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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES
ROUTINE ORDERS BY

Lt. Col. W. G. Hunter E.D.
Commanding 1 Aust. Survey Regt.,
AUSTRALIA.

15 Aug. 42. PART I. R.O. 36/42.

1. FORMATION NEW UNITS FROM 1 AUST. SURVEY REGT.
The following Units will be formed from 1 Aust. Survey Regt. and allotted as follows: (Authority S.M. 13061).

Name of Bty.	Comdr.	Allotted to R.A.A.
2 Flash Spotting Bty.	Major R.V. Stewart	2 Aust. Corps
1 Survey Bty.	Capt. W.P. Redapple	1 Aust. Div.
3 " "	Capt. C.T. Smith	3 " "
5 " "	Capt. K.J. Wood	5 " "

Units will be responsible for their own administration and Commanders will be Accounting Officers as and from 0001 hrs. 16 Aug. 42. They will remain under Command of Formation until instructions for movement are received.

2. APPOINTMENTS.
The following Officers will be posted to Btys., as under:-

2 Aust. Corps	2 F. Sp. Bty.	1 Svy. Bty.	3 Svy. Bty.	5 Svy. Bty.
Lt. W. Spring	Lt. E.F. McLaughlin	Lt. R.V. Clark	Lt. L.A. Little	Lt. R.J. Ferguson
" O.J. Breakspear	" J.T. Oram	" R.M. Ross	" J.E. Stapleton	" H.M. Vincent
(As from 1/8/42.)	" N.F. Stevens	" E.M. Carter	" E.W. Hayes	" A.J. Smith
	" R.L. Croaker	" W. Taylor		" J.H. Newbigging

The remainder of personnel of 1 Aust. Svy. Regt., will be formed into "X" Bty., under command of Capt. B.C. Doig.

3. TRANSPORT.
Transport will be transferred as follows as from 0900 hrs. 17.8.42

(i) From F. Sp. Bty. to:-

1 Svy. Bty.	3 Svy. Bty.	5 Svy. Bty.
1 ton B.S.V.	1 Ton B.S.V.	2 M/C 1 3 ton G.S. 6 1 ton B.S.V.

(ii) From 3 Survey Bty. to 1 Svy. Bty:
6 15 cwt. Dodge Vans

(iii) From 1 Survey Regt. to:-

1 Svy. Bty.	3 Svy. Bty.	5 Svy. Bty.
1 3 ton G.S. 4 M/C	1 M/C. 1 30 cwt. G.S.	2 M. C. 1 3 ton G.S. 1 30 cwt, G.S.

4. MESSES.
All Messes will finalise accounts etc. as at midnight 15/16 Aug. 1942 and have books ready for audit by Audit Board at 1800 hrs. 17 Aug. 42.

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5. AUDIT BOARD.
The following will constitute Audit Board and have audit reports in writing to R.H.Q. by 0900 hrs. 19 Aug. 42:-

President Capt. B.C. Doig

Members Lieut. N.F. Stevens
" A.J. Smith
" R.L. Croaker
" R.G. Ferguson

6. SECURITY.
Attention is again directed to Security Regulations. No allusions may be made as to troop movements either by word of mouth or by correspondence.

A Smith Lieut

(A.J.SMITH) Lieut.
A/Adjt. 1 Aust.Svy.Regt.

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A FLASH SPOTTING
BATTERY, R.A.A.

WAR ESTABLISHMENT
(Provisional)

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(i) Summary of ranks

Detail	B.H.Q	H.Q. Section	Two Field Sections (each)	Total F.S. Bty R.A.A.
Major ..	1	-	-	1
Captain ..	-	1	-	1
Lieutenants ..	-	-	1	2
Total Officers	1	1	1	4
Battery Sergeant-Major (warrant officer class2)	1	-	-	1
Total, warrant officers	1	-	-	1
Battery Q.M. Sgt. ~~quartermasterx~~	1	-	-	1
~~sergeant~~, sergeants, surveyors		1	1	3
Total staff Sgts and sergeants.	1	1	1	4
Bombadiers ..	3	5	3	14
Gunners ..	15	26	28	97
Total, rank and file	18	31	31	111
Total, other ranks	20	32	32	116
Total, all ranks	21	33	33	120
Attached.				
A.A.M.C. - Corporal	1	-	-	1
Total, all ranks, including attached	22	33	33	121

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(ii) Distribution of rank and file by trades and duties.

Detail	R.H.Q.	H. Q. Section	Two field Sections (each)	Total, F.S.Bty R.A.A.
Trade group 1				
Surveyors	-	(a)16	(b)15	46
Trade group 11				
Carpenter	1	-	-	1
Cooks (c)	3	-	-	3
Signallers	-	(c) 5	8	21
Trade group 111				
Clerks	3	-	-	3
Driver-mechanics	1	1	1	4
Technical storeman	1	-	-	21
Non specialists				
Transport N. C.O. (c)	1	-	-	1
A.A.L.M.G. detachment	-	2	-	2
Batmen	1	1	1	4
Drivers, M.T.	4	5	6	21
Hygiene dutyman	1	-	-	1
Motor cuclist orderlies	1	1	-	2
Water dutyman	1	-	-	1
Total, rank and file	18	31	31	111

(iii) Transport

Motor cycles	(d) 3	(d)2 5	-	5
Trucks, 15cwt	-			
G.S.	1	3	6	16
Office unit	1	-	-	1
Wireless	1	1	1	4
Trucks, 3ton				
G.S.	1	1	-	2
office(for plotting centre)	-	1	-	1
Water	1	-	-	1
Total, vehicles (exeluding motor cycles)	5	6	7	25

(iv) Organization

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BATTERY, R.A.A. 4.

111/24B/1
WAR ESTABLISHMENT
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(v) Table of weapons and ammunition.

Detail	No.	Ammunition - rounds		
		On man or with gun	Reserve	Total
Battery headquarters -				
Pistols, .38-inch	4	12	24	72
Rifles, .303-inch	16	50	-	800
Sub-maching gun	1	200	400	600
Headquarter section -				
Pistols, .38-inch	3	12	18	54
Rifles, .303-inch	28	50	-	1400
Sub-machine guns	2	200	800	1200
A.A.L.M.G. .303-inch	1	1000	500	1500
A.Tk. rifle, .55-inch	1	200	40	240
Two field sections (each)				
Pistols, .38-inch	1	12	6	18
Rifles, .303-inch	29	50	-	1450
Sub-machine guns	3	200	1200	1900

(a) Includes 4 bombadiers 2 of whom are for plotting centre.

(b) Includes 3 bombadiers for flashspotting posts.

(c) Includes, or is, a bombadier

(d) Allotted -

Battery headquarters - Battery sergeant-major
Transport N.C.O.
Motor cyclist orderly

Headquarter section - Sergeant, surveyor
Motor cyclist orderly.

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ROUTINE ORDER - PART II.
NO.1.

S.15068 2 AUST. FLASH SPOTTING BATTERY. SHEET I
PLACE. N.S.W.L. OF C. AREA. DATE.22ND SEPTEMBER, 1942.
NO PREVIOUS ROUTINE ORDER PART II PUBLISHED BY N.S.W. L. OF C. AREA RECORDS OFFICE.

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Sub. No.	Subject	Personal or Army No.	Rank	Name	Particulars of Casualty, etc.
1	STRENGTH INCREASE	NX90488	Gnr.	Talbot, R.J.	Ex 1 Aust.Svy.Regt. 15.8.42.
2		NX90489	"	Nolan, F.H.	do "
3		NX94418	"	Kilgour, N.C.	do "
4		NX94421	"	Holohan, J.K.	do "
5		NX94422	"	Jones, T.R.	do "
6		NX94426	"	Swatridge, C.H.J.	do "
7		NX94531	"	Hamilton, J.R.	do "
8		NX94656	"	Burke, H.E.	do "
9		NX94809	"	Waring, F.M.	do "
10		NX94972	"	Logg, N.E.	do "
11		NX95009	"	Tierney, L.C.	do "
12		NX95307	"	Tams, L.G.	do "
13		NX102562	Sgt.	Whetton, R....	do "
14		N12077	Gnr.	McBryde, N.	do "
15		NX102563	L/Bdr.	Rowse, V.G.	do "
16		N12275.	Gnr.	Estwick, W.J.	do "
17		NX102564	L/Bdr.	Magee, M.F.	do "
18		N12318	Gnr.	Barry, J.N.	do "
19		N12322	A/Bdr.	Badcock, D.	do "
20		N12324	Gnr.	Brewer, L.G.	do "
21		N102566	L/Bdr.	Falconer, A.W.	do "
22		NX102567	A/L/Sgt.	Jones, T.F.	do "
23		NX102568	W.O.II	Warburton, N.J.	do "
24		NX102569	Gnr.	Shakespear, G.R.	do "
25		N42582	"	Waddell, J.A.	do "
26		NX102570	"	Stapleton, K.J.	do "
27		NX102571	"	Downey, H.W.	do "
28		NX102631	Gnr.	Morris, R.L.	do "
29		N95663	"	Adams, R.G.	do "
30		N95751	"	Hazelton, N.J.	do "
31		N95830	L/Bdr.	Roberts, H.A.	do "
32		NX102760	Bdr.	Tapping, M.W.H.	do "
33		NX102572	Sgt.	Gehrig, I.G.	do "
34		NX102573	Gnr.	Mulligan, J.E.	do "
35		N171598	"	Chaloner, A.R.	do "
36		N199760	"	Halliday, G.V.	do "
37		NX102574	"	Walker, J.T.	do "
38		NX102575	Bdr.	Appleton, K.F.	do "
39		NX102576	Gnr.	Foster, R.T.	do "
40		NX102577	"	Gifford, N.R.	do "
41		NX102578	"	Harvey, A.	do "
42		NX102579	"	Harvey, W.C.	do "
43		NX102580	"	Hill, S.W.	do "
44		NX102581	"	Prowse, N.G.	do "
45		N217739	A/L/Bdr.	Watson, A.M.	do "

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46	STRENGTH INCREASE	N218521	Gnr.	Gardner, J.E.	Ex 1 Aust.Svy.Regt. 15.8.42.
47		N218929	"	Crowe, L.I.	do "
48		N218947	"	Mallay, D.	do "
49		N219277	"	Chard, B.A.	do "
50		NX102584	"	Banks, P.T.	do "
51		N222519	"	Bartholomew, V.K.	do "
52		N222527	"	Bosanquet, E.R.	do "
53		N222528	"	Bowman, J.B.	do "
54		NX102585	A/L/Sgt.	Brooks, W.E.	do "
55		N222535	Gnr.	Brownlee, E.L.J.	Ex 1 Aust.Svy Regt. 15.8.42.
56		NX102586	"	Caldwell, R.F.	do "
57		NX102587	"	Dixon, K.C.	do "
58		N222557	"	Dunn, D.C.	do "
59		NX102588	"	Gates, C.G.	do "
60		NX102589	"	Gray, R.T.	do "
61		NX102590	"	Hartas, R.E.	do "
62		NX102591	L/Bdr.	Hodgkinson, R.A.	do "
63		NX102592	Gnr.	Holm. C.H.	do "
64		NX102593	L/Sgt.	Jarrett, T.E.	do "
65		NX102594	Gnr.	Kelly, V.D.	do "
66		NX102595	"	Lee, P.D.	do "
67		N222615	A/L/Bdr.	Long, G.F.	do "
68		NX102596	Gnr.	Long, K.M.J.	do "
69		NX102597	"	Lovitt, J.A.	do "
70		N222623	"	Maria, V.E.	do "
71		NX102598	Bdr.	McCauley, M.V.	do "
72		NX102599	Gnr.	McQuillen, F:B.	do "
73		N222649	"	O'Neill, A.J.	do "
74		NX102600	"	Orr, A.J.	do "
75		NX102601	"	Patterson, F.L.	do "
76		NX222655	"	Pearson, J.A.	do "
77		NX102602	"	Pemberton, G.E.	do "
78		NX102603	"	Rigby, J.R.	do "
79		NX102604	"	Rivett, K.G.	do "
80		NX102605	A/L/Sgt.	Robinson, F.O.	do "
81		NX102606	Gnr.	Selig, A.E.A.	do "
82		NX102607	Gnr.	Smith, C.	Ex do "
83		N222692	"	Smith, P.J.	do "
84		NX102608	"	Walker, I.H.	do "
85		NX102609	"	Walsh, F.D.	do "
86		NX102610	"	Williams, C.R.	do "
87		NX102611	"	Young, R.A.W.	do "
88		NX102612	"	Fitzgerald, C.	do "
89		NX102613	L/Bdr.	Irons, R.D.	do "
90		NX102614	Gnr.	Turnbull, J.E.	do "
91		NX102615	"	Kaleski, B.	do "
92		NX102616	"	Ward, J.H.	do "
93		NX102617	"	Sutherland, W.E.	do "
94		N236641	"	Davis, A.B.	do "
95		NX102618	"	Clark, J.	do "
96		N240523	"	Ellis, R.E.	do "
97		NX102619	"	Geaney, W.E.	do "
98		NX102620	"	Jackson, S.A.J.	do "
99		NX102621	"	Koller, R.	do "
100		N240530	"	Landon, R.J.	do "
101		N240540	"	Levy, J.F.	do "
102		NX102622	"	Moses, R.R.	do "

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Sub. No.	Subject	Personal or Army No.	Rank	Name	Particulars of Casualty, etc.
103	STRENGTH INCREASE	N241848	Gnr.	Doherty, C.H	Ex 1 Aust.Svy.Regt. 15.8.42.
104		N251372	"	Glynn, J.N.	do "
105		N251380	"	Miller, S.K	do "
106		NX102623	"	Roberts, I.T.	do "
107		NX102624	"	Halls, E.G.	do "
108		N267866	"	King, R.L.	do "
109		NX102625	"	Bidewell, N	do "
110		NX102626	"	Harper, G.R.	do "
111		NX102627	"	Mudie, H.	do "
112		N319378	"	Leck, T.A.	do "
113		N353052	"	Bossley, T.	do

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Sub. No.	Subject.	Personal or Army No.	Rank	Name	Particulars of Casualty, etc.
N1	STRENGTH INCREASE	N222520	Gnr	Bastick L.J.	Ex 1 Aust Survey Regt 15.8.42
N2		NX102629	"	Peet R.N.	do. 15.8.42
N3		N386474	"	Smith E.G.	do. 15.8.42.

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Sub. No.	Subject.	Personal or Army No.	Rank	Name	Particulars of Casualty, etc.
114	STRENGTH INCREASE	N11997	T/Maj.	STEWART R.V.	Ex 1 Aust Svy Regt 15/8/42.
115		NX102711	T/Lieut.	ORAM J.T.	do 15/8/42.
116		NX102724	"	STEVENS N.F.	do 15/8/42.
117		NX102717	"	CROAKER R.L.	do 15/8/42.
118		NX102583	Gnr	Jolly.CLB.	" 15/8/42
119		NX 92388	"	Taylor.C.G.	" 15/8/42
120		NX 92003	"	Copp.PJ.	" 15/8/42
121		N 12117	L/Bdr	Hedley.P.	" 17/8/42
122		NX102633	Bdr	Longfield.R.H.	" 17/8/42
123		NX102632	Gnr	King.M.L.	" 18/8/42

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ALLIED LAND FORCES IN S.W. PACIFIC AREA

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16 Aug 42

2 AUST CORPS REAR H.Q. (30 copies)

MOVEMENT - CORP TROOPS 2 AUST CORPS.

1. Reference L.H.Q. Signal QM.40317 of 14 Aug 42

2. The following arrangements have been made for movement of Corps Troops, 2 Aust Corps, by rail to Brisbane, en route to destination.

3. MOVEMENT:

By standard type trains marshalled

18 flat top wagons - 36 units of M/T or equivalent
4 passenger cars - 144 personnel (additional personnel to travel in cabs of M/T)
1 Brakevan - Baggage

NOTE: Owing to light loading of certain trains, composition will be reduced as under:

TRAIN NO 8 Reduced by 2 passenger cars
TRAIN NO 7 Reduced by 3 passenger cars
TRAIN NO 9 Reduced by 5 flat top wagons
TRAIN NO 11 Reduced by 2 passenger cars

4. TRAIN LOADING TABLE:

Allocation of personnel, M/T etc for trains No 1 to 12 as shown on attached copy of Train Loading Table.

Train loading for subsequent trains will be advised.

5. SCHEDULE OF TRAINS:

A series of two (2) trains per day commencing Wednesday 19 Aug 42, viz:

Wednesday 19 Aug 42 - 2 trains
Thursday 20 Aug 42 - 2 "
Friday 21 Aug 42 - 2 "
Saturday 22 Aug 42 - 2 "
Sunday 23 Aug 42 - 2 "
Monday 24 Aug 42 - 2 "

Thence four (4) trains per day to conclusion of movement.

6. ENTRAINING STATION:

Warwick Farm Racecourse sidings.

7. LOADING:

Loading and lashing of M/T to be made in accordance with the attached copy of instructions and diagrams.

Flat top wagons to convey 1 x 3 ton lorry and 1 smaller type vehicle. Where the train load comprises a high proportion of 3 ton lorries, loading to be on basis of 3 x 3 ton lorries per 2 40ft flat top rail wagons.

Canopies of all 3 ton lorries to be lowered and secured prior to entrainment.

M/Cs to be loaded on available spaces of flat top rail wagons.

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Lashing ropes must not be taken away from railway premises on arrival in Brisbane.

8. TIMETABLE (a)

STATION	TABLE NO I	TABLE NO 2
	1st Day	1st Day
Warwick Farm dept	0050 hrs	1140 hrs
Gosford	-	1453-1610 (midday meal)
Newcastle	0658-0743 hrs (breakfast)	1857-2000 (evening meal)
Gloucester	1229-1335 (midday Meal)	-
		2ND DAY
Taree	-	0600-0700 hrs (breakfast)
Kempsey	1952-2035 hrs (evening meal)	-
Coffs Harbour	-	1330-1430 hrs (midday meal)
Sth Grafton	-	1756-1900 hrs (evening meal)
	2nd DAY	
Casino	0617 - 0710 hrs (breakfast)	-
		3rd Day
Brisbane arrive	1349 hrs	0510 hrs

Further movement as arrnged by No 3 Aust Movt Control Group.

9. TIMETABLE (b)

TRAIN	DEPART WARWICK FARM	TIMETABLE
No 1	0500 hrs Wed 18 Aug 42	No 1
2	1140 hrs " 19 " 42	2
3	0050 hrs Thursday 20 Aug 42	1
4	1140 hrs " 20 " 42	2
5	0050 hrs Friday 21 " 42	1
6	1140 hrs " 21 " 42	2
7	0050 hrs Saturday 22 " 42	1
8	1140 hrs " 22 " 42	2
9	0050 hrs Sunday 23 " 42	1
10	1140 hrs " 23 " 42	2
11	0050 hrs Monday 24 " 42	1
12	1140 hrs " 24 " 42	2

Timetable for trains No. 13 to completion of movement will be advised.

10. MEALS EN ROUTE:

Meals en route will be taken at Railway Refreshment rooms as shown in Timetable. O.C. Train to present A.A. Forms F.59 for all meals taken (1/3d per head)

11. DRINKING WATER:

Troops to entrain with full water-bottles, which are to be refilled en route as opportunity permits. The strictest economy is to be exercised in the use of all water on trains.

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12. MEDICAL:

The services of a Medical Orderly to be made available on all trains.

13. RAIL WARRANT:

Bulk Rail Warrant (2nd class) to be issued covering travel to Brisbane.

14. CONSIGNMENT NOTES:

Consignment Note to be issued covering M/T and Stores other than personal baggage and equipment. Con. Note for M/T to show:

a Weight of Vehicle
b Length of Vehicle
c Weight of stores loaded in vehicle.

(E.J. FRANCE) Lieut Col
A.Q.M.G. (M) I AUST MOVT CONTROL GP

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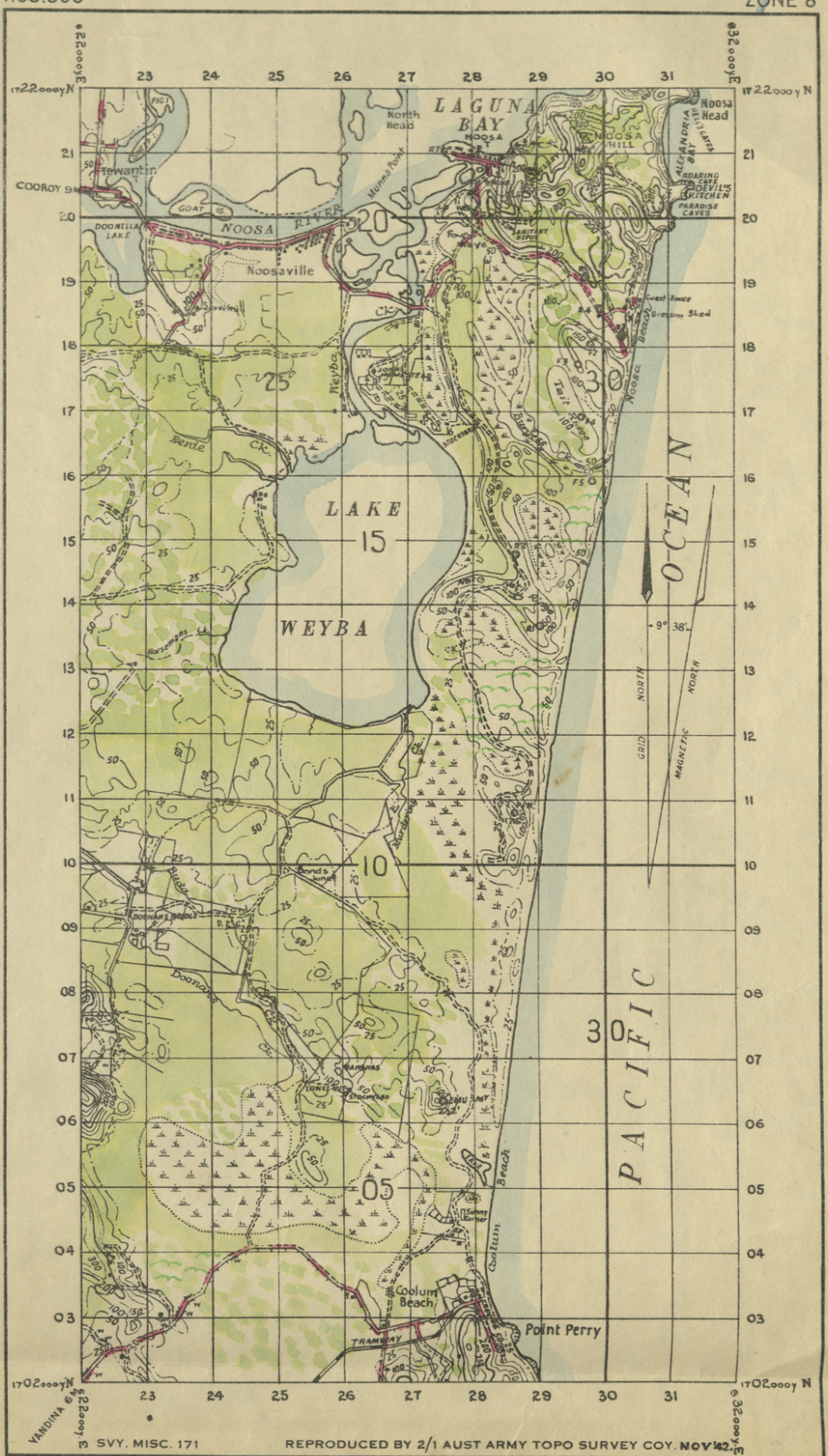

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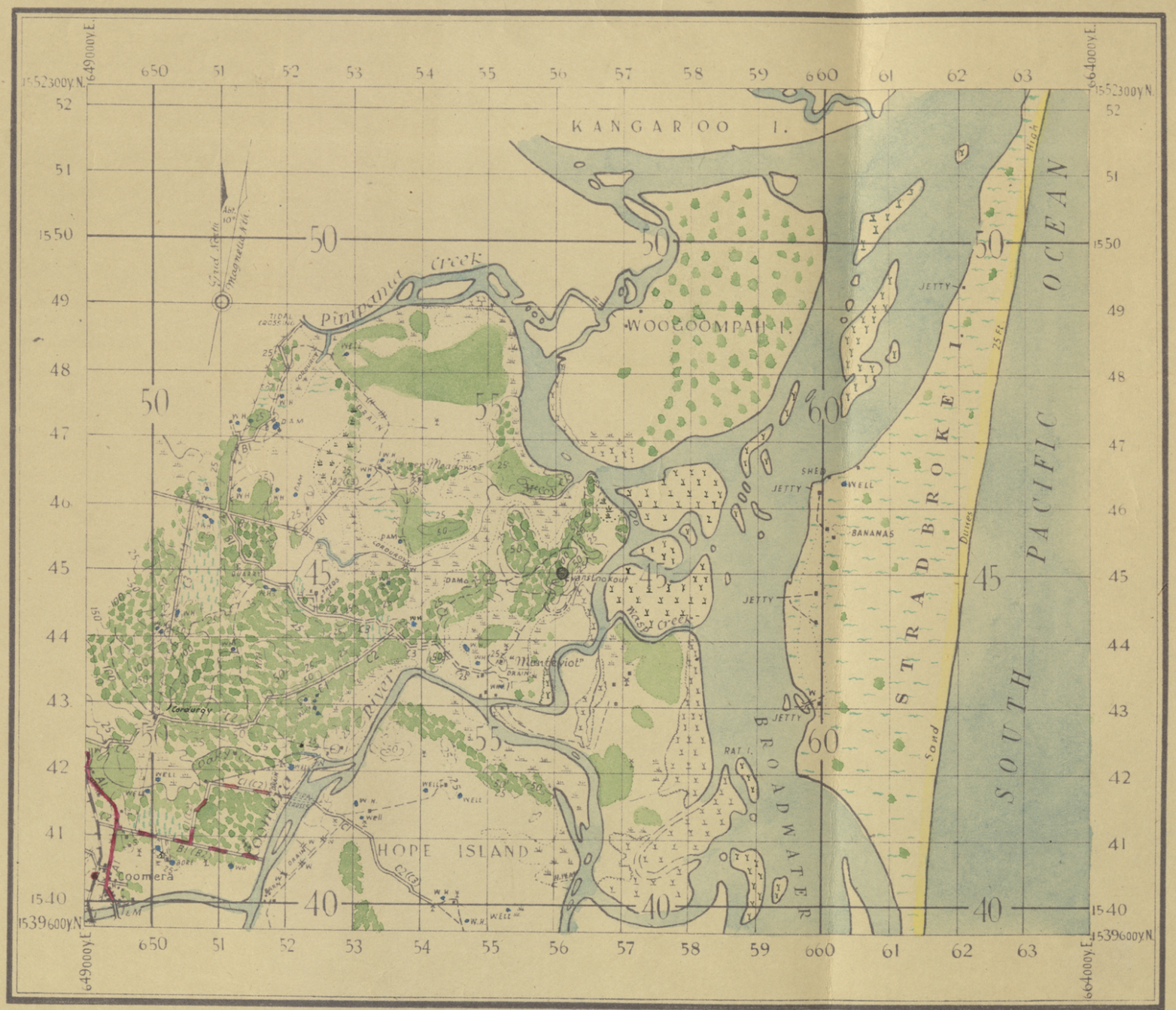

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REPORT ON USE OF FLASH SPOTTING

FOR SHORT BASE OBSERVATION DUTIES.

