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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
LAE			COVERING SHEET FOR WAR DIARY	
			HEREWITH ORIGINAL OF WAR DIARY FOR NOVEMBER 1943	
			A.G. Margetts ..... LT-COL.	
			A.G. MARGETTS.	
			C.O. 2/3 AUST COMPOSITE A.A. REGT.	
			L. Ruxton ..... LIEUT.	
			I.O. 2/3 AUST COMPOSITE A.A. REGT.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
LAE	1 NOV	1010L	THE C.R.A.A., BRIGADIER MORIARTY, A/B.M.R.A.A., C.O. AND 2 I/C VISITED H.2 TO WATCH TEST FIRING OF NO.1 GUN -3.7-IN- USING AVIATION OIL 1120 IN THE INTENSIFIER, SUBSTITUTE FOR OIL M000 OR TORPOYLE, ALSO TO TEST ACTION OF GUN WITH THE CARRIAGE TRANSPORTING REMOVED. RESULTS - INTENSIFIER - 6 ROUNDS FIRED SATISFACTORY. CARRIAGE - IT WAS THE FIRST TIME THE BATTERY'S GUNS HAD BEEN FIRED WITHOUT THE REAR WHEELS IN POSITION. SOME MOVEMENT OF THE GUN WAS NOTICED AND THE LEGS AND PADS BEHIND TRUNNIONS DUG INTO GROUND, DUE TO NATURE OF SOIL, PROBABLY ACCENTUATED BY ABSENCE OF CARRIAGE TRANSPORTING. GUN OUT OF LEVEL 12 MINUTES AFTER FIRST ROUND. AN INSPECTION WAS ALSO MADE OF I.F.F. EQUIPMENT FITTED TO RADAR A.A. EQUIPMENT NO.1 MK.II AT G.2.	
		1430L	WITH THE EXCEPTION OF CALIBRATION, I.F.F. EQUIPMENT AT G.2 READY FOR ACTION.	
		1500L	THE FOLLOWING OFFICERS VISITED G.2 TO INSPECT THE I.F.F. EQUIPMENT - COL. GEYLON D.D.M.E. NEW GUINEA FORCE LT-COL. BLACKWOOD D.D.M.E. 2 CORPS LT-COL. IRVINE C.E.M.E. 7 AUST DIV. LT-COL. MILNER C.E.M.E. 5 AUST DIV. MAJOR COLLEY C.E.M.E. VICE 5 AUST DIV. TWO R.A.A.F. N.C.O'S FROM NO.3 METEOR DET. OF NO.1 MOBILE FLIGHT, ARRIVED AT R.H.Q.A. AND ARE EQUIPPED TO PROVIDE METEOR REPORTS FOR R.A.A.A. AND TO MAINTAIN OBSERVATION. WILL COMMENCE OPERATIONS TO-MORROW.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
LAE	2 NOV		W.O.II V.R. KENT, OF 2/3 AUST A.A. REGT. WORKSHOPS SECTION, HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED BY G BRANCH, 5 AUST DIV TO BE PREPARED TO MOVE TO M.G.O. BRANCH, MELBOURNE, WITH THE JAPANESE TRIPLE MOUNTING 25-MM A.A. AND TANK ATTACK GUN. GUN HAS BEEN DISMANTLED AND CRATED, AND TOGETHER WITH SIX SPARE BARRELS AND 2000 ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION IS WAITING MOVEMENT, WHICH WILL PROBABLY BE BY AIR.	
			APART FROM CALIBRATION I.F.F. EQUIPMENT AT G.1 IS NOW READY FOR ACTION.	
	3 NOV		MAJOR-GENERAL E. MILFORD, C.O.G. 5 AUST DIV RELINQUISHED COMMAND TO TAKE UP APPOINTMENT OF MAJOR-GENERAL, GENERAL STAFF NEW GUINEA FORCE.	
			THE C.R.A. BRIGADIER MORIARTY HAS BEEN APPOINTED ADMIN COMMAND OF 5 AUST DIV.	
		0830L	LIEUT. ROBINSON C.W. -SIGNALS- RETURNED TO PORT MORESBY BY AIR.	
			LIEUT. H.B. CORNELIUSEN LEFT BY AIR TO ATTEND LIGHT A.A. GUNNERY AND TACTICAL COURSE NO. 45 AT RANDWICK, N.S.W. AND 24 DAYS RECREATIONAL LEAVE.	
