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PERSONNEL.

John A.G. 17 yrs. Kith
Luncheon Room
Trained 11.2.22

John F.R. 18 yrs. Chf
Trained 11.2.22

John J.C. 17 yrs. P
Current N
Trained 20

John L.R. 17 yrs. C
Brickwork
Trained 1

John A. 21 yrs.
Kith
Trained

Wright. N.R. 18 yrs. C
Trained

KERR E.E. 21 yrs. Methodist. ^{Mother} M^{rs} E.E. Kerr. Brighton Rd. Sandgate N.E.7
Joined Sept. 20.5.42. No home leave.

HUSTON A.W.G. 17 yrs. Methodist. ^{Mother} M^{rs} V. Huston. Callaway Frederick St.
Aunbury Brisbane
Joined 11.2.42. Fortnight's leave end April.

MARSH F.N. 18 yrs. C of E. ^{Mother} M^{rs} A. Marsh. Tame St. Mitchelton Brisbane
Joined 15.5.42. No home leave.

~~MAC~~ MACKAY J.C. 17 yrs. Presbyterian. ^{Mother} M^{rs} R.G. Mackay/Morrison
"Gumbroo"
Crescent Norman Park Brisbane S.E.1.
Joined 20.5.42. No home leave.

HAGGS L.K. 17 yrs. C of E. Father. A.L. Haggs. Waverley St West End
Brisbane
Joined 11.2.42. Fortnight's leave end April.

HOBBS A. 21 yrs. Congregational. Father. W.H. Hobbs. 10 Penola St.
Kilkeney S.A.
Joined 2.6.41. Fortnight's leave end April.

WRIGHT N.R. 18 yrs. C of E. Mother M^{rs} A. Wright 42 Ellenor St.
Toowoomba Q'ld.
Joined 2.4.42. Fortnight's leave end April.

TONGE A.H. 20 yrs. CofE. Father C.B. Tonge, Biplanale Canning Bridge
West Australia
Joined 17.2.41. 10 days beginning June in Sydney;
no leave leave for 14 months.

BURRYMAN M. 18 yrs. Methodist. Father M.C. Burryman 6, Rundle St
Kent Town, S.A.
Joined 9.4.42. 14 days leave end April.

PAULS W.G. 22 yrs. Methodist. Father N.E. Pauls Casino, N.S.W.
Joined 2.4.42. 14 days end April.

LAMARTON R.B. 17 yrs. CofE. Father M.E. Lamerton, 6 Farnell St,
Glebe, S.A.
Joined 2.4.42. 14 days end April.

BROOKMAN J.H. 19 yrs. Congregational. Father C.R. Russell, 10 Beller-Yue Place
Halebury Park, S.A.
Joined 9.4.42. 14 days end April.

MONK C.A. 18 yrs. Methodist. Father M.E.F. Monk, 14 Mandurah St,
Camdenell, Victoria
Joined 2.4.42. 14 days end April.

MCGRATH R.S. 20 yrs. Methodist. Father T.W. Abraham 114 Armstrong Terrace
Paddington N.S.W.
Joined 8.4.42. 14 days end April.

MCCABE S.F. 19 yrs. R.C. Mother Mrs L.H. McCabe, Stanmore Vale,
via Woodford, Q'd.
Joined 2.4.42 14 days end April.

CHARLES B. PA 1243. 22 yrs. C.F.E. Mother Mrs A. Charles, ~~from Port~~
~~Street, West Sydney, South Australia~~ Co. St. Francis,
Joined 117 Trimmer Parade, Seaton Park, S.A.
Joined 9th Sept. 1942.

GRANT N.R. PA 2584. 20 yrs. Methodist. Father R. Grant, Box 2,
Cummins, South Australia.
Joined 2.4.42. 14 days leave end April.

2 CAMERON. T.A. ... B. 3259.
Boys Road, Hurdah, Brisbane.

26th August. GRANT, ACKHAMS, LANGSTON informed they are below required
standard and are to leave for Hindon tomorrow morning.
GRANT - hardworking, trust worthy, pleasant type, but has the gentle
outlook of a girl; has also some stomach complaint similar to
a chronic appendix; slight mental physique.
ACKHAMS - Quite strong, hardworking, but slow moving and thinking,
and inclined to be a buffoon; always the best; could not be trusted
to think or act quickly in any emergency.
LANGSTON - Rather lazy; glib; no stability; physically up to standard
and did his training quite satisfactorily, even though not even at
100% pressure for weeks; weak face, sweating skins, would not
do any work on his own in small things; mentally childish.

3000PL.12.

16.9.42. Confronted with Lt. Macintosh concerning having to do sentry duty, and also complained of attitude of other ratings showing lack of respect for his holding lands rank. The whole was very different between the present operations and a normal Naval concern were pointed out to him, and also that no lack of respect will accrue to him if he puts his weight in everything, pleasant or unpleasant, that he may be set to do. Was told to carry on with his sentry watching whilst he has no W/T watching to do.
Not a wisen. Can we make him one? Difficult satisfied, with the little of the spirit that with 10 needed here.

20.10.42. Very marked improvement indeed. He now "marches in" with the store and pulls his weight well. Is asked at having some of his previous calling to follow up, for other than Semaphore & shore instruction now again he has no W/T or signalling work. He needs, in my opinion, 10 days or a fortnight in Melbourne with the mechanics of the set he is to operate. As far as his training goes in camp he can be spared for this any time.

2.12.42. Arriving at Port Phillip from W/T course in Sydney, met Lt. Russell. Was wearing an H.M.S. belly about which he had repeatedly been spoken to before. Was extremely rude & insubordinate to Lt. Russell who reported the matter to Major Campbell. The latter went through him like a dose of salts & ordered the incident to be reported to Mr. Davidson.

20.12.42. Was left behind with Gt. Morris in camp whilst the remainder went on Christmas leave. Was lately shown a reversion to the type he originally showed. Lazy and early. To have to row sails is a pain and grief to him, and his intention to make such a fast known is marked. One cannot like the man however hard one tries. The more chances he is given to prove himself of good metal, the more the base stuff comes to the top. He is keen on his signalling though his far keener on shingles.

Confronted
had for
Tenn had to be
flooded
Sydney, where
shouting about the
tell your
demonstrating a
duty, watching
had had just the
him like good
20.10.42. H.M.
to ratings was
attacking
sight in
ratings. The
assembled
tired a ride
in the
a complete
billed. he
Port Stephens
more question
having about
about 40
asked about
ships and
being
or improved
"improved"
in changing the
from ground
become
known
probably all

CAMERON. 11.10.42. The only one of the party who was late for the s/s at Naval House
lined for 1400, to catch bus out to Camp on completion of 12/11 course.
Jones had to be sent for him and he arrived at 1515. A cheeky,
flash, larrikin type. Put on a fabulous amount of "dog" whilst in
Sydney, & drew intentionally as much attention to himself as possible,
striding about the streets with his hat in the back of his head, expiring
tall gear & every one he met. On one occasion, when the Army was
demonstrating a power-operated before, Cameron was to be seen, on
duty, watching the demonstration, with his arm round some barbit
that had just stilled up. A very severe reprimand - but it will do
him little good. A bad type, and difficult to knock down.

20.10.42. H.M.A.S. "INDEPENDENT" sent a whaler to leave U.C. Amongst
the ratings was one who spoke to Hage & Jones about our scheme of
attacking Jap ships from a "sampan". This discoverer "sampan" has
caught on in 'X' camp & the Kofukyo is then turned by them - all the
ratings. The use of it by a stranger is alarming. All ratings were
assembled & Lt. Davidson went into things. Later Cameron came up and
tried a vindication of himself as, he said, suspicion centred on him
in the eyes of the other ratings. He had been in conversation with a rating,
a complete stranger, one night on the ferry to Luna Park. This rating was
looked. He got out of Cameron that he was on 'special service', not the
Port Stephens crowd, but something secret. He persisted in his
cross-questioning & so Cameron gave him an absurd story of our
having already been in action in the Solomon and having killed
about 40 Japs. ^{who happened to be amongst Japanese whaler's party} Not much harm in that, but this rating particularly
asked about these 40 Japs, as well as about our attacking ^{Japanese} ~~ships~~ ^{ships}
and from a "sampan". Cameron flatly denies ^{having} ~~mentioned~~ ^{mentioned}
or ~~preferred~~ ^{preferred} to ~~any~~ ^{any} inference ~~to~~ ^{to} be two later. Cross-questioning
'INDEPENDENT' ratings. If fact convinced Cameron is speaking the truth
in denying this. He apparently was well influenced by drink and
spun yarn so absurd that no one believed him. The "Sampan"
^{seems to be} ~~rumour~~ ^{rumour} just a "buzz" of indefinite origin. Cameron is
probably all right, but needs very careful observation.

20/12/45

Morale seems lowered after the 40 mile march on 21st October. Sourly and complaints of being generally 'bugged' in the legs.

21-12-45. Has a curly demeanour certainly but this is nothing. Gives him plenty of work and plenty of odd jobs to do and he is happy. He is an individualist and a lone hand. Not a very good mixer, though well liked. Has strong ideals and sticks to them; does not make excuses those that drink too much; does not drink himself. Plenty of guts, (he rates him about the highest in the camp in this respect), and always ready to adventure.

22/12/45. Has
and continues
part of the last
only a passing
one with a
being active

4. News. Excellent march of 100 miles on 26th October. Mental bearing all that could be desired. Very strong marches followed no dieting.