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Tests carried out by 2 Aust Flash Spotting Bty.

1. Errors of directors.

This Battery holds three No. 7A directors and six LP directors made by Esdaile of Sydney.

The four best directors were used in the observations and the results of the tests of these four directors are given herewith. Two are No. 7As of Australian manufacture and two are Local Patterns.

From these tests, it would appear that large errors could be expected in short base observations carried out with these directors. Such errors were found and to prove further that they were instrumental, observations were also made, using theodolites on a base of 200 yds. Locations were made of puffs and mirror flashes with an accuracy of 1 minute in bearing and 1% in range at ranges from 3,000 to 7,500 yds.

Since the observations were made to known target areas, the use of a theodolite was practicable.

If accurate directors are not available, a possible alternative would be to use theodolites having a field of view of at least 2 degrees and graticuled to 5 minute intervals. Observation would be more difficult than with a director, but still practicable. Our observers were able to read to the third or fourth cordite puff of the series at each target in daylight. The theodolite would need to be conveniently illuminated for use at night.

The LP directors used do not compare with a good No. 7, as they have no vertical circle, the only means of reading vertical angles being the graticule. They will not read angles of elevation of more than about 15 degrees; their magnification is low and there is no provision for night lighting. Above all, they all have eccentricity in varying degrees.

Two of the No. 7A directors previously held by this unit have been recalled by Ordnance for the purpose of ascertaining the amount of wear incurred in those directors of early Australian manufacture.

Of the remaining two No. 7A directors held, No. 5567 was sent to Ordnance for repair and has gone astray and the other, No. 325, has been in for repair, but is still so stiff in the upper plates, that any accurate work is impossible.

No. 319 was sent in for repair at the same time as No. 5567 and has been returned with what result can be seen from the tests.

All directors show appreciable signs of wear revealed by the backlash test, which shows errors ranging from 4 to 10 minutes.

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Errors found for each director tested are shown in table below.

	Correct angle							
	51° 31'		51° 30'		51° 30'		51° 29'	
	63° 14'		63° 14'		63° 14'		63° 13'	
	74° 22'		74° 21'		74° 21'		74° 21'	
	128° 17'		128° 17'		128° 17'		128° 17'	
	Director LP No. 102		Director LP No. 105		Director 7A No. 328		Director 7A No. 319	
Set on Zero		Diff		Diff		Diff		Diff
	51° 27'	-4'	51° 31'	+1'	51° 29'	-1'	51° 29'	nil
	63° 14'	nil	63° 07'	-7'	63° 12'	-2'	63° 12'	-1'
	74° 19'	-3'	74° 15'	-6'	74° 20'	-1'	74° 17'	-4'
	128° 15'	-2'	128° 17'	nil	128° 18'	+1'	128° 15'	-2'
Set on Zero								
	51° 29'	-2'	51° 26'	-4'	51° 26'	-4'	51° 24'	-5'
	63° 13'	-1'	63° 09'	-5'	63° 11'	-3'	63° 09'	-3'
	74° 18'	-4'	74° 17'	-4'	74° 21'	nil	74° 15'	-2'
	128° 14'	-3'	128° 12'	-5'	128° 19'	+2'	128° 13'	-2'
Set on 90°								
	51° 30'	-1'	51° 23'	-7'	51° 31'	+1'	51° 28'	-1'
	63° 14'	nil	63° 07'	-7'	63° 13'	-1'	63° 13'	nil
	74° 21'	-1'	74° 17'	-4'	74° 21'	nil	74° 13'	-8'
	128° 15'	-2'	128° 11'	-6'	128° 21'	+4'	128° 10'	-7'
Set on 180°								
	51° 30'	-1'	51° 31'	+1'	51° 26'	-4'	51° 20'	-9'
	63° 14'	nil	63° 11'	-3'	63° 09'	-5'	63° 10'	-3'
	74° 21'	-1'	74° 21'	nil	74° 19'	-2'	74° 17'	-4'
	128° 17'	nil	128° 23'	+6'	128° 17'	nil	128° 15'	-2'
Set on 270°								
	51° 28'	-3'	51° 33'	+3'	51° 31'	+1'	51° 29'	nil
	63° 13'	-1'	63° 17'	+3'	63° 13'	-1'	63° 12'	-1'
	74° 20'	-2'	74° 29'	+8'	74° 25'	+4'	74° 21'	nil
	128° 16'	-1'	128° 28'	+11'	128° 20'	+3'	128° 15	-2'

From an inspection of the above, it will be seen that Director No. 102 has a maximum error of 04', No. 105, a maximum error of 11', No. 328, a maximum error of 05' and No. 319, a maximum error of 09'. It would appear that No. 105 has a fairly large amount of eccentricity No. 319 appears to have worn axes or worn gears. Nos. 102 and 328 give fair results and generally readings within a limit of error of 04'.

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Accuracy obtained in Short Base Observations.

Bases of 200, 350 and 424.4 yards were used during the tests. The survey was carefully done and distances chained twice. In one case it was found necessary to traverse between the posts in several legs, as chainage was not practical along the line of the base. It is considered that this position may recur upon a number of occasions.

Observations were made at ranges from 3,400 yds to 8,000 yds with apex angles varying from 1° 26' to 5° 02'. In all cases, the target area was situated so that the smaller base angle was not less than 55°. Tests were carried out in Beenleigh and Grantham areas. The results of the tests are given below:-

Base of 200 yds

Range to Surveyed Target (yds)	Apex angles	Error in Range	Percentage of range	
4894	1° 50'	-3 yds	.1	Theodolite
4894	1° 55'	-216 "	4.4	Director
3397	3° 10'	-6 "	.2	Theodolite
3397	3° 20'	184 "	5.4	Director
7943	1° 27'	83 "	1.0	Theodolite
7943	1° 38'	934 "	11.8	Director
7943	1° 27'	-35 "	.4	Theodolite
7943	1° 26'	+44 "	.6	Director
3765	2° 25'	-128 "	3.4	Director

Base of 350 yds

Range to Surveyed Target (yds)	Apex angles	Error in Range	Percentage of range
5504	3° 14'	+166 yds	3.0
5504	3° 17'	+ 76 "	1.4
5504	3° 06'	+411 "	7.5
4716	3° 47'	+353 "	7.5
4716	3° 54'	+206 "	4.4
4716	3° 55'	+186 "	3.9
5092	3° 51'	+121 "	2.4
5092	3° 50'	+143 "	2.8
5092	3° 49'	+183 "	3.6
5865	3° 12'	+ 91 "	1.6
5865	3° 13'	+ 64 "	1.1
5865	3° 03'	+388 "	6.6

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Base of 424.4 yds

Range to Surveyed Target (yards)	Apex angles	Error in Range (yds)	Percentage of range
5847	3° 29'	-150	2.6
5847	3° 23'	+ 20	.3
5847	3° 21'	+ 74	1.3
4914	4° 24'	- 94	1.9
4914	4° 27'	-145	2.9
4914	4° 17'	+ 36	.7
4900	4° 44'	+139	2.8
4900	5° 02'	-159	3.3
4900	4° 56'	- 65	1.3
6073	3° 36'	-167	2.7

Tests on the bases of 350 yds and 424.4 yds were carried out simultaneously with observations to the same flashes. It will be noted that all locations obtained on the 350 yds base have a positive error in range. Director No. A105 was in use on that base and the results obtained are consistent with the errors to be expected in that instrument.

The results obtained on the base of 424.4 yds show less error than those mentioned above. This would be due in some measure to the larger apex angles observed and also to the fact that two No. 7 directors were used on this base.

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When errors are expressed as a percentage of range, it will be seen that, with present equipment, most results can be expected to show an error of less than 5%, although this cannot be relied upon, Errors in bearing are negligible compared to errors in range, so have been disregarded in this discussion.

The following table will be of assistance in estimating the order of accuracy of results. Length of base 350 yds.

Apex angle	Base angles	Range	Difference for 2' variation in apex angle
1° 56'	89° 02'	10,373	176 yds
1° 58'	89° 01'	10,197	170
2° 00'	89° 00'	10,027	
2° 02'	88° 59'	9,863	164
2° 04'	88° 58'	9,704	159
2° 56'	88° 32'	6,837	
2° 58'	88° 31'	6,760	77
3° 00'	88° 30'	6,685	75
3° 02'	88° 29'	6,612	73
3° 04'	88° 28'	6,540	72
3° 56'	88° 02'	5,099	
3° 58'	88° 01'	5,056	43
4° 00'	88° 00'	5,014	42
4° 02'	87° 59'	4,973	41
4° 04'	87° 58'	4,932	41
4° 56'	87° 32'	4,066	
4° 58'	87° 31'	4,039	27
5° 00'	87° 30'	4,012	27
5° 02'	87° 29'	3,985	27
5° 04'	87° 28'	3,959	26
5° 56'	87° 02'	3,381	19
5° 58'	87° 01'	3,362	
6° 00'	87° 00'	3,344	18
6° 02'	86° 59'	3,325	19
6° 04'	86° 58'	3,307	18

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The attached graph (Appendix B) may be used to illustrate this further. It has been drawn on a scale of 1/25,000 for a base of 300 yds and shows the arcs subtended by various apex angles. The error due to variation in a given apex angle is represented by the distance between arcs separated by the required variation. This may be scaled off along a line drawn from either end of the base in any direction.

The graph was originally prepared as an alternative plotting method but, after trial, was abandoned in favour of slide rule and computations. Method of use of the graph in plotting is covered in Appendix A.

Read in conjunction with the table showing results of director tests, the above table indicates that the results quoted are within the expected accuracy. Apex angles have a probable error of 10 minutes since the error in any director is up to 5 minutes. Such a variation in an apex angle of 4 degrees means a difference of approximately 200 yds in a range of 5,000 yds, i.e., 4%.

Computation will show that errors in chainage of the base cause proportional errors in the range. Thus an error of .5% or 1 yard in the chainage of a base of 200 yards would result in errors of 5% in ranges obtained. It is considered that except in difficult country, chainage errors should be less than .5% and hence the error in range due to errors in length of base would be small, e.g., at 6,000 yards should be less than 30 yards.

The results obtained by the use of theodolites on the 200 yards base indicate the possibility of using suitably graticuled instruments to advantage. Bearings in this case would be correct to 1 minute and ranges to 1%.

In general, therefore, it may be said that errors of 5 minutes in bearing and 5% in range may be expected in any series with the present instruments. Furthermore means of several series would not be reliable, as illustrated by the results on the 350 yards base.

Suitability of Detail.

The allocation of personnel and duties worked well, but it is considered that the reliefs as provided would be insufficient for other than a brief occupation of some 48 hours. As the short base is primarily intended for use in the initial stages of deployment, this should not matter a great deal, particularly if further reliefs are available from Headquarters Section. No relief appears to be available for the computors at C.C. other than the Bombardier in charge, which might not always be practicable. Headquarters PC Operators could provide some avenue of relief by computing the observations directly at HQ ready for plotting. This would involve a slide rule being part of HQ equipment and it would also be of assistance for checking purposes.

The initial change-over to double post working and back again causes temporary disorganization of the section, in that it involves the pooling and resorting of equipment, and personnel.
The suggested scheme of disbanding and reallocating one post complete, appears to be the best available.

Much time will be saved if external survey is done by surveyors from HQ Section. Internal survey of the sub-post can be adequately handled by the Bdr in charge, in conjunction with the post personnel and internal checks applied. Particularly is this so when main and sub-posts are intervisible and readily accessible. A good deal of care must be taken in the laying out of the distance and bearing between main and sub-posts and thus requires careful work which it is unwise to rush to the detriment of accuracy.

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Stores, in general, are considered, and were found to be, reasonably adequate, with the following exceptions:-

Post Stores. A good pair of binoculars is essential to the most efficient operation of the post. A telescope is too limited in its use. A head and breast set would be preferable to the hand set for use with the DV telephone.

Computing Centres should be provided with an artillery board for the immediate plotting of results and the maintenance of a post map. This would be of great value where the double post was in direct communication with an artillery Bty for a specific task. The range arm and arc would greatly facilitate plotting of locations, since they are computed primarily as bearings and distances.

Section headquarters.

(a) Since plotting is done from two main posts, it is suggested that either a concentration board with pasted down arcs and a scale artillery No. 2 Mk 11 or a parallel ruler board with 30" parallel ruler be used in place of the artillery board. If the boards are gridded in alternate colours, they can readily be used on either 1/25,000 or 1/12,500 scale. With contrasting colours, no difficulty is experienced in using the board on 1/12,500 scale and they enable more accurate plotting to be done. Care must be exercised in using 1/25,000 scales arty.

(b) A small telephone exchange at Section HQ to take lines from CCs, BHQ if line is used, and any outside line that may be in use, e.g. to an Artillery Battery.

(c) Slide rule for checking computations.

Procedure.

At the posts, the method as laid down worked well. The two posts combined well and were able by assisting each other quickly to line their directors on the flash. The hand set strapped to the leg caused the instruments to be thrown out of parallel and was abandoned. A head and breast set would appear to be an attractive alternative.

The slide rule at the CC provided a very quick solution and gave results that agreed to twenty yards with the computed results, a twenty inch slide rule being used. It is considered that the accuracy of the computations by slide rule would be still further increased by adding intermediate graduations for small angles. The gain in time between slide rule and logarithms is only of the order of two or three minutes and the accuracy of the latter are undoubted.

Practice indicated the value of a small switchboard for Section HQ to take the C.C. lines and any outside lines. A parallel ruler board or concentration board with both main posts down was used in preference to an artillery board and showed graphically the results from each sub-base.

General.

The main problems encountered were the available instruments, which aggravated the already difficult task of keeping the directors exactly parallel. To overcome this, the directors were constantly checked and at the completion of each location, checked and any discrepancies adjusted with relation to the apex and sub-base angles.

Benefit to Field Army.

It is considered that the short base method would be of value in certain circumstances. Provided accurate directors are used and appropriate precautions observed, quick results may be expected to a reasonable standard of accuracy.

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With a normal base to obtain locations, several posts situated considerable distances apart must be able to observe to the same flash. Depending on topography, this will often be a matter of considerable difficulty, as, for example, when only one small feature gives the command required. In that case, a sub-section could be deployed on it on a short base.

Then, again, should cross observation on a section front be impossible, two double posts may give locations in the two separate areas.

Where the Battery is deployed and one post only commands a portion of the front, then if that post deploys as a double post, locations may be effected in that area, independently of the other posts, which function in the normal manner.

A difficulty is the re-arrangement necessary of the organization within the section, as this would militate against speed in deployment.

A double post could be operated for a short time by the personnel of one post only, but reliefs could not be provided from the resources of the post. Such reliefs could be provided if PC operators from HQ Section man the computing centre.

In the normal three post deployment of a Section, during the initial stages, locations can only be effected to the degree of accuracy with which the posts are put in. Until survey is completed,, which may be some hours, co-ordinates taken from the map and azimuth from map or compass must be used.

If, on the other hand, in the initial deployment, each post deploys as a double post, then each can do its own internal survey rapidly and accurately. Locations can be obtained as bearings and distances from the main posts and plotted as each main post is placed on the permanent grid.

When all main posts have been placed on the permanent grid by the HQ Section survey parties, subsidiary posts can be withdrawn and the section function in the normal manner. Subsidiary post positions would be marked and retained as alternative post positions. Rosters of duties could then be drawn up and reliefs provided from within the posts.

The value of this method of deployment in unmapped or badly mapped country is at once apparent.

In many cases where it would not be expedient to allot a full flash spotting section to a particular task, a sub-section deployed as a double post would probably suffice. One case is such a task as is given in R.A.T.M. 6.

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Appendix A.

Use of Circle Plotting Method.

1. General.

This was developed as a graphical method of plotting short base observations. No computations are required once the apex and base angles are determined, except for checking purposes. It was abandoned for reasons given hereunder.

2. Preparation of graph.

The base line is laid down and the required base marked off to scale in this case, 1/25,000. The perpendicular bisector of the base is drawn. Radii of arcs subtended by each apex angle on the given base are computed from the formula

$$2r = \frac{b}{\sin A}$$ where r = radius, b = length of base, A = apex angle

The required circles may now be drawn to same scale with centres lying on the perpendicular bisector and passing through either end of the base.

3. Plotting by means of the graph.

The main and sub-posts and bearing of base line are plotted on a grid drawn on heavy tracing paper. This grid is then superimposed over the graph, so that the base lines coincide and the posts coincide with the ends of the bases and pinned down.

Observations from the posts are reduced to a bearing from the main post and an apex angle.

If the bearing is laid off from the plotted position of the main post, the location can be plotted by interpolation from the circles representing apex angles. Co-ordinates of the location can now be read off and the range scaled off. Range arm and arc used if available.

4. Summary.

(1) The method is quick and as accurate as any plotting method.

(2) The main disadvantage is that it is correct only for the base for which it was drawn. A set could be prepared for standard bases, but since the same result by computation takes very little longer, provided a suitable slide rule, is used, the method loses much of its value.

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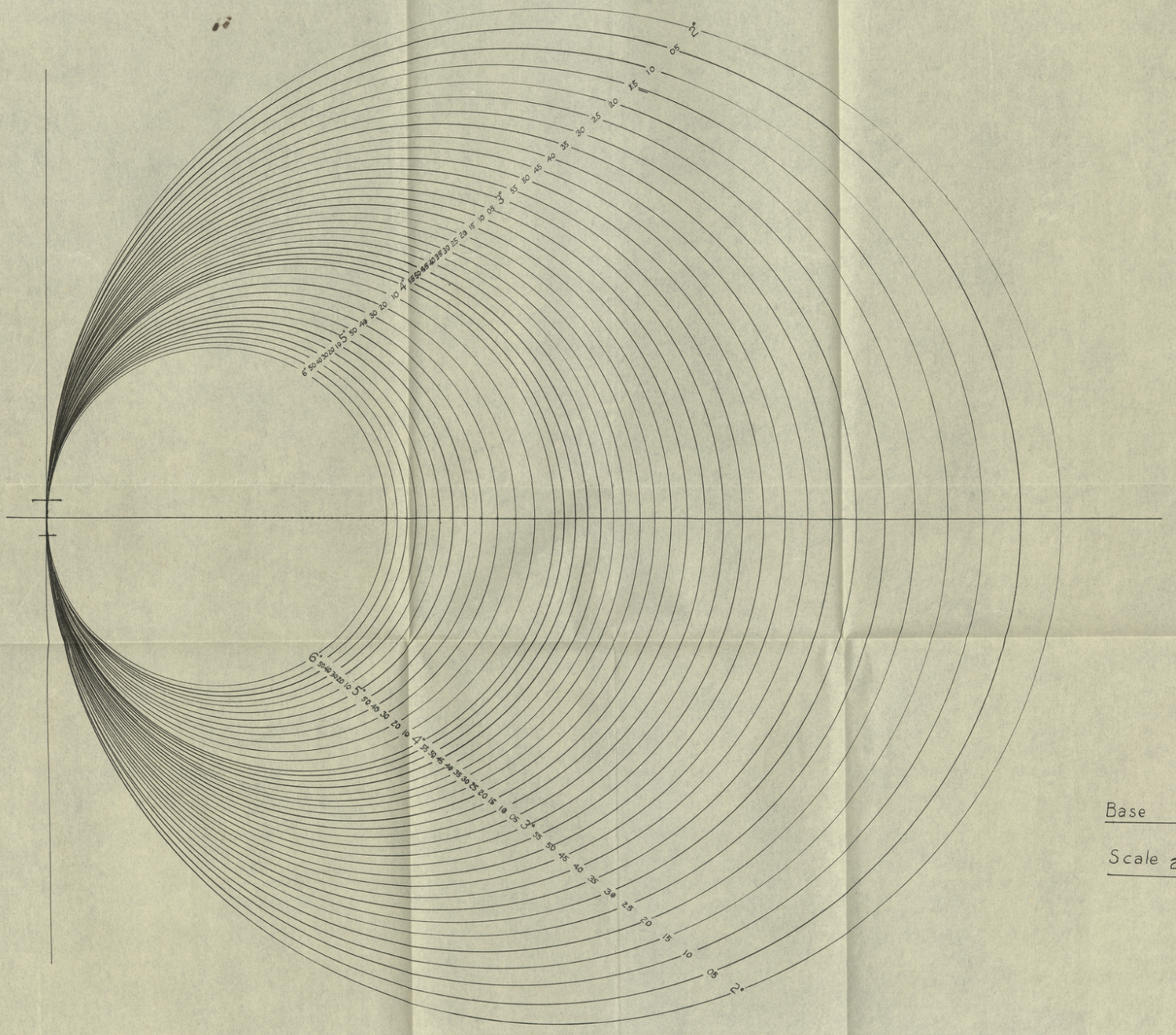

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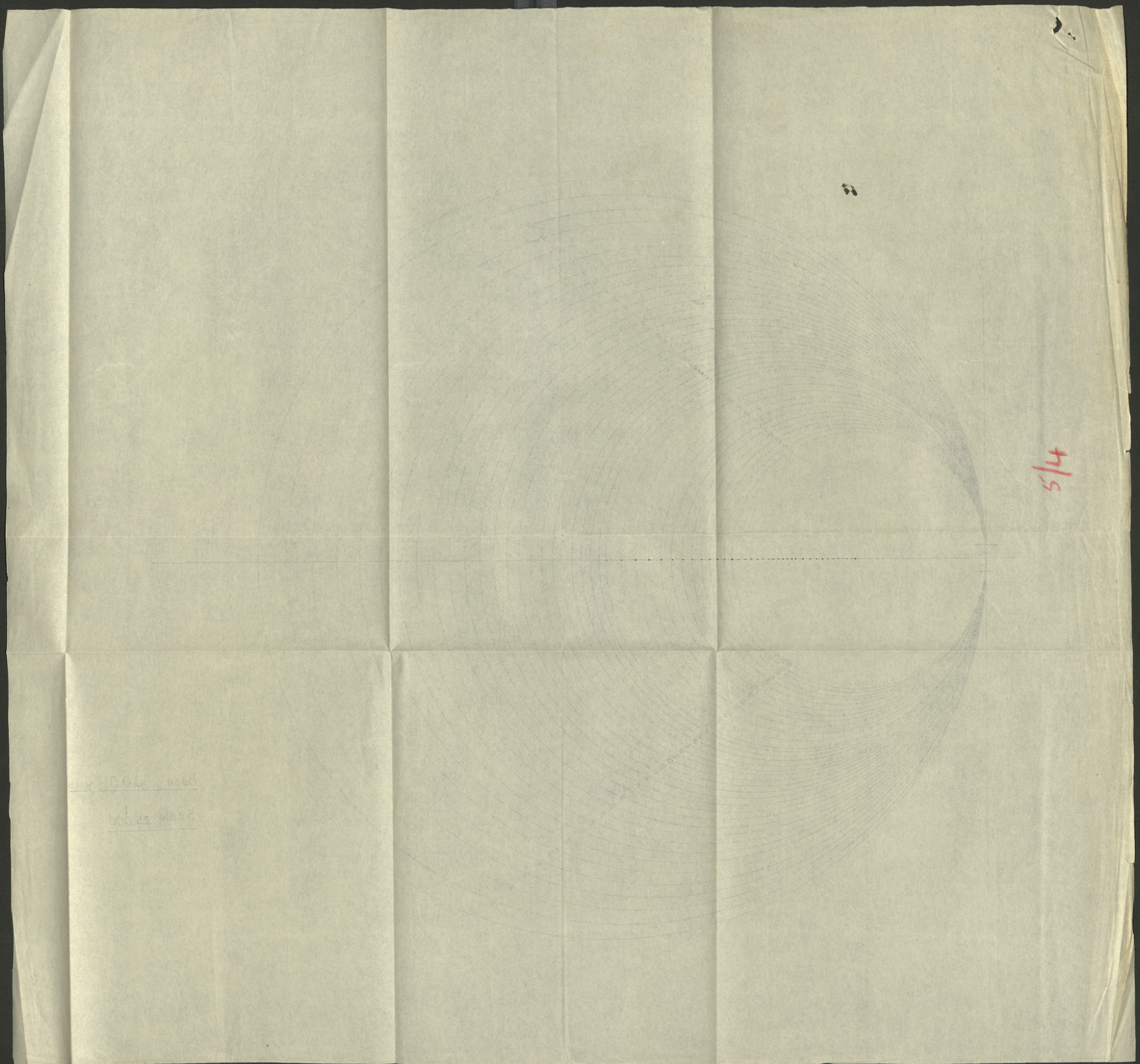

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33. KITS & EFFECTS OF ILLEGAL ABSENTEES AND KITS; EFFECTS & EQUIPMENT FOUND IN RAILWAY CLOAKROOMS ETC. GRO Q636.

