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Army Form C.2118
(adapted.)

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

(Erase heading not required).

Unit 2/17 Aust Lt A A Bty, Date and Time.—From 1 Oct 42 To 31 Oct 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
PORT MORESBY	1 Oct 42		1. OPERATIONS: Nil. 2. METEOROLOGICAL: Fine, hot and sultry.	
"	2 Oct 42		1. OPERATIONS: Nil. 2. METEOROLOGICAL: Fine, very hot and sultry.	
"	3 Oct 42		1. OPERATIONS: Nil. 2. STRENGTH: 8 Offrs.(incl 1 Off attending AA Operations room course at 7 F.S. H.Q. Preston and 1 Off detached to AA Bde - Transport Officer.) 248 O/Rs.(incl 3 attached). 3. METEOROLOGICAL: Fine and very hot.	See Appendix II
"	4 Oct 42		1. OPERATIONS: Nil. 2. METEOROLOGICAL: Fine and hot.	
"	5 Oct 42		1. OPERATIONS: Nil. 2. METEOROLOGICAL: Fine, very hot and sultry, slight southerly breeze.	
"	6 Oct 42		1. OPERATIONS: Nil. 2. METEOROLOGICAL: Fine and hot with scattered cloud. 3. ORDERS: B.R.O. 19/42 issued.	
"	7 Oct 42		1. OPERATIONS: Nil. 2. METEOROLOGICAL: Fine and hot.	
"	8 Oct 42.		1. OPERATIONS: Nil. 2. METEOROLOGICAL: Fine, hot and sultry.	
"	9 Oct 42		1 OPERATIONS: Nil. 2. METEOROLOGICAL: Very hot and sultry, slight shower in afternoon.	
"	10 Oct 42		1. OPERATIONS: Nil. 2. STRENGTH: 8 Offrs.(Incl 1 Off attending course and 1 off detached AA Bde - Transport Officer.) 247 O/Rs. (incl 2 Attached) 3. METEOROLOGICAL: Hot and sultry, showers in afternoon.	See Appendix II
"	11 Oct 42		1. OPERATIOns: Nil. 2. METEOROLOGICAL: Very hot and sultry.	

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Unit. 2/17 Aust Lt AA Bty AIF. Date and Time.-From. 1 Oct 42 To. 31 Oct 42.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and information	Remarks and references to Append. & Diaries.
PORT MORESBY	12 Oct 42		1.OPERATIONS : Nil 2.METEOROLOGICAL: Fine - very hot and sultry.	
"	13 Oct 42		1.OPERATIONS : Nil 2.METEOROLOGICAL: ~~Fine - very hot and sultry.~~	
"	14 Oct 42		1.OPERATIONS : Received verbal message from H.Q., A.A.Defences at 0900hrs saying that a move is about to take ~~place. 2 troops to proceed to WANIGELA,~~ref Map TUFI,1/~~250~~000, armed with 6 Bofors and 3 .50 cal guns. The latter was increased in ~~number to 4 after discussion with B.M.AA~~ Defences, as 8 are on hand in the Battery. Medium of travel will be ship. ~~At 1100 hrs interviewed Q(Mov)N.G.F., HQ.,~~ when weights and proposed stores were discussed. 2.METEOROLOGICAL: Fine - very hot and sultry.	
"	15 Oct 42		~~1.OPERATIONS:~~ ~~Copy of signal message received, together~~ with copy of N.G.F. Op.Instrn No.38 2.METEOROLOGICAL: Fine- very hot and sultry.	Appendix I " "
"	16 Oct 42		~~1.OPERATIONS:~~ ~~Preliminary recce of WANIGELA. Capt Sanders~~ and Lieut Jones to Laloki 'Drome - took off in D.C.3 at 1150 hrs. Arrived WANIGELA at ~~1304 hrs. Reported to General MacNIDER who~~ directed that Unit was to take over aerodrome defence only. Visited Capt Parmenter of 707 ~~C.A.Bn, the present O.C. AA Tps on 'drome.~~ Received good co-operation. Drome defence easy but approach from shore in bad condition. ~~No wharf at present available. Track is through~~ swamp and consists of sand only. Water good - food supply satisfactory. 2.~~METEOROLOGICAL.~~ ~~Fine - very hot and sultry.~~	

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WAR DIARY OR INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY
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Unit...2/17 Aust.Lt.AA Bty..AIF..... Date and Time.-From.....1.Oct.42..... ..... To..31. Oct 42.....

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and information	Remarks and references to Append. & Diaries.
PORT MORESEY	17 Oct 42		1 OPERATIONS. : At 0045 hrs AADC phoned regarding Movement Order No 1 just received from N.G.F. At 0800 hrs Capt Sanders interviewed Col Frazer regarding reconnaissance at WANIGELA and received Movement Order No.1 (9 Bty thereon to read 17 Bty). At 1100 hrs Capt Sanders interviewed Brig.Barker C.C.L.A in connection with recce of WANIGELA. At 1400 hrs he interviewed M.C.O and was informed that arrangements had been made with 9 Bty as shown on Order No.1. - made necessary alterations to Schedule. M.C.O stated that ship would probably be ready by tomorrow noon. At 1915 hrs advised that E.T.D. was 0900 hrs on 18 Oct 42 - arrangements made to be at Wharf at 0630 hrs	Appendix I
"	18 Oct 42		2.METEOROLOGICAL: Fine - very hot and sultry - few clouds. 1.OPERATIONS. : At 0600 hrs B Tp and C Tp withdrew from positions occupied by them at WAIGANI 'Drome and proceeded to PORT MORESBY for embarkation to WANIGELA. Stores and equipment of BTp and CTpand a small party from BHQ in charge of Lieut Holt arrived at wharf at PORT MORESBY at 0630 hrs. S.S."Islander" berthed at 0700 hrs. Docks Supt.expected troops to load at approx 1000hrs. Loading commenced at 1730 hrs but as ship had to sail on the tide two guns and a small quantity of stores,together with two predictors and two gen.sets were not loaded. S.S.Islander sailed at 2100 hrs. ~~Subsec 1 A Tp withdrew from BOMANA DROME,~~ and Subsecs 2 and 3 withdrew from PORT MORESBY and proceeded to WAIGANI DROME,and there occupied positions previously occupied by Subsecs 5 B Tp, 9 C Tp and 6 B Tp,respectively	See Appendix IV

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Unit... 2/17 Aust Lt AA Bty, AIF..... Date and Time.-From.. 1 Oct 42 ..... To.. 31 Oct 42.....

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and information	Remarks and references to Append. & Diaries.
PORT MORESBY	18 Oct		1. OPERATIONS (cont'd): A Tp H.Q. also moved from PORT MORESBY to WAIGANI DROME and occupied the position previously occupied by B Tp H.Q. One .50 cal MG previously manned by B Tp (subsec 4) was taken over by D Tp.	See Appendix IV
			2. STRENGTH:- (as on 17 Oct 42) - 9 Officers (including 1 Offr attending A.A.Op Rooms Course, 1 Offr detached to A.A.Group, and 1 Offr attached from 2/3 Bty Lt AA) and 248 O/Rs (incl 2 attached).	See Appendix II
			3. METEOROLOGICAL: Fine - very hot and sultry -light shower late afternoon.	
"	19Oct42		1. OPERATIONS: Nil. 2. METEOROLOGICAL: Dull - very hot and sultry	
"	20 Oct 42		1. OPERATIONS: At 2113 hrs a single enemy recce A/c circled harbour - a second run was made at 2134 hrs - AA engaged with unobserved results. No bombs were dropped.	
			2. COMMAND: At 1800 hrs 15 Oct 42 Aust Lt AA Regt N.G.F. ceased to function. At same time H.Q. AA Defences N.G.F. and H.Q. Aust AA Group, Port Moresby commenced to function. Unit now under former for operational control, and under latter for administrative control.	
			3. METEOROLOGICAL: Fine - very hot and sultry.	
"	21 Oct 42		1. OPERATIONS: Nil. 2. METEOROLOGICAL: Fine - very hot and sultry - heavy rain in early evening.	

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Unit. 2/17 Aust Lt AA Bty AIF..... Date and Time.-From 1 Oct 42 To 31 Oct 42

lace	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and information	Remarks and references to Append. & Diaries.
PORT MORESBY	22 Oct 42		1.OPERATIONS:(1) H.Q. AA Def N.G.F. advised that two guns left off S.S.ISLANDER were to be sent to the detachment already left for WANIGELA. M.C.O. advises that the S.S.BARALABA has been selected and will be due to start loading at 1800 hrs on 24 Oct 42. RECEIVED N.G.F. Movement Order No.2.	See Appendix I.
			(2) At approx 2010 hrs 2 enemy planes dropped bombs in vicinity of WARDS 'drome and 7 MILE 'drome - No damage or casualties resulted.	
"	23 Oct 42		2.METEOROLOGICAL: Fine and clear - very hot. 1.OPERATIONS: At 1000 hrs instructions received from HQ AA Gp that 1 gun with ammunition, one officer and ten men to proceed by air to WANIGELA at first light 24 Oct 42. Lieut D.J.Kerr with scratch crew from A Tp selected and advised. Gun stripped and loaded onto truck for conveyance to 'drome when advised. At 2330 hrs advised by HQ AA Gp that air move is not to take place. Gun to be assembled by dawn. Job completed by 0415 hrs 24 Oct 42.	
			2.METEOROLOGICAL: Fine,-hot and sultry - scattered cloud.	
"	24 Oct 42		1.OPERATIONS:(1) Lieut I.O.W.Phillips, recalled from MILNE BAY to become Q.M. at HQ AA Gp, reported safe arrival of party at MILNE BAY. Stores in good condition except for one gun dropped in harbour whilst unloading.	
			(2) Miscellaneous stores loaded S.S.BARALABA.	
			2.STRENGTH: (B.H.Q.,B & C Tps) 3 Officers, 141 O/Rs (incl 2 attached)	See Appendix II.
			3.METEOROLOGICAL: Fine, clear - hot and sultry.	

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Unit. 2/17 Aust Lt AA Bty. AIF..... Date and Time.-From....1.Oct.42.....To..31.Oct.42.....

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and information	Remarks and references to Append. & Diaries.
PORT MORESBY	25 Oct 42		1. OPERATIONS: 1. Red Warning received 1936 hrs. 1 or possibly 2 U/I enemy aircraft made two runs over PORT MORESBY area. On first run 2 bombs were dropped and on second run 1 bomb was dropped in Seven Mile 'Drome area. No damage or casualties resulted. 2. 1100 hrs 2 guns loaded S.S.BARALABA without hitch.	
"	26 Oct 42		2. METEOROLOGICAL: Fine - very hot - scattered cloud. 1. METEOROLOGICAL: Fine and hot - southerly wind - scattered cloud. 2. OPERATIONS: Nil.	
"	27 Oct 42		1. OPERATIONS: Nil. 2. ORDERS: Bty R.O. 20/42 issued. 3. METEOROLOGICAL: Fine. Hot and sultry.	See Appendix I.
"	28 Oct 42		1. Operations: Nil. 2. METEOROLOGICAL: Fine and hot - scattered cloud.	
"	29 Oct 42		1. OPERATIONS: Red Warning received at 0305 hrs. One or two U/i enemy planes made 4 runs over PORT MORESBY area. The first run was made prior to warning being received. On sedond run 4 bombs were dropped in 7 mile area. On fourth run 6 bombs also dropped in same area. Casualties - 3 killed, some wounded.	
"	30 Oct 42		2. METEOROLOGICAL: Fine and very hot - scattered cloud. 1. OPERATIONS: Nil. 2. METEOROLOGICAL: Fine, very hot and sultry.	
"	31 Oct 42		1. OPERATIONS: Nil. 2. STRENGTH: (B.H.Q.,A & D Tps.) 3 Offrs 136 O/Rs (incl 2 att) 3. METEOROLOGICAL: Hot and very sultry - rain early evening. 4. MONTHLY REVIEW: Monthly Review issued.	See Appendix II. See Appendix III.

Maj
O/C 2/17 Aust Lt AA Bty.

APPENDIX. 1.

ORDERS. Part A - External.

Warning Order - 14 Oct 42.
NG Force Op Instn No.38
Movement Order No.1 - 16 Oct 42.
Movement Order No. 2. - Oct 42.

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APPENDIX I

ARMY FORM C.2128.
(Adapted, Large.)
(Pads of 100.)
(Reprinted November, 1941.)

MESSAGE FORM.

Serial No.

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS.		No. of Groups	OFFICE DATE STAMP
IN	MOST SECRET	GR.	
OUT			

(ABOVE THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

TO AA BDE. Q rptd MILNE FORCE 32 US DIV 5th AIR FORCE.

FROM	Originator's Number.	Date.	In Reply to Number.
N.G.FORCE.	G4674	14	

(Write horizontally)

MOST	SECRET	(.)	WARNING	ORDER
(.)	THE	FOLLOWING	AA	UNITS
WILL	BE	PREPARED	TO	MOVE
NOT	BEFORE	DATES	SHEWN	(.)
ONE (I)	(.)	TO	WANIGELA	BY
SEA	(.)	SIX (6)	BOFORS	GUNS
WITH	MINIMUM	CREWS	AND	ONE
PLATOON	OF	THREE (3)	50	CALIBRE
GUNS	15	OCTOBER	(.)	TWO (2)
(.)	TO	DESTINATION	TO	BE
NOTIFIED	(.)	708	AIRBORNE	US
LIGHT	AA	BATTERY	20	October
(.)				

Certified a true copy of original warning order.
(Sgd). Ian Sinclair. Lieut
Intelligence Officer.

THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT AS WRITTEN BY ANY MEANS (*EXCEPT) ..... WIRELESS

SIGNATURE
* *Originator may delete "except" and insert "including"*

THIS MESSAGE MUST BE SENT IN CYPHER IF LIABLE TO INTERCEPTION OR TO FALL INTO ENEMY HANDS.

Signed J.MINOGUE. Lt Col.
SIGNATURE

ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS AS TO DEGREE OF PRIORITY.

IMMEDIATE.

TIME OF ORIGIN

2115.

(BELOW THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

T.H.I.

T.O.R.

SYSTEM IN.	TIME IN.	READER.	SENDER.	SYSTEM OUT.	TIME OUT.	READER.	SENDER.	SYSTEM OUT	TIME OUT.	READER.	SENDER.

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Appendix. I.

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NG FORCE OP INSTN NO38

Ref maps : ¼ inch sheets TUFI - BUNA - PORT MORESBY.

INFM.

1. 2/6 Aust Ind Coy has been ordered to move by air to WANIGELA on 14 Oct, and will come under comd HATFORCE on arrival.

2. Arty dets as under have been ordered to move by sea to WANIGELA as soon as transport is available and come under comd HATFORCE on arrival.

Fd Arty	One tp 2/5 Fd Regt (4 25 pr guns)
AA Arty	Det lt AA (6 bofors)
	One pl C A Bn (AA) (3 .50 calibre guns).

MOVEMENT.

3. 32 US Div will arrange for the following troops to move by air to WANIGELA on dates as shown:-

14/15 Oct	Brig Gen MACNIDER and staff
	One bn 128 US Regt.
17 Oct	HQ 128 US Regt
	One Bn 128 US Regt.

COMD.

4. On arrival WANIGELA, Brig Gen MACNIDER will take over comd HATFORCE. HATFORCE will remain under comd MILNE FORCE.

ROLE.

5. The role of HATFORCE will be:
(a). To exploit fwd towards BUNA by sea and land.
(b) To develop and institute overland and small craft sup routes from WANIGELA to PONGANI. The overland route should be improved for sup dropping and movt of light MT to the extent possible.
(c) To secure WANIGELA as an air and sea base for sups.

GUIDES.

6. Arrangements will be made by ANGAU for Police guides and carriers to be made available at WANIGELA, to assist in the role of HATFORCE.

CODE NAME.

7. Code name HATFORCE will be retained.

AA DEFENCE.

8. On arrival, the AA dets detailed in para 2 above, should take over the responsibility for AA defence of WANIGELA, and 707 AA Bty (airborne) will be held in readiness for an early move.

ADM

9. Adm instns will be issued separately.

ACK.

(Sgd).R.N.L.HOPKINS. Brig
C.S. N.G.Force.

Issued at 1530 hours.

Certified a true copy
(Sgd) Ian Sinclair. Lieut.

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appendix I

IDM/HOW

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

SECRET
Copy No 25.

H.Q.N.G.Force
16 Oct 42.

MOVEMENT ORDER No.1

1. Appendix A sets out personnel detailed to embark from MORESBY per SS Islander.
2. EMBARKATION - MCO,MORESBY will make all arrangements for embarkation of personnel and Unit stores and will advise ETD of vessel.
3. RATIONS. - Three days travelling and three days emergency rations will be carried under unit arrangements. Units will be responsible for feeding personnel during the voyage. All personnel will carry mess utensils and units will have cooking gear available. Hot water will be provided by the ship for the making of tea.
4. AMMUNITION. All small arms to be available during the voyage - Units to carry 1st and 2nd line ammunition.
5. OC TROOPS. Senior Combatant Officer will assume command and will detail necessary ships staff and be responsible for A/A protection during voyage.
6. SECURITY. The necessity of maintaining the STRICTEST SECRECY in connection with all movements must be impressed upon all concerned.
7. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Signed at 2220 hrs.

(Sgd).IAN.D.HAYWARD, Maj
for Brig. DA&QMG N.G.FORCE.

DISTRIBUTION. DDST; DDOS; COSC; NOIC; Port Sub Area Comd,5; 32 US DIV; 7 Aust DIV MILNE FORCE;(2), CCRA; AABDE HQ; 1 Aust Corps Receptn Camp; CE;G;A;Q; DDMS;LO 7 Aust Div:2/5 Fd Regt; 2/9 Aust Lt AA Bty;FSS;ASAFIA; Salv Army; War Diary;File.

