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2/17 LIGHT ANTI AIRCRAFT BATTERY

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WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
PORT MORESBY	1 Jul 42		1. OPERATIONS. Nil.	[signature]
			2. METEOROLOGICAL. Cloudy during morning, fine and hot afternoon.	[signature]
	2 Jul 42		1. OPERATIONS. Nil.	[signature]
			2. METEOROLOGICAL. Morning - overcast. Afternoon - fine with scattered clouds.	[signature]
	3 Jul 42		1. OPERATIONS: Six (6) Zeros were overhead at 1045 hours, three of them dived on three P 39s at 18000 to 20000 feet, between SEVEN MILE and the Town. No shots were fired and no attack developed.	[signature]
			2. METEOROLOGICAL: Fine and clear.	[signature]
	4 Jul 42		1. OPERATIONS (a) At 0357 hours two unidentified enemy aircraft dropped 15 fragmentation bombs 225 yards West of SEVEN MILE DROME runway. No damage or casualties resulted. The approach and departure of the planes was not reported by any watching network station. A further report stated that at 0325 hours indications were received on G.L. equipment of two planes. Further indications showed one plane only and this was followed to 0338 hours. The Officer on duty at G.O.R. with 4 F.S was advised that it was a friendly plane and consequently gun stations did not engage.	[signature]

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
PORT MORESBY	4 Jul 42		1. OPERATIONS: (cont'd) (a) As soon as bombs were dropped, searchlights went into action but the target was not located.	
			(b) At approximately 1045 hours seven (7) Zeros were sighted flying at 20000/26000 feet, by Hy.A.A.	
			At approximately 1120 hours one formation of three (3) and one of four (4) Zeros were again sighted, and engaged by Hy.A.A at approx 24000 feet, fifteen rounds being expended. Several auxiliary petrol tanks were jettisoned by these planes. A general dog fight ensued 35 miles north of THIRTY MILE DROME (RORONA).	
			2. RESULTS : (b) Three (3) P 39s destroyed. One Zero seen smoking and losing height. Shots seen entering three other Zeros.	
			3. METEOROLOGICAL: Morning - fine and clear. Afternoon - overcast with slight showers.	
	5 Jul 42		1. OPERATIONS: At 1012 hours twenty (20) heavy bombers, flying in Arrowhead formation at 23000 feet were sighted. The formation was engaged by Hy.A.A. Sticks of bombs fell close to H.Q.14 Inf Bde, and beyond through 55 Bn area, straddled H.Q.2/17 Aust Lt A.A.Bty falling approx within 300 yards S.E, and on S.E. end of SEVEN MILE DROME. At 1026 hours seven bombers presumably part of the first formation of twenty made a run over SEVEN MILE DROME. Bombs were dropped on S.W. side of runway, causing a fire amongst petrol dump.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
PORT MORESBY	5 Jul 42		1.OPERATIONS (cont'd) : Grass fires started in the camp area of 2/17 Aust Lt A.A.Bty and were extinguished by the personnel of B.H.Q. Telephone communication was cut off as result of the bombing.	
			2.RESULTS: Casualties - One Army personnel killed, three wounded (all of 55 Bn). Damage - One P39, one truck and 40 drums of petrol were destroyed. Two B26s were damaged but are repairable. No results observed from A.A.fire.	
			3.STRENGTH : 8 Officers, 241 O/Rs, including Lieut.A.D.Farquhar who was detached, on 3 Jul 42, pending transfer to H.Q. A/A Bde as Transport Officer.	See Appendix II.
			4.METEOROLOGICAL: Fine and clear.	
	6 Jul 42		1.OPERATIONS : At 0920 hours twenty (20) Serial 51 bombers and an escort of ten (10) Zeros made a run across SEVEN MILE DROME from E.to W. and dropped approx five (5) bombs near Hanuabada Cemetery. Nineteen (19) of these enemy aircraft made a second run at 0929 hours at 23000 feet and dropped 100 bombs, mostly fragmentation, along the ridge overlooking dispersal bays at 7 MILE DROME. One bomb dump of 36 x 100 lb bombs, approx 100/200 yards from H.Q.2/17 Aust Lt.A.A Bty was destroyed. Grass fires which started burned around other stacks of bombs and were extinguished by personnel of H.Q. 2/17 Aust	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
PORT MORESBY	6 Jul 42		1. OPERATIONS (cont'd): Lt A.A.Bty. Hy A/A engaged the bombers and expended 221 rounds. No hits were observed, but shooting was good and rounds were observed bursting above & below the target. At approx. 0958 hours one Serial 51 bomber with two Zeros made a run at 6000 feet from 12 MILE across BOOTLESS INLET. Five fragmentation bombs fell 300 yards N.E. of TWELVE MILE camp.	
			2. RESULTS: Casualties Nil. Only damage done to bomb dump.	
			3. METEOROLOGICAL. Fine and clear.	
"	7 Jul 42		1. OPERATIONS: Nil.	
			2. METEOROLOGICAL: Fine with scattered cloud.	
"	8 Jul 42		1. OPERATIONS: Nil	
			2. METEOROLOGICAL: Fine, with scattered cloud.	
"	9 Jul 42		1. OPERATIONS. Nil	
			2. METEOROLOGICAL: Fine with scattered cloud.	
"	10 Jul 42		1. OPERATIONS:- Twenty-one (21 bombers with fighter escort were sighted and engaged at 1017 hours by Stations H.1 and H.6. Bombers were probably	

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

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
PORT MORESBY	10 Jul 42		1.OPERATIONS.Serial 51 with escort Serial 48. Station H6 (cont'd) engaged at 26,000 ft for sixty seconds and Station H1 engaged a few minutes later at 24,000 ft ten seconds. A total of 48 rounds were expended. H6 claimed a probable one hit on the formation but this could not be verified owing to the cloudbank. H1 claimed two definite hits including one on leading plane of formation. These hits have been verified from other sources and two planes were seen to break formation and lose height rapidly, both trailing heavy smoke. A third smaller plane was seen losing height over BOOTLESS INLET. The body of a member of the Japanese Naval Air Service was picked up near KOKI village. One plane was reported to have come down in the TUPUSELEI area and the other was reported to have fallen into the sea.	
			2.RESULTS.The bombers broke into formations of 14 and 7 when the AA opened up. Larger formation attacked H.M.A.S. "BENDIGO" off MANUBADA ISLAND. All bombs fell in sea on line BABAKORI -"PRUTH" wreck nearest 200 yds from target. Smaller formation attacked S.S."MANGOLA" bombs fell 200 yds from target and on LOCAL ISLAND. No damage or casualties.	
			3.ORDERS. Bty R.O. 13/42 issued.	See Appendix I.
			4.METEOROLOGICAL. Fine, Hazy and scattered cloud.	
"	11 Jul 42		1.OPERATIONS.At approx 1150 hrs Stations H1 and H5 engaged a formation of 21 bombers (probably Serial 51) escorted by Serial 48. The formation was a very shallow Arrowhead made up of 3 V formations. Stations engaged at 23,600 ft and a total of 96 rounds were expended. The shooting was	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
PORT MORESBY	11 Jul 42		1.OPERATIONS. excellent and both Stations and independent (cont'd) observers report one definite and two probable hits. One plane was seen losing height rapidly on a bearing of 285 degrees.	
			2.RESULTS. Bombs were released at shipping in the harbour but fell clear and no damage or casualties resulted.	
			3.STRENGTH. 7 Officers, 231 O/Rs, including Lieut D.J.Kerr who was detached, today, to AA Bde for purpose of organising and AA Bde rest camp at DONODABU in Base Area.	See Appendix II.
			4.METEOROLOGICAL. Fine, hazy with scattered cloud banks and south easterly breeze.	
"	12 Jul 42		1.OPERATIONS. Nil.	
			2.METEOROLOGICAL. Fine with scattered cloud and S.E. breeze.	
"	13 Jul 42		1.OPERATIONS. Nil.	
			2.METEOROLOGICAL. Fine with scattered cloud and S.E. breeze.	
"	14 Jul 42		1.OPERATIONS. No.12 Subsec, C Troop, moved to new position as per Sitrep of 15 Jul 42.	See Appendix IV.
			2.METEOROLOGICAL. Hot and sultry.	
"	15 Jul 42		1.OPERATIONS. Nil.	
			2.METEOROLOGICAL. Fine and hot, strong S.E. breeze.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
PORT MORESBY	16 Jul 42		1.OPERATIONS. Owing to prevalence of bush fires it has become necessary to prepare fire breaks round gun positions.	
			2.METEOROLOGICAL.Fine with squally south easterly wind.	
"	17 Jul 42		1.OPERATIONS. Nil.	
			2.METEOROLOGICAL.Hot with squally south easterly wind.	
"	18 Jul 42		1.OPERATIONS: Nil.	
			2.STRENGTH:- Officers,6 - Other ranks,237. (2 Offrs detached to A.A.Bde).	
			3.METEOROLOGICAL: Fine,hot,with scattered cloud.	See Appendix II.
"	19 Jul 42		1.OPERATIONS: Nil.	
			2.METEOROLOGICAL: Fine, hot, with scattered cloud.	
"	20 Jul 42		1.OPERATIONS: Alert was sounded at 1010 hrs. A formation of twenty five (25) possibly Serial 52 escorted by two (2) Serial 48 was picked up at 22,600 ft. The formation was made up of two flights of eight(8) and a flight of nine (9) and as a whole ~~was a very shallow Arrowhead formation.~~ A large number of bombs were dropped on SEVEN MILE DROME area. Station H.6 engaged for 1½ minutes during which 41 rounds were expended.	

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

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
PORT MORESBY	20 Jul 42		2.RESULTS: One (1) Lockheed Hudson grounded in a Dispersal Bay was completely gutted. Some petrol and ammunition was destroyed. A number of hits were made on the runway of the drome, and grass fires started.	
			3.METEOROLOGICAL: Fine and sultry - very hazy in morning - scattered cloud in afternoon	
"	21 Jul 42		1.OPERATIONS: Nil.	
			2.METEOROLOGICAL: Fine and sultry with fairly heavy clouds.	
"	22 Jul 42		1. OPERATIONS: Nil	
			2.METEOROLOGICAL: Fine and sultry - scattered cloud.	
"	23 Jul 42		1.OPERATIONS: Nil	
			2.METEOROLOGICAL: Fine and hot - heavy cloud in morning - clear in afternoon. S.E. wind,	
"	24 Jul 42		1.OPERATIONS. At approx 1400 hrs about 18 unidentified enemy planes with an escort of sixteen (16) Zeros dropped 150 A.P. over a wide area near TWELVE MILE CAMP. Sixteen (16) Aircobras were airborne but no interception took place. A.A. engaged at 24,000 and 25,000 feet with 48 rounds. Some bombs fell within the vicinity of the guns of Sec.1 and Sec 3 of this Bty, and one bomb fell close to T.H.Q. of "C" Troop at Laloki.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
PORT MORESBY	24 Jul 42		2.RESULTS. Some bomb and petrol dumps were destroyed. No casualties.	
			3.METEOROLOGICAL. Fine - heavy cloud in morning - scattered cloud in afternoon. Strong S.E. wind.	
"	25 Jul 42		1.OPERATIONS. Nil.	
			2.STRENGTH.8 officers, 232 O/Rs.(incl 2 officers detached to AA Bde NGF)	See Appendix II
			3.METEOROLOGICAL.Fine - scattered cloud. StrongS.E. wind.	
"	26 Jul 42		1.OPERATIONS. Warning received that Zeros following B25 on return from mission. At approx 0855 hrs 3 Pl of Bty "A" and 1 Pl of Bty "B" 101 Sep CA Bn (AA) and 9 and 12 guns of C Tp, 2/17 Aust Lt AA Bty engaged two Zeros at a height of from 300 to 500 ft. The .50 calibre guns engaged target for five seconds expending 250 rounds. C Tp engaged for twenty seconds expending 15 rounds. One Zero was seen leaving the engagement smoking badly.	
			2.RESULTS. Nil.	
			3.ORDERS. Bty Routine Order 14/42 issued.	See Appendix I
			4.METEOROLOGICAL.Fine with cloud and windy.	
"	27 Jul 42		1.OPERATIONS. Nil.	
			2.METEOROLOGICAL. Fine, scattered cloud, and windy.	
"	28 Jul 42		1.OPERATIONS. At Approx 1925 hrs Station H.6 engaged enemy aircraft with barrage fire on a bearing of 170 degrees at a height of approx 15,000 ft for a period of ten seconds. Eleven rounds were expended.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
PORT MORESBY	28 Jul 42		2.RESULTS. Bombs dropped between Johnson's Hill and Pruth Wreck.	
			3.METEOROLOGICAL. Fine - cloudy - S.W. Wind.	
"	29 Jul 42		1.OPERATIONS. Warning received approx 1845 hrs of an impending raid by enemy bombers. At 2010 hrs the Searchlights picked up the planes. Stations H.1,3,5 and 6 engaged three(3) Serial 37, flying in Arrowhead formation, at a height of 17,000 ft. Length of engagement 2½ minutes, a total of 80 rounds expended. The bombers made two runs across PORT MORESBY Area. Although no hits observed, shooting was good. Both barrage and H.C. were used during this engagement. Near the close of the engagement the leading plane of the formation was seen to waver considerably and the planes immediately opened up their original tight formation.	
			2.RESULTS. Bombs were dropped in vicinity of Johnson's Hill and also near Searchlight Station No.4 (Murray Barracks). No damage or casualties.	
			3.METEOROLOGICAL. Fine with few scattered cloud. Strong S.W.Wind.	
"	30 Jul 42		1.OPERATIONS. Warning received approx 0230 hrs of an impending raid. Searchlights picked up three (3) enemy bombers Serial 37, flying in Arrowhead formation. All Stations engaged these bombers on three runs at 0245 - 0313 and 0320 hrs respectively at height of 16,000 - 20,000 ft. Lengths of engagements were 30,10 and 60 seconds respectively, and a total of 189 rounds were expended.	
			2.RESULTS. Bombs were dropped in vicinity of Conran Road and South end of 7 Mile Drome, also in Northwest corner of the West Runway of 7 Mile Drome. Two tents and cots destroyed, no casualties.	
			3.METEOROLOGICAL. Fine with few scattered cloud. Strong wind.	

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Unit 2/17 Aust Lt A A Bty Date and Time.—From 1st July To 31st July, 1942.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
PORT MORESBY	31 Jul 42		1. OPERATIONS: Nil.	[illegible]
			2. MONTHLY REVIEW. Monthly Review issued.	[illegible] See Appendix III.
			3. METEOROLOGICAL: Fine and clear. Strong southerly wind.	
				[illegible] Capt
				O.C 2/17 Aust Lt. AA Bty.

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APPENDIX I. - ORDERS.

Part A - External - Nil.

Part B - Internal - B.R.O. 13/42 10 Jul 42.
B.R.O. 14/42 26 Jul 42.

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Not to be published.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES. 13/42
Routine Orders
by
Captain P.B.Toose
O.C. 2/17 Aust Lt AA Bty 10 July 42

1. DISCIPLINE.

For some time there has been a growing indication that the discipline of the Australian Military Forces is not of a sufficiently high standard. An army without discipline does not engender confidence in the people who support and depend upon that army, and there is a consequent effect upon the public morale. Immediate measures are to be taken to bring about a substantial improvement in the discipline bearing and appearance of Australian Troops.

(Extract G.R.O. 85/701/194)

The following instructions are issued regarding dress, etc., of personnel in this Unit:

(a) All personnel employed in any Headquarters or on duty as drivers or Motorcyclists will wear shirts, shorts and when out of doors and approved headdress.
(b) Personnel on gun stations may dispense with shirts if desired but will be warned by station commanders that sunburn which may incapacitate a man will be treated as a self inflicted wound.
(c) Guards and sentries will wear hats, shirts, and shorts, stockings and boots. Stockings will not be rolled down. Guards and sentries must at all times appear neat and tidy in their dress.
(d) Hair will be worn reasonably short and the chin and underlip will be shaved.
(e) Clothing will be washed frequently and kept repaired and in a serviceable condition. Replacements of unserviceable clothing will be made when required.

Section or Troop Commanders will make frequent inspections to see that the above instructions are being observed.
Long trousers may be worn in lieu of shorts.

(AA Bde R.O. 2/42)

2. UNIT DESIGNATIONS.

The following alterations in unit designations will be brought into use immediately:-

(a) The abbreviation "Aust" will be brought into the designation of all units, both A.I.F. and A.M.F.
(b) All A.I.F. Units will have the prefix "2/" in front of their designation number, e.g.-
2/17 Aust Lt AA Bty

3. DISPOSAL OF PERSONAL EQUIPMENT OF CASUALTIES.

Personal equipment (i.e. clothing, necessaries, respirators, arms, web equipment and helmet) of casualties will be disposed of as follows:

1. Personnel evacuated from Units to Fd Ambs, etc:
(a) Clothing necessary, helmets and respirators will accompany the man to a Fd Amb and during the whole period he is away from his Unit.
(b) Web equipment and arms will be sent with the man to the Fd Amb and withdrawn before passing M.D.S.
(c) Ammunition on personal issue will be removed from the Mans possession, before leaving R.A.P.
(d) Formations or areas will make arrangements to collect arms and equipment from field medical units which evacuate direct to C.C.S. or hospital. These will be returned to Ord under formation arrangements.

2. Personnel in Standing Camps Evacuated to Camp Hospitals and General Hospitals.
(a) Clothing, necessaries, helmets and respirators will accompany the man. Personnel evacuated to a Camp Hosp will leave their Web Equipment and arms with Unit Q.M. Arms and equipment of personnel evacuated to General Hospital will be returned to the nearest Ord Depot. (1Aust Army Order 121)

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4. COMPLAINTS BY MEMBERS OF THE FORCES.

1. The attention of all ranks will be directed to A.M.R.&O. 293(1), which provides as follows:-

" Officers and soldiers are forbidden to use any method of obtaining redress of real or supposed grievances other than those prescribed by the A.M.R. or authorized by these orders. Anonymous complaints or Complaints through the press are forbidden."

2. The use of outside influence is forbidden by A.M.R.&O. 307(1) which provides:-

" The use of outside influence to support complaints or applications for personal advantages , or in any matter affecting the position of an officer or soldier, is contrary to discipline. The only proper course for an officer or soldier is to apply through his C.O. or to complain in accordance with the A.M.R. and these orders. Any attempt to obtain favourable consideration of requests or grievances by other means is forbidden."

3. The provisions of Division 1 of Part IV of the A.M.R.&O. will be explained to all formed units on parade at least once in every three months, and to all members in training depots once every month. The consequences of failing to observe the provisions of that Division will be made clear.

4. All complaints or applications of the nature described in para. 2 above received at any H.Q. through unauthorized channels will be forwarded to the unit concerned, with a direction that the member will be paraded and informed of the Unit Order on this matter and that any further failure to observe its provisions will be dealt with as an offence.
G.R.O. A.108 (243/701/46)

5. ORDNANCE,Q-F., 40-M.M.

As this equipment uses ammunition, fuzed, No.250 and No.251, no muzzle cover of any kind whatever will be allowed to be in position if the gun is loaded. With the abovementioned fuzes, even the lightest possible type of muzzle covering may cause a premature.
(Reference - A.C.I. 2386/1941)
(15/717/276)

6. ORDNANCE, Q.F. 40-M.M., MARKS I AND III ON MOUNTINGS, 40-M.M.,A.A. MARKS I,II,III,IIIA, AND IV -PITTING OF BUFFER CYLINDERS.

Occasionally it is found that buffer cylinders show indication of corrosion and pitting. To avoid this, the buffer will be exercised at least once a month in the following manner:

Slacken the grub screw securing the buffer cylinder collar, and unscrew collar. Elevate the gun to approximately 45 degrees and remove the buffer cylinder supporting bracket and buffer piston rod aperture cover. Turn the buffer cylinder down, about the pin connecting piston rod, through an angle of approx. 45 degrees.

The buffer is now in a suitable position for exercising, which can be carried out by grasping the buffer cylinder with the hands and moving it backwards over the piston rod. Repeat a few times and then re-connect the buffer in original position. (A.C.I. 58/1942)
G.R.O. 0.25 (15/717/305)

7. TRADE SPECIALISTS.

1. Hereunder is a list of army trade designations for which specialist pay is awarded.
2. Any personnel qualified in the trades listed, and not already employed as trade specialists, who desire to be employed as such, should inform their Troop Commander who in turn will inform O.C.

3. The trades referred to are as follows:-

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74 TRADE SPECIALISTS. (para 3 cont.)