		1445L	ADMINISTERING COMMAND 5 AUST DIV, BRIGADIER MORIARTY CALLED AT R.H.Q.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
LAE	4 NOV		OWING TO VERY HEAVY RAIN WITHIN THE LAST 24 HOURS, MAJORITY OF VEHICLES IN THE AREA HAVE BEEN GROUNDED.	
	5 NOV	1330L	L.1 -A TROOP 2/9 AUST LT. A.A. BTY- MOVED TO NEW POSITION MAP REF 696392.	
			LIEUT. H.J.L. CRAWFORD, OF 2/6 AUST HY. A.A. BTY., ON LOAN TO R.A.A.A. 5 AUST DIV AS STAFF CAPT. LEARNER.	
	6 NOV		MAJOR S. WOODHAM AND LIEUT. S. HALE OF 73 AUST A.A. S/L BTY., ARRIVED AS ADVANCE PARTY, AND IMMEDIATELY PROCEEDED WITH RECCE OF SEARCHLIGHT SITES.	
			LT-COL. BRODIE R.A. OF LETHBRIDGE MISSION AND LT-COL HISCOCK, ACTING C.R.A.A. 5 AUST DIV CALLED AT R.H.Q.	
			DISCUSSED TACTICAL PROBLEMS, TACTICS OF JAPANESE AND PROBLEMS OF MAINTENANCE IN TROPICAL AREAS. LATER VISITED H.2 WITH C.O. AND INSPECTED RADAR A.A. EQUIPMENT.	
			PRACTICE SHOOT. TEST SHOOT AT H.1, WHEN 48 ROUNDS WERE EXPENDED. SHOOT WAS CONDUCTED WITH AND WITHOUT CARRIAGE TRANSPORTING, AND RESULTS WERE MORE EFFECTIVE WITH CARRIAGE ATTACHED. A JAPANESE 20-MM A.A. GUN TESTED, STOPPAGES FREQUENT, DUE TO FAULTY EXTRACTION.	
			ALTERNATE LINE COMPLETED TO H.2 FROM G.O.R.	
	7 NOV		PRACTICE SHOOT AT H.2 WHEN 48 ROUNDS WERE EXPENDED. WITH AND WITHOUT CARRIAGE TRANSPORTING. RESULTS THE SAME AS H.1 SHOOT ON 6 NOV 43.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
LAE	7 NOV		AS A RESULT OF OBSERVATIONS OF SHOOTING AND FOLLOWING VERY STRONG RECOMMENDATIONS BY CAPT. STENBERG A.E.M.E., 2/6 AUST HY. A.A. BTY. ORDERED TO REPLACE CARRIAGES TRANSPORTING ON ALL THEIR GUNS.	
			RAID NO. 4. SEE APPENDIX VI.	
	8 NOV		RAID NO. 5. SEE APPENDIX VII.	
			THE JAPANESE TRIPLE MOUNTING 25-MM A.A. AND TK.A. GUN IN CHARGE OF W.O. KENT OF 2/3 AUST A.A. REGT. WORKSHOPS SECTION, REPORTED TO AIR STRIP FOR MOVEMENT TO M.G.O., L.H.Q. MELBOURNE, BUT OWING TO ITS BULK IN MOUNTING PILOTS REFUSED TO TAKE THE GUN. NOW AWAITING FURTHER WORD FROM G STAFF 5 AUST DIV.	
			LIEUT. GOTHART OF RADIO MAINTENANCE, 2/3 AUST A.A. REGT. WORKSHOPS SECTION, LECTURED OFFICERS AND G.L. PERSONNEL AT H.2 ON I.F.F. EQUIPMENT.	
			LINE FROM R.H.Q. TO 2/9 AUST LT. A.A. BTY. B.H.Q. COMPLETED. THIS LINE WILL HANDLE ALL ADMINISTRATIVE CALLS WHICH PREVIOUSLY HAD TO GO THROUGH G.O.R.	
	9 NOV		LECTURE BY LIEUT. GOTHART TO OFFICERS AND G.L. PERSONNEL OF H.1.	
			WORKSHOPS OVERHAULED CALIBRATOR UNIT OF G.2. BROKEN VALVE BASE REPLACED BY ONE FROM A JAPANESE WIRELESS SET.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
LAE	9 NOV	1120L 1212L	RED WARNING ALL CLEAR. ENEMY FIGHTERS OVER THE AREA IN COMBAT WITH OUR FIGHTERS. NO DAMAGE OR ENGAGEMENT BY A.A.	
			PRACTICE SHOOT CARRIED OUT BY 2/9 AUST LT. A.A. BTY. WHEN 10 ROUNDS PER GUN FIRED. ALL GUNS PERFORMING SATISFACTORY WITH THE EXCEPTION OF L.4 AND L.8.	
