

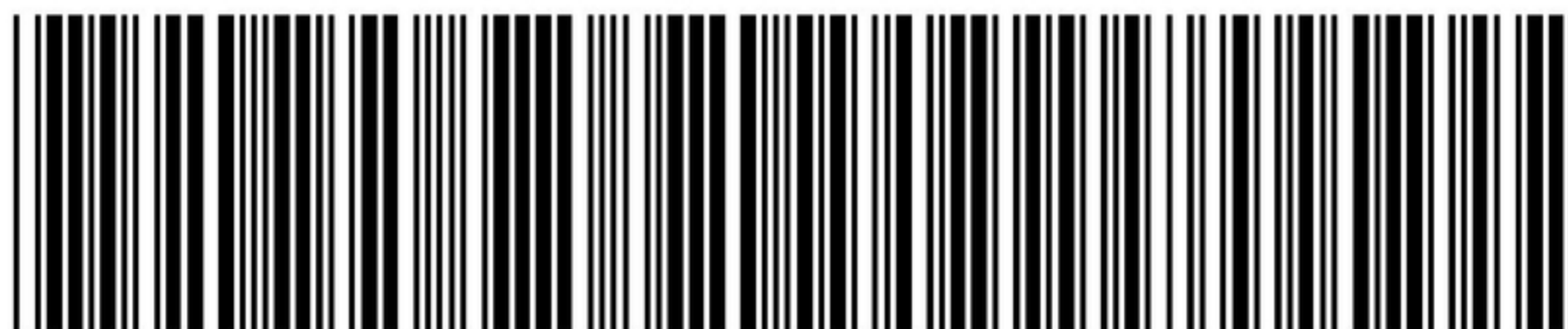
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Headquarters,
28 British Commonwealth Brigade.

Month D.E.C.E.M.B.E.R......Year 1.9.5.1... WAR DIARY

Commander. Brigadier J.F.M. MACDONALD. DSO OBE

Place	Date	Summary of Events and Information	Reference to Appendices
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1 Dec

0745 hrs Sitrep from Div. 3 man patrol brushed LEFT Pl of D Coy 1 WELCH. 1 WELCH took one PW in wire in front of RIGHT Pl D Coy 1 WELCH. Scattered enemy mov in front of 25 CDN Inf Bde and 7 RCT engaged with DF.

1045 " IO stated that PW taken from 1 WELCH from 1 Bn, 562 Regt, 188 Div, 63rd Army. PW alleged that 63rd Army relieved 65th Army 12 days ago and that his Bn holds the ground in area of Pt 207 Sq 0912.

1600 " Comd stated that 3 RAR parade to receive The Presidential Unit Citation from the Army Comd on 3 Dec now postponed until 4 Dec.

1630 " Bde Major returned from a visit to 12 Fd Sqn RE and 60 Ind Fd Amb.

Weather: Continued Cold and Fair with heavy night frost.

Attached 304/Q with Appendices, Dumping of Amm by Inf Bns
 Attached G/30 Amendment No 1 & Op Instr No 11 dated 29 Nov.
 Attached A & W 2008 Ld Return of Offrs
 Attached A & W 2009 Ld Return of Offrs BDEHQ, Def a Kemp Pl and LAD

Appendix A: Pages 1-5
 Appendix B: Pages 1.
 Appendix C: Pages 1
 Appendix D: Pages 1-6

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Appendix A

Headquarters
28 BRITISH COMMONWEALTH BRIGADE.
304/Q

1 Dec 51.

To: Main 1 COMWEL Div (AQ)

Copy to: BM

Subject:- Dumping of Amn by Infantry Battalions

Ref your letter 4505/Q dated 16 Oct 51.

1. Experience in recent ops, both in attack and defence, has disclosed that the following types of amn are used in considerable quantity:-
 - (a) .303 Ctn
 - (b) .303 Mk VIII Z
 - (c) .300 Browning
 - (d) 36 M Grenades
 - (e) 80 WP Grenades
 - (f) 2" Mor Ill
 - (g) 3" Mor HE
2. The first line scale, shown in Appx 'A' to your above quoted letter, is inadequate to meet unit requirements, in respect of those types of amn listed in para 1 above. The delay in replenishment of the present first line scale, due to transportation difficulties in this theatre, makes it essential for units to have the maximum amn they can carry, forward with them.
3. To cater for units subsequent requirements, apart from normal replenishment, it is recommended that two scales, called increment 'A' and increment 'B', should be laid down and held in APs to be drawn by units, as required. Increment 'A' would be amn to be held by a unit, additional to its first line scale, when it was required to hold a def posn for up to 48 hrs. Increment 'B' would be amn to be held by a unit, additional to its first line scale, when it was required to hold a def posn beyond 48 hrs.
4. It is recommended, therefore, that:-
 - (a) An Inf Bn first line scale amn should be as listed in App 'A' attached. This scale is capable of being carried by the unit and, as regards types and quantities, meets units requirements.
 - (b) Increment 'A', which is required by units when ordered to hold a def posn for up to 48 hrs, and is additional to the first line scale, should be as listed in App 'B' attached.
 - (c) Increment 'B' which is required by units when ordered to hold a def posn beyond 48 hrs, and is additional to the first line scale, should be as listed in App 'C' attached.

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5. It is considered that, with the scales recommended in para 4 above, units requirements would be adequately met, the undesirable practice of indiscriminate dumping would be avoided and the problem of forward planning by the Staff greatly simplified.
6. Figures for weapons in App's 'A', 'B' and 'C' are based on the WE of a British Inf Bn at HE. Although 3 RAR have certain additional weapons, it is not considered that the total amn involved makes any appreciable difference in forward amn planning.

(JFM MACDONALD) Brigadier,
Commander 28 British Commonwealth Brigade.

App 'A' to HQ 28 Bde
304/Q dated 1 Dec 51

1st LINE AMMUNITION SCALE FOR INFANTRY BATTALIONS

Serial	Type	No of weapons	Rounds or belts per weapon	Total rounds
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
1.	.303 Bdr	600 (c)	200 rds per rifle	120,000
2.	.303 Ctn	106	50 Mags per LMG	159,000
3.	.303 Mk VIII Z	6	50 belts per LMG	75,000
4.	.3000 Browning	4	50 belts per gun	50,000
5.	9mm	177 (c)	256 rds. per weapon	45,400
6.	36 Grenades		4 per Man	3,500
7.	80 Grenades WP		4 per man	3,500
8.	2" Mor HE	25	30 per mor	750
9.	2" Mor Ill	25	60 per mor	1,500
10.	3" Mor HE	6	200 per mor	1,200
11.	3" Mor Smoke	6	16 per mor	96
12.	3.5" Rockets	15	12 per gun	180

- Notes:-
- (a) All natures not included
 - (b) Some units (eg 3 RAR) hold weapons in excess of those detailed above, while others holdless. In such cases 1st line holding in Total Rounds will be correspondingly increased or decreased.
 - (c) AFG 1098 Scale less 10%.

App 'B' to HQ 28 Bde
304/Q dated 1 Dec 51

INCREMENT 'A' FOR INFANTRY BATTALIONS

Serial	Type	Rounds or belts per weapon
1.	.303 Bdr	50 rds per rifle
2.	.303 Ctn	25 mags per LMG
3.	.303 Mk VIII Z	50 belts per MMG
4.	.300 Browning	50 belts per gun
5.	9 mm	-
6.	36 Grenades	6 per man
7.	80 Grenades WP	6 per man
8.	2 " Mor HE	30 rds per mor
9.	2 " Mor Ill	60 rds per mor
10.	3 " Mor HE	200 rds per mor
11.	3 " Mor Smoke	16 rds per mor
12.	3.5 " Rockets	-

- Notes:-
- (a) This increment is additional to first line scale
 - (b) All natures not included.

Appendix A

INCREMENT 'B' FOR INFANTRY BATTALIONS

Serial	Type	Rounds or belts per weapon
1.	.303 Bdr	200 rds per rifle
2.	.303 ctn	50 mags per LMG
3.	.303 Mk VIII Z	75 belts per MMG
4.	.300 Browning	75 belts per gun
5.	9 mm	256 per weapon
6.	36 Grenades	6 per man
7.	80 Grenades WP	6 per man
8.	2 " Mor HE	30 rds per mor
9.	2 " Mor Ill	60 rds per mor
10.	3 " Mor HE	300 rds per mor
11.	3 " Mor Smoke	16 rds per mor
12.	3.5 " Rockets	-

Notes:- (a) This increment is additional
to first line scale.
(b) All natures not included.

Appendix B

S E C R E T

Headquarters,
28 BRITCOM Inf Bde.

Ref:- G/30

30 Nov 51.

Distribution: See below.

AMENDMENT No 1 to Op Instr No 11 dated 29 Nov 51.

Para 6 (c).

- Delete - Task - To capture pt 187. (149186).
- Insert - Task - To capture Pt 187. (149146).

K.D. Bright

(K.D. BRIGHT) Major,
Brigade Major.

KDB/MT

DISTRIBUTION

- 1 KOSB
- 1 KSLI
- 3 RLR
- A Sqn 8H
- B Sqn 8H
- 8H
- 16 Fd Regt RNZA
- 12 Fd Sqn RE
- 60 Ind Fd Anb

- 25 CDN Inf Bde
- 29 BRIT Inf Bde
- 1 COMWEL Div
- DAA & QMG
- IO
- Bde Sig Offr
- War Diary
- File
- Spore

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S E C R E T

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

H.Q. 28 BRITCOM INF BDE (Unit.) For Week Ending 1 DEC. 51

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 W.E. less 1st Rfts.	3 Strength counting against W.E. less 1st Rfts.	4 Surplus to W.E. less 1st Rfts.	5 Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on W.E. less 1st Rfts.)	
				No.	Any Specific Qualifications
BRIGADIER*	1	1			
Lieut-Colonels					
Majors	2	2			
Captains	13	10			
Lieutenants	2	3			
2nd Lieutenants					
Quartermasters					
District Officers					
TOTALS	18	16			

*Insert details of higher ranks as necessary (e.g., Major-General, Brigadier, etc.).

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

(i) Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name	Regt. or Corps.	Date.	Unit from which joined.
CAPT	C. J. HEATHER	INNISKS	25.11.51	1 CROWN WEL DIV REST CENTRAL
LT	D. BALFOUR SCOTT	R.S.F.	27.11.51	H.Q. 1 CROWN WEL DIV.