Army Trade Designation.	Civilian Trade Designation.
GROUP I: Specialists' pay 3/- per day	
Armament Artificer	Journeymen Fitter and Turner or Toolmaker
Artificer Arty	Fitter
Blacksmith	Blacksmith
Bricklayers	Bricklayers
Computers	Computer-Requires knowledge of Trigonometry and be good at Maths - neat with figures.
Cooks Hospital	Cooks Hospital
Coppersmith	Coppersmith
Dispensers	Dispenser or Chemist (Pharmaceutical)
Draughtsmen-Architectural	Draughtsmen Architectural
Electricians	Electricians or Electrical Mechanics
Electrical Fitter	(Journeyman (Elect. Fitter
Electricians Sigs	Journeyman Electrician
Fitters	Journeyman Fitters
Fitters and Turners	Journeyman Fitters and Turners
Fitters Signal	Motor Mechanic
Fitters Gun	Fitter
Fitters' Mate	Fitters' Assistant
Fitters Railway Signal	Railway Signal Fitters
Instrument Mechs.	(Instrument Maker (Watchmaker
Instrument Mechs,Surgical	Surgical Instrument Maker
Intrument Mechanic Signals	Wireless Mechanic
Mechanics Typewriter	Typewriter Mechs.
Mechanics Wireless	Wireless Mechs.
Mechanic Radio	" "
Millwrights	Millwrights (or Fitters & Turners)
Pattern Makers	Pattern Makers
Photographer	Photographer
Plumber	Plumber
Surveyors	Surveyors
Surveyors Engineering	Surveyors
Toolmakers	Journeyman Toolmakers
Turners	Journeyman Turners
Watchmakers	Watchmakers
Welders	Qualified Welders (Electric & Oxy)
GROUP II: Specialists' pay 2/- per day	
Armourer	Fitters' Apprentice of Motor Mechanic
Bakers	Bakers
Boilermakers	Boilermakers
Carpenter & Joiner	Carpenter & Joiner
Cooks	Cooks
Electrician Eng.Units	Journeyman Electrician
Grinders	Grinders, precision
Linesmen	G.P.O. Linesmen
Linesmen Sigs.	" "
Lithographers	Lithographers
Machinists	Machinists - 1st, 2nd,3rd class
Masons	Masons
Masseurs	Masseurs
Machanics Dental	Dental Mechanics
Mechanics M.T.	Motor Mechanics (not garage improvers)
Miners	Miners
Moulders	Moulders,Brass
Operating Room Assts.	Male Theatre Attendants (Hospital)
Opticians	Opticians
Painters	Painters
Panel Beaters	Panel Beaters or Sheet Metal Workers
Printers	Printers
Radiographers	Radiographers
Riggers	Riggers (Constructional)

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7. TRADE SPECIALISTS. (para 3 Cont.)

GROUP II: Specialists' pay 2/- per day (cont.)

Saw Doctors	Saw Doctors
Wheelers	Wheelwrights or Wagon Builders

GROUP III: Specialists' pay 1/- per day

Butchers	Butchers
Concreters	Concreters or Builders' Labourers
Draughtsmen - Signal	Draughtsmen } Civil engineering.
" - Topographic	" }
Driver Mechanics	} Truckdrivers doing own maintenance repairs
Driver Operators	} (operating wireless tanks).
Drivers Transportation Plant.	Transporter Drivers.
Equipment repairers	(Canvas Workers
	(Leather stitchers
Farriers	Farriers
Hammermen	Hammermen strikers.
Nursing Orderlies	Male nurses
Nursing Orderlies, Mental	(Mental attendants
Plate Layers	Plate layers
Rivetters	Rivetters
Saddlers	Saddlers or harness makers.
Saddle Trees Makers	Pattern makers
Sawyers	Sawyers
Shoe makers	Boot repairers
Storemen Technical	Spare parts storemen (30% each Ford & Chev. Balance Dodge & International)
Tailors	Tailors
Textile refitters	Upholsterers or canvas workers
Tinsmiths	Tinsmiths
Vulcanisers	Vulcanisers or Tyre Retreaders
Whitesmiths	Whitesmiths.

(N.G.F.O. 6/7/42.para 278).

8. MOTOR CYCLES - Silencing.

All motor cycles must be fitted with efficient silencers. Disciplinary action will be taken against any member who makes unauthorised modification to silencers.

(N.G.F.O.para 300). 6/7/42

9. MOTOR TRANSPORT - M.T. Road Discipline.

1. It is observed that many MT drivers adopt the practice of changing to lower gear ratios when approaching road corners with a view to reducing speed and gaining rapid acceleration after turning.
2. This practice is dangerous and harmful as the braking effect is absorbed by the rear wheels only, introducing the possibility of skidding and subjecting the rear tyres to increased wear.
3. Units will instruct drivers to reduce speed by the application of the foot brake. (N.G.F.O. 6/7/42, para 299)

10. PLUGS - Sparking - Care and preservation.

1. All personnel connected with tpt are to be instructed that the utmost care is to be taken to prevent the breakage of spark plugs. Certain sizes, e.g. 10 m/m, are practically unprocurable at present.

2. All unserviceable spark plugs will be returned to Ord.Service. (N.G.F.O. 6/7/42,para 303).

11. ANTI-GAS EQUIPMENT.

All personnel and Unit A/Gas equipment will be examined monthly. Deficiencies found and faulty equipment requiring replacement will be indented for at once. (N.G.F.O. 6/7/42,para 315).

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12. SALVAGE MATERIALS-REQUISITIONS FOR.

As from 1 July 42 all requests for materials from Salvage Depots (L ofC) must be accompanied by written order signed by an Officer of the Unit requiring the service.

(N.G.F. Orders 6/7/42 para 324)

13. PROMOTION.

NX 87645 Gnr Atterton T.E. to be A/Bdr 10 July 42

14. APPOINTMENTS.

VX 62697	Gnr	Pickett K.R.	Appt Spclst Gp III Gunlayer	3 July 42
NX 81963	"	Paton A.J.	" " " " Clerk	"
VX 68123	"	Polkinghorne L.J.	Appt Spclst Gp II Inst Operator	7 July42
NX 73961	"	Towers K.D.	" " " " M.T. Mechanic	"

15. APPOINTMENTS TERMINATED.

VX 59022	Gnr	Mansell C.L.	Appointment as Spclst Gp III Gunlayer	Terminated 21 May 42
NX 82134	"	Crabtree F.	" " "	Gp III Driver Mechanic Terminated 25 May 42
NX 59420	"	Elwin R.S.	" " "	Gp III Clerk Terminated 16 June 42
VX 65849	"	Day R.	" " "	GpII Inst Operator Terminated 7 July 42

16. PUNISHMENTS.

Name.			Offence.	Punishment.
SX 10088	Gnr	Sprod H.G.	AWL 18 days 22 hrs	Fined £4. Forfeits 19 days pay & allces.
VX 56345	"	Moon H.C.	AWL 39 days 21 Hrs	Fined £5. Forfeits 40 days pay & allces.

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Captain P.B.Toose

O.C. 2/17 Aust Lt AA Bty 26 July 42.

1. REPORTING BOMB DAMAGE, AIRCRAFT CRASHES, PARACHUTISTS, ETC.
It is essential that ALL RANKS be impressed with the necessity of IMMEDIATELY reporting all information to their next superior H.Q. The report should cover all the following points:-
(a) Place from which observation made (map reference if possible)
(b) Description of object seen.
(c) Direction of object from O.P. (compass bearing wherever Possible).
(d) Estimate of distance of object from O.P.
(e) All other information.
All such reports will be relayed to "G" Branch H.Q. N.G. Force without delay. (NGF Orders No.31 para 335 20 Jul 42.)

2. CENSORSHIP.
(1) Personnel will not at any time allude or refer to the following matters in private correspondence:-
(i) Strength, morale or physical state or organization of our forces, including any comment on the absence or presence in the area of a Unit or formation, or disclosure regarding the formation to which any Unit is attached or belongs.
(ii) Location or movement of any naval, military or air force Units or detachments, arrival or lack of reinforcements.
(iii) Armament or equipment of any kind.
(iv) Distinguishing signs used for the identification of formations, Units, and their transport.
(v) Plans or forecasts or orders for future operations, whether known or merely rumoured or surmised.
(vi) Communications - such as the use, condition or probable extensions of roads or other transportation facilities, bridging operations etc.
(vii) State of the maintenance services, including any reference to reserves.
(viii) Position or description of billets, bivouacs or camps.
(ix) Casualties before official publication.
(x) Effect of any action by the enemy. Any remarks which might tend, if published, to encourage the enemy, or to cause despondency in our own forces or people.
(xi) Criticisms and statements calculated to bring into disrepute our forces or those of our allies.
(2) Private correspondence will be in plain language. Codes, ciphers, and shorthand will not be used. It is not permitted either in address or text of correspondence to connect the name of a place with that of a Unit, or the name of a Unit with the designation of an Army post office.
(3) Personnel will not send or attempt to send to unauthorized persons:-
(i) Official documents, including intelligence summaries, orders, reports, maps, etc., or to disclose their contents except in the course of duty.
(ii) Any documents captured from the enemy, or found in places occupied by the enemy, and any document containing information about the enemy.
(iii) Photographs or pictorial matter or films except those taken under proper authority.
(4) Personnel will not communicate with the press except when specially authorized and then only through the duly authorized channels.
(NGF Orders No.31 para 337 - 20 Jul 42.)

3. INDEPENDENT (COMMANDO) COMPANIES, A.I.F.
Personnel in all units (A.I.F. and A.M.F.) are informed that recruiting of officers and N.C.Os. for Cadre Courses, and other ranks for Training Courses, for the abovementioned Companies, will be proceeding continuously until October and December, 1942 respectively. In addition the following specialists are required:-
R.A.E. Section - (Lts., N.C.Os.,Sappers,). Fitters, Carpenters,and Joiners, Electricians, Pioneers.
Corps of Sigs. Section - (Lts.,N.C.Os., Signalmen). Instrument Mechanics, Operators (Sigs.) Signallers, Clerks, Drivers, M.T., Mechanics,M.T.

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3. INDEPENDENT (COMMANDO) COMPANIES, A.I.F. (continued)

Cooks - Sergeants, Corporals, Other Ranks.
A.A.O.C. - Armourers (Cpls)
A.A.M.C. - (Captains, Sgts.), Cpls. Medical Orderlies.

Applicants for allotment of Independent Companies must possess the following qualifications:-

(a) Age over 20 years and under 35 years;
(b) Medically fit and active with a liking for physical training;
(c) Amenable to discipline and able to keep own counsel.

It is desired that applicants should have completed at least three months individual training.

Volunteers must be willing to take risks outside those normally taken by personnel serving in fighting units.

Successful applicants will be trained in Guerilla Warfare. In the case of Officers and N.C.Os., the period of training will be ten weeks and in the case of Other Ranks 5 weeks.

Training will cover the following:-
Fieldcraft, Night Operations, Unarmed Combat, All Weapons, Explosives, Demolitions, Booby Traps, Raids, Riding, Swimming and Rowing.

(NGF Orders No.31 para 341 - 20 Jul 42)

4. ACTION TO BE TAKEN WHEN NATIONAL ANTHEM IS PLAYED.

(1) It has been observed that a lack of uniformity exists regarding action to be taken by officers and other ranks when the National Anthem is played.

(2) Attention is directed to A.M.R.&O. 1153 and 1154 which provide as follows:-

A.M.R.&O.1153-
" (1) Whenever the National Anthem is played, all ranks in military uniform not under the orders of the officer commanding the parade are to stand at attention, officers, W.O.'s and N.C.O.'s saluting.
(2) Officers in attendance on His Majesty and Other Royal Personages or the Personal Staffs of Governors-General and Governors (when such Governors-General or Governors represent the Sovereign on official occasions) are not to salute when the National Anthem is played for the royal salute. The only exception is on an occasion of the trooping of the colour; when the National Anthem is played on the presentation of arms to the colour, all officers, including those in attendance, are to salute. On a parade, after the royal salute has been given, the Military Board or officer commanding is alone to be regarded as in attendance, and is to take up position in rear of His Majesty or the Governor-General or Governor as the case may be."

A.M.R.&O.1154-
" When the National Anthem is played on occasions when there is no parade, or on occasions of a non-military nature, all ranks in military uniform are to stand at attention, officers, W.Os., and N.C.Os., if wearing head dress, saluting."

(NGF Orders No.31 para342 - 20 Jul 42)

5. NATIONAL SECURITY (LANDLORD AND TENANT) REGULATIONS.

Members of the Forces or their dependants who desire to complain of breaches of the National Security (Landlord and Tenant) Regulations should not communicate with members of Parliament or with Federal or State Departments, but should write or approach the nearest Clerk of Courts for advice as to their rights and obligations under those Regulations.

(NGF Orders No.31 para 344 - 20 Jul 42)

6. POSTAL.

It is advised that commencing from Wednesday 1 Jul 42 Postal Notes will be procurable from all Field Post Offices at "face value", i.e."poundage" will not be chargeable.

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7. BINOCULARS, COMPASSES, PRISMATIC, AND WATCHES.

(1) Binoculars, Compasses, prismatic, and Watches are Unit stores and must remain so. When personnel to whom these articles are on issue are transferred from the Unit for any reason, action will be taken to withdraw the items for re-issue.

(2) The Unit will keep a record of the registered numbers of these articles on issue to each member.

(3) All personnel at present in possession of these articles will report them to Unit H.Q.

(NGF Orders No.31 para 389 - 20 Jul 42)

8. APPOINTMENT OF HYGIENE OFFICERS AND INSPECTORS.
Applications will be received by HQ NGF until 29 Jul 42 from personnel having Health Inspector qualifications for appointment to Commissioned Rank (Lieut), with posting as Hygiene Officers; also, from personnel with qualifications in various branches of hygiene for appointment as Hygiene Inspectors with the rank of Staff Sgt. and Sgt. respectively.

Applications will be made in writing and full details of qualifications and service in Aust. New Guinea and elsewhere will be stated.

9. PROMOTION.
NX 50077 A/L/Bdr Willson R.W. to be A/Bdr 26 Jul 42.

10. APPOINTMENTS.
NX 84056 Gnr Oatley J.F.G. to be A/L/Bdr 26 Jul 42.
NX 54742 " Mannix C.E. " "

11. REVERSION.
NX 73994 A/L/Bdr Rooke R.J. reverted to rank of Gnr 26 Jul 42.

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O.C. 2/17 Aust Lt AA Bty

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APPENDIX II. - STRENGTH.

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

2/13 AUST LT AA BTY (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			
Captains	2		
Lieutenants	6		
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
Totals	8	—	—

*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.
Lieut	Kerr D.J	2/13 AUST LT AA BTY	29 June 42	Rejoined Unit ex Hosp.

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	2/17 AUST Lt AA BTY	YES	
Capt	NX 77280	Sanders E R	"	"	
Lieut	NX 77282	Liddell W J	"	"	
Lieut	NX 65927	Kerr D J	"	"	
Lieut	NX 56813	Farquhar A D	"	NO	HQ AA Bde NGF
Lieut	NX 54137	Jones C Jr	"	YES	
Lieut	VX 47882	Fox J W	"	"	
Lieut	VX 52118	Millar J R F	"	"	

(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
(Unit.)

P B Toose Capt
(Signature of Commander.)

5 July 42
(Date of Despatch.)

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

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

2/17 AUST LI AA BTY (Unit) 5 July 19 42 (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).
W.Os. Class I.			
W.Os. Class II.			1
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants			
Staff Serjeants	2	1	
Serjeants	14	-	1
Corporals	15	-	3
Troopers, Privates, &c.	210		26
TOTALS	241	* 1	* 30

*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.
NX 49394			
Pte Ricketts J.R.	AA OC		
NX 54653			
Cpl Hughes H.T.	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).
NX 56345	GNR	Rogers H.C.	2/17 AUST LI AA BTY	
NX 86353	"	Wallis W.A.	"	
NX 56331	"	Rogers J.E.	"	
NX 79904	"	Evans W.E.	"	
NX 82104	"	O'Toole P.E.	"	
VX 50661	"	Udell A.G.	"	
NX 58240	"	Gilgour F.R.	"	
VX 59022	"	Bignell C.L.	"	
NX 78578	"	Wadsworth C.C.	"	
NX 81264	"	Le Patour J.R.	"	Evan Hosp.
NX 73191	"	Napier P.	"	
NX 57645	"	Atterton T.L.	"	
NX 73168	"	Leplaw R.W.	"	
NX 56339	"	Rugeton A.S.	"	
NX 78259	SGT	Watts R.W.	"	
NX 73309	GNR	O'Neil F.K.	"	
NX 80504	"	Rambert W.K.	"	
NX 82234	"	Patterson J.	"	
VX 67566	"	O'Neill R.T.	"	
NX 59470	"	Taylor S.L.	"	
VX 61190	"	Spence K.P.	"	
NX 73144	"	Sullivan H.E.	"	
NX 73206	GNR	Thompson A.E.	"	

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VX 65262 Gnr. Rawson K.

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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			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			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			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 Reinforcements		30						
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)		30						

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
Unit.

Date of Despatch 5 July 42

Signature of Commander.

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

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

2/17 AUST Lt AA BTY (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 *			
Lieut.-Colonels			
1 Majors			
1 Captains	2		
2 Lieutenants	5		1
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
8 Totals	7	–	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.
Lieut	Jones C D.	2/17 AUST Lt AA BTY	9 Jul 42	Evac Hosp

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).
Lieut	Jones C D.	2/17 AUST Lt AA BTY	Hosp Pt Moresby

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(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	2/17 AUST Lt AA BTY	YES	
"	NX 77280	Sanders E H	"	"	
Lieut	NX 77282	Liddell W J	"	"	
"	NX 65927	Kerr D J	"	"	
"	NX 56813	Farquhar A D	"	NO	HQ AA Bde NGF
"	VX 47882	Fox J W	"	YES	
"	VX 52118	Pillar J R F	"	"	

(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
(*Unit.*)

[signature]
(*Signature of Commander.*)

11 July 42
(*Date of Despatch.*)

AA 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 REGT (Unit) 11 July 19 42 (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).
W.Os. Class I.			
1 W.Os. Class II.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants			
1 Staff Serjeants	2		-
15 Serjeants	14		1
18 Corporals	14		4
236 Troopers, Privates, &c.	201		35
271 TOTALS	231	*	* 46

*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.
NX 49794 Pte Ricketts J R	AAOC		
NX 54633 Cpl Hughes H F	AAPC		
VX 62303 GNR	STUART E J		
NX 82237	HOLDENWITH S G		
NX 82040 BDR	TRACEY C L		
NX 28289 SGT	WATTS E W		

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).
NX 58331		HAGARTY J L		
VX 58240		KILGOUR T R		
NX 61264		McMAHON J R		
NX 61179		PAYNTER A S	2/17 AUST Lt AA Bty	EVAC HOSP
NX 39450		TAYLOR S L		
NX 73206	BDR	THOMPSON A E		
NX 79452		KEOGEN A H		
NX 73185		LAMBERT R E		
NX 54602		EDWARDS T R W		
NX 61680		LEE SMITH H S		
VX 65263		CLANCY A J		
VX 65266		STEWART A A		
NX 73223	BDR	[illegible]		
NX 73227	GNR	MULLIGAN P V		
NX 82114		O'TOOLE J R		
NX 58868		BARR A R		

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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			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			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			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		40						
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)								

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
Unit.

[signature] Bandrup Capt
Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch 11 July 42

AA BDE NGF
Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

2/17 Aust Lt A A Bty (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).
WE *			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels			
1 Majors			
1 Captains	1		1
6 Lieutenants	5		1
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
8 Totals	6		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.
NX 77280	SANDERS E H	2/17 Aust Lt A A Bty	12-7-42	Evac hospital

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).
Capt	SANDERS E H.	2/17 Aust Lt A A Bty	Hosp. Pt Moresby
Lieut	JONES C M		" "

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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.
CAPT	NX 76532	TOOSE. PB	2/17 Aust H AA Bty	YES	
~~[illegible]~~	~~[illegible]~~	~~[illegible]~~	~~[illegible]~~		
Lieut	NX 77282	LIDDELL WJ	"	"	
"	NX 65927	KERR IJ	"	No.	A/A Trng Depot.
"	NX 56813	FARQUHAR A.D.	"	NO	HQ AA Bde NCF
"	VX 47882	FOX J.W.	"	Yes	
"	VX 52118	Millar J.R.F	"	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 A A Bty
(Unit.)

18 July 42
(Date of Despatch.)

PB Toose Capt
(Signature of Commander.)

