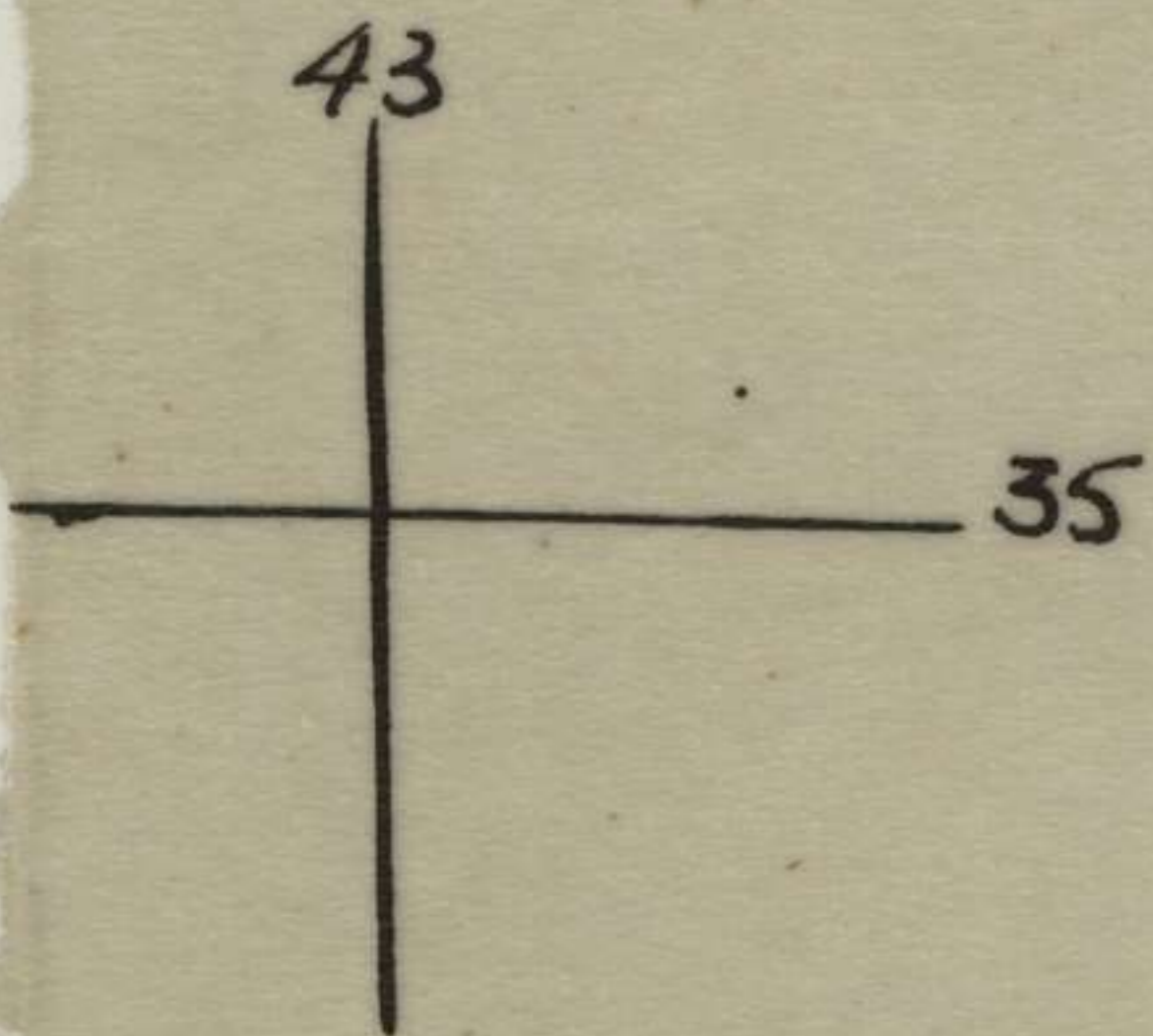
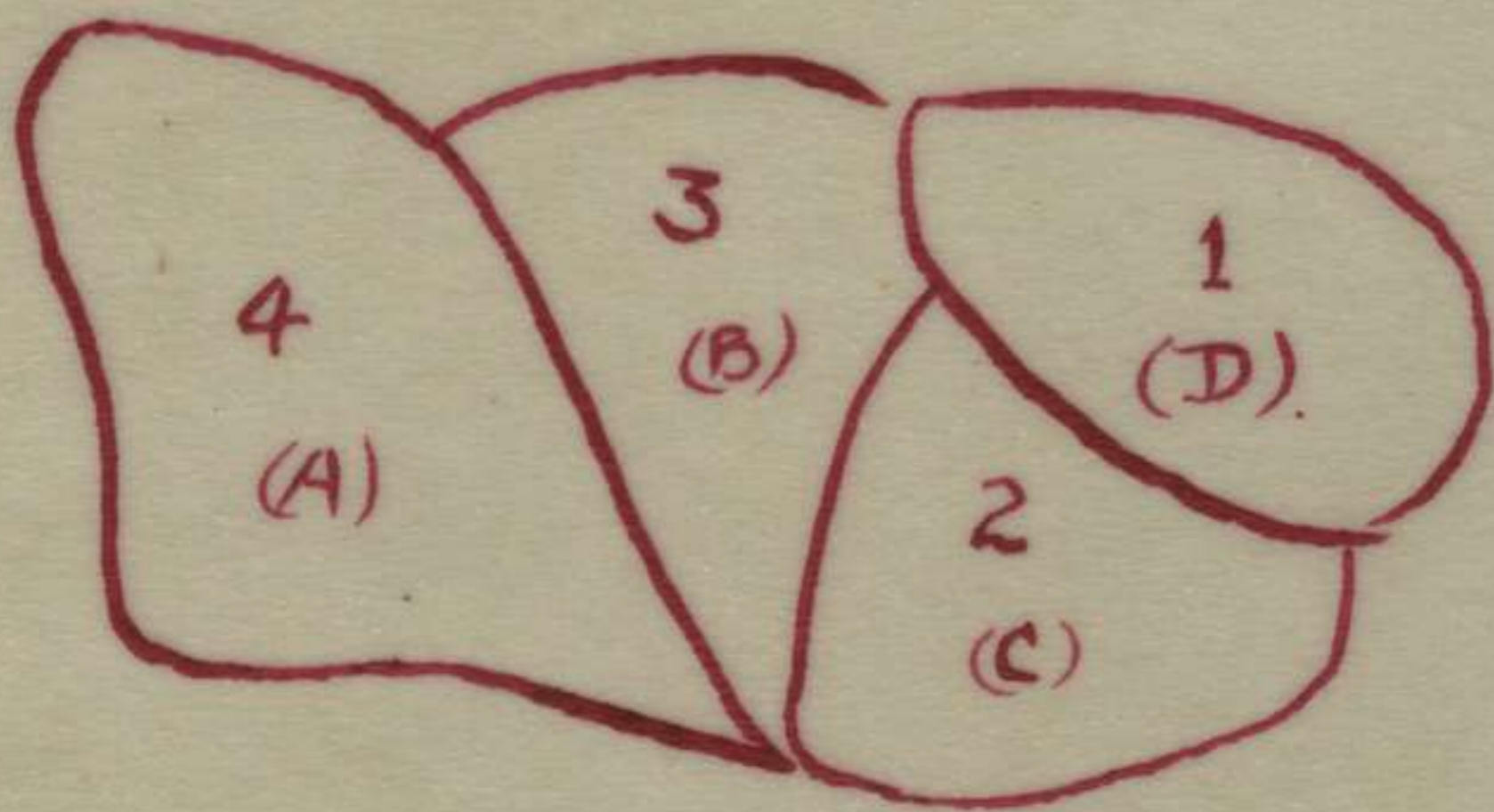
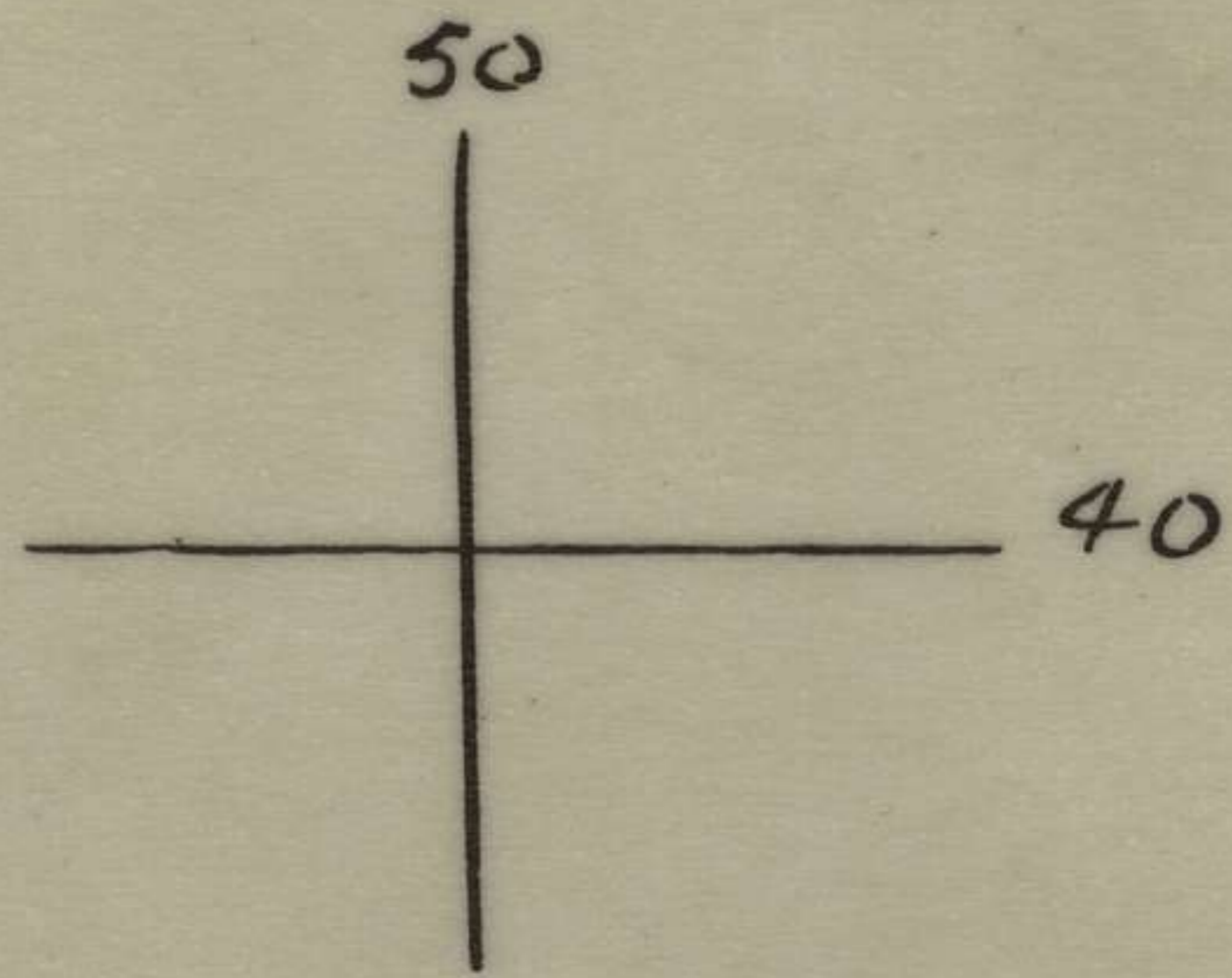
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COY TRG AREAS

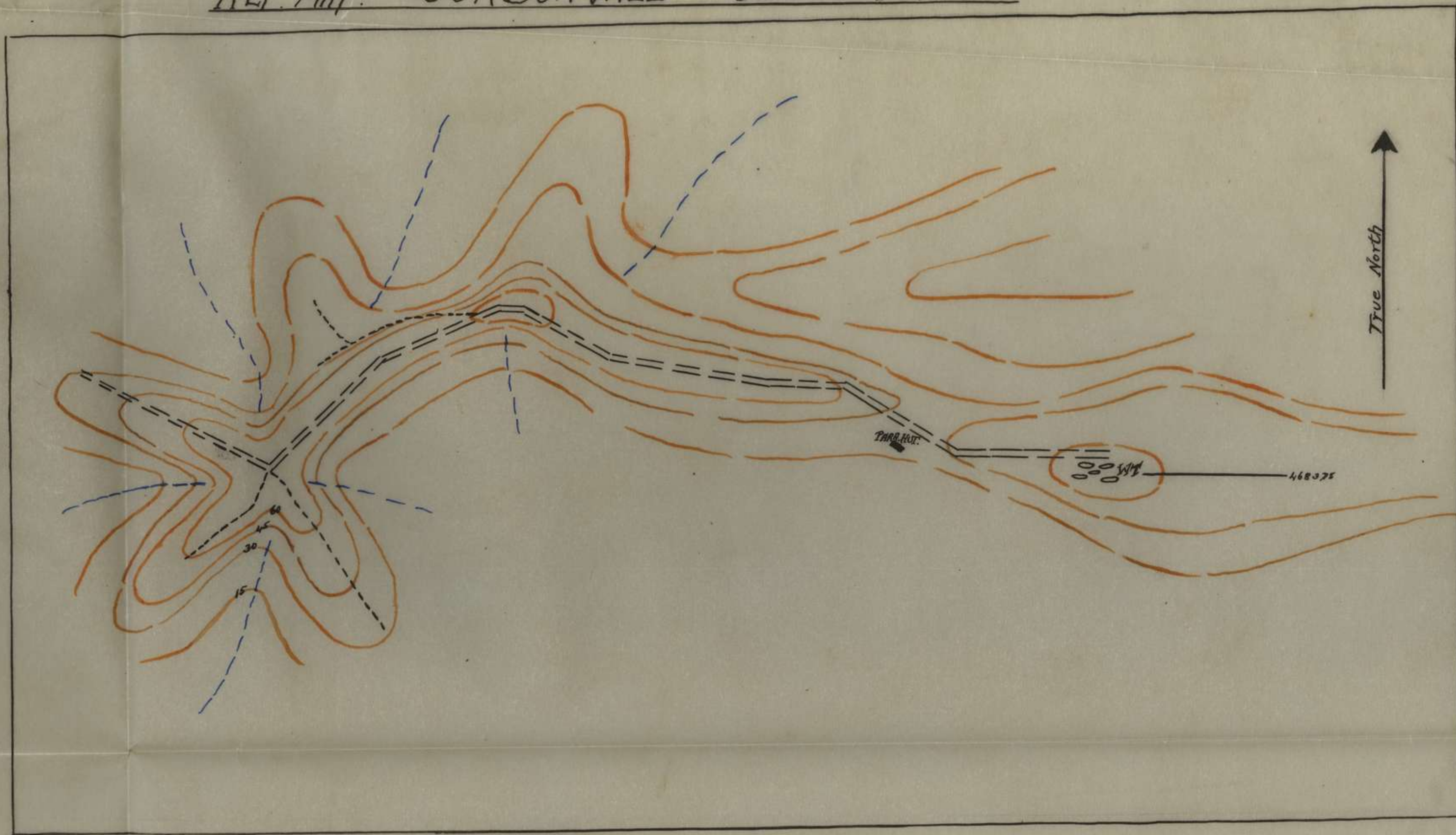


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GORDONVALE 1 IN TO 1 MILE

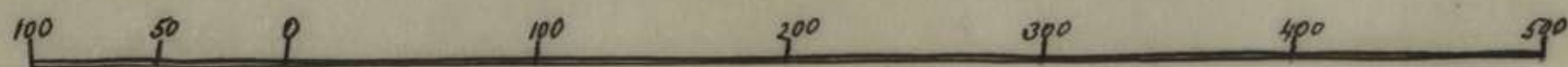
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# FIELD SKETCH C. COY TRN AREA

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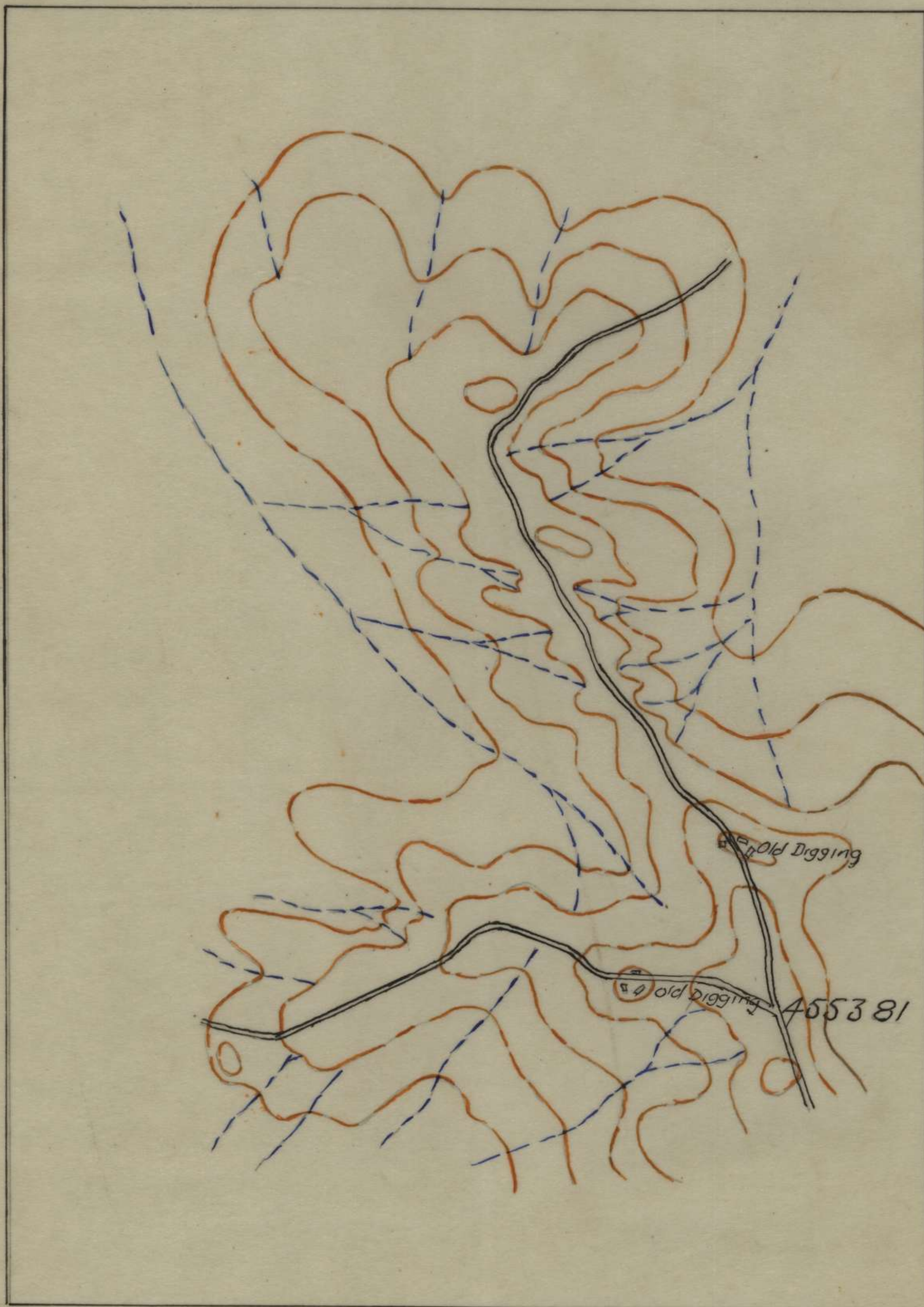


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Ref Map GORDONVALE 1 inch to 1 mile