7. 22/12/42. Has lately shown a tendency to great laziness and surliness. Completed his endurance test with Capt. Lyon's party to the latter's complete satisfaction. Considers the surliness only a passing phase. It has been a difficult time lately in camp with everyone at the top of their form, and the training being extended a month or so more than was originally expected.

Exampson. On 26th October completed the 42 mile march in excellent condition
+ spirits. Showed no distress. Strong marcher.

28.12.42. First class. Very quiet and subdued. You never realise
he is in camp. Not a leader yet, but of the type that would make
a good officer with age and experience. Needs a bit more push.

By the 26th of October
in the 20th division
able to do a lot of
work 22nd division
get rid of

Exampson General
but he is
always in a serious
state of mind of a small
man his head is in
his first during the
22nd division
28th division
arrangements had at
one for place where

EXPENSES

City Lane Dr. Davidson, Melbourne / Frankston 15/10	2-0-0
Taxi hire, Rlt. Seggell, 20/10, Port. School, Frankston.	2-0-0
Notebooks for ratings 17/10	5-0-0
Traveller 02 Antimatter Waiheke Pk	8-10-0
900 x 100 - ammunition.	12-0-0

CAMERON. General demeanour improved during last month of training. But he remains a bumptious little guttersnipe, and will always be a serious irritant to all around him. To have him in the close confines of a small ship is to court lost temper. I think he would lose his head in emergencies too. He tried to put a mortar bomb in head first during one period of excitement.

22nd December. Informed him that he was to go.

28th December. Took him into Balnoral for disposal.

Arrangements had already been made, through B.O.I., to ship him off to some far place where he could do us no harm through talking too much.

Mem.

NOTES ON TRAINING

FRANK
Notable points of the

head - connection -

Temple - point back

Eyes - gaze out

Forehead - hair

Side view - width of
forehead

Point of jaw and ear

Ear - full of -
bottom of

Point of breast - no

Cont'd anterior on

Between neck and collar

Neck - edge of
finger

Star Pile - no

Shoulder - forward

Elbow - from

Wrist - top of

Hand - back

Knuckle - stamp

Back of the hand - back

Ball - kick

Heel - kick

Instep - kick

Heels - back

Vulnerable points of the body.

Head - concussion - cerebral haemorrhage.

Temple - good hard blow with knuckle.

Eyes - gouge out in fighting - jab with two fingers in sudden contact & pinch him off at leisure.

Under arm - with ^{edge of} palm of hand in upward direction, strike with all force, very painful.

Point of jaw and point of chin.

Ears - pull off - bite off - exert pressure separately with both thumbs under bottom of ears.

Back of neck - rabbit punch.

Carotid arteries on sides of neck - use edge of hand strike in downward direction.

Between neck and collar-bones - use edge of hand strike in downward chop.

Adam's Apple - edge of hand chop - punch as Japanese do with the second or long finger knuckled & protruding.

Solar Plexus - punch - elbow - knee.

Stomach - punch - elbow - knee.

Ball of foot - from front and rear with toe of boot - knee.

Kneecap - toe of boot.

Shin - boot.

Instep - stamp on foot with heel.

Back of the knee - kick.

Calf - kick.

Heel - kick.

Heads - tear fingers apart & split hand - bend fingers back & strike.

UNARMED COMBAT

Vulnerable points of the body
How to fall
How to tumble
Balance and leverage
Breaking grip by striking elbow
Explain wrist locks and arm-bars.

Going behind opponent
Side headlock and counters
Counter to attack with waddy
Stomach throw

Leg trip dropping to one knee and throwing
Counter to knife thrusts at stomach
Counter to being grasped around waist from behind arms free

Picking up and carrying from standing kneeling and lying positions
Stalking and carrying off enemy and tying to tree
Japanese side headlock
Side headlock and hip throw

Counters to kick in stomach
Counters to throat strangles. Standing
Rugby tackle and escaping
American tackle

Reaching through crotch from the front and seizing seat of
trousers and throwing and applying throat strangles
Reaching through crotch from the rear seizing clothing jerking
opponent off feet and crushing testicles and throwing.
Come alongs.

Throat strangles lying and counters
Breaking from wrist
Breaking grip from both wrists and throw.

Throw from forward headlock and counter
Counter from being grasped around waist from front. Arms free.
Ankle strangle and stop over toe hold.

Use of steel helmet as a weapon of offence and defence
Hip throw grasping upper arm and throwing
Stop under wrist twist and throw.

Disarming man with revolver front and rear
Breaking grip off clothing or hair and throwing
Throwing with flying arms

Throat strangles from behind on ground
Counter from being grasped around waist from behind. Arms pinned.
Counters to full holmen.

Hip throw grasping upper arm and top of trousers
Double stop over toe hold
Forward headlock and arm bar. Jaw breaker.

Throat strangles from behind. Standing. Counters.
Arm bar from grip on clothing
Hip throw from side headlock, picking up off leg and throwing
opponent on top of his head.

Double wrist lock, throw, head scissors and arm bar.
Counter to being held on ground in side headlock
Knock breaker from forward headlock
Taking opponent to the ground.

Counter to being grasped around waist from front, arms pinned
Heel of palm under nose. Fingers or thumbs in eyes. Thumbs under
ears. Striking Adams apple. Kicking testicles. Kicking kneecap.

Tying up prisoner
Leg trip falling at right angles to prisoner
Breaking grip off clothing by taking thumb, tripping and throwing.
Leg trip, hooking foot behind opponents and striking on
knee cap with other foot.

(over)

At Cape Point Kaituma Maj. Campbell. 'Krait' expected to arrive
Refuge Bay a.m. tomorrow.

Friday 14th January

0830. Clearing up camp.
'Krait' delayed owing to cracked cylinder head. Now
expected tomorrow or next day.
Spent day in 'make & mend'.

Saturday 15th January

0830. Rewiki. Clearing up camp.
1100. No sign of 'Krait'. Capt. Chester & Lt. Davidson took skiff to
Cape Point. Whilst there hailed 'Metani' with Major Campbell
& Capt. Lyon. Informed 'Krait' developed timing trouble, & will
arrive tomorrow. Major Campbell & Capt. Lyon returned to
Sydney.
1400-1800. Make & mend.

Sunday 17th January

0830. Rewiki. Clearing up camp.
0915. 'Krait' rounded Challenger Head, and entered Refuge Bay.
1000-1200. Loading and trimming ship.
1930. Personnel embarked 'KRAIT' leaving Major Campbell,
O.B. Mackay & O.B. Kerr remained in camp. Latter two
ratings will not join the operation.

L. Davidson
Lt. (op) R.N.V.R.

N.B. Spun yarn or any tanned rope must never be carried on a stalking operation.

Sunday 10th January.

After breakfast at West Head, returned to camp.
Made and mended.

Monday 11th January.

0740.

0600. Cleaning camp, washing.

0900 - 1730. Packing up, & getting explosives on down to beach.

2230. Lt. Davidson & Lt. Cassell attached "Gypsy" and "Bones" respectively. Both were given away by the last bright phosphorescence.

Tuesday 12th Jan

0600. Packing up.

0930. "Meteor" arrived towing two skiffs from Lt. Col. & Candler. The skiffs are for ferrying gear from shore to ship.

1700. Capt. Chester arrived. "Krait" delayed sailing from Sydney at Rear Admiral's request until tomorrow morning.

Wednesday 13th January.

0730. Packing up and preparing to leave.

1100. Major Campbell arrived in "Meteor" with news that "Krait" has a cracked cylinder head.

Thursday 14th January. 0730. Capt. Chester & Lt. Davidson left in skiff for

communication system, supplies and magazine, in capturing or
 killing the occupants of posts Nos 3, 4 & 5 all; in stealing a
 portable field telephone and cutting in on conversations between
 both the other various posts; in giving orders to retire and/or
 reinforce, and generally messing them about. Haze attacked
 and handed the convey of 6 M.T. and destroyed all vehicles and
 caught rapping 22 men with him. Jones captured one man, was
 captured by his mate, then the two near-captured full balls,
 whereupon 3 more came up to view the fun and all 5 were
 captured by the two sailors with balls, and Jones & balls released.
 All had captured our men instead of claiming to have killed.
 Morris captured No: 1 post with killed three occupants.
 Burman and McCabe had to filter through the guns. The
 crowd passed the barbed wire entanglements, left the row of breastworks
 + M.G. posts behind them; had to kill two men were killed
 by their mates. Hille destroyed a post, No: 3 other men.
 St. Davidson's two sailors disobeyed orders and attacked on
 their own were given away by the smell of their spun yarn
 carried for climbing trees or binding prisoners. They were killed.
 St. Davidson killed two men at No: 5 post, the Empire gave
 him as a casualty, even though as V.D.C. had tried to kill
 him or capture him! It is a pity ~~some~~ ^{some} marines are considered
 inviolate!

The exercise started at 2200 and ended at 0400.
 The time was absurdly short for us to operate successfully, but
 it was all that was allowed. The V.D.C. were using ~~less~~ ^{less} ~~less~~ ^{less}
 200, flares, sound effect bombs etc.

After midnight the canteen was opened for an hour;
 the beds were found in the mess-room. They gave us breakfast
 the next morning & trucked us back to our short cut.

It was good fun; semi-successful, but we were
 out to exercise as many of the V.D.C. as possible rather
 than to make any concerted attack on the four searchlights.

to repel boarders, fire hoses playing, buckets of water, and red lead. Managed to board and chased the coxswain all over the ship and finally caught him and tanned him with his own red lead. Very good crowd of Officers, Lt. Ch. Carpenter, Lt. Ch. Glynn "Bowen"; Lt. Olsen.