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 A.A. Bty (Unit) 18 July 1942 (Date).

(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).
WE	W.Os. Class I.			
1	W.Os. Class II.			
\	Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants			
1	Staff Serjeants	2		-
15	Serjeants	14		1
18	Corporals	15		3
236	Troopers, Privates, &c.	206		30
271	TOTALS	237	*	* 34

*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.
NX 49394 Pte Ricketts J.R.	A.A.O.C.		
NX 54653 Cpl Hughes H.F.	A.A.P.C		

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).
NX 86353	Gnr	Wallis W.A.	2/17 Aust Lt AA Bty	Evac. hospital
NX 56331	"	Hagarty J.L.	"	
NX 78578	"	Wadsworth C.C.		
NX 81779	"	Paynter A.S.		
VX 61190	"	Spence K.P.		
NX 79453	"	Heggen A.H.		
NX 80503	"	Teasdell H.L.	"	
NX 54602	"	Edwards T.R.H.		
NX 81778	"	Holzhauser A.R.		
NX 81680	"	Lee Smith H.S.		
NX 56598	"	Lagwell H.J.	"	
VX 65666	"	Stewart A.H.		
NX 73273	Bdr	Day C.R.		
VX 63303	Gnr	Stuart E.J.		
NX 82040	Bdr	Tracey E.L.	"	
NX 73519	Dstr	Kennedy D.G.		
NX 78289	Sgt.	Watts E.W.		
NX 82093	Gnr	Birman J.		
NX 82237	"	Holdsworth S.E.	"	
NX 79844	"	Manson T.H.		
NX 73138	"	Carrigy M.		
NX 79779	"	Cartlet E.J.	"	
NX 73363	"	Jordyce C.J.	"	
NX 58888	"	Saver A.R.		

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2/17 Aust Lt. A.A. 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			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			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			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		34						
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)								

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 ..... Unit.

P B Toose Capt ..... Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch 18 July 42

A. A. Bde. N.C.F. ..... Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

2/17 AUST LT AA BTY (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 *			
Lieut.-Colonels			
1 Majors			
1 Captains	2	—	—
6 Lieutenants	6	—	—
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
8 Totals	8	—	—

*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.
Capt	Sanders E K	2/17 AUST LT AA BTY	28 7 42	Reported unit ex Hosp
Lieut	Jones C R	"	18 7 42	" " "

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 76552	Foote R.G.	Sigs (5 Div Sigs) AIF	YES	

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

2/17 AUST Lt AA BTY (Unit) 25 Jul 1942 (Date).

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

	1	2	3	4
WE	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.			
	Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants			
1	Staff Serjeants	2		-
15	Serjeants	13		2
18	Corporals	15		3
236	Troopers, Privates, &c.	202		34
271	TOTALS	232	*	* 39

*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.
Nx 49394 Pte Richetts JR	AAOC		
Nx 54653 Cpl Hughes RF	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).
Nx 86353	GNR	WALLIS WA		
Nx 78578	"	WADSWORTH CC		
Nx 81779	"	PAYNTER AS		
Nx 54602	"	EDWARDS TRH		
Nx 81778	"	HOLZHAUSER AR		
Nx 56598	"	BAGWELL HJ		
Nx 73273	BDR	DAY CR		
Nx 73519	GNR	KENNEDY DG		
Nx 73138	"	CARRIGY M		
Nx 79779	"	CARTER EJ		
Nx 58888	"	BARR AR	2/17 AUST	HOSP PT MORESBY
Nx 81599	"	LUCAS JJ		
Vx 65263	"	CLANCY AJ	Lt AA BTY	
Vx 65666	"	STEWART AH		
Nx 57288	"	LANGRIDGE JW		
Nx 80149	"	YEALLAND WRJ		
Nx 73194	"	JOHNSON BJ		
Nx 80754	"	WYSOCKI RA		
Nx 73438	"	HENDERSON RB		
Nx 82040	BDR	TRALEY EL		
Nx 81680	GNR	LEE-SMITH HS		
Vx 67184	"	HEATH K		
Vx 58240	"	KILGOUR TR		
Nx 56345	"	MOON HC		
Nx 73198	"	HODGE WH		
Nx 54656	SGT	JOHNSON GS		
Nx 82146	GNR	HELLYER NR		

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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			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		
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Clerks, Engineering			Helio Operators			Saddlers		
Clerks, Supply			Instrument Mechanics			Saddle Tree Makers		
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Computers			Intelligence Duties			Shoemakers		
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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			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		39						
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)								

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 LI AA BTY ..... *Unit.*

..... *Signature of Commander.*

Date of Despatch 25 Jul 42

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

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APPENDIX III.

Monthly Review - 31 Jul 42.

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

MONTHLY REVIEW - July 1942.

1. OPERATIONS.

(a) Enemy Air Activity. On thirteen (13) occasions during July enemy planes appeared over PORT MORESBY Area. (Ten bombing raids and Three patrol or recce visits by fighters). Bombing raids were again made by planes flying in formation at about 20,000 ft or more. Seven Mile 'Drome was objective in majority of raids. Shipping in harbour was second in priority. Again on several occasions bombs were dropped such distance from V.Ps that it is not known what objectives were.

On 5 and 6 Jul B.H.Q. was straddled by bombs intended for Seven Mile 'Drome and dispersal area. There were no casualties to personnel of this unit. Several of units vehicles were slightly damaged by blast and bomb fragments but not sufficiently to put them off the road. Grass fires were started in vicinity of camp and R.A.A.F. bomb dump (100 to 200 yds away), but were extinguished by personnel of B.H.Q.. Before fire fighting commenced on 6 Jul one of bomb dumps exploded. Fortunately there were no casualties.

Hy AA engaged on all possible occasions with reasonable results. Two planes were definitely brought down and two more were probably damaged sufficiently not to reach their base.

On 26 Jul 42 for first time since units arrival enemy planes came within range of Lt AA. Three Zeros followed in a B25 returning from a mission. Two of these while returning to their base flew across Laloki 'Drome. Subsecs 9 and 12 of "C" Tp opened fire (15 rounds expended). No.9 Subsec. under Sgt Campbell had the honour to fire the Bty's first shot against the enemy. Two platoons of 101 Sep.C.A.Bn(AA) U S F I A (50 calibres) also opened fire expending 250 rounds. One Zero was seen leaving the engagement smoking badly. When fire was opened the Zeros hastily veered off thus indicating that they did not expect Lt A A in this particular area.

(b). Movement: There has been no movement during the month other than movement of 12 Subsec. to alternate position on Laloki 'Drome.

2. COMMAND.

(1). It has now been found that there is no proper authority for formation of Lt.A A Regt and Hy A A Regt mentioned in last review. These bodies are continuing to function until some definite decision is made as to what form the local organization shall take.

These conditions cause a great deal of uncertainty, which in turn entails loss of efficiency.

(2). On 29 July I was appointed Aerodrome Defence Officer (A.D.O.) of Laloki 'Drome. This task involves co-ordination of all AA units on 'Drome for AA Def and co-ordination of all units in area for Defence against enemy airborne troops and enemy ground attack.

3. COMMUNICATIONS.

Owing to lack of Signal Equipment such as Switchboards, cable etc., problems mentioned in last review have not yet been overcome.

4. STORES AND EQUIPMENT. Shortage of gun tools and spare parts is still acute. No pistols have yet been issued to unit. Present full W.E.T. issue of rifles (94) is totally inadequate as under local conditions it is imperative that every man be armed with rifle and bayonet. Repeated representations have been made for issue of pistols and increased issue of rifleswithout result.
Unit's 4 Bren guns were transferred to 39 Bn for use in KOKODA - BUNA area against Jap advance. To make up for this loss 39 Bn transferred to us 4 Lewis Guns(badly worn).

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5. TRANSPORT. Unit's vehicles are still being used to carry out tasks normally performed by A.A.S.C. Because of this continued use and bad roads Vehicles are showing signs of wear. The M.T. mechanics work very long hours in order to keep them on the road. It is understood that an A.A.S.C. unit will be arriving shortlyto take over these duties.

6. HEALTH AND MEDICAL. Hospital rate is still high being approx 10% of strength. Dengue fever and external otitis were most common complaints.

Each Troop and each Subsec now has quite a satisfactory quantity of medical supplies for First Aid work.

7. MANPOWER. The present available strength of unit is approx 80% of Establishment. This deficiency has been caused by sickness and Transfers.

Shortage is causing great concern as we are now finding it difficult to fully man all guns.(W.E. did not at any time provide for sufficient spares or reliefs). Requests for reinforcements have been continually made for almost 3 months without result.

Lieut A.D.Farquhar was detached to HQ AA Bde on 3 Jul 42 pending Transfer for duty as Transport officer - no replacement has yet been made.

8. RECREATION. Position as regards recreation has now improved considerably. Two mobile picture units are circulating in area. These shows together with various concerts provide troops with much needed relaxation.

Some of the men with journalistic experience exercised their talents by producing in their spare time a Bty paper called "Recuperator". The paper was rather good for first effort - copy thereof is attached.

Visits to mountains and plantations mentioned in last review have been cancelled under instructions from H.Q. N.G.F. By way of substitution small parties from each Bty are sent to new AA Bde Rest Camp at DONADABU for stay of 1 week (the camp was established and organized by Lieut D.J.Kerr of this unit).

9. CONCLUSION. Above difficulties cannot be disposed of by further action on part of unit. Shortages of manpower are due to non-arrival of reinforcements, while equipment shortages are due both to defects in W.E.T. and inability of ordnance to supply equipment required. We are now waiting hopefully but impatiently for action in these matters by appropriate authorities.

P.B.Toose

Port Moresby
31 Jul 42.

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

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EDITORIAL.

This first edition of "Recuperator" will no doubt prove a surprise to many.

The name of the journal was chosen as being indicative of our designation as "Gunners", and one of the objects in publishing it.

It has been produced by the efforts of a small group of men in B Troop, in an endeavour to recall some of the many humourous incidents.(but some of them serious at the time) which have occurred during our unit's short existence.

We do not intend that Recuperator should become solely a 'funny' paper, as we hope that it's main function will be to develop the unitspirit. Serious articles of a suitable nature will therefore be welcome.

To achieve our aim, it will be necessary for each troop to make substantial contributions of a representative nature to subsequent issues. In this we hope that the troop and battery spirit will be fostered and freindly rivalry will result in better contributions, thereby assisting the battery paper to success.

The resultant publication in such circumstances would provide a concrete example of the application of the principal which should govern the daily life of the unit.

RIVALRY AMONG ALL TO PRODUCE THE BEST FOR THE BATTERY.

P.B.Foose. Capt.



ON ACTIVE SERVICE L.MURPHY.

EDITORS NOTE.

This is the first, and we hope as other issues gradually appear, the worst issue of "Recuperator".

Because of the unfortunate difficulties of personal contact, appreciated by all, the opportunity of subscribing material to this initial edition, was afforded to only B Troop personal.

We would like it to be absolutely understood that the paper is a Battery journal and in concern of everyone. Therefore we cordially extend our sincerest wish for cooperation from the officers and men of A& and Charlie Troops.

It is our intention, if the tactical situation permits, to produce a monthly edition of "Recuperator.

We therefore look foreward to a flood of contributions from all quarters for the next month edition.

All material to be forewarded to B Troop Headquarters, marked "Recuperator", 7 Section. Phone- Twelve mile exchange- 3 Rings.

Let's see what the Battery can do.

.....The Editors.

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NEW PRIME MINISTER FOR LALOKI.

It has been officially released that the Hon. Captain Sanders, well known military tactician and humourist is proposing to stand in the approaching elections for the vacant Laloki seat.

This will probably come as a grave blow to many, but Captain Sanders' political abilities have been proven.

He was for years, Secretary of the Redfern Public school Parents and Citizens Association, although there is some arguement as to whether Captain Sanders is a parent. Some even claim th knowlege that he is not even a citizen, but this may be exagerated.

Outlining his proposed plans, Captain Sanders yesterday sent news-hounds wild with frenzy, and several were severely injured in the headlong rush for the long distance phone.

Drawing himself up to his full height, chin in, chest out and a two day old dribble of egg yolk down his shirt front, Captain Sanders threw wide his arms and opened his political heart.

The M tent shook violently for a moment, shuddered undecidely, then settled gracefully over the sleeping heads of S/Sgt. Price and Midnight Maloney. Unperturbed, Captain Sanders spoke, in a voice deep with emotion.

"The new New Guinea will appear as a haven of refuge. The outside world will envy us.

"We will stamp out drunkeness and illegal houses. Bigger and better slit trenches will be our goal. For every man a personal Bofor gun, and an issue of bulls eyes and peanuts every week.

Captain Sanders breathed heavily; with a deep sigh he passed his hand over his forehead, his eyes were misted and a lonely tear trickled into his mostache.

"But my main task," he resumed, "is to elevate the underdog to the level of an ordinary human being. No more will they be downtrodden and exiled from a happy existance. Too long have they been subjected to squalid surroundings, hungry and despaired. In the interests of these poor souls I promise from the bottom of my tender, loving heart, that our officers will be encouraged, civilised and in time educated, so that at last they will be able to hold their heads aloft and look their fellow man in the eye.

THE CHEF OF HAPPY VALLEY.

Gone now are the glum faces and drooping figures from THQ. A new star has arisen in the cooking world, an artist of the pots and pans. Batmen and MT personel are again growing fat because of the appearance of Providence in the form of pips.

The cook sat huddled, a broken figure of a man- rationed short again and only bully beef for tea.

"I'll make 140 rissoles. Two for each man," quoth the stranger from the hill. The cook daintily removed a tear with his singlet and gasped "Rissoles, what with?"

"Bully beef of course man, and very quick for the heat is on." Axes flew, human bellows crouched before the fire and coaxed the reluctant blaze into renewed life. Tins of bully came and as quickly went. There he stood alone this strange man from the hill, flour to the eardrums, bully to the armpits.



He must be one of the two hermits from the little shack on the hill. Strange lone men they were, whether by night or by day, always seen with a tattered envelope in one hand and a razor blade in the other.

Soon the job was done and the good man stood back to admire his work. Sudden fear flashed into the cook's white face. "My Gosh, there's only 138 rissoles," he cried. The man from the hill never stirred in his trashs. Out came the razor blade we know so well, and with the speed of light, the skin from finger tips to elbows was scraped clean. A deft movement of the fingers, and there reposing on th table were rissoles 139 and 140.

"That was close," quoth the cook, his forehead beady with sweat.

"Now I want a black currant for each rissole," said the man with the pips. The cook looked blank and fidgeted. "Well bother me. Well 140 dead flies. Too dark to see anyway."

THE FIRST ENGAGEMENT.



"Engage any aircraft approaching the drome came the order. There was the drone of engines to the south - low flying aircraft. "There they are," rose they cry. Two of them with red circles on their sides. The D C stood cool, erect, the glasses to his eyes. A far call now from gurkins, olives and bread cut for sandwitches. He was about to fire his first shot in the defence of all small goods stores. "Heinkels no Dorniers, fire. Engage, engage. Fire, damn you." To the rear gunner in the second Bristol Beaufort it must have seemed that all heaven was raining fire and brimstone. Thus, immortality was achieved.

--TOJO STRIKES.--

For some thirty minutesnow the gunners had been sitting by the edges of their slit trenches vainly trying to pierce the protecting cloud banks above, that kept hidden from their view the furious dogfight which was raging overhead. Necks were stif and eyes were strained, and ee everywhere was apparent that dull fed up expression, which only army life can cultivate- breakfast was fast get -ting cold neath the shelter of nearby trees. Suddenly, huttling from the clouds it came, a huge dark object, spinning as it decended with terrifying speed towards mother earth. A racing figure with wild staring eyes, fairly flew up the hill, magnificently maintaining his balance, despite the weight of the stripes on his right arm. Pouring from his lips was the dreaded warning,"It's a bomb. It's a bomb." Where there had been a moment before, gunners lying about in their boredom, there was nought to be seen.

Clump. It hit the ground and all waited tensely in their trenches for the explosion that never came. Somewhere in the heavens above, one of Nippon's boys carried on, we presume, blithely ignorant of the panic he had caused among the huddled earthworms below with his discarded petrol tank. Another blow in Tojo's nerve war.

WHO KNOWS THE MAN?

Who said hens can't lay eggs without roosters.
Who said bombs whistle the same in English as Jap.
Who sparred with his shadow and was K. O.d.
Who built a gunpit and forgot a gun had to go inside
Who has been appointed I C Kitchen Flies at T H Q.
Who thought scrimmage was something to eat.
Who started this ring making craze. That is the only question we can't answer.

GUNNERS.

The latest routine orders strictly forbid any type of souveneiring from crashed Japanese planes. The first man caught toting a Jap hogsleg in true .45 style will be liable to 14 days C.B.

Notice displayed on a certain gun position at the 12 mile."Under new management. No longer hostile to allied aircraft."

Heard over the phone during raid, with Nippon at 24 thousand feet.
"Duck Steve, I can see their bomb flaps opening."

An industrious gunner while at T H Q was presented with three new rifles, so that he may continue in the good work of batting snakes to death with the butts. One rifle, one snake.

Lieutenant "Speed" Jones has been reccomended as right wing for the Papuan Punters, after his ten foot flying table at the slit trench through a front row of bombs the other day.

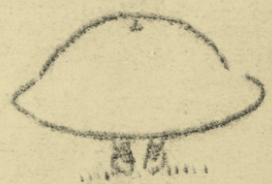
???A GOOD MORAL,???

In the past, our officers have continually insisted that the local natives be fairly treated by the troops and that every effort should be made not to antagonise men who can be of valuable assistance to our forces. A graphic illustration of this was presented last week, when a group of natives carried a badly injured pilot back from enemy territory, to his own headquarters, rather than he should be taken prisoner.





HOW MY TIN HAT FEELS DURING A RAID J.M



HOW I WOULD LIKE IT TO FEEL J.M

The management of this paper wish to hereby declare, that the unswerving policy of this publication, no matter the time, the position or the circumstances, or even the desires of others, is now, and shall continue to be- "TRUTH WILL BE SACRIFICED IN THE INTEREST OF HUMOUR"

All characters, names and events mentioned in this journal are entirely fictitious, and any resemblance is purely coincidental.

OUR RETURN TO BLOODY DARWIN."

They talk of bloody Darwin, where bloody things are tough,
But they seldom mention (censored) the bloody name's enough.
It's a place of flies and fever, and bookworm and desease,
And thing's aren't any easier with the mosies and the fleas.
We'll always remember the evening we landed on those shores,
They told us of the bombers, how they came in ruddy scores.
They took us in the lorries at an early hour of morn,
Out in the steady jungle where the ruddy blacks are born.
We worked by light of candle, we remember those hours well,
We yanked out rocks and boulders to put our gun up on a hill.
Then came trenches and sandbags, swung pick as though possessed,
For they told us that when the whiz bangs fly
A good deep trench is best.
And now about our tucker, good old bully beef and beans,
And bread tastes always soggy, about six months old it seems.
Stew is ever on the menu, but now it comes in cans,
And it's always cold and greasy when they dump it in out pans.
You've read of Rudyard Kipling and his hero Gunga Din,
Well we carry all our water in a sawn off kero tin.
Of course we never think of moaning or loosing our good cheer, but by the holy -- we would like a mug of beer.

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THE MAN FROM T H Q.

There was movement at our section
For the word had gone around
that the great Leutenant ---- was on his way
To inspect the tents and gunpit
And that Leut is on his own
At finding very minor things astray.
Who is manning called the sargeant,
who never yet had missed
To make a show when pips were nigh on hand,
Forwith from his pocket
Tim slowly drew his list,
Which only Bombadiers can understand.
So we hurried to the gunpit,
And there we took our stand,
Pretending that we were a model crew,
And we set to work to limber
For a rest is always banned
To anyone who is not at T H Q.
We heard the sound of motor bike,
And up the great Leut came,
All full of sol and set to growl,
And sure enough we got it
Because---in heavens name---
Some bloody fool forget to fold his towel.

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Troops are hereby notified that all local public houses will in future close at 8 p.m. instead of 10 p.m. as previously.
SWING TO THE existing beer shortage
WHICH IS GRADUALLY BECOMING MORE ACUTE

SHOOTING THE ZEROS.

(To the tune of 'Waltzing Matilda')

Once a jolly gunner joined an ack ack battery,
And he was sent to (censored)
And he sang as he pumped those shell into his Bofor gun,
Who'll come ashooting the Zeros with me?

Shooting the Zeros, shooting the Zeros,
Who'll come ashooting the Zeros with me?
And he sang as he pumped those shells into his Bofor gun,
Who'll come ashooting the Zeros with me?