Immediately a member of the AMF has been declared an illegal absentee, the following action will be taken in respect of effects other than those on charge to the member's unit.

The effects, after removal of items on charge to the member's unit, will be despatched to the section of Aust Kit Store servicing the formation to which the member belongs. If there is no such section the effects will be forwarded to the nearest Sub-HQ of Aust Kit Store. Such effects will be accompanied by AAF KS4 in duplicate, such form containing a certificate to the effect that the member concerned is an illegal absentee. The effects will then be stored with other kits and effects of members of the same unit.

Such effects will be noted by Aust Kit Store as those of an illegal absentee and will not be issued to the member concerned except on a request signed by or for the CO of the member, either of his then unit or of a unit to which the member may be subsequently posted after being apprehended. If member claims to have been discharged from the Military Forces & produces to Aust Kit Store his certificate of discharge, arrangements will be made for the kit to be dissected in accordance with para (b) hereof and the personal effects forwarded to the member at an address nominated by him.

(b) If such effects have not been withdrawn after expiration of 6 months after deposit, Aust Kit Stores will ascertain through LHQ Records Office, whether member concerned is still an illegal absentee. If member is found to be still illegally absent, the effects concerned will be dissected and dealt with by Aust Kit Store as provided in the case of a deceased soldier by GRO Q178/1942 and Admin. Instructions for Kit Stores, 1942. If member upon inquiry is found to be no longer an illegal absentee, effects will be removed from the illegal absentee list and if necessary transferred to another section of Aust Kit Store. In the latter case, the member concerned will be so notified.

B. EQUIPMENT & EFFECTS FOUND ON RAILWAY STATIONS, CLOAKROOMS, HOTELS. ETC.

Action as set out below will be taken in all cases where arms, eqpt, kits & personal effects are recovered from railway stations, railway & other non-military cloakrooms, hotels etc. Such action will be taken by member of Movt Control, Provost Corps or other unit or person recovering the articles.

Arms & eqpt will then be returned to nearest AAOC Depot. If article can be identified, owner's unit will be advised by AAOC Depot and article struck off unit's charge.

Kits and personal effects, if owner & unit ascertainable, will be forwarded to section of Aust Kit Store serving formation to which member belongs. If there is no such section, articles will be forwarded to nearest Sub HQ of Aust Kit Store. Such Sub HQ will notify the owner, having arranged for storage of article.

If ownership cannot be ascertained, same will be forwarded to nearest Sub HQ of Aust Kit Store by whom articles will be dissected. If effects remain unidentifiable, the personal property therein will be stored by Aust Kit Store pending identification by description of contents. If ownership of effects is established during dissection, effects will be sent to appropriate Kit Store Section and owner will be so notified.

Arms, ammunition or eqpt will not be deposited in cloakrooms other than those staffed by military personnel, nor will they be left unattended by military personnel in hotels, restaurants, cafes or similar institutions.

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34. CAMERAS AND PHOTOGRAPHY. (GRO G645).

All ranks who have cameras may in future use them subject to the following:-

An officer will be appointed in each unit to be O. i/c photography. He will maintain a register showing the number, make and description of every camera held in the unit, together with no.,rank and name of its possessor.

Officers and ORs will be responsible for ensuring that cameras in their possession are registered with the O.i/c photography.

Cameras will be withdrawn, prior to departure, from personnel of units about to proceed to an active theatre of operations. Cameras will be withdrawn at once from personnel already in an active theatre of operations.

COs of units may at any time order the withdrawal of cameras for security reasons.

O. i/c photography, when the order for withdrawal has been given, will collect and forward cameras to:-

(a) Such persons as the possessors of cameras direct, at the expense of the possessors. Packages containing cameras will be sent by registered post and registration receipt will be handed to the possessors in each case.
(b) HQ L of C Area. or
(c) O. i/c Base Depot.

The O. i/c photography will give a receipt for all cameras received, whether for disposal by (a), (b), or (c).

Notwithstanding the provisions of paras 4, 5 and 6, a CO may, if he thinks fit, approve of the retention of cameras by not more than 4 members of theunit provided they signify their agreement that such retention will be subject to the following terms:-

(a) That cameras so retained will be used only as directed by the O. i/c photography.
(b) That the said cameras remain in the possession of the members concerned and will be at such members' risk.
(c) That the CO may withdraw such approval at any time.

HQ L of C Area will be responsible for ensuring that cameras deposited for custody by a unit proceeding overseas are forwarded on the unit's behalf to the Base Depot abroad.

Films of photographs taken for official purposes will be forwarded for processing by formations, units, experimental and technical establishments etc. direct to HQ L of C Area. They will be accompanied by a memo signed by the CO or an officer of field rank stating that the purpose to which they will be put.

If in the opinion of GSI at HQ L of C Area, films or prints should not for security reasons be returned to forward areas, GSI will retain them and will without delay advise the formation, unit, experimental or technical establishment, etc., accordingly.

Films of photographs taken by officers and ORs for non-official purposes will be forwarded to an approved photographer for processing. HQ L of C Area will arrange with approved photographers that photographs contravening the Control of Photography Order will not be returned to the sender, but to HQ L of C Area. Such photographs will be referred to CO unit for necessary action.

The names of approved photographers will from time to time be published in Unit ROs. Approving authorities will be - in Australia, HQ L of C Area- and abroad, Formations Commanders.

Photographs (other than those for official purposes) which, if captured, would be of value to the enemy, are prohibited.

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Contraventions of this order will be dealt with by disciplinary action and/or by:-

(a) Withdrawal, temporary or permanent, of cameras.
(b) Destruction of films and prints.

This order will be read in conjunction with the relevant paras of Army Field Censorship Instn No 22 - Procedure and Instructions for Unit Censorship.

35. FALSE STATEMENTS TO SECURE EXEMPTION, LEAVE ETC.

A recent Statutory Rule has amended AMR & O by inserting a new AMR 203A, the full text of which will be published shortly, and which provides in effect that every person subject to military law, whether on war service or not, who, with intent to deceive, makes any false statement or representation, whether verbal or in writing, in connection with any application that -

(a) Any member of the Military Forces shall be granted exemption from service or leave of absence; or

(b) Any member of the Defence Force shall be transferred from one arm, service, department, corps or unit of the Defence Force to another or from one place to another.

shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable to penalties as prescribed by AMR 215.

The averments by the prosecution that the statement or representation attributed to the accused was false, and was made with intent to deceive, shall be prima facie evidence of such falsity and intent.

36. DANGEROUS ENCLOSURES IN PARCELS FORWARDED BY POST. (GRO Q687).

A fire aboard a ship carrying valuable supplies, including explosives, was caused recently by spontaneous combustion of wax matches included in mails for Army personnel.

All members of the forces will be instructed to request their relatives and friends not to forward wax matches or charged petrol lighters to them through the post. The dangers as stated above will be explained to troops.

Franking officers will delete any request for wax matches or ~~xh~~ charged petrol lighters from letters.

37. NATIONAL SECURITY (WAR SERVICE MORATORIUM) REGULATIONS. (GRO A702)

MBI A92/1941 (as amended by MBI A54/1942) is amended:-

(a) By inserting at the end of suc-para (a) of para 1 the following words:-

"or under contracts for the sale of land entered into after the member became engaged on war service, in pursuance of an option to purchase land granted before the member became engaged on war service."

(b) By inserting after sub-para (k) of para 1 the following sub-para:-

" (l) The compulsory acquisition of land, without the consent of the Attorney-General, for any purpose other than a purpose in connection with the Defence of the Commonwealth or the efficient prosecution of the war."

(c) By inserting at the end of para 3 the following sub-para:-

" (d) The preservation during war service and a maximum period of 6 months after the termination of the war of rights to commence legal proceedings, or enforce any legal right or remedy."

(d) By repealing para 5 & inserting in its stead the foll. para:-

"5. Any member of the Military Forces who may be affected by these Regulations should seek legal advice which may usually be obtained free of charge in the camp from visiting lawyers or from one of the institutions set out hereunder:-

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Qld. L. of C Area. Queensland Law Society, National Mutual Life Buildings, 293 Queen St., Brisbane.

NSW L of C Area. Incorporated Law Institute of NSW, 3 Castlereagh St., Sydney: Aust. Service Movement, 9 Bligh St., Sydney.

Vic L of C Area. The Law Institute of Vic., corner McKillop & Little Collins Sts., Melbourne; an officer of the Deputy Commonwealth Crown Solicitor's Office, 450 Law Courts Place, Melbourne, will also give advice to members of the forces or their dependents on any matter arising under the War Service Moratorium Regulations.

Sth Aust L of C Area. The Law Society of S.A. Exchange Buildings, Pirie St., Adelaide.

Tas. L of C Area. The Overseas Service Advisory Committee, Chamber of Commerce, Hobart.

W.A. L of C Area. The Law Society of W.A. Warwick House, 20 Howard St., Perth."

38. UNAUTHORISED INTERFERENCE WITH EQUIPMENT (GRO O. 707)

Several cases have occurred recently where minor defects in technical eqpts have been converted into major defects by unskilled attempts at repair by unauthorised personnel. In particular, clocks and watches which should have been repairable have had to be condemned as unserviceable because unskilled tampering has aggravated the original damage or caused further breakage of sound parts.

As spare parts for certain instruments, particularly watches and clocks, are almost unobtainable, such tampering results in loss of eqpt.

Previous orders forbidding the repair of technical equipment of all kinds by unauthorised personnel will be strictly enforced.

39. TRAFFIC CONTROL - DAZZLING HEADLIGHTS ETC. (F.A.A. O. Q384.)

The provisions of MBI Q134 are repeated for information of units.

If a dvr is dazzled by the lights of an approaching vehicle, his duty is to slow down to such a speed that he can stop within his lessened limits of vision. If the dazzle is such that he cannot see at all, he should stop at once. If he fails either to slow down or stop as the case may be, he is guilty of negligence. Similar provisions apply where the dvr's limit of vision is curtailed by dust, fog, rain or any other agent.

Dvrs of all vehicles will be instructed accordingly.

40. OUT OF BOUNDS - AMERICAN RED CROSS SERVICE CLUB.

The American Red Cross Service Club, cnr Queen and Adelaide Sts Brisbane, is out of bounds to the following personnel:-

1. All officers of the AMF.
2. All other ranks of the AMF at present serving with or attached to all units, depots or camps within 50 miles of Brisbane.

Personnel visiting this club must be prepared to produce leave pass on request by any member of Australian or Allied Provost Corps or any member of the club staff.

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41. PUNISHMENTS.

NX94656	Gnr H.E.BURKE	Failing to appear on a place of parade appointed by his CO.	Fined £1/-/- 23-12-42.
N95663	Gnr R.G.ADAMS	"	Fined £1 23-12-42.

R.B.Stewart Major,
CO 2 Aust Flash Spotting Bty.

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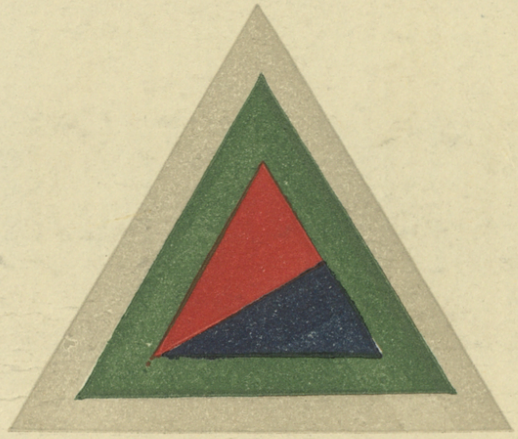



2nd Australian Flash Spotting Battery

CHRISTMAS IN THE FIELD

1942

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Christmas Eve

Afternoon - Sports

Evening - Smoke Concert

Christmas Day

Church Parade

Christmas Tree

Dinner

Tea

Concert

Dinner

Roast Turkey - Ham

Roast Pork and Apple Sauce

Baked Potatoes

Sweet Potatoes

Baked Pumpkin

Green Peas - Beans

Brown Gravy

Christmas Pudding

Brandy Sauce

Tea - Coffee

Christmas Cake

Aerated Waters - Ale

Sweets - Chocolates

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ZONE 8

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PREPARED BY 2 AUST. FLASH SPOTTING BATTERY

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C.C.R.A. 2 AUST. CORPS.

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MESSAGE FORM

Serial No.

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS. IN

OUT

No. of Groups **GR.**

OFFICE DATE STAMP

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TO 1 AUST MED REGT. 2 AUST FLASH SPOTTING BTY. 8 AUST FD REGT.

FROM RAA 2 AUST CORPS

Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
5/173	24	

MOST	SECRET		1	AUST	MED
REGT	AND	ATTACHED	208	AUST	LAD
2	AUST	FLASH	SPOTTING	BATTERY	8
AUST	FIELD	REGIMENT	AND	ATTACHED	229
AUST	LAD	DET	2/2	AUST	ANTI
TANK	REGT	COME	UNDER	COMD	BRA
FIRST	AUST	ARMY	FROM	1200 hrs	25 Jan 43 ACK

THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT **AS WRITTEN** BY ANY MEANS:

W. Young Lt.

SIGNED

IF LIABLE TO BE INTERCEPTED OR FALL INTO ENEMY HANDS, THIS MESSAGE MUST BE SENT **IN CYPHER**

SIGNED

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

ROUTINE ORDERS.

by

Major R.V.STEWART.

COMMANDING 2 AUST FLASH SPOTTING BTY, AUSTRALIA.

For official use only.

5-1-43. Part 1 1/43.

1. DRIVERS OF VEHICLES - DRESS. (2 ACO 255).

Instances have occurred of drivers of vehicles being on duty and driving vehicles without wearing shirts.

This practice must cease forthwith.

Disciplinary action will be taken against any soldier driving a vehicle without wearing a shirt or while being otherwise improperly dressed.

COs will be held personally responsible for the effective observance of this instruction.

2. POWERS OF SENTRIES AND GUARDS. (2 ACO 257).

Regulation 8A of the National Security (General) Regulations (Statutory Rules 1942, No 274) provides that, without derogating from or restricting the existing powers or rights of sentries and guards, a military sentry or guard stationed or posted at, on, in, or in the neighbourhood or vicinity of, any prohibited place, protected area, controlled area, or any premises used by the Commonwealth, or used for defence purposes or for essential services, or any vehicle, vessel or aircraft used by the Commonwealth, or any enclosed wharf or picking up place, or any merchant vessel lying in port, or any road, pathway or waterway, specified in an order by the Minister, which passes through or near a prohibited place or work of defence, may be armed, and may -

(i) Use his weapons or otherwise attack any person who, in disregard of warning given by a sentry or guard, approaches, enters, leaves or passes over or in the vicinity or neighbourhood of, or attempts to approach, enter, leave or pass over or in the vicinity of neighbourhood of, that place, area, premises, vehicle, vessel, aircraft, wharf, picking-up place, road, pathway, or waterway, or who, after being arrested for so doing, escapes: and

(ii) Use his weapons against or otherwise attack any person attacking him or who is reasonably suspected of being about to attack him.

There are, however, certain principles which must guide all sentries and guards in the execution of their duty as such, and in the exercise of the right to resort to arms.

These principles are:-

(a) Sentries and guards will be ordered to take any action required to ensure the safety of their posts or to defeat the activities of enemy, or suspected enemy agents.
(b) If necessary, they will fire upon or otherwise attack any persons threatening the safety of their posts or engaging in hostile actions.
(c) Before firing upon any person, the sentry or guard will, except in an urgent case of self defence, challenge that person to "Halt." If that person does not halt, the sentry should challenge him again with "Halt or I fire". If he does not halt, and no other means are available for stopping him - as for example, by calling on the rest of the guard- it is the duty of the sentry to shoot.
(d) The sentry will use his intelligence and sense of responsibility in choosing whether he will shoot or not, and he must be careful not to allow any suspected person to approach so close that he can be rushed and overpowered.
(e) Guards of enemy prisoners of war. An enemy prisoner of war attempting to escape may be fired upon, but a previous summons to surrender will be given if possible.

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(f) Guards of members of the forces in custody. The use of weapons to prevent the escape of a prisoner (other than an enemy and except as provided in para 1 (i)) is unlawful unless -

(i) The prisoner has committed a felony and cannot otherwise be re-arrested; or
(ii) It is necessary for self-defence, and no more force is used than is reasonable in the circumstances.

The offences which constitute a felony are indicated on pages 146-151 of the M.M.L. (Australian edition).

(g) If a prisoner resorts to violence, force may be met by force to the extent reasonably necessary, and the ~~MX~~ escort may call for help from passers-by.

3. DRESSINGS, FIRST FIELD.

All ranks are issued with First Field Dressings. When not in operational zones, these will be carried in the respirator, except in the case of MT drivers on duty, who will carry the dressing in the glove box of the vehicle. The dressing will be used for wounds caused in accidents if the size of the wound warrants a dressing. Directions for applications are printed on the envelope containing the dressing.

R P Stewart Major,
CO 2 Aust Flash Spotting Bty.

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CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS.

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OUT
Date 2 FEB 1943

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TO (1) 1 AUST MED REGT (2) 8 AUST FD REGT (3) 2 AUST F SP BTY

FROM FIRST AUST ARMY | Originator's Number SD 3880 | Date 31 | In Reply to Number

(Write horizontally)

SECRET	(.)	WARNING	ORDER	(.)	5
Following	units	under	comd	BRA	10
First	Aust	Army	will	be	15
prepared	to	move	complete	with	20
full	eqpt	scale	A	tentage	25
and	accommodation	stores	from	present	30
locations	to	HELIDON	area	in	35
priority	shown	(.)	1	Aust	40
Med	Regt	and	Sig	Sec	45
and	LAD	NOT	before	3	50
Feb	2	Aust	F	Sp	55
Bty	NOT	before	5	Feb	60
8	Aust	Fd	Regt	and	65
sig	sec	and	LAD	NOT	70
before	7	Feb	(.)	move	75
under	arrangements	BRA	First	Aust	80
Army	(.)	advise	number	of	85
carriers	to	move	and	railhead	90
for	movement	ACK			95
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ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS DEGREE OF PRIORITY

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SECRET SECRET

Subject: ARTILLERY UNITS ex 2 AUST CORPS TROOPS

- MOVE TO HELIDON AREA.

2/2

BRA First Aust Army
31 Jan 43

RAA/2727

RAA 1 Aust Corps
8 Aust Fd Regt
1 Aust Med Regt
2 Aust Flash Spotting Bty

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1. The undermentioned units will move from present locations to HELIDON area as follows:-

UNIT	MOVE NOT BEFORE	TO BE COMPLETED (less tracked vehicles) by
8 Aust Fd Regt & Sig sec & LAD.	7 Feb 43	9 Feb 43
1 Aust Medium Regt & Sig sec & LAD. (incl det 2/2 Aust A/Tk Regt)	3 Feb 43	5 Feb 43
2 Aust F. Sp Bty	5 Feb 43	7 Feb 43

2. Movement (less tracked vehicles) will be by road.

3. Route - NOT through BRISBANE. Otherwise no restrictions.

4. Tracked vehicles will move by rail under arrangements BRA First Aust Army.

5. Units will signal BRA forthwith, whether any and if so how much extra transport is required.

6. All accommodation stores will be moved to new area.

7. Camp areas - as per trace attached (to addressees only).

8. Except as above stated moves will be under unit arrangements.

9. Upon arrival in HELIDON area units will come under command HQ RAA 1 Aust Corps. Immediately upon arrival units will contact that HQ which will notify BRA.

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10. HQ RAA 1 Aust Corps will issue details of administration arrangements to units on arrival.

11. Intercommunications.
(a) Sig office and exchange at HQ RAA 1 Aust Corps.
(b) Line - units to Sig exchange - To be laid under unit arrangements. HQ RAA 1 Aust Corps will arrange line for 2 Aust F Sp Bty. Exchange is connected to civil line HELIDON 30.
(c) DRLS - HQ First Aust Army DRLS to BRISBANE calls at Sig Office on "down" & "up" journeys twice daily.
Units will arrange DR service between Sig office and unit.

12. Location HQ RAA 1 Aust Corps - reference map HELIDON 1" 216818.

13. Liaison.
One officer from each unit will report to HQ RAA 1 Aust Corps at least 24 hrs prior to the commencement of his units' move to act as Liaison officer and assist in administration matters, each officer to remain at HQ RAA 1 Aust Corps until further orders.

George O'Brien
Lt-Col.
GS Arty First Aust Army.

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SECRET

Subject: HQ RAA 1 AUST CORPS - MOVE TO HQ FIRST AUST ARMY AREA. 2/4

BRA First Aust Army (AIF)
1 Feb 43

RAA/2728

HQ RAA 1 Aust Corps (5)
8 Aust Fd Regt
1 Aust Med Regt
2 Aust F Sp Bty

List A (Branches etc of HQ First Aust Army)

1. It is proposed, immediately sufficient office accommodation is available, to move HQ RAA 1 Aust Corps to HQ First Aust Army area to occupy the same area as BRA.

2. On completion of this move HQ RAA 1 Aust Corps will, for all practical purposes, merge with the BRA's office to form one staff of BRA First Aust Army. From that time (which will be notified to all concerned) all correspondence etc affecting the HQ and units mentioned in Para 5 will be addressed "BRA First Aust Army". It is requested that all orders, circulars etc now sent to HQ RAA 1 Aust Corps as a HQ be still sent in order to preserve their records & files intact.

3. The "merging" of these two staffs is merely a temporary expedient while HQ RAA 1 Aust Corps and artillery units are under direct command BRA.

4. The object of the merger is to facilitate staff work in connection with the exercise by BRA of his functions-

(a) as set out in F.S.R. Vol 1 Sec 30 Para 1 sub paras (i) & (ii)
(b) as comd of the artillery units placed under his command- those units having been placed by BRA under command HQ RAA 1 Aust Corps upon arrival in HELIDON area.

5. Artillery HQ and units now under command BRA are:-

ex 1 Aust Corps Troops:-		
HQ RAA 1 Aust Corps	Now in HELIDON area	
2/9 Aust A Fd Regt	" " " "	
2/1 Aust Med Regt	" " " "	
2/1 Aust F Sp Bty	Due " " "	4 Feb 43
ex 7 Aust Div:-		
2/4 Aust Fd Regt	Now in HELIDON area	
ex 2 Aust Corps Troops :-		
8 Aust Fd Regt	Due in HELIDON area	9 Feb 43
1 Aust Med Regt	" " " "	5 Feb 43
2 Aust F Sp Bty	" " " "	7 Feb 43

6. Administrative etc arrangements consequent on this move will be the subject of separate communication with branches etc concerned

George O'Brien

Lt-Col.
GS Arty First Aust Army (AIF).

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2 AUST FLASH SPOTTING BTY (AIF) SECRET

MOVEMENT ORDER 4-2-43

1. 2 AUST FLASH SPOTTING BTY (AIF) less DETACHMENT will move from NEURUM to HELIDON area in accordance with RAA /2727 of 31/1/43 of BRA First Aust Army.

2. ROUTE.
Starting point NEURUM camp. KILCOY - ESK - WIVENHOE Bridge - FERNVALE - LOWOOD - BRIGHTVIEW - GATTON - HELIDON - Destination HELIDON 1" - 1 mile 153836. Right hand turn at FERNVALE is 23 miles from ESK at commencement of bitumen, hay shed on left, school on right.

3. On arrival at destination vehicles will be directed to unloading points by BSM thence to MT Bdr for dispersion.

4. Advance Party.
5 vehicles 9 ORs under Lt Oram. Vehicles, personnel and loading as directed by BC.
Depart NEURUM camp 0800 5/2/43.
Route as in para. 2.
Speed 20 m.i.h.
Density 17 v.t.m.
Rations to be picked up at DID GATTON each afternoon, commencing 5/2/43. Arranged by BC. Water: Watering point HELIDON Railway Stn.

5. No. 1 Group.
7 vehicles 10 ORs under S/Sjt Gehrig. Vehicles, personnel and loading as directed by BC.
Depart NEURUM camp 0800 hrs 6/2/43.
Route as in para. 2.
Speed NEURUM - FERNVALE 18 m.i.h.
FERNVALE - LOWOOD 12 m.i.h.
LOWOOD - HELIDON 20 m.i.h.

Density 17 v.t.m.

6. No. 2 Group.
9 vehicles 17 ORs under Major Stewart.
Depart NEURUM camp 1000 hrs 6/2/43.
Route as in para. 2.
Speed: 20 m.i.h.
Density: 17 v.t.m.