ISSUED WITH NGF MOVEMENT ORDER NO.1

SECRET.
APPENDIX "A"

SERIAL NO.	UNIT	OFFRS	ORS	TOTAL	REMARKS
1	2/5 Aust FD REGT less one BTY	32	448	480	16 each guns,Trailers,Tractors M/Cs 3-MT13. Amn 125 tons; Unit eqpt 50 tons.
2.	2 Tps 2/9 AUST LT AA BTY	2	68 18	70 18	6 Bofors,6 spare barrels, 3 .50 Cal air cooled MMG,Water truck 1,JEEPS 2,M/Cs 1,AMN 10 tons,Stores 1 ton.
3.	Det FSS		2	2	
4.	Det USAFIA.	2		2	Amn 129 tons;Rations 1 ton; Dieseline 100 drums,and sundries
5.	SALVATION ARMY	1		1	1 Ton Van.
					6 JEEPS loaded to be transhipped for HATFORCE.

Maj.Hayward advised of error in name of Bty "For 2/9 Aust Aust Lt AA Bty" read "2/17 Aust Lt AA Bty". 2/17 Aust Lt AA Bty to contact MCO,MORESBY. PBT. 17/10/42.

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HQ N G FORCE
OCT42

MOVEMENT ORDER NO 2

1. Appendix "A" sets out personnel and stores to embark for MORESBY per SS BARALABA.

2. EMBARKATION
MCO, MORESBY will make all arrangements for embarkation of personnel and Unit Stores and will advise ETD of vessel.

3. RATIONS
3 Days travelling and 3 days emergency hard rations will be carried under Unit arrangements. Units to be responsible for feeding personnel during voyage - All personnel will carry mess utensils and Units to have cooking gear abailable - Hot water for tea to be provided by ship.

4. AMMUNITION
All small arms to be available during voyage.

5. OC TROOPS
Senior Combatant Officer will assume command and detail necessary ships staff and be responsible for AA protection during voyage.

6. SECURITY
The necessity of maintaining STRICTEST SECRECY in connection with all movements must be impressed upon all concerned.

7. Acknowledge

Signed at 2235 hrs

(Signed) Ian D Hayward
for Brig
DA&QMG N G FORCE

DISTRIBUTION

MILNE FORCE 2	CE	A	DDOS	Port Sub Area Comd 5
2/17 AA Regt	CSO	DDST	COSC	2/5 FD REGT
CCRA	G	DDMS	NOIC	2/9 LT AA REGT
				Corps Recpt Camp

APPENDIX "A"

Serial No	UNIT	Offrs	ORs	STORES EQPT
1	Bal 2/5 FD REGT	1	19	6 Tractors, 5 Trailers, 1 van B/downl, Trucks 30cwt 2, 3 ton van 2, one ton Van 5, & Stores
2	2/17 LT A/A REGT			2 Bofors only for forward movt to HATFORCE
3	B TP 2/9 LT A/A REGT	2	57	40 mm Guns 4, Tractors 4, 3 ton Lorrys 4, Amn 52 Boxes & Stores
4	20 BEACH SEARCHLIGHT			Total weight 8640 lbs - (To be shipped if available) for HATFORCE
5	NGF DETAILS	1	9	
				31 Tons Native Rations & 2 Bfrs HATFORCE - MILNE FORCE to arrange forward movements to HATFORCE

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ROUTINE ORDERS.

NOT TO BE PUBLISHED. by

Capt P.B.Toose.

O.C. 2/17 Aust Lt A^A Bty. 6 Oct 42.

1. WEARING OF RESPIRATORS.

Bty Routine Order No.18/42 of 28 Sep 42 para 5 is cancelled.

2. CONSERVATION OF WATER - MORESBY AND VICINITY.

Attention of all ranks is to be drawn at frequent intervals to the necessity for the utmost economy in water.
At present there is a considerable waste at showers, taps and water points.
Units are to supervise the use of water and ensure that waste or excessive use is eliminated.

3. PROMOTIONS.

NX 82733 A/L/Bdr McRAE D.G. to be A/Bdr 6 Oct 42.

4. APPOINTMENTS.

NX 81813	Gnr	EVANS W.A.E.	Appt Spclst Gp III Driver Mechanic 4 Oct 42
NX 49003	"	SNAPE K.G.	" " " " " 4 Oct 42
VX 65992	A/Bdr	RITCHIE W.	to be A/L/Sgt 6 Oct 42
NX 82130	Gnr	MAGRATH J.A.	to be A/L/Bdr "
NX 73450	"	ALLEY G.C.	" " " "
VX 68164	"	ADAMS S.E.	" " " "

Toose

P.B.Toose Capt
O.C. 2/17 Aust Lt AA Bty

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ROUTINE ORDERS.

NOT TO BE PUBLISHED. by

Capt E.H.Sanders.

O.C. 2/17 Aust Lt AA Bty. 27 Oct 42.

1. CAMOUFLAGE.
The practice of washing belts, gaiters and other items of web equipment so that they become white is to cease and all Units will take action to restore such equipment to its original colour.
(N.G.F. Order 511 - of 12 Oct 42).

2. DRESS.
During daylight hours, shorts, shirts, boots, stockings and gaiters(or short puttees) and hats will be worn.
During hours of darkness long trousers and gaiters with shirt (long sleeves) will be worn. Headquarters staffs will wear shirts when working around Headquarters. All personnel are reminded that sunburn which causes a man to become unfit for duty is treated as a self-inflicted wound.

3. FIRE PICQUETS.
An efficient Fire Picquet and adequate fire fighting apparatus will be maintained at all times. Fire breaks will be burned round all equipment and accommodation in order to prevent damage by fire. Such fire breaks must be in accordance with local camouflage requirements.

4. M.T.
The greatest care must be taken to ensure that vehicles are kept in a serviceable condition. Careful driving, observance of speed limits, frequent and efficient maintenance must be impressed on all personnel. Strict economy of vehicles and fuel is to be enforced and close co-operation to obviate overlapping must be observed.

5. P.A.D. SECURITY ETC.
The undermentioned personnel will carry out the following duties:-

Intelligence	-	A/Sgt Chase R.L.G.
P.A.D.	-	Lieut Kerr D.J.
Anti-Gas	-	A/Sgt McDermott M.
Security	-	Lieut Jones C.M.
Camouflage	-	" Millar J.R.F.

6. A.C.F. DISTRIBUTION.
The following comforts were received from the A.C.F. on 25 Oct 42:-

Tobacco	302 packets	Washing soap	151 cakes
Papers	151 "	Toilet "	151 "
Tooth paste	151 tubes	Writing pads	38

7. PROMOTION.
NX 78648 Gnr McDERMOTT M. to be A/Sgt 12 Oct 42.

8. POSTING.
NX 68055 Gnr WHITE D.K. to D Tp

9. RE-POSTING.

NX 49538	A/Sgt	CHASE R.L.G.	from	B Tp	to C Tp.
NX 82324	A/L/Bdr	PETERS J.	"	"	D Tp.
NX 81306	Gnr	McINTYRE C.G.	from	B.H.Q.	to D Tp.
NX 91711	"	WINE C.R.	from	D Tp	to B.H.Q.
VX 65263	"	CLANCY A.J.	"	"	" A Tp
NX 80504	"	LAMBERT W.K.	"	A Tp	" B Tp
NX 49610	"	JOHNSON K.N.	"	C Tp	" D Tp.

E.H.SANDERS CAPT
O.C. 2/17 Aust Lt AA Bty

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APPENDIX II

STRENGTH.

W. 3008	30 Oct 42.
W.3009.	"
W. 3008	10 Oct 42.
W. 3009	"
W. 3008	17 Oct 42.
W. 3009	"
W. 3008	24 Oct 42.
W. 3009	"
W. 3008	31 Oct 42
W. 3009	"

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RETURN NO 6

TO BE MADE UP TO AND FOR SATURDAY IN EACH WEEK.

Army Form W.3008
(Adapted)
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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

2/17 AUST LI AA BTY A.I.F. (Unit)
WE III/27A/1 6 × 206 attached Nos. × 2

PART A—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
WE Ranks	**Posted** strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached)	Surplus to Establishment	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment.)
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels			
1 Majors			
1 Captains	2		
4 Lieutenants	6	2	
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
6 Totals	8	2	

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank	Name	Corps	Date	Cause

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank	Name	Corps	Date	Cause

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

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

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

(i) Officers Posted to Unit (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	Personal Number	Name and Initials	Corps	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed
CAPT	Nx 76532	TOOSE P B	O C	YES	
"	Nx 77280	SANDERS E H	BTY CAPT	"	
LIEUT	Nx 65922	KERR D J	A Tn	"	
"	Nx 54137	JONES C M	B	"	
"	Vx 47852	FOX J W	—	NO	ATTENDING AA OPERATION ROOM COURSE at 7FS HQ PRESTON Vic
"	Vx 52615	MILLAR J R F	D	YES	
"	Nx 56813	FARQUHAR A D	—	NO	Detached HQ AA Bde NGF (Transport officer)
A/LIEUT	Nx 45736	PHILLIPS T O W	C Tn	YES	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	Personal Number	Name and Initials	Corps	Date of attachment	Nature of attachment

2/17 AUST L & AA BTY A I F
(Unit)

[signature]
(Signature of Commander)

3 Oct 42
(Date of Despatch)

AA Bde NGF
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving)

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WE [illegible]

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

.....(Unit)

PART A—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks	**Posted** strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached)	Surplus to Establishment	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment.)
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels			
1 Majors			
1 Captains	2		
4 Lieutenants	6	2	
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
6 Totals	8	2	

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank	Name	Corps	Date	Cause

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank	Name	Corps	Date	Cause

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

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

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

(i) Officers Posted to Unit (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	Personal Number	Name and Initials	Corps	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed
Capt	Nx 76532	Toose P B	Appointment O C	Yes	
"	Nx 77280	Sanders E H	Bty Capt	Yes	
Lieut	Nx 65927	Kerr D J	A Tp	Yes	
"	Nx 54137	Jones C M	B Tp	Yes	
"	Vx 47852	Fox J W	-	No	Attending AA Operations Room Course at 7 FS Hq Preston Vic
"	Vx 57615	Millar J R F	D Tp	Yes	
"	Nx 56813	Farquhar A D	-	No	Detached Hq AA Bde NGF (Transpt Offr)
A/Lieut	Nx 95736	Phillips I O W	C Tp	Yes	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	Personal Number	Name and Initials	Corps	Date of attachment	Nature of attachment

2/17 Aust Lt A A Bty A I F
(Unit)

[signature] Toose Capt
(Signature of Commander)

10 Oct 42
(Date of Despatch)

A A Bde NGF
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving)

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

2/17 Aust Lt AA Fly AIF (Unit) 10 Oct 1942 (Date).

WE III/27A/1

To be furnished by all units and all Headquarter units.)

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.			
1 W.Os. Class II.	1		
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants			
1 Staff Serjeants	1		
16 Serjeants	15		1
18 Corporals	18		
10 Troopers, Privates, &c.	210	40	
106 TOTALS	245	* 40	* 1

*These totals should agree with the details shown in Part D on page 2 of Army Form W.3009.

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
Personnel attached against W.E.		Other attachments	
1 Cpl AA MC		1 Cpl AA PC	

Part C. Description of other ranks whose return to the unit is particularly requested.

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

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2/3 Bde Ammn Coy AIF ..... Unit.

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PART D. Detail of Surplus or Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W. 3009.

Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)
Ammunition Examiners			Fire Control Operators			Panel Beaters		
Armament Artificers			Fitters		1	Pattern Makers		
Armourers			Fitters and Turners			Pharmacists		
Artificers, Artillery			Fitters, Cycle			Photographers, dry plate		
Axemen			Fitters, Drivers			Photographers, wet plate		
Bakers			Fitter's Mates			Photo-Writers		
Battery Surveyors			Fitters, M.V.			Plate Layers		
Battery Comdrs. Asst.			Fitters, Railway Signal			Plumbers		
Blacksmiths			Fitters, Signal			Predictor Numbers		
Boilermakers			Grinders			Printers		
Bricklayers			Gun Layers		3	Radiator Mechanics		
Butchers (4410)	1		G.P.O. Assistants			Radiographers		
Camouflage Modeller			Gun Operators			Range Takers		
Carpenter and Joiner			Hammermen			Riggers		
Clerks			Height Takers			Rivetters		
Clerks, Engineering			Helio Operators			Saddlers		
Clerks, Supply			Instrument Mechanics			Saddle Tree Makers		
Clerks, Technical			Instrument Mechanics, Surgical			Saw Doctors		
Coachmakers			Instrument Operators	32		Sawyers		
Computers			Intelligence Duties			Shoemakers		
Concretors			Joiners			Signallers		
Cooks	5		Leather Stitchers			Signwriters		
Cooks, Hospital			Linesmen			Stokers, Stationary Engine		
Coppersmiths			Linesmen, Signals			Storemen, Technical		
Dental Clerk Orderlies			Lithographers			Surveyors		
Despatch Riders			Machinists			Surveyors, Engineering		
Dispensers			Masons			Tailors		
Draughtsmen			Masseurs			Telescope Identification Numbers		
Draughtsmen, Architectural			Mechanics, Dental			Textile Refitters		
Draughtsmen, Mechanical			Mechanics, M.T.		1	Tinsmiths		
Draughtsmen, Signal			Mechanics, Typewriter			Toolmakers		
Draughtsmen, Topographical			Mechanics, Wireless			Turners		
Driver Mechanics		1	Millwrights			Vulcanizers		
Driver Operators			Miners			Wagon Erectors		
Drivers, Transportation Plant			Moulders			Watchmakers		
Electrical Fitters			Nursing Orderlies			Watermen		
Electricians			Nursing Orderlies (Mental)			Welders		
Electricians, Eng. Units			Nurses, Trained			Well Borers		
Electricians, Signal			Observation Post Assistants			Wheelers		
Engine Artificers			Operating Room Assistants			Whitesmiths		
Engine Hands I/C			Operators, Signal			Wiremen		
Equipment Repairers			Opticians			Woodturners		
Farriers			Painters					
Ex w duty								
Sanitary	7							
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)	13	1		32	5			

Notes—(a) If rank other than Private is involved give details on back.
(b) Authorised Trades or Specialists not included in list above will be added as required in spaces provided.

2/3 Bde Ammn Coy AIF ..... *Unit.*

H Wilson Capt ..... *Signature of Commander.*

Date of Despatch 10 Oct 42

A H Qtr NGF ..... *Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.*

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

2/17 AUST Lt AA Bty AIF (Unit)
WE III/27A/1 6 x 206 Attached NIL and 2

PART A—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached)	Surplus to Establishment	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment.)
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels			
1 Majors			
1 Captains	2	—	
4 Lieutenants	6	2	
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
6 Totals	8	2	—

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank	Name	Unit Corps	Date	Cause
Lieut	HOLT W J	2/3 AUST Lt AA Bty	15 Oct 42	Attached Pending transfer

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank	Name	Corps	Date	Cause

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

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

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

(i) Officers Posted to Unit (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	Personal Number	Name and Initials	Corps	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed
Capt	NX 76532	TOUSE P B	Appointment OC	No	Detached to AA AA Defence NGF
Capt	NX 77280	SANDERS E H	BTY CAPT	YES	
Lieut	NX 65927	KERR D J	A Tp	YES	
"	NX 54137	JONES C M	B Tp	YES	
Aft Lieut	NX 75736	PHILLIPS I O W	C Tp	YES	
Lieut	VX 52615	MILLAR J R F	D Tp	YES	
"	VX 47852	FOX J W	"	No	Attending AA Operations Rooms Course at 7 FS HQ Preston Vic
"	NX 56813	FARQUHAR A D	—	No	Detached AA Gp NGF (Transport Off.)

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	Personal Number	Name and Initials	Corps	Date of attachment	Nature of attachment
Lieut	NX 13685	HOLT W J	2/3 AUST L1 AA Bty	15 Oct 42	[illegible]

2/17 AUST L1 AA Bty AIF
(Unit)

[signature]
(Signature of Commander)

17 Oct 42
(Date of Despatch)

AA Gp NGF
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving)

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

2/17 AUST LI AA Sty ATT (Unit) 17 Oct 1942 (Date).

To be furnished by all units and all Headquarter units.)

WE III/27A/1

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.			
1 W.Os. Class II.	1		
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants			
1 Staff Serjeants	1		
16 Serjeants	16		
18 Corporals	18		
170 Troopers, Privates, &c.	211	41	
206 TOTALS	247	* 41	*

*These totals should agree with the details shown in Part D on page 2 of Army Form W.3009.

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
		other attachments	
		1 Cpl AA PC	

Part C. Description of other ranks whose return to the unit is particularly requested.

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

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2/17 Inst Lt AA Gp AIF

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PART D. Detail of Surplus or Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W. 3009.

Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)
Ammunition Examiners			Fire Control Operators			Panel Beaters		
Armament Artificers			Fitters		1	Pattern Makers		
Armourers			Fitters and Turners			Pharmacists		
Artificers, Artillery			Fitters, Cycle			Photographers, dry plate		
Axemen			Fitters, Drivers			Photographers, wet plate		
Bakers			Fitter's Mates			Photo-Writers		
Battery Surveyors			Fitters, M.V.			Plate Layers		
Battery Comdrs. Asst.			Fitters, Railway Signal			Plumbers		
Blacksmiths			Fitters, Signal			Predictor Numbers		
Boilermakers			Grinders			Printers		
Bricklayers			Gun Layers		3	Radiator Mechanics		
Butchers	1		G.P.O. Assistants			Radiographers		
Camouflage Modeller			Gun Operators			Range Takers		
Carpenter and Joiner			Hammermen			Riggers		
Clerks			Height Takers			Rivetters		
Clerks, Engineering			Helio Operators			Saddlers		
Clerks, Supply			Instrument Mechanics			Saddle Tree Makers		
Clerks, Technical			Instrument Mechanics, Surgical			Saw Doctors		
Coachmakers			Instrument Operators	33		Sawyers		
Computers			Intelligence Duties			Shoemakers		
Concretors			Joiners			Signallers		
Cooks	5		Leather Stitchers			Signwriters		
Cooks, Hospital			Linesmen			Stokers, Stationary Engine		
Coppersmiths			Linesmen, Signals			Storemen, Technical		
Dental Clerk Orderlies			Lithographers			Surveyors		
Despatch Riders			Machinists			Surveyors, Engineering		
Dispensers			Masons			Tailors		
Draughtsmen			Masseurs			Telescope Identification Numbers		
Draughtsmen, Architectural			Mechanics, Dental			Textile Refitters		
Draughtsmen, Mechanical			Mechanics, M.T.		1	Tinsmiths		
Draughtsmen, Signal			Mechanics, Typewriter			Toolmakers		
Draughtsmen, Topographical			Mechanics, Wireless			Turners		
Driver Mechanics		1	Millwrights			Vulcanizers		
Driver Operators			Miners			Wagon Erectors		
Drivers, Transportation Plant			Moulders			Watchmakers		
Electrical Fitters			Nursing Orderlies			Watermen		
Electricians			Nursing Orderlies (Mental)			Welders		
Electricians, Eng. Units			Nurses, Trained			Well Borers		
Electricians, Signal			Observation Post Assistants			Wheelers		
Engine Artificers			Operating Room Assistants			Whitesmiths		
Engine Hands I/C			Operators, Signal			Wiremen		
Equipment Repairers			Opticians			Woodturners		
Farriers			Painters					
General Duty Tradesmen	8							
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)	14	1		33	5			

Notes—(a) If rank other than Private is involved give details on back.
(b) Authorised Trades or Specialists not included in list above will be added as required in spaces provided.

2/17 Inst Lt AA Gp AIF — *Unit.*

Date of Despatch 22 Dec 42

Lt-Colonel — *Signature of Commander.*

AA Gp HQF — *Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.*

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Note This return is based on strength for BHQ and 2 Troops. 2 Troops have been detached and Struck off strength as per NGF Movement Order No 1 of 16 Oct 42

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

2/17 AUST LI AA BTY A I F (Unit)
WE III/27A/1 6 & 206 attached NIL and 2

PART A—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached)	Surplus to Establishment	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment.)
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels			
1 Majors			1
1 Captains	1	-	
2 Lieutenants	2	-	
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
4 Totals	3	-	1

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank	Name	Unit Corps	Date	Cause
Lieut	HOLT W J	2/17 AUST LI AA BTY	21 Oct 42	Transferred from 2/3 AUST LI AA BTY — RAA NGF C/2781 of 19 Oct 42

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank	Name	Unit Corps	Date	Cause
Lieut	JONES C M	2/17 AUST LI AA BTY	18 Oct 42	Detached as per NGF Movement Order No 1 of 16 Oct 42
	HOLT W J	"		
Capt	TOOSE P B	"	21 Oct 42	RAA NGF C/2782 of 19 Oct 42
Lieut	FARQUHAR A D	"	21 Oct 42	RAA NGF C/2782 of 19 Oct 42
Lieut	PHILLIPS I O W		21 Oct 42	RAA NGF C/2782 of 19 Oct 42
Lieut	[illegible]		21 Oct 42	RAA NGF C/2782 of 19 Oct 42

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

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

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

(i) Officers Posted to Unit (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	Personal Number	Name and Initials	Corps Appointment	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed
Capt	NX 77280	SANDERS E H	O C	YES	
Lieut	NX 65927	KERR D J	A Tp	YES	
Lieut	VX 32615	MILLAR J R F	D Tp	YES	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	Personal Number	Name and Initials	Corps	Date of attachment	Nature of attachment

2/17 AUST LI AA BTY AIF
(Unit)

[signature] Capt
(Signature of Commander)

24 Oct 42
(Date of Despatch)

AUST AA Gp Port Moresby
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving)

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

2/17 AUST Lt AA BTY AIF (Unit) 24 Oct 1942 (Date).

To be furnished by all units and all Headquarter units.)

WE III/27A/1

NOTE This return is based on Strength for BHQ and 2 Troops. 2 Troops have been detached & Struck of Strength as per NGF Movement Order No 1 of 16 Oct 42

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.			
1 W.Os. Class II.	-		1
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants			
1 Staff Serjeants	1	-	-
8 Serjeants	8	-	-
10 Corporals	11	1	-
94 Troopers, Privates, &c.	119	25	
114 TOTALS	139	* 26	* 1

*These totals should agree with the details shown in Part D on page 2 of Army Form W.3009.

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
Personnel attached against W.E.		Other attachments	
1 CPL - AAMC		1 CPL AAPC	

Part C. Description of other ranks whose return to the unit is particularly requested.

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

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2/17 AUST Lt AA BTY A.I.F. Unit.

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PART D. Detail of Surplus or Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W. 3009.

Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)
Ammunition Examiners			Fire Control Operators			Panel Beaters		
Armament Artificers			Fitters		1	Pattern Makers		
Armourers			Fitters and Turners			Pharmacists		
Artificers, Artillery			Fitters, Cycle			Photographers, dry plate		
Axemen			Fitters, Drivers			Photographers, wet plate		
Bakers			Fitter's Mates			Photo-Writers		
Battery Surveyors			Fitters, M.V.			Plate Layers		
Battery Comdrs. Asst.			Fitters, Railway Signal			Plumbers		
Blacksmiths			Fitters, Signal			Predictor Numbers		
Boilermakers			Grinders			Printers		
Bricklayers			Gun Layers			Radiator Mechanics		
Butchers			G.P.O. Assistants			Radiographers		
Camouflage Modeller			Gun Operators			Range Takers		
Carpenter and Joiner			Hammermen			Riggers		
Clerks			Height Takers			Rivetters		
Clerks, Engineering			Helio Operators			Saddlers		
Clerks, Supply			Instrument Mechanics			Saddle Tree Makers		
Clerks, Technical			Instrument Mechanics, Surgical			Saw Doctors		
Coachmakers			Instrument Operators	15		Sawyers		
Computers			Intelligence Duties			Shoemakers		
Concretors			Joiners			Signallers		
Cooks	1		Leather Stitchers			Signwriters		
Cooks, Hospital			Linesmen			Stokers, Stationary Engine		
Coppersmiths			Linesmen, Signals			Storemen, Technical		
Dental Clerk Orderlies			Lithographers			Surveyors		
Despatch Riders			Machinists			Surveyors, Engineering		
Dispensers			Masons			Tailors		
Draughtsmen			Masseurs			Telescope Identification Numbers		
Draughtsmen, Architectural			Mechanics, Dental			Textile Refitters		
Draughtsmen, Mechanical			Mechanics, M.T.			Tinsmiths		
Draughtsmen, Signal			Mechanics, Typewriter			Toolmakers		
Draughtsmen, Topographical			Mechanics, Wireless			Turners		
Driver Mechanics	1		Millwrights			Vulcanizers		
Driver Operators			Miners			Wagon Erectors		
Drivers, Transportation Plant			Moulders			Watchmakers		
Electrical Fitters			Nursing Orderlies			Watermen		
Electricians			Nursing Orderlies (Mental)			Welders		
Electricians, Eng. Units			Nurses, Trained			Well Borers		
Electricians, Signal			Observation Post Assistants			Wheelers		
Engine Artificers			Operating Room Assistants			Whitesmiths		
Engine Hands I/C			Operators, Signal			Wiremen		
Equipment Repairers			Opticians			Woodturners		
Farriers			Painters					
GENERAL DUTY PERSONNEL	9							
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)	11	-		15	1			

Notes—(a) If rank other than Private is involved give details on back.
(b) Authorised Trades or Specialists not included in list above will be added as required in spaces provided.

2/17 AUST Lt AA BTY A.I.F. Unit.

[signature] Capt. Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch 24 Oct 42

AUST AA Gp Port Moresby Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

2/7 AUST LT AA BTY A.I.F (Unit)
WE III/27A/1 6 x 20b Attached Nil and 2

PART A—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
WE BHQ & 2 Troops Ranks	**Posted** strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached)	Surplus to Establishment	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment.)
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels			
1 Majors			1
1 Captains	1		
2 Lieutenants	2		
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
4 Totals	3		1

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank	Name	Corps	Date	Cause

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank	Name	Corps	Date	Cause

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

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

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

(i) Officers Posted to Unit (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	Personal Number	Name and Initials	~~Corps~~ Appointment	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed
Capt	NX 77280	SANDERS E H	O C	YES	
Lieut	NX 65927	KERR D J	A Tp	YES	
	VX 52615	MILLAR J R F	D Tp	YES	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	Personal Number	Name and Initials	Corps	Date of attachment	Nature of attachment

2/17 AUST Lt AA BTY AIF
(Unit)

[signature] Capt
(Signature of Commander)

31 Oct 42
(Date of Despatch)

AUST AA Gp Port Moresby
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving)

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

2/7 AUST H AA BTY AIF (Unit) 31 Oct 19 42 (Date).

To be furnished by all units and all Headquarter units.)

WE III/27A/1

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

BHQ & 2 Tps

1 Detail.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.			
1 W.Os. Class II.	–		1
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants			
1 Staff Serjeants	1	–	–
8 Serjeants	8	–	–
10 Corporals	11	1	–
94 Troopers, Privates, &c.	116	22	
114 TOTALS	136	* 23	* 1

*These totals should agree with the details shown in Part D on page 2 of Army Form W.3009.

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
Personnel attached against W.E.		Other attachments	
1 Cpl. - AAMC		1 Cpl. - AAPC	

Part C. Description of other ranks whose return to the unit is particularly requested.

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

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PART D. Detail of Surplus or Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W. 3009.

Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)
Ammunition Examiners			Fire Control Operators			Panel Beaters		
Armament Artificers			Fitters		1	Pattern Makers		
Armourers			Fitters and Turners			Pharmacists		
Artificers, Artillery			Fitters, Cycle			Photographers, dry plate		
Axemen			Fitters, Drivers			Photographers, wet plate		
Bakers			Fitter's Mates			Photo-Writers		
Battery Surveyors			Fitters, M.V.			Plate Layers		
Battery Comdrs. Asst.			Fitters, Railway Signal			Plumbers		
Blacksmiths			Fitters, Signal			Predictor Numbers		
Boilermakers			Grinders			Printers		
Bricklayers			Gun Layers			Radiator Mechanics		
Butchers			G.P.O. Assistants			Radiographers		
Camouflage Modeller			Gun Operators			Range Takers		
Carpenter and Joiner			Hammermen			Riggers		
Clerks			Height Takers			Rivetters		
Clerks, Engineering			Helio Operators			Saddlers		
Clerks, Supply			Instrument Mechanics			Saddle Tree Makers		
Clerks, Technical			Instrument Mechanics, Surgical			Saw Doctors		
Coachmakers			Instrument Operators	14		Sawyers		
Computers			Intelligence Duties			Shoemakers		
Concretors			Joiners			Signallers		
Cooks	1		Leather Stitchers			Signwriters		
Cooks, Hospital			Linesmen			Stokers, Stationary Engine		
Coppersmiths			Linesmen, Signals			Storemen, Technical		
Dental Clerk Orderlies			Lithographers			Surveyors		
Despatch Riders			Machinists			Surveyors, Engineering		
Dispensers			Masons			Tailors		
Draughtsmen			Masseurs			Telescope Identification Numbers		
Draughtsmen, Architectural			Mechanics, Dental			Textile Refitters		
Draughtsmen, Mechanical			Mechanics, M.T.			Tinsmiths		
Draughtsmen, Signal			Mechanics, Typewriter			Toolmakers		
Draughtsmen, Topographical			Mechanics, Wireless			Turners		
Driver Mechanics			Millwrights			Vulcanizers		
Driver Operators			Miners			Wagon Erectors		
Drivers, Transportation Plant			Moulders			Watchmakers		
Electrical Fitters			Nursing Orderlies			Watermen		
Electricians			Nursing Orderlies (Mental)			Welders		
Electricians, Eng. Units			Nurses, Trained			Well Borers		
Electricians, Signal			Observation Post Assistants			Wheelers		
Engine Artificers			Operating Room Assistants			Whitesmiths		
Engine Hands I/C			Operators, Signal			Wiremen		
Equipment Repairers			Opticians			Woodturners		
Farriers			Painters					
General Duty Personnel	8							
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)	9			14	1			

Notes—(a) If rank other than Private is involved give details on back.
(b) Authorised Trades or Specialists not included in list above will be added as required in spaces provided.

2/17 AUST LT AA BTY AIF
Unit.

Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch 31 Oct 42

AUST AA Gp. Fort Moresby
Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

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APPENDIX III

MONTHLY REVIEW... 31 Oct 42.

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2/17 Aust Lt AA Bty. A.I.F.

MONTHLY REVIEW - OCTOBER., 1942.

1. OPERATIONS.

(a) ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY. Enemy air activity for October was most uneventful. Only two night "nuisance" raids were made during the month, and those were from a considerable height. On 25 Oct one or possibly two unidentified planes dropped three bombs, and on 29 Oct the same number of unidentified planes dropped ten bombs. The only damage or casualties were 3 personnel killed.

One reconnaissance plane flew over on the night of 20 Oct - no bombs were dropped.

(b) MOVEMENT. On 14 Oct orders were received that two Troops from the Battery were to proceed to WANIGELA, Ref Map TUFI, 1/15940. It was then decided to send 'B" and 'C" Troops (6 Bofors and 4 .50 cal HMGs) under command of Lieut Holt and a small BHQ. staff.

On 16 Oct Capt Sanders and Lieut Jones flew to WANIGELA, and made a preliminary recce. No difficulties were encountered, but it was found that the approach to the 'drome from the sea was unsuitable for guns and transport. This was pointed out to A.A.D.C. and to C.C.R.A, N.G.F. on return.

Arrangements were made with M.C.O. MORESBY for ship S.S."Islander" to start loading at 0630 hrs on 18 Oct 42, so 'B' and 'C' Tps withdrew from WAIGANI 'Drome at dawn and arrived on time at the wharf. The ship berthed at 0700 hrs and started to discharge cargo and was finally ready to load at 1730 hrs. It was essential that she should sail on the tide at 1900 hrs so great excitement prevailed. The ship pulled out finally at 2100 hrs leaving two guns and two predictors on the wharf. These were subsequently sent by the S.S."Baralaba" on 25 Oct 42 when loading and sailing of the ship continued without hitch.

To occupy part of the gap left in the defence of WAIGANI 'Drome by the removal of these two Troops 'A' Troop was withdrawn from BOMANA (Subsec 1) and PORT MORESBY (Subsecs 2 & 3) and occupied positions vacated by subsections 5, 9 and 6 respectively. 'A' Troop H.Q. occupied the vacated 'B' Troop HQ.

On 23 Oct 42 at 1000 hrs orders were received that one gun was to proceed by air at first light 24 Oct with ammunition and crew. Lieut Kerr was selected, and with a crew from 'A' Tp dismantled a gun and packed it into a truck ready to report to the 'drome when advised. At 2330 hrs advice did come, but it was to the effect that the gun must be assembled again by dawn. It was.

On 24 Oct 42 Lieut I.O.W.Phillips arrived back from MILNE BAY and reported the safe arrival of the detachment at that point enroute for WANIGELA. Nothing unusual occurred during the voyage, and but for one gun dropped into the harbour whilst unloading, due to the failure of the ship's gear, the trip that far was uneventful.

2. COMMUNICATIONS.

Communications with the remaining troops are the same - those that have left can only communicate with BHQ. and vice versa by letter and an occasional signal. Being under command HATFORCE, administration is conducted through that force and not through BHQ.

3. COMMAND.

On 20 Oct 42 Lt AA Regt ceased to function and its place was taken by AA Group, PORT MORESBY, with Maj.P.W.A.Kelso as C.O., and Maj E.M.Kent as 2 i/c. The Battery is under command of this Group for administration and for operations it comes under command of HQ., AA Defences, N.G.Composite Provisional Groupment.

Capt. P.B.Toose was appointed Brigade Major of HQ., AA Defences, and will be the senior Australian Artillery Officer on those HQ. With his tact and considerable knowledge of staff

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duties he should make a great success of the job,which covering as it does the duties of both American and Australian A.A.units of all types,calls for much diligence and skill. This Battery misses him greatly,but wishes him every success. His majority was approved as from 24 Oct 42.

Capt E.H.Sanders (T/Maj 24 Oct 42) took over command of the Battery on 20 Oct 42.

4. TRANSPORT

On 21 Oct 42 two 3 ton trucks were transferred from the Bty to the local M.T.Pool, and in lieu thereof two 1 ton Vans,utility, were received from the Pool.

5. HEALTH & MEDICAL

The health of the Battery remains excellent and in this climate and under the conditions in which we are living we can be very thankful for this record.

6. CONCLUSION.

The monotony of our AA job in a static role was rudely shattered during this month. The men responded very well and with the thought of going forward uppermost in our minds everyone was unusually cheerful. We now seem to be on the side that shows that it is going to win, and by going forward we are adopting the motto "The longest was round is the shortest way home".

We are secretly just a little proud too to have been chosen as the first Australian AA unit to advance against the Japs.

E.H.Sanders

E.H.SANDERS.Maj
O.C. 2/17 Aust Lt AA Bty, AIF.

PORT MORESBY.

31 Oct 42.

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APPENDIX. IV

SITUATION REPORT - 19 Oct 42.

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APPENDIX IV

Australian Military Forces

Eastern Command

TELEPHONE—

N.G.F.

Please quote this Number when replying

	S247	42.

SECRET

Address 2/17 Aust Lt AA Bty, AIF,
Date 19 Oct 42.

H.Q.,
A.A.Defences,
N. G. F.

2/17 Aust Lt AA Bty

SITUATION REPORT.

Ref Map - PORT MORESBY - 2" to 1 mile. 8 Mar 42.