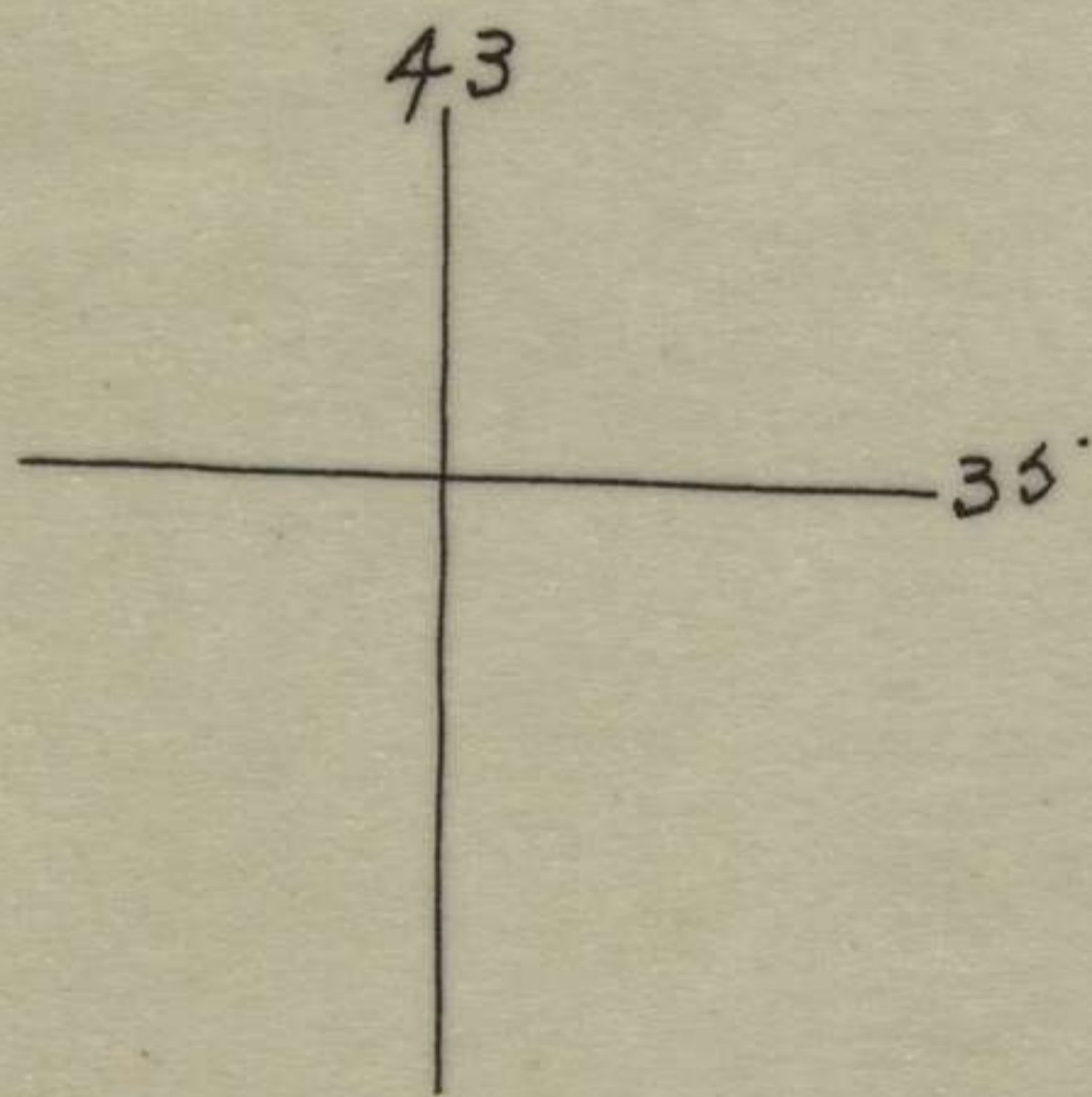
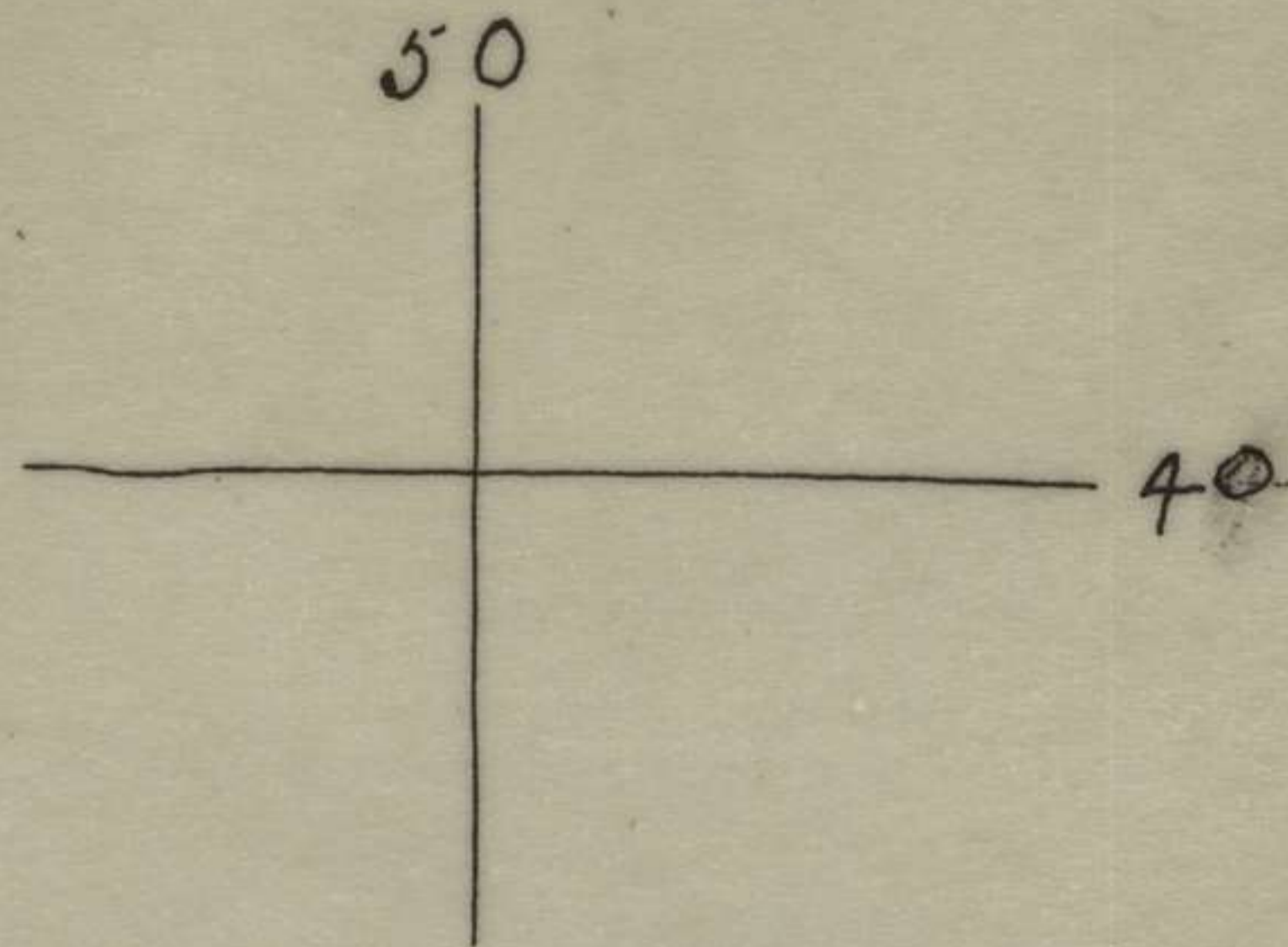
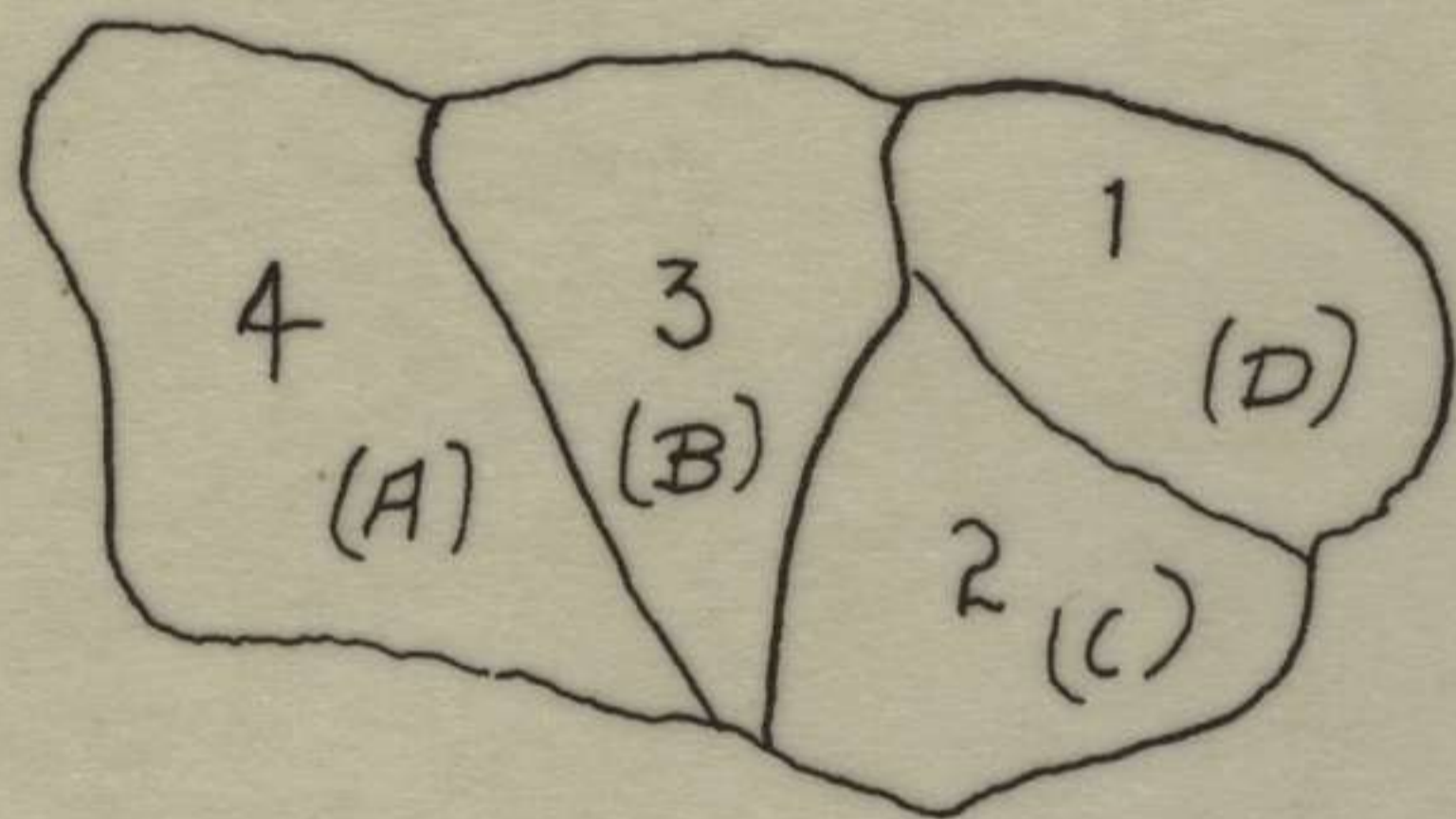


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Scale 1" to 100 yds

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COY TRG. AREAS



SUPERIMPOSE ON  
GORDONVALE 1 IN. TO 1 MILE

3 Jan 45

BHQ  
13 Jan 45.JUDGING OF COMPANY LINES

	<u>POSS.</u>	<u>HQ</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>D</u>
Kit Layout	20	15	18	18	18	18
Floor Cleanliness	20	15	18	19	17	18
Lan tern Cleanliness	20	8	19	18	16	19
Bed Construction	20	14	18	18	18	18
Officers Lines	20	10	14	18	17	18
C.Q. Stores	20	19	16	16	15	19
Orderly Room	20	10	15	16	17	20
General Cleanliness	20	15	18	18	19	19
General Appearance	20	16	19	19	19	18
Clean Towels	10	9	9	9	9	9
Clean Boots	10	5	9	9	6	9
Mess Hut	20	18	18	17	18	20
Cook House	20	18	17	18	18	18
Wood Heap	<u>10</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>
<u>Total</u>	<u>250</u>	<u>177</u>	<u>215</u>	<u>220</u>	<u>213</u>	<u>229</u>
Guard	175	130	139	158	143	152
General	200	125	134	135	133	136
Coy. Lines	<u>250</u>	<u>177</u>	<u>215</u>	<u>220</u>	<u>213</u>	<u>229</u>
<u>Total</u>	<u>625</u>	<u>432</u>	<u>488</u>	<u>513</u>	<u>479</u>	<u>517</u>

*Officer*  
 Lt.,  
 Adj. 2/31 Aust Inf Bn.

ALLOTMENT OF POINTS FOR BN. GUARD MOUNTING COMPETITION

Coy	General Turnout	Gd Comd bearing & word of command	Arms Drill	March past Camp. to Orderly Offr.	Cleanliness of guard tent	Conduct & general bearing of Bn runners	Conduct & discipline of sentries on beat.	Total Points gained out of
HQ	18	20	18	21	18	18	17	130
A	18	22	23	30	20	19	17	139
B	25	24	24	23	22	22	18	158
C	20	23	17	19	23	21	20	143
D	20	22	24	18	23	22	23	152

FAULTS NOTICED

HQ Coy

1. Dress (a) Chin strap buckles badly adjusted. Not in line with corner of mouth.
2. Drill (a) Gd Comd holding rifle at the order with toe of butt several inches from toe of R boot.
3. (b) Gd Comd inclined to use too many words while addressing Gd.
3. Sentries (a) In some cases sentries were very lax while standing at ease. Drill on beat not smart.
4. Bn Runners One did not turn to right when dismissed.

A Coy

1. Basic pouch undone during inspection.
2. In one case a man in front rank did not turn head to right with rest of Gd when being right dressed.
3. Sentries generally lax while standing on beat.
4. Bn Runners. One man with chin strap on back of head while on duty at BHQ.

FAULTS NOTICED (cont 2)

B Coy

- I. (a) Sentry lounging at Canteen Post.
- (b) Last sentry on duty at No I Post standing carelessly at ease & fiddling with point of his bayonet. Also talking to other members of guard at Gd tent.

C Coy

- I. General Turnout (a) One basic pouch undone during inspection.  
on (b) One hat incorrectly dented.  
(c) Chin straps badly adjusted.
2. Drill (a) One man holding rifle at the order with toe of butt several inches from toe of R boot.  
(b) Gd Comd made one false step during the dressing of the Gd

D Coy

- I. General Turnout (a) One man with chin strap buckle on wrong side.  
(b) One basic pouch undone during inspection.
  2. Drill (a) Gd Comd's drill movements not clean cut inclined to be hesitant.  
(b) March past too far into trees and turn given on wrong foot.
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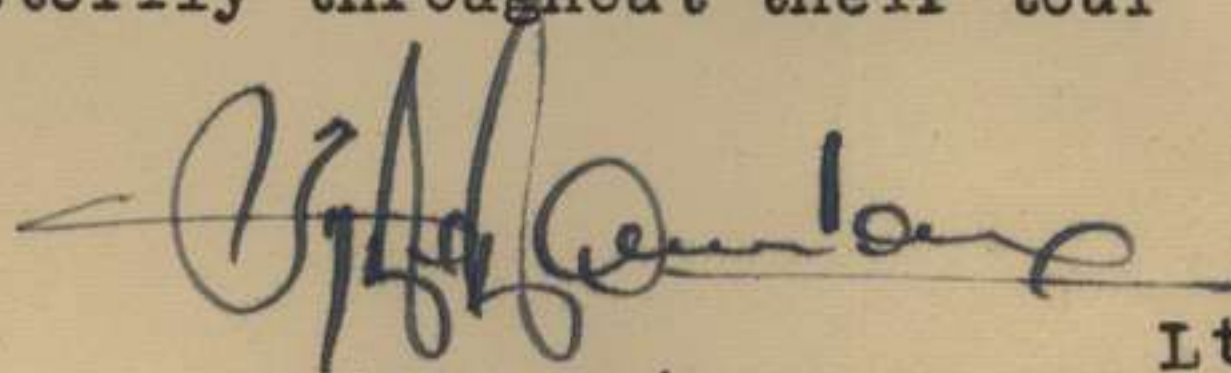
INTER COY COMPETITION

GENERAL

Subject	Points	HQ	A	B	C	D
Saluting	50	-	-	-	-	-
Bearing	50	40	43	44	43	45
Dress	50	40	45	45	45	45
<u>General</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>46</u>	<u>46</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>46</u>
<u>Total</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>125</u>	<u>134</u>	<u>135</u>	<u>133</u>	<u>136</u>

REMARKS

1. Saluting Not once during a tour through any Coy was a salute given.
2. Bearing Bearing generally was good. In all Coys were odd men who were inclined to slouch instead of walk.
3. DRESS In some cases tears in clothing could have been easily mended.
4. General Runners were good. They turned out well and did their job satisfactorily throughout their tour of duty.

  
Lt.,  
Adj. 2/31 Aust Inf Bn.

BOXING

Boxing has been held at the Bn Boxing arena on 26 Dec and Saturdays 6 13 and 20 Jan. The arena is located in a reentrant just West of C Coy lines with the ring in the creek bed. A natural amphitheatre provides accommodation for a large crowd and on 13 Jan it is estimated seven thousand troops attended comprising representatives from all Div units. Pte ("Angel") Douglass was appointed referee. It was at this meeting that Cpl Barry Burke, in the role of announcer provided an example of typical humour which is regarded in Div units as a classic. The circumstances were as follows. There is at present throughout the Div widespread discussion of the possibility of general leave. Even the wildest rumours receive close attention, so when Cpl Burke announced that he had something important to say in regard to leave the entire crowd of seven thousand was hushed. Calling for attention the audience awaited expectantly. Cpl Burke then announced in carefully measured tones " When you leave here leave quietly." For several seconds there was a stunned silence, <sup>THEN</sup> there followed a roar of laughter showing the appreciation of the audience as to their having been 'had'. The boxing has been of a good standard generally and the considerable crowds have testified to it's popularity.

Bn reps who have boxed are

Pte Collis	A Coy	Pte Young	HQ Coy
" Byrne	C Coy	" Lalor	"
" Howard	"	" Campton	"
" Carpenter	D Coy	" Park	"
" O'Grady	"	" Zobb	B H Q
" Richards	"	" Hay	"
" Gladstone	"	" Robinson	"

OPENING OF SNACK BAR.

Opening will be a quarter of an hour after the conclusion of the boxing to-night. This will give time for other units to get clear of our area.

Lights in the body of the building will be turned on one minute before the bar opens. It will remain open until 2359 hrs. From then on it will be open from 1900 hrs until 2330 hrs each evening.

OBJECT. The C.O. has decided to open a snack bar on similar lines to those run in the Middle East by Canteen Services. However it is now to be run in the unit to reduce prices. Expenses are being kept to a minimum and profit (if any) directed to reducing prices.

Other than cost of supplies the only expenses will be:-

2/- per day to Sjt Roberts of HQ Coy.

2/- per day to I cook not drawing specialist pay.

1/- per day to Cpl i/c HQ Coy whilst Sjt Roberts is away. This is to bring the Cpl's pay up to Sjt's rates.

1/- per day to cashier.

6/- per day in all.

5 o/rs will be drawn from duty Coy each day for other duties.

MENU

Grilled steak and 1 egg, chips and toast.	tea or cocoa.	1/-
Bacon and egg	" "	1/-
Sausage and egg	" "	9d.
Hamburger.	" "	6d.
Pies (meat or fruit)	" "	4d.
2 Sausage rolls	" "	4d.
2 Scones	" "	3d.
2 Jam Shortbreads	" "	3d.
2 Shortbread Biscuits	" "	3d.

Cups plates knives and forks have been procured on loan only and a deposit of 3d each will be charged, to be refunded when they are returned to the counter.

Supplies are difficult to obtain and members of this unit only will be served, but members may buy for guests. Other units are not being catered for.

Eggs at present are very hard to obtain but it is expected supplies will be sufficient in a week.

Tea at present is unobtainable without coupons and only sufficient for the opening night has been obtained. After that cocoa or coffee only will be available until other arrangements can be made.

No supplies whatever are drawn from Q.M.

Audited accounts will be published in R.O.s within the first week of each month.

General The snack bar is being run to provide extra facilities and it is hoped it will be welcome.

Lt.  
Officer-in-charge.



tactical exercise with TPS No. 4

Reference map: GORDONVALE 1" to 1 mile.

2. 2/31 Aust Inf Bn will carry out a tactical exercise with troops in co-operation with aircraft on 16 Jan 45.

3. TPS to be exercised: 2/31 Aust Inf Bn.

3. Object

To exercise all ranks in Ground/Air Recognition and identification.

4. Lessons

- (i) Recognition means the process of determining by visual methods whether an object is friendly or not. Identification means the process of determining by methods other than visual whether an object is friendly or not. LHQ Trg Instr No. 7 Sec 1 para 3.
- (ii) Message dropping is still generally practicable .....and every Headquarters in the field must be prepared on occasions to receive messages.... Sec 4 Para 18.
- (iii) Contact recce may also be required to obtain a clearer picture of the state of fwd elements than is possible from ground situation reports in which event a definite call must be made from the air before the ground recognition signals are displayed. Sec 4 Para 19 (c) (ii).
- (iv) It is therefore most important that motor transport vehicles .....are provided with a rapid means of "advertising" their identity without previous challenge.....The best emergency signal for this purpose will be smoke generators or grenades of a pre-arranged colour. Sec 4 Para 20 (d).
- (v) The best visual method of passing messages to the air will be by means of the Combined Panel Code. Sec 4 Para 21 (c).
- (vi) Acknowledgement of messages passed from the ground by visual means will be signified by an aircraft manoeuvre. Sec 4 Para 21 (f)
- (vii) Under exceptional conditions it may be permissible for ground forces to make signals indicating targets on their own initiative and without prior call from the air. Sec 4 Para 22 (b).

5. Narrative

At 0600 hrs 16 Jan 45 fwd elements of a Jap force estimated strength one regimental group previously landed at CAIRNS had penetrated up the GILLIES HIGHWAY and had secured MT NOMICO 6232.

25 Aust Inf Bde Gp was then disposed with 2/33 AIB at WONGABEL 2/25 AIB with HQ 25 Aust Inf Bde at AHERTON and 2/31 AIB at 485383. Comd 25 Aust Inf Bde sent for CO 2/31 AIB and said: My appreciation is that the JAP will not make any fwd move until he has got his main force up GILLIES HIGHWAY which is not likely to be before 1200 hrs. I think he will then drive NW via EUROMO, DAMBULLA - KAIRI. It is essential for you to hold rd jn 595415 until I can get the other Bns fwd. His objective appears to be our supply and fwd dumps at KAIRI. Tac R will be available as from 1345 hrs and if you are heavily attacked I can help you with two air strikes this afternoon not before 1400 hrs.



2/31 AUGUST 1914 B.M.

UNIT DANCE

AT THE ROOM HALL

THURSDAY JANUARY 18<sup>th</sup>

NOVELTIES PIPE & JAZZ BANDS.

SUPPER.

DESIGNED BY QX29471  
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6. Opening Situation:

At 1200 hrs 2/31 Aust Inf Bn was in def posn 5642. Fyd  
patrols have located JAP adv guard vicinity EUROMO.

- Problem 1 What formations are given by Coy Comd?
- Answer Pls in column, second and third Pls fairly compact with Secs in single file.
- Problem 2 How does the fwd Pl move?
- Answer One sec fwd deployed with two scouts, 80 to 100 yards fwd. Other two Secs 100 yds in rear and moving in single file.
- Problem 3 One enemy rifle shot from point 150 yds SW of point A, Fwd scout killed. What action does Sec Comd take?
- Answer Second scout indicates where shot came from and then Sec Comd sends three riflemen around to the right to come in on the sniper's left rear.
- Problem 4 Advance continues, scouts reach point A and are fired on by L.M.G. from point B, what action is taken?
- Answer Sec Comd takes up position at point A - Pl Comd attacks with two Secs around right flank and secures ridge.
- Problem 5 On securing point B Pl is fired on by two L.M.Gs. What action is taken?
- Answer Coy Comd realises that leading pl is committed so sends second pl around the right flank in a wide outflanking move.
- Problem 6 When point C is secured enemy open fire with two L.M.Gs from point D. What action is taken?
- Answer Coy Comd commits his third pl who would have been following 200 yds behind second pl in it's attack on point C. Third pl attacks from the right using covered approach and attacking down hill.
- Problem 7 Fwd scout shot by sniper in tree from point E. What action is taken?
- Answer Second scout tells Sec Comd where shot came from. Sec Comd sends two riflemen to stalk around right and one along the low ground on the left.
- Problem 8 Scouts and fwd sec fired on by L.M.G. and rifles from point F. What action is taken?
- Answer Pl Comd attacks with remainder of pl around the right flank.
- Problem 9 Remainder of pl attacking around right flank fired on and pinned by two L.M.Gs from point G. What action is taken?
- Answer Coy Comd commits second pl still further to the right and attack succeeds.
- Problem 10 Fwd scouts fired on by three riflemen from point H. What action is taken?
- Answer Coy Comd swings two Secs around left to secure high ground above riflemen at point H.
- Problem 11 Pl secures ground above point H and comes under heavy fire from point I. What action is taken?
- Answer Coy Comd reports to CO that he has contacted main body.