(ii) Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name	Regt. or Corps.	Date.	Cause or Unit to which proceeded.
CAPT	D. J. LEAR	K.D.S.B.	1 DEC 51	STAFF COLLEGE COURSE U.K.
CAPT	C. W. PEARCE	R. BERKS	26.11.51	R.H.F.

[UNIT] week-ending..... A.F.W. 3008 (Revised)

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

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

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

Unit H.Q. 28 BRITCOM INF BDE For Week Ending 1 DEC. 51.
 PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS.

(i) OFFICERS ON STRENGTH COUNTING AGAINST W.E. LESS 1st RFTS. (Total to agree with column 3 of Part A).

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Personal Number.	Substantive Rank.	Higher Acting or Temporary Rank if held.	Name and Initials.	Parent Corps or Regiment.	Date taken on Strength.	Whether present with Unit.	Appointment held.	Date Assumed present Appointment	Remarks including how employed if absent from Unit.	
28523	LT	LT/BRIG	T.F.M. MACDONALD	K.D.S.B.	12.11.51	YES	30 DEC 51	12.11.51		
13720	PLS			R.S.F.	23.11.51	YES		23.11.51		
51205	MAJ		H. ST. J. YATES	R.A.S.F.	16.8.49	YES	000 000 1.4.49			
28521	LT	LT/CAPT	K. I. GREGGAN	D.W.I.	26.11.51	YES	R.L.D.	26.11.51		
31366	LT		D.H.R. BURGESS	R.W.	16.7.51	YES		16.7.51	ATT. H.Q. I.C. CORPS	
									25.9.51	
28522	CAPT		P.H. BENN	D.C.L.I.	1.1.49	YES	5/CAPT	1.1.49		
12667	CAPT		R. WOODS	R.A.C.H.B.	4.7.49	YES				
35075	CAPT		R.P.R. WOOD	R.A.S.F.	25.10.51	YES	CHAPLAIN	25.10.51		
30100	CAPT		R.V. MANLOCK	R.A.S.F.		YES	CHAPLAIN			
31361	CAPT		T.D. KELLY	R.E.M.E.	1.6.49	YES	R.E.M.E.	1.6.51		
268142	CAPT		C. J. HEATHER	INNISKS	25.11.51	YES	CAMP	25.11.51		
28523	LT	LT/CAPT	D.R. LONEDEN	R.A.	28.6.49	YES	R.T.D.	28.6.51		

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED IN EXCESS OF W.E. LESS 1st RFTS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher Acting or Temporary Rank if held.	Name and Initials.	Regt. or Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.

Last A.F.W. 3010A rendered to G.H.Q. 2nd Echelon was Serial No. 34 of 1 DEC. 51
 Last A.F.W. 3010B rendered to G.H.Q. 2nd Echelon was Serial No. _____
 Last A.F.W. 3010C rendered to G.H.Q. 2nd Echelon was Serial No. _____
 Last Draft received and included in Part A, Col. 3, was Serial No. _____

2 DECEMBER 51.
 (Date of Despatch.)

[Signature]
 (Signature of Commander.)
 H.Q. 28 BRITISH COMMONWEALTH
 (Bde., Div., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

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Last AF 3011A 221 4 30 Nov 51
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FIELD RETURN OTHER RANKS - ALL ARMS

Serial No 29

Week Ending 1 DEC 51

In lieu of AF 3009

UNIT: H.Q. 28 BRITCOM
 INF. BDE.

PART I - ANALYSIS OF ESTABLISHMENT AND POSTED STRENGTH.

Estab 14/575/1 (H.E)

Trade or Appt
 (by Categories)

Establishment or MVS

Posted strength incl att within
 est, Posted surplus to est, Posted
 out but not gone.

Reinforcements required (to be
 completed by GHQ 2nd Echelon).

	WOI	WOII	S/SJT	SJT	CPL	L/C	PTE	TOTAL	WOI	WOII	S/SJT	SJT	CPL	L/C	PTE	TOTAL	WOI	WOII	S/SJT	SJT	CPL	L/C	PTE	TOTAL
CLERK RASC.	1			1	2	1	3	8																
BATMEN/DVR RASC.							1	1					1	2	1	3	7							
M/C ORDERLY RASC.							1	1																
NURSING ORDERLY RASC.				1																				
CLERK RASC.							1	1																
INSTRUCTORS RASC.			4					4																
COOKS ACC				1			4	5																
C SPT	1						1	1					1		3	4								
C PPS			1					1																
CLERK GD.							1	1																
BATMEN							2	2																
BATMEN/DVR							15	15																
INT. SECTION			1	1	1			3							15	15								
OFF MESS STAFF				1			1	2				1	1	1		3								
ORDERLIES							3	3							1	2								
SANITARYMAN							1	1							3	3								
STOREMAN							1	1							1	1								
M/T SECTION.			1	1	1		10	13				1	1	1	4	14								
TOTAL	2	1	7	7	3		44	64	1		4	6	3		45	59								

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PART III - WASTAGE.

Trade or Appt	Run out for month of <i>December.</i>						Run out for month of <i>January.</i>						Run out for month of <i>February.</i>						REMARKS.							
	WOI	WOII	S/SJT	SJT	CPL	L/C	PTE	TOTAL	WOI	WOII	S/SJT	SJT	CPL	L/C	PTE	TOTAL	WOI	WOII		S/SJT	SJT	CPL	L/C	PTE	TOTAL	
DRIVERS.				1				3								1										
INT. SECT.																										
CLERKS.																										
OFF MESS STAFF.																										

PART IV - ON AND OFF ACCOUNT

	WOI	WOII	S/SJT	SJT	CPL	L/C	PTE	TOTAL	AUTHORITY
Total arrivals since previous return								NIL	/
Total departures since previous return.								NIL	/

PART V - DETAILS OF PERSONNEL NOT PRESENT WITH UNIT.

HOSPITAL UNDER 21 DAYS	COURSES OF INSTRUCTION	DETENTION UNDER 28 DAYS	LEAVE IN THEATRE	LEAVE EX THEATRE	DETACHED	TOTAL
/	/	/	/	/	/	/

Date ... *1 DEC 51.*

Place ... *KOREA*

[Signature]
 Capt,
 Camp Commandant,
 HQ 28 British Commonwealth Brigade,

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Last AF 3011A
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FIELD RETURN OTHER RANKS - ALL ARMS

Serial No 29

Week Ending 1 DEC. 51

In lieu of AF 3009

UNIT. HQ 28 BRITCOM
INF ODE DEF + EMP. PL.

PART I - ANALYSIS OF ESTABLISHMENT AND POSTED STRENGTH.

Estab 11/808/1 (HE).

Trade or Appt
(by Categories)

Establishment or MVS

Posted strength incl att within
est, Posted surplus to est, Posted
out but not gone.

Reinforcements required (to be
completed by GHQ 2nd Echelon).

Trade or Appt (by Categories)	Establishment or MVS					Posted strength incl att within est, Posted surplus to est, Posted out but not gone.					Reinforcements required (to be completed by GHQ 2nd Echelon).													
	WOI	WOII	S/SJT	SJT	CPL	L/C	PTE	TOTAL	WOI	WOII	S/SJT	SJT	CPL	L/C	PTE	TOTAL	WOI	WOII	S/SJT	SJT	CPL	L/C	PTE	TOTAL
CARPENTER.							2	2								1	1							
DRIVER MECH.							1	1								1	1							
EQUIPT. REP.							1	1								1	1							
DRIVERS.							4	4								4	4							
GEN. DUTIES.				1	3	4	14	22			1	1	3	13	18									
M/C. ORDERLY.							1	1								1	1							
COOKS ACE.																2	2							
TOTAL				1	3	4	23	31			1	1	3	23	28									

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PART III - WASTAGE.

Trade or Appt	Run out for month of <u>December.</u>							Run out for month of <u>January.</u>							Run out for month of <u>February.</u>							REMARKS.		
	WOI	WOII	S/SJT	SJT	CPL	L/C	PTE	TOTAL	WOI	WOII	S/SJT	SJT	CPL	L/C	PTE	TOTAL	WOI	WOII	S/SJT	SJT	CPL		L/C	PTE
COOKS ACC																								
DRIVERS																								NIL.
EQUIP. REP.																								
GEN. DUTIES.																								

PART IV - ON AND OFF ACCOUNT

	WOI	WOII	S/SJT	SJT	CPL	L/C	PTE	TOTAL	AUTHORITY
Total arrivals since previous return								NIL	/
Total departures since previous return.								NIL	/

PART V - DETAILS OF PERSONNEL NOT PRESENT WITH UNIT.

HOSPITAL UNDER 21 DAYS	COURSES OF INSTRUCTION	DETENTION UNDER 28 DAYS	LEAVE IN THEATRE	LEAVE EX THEATRE	DETACHED	TOTAL
1 PTE.	/	/	/	1 CPL	/	1 CPL. 1 PTE.

Date ...1...DEC...51.

Place ...KOREA.....

[Signature]
 Capt,
 Camp Commandant,
 HQ 28 British Commonwealth Brigade,

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FIELD RETURN OTHER RANKS - ALL ARMS

Serial No 29
Week Ending 1 DEC. 51

In lieu of AF 3009
UNIT. H.Q 28 BDE LAD.

11/10/13/1 (HE)

PART I - ANALYSIS OF ESTABLISHMENT AND POSTED STRENGTH.

Estab

Trade or Appt (by Categories) Establishment or MWS Posted strength incl att within est, Posted surplus to est, Posted out but not gene. Reinforcements required (to be completed by GHQ 2nd Echelon).

	WOI	WOII	S/SJT	SJT	CPL	L/C	PTE	TOTAL	WOI	WOII	S/SJT	SJT	CPL	L/C	PTE	TOTAL	WOI	WOII	S/SJT	SJT	CPL	L/C	PTE	TOTAL
ARM. ART.			1					1	1							1								
ARMOURER.			1					1		1						1								
OP (TYRE. REP PLANT).			1					1								1								
FITTER				1				1								1								
VEH MECHS					2		5	7					2		4	6								
ELECTRICIAN						1		1						1	1	1								
VEH. STOREMAN						1		1						1	1	1								
WELDER.							1	1							1	1								
CLERK REPE							1	1							1	1								
DRIVER							1	1							1	1								
ARTISANS							5	5							3	3								
COOKS ACC							1	1							1	1								
RECOVERY MECH				1				1						1	1	1								
TOTAL	3		1	3	2	14	23	23	1	1	1	2	3	10	18									

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PART III - WASTAGE.