1. At 0600 hrs on 18 Oct 42, B Tp and C Tp withdrew from positions at WAIGANI 'DROME, and proceeded to PORT MORESBY for embarkation.

2. At 0430 hrs on 18 Oct 42, Subsecs 1,2,3 and A Tp H Q withdrew from positions 115115,998004,004003 and 999004 respectively, and proceeded to WAIGANI 'DROME occupying positions shown on the attached sketch by 0630 hrs.

3. One .50 cal MG on WAIGANI 'DROME previously manned by B Tp was taken over by B Tp.

E.H.SANDERS. Capt
O.C.2/17 Aust Lt AA Bty AIF.

Distribution.

A.A.Defences	1
A.A.Group	1
War Diary	1
File	1.

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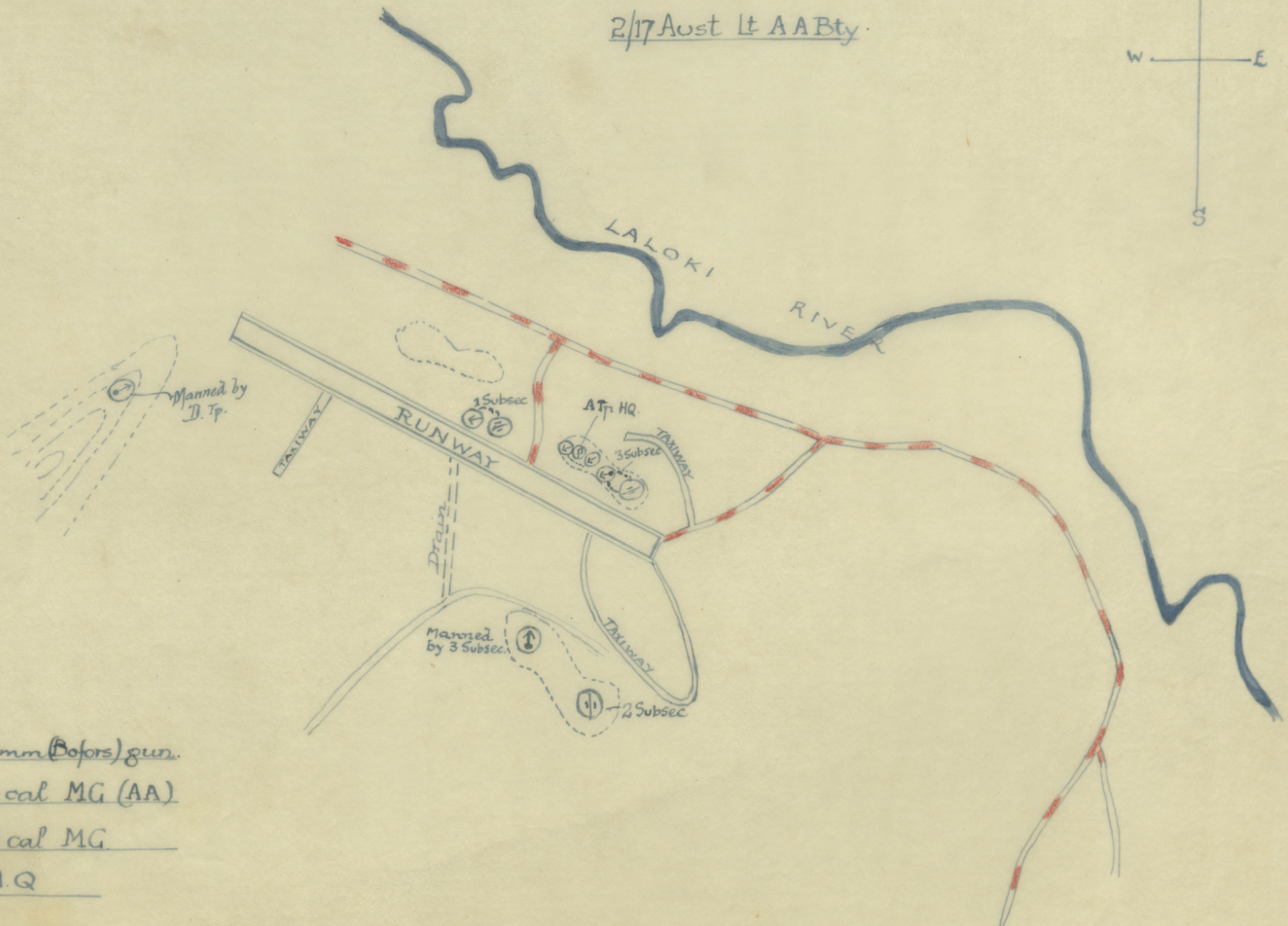
- Sketch of WAIGANI 'DROME -

shewing A.A. positions. 18 Oct 42

2/17 Aust Lt A A Bty.



Legend

- 1 40 mm (Bofors) gun.
- 1 .50 cal MG (AA)
- 1 .303 cal MG
- P Tp. H.Q

Drawn by Gnr. Paton. A.J. 2/7 Aust Lt A.A. Bty.

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H. 100M 2/42

Unit Detached B.C Troops 2/7 LT AA Bty. Date and Time.—From 1200 hrs 24th Oct 42 To 31. Oct.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Milne Bay	24th Oct 42	1200 hrs	The rest of the day proved to be uneventful	
Milne Bay	25th Oct 42		There was more heavy rain during the morning and in the afternoon the men received their first pay since leaving Moresby.	
Milne Bay	26th Oct 42		We were awakened at 0440 hrs by the air raid siren. Enemy planes passed overhead and dropped bombs not far from the camp area. Heavy A.A Guns opened fire. There was no military damage. At 1030 hrs	
Milne Bay	"		there was another alert which lasted an hour. In the afternoon part worn clothing was replaced, also fly blown blankets	
Milne Bay	27th Oct 42.		The air raid alarm sounded the alert at 0500 hrs the all clear was given at 0535 hrs, it proved to be a false alarm.	
Milne Bay	28th Oct 42.		Uneventful, except for heavy rain throughout the day.	

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HQ

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

2/17 LT

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H. 100M 2/42

Unit Detached B & C Troops A.A. Bty. Date and Time.—From ..... To 1200 hrs 31st Oct 42.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Milne Bay	29th Oct 42		The two 40 M/M Guns which had been left behind at Moresby, arrived with two of B Troop personnel, in good order and condition. A large amount of mail was also received. At 2330 hrs an air raid warning was sounded, bombs were dropped outside of our camp area, but there was no military damage.	
Milne Bay	30th Oct 42.		Orders were received to be ready to move at one hours notice	
Milne Bay	31st Oct 42		Loading operations of our equipment on board ship were carried out successfully by the personnel 2/17 LT A. A. Bty.	

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H.Q.

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H. 100M 2/42

Unit Detached B. C Troops 2/17 LT AA Bty. Date and Time.—From 1200 hrs 31st Oct 42 To 14. NOV. 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Milne Bay	31st Oct 42	1200.	The loading operations were completed, personnel remaining ashore, still on one hours notice.	
Milne Bay	1st Nov 42.		A Nominal Roll of Embarkation in triplicate was forwarded to H.Q. 2/5 Field Regiment	
Milne Bay.	2nd Nov. 42.		At 2200 hrs we boarded ship. One Officer (Lieut Jones) and 10 O.R's on the "Koraka". One Officer (Lieut Holt) and 85 O.R's on T.S.M.V. "Masaya".	
Milne Bay and At Sea.	3rd Nov. 42.		The "Koraka" remained at the wharf and the "Masaya" anchored in mid stream until 1600 hrs when we started off on our trip. Under instructions we anchored off Kiltertón Island at 1900 hrs for the night	
At Sea	4th Nov 42.		Both ships made way again at 0600 hrs and after an uneventful day dropped anchor for the night in Goodenaugh Bay.	

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H. 100M 2/42

Unit Detached B. C Troops 2/17 LT. A.A. Bty Date and Time.—From _____ To 1200 hrs 7th Nov. 42.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
At sea and Collingwood Bay Wanigela	5th Nov. 42.		We continued on our journey at 0600 hrs and arrived at Collingwood Bay and dropped anchor at 1200 hrs A number of personnel went ashore at 1530 hrs, the balance remaining on board ship to carry out unloading operations. Temporary camping arrangements were made for the night for those men on shore, and each man received a hot meal. Two 40 MM Guns were manned on the beach.	
Wanigela	6th Nov 42.		Unloading operations continued all day.	
Wanigela	7th Nov 42.		Unloading operation still uncompleted and gun sites were selected.	

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Unit Detached B & C Troops 2/17 Lt. AA Bty. Date and Time.—From 1200 hrs 7th Nov 42 To 1200 hrs 14th Nov 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Wanigela.	7th Nov 42.		Unloading operations were continued for the remainder of the day. Heavy rain commenced at 2300 hrs and we were all soaked	
Wanigela	8th Nov 42		Unloading operations continued all day, and Head Quarters camp site was chosen	
Wanigela	9th Nov 42.		H.Q. camp was improved upon by the erection of a kitchen and the sinking of a well. A large portion of our stores and equipment was man handled by the personnel of 2/17 Lt AA Bty for some considerable distance to H.Q site. Unloading still uncompleted.	
Wanigela	10th Nov 42.		Unloading was completed by personnel of the 2/17 Lt. AA Bty during the day and the balance of stores and equipment distributed to the Sections. Friendly planes were reported flying overhead at night. All Guns were ready for action.	

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H. 100M 2/42

Unit Detached B.C Troops 2/17 LT AA Bty Date and Time.—From 1200 hrs 7th Nov 42 To 1200 hrs 14th Nov 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Wanigela	11th Nov 42		Rain was experienced in the early hours of the morning	
			A report of our activities was forwarded to the	
			Brigade Major by the O.C. Detached B.C Troops	
			2/17 LT AA Bty. At night the rain commenced	
			again and continued right through until midnight	
Wanigela	12th Nov 42		Heavy rain continued all day and conditions	
			were very unpleasant. Friendly planes were heard	
			flying overhead through the night	
Wanigela	13th Nov 42		A plane was heard flying very fast at a great	
			height and could not be identified. (At about 1200 hrs)	
			It was thought to be friendly.	
Wanigela	14th Nov 42		The morning was uneventful.	

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WAR DIARY OR INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY
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Unit. 2/17 Aust Lt AA Bty. AIF. Date and Time.-From. 1 November 42 To. 30 November 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and information	Remarks and references to Append. & Diaries.
PORT MORESBY	1 Nov 42		1. OPERATIONS : At 0440 and 0505 hrs respectively two unidentified enemy aircraft made runs over PORT MORESBY Area. One of these aircraft dropped bomb approx 300 yds in water outside Catalina Flying Base. Other bombs reported to have falled into sea on bearing 190 degs from H.1. H.6 engaged the other aircraft with barrage at 17000 ft. Poor visibility, nil observations. All clear at approx 0530 hrs.	
			2. RESULTS. : No damage nor casualties.	
			3. METEOROLOGICAL: Fine, very hot & sultry - few clouds.	
"	2 Nov 42		1. OPERATIONS : At 0915 hrs AA Defences HQ advised that remainder of Bty was to move. Bty on 12 hrs notice. At 1015 hrs B.M.R.A., NGF, advised that move was to take place per SS "Van Heutz", the destination being BUNA. C.O.S.C interviewed and arrangements made to take complete BHQ., and A and D Tps.	
			2. METEOROLOGICAL: Fine, very hot & sultry, scattered cloud.	
"	3 Nov 42		1. OPERATIONS : No further orders respecting move. Packing up being carried on.	
			2. METEOROLOGICAL: Fine, hot and sultry, scattered cloud. SE wind.	
"	4 Nov 42		1. OPERATIONS: : Nil.	
			2. METEOROLOGICAL : Dull and hot. Heavy rain in afternoon.	
"	5 Nov 42		1. OPERATIONS : Nil.	
			2. METEOROLOGICAL : Fine - very hot and sultry. SE breeze.	

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Unit....2/17 Aust Lt AA Bty, AIF..... Date and Time.-From..1 November 42.....To...30 November 42.....

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and information	Remarks and references to Append. & Diaries.
PORT MORESBY	6 Novr 42		1.OPERATIONS : Order received from M.C.O. for Bty to be ready to move to Wharf by 2000 hrs - Later extended until 0700 hrs on 7 Nov 42. 2.METEOROLOGICAL: Fine, hot and sultry.	
"	7 Nov 42		1.OPERATIONS : Guns of "A" and "D" Tps came out of action at WAIGANI DROME, and positions were taken over 208 CA Bn (AA). Loading of stores etc commenced at Wharf at 0730 hrs, and continued until late afternoon when orders were received from M.C.O. that personnel were not required for embarkation until notified. Personnel were accordingly transported to old site of BHQ. 2. STRENGTH. : 3 Offrs, and 124 O/Rs (including 4 attached) 3.METEOROLOGICAL: Fine, hot & sultry.	See Appendix II
"	8 Nov 42		1. OPERATIONS : At approx 0930 hrs orders received for personnel to move to 1st Aust Corps Reception Camp and to be ready to move to Wharf at any time. Personnel moved accordingly to Reception Camp (Murray Barracks) during the day. 2.METEOROLOGICAL: Fine and clear - very hot.	
"	9 Nov 42		1.OPERATIONS: Nil. 2.METEOROLOGICAL: Fine and clear - SE wind.	
"	10 Nov 42		1.OPERATIONS : Nil. 2.METEOROLOGICAL: Fine and clear - very hot.	
"	11 Nov 42		1.OPERATIONS: Nil. 2.METEOROLOGICAL: Overcast in morning -clear in afternoon.	
"	12 Nov 42		1.OPERATIONS: Nil. 2.METEOROLOGICAL: Hot & sultry - overcast at times.	

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Unit.. 2/17 Aust. Lt. AA Bty., AIF..... Date and Time.-From...1 November 42.....To.30 November 42.....

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and information	Remarks and references to Append. & Diaries.
PORT MORESBY	13 Nov 42		1. OPERATIONS :Nil 2. METEOROLOGICAL :Overcast at times. SE wind afternoon - rain at night.	
"	14 Nov 42		1. OPERATIONS : Nil 2. METEOROLOGICAL :Foggy till about 0730 hrs - hot and sultry - showers in late afternoon and at night. 3. STRENGTH : 3 Offrs, 123 O/Rs (including 4 attached)	See Appendix II
"	15 Nov 42		1. OPERATIONS: Nil. 2. METEOROLOGICAL: Showers in early morning - fine for most part of day - showers in late afternoon and during night.	
"	16 Nov 42		1. OPERATIONS :Nil. 2. METEOROLOGICAL :Overcast with showers - hot and sultry - heavy rain inmlate afternoon and at night.	
"	17 Nov 42		1. OPERATIONS :Nil. 2. METEOROLOGICAL: Hot & sultry - rain in early morning - heavy rain in afternoon and during night.	
"	18 Nov 42		1. OPERATIONS : Nil. 2. METEOROLOGICAL :Overcast - hot and sultry - rain in late afternoon and during night.	
"	19 Novr42		1. OPERATIONS : Nil 2. METEOROLOGICAL : Very hot - overcast and showery all day.	
"	20 Nov 42		1. OPERATIONS : Nil. 2. METEOROLOGICAL : Overcast - hot and sultry.	
"	21 Nov 42		1. OPERATIONS : Nil. 2. METEOROLOGICAL : Overcast - very hot. 3. STRENGTH : 3 Offrs, 123 O/Rs (including 4 attached).	See Appendix II

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WAR DIARY OR INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY
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Unit...2/17 Aust I/C AA Rtv. AIF..... Date and Time.-From....1 November 42.....To.30 November 42.....

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and information	Remarks and references to Append. & Diaries.
PORT MORESBY	22 Nov 42		1. OPERATIONS : Nil. 2. METEOROLOGICAL: Showers in morning - very hot and humid.	
"	23 Nov 42		1. OPERATIONS : Nil. 2.METEOROLOGICAL : Overcast in morning - fine afternoon - very hot.	
"	24 Nov 42		1. OPERATIONS : Red warning at 2050 hrs. One enemy aircraft made two runs over PORT MORESBY Area dropping four bombs on the first run and two on the second - all fell near 2/9 Aust General Hosp, at 17 MILE. Some of the bombs dropped were incendiary bombs. H.3 and H.6 stations engaged and expended 29 rounds in all. White warning 2110 hrs. 2. RESULTS : No damage to equipment - no casualties. 3.METEOROLOGICAL : Fine and clear - hot - Moonlight night.	
"	25 Nov 42		1. OPERATIONS : Red warning approx 0030 hrs. One enemy plane made one run over WARD'S DROME and SEVEN MILE Drome dropping four bombs to SE of WARDS and six bombs to S of 7 MILE Drome. Some were incendiary bombs. White warning, 0152 hrs. 2. RESULTS. : No damage or casualties. 3.METEOROLOGICAL: Fine and clear - hot.	
"	26 Nov 42		1. OPERATIONS : Nil. 2. METEOROLOGICAL: Fine -very hot . Bright moonlight night.	
"	27 Nov 42		1.OPERATIONS : Red warning approx 0244 hrs of u/i aircraft over MORESBY Area. Searchlights unable to pick up target on first run. Three enemy planes, type SALLY, then came in from SW towards 7 MILE and were engaged by all Heavy AA with exception of H4 and H10.	