Reference GORDONVALE one inch to one mile

TACTICAL EXERCISE WITH TROOPS No 6

1. 2/31 Aust Inf Bn will carry out a tactical exercise with troops on 22, 23, 24, 25, Jan.

2. Troops to be exercised --

A.M. 22 Jan	- C Coy
A.M. 23 Jan	- D Coy
A.M. 24 Jan	- A Coy
A.M. 25 Jan	- B Coy

3. Object -- To exercise the Coy in the approach and encounter attack.

4. Lessons(a) " Every body of troops advancing towards the enemy will be covered by an advance guard, which is charged with the duties of gaining information of the enemy, of preventing the enemy reconnoitring troops from gaining information, and engaging the enemy when encountered so as to brush aside minor resistance without delay and to give the main body time to deploy for action when the enemy is met in force".....

F.S.R. Vol 2 Chap 5 Sec 41.

(b) " He must act quickly and boldly if he is to prevent the main body being continually delayed by minor opposition; but he must be careful not to hamper the plans of his superior comd by action which may cause the force to become committed to a general engagement in conditions or ground unfavourable to the superior comd's intention, of which he must be always fully informed" .....

F.S.R. Vol 2 Chap 5 Sec 41 Para 5.

(c) " When it becomes obvious that strong enemy forces have been encountered, the advance guard comd will be guided by his instructions and his knowledge of the intention of the force comd; since the latter will require both information on which to base his plan and time and space to put it into operation, bold and vigorous action by the advanced guard is usually essential; an endeavour will be made to secure such tactical features as will best further the action of the main body.

F.S.R. Vol 2 Chap 5 Sec 42 Para 3.

5. NARRATIVE -

Since 18 Jan 7 Aust Div have been destroying an enemy para-troop force in the YUNGABURRA area. 18 and 21 Aust Inf Bdes are committed and 25 Aust Inf Bde are in reserve. By 0600 hrs 21 Jan all organised resistance had ended and parties of enemy up to coy strength had fled to the timbered country. 25 Aust Inf Bde was ordered to destroy the remnants of the enemy. 2/31 Aust Inf Bn was ordered to clean out the BLACK MT area.

6. OPENING SITUATION

By 0730 hrs 22 Jan 2/31 Aust Inf Bn., with in sp one Bty Arty had passed TOLGA and were advancing towards FLYING FOX 4239 at which area TAC/R had reported enemy movement. At 0830 hrs TAC/R reported body of enemy troops approx 100 strong advancing N.E. along the SOUTH bank of the BARRON RIVER and had reached a point at approx the T in TINAROO FALLS. At 0900 hrs forward elements of C Coy 2/31 Aust Inf Bn had reached the FLYING FOX area and reported the area clear of enemy.

At 0905 hrs CO called for OC C Coy and said "I want you to continue the adv along the SOUTH bank of the river and make contact as quickly as possible. I expect you will encounter stragglers in small parties before contacting the main body. Let me know as soon as you think you have located the main body as I am anxious to make a close study of the ground before being committed. I will send 7 Pl A Coy along the high ground to protect your right flank and also to secure the feature 2400."

ALLOTMENT OF OFFICERS TO A/C

No. 1 A/C : Capt D.A. CAMPBELL i/c.  
Lt G.P. CARROLL  
Lt R.A. LEWIS

No. 2 A/C : Capt R.H. RATTRAY i/c.  
Lt H.B. PETHERICK  
Lt I.M. HUMPHREYS

Maps note books required.

STORES REQUIRED

1. All Coye - Normal eqpt and battle order.
2. 22 set with operators from HQ 25 Aust Inf Bde.
3. Sigs offr to arrange with Bde Sigs offr for 22 set and 108 control set on same frequency to be advised to ALO HQ 7 AUSTR DIV.

4. Ann:

Verex ill	-	50
Red	-	50
Green	-	50
63 Smoke	-	80
2 <sup>nd</sup> Mortar Para ill.	-	18
Red	-	18
Green	-	6
Rockets		
2 <sup>nd</sup> Mor Smoke	-	200
Generators No. 8	-	3
Candles Smoke grd	-	24
Generators Smoke No 5	-	5
75 Grenades	-	2
77 Grenades	-	

5. Tpt: To be notified.

6. Opening situation:

At 1200 hrs 2/31 Aust Inf Bn was in def posn 5642. Fwd patrols have located JAP adv guard vicinity EUROMO.

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

Serial	Date	Time	Place	Event	Action Taken	Remarks
1	16 Jan	0800	Bn Lines	Bn moves out to DARBULLA Area		
2		1200	5642	Bn in def posn		
3		1245	MARREBA	Officers detailed arrive strip.		Senior offr detailed to each plane will report to ALC.
4		1330	MARREBA	Aircraft take off.		R/T to Comd Post: tuning and netting calls.
5		1345	5642	Arrive over Bn area	Comd Post and Coy localities to be map spotted	Infm will be written in message form and dropped as in serial 6.
6		1400		Message dropping on Comd Post and Coy Hq.		
7		1410		Comm air to ground.	Up to date sitrep will be furnished.	
8		1425		Identification of Bn MF	MF indicate with smoke gren.	
9		1430		Use of Panel Code	Observing offr will log mapspots	FDL's will be moved from time to time.
10		1450		Use of pyrotechnics		Petres all ranks in use of Appx A: LHQ Trg Instr No. 7.
11		1510		Aircraft manoeuvre		" " " "
12		1515		Indication of Targets		
13		1530		Tac R		
14		1545		Exercise ends.		

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Generators Smoke No 5	-	5
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77 Grenades	-	

5. Tpt: To be notified.



FORECAST OF EVENTS

Serial No	Time	Place	Sub-Unit	Event	Action Taken	Remarks
1.	0905	425396	C Coy	CO gives orders for advance	OC C Coy calls Pl Comds and passes orders and gives Formations and Coy plan	Must consider that his right flank is protected which will speed up his adv. At the same time must not ignore the security.
2.	0920	150 yds West of Point A	Leading Sec.	Fwd scout shot by sniper.	Second scout gives location to Sec Comd who sends riflemen around R flank.	If second scout is too far behind he will not know where shot came from. Adv continues.
3.	0930	Point A	Leading Sec and Fwd Pl.	Fired on by LMG from point B.	Leading Sec engages from Point A. Remainder of Pl attack around right flank	Important that enemy be engaged from point A to assist the approach of rest of Pl. Attack succeeds.
4.	0945	Point B	Coy	Leading Pl secures Point B and is fired on by 2 LMGs from Point C	Coy Comd commits second Pl around right flank with third Pl 200 yds behind.	First Pl gives sp from point B Attack succeeds.
5.	1000	Point C	Coy	Second Pl secures Point C and is fired on by 2 LMGs from point D	Coy Comd commits third Pl around right flank and places first Pl in Reserve	Second Pl sp from point C. Attack succeeds.
6.	1015	Point D	Leading Sec of third Pl	Fired on from sniper in tree point E.	As for serial 2 also one rifleman going left.	As for serial 2 important <del>that</del> that second scout reports sniper in tree.

## FORECAST OF EVENTS

(2)

Serial No.	Time	Place	Sub-unit	Event	Action Taken	Remarks
7.	1025	S.E. of point E	Leading Sec of third Pl	Fired on by rifles from point E	Pl Comd swings remainder of Pl to right and supports move with leading Sec.	Left flank wrong as it is covered by enemy position.
8.	1030	As above	Coy	Third Pl pinned with fire from point G	Coy Comd swings second Pl still further to right and attacks enemy left flank.	Attack succeeds and adv continues with second Pl in adv.
9.	1045	S.E. of point F	Leading Sec of second Pl	Fired on by 1 LMG and rifles from point H	Pl Comd swings remainder of Pl to left to secure high ground above point H	Right flank does not achieve anything and it is covered from point H
10.	1100	Point H	Second Pl	Pinned on high ground above point H by heavy fire from point J	Coy Comd reports to CO that contact has been made with main body. Positions his other two Pls on high ground at point G	If OC Coy attacks he may cause CO to commit Bn attack from unfavourable ground.
11.	1110	Point G	7 Pl A Coy	Reports to CO when 2400 feature secured		
12.	1120	Point G		Discussion		

Reference GORDONVALE one inch to one mile

TACTICAL EXERCISE WITH TROOPS No 7

1. 2/31 Aust Inf Bn will carry out a tactical exercise with troops on 22, 23, 24, 25 Jan 45.

2. Troops to be exercised -

P.M. 22 Jan	-	C Coy
P.M. 23 Jan	-	D Coy
P.M. 24 Jan	-	A Coy
P.M. 25 Jan	-	B Coy

3. OBJECT. To exercise the Coy in the deliberate attack.

4. LESSONS (a) "Whatever the form of the attack, it will usually fall into two separate stages; the initial stage, which has been planned, prepared and probably timed; and a subsequent stage when the fighting is looser and less organised and depends more on improvisation....." FSR Vol 2 Chap 6 Sec 57 Para 1.

(b) "Attacking troops should start square to their objective from a start line well defined, if possible by some natural feature such as a road, path or ditch...." FSR Vol 2 Chap 6 Sec 62 Sub-para 2.

5. NARRATIVE ----as per narrative for TEWT No 6.

6. OPENING SITUATION

At 1330 hrs the CO called for OC C Coy and said, "The enemy main body has definitely been located and I intend to destroy them this afternoon." B Coy the fwd Coy, is not fully committed as the OC has anticipated my plan. His forces are disposed as follows--- One Pl with a holding on the end of the ridge at point H. The other two Pls on the high ground at point G. 7 Pl A Coy, whom I sent along the ridge to 2400 feature, have reported that they encountered light opposition on 2400, but they drove them off and now have a good holding and commanding position over the enemy on this feature which I am calling LEWINGTON HILL. They report fairly heavy fire coming from an area from point J to point K. It is now 1340 hrs and I want you to destroy the enemy on LEWINGTON HILL by no later than 1515 hrs. You will make your own plan and you can have the Bty of Arty, 1 Sec of mortars with 40 bombs for each mortar and 1 Sec of MMGs. Let me have your outline plan at least 20 mins before H hour so that I can tell B Coy what you are doing."

Problem 1.

On receipt of orders what action does the Coy Comd take?

Solution.

From present position he looks at the ground and also map and realises that the left flank is out and 7 Pl A Coy reported good commanding view, he decides to make recce from 2400. Before leaving he sends warning order to Coy 2i/c and appoints rendezvous for O Gp behind 2400.

Problem 2.

Who does the Coy Comd take in his O Gp?

Solution.

"I" rep, 2 runners, Mortar Sec Comd, MMG Sec Comd and Bty Comd.

Problem 3.

How does Coy Comd conduct recce from 2400 feature?

Solution.

Immediately on arrival he contacts 7 Pl Comd and gains what information he can about the enemy.

Problem 4.

When does the Coy Comd consult the Sp Arms Comds?

Solution.

Immediately after gaining infm from Pl Comd 7 Pl and before he makes a detailed recce.

Problem 5 Where does Coy Comd move to make recce?

Solution Can see all that is necessary from 2400.

Problem 6. What action does Coy Comd take after forming outline plan?

Solution. Meets the Sp Arms Comds as arranged and considers their suggestions and if suitable includes them in his plan, and then arrives at H hr. Decides his FUP and sends runner or "I" rep back to lead Coy to FUP before giving his detailed orders,

Problem 7. From where does Coy Comd issue orders?

Solution From 2400 feature.

Problem 8. What is selected as starting line?

Solution Track on crest of hill.

Problem 9. What are the formations for the attack?

Solution. Two Pls up -- Res 250 yds in rear.

Problem 10. Left hand Pl pinned at point M. What action does Coy Comd take?

Solution, Exploit success by swinging res Pl around Right flank.

Problem 11. Objective K secured. What action Does Coy Comd take to secure point J?

Solution Holds point K with one Pl and exploits to J with other Pls. Support from 2400 by ~~MIGs~~ and 2" mortars.

FORECAST OF EVENTS

Serial No.	Time	Place	Sub-Unit	Event	Action Taken	Remarks
1.	1335	Point G	Coy Comd	Receipt of COs orders	Decides from present posn where to make recce. Sends warning order to Coy. Orders O Gp rendezvous.	Should gather from 7 Pl Comd's infm that 2400 is place to recce.
2.	1340	Point G	"R" Gp	Who are they?	OC, Coy, 2 runners, "I" rep Sp Arms Comds.	Sp Arms Comds must bring runners.
3.	1355	2400	"R" Gp	Conduct of Recce.	OC contacts 7 Pl Comd and gathers all available infm about the enemy. Then consults Sp Arms Comds and gives enemy Posns and a time to report back for co-ordination.	
4.	1405	2400	Coy Comd	Commences Recce	Looks for objectives then suitable approaches considering what Sp fire he has at his disposal,	Feature too large to take in initial adv. Init phase on point K.
5.	1425	2400	"R" Gp.	Making of fire plan.	Mortars have easy task and can fire by observation on all or any part of objective. MMGs can fire from Point G or from 2400 with good effect. Arty can observe on all or any part of the objective. Coy Comd then decide H hr (not before)	Coy Comd must now give a fire plan for the Sp arms Comds to work on.
6.	1430	2400	Coy Comd	Prepares detailed orders.	Calls for O Gp and sends runners or "I" rep back to lead Coy to selected FUP.	FUP behind ridge at <del>posn</del> posn L. Route from G must be concealed.

FORECAST OF EVENTS (2)

Serial No.	Time	Place	Sub-Unit	Event	Action Taken	Remarks
7.	1440	2400	0 Gp.	Orders given by Coy Comd.	Outline plan to attack in two phases. First phase on posn K with 2 Pls up. Start line track Sp fire to Concentrate on K.B Coy will fire 2" mort on J. H hr 1515 Rate of adv 100 yds in 1 min.	Must give probable role for res. maybe exploit posn J.
8.	1450	2400	Pl 0 Gps.	Orders given	To be complete by 1500 hrs	
9.	1515	2400	Coy	Cross starting line	Slightly exposed but time spent on starting line should be one min only.	Maybe better not to stop at starting line.
10.	1519	Posn M	Left Pl	Pinned	Coy Comd exploits success and swings res Pl around right flank.	Res should not be closer than 200 yds.
11.	1523	Posn K	Fwd Pls	Capture objective.	Coy Comd exploits to posn J with one Pl holding the other posn K	MMGs if firing from 2400 could sp this adv to posn J. 2" mortar could also be used.
12.	1530	Posn J	Pl attacking	Enemy destroyed.	General consolidation and mopping up	Patrols sent out to locate escaped enemy
13.	1540		Exercise ends	Exercise ends	Discussion.	

INSTRUCTIONS TO ENEMY.

1. Enemy as follows.-

O.C. Major James.

Jan 22	100	Men	from	HQ	Coy.
" 23	"	"	"	"	A Coy.
" 24	"	"	"	"	B Coy.
" 25	"	"	"	"	C Coy.

2. Enemy to be in position by 0830 hrs daily.

3. Weapons.- 9 LMG's. 9 OSMG's. Rifles.

4. Ammunition.-

150	Rds.	per	LMG
150	"	"	OSMG
15	"	"	Rifleman.

5. SCR 536 will be carried by O.C. for communication with 2i/c.

6. ADM. - Lunch in the field.

7. White puggarees to be worn by enemy.

INSTRUCTIONS TO D.S.

1. Chief Umpire. 2 i/c.

Assistant Umpires Adjt.  
I.O.

2. D.S. and O.C. Enemy will view ground 20 Jan at 0900hrs.

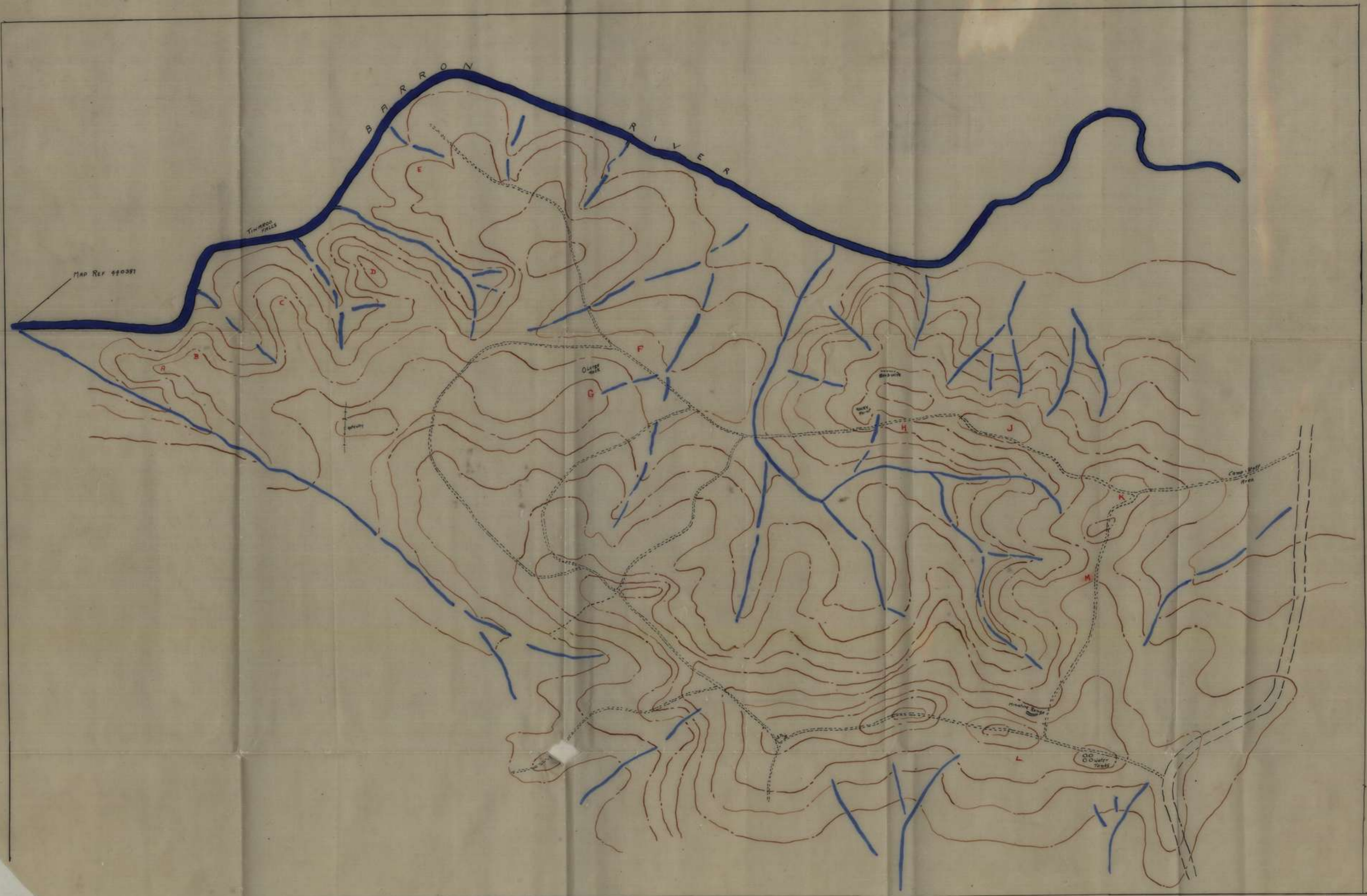
3. Sigs Officer to make available 1 set of 3 SCR 536  
for intercommunication -

2 i/c, I.O. and O.CO Enemy.

4. White armbands will be worn by D.S.



# FIELD SKETCH 2/31 BN TRG AREA REF MAP GORDONVALE 1 INCH TO 1 MILE



SCALE 1" TO 100 YDS (APPROX)

FORM LINES ONLY

NUMBER OF PERSONNEL PER STATE AND AVERAGE AGE FOR EACH COMPANY AND BATTALION

APPX H

COY.	Av. Age.	QUEENSLAND.		N.S. WALES.		VICTORIA.		STH. AUST.		WEST AUST.		NTH. T' TORY.		TASMANIA.	
		No	Av. Age	No	Av Age	No.	Av Age	No.	Av Age	No	Av Age	No	Av Age	No	Av Age.
HQ.	25.3	99	26	125	25	35	25	13	23	10	22			7	24
A.	25.2	40	26	59	25	22	23	11	26	1	31	1	27		
B.	23.3	44	25	45	22	9	20	15	23	7	22			2	21
C.	24.8	43	26	53	26	17	26	7	23					6	22
D.	25.8	37	27	58	27	18	21	14	25	4	30			4	23
BHQ.	27.8	32	29	29	27	9	25	6	25	3	34			2	29
BATTALION.		295	25.9	369	25.3	110	24	66	24.3	25	25.4	1	27	21	23.7

AVERAGE AGE OF BATTALION 25.1 YEARS.

PERCENTAGE OF STATES OF UNIT STRENGTH.

<u>STATE</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE</u>
QLD	33.0
NSW	41.6.
VIC	12.5.
SA	7.6.
TAS	2.4.
WA	2.8.
NT	.1.

APPX I

TACTICAL EXERCISE No. 8

2/31 Aust. Inf. Bn.

Ref. Map:- GORDONVALE 1:63360  
SKETCH MAP

1. OBJECT

- (a) To exercise the Coy in the deliberate attack using V.M.G supporting fire.
- (b) To instill into tps confidence in the accuracy of V.M.G. fire from the flank.
- (c) To demonstrate the 3 degree safety angle.

2. LESSONS

- (a) "The attack will only succeed with certainty if the assaulting tps are given the maximum covering fire at all stages, incl direct air sp"  
M.T.P. 2 Sec 103
- (b) "The object of covering fire is to neutralise the weapons of the defence"  
M.T.P. 2 Sec 105
- (c) "Covering fire will never achieve more than temporary neutralisation of the defenders weapons. The leading echelons of assaulting tps will therefore follow as closely as possible behind the covering fire, provided, and should be accompanied by FOO's  
M.T.P. 2 Sec 108
- (d) "For the speedy issue of orders and preparations for recee, it is essential that the personnel required should be immediately available; this can best be achieved by system of grouping. Whatever organisation is adopted it should be elastic."  
I.T 1943.
- (e) "The activities preceeding an attack should be simultaneous in all grades of cmd rather than consecutive  
F.S.R. Vol 2 Chap VI Sec 56
- (f) "Finally, the leader of every body of Infantry, once committed to the attack must be determined to get forward until his objective is reached."  
F.S.R. Vol 2 Chap VI Sec 62 Para 2(ix)

3. TROOPS TO BE EXERCISED

A, B, C, D Coys and 2 Pl.