Trade or Appt	Run out for month of <u>December.</u>						Run out for month of <u>January.</u>						Run out for month of <u>February.</u>						REMARKS.							
	WOI	WOII	S/SJT	SJT	CPL	L/C	PTE	TOTAL	WOI	WOII	S/SJT	SJT	CPL	L/C	PTE	TOTAL	WOI	WOII	S/SJT	SJT	CPL	L/C	PTE	TOTAL		
DRIVER								1 1								NIL										

PART IV - ON ANL OFF ACCOUNT

	WOI	WOII	S/SJT	SJT	CPL	L/C	PTE	TOTAL	AUTHORITY
Total arrivals since previous return								NIL	/
Total departures since previous return.							2 2		Posting Out.

PART V - DETAILS OF PERSONNEL NOT PRESENT WITH UNIT.

HOSPITAL UNDER 21 DAYS	COURSES OF INSTRUCTION	DETENTION UNDER 28 DAYS	LEAVE IN THEATRE	LEAVE EX THEATRE	DETACHED	TOTAL
/	/	/	/	/	1WOI.	1WOI.

Date 1 DEC 51

Place KOREA.

[Signature]
 Capt,
 Camp Commandant,
 HQ 28 British Commonwealth Brigade,

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Headquarters,
28 British Commonwealth Brigade.

Month D.E.C.E.M.B.E.R. Year 1.9.5.1. WAR DIARY

Commander Brigadier J.F.M. MACDONALD DSO OBE

Place	Date	Summary of Events and Information	Reference to Appendices
	2 Dec	0730 hrs Div reported an uneventful night. 0920 " Comd left for visit to 1 KSLI where he attended morning service before walking around Coy areas. The Comd returned by way of A Sqn 8H. 1600 " CRA and GSO 1 visited Comd. Weather: Continued Cold and Fair although night frost was not so heavy.	
		<i>Attached 28 British Inf Bde Op Instk No 13</i>	<i>Appendix E Pages 1-2.</i>

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*Was Denny
Appendix E*

28 BRITISH COMMONWEALTH INFANTRY BRIGADE OP INSTR No 13.

REAR DEF POLICY

Ref: G/30

2 Dec 51.

Copy No...7.....

AIM

1. The aim of this instr is to lay down the def policy to be adopted by all units in the rear areas of 28 BRITCOM Inf Bde.

INFO

2. Enemy

Enemy is capable of infiltrating individual and small units and guerilla tps into rear areas, with the object of cutting L of C, and attacking adm installations. He is also capable of launching an AB attack against rear areas.

INTENTION

3. HQ and adm units 28 BRITCOM Inf Bde will prepare a plan for the defence of their own areas.

METHOD

4. Def Plans

(a) Responsibility for org def in adm areas will be as follows:

- | | | |
|-------|----------------|--|
| (i) | Bde HQ | Camp Comdt |
| (ii) | A Ech | Bns |
| (iii) | Brigaded B Ech | OC Brigaded B Ech
(Major P.J. NATION) |

(b) Defs will be org in adm areas by units, as under:-

- (i) Est a perimeter def using all available weapons, wire and other obstacles.
- (ii) Est a res within adm area, available to repel any attack against the perimeter, or act as an emergency task force elsewhere, on orders of Bde HQ.
- (iii) Can, conceal and disperse pers, stores and eqpt.
- (iv) Est an alarm post system throughout adm area.

5. Def Stores

As supply of Def Stores is limited, units will whenever possible rely on their own resources. Demands for Def Stores will be made to G30 III at Bde HQ.

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Appendix F.

INTERCOMN

- 6. Reports of any form of attack will be made by FLASH warning to G Ops Bde HQ giving the following info:-
 - (a) Time and place of attack.
 - (b) No of enemy involved.
- 7. Info of any attack will be passed by Bde HQ to G Ops Main Div HQ by FLASH warning.

ACK

J. Bright S. H. G. Lt

(K. D. BRIGHT) Major,
Brigade Major.

DISTRIBUTION

	Copy No		Copy No
1 KOSB	1	Camp Comdt	5
1 KSLI	2	DAA & QMG	6
3 RAR	3	War Diary	7 - 8
OC Brigaded B Ech.	4	File	9
(Major P.J. NATION KSLI)		Spare	10

Receipt is ACKNOWLEDGED of your G/30 dated 2 Dec 51.

Copy No/Nos Unit.....

Date Signature

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ORIGINAL/DUPLICATE

Headquarters,
28 British Commonwealth Brigade.

Month D.E.C.E.M.B.E.R......Year 1.9.5.1.. WAR DIARY

Commander Brigadier J.F.M. MACDONALD.DSO OBE

Place	Date	Summary of Events and Information	Reference to Appendices
	3 Dec	0830 hrs Div reported quiet night along the Army front.	
		0930 " 1 KSLI stated they had est a 200x Range at 183102 facing EAST.	
		1015 " CO 1 KOSB visited Bde HQ and expressed concern at unmarked minefids in front of Bn area thought to have been previously laid by PUERTORICAN Bn.	
		1205 " GOC visited Bde Comd.	
		1530 " Bde Comd and BM made a recce for Bde HQ loc on Line WYOMING. Tentatively agreed on 182024.	
		Weather: Milder and continued fair.	

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28 British Commonwealth Brigade.

Month D E C E M B E R Year 1951 WAR DIARY

Commander Brigadier J.F.M. MACDONALD DSO OBE

Place	Date	Summary of Events and Information	Reference to Appendices
	4 Dec	0730 hrs Div reported a quiet night.	
		0800 " Comd departed on leave for JAPAN. Lt Col V.W. BARLOW assumes comd of Bde.	
		1100 " Gen JAMES VAN FLEET presented Presidential Unit Citation to 3 RAR. The Bn was on parade in the area of their CP 138061.	
		1230 " Div stated recent enemy air activity over 3 Inf Div sector also 4 MIG ac over SEOUL earlier in the day.	
		1630 " 8H said that A and B Sqns would be relieved 5 Dec by 5 DG. Relief of Regt would be complete 1200 hrs 6 Dec.	
		1745 " Div reported that 1 WELCH patrol found 7 enemy KIA on Pt 169 when they returned this morning. NO contact throughout the day.	
		1930 " Div forecast ac attack imminent from now on and ordered that all possible PAD precautions would be taken.	
		Weather Continued fair with light early morning frost. Forecast of high winds during night.	

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Commander. Lt. Col. V. W. BARLOW. DSO. OBE..

Month. DECEMBER....Year..1.9.5.1. WAR DIARY

Place	Date	Summary of Events and Information	Reference to Appendices
	5 Dec	0830 hrs Div stated that 1 WELCH patrol on Pt 169 withdrew when attacked by 50 enemy at 1800 hrs last night. The patrol re-occupied the hill at 0800 hrs this morning. Otherwise NO contact during the night.	
		1415 " OC B Sqn 8H reported that relief of his Sqn by 5 DG was complete.	
		1430 " Bde Comd attended a conference at Div with COs 1 R NORFOLK and 3 RAR.	
		1435 " The BM visited bns and Div to clear proposed Bde plan should a Div withdrawal to Lines WYOMING and KANSAS ever necessitate.	
		1930 " Div said that a CDN Jeep had been ambushed at 163151. Grenades were thrown and a 'burp' gun fired at the vehicle without hurting either of the two occupants. Patrol on its way to clear area.	
		Weather: Continued fair with heavy night frost.	
		Attached Amdt No 1 to Op Inst No 12	Appendix F Pages 1.

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28 BRITISH COMMONWEALTH INFANTRY BRIGADE OP INSTR No 12.

AMDT No 1

Ref:- G/30
5 Dec 51.

Add to Para 4:-

"In addition fwd bdes have been ordered to use fighting patrols to loc and engage enemy posns, and to make every effort to secure prisoners."

K.D. Bright

(K.D. BRIGHT) Major,
Brigade Major.

KDB/MT

Distribution:

- 1 KOSB
- 1 KSLI
- 3 RAR
- BM
- DAA & QMG
- War Diary (2)
- File

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28 British Commonwealth Brigade.
Commander. Lt. Col. V.W. BARLOW DSO OBE.

Month D.E.C.E.M.B.E.R......Year. 1.9.5.1. WAR DIARY

Place	Date	Summary of Events and Information	Reference to Appendices
	6 Dec	<p>0715 hrs Div reported that the 1 WELCH patrol on Pt 169 withdrew when attacked yesterday evening but had reoccupied the Hill at first light this morning.</p> <p>0845 " Bde Comd departed on a Recce to Pt 187 Sq 1414 for a future operation.</p> <p>Weather: A milder night with only light frost followed by fair weather.</p> <p><i>Attached G/30 of 6 Dec</i></p>	<p><i>Appendix 'G'</i></p>

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Subject:- 28 BRITCOM Inf Bde Op Instrs

Headquarters,
28 BRITCOM Inf Bde.

Ref:- G/30

6 Dec 51.

Distr below:

1. The following is a current list of 28 BRITCOM Inf Bde Op Instrs:-

<u>No</u>	
7	Op COMMANDO (for record purposes).
11	Counter attack roles.
12	Bde Comd Directive (limited distr only).
13	Rear Dc Policy.
14	Op BUCKINGHAM.

2. All other Bde Op Instrs issued before 4 Dec 51 will be destroyed by fire.

K.D. Bright

(K.D. BRIGHT) Major,
Brigade Major.

KDB/MT

Distribution

1 KOSB
1 KSLI
3 RAR
12 Fd Sqn RE
60 Ind Fd Amb
25 CDN Inf Bde
29 BRIT Inf Bde
1 COMVEL Div
5 DG

16 Fd Regt RNZA
120 Lt Bty RA
28 Fd Engr Regt RE
DAA & QMG
Bde Sigs Offr
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BEWE
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Headquarters,
28 British Commonwealth Brigade.