	10 NOV		25 LEAVE PERSONNEL FROM 2/3 AUST COMPOSITE A.A. REGT. LEFT R.H.Q. FOR TRANSIT CAMP TO PROCEED ON 24 DAYS RECREATIONAL LEAVE.	
			AVIATION OIL 1120 HAS NOT PROVED SUCCESSFUL WHEN TRIED IN THE INTENSIFIER OF NO.1 GUN AT H.2. REPLACED BY TORPOYLE.	
			PURSUANT TO NEW GUINEA FORCE OPERATION INSTRUCTION NO. 105 OF 7 NOV 43, H.Q. COMPOSITE A.A. DEFENCES N.G.F. IS DISSOLVED. SINCE THE DELETION FROM THE O.O.B OF C.A.A.A.D —N.G.F. THE FUNCTIONS PREVIOUSLY PERFORMED BY THEM WILL NOW BE CARRIED OUT BY H.Q. R.A.A. NEW GUINEA FORCE.	
			TENTATIVE A.A. GUN POSITION RESERVED AT MAP REF 710414 FOR 53 AUST A.A. REGT.	
	11 NOV		REPORT OF RECCE OF LAE AREA BY MAJOR A.A. WOODHAM. O.C. 73 AUST A.A. S/L BTY SUBMITTED TO R.A.A. 5 DIV. SEE APPENDIX VIII.	
			L.4 AND L.8 GUNS OF 2/9 AUST LT. A.A. BTY RETESTED. BOTH NOW FIRING SATISFACTORILY.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
LAE	12 NOV		THE FIRST JAPANESE TRIPLE MOUNTING 25-MM A.A. AND	
			TK.ATTACK GUN LOCATED AND ASSEMBLED IN THE SOUTH-WEST PACIFIC AREA, BY 2/3 AUST A.A. REGT. A.E.M.E., WAS LOADED ON	
			S.S. 'BALIK-PAPAN' TO-NIGHT FOR SHIPMENT TO M.G.O. L.H.Q. MELBOURNE. ORIGINALLY INTENDED FOR MOVEMENT BY AIR FROM LAE TO MELBOURNE, BUT PILOTS REFUSED TO TAKE THE WEIGHTY MOUNTING IN THE D.C.3 AS IT CONSTITUTED TOO GREAT A WEIGHT IN THE ONE SPOT. W.O.II KENT OF 2/3 AUST A.A. REGT. WORKSHOPS SECTION, WHO ASSEMBLED THE GUN, MOVED FORWARD WITH IT.	
			CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE CAUSED TO H.1 AND G.1 BY FLOODING OF BUTIBUM RIVER.	
		1818L	SEVERE EARTH TREMOR FELT THROUGHOUT THE AREA.	
			SGT. BIRD OF 2/9 AUST LT. A.A. BTY. WITHDRAWN FROM LEAVE DRAFT AT TRANSIT CAMP. NOW AWAITING MOVEMENT TO O.C.T.U. SOUTH AUSTRALIA.	
	13 NOV		LINE COMMUNICATION FROM 162 AUST LT. A.A. BTY. TO G.O.R. COMPLETED.	
	14 NOV		A CRICKET MATCH WAS ARRANGED BETWEEN 2/9 AUST LT. A.A. BTY AND 162 AUST LT. A.A. BTY. THE GAME WAS WON BY 2/9 AUST LT. A.A. BTY. BY 1 WICKET AND 11 RUNS.	
	15 NOV		PORTIONS OF H.1 AND G.1 DAMAGED BY FLOODING NOW REPLACED AND THOSE SECTIONS BUILT UP.	
			ONE 23-LB. PARACHUTE BOMB DELOUSED IN R.H.Q. VICINITY.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
LAE	16 NOV		MAJOR S. WOODHAM, O.C. 73 AUST A.A. S/L BTY., VISITED NADZAB AND CONFERRED WITH FIGHTER SECTOR AND 4 ARMY CO-OPERATION SQUADRON ON SEARCHLIGHT PROBLEMS.	
			THE A/G.O.C., BRIGADIER MORIARTY CONFERRED WITH THE C.O. ON THE SEARCHLIGHT LAYOUT.	
			THE ~~C~~ B. R.A. N.G.F., BRIGADIER BARKER AND A/CRA CALLED AT R.H.Q. AND INSPECTED SET UP AT G.O.R.	