4. CONDUCT OF EXERCISE

- (a) D.S. ↗
- (b) Safety Officer - Lt GOULD : 4 assistants from 5 Pl.
- (c) Umpires - Lt MILLER , Lt NEWELL.
- (d) Pnrs will erect wire obstacle 70 yds in front of enemy F.D.L's during night 26/27 Jan as night exercise

and will repair prior to each exercise.

- (e) Pns to arrange explosions on objective to represent Mor and Arty fire.
- (f) Object of exercise and lessons to be brought out will be explained to tps prior to exercise by O.C. H.Q. Coy.
- (g) Tps will move out to 542410 at times laid down in Bn Trg syllabus.
- (h) When Coys have completed consolidation they will move off objectives to, FARM HILL for discussion.
- (i) Ann for M.M.G's to be drawn 26 Jan by C.S.M. H.Q. Coy.
- (j) Meals by arrangement Coys being exercised.
- (k) Dress - Battle order less blanket roll, helmet steel.
- (l) Coy S.B's will move with Coy in the attack.

#### 5. NARRATIVE

A JAP force has succeeded in securing a beach-head in GORDONVALE area and are pushing up the GILLIE'S HIGHWAY.

7 Aust. Div. has been ordered to attack and destroy the enemy in co-operation with 9 Aust. Div. in the SOUTH.

On afternoon 26 Jan a JAP para force of approx 1 Bn. was observed dropping in the cleared area of DANBULLA Rifle Range.

25 Aust. Inf. Bde. was then disposed with 2/25 and 2/33 Aust. Inf Bns in present positions preparing for operations. 2/31 Aust Inf Bn with u/comm 11 Bty 2/6 Aust Fd Regt was in area 4638 with a task of preventing any enemy infiltration through the LAMB RANGE.

Bde Comd ordered 2/31 Bn to attack and destroy the enemy para force as soon as possible. 2/31 Bn patrolled actively during night 26/27 Jan and established that

- (a) Enemy were in occupation with main force on FARM HILL and approx 1 Coy on Rifle Range.
- (b) Enemy appeared to be consolidating - probably with a view to landing further reinforcements.

On infm gained, Bn Comd 2/31 Bn decided to attack early 27 Jan.

TACTICAL EXERCISE No 8

Ref Map :- GORDONVALE 1:63360  
SKETCH MAP

2/31 Aust Inf Bn

6. OPENING SITUATION

At 0800 Bn attacked FARM HILL with 2 Coys and succeeded in capturing objective but were engaged by Mor and M.M.G fire from RED TREE RIDGE

Bn Comd decides to attack around the right with coy at present in area 542410 supported by M.M.G. Mor and Arty fire.

Coy comd is called fwd to TREE RIDGE for orders.  
{ vide appx "A" for Warning Order  
" " "B" " C.O's Verbal Orders. }

7. PROBLEM 1

Battle procedure of Coy being exercised.

D.S. Solution-

Coy comd arranges R.V. for O Gp - instructs 2 i/c to move F Gp to fwd ass area - moves off to C.O's R.V. WITH Coy Int personnel and runner

PROBLEM 2

Coy. comd's recce and issue of orders to Pl comds.

D.S. Solution-

Coy comd carries out fd glass recce from TREE RIDGE and issues his orders to pl comds from TRACK JUNCTION 438410.

PROBLEM 3

Occupation of position by 2 pl.

D.S. Solution-

Carries out normal battle procedure paying particular attention to possible defilade posns and use of cover and concealment to give maximum surprise on opening fire.

PROBLEM 4

Formations adopted by coy F gp when moving to fwd assembly area.

D.S. Solution-

Normal movt in column with secs extended in diamond formation.

PROBLEM 5

Protective measures taken by F gp in fwd assembly area.

D.S. Solution -

Coy in rough triangular formation with sentries 30 yds fwd of pl posns.

PROBLEM 6

Pl comds orders to pl.

D.S. Solution -

D.S. Solution  
.....

3 mins for pl comds orders to sec ldrs.  
5 mins for sec ldrs orders to secs

PROBLEM 7  
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Formation and movt during advance through jungle.

D.S. Solution -  
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Jungle formation with cutters at head of file.

PROBLEM 8  
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Shaking out into formations on F.U.P.

D.S. Solution -  
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Coy is so organised that leading pl moves to right  
along edge of jungle - second pl moves to left - third pl deploys  
in res.

PROBLEM 9  
.....

Coy comd informs bn comd in position and ready to assault

D.S. Solution -  
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Bn comd then gives H Hour to coy by 108.

PROBLEM 10  
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Crossing of wire obstacles.

D.S. Solution -  
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Leading tps crush under M.G. covering fire.

PROBLEM 11  
.....

Action on capture of objective.

D.S. Solution -  
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Mopping up and exploitation fwd and to flank through  
jungle.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Ser No.	TIME	Sub-Unit	Location	Event	Action Taken	Remarks
1.	Z hr	Coy being exercised	542410	Object of exercise explained to tps		
2.	Z plus 30	" " "	542410	Coy comd receives warning order	As per Problem 7 (D.S.)	
3.	Z plus 40	Coy comd	TREE RIDGE	Coy comd reports for orders from bn comd.		Particular attention to cover and discipline during issue of orders
4.	Z plus 50	" "	TREE RIDGE	Coy comd moves off on recon	Done from TREE RIDGE per medium of fd glasses.	
5.	Z plus 60	" "	TRACK JUNCT 438410	Coy comd meets coy 0 gp and issues orders		do.
6.	Z plus 70	Pl comds	438410	Pl comds move to pl 0 gps and issue orders.	Topography to be thoroughly explained & disposition of own & enemy tps.	
7.	Z plus 90	Coy 0 gp	TOBACCO SHED	0 gp reaches F gp & sec comds commence orders to secs Coy comd explains posn to 2 i/c.		
8.	Z plus 95	Coy.	"	Coy commences to move	Adopts jungle formation	Order of march to be studied.
9.	Z plus 120	Coy.	F.U.P.	Head of coy reaches F.U.P.	Coy deploys 1st pl right 2nd pl left.	Check confusion on F.U.P.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

<u>Ser No.</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>Sub-unit</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Action Taken</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
10.	Z plus 130	Coy	F.U.P.	H Hour.		Coy moves to assault under cover of M.M.G fire.
11.	Z plus 142	Coy	Enemy wire	Fwd tps reach wire		Fwd tps crush & continue adv. M.M.G. fire switching by observation
12.	Z plus 148	Coy	RED <del>WIRE</del> SPUR	Coy reaches objective.		Mopping up with 2 pls res pl exploiting fwd & to right.
13.	Z plus 160	Coy	RED TREE SPUR	Conclusion of exercise.		Coy moves to FARM HOUSE HILL for discussion.

N.B. -- Z represents time of commencement.



APPENDIX A

WARNING ORDER

- (a) "Q" Coy to attack round the right flank.
- (b) Coy "R" Gp R.V. TREERIDGE 533407 at --hrs
- (c) "F" Gp fwd assembly area TOBACCO SHED 535415.

APPENDIX B

BRIEF SUMMARY OF C.O.s ORDERS

INFM

1. Enemy approx 1 coy strength located on RED TREE RIDGE  
(posn, field works and wire pointed out)
2. Disposn of own tps --- pointed out on ground.

INTENTION

3. -- Coy will attack and destroy the enemy on RED TREE RIDGE

METHOD

4. Coy moved as per warning order.
5. S.L. & F.U.P. ----- Jungle edge on RIFLE RANGE between  
3 & 500 yd mounds.
6. Rate of Adv. 200 yds in 3 min.

FIRE PLAN

7. No Arty.
8. M.M.G.

Ser No.	Unit	Gun Area	Task	From	To	Rate	Remarks
1.	1 Pl	FARM HOUSE HILL	Covering fire on H-2 FDLs on Rd	on H-2	By observ H-2		Normal
2.	"	" "	Sp fire fwd		---Danger	Rapid	To fire on ser 2 immediatel on completion ser 1.
3.	"	" "	Sp fire Rd Bend				Rapid as i ser 2
Comd 2 Pl remain with Pl.							

4.

9. Mortars

Seq. No.	Unit	Gun Area	Task	From	To	Rate	Remarks
a) 1.	2 sec	Rear TREE RIDGE	Sp fire on RED TREE RIDGE	H-4	Danger	Normal	No restriction on ranging
b) <del>xxix</del>	1 Det	U/Comd	for consolidation				

10. Pioneers

1 sec U/Comd for removal of obstacles and de lusing of booby traps.

ACTION ON CAPTURE OF OBJECTIVE

11. To exploit fwd and to right flank 200 yds in jungle

12. Consolidate on RED TREE RIDGE.

13. Det Mortars U/Comd to move fwd on consolidation on your orders.

14. H hr -- notify me when you are on S.L. and I will give time for H hr.

ATM

15. Normal

INTERCOMN

16. B.H.R. here

17. Wireless normal

18. No line

19. Success signal GREEN over RED

Time now is -----

5 mins then any questions.



29 Jan 45.

REF MAP BARTLE FRERE 1" to 1 Mile.

1. 2/31 Aust Inf Bn will move out to trg area vicinity SEVEN SISTERS for period incl 30 Jan to incl 1 Feb 45.

2. Order of March -

B.H.Q.  
H.Q. Coy less 1. 5 & 6 Pls.  
C  
D  
A  
B

ST 0745 hrs

SP Guard tent.

ROUTE - KAIRI - Rd Junc 468302 - Rd Junc 494295 -  
bivouac area 4728.

3. 'a' Coy bivouac areas will be allotted on arrival in Bn bivouac area.

'b' Coy trg areas have been allotted.

4. Personnel -

'a' Bn duties for period will be drawn proportionately from Coys as detailed by Adjnt.

'b' Only minimum number of personnel will remain in camp.

'c' Coys will render return of nos of personnel partaking in exercise by 1400 hrs 29 Jan 45.

5. 'a' RAP will be established on arrival in bivouac area.

'b' S.Bs - normal.

'c' RMO will provide RAP facilities in camp.

6. Amn - As required by Coys for TEWTS ; requisition to RSM by 1400 hrs 29 Jan 45.

7. Dress - Battle Order  
Tents shelter halves

8. Blankets - 2 per man to be roll in bundles of ten in Coy Areas by 0730 hrs 30 Jan 45.

9. Transport -

'a' CO I Jeep and trailer  
2 Pl 1 " " "  
3 Pl 2 " " "

To report 0730 hrs 30 Jan 45.

9. Transport (continued)

- 'b' Ration truck
- 1 x 15-cwt truck
- 1 x 3-ton truck
- Water truck

Under arrangements QM.

10. Rations -

- Hot meal midday 30 Jan will be cooked in lines and delivered
- 'a' to bivouac area by 1200 hrs.
- 'b' Coy cook-houses will be established in bivouac area to cook incl midday meal 1 Feb.
- 'c' Personnel remaining in lines will eat at HQ coy cook-house.
- 'd' Beer will be drawn on 31 Jan for consumption 1 Feb.
- 'e' Tobacco will be delivered for coy purchase on 31 Jan.

11. Weapons - normal less PITS.

12. Intercommunication -

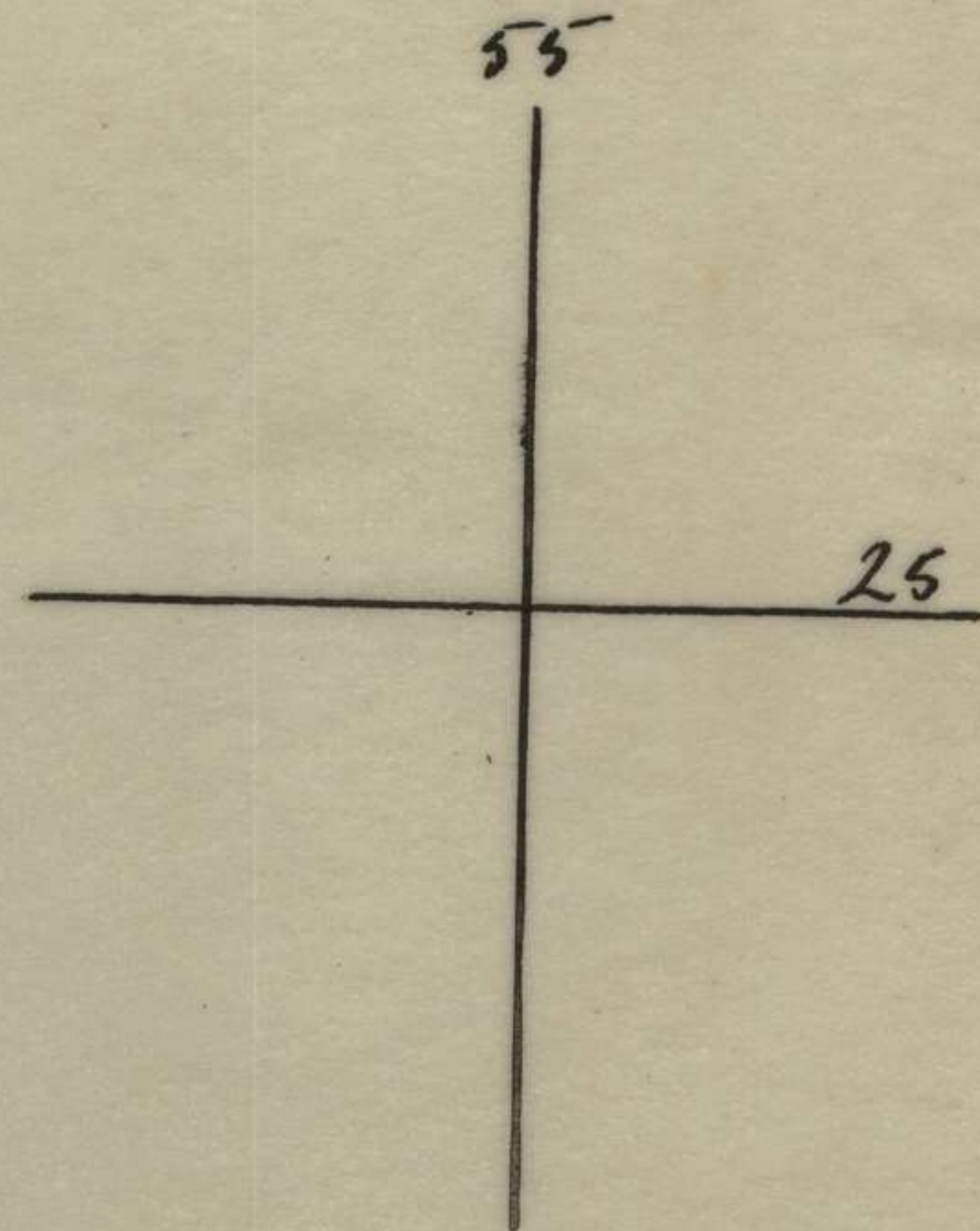
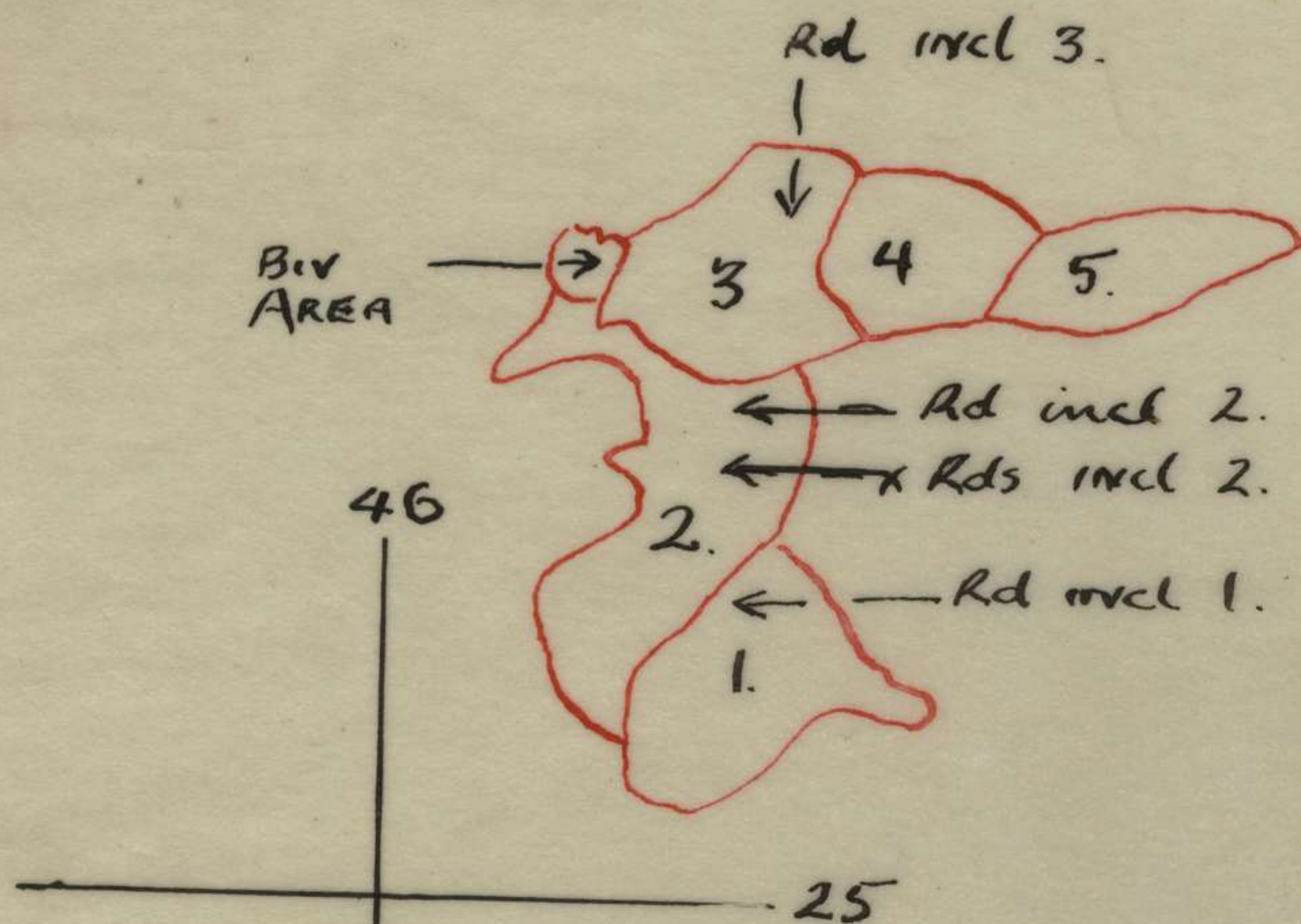
- 'a' Line will be laid to all coys in bivouac area.
- 'b' 3 x 108 Mk III wireless sets will be taken.
- 'c' SCR - 536 - normal.
- 'd' Sigs Sjt will arrange with TO for carrying.

Distribution

HQ Coy	Copy No	
A		1
A		2
B		3
C		4
D		5
CO		6
Adjt		7
QM		8
TO		9
Sgt Askin		10
File		11
War Diary		12

*made*  
ADJT ----- 2/31 AUST INF BN *for LT.*

REF BARTLE FRERE B7 TRG AREA FEB 45.



A	coy	1	area
B	"	2	"
C	"	3	"
D	"	4	"
HQ	"	5	"





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# WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Unit 2/31 Aust Inf Bn Date and Time.—From 1 Feb 45 To 9 Feb 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
KAIRI	1	0900	Bn left biv area ref 471298 BATTLE FRERE 1" for return to camp	
		1100	Bn arrived Camp area.	
	2		Coy trg Bn area.	
		1930	Boxing held in Bn ring	
	3		Coy trg and sports.	
	4	0815	Church pde and adm.	
	5		Coy trg Bn area.	
	6		Coy trg Bn area.	
	7		A, B, C, and HQ Coys trg Bn area. D Coy on march to LAKE EURAMOO ref 570400 GORDONVALE 1".	
8		A Coy on route march to FLYING FOX AREA ref 425398 GORDONVALE 1". B Coy route march to LAKE EURAMOO.		
9		A and D Coys move out to BARRON RIVER ref 451393 GORDONVALE 1" to practice in deliberate river crossing.	APPX "A"	

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# WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Unit 2/31 Aust Inf Bn

Date and Time.—From 10 Feb 45

To 15 Feb 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
KAIRI	10		B and C Coys moved out to BARRON RIVER ref 451393	
			GORDONVALE 1" to practice rifle coys in deliberate river crossing.	Appx "A"
			Census taken of Bn personnel and experience in years with Bn.	Appx "B"
	11		Church pde and adm.	
	12		All coys weapon trg Bn area. Preparing for visit by Governor-General, HRH The DUKE OF GLOUCESTER	
	13	0800	All coys weapon trg.	
		1120	Governor-General, HRH The DUKE OF GLOUCESTER and Staff visited camp area and inspected tps during trg.	Appx "C"
			Afternoon free.	
	14		Free day.	
	15		Coys trg in Bn area.	

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Unit 2/31 Aust Inf Bn

Date and Time.—From 16 Feb 45

To 23 Feb 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
KAIRI	16		Coys trg in Bn area.	
	17	0800	Coys trg in Bn area.	
		1330	Organised sport.	
	18		Church pde and adm.	
	19		All coys trg in Bn area.	
	20	0815	A and C coys plus 3 pl moved out to WALSH RIVER Arty Range ref 253176 HERBERTON 1" for exercise in employing Star Shell in support of defence.	Appx "D"
			Remaining Coys trg in camp area.	
	21		A and C Coys plus 3 pl on exercise at WALSH RIVER Arty Range.	Appx "D"
			Remaining Coys trg in Bn area.	
	22		As for the 21 Feb 45.	
	23	1200	A and C Coys plus 3 pl leave Arty Range for return to camp.	
		1315	Arrive in camp. Other Coys trg in camp area.	