1600. "GYMNIC" sent party ashore in Whaler. He laid in wait and pounced on them as they landed, and gave them a good tangle.
1800. Sft. Oswell and 5 ratings returned from Sydney.

Saturday 9th January.

0730. P.T.
0900. Odd jobs around camp.
Instruction to Officers of "Bowen" & "Gymnic" in use of Owen Gun.
1400. Sft. Oswell & four ratings left for night ops against West Head.
1500. Nine ratings from "Bowen" & "Gymnic" came ashore for instructions re night ops.
1800. Lt. Davidson, with Morris and 14 ratings left in motor boats of "Bowen" & "Gymnic" for McGraw's party.
Passed H.M.A.S. "Harcourt" in Hunt and Steel Bay, bound for Refuge Bay.
1900. Met Sft. Oswell on turn off road to McGraws. He had slipped West Head ration truck, dressed himself this man in the occupants' clothes and was waiting hidden until dark. Unfortunately the ration were perishable. The R.S.M. came looking for the truck with the request that it should be allowed through. As the night ops were against the V.D.C. and against the Battery this request could not be granted. So Oswell's party had to move off in daylight. He left Jones & Mackay behind to join up with Dills, & drove in with Marsh & Hunter simulating sacks of potatoes. The latter two were caught at the gate but Oswell was passed through as a deserter from North Head. He succeeded in doing considerable damage later on, destroying the V.D.C. Battery H.Q., three

WEST HEAD
V.D.C.
NIGHT EXERCISE

- crossed, to repair various other repairs.
- 1400. Capt. Lynn & Capt. Chester arrived for inspection.
 - 1430. Capt. Lynn had ens inspection. Barge in bad condition.
 - 1500. Capt. Lynn & Capt. Chester left for Sydney.
 - 1600. Barge cleaning. Spear hunting scuttling. Canoe repairs.
 - 1800. Gun-cann sewing.
 - 1930. Another good meal by Dalls, he is a very reasonable cook.
 - 2030. Talk on navigation.

Thursday 7th January.

- 0730. Am's inspection.
- 0900. Odds and ends. Blanket washing. Stores packing and inventory of cases packed. Canoe repairs.
- 1430-1700. Same as morning.
- 1700. H.M.S. "BOWEN" anchored in Refuge Bay, ast for out for further buoy.
- 1830. H.M.S. "GYPSIE" anchored in Refuge Bay 4 cables N.E. of "BOWEN". Ratings report that C.O. of "GYPSIE" appears very antagonistic to us, -- according to what his ratings say. Lt. Davidson took "LYON" alongside "BOWEN" and arranged a visit for tomorrow.

Friday 8th January.

- 0730. P.T.
- 0700. Lt. Davidson & McCabe left on land for West Head Battery to arrange light for Saturday night.
- 0900. Odd jobs around camp. Whiting.
- 1200. Lt. Davidson paid courtesy call on "BOWEN". Officers from "GYPSIE" were there and stole H.M.S. "LYON". Lt. Davidson went after them in "BOWEN's" whaler and was received with 'stand by'.

Monday 4th January.

0730. ~~Fire~~ Arms inspection. Improvement.
 0900. Raining again. Wood scavenging. Sewing gun-cases. Canoe
 -1330 maintenance. Camp chores.
 2030. Dishing.
 Russell has had foot, apparently poisoned by new beetle
 rubbing. Should get medical attention.
 Heavy rain fall all evening.

Tuesday 5th January

0730. Arms inspection. Great improvement. Now satisfactory.
 0900. Washing blankets etc., chores about camp.
 1100. Sublt. Overall with Sgt Willoughby^{Hobbs}, Jones, Kene, Mackay and
 Russell left for Sydney. Took with them 3rd Mortar and 4 .500
 rifles. All four ratings need dental attention, whilst Mackay
 & Russell need medical attention in addition. Mackay has more
 boils and fainter whilst being attended to. Requires medical
 overhaul and report which was not done when he was sent in
 with boils a fortnight ago. Russell's foot is worse. Cpl. Morris
 worried about it and has not sufficient medical equipment
 to deal with it. Hobbs allowed in to buy surgical instruments.
 1400. Run-walk to road back.
 1530. Only Talle, Burnymann, Huston, Malaba, Marsh & Hagg left in
 camp with Morris & Lt Davidson.
 Make and mend.
 1800. Talle cooking produced a very tasty meal.

Wednesday 6th January.

0730. Washing.
 0900. Wood scavenging. Cutting spars for canoe. Sewing gun-cases.
 -1230. Lt Davidson & Marsh started on repair of big double canoe
 which will be their operational one. Necessary to replace all

Friday 1st January 1942

- 0700. Still raining. No P.T.
- 0900. Camp chores.
- 1100. Capt. Lyon & Major Montgomery arrived from Sydney.
- 1200. Major Montgomery lectured on Bushy troops.
- 1400. Weather cleared a bit so ratings went for run-walk.
- 1600. Talk by Major Montgomery on all aspects of anti-shipping warfare, buoying, mine-laying, demolition, the various types of shipping, and of military and civilian objectives likely to be encountered by us, and a general talk on, and account of the activities and training of, British Commandos.

Saturday 2nd January

- 0700. P.T.
- 0930. Ammunition inspection by Capt Lyon. Some slackness in care of weapons noticeable. Brens in excellent condition, but two Owens and two rifles bad - Mackay's & Hope's Owens, Sharpley's & Hobbs' rifles, and the two .22's. Most satisfactory.
- 1000. Capt Lyon, Major Montgomery and S/Lt. O'Neill left for Sydney. Mont & Knight went in to assist with "K.R.M.T."
- 1030-1230. Arms cleaning.
- 1430-1800. Rifle & Owen case sewing.
- 2000. Lecture on navigation.
- 1930. S/Lt. O'Neill returned from Sydney.
- 2030. Lecture on navigation.

Sunday 3rd January

- 0700. Raining again so no P.T. Arms inspection instead. Sewing gun cases and canvas all day.

Monday 4th January
 0700. Raining
 0900. Ammunition
 1100. Fishing
 1200. Russell &
 1400. Rubbing
 1600. Heavy rain

Tuesday 5th January
 0700. Arms inspection
 0900. Working
 1100. S/Lt. O'Neill
 1200. Russell &
 1400. At
 1600. Russell &
 1800. Bails end
 2000. Overhead
 2200. At bails
 2400. Worried about
 2600. Bails with
 2800. Run-walk
 3000. Only Jolly
 3200. Camp with
 3400. Make and
 3600. Falls with

Wednesday 6th January
 0700. Working
 0900. Wood saw
 1100. St. Paul's
 1300. Lick

them in the use of explosives: limpets, incandinas, wreaths, pull, pressure, and release booby traps.

Rained during night.

Numbers of small sharks sighted around the beach during the day, one, about 4 feet, shot by Hogg. Also two or three stingrays sighted, one of which was speared by Jones, but the barb of the harpoon broke.

Tuesday 27th December.

0730. P.T.

0900-1100. Wood scavenging.

1100-1300. Lecture by Major Mungpeny on limpets.

1430-1600. Lecture by Major Mungpeny on incandinas.

1600-1730. Run-walk.

Wednesday 28th December.

0730. P.T.

0900-1100. Walk to road camp.

1100-1330. Lecture by Major Mungpeny on explosives incandinas.

1430. Capt Lyon & Major Mungpeny recalled to Sydney.

1630-1730. Canoe maintenance.

Thursday 29th December.

0730. P.T. cancelled owing to rain.

0930-1030. Canoe bag sewing, rifle and Oom gun case sewing.

St. Davidson started making a double canoe skin in canvas.

Raining all day.

1430-1800. Continued with sewing.

Wednesday 22nd

0600 - Wake

0600 - 1000 - Make + Mend as well as ship chores

1000 - 'Meteor' arrives to take ratings 10 Sydney for 4 days leave. Sharples and Morris left to guard camp. 32 protocols returned, missing, search to be made of ratings baggage. Search revealed nothing.

1130 - Arrived Coal + Candle. Major Campbell paid wages. He and Captain Chester proceeded to 'X' camp to see Morris + Sharples left behind there to guard the camp.

Remainder brood carried on to Balmoral for home leave warrants

1300 - Left Cameron at Balmoral for disposal (see personnel).

1400 - At Central station booked seats for night's train, and then dispersed.

Thursday 24th - Saturday 26th : Christmas leave.

Sunday 27th December

1500 - All personnel collected at Navy House. No absences.

Proceeded by bus to Balmoral for stores, then to Coal + Candle.

'Meteor' took women 2 trips to camp, bringing Morris + Sharples in after the first trip for their belated Christmas leave.

Rained all evening and night.

Small shark, about 6'6", shot by Hager before dusk.

Monday 28th December

0730 - P.T.

0900 - Wood scavenging and re-making path to beach after recent destructions.

1100 - Capt. Lyon + Major Montgomery arrived.

1430 - Ratings under Jones went for march to road camp back.

Major Montgomery demonstrated to other officers, and instructed

0730 - Dumas

Sunday 20th Dec

0700 - Wake

0730 - P.T.

0900 - Motor drill shot of 188 E. 2 duds exploded by grenade. 5 duds sliding fair.

1230 - Canoe maintenance

1630 - Lt Davidson and Subst. Osell sailed in canoe to visit HMAS 'Glenelg', there arranged a night manoeuvre.

Canoe excellent sailing before the wind but only reaches at 90°.