7. No. 3 Group.
2 vehicles 4 ORs under Sjt Brooks. Vehicles and loading as directed by BC.
Depart NEURUM camp 1400 hrs 6/2/43.
Route as in para. 2
Speed 18 m.i.h.
Density 17 v.t.m.
Sjt Brooks will be responsible for final check of area before leaving.

8. Halts. Normal.

9. RAA 1 Aust Corps have arranged to provide 5 3-ton trucks.
They are to report at 1500 hrs 5/2/43 at NEURUM camp.
They will come under S/Sjt Gehrig for loading and movement.

10. Administration.
Lt Oram will report to RAA 1 Aust Corps Helidon 1" - 1 mile 216818 on arrival and act as Liaison Officer.
BHQ 2 Aust Flash Spotting Bty will close at NEURUM at 1000 hrs 6/2/43, reopen at HELIDON 1" 152836 1000 hrs 6/2/43.

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11. HQ RAA 1 Aust Corps to be notified by BC on arrival of unit in HELIDON area.

Appendices Maps

GYMPIE	4 miles - 1 inch
IPSWICH	" "
HELIDON	1 inch - 1 mile
ROAD MAP	TOOWOOMBA - ESK

Distribution:

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HQ RAA 1 Aust Corps
Lt Cram
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2 Aust Flash Spotting Bty.

Subject: Promotion N12050 Lieut E.F.L. McLAUGHLIN 2 Aust F Sp Bty. 4 Jan 43.

RAA 2 Aust Corps.

1. Ref RAA/1303/42 of 3 Jan 43.

2. Lieut McLaughlin is a Licensed Surveyor of 26 years' experience and in civil life is the Chief Detail Surveyor to Metropolitan Water, Sewerage and Drainage Board, NSW.

3. Lieut McLaughlin is the only Licensed Surveyor in this battery and his services as an instructor in advanced survey are particularly valuable.

Since the survey resources of this battery must be available for

(a) Survey as required for flash spotting.
(b) Survey in the corps arty area (vide Artillery Survey Directive No 1)

it is desirable that the standard of training in survey should be as high as possible.

4. As Headquarters Section Commander, Lieut McLaughlin has shown himself to be a most capable and zealous officer, thoroughly competent to carry out his duties.

5. He is physically sound and mentally alert, and his stamina has shown itself to be equal to if not better than that of many younger men.

6. I wish to recommend his promotion.

(sgd) RH. Major,
CO 2 Aust Flash Sp Bty.

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Australian Military Forces
Routine Orders
by
Major R.V. Stewart
Commanding 2 Aust Flash Spotting Battery, Australia.

2/6.

9 Feb 43 — Part 1 — 2/43

4 PUBLICITY CONCERNING ESCAPED PRISONERS OF WAR: GRO 25/43

Members of the AMF will not, unless authorised by the Commander-in-Chief, publish in any form whatever, or communicate, either directly or indirectly, to the press or radio any account of the escape of any person whatsoever from enemy or enemy-occupied territory or of the experiences of such person prior to repatriation.

Experience has shown that publicity of this character furnishes valuable information to the enemy and will jeopardize future escapes of Australian and Allied prisoners of war.

5 BROADCASTS OVER ENEMY WIRELESS BY AUSTRALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR: GRO 26/43

A member of the Military Forces who becomes a prisoner of war will not transmit messages over enemy wireless. The enemy's design, in arranging such broadcasts, is to enhance his own propaganda.

6 CASUALTIES AFFECTING PAY: GRO 27/43

No action will be taken to amend pay book rates consequent upon promotions, remissions of fines or remissions of forfeitures until receipt of the relevant Routine Part 11 Order from Records Office.

7 MAXIMUM PERMISSIBLE SPEED OF VEHICLES: GRO 30/43

1. Training -
(a) The following are the maximum speeds permitted on any surface for the vehicles mentioned. These speeds are not to be exceeded unless absolutely necessary for the purpose of field training, or as ordered by a responsible commissioned officer. In such cases, the work ticket is to be endorsed accordingly.

Type of vehicle	Max. speed in M.P.H.
Cars, motor cycles and combinations	45
Trucks, 4 x 4, 5-cwt. (Jeep)	45
Vans and trucks, 12 to 15-cwt	35
Vans, 1-ton, lorries and trucks up to 3-ton, except 6-wheeler	30
Lorries and trucks, stores, 3-ton loaded	25
Lorries, 6-wheeler and semi-trailers	20

(b) Army drivers are subject to the traffic regulations of the State authorities, and must observe all the rules of the road and obey orders and signals from traffic police and members of the Provost Corps.

2. Operational -
It is emphasised that the above speeds do not apply in operations against the enemy. When in or near contact with the enemy, vehicles will move at a speed dictated by the tactical situation.

3. Convoys -
Particular attention is directed to the calculation of time tables when preparing operation orders. It must be remembered that the average road speed is necessarily below the maximum permissible. (Reference F.S.R. and Military Training Pamphlet No. 47)

4. General -
Armies, Corps and HQ L of C Areas are responsible to ensure

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that traffic is properly policed in their areas and will instruct the Provost Corps to see that traffic laws, both Army and Civil, are observed.

The necessity for prompt disciplinary action in the case of breaches of this instruction is stressed.

5. Cancellation -
This order cancels -
(a) Standing Orders for the Operation and Maintenance of Mechanical Vehicles (Australia) 1940 - para. 42.
(b) MBI 0.39/1941.
(c) MT Circular No. 88 of 28th October, 1940.
(d) GRO Q.23/1942,

and is to be periodically brought to the attention of all ranks concerned in the operation and maintenance of mechanical vehicles.

8 CARE OF HAND TOOLS: GRO 36/43

1. Demands for replacement of hand tools indicate that wastage is unduly high.

2. An acute shortage of these tools exists. Many types are not manufactured locally and have to be imported from overseas. It is essential, therefore, that all ranks be impressed with the necessity of ensuring that wastage is reduced to a minimum.

3. Care is to be taken that tools are used only for the purpose for which they are supplied.

4. Unit commanders and officers or other ranks in charge of workshops, etc., are to take all action necessary to ensure that these instructions are observed by personnel under their control, and that appropriate steps are taken to ensure the safe keeping of hand tools on issue.

9 ESCAPES OF PRISONERS OF WAR FROM ENEMY HANDS: GRO 43/43

1. It is the duty of all soldiers if captured by the enemy to effect their escape at the earliest possible moment.

2. It is equally important that the soldier having completed his escape should not disclose the method by which he, or any companions he may have had, evaded the enemy and achieved freedom.

3. The disclosure of such information -
(a) prejudices the chances of other escapees;
(b) prevents other members of allied forces from using the same or similar methods of escape;
(c) endangers the lives of those who may have assisted the escapees at any stage of their escape.

4. Therefore, escaped prisoners of war will not, without the permission of GSI of a corps or higher information, disclose any details of their experiences in connection with their escape:-
(a) either verbally or in writing to their friends and relatives;
(b) either verbally or in writing to the press or broadcast stations.

5. Full details, however, will be given by escaped prisoners of war at the earliest opportunity to the nearest Allied Military Headquarters, from whence it will be transmitted to GSI at LHQ or Advanced LHQ direct.

6. This order shall be read in conjunction with GRO A.443/1942 regarding giving parole by officers and other ranks.

10. ABSENCE WITHOUT LEAVE: GRO 46/43

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1. Attention is directed to the fact that the seriousness of the offence of absence without leave is not properly appreciated and that the commission of this offence has become very prevalent.

2. All officers will ensure that the members under their command are instructed in the reasons for the offence being regarded seriously and will bring to particular notice the facts that absence without leave reflects adversely on the offender's unit, that it throws a heavier burden on his comrades and disrupts leave rosters and that it is not a sign of "toughness" on the offender's part but a betrayal of the national cause by its resulting wastage of transport, man-power and money and impairment of the efficiency and fighting strength of the offender's unit.

3. If it appears to a commanding officer investigating a charge of absence without leave that the accused has been absent without leave for a period in excess of 28 days, he should direct a summary of evidence to be taken and should apply to superior authority for a court-martial. The superior authority should convene a court-martial for the trial of the accused unless it appears to him that special extenuating circumstances exist, in which event he may direct the commanding officer to deal summarily with the charge.

4. The attention of all officers appointed as presidents or members of courts-martial is directed to AMR & O 558 (3).

5. A commanding officer will follow the procedure prescribed in AMR & O 461 in every case of illegal absence from his unit, whether or not the illegal absentee is suspected of desertion, and he will ensure that the descriptive report of the illegal absentee is rendered, whenever possible, within twenty-four hours from the time the illegal absence is discovered. The efficient working of the Provost Staff in this regard is largely dependent upon the promptness with which commanding officers notify cases of illegal absence. There is, however, a corresponding duty to notify the Provost Staff promptly when absentees return direct to their units.

6. Whenever possible, a court of inquiry under AMR & O 445 will be held on an illegal absentee on the twenty-second day of his absence. If a member is declared by such court to be absent without leave or other sufficient cause, a notification of the court's declarations will be sent forthwith to the nearest District Finance Officer.

7. MBI A.169/1941 is cancelled.

11. MISUSE OF ARMY TRANSPORT - THEFT OF PETROL: GRO 48/43

1. Whenever it appears that an officer or soldier has used both a Government motor vehicle and Government petrol for an unauthorized purpose he will be charged with the unauthorized use of both the vehicle and the petrol.

2. The charge of unauthorized use of the vehicle will normally be laid under section 11 of the Army Act with an alternative charge under section 40 of that Act. If, however, it appears from the evidence that the member charged used the vehicle with the intention of stealing it, the charge will be laid under section 18 (4) of the Army Act as one of stealing public property with an alternative charge under section 40 of that Act.

3. The charge of unauthorized use of the petrol (consumed by the unauthorized use of the vehicle) will be laid under section 18 (4) of the Army Act as stealing public property and an alternative charge under section 40 of the Army Act will always be laid.

4. The charges laid concerning the one incident should all be on the one charge sheet and may be heard together.

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12. REGIMENTAL TRUST FUND: STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT: GRO 54/43

(a) Balance as at 31/1/43	£ 42: 18: 9
(b) Receipts during month	£ 13: 17: 8 (Sept. allocation)
(c) Expenditure during month	Nil.

13. DRIVING PRECAUTIONS - ARMY VEHICLES: F.A.A. 397/42

NOT MORE THAN TWO PERSONS INCLUDING THE DRIVER WILL RIDE ON THE FRONT SEAT OF ANY ARMY VEHICLE, EXCEPT:-

(a) In vehicles where the gear lever is fitted to the steering column, three persons including the driver may ride on the front seat.
(b) In vehicles which are designed to seat 3 persons.
(c) In operational emergency.

14. MT VEHICLES - CONTROL OF: F.A.A. 2/43

It has been reported, as a result of investigations by the Chief Inspector of Administration, that laxity is apparent in the control of MT vehicles.

The report indicated that the worst type of offences are:-

(a) MT vehicles unattended.
(b) Incorrectly made out AA Forms G2.
(c) Vehicles unlocked.
(d) Drivers not in possession of AA F G11.
(e) Three persons in the front seat.
(f) Dangerous driving.
(g) Drunk in charge of MT vehicles.
(h) Illegal use of MT vehicles.
(i) Unauthorised civilian passengers.
(j) Failure to observe civilian laws.

It is essential that the strictest supervision of the use of Mechanical Vehicles be exercised, and that the necessity for the conservation of rubber and petrol be impressed on all concerned.

15. DRIVING OF MILITARY VEHICLES BY OFFICERS: F.A.A. 18/43

Under normal circumstances, officers will NOT drive Military Vehicles. In the following circumstances ONLY will an officer drive -

(a) when the driver is incapacitated
(b) in an emergency
(c) to afford relief to the driver on long journeys.

16. ESTABLISHMENT OF AMF CLOAKROOM, 186 ROMA St., BRISBANE: F.A.A. Q25

1. A cloak room has been established at 186 Roma Street, Brisbane, for the express purpose of receiving and storing kits of members of the Australian Military Forces whilst on leave or in transit; it will be known as "AMF Cloak Room" and will be under administration of "A" Sub HQ Aust Kit Store.

2. Such cloak room will be operated on the system in use by Railway cloak rooms, one portion of card label being given to the depositor as a receipt whilst the other is attached to the article deposited.

3. AMF Cloak Room will operate from 0600-2359 hrs (Sundays included), but will not be used as a receiving or storing Section for kits as laid down in GRO Q. 178 of 10 Jul 42, (that is to say, as bulk deposit stores for unit formations on transit).

17. SCHOOLS: NX 102711 Lieut Oram J.T. Course 71. Camouflage Development and Training Wing (SME) Fortress. George's Heights, Sydney. Classification - Pass 28/12/42 - 9/1/43.

K.B. Stewart Major
O.C. 2 Aust. Flash Spotting Pty

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BRA First Aust Army (AIF)
13 Mar 43.

Subject: PROMOTION LIEUT. E.F.L. McLAUGHLIN.

RAA 3823

2 Aust F Sp Bty.

In reply to your letter of 11 Feb 43 the BRA has NOT approved the recommendation of promotion of the above officer oh account of his age.

(Sgd) Lt-Col,
GS(Arty) First Aust Army (AIF)

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2 Aust Flash Sp Bty,
AUSTRALIA.
28 March 43.

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BRA
First Aust Army.

Reference RAA 3823, 13 Mar 43 and previous correspondence.

It is requested that the vacancy for Captain on WE be filled.

Following your RA 3823 of 13 March, I wish to recommend NX102724 Lieut Stevens N.F. to fill that vacancy.

Lieut Stevens has acted as Section Commander, Unit Education Officer and Unit Transport Officer in this battery for the past seven months. During that time, he has always shown himself to be a most zealous and capable officer. He has qualified at the following schools:-

ECTS (Survey Wing)	Warwick Farm	(Pass)
ECTS (MT Wing)	Studleigh Park	(Distinguished 1st)
ECTS (Signals Wing)	Showground	(Distinguished 3rd)

With the exception of Lieut McLaughlin, no supercession is involved within the unit.

Could Lieut McLaughlin, please, replace Lieut Croaker of this battery at 3 Aust Artillery Training Regiment?

If this should be arranged, could a recommendation be made, please, that Lieut McLaughlin be promoted T/Capt to fill the vacancy on WE of the Survey Battery, 3 Aust Artillery Training Regiment. My previous recommendation sets out his qualifications and capabilities.

(sgd) RHS Major,
OC 2 Aust Flash Spotting Bty.

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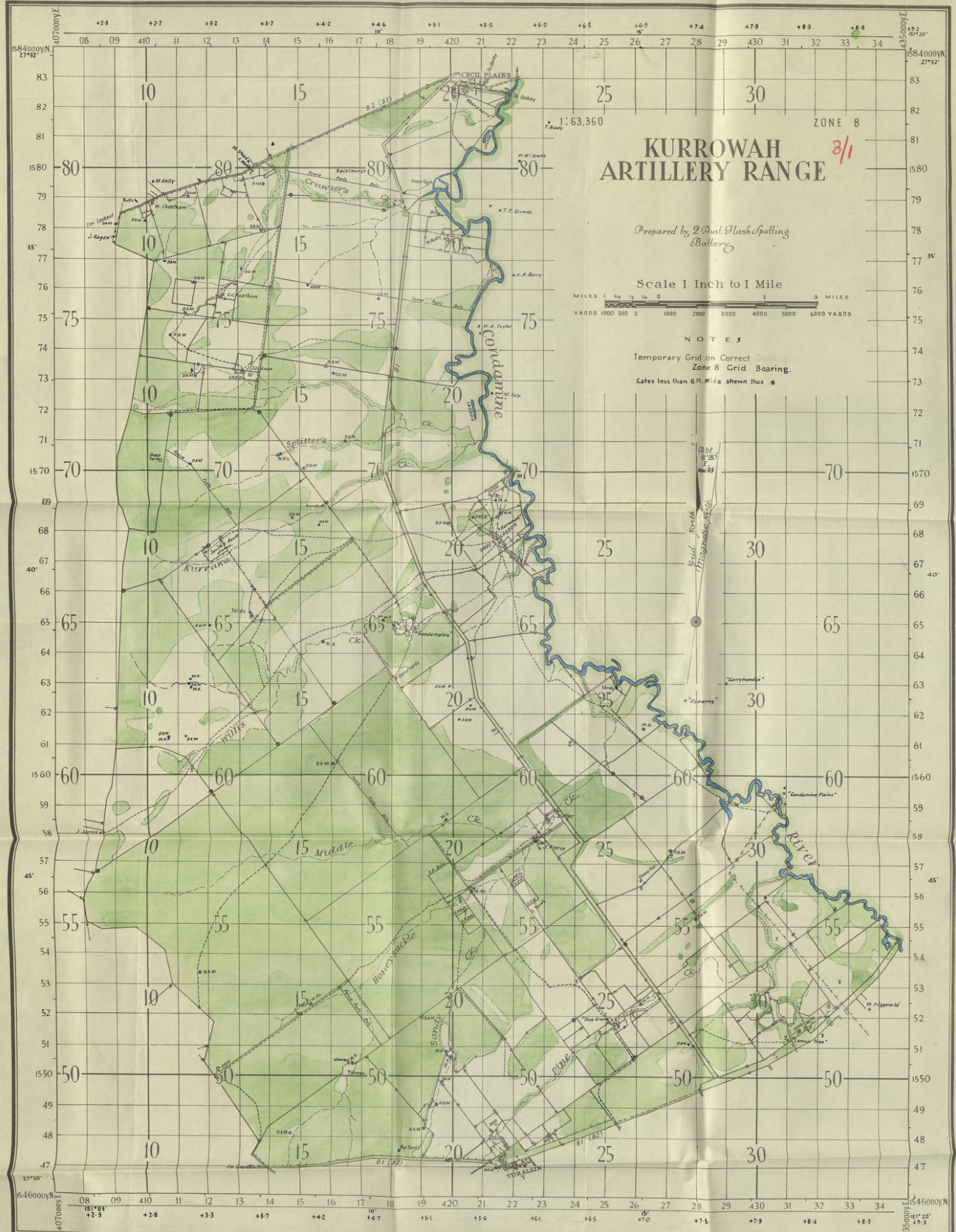

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REPRODUCED BY 2/1 AUST. ARMY TOPO. SURVEY COY. MAR '43

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IN SURVEY EXERCISE

OUT GATTON & HATTON VALE AREA 3/4 May 1943

No. of Groups GR.

OFFICE DATE STAMP

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TO 2/1 Flash Spotting Bty 2 Aust F/S Bty.

FROM Army.

Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number

1. Exercise	of	Composite	Survey	Battery	will
take	place	3	4	May	in
Gatton	Area				
2. The	Composite	Battery	will	consist	of
(a)	H.Q	H.Q	Section	one	Field
Section	provided	by	2	F/S	Battery
(b)	one	Field	section	provided	by

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TO

FROM	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number

2/1	7/5	Bty	O	OC	Composite
Battery	Major	Stewart	2	F/s	Bty
3/1 OC	section	(x 2/1	F/S	Bty)	will
report	to	Major	Stewart	for	orders
for	concentration	of	Battery	in	Helidon
Area	O	2Lt	Composite	Bty	will
not	move	from	Helidon	before	0900 hrs

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TO

FROM	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number

3	May.				
# He	sections	will	carry	unconsumed	portion
of	days	rations	for	3	May
which	may	be	collected	from	section
and	carried	in	bulk	at	discretion
of	OC	Composite	Battery	O	B. C
shall	arrange	to	collect	requisite	number

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TO

FROM

Originator's Number | Date | In Reply to Number

of	rations	from	each	F/S	Bty
on	3	May	for	consumption	on
4	May	9	Convoy	Items	to
Bivouac	night	under	arrangements	to	be
detailed	during	the	exercise		
F. Section	from	2/	F/S	Bty	will
report	to	Major	Stewart	with	all

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TO

FROM	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number

vehicles	with	full	petrol	tanks	and
authorised	spare	fuel	O	Further	supplies
will	be	drawn	by	H. Q	Composite
Bty	from	the	H Q	2	F/S
Bty	in	accordance	with	the	exercises
requirements					
6/. Dress	Battle	Order	O	Troops	will

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TO

FROM	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number

Bivouac	without	Heritage	during	night	3/4
May.					
2/. Weapons	will	not	be	loaded	unless
ordered	by	BC			
8/. The	vehicles	will	be	numbered	with
Tactical	markings	for	a	Survey	Bty
in	a	non	permanent	manner	

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TO

FROM	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number

9/. Details	of	exercise	will	be	issued
to	OC	Composite	Bty	on	morning
of	exercise.	(D)			

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EXERCISE ONLY.

NARRATIVE:-

Enemy force, having overrun BRISBANE FORTRESS area, is now moving along road BRISBANE - TOOWOOMBA.

X Div is moving with object of delaying this advance while a striking force is assembled in WARWICK - TOOWOOMBA area to drive invaders back into the sea.

X Div is organised as abnormal Div, with Div Arty consisting of :-

HQ RAA X Div
Three fd regts
One Tk A Regt
One Lt AA Regt
One svy bty.

The Div marches from WARWICK on 2 May, in accordance with Div march table, and RAQ 273 for move of Div Arty is issued by HQ RAA X Div (NOT essential for exercise that this be produced in full.)

On night 2 - 3 May, Div bivouacs in GRANTHAM - HELIDON - TOOWOOMBA Area, without encountering opposition.

A/Recce reports advanced units of enemy force MARBURG (IPSWICH 1" to 1 mile).

Enemy force contains light tanks, and a form of blister gas was used in their initial attack on BRISBANE. Our standard methods of gas treatment and contamination proved effective against this gas.

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Action following this order resulted in 'X' Svy Bty bivouac night 2/3 May at HELIDON.

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TO X Svy Bty

FROM	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
RAA X DW	RAQ 273	1	—

SECRET	⊙	EXTRACT	FROM	MOVEMENT	ORDER
RAA	X DIV.	⊙	SERIAL	NUMBER	5
⊙	UNIT	X Svy	BTY	⊙	S.P.
WARWICK	⊙	ROUTE	ROAD	WARWICK	BRISBIANE
		⊙	PASS	S.P.	0635
hrs 2 May	⊙	ALL	INFORMED		

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SIGNED

If liable to be intercepted or fall into Enemy Hands, this message must be sent **IN CIPHER.**

SIGNED W. Smith, Capt

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Time of Origin. 1800 hrs.

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						STC RAA X Div					

T.H.I. 1810

T.O.R. 2035.

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TO X Bty

FROM RAA X DIV

Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
RAO 53	2	—

WARNING	ORDER	O	PREPARE	TO	MOVE
O	ORDER	OF	MARCH	AS	IN
RAQ	273	DATED	30	Apr	O
~~S.P.~~	No	MOVE	BEFORE	0800	hrs
3	May	O	ACK		

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SIGNED John Smith BM RAA DIV

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TO X SUY BLY

FROM RAA X DIV

Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
RAQ 301	2	—

Reference	HELIDON	1" = 1 M	⊙	MOVEMENT	⊙
ORDER	OF	MARCH	AS	IN	RAQ
273	OF	30	APR	⊙	ROUTE
ROAD	HELIDON	GATTON	IPSWICH	BRISBANE	⊙
Starting Point S.P.	ROAD	JUNCTION	232802	TIME	0912
hrs 3 May	⊙	B	echelon	Vehs	
BRIGADED	under	S.C. RAA	pass	S P	1137 hrs

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SIGNED W Smith Capt

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TO X Sty Bty

FROM	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
RBA X Dw	RAO 108	3	—

R	Gp	R V	CRA	RD	Junction
359804	(HELIDON	1 inch	SHEET)	0940	hrs

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SIGNED John Smith Lt

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Degree of priority

Time of Origin.
0900 hrs

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						RBA X Dw					

T.H.L. 0905

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TO BSM (Sat Whitton)

FROM OC.

Originator's Number

Date 3

In Reply to Number

Wagon	lines	to	be	established	HELIDON
1" = 1 mile	about	352806	under	cover	⊙
Report	Centre	is	at	367805.	⊙

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SIGNED R P Stewart Maj

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TO Bty Capt.

FROM OC

Originator's Number

Date 3.

In Reply to Number

Sec	Cinders	to	meet	me	HELIDON
455797	1610 hrs	⊙.	Sections	to	assembly
point	442799.	⊙	B echelon	to	establish
wagon	lines	Gatton	racecourse	366805	⊙.
Survey	report	centre	to	move	forward
to	452798.	⊙			

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SIGNED R. Stewart Maj

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TIME OF ORIGIN 1525

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CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS.

IN

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TO Bty Capt X Bty.

FROM OC

Originator's Number

Date 4

In Reply to Number

Sec	Cndrs	meet	me	HELIDON	1" - 1 mile
548796	0800 hrs	⊙	Section	to	move
to	assembly	area	538791	arriving	0805 hrs.
⊙	Survey	report	centre	will	close
452798	0800 hrs.	reopen	557803	0820 hrs.	⊙
Bechelon	remain	racecourse	till	0900 hrs.	⊙
Bechelon	rendezvous	[illegible]	538791	0930 hrs	⊙

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TO HQ RAA X Div

FROM X Evy Bty | Originator's Number | Date 4 | In Reply to Number

Relot	centre	close	HELIDON	1" = 1 mile	452798
0800 hrs	reopen	557803	0820 hrs	⊙	

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DEGREE OF PRIORITY

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TO X Sdy Bty

FROM	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
X Div RAA	RAO 327	4	—

STRONG	ENEMY	ATTACK	FROM	EAST	0
ENEMY	COLUMN	REPORTED	MOVING	NORTH	FROM
MULGOWIE	4759	0	BTY	TO	WITHDRAW
0	RV	R Gp	POSTOFFICE	382 805	1140 hrs
ALL	TROOPS	CLEAR	ROAD	FOREST HILL	- GLENORE
GROVE	(5284)	LINE	BY	1200 hrs	0
RV	RIFLERANGE	3979	0		

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SIGNED Smith RM

Originator's instructions
Degree of priority
IMMEDIATE

Time of Origin.
1110 hrs.