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Unit 2/31 Aust Inf Bn Date and Time.—From 24 Feb 45 To 28 Feb 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
KAIRI	24		Bn given free day to enable pers to attend Div Race	
			Meeting held in Div area.	
	25		Church pde and adm.	
	26		Coys trg in Bn area.	
	27		Coys trg in Bn area.	
	28		Coys trg in Bn area.	
		1500	Scratch teams from all coys take part in first practice	
			game, Rugby League, for season.	

Appx "A."

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2/31 AUST INF BN

"SECRET"

Copy No C

8 February 1945.

TACTICAL EXERCISE NO 7

Reference Map: GORDONVALE 1" to 1 Mile.  
: Attached sketch.

(1) 2/31 Aust Inf Bn will carry out a tactical exercise with troops on 9 and 10 Feb 45 in conjunction with detachment 2/5 Aust Fd Coy.

(2) OBJECT: To practice the Rifle Coy in the deliberate river crossing.

(3) Troops to be exercised:

A.M.	9 Feb	-	C COY.
P.M.		-	A COY.
A.M.	10 Feb	-	D COY.
P.M.		-	B COY.

(4) NARRATIVE:

JAP Force, one regimental gp was severely mauled by 25 Aust Inf Bde Gp in vicinity A THERTON on 7 and 8 Feb: remnants succeeded in escaping NORTH over BARRON RIVER leaving a delaying force estimated one Coy in vicinity of TIMAROO FALLS to cover their retreat. A.M. 8 Feb 2/31 Aust Inf Bn then in position vicinity feature 2400, was ordered to secure a bridgehead across BARRON RIVER in vicinity of enemy to permit of passage through of 2/33 Aust Inf Bn to destroy them.

(5) OPENING SITUATION:

At 1600 hrs C.O. 2/31 Aust Inf Bn issued his verbal orders and at 1700 hrs O.O. No 7 was issued.



8 February 45.

Reference Map: GORDONVALE 1" to 1 Mile.  
: Attached sketch.

NO change from verbal orders.

INFORMATION:

- (1) ENEMY - NO change.
- (2) OWN TROOPS - NO change.

INTENTION:

- (3) 2/31 Aust Inf Bn with in support det 2/5 Aust Pd Coy will secure bridgehead BARRON RIVER 456393 - 454393 A.M. 9 Feb 45.

METHOD:

- (4) Summary of Ops: - Two phase Attack.

Phase I - Central Ridge  
Phase 2 - Left Spur.

- (5) Preliminary Moves:

B COY will patrol Assembly Area - FUP - SL from H-120 to H Hr  
Phase 2 - I Pl to be ready to give covering fire at crossing from  
H Hr Phases I and 2.

Phase I

- (6) Troops: Fwd - C COY.
- (7) Objective: Centre Ridge.
- (8) Axis: 348° True.
- (9) Assembly Area )  
F U P ) Taped - As per sketch.  
S L )

- (10) Rate of Advance:

Assembly Area to F U P - 100X in 3 minutes.

F U P to S L - 100X in 3 minutes.

- (II) Formations:

Assembly Area to S L - Column of Route

(12) H Hour • 1000 hrs.

(13) Action on capture:

consolidate on Objective: sup A COY in phase 2.

(14) Assault Boats:

- (i) Allotment to C COY - 4.
- (ii) casualty Res in Assembly Area u/c 2 i/c - 2.
- (iii) Personnel - Assault Tps - 7.  
Ferryman - 2.
- (iv) OLP - As per sketch.
- (v) Off loading personnel - I offr and 36 ORs D COY.
- (vi) personnel carrying - Assembly Area to FUP.  
I offr and 36 ORs D COY  
FUP to SL  
Assault troops.
- (vii) Ferryman - 12 ORs D COY to move with assault boats from  
Assembly Area to SL.
- (viii) Formation in water - Line abreast.
- (ix) Turn round time - 20 minutes.

(15) Guides:

- (i) Two guides each A, B, C, D Coys will report I.O. 0600hrs  
9 Feb recce Assembly Area FUP SL.
- (ii) Two RPs will report I.O. 0600 hrs 9 Feb recce route  
OLP - Assembly Area.

(16) Taping:

"I" sec under I.O. will tape Assembly Area - Route to FUP -  
Route to SL by 0930 hrs 9 Feb 45.

(17) Timings:

(1) Serial Sub Unit	Time	Event	Remarks
I Det Fd Coy	H-90	MT arrives with assault boats at OLP.	

(17) TIMINGS: (continued)

<u>Serial</u>	<u>Sub Unit</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
2	D COY	H-90	Arrive OLP	I Offr and 36 ORs.
3	D COY	H-75	Assault boats arrive in Assembly Area	Same personnel
4	C COY	H-75	Arrive Assembly Area	Move from present posn 0800 hrs.
5	D COY	H-75	Arrive assembly area	I Offr and 36 ORs - carrying party.
6	D COY	H-75	Arrive Assembly Area.	12 ORs - Ferrymen.
7	13 PL	H-30	Leave Assembly Area	Incl D COY ferrymen D COY carrying personnel.
8	13 PL	H-10	Arrive FUP	
9	13 PL	H -5	Leave FUP	Assault tps carrying.
10	13 PL	H -2	Arrive SL	
11	13 PL	1000 hrs - H HOUR.		
(11)	14 Pl C COY	- Timings after H-30 as for 13 Pl plus 20 minutes.		
(111)	15 Pl C COY	- Timings after H-30 as for 13 Pl plus 40 minutes.		

phase 2

- (18) Fwd Troops - A COY.
- (19) Objective - Left spur.
- (20) Axis  
Assembly Area  
F U P  
S L  
Rate of Advance  
Formations  
Assault Boats  
Guides  
Taping  
} AS PER PHASE I.
- (21) H HOUR - To be notified.

(22) Action on capture - consolidate on objective.

(23) Timings : As per phase I.

(24) Reserves: B COY  
D COY

probable role to exploit through to High spur on completion Phases I and 2.

(25) Sup Arms:

2 PL )  
3 PL } to be issued by 1900 hrs.  
ARTY )

Administration - to be issued by 1900 hrs.

Intercommunication - to be issued by 1900 hrs.

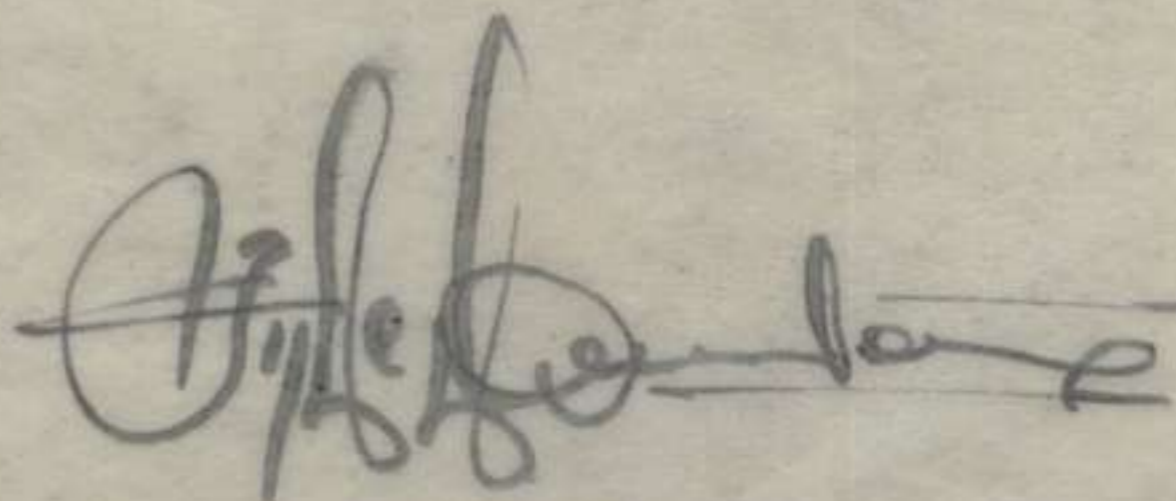
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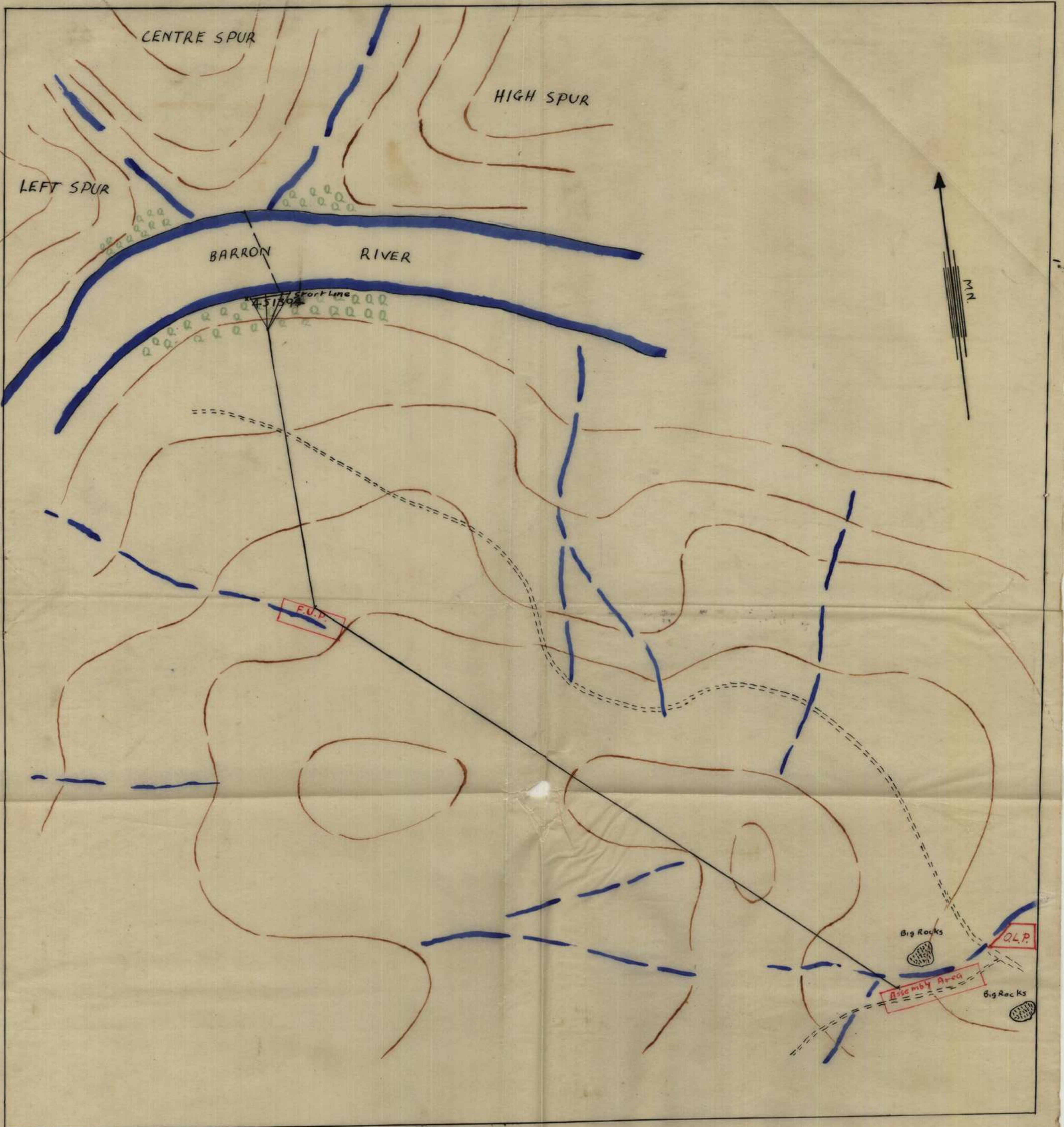
  
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# FIELD SKETCH 2/31 BN RIVER CROSSING EXERCISE

Ref Map GORDONVALE 1 inch to 1 mile

Appx A



Tape —————  
 Axis of Crossing - - - - -  
 Map Ref of Crossing Area 451394

APPROX SCALE 2" to 100 yds

Appx B

CENSUS OF SERVICE 2/31 AUST INF BN

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12 Feb 45

Coy	Number of Pers under 1 yrs Service	Number over 1 yr and under 2 yrs	Number over 2 yrs and under 3 yrs	Number over 3 yrs and under 4 yrs	Number over 4 yrs and under 5 yrs	Total	Numbers of Orig Members of Bn & D Coy	
							D Coy	BN
BHQ	20	21	25	12	11	89	2	6
HQ	89	39	62	45	34	269	5	27
A	44	24	27	18	9	122	-	2
B	38	11	38	18	11	116	3	7
C	29	25	29	26	12	121	1	12
D	47	22	12	23	16	120	12	4
BN	267	142	193	142	93	837	23	58

Percentage 31.91%

16.96

23.06

16.96

11.11

100%

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

HQ 7 Aust Div  
12 Feb 45

7 AUST DIV ADM INSTR NO A5/45.

VISIT - HRH, THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.

1. The Governor-General, HRH The DUKE OF GLOUCESTER, is to visit 7 Aust Div Area on 13 Feb 45.

2. Itinerary:

See Appendix "A" attached.

3. Route:

See Appendix "B" attached.

4. Traffic Control:

(a) Arrangements DAPM 7 Aust Div.

(b) Roads in Div Area:

1000 hrs - 1300 hrs : All roads will be closed to vehicular traffic.

1300 hrs - 1345 hrs : All roads open.

1345 hrs - 1500 hrs : All roads closed.

1500 hrs - 1600 hrs : Roads South of road junction 480353 closed - all other roads open.

1600 hrs : All roads open.

5. Dress:

(a) All ranks will wear :

Shirts.

Slacks.

Boots with gaiters.

Hats turned down, except as in sub para (b) below.

(b) Officers of the rank of Brigadier will wear caps.

(c) Separate instructions will be issued for Div Guard of Honour.

6. Guard of Honour:

7 Aust Div Guard of Honour comprises :

Cmdr : Maj N PEACH.

Offrs : Lt R GAMBLE  
Lt McDONALD.

OR's : 120 : from 18, 21, 25 Aust Inf Bdes and RAA 7 Aust Div.

DISTRIBUTION : LIST "E".

*Marking May*  
Lt-Col

AA & QMG 7 AUST DIV

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Appendix "A" to 7 Aust Div  
ADM INSTR A5/45.

ITINERARY FOR VISIT OF GOVERNOR GENERAL - HRH DUKE OF GLOUCESTER  
7 AUST DIV AREA 13 FEB 45.

Ref Map : GORDONVALE : 1 in to 1 mile.

SERIAL	MAP REFERENCE	TIME	EVENT	REMARKS
1	464311	1015 hrs	GOC 7 Aust Div meets HRH Party. 7 Aust Div Pro escorts from this point.	GOC : Maj-Gen E J MILFORD DSO Staff : ADC : Lt R LYALL GSO I : Lt-Col E R WILMOTH MC AA&QMG : Lt-Col K C C LAHEY
			HRH views march past of 21 Aust Inf Bde Gp, marching at ease and proceeding on five day exercise. Party thence proceeding slowly through remainder of column.	Comd : Brig. I N DOUGHERTY DSO Staff: BM Maj. L E WALCOTT SC Capt H M HAMILTON Order of March 21 Aust Inf Bde Gp 2/5 Aust Cav (Cdo) Sqn. 2/27 Aust Inf Bn 2/14 Aust Inf Bn HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde 2/16 Aust Inf Bn 2/1 Aust Pnr Bn. Tps marching at ease in file on each side of road. All Officers will salute; no other compliments will be paid.
2	480364	1040 hrs	HRH arrives Guard area, and inspects 7 Aust Div Guard of Honour.	Officers of the Guard : Comd : Maj N PEACH Officers : Lt R A GAMBIE Lt G G McDONALD
3		1050 hrs	Party moves on foot to DID and inspects issuing of rations to Units.	CAASC : Lt-Col H MURPHIE present at entrance at DID.



SERIAL	MAP REFERENCE	TIME	EVENT	REMARKS
4	478364	1054 hrs	HRH party met by Comd 18 Aust Inf Bde at exit DID area; moves on foot to 2/10 Aust Inf Bn Training area; met by COs 2/10 and 2/12 Aust Inf Bns; views Inf and specialist Pl training.	COs present at entrance to 2/10 Aust Inf Bn Training area : CO 2/10 Aust Inf Bn Lt-Col T J DALY CO 2/12 Aust Inf Bn Lt-Col C C F BOURNE
5		1105 hrs	Departs 2/10 Aust Inf Bn and moves slowly through 2/12 Aust Inf Bn personnel lining road, to 2/9 Aust Inf Bn area.	
6		1108 hrs	Arrives HQ 2/9 Aust Inf Bn; met by CO; views weapon training and gun drill. Lecture by Aust Army Education Service.	CO 2/9 Aust Inf Bn Lt-Col A J LEE MC not permit.
7		1118 hrs	Departs 2/9 Aust Inf Bn and moves slowly along East-West road, through lines of AAMC, AAOC, AEME personnel on side of road. Alternative route from road junc 470375 to road junc 480388 to HQ 25 Aust Inf Bde may be used, if East-West road from road junc 470375 to road junc 485373 is impassable to wheeled vehicles. See Appx "B" attached.	Troops will stand to attention; officers only will salute. If alternative road is used, troops will take up new positions accordingly.
8	486382	1130 hrs	Arrives entrance 2/31 Aust Inf Bn - met by Comd 25 Aust Inf Bde and staff.	Comd : Brig K W EATHER OBE DSO ED Staff : BM Maj G E LYON SC Capt R H PRIOL.
9		1135 hrs	2/33 Aust Inf Bn march past; CO falls cut at Saluting Base.	CO 2/33 Aust Inf Bn Lt-Col T R W COTTON MC If the alternative route, as shown in Appx "B" attached, is used, 2/33 Aust Inf Bn will march along main road, turning left into branch road past HQ 25 Aust Inf Bde.

SERIAL	MAP REFERENCE	TIME	EVENT	REMARKS
10		1140 hrs	Party moves on foot to 2/31 Aust Inf Bn Miniature range; met by CO; views Small Arms Practice.	CO 2/31 Aust Inf Bn Lt-Col E M ROBSON
11		1155 hrs	Departs 2/31 Aust Inf Bn Training area; proceeds along main road to road junc 500383, thence to RAA area.	
12		1205 hrs	Arrives RAA area; met by CRA and COs 2/4, 2/5, 2/6 Aust Fd Regts and CO 2/2 Aust Tk A Regt.  Views Fd Regt training : Maintenance Gun Drill Squad Drill Miniature layout.	CRA Brig G H O'BRIEN OBE CO 2/4 Aust Fd Regt Lt-Col A J BLYTH ADM COMD 2/5 Aust Fd Regt Maj A J HUMBLEY CO 2/6 Aust Fd Regt Lt-Col F M ST JOHN CO 2/2 Aust Tk A Regt : Lt-Col H W NELSON
13		1220 hrs	Proceeds by car to 2/2 Aust Tk A Regt area, completing circuit slowly, thence along artillery road to main road.	
14		1235 hrs	Party moves from road junc 500383 along main road to HQ 7 Aust Div, passing slowly through personnel of Sigs 7 Aust Div on side of road.	Troops will stand to attention; Officers only will salute.
15	511398	1245 hrs	Arrives HQ 7 Aust Div. Lunch in GOC's Mess.	
16		1400 hrs	Departs HQ 7 Aust Div; proceeds to RAE Training Area via main road.	
17	510383	1405 hrs	Arrives RAE Training Area; met by CRE	CRE : Lt-Col N R FELBART

SERIAL	MAP REFERENCE	TIME	EVENT	REMARKS
			Views demonstration given to Fd Coys by NCOs of Bridging School, in the following :	
			Bailey Bridge ARC Mesh Flying fox and field machines Mine laying.	
18		1415 hrs	Departs RAE Training area, moves along main road past 2/25 Aust Inf Bn carrying out infantry training (bull ring), in areas adjoining road; party then moves along main road to bend in road at 480367, thence through 2/4 Aust Pnr Bn marching at ease; thence to road KAIRI - MAPEE	Head of marching column to reach road junc 480362 at approximately 1425 hrs.
19	474355	1440 hrs	Arrives 2/1 Aust M G Bn Training area; met by CO. Party moves on foot through area and views following training : Direct and indirect fire Stripping and assembling.	CO 2/1 Aust M G Bn Lt-Col A G HAUPT
20		1448 hrs	Departs 2/1 Aust MG Bn training area and proceeds to road junc 470356.	
21	470356	1450 hrs	Arrives 2/7 Aust Cav (Cdc) Regt training area; met by CO. Proceeds training area; views following training : Ground-Air Code Training Unarmed Combat Booby Traps Lashings TsQET All Weapons Message Writing.	CO 2/7 Aust Cav (Cdc) Regt Lt-Col N L FLEAY DSO

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SERIAL	MAP REFERENCE	TIME	EVENT	REMARKS
22	468358	1500 hrs	Departs 7 Aust Div Area. GOC leaves party. 7 Aust Div Pro escort remains with party until relieved at railway crossing KAIRI	
	465333			

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APPX B' to 7 AUST DIV  
ADM INSTR N° A5/45

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Scale 2 Ins to 1 Mile

SECRET2/31 AUST INF BNCOPY NO. 15  
18 Feb 45ADM INSTR NO. 8

1. A and C Coys will partake in an exercise at WALSH RIVER Arty Range ref map HERBERTON 1" to 1 mile 253176. 20 - 22 Feb - to return a.m. 23 Feb; 3 pl will carry out shoot a.m. 21 - 22 Feb.
2. Object of Exercise: A and C Coys to illustrate method of employing star shell in sup. of the def.
3. Attacking force - A Coy  
Def. force - C Coy
4. Movement: M.T. (1) Order of march C.O.  
A Coy  
C Coy  
3 Pl  
YICA  
(ii) S.T. 0815 hrs 20 Feb  
(iii) S.P. Guard tent.  
(iv) Route. ATHERTON - rd jun. <sup>431068 391037</sup> 430073 - ~~397046~~ - 290126.
5. Medical: (i) S.B's normal.  
(ii) Sjt YUIE will establish R.A.P. move with A Coy  
(iii) Q.M. will provide atebirin sups.
6. Weapons: (i) A and C Coys normal.  
(ii) 3 Pl. - 8 Mor 3".  
(iii) A and C Coys each 1 VEREY pistol.
7. Amn (i) 10 rounds blank - per man.  
(ii) 350 Mor 3" H.E.  
(iii) 12 Mor 3" SMOKE.  
(iv) 24 1" Green.  
(v) 24 1" Red.
8. Transport: C.O. - 1 Jeep and Trailer.  
Allotment A Coy - 7 x 3 ton  
C Coy - 7 x 3 ton  
3 Pl - 3 x 3 ton  
QM - 2 x 3 ton  
19  
Will report sub-unit lines 0800 hrs 20 Feb.
9. Sups: (i) Midday meal 20 Feb - cut lunch.  
(ii) Evening meal 20 Feb - cooked in camp - a.m.  
20 Feb to arrive not later than 1700 hrs.  
(iii) One cookhouse to be established p.m. 20 Feb.  
(iv) 2 x 3 ton truck available to QM  
20 Feb thereafter 1 x 3 ton truck.  
(v) Water to be drawn from WALSH RIVER.  
Sjt YUIE will supervise purifying.
10. Dress: Battle order incl tents shelter halves and mosquito nets.
11. Picks and shovels normal also machetes.