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WAR DIARY OR INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

(Erase heading not required)

Unit 2/17 Aust Lt AA Bty, AIF. Date and Time.-From 1 November 42 To 30 November 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and information	Remarks and references to Append. & Diaries.
PORT MORESBY	27 Nov 42		1. OPERATIONS (cont'd) : The planes were flying in "V" formation at height of 16000feet. Aircraft were engaged from 0252 to 0308 hrs. As soon as AA opened fire, the planes climbed from 16000 ft to 19000 ft. A total of 310 rounds were expended. White warning was received at 0418 hours.	
			2. RESULTS : Bombs were dropped to the SE end of 7 Mile Drome and included both indendiary and H.E. No damage to equipment and no casualties.	
			3. METEOROLOGICAL :Overcast in early morning - fine and hot thereafter.	
"	28 Nov 42		1. OPERATIONS :Advice received that one of the two Tps of this Bty at present at WANIGELA embarking this date for PORLOCK HARBOUR.	
			2. STRENGTH:- : 3 Offrs, 125 O/Rs (including 4 attached).	See Appendix II.
			3. METEOROLOGICAL :Fine, hot and sultry.	
"	29 Nov 42		1. OPERATIONS : Nil.	
			2. METEOROLOGICAL. : Fine - very hot and sultry - rain in afternoon.	
"	30 Nov 42		1. OPERATIONS : Red Warning received 0317 hrs of probably two enemy planes over MORESBY Area. These planes made run over the area from S to NE and were engaged by H1,H3 and H6. Searchlights were unable to pick upmtarget. Aircraft engaged at heights of 17000 to 19000 feet and in all a total of 109 rounds were expended. Approx.six bombs were dropped at NE end of 7 MILE Drome and included incendiaries. White warning received at approx 0445 hrs.	
			2. RESULTS :No damage or casualties.	
			3. METEOROLOGICAL :Fine - clear, and hot.	
			4. MONTHLY REVIEW :Monthly review issued.	See Appendix III.

[signature] Maj
O/C 2/17 Aust Lt AA Bty

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APPENDIX II

STRENGTH.

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W.3008	-	14 Nov 42
W.3009	-	"
W.3008	-	21 Nov 42
W.3009	-	"
W.3008	-	28 Nov 42
W.3009	-	"

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

2/17 AUST LT AA BTY A I F (Unit)
WE III/27A/1 6 x 206 attached NIL and 2

PART A—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached)	Surplus to Establishment	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment.)
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels			
1 Majors	1		
1 Captains	–		1
2 Lieutenants	2		
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
4 Totals	3		1

WE
GHR + 2 Tpo

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank	Name	Corps	Date	Cause

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank	Name	Corps	Date	Cause

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

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

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

(i) Officers Posted to Unit (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	Personal Number	Name and Initials	Corps Appointment	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed
T/Maj	Nx 77280	SANDERS E H	OC	YES	
Lieut	Nx 65927	KERR D T	A Tp	YES	
	Nx 52615	MILLAR J R F	D Tp	YES	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	Personal Number	Name and Initials	Corps	Date of attachment	Nature of attachment

2/17 AUST Lt AA BTY A I F
(Unit)

[illegible] for E Sanders Maj
(Signature of Commander)

7 Nov 42
(Date of Despatch)

[illegible]
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving)

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

2/17 AUST LY AA BTY A1F (Unit) 7 Nov 1942 (Date).

To be furnished by all units and all Headquarter units.)

WE III/27A/1

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

BHQ & 2 Tps

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.			
1 W.Os. Class II.	-		1
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants			
1 Staff Serjeants	1	-	-
8 Serjeants	8		-
10 Corporals	11	1	-
9 of Troopers, Privates, &c.	98	4	
1 of TOTALS	118	* 5	* 1

*These totals should agree with the details shown in Part D on page 2 of Army Form W.3009.

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
Personnel attached against WE		Other attachments	
		1 Cpl - AAMC	
1 Cpl AAMC		2 O/R - Det Sigs 2/1 AA Bde	

Part C. Description of other ranks whose return to the unit is particularly requested.

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

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PART D. Detail of Surplus or Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W. 3009.

Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)
Ammunition Examiners			Fire Control Operators			Panel Beaters		
Armament Artificers			Fitters		1	Pattern Makers		
Armourers			Fitters and Turners			Pharmacists		
Artificers, Artillery			Fitters, Cycle			Photographers, dry plate		
Axemen			Fitters, Drivers			Photographers, wet plate		
Bakers			Fitter's Mates			Photo-Writers		
Battery Surveyors			Fitters, M.V.			Plate Layers		
Battery Comdrs. Asst.			Fitters, Railway Signal			Plumbers		
Blacksmiths			Fitters, Signal			Predictor Numbers		
Boilermakers			Grinders			Printers		
Bricklayers			Gun Layers		1	Radiator Mechanics		
Butchers			G.P.O. Assistants			Radiographers		
Camouflage Modeller			Gun Operators			Range Takers		
Carpenter and Joiner			Hammermen			Riggers		
Clerks			Height Takers			Rivetters		
Clerks, Engineering			Helio Operators			Saddlers		
Clerks, Supply			Instrument Mechanics			Saddle Tree Makers		
Clerks, Technical			Instrument Mechanics, Surgical			Saw Doctors		
Coachmakers			Instrument Operators	14		Sawyers		
Computers			Intelligence Duties			Shoemakers		
Concretors			Joiners			Signallers		
Cooks	1		Leather Stitchers			Signwriters		
Cooks, Hospital			Linesmen			Stokers, Stationary Engine		
Coppersmiths			Linesmen, Signals			Storemen, Technical		
Dental Clerk Orderlies			Lithographers			Surveyors		
Despatch Riders			Machinists			Surveyors, Engineering		
Dispensers			Masons			Tailors		
Draughtsmen			Masseurs			Telescope Identification Numbers		
Draughtsmen, Architectural			Mechanics, Dental			Textile Refitters		
Draughtsmen, Mechanical			Mechanics, M.T.			Tinsmiths		
Draughtsmen, Signal			Mechanics, Typewriter			Toolmakers		
Draughtsmen, Topographical			Mechanics, Wireless			Turners		
Driver Mechanics		1	Millwrights			Vulcanizers		
Driver Operators			Miners			Wagon Erectors		
Drivers, Transportation Plant			Moulders			Watchmakers		
Electrical Fitters			Nursing Orderlies			Watermen		
Electricians			Nursing Orderlies (Mental)			Welders		
Electricians, Eng. Units			Nurses, Trained			Well Borers		
Electricians, Signal			Observation Post Assistants			Wheelers		
Engine Artificers			Operating Room Assistants			Whitesmiths		
Engine Hands I/C			Operators, Signal			Wiremen		
Equipment Repairers			Opticians			Woodturners		
Farriers			Painters					
General Duty Personnel		8						
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)	1	9		14	2			

Notes—(a) If rank other than Private is involved give details on back.
(b) Authorised Trades or Specialists not included in list above will be added as required in spaces provided.

2/17 AUST LT AA BTY AIF
Unit.

J R Price S/Sgt for E Sanders Maj
Signature of Commander.

AA Gp Port Moresby
Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

Date of Despatch 7 Nov 42

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

2/17 AUST Lt AA BTY A1F (Unit)
WE III/27A/1 6 + 206 attached NIL and 2

PART A—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached)	Surplus to Establishment	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment.)
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels			
1 Majors	1		
1 Captains			1
2 Lieutenants	2		
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
4 Totals	3		1

WE CHQ + 2 Tps

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank	Name	Corps	Date	Cause

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank	Name	Corps	Date	Cause

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

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

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

(i) Officers Posted to Unit (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	Personal Number	Name and Initials	Corps Appointment	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed
T/Lt	NX 77280	SANDERS E H	O C	YES	
Lieut	NX 65727	KERR D J	A Tn	"	
"	NX 52615	MILLAR J R F	D Tn	"	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	Personal Number	Name and Initials	Corps	Date of attachment	Nature of attachment

2/17 AUST Lt AA BTY AIF
(Unit)

[signature]
(Signature of Commander)

14 Nov 42
(Date of Despatch)

AA Gp Pt Lonsdy
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving)

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

2/17 Aust Lt AA Bty A.I.F. (Unit) 14 Nov 19 42 (Date).

To be furnished by all units and all Headquarter units.)

WE III/27A/1

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

BHQ + 2 Tps

1 Detail.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.			
1 W.Os. Class II.	-	-	1
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants			
1 Staff Serjeants	1	-	-
8 Serjeants	8	-	-
10 Corporals	11	1	-
94 Troopers, Privates, &c.	99	5	-
114 TOTALS	119	* 6	* 1

*These totals should agree with the details shown in Part D on page 2 of Army Form W.3009.

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
Personnel attached against WE		Other attachments	
		1 Cpl. AA PC	
1 Cpl. AA MC		2 Sdrs. Det Sigs	2/1 AA Bde

Part C. Description of other ranks whose return to the unit is particularly requested.

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

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2/17 MUST LT AA 6TH AIF Unit.

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PART D. Detail of Surplus or Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W. 3009.

Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)
Ammunition Examiners			Fire Control Operators			Panel Beaters		
Armament Artificers			Fitters		1	Pattern Makers		
Armourers			Fitters and Turners			Pharmacists		
Artificers, Artillery			Fitters, Cycle			Photographers, dry plate		
Axemen			Fitters, Drivers			Photographers, wet plate		
Bakers			Fitter's Mates			Photo-Writers		
Battery Surveyors			Fitters, M.V.			Plate Layers		
Battery Comdrs. Asst.			Fitters, Railway Signal			Plumbers		
Blacksmiths			Fitters, Signal			Predictor Numbers		
Boilermakers			Grinders			Printers		
Bricklayers			Gun Layers		1	Radiator Mechanics		
Butchers			G.P.O. Assistants			Radiographers		
Camouflage Modeller			Gun Operators			Range Takers		
Carpenter and Joiner			Hammermen			Riggers		
Clerks			Height Takers			Rivetters		
Clerks, Engineering			Helio Operators			Saddlers		
Clerks, Supply			Instrument Mechanics			Saddle Tree Makers		
Clerks, Technical			Instrument Mechanics, Surgical			Saw Doctors		
Coachmakers			Instrument Operators	15		Sawyers		
Computers			Intelligence Duties			Shoemakers		
Concretors			Joiners			Signallers		
Cooks	1		Leather Stitchers			Signwriters		
Cooks, Hospital			Linesmen			Stokers, Stationary Engine		
Coppersmiths			Linesmen, Signals			Storemen, Technical		
Dental Clerk Orderlies			Lithographers			Surveyors		
Despatch Riders			Machinists			Surveyors, Engineering		
Dispensers			Masons			Tailors		
Draughtsmen			Masseurs			Telescope Identification Numbers		
Draughtsmen, Architectural			Mechanics, Dental			Textile Refitters		
Draughtsmen, Mechanical			Mechanics, M.T.			Tinsmiths		
Draughtsmen, Signal			Mechanics, Typewriter			Toolmakers		
Draughtsmen, Topographical			Mechanics, Wireless			Turners		
Driver Mechanics		1	Millwrights			Vulcanizers		
Driver Operators			Miners			Wagon Erectors		
Drivers, Transportation Plant			Moulders			Watchmakers		
Electrical Fitters			Nursing Orderlies			Watermen		
Electricians			Nursing Orderlies (Mental)			Welders		
Electricians, Eng. Units			Nurses, Trained			Well Borers		
Electricians, Signal			Observation Post Assistants			Wheelers		
Engine Artificers			Operating Room Assistants			Whitesmiths		
Engine Hands I/C			Operators, Signal			Wiremen		
Equipment Repairers			Opticians			Woodturners		
Farriers			Painters					
General Duty Personnel		8						
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)	1	9		15	7			

Notes—(a) If rank other than Private is involved give details on back.
(b) Authorised Trades or Specialists not included in list above will be added as required in spaces provided.

2/17 MUST LT AA 6TH AIF
Unit.

Alexander Hay
Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch 14 Nov 42

AA Gp Port Kembla
Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

2/7 Aust Fd A.A Bty. A.I.F. (Unit)
WE III/270/1. 6 x 20b. attached. Nil and 2.

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

WE. BHQ + 2 Tpt

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels			
1 Majors	1		1
1 Captains			
2 Lieutenants	2		
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
4 Totals	3		1

*Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
		✓		

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
		✓		

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

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

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

(i) Officers posted to Unit (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A).

1 Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	2 Personal Number.	3 Name and Initials.	4 Corps.	5 Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No).	6 If not present with Unit, state how employed.
			Appointment		
T/Maj	NX 77280	Sanders E. H.	Qr.	Yes	
Lieut	NX 65927	Kerr D. J.	A Tp	"	
Lieut	VX 52615	Millar J. R. F.	D Tp	"	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.

2/7 Aust H.A.A. Bty A.I.F.
(Unit.)

21 Nov 42
(Date of Despatch.)

(Signature of Commander.)

A.A. Gp Port Moresby
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

WE III/27A/1

2/7 Aust Fd Aaty A.I.F. (Unit) 21 Nov 1942 (Date).

To be furnished by all units and all Headquarter units.)

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1 Detail.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments).
BHQ + 2 Tps			
W.Os. Class I.			
1 W.Os. Class II.			1
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants			
1 Staff Serjeants	1		
8 Serjeants	7		1
10 Corporals	11	1	
94 Troopers, Privates, &c.	100	6	
114 TOTALS	119	* 7	* 2

*These totals should agree with the details shown in Part D on page 2 of Army Form W.3009.

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
Personnel attached against W.E.		Nil attachments	
1 Cpl	A.A.M.C.	1 Cpl	A.A.P.C.
		2 Gnrs	Det Hqs 2/1 A.A. Bde

Part C. Description of other ranks whose return to the unit is particularly requested.

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

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2/7 Aust Q'master A.I.F. Unit.

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PART D. Detail of Surplus or Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W. 3009.

Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)
Ammunition Examiners			Fire Control Operators			Panel Beaters		
Armament Artificers			Fitters		1	Pattern Makers		
Armourers			Fitters and Turners			Pharmacists		
Artificers, Artillery			Fitters, Cycle			Photographers, dry plate		
Axemen			Fitters, Drivers			Photographers, wet plate		
Bakers			Fitter's Mates			Photo-Writers		
Battery Surveyors			Fitters, M.V.			Plate Layers		
Battery Comdrs. Asst.			Fitters, Railway Signal			Plumbers		
Blacksmiths			Fitters, Signal			Predictor Numbers		
Boilermakers			Grinders			Printers		
Bricklayers			Gun Layers		1	Radiator Mechanics		
Butchers			G.P.O. Assistants			Radiographers		
Camouflage Modeller			Gun Operators			Range Takers		
Carpenter and Joiner			Hammermen			Riggers		
Clerks			Height Takers			Rivetters		
Clerks, Engineering			Helio Operators			Saddlers		
Clerks, Supply			Instrument Mechanics			Saddle Tree Makers		
Clerks, Technical			Instrument Mechanics, Surgical			Saw Doctors		
Coachmakers			Instrument Operators	15		Sawyers		
Computers			Intelligence Duties			Shoemakers		
Concretors			Joiners			Signallers		
Cooks	1		Leather Stitchers			Signwriters		
Cooks, Hospital			Linesmen			Stokers, Stationary Engine		
Coppersmiths			Linesmen, Signals			Storemen, Technical		
Dental Clerk Orderlies			Lithographers			Surveyors		
Despatch Riders			Machinists			Surveyors, Engineering		
Dispensers			Masons			Tailors		
Draughtsmen			Masseurs			Telescope Identification Numbers		
Draughtsmen, Architectural			Mechanics, Dental			Textile Refitters		
Draughtsmen, Mechanical			Mechanics, M.T.			Tinsmiths		
Draughtsmen, Signal			Mechanics, Typewriter			Toolmakers		
Draughtsmen, Topographical			Mechanics, Wireless			Turners		
Driver Mechanics		1	Millwrights			Vulcanizers		
Driver Operators			Miners			Wagon Erectors		
Drivers, Transportation Plant			Moulders			Watchmakers		
Electrical Fitters			Nursing Orderlies			Watermen		
Electricians			Nursing Orderlies (Mental)			Welders		
Electricians, Eng. Units			Nurses, Trained			Well Borers		
Electricians, Signal			Observation Post Assistants			Wheelers		
Engine Artificers			Operating Room Assistants			Whitesmiths		
Engine Hands I/C			Operators, Signal			Wiremen		
Equipment Repairers			Opticians			Woodturners		
Farriers			Painters					
Guard duty personnel		8						
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)	1	9		15	2			

Notes—(a) If rank other than Private is involved give details on back.
(b) Authorised Trades or Specialists not included in list above will be added as required in spaces provided.

2/7 Aust Q A Sig A.I.F. — Unit.

A Brandon Maj — Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch 21 Nov 42

A.A.G.S. Southern Area — Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

2/17 AUST LT AA. BTY/ A.I.F. *Unit*

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	**Posted** strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
WE BAR 2 TOO.			
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels			
1 Majors	1		
1 Captains	-		1
2 Lieutenants	2		
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
4 Totals	3	-	1

* Insert detail of higher rank as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

(i) Officers posted to Unit (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A).

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps. Appointment	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
T/Maj.	NX 77280	SANDERS E H	OC.	Yes.	
Lieut.	NX 65927	KERR D J	"A" Tp	"	
"	VX 52615	MILLAR J R F	"D" Tp.	"	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of attachment.

2/17 Aust Lt AA Bty A.I.F.
(Unit.)

28 Nov 42.
(Date of Despatch.)

(Signature of Commander.)

(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

2/17 AUST LT AA BTY AIF (Unit) 28 Nov 1942 (Date).

WE III/27A/1 To be furnished by all units and all Headquarter units.)

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
BHQ + 2 Tps Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.			
1 W.Os. Class II.			1
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants			
1 Staff Serjeants	1		
8 Serjeants	7		1
10 Corporals	11	1	
94 Troopers, Privates, &c.	102	8	
114 TOTALS	121	* 9	* 2

*These totals should agree with the details shown in Part D on page 2 of Army Form W.3009.

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
Personnel attached against WE		Other attachments	
1 Cpl - AAMC		1 Cpl - AAPC	
		2 O/Rs. Det Sigs	2/1 AA Bde

Part C. Description of other ranks whose return to the unit is particularly requested.

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

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PART D. Detail of Surplus or Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W. 3009.

Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)
Ammunition Examiners			Fire Control Operators			Panel Beaters		
Armament Artificers			Fitters		1	Pattern Makers		
Armourers			Fitters and Turners			Pharmacists		
Artificers, Artillery			Fitters, Cycle			Photographers, dry plate		
Axemen			Fitters, Drivers			Photographers, wet plate		
Bakers			Fitter's Mates			Photo-Writers		
Battery Surveyors			Fitters, M.V.			Plate Layers		
Battery Comdrs. Asst.			Fitters, Railway Signal			Plumbers		
Blacksmiths			Fitters, Signal			Predictor Numbers		
Boilermakers			Grinders			Printers		
Bricklayers			Gun Layers		1	Radiator Mechanics		
Butchers			G.P.O. Assistants			Radiographers		
Camouflage Modeller			Gun Operators			Range Takers		
Carpenter and Joiner			Hammermen			Riggers		
Clerks			Height Takers			Rivetters		
Clerks, Engineering			Helio Operators			Saddlers		
Clerks, Supply			Instrument Mechanics			Saddle Tree Makers		
Clerks, Technical			Instrument Mechanics, Surgical			Saw Doctors		
Coachmakers			Instrument Operators	15		Sawyers		
Computers			Intelligence Duties			Shoemakers		
Concretors			Joiners			Signallers		
Cooks	1		Leather Stitchers			Signwriters		
Cooks, Hospital			Linesmen			Stokers, Stationary Engine		
Coppersmiths			Linesmen, Signals			Storemen, Technical		
Dental Clerk Orderlies			Lithographers			Surveyors		
Despatch Riders			Machinists			Surveyors, Engineering		
Dispensers			Masons			Tailors		
Draughtsmen			Masseurs			Telescope Identification Numbers		
Draughtsmen, Architectural			Mechanics, Dental			Textile Refitters		
Draughtsmen, Mechanical			Mechanics, M.T.			Tinsmiths		
Draughtsmen, Signal			Mechanics, Typewriter			Toolmakers		
Draughtsmen, Topographical			Mechanics, Wireless			Turners		
Driver Mechanics		1	Millwrights			Vulcanizers		
Driver Operators			Miners			Wagon Erectors		
Drivers, Transportation Plant			Moulders			Watchmakers		
Electrical Fitters			Nursing Orderlies			Watermen		
Electricians			Nursing Orderlies (Mental)			Welders		
Electricians, Eng. Units			Nurses, Trained			Well Borers		
Electricians, Signal			Observation Post Assistants			Wheelers		
Engine Artificers			Operating Room Assistants			Whitesmiths		
Engine Hands I/C			Operators, Signal			Wiremen		
Equipment Repairers			Opticians			Woodturners		
Farriers			Painters					
General Duty personnel		6						
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)	1	7		15	2			

Notes—(a) If rank other than Private is involved give details on back.
(b) Authorised Trades or Specialists not included in list above will be added as required in spaces provided.

2/17 AUST LT AA BTY AIF
Unit.

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Signature of Commander.

AA Gp. Pt. Moresby
Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

Date of Despatch 28 Nov 42

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APPENDIX III

MONTHLY REVIEW - 30 Nov 42.

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2/17 Aust Lt A A Bty.

MONTHLY REVIEW ..... NOVEMBER, 1942.

4. OPERATIONS.

(a) ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY.

Again the air activity of the enemy was confined to nuisance raids by few aircraft at night. Because of clouds, only one target was illuminated and as usual was too high for the Light A A guns.

On 1 Nov 42, two planes came over between 0440 and 0505 hrs and dropped bombs into the sea. Visibility was very poor at the time.

Again on 24 Nov 42 one plane made two runs at 2050 hrs and dropped six bombs, several of which were indendiary. All these fell well inland near the 2/9 A.G.H. and well away from anything of much military value. It was acloudy night.

On 27 Nov 42 at 0244 hrs in bright moonlight three (3) enemy Type 97 Medium bombers flew in from SW at 16000 feet and over 300 rounds were fired by Heavy AA guns. Immediately the AA opened the planes climbed to 19000 feet. Bombs, both HE and incendiary, were dropped well off the aerodrome.

On 30 Nov 42 at 0317 hrs two (2) planes were over and dropped bombs. Clouds hid the target.

No damage and no casualties resulted from all these raids.

(b) MOVEMENT.

2 Nov 42. The Battery was advised that BHQ. and the two troops still remaining in MORESBY were to move and the Battery was placed on twelve (12) hours notice. The destination was BUNA and the ship (M.V."Van Heutz" - a Dutchman) could carry portion of the transport. In all six (6) 3 Tonners and six (6) Tractors were to remain behind.

Notice to move to wharf by 2000 hrs, 6 Nov 42, was received but later was changed to 0700 hrs, 7 Nov 42. Guns were taken out of action during the night and the positions were taken over by an American Light AA Battery. Campsites were cleared and loading commenced at 0730 hrs, finishing in the late afternoon. M.C.O. then advised that personnel were not required for embarkation until notified, so they returned to the old BHQ. site. Then on 8 Nov 42 personnel were transferred to 1 Aust Corps Reception Camp to be ready for immediate movement. From then on nothing has happened. A party is sent to limber the guns occasionally, and, despite the guard aboard the ship, anything worth pilfering is gradually going. The personnel go for marches and an occasional swim, and are lent to various ordnance stores for fatigues.

A signal received on 16 Nov stated that the two troops under Bty Capt. were ready for action on 10 Nov., but other than that no messages have arrived.

N.G.Force advised that on 28 Nov 'B' Troop started to move to PORLOCK HARBOUR, Ref Maf TUFI 1:253440.

On the same day N.G.Force advised that one Troop ('A' Troop was selected) was to be ready to load on the SS "Matafele, the top lift of which was one ton. This means dismantling the guns after they have been unloaded from the M.V."Van Heutz", to get them aboard the small island steamer allotted. This has been pointed out to C.C.R.A.

2. COMMUNICATIONS.

Until the Battery is more or less together again communication apparently will remain very poor. It is very rarely that any word is received from the Bty Capt. and his war diary must have been lost in transit somewhere. The remainder of the Battery living in a 'staging' camp can be readily reached on the complicated Telephone System at present giving satisfactory service in the Area.

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3. HEALTH.

The average in hospital this month is slightly increased. This can be accounted for by the constant change of living conditions. Several men had attacks of malaria at MILNE BAY, but this was apparently brought on by sleeping in the rain on one occasion. The hospital list is still small.

4. METEOROLOGICAL.

November brings promise of the expected wet season. The days seem to be hotter and humidity is definitely higher. Occasionally it rains, and when this happens there is generally about an inch within the hour. The grass is growing again and almost visibly, so the monotonous brown landscape is becoming green.

The nights are generally cloudy and AA barrage is usually adopted in consequence, when a target is over.

5. COMMAND.

Lt.Col E.M.Kent took over command of AA Group, PORT MORESBY on 23 Nov 42.

This Battery, now being part of the LILLIPUT FORCE, comes under administration of that Force.

6. CONCLUSION.

This month started very actively for the portion of the Battery still remaining in PORT MORESBY, but as BUNA has not yet fallen we are still waiting patiently.

We have now spent six months here and have learnt a great deal about tropical living. Hygiene, both camp and personal are of paramount importance, whilst anti-mosquito activity follows closely. Our resistance is lower than it was, and whether this is brought on by diet, monotony, heat or all of them, is debatable. Nevertheless a long march now is much more tiring than five months ago.

The Jap is father away than for months and we are just waiting for orders for the rest of the Battery to move on. BUNA will be in Allied hands soon, at the present rate.

Rumour discloses that units bound for these parts see this review, and for any benefit that might accrue therefrom, a copy will be continued to be sent to N.S.W. each month.

E.H.Sanders

E.H.SANDERS. Maj.
O.C. 2/17 Aust Lt AA Bty., AIF.

PORT MORESBY.

30 Nov 42.

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R.L.O. Milne Bay
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Unit 2/17 Aust. Lt. A.A. Bty. Detached. A + B. Tps. Date and Time.—From 1200 hrs. 19th Dec. '42 To

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Hamson	19th Dec. '42	1200 hrs.	Uneventful.	
Hamson	20th Dec. '42		Uneventful	
Hamson	21st Dec. '42		Musketry practice carried out by 4+5 Sects. 'B' Troop.	
Hamson	22nd Dec '42		Artillery practice was carried out by 2. 25 pdr guns of 2/5 Aust. Fd. Regt.	
Hamson	23rd Dec '42		Owing to unsafe conditions in the cliff face, caused by heavy rainfall, arrangements are in hand to shift No 2 Sect. 'A' Tp to a position approx. 50 yds further along the beach.	
Hamson	24th Dec. '42		Owing to transport being unavailable to us, No 2 Sect. 'A' Troop's shift is postponed until transport is available to us. Capt Holt obtained permission from C.O. 25 Aust. Inf. Btn, for the purpose of travelling to 'C' Troop at Katrack for an inspection of conditions	

R.L.O. Milne Bay

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2/1/43. Detached A & B. Sps.

Unit 2/17 Aust Lt. A.A. Bty

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Date and Time.—From 1200 hrs. 19th Dec. '42 To 1200 hrs. 26th Dec. '42

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Records Office, N.G. L. of C. Area, Port Moresby
4 JAN 1943

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Hanson	24th Dec '42	(Continued)	prevailing there re. the troops health.	
Hanson.	25th Dec '42		Capt Holt accompanied by Gnr Bunn left for Hatrack	
			at 0300 hrs per M.V. "Desikoko". Rest of day	
			uneventful	
Hanson	26th Dec. '42	1200 hrs.	Uneventful	

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H. 100M 2/42

Unit Detached A & B. Tps. 8/17 Aust. Lt. A.A. Bty. Date and Time.—From 1200 hrs 26th Dec. 42 To 1200 hrs. 2nd Jan '43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Hansom	26th Dec. '42	From 1200 hrs	Uneventful	
Hansom	27th Dec 42		No. 2 Sect. A. Troop's gun was moved to the new position satisfactorily. Mail & comfort's parcels arrived.	
Hansom	28th Dec. 42		Uneventful. Canteen stores arrived at 25th Aust. Inf. Btn's canteen and an issue was made to this unit.	
Hansom	29th Dec. '42		Uneventful.	
Hansom	30th Dec. '42		Uneventful. Supplementary issue of rations made.	
Hansom	31st Dec. 42		Uneventful. at 2230 hrs. a "stand-to" was ordered as a result of suspected naval activity off Tufi. "Stand down" was ordered at 2330 hrs.	
Hansom.	1st Jan. '43		Uneventful	
Hansom	2nd Jan. '43	To 1200 hrs.	A proof shoot was carried out by Sections 1, 2 & 3 of "A" Troop. 33 rounds being fired.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
PORT MORESBY	1 Dec 42	1.	OPERATIONS. Message received from Maj Brogan Q (Movts) N.G.F. instructing that 1 Tp with equipment will move on S.S."Cannonbar". "A" Tp was immediately selected and Lieut D.J.Kerr advised to be ready to transhhip Tp stores from M.V. "Van Heutz" to the ship selected. Signal was received previously that ~~this move would be per S.S."Matafele"; but on~~ inquiries being made it was found that the toplift of this ship is 15 cwt only.	
		2.	METEOROLOGICAL. Fine, hot and sultry.	
"	2 Dec 42	1.	OPERATIONS. Nil.	
		2.	METEOROLOGICAL. Fine, hot and scattered cloud.	
"	3 Dec 42	1.	OPERATIONS. 0800 hrs to 2100 hrs "A" Tp guns, ammo and stores ~~were transhipped by lighter. No transport was taken~~ off the M.V."Van Heutz.	
		2.	METEOROLOGICAL. Fine, hot and sultryl	
"	4 Dec 42	1.	OPERATIONS. Nil.	
		2.	METEOROLOGICAL. Fine, hot and sultry.	
"	5 Dec 42	1.	Operations. 0800 hrs S.S."Cannonbar" with Lieut D.J.Kerr and "A" Tp personnel with guns, ammo and stores ~~sailed from PORT MORESBY for PORLOCK HARBOUR.~~	
		2.	STRENGTH. 3 Offrs, and 124 O/Rs (incl 4 attached).	See Appendix II
		3.	METEOROLOGICAL. Fine, hot and very sultry.	
"	6 Dec 42.	1.	OPERATIONS. Nil.	
		2.	METEOROLOGICAL. Fine, hot and very sultry.	
"	7 Dec 42.	1.	OPERATIONS. Nil.	
		2.	METEOROLOGICAL. Fine, hot and sultry.	
"	8 Dec 42	1.	OPERATIONS. Nil.	
		2.	METEOROLOGICAL. Fine and hot.	
"	9 Dec 42	1.	OPERATIONS. Fine and hot with scattered cloud.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
PORT MORESBY	10 Dec 42		1. OPERATIONS. At 0700 hrs notification received that BHQ and "D" Tp were to vacate MURRAY BARRACKS and establish a camp site in the vicinity of the remainder of the LILIPUT Force at PARI ref map Port Moresby special 934312. The LILIPUT Force now comes under 6 Aust Div for administration. ~~Move completed at 1100 hrs.~~	
			2. METEOROLOGICAL. Fine, very hot and sultry.	
"	11 Dec 42		1. OPERATIONS. At 1500 hrs commenced unloading of Unit equipment and stores from M.V."Van Heutz". All equipment and stores taken to PARI. Unloading complete at 0430 hrs 12 Dec 42.	
			2. ~~METEOROLOGICAL. Fine and hot.~~	
"	12 Dec 42		1. OPERATIONS. At 1545 hrs Subsecs 10 and 12 "D" Tp occupied positions as per SITREP of 14 Dec 42.	See Appendix IV.
			2. STRENGTH. 2 Offrs, and 82 O/Rs.(incl 2 attached).	See Appendix II.
			3. METEOROLOGICAL. Fine, hot and sultry - slightly overcast.	
"	13 Dec 42		1. OPERATIONS. 1. At 1200 hrs B.H.Q. and "D" T.H.Q. occupied position as per SITREP of 14 Dec 42.	See Appendix IV.
			At 1830 hrs Subsec 11 "D" Tp Occupied position as per SITREP of 14 Dec 42.	See Appendix IV.
			2. ~~Red warning received approx 2357 hrs of u/i~~ aircraft over Port Moresby area. This aircraft made three runs. Approx 9 bombs in all were dropped S.E. and west of WARDS 'Drome. No damage or casualties reported. White warning 0108 hrs 14 Dec 42.	
			2. METEORLOGICAL. Fine, hot and sultry.	
"	14 Dec 42		1. OPERATIONS. Yellow warning 1954 hrs, Red warning 1955 hrs. U/i A/C approaching from North. This aircraft made 2 runs at heights of 18,500 to 22,500 feet. Approx 2 bombs dropped. Hy AA Stations engaged	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
PORT MORESBY	14 Dec 42		1.OPERATIONS. (cont'd) expending a total of 378 rounds. Nil damage or casualties reported.	
			2.METEOROLOGICAL. Hot and sultry - overcast at times.	
"	15 Dec 42		1.OPERATIONS. Red warning received 2051 hrs. Plane(s) came in from south at a height of 15,000 ft. Bombs dropped in the 5 mile valley and in 53 Bty, 14 Fd Regt Camp. No damage or casualties reported. On second run planes came in from SW and bombs dropped in vicinity of WARDS 'Drome. Heights on this run ranged from 21,500 - 19,500 ft. Some casualties resulted. All Hy AA Stations engaged - 740 rounds expended. One plane probably destroyed.	
			2.METEOROLOGICAL. Overcast early morning - humid, fine and clear rest of day. Shower late afternoon. Cloudy night.	
"	16 Dec 42		1.OPERATIONS. Nil.	
			2.METEOROLOGICAL. Fine with scattered cloud - very hot and sultry.	
"	17 Dec 42		1.OPERATIONS. Nil.	
			2.METEOROLOGICAL. Fine and clear - very hot. Rain late afternoon and night.	
"	18 Dec 42		1.OPERATIONS. 1. At 0900 hrs B.H.Q. moved to new position as per SITREP of 18 Dec 42.	See Appendix IV.
			2. Advise received from H.Q. AA Def that "A" Tp arrived safely at destination.	
			3. Yellow warning 0033 hrs, Red Warning 0035 hrs. U/i a/c, probably two, made one run over area at height of 24,000 ft down to 20,500 ft, and dropped approx 8-10 bombs Northeast of H.11. No damage or casualties reported.	
			2.METEOROLOGICAL. Hot - humidity high. Overcast late afternoon and night.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
PORT MORESBY	19 Dec 42		1.OPERATIONS. At 2000 hrs instructions received from RAA NGF that 2/17 Bty less 3 Tps to be prepared to load onto ship on 20 Dec 42 for MILNE BAY on way to HAIROIL Force at ORO BAY.	
			2.STRENGTH. 2 Offrs, and 82 O/Rs (incl 2 attached).	See Appendix II.
			3.METEOROLOGICAL. Overcast - Southeast breeze.	
"	20 Dec 42		1.OPERATIONS. At 1130 hrs interviewed Q (Movts) N.G.F. re loads and dimensions. Arrangements made to leave unwanted stores and transport with AA Def NGF. Arrangements made with NGF to draw 1 lorry, ¼ ton 4x4.	
			2.METEOROLOGICAL. Overcast, humid. Rain late afternoon and night.	
"	21 Dec 42		1.OPERATIONS. 0600 hrs drew 1 lorry, ¼ton 4x4 from 14 Inf Bde.	
			2.METEOROLOGICAL. Hot and very windy.	
"	22 Dec 42		1.OPERATIONS. Red warning 0020 hrs of U/I aircraft approaching from SE. One P38 airborne to intercept.	
			The A/c made one run at height of 22,000 ft. Approx 10 incendiary bombs were dropped at NE end of 7 Mile 'Drome. No casualties or damage.	
			2.METEOROLOGICAL. Fine, hot and humid. Shower early evening.	
"	23 Dec 42		1.OPERATIONS. Nil.	
			2.METEOROLOGICAL. Fine and hot - showers late afternoon.	
"	24 Dec 42		1.OPERATIONS. Nil.	
			2.METEOROLOGICAL. Fine and hot - showers at night.	
"	25 Dec 42		1.OPERATIONS : At 1000 hrs, B.M., AA Defences HQ., advised that movement of the remainder of Bty has been arranged for 26 Dec 42. Complete stores and eqpt to be taken, except Transport. - 4 lorries, 3 ton: and 4 vans only to go - ship selected "S.S.BALIK PAPEN".	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
PORT MORESBY	25 Dec 42		1. OPERATIONS -(cont'd). At 1520 hrs - HQ., 6 Aust Div called for data of loads and weights; and advised that 4 lorries, 3ton; 4 quad tractors, 6 vans 15 cwt; 9 motor cycles and 1 Jeep were to be taken.	
			2. ORDERS. B.R.O. No 21/42 issued dated 24 Dec 42.	See Appendix I
			3. METEOROLOGICAL; Fine, clear and hot - SE breeze - showers in early evening.	
"	26 Dec 42		1. OPERATIONS 0830 hrs - M.C.O. has no advice of Unit's move.	
			1900 hrs - M.C.O. advised that loading was to commence on following morning - one 3 ton lorry and 4 Quad tractors not to be loaded.	
			2. STRENGTH. 2 Offrs and 82 O/Rs (including 2 attached)	See Appendix II
"	27 Dec 42		3. METEOROLOGICAL. Fine and clear - very hot - showers in early evening.	
"	27 Dec 42		1. OPERATIONS. Guns taken out of action at approx 1000 hrs awaiting loading instructions. Loading stores &c onto M.V. "BALIK PAPEN" commenced at approx 1400 hrs. Guns called forward at 2200 hrs - taken to wharf and loading left till following morning.	
"	28 Dec 42		2. METEOROLOGICAL. Fine and clear - very hot.	
"	28 Dec 42.		1. OPERATIONS. Loading completed without hitch by 1700 hrs. Advised personnel required by p.m. on 31 Dec.	
			2. METEOROLOGICAL. Fine and clear - very hot.	
"	29 Dec 42		1. OPERATIONS. Nil.	
			2. METEOROLOGICAL. Overcast - very humid - rain in afternoon and at night.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
~~PORT MORESBY~~	30 Dec 42		1. OPERATIONS. Nil. 2. METEOROLOGICAL. Fine and clear - very hot - slight SE breeze.	
"	31 Dec 42		1. OPERATIONS. 1800 hrs - Personnel embarked M.V."Balik Papen", with exception of seventeen (17) ~~O/Rs who remained to maintain and operate~~ remaining transport. 2. METEOROLOGICAL. Fine and clear - very hot -slight SE breeze. 3. MONTHLY REVIEW. Monthly Review issued.	See Appendix III