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TO Sgt Whitton

FROM C.C.

Originator's Number

Date 4

In Reply to Number

B echelon	R.V.	road junction	HELIDON	326 463	immediately
⊙	Occupy	suitable	position	on	road
West	of	junction	⊙	Bdr Longfield	to
arrange	tow	for	Lt. (Prowse)	broken	universal
at	552796	⊙			

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SIGNED R P Clement Mary

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DEGREE OF PRIORITY

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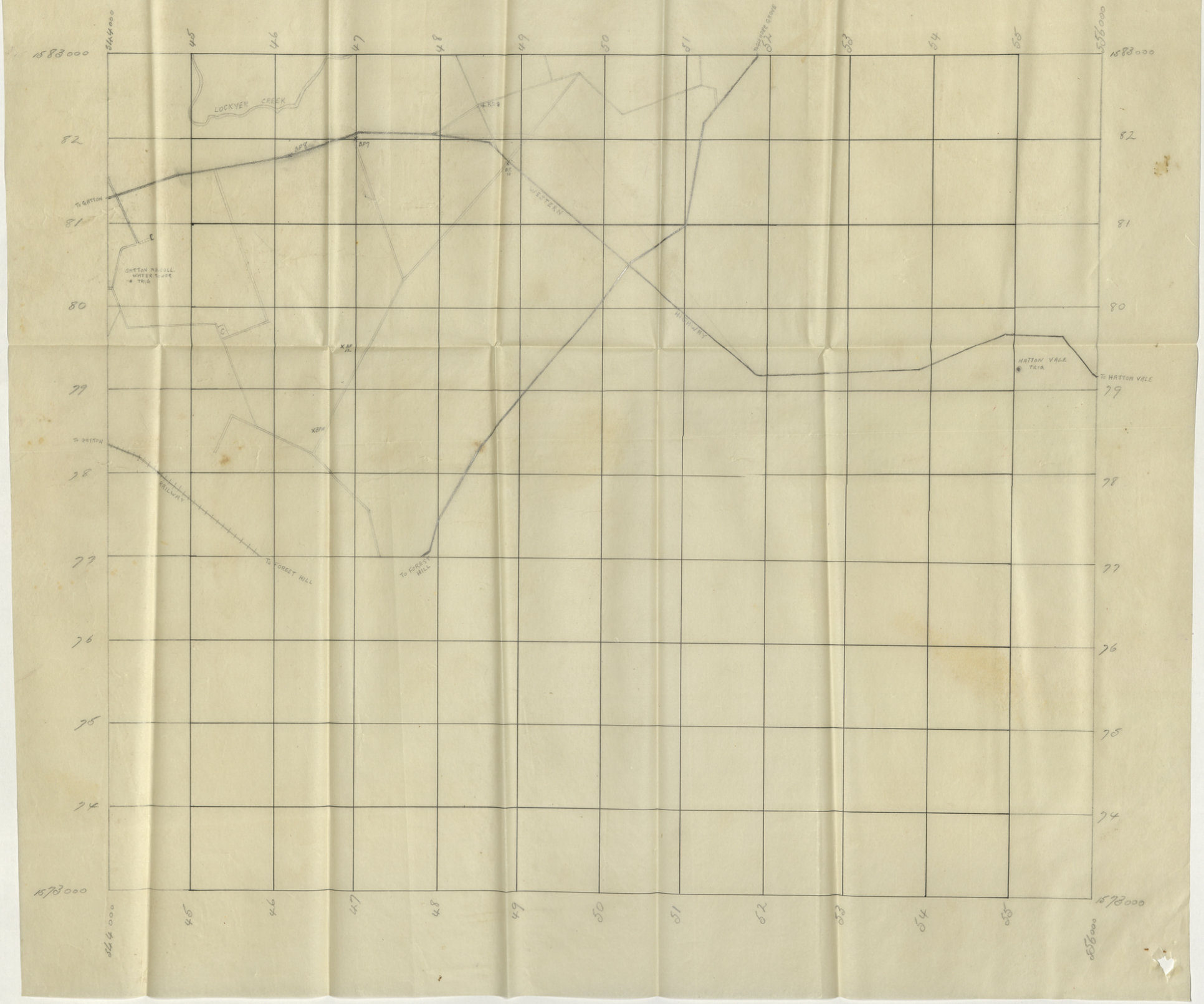

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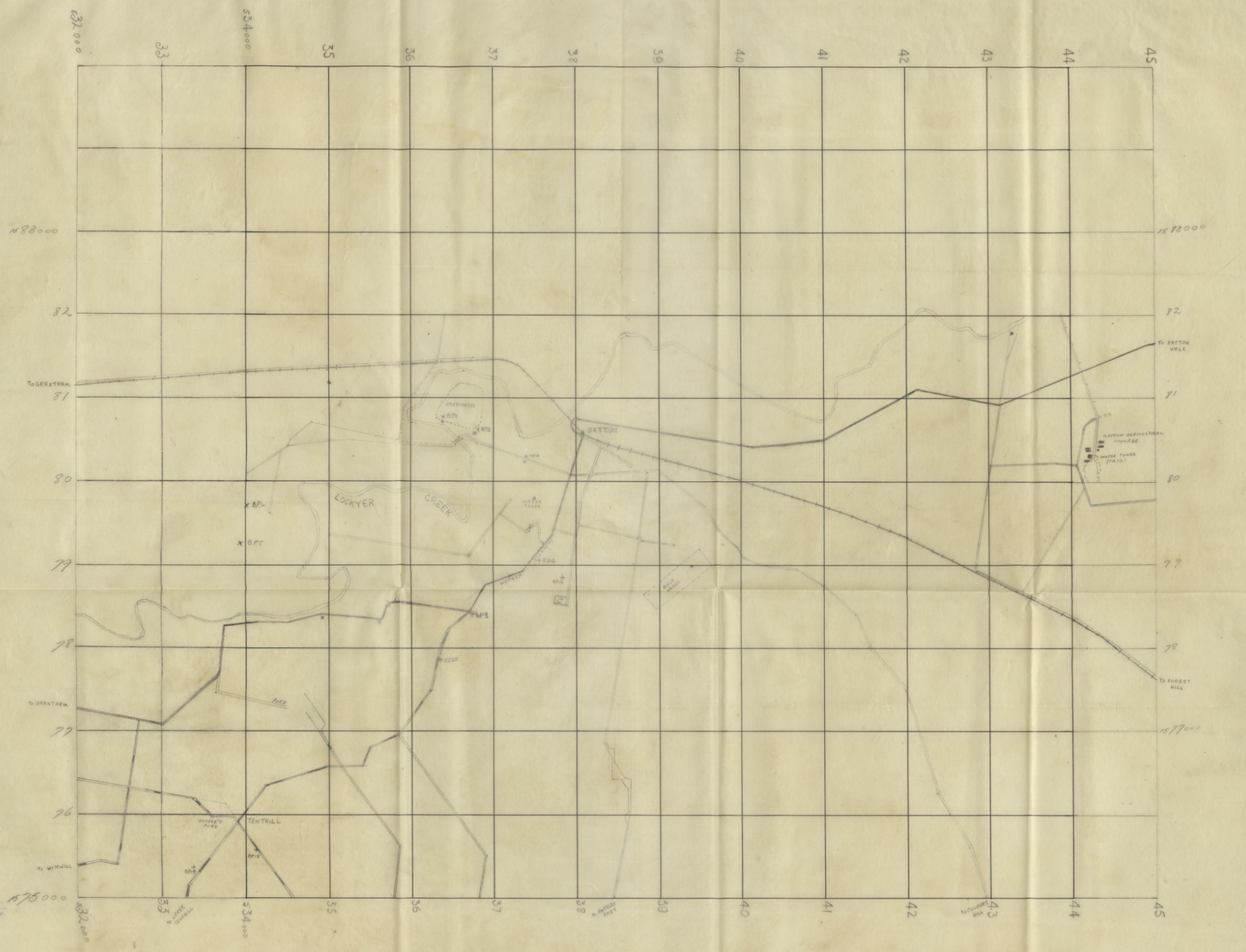

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SECRET EXERCISE.

2 Aust. Flash Spotting Battery.

Movement of X Survey Battery.

1. Assembly Area HELIDON 214807.

2. Order of March. H.Q. Section, Right Section, Left Section, B Echelon.

3. S P. ROAD JUNCTION 220809 TIME 0718 8th May.

4. ROUTE - HELIDON - IPSWICH - BRISBANE via STOREY STREET BRIDGE - CABOOLTURE - LANDSBOROUGH - NAMBOUR - COOROY.

5. Destination - COOROY SHOWGROUND.

6. Speed - 21 M.P.H.

7. Density - 17 v.t.m. Section Groups - 440 yds between sections.

8. Halts - CABOOLTURE 1 hour lunch.

9. Lieut. Oram to leave convoy at BRISBANE and proceed via WOODFORD - BEERWAH - COOROY.

R V Stewart Maj
(Sgd.) R.V. Stewart, Maj.

B Echelon.

SECRET
COPY NO. 3
DATE. 9 May 43.

EXERCISE

HAA 3 AUST DIV OPERATION ORDER NO. 8

Ref Maps:	COOROY	(1" to 1 mile)	Index CY
	GYMPIE	(" " " ")	" GE
	COOLOOLABA	(" " " ")	" CH
	WIDE BAY	(" " " ")	" WB

INFORMATION

1. Enemy Task Force has landed at WIDE BAY and has occupied MT BILEWILAM.

2. "X" Bde is occupying line of FDL's from (CH) 217629 to (CH) 244629.

INTENTION

3. "A" SVY BTY will move to reserve area square 1550 (GE). on 10 MAY 43.

METHOD

4 ROUTE

TEWANTIN
Track Junc (CY) 138194
COOROY
POMONA
KIN KIN
WARPUNGA
EULAMA
Track Junc (GE) 102440
Track Junc (GE) 164495
DISPERSAL PT(GE)163500

5. S.P. Track Junc (CY) 138194

6. START TIME 0800 hrs 10 MAY 43.

7. SPEEDS (a) S.P. to track junc (GE) 102440 - 15 M.I.H

(b) Track junc (GE) 102440 to D.P. - 6 M.I.H.

8. DENSITY 15 V.T.M.

9. HALTS 10 mins to even hr.

10. ROAD RESTRICTIONS Col to clear rd junc (CY) 036182 by 083 0 hrs 10 MAY 43.

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ADM

(11) SUP. P) (a) COOROY until 0900 hrs 10 MAY 43.
(12) P.P.)
(13) A.P.) (b) Thence vicinity (GE) 150470

(14) W.P. (a) CK (CH) 197609 until 1200 hrs 10 MAY 43.

(b) Thence KIN KIN CK WAHPUNGA (GE) 085392

(15) VEH REC PT EULAMA (GE) 108414

(16) MEDICAL (a) AMB POST EULAMA 108414
(b) ADS NAMBOUR

INTERCOMN

(17) HQ RAA will be established vicinity Br (CH) 198609 from 1800 hrs 8,MAY 43.

(18) L.O. To report arrival of Bty to HQ RAA.

ACK

Method of Issue. L.O.

Time of Signature 0945 hrs.

Distribution.

[signature] Capt
Major.
BM RA 3 AUST DIV
hrs

Copy No. 1 HQ DIV
2 CRA
3. "A" SVY BTY
4-5 WAR DIARY
6 FILE

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EXERCISE

SECRET.
Copy No.
DATE: 9 May 43

II

"A" Svg Bty Operation Order No 1.

Ref Maps COOROY (1" = 1 mile) Index CY
GYMPIE (") " GE
COOLOOLAH (") " CH
WIDE BAY (") " WB

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METHOD

4. ROUTE.
TEVANTIN - Track Junc. (CY) 138194 - COOROY - POMONA - KIN KIN - WAMPUNGA - EULAMA - Track Junction (GE) 102440 - Track Junc (GE) 164495 - DISPERSAL POINT (GE) 163500.
5. S.P. Track junc. (CY) 138194.
6. START TIME. 0800 hrs 10 May 43.
7. SPEEDS. (a) S.P. to track junc. (GE) 102440 - 15 M.I.M.
(b) Track junc (GE) 102440 to D.P. - 6 M.I.M.
8. DENSITY. 15 v t m.
9. HALTS. 10 mins to [illegible] hr.
10. ROAD RESTRICTIONS. Col. to clear rd junc (CY) 086182 by 0830 hrs 10 May 43
11. Move to S.P.
Assembly area. LAGUNA BAY. 1" = 1 mile HUT 299185.
Order of convoy HQ Sec move to Assembly Area 0700
Rt Sec " " " 0705
Lt Sec " " " 0708
B echelon " " " 0710
Bty to move from Assembly area 0715 hrs 10 May 43

ADM.

12. Sup. P.
13. P.P.
14. A.P.
} Vicinity (GE) 150470 from 0900 10 May 43
15. W.P. (a) CK (CH) 197609 until 1200 hrs 10 May 43
(b) Thence KIN KIN CK WAMPUNGA (GE) 085392
16. VEH. REC. PT. EULAMA (GE) 108414
17. MEDICAL. (a) AMB POST EULAMA 108414
(b) ADS NAMBOUR

INTERCOMM.

18. HQ RAA will be established vicinity Br (CH) 198609 from 1800 hrs 8 May 43

ACK

method of issue - hand
Time of signature - 1350 hrs

DISTRIBUTION

1. OC
2. Bty Capt
3. Rt Sec Comdr
4. Lt Sec Comdr
5. SSM
6. BQMS
7-8. War Diary 9. File ✓

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A. Svy Bty. Adm Inst. 10 May 43.

1. TRAFFIC.

One way traffic IN CH. 102441 to 140450. (track junc).
OUT CH. 140450 ~~to~~ track junc 154432 – junc 104416.

2. LIGHTS.

After night 10/11 May black out will be observed in forward areas.

3. SUPPLY.

SupP } (GE) 150470. A Svy Bty. 1010 hrs.
P.P. }

WP. KIN KIN CK WAHPUNGA (GE) 085392. Water veh to move with supply veh & continue on traffic circuit.

4. ROAD CLOSED.

MAIN NORTH SOUTH rd closed for all movement M/T from 2000 hrs to 2400 hrs 10 May.

5. MAX SPEED all vehicles 20 m.p.h.

RH Stewart Maj

Distribution.

1 HQ Sec.
2 Rt Sec
3 Lt Sec
4 BSM.
5 BQMS
6-7 War Diary
8. File

EXERCISE

SECRET
COPY NO 6
DATE 13 May 43

RAA 3 AUST DIV OPERATION ORDER NO 10

Ref Maps: WIDE BAY 1" to 1 mile (temp)
GUNDIAH " " " " (")
COOLOOLAH " " " "
GYMPIE " " " "

INFORMATION

1. (i) OWN TROOPS

Attack of 8 Bde was successful and disposition of 8 bde on BILEWILAM feature as per sitreps and marked map.
21 Bn 7 inf bde is placed under comd 8 inf bde, and is disposed on left of 8 bde as per marked map.
The GOC intends to again attack, using 7 inf bde passing through 8 inf bde.
Objective - high ground 2 - 3000 yds NE of MT BILEWILAM and exploitation NORTH along track running generally up 27 E GRID.
Zero not before early morning 16 MAY.

(ii) ENEMY

No change from sitreps.

INTENTION

2. RAA 3 AUST DIV will move to support 8 Inf Bde in its present position, and subsequently support the attack and exploitation of 7 Inf Bde.

METHOD.

3. FD ARTY

(a) O.P. AREAS

(i) Present F.O.Os with Bns 8 Inf Bde will maintain present OPs.

(ii) One OP per Regt will be established on knoll 307 (240675).

(iii) 2 FD REGT will supply a F.O.O. with 21 Bn.

(iv) Remainder OP area BILEWILAM feature.

(b) ZONES OF FIRE

(i) 4 FD REGT) Rt DOUBLE IS POINT (3975)
21 FD REGT) Lt POVERTY POINT (2172)

(ii) 2 FD REGT - Rt - Knoll 100 (2874)
Lt - EAST MULLEN (1667)

(c) ZONES OF OBSERVATION

(i) 4 and 21 FD REGTS - Rt - 67 N GRID
Lt - 20 E GRID

(ii) 2 FD REGT - Rt - 28 GRID
Lt - EAST MULLEN

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METHOD (Contd)

3.

(d) GUN AREAS

(i) 4 FD REGT - 2263 2363
(ii) 21 FD REGT - 2264
(iii) 2 FD REGT - 2165 Grid intersection (centre of area).
(iv) 4 and 21 FD REGTS will be responsible for TK A protection of right flank of Regtl areas.
TK A zones will be as follows:-

4 FD REGT	Rt	2663	Grid intersection
	Lt	2665	Grid intersection
21 FD REGT	Rt	2663	Grid intersection
	Lt	2665	Grid intersection

(e) ZERO LINES

All Regts - 20°

(f) LINE TO SHOOT DOWN TO - 67 N Grid line

(g) REGISTRATION

Will be notified later.

(h) MOVES AND recces

(i) All regts will reconnoitre regt and OP areas forthwith.
(ii) 2 FD REGT will move on receipt of verbal orders and will notify HQ RAA immediately all guns are in position.
(iii) 4 FD REGT will make preparations to move. No move before 2000 hrs. 4 FD REGT will NOT move without orders from this HQ.
(iv) 21 FD REGT will move at 0800 hrs 14 MAY .

4. SURVEY

(i) A Svy Bty will establish BPs in the following priorities

1. 2 FD REGT AREA 2 BPs
2. 4 FD REGT " 2 BPs
3. 21 FD REGT " 1 BP
4. BP on Knoll 307 feature.

(ii) All regts will be placed on Div Arty Grid on occupation.

5. AIR CO-OP

(i) 21 FD REGT will answer air calls
(ii) Zone QA is as follows:-

Rt: Along track from 285762 to 276710 to 270680
Lt: From CAMERON PT 242762 to southern point of inlet at 212668.

6. TK A ARTY

As already ordered.

7. LT A.A. ARTY

(i) 122 LT A.A. REGT less one Bty less 2 tps already disposed will cover VAs in the following priority.

1. Gun and WL areas 4, 21, and 2 FD REGTS.
2. Div HQ.

(ii) Reserve guns (if any) will be held mobile - Triangle area (2162)

8. ADM

(a) Adm instns will be issued later

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8 (b) Traffic Control

(i) Rd running north through R14 is allotted for use of 2 and 4 FD REGTS up to 2400 hrs 13 MAY.

(ii) Block timings will be allotted to 21 FD REGT from 0600 hrs to 0800 hrs 14 MAY.

9. INTERCOM

(a) Tac RAA will remain at present location

(b) HQ 7 Bde)
(c) HQ 8 Bde) will be notified later.

(d) Liaison

(i) Two LOs per FD REGT and one per LT A.A. and TK A REGT will report to Tac RAA on receipt of verbal orders.

(ii) 21 FD REGT will supply LO to 8 INF BDE forthwith
4 FD REGT will supply LO to 7 INF BDE at 1200 hrs 14 MAY
These two LOs will report to tac HQ RAA.

(e) Line

Direct line and wireless comm will be established to all regts and HQ 7 INF BDE.

10. ACK

Method of Issue D/R.

Time of Signature 1940 hrs 13 MAY 43.

Major.

BM RAA 3 AUST DIV

DISTRIBUTION.

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2 FD REGT	1
4 FD REGT	2
21 FD REGT	3
106 TK A REGT	4
122 LT.A.A. REGT	5
A SVY BTY	6
CRA	7
BM	8
7 INF BDE	9
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TO 2-4-21 Fd Regts 106 T&H Regt 122 Lt AA Regt A Sqn Bty.

FROM	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
RAA 3 Aust Div.	RAO 17	13	

WARNING	ORDER	O	PREPARE	TO	ADVANCE
O	NO	MOVE	BEFORE	1630	hrs except FOO's
O	COMMANDING	OFFICERS	TO	REPORT	TO
HQ.	RAA	3	AUST	DIV	AT
1630	hrs O	ACK	—		

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SIGNED [illegible] Lt Col.

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TO 2, 4, 21 Fd Regts 106 TK/A 122 LrAA A Svy Bty

FROM RAA 3 Aust Div.

Originator's Number RAO 29

Date 14

In Reply to Number

All	units	revert	command	RAA	3 Aust
Div	1700	hrs	14	May	

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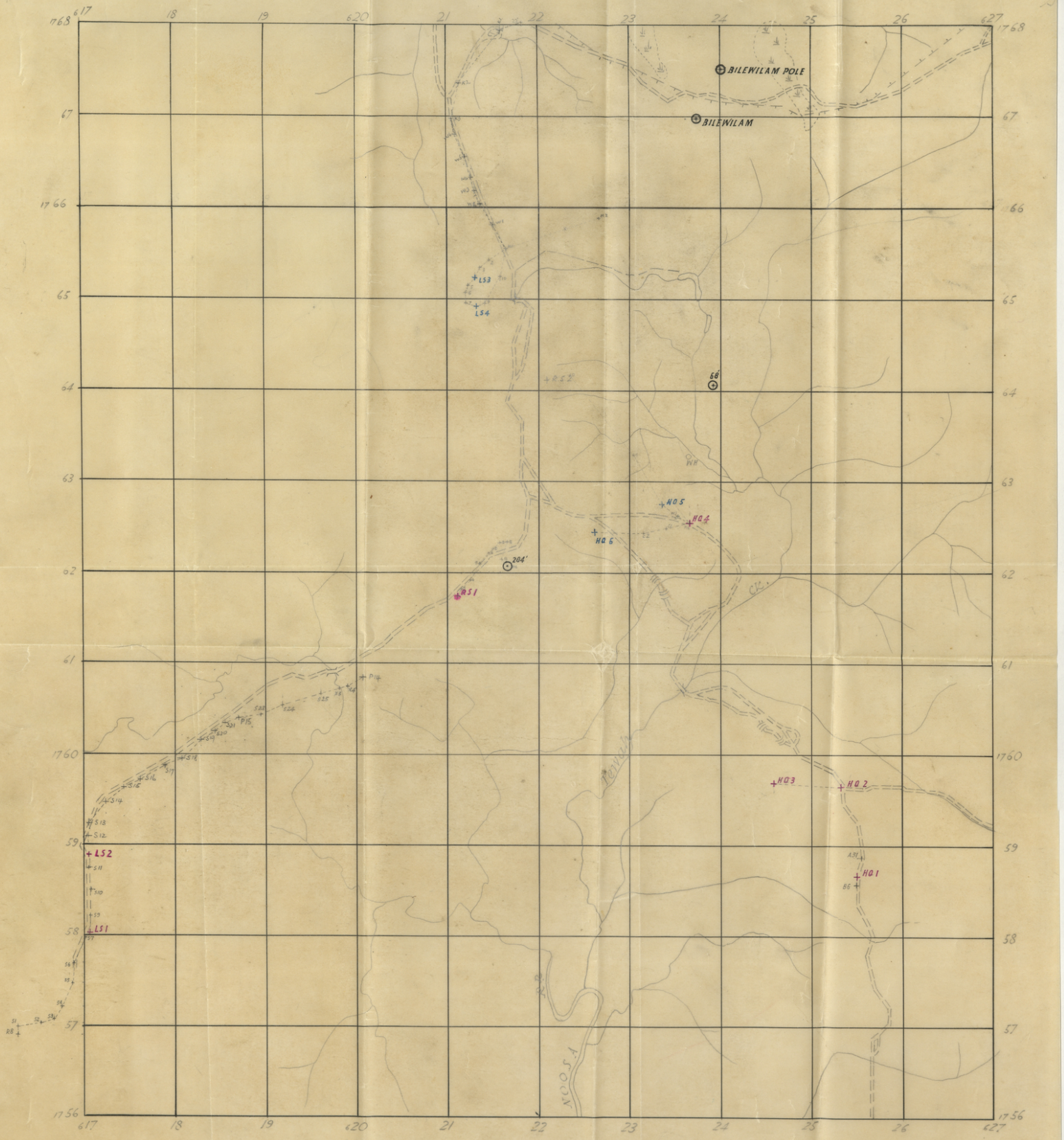

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The OBSERVER

May 1942.

2 AUST. FLASH SPOTTING BATTERY R.A.A. (A.I.F.)

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EDITORIAL

This is the first edition of "The Observer" -- your paper. It's zone is 2 Aust Flash Spotting Battery. We have endeavoured to "look in" over this zone and obtain concentrations on some of the Battery's individuals, some amusing happenings, and its activities, where they are of interest.

The paper has been conceived and produced with one purpose - that of providing something of a novelty to send to those who wait the dreary months at home, for OUR return. To all you, then, mothers, and wives, sweethearts and sisters, sons and daughters, fathers and brothers, we dedicate this magazine and send with it our fondest greetings. Accept it, not for its literary merit, which is slight, but for its purpose and its worth in time spent, when leisure hours were scarce.

We of the Battery should be proud of our magazine, produced in a busy time of training. There is one matter, however, which bears mention in a paper that is produced by ourselves for ourselves. In our unit, by reason of the nature and attainments of its personnel, we have been able to undertake diversions on a higher plane, such as debating, which would be perhaps unsuccessful in some other units. We have achieved a measure of success. But, although our progress has been sure, it has been slow.