1730 - Dumas

Monday 21st

Major

0230 - Hager & ~~Major~~ attached HMAS 'Glenelg'. They got on board. Hager was undetected and could have silenced sentry while waiting for March to climb aboard. Sentry detected March and gave alarm. To our way of thinking the exercise was successful.

0700 - Wake

0730 - P.T.

0900 - Maintenance of Canoes and also explosive training. ^{Capt. Chester arrives with "Mikah"}

1430 - Maintenance of Canoes. Capt. Chester leaves in "Mikah"

1730 - Dumas

Tuesday 22nd

0700 - Wake

0730 - P.T.

0900 - Maintenance of Canoes

1430 - Lt Davidson & Cpl. Morris proceeded to Palanga Make & Mend. Mikah arrives with documents.

1730 - Dumas

complete round trip via Cook's Landing.

1430 - Ratings did explosive training also fishing expeditions with gillnet.

1730 - Chumers

2130 - 4 canoes at 1/2 hour intervals attempted attack on 'Laliche'.

The canoe was to keep alongside and put both masts on fire, night was too clear and many men in ditch. Canoes all got to a distance of 10 yards of ship and then discovered the attack was a failure but not a false test.

Thursday 17th Dec

0700 - Wake

0730 - P.T.

0900 - Practical drill with gillnet under Sub St Overall.

1030 - Practical drill under Sgt Widdowley.

Sub St Overall in 'Ann' went to Cook's Landing to await stores. 'Ann' stores taken to 'Refuge' by 'Mahori' with Capt. Choker who stayed the night. 'Ann' and 'Morris' went to Pongu to help in concert. Lt Bondson returned.

1730 - Chumers

Friday 18th Dec

0700 - Wake

0730 - P.T.

0900 - Run to Ranch

1000 - Lecture by Sub St Overall on compass, elementary chart work.

1230 - Maintenance of Canoes.

1730 - Chumers

Sat 19th Dec

0700 - Wake

0730 - P.T.

0900 - Maintenance of Canoes.

1230 - Maintenance of Canoes

0730 - Chumers

Sunday 20th Dec

0700 - Wake

0730 - P.T.

0900 - Maintenance

1230 - Canoe

1430 - Lt Bondson

1630 - Lt Bondson

1730 - Chumers

Monday 21st Dec

0230 - Haze

0700 - Wake

0730 - P.T.

0900 - Maintenance

1430 - Maintenance

1730 - Chumers

Tuesday 22nd Dec

0700 - Wake

0730 - P.T.

0900 - Maintenance

1430 - Lt Bondson

1730 - Chumers

Sunday 13th December

0700 - Wake

0730 - PT

0900 - Work on explosives

1200 - Sub Lt O'Neill visited 'Lathoi' for lunch and discussed night manoeuvre with captain.

1430 - Mortar instruction under Sgt. Willoughby results fair but the crew needs more training. Today 2 meals a day began.

~~1730~~ - 1730 - Exercises

Monday 14th Dec.

0700 - Wake

0730 - PT

0900 - More work on explosives, fishing expedition with gillnet. Boats coming to Mackay + Sub Lt O'Neill, something wrong with net.

0430 - Rain interrupted camp chores

~~1730~~ - 1730 - Exercises

Tuesday 15th Dec.

0700 - Wake

0730 - PT

0900 - Ratings under A.B. Jones did Run + Walk to West Point.

1430 - Run left for coal + land with mail. Sub Lt O'Neill also went. Returned in 'Mekong' with Capt Chester + Cpl Rad, both of whom stayed for supper then returned to Sydney. New land instrument was under Sgt. Willoughby in Owen Gun + Rifle.

Wednesday 16th Dec.

0700 - Wake

0730 - PT

0900 - Ratings under Jones did paddle + run + walk, then doing

2. Poisoned baits for dogs - and quick working ones at that - might prove the difference between success and capture.

3. A well-guarded and alert post of this kind is not really one for a pigskin pigskin. A surprise raid by normal commandos would do far more than we could hope to by stealth. But remove the 'alert' factor and we have a good chance of success. I consider however that these land operations against these military posts are dangerous to our *raison d'être*; we are a small band, and cannot afford wastage or discovery. Civil objectives, yes. Lightly-guarded military objectives, also yes; but proper military posts, no, unless circumstances ~~so~~ show the game worth the risk of our whole organisation.

4. Where the defence searchlight is placed so as to shine along the line of the Boom, detection of a canoe is extremely difficult. When broadside on, of course, the answer is different.

5. Don't necessarily take it that you have been spotted if you are illuminated by a searchlight; although even a floating bottle can be seen plainly a quarter of a mile away. That you can be seen is a certainty, but the watcher may be looking over your head or elsewhere, so whether you have been seen will be proved only by bullets.

Friday 11th Dec - Maher Mind.

Sat 12th December

0700 - Wake

0730 - P.T.

0900 - It was raining so wood was collected all morning to set for other coconuts.

1230 - Lt Bowdoin left for Sydney, stores arrived by new motor launch 'Mehar' shipped by Mr Spence. HMS Lion was being rechecked by Marsh Cameron. Camp chores also done by rest of ratings. HMS Lakshmi captured by Lt Col Brewster anchored in Refuge Bay.

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Sunday 13th Dec
0700 - Wake
0730 - P.T.
0900 - Wake
1200 - Lunch
1430 - Supper
1730 - Bed

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a walk over for the dogs. No sentries were captured, but on the other hand the sentries did not get ^{any} sense of us, despite his suspicious and the behaviour of the dogs. Some lorries, galleys, tents, a boatshed sleeping quite a number of soldiers, the canteen, and the petrol dump were 'demolished', but the dogs had split the party and so individual action was taken.

St. Davidson whilst stalking the sentry on the one and only path, mistook some distant commotion for the charging of the Guard and, thinking he had a good hundred yards still to go, got up at practically at the feet of the sentry who was captured. The commotion had been the searchlight after behaving badly. A foolish & annoying way of losing the round.

Falls captured one Battery Indian outside the fence. Marsh & Mackay had accomplished nothing by the time the alarm was called off at 0030. Meanwhile Berryman & Houston were trying vainly to find a way in through the barbed wire.

Owing to Sgts. Osnell's capture early on the general alarm was given and every man in the battery area was called out. Under these conditions we had no hope of success. Neglecting the A.A. area took St. Davidson this & brags until 0230, by which time there was not much time left for the main objective. Had there been time it is likely that Falls would have succeeded in capturing the sentry, but even so there were so many dozens of other sentries everywhere that I doubt if the others, who would have then made a safe passage of the gate, would have done much good except against the noisy searchlight engine.

Summary. We lost 2 officers and 3 ratings for the capture of one other rank and the complete demolition of both parts of the Boom! ^{some P.T., camp gear, tents, sheds, and a petrol dump} & four men were called off, which is tantamount to their having retired owing to ^{by all} awareness of dawn.

Lessons learnt. 1. Watches must be carried and the various attacks must be synchronised.

2100.

Battery

Flat Rock

02

Attack

not departing.

Left camp in 1 double canoe on night of. against Flat Rock Battery. Made first rendezvous to south side of Eleanor Bluff, whence canoes raced to Tongah Beach one at a time with 5 minute intervals. After 4th at Gungah Beach Russell and Cameron proceeded to June side of Haulbury and to attack both sections of boom. Were not picked up by searchlights. Completed a post-to-post tour of the boom and evaded the Garrison Guard at Sanyar P. But near the end Flat Rock end were illuminated by searchlight, thought they had been seen and paddled home down the ferryway. Actually they were not seen either at the boom or on the journey home. Meanwhile the remainder left Gungah Beach at 5 minute intervals, 3 canoes under Lt. Davidson for the beach next to Parry Beach, and 2 under Sft. Orrell for Parry Beach. An N.A.P. launch, taking part in the night ops, was passed close inshore near Green Point but did not see or hear a single canoe although being on the lookout with night glasses. Canoes passed inshore of the launch within 30/50 yards.

Sft. Orrell's task was to try and canoe right round Flat Rock hugging the rocks, in an endeavour to find out just how visible a canoe is in this respect. Unfortunately a beach light picked him up before he reached the Flat Rock shore.

Knight and McCabe beached their canoe successfully in Parry Beach, and entered the battery area by the rocks but were seen in the reflection of a beach searchlight before having committed any further act.

Lt. Davidson & Dallo, Berryman & Horton, Marsh & Mackay landed at the beach next to Parry Beach, walked to Brooklyn and entered the A.A. battery area on the town side of Flat Rock. Considerable skirmishing with watch dogs, of which there were three, two being highly offensive, and the third, a pygmy, coming up and licking Marsh's hand in complete and startling silence, and manoeuvring to snatch sentries, finished in

your heavy which, in a 3-4 knot canoe, can add $\frac{1}{2}$ as much again to your distance if you refuel it.

0900. Sftt. Orrell remainder of ratings practised 3" Mortar drill.
1400. 3" Mortar firing - 6 bombs.

Tuesday 8th December

0730. P.T.
0900. Small arms instruction.
1700. Lt. Davidson & party returned from Halesbury Barr.
1800. ANVN arrived with explosives: 500 lb. Gelignite, ²⁰⁰detonators and primer cord, 200 feet, also safety cord 400 feet.
1900. Raining.

Wednesday 9th December.

- Heavy rain during night and still raining.
0900. Explosives instruction & lecture by Sftt. Orrell.
1400. 3" Mortar practice.
1630. Run-walk, 6 miles.
2400. Capt. Lyon's party returned from endurance test (see Endurance Test No. 2 in Training Notes)

Thursday 10th December.