Commander. Lt. Col. V.W. BARLOW DSO. OBE. #

Month. D E C E M B E R Year 1 9 5 1 . . . WAR DIARY

Place	Date	Summary of Events and Information	Reference to Appendices
	7 Dec	0715 hrs Div reported active patrolling during night but with NO major action. 1030 " Corps Surgeon accompanied by ADMS visited Comd. 1525 " GOC visited Bde HQ Weather: Milder with intermittent rain.	

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Commander Lt Col V.W. BARIOU DSO OBE

Place	Date	Summary of Events and Information	Reference to Appendices
	8 Dec	0900 hrs Div reported that both fwd bdes patrolled during the night without major action.	
		1105 " Comd and CO 3 RAR airborne on recce.	
		1200 " DAA & QMG stated following immediate awards for 1 KOSB in 4 Nov battle:- Maj HARRISON DSO Sgt LANCASTER DCM 2/Lt PURVES DSO Sgt MITCHELL MM 2/Lt BROOKS MC	
		1735 " Div reported 4 Air Strikes throughout day on enemy gun areas with good results.	
		Weather: Dry and Mild.	

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Commander. Lt Col V.W. BARLOW DSO OBE

Place	Date	Summary of Events and Information	Reference to Appendices
	9 Dec	<p>0800 hrs Div reported a night of active patrolling by both 25 CDN Inf Bde and 29 BRIT Inf Bde.</p> <p>0930 " Bde Comd attended conference at HQ 29 BRIT Inf Bde to discuss future ops.</p> <p>1800 " IO said that 1 WELCH took PW at 0800 hrs this morning on Pt 169 - a deserter from 188 Div, 63 Army, 17 yrs old and had been 14 days in KOREA.</p> <p>Weather: Mild with intermittent rain.</p>	

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Commander Lt Col V.W. BARLOW DSO OBE . .

Place	Date	Summary of Events and Information	Reference to Appendices
	10 Dec	0830 hrs Div reported patrol activity during the night across Div sector. Enemy infiltrated into R22eR area early on in the evening, but all quiet by 2000 hrs.	
		1235 " CO 1 KOSB worried by proximity of minefds to B Coy posns and wanted two gaps cleared through them.	
		1335 " Div reported party of enemy behind own lines - RE rd party pinned down - please send patrol from 1 KSLI to clear area.	
		1355 " 1 KSLI report they have been in touch with CDN RE Sqn who say they have mopped up the shooting party - 2 KOREAN Police and one civilian.	
		1410 " GSO II spoke to BM and said that GOC was talking to Comd to lay on sweep behind 25 CDN Inf Bde posns to-morrow by 1 KSLI.	
		1520 " Comd said that he had ordered 1 KSLI to sweep area Pt 183 Sq 2214 - Pt 39 Sq 1911 - NAECHON feature Sq 1515 - 160170 to-morrow. Approximate times to move out of present area at 0700 hrs to start sweep by 0900 hrs. Op to be known as Op PHEASANT.	
		1930 " 1 KSLI plan for Op PHEASANT: Mobile Stops on rd 185125 - 200136 . " " 185131 - 163151 on tk 193138 - Pt 222 - 193157	

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Commander . Lt. Col. V. W. BARLOW. DSO. OBE.

Place	Date	Summary of Events and Information	Reference to Appendices
	10 Dec Contd	1930 hrs CDN Bdy 153150 - 163168 Coys beating inwards onto Stops as follows: 2 Coy SL 162170 - 193159 moving SOUTH SOUTH WEST. 1 Coy from Pt 183 Sq 2214 moving WEST. 1 Coy (+) SL Pt 130 Sq 1811 - 20 EASTING moving NORTH 1 Coy SL 180118 - 185131 moving NORTH WEST. Weather: Fair and Cold.	

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Commander Lt. Col. V. W. BARLOW DSO OBE

Place	Date	Summary of Events and Information	Reference to Appendices
	11 Dec	0745 hrs Div reported a night of active patrolling during which a Coy of 1 PPCLI met heavy resistance in getting onto feature WEST of Pt 227 Sq 1518.	
		0910 " CO 1 KSLI said that Coys were in posn to start Op PHEASANT but that owing to mist, visibility was down to 100 yds. NO object in starting coys off until mist lifted.	
		0955 " 1 KSLI stated that Op PHEASANT was now under way and that the mist had lifted considerably.	
		1000 " Comd attended a planning conference at Div on future ops.	
		1510 " 1 KSLI say Op PHEASANT complete. NO unaccountable inhabitants or enemy found. One old CHINESE amn dump found.	
		Weather: Cold night and fine day.	

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28 British Commonwealth Brigade.

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Commander Lt Col V.W. BARLOW DSO OBE D. CSL

Place	Date	Summary of Events and Information	Reference to Appendices
	12 Dec	0730 hrs Div reported a night of active patrolling but with NO major action	
		1000 " The G III attended a conference held by CRE at 55 Fd Sqn RE 177077. Bn IOs/Pnr Offrs were present with G IIIs and RE Reps. The aim of the conference was to standardise mine laying methods throughout the Div and smooth out RE difficulties.	
		1100 " GOC visited Bde Comd at his caravan.	
		1230 " BM gave details of mov by enemy of arty towards WEST. Indications were that the enemy might attack 1 ROK Div on our LEFT before Christmas and threaten LEFT flank of 1 COMWEL Div. He outlined action to be taken by Bde in event of any breakthrough on this sector.	
		1410 " Brigadier J.F.M. MACDONALD DSO OBE returned from JAPAN leave and assumes Comd of Bde in place of Lt Col V.W. BARLOW DSO OBE 1 KSLI.	
		1715 " Warning Order from Div. Op SKUNK-HUNT will probably take place 15 Dec and last for 8 hrs. Aim of Op to round up and eliminate all infiltrators and guerillas in rear areas 1 COMWEL Div as far SOUTH as a line running parallel and 5 miles SOUTH of R IMJIN. All units excl med would be prepared to take part. GOCs 'O' Gp 131000I.	
		Weather: Cold and fine.	

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Commander. Brigadier. J. F. M. MACDONALD. DSO OBE

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Place	Date	Summary of Events and Information	Reference to Appendices
	13 Dec	0700 hrs 25 CDN Inf Bde and 29 BRIT Inf Bde patrols were very active overnight.. 1000 " Bde Comd attended GOCs Conference on Op SKUNK HUNT. 1500 " Bde Comds 'O' Gp in Bde HQ Offrs Mess for Op SKUNK HUNT. Weather: Continued cold and fair. 28 BRITCOM Inf Bde Op Instr No 15 attached <i>with trace</i>	<i>Appendix H Pages 1-8.</i>

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28 BRITISH COMMONWEALTH INFANTRY BRIGADE OP INSTR NO 15

OP SKUNK HUNT

Ref:- 57/G

13 Dec 51

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Ref Maps:- KOREA 1:50,000 Sheets 6527 (I) 6528 (II)
6628 (III) 6627 (IV)

INTRODUCTION

1. 1 COMVEL Div is carrying out a sweep of the Div area to eliminate any enemy guerillas and agents who may have succeeded in infiltrating through our lines.

INFO

2. Enemy

The enemy is known to have trained guerilla tps and agents.

3. Own Tps

(a) All tps in 1 COMVEL Div are carrying out a sweep on the same day.

(b) The Div area is being divided up as shown on trace P att.

(c) Areas are being swept by:-

- Area 1 - 29 BRIT Inf Bde
- Area 2 - 25 CDN Inf Bde
- Area 3 - 28 BRITCOM Inf Bde
- Area 4 - 5 DG
- Area 5 - RE
- Area 6 - 28 BRITCOM Inf Bde (3 RAR)
- Area 7 - Div HQ
- Area 8 - ST

(d) For the purposes of the sweep, areas are being allotted codenames as under:-

<u>Areas</u>	<u>Codename</u>
1 to 3	WYOMING
4	KANSAS
5 to 13	HOLLYWOOD

AIM

4. The aim of this instr is to lay down the method of sweeping area 3 and area 6 of the Div area on D day by 28 BRITCOM Inf Bde, to eliminate any enemy guerilla tps or agents in those areas.

METHOD

5. Areas

- (a) Area 3 will be divided into sub-areas 3A, 3B and 3C as shown on trace P. Responsibility for sweeping areas and sub-areas is as follows:-

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(b) Sub-Area 3A

- (i) Comd CO 3 RAR
- (ii) Tps Two coys 3 RAR
- (iii) Sub-unit comds Maj AF LUKYN
Lt CLARK

(c) Sub-Area 3B

- (i) Comd CO 1 KOSB
- (ii) Tps Three coys 1 KOSB
Battle Patrol 1 KOSB
Bde HQ Def Pl (Stops only)
- (iii) Sub-unit comds Maj TD ST B HARRISON
Maj J.L. ROBERTSON-MacLEOD
Maj GA DUNCAN
Lt KHS WILSON

(d) Sub-Area 3C

- (i) Comd CO 1 R NORFOLK
- (ii) Tps Three coys 1 R NORFOLK
- (iii) Sub-unit comds Maj HR HOLDEN
Maj AL GORDON
Maj BD CHAPMAN

(e) Area 6

- (i) Comd CO 3 RAR
- (ii) Tps One coy 3 RAR
A Ech KOSB
- (iii) Sub-unit comd Lt LEARY

6. Sweeping of Areas

- (a) Direction of sweeps and posns of "Stops" are as shown on trace P att.
- (b) "Stops" will be in posn 15 minutes before sweep begins and will remain in posn until ordered to withdraw.
- (c) Areas and sub-areas will be divided into bounds to assist in controlling mov of sub-units. Bounds will be notified to Bde HQ when unit plans have been completed.
- (d) All sub-units will be under comd of an offr.

7. Conduct of Sweeps

- (a) All suspected guerillas or agents found in any sub-area will be apprehended and evac under escort to Div PW cage.
- (b) All civs employed by units/sub-units will be kept in unit lines during the period of the search. Unit porters NOT on duty will remain in their villages and a responsible unit rep will remain with them to vouch for them during the sweep.

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- (c) ALL civs in area 3 found outside unit lines or porter villages will be evac to nearest refugee collecting centre.
- (d) Only civs auth to be in area 6 are those who were resident in this area before war. FS rep will accompany search parties in this area and will decide which civs are to be evac.
- (e) Buildings and houses will be searched for unauth pers, arms, amn and eqpt, but will NOT be destroyed or damaged.
- (f) Any arms, amn or eqpt found will be collected by search parties and handed in to 57 Coy RASC. Large quantities which cannot be carried will be guarded and loc reported to Bde HQ.
- (g) NO shooting will take place except in self defence or to apprehend a suspect running away.