When a paper is produced, a debate conducted or a concert organized, the benefits accrue to each of us. Therefore, it is everybody's pigeon. Help your organizers to bake each pigeon promptly, so that the oven will be free for more. Many hands make light work. Too many cooks will not spoil the gravy.

We have to thank those who gave their spare time to writing for this magazine. Let us hope that the next issue will be bigger and better and that the sceptics of the first edition will be the enthusiastic contributors to the second.

PREPARE YOUR CONTRIBUTION NOW.

J.R. HAMILTON)
) Editors
G.R. HAPPER)

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Tent Fourteen

No doubt you often wonder what life in a tent is like - how the boys put in their nights and just what they do? Well, here, you lucky people, is an ordinary Flash Spotting tent, described by a very ordinary gunner. Of course, in the beginning, we must state that all characters appearing in the story and all names used are entirely fictitious, though they may bear some resemblance to living persons.

Tea (?) is over and the boys are settling down to a nice quiet night. Fred, Frank and Paul are crowded around a hurricane lamp, trying heroically to write by its feeble glow. The Brig. (a confirmed Bridge Blower) has a hurricane lamp to himself and is busy sewing two blankets together. Junior, hidden in the corner, where darkness reigns, is muttering fiercely to himself. Jack and Trevor have just reached a most interesting stage in their conversation as to the relation of mathematics to the decline and fall of ancient civilizations.

The silence is suddenly broken by a hearty blast from the Brig., who, somehow or other, has mislaid his needle. Attention now being focussed on him, a rather heated discussion arises. One blanket only being allowed on manoeuvres, can two blankets sewn together be classed as one or two? Ancient civilizations are forgotten, as sides are taken in the argument.

Suddenly there is an interruption. A head pops in the door and rudely asks, "Junior here?" More fierce mutterings from Junior, who, despite protests, is whisked away to his beloved HAP. The argument thus broken up, the gunners drift back to their previous occupations.

Jack relaxes in his stretcher, (which means that the middle part sags), and he disappears from view. Trevor has produced a tiny toy lantern with a glow comparable to a safety match, and is reading by it. The Brig. makes one of his wise and philosophic sayings, "It's the life," and Paul, Fred, Frank, being still busy writing, reply with unintelligible grunts. The silence is again broken by the shrill blast of a whistle, (the forty third for the day). It means that coffee is ready, but the gunners, eying each other furtively, just carry on with their work. After several minutes, Fred finally raises his voice and asks, "Well, who is going to get it?"

Immediately there is a hubbub, as voices break out in fierce accusations and others reply in equally fierce denials. "I got it last night." "I got the shaving water to-day." "I brought up the washing water." A deadlock is reached as all resume their work, silently hoping that one of the assembly will relent. But these men are made of stern stuff and show no signs of weakening and - more important, no signs of coffee. One of the company raises his voice in a plaintive plea, "Why the heck doesn't Junior get it occasionally?" But this sacrilege is quickly hushed. The sick and the actors must have their ailments attended to.

Voices are now heard in the distance, approaching the tent. It is Lloyd and Laurie, the remaining members of the company. As they near, it is seen that they are carrying a billy. Hope rises high. Can it be? Yes, no, yes ... it is ---Coffee! They are welcomed home like long lost prodigals with cries of "Nice work, Lloyd," "Good old Laurie," whilst Jack, Fred, Paul, Brig., Frank and Trevor vie with one another in making rash promises for tomorrow night, promises which they know will be just as rashly broken.

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And now the weary gunners' thoughts turn to bed and sleep, beautiful sleep. One by one they gradually settle between the blankets and into that state of semi-coma usually associated with all gunners. Even the Brig., ready for what may come, in giggle trousers, giggle coat, sweater, socks, and covered by three blankets, an overcoat and slicker, relaxes and lets his great mind rest on more mundane matters. Sleep is now very close to these poor, harassed gunners, weary after hours of logs., morse, PT, rifle drill and the eternal strain of appearing to do something, whilst actually doing nothing.

But their just reward is still denied them, as the tent's darkness is suddenly transformed into daylight by the advent of Junior, returning from his "Florance Nightingale" work, with a Tilley lamp that lights up the tent like a searchlight.

All the pent-up abuse, anger, criticism stored up in their souls during the day wells to the surface and the poor Junior is the target for such soul-searing abuse, that the lamp, of its own accord, goes out.

And now a real peace settles over the tent. They know some will snore; others will talk; one has even been known to shriek. But that great leveller, Sleep, will not be denied, and a deep and lasting silence settles over TENT FOURTEEN.

M. D. LEE.

THE MAD HATTER

Should you come across Gunner Wimpy
With a disarming look in his eye,
And should he sit himself down beside you -
Then Soldier, Take care - hang onto your hat.

For he'll grab it and pull it and pinch it:
He'll squash it into a pulp.
And when it returns you'll disown it -
You'll swear it belonged to Dick Turpin.

He'll tell you it's a la mode,
The latest in styles from New York.
Your reply is in terms somewhat different;
Abuse is his labour's reward.

Now you've all read "Alice in Wonderland",
And thought it a lot of boloney;
But the hatter in "Alice" was Confucius the Wise,
When compared with our mad Gunner Wimpy.

G.R. Harper.

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BUSH FIRES

Recently, Left Section had a little experience in fighting a bush fire, and there are a few hints that may well serve others under the same circumstances. It might be said that the observations are only common sense. So they are, but how few, even though they possess it, use it when the occasion arises. In any case, we learn by experience, and it is Left Section's unselfish wish that others benefit by the experience gained during their successful prevention of a "National Tragedy."

Everyone, I think, knows why a little burning off was necessary, so I won't go into that. The fires were left, to all intents and purposes, out. There was no sign of a fire nor even anything smouldering, yet a fire started - more than that, a raging inferno that covered about two acres. And it all happened in the short space of an hour and a quarter. The cause of the fire's spreading is obscure. It has been suggested that the owner of the property, wanting his paddock burnt off, lit it during our absence, thinking that it would be a golden opportunity to get the Army to look after it for him. But I think we can discount that ingenious idea. By the gap between the original fire zones and the area in which the damage was done, it is apparent that the fire was caused by flying sparks, although it could have been caused by a carelessly thrown cigarette butt. The general opinion is that cow manure, of which there was an abundance, whilst appearing to be completely extinguished, may have generated enough heat in itself to set it aflame, flaked and then been blown by the wind into the very dry grass.

As prevention is better than cure, the first lesson is obvious. Make sure cigarettes and matches are extinguished before being thrown away, and, in the case of a fire, make doubly certain that it is completely extinguished, paying particular attention to anything of a combustible nature.

In fire-fighting, to control the fire completely, it must be isolated. To do this, you have to be at the fire before it spreads far enough to make this impossible. Fortunately, we were able to do this. We encircled the fire at as close quarters as was possible and commenced to beat out the grass, which is the main fire carrier. For "beaters" we used damp bags, but found that bushy topped branches broken from saplings were equally effective and, in one respect, superior, because with long branches we were able to keep further away from the flames. The next fire carrier, and one which prolonged it, was fallen dead trees. It was surprising how quickly these ignited. Their danger was that whilst the burning end was in the fire-controlled area, the unignited end might be some three feet into the dry unburnt grass. To combat this, we cut the burning end off and pushed it further into the burning area. With both the grass and the burning logs stretching into the unburnt area under control, the only thing then to do was to maintain a careful watch in case flying sparks and falling trees should fall into the unburnt area. If they did, they were extinguished immediately.

The next step was to extinguish the still burning logs or trees within the controlled area. Care had to be taken here of falling trees, and they gave very little warning. If we had to fell a burning tree, we found it wise first to push or knock it with a pole, because a tree, outwardly solid enough, might be hollow, resulting in the fire climbing inside the trunk and nearly burning through the top. Then, with the first blow of an axe, the top might fall off, endangering the axeman. The object of felling these trees - and it was only done where they were on the edge of the controlled area - was to enable the fire to be completely extinguished quickly.

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Once the tree was on the ground, it was an easy matter to smother the burning parts with sand or dirt. Use water if available.

Had it not been possible to isolate the fire, the next best thing would have been to lay a fire break to prevent it from spreading; or, at least, from spreading where it might do extensive damage. A fire break is made in a position behind the fire in the direction in which it is travelling. The break is made by lighting a fire in a readily controllable area, preferably in grass. To help check it, saplings are felled, the foliage forming a green wall in the path of the newly made fire. You then have a strip of burnt-out country in the path of the oncoming bush fire which, on reaching it, stops for want of further fuel.

J.K. HOLOHAN

NEWS FLASHES ABOUT FLASH SPOTTERS

So varied are the sports indulged in by the unit nowadays, that many have suggested that it be renamed the "2 Aust Flash Sporting Battery."

Members continue to splice themselves while on leave. The Amenities Committee must inaugurate regular knitting bees and lectures on mothercraft to keep newly-weds out of mischief on rest days. What good is it to be able to make a map, if you don't know how to change a nap?

Chivalry still lives - in the Flash Spotting Battery anyhow. Who can doubt it, after the gallantry of Sir Lancelot Moses in rescuing two fair maidens from the clutches of a besotted villain! The occasion was the unit's debut as town picket. What a temptation for us to transfer to the Provosts, where Death stalks behind every lamp post, and trouble is your daily bread! Are you game?

New recipes by our cooks which housewives might follow, if their husbands make as good guinea pigs as our gunners - dried peas, flavoured with washing soda; compote of stale lettuce and cabbage leaves; onion tea (the latter particularly favoured by mess orderlies - dixie scrubbing greatly reduced by it). We'd better quote no more, lest the cooks take all this as uncomplimentary and give us a week's gastronomical punishment.

If you think you may have a thumb out of joint, see our medical genius, Gnr Sutherland. A gentle jerk from Junior, and all your doubts should be removed, along with your thumb. Not a suitable ailment for the shrewd malingerer, however, who should become a financial member of the Actors' Guild. This flourishing society, inaugurated by Junior, costs you only one green envelope as entrance fee. You will feel really the benefits, when a one-blanket manoeuvre turns up - and, poor, sick fellow, you are able to turn it down.

The tranquillity of our evenings is oft disturbed by wailings comparable only to the braying of the ass of Balaam. Our disciple of Orpheus is a tall, fair and sad-eyed youth, whose gentle soul is pervaded by a profound melancholy. If a man venture to ask what it is that produces such harmonies, Wimpy will murmur in a voice scarcely audible, "a waffle-iron." Which leaves him more mystified than ever.

Although this devotee of the Muse may not charm trees to the extent that they will leave their roots and follow him, like Orpheus, his powers are at least formidable. And no one will speak lightly of his undaunted persistence.

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The BRIGADIER'S VISIT

FOREWORD

So often and so very well has Ray impersonated "The Brig." in our concert sketches, that a histrionic synechdoche has occurred (excuse me) and we think of the man in terms of the part he portrays. The character refers to no Brigadier in particular, but is the creature of his own skill - an individual role which he has built up in many a concert. So well has the portrayal been accepted, that the typical "Brig." phrases, "It's the life," "Gad, eh!" and many more have become stock phrases in the Battery. Here, I attempt to catch the spirit of Ray Irons, OUR Brig., on the daily round.

SCENE 1. Amongst the bushes on a rocky excrescence, just beneath the brow of a steep hillock, the searching eye can just discern the dusky face of a Bombardier and the dull grey head of his instrument. On a closer scrutiny, the plastic face of his telephonist is descried. Great camouflage!

(Enter the Brig.) -He is a tall spare man with frank blue eyes and a companionable smile. The ample waves of flaxen hair add something of a sporting boyishness to the impression - a genial figure. Obviously the gentleman is the Brig. - of the good old Tory stamp.

Bomb.: Able flash.

Brig.: (Approaching post) Hm. What is going on here, my man?

Bomb.: We're flash spotting, sir.

Brig.: Oh, yes, yes, of course. How stupid of me! Have you located any aircraft yet?

Bomb.: But, excuse me, sir, we locate artillery.

Brig.: Oh, Gad, yes. So long since I heard of flash stopping, you know. Tch. Tch. What is your name, my man?

Bomb.: Wattamulla, sir.

Brig.: A jolly interesting name, what! What stock do you come from, old chap?

Bomb.: The oldest Australian blood, sir. We trace our line from King Billy himself.

Tele.: Check setting bearing and report when ready.

Brig.: You spit your words into the 'phone. Speak more slowly, what!

(Sounds are heard off stage. The lazy swing of "They Say" drifts onto the stage to the accompaniment of sounds similar to to those produced by a duck when being strangled).

Brig.: What is that, Wattamulla?

Bomb.: Oh, that is Crowe and Weeyums in the rest area, sir.

Brig.: (Gazing into space to the left). Who are those men over there? Are they flash stopping, too? I must go over and see them. Jolly interesting life, eh!

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SCENE 11. A tall, Nordic bombardier is seated behind his director, gazing intently into space. Beside him is squatted his telephonist, a suave chappie with a cocky little ginger moustache. The environs are liberally bestrewn with the debris of fallen trees, with a piece of cow dung here and there for realism.

Tele.: But, look, Fred! If we orient the director on that aeroplane, we can interpolate for elevation and azimuth by ringing the Air Force to check our bearings.

Bomb.: Just a moment, I can see a flash about 87 degrees.

(Enter Brig.): Ah, more flash stoppers, eh! Good Gad, do you see that flash there?

Bomb.: Baker flash.

Brig.: Snappy work, what! What is your name, old chap?

Bomb.: Phosgene, sir. Phosgene Freddie with the floy-floy they call me.

(A voice is heard off stage. It comes as an audible, husky stage whisper. -Put away those eggs they gave us at the farm, you blanky lunatic. Here's the Brig!)

Brig.: Eggs, eh! Jolly nice fried in butter, what! Do you often have them that way, Phosgene? What is that you are holding in your arms, Phosgene?

Bomb.: My respirator, sir. It must not be left in damp situations nor exposed to the heat, because of possible damage to the facepiece.

Brig.: Yes, yes, of course. Damned conscientious of you, what!

(A roar is heard off stage. Wouldn't it murder you? Lloyd, did you see where I put the flour? Strike me handsome, I don't know where I put the beef, now. Second voice: Probably with your tin hat and glasses, Jack.)

Brig.: Good lord, man, what is going on over there?

Bomb.: The mad schoolies are getting the dinner, sir. (Standing up) Gunner Lee, will you come and relieve the telephonist, please?

Tele 2: They're good. Here I am, laying cable all the morning, and now I've got to go on the 'phone. Wait till I get my water bottle, Fred.

Brig.: I must be getting along, cheerio men. Carry on. Get onto the jolly old flashes. We'll win the war yet, by Gad.

(He waves his hand cheerily to the men, as he stalks off stage to the right).

Bomb.: (Glaring after him) Damned old fool!

SCENE 111. On the forward slope of a bare uplift which crowns the gently gathering rises spread at its base, grows a tangled mass of prickly bushes. A wintry blast searches every nook. This is Charlie Post.

Bomb.: Charlie delay.

Tele.: PC wants to know what is delay. What'll I say Vince?

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Bomb: Hold on, Joe. Now is that red one Betelegeur or Beleatrea? Oh, which is the red one, do you know, Joe?

Tele: PC is screaming.

Bomb: Is Oram at PC? He'll go to town if he finds out that I don't know Betelegeur. Wouldn't it flog you? We'll be 10 minutes out as usual, anyway

Brig: (Coming on stage) More flash stoppers, eh! Carrying on despite the great odds. I doubt if I could carry on in this weather. Horribly cold, dammit. (Approaching post) And what's your name, Bombardier?

Bomb: Prissie, sir.

Brig: Gad, eh! The same as the little girl at the Cock and Bull. Gad, man, she was the girl for a man of my stamp. Great work, carry on there. (Turning to telephonist) And who are you, my man? Where do you come from?

Tele: I'm Gunner Lovitt sir, and I come from Milwaukee in the States.

Brig: My man, what is that light yonder, eh?

Bomb: The night RO sir, attached to a tree.

Brig: What sort of a tree, man? It seems rather high, what?

(Voice from off stage: Pseudoclytemnestra Harbulta, sir).

Brig: Yes, yes, of course, I should have known. My gad, look at that flash there! Can you get it, Prissie?

(Enter two gunners, walking across stage. One is stout and bear-like and the other more angular, carrying a white calico bag).

Gnr 1: (In a deep, gutteral rumble) Have you seen my mate Gates?

Brig: (Startled, turns to second gunner) Oh, er, I say, who are you, old man?

Gnr 2: I'm Acriflavine Kildare, the mad doctor. Would you care for an aspro, sir?

Brig: Oh dear, no. Here is excitement for you, what? Another flash, eh! Give me the telephone will you, old fellow? This gets you, doesn't it? (Brig. rushes to 'phone). Charlie flash! Gad, we're getting them now. Flash again! What! Press the buzzer? What do you mean? Keep ... pressel switch down! Blast me, who is speaking there, eh. PC? PC who? Damme, sir, I'm doing my best. What are you, anyway? McQuillen, the mad barber, are you? Yes, and I'm the mad brigadier. Charlie, flash again. (Throws down the telephone with a wild gesture).

Brig: Gad, this is the life, men, what?

This flash stopping is the life, eh?

J. R. HAMILTON.

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C O M O

You'd find no home, if you could roam
In Como's mystery land,
For none survive that awful dive
The land of scrub and sand.
A Battery came in search of fame
To blaze a trail or burst -
To blaze the trail, they must not fail
The feared the Army 1st.
So every man, the best he can,
Must work with utmost speed.
The pick and spade were never made
To lean and smoke the weed.

They did not shirk, but set to work
With all their might and worth.
They swung the axe, without relax,
At trees of greatest girth.
For trees won't bar, nor will they jar
Their will to struggle through.
And bridges too, they're making few
To cross the river bar.
And for the start, they have to cart
The wood from jungles far.

Oh! What a feat! When it's complete,
To open country new.
And what delight to see the sight
Of traffic roaring through.
And praise galore, they're bound to score
From those who rank most high.
But if it rips, those men with pips
Will stamp their feet and sigh.
Then don't delay, a voice must say
I'm really proud of you.
So swing the picks for one-O-six
The pride of Cockatoo.

R.D. IRONS.

A LAMENT

As monsters of ingratitude
And cynical comment extra rude --
The personnel that offend the most
Are men upon an observer's post.

I have seen a gunner go to work
Upon a task that must surely irk.
Soaking biscuits in a can,
Placing the contents in a pan;
Wrestling the meat from its tin,
Over a fire, hot as sin;
Adding tomatoes and -- of course --
Chopped onion with tomato sauce;
Some pepper and a pinch of salt.
Yessir! taking pains to a fault.
Slowly cooking it on the embers,
Then serving each and all the members.
After working with all this zeal,
Asked their opinion of the meal.
Their verdict was beyond belief --
They said, "It tastes like BULLYBEEF!"

H.E. BURKE.

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Night Patrol

They moved noiselessly along the track, which wound like a thread through the jungle. Their mission was known to every man among them. "A fighting patrol with the task of determining, by actual engagement if necessary, the disposition of enemy MG posts, and testing his measures to combat infiltration by our troops."

The words were scored so deeply in Sanders' brain, that he could think of nothing else. As Intelligence Officer, he was accompanying a patrol for the first time, in order to gain first hand knowledge of his adversary.

The patrol worked in three sections. Several yards from either edge of the track, two sections of five men were picking their way forward in extended line, roughly abreast of each other. They travelled lightly clad, but were armed with grenades and automatic weapons.

About thirty yards behind, the remaining five moved in single file along the track, keeping close to the side, and using the forest as a protective screen. Where the track was straight, they kept farther behind, although their pace continued to be rapid. However, when it twisted and broke up into segments heavily concealed in the foliage of trees and massed growth of ferns, they approached the forward sections much closer, thus maintaining contact throughout their progress. Leading the rear section was a corporal, who carried a sub-machine gun slung from his shoulder and was supported by two LMG numbers, armed also with grenades. Lieutenant Sanders followed these and behind him came the platoon serjeant, David Marshall.

Roderic Sanders looked at his watch and then up at the sky. It shone like a crevice through a lofty fringe of leaves, that thrust dark blade-shapes into the mild luminescence beyond. The sky had a wan, clear frostiness after the rains that had poured in leaden sheets throughout the day. He frowned at the back of the man in front and tried to take comfort from the gathering of dishevelled clouds, which he had observed from an earlier point of vantage. There had been a time when Sanders would have gazed with pleasure upon the moon's ascendancy and sensed the magic of its serene charm, but it only spelt disaster now.

He felt his arm plucked from behind, and, turning, saw that Marshall wished to confer with him. At once, and almost respectfully, he fell back and waited for the serjeant to begin. Marshall had not changed much since they were at Grammar together, and the purposeful features still wore that air of masterliness which he had admired on the playing fields.

At a point which lay less than a mile ahead, they were to deploy in the jungle with the object of testing the strength of a possible screen of scouts. They were to converge at a point where machine-gun posts were expected. Wire was to be drawn by a ruse; the posts were to be assaulted and they were to withdraw. Lieut Sanders would proceed alone to the edge of the clearing and await a signal in the form of the ruse.

After these plans had been whispered, Sanders moved up once more and the rear party hastened to join the forward sections. Here Lieut Sanders left them and plunged into the gloom of the jungle.

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It was the first time he had found himself alone in the jungle at night, and he felt keyed to a high pitch. He proceeded with a most extravagant caution, thinking of all he had learned about movement through the jungle in a hostile sector. Sometimes he stood still, straining to pierce the gloom, so that he could feel his heart thumping as if it were another presence beside him. Giant trees cast the place into the deepest shadow. The distorted shapes of strangler figs and vines seemed to writhe as he looked at them, and a constant shifting in form and shadow filled him with alarm. A sinister silence prevailed in this jungle, but it teemed with stealthy sounds of dripping moisture and the mysterious stir of unseen life. Once the long, complaining creak of a bough stopped him for moments of agony. He had passed his hand across his face and felt it clammy with a chill dew. Shaking, he had lain against a massive trunk and tried to collect his thoughts. The place was drenched in the scent of moon-lilies, which cloyed, thick and fragrant on his senses. In the surrounding blackness, he felt himself choked with it. His rate of progress was too slow. He must go on.

He stepped out from the tree and then saw something that made him shrink like a startled animal. A burst of orange split the darkness and a crash rang in his ears. Something tore past his head and the next moment his arms closed round a small figure crouched before him.

Fear gave way to a paroxysm of energy. Sanders felt the body stagger and yield beneath his weight and he quickened in triumph. Together they rolled on the ground, clawing, snarling, and grappling like maddened beasts. The man's teeth bit into his arm, but Sanders only fought with greater desperation, and slowly his grip tightened about his adversary's throat. His eyes closed and tiny darts of red flame danced, and spun in them, but he did not relax, squeezing harder and harder. All at once he felt the flesh grow limp. His lust of triumph was spent in a flash and he lay across the prostrate form, sobbing and panting in exhaustion. As his head sank down, he encountered something wet and warm and shuddered.

He flung a wild glance around the jungle. Dread crept through him once again, and told him that he must leave this place. Despite waves of fear, he remained very still. Gradually thoughts took shape and coherence. A shot had been fired. Other scouts would come to investigate. He must get away. They were coming now. Coming now, and the jungle would soon swarm with them .....

A noise made him leap to his feet. There was a disturbance among the foliage several yards away. The leaves parted violently, and a man appeared, looking warily to right and left. Sanders saw swiftly that it was Luscombe, one of the privates who had been in the rear party out on the track. He started forward, but stumbled across the body and fell on his knees. He wanted to cry out, but the sound would not come.

"It's you, Mr Sanders!" The man was looking at him queerly. Sanders rose and with arms outstretched and face white and haggard, moved slowly to him. "Yes, yes. Yes, Luscombe, it's me. Sanders. Yes, of course. It's Sanders." The words came breathlessly. His arms dropped to his sides. He even laughed, though unsteadily.

"We heard a shot, and Dave Marshall sent me to join you. Didn't know but ...."

The sight of this man and the sound of his voice did much to restore Sanders. Together they bent down to look at the enemy scout. His weapon had fallen in the grass. Only one round had been fired. "Pretty close go, sir," said Luscombe. Sanders smiled wanly. It was funny to hear the fellow say that. Yes, it had been a pretty close go.

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There was no time to lose, and the two men hastened forward, though with caution. Fortunately, their route was shorter than that of the main patrol, although it was just as difficult. Sanders felt better now. He liked the man by his side. David could not have sent him one more useful. Also, he was not given to asking questions.

He was thinking in this strain, when he felt a pressure on his arm. Tuscombe breathed, "The trees thin out here. See the palms?" Yes, the man was right. They must be approaching the clearing where the machine-gun posts were sited.

The moon shone clearly at this moment, and the two men lay still in shadow until a cloud passed before it. Then, with infinite caution, they stole towards the clearing. A thick grove of bamboo lay before them and once in its midst, they were shut out from observation. Tuscombe, however, seemed uneasy and came to a halt. Putting his mouth close to his companion's face, he murmured, "Have to go a fair way round yet. Bamboo's too thick and brittle. Shakes a lot. Skirt outside and come through later."

Obediently, Sanders turned back. He parted the sheaves gently and stepped out of the grove. The fellow was right. The slightest push shook the bamboo along its entire length. Some of the shoots were so dry that they would snap easily and sound travels far on still nights.