0740. P.T.
0900. Explosives instruction: use of gelignite, blasting path to beach. Jones took remainder for run-walk to Army road camp, 10 miles in all.
1230. 3" Mortar demonstration to Capt. Lyon. Standard reached is poor.
1430. Capt. Lyon left for Sydney. Mark went in for dental overhaul.
1430. Overhaul of canoes for night op.
1730. Map returned from Sydney; trouble put down to food poisoning and

was about that of the rabbit, with no increase in ascending of stability. Altogether a very satisfactory experiment and launching.
1530. Make and mend.

Sunday 6th December

- 0730 P.T.
0900 Canoe repairs whilst waiting for Major Walker's arrival.
1100 Major Campbell arrived with Major Walker, the Hertfordshire Regt. for informal inspection, and discussion of forthcoming operations and post-operative training. Major Walker is going to get the latest information from England on knife combat; also 6 more dogs from America.
1530 Major Campbell and Major Walker left for Sydney, also Hope with /
Make and mend.
2200 Capt. Lyon with Huston, and Russell with Berryman left for Lima? on the first leg of endurance test. They hope to work tides the whole way.
1600 Lt Davidson and Sft. O'Neill came to Kat Rock to arrange night attack against Kat Rock Battery on Thursday.

Monday 7th December.

- 0700 P.T.
0900 Lt Davidson with Falls, and Jones with Monk, left in canoes to observe tides in Hanksbury River. Working the tides up and down the river we covered about 17 miles from Refuge Bay. To attempt canoeing against the tide in a river such as the Hanksbury is to waste energy. If time presses, an average of $1\frac{1}{2}$ to 2 knots could be obtained, but an average of $4\frac{1}{2}$ to 5 can be had with the tide with little expense of energy. Look out for tide rips in narrows, backwaters in bays and behind points, and watch the river carefully for the main stream. This will often, round sweeps and elbows, take you far out of your course. Above all watch

1730. Capt. Chester returned for Gov. Gen's visit.
 2nd
 Mj. ~~Conner~~ Sharples returned, also also both Sergeants.

Saturday 2nd December.

0500. Revolt.
 Finished experimental canoe as far as decking forward and stern sections concerned, and putting first coat of paint on.
0800. Breakfast.
0830. Spent and polish for Gov. Gen's visit.
1145. M.L. 1129 entered Refuge Bay with H.E. The Governor General Lord Gomer, Maj. Gen. Frostell, Rear Admiral Muirhead Gault, Capt. Bracciglini, on board. N.A.P. 167 followed her in. M.L. 1129 had no boat so asked for a boat to be sent off. ANN refused to go, so N.A.P. 167 went alongside, and ANN immediately started up, and finished ferrying the H.E. party ashore.
1215. Inspection of camp, and Naval party.
1245. Unarmed combat demonstration. This went ^{down} very well, and all were most impressed. Ratings all ~~examined~~ ^{observed} their demonstrated their exercises in a first class manner.
1330. Line piece and some photographs were taken.
1400. H.E. launched the experimental canoe, wishing ^{her} good luck, and naming her "H.M.A.E. Lyons".
1445. H.E.'s party left for inspection of military defences of Hatterbury River.
 Lt. Davidson tried out "H.M.A.E. Lyons". She is of course not completed yet, but even so should not leak. There is a very serious leak in No. 3 section, unfortunately. Her instability is far less than expected and not much more than that of the Filbitt. Her speed is quite twice that of the Filbitt. Her weight probably 100 lbs. as against $7\frac{1}{2}$ ^{for} Filbitt. We filled the two middle sections with water so that she was entirely awash and her speed in this condition

Thursday 2nd December.

0730. Unarmed combat rehearsal for Gov. Gen's visit.
 0900. Hood sawing.
 9. Canoe seeing completion.
 McCabe appears to have dysentery.
 1030. Old job.
 1130. Unarmed combat. Knife combat exercises.
 2000. Night operation: 2 rigged canoe course, each leg a dog-leg in
 -2400. open water, each point a sandy bay. First ^{point} to right of camp
 in Refuge Bay, 2nd Hallett's Beach, 3rd just to westward of Plemon
 Bluff in Crown water. First point reached correctly but stalking
 was indifferent. Second point very successful. Third reached all
 right but a rather poor attempt to land unobserved was made.
 A pity because Lt Davidson who had been at first point then
 attacked the third alone, managing to land in amongst the rocks
 unobserved, and taking the canoe well up on the beach & concealing
 it; then stalking Sgt. Oswell & one rating, getting to within 2 yards
 of them before being seen in the light of a diamond lantern.
 Two canoes became detached; Marsh & Mackay on second leg,
 Knight in River Rover on third leg. This is the first time this has
 happened. Rather a disappointing night op.
Lesson learnt. When stalking ^{one or two men} the last few yards from the circle
 of light if approach from the rear is impossible.

Friday 3rd December.

0730. Unarmed combat rehearsal.
 0900. General clean up round camp. Swimming. All personnel
 descended to beach by hoist rope, rigging a brown chair.
 Lt Davidson came up again by same means; a very strenuous
 exercise and a good test of the armed endurance.
 1430. McCabe left for hospital.
 Nicks would to get tomorrow's rig in train.

1700. Knife combat practice.
 1730. Dr. Landon visited. Jno. A. St. Macdonald temporarily in charge whilst Lt. Allworth is in hospital. Seems a pleasant enough fellow but not carried on from Port Moresby to Patonga to Kalyhona. Returned at 2 am. No night ops.

Tuesday 20th December.

0730. P.T.
 0900. Also-apportioned unarmed combat exercises to all in camp in preparation for Governor General's visit.
 1000. More camp chores.
 1430. Marching parade.
 1530. 3/4s. O'Neill and party returned from Brooklyn in launch belonging to Royal mining party of "Diplomat". Mc Cabe ill with diarrhoea bordering on dysentery, so endurance test was abandoned halfway.
 1700. Knife combat practice.
 1730. Capt. Lyon arrived from Sydney.
 2030. Raining hard so night ops. ~~abandoned~~ cancelled. 1/2

Wednesday 21st December.

0740. P.T.
 0900. Rehearsal of unarmed combat exercises.
 1000. More tidying up round camp. Digging up goggle pit. Consolidating on path leading up from beach.
 1230. Knife combat.
 1430. Unarmed combat. Knife combat.
 2030. Windy night with heavy weather threatening, so no night ops.

- a guard to the Gloucs.
1800. Major Campbell, Captain Chester, Splt. O'Neill arrived from Sydney.
- O.L. Houston returned fit.
2000. No night ops.

Sunday 24th November.

0730. P.T.
0900. Camp chores. Re-levelling tent floors, and sanding them, etc.
0900. Splt. O'Neill with Mackay, McLeish and Wright left in two canoes for Ingham, Macquarie, & Torralba endurance test.
1100. S. Morton, Brien, snooker instruction.
2045. Night ops. Lt. Davidson left at dark on a point course by canoe. Left tin on small beach on second point and waited concealed on beach at third point. Jones and Graythwaite in 2 double and two single canoes found the tin at point 2 exactly, landed unobserved on beach at point 3. Monds, Dalls, and successfully stalked Lt. Davidson unharmed, keeping to rocks and scrub behind him. Jumping and scuttling fish gave the a late arrival canoe away and the remainder were discovered. Night was clear starlight. Landing took place within 800 yards. Consider the operation successful and well carried out. Camp work is being assimilated quickly and well.

Monday 25th November.

0700. P.T.
0830. Major Campbell and Captain Chester left for Sydney, the latter to do a M.T., signalling, and coding course.
0900. Squinting up camp in preparation for Gov. Ross's visit.
1100. Instruction in seamanship. Knife, splines etc.
1430. More odd jobs about camp.

1800. Knife combat
Lt. Davidson
Lt. O'Neill
Sund on
No night ops

Tuesday 26th November

0700. P.T.
0900. Hts. Appoint
preparation
1000. Two camp
1100. Working pa
1130. Splt. O'Neill
to second
bordering
1700. Knife com
1900. Capt. Lyon
2000. Raining

Wednesday 27th December

0700. P.T.
0900. Release
1000. More tidy
1130. on path
1400. Knife com
2000. Harwood
Windy night

1700. Amv returned from Coal & Candle bringing the long-awaited knives from Gregory Steel Products Ltd, Melbourne. They have done an excellent job of work. Four kinds of knives, all with sheaths & paring; knuckle duster commando knife; wooden handled obelisk - a lovely little job -; and wooden handled sheath knife for ordinary purposes as well as for stabbing, having for the latter purpose the end of the blade sharpened on the top edge.
2000. Had hoped to take ratings off to Leno Battery to watch shoot of Flat Rock, Juss, and West Head. But Amv is in a fickle mood and there is a very strong wind blowing from the South-west. Given instruction in night compass work in trad.

Friday 21st November

0700. P.T. Am making each rating take P.T. class in turn daily, to give them self-confidence and cultivate brisk words of command.
0900. Jones and I ratings left on a four point compass march overland from camp to Topham or so. Took compass and were given bearings and distances, but no map, nor did they look at the map before leaving. Distances, point to point, were 1 mile, $\frac{3}{4}$ mile, 1, $\frac{1}{2}$. Reached a point finally 100 yards from giggle pit, the pit being the actual finishing point. I consider this very good, especially for a first trial.
1430. Porter and Breen instruction.
2000. Night ops. Canoe and compass work in the Bay. All getting quite good with compass, despite its extreme stiffness in the milled turntable.