8. Timings

- (a) D day and H hour will be notified later. Tgt dato 150800 I.
- (b) All sweeps will start together and finish NOT later than 1700 hrs D day.

9. Engr

- (a) RE reps to accompany parties sweeping areas where mineflds are known to be loc are being detailed as under:-
 - (i) Six reps 12 Fd Sqn RE reporting to 1 R NORFOLKS at rd junc MR 233099 at 0730 hrs D day for area 3 C.
 - (ii) Four reps 12 Fd Sqn RE reporting to 3 RAR at X rds 180024 at 0730 hrs D day for area 6.
- (b) Mineflds in the Div area are surrounded by a single strand of barbed wire, two ft high with RED triangular warning signs hung from the wire every ten yards. On NO account will tps search inside or in the immediate vicinity of these mineflds.
- (c) Up to date minefld traces will be issued by Bde HQ.

10. Security Pers

- (a) 904 FS sec are providing the following:-
 - (i) One FS NCO and one interpreter for Bde HQ.
 - (ii) One FS NCO, one interpreter and four National Police to 3 RAR for use in area 6.
- (b) Units requiring the services of FS det in para 10 (a) (i) above will apply to Bde HQ.
- (c) Bde IO will collect these FS dets from HQ 904 FS sec.

11. Air

An air OP is op over area during period of op. to watch for mov of unauth pers.

12. Security

Civ pers will NOT be given prior warning of this op.

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13. Sup

Haversack rations will be carried. C rations NOT available.

14. Tpt

Bids have been submitted for the following tpt:-

1 R NORFOLK	6 TCV
1 KOSB	8 TCV

to report to unit CPs at 0700 hrs D day.

15. Med

- (a) Gas will be evac from unit RAPs to existing CCPs and ADSs.
- (b) Additional amb cars may be obtained from 60 IND Fd Amb on request.

16. PV

- (a) Div PV cage loc 235097.
- (b) Details of place, time of capture and unit capturing will be handed over with all PV.

17. Refugees

Refugee collecting centres are loc as follows:-

Div	TOKCHONG 2989
25 CDN Inf Bde	189113
28 BRITCOM Inf Bde	162028
29 BRIT Inf Bde	110070 & 170080

INTERCOMN

18. Comms

Wrls to ICB HQ.

19. Locs of HQ

- (a) Bde HQ re ~~re~~ present area.
- (b) Units will info Bde HQ of loc of Tac HQs for op.

20. Reports

- (a) Units will report to Bde HQ on reaching bounds referred to in sub-para 6 (c).
- (b) Results of all sweeps will be reported to Bde HE immediately on completion.

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KD Bright
(KD BRIGHT) Major,

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1 KSLI	3	-
3 RAR	4	1
12 Fd Sqn RE	5	1
60 IND Fd & b	6	1
25 GDN Inf Bde	7	1
29 BRIT Inf Bde	8	1
5 DG	9	1
1 COMVEL Div	10-14	5
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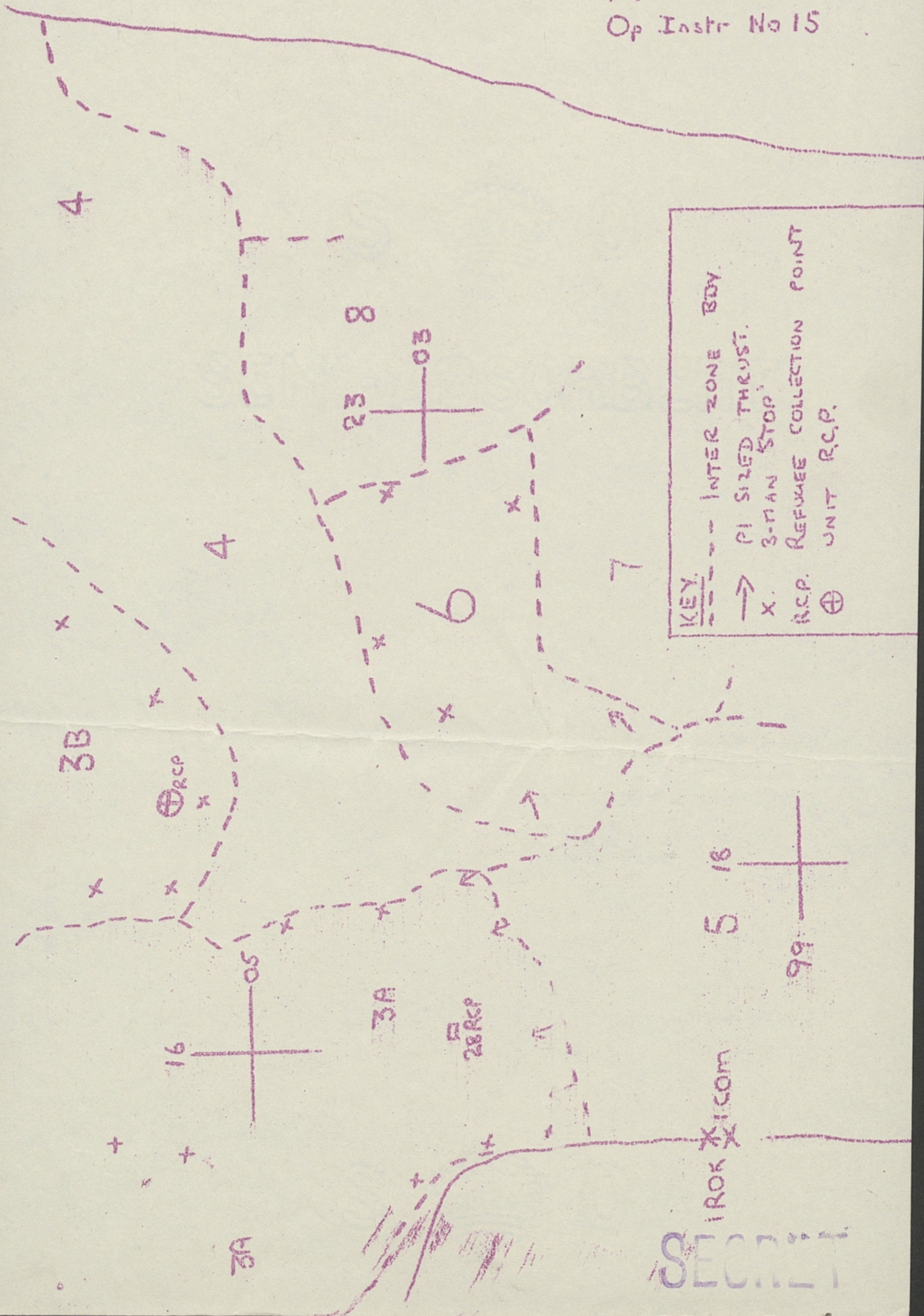
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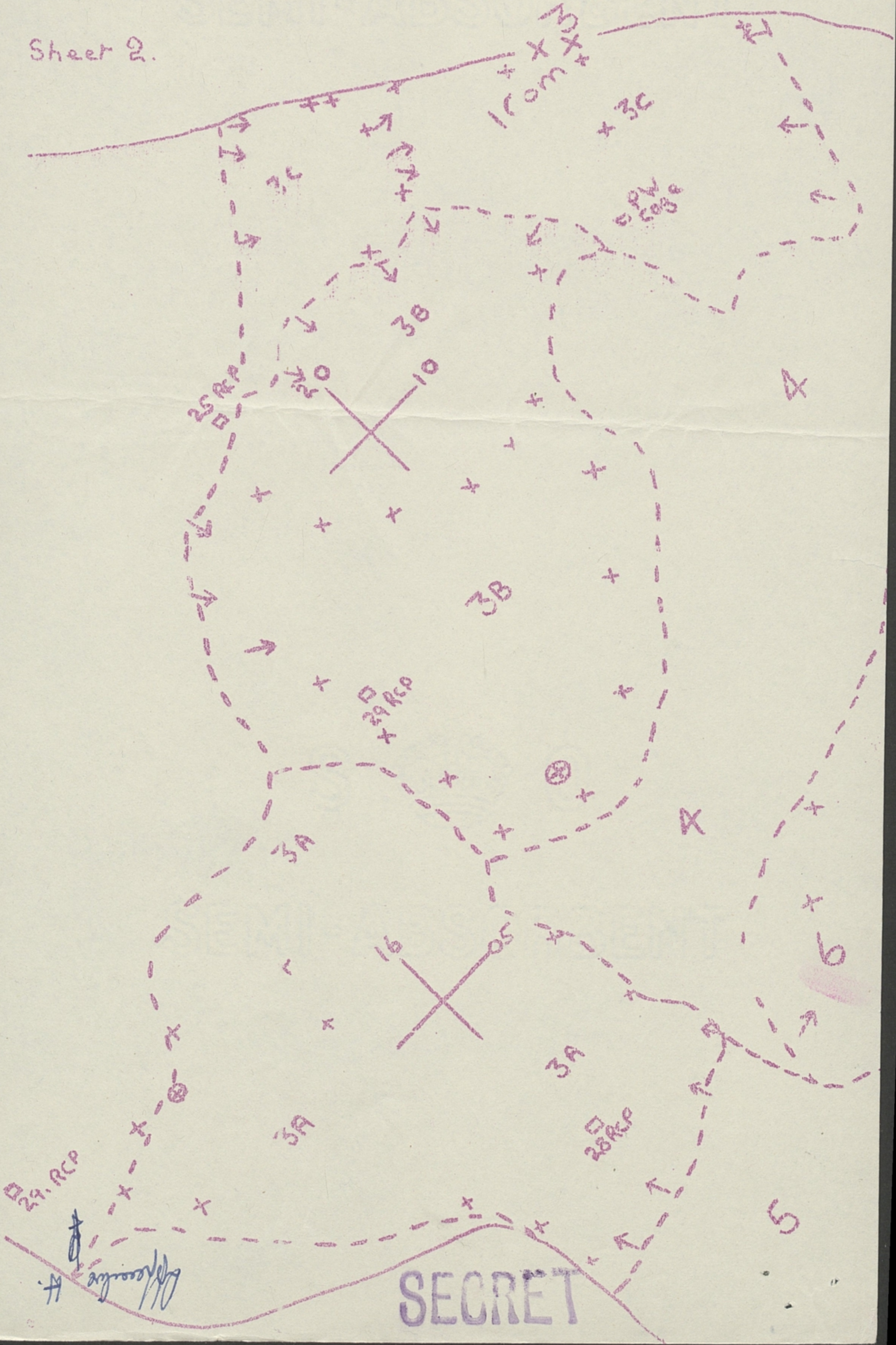
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28 Bde