Down came a Zero shooting up the aerodrome,
Up went the tracers one, two three.
Down came the Zero, crashed beside the Bofor gun,
Who'll come ashooting the Zeros with me?

CHORUS.

Out jumped the pilot in a fighting attitude,
Off went a pistol as quick as could be,
Down went the pilot, never more to rise again,
Who'll come ashooting the Zeros with me?"

CHORUS.

And a voice may be heard as you pass by that Bofor gun,
"Who'll come ashooting the Zeros with me?"

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THE ISLAND OF HUMOURS.

There is beer upon the island,
Ten bottles for each man,
It's now at troop headquarters
Awaiting the ration van.
But it doesn't reach the sections
Somehow it goes astray,
The're sorrowful reflections,
'Twas but a rumour of the day.
We are leaving old Papua
Bound for Sydney or Rataul,
But that came from the sewer
And another rumour falls.
Then there's mail, colossal mail
Just arrived up here from home,
Then there's a wail, colossal wail,
Twas but a rumour on the roam.
Every evening, night and morning,
There's some new tale to tell,
New rumours always dawning
To be repeated and to swell
Until all are unbelievers
of these wilful, low deceivers,
And a truth is cast asunder
As a rumour of the day.

God willing, Togo permitting, the "Recuperator" will go to press at the same time next month. Available at all newsstands, booksatalls and Boong villiage libraries.

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APPENDIX IV.

Situation Report - 15 Jul 42.

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S/127 42
2/17 Aust Lt AA Bty
AIF Australia
15 July 42

HQ
AA Bde MGF

2/17 Aust Lt AA Bty.

SITUATION REPORT.

1. CHANGE OF LOCATION. At 1700 hrs 14 Jul 42 No.12 Subsec. C Troop moved from position previously occupied at LOLOKI 'DROME to new position at that 'Drome as indicated on map enclosed.

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

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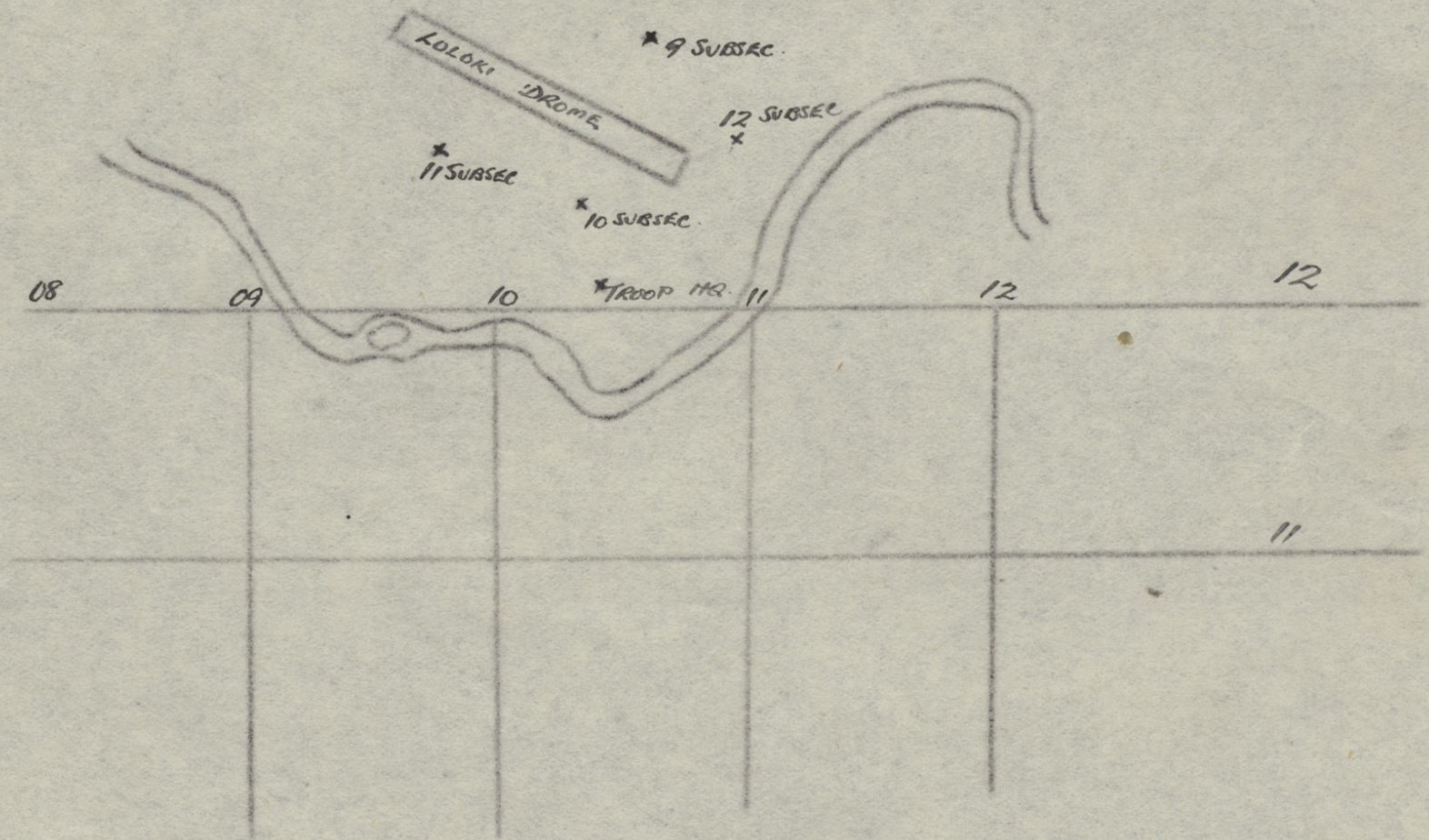

Extension to Ref Map PORT MORESBY 2" to 1 mile 8 Mar 42.

ORIGINAL

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WAR DIARY

of

2/17 Aust Lt AA Bty AIF

From 1 August 42 to 31 August 42.

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WAR DIARY OR INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY
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Unit 2/17 Aust Lt A A Bty A.I.F. Date and Time - From 1st Aug.,1942 To 31st Aug.,1942.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and information	Remarks and references to Append. & Diaries.
PORT MORESBY	1 Aug 42		1. OPERATIONS: Alert received 0200 hrs of raid by enemy aircraft. Stations H 1, H 5 and H 6 engaged aircraft at 0230-0300 hrs with barrage fire. Length of engagement, three minutes, during which 224 rounds were expended in all. On this raid the aircraft made two runs across PORT MORESBY Area	
			2. RESULTS : On first run bombs were dropped in vicinity of Northwest corner of 7 MILE DROME. No bombs dropped on second run. No damage or casualties.	
			3. STRENGTH: 8 Officers, 224 O/rs. (incl 1 officer detached AA Bde)	See Appendix II
			4. METEOROLOGICAL: Fine with scattered cloud. South wind.	
"	2 Aug		1. OPERATIONS: At 1600 hrs B.H.Q., 2/17 Aust Lt A A Bty moved from position previously occupied at Map ref 099050 to new position at Map ref. 134098. (Ref map PORT MORESBY, 2" to 1 mile - 8 Mar 42).	See APPENDIX 4
			2. METEOROLOGICAL: Fine, with heavy cloud. South wind.	
"	3 Aug		1. OPERATIONS: Nil.	
			2. METEOROLOGICAL: Fine - clear - hot and sultry.	
"	4 Aug		1. OPERATIONS: Nil.	
			2. METEOROLOGICAL: Fine with scattered cloud. Hot & sultry.	

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Unit. 2/17. Aust. Lt. AA. Bty. A.I.F..... Date and Time.-From...1. Aug. 42.....To..31. Aug. 42.....

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and information	Remarks and references to Append. & Diaries.
PORT MORESBY	5 Aug 42		1.OPERATIONS: Nil. 2.METEOROLOGICAL: Fine - hot and sultry - slight southerly breeze in afternoon.	
"	6 Aug 42		1.OPERATIONS: At 1800 hrs Subsec 12, C Tp moved from position previously occupied at map ref 112126 to new position at map ref 107122 as per SITREP of 9 Aug 42 See Appendix IV.	
			2.METEOROLOGICAL: Fine - hot - cloudy. Slight southerly breeze.	
"	7 Aug 42		1.OPERATIONS: Nil. 2.METEOROLOGICAL: Fine - heavy cloud in morning - overcast afternoon	
"	8 Aug 42		1.OPERATIONS: Nil. 2.STRENGTH: 9 Officers, 229 O/rs.(incl 1 officer detached AA Bde.) See Appendix II.	
			3.METEOROLOGICAL: Fine with scattered cloud.	
"	9 Aug 42		1.OPERATIONS: Nil. 2.METEOROLOGICAL: Overcast, slight shower in afternoon.	
"	10 Aug 42		1.OPERATIONS: Nil. 2.METEOROLOGICAL: Overcast - S.E. wind - slight showers.	
"	11 Aug 42		1.OPERATIONS: Nil. 2.METEOROLOGICAL: Fine - very cloudy - southerly wind.	
"	12 Aug 42		1.OPERATIONS: Nil. 2.METEOROLOGICAL: Overcast - light showers.	
"	13 Aug 42		1.OPERATIONS: Nil. 2.METEOROLOGICAL: Hot and cloudy - light showers in afternoon.	

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Unit. 2/17. Aust. Lt. A. A. Bty., A.I.F. ..... Date and Time.-From.... 1 Aug 42 ..... To. 31 Aug 42 .....

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and information	Remarks and references to Append. & Diaries.
PORT MORESBY	14 Aug 42		1. OPERATIONS: Nil.	
			2. METEOROLOGICAL: Fine, hot and sultry - few clouds.	
"	15 Aug 42		1. OPERATIONS: Nil	
			2. STRENGTH : 9 Offrs and 234 O/Rs (including 1 Offr detached to H.Q., A.A.Bde, N.G.F.)	See Appendix II
			3. METEOROLOGICAL: Fine, hot, and overcast.	
"	16 Aug 42		1. OPERATIONS: Nil	
			2. METEOROLOGICAL: Fine, hot - scattered cloud.	
"	17 Aug 42		1. OPERATIONS: At 0919 hrs 24 Enemy aircraft, possibly Serial 51, were engaged by Stations H.1; H.5 and H.6 at height of 22,000 feet to 25,000 feet for two minutes, during which 136 rounds were expended by all stations. One hit was observed, and one probable hit. On this raid aircraft made one run from North to South on SEVEN MILE 'DROME.	
			2. RESULTS: Bombs dropped on SEVEN MILE 'drome. Three B-26s were destroyed, two transports destroyed all other transports rendered unserviceable. Some Air Corps casualties. No damage to AA equipment or personnel. One B-26 on taking off from SEVEN MILE 'Drome during raid was slightly damaged, but after jettisoning bomb load, crash landed at TWELVE MILE 'DROME.	
			3. METEOROLOGICAL: Fine, very hot, and clear.	
"	18 Aug 42		1. OPERATIONS: Nil.	
			2. METEOROLOGICAL: Fine and hot - scattered cloud.	

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Unit. 2/17 Aust Lt AA Bty A.I.F. Date and Time - From 1 Aug 42 To 31 Aug 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and information	Remarks and references to Append. & Diaries.
PORT MORESBY	19 Aug 42		1. OPERATIONS: Nil.	
			2. ORDERS: Bty Routine Order No.15/42 issued.	See Appendix I.
			3. METEOROLOGICAL: Fine and hot - scattered cloud.	
"	20 Aug 42		1. OPERATIONS: Nil.	
			2. METEOROLOGICAL: Fine and hot - scattered cloud.	
"	21 Aug 42		1. OPERATIONS: Nil.	
			2. METEOROLOGICAL: Dull, hot and sultry - showers at night.	
"	22 Aug 42		1. OPERATIONS: 1. At 1800 hrs C Troop moved from positions previously occupied at LALOKI 'DROME to new positions at ~~GAOL GARDENS/BOMANA 'DROME area.~~	
			2. Four (4) .50 cal guns on BOMANA 'DROME were taken over by this Unit from 101st Sep CA Bn(AA). ~~Two of these guns were manned by "B" Tp and~~ one each by "A" and "C" Tps.	
			Map references as per SITREP of 23 Aug 42.	See Appendix IV.
			2. STRENGTH: 8 officers, 234 O/Rs.(incl 1 officer detached to H.Q. AA Bde N.G.F.)	See Appendix II.
			~~3. METEOROLOGICAL: Very hot and sultry - cloudy.~~	
"	23 Aug 42		1. OPERATIONS: Nil.	
			2. METEOROLOGICAL: Hot, overcast - rain at night.	
"	24 Aug 42		1. OPERATIONS: Nil.	
			2. METEOROLOGICAL: Fine, hot and sultry - scattered cloud.	
"	25 Aug 42		1. OPERATIONS: Nil.	
			2. METEOROLOGICAL: Fine, hot and sultry - scattered cloud.	

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Unit. 2/17. Aust. Lt. AA. Bty. A.I.F. ..... Date and Time.-From. 1 Aug. 42 ..... To. 31 Aug 42.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and information	Remarks and references to Append. & Diaries.
PORT MORESBY	26 Aug 42		1. OPERATIONS: Nil. 2. METEOROLOGICAL: Fine, hot and sultry - scattered cloud.	
"	27 Aug 42		1. OPERATIONS: Nil. 2. METEOROLOGICAL: Hot and sultry - cloudy.	
"	28 Aug 42		1. OPERATIONS: Nil. 2. METEOROLOGICAL: Hot and sultry - overcast - rain at night.	
"	29 Aug 42		1. OPERATIONS: Nil. 2. STRENGTH: 8 Officers, 233 O/Rs (including 1 Officer detached to H.Q., A A Bde, N.G.F.) 3. METEOROLOGICAL: Dull and sultry - showers of rain.	See Appendix II.
"	30 Aug 42		1. OPERATIONS: Nil. 2. METEOROLOGICAL: Overcast - heavy rain in afternoon & night.	
"	31 Aug 42		1. OPERATIONS: Nil. 2. Monthly Review issued. 3. METEOROLOGICAL: Fine and cloudy.	

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

APPENDIX I.

ORDERS.

Part A - External - Plan for Defence of Bomana 'Drome - 30 Aug 42

Part B - Internal - B.R.O. 15/42 - 19 Aug 42.

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30 Aug. 42

DEFENCE OF BOMANA 'DROME AREA

(Ref 7 Aust Div Op Instrns Nos 6 and 7 of 20 and 25 Aug.42).

Ref Map. PORT MORESBY. 1 : 31680 of 8 Mar 42.

1. The responsibility of protection of aerodrome will be as follows:

(a). 80 Fighter Sqn (35 Fighter Gp) A A F will patrol 'drome dispersal area with view to maintenance of internal security protection of planes and installations, and as an anti-sabotage measure.

(b). Army units in Aerodrome Defence Sector (Ref map 1011-1010-1009-1112-1111-1109-1211-1210) will take all measures from time to time directed by Comd. Aerodrome Defence sector for defence of 'drome against airborne and ground attack.

2. All movements of units into or out of aerodrome defence sector will be reported immediately to Comd -
(a) when projected,
(b) immediately when completed.

3. Tasks of army units now in sector are allotted as follows:
(a) 2/17 Aust Lt A A Bty.

(1). All Lt A A guns will, subject to A A role, be prepared to cover sector as far as possible from present sites with ground fire. This is for purpose of preventing enemy penetration into sector.
(2). Each A A gun site and Tp HQ will be made into a strongpost (by wiring etc.,) with all round defence. Such positions must be capable of putting up protracted defence and will therefore be stocked with 7 days res of amn sups water etc.
(3). Spare personnel not required to man guns will assist defence of position by S.A fire.
(4). All sub-units located on hill 1211 overlooking 'drome will be incorporated into a single defended area. Every effort will be made to make the defences of this area impregnable as any force controlling this hill controls the 'drome.
(5). Bty will establish on top of hill 1211 a command post for use of Comd aerodrome defence sector, and will provide personnel for manning same on receipt of warning of attack.

(b) Det. A Bty. 101 Sep C A Bn (AA).

Same as (a) 2/17 Aust Lt A A Bty (1), (2) and (3) above.

(c) H and S Coy 96 Engr Bn.

Coy will prevent penetration of enemy towards 'drome through area 1010.

(d) 7 Aust Div Carrier Gp Detachment.

Two sections of carriers MMG and one section carriers mortar will be located at ref map 121118 and will be employed as required by Comd aerodrome def sector in following roles:-
(a) protective recce and delaying action
(b) harassing of enemy concentrations
(c) immediate attack to counter enemy penetration.

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(c) All units.

In event of any outlying detachments being forced to withdraw from undivided positions they will make their way to defended area on hill 1211 to assist in its defence.

4. By co-ordination of defence plan with Comds Sector (A) JOHNS GULLY, Sector (B) 9 MILE QUARRY and Sector (C) PITT STREET troops in those sectors will as direct consequence of defending their respective localities be providing perimeter defence of Aerodrome Defence Sector to S.W and South.

5. In event of an attack being made by paratps only, one Coy of 3 Aust Bn will be made available by 14 Aust Inf Bde as a mob res. in an anti-paratp role for combined BOMANA 'DROME - LALOKI 'DROME area. Coy will be mob and ready to move at call. Upon receiving call Coy will move to R.V. in PITT STREET 126116 where it will receive co-ordinated instructions from Comds Aerodrome Defence Sectors BOMANA and LALOKI.

6. Intercommunication.

(a). H.Q. Aerodrome Def Sector will be at H.Q 2/17 Aust Lt A A Bty ref map 134098 until warning of attack is received when it will be located at command post on hill 1211, mentioned in para 3(a) 5 above.

(b). All units and sub units concerned may be communicated with through A A Bde Switch, 12 Mile Switch, and H.Q. 2/17 Aust Lt A A Bty.

7. Tactical dispositions of tps within and bordering on Aerodrome Defence Sector are shown on attached plan (Annexure "A").

Capt.
Comd BOMANA Aerodrome Defence Sector

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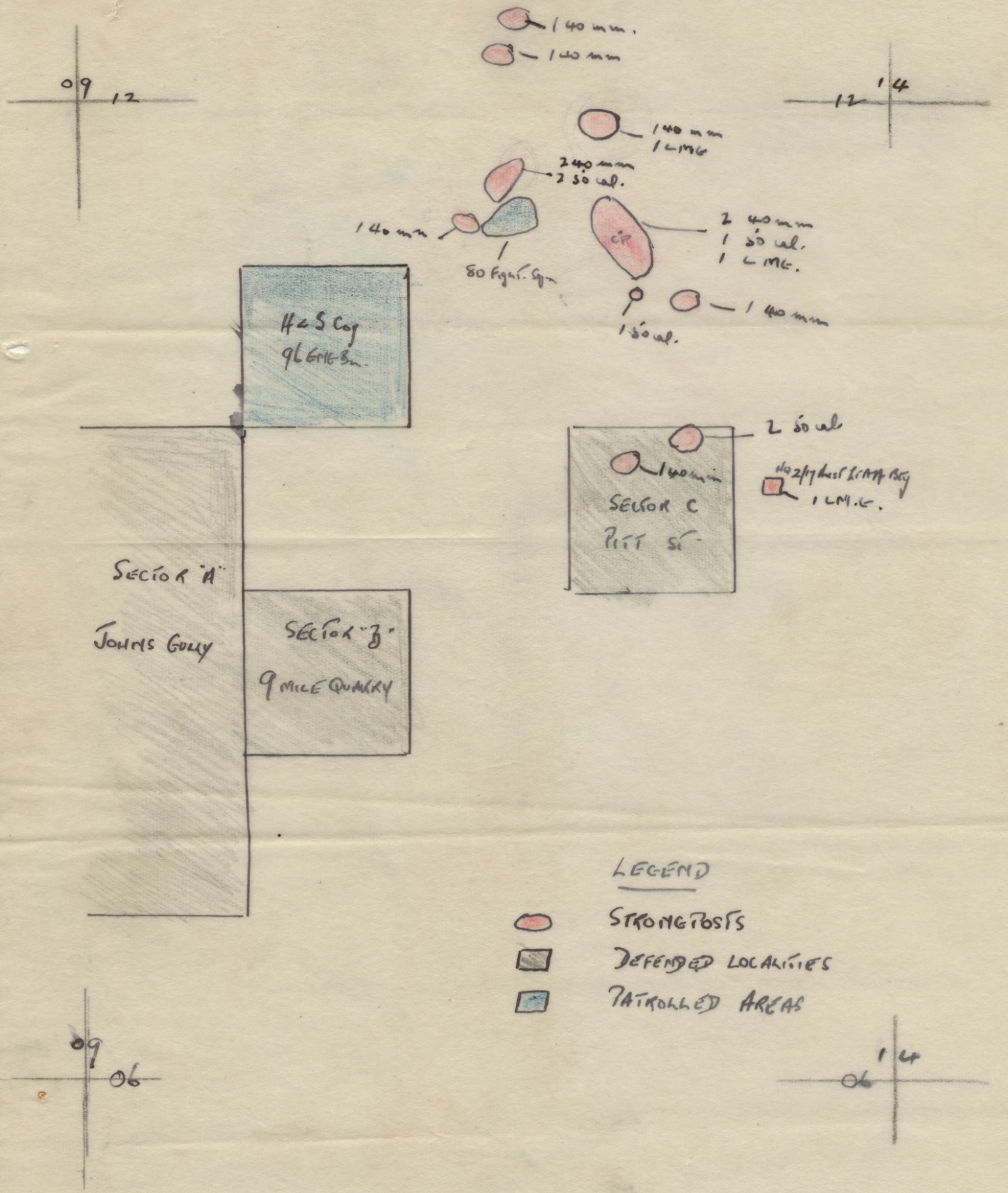
ANNEXURE "A" to Plan for Defence of BOMANA DROME Area.
Ref Map. PORT MORESBY 1 : 31680 of 8 Mar. 42



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Appendix .I

A.M.R.&O. 1587.
Not to be published.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.
ROUTINE ORDERS
by
Captain P.B.Toose
O.C. 2/17 Aust Lt AA Bty

15/42

19 August 42.

1. PERSONNEL FOR DUTY WITH Y.M.C.A. AND SALVATION ARMY ORGANISATIONS.

Personnel are required for duty with the Y.M.C.A and Salvation Army organisations in this Area.