Saturday 22nd November

0700. P.T.
0900. Practice in compass work on land.
1000. 5th Porter instruction, and small arms drill. Am instituting

Tuesday 24th November

0730 P.T.

0900 Spt Oswell & ratings canoe to Jerusalem Bay; thence walked up path through Railway, returning via same route and means to camp, arriving at 1500.

Lt Davidson continued with the experimental canoe, but rain interrupted play once in the morning and most of the afternoon.

1430 Lecture and instruction in 3" Mortar.

Mr Major Campbell returned to Sydney accompanied by Capt. Chester and Spt Oswell, both the latter for dentistry.

Raining all evening and night.

O. B. Hunter went into Sydney for examination of badly sprained ankle.

Wednesday 25th November

0730 P.T.

0900 A.B. Jones took ratings for run and walk to military camp on the intersection of West Head road and Church St / Coal & Candle road.

1230 Shooting competition with 22. Great improvement noted all round.

1430 Instruction in 3" Mortar.

Lt Davidson making slow progress with experimental canoe, owing to heavy frequent showers and down-pours of rain.

Thursday 26th November

0730 P.T.

0900 Jones and 7 other ratings left in 4 canoes, 2 of which for Jerusalem Bay and 2 for Brooklyn. On arrival at destinations each party proceeded overland to where the other's canoes were left, and returned to camp. Those from Brooklyn were in $\frac{1}{2}$ hour before the Jerusalem Bay lot. All in by 1515. Distance covered: approximately 9 miles by canoe and 9 miles by land. Lt Davidson progressing with canoe.

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~~10:00~~
~~10:30~~ ~~Sgt. D. O'Neill took ratings for canoe and walked in miles.~~

~~Still raining~~. Accepted invitation to spend evening at West Head Battery. D. Davidson & Sgt. O'Neill with gratings, Sgt. Kilgobry & Sgt. Morris went, returning camp at midnight.

Saturday 21st November

0700. P.T.

0900. Sub. Lt. O'Neill with ratings took canoe to Coal and Candle and returned by road, and vice versa.

Lt. Davidson laid keel of experimental canoe; with O.D. Marsh assisting.

Marsh is a cabinet-maker in civil profession and good as a 'chips'.

Rained in afternoon; cold in evening.

0700-1430. Raining hard. No activity in training.

1700. Major Campbell arrived in PONS for weekend.

No night ops. on account of weather.

Sunday 22nd November

0730. P.T.

0900. Sgt. O'Neill and 5 ratings left by land for Bobbin Head, 6 ratings by canoe for same destination. Charge over was made 1 mile past Bobbin Head on right bank of Cowan Creek. Shore party arrived at 1700, 1 hour after canoe. Distance covered: about 18 miles overland of which 2 were through scrub, 16 on road, and 9 miles by canoe. No food or water was taken and no visit to Bobbin Head stores allowed. No one complained of hunger, or fatigue.

Weather fair, but rained hard in the evening and all night.

Monday 23rd November

0700. Pouring with rain, and strong easterly wind blowing. No P.T. Wind and sea too strong and rough for canoeing, and weather too miserable for outdoor exercise. Remained in camp and secured gun-cases etc.

1430. Still raining; wind strong and cold. S. Martin lecture.

2000. No night ops. Still raining & miserable.

1430 - Excellent display of Owen Guns & Unarmed Combat gun on board HMS 'Kupunda'

1830 - Ann arrived with Lt Davidson & Capt Chester, also late Sub St Overell with the foreman's hand supper on board 'Kupunda'.

Wednesday

0700 - Wake

0730 - P.T.

0800 - Ann left with Sub St Overell to collect stores at Coal & Canble, got same and returned. Went back to Coal & Canble to pick up Myers Campbell & Money penny & arrived back at camp at 1400. Others under Lt Davidson & Capt Chester went to White Horse Bay to collect lumber.

1430 - Camp Chorus

1000 - Attacked by landing party from HMS 'Bundaberg' who surrounded although 'Action Stations' was given. They received down unexpected gunfire. Some were captured.

Thursday 19th Nov

0700 - Wake

0730 - Breakfast

0800 - 10 ratings under Sub St Overell went to 'Kupunda' and spent the day on her, while she executed maneuvers with 'Bundaberg'.

1800 - Ann arrived with stores from Coal & Canble, having taken Major Campbell & Money penny into, on way to Sydney.

Friday 20th Nov

0700 - Wake

0730 - No P.T. owing to rain.

0900 - Wood collected.

1500 - Exhibition of Thermal Bomb given on board the "Bundaberg"
Officers pleased and very satisfied with display.
Capt. Chester passed out to 'Coal & Candle' with mail from camp
as well as from 'Bundaberg'.

1810 - Officers from 'Bundaberg' visited camp, very impressed.

1830 - Ratings under Capt. Chester & Sub Lt. Oswell to Patonga for
Social Evening. Jones, Falls hurt on (just sprained his ankle) left at
camp. Remained the night.

Sunday 15th Nov.

0700 - Returned from Patonga.

0900 - Make & mend all day.

Monday

0700 - Wake.

0730 - P.T.

0900 - 2 canoes paddled to Coal & Candle. Remainder of camp walked
and ran to Coal & Candle arriving 1 hour 20 mins after departure.
Distance is 9 1/2 miles. An excellent performance. 2 canoes returned
with different crews remainder walked back to camp.

1120 - Instructions in Burn Guns. Inspection of Weapons.

1830 - Lecture on First Principles of Explosives by Sub Lt. Oswell.
postponed on single visit by Lt. Col. Minlove and 1 Engineer Officer
from 11th B.S. 'Kajunda'. They were very interested in Burn Gun
and we arranged for demonstration to be given the following day
aboard.

1930 - Capt. Chester & Sub Lt. Oswell visited 11th B.S. "Bundaberg."

Tuesday

0700 - Wake.

0730 - P.T.

0900 - Run & walk along road conducted by Capt. Chester.
12 miles covered in good time.

King to board and take base from Captain's Cabin through scuttle
 as door was locked according to plan. The only 3 to know
 were the Captain, W. C. Poley, 1st Lt and the Gunner Officer.
 No others knew but when Subst Hudson took the gun from the
 Quartermaster, there were suspicions. We took 6 double canoes
 setting out at 8.30. It was just dark and Subst Overell and
 Hage led the way followed by 1/2 hour later by two other canoes
 then 1/2 later still another 2, and the last 1/2 later still.
 Subst Overell and Hage got right under flanks of boats and crept
 down the port side, going ~~over~~ around the stern and finally Overell
 crawled up the starboard stern, getting aboard unobserved. He
 then crept up on the Officer of the Watch, Quartermaster on the
 Quarter deck and succeeded in silencing them, then after exploring
 most of the ship, went up on the bridge silencing the silencing
 signalman, the navigator and another in the launch hammock.
 All silently and without the other knowing. Just after coming
 down ran into Mackay and together ^{they} stole an ~~on~~ ash tray from
 the Capt's cabin by putting in arm. Weight was detected by
 the Gunner Officer then, but as he was in the know it also not quite
 real but as far as that is concerned. However he raised the ship
 and although finally ~~myself~~ Overell + Mackay were detected
 but not before we had had time to kill all on board and
 have blown it sky high if it was so desired. The other
 three canoes succeeded in coming along side without being
 detected and then ~~we~~ ^{Overell} called them aboard. The exercise
 was an unqualified success and the captain was very
 pleased and was sure his ship could find great advantage
 from it.

Sat 14th Nov

0700 - Wake

0715 - Inspection.

0830 - Cleaning up Camp for the visit by officers from the Bundaberg

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0800 - Subst Hudson
 Officer plan
 Capt. Hudson
 as well as
 0815 - Hudson
 0830 - Hage
 Small Posing
 Camp. Remained
 Sunday 15th Nov.
 0700 - Remained
 0700 - Made
 Monday
 0700 - Wake
 0730 - P.T.
 0900 - 2 canoes
 and can be
 distance is 9 1/2
 with different
 0930 - Just made
 1030 - Subst
 postponed as we
 from 0745
 and we arranged
 aboard.
 1930 - Capt. Hudson

Tuesday

0700 - Wake.

0730 - Wake.

0730 - P.T.

0900 - Remained

2 miles covered

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5800 - Canoe maintenance.

2330 - Lt Davidson and ratings arrived back from canoe trip to Newcastle (see notes later).

Wednesday 11th Nov

0700 - Wake

0900 - Lt Davidson, Sub-St Overell and two men went to Patonga to arrange evening on Sat for the men. Lt Davidson found he had to proceed to Sydney, so on 'Anni' we attempted to get to Palm Beach but shortly came and backed up quite a sea; engine stopped and we had to run with the set, engine restarted and we just made Patonga. Lt Davidson got a lift to railway station and made Sydney. Sub-St Overell & 2 men returned to camp.

Men under Jones did general camp chores.

Thursday 12th Nov.

0700 - Wake

0900 - Men under March & Jones doing maintenance of canoes. Three men cleaning up camp.

Sub-St Overell unloading mailbag.

1400 - For Men stores in camp. Sub-St Overell went on 'Anni' with 2 men and picked up stores at Coal & Landle. Capt Clester arrived back from Sydney.

Friday 13th Nov

0700 - Wake

0830 - Inspection of arms, evidently the first for some time as they were in just fair condition, inspection will now be held every morning and men with duty arms put on fatigue.

0900 - Jones took 4 canoes over bay and had a walk overland arriving back 1300.