Thus they reached the verge of the clearing. It had seemed hours before they finally settled down to wait, after working their way up to this point. Sanders strove to pierce the gloom, but it was useless. It was uncanny to think that there were enemy troops lurking there, perhaps watching the jungle at that very spot. He grew impatient. Tuscombe did not move, but seemed to be making a systematic study of the ground. It served as a timely reminder to Sanders.

The ground was uneven and strewn with stones. Clumps of bushes failed to make an adequate screen up the slope to the huddled mass of trees. The skyline opposite was clear in many places. Clouds were moving towards the moon and threatened to obscure visibility. Still an intense silence hung over the jungle. Sanders became almost sick with anxiety. Here was an excellent opportunity for an assault, one which might not come again until dawn. He looked at his companion, and his face was, as usual, as expressionless as a mask.

Suddenly, somewhere down in the blackness where the track came out of the jungle and into the open, there was a sound. A stone had been dislodged. Sanders quivered. Two palms swayed together softly in a stir of wind, and the bamboos creaked wearily, as if they, too, were stiff and tired of waiting. The voice of a man, thin and querulous, woke the night.

The enemy machine-gunners must have been nervous too, for a burst of fire raked the spot whence the noise had come. It would have been wiser to have remained quiet until a body of men had come into view.

Sanders was thoroughly on edge now, for the firing came from the area directly in front. Straining his ears, he thought he heard the faint sound made when a fresh magazine is clipped into a gun.

The moon was once again struggling through the clouds, when several bursts of machine-gun fire swept the line of trees towards the track. Sanders could see the thick darkness punctured by flashes, and was turning excitedly towards his companion, when a loud explosion rocked the earth beneath him.

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Like some terrified creature of the bush, he flattened himself in the grass, conscious of nothing but a singing in his ears and a series of dull thuds several yards away. A grenade had found its mark.

Luscombe grasped his arm, and, raising his head, Sanders saw a line of shadowy, indistinct forms appear on the skyline. One was foremost, and the watchers saw it turn slightly and wave to those which followed. Silent as phantoms they raced down, and the pale light flickered twice on steel.

Then it was that Sanders saw the second post. It seemed to rise from the ground. All at once men were crouching over a gun, working feverishly among hoarse cries of alarm. A single shout and the weapon coughed into life. The oncoming line paused and then veered to meet this eager, chattering menace. Two of the figures seemed to falter and drop behind.

Another burst from the gun made Sanders start as if he had heard it for the first time. Satanic fury rose within him. Seizing a grenade from the man lying by his side, he leaped to his feet and dashed into the open. Head flung back, he withdrew the pin and almost in an ecstasy swung his arm over in the throw. It was a perfect shot, timed and hurled with all the precision and grace that had made him Grammar's most formidable bowler.

The shock of the explosion threw him down on his face among the stones. For a moment, he lay there stupidly, bruised and shaken. Then the noise and confusion broke in upon him. Sanders sprang to his feet and charged forward, shouting and wildly emptying his pistol in the direction of the stricken post. A trip wire caught his foot and he plunged to the ground. He seemed to gaze upon an inferno and a babble of sound roared in his ears. Then, swiftly, mercifully, he became insensible.

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To this day, Sanders cannot tell you how the journey back to his headquarters was accomplished. He was too weak and ill to know much about it. Sometimes people and voices were a long way off. Sometimes he saw Luscombe's face swimming into his own like a great moon, and thought that it looked grimmer than usual. He leaned heavily on the man's shoulder.

The man did say that the posts had been knocked out. And Marshall had not come back. But Sanders was so tired .....

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Days later, several men noticed Lieutenant Sanders come from the CO's tent. He looked pale and agitated, but walked with a firmness that made them stare. And the Old Man had come out and stood at the door, stroking his chin and watching him thoughtfully, (some said), even with sorrow.

Sanders did not receive the decoration that had been talked about. And there were men who said that it was a shame.

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ADVICE TO EXPECTANT PLANE TABLERS

Always make a practice of acting as though half-witted, or just be natural. The latter will generally apply.

Plane tabling is the last of the arts of Black Magic. Mahomet was the first Plane Tabler, but the art has improved since his day. With a snap of the fingers and a little imagination, 25 feet contours can run over the highest mountains and the mountain can be placed at will to give the sheet a finished appearance.

Plane Tabling - as done by the few for the damnation of the many.

Instruments and equipment - troops for the use of.

Board and legs: Board very useful as a seat while waiting for truck at roadside. Place board on legs during lunch period only. All gear, including axes hand and water bottles are carefully laid on sheet at varying times, making many water-courses and contours and thereby eliminating any unnecessary walking to find them.

Alidade: Used for dirtying the sheet and is the terror of all mosquitoes and March flies alighting on same.

Clino:- A metal instrument which is flat at the middle and stands up at both ends. Gives the right answer at the fourth attempt. Handy as a weapon when party gets out of control.

Compass: Make sure that North pointer is pointing due West. Always leave in truck.

Scale: This must always be carried as it is invaluable for hacking one's way through thick undergrowth.

Binoculars: When focussed, everything should be blurred. Make a practice of at least once a month leaving the binoculars out in the open, which means that your party has a delightful day in the woods searching for them.

Prismatic compass: When issued without case, best plan is to carry in hip pocket, so that when a barbed wire fence is being negotiated, the glass shatters when sat upon. Quite a useless instrument, as bearing can always be guessed within 100 degrees.

Pencils: Well sharpened at the middle - blunt at both ends.

Eraser: Has no uses, as mistakes are never made. If they are made, let there be no panic, as no other person can prove them, owing to the impossibility of other people being able to understand a good Plane Tabler's sheet.

Survey is a minor, but, unfortunately, a necessary part of mapping. Survey personnel should be treated with consideration, as the strain of working in the field for one hour, then returning to camp and working out for the next seven hours just why they ever went out, must be terrific. They are generally found in the early hours of the morning, crouched over a lamp, all getting different answers to height computations.

'MAX'

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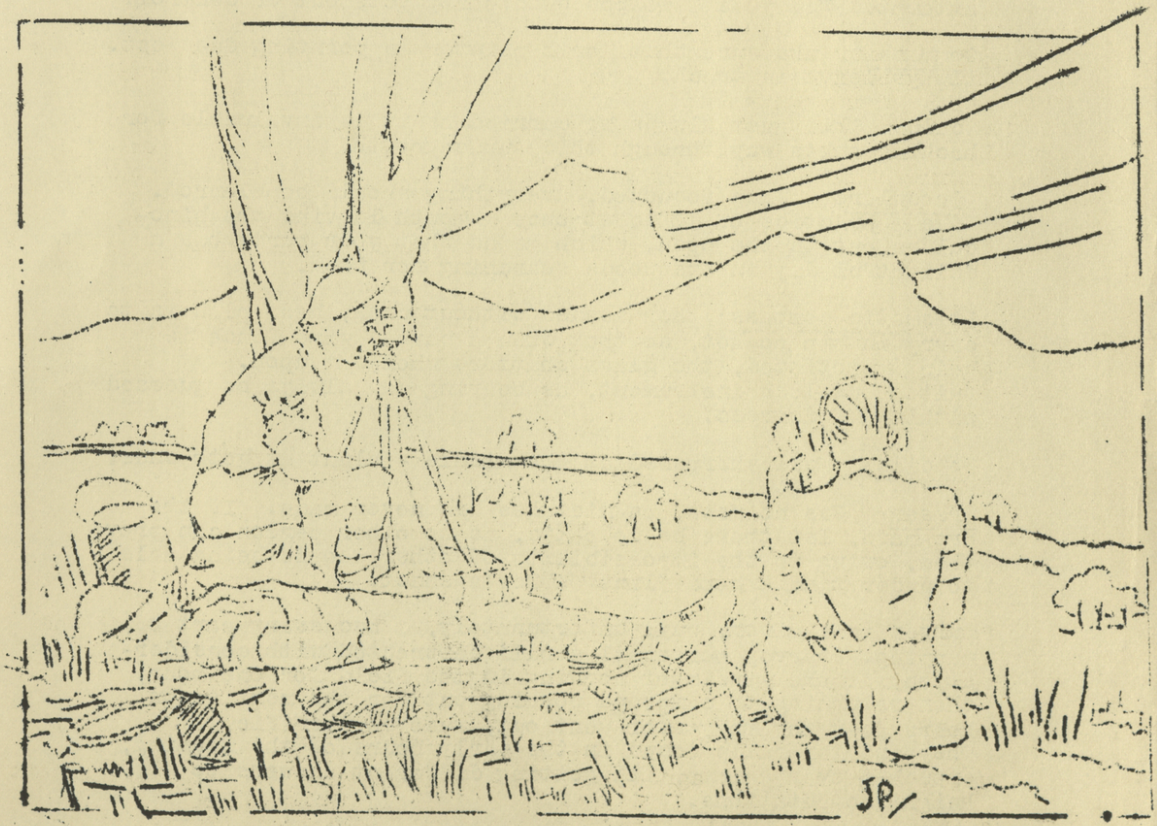
A FLASH SPOTTER.



FIRE WITH MOVEMENT -- AND HOW.

At last the great day had arrived. For weeks these hardy gunners had charged up hill and down dale. There had been casualties, but these did not deter them, for they had looked forward with confidence to this great day and here it was.

As was only fitting, the sun shone brightly and glistened on the grassy mounds of the range. Behind the butts was great activity while grimy gunners wrestled with the huge targets. As they toiled in the blistering sun, pools formed at their feet. But they were determined the great event would not fail through their work.

As starting time approached, excitement in the butts was at fever heat. Bets and side bets were laid with careless abandon and targets evened ready for the signal. As the field lined up, a hush fell, so intense that it could almost be felt.

In a Melbourne Cup atmosphere, this silence was broken by a loud rattling of bolts, as rifles were loaded. Then came another intense silence, broken by the sudden appearance of the targets, like tiny jack-in-the-boxes. A roar from the crowd -- "They're off," and the field was on its way.

As it raced to the 400 mound, the field was well bunched, and with some quick diving and rapid firing, the first hurdle was surmounted. The field raced on. The hot pace set by the leader, a serjeant at that, now appeared to be telling, though several were obviously reserving their stamina. As the 300 pole appeared, a dread stillness settled over the crowd. The leader had fallen, but still the field raced on. He was up again, unharmed. The race must go on.

Now they sped down hill and right out of view, and the anxiety and tension of the crowd were only too apparent. Where was their runner? Had he fallen? Was he in front? Was their two bob safe? Where were they? They should be in view by this. And in view they suddenly appeared, grimy, weary, but undaunted. The course had been tough, but these were men. Not gone for nothing were weary hours of PT. Not gone for nothing long walks home from town. Not gone for nothing were weeks of chopping in the forest. These valiant heroes staggered up to the summit, fired their last shots and, being only human, collapsed.

In days to come, we will tell their story, sitting in our easy chairs with our tiny ones around us and a cosy fire in the grate. We will tell them how, out of the millions in this world, were privileged to see the FLASH SHOTTERS win through.

P.D. LEE.

STOP PRESS.

Great rivalry exists between certain members of our football team as to whose newly born baby is biggest, bonniest and best and Pappa (Ace) Bowman spares no words to boast to all and sundry that his newly born daughter tipped the scales at 8½ lbs., which everyone must agree, is not a bad effort. But our most recent father, Daddy O'Neill, has high hopes of having done even better than Ace, and is anxiously awaiting news from home of weight at birth.

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A gunner thinks	THAT work is the invention of the devil	THAT army pay is too X!?ø% lousy for %ø?!X words	THAT women are not virtuous	THAT the army is the life -- when on leave	THAT the rifle is designed to accumulate dirt rust and trouble
A bombardier thinks	work is too hard to get other people to do	army pay is pretty blooming rotton	women are not virtuous	the army is the life	a clean rifle is a big step to that third hook
A serjeant thinks	work is good for gunners	army pay is an insult to the Army's working class - the Sjts	women are not virtuous	the army would be the life with 2 pips	a tommy-gun has glamour - good for photos
A Lieut thinks	work is a divine inspiration	army pay is extremely unfortunate	officers are gentlemen	life is the Army	gunners won't clean rifles
A Captain thinks	gunners won't work without supervision	army pay is rather poor	ditto	the Army lives through its officers	gunners are masters of the rifle
A Major thinks	gunners can't work without supervision	army pay is not over generous	ditto	the Army lives for its officers	a gunner is a necessary adjunct to a rifle
A Colonel thinks	gunners never work	army pay is both incommensurate with and inadequate to the onerous obligations devolving on being a gentleman	officers are gentlemen, (unfortunately)	life is precious	a rifle - er, yes a rifle is a sort of gadget bullets come out of
Those above or below	never think	never think	never think	never think	never think

Contributed by Gunner Bill Ockole
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TRAIL OF THE LONESOME GUNNER.

Midnight and all's well. Flossie is on your arm, and you're taking her home by the longer and the darker byways. Say no more.

It's 1 a.m. and all's not well. You're stranded. You feel fit to fall in bed, but you're a very long way from camp and that 'comfortable' palliasse and blankets. They are hardly what you'd call luxury supreme, but you'd give your last ten-bob to be where they are now, and call the deal a bargain.

It was a good dance, and you really did enjoy it, but aren't you just a tiny bit sorry that you took that sweet young thing home? She was fine while she lasted, but do you reckon she was worth the price you may have to pay? Ten miles is a long tramp. However, you never know your luck, and if you see anything on wheels, don't spare your thumb. The midnight milk truck may be running late, though a ride on wet and chilly milk-cans would be definitely not so hot. But a ride's a ride, and right now a garbage cart would be a gift from Heaven.

Well, it's action you need, if you aren't to be Ack Willy in the morning. The moon and stars are blanketed, and the night is pitch black. As you mount the hill that is the start of the trail, the night air pierces your sweater, your shirt and your chest. You feel the want of someone to talk to, but you are alone. So you mumble to yourself and are somewhat relieved. That's the first step towards insanity, you know. Keep it up and you'll find yourself in a rathouse - but perhaps that would be a little worse than the Army anyway. After all, there's not much difference between the two - except that those who give the orders in rathouses are generally sane.

On you go. The boys always say that if you keep on going, something must eventually turn up. And here it is! A light, a few hundred yards away, not very bright, and the hum of an engine. You wave your handkerchief with one hand, frantically jerk the thumb of the other, and yell. This doesn't look like a very big vehicle. No, it certainly isn't - in fact it's nothing more nor less than a motor bike with a pillion passenger. It's stopping. "Sorry, pal, full load", and off again. So often do they stop and apologise when they're full and look the other way when they're empty. You watch your lift move off, knowing not whether to weep or curse. Your manly feelings supervene and you race through your whole vocabulary of swearwords. A comparatively pleasant half- hour is thus spent.

Your feet are growing heavier every step, and you aren't consoled by the thought that you have only about 18,000 steps to go. Every now and then you bump into the prickly lantana at the roadside, for it's impossible to see your hand in front of you.

YYour eyelids are drooping. Why not close them? You do, and on you career in a mad sleep-walk, brain dulled by fatigue, body numb with cold, rudely awakened from you coma by a periodical embrace with the lantana. A crazy hike indeed!

But what new mockery is this? You are vaguely conscious of a yellow glare lighting the road in front. In your befuddlement it might be a fallen star or part of the tortures of Hell which come to you in evil dreams. You are quickly thrown back to realism by the loud blast of a motor horn, and you turn round and blink into two blazing headlights, not 30 yards away and speeding closer. Instinctively you jump aside - just in time to see the car pass and meet the wrathful gaze of a red-tabbed officer. Pitiless brute! He is gone, and you collapse with exhaustion and utter despair. All men are equal. The Gunner and the Higher-Upper. Yes, you're as good as he is. He has a staff car, but what's that to a strong pair of legs? You get places by the sweat of your brow, he gets places by the sweat of someone else's. Same bottle, different medicine.

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a pillow. You drowse in this position for half an hour before being smitten by the notion that you may soon be sleeping the sleep of the dead, vanquished in a death struggle with motor car tyres - unless you move.

Up with a jerk and forward once more. You seem to recognize the landmarks of camp and journey's end a dozen times, but in the night's blackness and your own stupor everything resembles everything else and the world is topsy turvy.

Finally, when you feel that infinity is just around the corner, you bump into your unit's road sign. The campaign is nearly won.

Then the silence is shattered. At first you think it is the bugle for reveille, but it turns out to be the musical toot of a car coming out from town. It pulls up, and the friendly driver beckons you to "Hop in, Dig", What subtle irony! This is the last straw, and you are too weak and exasperated to say a word. So you faint on the spot and sleep till awakened by daylight. You trudge wearily to your tent, a shivering, hollow-eyed wreck - to find parade over. A week's guard duty is your reward for defaulting.

Such thrills and adventures as these are unique to the Army. Where else could one buy so large a slice of experience at so little cost? What a heroic tale you'll be able to put over your grandchildren about what you did in World War II!

J.R. HARPER.

PHOTOGRAPHY.

The first thing to know when taking a picture is the type of film that is being used, i.e. (i) speed; (ii) correct exposure and (iii) correct lighting.

When taking photographs, it is not always necessary to have sunlight full on the subject. A more pleasing picture is sometimes obtained by having sunlight shining at an angle on the subject, so as to give light and shade and a consequent roundness to your photograph. The result is far more pleasing than a photograph taken with full flat light glaring in the face.

But the first thing to remember is this. See that the sunlight is not striking any part of the subject so as to accentuate it out of proportion. Shade the lens from direct rays.

Then there is the exposure. Do not expose for the highlighted parts. The exposure is made for the shadowed portion, the highlights will take care of themselves.

In photographing bush scenery or landscapes, do not take them when the sun is high. Early in the morning or late in the afternoon when the sun is low, you will obtain a much more interesting picture, as the trees throw shadows with sprinklings of sun appearing. You get a much better result than with a glaring flat light. Needless to say, your photographs will need more exposure, as the sun has lost its strength. That depends on the time you can spare. You may only be passing by and see something of interest.

Some very pretty pictures may be taken over stretches of water with perhaps a framing of trees in the foreground, as the sun is rising or setting. The exposure is made as for a normal landscape, as you will only get silouhettes of trees or any other objects which may be in the vicinity. But the results at times are very picturesque.

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Judging by the interest shown in photographs taken by myself and others of different happenings in the unit, I would suggest that we get together and do our own developing and printing. I am only too eager to show those with limited knowledge of the subject how to take good pictures and process them in our own improvised dark-room. It would create a lot of interest and should help in passing many a leisure evening. A photographic record of your travels will be something worth while to look back on in later years.

J.E. WARD.

DEBATING.

This is another of the Unit's many activities worthy of mention in our journal. In the beginning, most associated debating with very dry political speeches, but, thanks to a happy choice of subjects we can now be always sure of a good roll-up when a debate is on.

Later, it is hoped to arrange inter-unit debates, and this Battery should be able to place quite a good team in the field. Amongst our debaters are Lieut Stevens, Bdr Nolan, L/Bdr Tams, Gnrs Hamilton, Lee, Harper, Bidewell, Tierney and Swatridge. We must not forget a word of praise for our very able chairman, Gnr Doherty, and must also thank Sergeant-Major Warburton, Lieut Stevens, Sjts Jones and Whetton and Gnrs Tierney, Lee and Hamilton for their able adjudication.

PHYSICAL TRAINING.

Practical Spartan endurance is now administered daily at 4 p.m. by Sjt Fred Robinson. The boys class him as the most merciless instructor they have met, but they admit that his exercises make them feel like supermen and there's scarcely a man that would miss it. Sometimes you think your guts will be rent in two, but you survive - and like it.

SOFTBALL

This game, which is about the equivalent of baseball played with a soft ball, no gloves and underarm pitching, has leaped to popularity. It was introduced by Sjt Robinson after his return from a PT School.

The majority of us are not fully acquainted with the rules, and mix-ups on the field occasionally occur. But we are learning fast under the direction of Max Pemberton and one or two other hardy baseball stalwarts. Practically all agree that it is an extra good game, and keen rivalry has arisen between the three sections, each one having no doubts of its ultimate ability to dish the others when practice has polished their game and reduced the errors of rawness and ignorance.

TENNIS

Tennis was recently inaugurated, and the Battery at present hires three courts each rest day. The idea has proved very popular. We possess some strong players, but as yet no opportunity has afforded itself for competition with other teams. That may come, and, if it does, the Batterysshould give a good account of itself. In any case, an enjoyable day's sport is being had by all who play.

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CRICKET

A very successful season has been concluded. The Battery has triumphed in all of six matches played, and believes it can field a side that will give any opposition, however strong, a really tough match.

One of the most enjoyable games was the last of the season, against 2/1 Flash Spotting Battery. On an uncertain wicket, we were dismissed for 90, and prospects were not over bright. However, our bowlers performed excellently, and our rivals were all out for 49 in quick time.

Our previous match had brought us a victory against an undoubtedly cracker-jack Sigs. team, reputed to have won competitions and been unbeaten for two years. But they were easy meat for the Flash Spotters and went the same way as all the rest. They scored 44 on a sticky, tricky pitch, and we replied with 109. A high-light of the game was Bob Talbot's hat trick.

Space does not permit our giving details of all matches, but perhaps Talbot, Williams and Kaleski might be singled out for consistent bowling and Tierney for some fine batting. Those who played during the season included Talbot (Captain), Pemberton, Kilgour, Bossley, Copp, Williams, Tierney, Kaleski, Watson, Harper, Smith E.G., Estwick, Gates, Gifford, McQuillen and Roberts. The foundations for a formidable side are here, and we look forward eagerly and confidently to another successful season when cricket is resumed.

FOOTBALL

As in most other sports, OUR Battery is able to produce a good football team, and when it came time to put away the summer sporting gear, the football enthusiasts were got together and it was decided to enter a team in a local Rugby League Competition.

Under the guidance of Coach Fred Robinson, our team is developing into a really good combination and in the matches played this season, we have been most successful and on only one occasion so far have we been defeated. Unfortunately, we have not been able to field our very best team in the matches played up to date, as in each of these games we have always had one or two of our "stars" absent, and it is a recognized fact in the area that when the Spotters field their strongest team, their opponents will know all about it. We are looking forward to the day when all our lads are together and our very best team is available.

The official positions are held by the following:-

Coach & Captain:	Sjt F. Robinson;
Vice Captain:	Gnr R. Gray;
Selection Committee:	Sjt F. Robinson; Gnr R. Gray; Gnr J. Bowman;
Secretary and Treasurer:	Sjt M. McCauley.

The following members of the Battery have taken part and shown good form in the games played this season:- R. Adams, L. Bastick, J. Bowman, H. Burke, R. Caldwell, L. Crowe, K. Dixon, H. Downey, C. Gates, R. Gray, B. Kaleski, R. Morris, N. McBryde, M. McCauley, F. McQuillen, H. O'Neill, J. Rigby, H. Roberts, F. Robinson, E. Smith, C. Taylor and R. Young.

Also worthy of special mention in connection with our football activities are Gnr W. "Doc" Sutherland, who has always been present with his first aid kit and Gnr V. Maria, who has done sterling good work as the team's masseur, and is always ready and happy to give the lads a rub down.

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ROUTINE ORDERS(PART 1) by

Major R.V. Stewart,
Commanding 2 Aust Flash Spotting Bty (AIF)
30-6-43 RAA First Aust Army

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35. DRESS Troops are reminded that they MUST be properly dressed at all times.

36. TRANSFER OF PERSONNEL OF AMF TO RAN. (Memo. FAA AS/933 21-6-43)

It has been directed that no further transfers of AMF personnel to the Royal Australian Navy will be effected unless authorised by LHQ. Application for submission to LHQ MUST be forwarded through BHQ.

37. BUNGS & WASHERS FOR 4-GALL. AND 44-GALL DRUMS (GRO Q327)

Severe shortages of rubber used in washers and of die-caste metal used in bungs make it essential that these items be conserved. Units using drums will replace bungs and washers and tighten them with a bung spanner. Care will be taken not to damage bungs by using a hammer or other unauthorized method of opening.

38. BREAKING DOWN OF SERVICE OR ENEMY AMMUNITION (GRO G341)

The breaking-down of service or enemy ammunition in any way, other than that authorised by training publications, hand books, regulations in existence or instructions issued from LHQ is strictly forbidden.

The breaking-down of any service or enemy ammunition by unauthorised persons is prohibited.

If information is required on the internal construction of any type of service ammunition, reference can be made to inspecting Ordnance Officers posted to HQ of Corps or L of C Areas.

Enemy ammunition will normally be broken down or demolished by RAE units (preferably bomb disposal units) under instructions from formation etc. headquarters.

39. IGNITER SETS - GRENADES No. 36M - SUSCEPTIBILITY TO MOISTURE. (GRO G342)

The .22 R.F. cartridge cap, as used in the igniter sets for grenades No. 36M, is highly susceptible to moisture.

Personnel handling igniter set containers will observe strictly the following procedure:-

(a) Igniter sets are always issued in soldered cylinders. Should a cylinder be opened and the whole of the contents not expended, the cylinder will be resealed by effective adhesive tape or shellac binding.

(b) Detonators which show visible signs of corrosion or verdigris on the caps will be treated as suspect, as these are liable to produce blinds. Units will refer such detonators to an inspecting Ordnance Officer for determination of condition.

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Units will keep the number of "ready use" grenades to a minimum, consistent with operational needs, and in tropical areas this number will not exceed four days requirements in advance.

40. LEAVE WITHOUT PAY (GRO A367)

In order to remove any misunderstanding by members concerning the effect of a grant of leave without pay, irrespective of the authority under which such leave is granted, attention is directed to the provisions of War Financial (Military Forces) Regulations, which provide, in effect, that all pay (including allotments) and pay allowances cease in respect of any period for which a member is granted leave without pay.