12. Blankets: 2 per man rolled in sec. bundles of 10 in sub-unit lines by 0800 hrs 20 Feb to be carried in tp carrying M.T.
13. Amenities: ( i) Me ENGLISH will arrange public address system and records.  
(ii) N.C.O. i/c canteen will arrange tobacco and beer delivery p.m. 21 Feb.
14. Comms: ( i) 3 x 108 Mark111 - sig personnel will be attached A and C Coys.  
( ii) S.C.R. 536 - normal.  
(iii) Line - 2 x 1 ml cable  
3 x D5 telp.

15. Ack.

Method of issue - runner

Time of Signature ... 191100K

..... *Montgomery* ..... Lt.  
A/Adjt.

Distribution:

A Coy	Copy No. 1
C Coy	2
HQ Coy	3
3 Pl	4
Sigs Oftr	5
QM	6
TO	7
RSM	8
RMO	9
MR ENGLISH	10
C.O.	11
ADJT	12
File	13
War Diary	14/15
Spares	16/18.

*Just Done.*

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BHQ  
8 Feb 45.

"A" Coy, "C" Coy, "H" Coy (3 & 4 Pl)

ALTERATION IN SYLLABUS FOR WEEK  
ENDING 18 Feb 45.

All Sub-units

12 Feb	-	As per Serial 3
13 Feb	-	As per Serial 5
14 Feb	-	Adm - Organised Sport
15 Feb	-	Free
16, 17, 18 Feb	-	Star Shell Shoot - Wash River Arty Range

Adj. 2/31 Aust Inf Bn. Lt.



2/31 AUST INF BN  
 H Coy 1 2 3 4 5 Pls TRAINING SYLLABUS Period 19-25 Feb : 7-11 Mar 44.

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Serial No.	Date	Coy	0745-0845	0845-0930	0930-1015	1030-1100	1100-1145	1300-1345	1345-1430	1430-1530
	Mon 19 Feb	H Coy 12345 Pls	Inspection Close order Drill	Rifle	LMG	Appln of fire	Bayonet	OSMG	Gren	Theory small arms fire
	Tues 20 Feb		"	Rifle	LMG	"	Bayonet	OSMG	GREN	"
	Wed 21 Feb		"	Rifle	LMG	"	Bayonet	OSMG	Gren	"
	Thur 22 Feb		"	Rifle	LMG	"	Bayonet	OSMG	Gren	"
	Fri 23 Feb		"	Rifle	LMG	"	2" Mor	PITA	Impregnation of clothing	"
	Sat 24 Feb		7 Aust Div Race Meeting - Free							
	Sun 25 Feb		Church Parades - Free							

HQ COY - 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 PLS - TRAINING SYLLABUS, period 19-25 Feb  
7-11 Mar

Seri No	DATE	COY	0745 0845	0845 0930	0930 1015	1030 1100	1100 1145	1300 1345	1345 1430	1430 1530
	7 Wed Mar	HQ 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 Pls	Inspection Close Order Drill	Rifle	LMG	Applicat- ion of fire	2" Mor	PITA	Fire Ord- ers : Indication of Targets	Theory Small Arms Fire
	8 Thu Mar	"	"	Rifle	LMG	"	2" Mor	PITA	"	RMO Cholera Malaria etc
	9 Fri Mar	"	"	Rifle	LMG	"	2" Mor	PITA	"	Pl Cond General discu- ssion CAB
	10 Sat Mar	"	BN PDE		Coy	Adm			Organised	Swim
	11 Sun Mar	"	CHURCH		PDES				FRME	

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13 Feb 45

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2/31 AUST INF BN  
HQ Coy 1 Pl . TRAINING SYLLABUS 26 Feb 45 to 6 Mar 45

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Date	0745 0845	0845 0930	0930 1030	1030 1145	1245 1345	1345 1430	1430 1530
Mon 26	Pl Inspection & Drill	Morse	E & M	Procedure R/T	Cables & Types	LSDSR	Aldis Lamp
Tue 27	"	Morse	Dv Description and tests	10 Line UC	Knots & Joints	Message, Form & writing	Procedure W/T
Wed 28	"	Morse	Sig Office Working	Super- posing	Group Working	Flag Semaphore & Morse	
Thur 1	"	Morse	E & M	Test & Main. Instruments.	108 Desc. and working whole afternoon.		
Fri 2	"	Morse	Cable, Laying & Maint.	Proc. Sign- als & Phon- etic Alphan- et	EARTH AND METALLIC GROUPS		
Sat 3	" & Bn Parade		Revision		Sport		
Mon 5	"	Morse	E & M	Procedure	Wireless	Practical	
Tues 6	"	Morse	Sig Office Working	Signal Procedure	Superposing	Abbreviations	Questions

NIGHT EXERCISES. Tuesday 27 1900 Hrs LSDSR & Aldis Lamp Practical  
 Thur. 1 1900 Hrs 108 Group Working  
 Mon. 6 1900 Hrs LSDSR & Aldis Lamps.

2/31 AUST INF BN

HQ Coy 2 Pl : TRAINING SYLLABUS 26 Feb 45 to 6 Mar 45.

Date	0745 0830	0830 0915	0915 1000	1015 1100	1100 1145	1300 1345	1345 1430	1430 1530
Mon 26	EGD 45 Take Post	Inst. 29 Tangent Sight	Maint. & Cleaning	EGD 46 Mount Gun	Mec. 2 Firing Action	EGD Load & unload	Maint. 8 E.T.A.	EGD 48 Action Cease firing
Tue 27	EGD 49 Clear Gun	Mec 3 Back movement	EGD 15 Laying	Maint. 9 E.T.A. Contd.	Mec 4 Back move of lock	EGD 51 Stop, Go on.	Mec 5 Forward move of Lock	Maint. 10 Prep. for Firing
Wed 28	EGD 52 Adj. of clamp	Stoppage 21 1st Position	Maint 11 Points dur- ing firing	Stoppages 22, 2nd Posn	EGD 53-4 Traverse	Less. 13 Stripping	EGD 55 Controlled Directs. Direct	Less. 19 Spare Parts Box
Thur 1	Stoppages 3rd Posn.	EGD 56 Cont- rolled correct- ion indirect	Less 20 Canaleure Packing	Stripp- ing Gun	Recapit. Mech.	Stoppages 34-4 posn.	Stripping 15 Lock	Recapit. EGD
Fri 2	Stripping 16 Feed Bl.	Less 25 Spec. Stoppages	Less. 36 Elev.	Less. 27 Wheel Repairs	Stripp. 17 Change barrel w/o loss water	Signals Sec 13	Recapit. Stoppages	Stripping Component Parts
Sat 3	BATTALION PARADE						SPORT	
Mon 4	TESTS OF ELEMENTARY TRAINING							
Tues 5								
6								

NIGHT EXERCISES: Tues. 27 Night Aiming  
Fri. 2 Night Stoppages

2/31 AUST INF BN  
 HQ Coy 3 P1 TRAINING SYLLABUS 26 Feb 45 to 6 Mar 45

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Date	0745 0845	0845 0930	0930 1015	1030 1130	1245 1330	1330 1415	1415 1500	1500 1530	NIGHT
Mon 26	Inspection & Drill	Introduction & Characteristics	General Description of Mortar	Description of sight	Less 13. Fall in Take Post	Less 14 Mount Mortar	Less 15 Dismount Mortar	Maintenance	Night
Tues 27	"	Recap. Less. 13 & 15	Less. 6 Aiming	Less. 7 Laying for Direction	Less 8 Laying for Elevation	Less 9 Laying for Elev & Direct.	Less 10 Night Aiming	Less 39 Occup. of posn by night	
Wed 28	"	Recap Less 6-9 2 Less 13-15	Less 16 & 17 Mount & Dismount (Rough GD)	Less 18-19 Proc. on charge & Lay Mortar	Less 20 To lay on posts	Recap. Less. 18-20	Less 21 Auxiliary Aiming Marks	Maintenance	
Thu 1	"	Recap all lessons to date	Recap all lessons to date	Lesson 22 Prepare to fire, Fire		Lesson 23 Action cease firing	Lesson 38 Recce for posns Night Occup.	Less 39 Occup. of posn by night.	
Fri 2	"	Recap. Less 22 & 23	Less. 24 Controlled corrections	Less. 24 Controlled corrections	Less. 25 Rapid correct.	Recapitulation all lessons to date	"		
Sat 3	BATTALION PARADE							SPORT	
Mon 5	"	Recap all lessons to date	Recap all lessons to date	Lesson 26 Action on misfire	Recap. all lessons Taught			Maintenance	
Tue 6	Tests of elementary drill				Tests of Elementary Training		Less 38 Recce for Night Occupation	Less 39 Night Occupati on	

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2/31 AUST INF BN  
 HQ Coy 4 Pl TRAINING SYLLABUS 26 Feb to 6 Mar 1945

Date	0745 0845	0845 0930	0930 1015	1030 1100	1100 1130	1245 1315	1315 1400	1400 1500	1500 1530
Mon 26	Coy Inspection, Pde & Drill	Elem. Drill.	Examine Equip. Prepare for action	Firing Mech	Platform drill.	Sights	Mech. Breach & Striker	Action & Cease Firing	Daily Maint.
Tues 27	"	Platform Drill	To Lay Gun	Mech. Traversing Gear	Emergency Action	Load, Fire & Unload	Missfire Drill	"	"
Wed 28	"	Platform Drill & use of Setter.	Sights & Telescopes	Emergency Action & Cease fire	Missfire Drill	To fill Buffer	Simple Ballistics	"	"
Thur 1 March	"	Sight Testing	Platform Drill	Basic Structure	Piece & Cradle	Mech. Buffer	Amn.	"	"
Fri 2	"	Drill-Stop, Go on, rest, Stand Easy	Mech. Elev. Gear	Superstructure & Pivot	WEEKLY MAINTENANCE				
Sat 3	BN PARADE	REVISION			SPORTS & ADLN.				
Sun 4	CHURCH	PARADES			FREE				
Mon 5	Coy Pde Inspection & Drill	Elem. Drill, Cease Fire.	Action &	Mech. Breach. & Elev. Gears.	Trav.	Drill-Emerg. action & Missfire.	M.I. Basic Structure	Daily Maint.	"
Tues 6	"	Sights, Telescopes & Sight Testing.		Buffer Filling & Buffer Mech.		Drill-Examine Equip., Prepare for Action, Laying & Missfire.	M.I. Piece & Superstructure	"	"
<u>NIGHT EXERCISE.</u>									
	Tues. 27 Feb.	1900 hrs to 2100 hrs.			Approach to position & marking of Gun Pit with tapes.				
	Thur. 1 Mar.	"	"	"	"	Digging of Gun Pit.			
	Tues. 6 Mar.	"	"	"	"	Occupation of Position by night.			

HQ COY - 5 PL - TRAINING SYLLABUS - 26 Feb to 6 Mar 45

DATE	0745 -- 0845	0845 -- 1145	1245 -- 1530	NIGHT EXERCISE
Mon 26	Coy Inspection Pde and Drill	Cordage, Knots and Lashings	Lawyer Vines	
Tue 27	"	Blocks, Tackles and Holdfasts	Construction of Swinging Derrick	Compass March
Wed 28	"	Construction of Standing Derrick	Construction of Gyn	
Thu 1	"	Construction of Sheer Logs	Construction of Holdfasts	Construction of Standing Derrick
Fri 2	"	Construction of Field Ropeway		
Sat 3	BN	PDE	SPORTS	
Mon 5	Coy Inspection Pde and Drill	Explosive and Lectures	Practical Handling of Explosives	
Tue 6	"	Practical	Handling of	Explosives

REMARKS:

- (1) 3 Pl - WALSH RIVER Arty Range - 20/24 Feb. syllabus will be stepped back by this interruption so that on return, same sequence of syllabus will be followed but will be completed after 11 Mar.
- (2) Night Exercise - 1900 to 2100 hrs - 20 and 22 Feb: 8 Mar.
- (3) In respect of weapons covered by training syllabus Pl Comd will follow progressively relevant SAT Pam.



Training Syllabus for Week Ending ----- 11 Feb 45

Serial No	Date	Coy	0745 -- 1145		1245 -- 1530	
			Miniature		Range	
1	Mon 5 Feb	A	Coy Drill : Rifle :		Bren : Grenade	
2		HQ				
		B				
		C				
		D	Coy Drill : OSG : PITA :		2" Mortar : Bayonet	
3	C					
4	A					
5	HQ					
		B	As for		Serial 1	
6	B					
7	A					
	C					
8	Tue 7 Feb	HQ	As for		Serial 5	
		B				
		C				
		D				
9	Wed 8 Feb	B	As for		Serial 1	
		A				
		C				
		D				
10	Thu 9 Feb	HQ	Coy Drill : Specialist Trg		Specialist Trg	
		A				
		B				
		C				
11	Fri 10 Feb	A	BN PDE : Adm		Organised Swim	
		B				
		C				
		D				
12	Sat 11 Feb	HQ	BN PDE : A/Gas : Map and Compass		Organised Swim	
		B				
		C				
		D				
13	Sun 12 Feb	A	F R N E		Organised Sport	
		B				
		C				
		D				
14	Mon 13 Feb	HQ	Coy Drill : Adm		Organised Sport	
		B				
		C				
		D				

Serial No	Date	Coy	0745 -- 1145	1245 -- 1530
16	Sun	A	Move out to WALSH RIVER	Arty Range • Star Shell Shoot
17	11 Feb	HQ B D	CHURCH	PDES  FREE

REMARKS:

- (1) Night exercise • All Coys - 6 and 8 Feb.
- (2) Pls when not engaged on Miniature Range will undergo Weapon Trg.
- (3) All Weapon Trg will include mutual instruction
- (4) Band will be available on Pds Ground for Coy Drill. Coy Comds will liaise to arrange times.
- (5) In the organised swim period all ranks will be practised in packing clothing and arms in groundsheet, and in ferrying this Non-swimmers will be instructed.
- (6) Sigs Sjt will arrange for lecture by Coys to Offrs and NCOs on care, maintenance and handling of SCR 536.

IN THE FIELD

29 Jan 45

*McDonald*  
 ASST/ADJT ----- 2/31 Aust Inf Bn  
 LT

TRAINING SYLLABUS for Week Ending 18 FEB 45

Serial No	Date	Coy	0745 --- 1145		1245 --- 1530	
1	Mon 12 Feb	A } C }	WALSH	RIVER	Arty	Range
2		B	Miniature			
3		D	OSMG : PITA		2" Mortar	LMG
4	Tue 13 Feb	A } C }	WALSH	RIVER	Arty	Range
5		B	Coy Drill: Map and Compass: A/Gas		Pl Comd's General discussion : Bayonet	
6		D	Miniature		Range	
7	Wed 14 Feb	A } C }	Return from	WALSH	RIVER	Arty Range
8		B	Sp Arms	-- 25 Pr	Coy Drill	: LMG + Rifle
9		D	Coy Drill	LMG	Rifle	Sp Arms -- 25 Pr
10	Thu 15 Feb	A	As	for	Serial	8
11		C	As	for	Serial	9
12		B	Sp Arms	-- 6 Pr	Coy Drill : OSMG : PITA : Grenade	
13	D	Coy Drill : OSMG : PITA : Grenade		Sp Arms	-- 6 Pr	
14	Fri 16 Feb	A	As	for	Serial	12
15		C	As	for	Serial	13
16		B } D }	R O U T E		M A R C H	
17	Sat 17 Feb	All Coys	Bn Pde	: Coy Adm	Organised	Sport
18	Sun 18 Feb	H } A } B } C } D }	CHURCH	PDE	FREE	

REMARKS

(1) HQ Coy - 12 Feb to incl 16 Feb:

1, 5 and 6 Pls - Camp Duties  
2 Pl - School  
3 and 4 Pls - 11, 12, 13 and 14 Feb WALSH RIVER Arty Range and Return.

15 Feb - As for Serial 10 A Coy  
16 Feb - As for Serial 14 A Coy

(2) (a) 2/6 Aust Fd Regt will supply 25 Pr and instructors  
(b) 2/2 Aust Tk/A Regt will supply 6 Pr and instructors

(3) (a) One Cpl each A, B, C, and D Coys will instruct 2/6 Aust Fd Regt on  
2" Mortar, PITA, Discharger Cmp and Grenade.

(b) Two dets 3 Pl will instruct 2/6 Aust Fd Regt


(c) Dates - AM 12 Feb : 2/6 Aust Fd Regt M.T will collect instructors at 0745  
AM 16 Feb hrs

(4) DANBULLA Range practise 15 Feb is cancelled.

(5) Air co-operation : Two A/C are available 1030 hrs to 1200 hrs 17 Feb.  
Allotment of Offrs etc will be made.

(6) Sigs Ofcr will arrange two one-hourly periods for each Coy on Semaphore.

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## A, B, C and D COY TRAINING SYLLABUS for period 19 FEB - 11 MAR 44

Serial No	DATE	0745 0845	0845 0930	0930 1015	1030 1100	1100 1145	1300 1345	1345 1430	1430 1530
1	Mon 19	Inspection Rifle Exercises: Close Order Drill	Rifle	Theory Small Arms Fire		Bren LMG	Rifle	Bayonet	Bren LMG
2	Tue 20	"	Rifle	"		"	Rifle	"	"
3	Wed 21	"	Rifle	"		"	Rifle	"	"
4	Thu 22	"	Rifle	"		"	Rifle	"	"
5	Fri 23	"	Rifle	"		"	Rifle	"	"
6	Sat 24	Bn Pde	Rifle	"		"	Coy Adm : Organised Sport		
7	Sun 25	CHURCH PDES			FREE				
8	Mon 26	Inspection Rifle Exercises: Close Order Drill	Rifle	Theory Small Arms Fire		OSMG	Rifle	Bayonet	Gren
9	Tue 27	"	Rifle	"		OSMG	Rifle	"	Gren
10	Wed 28	"	OSMG	"		OSMG	A/Gas	"	Gren
11	Thu 1 Mar	"	OSMG	"		OSMG	Impregnation of Clothing	"	Gren
12	Fri 2	"	Gren	"		OSMG	Gren	"	Gren

Serial No	DATE	0745 0845	0845 0930	0930 1015	1030 1100	1100 1145	1300 1345	1345 1430	1430 1530
13	Sat 3	Bn Pde	2" Mor	Application of Fire	2" Mor		Adm	: Organised Sport	
14	Sun 4	CHURCH	PDES		FREE				
15	Mon 5	Inspection Rifle Exercises Close Order Drill	Rifle	2" Mor	Bren LMG	2" Mor	PITA		A/Gas
16	Tue 6	"	Rifle	2" Mor	Bren LMG	2" Mor	PITA		Map and Compass
17	Wed 7	"	Gren	2" Mor	PITA	Applicat- ion of Fire	2" Mor	PITA	Application of fire
18	Thu 8	"	Map and Compass	2" Mor	Application of Fire		PITA	2" Mor	PITA
19	Fri 9	"	Fire Orders	-----	Recognition	of	Targets		
20	Sat 10	Bn Pde	Fire Orders	-----	Recognition	of	Targets		
21	Sun 11	CHURCH	PDES		FREE				

REMARKS:

- (a) The following special training serials will be undertaken during period 19 Feb - 11 Mar 44:-

Serial No	DATE	TIME	Sub-Unit	Event	Remarks
1	19	1030-1200 1330-1500	Officers detailed	Aircraft Cp-operation	Scheme submitted HQ 25 Aust Inf Bde
2	20	0830 1200	B Coy D Coy	Visual Training	Times and nos will be allotted
3	20/23		A and C Coys	Star Shell Shoot	WALSH RIVER Arty Range: return AM 23 Feb
4	22		B and D Coys	BLACK ROCK Mor Range	2" Mor will be fired: allotment of Amn etc later
5	24		All Coys	7 AUST DIV Race Meeting	Free Day
6	28		All Coys	Bde NCO Cadre commences	Students will be detailed

Syllabus will be set back to allow for above serials so that trg set out will be completed in the syllabus sequence but in a longer time.

- (b) Night Exercise - 1900 - 2100 hrs : 20, 22 and 27 Feb.  
1, 6 and 8 Mar.
- (c) In respect of each weapon in syllabus, Coy Comds will follow progressively the relevant SAT Pam.

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13 Feb 45

  
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CINEMA ITINERARY

Owing to the inclement weather Mobile Cinema Nos 114 and 115 will show at Nos 1 and 2 Concert Theatres respectively every night each week (exclusive Mondays) until further notice.

Personnel will attend ONLY on the nights allotted their respective units. This unit has been allocated to the Theatre for this week. Date Friday 2 Feb. Show time 8.00 pm. Open to all units on Saturday evening.

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COMD 2/31 AUST INF BN

IN THE FIELD

THURSDAY

1 FEB 45

566 DUTIES  
 ORDERLY OFFICER.....LT MONTGOMERIE, L.M.  
 NEXT FOR DUTY.....LT FOGO, W.H.  
 ORDERLY NCO .....L/CPL WODE, G.E.  
 DUTY COY.....A COY  
 NEXT FOR DUTY.....B COY

567 LIBRARY.

The unit is grateful to the Girl Guides Association of Queensland, for 350 stiff covered books which have been received by the YMCA.

A letter of thanks and appreciation has been sent to the Girl Guides Association of Q'land from the unit.

*[Signature]*  
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PART 2

CORRIGENDUM

SX 15858 Lt WALKER, D.W. (D) TOS 23/1/45 Ex 4ARTB(JW) Previously shown as  
 NX 15858 " " " " " " " " " " " "

TRANSFERS.