1000 - Sub-St Overell went to ^{11^{mg}} 'Bundaberg' where he met the officers and arranged a manse that night. The Deputy.

Sat 7th Nov

0700 - Wake

0830 - Rain. Came to conclusion that had raining to rain so soon after Breakfast, suggest sun in the Evening before Supper.

0900 - Rain; dugthams as well as having Marsh supervisor making plans for lands.

1200 - Same as Morning.

Sunday 8th Nov

0700 - Wake

0900 - ~~Capt~~ Men split into two parties, 3 in each, one party under Sub St Osnell went by sea to Coal & Candle, the other under Capt. Clatter overland to Coal & Candle & vice versa. This is roughly 15 miles & was done in 2 1/2 hours. The road work was done by alternately walking & running. An excellent exercise.

1200 - Make & Mend

Monday 9th Nov.

0700 - Wake

0900 - To White Horse Bay by water, 2 by land, then another 2 by land to camp & 5 by water, current very stiff on return.

0900 - Owens cleaning & shooting.

Tuesday 10th Nov.

0700 - Wake

0900 - Sub St Osnell with ratings walked and ran alternately to Army Camp past road running to Coal & Candle. There swam and tentatively arranged night exercise. Came back arriving 1230.

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Thursday 5th November.

Rained all night and still raining.

0830. Lt. Davidson with Falls, Jones with Hago. Russell with Berryman, left for Bibbin Head. Arrived there at 1100, stayed for 10 minutes, then returned.

1030. Lt. Davidson & Falls arrived camp.

1055. Remaining 2 canoes arrived camp.

In Record - Refuge Bay camp to furthestmost boatshed at Bibbin Head and return in 5 hours 0 minutes (Davidson & Falls) 16 1/2 miles.

1000. Sent Wright into Sydney to have stake removed from left ankle - needs opening up and have no tools to do so yet.

1730. ANN returned from Col. S.W. Ossewell returned from Explorers Course in Cairns.

1430-1730. Unarmed Combat.

Raining hard, so no night ops.

Friday 6th November.

Rained hard all night and still doing so.

0830. Run.

0900-1330. Making aprons for canoes.

Digging waterways etc in camp area.

1500. Capt. Chester & Lt. Ossewell visited H.M.A.S. "INVERKEE" to find out current information re tides, sets, etc between Sydney & Newcastle, in preparation for tomorrow's canoe trip.

The Camp had been invited to West Head for a "Buckle-Up", where they demonstrated Unarmed Combat, but weather too bad so had to cancel the event.

1710 - Lt Davidson with 3 sailings left on 3 day maneuver.

and on all occasions when high seas might fall a canoe.

N.B. Good strong cord should form part of boarding equipment carried; can conveniently be worn round the waist.

Tuesday 5th November

0830. Run. Still raining.

0900-1015. Small Arms. Brown, Owen, 303 rifle, 22 rifle. Results better.

1st Lt. Chester lost shot in camp; certainly in the rifle.

1400. Capt. Lyon left in A.M.N. for Sydney and Melbourne.

1430. Canoe repairs interrupted by heavy rain, but certain amount done. Paddles pared down and painted. There's no real lot of canoe repairs been necessary lately. The new frames made by Paul & Gray have good backbones, bows & sterns, but the shanks are of pine, and snap when being bent to take the strain of fitting into the socket slides. A better choice of timber for a boat hulls.

2000. Still raining. No night ops.

Wednesday 6th November

0830. Run. Still raining.

0900-1230. Scavenging wood. If this becomes a permanent camp a very useful thing would be a wheeled trolley. It would save hours from handling wood.

1400. A.M.N. with Capt. Chester & Lt. Anderson, left for Coal Island to meet 1st Lt. Oswell. Not arrived by 1700 so returned to camp.

1430. Remainder repairing canoes. 4 double, 1 single, river canoe, and the "Barkship" now in commission. The big double has broken down for the first time, her 20:5 and 20:4 sections both having given way.

2000. Still raining. Few have dry clothes so are abandoning thought of night ops.

Thursday 7th November
0830. Run. 1st Lt. Oswell
1030. 1st Lt. Oswell
1230. 1st Lt. Oswell
1430. 1st Lt. Oswell
1730. 1st Lt. Oswell

1400. 1st Lt. Oswell
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1930-1730. 1st Lt. Oswell
2000. 1st Lt. Oswell

Friday 8th November
0830. Run
0900-1130. Making
1400. 1st Lt. Oswell
1730. 1st Lt. Oswell
2000. 1st Lt. Oswell

Monday 2nd November.

Raining all night and morning.

0830. Run.

0900. Repairs to Canoes. Scavenging wood.

1000. men left for Coal & Lumber, returning with Capt. Lyon.

1030. Repairs to canoes.

1900. Capt. Lyon, Capt. Chester, old Davidson visited H.M.A.S. "INVERELL", anchored in Cottage Rock, to arrange night ops; and stayed on board for the night.

2200. Night ops. against "INVERELL". Six double canoes attacked one at a time at half hourly intervals; from ahead, astern, port beam, starboard beam, ahead, and astern. Night was overcast, with very faint starlight, and dead calm, — bad conditions for canoe attacks —. All six canoes were sighted at distances varying from 50 yards to 25 yards from the ship. The phosphorous track of the paddles and water was visible even at dead slow speed at 50 yards. Jones drifted down tide from ahead and had got to within 25 yards of the ship, almost under the bows, before being detected by the Officer of the Watch, who peered over and down, ^{astern} ~~astern~~ he admitted to be unusual & due only to the circumstances of the night ops.

Lessons learnt:- On dead calm, ^{dark} night phosphorous glow cannot be avoided by any means yet known to us.

Drifting downstream does avoid it, but exactness in this will be hard to attain.

Jones, ^{Wright} ~~Hugh~~ Hobbs, climbed up the anchor chain with great ease. Hobbs, returning to his canoe via a spun yarn rope brought for the purpose and slung over the stern, found it too slippery, being wet, and fell into the canoe, upsetting Hobbs & himself into the water. Both had Mac boots, but neither were wearing them. These floated off and were lost. Their clothes proved very heavy & awkward in the water.

Lessons learnt:- Spun yarn, unless knotted, no use for climbing (it is anyhow too weak for this purpose).

Mac boots should be worn on actual operations.

ATTACK ON WEST HORN BATTERY
 NIGHT

tested the mine on the fifty side of road & could easily have got through there. These crawled up to gallery and lay within 10 ft of sentry waiting for him to turn his back. Sentry illuminated him twice with a torch but would not leave his post to see what the dark patch was. 20 mins later relief party came up, other sentry came over & caught Benjamin. Houston poisoned water tank outside gate. His tank froze while camp-bounding it covering captives on it. When Benjamin was caught Houston was practically touching him but was not seen. Later, ~~some~~ being suspicious, the sentry came over and Houston jumped up hissing in front of him frightening the life out of him. Another man too close Houston was caught.

Result Unsuccessful attack on gate. Lost two men, killed one sentry. Could have entered by the mine and probably killed all sentries.

- Grand Total Result.
- 6 enemy sentries killed.
 - 1 M.G. post, manned, demolished.
 - 1 M.G. post, ^{not} manned, wrecked.
 - 1 Searchlight demolished.
 - 2 x 47" guns demolished.
 - 1 tent, gun's crew's quarters wrecked.
 - 1 pie-bucket rendered useless.
 - 1 x 500 gallon water tank poisoned.
- Our losses Officer in charge and 9 ratings.

Sunday 10th November

- 0400. Lt. Davidson & Benjamin returned to Redoubt Bay for sleep. Remainder to White Horse Bay.
- 0920. Capt. Houston reached Redoubt Bay in big canoe from St. Mackenzie Bay, returned to K.H. Bay with Benjamin & Lt. Davidson.
- 1020. Whole party left for Refuge Bay.
- 1130. Lt. ALLENSTON from Fort Juncos visited "X" Camp.

Monday 11th November
 Rising at 0500. Rain. Repairs to 0700. 2000 left for 1000. Repairs to 1030. Capt. Lym. in 1100. Night life at 1200. at half past 1200. and 1200. in sight at The phospor slow speed had got to detected by he admitted 1200. by 1200.

Juncos, 1200. Hill, 1200. the phospor and fell. Both had found water. 1200.

- Result: Searchlight demoralized, but not silently.
- 2100 **BATTERY** Balls & Jones attacked by shore rocks by passing searchlight. Defenders were using searchlights periodically. Reached 1st gun at 2100, attacked it from rear. Found no sentry: left the arranged brand on chalk, ⊕, in gun position and gun. Slightly to left was a M.G. position, not manned, not mounted; left the brand there. Next to it nearby was a hut, probably gun's crew's quarters, with three beds some men reading; left brand on doorstep outside hut. Left brand on fire-bucket outside. By passed B.O.P. ^{Two} sentry behind 2nd gun from 20 yards distance. No cover about, but the two managed to creep up to and grab the sentry. He was the only one there; they walked all around the gun & brand it. Two was getting on the two proceeded to safe by moonrise.
- Result: Silently demoralized 2 x 4.7" guns and killed one sentry. This good result was achieved because at midnight normal routine was reverted to and Jones & Balls did not attack until after this time.
- 1915 **ON** Wright, Mackay, Kerr left White Horse Bay & proceeded to road above. When past the dam, lay hidden until 2100. Heard guards talking away out past the gate, the camps perimeter, etc. behaved cautiously. Trying to bypass the Old Guard and the barbed wire entanglements and get to the main camp area of the Battery, they were caught by sentry hidden near junction of two paths.
- Result: failure. Three men lost through using a path.
- 1915 **NIGHT** Berryman & Houston left White Horse Bay for road to attempt to pass through the gate guarded by the Old Guard. Waited at the dam until dark. Right up to pigsty opposite which was a man posted 20 yards from gate, outside, near road. Too much dead leaves about to attack him. Berryman got ^{underneath the} through barbed wire 20 yards from sentry box, but his orders were not to attack this way but to test the possibility of climbing through the gate. To have got through the wire and attacked the sentry from the rear would have been easy. However Berryman came back through the wire & returned to Houston at pigsty. He then

Saturday 30th October.