	17 NOV		AIR RAID NO. 6. SEE APPENDIX X.	
		1010L	H.1 REPORTED DINAH ON BEARING 317 DEGREES. HEIGHT APPROXIMATELY 24,000 FEET. WENT OUT ON BEARING 317 DEGREES. NO ENGAGEMENT.	
	18 NOV		A/G.O.C. BRIGADIER MORIARTY CONFERRED WITH THE C.O. ON THE GENERAL A.A. LAYOUT.	
			~~THE CLEARING OF SEARCHLIGHT POSITIONS FOR 73 AUST A.A.~~ S/L BTY. COMMENCED.	
		1215L	BRIGADIER MORIARTY, ADM COMD 5 AUST DIV CALLED AT R.H.Q. AND DISCUSSED DESIRABILITY OF SHIPS OTHER THAN THOSE UNLOADING BEING BLACKED OUT WHEN ENEMY AIRCRAFT IN VICINITY, BUT NOT CLOSE ENOUGH FOR RED WARNING. THE BRIGADIER IS TO ~~ARRANGE WITH N.O.I.C. THAT MESSAGE FROM C.O.R. TO B.O.P. —~~ B.O.P TO P.W.SS.	
			THE R.S.M. AND Q.M.S. RETURNED FROM HOME LEAVE.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
LAE	18 NOV		IT IS LEARNT THERE ARE X LIST AND REINFORCEMENTS FOR THE REGIMENT AT MILNE BAY. 5 AUST DIV WILL ENDEAVOUR TO EXPEDITE MOVEMENT.	
	19 NOV		OWING TO THE ILLNESS OF THE A/CRA, LT-COL. MARGETTS IS TO TAKE OVER DUTIES OF A/CRA. MAJOR LINDON, 2 I/C OF 2/3 AUST COMPOSITE A.A. REGT. WILL BE ADM COMD.	
			LIEUT. W.G. SMITH REJOINED 2/6 AUST HY. A.A. BTY, UPON RETURN FROM HOME LEAVE.	
	20 NOV		LIEUT-COL. LONG C, C.O. 53 AUST A.A. REGT AND CAPTAIN K.C. ANDERSON, ADJUTANT, ARRIVED BY PLANE FROM DOBODURA ON A RECCE OF THE AREA.	
	21 NOV		THE STRENGTH OF THE REGIMENT WAS INCREASED BY THE ARRIVAL IN THE AREA OF 56 REINFORCEMENTS AND 4 X LIST PERSONNEL. ALLOCATION OF THESE PERSONNEL IS AS FOLLOWS – R.H.Q 6 2/6 AUST HY. A.A. BTY. 21 2/9 AUST LT. A.A. BTY. 26 2/3 AUST A.A. REGT. WORKSHOPS SEC. 3.	
	22 NOV 43		LIEUT. H.J.L. CRAWFORD, 2/6 AUST HY. A.A. BTY., WHO HAS BEEN A/S.C.R.A., 5 AUST DIV, HAS TAKEN OVER DUTIES AS ADJUTANT 2/3 AUST COMPOSITE A.A. REGT., NECESSITATED BY CAPT. I.R. CARSON ABOUT TO PROCEED TO SUB UNIT COMMANDERS TACTICAL SCHOOL AT BEENLEIGH, QUEENSLAND.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
LAE	23 NOV		DAMAGE TO SIGNAL COMMUNICATIONS IS BEING EXPERIENCED BY BULLDOZERS OF A U.S. UNIT, KNOCKING OVER SEVERAL POLED LINES OF C TROOP, 2/9 AUST LT. A.A. BTY.	
			LT-COL. LONG, C.O. 53 AUST A.A. REGT. AND CAPT ANDERSON LEFT BY PLANE TO RETURN TO THE REGIMENT.	
	24 NOV	1110L	H.2 REPORTED DINAH RECCE PLANE OVERHEAD - GOING OUT ON BEARING 280 DEGREES. HEIGHT APPROXIMATELY 26,000-FT. - NO ENGAGEMENT.	
	25 NOV		THE NEW SECTION OF H.1 AND G.1 LINES BUILT UP THROUGH SWAMP COUNTRY IS NOW COMPLETED.	
		1000L	MAJOR BENNETT AND LIEUT. MURPHY OF CAMOUFLAGE SECTION, NEW GUINEA FORCE, VISITED H.1. THE OPENING REMARKS OF MAJOR BENNETT WERE "WE HAVE COME TO CAMOUFLAGE YOUR SITE, HAVE YOU HAD ANY PHOTOS TAKEN". HE AFTERWARDS INSPECTED THE GUN SITE. MAJOR BENNETT'S COMMENTS WERE "THE REGULAR SQUARE LAYOUT REFLECTS ON THE MENTALITY OF AUSTRALIAN SOLDIERS AND OFFICERS." HOWEVER, NO SUGGESTION FOR CAMOUFLAGING OF THE SITE WAS MADE BY EITHER OF CAMOUFLAGE OFFICERS.	