It is considered that men unable, because of age or for other reasons, to carry out the normal work in their units, should find this a useful field of service. Ranks may be from Sergeant down.

Any applications in this connection should be submitted to this B.H.Q.

2. ARTILLERY EQUIPMENT AND AMMUNITION.

Recently, Artillery Equipment and Ammunition has been interfered with by unknown, unqualified and unauthorised persons. This practice will cease forthwith and in future, any person or persons, found interfering with, or loitering in the vicinity of, Technical Equipment of any type, will be charged by the O/C of that Equipment.

3. PROMOTIONS.

NX 73179 S/Sgt Harnetty C.L. to be WO.II 19 June 42

NX.73226. A/Bdr MEARS, E.McC to be A/Sgt. 18 Aug 42 (Vice Sgt Duckmanton, T.S.)

4. FIELD GENERAL COURT MARTIAL.

A field General Court Martial convened by Major-General B.M. Morris, D.S.O., G.O.C., N.G.Force and held at H.Q., N.G.Force on 23 July 1942 to try VX63002, Gnr.Maher, M.J., 2/17 Aust Lt A.A.Battery, on the following charges:-

1. Leaving his post without orders from his superior officer. A.A.6(2).

2. Using insubordinate language to his superior officer. A.A.8(2).

The accused pleaded guilty and was sentenced to undergo detention for 90 days, on 23 July 1942.

Finding and sentence was confirmed on 26 July 1942.

5. PUNISHMENTS.

Name	Offence	Punishment	Date
NX.80754 Gnr.Wysocki.R.A.	Without orders leaves his post during an 'alert'.	Fined £5.	28 July 42
VX.68287.Gnr Jobson.N	Drive truck at a speed in excess to that prescribed.	Fined £1	19 Aug, 42

P.B.TOOSE.Capt
O.C.2/17 Aust Lt A A Bty.

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APPENDIX II

STRENGTH.

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

2/17 Aust L A A Bty (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	-	-	-
Captains	2	-	-
Lieutenants	6	-	-
2nd Lieutenants	-	-	-
Quartermasters	-	-	-
Totals	8	-	-

*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	Tooze PB	2/17 Aust Lt AA Bty	Yes	–
"	NX 77280	Sanders E H	"	Yes	"
Lieut	NX 77282	Liddell W J	"	Yes	"
"	NX 65927	Kerr D J	"	Yes	"
"	NX 56813	Larguier A D	"	No	A A Bde HQ
"	NX 54137	Jones C M	"	Yes	
"	VX 47852	Fox J W	"	Yes	
"	VX 52615	Millar J R F	"	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
(Unit.)

1 Aug. 42
(Date of Despatch.)

[signature]
(Signature of Commander.)

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

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

2/7 Aust. A.A. Bty. (Unit) 1 Aug 19 41 (Date).

(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.			
W.Os. Class II.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants			
1 Staff Serjeants	1		1
15 Serjeants	13		2
18 Corporals	15		3
236 Troopers, Privates, &c.	195		41
271 TOTALS	224	*	* 47

*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.
NX 40894 Pte Ricketts J.R.	A.A. O.C.		
NX 54653			
Cpl Hughes A.J.	A.A. F.C.		

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).
~~NX 40894~~	Pte	~~Ricketts J.R.~~ Wadsworth C.E.		
~~NX 54653~~		Holzhauser A.R.	NX 44284	Pte Dawson W.T.
~~NX 40878~~		Bagwell H.T.	NX 40810	" Johnson K.N.
~~NX 36849~~	Bdr	Day C.H.	NX 64902	" Stevens L.A.
~~VX 63803~~	Gnr	Kennedy J.T.	VX 63118	" Watts E.
~~NX 81599~~	"	Mahon C.J.	NX 810 84	" Stratton L.F.
~~VX 65666~~	"	Lucas J.J.	VX 6210	" Graham C.J.
~~NX 80149~~	"	Stewart D.A.	NX 79180	Sgt Rice G.F.
~~NX 79104~~	"	Haalland W.H.J.	NX 79[illegible]	" Simpson [illegible]
~~NX 79136~~	"	Johnson D.B.	NX 79092	" Marks M.G.
~~VX 58970~~	Bdr.	Anderson R.B.	NX 79337	" Chalmers G.J.
~~VX 58970~~	Gnr	Tracey E.L.	NX 55[illegible]	" Cowell R.J.
~~VX 58275~~	"	Kitson J.R.	NX 79115	Bdr Lee K.J.
~~NX 79195~~	"	Cooper [illegible]		
~~NX 64256~~	"	Hogg W.J.		
~~VX 63803~~	Gnr	Jamison [illegible]		
~~NX 80600~~	"	Stuart B.J.		
~~NX 78204~~	"	Lawson L.C.	all of 2/7 Aust A.A. Bty.	
~~VX 58661~~	"	Warren L.F.		
		Edsell A.C.		Chaplain St. Moresby

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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			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			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			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	.	47						
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)								

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. H.A. Regt. — *Unit.*

W. Bloomfield Lt Col — *Signature of Commander.*

Date of Despatch 10 Aug 42

A.A. Bde. N.G.F. — *Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.*

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

2/17 AUST Lt AA BTY (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).
W.E.			
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels			
1 Majors	-	-	-
1 Captains	2	-	-
6 Lieutenants	7	1	-
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
8 Totals	9	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.
A/Lieut	Phillips I O W	2/17 AUST Lt AA BTY	5 Aug 42	Taken on Strength - Appt A/Lieut to date 17 Jul 42 - Adjt Gen Appt Order No 166

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	2/17 AUST Lt AA BTY	YES	
"	Nx 77280	Sanders E H	"	"	
Lieut	Nx 77282	Liddell W J	"	"	
"	Nx 65927	Kerr D J	"	"	
"	Nx 56813	Farquhar A D	"	No	HQ AA Bde NGF
"	Nx 54137	Jones C R	"	YES	
"	Vx 47852	Fox J W	"	"	
"	Vx 52615	Lillan J R F	"	"	
Hf Lieut	Nx 95736	Phillips T O W	"	"	

(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
(Unit.)

[signature]
(Signature of Commander.)

8 Aug 42
(Date of Despatch.)

AA 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 BTY (Unit) 8 Aug 19 42 (Date).

(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.			
W.Os. Class II.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants			
Staff Serjeants	1		1
Serjeants	13		2
Corporals	15		3
Troopers, Privates, &c.	200		36
TOTALS	229	*	* 42

*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.
Nx 49394 Pte Ruckett J R	AAOC		
Nx 54653 Cpl Hughes W F	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).
Nx 66333	GNR	WALLIS W A		
Nx 78578	"	WADSWORTH C C	Nx 82166	GNR HELLYER N R
Nx 73519	"	KENNEDY D G	Nx 49416	" DYER F H
Vx 63269	"	CLANCY A J	Nx 73222	" BUNN W J
Vx 63466	"	STEWART A H	Vx 66840	" PLAIN D H
Nx 73498	"	HENDERSON R G	Nx 81349	" LUCAS J J
Nx 82040	BDR	TRACEY E L		
Vx 63343	GNR	STUART E J		
Nx 80802	"	BLACKETT C E		
Nx 76244	"	WARREN L H		
Nx 73044	"	DYER F E		
Nx 49616	"	JOHNSON R N		
Vx 63112	"	NORTH E		
Nx 81084	"	STRATTON D J G	ALL OF 2/17 AUST LT AA BTY.	
Nx 73150	S/SGT	PRICE G R		
Nx 73611	GNR	STRONG P V	HOSPITAL PORT MORESBY	
Nx 49584	"	MARSH H F		
Nx 73387	"	CHALMERS E J		
Nx 38556	"	BARR R		
Nx 78442	BDR	LEE R J		
Nx 80938	GNR	BAKER R T		
Vx 60422	"	HUSSEY B S		

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2/17 AUST LT AA BTY Unit.

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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			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			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			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		42						
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)								

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
Unit.

Date of Despatch 8 Aug 42

Base Depot
Signature of Commander.

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

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

2/17 Aust Fd A A Bty (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 Lieut.-Colonels			
1 Majors			
1 Captains	2		
6 Lieutenants	7	1	
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
8 Totals	9	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.
Capt	NX 76532	Tonse P B	2/17 Aust 4 AA Bty	Yes	
Capt	NX 77280	Sanders E H	" "	Yes	
Lieut	NX 77282	Liddell W J	"	Yes	
Lieut	NX 65027	Kerr D J	"	Yes	
Lieut	NX 56813	Tangubar A D		No	A A Bde H.Q.
Lieut	NX 54137	Jones C M		Yes	
Lieut	VX 47852	Fox J W	"	Yes	
Lieut	VX 52615	Millar J R F		Yes	
A/Lieut	NX 95736	Phillips I O W	"	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 4 A A Bty A.I.F.
(Unit.)

[signature]
(Signature of Commander.)

15 Aug 42
(Date of Despatch.)

A A Bde N.G.F.
(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) 15. Aug 1942 (Date).

(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).
WE W.Os. Class I.			
1 W.Os. Class II.	1		
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants			
1 Staff Serjeants	2		1
15 Serjeants	12		3
18 Corporals	18		
236 Troopers, Privates, &c.	203		33
271 TOTALS	234	*	* 37

*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.
Personal attached again		Other Attachments	
NX 40394 The Ricketts J.R	A.A.O.C	VX 64136 A/Cpl Milne M.N	A.A. Postal Service
NX 54653 Cpl Hughes H.F	A.A.P.C		

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. 1

2/17 Aust Lt. A A Sty 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			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		5	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		4	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					
		27						
General Duty								
personnel								
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)		28			9			

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 Sty A.I.F. — Unit.

Bloose Capt — Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch 15 Aug 42

A A Bde 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)

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			
Captains	2	–	–
Lieutenants	6	–	–
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
Totals	8	–	–

*Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Unit or Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Unit or Corps.	Date.	Cause.
LIEUT	LIDDELL WJ	2/17 AUST LT AA BTY	21 Aug 42	EVAC HOSP

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

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit or Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).
LIEUT	LIDDELL WJ	2/17 AUST LT AA BTY	HOSP PORT MORESBY

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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 APPOINTMENT ~~Corps.~~	5 Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	6 If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Capt	NX 76332	TOOSE PB	O C	YES	
"	NX 77280	SANDERS EH	BTY CAPT	"	
LIEUT	NX 65927	KERR DJ	A Tp	"	
"	NX 56813	FARQUHAR AD	[illegible]	NO	HQ AA Bde NGF Transport officer
"	NX 54137	JONES CM	B Tp	YES	
"	VX 47852	FOX JW	C Tp	"	
"	VX 52615	MILLAR JRF	A Tp	"	
A/LIEUT	NX 85736	PHILLIPS IOW	C 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 AIF
(Unit.)

22 AUG 42
(Date of Despatch.)

[signature]
(Signature of Commander.)

AA 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 BTY/ A I F (Unit) 22 AUG 19 42 (Date).

(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).
WE			
W.Os. Class I.			
1 W.Os. Class II.	1	-	-
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants			
1 Staff Serjeants	1	-	-
15 Serjeants	12	-	3
18 Corporals	17	-	1
236 Troopers, Privates, &c.	203	-	33
271 TOTALS	234	*	* 37

*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	AAPC	1 Cpl	AA Postal Service
1 Pte	AADC		

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			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		4	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		4	Sawyers		
Computers			Intelligence Duties			Shoemakers		
Concretors			Joiners			Signallers		
Cooks		3	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		2	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		23						
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)		28			9			

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 of Commander.

Date of Despatch 22 AUG 42

1 A Bde NGF
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).
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels			
Majors			
Captains	2		
Lieutenants	6		
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
Totals	8	-	-

WE
1
1
6
8

*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.	Appointment Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Capt	NX76532	Toose P B	O C	Yes	
"	NX77280	Sanders E H	Bty Capt	Yes	
Lieut	NX65927	Kerr D J	A Tp	Yes	
"	NX56813	Farquhar A D	-	No	HQ AA Bde NGF Transport Officer
"	NX54137	Jones C M	B Tp	Yes	
"	VX47852	Fox J W	C Tp	Yes	
"	VX52615	Millar J R F	A Tp	Yes	
A/Lieut	NX95736	Phillips I D 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 AA Bty AIF
(Unit.)

A B Toose Capt
(Signature of Commander.)

29 Aug 42
(Date of Despatch.)

A A Bde N C F
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

2/17 Aust Ft. AA Bty (Unit) 29 Aug 42 19 (Date).

(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.			
W.Os. Class II.	-		1
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	-		-
Staff Serjeants	1		-
Serjeants	11		4
Corporals	17		1
Troopers, Privates, &c.	205		31
TOTALS	234	*	* 37

*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 H.E.		Other attachments	
1 Cpl	A.A.P.C	1 Cpl	AA Postal Service
1 Pte	A.A.O.C		

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).
NX 73179	W.O. II	Harnetty C.L.	2/17 Aust Ft AA Bty	Hospital Ft Moresby

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2/7 Aust Lt A A Rgt ..... 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			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		4	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		3	Saw Doctors		
Coachmakers			Instrument Operators			Sawyers		
Computers			Intelligence Duties			Shoemakers		
Concretors			Joiners			Signallers		
Cooks		2	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			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		27						
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)		29			8			

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 Lt A A Rgt AIF
Unit.

[signature]
Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch 29 Aug 42

A A Bde N.G.F.
Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

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APPENDIX. III

MONTHLY REVIEW.

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

MONTHLY REVIEW - AUGUST,1942.

1. OPERATIONS.

(a) ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY. Enemy aircraft made two raids only on PORT MORESBY Area during the month. First raid was made at 0200 hrs on 1 Aug - Clouds obscured target and Hy A A engaged with barrage fire with no apparent result. Bombs were dropped in vicinity of North West corner of 7 MILE Drome causing no damage or casualties.
Second raid took place on 17 Aug - 24 enemy planes flying in formation at heights of 22000-25000 heavily bombed SEVEN MILE Drome. Planes made one run from North to South. They were engaged by Hy A A (3 stations) for 2 minutes during which 136 rounds were expended by all stations - one hit observed and one probable hit. This raid must be considered as one of the most successful yet made by Japanese on PORT MORESBY Area. Three B26s and 2 Transports were destroyed,and all other transports rendered unserviceable,and a number of other planes incurred minor damage. There were some Air Corps casualties,but no damage or casualties to equipment or personnel of A A Units. (Much of damage would not have occurred had A.A.F.followed simple principles of dispersion).

(b). MOVEMENT. Movement was as follows:-
(1). On 2 Aug, B.H.Q. moved from location near SEVEN MILE Drome (approx.half way between outlying Tps H.Q's) to new location in vicinity of BOMANA LALOKI Dromes.
My appointment as A.D.O. LALOKI Drome rendered this move necessary. The new site is on the side of a well grassed tree covered hill. Drainage,cover from air etc., are excellent. Further advantages are proximity of D.I.D., B.I.P.O.D.,Field Cash Office and other services.
(2). On 6 Aug. 12 subsection "C" Tp moved to alternate position on LALOKI 'Drome.
(3). On 22 Aug 42 "C" Tp moved from positions at LALOKI 'Drome to new positions GAOL GARDENS -BOMANA DROME Area. This move was mutually arranged between Capt.L.D.Gay,O.C. A Bty 101 Sep C.A.Bn (AA) U S F I A,and myself with approval of A A D C for the purpose of concentrating our respective Btys as far as possible in one area only. Up to this date sub-units of each Bty were located on both LALOKI and BOMANA 'Dromes. It was agreed that A Bty should take over LALOKI 'Drome complete and that 2/17 Aust Lt A A Bty should take over BOMANA 'Drome. This arrangement has greatly facilitated administration. As a result of the move unit took over manning of 4 50 cal MG (AA) on BOMANA 'Drome previously manned by personnel of 101 Sep CA Bn (AA).
All sub-units of Bty other than "A" Tp H.Q. and 2 and 4 sub-secs "A" Tp are now in BOMANA 'Drome area.

2. COMMAND.

(1) Lt A A Regt and Hy A A Regt mentioned in previous reviews are continuing to function as no ruling has yet been given as to what form the local A A organization shall take.
(2) Following upon move mentioned in para 1(b) 3 above Capt.L.D.Gay took over my duties as Comd LALOKI Aerodrome Def. Sector while I took over duties of Comd BOMANA Aerodrome Def Sector (see 7 Aust Div Op Instrn No.7 Pt III of 25 Aug 42).
Draft plan for Defence of BOMANA 'Drome Sector was submitted by me to 7 Aust Div for approval on 30 Aug 42. (See Appendix I to War Diary.)

3. COMMUNICATIONS.

New layout of Bty has brought about great improvement in communications. There is now a direct line from G.O.R. to B.H.Q. and a direct line from B.H.Q. to B Tp, C Tp and Subsecs 1 and 3 of A Tp. Communication with A Tp H.Q. and and Subsecs 2 and 4 is still very difficult as it is necessary to traverse 4 switches.

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4. STORES AND EQUIPMENT. There is still a shortage of gun tools and spare parts. No pistols have yet been issued to unit but an additional 84 rifles (Total now 178) and 55 bayonets have been received. Every endeavour is being made to further increase number of rifles so that every man in unit is armed.

5. TRANSPORT. Transport position has not changed since issue of Review for month of July.

6. HEALTH AND MEDICAL. Health has generally improved during the month the hospital rate now being down to 8 % of strength.

7. MANPOWER. No reinforcements have yet arrived shortage of manpower previous serious is now acute (caused by receipt of additional armament in form of 4 .50 M.G. mentioned 1 para 1(b) 3 above and further evacuation to mainland of sick personnel). Lieut.A.D. Farquhar(now AA Bde Transport Officer)has been replaced by a newly appointed officer A/Lieut I.C.W. Phillips.
It is with regret that I here record the loss of the services of Lieut W.J.Liddell (senior subaltern of Bty) who was evacuated to the mainland suffering from chronic malaria. Lieut Liddell had proved himself a thoroughly loyal, energetic and efficient officer and his presence will be greatly missed.

8. CONCLUSION. Except for various movements month of August has been comparatively uneventful. Shortages of manpower and equipment are still causing difficulties.
Morale is high and increasing length of service is giving men greater confidence in their respective tasks.
A list of lessons learned and experience gained in this area was submitted by Bty to H.Q Lt AA Regt N.G.F. where it was consolidated with similar lists from other Lt AA Btys. The resultant document has been sent to H.Q. AA Defence N.S.W. L of C Area for general information and particularly to assist training programme of newly formed Lt AA Regts.

PBToose

PORT MORESBY
31 Aug 42.

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

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APPENDIX IV

SITUATION REPORT. 3 Aug 42

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" 23 Aug 42

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Appendix 4.

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2/17 Aust Lt AA Bty
AIF Australia
3 Aug 42

HQ AA Bde.