0330. Returned to White Horse Bay for sleep. Pretty cold sleep too.
0700. Breakfast; after which spent the morning caulking and practising landing and launching the canoes in the surf. They are far too frail for this; had to stop in case they were crushed irreparably. Andrew canoe frame had arrived the previous day, sent Anne back to camp to collect these frames + 2 covers so that the main canoe party would be strengthened in the night ops. Actually too high a sea was running the canoes were at work; the main party going unladen.
1230. Capt. Chester old Davidson left in big double canoe for Resolute Bay. Stopped there for lunch + were warned off by one of the Old Guard (Piss-off!). Went on to Palm Beach to meet Gpl Dewett, R.I.F., who is Commando trained, but off the active service list on account of a strained stomach. Very anxious to join us. Excellent type. 6'5", 31 years of age; very solid, dependable type; specialises in Small Arms, field work, and demolitions, with emphasis on body traps, has had 2 months at Jesters, and is very keen to carry on in some capacity. His brother, Capt. Dewett, has been ^{command of} training school in N.A., also Commando, + he was advised to try + join this rather than wait for an indefinite period for a doubtful position with us. He was told we would keep in touch with him though, and let him know if there was an opening. ~~Address~~ Tel. X 09 2292. Address 70 Pretty (first Pretty in Sydney Tel. Book), Fraser Rd, Mosman.
2100. Capt. Chester old Davidson in big double canoe proceeded along line of boom from Baranjoey Head. Moderate swell and tide, both across, and it was very hard indeed to keep the canoe head on to the seawall of the direction behind the pilots. The searchlight unfortunately did not play once during the passage. The night was dark + overcast. Just before the gate we headed off to Pt. Macquarie Bay where Capt. Chester spent night. It was suspected that the Old Guard would be in possession of the (or Piss-off) Bay, so this was by passed.
2230. St. Davidson left Pt. Macquarie Bay for Down; news of Resolute Bay same.

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 CAPTAIN

- about 1/2 hour, then moved to back of hut & got caught. Could have demolished the place & killed sentry but not silently.
2230. Russell, from same beach, attacked along rocks, passing well below searchlight, crossed path leading to pass & went uphill to machine gun camouflaged post. Crawled inside, no men, no guns only gun mounting. Thence uphill ^{through} the old guard's camp at the rear of Battery. After making thorough search of barbed wire fences, was discovered by sentry while trying to pass through gate from inside. This was well after moonrise, the hour when the ops. ceased, so can be counted as unsuccessful for us.
2230. **BATTERY** Road attacked from same place straight up perpendicular cliff. Met stiff barbed wire fence terminating at a tree on cliff's edge which was easy to swing round by to the other side. 10 yards up was camouflaged M.G. post, not manned. Met searchlight cables & could have cut them; the cables had camouflages netting over them sufficiently high to permit a man to crawl under and down along the cables, ~~off~~ the searchlight, quite undetectable. Rest of the time was spent between guns & camp with no result. Was not caught. Returned to canoe via cliff.
- 2200 **HEAD** Marsh record pumping house, locked, not manned, could have demolished it. Approximately above searchlight met a tent with at least one man, who came out to look within 5 yards, without seeing Marsh. Went up by cliff and couldn't find anything, slid difficultly in breaking main camp area. Returned to canoe at moonrise.
- WEST**
- RECONNAISSANCE** Summary of night operations. With normal wartime guard we succeeded in getting to 4 guns, 2 searchlights, a pumping station, practically every building in the main camp area, the searchlight cables, ammunition depot, and the whole way along about 1 mile of boom. We lost 1 man, who had done nothing mentioned above, and 1 man was discovered trying to leave (this was after the ops. had actually finished).

reception.

2230

St. Bandern reconnoitered the Boom 3 pdr. & not knowing of the existence of the gun's look-out post above, missed this and carried on into camp, passing within 50 yds of two men awake in a tent and keeping some sort of watch. Went all through camp, up to visit some buildings, round the Officer's quarters on the outside and found the camp area, once penetrated, extremely easy.

2230

BATTERY

Berryman & Houston attacked from Baseline Bay, via track to Boom Gun position, passed above gun and carried on to Bay separating this from main camp area. On further side (camp side) found 3 tents, 4 tents, and gun about 5" not protected by a building; apparently guarding Boom. Carried on into camp area undiscovered.

2230

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Knight, Kern & Mackay attacked on land in Boom area. Knight was caught by the sentry on the Boom spdr. Previous to this the party had come through encampment on the top of the hill into which the Boom runs. Time was late and Kern & Mackay carried on into camp area undiscovered.

2230

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Jonas attacked from small beach under pumping house round the end to the first 4 1/2" gun, passing between gun & B.O.P. to action of sentry 4 1/2", thence to ammunition hoist and up 4 1/2" of its length, then coming thence returned undiscovered to camp.

Haps, from same beach, reconnoitered the first searchlight, only one man there, thence up cliff which was too steep so had to return to searchlight, entered searchlight hut, was there about 10 minutes; could have destroyed everything and killed sentry whose back was turned while he was sitting by the searchlight. While attempting to get out the sentry discovered Haps.

Falls, from same beach, reconnoitered searchlight from rocks below, climbed up to underpass the overhanging platform, looked in hut, could see no one, looked up over platform & saw sentry looking in his direction a yard or two away & not seeing him. Remained there

RECONNAISSANCE

Friday 23 October

0820. Morning. Made oiled in preparation for forthcoming night ops against West Head.

0930. Marsh & Mackay investigating a house ^{in hills} west of Eleanor Bluff reported by Betty Cde, West Head. Found nothing there except what is probably a fisherman's look out in a tree.

1400. Lt. Davidson left in single canoe for Pala Beach, to attack West Head along line of boom after dark. Landed at Boom Jetty & hand in a letter for Capt. Reynolds, Bty. Cde.

1400. ANN with Capt. Christie left for Coal Island for stores, returning about 1700.

1600. Jones, Marsh, Falls, Russell, Knight & Hays left in canoe for White Horse Bay.

1900. ANN with Capt. Christie and remainder of ratings left for White Horse Bay, leaving Sgt. Suttie and Cook H.Ws in charge of camp.

2030. Knight, Kern, Houston, Berryman & Mackay left West H.H. Bay overland to take up positions in vicinity of Redute Bay and the end of the Boom.

2100. Jones, Marsh, Falls, Russell, Hays & Mackay left H.H. Bay in canoe to land at small beach under the pumping house at West Hd.

2100. Lt. Davidson left Pala Beach for approach along line of boom. West Hd searchlight played only once and during this time Lt. Davidson stayed close on to a mooring over which picked up. West Hd. was prepared for this attack & expected it; it is a great pity they did not use the searchlight more as great difficulty was experienced keeping boats on behind the boom poles to the line of the searchlight position. A cross-crawl and tide was running. For this manoeuvre the double paddle is useless. The single paddle good, but needs much practice. N.B. Practice keeping canoes stationary behind any given object - highly important.

The night was clear starlight. The Boom was negotiated by ~~the~~ slipping from pole to pole and remaining behind each for a while. Passing within 20 yards of the gun position and 40 yds of the look out, the canoe was not seen. Lt. Davidson was 'dumped' landing at Redute Bay - beauty still.

Attack on West Head Battery was confined to reconnaissance this night. Normal look out, sentries on were kept, sent reinforced for one

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Then stalked these two officers by scrub and rock and succeeded in successfully scouting, watching both.

(21) Lt. Davidson with Port Watch then attacked beach landing on both flanks on rocks outside, attacking overland. Defenders were using powerful torches and carrying out a thorough search the whole time. Lt. Davidson's three ratings were finally overthrown by torchlight when within 2 yards of him by Major Campbell, having succeeded in reaching a position underneath the rocks where the petrol dumpies, i.e. the very edge of the beach itself & directly across of the Officer's look-out log. Monk's falls, attacking from this side (western). Falls got jammed between two rocks when hanging foot gave him away; Monk, despite a torchlight search all around him managed to reach Maj Campbell on the beach undetected.

Night stalking & attack was of course reaching a fairly high quality.

Thursday 29 October.

0900. Maj. Campbell left for Sydney in M.V.

0900. Run. P.I.

0945. Erecting camp incinerator, and re-siting the meat racks under cover of overhanging rocks.

Digging out earth between camp wall and shelf of rock downhill, to tidy up the ledge and leave the bare rock wall exposed.

Small Arms: 300 shooting competition, Port & Starboard Watch Starboard won.

1430. Capt. Chester & Lt. Davidson left in canoe for West & East Betty and West & East Betty to arrange night ops. against West & East Betty on Friday & Saturday nights. Stayed for supper. On return looked in on M^{rs} Brown. Reached camp at 2200.

1430. Continued with the activities around the camp which had been started in the morning. Also created ponding bog cross-beam over the burning ring.

2030. Straight ops.