E.C. Evans Maj.

O.C. 2/17 Aust Lt A A Bty., AIF.

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APPENDIX. 1.

ORDERS.... Part A - External. NIL.

Part B - Internal.

B.R.O. 21/42, 24 Dec 42.

A.M.R.&O. 1587.
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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.
ROUTINE ORDERS
by
Major E.H.Sanders
O.C. 2/17 Aust Lt AA Bty

21/42

24 Dec 42.

1.CHANGE OF COMMAND.

On relinguishing command of this battery on 16 Oct 42 Capt P.B.Toose expressed his regret at leaving the unit with which he had such close connections, having been instrumental in its formation and of which he has been in command since its inception.

Maj Toose extends to the battery his good wishes for the future and on behalf of the battery I have expressed to him the hope that he will enjoy every success in his new occupation.

2.TRADING WITH NATIVES.

There appears hereunder a list of the maximum prices to be paid for produce and curios ordinarily sold by natives:-

Bananas	1/6 to 2/6 per bunch
Eggs	2/- per dozen
Fowls	2/6 each
Mandarins	9d per dozen
Mangoes	1/6 per dozen
Oranges	1/- per dozen
Paw Paws	3 to 4 per 1/- to size
Pineapples	3 to 4 per 1/-
Potatoes (Sweet)	½d per pound
Pumpkins	6d each
Sipora (Limes)	3d per dozen
Baskets	3/- to 8/-
Beads (strings)	1/- to 2/-
Bows	3/- to 4/-
Arrows	2 for 1/-
Canoes(model)	2/- to 3/-
Combs (wooden)	2/- to 3/-
Ganas (arm bands -wide)	1/- to 1/6
Ramies (Grass skirts) coarse	3/-
Ramies (Grass skirts) fine coloured	5/-
Spoons	6d each
Sticks (Malila Walking)	5/- to 15/-

(NGF Order 571)

3.SUPPLY DEPOTS - OUT OF BOUNDS.

All Supply Depots, incl roads between huts and stacks, are out of bounds to unauthorised persons and vehicles. Any such personnel found will be subject to severe disciplinary action. (NGF Order 569)

4.TRADING WITH NATIVES.

Natives have been brought before the District Court on charges of having Army Rations in their possession reasonably suspected of being stolen or unlawfully obtained.

On investigation it has been found that the goods were given them by soldiers in exchange for beads etc.

Trading with army rations is an offence (A.A. Sec 24 D.A. 79) and will cease forthwith.

5.INDISCRIMINATE USE OF SMALL ARMS.

The indiscriminate firing of SAA is to cease forthwith.

Such shooting endangers the lives of others unnecessarily.

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6. ORDERS RE BOMB LOCATION AND DISPOSAL.

(1) N.G.F. Order No.442 of 16 Sep is cancelled and the following order substituted.

(2) No person other than R.A.E. personnel detailed for the purpose will interfere with unexploded bombs, shells, exploded bomb fragments, craters, damaged building or installations. Souveniring enemy ammunition and components of bombs will not be permitted as these components in the right hands may lead to valuable information being obtained.

(3) Where bombs or shells fall in Unit areas the Unit in the locality will be responsible for placing a picquet to keep ALL PERSONNEL OUTSIDE A DISTANCE OF 100 YDS RADIUS of all unexploded bombs and shells until the area has been inspected by R.A.E. personnel specially trained in bomb disposal and advice issued to the Unit that the area is safe.

(4) All personnel of Units should be instructed to report immediately the presence of any crater, bomb, boobytrap, gas bomb, shell grenade, any explosive mechanism or any sample of gas contaminated material. This instruction is not however meant to deter personnel from making every effort to minimise damage caused by incendiary bombs.

(5) 1 Aust Ind Bomb Disposal Sec will be responsible for the disposal of all unexploded bombs in the Pt Moresby DEFENCE AREA. 1 Aust Ind Bomb Disposal Sec will be assisted as required by squads from R.A.E. Units located in the Pt MORESBY DEFENCE AREA except that unless the circumstances are exceptional, not more than one such squad will be supplied at any time by any Army Troops Coy.

(6) All unexploded bombs which are located outside the PORT MORESBY DEFENCE AREA are the responsibility of R.A.E. Field Units and Fortress Engineers R.A.E. located or operating in the area in which the bombs or shells fall.

(NGF Order 579)

7. TOBACCO AND CIGARETTES - FORWARDING TO AUSTRALIA.

1. The forwarding to AUSTRALIA of tobacco and cigarettes purchased at Canteens or provided by A.C.F. in NEW GUINEA is strictly forbidden.

2. Personnel are reminded that the consumption of tobacco and cigarettes by the civilian population in AUSTRALIA is severely rationed in order that troops in operational areas may be fully supplied.

3. Abuse of the privilege of purchasing excise-free tobacco must inevitably lead to its modification or cancellation in due course if not prevented by prompt action on the part of all concerned.

4. Tobacco and cigarettes found in parcels being forwarded to Australia will be confiscated and donated to the Red Cross.

(NGF Order 585)

8. SECURITY OF INFORMATION.

1. The attention of all ranks should be directed to the fact that the communication to any person, otherwise than in the course of official duty, of any naval, military or air force information is an offence under the Defence Act punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both.

2. An infringement of Army Field Censorship Instructions is an act of disloyalty which may incalculably harm the Allied cause. This fact will be impressed upon all ranks. Rigorous steps will be taken to punish every detected offender, irrespective of rank.

3. An officer is responsible if a letter, after being franked by him, contains military information. By aiding and abetting the commission of an offence, the officer himself commits an offence and is liable to punishment accordingly. This will not, however, absolve the writer of the letter from responsibility for the breach.

4. Penalties imposed for breaches of security will be notified in formation etc Part 1 Routine Orders and, where practicable, such notifications will be read out on parade to troops within the formation etc.

5. Contravention of this order if committed by an officer will be reported to LHQ so that, if thought necessary, the individual concerned may be called upon to show cause why his commission should not be cancelled.

(G.R.O. 561)

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9. MALARIA CONTROL MEASURES.
Each C.O. will be responsible for all anti-malaria work in his Unit lines and unit area.
He will ensure that:-
(i) Mosquito and sandfly nets are used throughout the night by all ranks not on duty,
(ii) Anti-mosquito cream (when available) will be applied to exposed portions of the body after dusk.
(iii) Measures are taken to prevent mosquitoes breeding within the camp area.
(iv) Action is taken for cases and suspected cases of malaria fever to be kept under mosquito nets as long as they remain in the Unit area. The same action will be taken in respect of febrile cases of all kinds, unless diagnosis of malaria can be definitely excluded.
(v) An anti-mosquito Squad is formed from Unit personnel. This will consist of 1 N.C.O. and 3 men per battalion or similar Unit and a proportionate number for other Units. Their work will be supervised by the Unit Medical Officer.
(vi) From dusk to sunrise all ranks will wear slacks with boots and anklets web, gaiters, S.D. or puttees, and long sleeved shirt buttoned at wrist and neck. The prohibition of wearing shorts or shirts not buttoned at the wrist and neck will be rigidly enforced.
(vii) The pamphlet, "The Prevention of Malaria" is distributed to all officers and that the information contained therein is conveyed to all N.C.Os and men. (This pamphlet will shortly be available).

QUININE.

(i) All ranks stationed in the MORESBY-LALOKI VALLEY Area, including ROUNA, will take one tablet of quinine daily with the evening meal.
(ii) All ranks stationed outside the abovementioned Area will take TWO tablets of quinine daily with the evening meal.
(iii) Before taking quinine tablets, each tablet should be crushed into several pieces and be well chewed before being swallowed.

(N.G.F. Order 496)

10. COMFORTS FUND ISSUE.
The following have been received from the Australian Comforts Fund for personnel of BHQ and "D" Tp :-

74 Pkts of Cigarettes
148 oz Tobacco
74 Pkts Cigarette Papers
74 A.C.F. Xmas Hampers.

11. APPOINTMENTS.

NX 73186	Gnr	Ross J.W.	to be	L/Bdr	22 Nov 42.
NX 55727	"	McIntyre N.	"	"	"

12. PROMOTIONS.

NX 73186	L/Bdr	Bathgate R.	to be	A/Bdr	22 Nov 42.
NX 84056	"	Oatley J.F.G?	"	"	"

13. REVERSIONS.

VX 63994	A/Bdr	Strickland T.G.	to rank of	Gnr	22 Nov 42.
NX 48316	L/Bdr	Robinson K.J.	"	"	"
NX 80541	A/Sgt	Watson W.	"	"	5 Dec 42. (at own request)

E.H. Sanders Maj.
O.C. 2/17 Aust Lt AA Bty

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APPENDIX. II

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

2/7 Aust L A A Bty AIF *Unit*

WE III/27A/1 6 x 20b. Attached. Nil and 2.

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 **Posted** strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
W.E. B.H.Q. 2 Tpo. *			
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels			
1 Majors	1		
1 Captains			1
2 Lieutenants	2		
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
4 Totals	3		1

* Insert detail of higher rank as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

(i) **Officers posted to Unit** (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A).

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	~~Corps.~~ Appointment	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
T/Maj	NX77280	Sanders E H	O C	Yes	
Lieut	NX65927	Kerr D J	A Tp	"	
Lieut	VX 52615	Millar J R F	D Tp	"	

(ii) **OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.**

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of attachment.

2/17 Aust Lt A A Bty AIF
(Unit.)

[signature]
(Signature of Commander.)

5 Dec 42
(Date of Despatch.)

A.A. Group Port Moresby
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

WE III/27A/1.

2/17 Aust Lt. A.A. Bty. AIF (Unit) 5 Dec 1942 (Date).

To be furnished by all units and all Headquarter units.)

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1 Detail.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments).
BHQ and 2 Tpt.			
W.Os. Class I.			
1 W.Os. Class II.			1
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants			
1 Staff Serjeants	1		
8 Serjeants	8		
10 Corporals	10		
94 Troopers, Privates, &c.	101	7	
111 TOTALS	120.	* 7	* 1

*These totals should agree with the details shown in Part D on page 2 of Army Form W.3009.

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
Personnel attached against WE		Other attachments.	
		1 Cpl. A.A.P.C.	
1 Cpl. A.A.M.C.		20 Pte. 101 Sig's 2/1 AA Bde	

Part C. Description of other ranks whose return to the unit is particularly requested.

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

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Return No. 17.

2/17 Aust Lt AA Bty. A.I.F. Unit.

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PART D. Detail of Surplus or Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W. 3009.

Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)
Ammunition Examiners			Fire Control Operators			Panel Beaters		
Armament Artificers			Fitters		1	Pattern Makers		
Armourers			Fitters and Turners			Pharmacists		
Artificers, Artillery			Fitters, Cycle			Photographers, dry plate		
Axemen			Fitters, Drivers			Photographers, wet plate		
Bakers			Fitter's Mates			Photo-Writers		
Battery Surveyors			Fitters, M.V.			Plate Layers		
Battery Comdrs. Asst.			Fitters, Railway Signal			Plumbers		
Blacksmiths			Fitters, Signal			Predictor Numbers		
Boilermakers			Grinders			Printers		
Bricklayers			Gun Layers		1	Radiator Mechanics		
Butchers			G.P.O. Assistants			Radiographers		
Camouflage Modeller			Gun Operators			Range Takers		
Carpenter and Joiner			Hammermen			Riggers		
Clerks			Height Takers			Rivetters		
Clerks, Engineering			Helio Operators			Saddlers		
Clerks, Supply			Instrument Mechanics			Saddle Tree Makers		
Clerks, Technical			Instrument Mechanics, Surgical			Saw Doctors		
Coachmakers			Instrument Operators	15		Sawyers		
Computers			Intelligence Duties			Shoemakers		
Concretors			Joiners			Signallers		
Cooks			Leather Stitchers			Signwriters		
Cooks, Hospital			Linesmen			Stokers, Stationary Engine		
Coppersmiths			Linesmen, Signals			Storemen, Technical		
Dental Clerk Orderlies			Lithographers			Surveyors		
Despatch Riders			Machinists			Surveyors, Engineering		
Dispensers			Masons			Tailors		
Draughtsmen			Masseurs			Telescope Identification Numbers		
Draughtsmen, Architectural			Mechanics, Dental			Textile Refitters		
Draughtsmen, Mechanical			Mechanics, M.T.			Tinsmiths		
Draughtsmen, Signal			Mechanics, Typewriter			Toolmakers		
Draughtsmen, Topographical			Mechanics, Wireless			Turners		
Driver Mechanics		1	Millwrights			Vulcanizers		
Driver Operators			Miners			Wagon Erectors		
Drivers, Transportation Plant			Moulders			Watchmakers		
Electrical Fitters			Nursing Orderlies			Watermen		
Electricians			Nursing Orderlies (Mental)			Welders		
Electricians, Eng. Units			Nurses, Trained			Well Borers		
Electricians, Signal			Observation Post Assistants			Wheelers		
Engine Artificers			Operating Room Assistants			Whitesmiths		
Engine Hands I/C			Operators, Signal			Wiremen		
Equipment Repairers			Opticians			Woodturners		
Farriers			Painters					
General duty personnel		6						
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)	-	7		15	2			

Notes—(a) If rank other than Private is involved give details on back.
(b) Authorised Trades or Specialists not included in list above will be added as required in spaces provided.

2/17 Aust Lt A.A. Bty AIF
Unit.

Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch 5 Dec 42

A.A. Group Fort Moresby
Bde., Div., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

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RETURN No 18

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

2/17 AUST Lt AA BTY Unit
WE III/27A/1 6 x 206 Attached No 1 and 2

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
WE BHQ - 1 Tp Ranks.	**Posted** strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels			
1 Majors	1		
1 Captains			1
1 Lieutenants	1		
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
3 Totals	2		1

* Insert detail of higher rank as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lieut	KERR DJ	A Tp	5 Dec 42	Detached as per NGF(Q) instructions dated 1 Dec 42

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

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

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

(i) Officers posted to Unit (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A).

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	~~Corps.~~ Appointment	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
T/Maj	Nx 77280	SANDERS E H	OC	YES	
Lieut	Vx 52615	MILLAR J R F	D Tp	"	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of attachment.

2/17 AUST LI AA BTY AIF
(Unit.)

12 Dec 42
(Date of Despatch.)

[signature] Lieut
(Signature of Commander.)

(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

2/17 AUST Lt AA BTY (Unit) 12 Dec 1942 (Date).

(To be furnished by all units and all Headquarter units.)

WE III/27A/1

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted Strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.			
1 W.Os. Class II.	-	-	1
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants			
1 Staff Serjeants	1	-	-
4 Serjeants	4	-	-
6 Corporals	6	-	-
56 Troopers, Privates, &c.	69	13	-
68 TOTALS	80	* 13	* 1

* These totals should agree with the details shown in Part D on page 2 of Army Form W.3009.

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
Personnel attached against WE		other attachments	
1 Cpl AAMC		1 Cpl - AAMC	

Part C. Description of other ranks whose return to the unit is particularly requested.

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

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2/17 AUST LT AA BTY ..... Unit.

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PART D. Detail of Surplus or Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W. 3009.

Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)
Ammunition Examiners			Fire Control Operators			Panel Beaters		
Armament Artificers			Fitters		1	Pattern Makers		
Armourers			Fitters and Turners			Pharmacists		
Artificers, Artillery			Fitters, Cycle			Photographers, dry plate		
Axemen			Fitters, Drivers			Photographers, wet plate		
Bakers			Fitter's Mates			Photo-Writers		
Battery Surveyors			Fitters, M.V.			Plate Layers		
Battery Comdrs. Asst.			Fitters, Railway Signal			Plumbers		
Blacksmiths			Fitters, Signal			Predictor Numbers		
Boilermakers			Grinders			Printers		
Bricklayers			Gun Layers		1	Radiator Mechanics		
Butchers			G.P.O. Assistants			Radiographers		
Camouflage Modeller			Gun Operators			Range Takers		
Carpenter and Joiner			Hammermen			Riggers		
Clerks			Height Takers			Rivetters		
Clerks, Engineering			Helio Operators			Saddlers		
Clerks, Supply			Instrument Mechanics			Saddle Tree Makers		
Clerks, Technical			Instrument Mechanics, Surgical			Saw Doctors		
Coachmakers			Instrument Operators	8		Sawyers		
Computers			Intelligence Duties			Shoemakers		
Concretors			Joiners			Signallers		
Cooks		1	Leather Stitchers			Signwriters		
Cooks, Hospital			Linesmen			Stokers, Stationery Engine		
Coppersmiths			Linesmen, Signals			Storemen, Technical		
Dental Clerk Orderlies			Lithographers			Surveyors		
Despatch Riders			Machinists			Surveyors, Engineering		
Dispensers			Masons			Tailors		
Draughtsmen			Masseurs			Telescope Identification Numbers		
Draughtsmen, Architectural			Mechanics, Dental			Textile Refitters		
Draughtsmen, Mechanical			Mechanics, M.T.			Tinsmiths		
Draughtsmen, Signal			Mechanics, Typewriter			Toolmakers		
Draughtsmen, Topographical			Mechanics, Wireless			Turners		
Driver Mechanics		1	Millwrights			Vulcanizers		
Driver Operators			Miners			Wagon Erectors		
Drivers, Transportation Plant			Moulders			Watchmakers		
Electrical Fitters			Nursing Orderlies			Watermen		
Electricians			Nursing Orderlies (Mental)			Welders		
Electricians, Eng. Units			Nurses, Trained			Well Borers		
Electricians, Signal			Observation Post Assistants			Wheelers		
Engine Artificers			Operating Room Assistants			Whitesmiths		
Engine Hands I/C			Operators, Signal			Wiremen		
Equipment Repairers			Opticians			Woodturners		
Farriers			Painters					
General Duty Personnel	8							
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)	8	2		8	2			

Notes— (a) If rank other than Private is involved give details on back.
(b) Authorized Trades or Specialists not included in list above will be added as required in spaces provided.

2/17 AUST LT AA BTY/AIF ..... *Unit.*

..... *Signature of Commander.*

Date of Despatch 12 Dec 42

..... *Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.*

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

2/7 Aust Jo A.A. Bty. Unit
WE III/27A/1. 6 x 206 Attached. Nil and 2

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
WE (BHQ and DTp 3x Attached Nil and 2			
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels			
1 Majors	1		
1 Captains			1
1 Lieutenants	1		
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
3 Totals	2		1

* Insert detail of higher rank as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

(i) **Officers posted to Unit** (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A).

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	~~Corps.~~ Appointment	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
T/Maj	NX 77280	Sanders E.H.	OC	Yes	
Lieut	VX 57615	Millar J.R.F.	DP	Yes	

(ii) **OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.**

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of attachment.

2/17 Aus Lt A A Bty A.I.F. (Unit.)

[illegible] for Edenden Maj (Signature of Commander.)

19 DEC 42 (Date of Despatch.)

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

BHQ & "D" Tp 2/17 AUST LI AA Bty (Unit) 19 Dec 1942 (Date).

(To be furnished by all units and all Headquarter units.)

WE III/27A/16x206 attached No 1 and 2

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
BHQ & 1 Tp 3 x 68 all No 1 & 2 Detail.	Posted Strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.			
1 W.Os. Class II.	-		1
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants			
1 Staff Serjeants	1	-	-
4 Serjeants	4	-	-
6 Corporals	6	-	-
56 Troopers, Privates, &c.	69	13	-
68 TOTALS	80	* 13	* 1

* These totals should agree with the details shown in Part D on page 2 of Army Form W.3009.

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
Personnel attached against WE		other attachments	
1 Cpl - AAMC		1 Cpl - AAPC	

Part C. Description of other ranks whose return to the unit is particularly requested.

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

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"D" Tr 2/17 AUST LT AA BTY Unit.

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PART D. Detail of Surplus or Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W. 3009.

Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)
Ammunition Examiners			Fire Control Operators			Panel Beaters		
Armament Artificers			Fitters (1)		1	Pattern Makers		
Armourers			Fitters and Turners			Pharmacists		
Artificers, Artillery			Fitters, Cycle			Photographers, dry plate		
Axemen			Fitters, Drivers			Photographers, wet plate		
Bakers			Fitter's Mates			Photo-Writers		
Battery Surveyors			Fitters, M.V.			Plate Layers		
Battery Comdrs. Asst.			Fitters, Railway Signal			Plumbers		
Blacksmiths			Fitters, Signal			Predictor Numbers		
Boilermakers			Grinders			Printers		
Bricklayers			Gun Layers (6)		1	Radiator Mechanics		
Butchers			G.P.O. Assistants			Radiographers		
Camouflage Modeller			Gun Operators			Range Takers		
Carpenter and Joiner			Hammermen			Riggers		
Clerks (2)			Height Takers			Rivetters		
Clerks, Engineering			Helio Operators			Saddlers		
Clerks, Supply			Instrument Mechanics			Saddle Tree Makers		
Clerks, Technical			Instrument Mechanics, Surgical			Saw Doctors		
Coachmakers			Instrument Operators (2)	8		Sawyers		
Computers			Intelligence Duties			Shoemakers		
Concretors			Joiners			Signallers		
Cooks (2)		1	Leather Stitchers			Signwriters		
Cooks, Hospital			Linesmen			Stokers, Stationery Engine		
Coppersmiths			Linesmen, Signals			Storemen, Technical		
Dental Clerk Orderlies			Lithographers			Surveyors		
Despatch Riders			Machinists			Surveyors, Engineering		
Dispensers			Masons			Tailors		
Draughtsmen			Masseurs			Telescope Identification Numbers		
Draughtsmen, Architectural			Mechanics, Dental			Textile Refitters		
Draughtsmen, Mechanical			Mechanics, M.T. (2)			Tinsmiths		
Draughtsmen, Signal			Mechanics, Typewriter			Toolmakers		
Draughtsmen, Topographical			Mechanics, Wireless			Turners		
Driver Mechanics (2)		1	Millwrights			Vulcanizers		
Driver Operators			Miners			Wagon Erectors		
Drivers, Transportation Plant			Moulders			Watchmakers		
Electrical Fitters			Nursing Orderlies			Watermen		
Electricians			Nursing Orderlies (Mental)			Welders		
Electricians, Eng. Units			Nurses, Trained			Well Borers		
Electricians, Signal			Observation Post Assistants			Wheelers		
Engine Artificers			Operating Room Assistants			Whitesmiths		
Engine Hands I/C			Operators, Signal			Wiremen		
Equipment Repairers (1)			Opticians			Woodturners		
Farriers			Painters					
General duty Personnel	8							
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)	8	2		8	2			

Notes—(a) If rank other than Private is involved give details on back.
(b) Authorized Trades or Specialists not included in list above will be added as required in spaces provided.

2/17 AUST LT AA BTY AIF
Unit.

G R Price S/Sgt for E Sanders Maj
Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch 19 Dec 42

Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

.....(*Unit*)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels			
Majors	1		
Captains			1
Lieutenants	1		1
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
Totals	2		2

*Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

(i) Officers posted to Unit (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A).

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Capt	NX7720	SANDERS G H	QC	Yes	
Lieut	VX52645	MILLAR J R F	D To	"	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.

3/17 Aust Lt AA Bty AIF
(Unit.)

(Signature of Commander.)

24 Dec 45
(Date of Despatch.)

(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

NOTE. This return incorporates amendment of W.E. Serial No III/67 - dated 10 Dec 42

BHQ & "D" Tp 2/17 AUST LT AA BTY AIF (Unit) 26 Dec 1942 (Date).

To be furnished by all units and all Headquarter units.)

W.E. III/27A/1 7 x 210 attached NIL and 2.

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
BHQ and "D" Tp 4 x 72 att NIL and 2 Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.			
1 W.Os. Class II.	–	–	1
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants			
1 Staff Serjeants	1	–	–
4 Serjeants	4	–	–
8 Corporals	7	–	1
58 Troopers, Privates, &c.	68	10	–
72 TOTALS	80	* 10	* 2

*These totals should agree with the details shown in Part D on page 2 of Army Form W.3009.

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
Personnel attached against W.E. 1 Cpl. - AAMC.		Other attachments 1 Cpl. - AAPC.	

Part C. Description of other ranks whose return to the unit is particularly requested.

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

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HQ & "D" Tp 2/17 Aust Lt AA Bty AIF
Unit.

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PART D. Detail of Surplus or Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W. 3009.

Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)
Ammunition Examiners			Fire Control Operators			Panel Beaters		
Armament Artificers			Fitters (1)		1	Pattern Makers		
Armourers			Fitters and Turners			Pharmacists		
Artificers, Artillery			Fitters, Cycle			Photographers, dry plate		
Axemen			Fitters, Drivers			Photographers, wet plate		
Bakers			Fitter's Mates			Photo-Writers		
Battery Surveyors			Fitters, M.V.			Plate Layers		
Battery Comdrs. Asst.			Fitters, Railway Signal			Plumbers		
Blacksmiths			Fitters, Signal			Predictor Numbers		
Boilermakers			Grinders			Printers		
Bricklayers			Gun Layers (6)		2	Radiator Mechanics		
Butchers			G.P.O. Assistants			Radiographers		
Camouflage Modeller			Gun Operators			Range Takers		
Carpenter and Joiner			Hammermen			Riggers		
Clerks (2)	-	-	Height Takers			Rivetters		
Clerks, Engineering			Helio Operators			Saddlers		
Clerks, Supply			Instrument Mechanics			Saddle Tree Makers		
Clerks, Technical			Instrument Mechanics, Surgical			Saw Doctors		
Coachmakers			Instrument Operators (2)	8		Sawyers		
Computers			Intelligence Duties			Shoemakers		
Concretors			Joiners			Signallers		
Cooks (5)		4	Leather Stitchers			Signwriters		
Cooks, Hospital			Linesmen			Stokers, Stationary Engine		
Coppersmiths			Linesmen, Signals			Storemen, Technical		
Dental Clerk Orderlies			Lithographers			Surveyors		
Despatch Riders			Machinists			Surveyors, Engineering		
Dispensers			Masons			Tailors		
Draughtsmen			Masseurs			Telescope Identification Numbers		
Draughtsmen, Architectural			Mechanics, Dental			Textile Refitters		
Draughtsmen, Mechanical			Mechanics, M.T. (2)	-	-	Tinsmiths		
Draughtsmen, Signal			Mechanics, Typewriter			Toolmakers		
Draughtsmen, Topographical			Mechanics, Wireless			Turners		
Driver Mechanics (2)		1	Millwrights			Vulcanizers		
Driver Operators			Miners			Wagon Erectors		
Drivers, Transportation Plant			Moulders			Watchmakers		
Electrical Fitters			Nursing Orderlies			Watermen		
Electricians			Nursing Orderlies (Mental)			Welders		
Electricians, Eng. Units			Nurses, Trained			Well Borers		
Electricians, Signal			Observation Post Assistants			Wheelers		
Engine Artificers			Operating Room Assistants			Whitesmiths		
Engine Hands I/C			Operators, Signal			Wiremen		
Equipment Repairers (1)	-	-	Opticians			Woodturners		
Farriers			Painters					
General duty personnel	8					Attached Personnel		
						Instrument mechanics (REME) -		1
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)	8	5		8	3			

Notes—(a) If rank other than Private is involved give details on back.
(b) Authorised Trades or Specialists not included in list above will be added as required in spaces provided.

2/17 Aust Lt AA Bty AIF
Unit.

Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch 26 Dec 42.

Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

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APPENDIX III

MONTHLY REVIEW - 31 Dec 42.

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S E C R E T. 2/17 AUST Lt.A.A.BTY.

MONTHLY REVIEW.....DECEMBER,1942.

1. OPERATIONS.

(a) ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY.

Enemy air activity over MORESBY was once again limited to nuisance raids at night,but this month saw more raids on the full moon period than before.

The first raid by one u/i aircraft was on 13 Dec 42. The plane dropped nine (9) bombs off WARD'S DROME without causing casualties or damage.

The second u/i plane appeared the following night at 1954 hrs and in two (2) runs dropped two (2) bombs with the same results. Hy A/A guns fired 378 rounds.

Again on the next night at 2051 hrs u/i plane(s) dropped bombs in 5 MILE VALLEY and near WARD'S DROME,with some casualties resulting. Hy A/A guns expended 740 rounds and one plane was destroyed.

On 18 Dec 42,at 0033 hrs,two (2) u/i aircraft dropped ten (10) bombs in bush. No damage or casualties. Again on 22nd at 0022 hrs one plane dropped incendiaries without avail near SEVEN MILE DROME.

All these planes were above the overcast,and on no occasion were they illuminated. All the shooting was on the barrage principle and one plane down was an achievement. As usual the attacking planes were very high - usually well above 20,000 feet.

(b). MOVEMENT.

The month began with the remainder of the Battery in the local Reception Camp with one Troop selected to go forward to PORLOCK HARBOUR on a ship which could not take the equipment. However,on the first of the month N.G.F. advised that one troop was to sail on the S.S,"Canonbar". Lieut.Kerr and "A" Tp were selected. On 3 Dec 42,thirteen (13) hours were spent in taking the troop stores from the M.V."Van Heutz",and transhipping to S.S."Canonbar". This was made more difficult by virtue of the fact that the firstnamed ship had been filled with many tons of small stores on top of the Battery's equipment.

Early on 5 Dec 42, "A" Tp sailed for PORLOCK HARBOUR and arrived safely after three days.

The rest of the Bty, BHQ., and D Tp were then placed under administration of 6 Aust Div, and on 10 Dec 42 were sent to PARI. (Ref.Map PORT MORESBY Special 934312) where the remainder of LILLIPUT FORCE was stationed.

It was then decided to unload what might now be classed as the jumble on the "Van Heutz",and on 11 and 12 Dec unit equipment was despatched to PARI where it was sorted.

Sites for the guns, BHQ., and "D" Tp THQ were selected and were occupied on 13 Dec, the guns covering the wharf and shipping. This arrangement stood until 19 Dec when R.A.A., N.G.F. advised that remainder of Bty was to load the next day for "HAIROIL FORCE" at ORO BAY (Ref Map BUNA,1:253,440) Transport was to be taken according to shipping space.

On 27 Dec 42 at 1400 hrs M.V."Balik Papan",a Dutchman of 1500 tons,was loaded with stores and equipment and transport (3 lorries 3 ton;5 vans 15 cwt; 8 M/cs,and 1 lorry ¼ ton 4x4), and New Year's Eve found the troops aboard the ship ready to sail at first light on the first day of the New Year. Seventeen (17) O/Rs were left in PORT MORESBY to maintain and operate the transport.

2. COMMUNICATIONS.

Remain very poor,but it is hoped that these improve when BHQ., is established on the other side.

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3. METEOROLOGICAL.

December, despite promises, was practically as dry and dusty as in the previous months. It did appear to be hotter but that may have been caused by the humidity following the little rain that did fall. The climate is generally unpleasant.

4. CONCLUSION.

At last we appear to be moving. The fighting at BUNA is getting bitter and the Jap cannot last many more days, so there will probably be many troops following us soon. ORO BAY, our destination, is alleged to be a pleasant spot and Ordnance services, Canteens and the like, will be established at that point.

January promises to be a much more interesting month than December - let us hope that next Christmas Day will be spent with our families rather than with a D.A.Q.M.G. discussing weights of guns and ammunition.

The January report should be more interesting for anybody who reads it.

E.H.SANDERS. Maj.
O.C. 2/17 Aust Lt A A Bty.

PORT MORESBY.

31 Dec 42.

Distribution.

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HQ., A/A Defences NSW L of C Area (1) } for information.

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SITUATION REPORT. 14 Dec 42.

18 Dec 42.

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BHQ.,2/17 Aust Lt AA Bty,AIF

H.Q.,
AA Defences. N.G.F.

14 Dec 42.

Ref Map. PORT MORESBY (Special)Edition SVY/004/006.

1. At 1545 hrs on 12 Dec 42,Subsecs 10 and 12 occupied positions at Map Ref 869362 and 865354,respectively. (At Oil Tank and St Johns Church
2. At 1830 hrs on 13 Dec 42,Subsec 11 occupied position at Map Ref 876377, (Hanuabado).
3. At 1200 hrs on 13 Dec 42 BHQ, and "D" THQ occupied position at Map Ref 878352.

J.B. Millar Lieut.

for E.H.SANDERS. Maj
O.C. 2/17 Aust Lt AA Bty, AIF.

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2/17 Aust Lt AA Bty AI
18 Dec 42.

H.Q. AA Defences
N.G.F.

2/17 Aust Lt AA Bty
SITUATION REPORT. - Ref Map PORT MORESBY (Special) Editi
SVY/004/006.

1. At 0900 hrs 18 Dec 42, B.H.Q. 2/17 Aust Lt AA Bty moved from position previously occupied at map ref 878352, to new position at map ref 891357.

E.H.Sanders Maj.
2/17 Aust Lt AA Bty

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