Date—Time of Origin

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TO

1 R NORFOLK 1 KOSB 3 RAR 12 Fd Sqn RE 60 Ind Fd Amb

INFO

5 DG DAA & QMG Bde IO Bde Sigs Offr Camp BTO War Diary (2)

Message Instructions

Group Count

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Originator's Number

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Op SKUNK HUNT (.) FIRST (.) RE reps to accompany sweeping parties are being provided by 55 Fd Sqn RE NOT 12 Fd Sqn RE (.) Amend op instr no 15 para 9 (a) accordingly (.) SECOND (.) 3 RAR will provide tpt for FS det assisting them in area 6 (.) THIRD (.) if Air OP has info to pass it will drop msg to nearest ground tps which can be loc (.) FOURTH (.) CCP is being est loc HQ 54 tpt coy RCASC at CT 247015 for duration of op (.) FIFTH (.) rd from rd junc 138068 - CHAJIPO 1206 - WIDGEON is being closed from 0645 to ~~0720~~ 0715 hrs D day to allow mov 3 RAR (.) SIXTH ~~XX~~ (.) op will take place 15 Dec commencing 0800 hrs

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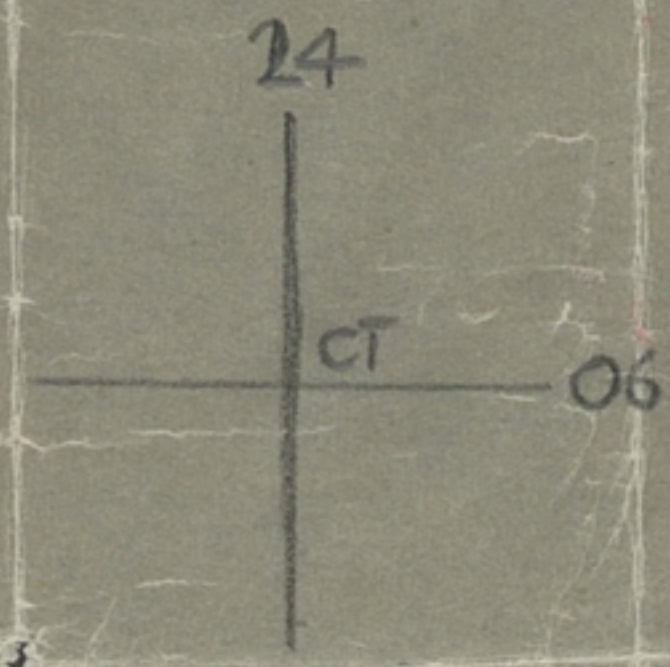
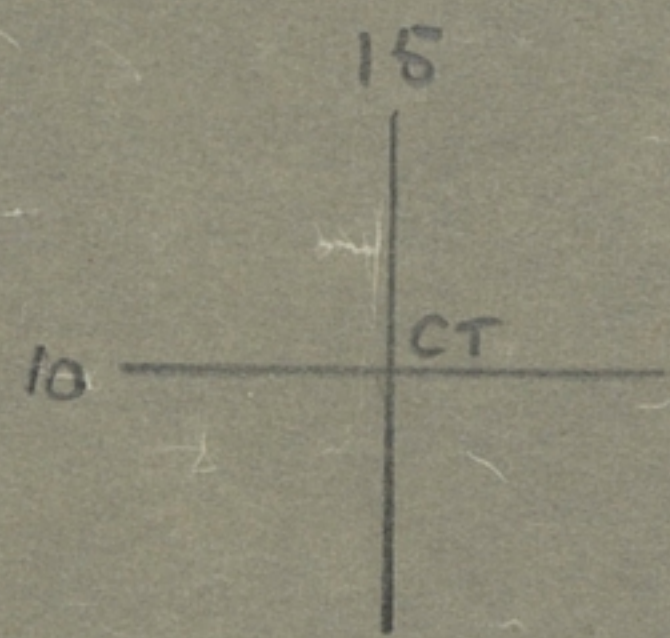
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HQ 23 BRITISH COMMONWEALTH BRIGADE
PHASE LINES - OP SKUNK HUNT

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1 Rok x 1 COMWEL

↗ DIRECTION OF SWEEP
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Commander Brigadier J.F.M. MACDONALD DSO OBE

Place	Date	Summary of Events and Information	Reference to Appendices
	14 Dec	0800 hrs Div reported NO action other than patrolling during the night.	
		0830 " 1 KSLI stated that relief of 1 R NORFOLK was going to plan.	
		1110 " Div asked that tests could be carried so that a comparison could be made between BRIT Type Mine Detector and AUSTRALIAN Type. Bde will ask 12 Fd Sqn RE to carry out tests so that a comparison can be made.	
		1120 " 1 R NORFOLK relief now affected and are under 28 BRITCOM Inf Bde Comd.	
		1130 " 1 KSLI report now in new loc and under Op Comd 29 BRIT Inf Bde. (A Coy 131113 B Coy 140127 C Coy Pt 127 sq 1411 D Coy TARAKTAE sq 1312 CP 147115).	
		1200 " Div confirmed that Op SKUNK HUNT would take place as planned to-morrow starting at 0800 hrs.	
		1850 " Div reported a quiet day. 25 CDN Inf Bde received 24 rounds of arty during period.	
		2335 " Air Raid Warning 'YELLOW' - unidentified ac in vicinity. All clear 30 mins later.	
		Weather: Fine with cold wind. Growing noticeably colder during period.	

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Commander. Brigadier. J.F.M. MACDONALD DSO OBE

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Place	Date	Summary of Events and Information	Reference to Appendices
	15 Dec	0700 hrs Div report patrolling during the night without major contact.	
		0815 " 1 R NORFOLKS report Op SKUNK HUNT started on time except for A Coy who were delayed 20 mins by late transport.	
		0818 " 1 KOSB say they were delayed slightly in getting off their SL owing to late tpt but all in full swing now.	
		0820 " 3 RAR said all moved off at H hr.	
		0904 " 3 RAR report now on ORION.	
		0905 " 1 KOSB now on SAVOY.	
		0935 " 3 RAR report explosion at 197011, thought to be Booby Trap but NO one hurt.	
		0958 " 1 R NORFOLKS now on AUNT.	
		1005 " 3 RAR report on MARS but in area 6 NOT yet reached RUBY.	
		1015 " 1 R NORFOLKS report SISTER 3 RAR report RUBY from area 6.	
		1035 " 1 KOSB say they have picked up one sick suspect and 11 refugees.	
		1110 " 1 KOSB report one coy on UNIVERSAL other two moving up to it.	

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Summary of Events and Information

Reference to Appendices

Place	Date	Summary of Events and Information	Reference to Appendices
	15 Dec	1130 hrs 3 RAR report NEPTUNE. Bde Refugee Collecting Pt received 6 so far - 3 cleared as Porters and 3 evac.	
		1150 " 3 RAR in area 3 near JUPITER and have taken 11 civilians. Area 6 clearing village at 205027.	
		1210 " 1 R NORFOLKS now on UNCLE.	
		1245 " 1 R NORFOLKS report on BROTHER. 1 KOSB report all coys now SOUTH of UNIVERSAL.	
		1305 " 3 RAR report on RED in area 6. Area 3 nearly at JUPITER with 12 refugees.	
		1330 " 1 KOSB report A and D Coys have swung WEST SOUTH WEST and now moving to WARDORF B Coy 3 RAR 300 yds short of VICTORIA.	
		1345 " 1 R NORFOLKS cleared their area NORTH of Line Stops. 3 RAR now past JUPITER and are on home stretch. 11 Civilians sent to Collecting Pt, sending 20 more.	
		1410 " 1 KOSB say B Coy moving onto WARDORF.	
		1605 " 1 KOSB report B and ^D Coys completed sweep.	
		1610 " 3 RAR both sweeps complete. 1 R NORFOLKS completed sweeping at 1530 hrs.	
		1640 " 3 RAR report details of people cleared in their sweeps.	

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Place	Date	Summary of Events and Information	Reference to Appendices
	15 Dec Contd	1640 hrs 23 Males 2 Females 3 Aged Males 3 Aged Females 4 Boys 2 Babies Total 37.	
		1830 " IO said that 180 refugees received so far at Bde Collecting Pt. 1 R NORFOLKS state they had evacuated 35 civilians to Collecting Pt.	
		1930 " 1 KOSB gave full details of HUNT. The following had been evac from their area NORTH of the river:- 128 Civilians 19 KSC (KOREAN Service Corps) 15 Porters 4 Police 1 Suspect Agent Total 167 Village 209099 picture of STALIN on wall. Village 203101 CHINESE Bank Book and Registered envelope with PEKIN Postmark.	
		Weather: Continued cold and fair. Max Temp during period 35 degrees. Min 19 degrees.	

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Place	Date	Summary of Events and Information	Reference to Appendices
	16 Dec	0800 hrs Div reported a quiet night.	
	1000 "	Div reported that During Op SKUNK HUNT 618 civilians were checked of which 255 were evacuated and 12 were detained as suspects. Own cas through mines and booby traps: 5 wounded.	
	1400 "	Bde Comd accompanied by GSO III visited CO 2 RCR in his CP 151143 before moving to an OP to recce for proposed Op.	
		Weather: Cold and fair.	

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Place Date Summary of Events and Information Reference to Appendices

	17 Dec	0740 hrs	Div said that it had been a quiet night.	
		0820 "	Bde Comd left Bde HQ to visit GOC before making an Air Recce in preparation for future ops.	
		1200 "	Comd returned and said in addition to Air Recce he had tried to make a ground recce from Pt 146 Sq 1109 but the mist had prevented it.	
		1545 "	Div gave warning of Butterfly Bombs loc vic 135050. Also said max Air Effort against KUHWARI Sq 0817 to-night.	
		1550 "	CRA visited the Bde Comd.	
		1600 "	BM 29 BRIT Inf Bde was doubtful whether revised 1st Line Amn Scale put up by HQ 28 BRITCOM Inf Bde could be carried by tpt in one lift. Also enquired whether Grenade Scale was based on HE or those who would normally be armed with grenades.	