When leave without pay is granted, the following will not be payable during the period of such leave:-

(a) pay (including deferred pay);
(b) field allowance;
(c) command allowance;
(d) special allowance;
(e) exchange allowance;
(f) dependants allowance;
(g) travelling allowance;
(h) subsistence allowance;
(i) any allowance payable under regulation 9 of the above-mentioned regulations.

Leave without pay will not be imposed on a member compulsorily and, consequently, will always be covered by written application from the member, specifying that leave is desired without pay.

41. LEAKAGE OF MILITARY INFORMATION IN PROCEEDINGS BEFORE CIVIL COURTS (GRO A.427)

When giving evidence in a civil court, a soldier will merely give his number, rank and name and state that he is a member of the AMF, without mentioning the name of his unit.

In no circumstances will a soldier divulge in open court the location of his unit, unless the bench rules that a full answer is essential to the case, in which event he will offer to write the information on a slip of paper to be handed to the bench.

The danger to security in disclosing the location of units cannot be too strongly impressed on all ranks.

42. AAPC - APPLICATION FOR TRANSFER TO (FAAO A91)

Applications for transfer to AAPC are required from suitable personnel. Applications must be in applicant's own handwriting, stating educational qualifications, civil occupation, medical classification, age and Army pay experience, if any. These applications must bear the COs endorsement that applicant will be released immediately, if required, and forwarded through normal channels to HQ First Aust Army.

43. PHOTOGRAPHY - APPROVED PHOTOGRAPHERS (FAAO G93)

Names of photographers approved by HQ Queensland L of C Area, in accordance with GRO G645/42, are shown under the heading of Notices included with these orders.

Personnel wishing to send films for processing outside of the L of C Area in which their unit is stationed, may enquire through their respective units, from division or higher formation the names of approved photographers in any other L of C Area.

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APPROVED PHOTOGRAPHERS — TOOWOOMBA

K.W. GRAHAM	384 Ruthven Street
R.W. HARMER	Chronicle Arcade, Margaret Street
KODAK (AUST) PTY LTD	Ruthven Street

44. TROOPS ATTEMPTING TO TRAVEL IN GUARDS' VANS OF TRAINS (FAAO A105)

1. Complaints have been received that members of the forces have endeavoured to travel in the Guards' Vans of trains.

2. This constitutes a breach of the Queensland Government Railways By-laws (to which members of the forces remain subject) and will cease.

3. Officers and NCO's will report any instances of this nature coming to their knowledge and will take particulars of any personnel involved.

4. Disciplinary action will be taken against offenders.

45. POSTAL FACILITIES AND CENSHORSHIP (FAAO G114)

1. Military post boxes which may be erected in recreation huts in some centres are provided as a facility for troops on leave or in transit. They are NOT intended, and will NOT be used for the posting of letters written in units, which must be despatched through unit channels.

46. IDENTITY DISC RED TO BE ATTACHED TO RESPIRATOR

1. Disc will be secured to the connecting tube in the indention between the first and second corrugations, from the container end, by means of a cord.

2. White disc to be suspended around neck, cord to pass through one hole only.

3. Red disc (2) to be tied to white disc by a cord passing through the lower hole of the white disc.

4. Piece supporting liner slot for containers Type E, will be issued with identity discs. It will be fitted by inserting the narrow unflanged end of the supporting piece into the middle of the lower air inlet slot and sharply pressing it into the slot as far as the flanged end will permit.

47. SCHOOLS & COURSES

NX102633	Bdr Longfield R.H.	Qualified	School of Mech. Course No. 4 D & M (Carriers)
NX90489	Bdr Nolan F.H.	"	FAA Gas School Course No. 8
NX102575	Bdr Appleton K.F.	"	FAA Gas School Course No. 10
NX102568	WOll Warburton N.J.	"	FAA Gas School Course No. 11
NX102605	L/Sjt Robinson F.O.	"	FAA Admin. (NCOs) School Course No. 7
NX102565	Sjt Whetton R.A.	"	FAA Weapon Tng School Junior Leaders Wing Course 5 (c)
NX102598	L/Sjt McCauley M.V.	"	ditto 6(c)
NX102563	Bdr RowseV.G.	"	ditto 6(c)
NX102569	Bdr Shakespear G.R.	"	ditto 6(c)

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NX102588	L/Bdr Prowse N.R.	Qualified	1 MVTTC Driver Mech. Course

47. PUNISHMENTS

N240523 NX102621 NX146104	Gnr Ellis R.E.) Koller R.) Landon R.J.)	Awarded 28 days Field Punishment	Offence AWL and improperly using Army vehicle & petrol without lawful authority.

48. REGIMENTAL TRUST FUND. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT. GRO 54/43.

(a)	Balance as at 30.6.43	£21. 3. 9
(b)	Receipts during period 31.3.43 - 30.6.43	£49.14. 8
(c)	Expenditure during period 31.3.43 - 30.6.43	£53. 5. 8

R B Stewart ..... Major,
OC 2 Aust Flash Spotting Battery (AIF)

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

...../..... (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 29 / 8 /194 2. 2 Aust. Flash Spotting Bty. (AIF) (Unit)

W.E. 111/24B/1. OFFRS. ..... O.R's. ..... + OFFRS. ..... O.R's. ..... ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.
				W.Os. Class I.					
			1	W.Os. Class II. 1					
				Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
			1	Staff Sergeants 1					
			1	Sergeants 3					
			10	Corporals 15	AAMC			1	–
			108	Troopers, Privates, etc. 101	AAMC	1	1		–
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
*			121 *	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.		*			*

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 7 of instructions for compilation of this return will complete analysis of Part B(1) and B(2).

* * Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col. Particulars will be shown, e.g., 20 U.K. Forces, 10 N.Z. Forces.

Detail		A.I.F.	C.M.F. Under 19 Years.	C.M.F. 19 Years and over.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	* *	TOTAL.
A								[redacted]	[redacted]		
B(1)											
B(2)							[redacted]				

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong
1	22 Field Amb		

Part C. Other Ranks Included in Part A Detached to Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.

Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return To .....(Unit) is Particularly Requested. ...../...../194.....

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

2 Aust. Flash Spotting Bty. (AIF) *Unit*

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PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 29 / 8 /194 2.

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

NOTES.—(a) If rank other than private is involved give details on back.
(b) Authorised trades or specialists not included in list will be added as required in spaces provided.
(c) Where A.W.A.S. and/or A.A.M.W.S. personnel are desired show details on back.
(d) Where replacement not desired note accordingly on return by insertion of N.R. in col. "Reints. Required."
(e) Where any request or notation is made on back of form, the words "See Back" should be written in one of the blank spaces on this page.

29 August 1942.
Date of Despatch

E.W. Gm bks 2/43

E.W. Gaughlen Lieut for Major
Signature of Commander

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 29 / 8 /1942. 2 Aust. Flash Spotting Bty (AIF) ...../.....(Serial No.)
(Unit)

W.E. 111 / 24B / 1. OFFRS. O.R's. plus OFFRS. O.R's. ATT. BY W.E.

PART A.—POSTED STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED

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

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E[1]& E[2].

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

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.
** Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col. Particulars will be shown, e.g., 20 U.K. Forces; 10 N.Z. Forces

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO 2 Aust F Sp Bty (Unit) IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED 29 / 8 /1942.

Army No.	Rank	Name and Initials	REMARKS [e.g. present whereabouts if known].
NX119290	T/Major	Stewart, R.V.	Prince of Wales Hospital Randwick
			X List

2 Aust. Flash Spotting Bty. (AIF) Unit

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 29 / 8 /1942. (Total to Agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A).

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit [insert Yes or No]	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Lieut	N12050	McLaughlin	E.F.L.	2 i/c	Yes		
T/Lieut	N12146	Oram J.T.		Tp Off	Yes		
T/Lieut	N93812	Stevens	N.F.	Tp Off	Yes		
T/Lieut	N12337	Croaker	R.L.	Reinf Off	Yes		

PART E.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER UNITS.

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.

29 August 1942
Date of Despatch

E.F.L. McLaughlin Lieut for Major
Signature of Commander

First Aust Army Mob Print Unit—A72—62½M—5/43.

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

...../...../.....(Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 5 / 9 /1942. .....(Unit)

W.E. 111/24B/1. OFFRS. ..... O.R's. ..... + OFFRS. ..... O.R's. ..... ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.					ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.	DETAIL.	Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.
				W.Os. Class I.					
			1	W.Os. Class II. 1					
				Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
			1	Staff Sergeants 1					
			1	Sergeants 3					
			10	Corporals 15	AAMC			1	–
			108	Troopers, Privates, etc. 101	AAMC	1	1		–
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
*			121 *	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.		*			*

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 7 of instructions for compilation of this return will complete analysis of Part B(1) and B(2).

* * Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col. Particulars will be shown, e.g., 20 U.K. Forces, 10 N.Z. Forces.

Detail		A.I.F.	C.M.F. Under 19 Years.	C.M.F. 19 Years and over.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	* *	TOTAL.
A								[redacted]	[redacted]		
B(1)											
B(2)							[redacted]				

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong
1	22 Field Amb		

Part C. Other Ranks Included in Part A Detached to Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.

Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return To .....(Unit) is Particularly Requested. ...../...../194.....

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

.....*Unit*

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PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 5 / 9 /1942.

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

NOTES.—(a) If rank other than private is involved give details on back.
(b) Authorised trades or specialists not included in list will be added as required in spaces provided.
(c) Where A.W.A.S. and/or A.A.M.W.S. personnel are desired show details on back.
(d) Where replacement not desired note accordingly on return by insertion of N.R. in col. "Reints. Required."
(e) Where any request or notation is made on back of form, the words "See Back" should be written in one of the blank spaces on this page.

5 September, 1943.
Date of Despatch

A.M. Gaughan Lieut for Major.
Signature of Commander

a.w. 8m bks 2/43

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 5 / 9 /1942 . 2 Aust. Flash Spotting Bty. (AIF) ...../.....(Serial No.)
.....(Unit)

W.E. 111/24B/1. OFFRS. 4 O.R's. 116 *plus* OFFRS. nil O.R's. 1 ATT. BY W.E.

PART A.—POSTED STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED

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

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1)& E(2).	DETAIL		A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
	A.											
	E.(1)											
	E.(2)											

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.
** Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col. Particulars will be shown, e.g., 20 U.K. Forces; 10 N.Z. Forces

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO 2 Aust F Sp Bty (Unit) IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED 5 / 9 /1942 .

Army No.	Rank	Name and Initials	REMARKS [e.g. present whereabouts if known].
NX119290	T/Major	Stewart, R.V.	Prince of Wales Hospital Randwick
			X list

2 Aust. Flash Spotting Bty. (AIF) .....Unit

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 5 / 9 /1942 . (Total to Agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A).

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit [insert Yes or No]	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Lieut	N12050	McLaughlin	E.F.L.	2 i/c	Yes		
T/Lieut	N12146	Oram J.T.		Tp Off	Yes		
T/Lieut	N93812	Stevens	N.F.	Tp Off	Yes		
T/Lieut	N12337	Croaker	R.L.	Reinf Off	Yes		

PART E.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER UNITS.

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.

5 September 1942
Date of Despatch

E.F.L. McLaughlin Lieut for Major
Signature of Commander

First Aust Army Mob Print Unit—A72—62[illegible]M—5/43.

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

/ (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 3 10 /1942. 2 Aust. Flash Spotting Bty. (AIF) (Unit)

W.E. 111 / 248 1. OFFRS. 4 O.R's. 116 + OFFRS. - O.R's. 1 ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.
				W.Os. Class I.					
			1	W.Os. Class II. 1					
				Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
			1	Staff Sergeants 1					
			1	Sergeants 3					
			11	Corporals 15	AAMC			1	-
5			102	Troopers, Privates, etc 101	AAMC	1	1		-
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
5 *			116 *	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2. 121		*			*

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 7 of instructions for compilation of this return will complete analysis of Part B(1) and B(2).

* * Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col. Particulars will be shown, e.g., 20 U.K. Forces, 10 N.Z. Forces.

Detail		A.I.P.	C.M.F. Under 19 Years.	C.M.F. 19 Years and over.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	* *	TOTAL.
A								[redacted]	[redacted]		
B(1)											
B(2)							[redacted]				

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong
1	22 Field Amb

Part C. Other Ranks Included in Part A Detached to Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.

Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return To (Unit) is Particularly Requested. / /194

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

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PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 3 /10 /1942 .

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

NOTES.—(a) If rank other than private is involved give details on back.
(b) Authorised trades or specialists not included in list will be added as required in spaces provided.
(c) Where A.W.A.S. and/or A.A.M.W.S. personnel are desired show details on back.
(d) Where replacement not desired note accordingly on return by insertion of N.R. in col. "Reints. Required."
(e) Where any request or notation is made on back of form, the words "See Back" should be written in one of the blank spaces on this page.

3 October 1942
Date of Despatch

P.H. O'Loughlin Lieut for Major
Signature of Commander

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 3/10/1942. 2 Aust. Flash Spotting Bty. (AIF) (Unit) /.....(Serial No.)

W.E. 11/24B/1. OFFRS. 4 O.R's. 116 *plus* OFFRS. - O.R's. 1 ATT. BY W.E.

PART A.—POSTED STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED

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

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E[1]& E[2].	DETAIL		A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
	A.											
	E.[1]											
	E.[2]											

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.
** Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col. Particulars will be shown, e.g., 20 U.K. Forces; 10 N.Z. Forces

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO 2 Aust F Sp Bty (Unit) IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED 3/10/1942.

Army No.	Rank	Name and Initials	REMARKS [e.g. present whereabouts if known].
NX119290	T/Major	Stewart, R.V.	Prince of Wales Hospital Randwick
			X list

2 Aust. Flash Spotting Bty. (AIF) Unit

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 3/10/1942. (Total to Agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A).

1 Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	2 Army Number	3 Surname.	4 Initials.	5 Posting.	6 Whether present with Unit [insert Yes or No]	7 If not present with Unit, state how employed.	8 Date of Detachment.
Lieut	N12050	McLaughlin	E.F.L.	2 i/c	Yes		
T/Lieut	N12146	Oram	J.T.	Tp Off	Yes		
T/Lieut	N93812	Stevens	N.F.	Tp Off	Yes		
T/Lieut	N12337	Croaker	R.L.	Reinf Off	Yes		

PART E.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER UNITS.

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.

3 October 1942
Date of Despatch

E.F.McLaughlin Lieut for Major
Signature of Commander

First Aust Army Mob Print Unit—A72—62½M—5/43.

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Army Form W.3009 (Adapted)
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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

/ (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 7/11/1942. 2nd Aust. Flash Spotting Bty. (AIF) (Unit)

W.E. 111/247/1. OFFRS. 4 O.R's. 116 + OFFRS. - O.R's. 1 ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.
				W.Os. Class I.					
			1	W.Os. Class II. 1					
				Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
			1	Staff Sergeants 1					
			1	Sergeants 3					
			11	Corporals 15	AAMC			1	-
			102	Troopers, Privates, etc. 101	AAMC	1	1		-
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
*			116 *	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.	121	*			*

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 7 of instructions for compilation of this return will complete analysis of Part B(1) and B(2).

* * Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col. Particulars will be shown, e.g., 20 U.K. Forces, 10 N.Z. Forces.

Detail		A.I.F.	C.M.F. Under 19 Years.	C.M.F. 19 Years and over.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	* *	TOTAL.
A								[redacted]	[redacted]		
B(1)											
B(2)							[redacted]				

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong
1	22 Field Amb		

Part C. Other Ranks Included in Part A Detached to Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.

Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return To ..... (Unit) is Particularly Requested. ...../...../194.....

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

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2 Aust. Flash Spotting Bty. (AIF)
..... Unit

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PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 7/11/1942.

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

NOTES.—(a) If rank other than private is involved give details on back.
(b) Authorised trades or specialists not included in list will be added as required in spaces provided.
(c) Where A.W.A.S. and/or A.A.M.W.S. personnel are desired show details on back.
(d) Where replacement not desired note accordingly on return by insertion of N.R. in col. "Reints. Required."
(e) Where any request or notation is made on back of form, the words "See Back" should be written in one of the blank spaces on this page.

7 November 1942
Date of Despatch

R B Stewart Major
Signature of Commander

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Army Form W.3008
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At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 7 / 11 /1942. 2 Aust. Flash Spotting Bty. (AIF) 11 / (Serial No.)
(Unit)

W.E. 111/24B/1. OFFRS. 4 O.R's. 116 *plus* OFFRS. - O.R's. nil ATT. BY W.E.

PART A.—POSTED STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED

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

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E[1]& E[2].

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

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.
** Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col. Particulars will be shown, e.g., 20 U.K. Forces; 10 N.Z. Forces

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO (Unit) IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED / /194.

Army No.	Rank	Name and Initials	REMARKS [e.g. present whereabouts if known].

2 Aust. Flash Spotting Bty. (AIF) Unit

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 7 / 11 /1942. (Total to Agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A).

1 Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	2 Army Number	3 Surname.	4 Initials.	5 Posting.	6 Whether present with Unit [insert Yes or No]	7 If not present with Unit, state how employed.	8 Date of Detachment.
T/Major	NX119290	Stewart	R.V.	OC	Yes		
Lieut	NX102724	Stevens	N.F.	Tp Cdr	"		
"	NX102711	Cram	J.T.	Tp Cdr	"		
"	NX102717	Croaker	R.L.	Reinf Off	"		
"	N 12050	McLaughlin	E.F.L.	HQ Sec Cdr	"		

PART E.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER UNITS.

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.

7 November 1942
Date of Despatch

R V Stewart Major.
Signature of Commander

First Aust Army Mob Print Unit—A72—62/M—5/43.

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

...../..... (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 5 /12 /194 2. 2 Aust. Flash Spotting Bty. (AIF) (Unit)

W.E. 11 /24B/ 1. OFFRS. 4 O.R's. 116 + OFFRS. - O.R's. 1 ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.					ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.	DETAIL.	Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.
				W.Os. Class I.					
			1	W.Os. Class II. 1					
				Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
			1	Staff Sergeants 1					
			3	Sergeants 3					
			11	Corporals 14					
		2	102	Troopers, Privates, etc. 97					
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
*		2	118 *	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.	116	*			*

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 7 of instructions for compilation of this return will complete analysis of Part B(1) and B(2).

* * Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col. Particulars will be shown, e.g., 20 U.K. Forces, 10 N.Z. Forces.

Detail	A.I.F.	C.M.F. Under 19 Years.	C.M.F. 19 Years and over.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	* *	TOTAL.
A							[redacted]	[redacted]		
B(1)										
B(2)						[redacted]				

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong
1	AAMC

Part C. Other Ranks Included in Part A Detached to Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.

Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return To.....(Unit) is Particularly Requested. ...../...../194.....

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

2 Aust. Flash Spotting Bty. (AIF) *Unit*

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PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 5 /12 /194 2.

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reinfts. Required.
Ammunition Examiners			
Armament Artificer Fitter			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)			
Armament Artificer Instrument			
Armament Artificer Radio			
Armament Artificer Signals			
Armament Artificer Wireless			
Artificer, Artillery			
Artificer, Engine			
Blacksmiths			
Bricklayers			
Computors			
Cooks, Hospital			
Coppersmiths			
Dispensers			
Draughtsmen			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)			
Electricians .			
Electricians (M.V.)			
Electricians (Signals)			
Fitters			
Fitters (Cycle)			
Fitters (Electrical)			
Fitters (Gun)			
Fitters (Instrument)			
Fitters (M.V.)			
Fitters, Railway Signal			
Fitters, Signals			
Grinder, Precision			
Mechanics, Instrument			
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)			
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)			
Mechanics, Radio			
Mechanics, Typewriter			
Mechanics, Wireless			
Millwrights			
Operators, Excavator			
Pattern Maker			
Pharmacist			
Photographer, Wet Plate			
Photowriter			
Plumber			
Saw Doctors			
Surveyors			
CARRIED FORWARD			

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reinfts. Required.
Surveyors, Engineering			
Surveyors, R.A.A.			
Surveyors, Topographical			
Surveyors, Trigonometrical			
Toolmakers			
Turners			
Watchmakers			
Welders			
GROUP II.			
Armourers			
Axemen			
Bakers			
Bty. Comd's. Asst.			
Boilermakers			
Carpenters			
Carpenters and Joiners			
Cooks			
Dental Mechanics			
Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)			
Driver-Operator			
Drainers			
Electricians			
Electricians (Engineers)			
Fire Control Operators			
Gun Operator			
Hatchman			
Height Taker			
Hello Operator			
Instrument Operator			
Intelligence Duties			
Joiners			
Lineman			
Lineman, Signals			
Lithographers			
Machinists, Metal			
Machinists, Wood			
Masons			
Masseurs			
Mechanics, M.T.			
Miners			
Moulders			
Nurses, Trained			
Observation Post Assts.			
CARRIED FORWARD			

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reinfts. Required.
Operating Room Assts.			
Operator, Keyboard			
Operator, Line			
Operator, Signal			
Operator, Switchboard			
Operator, Wireless			
Opticians			
Painters			
Panel Beaters			
Photographer, Dry Plate			
Predictor Numbers			
Printers			
Radiographers			
Riggers			
Sawyers			
Signallers			
Signwriters			
Telescope Identfn. Numbers			
Well Borers			
Wheelers			
Winchman			
Wireman			
Woodturners			
GROUP III.			
Battery Surveyors			
Butchers			
Clerks			
Clerks, Supply			
Clerks, Technical			
Coach Trimmers			
Concretors			
Cooks			
Dental Clerk Orderlies			
Despatch Riders			
Draughtsmen, Signals			
Drivers, H.T.			
Driver Mechanics			
Driver Tptn. Plant			
Engine Hands, I.C.			
Equipment Repairers			
Farriers			
Fitters' Mates			
Gun Layers			
CARRIED FORWARD			

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reinfts. Required.
G.P.O. Assistants			
Hammermen			
Leather Stitchers			
Orderlies, Nursing			
Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Plate Layers			
Rangetakers			
Riveters			
Roughriders			
Saddlers			
Saddletree makers			
Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Stevedores			
Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Storemen, Technical			
Tailors			
Textile Refitters			
Tinsmiths			
Vulcanizers			
Wagon Erectors			
Whitesmiths			
DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Batman	4	1	Surplus
Driver	21	1	Surplus
Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.		* 2	Surplus * Reinf.

NOTES.—(a) If rank other than private is involved give details on back.
(b) Authorised trades or specialists not included in list will be added as required in spaces provided.
(c) Where A.W.A.S. and/or A.A.M.W.S. personnel are desired show details on back.
(d) Where replacement not desired note accordingly on return by insertion of N.R. in col. "Reints. Required."
(e) Where any request or notation is made on back of form, the words "See Back" should be written in one of the blank spaces on this page.

5 December 1942
Date of Despatch

R.B. Stewart Major.
Signature of Commander

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 5 / 12 /1942. 2 Aust. Flash Spotting Bty. (AIF) / (Serial No.)
(Unit)

W.E. 111 / 24B / 1. OFFRS. 4 O.R's. 116 *plus* OFFRS. - O.R's. 1 ATT. BY W.E.

PART A.—POSTED STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED

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

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1)& E(2).

DETAIL		A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
A.		4	1								
E.(1)											
E.(2)											

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.
** Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col. Particulars will be shown, e.g., 20 U.K. Forces; 10 N.Z. Forces

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO (Unit) IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED / /194.

Army No.	Rank	Name and Initials	REMARKS [e.g. present whereabouts if known].

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Unit

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 5 / 12 /1942. (Total to Agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A).

1 Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	2 Army Number.	3 Surname.	4 Initials.	5 Posting.	6 Whether present with Unit [insert Yes or No]	7 If not present with Unit, state how employed.	8 Date of Detachment.
T/Major	NX119290	Stewart R.V.		CO	Yes		
Lieut	NX102724	Stevens	N.F.	Sect. Cdr.	"		
"	NX102711	Oram	J.T.	"	"		
"	NX102717	Croaker	R.L.	Reinf. Off.	"		
"	N12050	McLaughlin	E.F.L.	Sect. Cdr.	"		

PART E.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER UNITS.

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.

5 December 42.
Date of Despatch

R.V. Stewart Major.
Signature of Commander

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 19/12/1943. 2 Aust. Flash Spotting Bty. (AIF) (Unit)

W.E. 111/24B/1. OFFRS. 4 O.R's. 116 plus OFFRS. - O.R's. 1 ATT. BY W.E.

PART A.—POSTED STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED

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

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1)& E(2).

DETAIL		A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	* *	TOTAL.
A.		4	1								
E.(1)											
E.(2)											

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.
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PART B.—PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEK.

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
NX102717	Lieut	Croaker R.L.	3 Aust Arty Tng Regt	15.12.42	Detached

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO .....(Unit) IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED...../...../194.....

Army No.	Rank	Name and Initials	REMARKS [e.g. present whereabouts if known].

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At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 19/12/1942. (Total to Agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A).

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Lieut	NX102724	Stevens	N.F.	Sect. Cdr.	"		
"	NX102711	Oram	J.T.	"	"		
"	NX102717	Croaker	R.L.	Reinf Off	No	Detached to 3 Aust Arty Tng Regt	
"	N 12050	McLaughlin	E.F.L.	Sect. Cdr.	Yes		

PART E.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER UNITS.

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.

19 December 1942.
Date of Despatch

R V Stewart Major.
Signature of Commander

First Aust Army Mob Print Unit—A72—62/M—5/43.

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