NX 8077	Capt	HAYES.	H.	(B)	RTU	30/1/45	Ex Det 7 Aust Div
NX 15490	Pte	VIDIER.	L.D.	(B)	"	"	" " " " " "
NX 80647	"	MCCOLL.	D.F.	(A)	TOS	"	" Gen Reinf.
WX 40939	"	COUSINS.	A.J.	(HQ)	"	31/1/45	" 2/1 Con Depot
SX 18999	"	POBKE.	J.A.	(B)	"	"	" " " " " "
VX 19070	Sgt	SEEX	W.H.	(HQ)	RTU	1/2/45	" MG Course 2/1 Aust MG Bn
QX 20885	Cpl	SCHOFIELD	R.D.	( " )	"	"	" " " " " " " "
"	"	"	"	"	SJS	"	Attending F.A.A Regt Trg School MMG Course No 18
VX 19070	Sgt	SEEX	W.H.	(HQ)	"	"	" " " " " " " "
NX 15286	Sgt	BROWN.	K.M.	( " )	"	"	Attending F.A.A Regt Trg School Jun Leaders Weapon Trg No 19
QX 59105	Pte	VIDIER.	S.C.	(HQ)	"	30/1/45	Evac 2/5 CCS
SX 25639	Pte	HELLING	K.E.	( C )	"	31/1/45	" " " "

FOR CINEMA ITINERARY PLEASE SEE BACK OF PAGE.



CINEMA ITINERARY.

Owing to the inclement weather Mobile Cinemas Nos 114 and 113 will show at Nos 1 and 2 Concert Theatres respectively every night each week, (exclusive Mondays) until further notice.

Personnel will attend ONLY on the nights allotted their respective units. This unit has been allotted No 1 Theatre for this week, Date Friday 2 Feb. Both Theatres will be open to all units on Sunday evening 4 th Feb.

All members will wear hats with colour patch on the band to denote unit otherwise they will not be admitted.

Programme to be screened at both Theatres is as follows:-

FEATURES.

"BLONDIE'S BLESSED EVENT" (Penny Singleton/Arthur Lake)  
"A MAN'S WORLD" (Roger Prior)

SHORTS. News from Home No 121.

Mobile Cinema No 111 (Open air) will be screening:-

"NO TIME FOR COMEDY" (Rosalind Russell/James Stewart)  
"Happy Faces" (Short)

at the following locations:-

	<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION.</u>
TUE	30 JAN .....	-
WED	31 " .....	-
THU	1 FEB .....	2/4 Aust Pnr Bn
FRI	2 " .....	8 2/14Bn
SAT	3 " .....	7 Cav Regt
SUN	4 " .....	RAA.

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IN THE FIELD

FRIDAY

2 FEB 45

568 DUTIES

ORDERLY OFFICER.....LT BOND W.K.  
 NEXT FOR DUTY.....LT WHITWORTH A.C.  
 ORDERLY NCO.....L/CPL WALKER E.R.  
 DUTY COY.....B COY  
 NEXT FOR DUTY.....G COY

569 AUDIT BOARD.

LT L.M. MONTGOMERIE has been appointed as third member of the unit Audit Board. The Board now stands as:-  
 Capt A.J.M. LEWINGTON.  
 Lt L.M. MONTGOMERIE.  
 Cpl N.K. SINCLAIR.

570 PAY BOOKS.

Pay books will not be folded in two but will be kept flat in the waterproof wallets provided for their use.

*[Signature]*  
 ADJT 2/31 AUST INF BN

PART 2

INTERPOSTINGS.

NX 97828	Ptc	CAMPBELL.	A.S. (D)	Interposted 2/2/45 to HQ Coy
QX 29191	"	YOUNG	C.H. (HQ)	" " " A "
TX 420	WOII	BARNES.	R.L. (HQ)	" " " A "
MX 443	"	BROWN	T.A. (A)	" " " HQ "
NX 36759	Ptc	CARLYLE.	N.L. (HQ)	" " " D "

TRADE GROUPING.

NX 28817 Ptc STEEL. B.L. (HQ) To be Tgll Sig W.R.F. 30/1/45

REVERSION.

QX 16712 L/CPL REDGRAVE. H.J. (B) Reverts to Pte 2/2/45 at own request.

TRANSFERS.

TX 16150	Pte	HAYES	A.P. (HQ)	Evac 2/2 CCS 2/2/45
QX 11920	Sgt	JOHNSTONE	G. (HQ)	RTU 2/2/45 Bx 2/1 Mg Bn
QX 19523	Cpl	CORRIE.	R.M. (H.)	" " " " " "
NX 92761	Ptc	MASON.	J.G. (HQ)	" " " " " "

STATEMENT OF SNACK BAR ACCOUNTS FOR PERIOD ENDING 1 Feb 45.  
PROFIT & LOSS ACCOUNT.

Purchases	£424 4 2	Cash sales	£314 13 10
Profit	17 18 6	Stock	127 9 10
	£442 2 8		£442 2 8

STATEMENT OF POSITION AS AT 1/2/45

<u>Liabilities.</u>		<u>Assets.</u>	
Canteen	£167	Stock 1/2/45	£127 9 10
Profit & Loss	17 18 6	Cash	44 8 8
	£184 18 6	stock Reserve for purchases	13
			184 18 6

SNACK BAR The Snack Bar will NOT be open to-night but will be open tomorrow

CHURCH PARADES Sunday 4 Feb 45.---General Parade 0815 hrs in YMCA Hut  
 Holy Communion 0845 hrs in YMCA Hut.

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IN THE FIELD

SATURDAY

3 FEB 45

571 DUTIES.

ORDERLY OFFICER.....LT A.C.WHITWORTH.  
NEXT FOR DUTY.....LT.G.N. MILLER  
ORDERLY NCO.....L/CPL. MCGILCHRIST.A.E.  
DUTY COY.....C COY  
NEXT FOR DUTY.....D COY.

572 UNIT CANTEEN

Audited Balance Sheet of the Unit Canteen as at 31 January 1945 is as follows:-

Balance in Trust A/c	£	89	12	11
Balance in Change A/c		100	-	-
Cash Held		167	8	11
Stock Held		366	10	4
Loan to Snack Bar		192	-	-
		<u>£915</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>2</u>

Profit and Loss Account for the month of January shows the following position.

To Stock at 31/12/44	£	217	-	5	By Stock 31/1/45	366	10	4	
" Purchases		2059	16	7	"AACCS Sales at a profit.	1645	12	2	
" Expenses and wastage		9	16	2	"Other sales at cost	<u>346</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>11</u>	
" Net Profit (To capital A/c)		72	3	3			1992	6	1
		<u>£2358</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>5</u>			<u>£2358</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>5</u>

*MCGILCHRIST*  
ADJT 2/31 AUST INF BN

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INTERPOSTINGS.  
SX 37255

Pte MCINTYRE T.N.(HQ) Interposted to BHQ 3/2/45

TRANSFERS.  
VX 19070

Sgt SEEX. W.H.(HQ) RTU 3/2/45 Ex FAA MMG Course 18B Wongabel

NX152722

Sgt PITKIN. O.W.(D) Det 3/2/45 to FAA MMG Course 18B Wongabel.

NX 89163

Pte HOPE L.W.(B) TOS 3/2/45 Ex 4 ARTB(JW) Canungra

NX127277

" DAVIDSON.D.B.(HQ) " " " " " "

VX115733

" HUGHES. L.F.(HQ) " " " " " "

NX169517

" WELI ING. N.(HQ) " " " " " "

VX 94754

" YOUNG. D.W.(HQ) " " " " " "

NX178854

" GALVIN. C.(HQ) " " " " " "

VX 9463

" ROBINSON.E.J.(BHQ) " 27/1/45" 2/2 AGH

R.C. MASS:-will be held at 0900hrs.at,2/31 Bn Rec Hut.

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LT-COL E.M. ROBSON

COLD 2/31 AUST INF BN

IN THE FIELD

SUNDAY

4 FEB 45

573. DUTIES.

ORDERLY OFFICER.....	LT G.N. MILLER
NEXT FOR DUTY.....	LT H.D. SMITH
ORDERLY N.C.O.....	L/CPL GARMAN W.G.
DUTY COY.....	D COY.
NEXT FOR DUTY.....	H Q COY.

574. REGIMENTAL FUNDS.

AUDITED STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS AND BALANCE SHEET FOR MONTH ENDING 31 JAN 45.

<u>RECEIPTS</u>			<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		
Jan 1	By Balance	158 16 1	Jan 31	To supp	135 5 2
" 31	Dist. Unit canteen profits	50 - -		(Rationing)	
" 31	Reimb of water charge	1 7 -	" 31	Entertain't	71 6 10
" 31	" from Canteen	8 4 -	" 31	Sporting	14 10 9
" 31	" " Library	1 7 6		Equipment	
" 31	" Dist Gen Canteen profits	68.16.2	" 31	Gen Welfare	15 18 6
" 31	" Reimb Supp Rationing	28 17 5			
" 31	" " Sporting Eqpt	15 - -	2 31	Balance A/C	91 1 11
" 31	" " Adj Postage	10 - -			
	advance held by Post.Sjt				
		<u>£328 3 2</u>			<u>£328 3 2</u>


BALANCE SHEET

LIABILITIES

General A/C	91 1 11
	<u>£91 1 11</u>

ASSETS

Cash at Bank	£59 14 3
Cash in Hand	£21 7 8
Postal Advance	£10 - -
	<u>£91 1 11</u>

  
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PART II

INTERPOSTINGS

NX 174152	pte	KERSCHNER	R.A.	{HQ}	Interposted to {C}	w.e.f.	5 Feb 45.
NX 174876	"	PERRETT	C.A.	{HQ}	" " {C}	"	5 Feb 45.

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IN THE FIELD

MONDAY

5 FEB 45

575 DUTIES

ORDERLY OFFICER.....LT H.D.SMITH  
NEXT FOR DUTY.....LT E.B.PETHERICK  
ORDERLY NCO .....L/CPL STAFF E.H.  
DUTY COY.....HQ COY  
NEXT FOR DUTY.....A COY

*MG O'Rourke H.*

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PART 2

TRANSFERS.

NX125454	Lt	SAWYER	S.E. (HQ)	RTU 4/2/45	Ex FAA School of Sigs
NX 15398	"	NEWELL	N.J. (HQ)	Det 5/2/45	To LHQ Gas School
NX 46733	"	MARSH.	B.K. (HQ)	5/2/45	Ceases to be Attached
NX 50498	Sgt	MADDEN.	T.M. (HQ)	" " " "	" " " "
QX 20930	Pte	DAY	J.R. (HQ)	RTU 4/2/45	Ex FAA School Of Sigs
QX 31848	"	NEWMAN.	L.J. (HQ)	" " " "	" " " "
QX 11794	L/Cpl	NEWTON.	H.E. (HQ)	" " " "	Ex MG Cadre 2/1 Aust MG Bn
NX176049	Pte	HANSLOW	M.W. (")	" " " "	" " " "
VX118130	"	BELL.	D.P. (HQ)	" " " "	" " " "
NX 11415	"	BURNS	A.B. (HQ)	" " " "	" " " "
QX 18680	"	SYMONDS	C.T.R. (B)	Att " Ex 2/2 AGH	
NX 91750	"	KEEVERS.	W. (A)	SOS " Trfd NSW Lof C RR & GDD	For release to industry.
QX 2865	WO11	HARRIS.	A.R. (HQ)	Evac 3/2/45 to 2/2 AGH	
SX 20336	Pte	HANNAM	C.F. (C)	" 5/2/45 to 2/2 CCS	
NX 86074	L/Cpl	BAIN.	G.R. (BHQ)	" " " "	
NX129735	"	DRUHAN.	L.A. (HQ)	" " " "	

--CINEMA ITINERARY--

Mobile Cinemas Nos 113 & 114 will be again showing in No 1 & 2 theatres this week. This Unit has been allotted Friday night 9 Feb at No 1 Theatre. the show being:-

"HONEYMOON IN BALI" (Fred MacMurry/ Madeline Carroll)

Shorts "Date to Skate", "Racing Pigeons", News from Home No 122.

Personnel from all units may attend on Sunday 11 Feb. NOTES Starting time 1900

Mobile Cinema No 111(Open air) will be showing the following:-

" IN THE NAVY" (Abbot & Costello)

Shorts.. "Stranger than Fiction" "Going Places"

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION.</u>
Tue 6 Feb	6 Mg Bn
Wed 7 "	5 18 Bde
Thu 8 "	2/4 Pnr Bn
Fri 9 "	8 2/14 Bn
Sat 10 "	7 Cav Regt
Sun 11 "	RAA

NOTICES----FOOTBALL.

It is intended to begin training for football in the near future-Rugby Aust Rules and Soccer.

For checking purposes calico numbers will be sewn on jerseys. To secure calico personnel are asked to deposit at the I office discarded calico from parcels. NO Pieces too small.

Pers holding shorts jerseys or any football gear are requested to deposit same at the sports store for washing checking and mending.

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COMD 2/31 AUST INF BN

IN THE FIELD

TUESDAY

6 FEB 45

576 DUTIES. ORDERLY OFFICER.....LT E.B. PETHERICK  
 NEXT FOR DUTY.....LT C.D. BRENNAN  
 ORDERLY NCO.....L/CPL RABJOHNS G.A.  
 DUTY COY.....A COY  
 NEXT FOR DUTY.....B COY

577 LAND SETTLEMENT SCHEME.

A return showing personnel who still desire an interview with the Classification Committee of War Service land settlement act of NSW will be submitted by Coys to BHQ by 1200 hrs 7 Feb 45.

*[Handwritten Signature]*  
 ADJT 2/31 AUST INF BN

PART 2

INTERPOSTING.

NX 89163 Pte HOPE L.W. (B) Interposted to BHQ 6/2/45

TRANSFERS.

QX 20414 Cpl ERB R.M. (HQ) Evac 6/2/45 To 2/2 CCS  
 SX 25639 Pte HELLING. K.E. (C) TOS 6/2/45 Ex 2/2 AGH

PROFICIENCY PAY.

Application has been made to grant Proficiency pay to the following pers from dates as shown below.

SX 39556	Pte	HULBERT	C (A)	W.E.F	9/12/44
QX 21003	"	McINTOSH	N.C. (A)	"	16/1/45
SX 18847	"	TOBIN	P.G. (A)	"	12/1/45
VX 91317	"	McNAUGHT	P.C. (BHQ)	"	1/7/43
SX 25532	"	HUGO	F.G. (B)	"	1/7/43
QX 33211	L/Cpl	RYDER	D. (B)	"	12/10/44
NX202655	Pte	QUERPEL.	L.D. (B)	"	11/5/44
TX 15133	"	BENNETT	W.T. (B)	"	3/8/43
VX122673	"	MILDREN.	R.W.D. (B)	"	7/12/44
QX 14966	"	DELLIT	W. (B)	"	25/11/44
NX 86331	"	HAMILTON.	E.C. (C)	"	15/7/44
QX 16606	"	CROOKS.	J. (C)	"	28/12/44
NX 83416	"	CAMERON.	J. (C)	"	6/1/44
QX 37189	"	KATTING	R.G. (C)	"	30/1/44

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IN THE FIELD

WEDNESDAY

7 FEB 45

578 DUTIES. ORDERLY OFFICER.....LT C.D. BRANNAN.  
 NEXT FOR DUTY.....LT I.M. HUMPHRIES  
 ORDERLY NCO .....CPL DALEY A.W.  
 DUTY COY.....B COY  
 NEXT FOR DUTY.....C COY

579 A district Court Martial ordered to assemble by Maj-Gen E.J. Milford Comd 7 AUST DIV was held in the field on 29 Jan 45 for the trial of NX 82150 Pte Phillip Campbell Curtis, 2/31 Aust Inf Bn, On the charge of:-

Army Act W.O.A.S. ABSENTING HIMSELF WITHOUT LEAVE  
Sec 15(1) in that he  
 in the field absented himself without leave from 1900 hrs  
 16 Nov 44 to 1045 hrs 29 Dec 44.  
Plea. Guilty.

FINDING Guilty.

Sentence To be fined the sum of seven pounds ten shillings (£7.10.0)

Confirmed by Maj-Gen E.J. MILFORD. 4 Feb 45

Promulgated by Lt F.H. De Dauntan Adjnt 2/31 Aust Inf Bn 7 Feb 45

The accused will suffer loss of pay in respect of ten(10) days spent by him in close arrest awaiting trial.

President of the Court. Major. B.H. STEVENSON, PPCM 7 AUST DIV.

*[Signature]*  
 ADJNT 2/31 AUST INF BN

PART 2

TRANSFERS.

QX 59105	Pte	VIDLER	S.C.(H)	TOS 7/2/45	Ex 2/2/	AGH
QX 13058	L/Cpl	BETTIENS.	R.(C)	"	"	"
NX 136086	Pte	WALLACE.	W.C.(B)	SOS 7/2/45	M/O to 16	APSC for re-alloc.
QX 19406	"	REES.	T.J.F.(A)	"	"	"
NX 90457	Cpl	PEARSON.	A.A.(A)	Det 7/1/45	to 2/7	Cav Regt
QX 12492	"	BROWN.	F.A.(D)	"	"	"

INTERPOSTINGS.

NX 203170	Pte	WATSON S.H. (B)	Interposted 7/2/45	to Hq Coy
NX 202655	"	QUERIPHEL L.D. (B)	"	" " "

N.O.T.I.C.E.S.

BOXING.

Semi finals for Div boxing tournament will be held to-night at Div arena at 1900hrs.  
 The finals will be held at Div arena on Wed 14 Feb 45.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES.

ROUTINE ORDERS.

PART 1  
by

ISSUE NO 444(580)

LT-COL E.M. ROBSON.

COMD 2/31 AUST INF BN

IN THE FIELD.

FRIDAY

9 FEB 45

444 DUTIES. ORDERLY OFFICER.....LT L.W.LOW  
 NEXT FOR DUTY.....LT L EVERETT.  
 ORDERLY NCO.....L/CPL HEMPHILL. J.G.  
 DUTY COY.....D COY  
 NEXT FOR DUTY.....HQ COY

445 WEARING OF RIBANDS OF MEDALS AND DECORATIONS.

Medals and decorations will NOT be worn on uniform during the present war; but, except when the safety of the individual is likely to be prejudiced in a combat area, the ribands therefore will be worn as provided in this order.

Ribands will be worn by:-

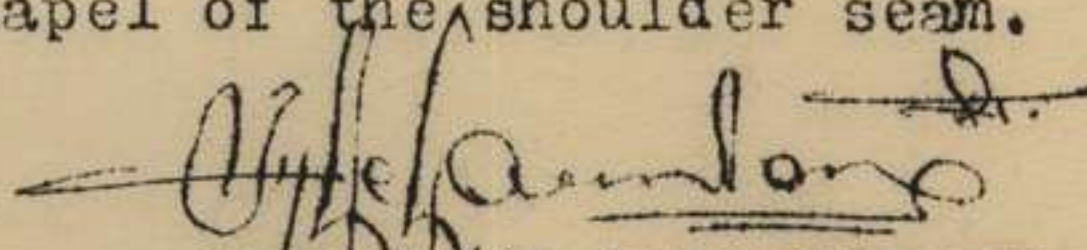
1. Male members on jackets(all types) and on shirts (all types)  
 When ribands are worn the following will be observed:-

(a) The ribands will be 3/8-inch in length.

(b) The ribands will be worn in the order specified in Standing Orders for Dress (1935), para 309, running from right to left, highest rows having highest priority and being filled first.

(c) Rows will be conveniently spaced not more than 1/2inch apart, and the centre of the lowest row will be immediately above the centre of the left breast pocket, if there is no such pocket, in a corresponding position.

(d) Rows will not project beyond the lapel of the shoulder seam.

  
A.D.J. HAMILTON  
ADJT 2/31 AUST INF BN.

PART 2

INTERPOSTING.

NX79208 Pte COLLISS J. (A) Interposted 9/2/45 to BHQ.

ILLEGAL ABSENCE.

QX 15728 Pte MCFARLANE. R. (D) Investigation held 8/2/45 reported  
NX 77662 " TURNBULL. A. (D) that these soldiers illegally absented  
 themselves on 17/1/45 and 4/12/44  
 and are still so absent.

PROMOTIONS.

TX 804 Sgt HOWE. E. (D) To be A/WO11 WEF 12/1/45

NOTICES

CHURCH PARADES. Sunday 11 Feb 45.

General Parade --- 0815 hrs in YMCA Hut  
 Holy Communion --- 0845 " " " "  
 RC MASS --- 0900 " " D Coy Mess Hut  
 RC Mass will be celebrated in NO 1 Concert Theatre at 1000hrs.

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COMD 2/31 AUST INF BN

IN THE FIELD.

MONDAY

12 FEB 45

581 DUTIES. ORDERLY OFFICER.....LT G.P. CARROLL  
 NEXT FOR DUTY.....LT R.A. LEWIS  
 ORDERLY NCO.....L/CPL BLAKE, J.R.  
 DUTY COY.....B COY  
 NEXT FOR DUTY.....C COY

582 GOVERNOR GENERAL'S VISIT.  
 It is permissible to mention the Governor General's visit in private correspondence from 13 Feb 45.

583 CORRIGENDUM.--Wearing of Ribands of Medals and Decorations.  
 Ref ROs Issue No 444 Para 445 of 9 Feb 45.--Substitute the word MAY for the word WILL in line '5' of the Para.  
 The line should now read, "Ribands MAY be worn by--"

*[Signature]*  
 ADJT 2/31 AUST INF BN

PART 2

TRANSFERS.

NX 82701	Pte	HAIME, J.W.	(C)	TOS 9/2/45	Trfd from 2/12 AGH
NX 90457	Cpl	PEARSON, A.A.	(A)	RTU 10/2/45	Ex Det 2/7 Cav Regt
QX 12492	"	BROWN, F.A.	(D)	" " " "	" " " "
QX 20901	Pte	SMITH, A.G.	(HQ)	Det 11/2/45	to FAA Sch of Sigs
QX 692	Sgt	WILLIAMSON, T.	(HQ)	SOS " "	M/O 16 APSC For Re-alloc
QX 13210	L/SGT	O'BRIEN, A.N.	(C)	RTU. 11/2/45	Ex 1 Aust Air Main Coy

NOTICES

BOXING. (1) Finals of 37 Aust Div boxing competition postponed until Sat 17 Feb  
 (2) Boxing in Unit area postponed indefinitely.