Weather: Continued Cold and Fair.

Attached Personal Memorandum to Comd's No 3 dated 17 Dec

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Subject:- PERSONAL MEMORANDUM TO COMMANDERS No 3.

Copy No.....7.....

17 December 1951

Ref:- G/1.

Lt Col V.W. BARLOW DSO. OBE. 1 KSLI. (1)
Lt Col F.H. HASSETT DSO. OBE. 3 RAR. (2)
Lt Col D.H. TADMAN OBE. 1 KOSB. (3)

O P E R A T I O N S

FUTURE POLICY

Line JAMESTOWN

1. Work on defences will continue and emphasis will now be placed on the points, listed in para 5 of Memorandum No 1.
2. Recces, plans and rehearsals for counter-attack roles, as laid down in Op Instr No 11, will be completed, where these have not already been done.

Lines WYOMING and KANSAS

3. Recces and plans for the occupation of posns on these lines, as laid down in Op Instr No 14, will be completed, where these have not already been done.

AA Defence

4. The fact that the enemy has not so far used his air force in direct support of his ground forces has made us disregard the elementary precautions of air defence. There are definite indications that the enemy is building up his air potential, both in quantity and quality, and we must be prepared for enemy air attacks.
5. Camouflage and dispersion are two basic precautions, which have been neglected, particularly in the case of vehicles in the areas of HQ and adm echelons.
6. Comds will issue orders to ensure that all ranks are aware of the possibility of enemy air attacks and the action to be taken both now and, in the future, to meet them and reduce their effectiveness.

Shooting

7. The practice of individuals firing their weapons, without authority at game or other objects, within the Div area, will cease forthwith.
8. Where it is desired to shoot game, information regarding the number of individuals and the area concerned will be notified to Bde HQ, before such shooting is carried out.

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Christmas and New Year Period

9. The policy for this period will be "business as usual". There will be no relaxation of the present security precautions. Special arrangements will be made for Church Services and Dinners on Christmas and New Years Day, to ensure that, at any time, units and sub-units are capable of carrying out their operational roles.
10. I wish all ranks to be informed that, as we are at war, any relaxation of operational efficiency over this period cannot be accepted from them as individuals or from sub-units.

A D M I N I S T R A T I O N

Saluting

11. I have noticed no improvement in saluting and, in fact, have found men who are unaware that "flag" cars should be saluted. This matter, referred to in paras 19 and 20 of Memorandum No 2, requires your attention.

J. F. M. Macdonald

(J.F.M. MACDONALD) Brigadier,
Commander 28 BRITISH COMMONWEALTH Infantry Brigade.

Copy to:- Lt Col J.W. MOODIE, ED, 16 Fd Regt RNZA (4)
BM (5)
DAA & QMG (6)
War Diary (7) and (8)

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Place	Date	Summary of Events and Information	Reference to Appendices
	18 Dec	0745 hrs Div reported a night of minor patrol action. A patrol from 1 KSLI under Op Comd 29 BRIT Inf Bde reached 115136. Patrol was accompanied by an Offr 5 DG and Offr RE.	
		0940 " CO 3 RAR visited Comd to discuss future ops.	
		1530 " 25 CDN Inf Bde said they were running an NCOs Course after Christmas, would we like any vacancies.	
		Weather: Continued Cold and Fair.	

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Place	Date	Summary of Events and Information	Reference to Appendices
	19 Dec	0800 hrs Div reported a quiet night.	
		1000 " The 25 CDN Inf Bde said they were running a NCOs course shortly after Christmas would this Bde like any vacancies. Later we asked 25 CDN Inf Bde for 15 vacancies, 5 for each of our bns.	
		1110 " 1 KSLI reported they had been relieved by 1 R NORFOLK and were back in their old loc under comd 28 BRITCOM Inf Bde.	
		1540 " SMI MCWHINNIE APTC after visiting 1 KOSB and 1 KSLI said that both bns would be keen to send NCOs on PT course in JAPAN if there was a Cease Fire.	
		1600 " Comd said that he had agreed with comd 25 CDN Inf Bde that one Coy 1 KOSB would be placed under comd 25 CDN Inf Bde during period 24 - 27 December. The coy would carry out a series of reliefs over the period to enable coys of 2 RCR and 2 R22eR in turn to take a short break out of the line over the Christmas period. Coy 1 KOSB to be B Coy comd Major P.F. St C. HARRISON DSO.	
		Weather: Milder with heavy morning ground mist.	

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Place	Date	Summary of Events and Information	Reference to Appendices
	20 Dec	0600 hrs Div reported a quiet night across Corps front.	
		1115 " Comd left for 25 CDN Inf Bde HQ to discuss Coy 1 KOSB which was placed under Op Comd 25 CDN Inf Bde period 24 - 27 Dec. Comd returned by way of 1 KOSB from HQ 25 CDN Inf Bde.	
		1320 " 3 RAR said they wanted defence stores to thicken up their perimeter - 500 coils of wire with pickets.	
		1530 " CO 5 DG visited Comd to discuss proposed ops.	
		1600 " 25 CDN Inf Bde said bde could have 12 vacancies on their NCOs course starting 6 January. BM said that each bn would have 4 vacancies.	
		1820 " GSO 1 visited Comd to discuss proposed ops.	
		Weather: Continued fairly mild with heavy morning and evening ground mist.	

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Place	Date	Summary of Events and Information	Reference to Appendices
	21 Dec	0755 hrs Div said that although enemy mov was heard during the night there was NO contact.	
		0845 " Comd and BM left for a GOCs conference at Div HQ on future Ops.	
		1200 " 1 KSLI gave the following course requirements for 1st Quarter 1952 at Div Battle School:- Inf Sigs Course) 3" Mor ") 3 x one month Course on each MMG ") sending 4 men on each course. Aslt Pnr ") This meant there would be only 16 men away at any one time.	
		1230 " 1 KOSB did not wish to send anyone to Div Battle School.	
		1515 " 3 RAR C Coy report 2" Mor bombs falling in the low ground to their front. Don't think they are enemy. Later found to be B Coy 1 KOSB practicing.	
		1600 " HQRE agreed to issue 7000 Sandbags for Bde on 22 Dec. This will bring total issued to bde during one month in present posn to 18,000.	
		1640 " 3 RAR require courses at Div Battle School period Jan to Mar incl as follows	

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Place	Date	Summary of Events and Information	Reference to Appendices
	21 Dec Contd	1640 hrs Junior NCOs Course } 3 x one month courses. Aslt Pnr Course } 8 per course on NCOs Course and 4 per course on Aslt Pnrs Weather: Continued fair and mild.	

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Place	Date	Summary of Events and Information	Reference to Appendices
	22 Dec	0730 hrs Div reported a very quiet night.	
		1000 " BM attended a conference at Div HQ on proposed revised Amn Scales. The revised Scale of 1st Line for use in KOREA was generally agreed upon. The final amended scale will be published by Div. Course requirements for 1st Quarter 1952 were also discussed.	
		1515 " Div stated that Hon J. FRANCIS, AUSTRALIAN Minister of War, would visit 3 RAR for Christmas Day arriving at 1000 hrs and staying until approx 1800 hrs. Bde Comd to meet Minister at 3 RAR. Possible that Minister would visit Bde HQ informally on 26 Dec.	
		1540 " 3 RAR asked for Air Recces to be arranged for two Officers a day for the next five days. This was later arranged by Div with Lt Liaison Flight.	
		Weather: Continued mild with heavy morning and evening mist. Temperatures - Max 45 degrees, min 36 degrees.	

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Place	Date	Summary of Events and Information	Reference to Appendices
	23 Dec	<p>0845 hrs Div reported active patrolling by both fwd bdes during which 1 R NORFOLK patrol was engaged by enemy while crossing R SAMICHON at 114131. Patrol returned fire and observed 3 enemy cas but lost both their boat and some equipment.</p> <p>1130 " GOC visited Bde Comd in his caravan.</p> <p>1415 " 3 RAR gave itinerary proposed for visit of Hon JOSIAH FRANCIS Minister for AUSTRALIAN Army to bn on Christmas Day. The proposed programme included the Minister addressing the bn on parade and later in the day attending a Troops Concert.</p> <p>1430 " Div said that higher fmn had ordered a standardisation of .30 Browning MG holdings. Please propose an est of Browning MGs within bns. The problem was later given to bns to think out.</p> <p>2120 " Div said that R22eR patrol was engaged by estimated 4 enemy with AWs on Pt 227, while trying to get onto feature from NORTH. Patrol withdrew with 3 WIA.</p> <p>Weather: Continued Mild with heavy mist at dawn and dusk. Becoming colder by end of period.</p> <p><i>Attached CLEAR 12121</i></p>	

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The following message from General Matthew B. Ridgway, CINCUN Forces in Korea, is quoted for dissemination to all ranks:

"I have received the following message from Mr. Trygve Lie, Secretary General of the United Nations:

'TO: General Matthew Ridgway, UN CINC

'On the occasion of the visit of the group of veterans of UN Forces to the UN Assembly, a gathering of delegations and other representatives of states supporting the UN acting in Korea requests the President of the General Assembly and myself to convey to you, as CINCUN Forces in Korea, their personal thanks to you for the great effort and magnificent leadership of the UN Forces.

'I would be grateful also if you would convey to all UN troops in Korea, on behalf of the representative* gathering of the President of the General Assembly and myself, the gratitude and best wishes of all UN representatives present at the ceremony of welcome to their visiting comrades. Signed Trygve Lie, Secretary General.'

"In passing this gracious mission of confidence and appreciation to the men and women of the UN within your respective commands, I add my personal commendation for the magnificent efforts of our UN Forces in support of the undertaking in Korea. The leadership, courage, devotion to duty, and skill of the members of your command at all levels continue to receive the praise of the free world and are a hallmark of unselfish dedication to the principles of justice and righteousness among nations. It is an honored privilege to share this service with you. Signed Ridgway."