2/17 Aust Lt AA Bty
SITUATION REPORT.

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

1. At 1600 hrs 2 Aug 42 B.H.Q. 2/17 Aust Lt AA Bty moved from position previously occupied at map ref 099050 to new position at map ref 134098.

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

Appendix 4

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SECRET.

2/17 Aust Lt AA Bty
AIF Australia
9 Aug 42.

HQ AA Bde.

2/17 Aust Lt AA Bty.
SITUATION REPORT.

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

1. At 1800 hrs 6 Aug 42 Subsec 12, C Tp, moved from position previously occupied at map ref 112126 to new position at map ref 107122.

P.B.Toose

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

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Appendix 4

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2/17 Aust Lt AA Bty AIF
23 Aug 42.

H.Q.
AA Bde N.G.F.

2/17 Aust Lt AA Bty.
SITUATION REPORT.

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

1. At 1800 hrs 22 Aug 42 C Troop moved from positions previously occupied at LALOKI 'DROME to new positions at GAOL GARDENS/BOMANA 'DROME area as follows:-

Tp H.Q.	map ref	122,118
No.9 Subsec.	"	116,125
No.10 "	"	115,123
No.11 "	"	116,116
No.12 "	"	120,116

2. At 1630 hrs 22 Aug 42,4 - .50 cal guns on Bomana 'Drome were taken over by this Unit from 101st Sep CA Bn(AA), as follows:

1 .50 cal gun at 124,112, manned by "B" Troop (5 subsection);
1 .50 cal gun at 123,113 manned by "B" Troop (7 subsection);
1 .50 cal gun at 116,115 manned by "A" Troop (1 subsection);
1 .50 cal gun at 116,116, manned by "C" Troop (11 subsection).

P.B.TOOSE. Capt.
O.C. 2/17 Aust Lt A A Bty. AIF.

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WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

(Erase heading not required).

Army Form C.2118 (adapted.)

Unit 2/17 Aust Lt A A Bty.,A.I.F. Date and Time.—From 1 Sept 1942 To 30 Sept 1942

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
PORT MORESBY	1 Sep 42		1. OPERATIONS: Nil.	
			2. METEOROLOGICAL: Dull - with rain.	
"	2 Sep 42		1. OPERATIONS: Nil	
			2. METEOROLOGICAL: Fine, with scattered cloud.	
"	3 Sep 42		1. OPERATIONS: Nil	
			2. ORDERS: Battery Routine Order No.16/42 issued.	See Appendix I
			3. METEOROLOGICAL: Fine, hot, with scattered cloud.	
"	4 Sep 42		1. OPERATIONS: 1. At 1630 hrs B Tp and Subsec 10 and 11 C Tp withdrew from positions in GAOL GARDENS/ BOMANA 'DROME Area and proceeded to WAIGANI 'DROME OCCupying positions as per SITREP of 6 Sep 42.	
			2. At 1630 hrs 9 Subsec C Tp moved from position 116125 to new position 123111 on BOMANA 'DROME. Two 50 cal M.G. on BOMANA 'DROME previously manned by Subsec 5 and 7 B Tp taken over by 9 and 12 Subsec C Tp respectively.	See Appendix IV.
			2. METEOROLOGICAL: Fine and clear.	
"	5 Sep 42		1. OPERATIONS: 1. At 1600 hrs 6 50 cal M.Gs handed over to Unit by 101 Sep CA Bn (AA) were sited on WAIGANI 'DROME as per SITREP of 6 Sep 42.	
			2. At 1630 hrs A Tp HQ moved from position 003002 to new position 999004 as per SITREP of 6 Sep 42.	See Appendix IV.
			2. STRENGTH: 8 Officers, 236 O/rs (incl 1 off detached to AA Bde)	See AppendixII
			3. METEOROLOGICAL: Fine, hot and cloudy.	
"	6 Sep 42		1. OPERATIONS: Nil.	
			2. METEOROLOGICAL: Fine, hot and cloudy - rain at night.	

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Unit 2/17 Aust Lt AA Bty A.I.F. Date and Time.—From 1 Sep 1942 To 30 Sep 1942

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
PORT MORESBY	7 Sep 42	1.	OPERATIONS: Warning received approx 1210 hrs of impending raid by enemy aircraft. Station H.6 reported sighting six Zeros at height of approx 19,500 ft. At 1215 G.O.R. reported that twenty-six hy enemy bombers were fifteen minutes out of PORT MORESBY On bearing 34 degrees. Stations H.1,H.5 and H.6 engaged the twentysix bombers, probable Serial 51, flying in large Arrowhead formation at 1230 hrs, at height of from 24,000 to 27,000 ft. Lenght of engagement ~~two minutes - 105 rounds expended by all Stations.~~	
		2.	RESULTS: Bombs were dropped on the Northeast side of the runway of 7 Mile Drome, a few falling on the runway. Two P40s slightly damaged - no casualties were reported. ~~One enemy plane damaged and later observed to~~ crash into Astrolabe Mountains.	
		3.	METEOROLOGICAL: Fine, hot and sultry - scattered cloud.	
"	8 Sep 42		1.OPERATIONS: Nil.	
			2.METEOROLOGICAL: Fine, hot and sultry - scattered cloud.	
"	9 Sep 42		1.OPERATIONS: 1.At 1630 hrs Subsec 3 A Tp and Subsec 9 and 12 C Tp withdrew from positions in GAOL GARDENS/ BOMANA ~~'DROME Area and proceeded to~~ WAIGANI 'DROME occupying positions as per SITREP of 10 Sep 42	
			2.At 1630 hrs two 50 cal M.Gs. on BOMANA 'DROME previously manned by Subsec 9 and 12 C Tp were taken over by A Tp personnel.	See Appendix IV.
			2.METEOROLOGICAL: Fine and clear.	

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Army Form C.2118 (adapted.)

Unit 2/17 Aust Lt AA Bty A.I.F. *Date and Time.—From* 1 Sep 42 *To* 30 Sep 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
PORT MORESBY	10 Sep 42		1.OPERATIONS: At 1100 hrs C Tp HQ moved from position 122118 on BOMANA 'DROME to WAIGANI 'DROME occupying position as per SITREP of 10 Sep 42	See Appendix IV.
			2.METEOROLOGICAL: Fine and hot with scattered cloud.	
"	11 Sep 42		1.Operations: Nil.	
			2.ORDERS: Battery Routine Order No.17/42 issued.	See Appendix I.
			3.ORGANISATION: As from 1200 hrs Bty reorganised in accordance with W.E. III/27A/1. The reorganisation involves the formation of four (4) troops and the posting of officers is now as follows:-	
			B.H.Q. - Capt P.B.Toose " E.H.Sanders	
			"A" Tp - Lieut D.J.Kerr	
			"B" Tp - Lieut C.M.Jones	
			"C" Tp - Lieut J.W.Fox	
			"D" Tp - Lieut J.R.F.Millar	
			Supernumaries - Lieut A.D.Farquhar (Detached to AA Bde)	
			- A/Lieut I.O.W.Phillips.	
			4.METEOROLOGICAL: Fine and hot with scattered cloud.	
"	12 Sep 42		1.OPERATIONS: Nil.	
			2.STRENGTH: 8 Officers,228 O/Rs (incl 1 off detached to AA Bde)	
			3.METEOROLOGICAL: Fine and hot with scattered cloud.	
"	13 Sep 42		1.OPERATIONS: Nil.	
			2.METEOROLOGICAL: Fine with scattered cloud.	
"	14 Sep 42		1.OPERATIONS: Nil.	
			2.METEOROLOGICAL: Fine with scattered cloud.	
"	15 Sep 42		1.OPERATIONS: Nil.	
			2.METEOROLOGICAL: Fine and hot with scattered cloud.	

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Army Form C.2118 (adapted.)

Unit 2/17 Aust Lt A A Bty, AIF. Date and Time.—From 1 Sep 42 To 30 Sep 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			1.	
PORT MORESBY	16 Sep 42		OPERATIONS : Nil.	
			2. METEOROLOGICAL: Hot and sultry - with rain.	
"	17 Sep 42		1. OPERATIONS : Nil	
			2. METEOROLOGICAL: Fine, hot and sultry - few clouds.	
"	18 Sep 42		1. OPERATIONS : Probably one (1) unidentified aircraft attacked SEVEN MILE 'Drome at 1910 hrs from height of 21000 feet. Bombs fell in the vicinity of 8th Base area and near Road running from landing strip to main road to Moresby. N	
			2. RESULTS. Four men in a truck and two on an ambulance were injured. No damage to runway or to aircraft.	
			3. METEOROLOGICAL: Fine, very hot, and cloudy.	
"	19 Sep 42		1. OPERATIONS: Nil.	
			2. STRENGTH: 8 officers, 235 O/Rs (including 1 offr detached to A A Bde).	
			3. METEOROLOGICAL: Fine, hot and sultry - cloudy.	
"	20 Sep 42		1. OPERATIONS: Possibly two or three enemy aircraft approached from SE at 2005 hrs last night and dropped bombs in wooded area just NE LOLOKI 'DROME. No casualties or damage reported.	
			2. METEOROLOGICAL: Fine, hot and sultry with cloud.	
"	21 Sep 42		1. OPERATIONS: Nil.	
			2. METEOROLOGICAL: Fine, hot and overcast.	
"	22 Sep 42		1. OPERATIONS: Nil.	
			2. METEOROLOGICAL: Fine, very hot - cloudy.	

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Army Form C.2118 (adapted.)

Unit 2/17 Aust Lt AA Bty AIF Date and Time.—From 1 Sep 42 To 30 Sep 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
PORT MORESBY	23 Sep 42		1. OPERATIONS: At 1930 hrs a single enemy plane dropped bombs 4 miles SE of 7 MILE 'DROME. No damage or casualties resulted.	
			2. METEOROLOGICAL: Fine, very hot, scattered cloud.	
"	24 Sep 42		1. OPERATIONS: Nil.	
			2. METEOROLOGICAL: Fine and very hot.	
"	25 Sep 42		1. OPERATIONS: Nil.	
			2. METEOROLOGICAL: Fine and sultry with scattered cloud.	
"	26 Sep 42		1. OPERATIONS : Nil	
			2. STRENGTH : 8 Officers, 243 O/Rs(Including 1 Offr detached to A A Bde).	Appendix II
			3. METEOROLOGICAL: Fine, very hot and sultry.	
"	27 Sep 42		1. OPERATIONS : Nil	
			2. METEOROLOGICAL: Fine, very hot and sultry.	
"	28 Sep 42		1. OPERATIONS: Nil	
			2. METEOROLOGICAL: Fine, hot and sultry, with cloud.	
"	29 Sep 42		1. OPERATIONS : Nil.	
			2. METEOROLOGICAL: Fine, hot and sultry, and cloudy. Showers in afternoon.	
"	30 Sep 42		1. OPERATIONS: Nil.	
			2. Monthly Review issued.	
			3. METEOROLOGICAL: Fine, very hot & sultry. Showers in late afternoon.	
				B Toose Capt.
				O.C 2/17 Aust Lt. AA Bty

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APPENDIX. I

Part A. - External - Nil.

Part B. - Internal.

B. R. O. 16/42, 3 Sep 42.

B.R.O. 17/42, 11 Sep 42.

B. R. O. 18/42, 28 Sep 42.

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NOT TO BE PUBLISHED. ROUTINE ORDERS

by

Captain P.B.Toose,

O.C.2/17 Aust Lt A A Bty. 3 Septr 1942

1. ARTILLERY EQUIPMENT AND AMMUNITION.

Recently, Artillery Equipment and Ammunition has been interfered with by unknown, unqualified and unauthorised persons. This practice will cease forthwith and in future, any person or persons, found interfering with, or loitering in the vicinity of, Technical Equipment of any type, will be charged by the O/C of that Equipment.

(N.G.F.Adm.I. 14).

2. MALARIA CONTROL MEASURES.

(1) Each C.O. will be responsible for all anti-malaria work in his Unit Lines and Unit Area.

He will ensure that:

(i). Mosquito or 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 infantry battalion or similar unit and a proportionate number for other Units. Their work will be supervised by the Unit Medical Officer.

(vi). At Dusk and until Sunrise all ranks wear shorts (with flaps turned down) and leggings, or slacks, boots and puttees or gaiters, and long sleeved shirts or jackets with sleeves turned down to ensure as much of the body as possible is covered.

(vii) The pamphlet "The prevention of Malaria" is distributed to all Officers and that the information contained therein is conveyed to all NCOs and men. (This pamphlet will shortly be available).

(2). QUININE.

(i) Each Officer, NCO and man, except those attached to MILNE FORCE will take one tablet of quinine daily with the evening meal.

(ii) Each Officer, NCO and man attached to MILNE FORCE will take two tablets of quinine daily with the evening meal.

(iii) Before taking the quinine tablets, each tablet should be broken up into several pieces and be well chewed before being swallowed.

(N.G.F.Adm.I. No.18)

3. ADMINISTRATION OF OATHS, ETC, BY OFFICERS.

Attention is directed to the recently enacted regulation 63 of the National Sedurity (Supplementary) Regulations, which provides as follows;-

"63 - (1). An officer of the Naval, Military or Air Force of the Commonwealth or of any other part of His Majesty's dominions who holds a rank not below the following, namely;-

(a) in the case of a naval officer - Lieutenant;
(b) in the case of a military officer - Captain;
(c) in the case of an officer of an air force - Flight-Lieutenant.

or equivalent rank, may, whether in or outside Australia administer oaths to, take affidavits of, and attest the execution of documents by, any member of a fighting force, and every oath administered by, affidavit sworn before, and document attested by, any such officer in pursuance of this regulation shall be valid and effectual for the purposes of any matter arising in, or under the law of, the Commonwealth or of any State or Territory of the Commonwealth. "

(G.R.O.169, & N.G.F.Order 417 22 Aug 42)

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4. SALUTING.

Action is being taken to amend A.M.R.& O.1165 by omitting sub-regulation (1) and inserting in its stead the following sub-regulation:

"(1) W.Os.,N.C.Os.,and private soldiers in uniform shall salute an officer at all times except whenpassing or being passed by him -
(i) in a crowded thoroughfare or assembly,or
(ii) during an exercise in the field; or
(iii) when on parade under the immediate control of a superior; or
(iv) when precluded by the nature of their duties from so doing"

This amendment will be anticipated and effect given thereto forthwith. All ranks will be instructed accordingly.

(G.R.O.198. & N.G.F.Orders No.421 22 Aug 42).

5. REVERSIONS.

NX 73398. A/L/Bdr JOHNSTON, S. 19 Aug 42.
reverted to rank of Gnr.

NX 78596 A/Bdr ANDERSON, R.V. 2 Sep 42
reverted to rank of Gnr (at own request).

P.B.TOOSE, Capt.
O.C. 2/17 Aust Lt A A Bty. AIF.

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ROUTINE ORDERS
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17/42

11 Sep 42.

1. RUBBER SHORTAGE.
Owing to acute shortage of rubber all units will ensure that strict economy is observed in the use of all rubber articles. All ranks are to be warned that the use of sandshoes must be limited and that they are not to be worn indiscriminately. Also that any article of rubber manufacture must not be exposed unduly to sunlight i.e. placing of ground sheets in the sun to dry or for covers. Unit C.O.s will instruct all ranks in regard to salvaging all discarded articles of rubber such as used tyres which are to be forwarded to the nearest Ordnance Depot.

2. PROMOTIONS.

NX 50077	A/Bdr	Willson R.W.	to be A/Sgt	11 Sep 42.
NX 49416	"	Dyer J.H.	"	"
VX 67764	"	McKenzie C.G.	"	"
VX 68259	A/L/Bdr	Hooper G.	to be A/Bdr	"
NX 79984	"	Marsh M.F.	"	"
NX 58576	"	Flower H.E.	"	"
NX 54742	"	Mannix C.E.	"	"

3. REVERSION.
NX 78648 A/Sgt McDermott M. reverted to rank of Gnr 5 Sep 42.

4. REORGANIZATION OF BATTERY.
From 1200 hrs 11 Sep Bty will be reorganized in accordance with W.E. III/27A/1.

5. POSTINGS.
On reorganization Postings will be as follows:-
(a) Officers -

B.H.Q.- Capt P.B.Toose
" E.H. Sanders
"A" Tp -Lieut D.J.Kerr
"B" Tp - " C.M. Jones
"C" Tp - " J.W.Fox
"D" Tp - " J.R.F.Millar

Supernumaries - Lieut A.D.Farquhar (Detached to AA Bde)
A/Lieut I.O.W.Phillips.

(b) Other Ranks-

B.H.Q.

NX73179	WO.II	Harnetty C.L.
NX73180	A/S/Sgt	Price G.R.
NX82040	A/Bdr	Tracey E.L.
NX73273	"	Day C.R.
NX49523	"	Perry A.L.
NX78925	A/L/Bdr	Miller J.
NX81963	Gnr	Paton A.J.
NX81813	"	Evans W.A.E.
NX55351	"	Mitcherson R.M.
NX48613	"	Francis G.M.
NX49267	"	Wilesmith L.W.
NX56941	"	McIntyre A.G.
NX81306	"	McIntyre C.G.
VX67509	Gnr	Martin E.J.
NX78578	A/L/Bdr	Wadsworth C.C.
NX81778	Gnr	Holzhauser A.R.
NX73196	"	Hutchison R.G.
VX68855	"	Black A.R.
NX79779	"	Carter E.J.
NX78596	"	Anderson R.V.
NX54708	A/L/Bdr	Pride N.C.C.
NX73159	"	Moloney J.J.
NX80589	Gnr	Tyrrell A.B.

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NX78396	A/Sgt	Towler F.
NX87645	A/Bdr	Atterton T.E.
VX67997	A/L/Bdr	Langley C.W.
NX73961	Gnr	Towers K.D.
NX80504	"	Lambert W.K.
NX80805	"	Upston R.F.
NX54978	"	Smith S.V.
NX73168	"	Leplaw R.W.A.
VX65849	"	Day R.
VX56345	"	Moon H.C.

Subsec 1.

VX67921	A/Sgt	Seal L.J.
NX80254	A/Bdr	Moore M.J.
NX80586	Gnr	Millar G.D.
NX73363	"	Fordyce C.J.
NX78452	"	Scobell W.D.J.
NX80320	"	Mould W.W.
NX73398	"	Johnston S.
NX73240	"	Pearson T.L.
NX80587	"	Read B.O.C.
NX82120	"	Beck J.P.
NX58888	"	Barr A.R.

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Subsec 2.

VX67764	A/Sgt	McKenzie C.G.
VX68259	A/Bdr	Hooper G.
VX67698	Gnr	Ruddick A.J.
VX66681	"	Brettoner G.J.
VX68123	"	Polkinghorne L.J.
VX67871	"	Saultry A.
VX67096	"	Wilkins J.H.
VX66581	"	Purvis W.J.E.
SX10088	"	Sprod H.G.
VX67092	"	Gregson W.C.A.
NX80617	"	Bronger N.

Subsec 3.

NX80541	A/Sgt	Watson W.
NX79984	A/Bdr	Marsh M.F.
NX79985	Gnr	Vaisey M.A.
NX81599	"	Lucas J.J.
NX59954	"	MacPherson K.D.
NX73195	"	Terry E.D.
NX73387	"	Chalmers E.J.
NX73611	"	Strong P.V.
NX78523	"	Parker T.E.K.
NX81830	"	Williams H.W.
NX73227	"	Mulligan P.V.
NX73208	"	Garland A.E.
NX49592	"	Richardson J.A.
NX73163	"	Harbrow E.L.

"B" Troop.

Tp H.Q.

NX49538	A/Sgt	Chase R.L.G.
NX73183	Gnr	Gamsby A.C.
NX73919	"	Bruce P.
NX44234	"	Dawson W.H.
NX59314	"	Unitt R.C.A.
NX73141	"	Sullivan H.E.
NX49410	"	Seymour D.F.
NX73172	"	Hodgkinson K.R.
NX79971	"	Wardley H.
NX79453	"	Keggen A.H.

Subsec 4

NX49432	A/Sgt	Bramble G.S.
NX77912	A/Bdr	Garrard E.M.
NX48998	Gnr	Girdler N.F.
NX73181	"	Ross J.W.
NX80673	"	Savage L.H.
NX57547	"	Stafford J.
NX73185	"	Lambert R.I.
NX48316	A/L/Bdr	Robinson K.J.
NX56273	Gnr	Haywood E.F.
NX59081	"	Miller W.J.
NX58926	"	Gibbons N.C.

Subsec 5.