ASH WEDNESDAY

A service of Holy Communion C ofE will be held in the YMCA Hut on Wed 14th Feb at 0630 hrs.

AES LIBRARY.

All those holding Bn AES library books will return them to AES before 1800 hrs Wed 13 Feb.

CINEMA ITINERARY.

Mobile Cinemas will be showing in Nos 1 and 2 theatres again this week. This unit's allotted night is Thursday 15 Feb at No 1 theatre. Pers may attend either theatres on Sun 18 Feb also.--Commencing time 1900 hrs. The show being--STORY OF VERNON AND IRENE CASTLES. (Fred Astaire/Ginger Rogers) Also Short-----Funny Bunny Business.

Open air cinema will be showing the following show.

"MEN OF BOYS TOWN" (Mickey Rooney/Spencer Tracey) Plus Two Short Features.

DATE	LOCATION.	
TUE 13 Feb	6 MB Bn	More About Nostradamis
WED 14 "	5 18 Bde	
THU 15 "	2/4 Pnr Bn	News from Home No 124.
FRI 16 "	8 2/14 Bn	
SAT 17 "	7 Cav Regt	
SUN 18 "	RAA	

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LT-COL E.M. ROBSON

COMD-2/31 AUST INF BN.

IN THE FIELD

WEDNESDAY

14 FEBRUARY 1945

584 DUTIES.

ORDERLY OFFICER.....LT H.D. SMITH  
NEXT FOR DUTY.....LT E.B. PETHERICK  
ORDERLY N.C.O.....L/Cpl RITCHIE R.  
DUTY COY.....D COY  
NEXT FOR DUTY.....HQ COY

585 DISTRICT COURT MARTIAL.

A District Court Martial ordered to assemble by Maj-General E.J. MILFORD, COMD 7 AUST DIV, was held in the field on 6 Feb 45 for the trial of QX 1479 WO 11 Murray Dunstan HOGDEN, 2/31 Aust Inf Bn, on the charges of:-

FIRST CHARGE. WHEN ON ACTIVE SERVICE COMMITTING A CIVIL OFFENCE THAT IS TO SAY COMMON ASSAULT

Army Act  
Sec 41.

In that he  
At a dance at ATHERTON HALL on 18 Jan 45 assaulted NX 95564 Cpl APPS A.C. of 2/31 Aust Inf Bn by striking him with his fist on the nose.

SECOND CHARGE. WHEN ON ACTIVE SERVICE DRUNKENNESS

Army Act  
Sec 19

In that he  
At ATHERTON HALL on 18 Jan 45 was drunk

Plea: Not guilty to the first charge and guilty to the second charge.

Finding: Guilty of the first and second charges.

Sentence: To take rank and precedence as if his appointment to the rank of Warrant Officer Class 11 bore date the 6th day of February 1945 to be severely reprimanded and to be fined the sum of ten pounds (£10).

Date of Sentence: 6 Feb 45

Confirmed by Maj-Gen E.J. MILFORD: 11 Feb 45

Promulgated: by QX 20933 Lt F.H. DE DAUNTON, ADJT 2/31 Aust Inf Bn  
13 Feb 45.

The accused will not suffer loss of pay for the period spent by him in arrest awaiting trial.

President of the Court: Major B.F. STEVENSON, PPCM 7 AUST DIV.

586 DISTRICT COURT MARTIAL.

A DISTRICT COURT MARTIAL ordered to assemble by Major-General E.J. MILFORD, COMD 7 AUST DIV, was held in the field on 8 Feb 45 for the trial of NX 119344 pte Victor WEBSTER, 2/31 Aust Inf Bn, on the charge of:-

Army Act  
Sec 15(1)

W.O.A.S. Absenting himself without leave  
in that he  
At KAIRI on the 29 Nov 44 did absent himself without leave from 0615 hrs on the 29 Nov 44 to 1200 hrs on the 15 Jan 45.

Plea: Guilty

Finding: Guilty of the charge

Sentence: To be fined the sum of five pounds (£5).

Date of Sentence: 8 Feb 45

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ROUTINE ORDERS

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586 DISTRICT COURT MARTIAL

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Presided by Major Gen E.J. MILFORD: 11 Feb 45

Convened by Lt Col 20933 Lt F.F. DE DAUNTON, ADJT 2/31 Aust Inf Bn 13 Feb 45

The accused will not suffer loss of pay for the period spent by him in close arrest awaiting trial.

President of the Court: Major B.H. STEVENSON, PFCM 7 AUST DIV.

587 DISTRICT COURT MARTIAL

A DISTRICT COURT MARTIAL ordered to assemble by Major General E.J. MILFORD, COMD 7 AUST DIV, was held in the field on 7 Feb 45 for the trial of SX 2193 Sgt Ronald FOWLES, 2/31 Aust Inf Bn, on the charge of:- W.C.A.S. absenting himself without leave that he

Army Act In the field absented himself without leave from Sec 15(1) 0615 hrs on 21 Oct 44 until 1200 hrs on 23 Jan 45.

Plea: Not guilty

Finding: Guilty of the charge except that the absence without leave terminated at 1400 hrs on 2 Jan 45;

Sentence: To be reduced to the rank of Corporal to be severely reprimanded and to be fined the sum of twenty pounds (£20).

Date of sentence: 8 Feb 45

Presided by Major Gen E.J. MILFORD: 11 Feb 45.

Convened by Lt Col 20933 Lt F.H. DE DAUNTON, ADJT 2/31 Aust Inf Bn 13 Feb 45

The accused will suffer loss of pay for eighteen (18) days spent by him in open arrest awaiting trial.

President of the Court: Major B.H. STEVENSON, PFCM 7 AUST DIV.

*[Handwritten signature]*  
ADJT 2/31 AUST INF BN.

PART. 2.

TRANSFERS.

LN 21096	Pte	HYLAND	F.M.	{ HQ }	S.O.S.	13/2/45 to 2/3 AGH
SI 20336	Pte	HANNAM	G.F.	{ C }	T.O.S.	2/2/45 from 2/2 AGH
KE 129735	L/Cpl	DRUHAN	L.A.	{ HQ }	"	9/2/45 " "
LI 170711	Pte	DAVIDSON	I.N.	{ D }	"	14/1/45 from 2/1 Con Depot

DETACHMENTS.

QT 42115	Pte	CLARKE	J.B.L.	{ D }	(Detached for duty 14/2/45 to 73 FAD TOLCA "
NK 78164	"	FORD	M.J.	{ D }	
KE 104579	"	HARGREAVES	L.R.	{ D }	
VE 92664	"	SMITH	R.	{ D }	
ME 26701	"	BUCKLEY	L.	{ D }	
VR 146038	"	DAWSON	L.E.	{ D }	

NOTICES

BOXING

The sum of £49:11:7 has been deposited by the Unit Boxing Committee in trust with regimental funds. This money will be available to the boxing committee for prize money when boxing is resumed.

THEATRE

Showings in Nos 1 and 2 Theatres Sunday 18 Feb are cancelled. Shows will however be shown at site 7 in lieu.

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ROUTINE ORDERS

PART. 1.  
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ISSUE No. 447 (588)

LT-COL E.L. ROBSON

COMM 2/31 AUST INF BN.

IN THE FIELD

FRIDAY

16 FEBRUARY 1945.

588 DUTIES.

ORDERLY OFFICER..... AS ARRANGED  
 NEXT FOR DUTY..... LT D.W. WALKER  
 ORDERLY N.C. .... L/Cpl CHANDLER L.  
 DUTY COY..... A COY  
 NEXT FOR DUTY..... B COY

589 PERSONNEL RETURNING FROM LEAVE

All personnel returning from leave will report at the RAQ for routine medical inspection at 0830 hrs on the morning after returning to the Unit.

590 ANIMAL MASCOTS AND PETS.

1. No animal or bird which is not on an authorised war establishment will be permitted to accompany troops or any member of the AIF.
2. The entry into Australia of animals or birds from places outside Australia is subject to strict regulation under the Quarantine Act, owing to the risk of the introduction of rabies, piroplasmiasis and other diseases.
3. Under no circumstances will permission be granted for the conveyance by sea or air from places outside Australia to the Commonwealth of Australia proper (including islands adjacent to the coast) of -
  - (i) animals or birds on the WB of a unit, whether allocated before or after embarkation from Australia; or
  - (ii) living mascots, pets or other animals or birds, whether acquired before or after embarkation from Australia.
4. (a) ESOs and ATO's will take action with local civil quarantine authorities to have living mascots, pets, animals or birds, which disembark or deplane at a port or an aerodrome in Australia from outside the Commonwealth of Australia, destroyed forthwith.
  - (b) Birds or animals on the WB of a unit proceeding from an overseas port to another overseas port may enter an Australian port en route, providing that such animals or birds are kept securely on the vessel and are not permitted to land. The B.O will advise the local civil quarantine officer on arrival of the vessel and make necessary arrangements with him for inspection and security of the animals or birds.
5. When a unit or detachment is moved from one location to another, animals which have been permitted by the C. to be kept in unit lines by members during their stay in the locality should not be left to fend for themselves or starve, on departure of the unit or detachment, but suitable action should be taken for their disposal or humane destruction.

*[Signature]*  
 ADJT---2/31 AUST INF BN.

PART. 2.

TRANSFERS.

NX 68292	Lt	E.B. PETHERICK	(D)	S.S.	15/2/45	Evac	2/2	AGH
OX 33147	Pte	SMITH	(D)	"	16/2/45	"	2/2	CCS
NX 92958	Pte	SMITH	(C)	T.O.S.	"	Ex	2/2	CCS

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PART. 1.  
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LT-COL B.L. ROBINSON

COID 2/31 MUST INF HQ

IN THE FIELD

MONDAY

19 FEBRUARY 1945

591 DUTIES.

ORDERLY OFFICER.....LT C.B. PHILLIP-THORIAN  
NEXT FOR DUTY.....LT M.D. SMITH  
ORDERLY N.C.O.....Cpl GRICE R.G.  
DUTY COY.....D COY  
NEXT FOR DUTY.....H. COY

PART. 2.

ADJT 2/31 MUST INF HQ

TRANSFERS

VX 13306	LT	PHILLIP-THORIAN	C.B. (D)	T.O.S. 17/2/45	ex 3 ARTS (JW)
VX 18608	LT	SLATER	F.V. (C)	"	"
NX 78874	Pte	MARTIN	C.D. (D)	"	Island L of C ADD
VX 146199	Pte	FERGIE	A.J. (B)	S.O.S.	Evac 2/2 COY
X 12392	Cpl	TURNER	D.W. (D)	"	"

SCHOOLS COURSES

X 51874 Pte WARNE (H.) Det for duty 17/2/45 HQ School WONGABEL

DET. CHEMIST

VX 146567	Pte	MURLEY	(A)	Det for duty 17/2/45 HQ RAB	1 Aust Corps Troops.
VX 141067		HARTMAN	M.B. (B)	"	"
VX 94504		DAVIDSON	W.J. (C)	"	"
X 62771		ANDERSON	R.A. (D)	"	"

NOTICES

7 MUST DIV RACE MEETING.

7 Aust Div Race Meeting will be held at KAIRI Racecourse on SATURDAY 24 FEB 45. Horses to be auctioned at 9.0 hrs. First race commences 1330 hrs.

CINEMA PROGRAMME

Mobile Cinema will be showing in Nos 1 and 2 theatres again this week. This Unit's allotted night is Friday 23 Feb at No. 1 Theatre - commencing time 19.0 hrs.

FEATURE : "SUNVALLEY SERENADE" (John Payne/Sonia Henie)

SHORTS : Ice Carnival  
Life of a Thoroughbred  
Wonders of the Sea  
Overseas Newsreel No. 2

Open air Cinema will be showing the following programme:

FEATURE: "THE GREAT LIE" (George Brent/Bette Davis)

SHORTS : Sword Fishing - News from Home No. 123

DATE	LOCATION	DATE	LOCATION
TUE 20 FEB	6 MG BN	FRI 23 Feb	8 2/14 En
WED 21 "	5 18 Bde	SAT 24 "	7 CIV Regt
THU 22 "	HQ 7 Aust Div	SUN 25 "	RAA

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COID 2/31 AUST INT BN

IN THE FIELD

SATURDAY

24 FEBRUARY 1945.

592. DUTIES

ORDERLY OFFICER.....LT D.W. WALKER  
 NEXT FOR DUTY.....LT C.R. MCGREGOR  
 ORDERLY N.C.O.....CPL W.C. R.C.F.  
 DUTY COY.....A C Y  
 NEXT FOR DUTY.....B C Y

593. ESCAPING FROM ARREST (GR. A23/1944)

Attention is drawn to the heavy punishment provided for a conviction for escaping from arrest (para 2 and 22) for which a sentence of imprisonment with or without hard labour may be imposed.

DJT 2/31 AUST INT BN

PART 2

TRANSFERS:

NX 51423	Lt	J.H. MATHEWS.	(C)	TAS	23/2/45	Ex	11th Sch of Hvy.
NX 203354	Pte	THOMPSON.	F.A. (HQ)	"	17/2/45	"	4 ARTB (J)
X 15483	"	COUGAN.	H.H. (B)	"	"	"	6 Aust Gd Comp
NX 91998	Cpl	DAVIS.	J.D. (H)	"	"	"	102 AGH
VX 138886	Pte	ROGAN.	R.E. (D)	"	21/2/45	"	2/2 C M DEPOT
QX 22465	"	MORAN.	H.D. (A)	"	"	"	Illegal Absentee
NX 114421	"	HICKEY.	K.F. (BH)	"	22/2/45	"	TAA RASC SCH
NX 176296	"	SHAFTO.	R.M. (HQ)	"	"	"	"
QX 12484	L/Cpl	McNEILL.	J. (A)	"	"	"	"
X 30384	Pte	HIRST.	K.T. (B)	"	"	"	"
NX 77926	"	WEST.	J. (C)	"	"	"	"
VX 38078	"	LOBB.	B.J. (D)	"	"	"	"
NX 91841	CPL	O'CONNOR	C.F. (C)	"	23/2/45	"	103 Con Depot
NX 78164	Pte	FORD.	M.J. (D)	RTU	18/2/45	"	Det 73 P.D
QX 41115	"	CLARKE.	J.B.L. (D)	"	"	"	"
VX 92664	"	SMITH.	R. (D)	"	"	"	"
NX 26701	"	BUCKLEY.	L. (D)	"	"	"	"
VX 146038	"	DAWSON.	L. (D)	"	"	"	"
NX 164179	"	HARGRAVES	D.R. (D)	"	"	"	"
QX 20662	Sst	WESTWAY.	L.G. (C)	Det	"	"	7Div Flats War/Sch.
VX 16086	"	MITCHELL.	W.H. (A)	EVAC	22/2/45	"	To 2/2 AGH
NX 98526	Pte	SADLER.	F.V. (B)	"	23/2/45	"	to 2/2 CCS
QX 33147	"	SMITH.	J.L. (D)	TOS	"	"	ex 2/2 AGH
NX 77662	"	TURNBULL.	A. (D)	"	"	"	" Illegal Absentee
NX 152551	"	O'ROURKE.	B.J. (B)	RTU	"	"	" AWL
VX 102807	L/Cpl	HELPHILL.	J.G. (D)	"	24/2/45	"	" 2/153 Tpt Coy
QX 2865	WO1	HARRIS.	A.R. (H)	ATT	"	"	" 2/2 AGH
QX 23478	Sgt	CRAWFORD.	H.G. (H)	"	21/2/45	"	" 2/5 AUST ARMED REGT
NX 177034	Pte	LAWRENCE.	A.J. (C)	"	22/2/45	"	" 2/6 AUST DENTAL UNIT

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UNLAWFUL ABSENCE.

NO 89223 Sgt BEECROFT. J.E.(C) Investigation held 22/2/45 reported that this soldier illegally absented himself without leave on 30/1/45 and is still so absent.

PROMOTIONS.

OX 20934	Pte	PARK. R. (BH)	To be	Cpl (Int)	3/2/45
X 1199	Sgt	SPENCE.A.J. (B)	" "	A/Sgt	" "
I 20920	L/Sgt	COWPER.M. (C)	" "	"	" "

NOTICES.

ARTS---DIV ART EXHIBITION.

All entries for Div Art Exhibition are to be handed to Unit ARTS representative by 1900 hrs Sunday 25 Feb 45.

FOUND.

Two keys at snack bar on 22/2/45. Owner apply to BHO

CHURCH PARADES. ---Sunday 25 Feb 45.

General Parade.	0815 hrs	YMCA Hut
Holy Communion	0845	" " "
R C MASS	0800	at 2/14 Bn Rec Hut.

CINEMA ITINERARY.

Screenings in Nos 1 and 2 theatres Sunday 25 Feb are cancelled. Cinemas 113 and 114 will show conjointly site SIX (MG Bn) in lieu.



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COMD 2/31 AUST INF BN.

IN THE FIELD

MONDAY

26 FEB 45

594 DUTIES

ORDERLY OFFICER.....LT C.B.PELHAM-THORMAN  
 NEXT FOR DUTY.....LT H.D.SMITH.  
 A/ORDERLY NCO.....PTE KILPATRICK.H.  
 DUTY COY.....C COY  
 NEXT FOR DUTY.....D COY

595 LOCAL LEAVE.

- (a) Attention is again drawn to the fact that:-  
 (i) MAREEBA is out of bounds at all times.  
 (ii) Personnel on leave within permitted areas must be in possession of a leave pass and must be correctly dressed. e.g. Shirt, slacks JG, belts with WL, gaiters, hat turned down with chin strap over rear brim.  
 (b) Disciplinary action will be taken against those who fail to comply with the above.

*A. C. Thompson*  
ADJT 2/31 AUST INF BN

PART 2

TRANSFERS.

OX 18501	Pte	TUNNAH. A.F.M.(HQ)	Ceases to be att 25/2/45 to LHC, cooking school.
OX 20920	A/S/Sgt	COOPER. M.M.(C)	Trfd 26/2/45 To Q. L of C RR & GDD for release to Industry
NX 97377	Pte	BAIRD. D.(B)	Evac 26/2/45 to 2/2 CCS
SX 16264	"	ZBILRSKI. R.H.(D)	" " " "
VX 146315	"	BENNETT. J.R.(D)	" " " "
UX 56124	"	ROSOLEN. K.D.(D)	" " " "
NX 118438	LT	MACDONALD. K.(BH)	Att 26/2/45 Ex 2/4 Aust Inf Bn
NX 45969	"	SAWELL. W.R.( " )	" " " " " " " "
NX 115834	"	McINTYRE. S.R.( " )	" " " " " " " "
VX 102777	Pte	McARTHUR. R.W.( " )	" " " " " " " "
VZ 25910	"	YOUNG. F.A.G.( " )	" " " " " " " "
NX 191746	"	WALSHE. A.S.( " )	" " " " " " " "

NOTICES

UNIT BARBER--- Owing to the shortage of barbers, NX 119344 Pte WEBSTER.V is temporarily appointed as unit barber.

LOCATION-----Near Canteen.

HOURS. 0745-1200 1215-1245  
1500-1700

PRICE Price for (Rs) NOT to exceed sixpence(6d)

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IN THE FIELD

TUESDAY

27 FEB 45

596 DUTIES. ORDERLY OFFICER.....LT H.D. SMITH  
NEXT FOR DUTY.....LT C.R. McCREGOR.  
A/ORDERLY NCO.....PTE BUCKLEY. L  
DUTY COY.....D COY  
NEXT FOR DUTY.....HQ COY.

*R. Montgomery*  
ADJT 2/31 AUST INF BN

Part 2.

TRANSFERS.

NX 15398 LT N.J. NEWELL (HQ) RTU 27/2/45 Ex LHQ Gas School  
QX 28946 Pte CALDER. A.L.(BHQ) Att 26/2/45 Ex 13 Aust Ord Dep  
SX 18873 Pte BREUER. A.C. (B) Evac 27/2/45 to 2/20CS  
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NOTICES.

CASH REMITTANCES.---The undermentioned amounts from the Fighting Forces Comforts Fund in South Australia Inc. have been paid to Regt Trust Fund Account through DFO SA L of C Area.

23 Jan 45 £12  
28 Feb 45 £12.  
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CINEMA ITINERARY.

FEATURE. THIS MAN IN PARIS (Barry Byrnes/Valerie Hobson)  
SANTA FE MARSHALL (Wm Boyd/Russel Hayden.)

FEATURE. MY FAVOURITE SPY. (Kay Kyser/Ellen Drew)  
News from Home No 125

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
TUE 27 Feb	3 21 Bde
WED 28 "	2 2/25 Bn
THU 29 Mar	7 Cav Regt
FRI 30 "	5 18 Bde
SAT 3 "	6 MG Bn
SUN 4 "	RAA & HQ Div.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
TUE 27 Feb	5 18 Bde
WED 28 "	RAA & HQ DIV
THU 1 Mar	6 MG Bn
FRI 2 "	8 2/14 Bn
SAT 3 "	2 25 Bn
SUN 4 "	4 RAE.

NOTE Commencing time 1915 hrs.

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LT-COI E.M. ROBSON

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IN THE FIELD

WEDNESDAY

28 FEB 45

597	<u>DUTIES</u>	ORDERLY OFFICER.....	LT C.R. MCGREGOR
		NEXT FOR DUTY.....	LT N.J. NEWELL.
		ORDERLY NCO.....	CPL COOKE. W.E.
		DUTY COY.....	HQ COY
		NEXT FOR DUTY.....	A COY

*R. J. Lewis*  
ADJT 2/31 AUST INF BN

PART 2

TRANSFERS.

QX 23478	Sgt	CRAWFORD.	H.G. (HQ)	Ceases to be Att 28/2/45
VX 32755	Lt	CUNNINGHAM.	J.C. (B)	TOS 28/2/45 Ex 1 ARTB (JW)
WX 26075	Lt	KELLY.	A.C. (A)	" " " 3 ARTB (JW)
QX 25917	Pte	GUNN.	D. (BHQ)	Evac 27/2/45 to 2/2CCS
NX 31344	Pte	SPILSBURY.	D. (D)	TOS 27/2/45 Ex 2/9 Fd Regt
VX 89588	Pte	MONUMENT. L.W.	(AACC) (HQ)	Att 28/2/45 Ex 2 ARTB (JW)

INTERPOSTINGS.

SX 14579	Lt	MONTGOMERIE.	L.M. (A)	Interposted 28/2/45 to BHQ
NX177993	"	LEWIS.	R.A. (B)	" " " "

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