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Place	Date	Summary of Events and Information	Reference to Appendices
	24 Dec	0750 hrs Div reported another night of active patrolling.	
		0900 " Comd met Cardinal SPELLMAN, Archbishop of NEW YORK, at the Div Airstrip.	
		1430 " 3 RAR proposed holding of .300 Browning MGs should be 2 per rifle coy. Bn pointed out MGs would normally be used in def posn and would otherwise be carried in an Ech.	
		1630 " Comd decided that est of .300 Browning MGs should be 8 for inf bn. Comd appreciated that there are NO organic tpt to carry Brownings and NO est for men to man them.	
		Weather: Growing colder but remained fine.	

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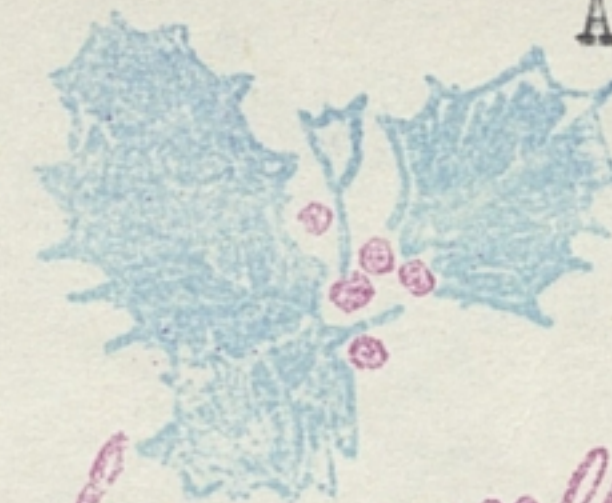
Place	Date	Summary of Events and Information	Reference to Appendices
	25 Dec	0730 hrs Div report a night of active patrolling by both fwd bdes with NO major action.	
		0900 " Comd said possibility of Corps Comd calling during day. Later: Corps Comd later flew over HQ at 1000 hrs but did NOT land.	
		0930 " Christmas Greetings were sent to Div, bdes and bns.	
		1000 " Comd met AUST Army Minister, Hon JOSIAH FRANCIS, at 3 RAR and remained with minister's party until 1030 hrs.	
		1200 " Offrs entertained the Sgts Mess to drinks in their Mess.	
		1230 " Comd and Offrs assisted in serving Christmas dinner to the men in their dining hall. The men sat down in two sittings; Comd drank mens health on both occasions.	
		1545 " Div said that following night bombing runs were to be carried out after last lt:- 102162 - 092178 081145 - 074157 097160 - 087172	
		Nothing to report throughout day. Only screening patrols to-night.	
		Weather: Early snow turned to sleet and then rained throughout day.	

Attached Mens MENU for Christmas Dinner.

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HQ 28 British Commonwealth Infantry Brigade

MENU

Christmas Dinner - Korea 1951



GIBLET SOUP

THANKS TO WATER MAN

STUFFED ROAST TURKEY
BOILED HAM
ROAST POTATOES
PEAS
CARROTS

BRAISED OR WELDED
WELL COOKED?
THANKS TO LONDON BRICK COY
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& LA RENNARD

PLUM PUDDING
BRANDY SAUCE

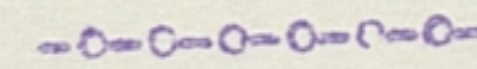
WORKHOUSE VARIETY
NO COMMENTS PLEASE

MINCE PIES

A RELIC OF KING ARTHUR?

NUTS AND SWEETS

NOT! NO ICE CREAM?



MERRY XMAS
TO YOU
ALL



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Place	Date	Summary of Events and Information	Reference to Appendices
	26 Dec	0800 hrs Div reported a quiet night.	
		0900 " Comd left to visit 1 KOSB and 1 KSLI.	
		1145 " Comd returned and stated that the rds were in a very bad condition.	
		1300 " AUST Army Minister, Hon JOSIAH FRANCIS accompanied by GOC visited Bde HQ and took lunch in the Offrs Mess.	
		1550 " Div said that an enemy coy followed by pl attacked 1 ROK Div posns 034070. Pl attack took place at 1445 hrs.	
		Weather: Approx 3 in of snow fell during morning. Temps varied from 34 deg to 26 deg.	

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Place	Date	Summary of Events and Information	Reference to Appendices
	27 Dec	<p>0700 hrs Div reported a quiet night.</p> <p>1250 " Comd said that the Corps Comd while flying over the area on 25 Dec had seen a boat moored on the R IMJIN'S NORTHERN bank opposite Bde LAD with a well used track leading up to the crossing from both NORTH and SOUTH. BM said he would detail LO Lt C.W. CROSSLAND with a sec of Def and Emp Pl to investigate.</p> <p>1845 " Lt C.W. CROSSLAND returned from his patrol. Stated that he found boat moored to NORTHERN bank CT 204058 and two civilians with one KOREAN Policeman in village at CT 200058. Also found 2 KOREAN Police who were auth residents in village. 13 sacks of rice were found on SOUTH bank at 205057. Opinion that the civilians assisted by KOREAN Police were looting rice from houses evac, after Op SKUNK HUNT. Fd Security Sec have taken up matter.</p> <p>Weather: Getting colder throughout period.</p>	

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Place	Date	Summary of Events and Information	Reference to Appendices
	28 Dec	0755 hrs Div reported limited patrolling during night. A patrol from 2 RCR met and killed two enemy at 120146. A patrol from 2 PPCLI engaged enemy at 129167 and inflicted cas.	
		1015 " Vist from Corps Comd who landed by helicopter in the visitors Car Park.	
		1100 " Comd visited A Sqn 5 DG CT 193126.	
		1130 " ADPR visited Bde HQ regarding 10 AUST editors visiting 3 RAR 9 Jan.	
		1400 " Bde Comd left for Div Airstrip to fly to Corps where he attended a seasonal party.	
		1800 " Div said that enemy bn attacked 1 ROK Div posns at 047055 at 1610 hrs.	
		1810 " Div said enemy attack now in Regt str and sp by tks from 042084.	
		2030 " 3 RAR in touch with 1 R LEICESTERS say that situation on 1 ROK Div sector now quieter with enemy pulling back.	
		Midnight 27 Dec, 30 Day period of Cease Fire discussions at PANMUNJON ended. During 30 Day Period agreed demarkation line was frozen regardless of any ground that might have changed hands during period. The agreed line of demarkation is now therefore void and liable to alteration should ground change hands.	
		Weather: Growing colder throughout period but remaining fair.	

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Place	Date	Summary of Events and Information	Reference to Appendices
	29 Dec	0720 hrs Div report nothing more than minor patrol actions along Army Front. 1 ROK Div preparing to Counter attack enemy who took Hill 104 sq 0406 yesterday. Temperature at 0400 hrs was 1 deg F.	
	1135 "	3 RAR report 9 rds of enemy arty fell in area of B Coy at 1120 hrs - 6 rds at 118057 and 3 rds at 131048	
	1155 "	GOC visited Comd in his caravan.	
	1200 "	IO said that 3 KOREAN Policemen found in village 200058, one apprehended by Bde HQ patrol of 27 Dec, and 2 by Div Fd Security Sec 28 Dec, had been handed over to KSC Auth at Corps for aiding civilians to smuggle rice.	
	1235 "	Div reported enemy on Pt 169 sq 1011 being engaged by arty. Enemy attacking 1 ROK Div posns sq 0307 and 0407 sp by 7 hy MGS and arty.	
	Delayed Report	DAA & QMG said that Pte SPEAKMAN 1 KOSB had been awarded the Victoria Cross for his part in the action during 4 and 5 Nov when 1 KOSB were under heavy enemy attack.	
	1730 hrs	IO said that Div received 115 rds enemy arty during period. Further local engagements on 1 ROK Div Sector with NO major gain on either side.	
	Weather:	Continues cold. Temperature at midday was 7 deg F.	

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Place	Date	Summary of Events and Information	Reference to Appendices
	30 Dec	<p>0730 hrs Div report posn on 1 ROK Div front more steady and that engagements have only been local, otherwise a quiet night across front.</p> <p>1000 hrs Comd attended the investiture by GOC of Victoria Cross to Pte SPEAKMAN 1 KOSB at HQ 1 KOSB CT 163081.</p> <p>1115 " 1 KSLI said that their patrol for night 2 Jan was rehearsing to-night and there would be night firing in area 196116 between 1900 - 2000 hrs.</p> <p>1140 " Brig Gen CROSS Comd 3 US Inf Div arrived by Helicopter to accompany Comd to 1 KOSB Luncheon Party. The Brig Gen was most interested to hear the Pipes and Drums.</p> <p>1810 " 3 BAR notified following change in posns:- B Coy new posns: Pl at 111064 Pl at 112063 with Coy HQ Pl at 115062 Outpost at 108064. D Coy Pl at 134061 now moved to 122057 with 2 x A Tk guns. Other Pls still at:- 133061 135063</p> <p>Weather: Grew milder during day with snow after last light.</p>	

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Place	Date	Summary of Events and Information	Reference to Appendices						
	31 Dec	<p>0730 hrs 3 RAR said their patrol through 1 WELCH returned 0100 hrs with nothing to report. Patrol consisted of 1 pl and went out with object of killing any enemy encountered and taking a PW. Route 120109 - 117110 - 110110 along track to 114122 - rd via 115112 back to 120104.</p> <p>0745 " Div gave details of patrol activity during night when patrols from 1 R LEICESTERS and 1 R NORFOLKS heard enemy digging and 2 RCR ran into by fire from three enemy LMGs at 120145 losing 2 killed.</p> <p>1200 " Bde Comd held a conference in his caravan with the 3 COs. COs explained that they were getting insufficient sandbags. Comd produced nos of sandbags issued to bns since 22 November while in present posns:</p> <table><tr><td>1 KOSB</td><td>18,500</td></tr><tr><td>1 KSLI</td><td>13,500</td></tr><tr><td>3 RAR</td><td>21,150</td></tr></table> <p>1420 " 3 RAR reported few enemy shells were passing over them but were NOT landing in bn area.</p> <p>1600 " 16 1 KSLI ORs and 8 3 RAR ORs departed for courses at Div Battle School in KURE JAPAN.</p> <p>Weather: Overnight snow brought milder weather with temperatures rising above 32 degrees F at midday.</p>	1 KOSB	18,500	1 KSLI	13,500	3 RAR	21,150	
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