NX80291	Gnr	Seale B.E.
NX82793	"	Sutton A.G.
NX73338	"	Finch C.G.
NX59005	"	Greenland E.C.
NX82052	"	Oatley P.K.
NX49618	"	Evans L.
NX79770	"	Mackey R.M.
NX51970	"	Stewart J.G.
NX82324	A/L/Bdr	Peters J.
NX82166	Gnr	Hellyer N.R.
NX92045	"	Pizarro H.J.

Subsec 6.

NX54656	A/Sgt	Johnson G.S.
NX73206	A/Bdr	Thompson A.E.
NX79844	Gnr	Manson T.H.
NX57288	"	Langridge J.W.
NX80921	"	Summergree ne V.McA
NX73994	"	Rooke R.J.
NX82130	"	Magrath J.A.
NX79796	"	Wyatt W.
NX55727	"	McIntyre N.
NX59177	"	Weule L.R.
NX80556	"	Teece J.C.
NX73132	"	Robinson S.A.
NX80755	"	Cunningham N.
NX80424	"	Bessant R.J.

"C" Troop.

Tp H.Q.

NX78415	A/Bdr	Lee K.J.
NX78648	Gnr	McDermott M.
VX66975	"	Cowling L.R.T.
NX39450	"	Taylor S.L.
NX73853	"	Williams S.E.
NX73995	"	Dawson A.S.
VX67800	"	Cairns J.L.
VX59628	"	Almond T.L.
VX67181	"	Heath K.
NX73559	"	O'Neil F.K.

Subsec 7.

VX59307	A/Sgt	Pendle H.S.
VX63994	A/Bdr	Strickland T.G.
VX68122	Gnr	Palmer C.A.
VX64815	"	Lewis W.W.D.
VX68402	"	Cameron I.
VX48308	"	Galvin P.
VX63880	"	Pentland L.
NX73253	"	Kennedy J.J.
VX61190	"	Spence K.P.
NX54658	"	Miller M.R.
NX54689	"	Rea F.J.

Subsec 8.

VX66799	A/Sgt	Geddes E.H.
NX78543	A/Bdr	Henderson E.G.
VX64415	Gnr	Guy C.R.T.
VX62697	"	Pickett K.R.
VX66840	"	Plain D.H.
VX66257	"	Grinter D.E.
VX58895	"	Carter M.E.
VX61305	"	Grennes C.H.
VX62216	"	White W.E.
VX62105	"	Gilbert A.A.K.
VX51129	"	Sexton G.J.

Subsec 9.

NX78597	A/Sgt	Anderson B.P.
NX79874	A/Bdr	Ilberry T.E.
NX81789	Gnr	Patterson E.D.
NX73186	A/L/Bdr	Bathgate R.
NX78200	Gnr	Langsworth B.S.
NX81264	"	McMahon J.R.
NX73391	"	Lee W.G.
NX81084	"	Stratton D.J.G.
NX82528	"	Hensley R.A.P.
NX82237	"	Holdsworth S.E.
NX49610	"	Johnson K.M.
VX58240	"	Kilgour T.R.
NX82095	"	Birman J.
NX82765	"	Lacey S.J.

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VX65160	A/Sgt	Branch K.R.
NX56382	Gnr	O'Regan S.H.
NX49003	"	Snape K.G.
VX68287	"	Jobson N.J.
VX67876	"	Brooks H.
VX66754	"	Thomson D.W.
VX67748	"	Callick F.
VX65835	"	Tong N.C.
VX66855	"	Holland J.E.

Subsec10.

NX50077	A/Sgt	Willson R.W.
NX58576	A/Bdr	Flower H.E.
NX56232	Gnr	Frost J.C.
NX73438	"	Henderson R.B.
NX73392	"	Costello J.L.
NX73572	"	Costello T.F.
NX73558	"	Parkinson H.W.
NX73450	"	Alley G.C.
NX78001	"	Allworth A.R.
VX65263	"	Clancy A.J.
NX55788	"	Rutter A.L.

Subsec 11.

NX73226	A/Sgt	Mears E.McC.
VX65992	A/Bdr	Ritchie W.
VX67566	Gnr	O'Neill R.T.
VX68164	"	Adams S.E.
VX67190	A/L/Bdr	Wallance C.F.
VX68675	Gnr	Grant C.F.
VX63118	"	North E.
VX67377	"	Stewart N.
VX68423	"	Beyer E.H.E.
VX66848	"	Godfrey L.R.
VX66332	"	Ford A.P.

Subsec 12.

NX49416	A/Sgt	Dyer J.H.
NX54742	A/Bdr	Mannix C.E.
NX81749	Gnr	McKenzie J.S.
NX83090	"	Cosgrave C.J.
NX82733	"	McRae D.G.
NX73198	"	Hodge W.H.
NX79946	"	Park A.H.
NX80718	"	Macris J.W.
NX73256	"	Knowlson W.A.
NX59915	"	Simonsen S.J.
NX80938	"	Baker A.T.
NX49511	"	Preston J.W.
NX56331	"	Hagarty J.L.
NX91711	"	Wine C.R.

REINFORCEMENTS.

All X list personnel and the following will be classified as reinforcements:-

VX59014	Gnr	Moulton N.R.
NX73389	"	White G.H.
NX80754	"	Wysocki R.A.
NX56211	"	Hearne S.F.
VX63176	"	Rankin J.C.
VX65262	"	Rawson K.
VX65666	"	Stewart A.H.
VX50661	"	Edsell A.G.
VX63816	"	Walsh B.J.
NX86653	"	Wallis W.A.
NX81246	"	Owens L.
VX64350	Gnr	Mollross E.T.
NX73207	"	Kemp F.C.
NX80602	"	Blackett C.E.
NX82662	"	Reid C.E.
NX73222	"	Bunn W.J.
VX68916	"	Dunn G.A.
VX69381	"	Ruddick F.E.
VX67883	"	Chaplin S.T.
VX66546	"	Wescombe A.A.
NX73519	"	Kennedy D.G.
NX54602	"	Edwards T.R.H.

6. ALLOTMENT OF REINFORCEMENTS FOR DUTY.
All personnel classified as reinforcements will until further notice remain with their respective sub-units. They will be deemed to be on strength of various Tp H.Q. but will be available for duties throughout the Tp at the discretion of the Tp Comd.

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

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by

Capt. P. B. Toose.

O.C. 2/17 Aust Lt A A Bty. 28 Septr 1942.

1. SECURITY

(i) To prevent any possibility of the enemy gaining identification from mail, all personnel will immediately destroy envelopes and wrappers on receipt of personal mail. Stamps and contents may be retained provided that the letter contains no indication of addressee's Unit.

C.O's will promulgate this order to all ranks at least twice during each month.

(ii). The practice of re-addressing official envelopes so that the front of the envelope shows names of several units will be discontinued. Addresses will be written on labels economy and substitutes therefor so that the envelope is not written on and may be used again.

(N.G.F.Order 437 - of 16 Sep 42).

2. CENSORSHIP LOCAL PUBLICATIONS.

N.G.F.Routine order No 69G of 10th June, is amended to allow the transmission of "Moresby Army News Sheet" through the post as from 31st July. Copies of M.A.N.S published prior to 31st July will not be transmitted outside MORESBY AREA.

(N.G.F.Order 438 - of 16 Sep 42).

3. GREEN ENVELOPES.

Tps should be reminded from time to time that the Green envelope is not a medium of discussing military matters, methods or organizations which would otherwise be deleted by Unit censors. Green envelopes are supplied for a definite purpose, and all Tps should be notified accordingly.

(N.G.F.Order 439 - of 16 Sep 42).

4. CONTROL OF PHOTOGRAPHY.

(i). No soldier shall have a camera (either cine or still) in his possession.

(ii). All cameras will be handed into O.C's Unit, and a receipt given.

(iii). One camera per formation or Unit is permitted. Its use will be controlled by the Formation or Unit security Officer.

(iv). Films from permitted cameras will be forwarded for processing to Intelligence, H.Q., N.G.F. The transmission of undeveloped film through the post is not permitted.

(N.G.F.Order 440 - of 16 Sep 42).

5. WEARING OF RESPIRATORS.

Commencing Wednesday, 16th September, 1942, and on each Wednesday subsequently, all Officers and O.R. will wear their respirators from 0900 hrs to 0930 hrs. The senior Officer in each branch, Unit or Sub-Unit will ensure that this instruction is strictly adhered to.

(N.G.F.Order 441 - of 16 Sep 42).

6. ORDERS RE BOMB LOCATION AND DISPOSAL.

It is again emphasised that NO UNAUTHORISED PERSON will interfere with unexploded bombs, exploded bomb fragments, craters, damaged buildings or installations, and C.O's and O.C's of all Units will inform ALL PERSONNEL of this fact and ensure compliance with this Order.

All personnel of Units should be instructed to report immediately the presence of any crater, bomb, booby trap, gas bomb, shell, grenade, any explosive mechanism, or any sample of gas contaminated material. This instruction is not, however, meant todeter personnel from making every effort to minimise damage caused by incendiary bombs. Cases have occurred where unauthorized personnel have interfered with unexploded cannon shells, thereby meeting with serious and fatal accidents.

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.

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Disciplinary action will be taken against unauthorized personnel found in possession of components of bombs or unexploded enemy ammunition.

(N.G.F.Order 442 - of 16 Sep 42).

7. NOTIFICATION OF CASUALTIES.

No member of the forces will communicate any information concerning casualties to the next of kin thereof or any other person, within one month after D.R.O. has been notified of such casualty, or the publication of particulars thereof in an official casualty list in Australia, whichever shall first happen.

(N.G.F.Order 455 - of 16 Sep 42).

8. TELEGRAMS FROM SOLDIERS.

The conditions governing the acceptance of concession rate telegrams have been modified.

In future the sender's Unit must not appear in the endorsement on telegrams lodged by military personnel.

The Director-General of Posts and Telegraphs is instructing all his departmental Officers accordingly.

(N.G.F.Order 469 - of 16 Sep 42).

9. AMENITIES.

(i) Individual members of the forces are forbidden to ask philanthropic bodies (such as the Australian Comforts Fund or the Red Cross) or the press, to supply comforts and amenities to Units.

(ii). Applications for comforts and amenities will be made only through Commanding Officers, amenities officers, or representatives of philanthropic bodies attached formations.

(N.G.F.Order 489 - of 16 Sep 42).

10. APPOINTMENTS.

NX79779.	Gnr.	CARTER. E. J.	to be A/L/Bdr. 28 Sep 42.
NX79453	"	KEGGEN. A.H.	" " " "
NX79844	"	MANSON. T.H.	" " " "
NX78244	"	WARREN. L.H.	Appt Spclst Gp III Driver Mechanic 19 Aug 42.

11. REVERSION.

NX79150. A/Sgt CAMPBELL, F.J. reverted to rank of Gnr (at his own request) - 24 Sep 42.

VX50661 Gnr EDSELL A.G. Appt as Spclst Gp III terminated 23 Sep 42

12. FIELD GENERAL COURT MARTIAL.

A Field General Court Martial was convened by Lieut General S.F. Rowell, C.B.E., G.O.C., N.G.F. and held at HQ., N.G.Force on 21 Sep 42 to try NX38286, Gnr Galloher, C. 2/17 Aust Lt A A Bty on following charge:-

1. While on active service deserting His Majesty's Forces in that he at Mayfield in the State of New South Wales on the 25th March 1942 absented himself without leave from 2/17 Aust Lt A A Bty, A.I.F. until apprehended at Tamworth in the State aforesaid on 4th July 1942.
(A.A.12(1)(a)).

The accused pleaded Not Guilty and was found Not Guilty of desertion, but Guilty of:

Absenting himself without leave from 2/17 Aust Lt A A Bty from 0615 hours 25 March 42 until apprehended at Tamworth, N.S.W. at 1200 hours 2 July 42.

And was sentenced to undergo detention for SIX MONTHS.

Finding and Sentence was confirmed on 21 Sep 42.

P.B.TOOSE. Capt.
O.C.2/17 Aust Lt A A Bty. A.I.F.

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APPENDIX II

STRENGTH,

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

2/2 AUST LT AA BDE A.I.F. (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			
Captains	2		
Lieutenants	6		
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
Totals	8	—	—

*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 Appointment Corps.	5 Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	6 If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Capt	NX 76592	TOOSE P B	O C	YES	
	NX 77280	SANDERS E H	BTY CAPT	"	
Lieut	NX 85917	KERR D S	A To	"	
"	NX 58213	FARRAHAR A D	—	NO	HQ AA Bde NGF
					TEMPORARY OFFICER
"	NX 54127	JONES C M	B To	YES	
"	NX 47852	FOX J W	C To	"	
"	NX 52615	MILLAR J R F	A To	"	
A/Lieut	NX 95736	PHILLIPS J O W	C 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.

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

5 Sept 42
(Date of Despatch.)

(Signature of Commander.)

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

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

2/17 AUST L1 AA BTY AIF (Unit) 5 Sep 19 42 (Date).

(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).
WE			
W.Os. Class I.			
1 W.Os. Class II.	–		1
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants			
1 Staff Serjeants	1	-	-
15 Serjeants	12	-	3
18 Corporals	15	–	3
236 Troopers, Privates, &c.	208	–	28
271 TOTALS	236	* –	* 35

*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		OTHER attachments	
against WE		1 Cpl	AA Postal Service
1 Cpl	AAPC		
1 Pte	AAOC		

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).
NX 73179	WO II	Harnetty C L	2/17 AUST L1 AA BTY	Hospital Pt Moresby

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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	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		3	Sawyers		
Computers			Intelligence Duties			Shoemakers		
Concretors			Joiners			Signallers		
Cooks		2	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		2	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 Boomut		27						
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)		31			4			

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.

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

Date of Despatch 5 Sep 42.

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

WE III/27A/1.

2/7 Aust Lt a a Bty (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			
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 Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	2 Personal Number.	3 Name and Initials.	4 ~~Corps.~~ Appointment	5 Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	6 If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Capt	NX 76532	Toose PB	OC	Yes	
Capt	NX 77280	Sanders EH	Dy Capt	Yes	
Lieut	NX 65927	Kerr DJ	'A' Tp	Yes	
"	NX 54137	Jones CM	'B' Tp	Yes	
"	VX 47852	Fox JW	'C' Tp	Yes	
"	VX 52615	Miller JRF	'D' Tp	Yes	
"	NX 56813	Farquhar AD	-	No	Attached HQ AA Bde N.G. (Transport Officer)
A/Lieut	NX 95786	Phillips IOW		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.

2/7 Aust Fd a a Bty AIF
(Unit.)

12 Sep 42
(Date of Despatch.)

(Signature of Commander.)

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

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

2/17 Aust Lt A A Bty (Unit) 12 Sep 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	14		2
18 Corporals	16		2
170 Troopers, Privates, &c.	197	27	
206 TOTALS	228	* 27	* 5

*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 attachment	
1 Pte	A A O C	1 Cpl	A A Postal Service
		1 Cpl	A A P C

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

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit ~~Corps.~~	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts if known).
NX73179	WO II	Farnetty C L	2/17 Aust Lt A A Bty	Hospital Port Moresby

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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		2	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	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	30		Sawyers		
Computers			Intelligence Duties			Shoemakers		
Concretors			Joiners			Signallers		
Cooks	3		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		4	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	Note		The above surpluses and deficiencies		
General duty						have been brought about by the		
personnel		4				adoption of new WE III/27A/1, on		
						11 Sep 42.		
						Surplus specialists are being		
						retained with unit to carry out		
						duties as gun numbers		
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)	4	8		30	4			

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 Sty AIF
Unit.

Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch 12 Sep 42

A A Bde N G Force
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Deficiency includes
Bdr. Fitters. 2

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

2/07 AUST LT AA CRS (*Unit*)

WE III/27A/1

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			
Captains	2		
Lieutenants	6	2	
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
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. Appointment	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 C H	Bty Capt	"	
Lieut	Nx 65927	Kerr D J	A Tp	"	
"	Nx 54137	Jones C L	B Tp	"	
"	Vx 47852	Fox J W	C Tp	"	
"	Vx 52615	Lillan J K F	D Tp	"	
"	Nx 56813	Farquhar A D	-	No	Detached HQ AA Bde NGF (Transport officer)
A/Lieut	Nx 95136	Phillips I O W	-	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.)

[signature]
(Signature of Commander.)

19 Sep 42
(Date of Despatch.)

A A Bde NGF
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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	15	–	1
18 Corporals	16	–	2
170 Troopers, Privates, &c.	202	32	
206 TOTALS	235	* 32	* 3

*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		Others attachments	
1 Pte	AAOC	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		2	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		4	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	31		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		4	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		NOTE	Surplus specialists are being retained with unit to carry out duties as gun numbers		
General Duty personnel	3							
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)	9	4		31	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 AUST Lt AA Bty AIF
Unit.

C Sanders Capt
Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch 19 Sep 42

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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2/17 Aust Lt. AA Bty (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 D.L.	Appointment O.C.	Yes	
"	NX 77280	Landers E.F.	Reg Capt	Yes	
Lieut	NX 65927	Kerr D.J.	"A" Tp	Yes	
"	NX 54137	Jones G.H.	"B" Tp	Yes	
"	VX 47552	Fox J.W.	"C" Tp	Yes	
"	VX 52615	Millar J.R.F.	"D" Tp	Yes	
"	NX 56813	Farquhar A.D.	"	No	Detached to A.A. Bde NGF (Transport offr)
A/Lieut	NX 95736	Phillips I.O.W.	"	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 A A Bty A.I.F. (Unit.)

[signature] (Signature of Commander.)

26 Sep 42 (Date of Despatch.)

A A Bde NG 7 (Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

2/7 Aust Lt a a Bty (Unit) 26 Sept 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	15	-	1
18 Corporals	17	-	1
170 Troopers, Privates, &c.	209	39	-
206 TOTALS	243	• 39	• 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. A A M C		1 Cpl. A A P C	

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		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			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		3	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	11							
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)	12	3		33	5			

Note - Surplus specialists are being retained with unit to carry out duties of gun numbers

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]
Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch 26 Sep 42

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APPENDIX III

MONTHLY REVIEW, 30 Sep 42.

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

MONTHLY REVIEW. - SEPTEMBER, 1942.

1. OPERATIONS.

(a) ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY. Enemy made four air raids on PORT MORESBY area during month of September. First raid was on 7 Sept at approx 1230 hrs (warning received at 1210 hrs). On this occasion 26 enemy bombers, (probably Serial 51) accompanied by Zeros attacked 7MILE 'Drome. Planes flew in large Arrowhead formation at heights from 24000/27000 feet. Three Hy AA stations engaged. Total length of engagement was two minutes - 105 rounds being expended by all stations. One of enemy planes was damaged and was later observed to crash into mountains. Bombs were dropped on NE side of 'Drome runway, a few falling on the runway itself. Two P40s were damaged - no casualties to personnel.

Other three raids were made by 1/3 planes, at night, respectively, on 18 Sep, 19 Sep and 23 Sep. (Moon was well up on all three occasions, but was obscured by clouds). On 18 Sep and on 23 Sep bombs were dropped in the vicinity of 7 MILE 'Drome but on 19 Sep. bombs were dropped well out into the bush, the nearest 'drome being LALOKI 'DROME. Six men were injured as a result of raid on 18 Sept, but otherwise there was no damage or casualties.

(b) MOVEMENT. Movement was as follows:-

(i) Under instructions from HQ, AA Bde, N.G.F., at 1630 hrs on 4 Sep. "B" Tp and subsecs 10 and 11 "C" Tp withdrew from BOMANA 'Drome area and proceeded to WAIGANI 'Drome - a new bomber 'drome to be used by AAF from 5 Sep. Accordingly all guns were in action by dawn on 5 Sep. No difficulty was experienced in siting guns, there being some excellent positions available.

To balance up siting of guns remaining on BOMANA 'Drome 9 subsec "C" Tp moved to position formerly occupied by 5 subsec "B" Tp - 9 and 12 subsecs, "C" Tp taking over manning of .50 cal MGs formerly manned by 5 and 7 subsecs "B" Tp.

(ii). At 1630 hrs on 5 Sep., two (2) .50 cal MGs manned by 1 subsec "A" Tp and 11 subsec "C" Tp on BOMANA 'Drome together with 4 additional .50 cal MGs received from 101 Sep.C.A. Bn(AA) USFIA, were moved to WAIGANI 'Drome (1 per subsec) to provide extra fire power on that 'drome

(iii). As a result of increasing importance of WAIGANI 'DROME, subsec 3 "A" Tp and subsecs 9 and 12 "C" Tp moved from BOMANA 'Drome at 1630 hrs on 9 Sep.42 to new positions on WAIGANI 'DROME (spare "A" Tp personnel taking over manning of two (2) .50 cal MGs remaining on BOMANA'Drome.
(N.B. Numbering of subsecs.changed on reorganization of Bty into four troops, A,B,C and D on 11 Sep 42.)

2. COMMUNICATIONS...

Only communication between B.H.Q and B,C and D Tps on WAIGANI 'Drome is through G.O.R operation line to B Tp H.Q. There is no direct communication with C and D Tp H.Qs, and all messages have to be passed on to these T.H.Qs, through separate circuit around 'drome, by B Tp H.Q.. Guns are connected up to their respective Tp H.Qs in the ordinary way. Serious defects in this system of communications are obvious but nothing can be done until additional signals equipment in the shape of switchboards etc (1 switch to be installed at B Tp H.Q.) come to hand.

3. REORGANIZATION OF BATTERY.

On 11 Sep. Bty was reorganized in accordance with W.E.III/27A/1 into four (4) Tps of three (3) subsecs each. To do this one subsec was taken from each of the three former Tps and all together with selected personnel for new T.H.Q were then incorporated into new Tp. No difficulty was experienced in making change. By reason of change Bty now has personnel surplus to Establishment, instead of deficit as previously. However, under local conditions it has been found necessary to retain surplus personnel to act as reliefs - non-provision of sufficient spare personnel is defect in new Establishment.

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4. STORES AND EQUIPMENT.

Pistols have now been issued to each Officer and 1 rifle to each man (including those surplus to establishment). In addition Bty was issued with six (6)TSMG,and an additional six (6) guns, Machine Lewis,making a total of 10 guns Machine Lewis. Bty is also holding on loan from 101 Sep C.A. Bn (AA) eight (8) .50 cal MG.
Shortage of gun tools and spare parts has not been remedied.

5. TRANSPORT

During the month Unit was deprived of further four (4) 3 ton trucks. These trucks were transferred to N.G.F.Transport Pool for use of AASC. By way of compensation unit was given two (2) 15 cwt trucks and exemption from wharf and general carrying duties mentioned in previous reviews. (NOTE. Unit now has only 12 of 18 three ton trucks originally held).

6. HEALTH AND MEDICAL.

General health position has greatly improved. At end of month Hospital rate was down to 2% of strength.

7. CONCLUSION.

Moves to WAIGANI 'Drome and reorganization of Bty were main events of the month. Events such as these,at least tend to provide a break in the monotonous existence which invariably accompanies mannings of AA guns on a static layout.
Increased issue of personal arms and equipment and obvious ever increasing importance of PORT MORESBY as a base has given the troops unshakeable confidence as to the successful outcome of the struggle in this area.

P.B.Toose

P.B.TOOSE, Capt.
O.C. 2/17 Aust Lt A A Bty. AIF.

PORT MORESBY,
30 Sep.42.

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APPENDIX IV

SITUATION REPORT, 6 Sep 42.

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2/17 Aust Lt AA Bty
6 Sep 42.

H.Q.
AA Bde M.O.F.

2/17 Aust Lt AA Bty.

SITUATION REPORT.

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

1. At 1630 hrs on 4 Sep B Troop and Subsec 10 and 11 C Troop withdrew from positions in GAOL GARDENS/ BOMANA 'DROME Area and proceeded to WAIGANI 'DROME occupying positions shown on attached sketch by 2000 hrs 4 Sep.

2. At 1630 hrs on 4 Sep 9 Subsec C Troop moved from position 116125 to new position 123111 on BOMANA 'DROME. Two.50 cal M.G. on BOMANA 'DROME previously manned by Subsec 5 and 7 B Troop taken over by 9 and 12 Subsec C Troop respectively (See SITREP S/196/42 of 23 Aug).

3. At 1600 hrs 5 Sep 6 .50 cal M.G's handed over to Unit by 101 Sep CA Bn (AA) were sited on WAIGANI 'DROME at positions shown on attached sketch.

4. At 1630 hrs on 5 Sep A Troop HQ moved from position 003002 to new position 999004.

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

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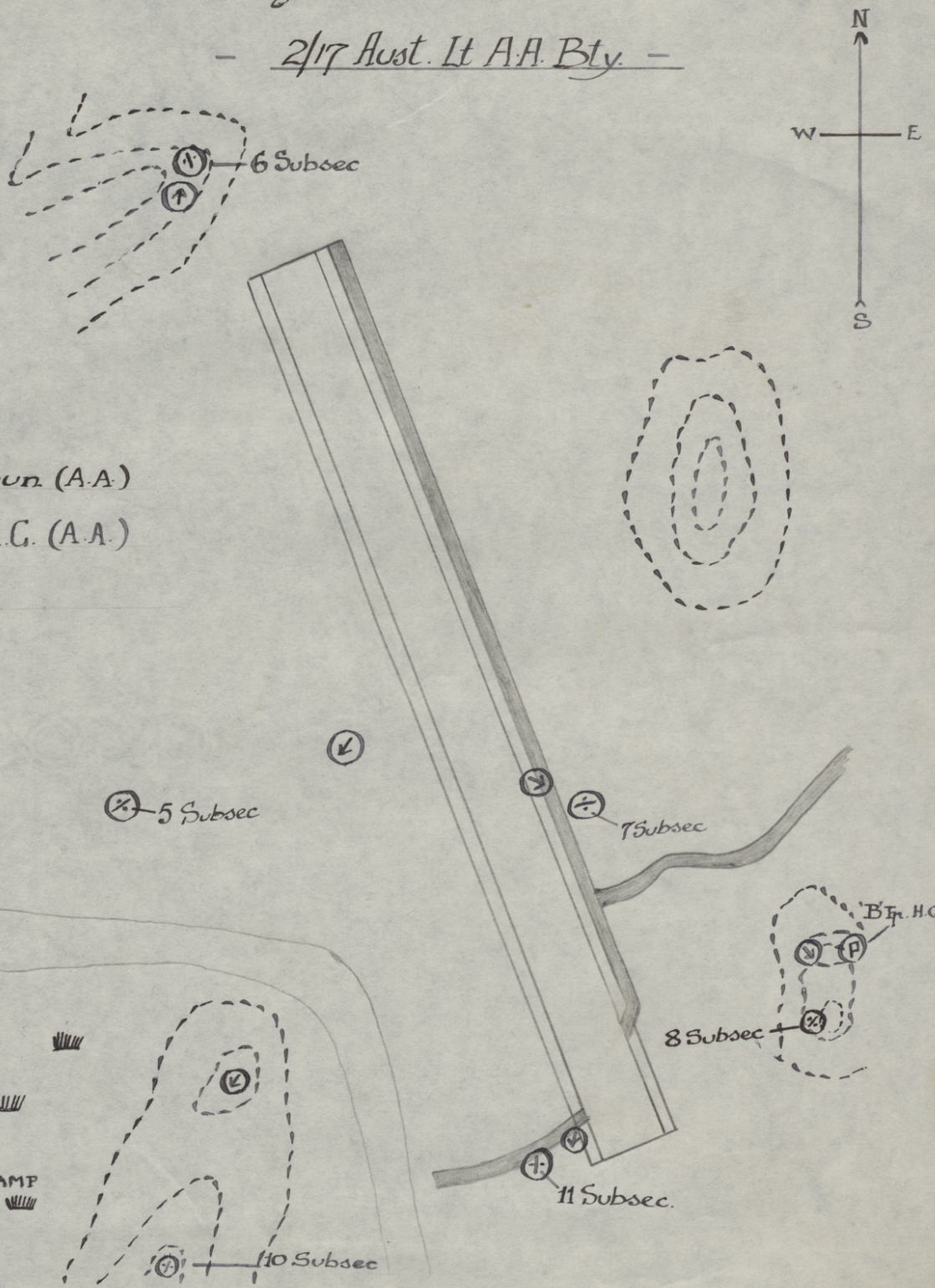
Sketch of Waigani 'Drome

6 Sept. 42.

- shewing A.A. Gun Positions -

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



Legend

- 1. 40mm gun (A.A.)
- 1 ·50 cal M.G. (A.A.)
- Tp. H.Q.

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2/17 Aust Lt AA Bty
10 Sep 42.

H.Q.
AA Bde N.G.F.

2/17 Aust Lt AA Bty.

SITUATION REPORT.

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

1. At 1630 hrs on 9 Sep Subsec 3 A Troop and Subsec 9 and 12 C Troop withdrew from positions in GAOL GARDENS/BOMANA 'DROME Area and prodeeded to WAIGANI 'DROME occupying positions shown on attached sketch by 1830 hrs 9 Sep.

2. At 1630 hrs on 9 Sep two 50 cal M.G. on BOMANA 'DROME previously manned by Subsec 9 and 12 C Troop were taken over by A Troop personnel.

3. At 1100 hrs 10 Sep C Troop H.Q. moved from position 122118 on BOMANA 'DROME to WAIGANI 'DROME occupying position shown on attached sketch by 1200 hrs on 10 Sep.

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O.C. 2/17 Aust Lt AA Bty

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SKETCH OF WAIGANI 'DROME

shewing A.A. Gun Positions

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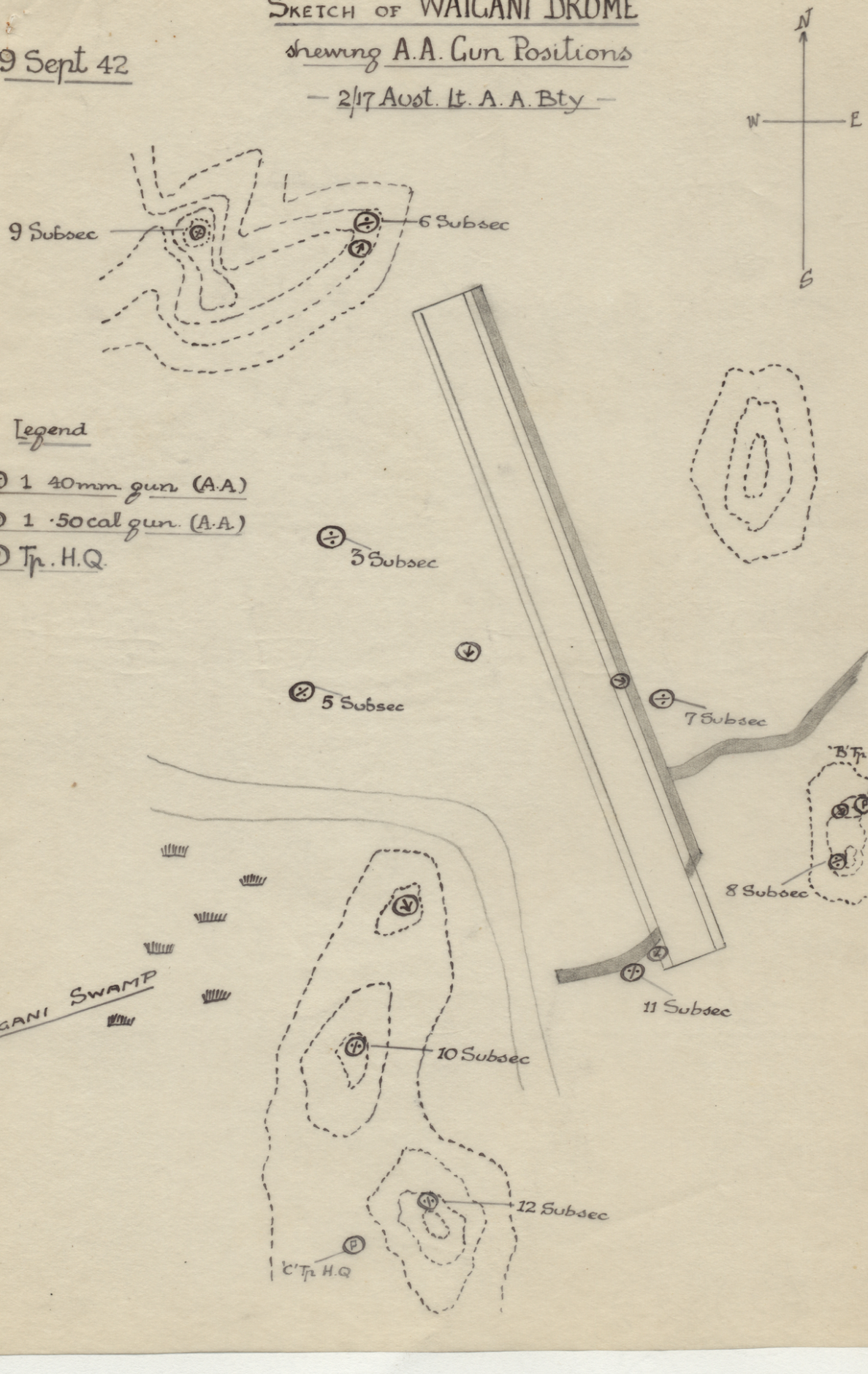
9 Sept 42



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Unit 2/17 Aust Lt A A Bty A.I.F. Date and Time From 1st Aug.,1942 To 31st Aug.,1942.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and information	Remarks and references to Append. & Diaries.
PORT MORESBY	1 Aug 42		1. OPERATIONS: Alert received 0200 hrs of raid by enemy aircraft. Stations H 1, H 5 and H 6 engaged aircraft at 0230-0300 hrs with barrage fire. Length of engagement, three minutes, during which 224 rounds were expended in all. On this raid the aircraft made two runs across PORT MORESBY Area	
			2. RESULTS : On first run bombs were dropped in vicinity of Northwest corner of 7 MILE DROME. No bombs dropped on second run. No damage or casualties.	
			3. STRENGTH: 8 officers, 224 O/rs. (incl 1 officer detached AA Bde) See Appendix II	
			4. METEOROLOGICAL: Fine with scattered cloud. South wind.	
"	2 Aug		1. OPERATIONS: At 1600 hrs B.H.Q., 2/17 Aust Lt A A Bty moved from position previously occupied at Map ref 099050 to new position at Map ref. 134098. (Ref map PORT MORESBY, 2" to 1 mile - 8 Mar 42).	See APPENDIX 4
			2. METEOROLOGICAL: Fine, with heavy cloud. South wind.	
"	3 Aug		1. OPERATIONS: Nil.	
			2. METEOROLOGICAL: Fine - clear - hot and sultry.	
"	4 Aug		1. OPERATIONS: Nil.	
			2. METEOROLOGICAL: Fine with scattered cloud. Hot & sultry.	

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Unit. 2/17 Aust. Lt AA Bty A.I.F. Date and Time.-From... 1 Aug 42 ...To.. 31 Aug 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and information	Remarks and references to Append. & Diaries.
PORT MORESBY	5 Aug 42		1. OPERATIONS: Nil. 2. METEOROLOGICAL: Fine - hot and sultry - slight southerly breeze in afternoon.	
"	6 Aug 42		1. OPERATIONS: At 1800 hrs Subsec 12, C Tp moved from position previously occupied at map ref 112126 to new position at map ref 107122 as per SITREP of 9 Aug 42 See Appendix II. 2. METEOROLOGICAL: Fine - hot - cloudy. Slight southerly breeze.	
"	7 Aug 42		1. OPERATIONS: Nil. 2. METEOROLOGICAL: Fine - heavy cloud in morning - overcast afternoon.	
"	8 Aug 42		1. OPERATIONS: Nil. 2. STRENGTH: 9 Officers, 229 O/rs. (incl 1 officer detached AA Bde.) See Appendix II. 3. METEOROLOGICAL: Fine with scattered cloud.	
"	9 Aug 42		1. OPERATIONS: Nil. 2. METEOROLOGICAL: Overcast, slight shower in afternoon.	
"	10 Aug 42		1. OPERATIONS: Nil. 2. METEOROLOGICAL: Overcast - S.E. wind - slight showers.	
"	11 Aug 42		1. OPERATIONS: Nil. 2. METEOROLOGICAL: Fine - very cloudy - southerly wind.	
"	12 Aug 42		1. OPERATIONS: Nil. 2. METEOROLOGICAL: Overcast - light showers.	
"	13 Aug 42		1. OPERATIONS: Nil. 2. METEOROLOGICAL: Hot and cloudy - light showers in afternoon.	

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WAR DIARY OR INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY
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Unit 2/17 Aust Lt A A Bty, A.I.F. Date and Time.-From 1 Aug 42 To 31 Aug 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and information	Remarks and references to Append. & Diaries.
PORT MORESBY	14 Aug 42		1. OPERATIONS: Nil. 2. METEOROLOGICAL: Fine, hot and sultry - few clouds.	
"	15 Aug 42		1. OPERATIONS: Nil 2. STRENGTH: 9 offrs and 234 o/Rs (including 1 offr detached to H.Q., A.A.Bde, N.G.F.) 3. METEOROLOGICAL: Fine, hot, and overcast.	See Appendix II
"	16 Aug 42		1. OPERATIONS: Nil 2. METEOROLOGICAL: Fine, hot - scattered cloud.	
"	17 Aug 42		1. OPERATIONS: At 0919 hrs 24 Enemy aircraft, possibly Serial 51, were engaged by Stations H.1:H.5 and H.6 at height of 22,000 feet to 25,000 feet for two minutes, during which 136 rounds were expended by all stations. One hit was observed, and one probable hit. On this raid aircraft made one run from North to South on SEVEN MILE 'DROME.	
			2. RESULTS: Bombs dropped on SEVEN MILE 'drome. Three B-26s were destroyed, two transports destroyed all other transports rendered unserviceable. Some Air Corps casualties. No damage to AA equipment or personnel. One B-26 on taking off from SEVEN MILE 'Drome during raid was slightly damaged, but after jettisoning bomb load, crash landed at TWELVE MILE 'DROME.	
			3. METEOROLOGICAL: Fine, very hot, and clear.	
"	18 Aug 42		1. OPERATIONS: Nil. 2. METEOROLOGICAL: Fine and hot - scattered cloud.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and information	Remarks and references to Append. & Diaries.
PORT MORESBY	19 Aug 42		1. OPERATIONS: Nil. 2. ORDERS: Bty Routine Order No.15/42 issued. 3. METEOROLOGICAL: Fine and hot - scattered cloud.	See Appendix I.
"	20 Aug 42		1. OPERATIONS: Nil. 2. METEOROLOGICAL: Fine and hot - scattered cloud.	
"	21 Aug 42		1. OPERATIONS: Nil. 2. METEOROLOGICAL: Dull, hot and sultry - showers at night.	
"	22 Aug 42		1. OPERATIONS: 1. At 1800 hrs C Troop moved from positions previously occupied at LALOKI 'DROME to new positions at ~~GAOL GARDENS/BOMANA 'DROME area~~. 2. Four (4) .50 cal guns on BOMANA 'DROME were taken over by this Unit from 101st Sep CA Bn(AA). ~~Two of these guns were manned by "B" Tp and~~ one each by "A" and "C" Tps. Map references as per SITREP of 23 Aug 42. 2. STRENGTH: 8 officers, 234 O/Rs.(incl 1 officer detached to H.Q. AA Bde N.G.F.) 3. ~~METEOROLOGICAL: Very hot and sultry - cloudy.~~	See Appendix IV. See Appendix II.
"	23 Aug 42		1. OPERATIONS: Nil. 2. METEOROLOGICAL: Hot, overcast - rain at night.	
"	24 Aug 42		1. OPERATIONS: Nil. 2. METEOROLOGICAL: Fine, hot and sultry - scattered cloud.	
"	25 Aug 42		1. OPERATIONS: Nil. 2. METEOROLOGICAL: Fine, hot and sultry - scattered cloud.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and information	Remarks and references to Append. & Diaries.
PORT MORESBY	26 Aug 42		1. OPERATIONS: Nil. 2. METEOROLOGICAL: Fine, hot and sultry - scattered cloud.	
"	27 Aug 42		1. OPERATIONS: Nil. 2. METEOROLOGICAL: Hot and sultry - cloudy.	
"	28 Aug 42		1. OPERATIONS: Nil. 2. METEOROLOGICAL: Hot and sultry - overcast - rain at night.	
"	29 Aug 42		1. OPERATIONS: Nil. 2. STRENGTH: 8 Officers, 233 O/Rs (including 1 Officer detached to H.Q., A A Pde, N.G.F.) 3. METEOROLOGICAL: Dull and sultry - showers of rain.	See Appendix II.
"	30 Aug 42		1. OPERATIONS: Nil. 2. METEOROLOGICAL: Overcast - heavy rain in afternoon & night.	
"	31 Aug 42		1. OPERATIONS: Nil. 2. Monthly Review issued. 3. METEOROLOGICAL: Fine and cloudy.	

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