	26 NOV		HAVING COMPLETED HIS DUTIES AS A/CRA 5 AUST DIV, LT-COL. MARGETTS HAS NOW RETURNED TO 2/3 AUST COMPOSITE A.A. REGT., AS COMMANDING OFFICER.	
			CAPT. I.R. CARSON, ADJUTANT, 2/3 AUST COMPOSITE A.A. REGT. LEFT BY AIR TO ATTEND SUB UNIT COMMANDERS TACTICAL SCHOOL AT BEENLEIGH, QUEENSLAND.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
LAE	26 NOV		THE STRENGTH OF THE REGIMENT HAS BEEN SUPPLEMENTED BY THE ARRIVAL OF AN ADDITIONAL 38 REINFORCEMENTS. ALLOCATION TO UNITS IS AS FOLLOWS –	
			R.H.Q. 7 PERSONNEL 2/6 AUST HY. A.A. BTY. 14 DO 2/9 AUST LT. A.A. BTY. 15 DO 2/3 AUST A.A. REGT. WORKSHOPS SECTION. 2 DO	
	28 NOV		~~AS THE BEARING DIAL OF NO.1 GUN AT H.2 WAS INACCURATE,~~ IT WAS REPLACED BY ONE FROM 2/3 AUST A.A. REGT. WORKSHOPS SECTION.	
	29 NOV		UNDER INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE C.R.A.A. 5 AUST DIV, A.A. AND FORTRESS SIGNALS SECTION OF 3 OFFICERS AND 79 OTHER RANKS ARE TO BE PUT UNDER COMMAND OF 2/3 AUST COMPOSITE A.A. REGT., ~~FOR USE AS DIRECTED BY C.O.~~ WILL BE USED TO COMPLETE INSTALLATIONS OF SEARCHLIGHTS AND COMMENCE SIGNAL HOOK-UP FOR 53 AUST A.A. REGT.	
			5 OFFICERS AND 163 OTHER RANKS OF 73 AUST MOBILE A.A. S/L BTY. ARRIVED IN THE AREA FROM MORESBY BY BOAT. ONE OFFICER AND 44 OTHER RANKS WERE LEFT AT PORT MORESBY. ATTACHED TROOPS WERE 1 OFFICER AND 17 OTHER RANKS A.E.M.E. SECTION AND 1 OFFICER AND 120 OTHER RANKS FROM 202 AUST A.A.REGT. SIGNAL SECTION. ~~AS SOME DAYS WILL ELASPE BEFORE EQUIPMENT AND STORES CAN BE~~ UNLOADED, PERSONNEL ARE IN THE TRANSIT CAMP AT 5 AUST DIV RECEPTION CAMP.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
LAE	30 NOV		BEARING RECEIVER DIAL OF NO.1 GUN AT H.2 REPLACED BY ORIGINAL RECEIVER DIAL WHICH HAD BEEN UNDER REPAIRS AT WORKSHOPS.	

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APPENDICES FOR WAR DIARY - NOV 43.

APPENDIX	I	DUPLICATE COPY WAR DIARY OCT 43.
"	II	TECHNICAL EFFICIENCY REPORT LAE 1 NOV 43
"	III	PERIODICAL REPORT - 1 NOV 43
"	IV	ROUTINE ORDERS - 2 NOV 43
"	V	FIELD RETURNS - 6 NOV 43
"	VI	RAID NO. 4 - 7 NOV 43
"	VII	RAID NO 5 - 8 NOV 43
"	VIII	REPORT ON RECCE BY O.C. 73 AUST S/L BTY. 11 NOV 43
"	IX	FIELD RETURNS - 13 NOV 43
"	X	RAID NO. 6 - 17 NOV 43
"	XI	ROUTINE ORDERS - 17 NOV 43
"	XII	FIELD RETURNS - 20 NOV 43
"	XIII	FIELD RETURNS - 27 NOV 43
"	XIV	ROUTINE ORDERS - 28 NOV 43
"	XV	PERCENTAGE COMPLETION DEFENSIVE WORKS 29 NOV 43

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A.A. TECHNICAL EFFICIENCY REPORT LAE.

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APP II

PART 1 - LOCATIONS.

OWING TO UNRELIABILITY OF 1-IN TO 1 MILE MAPS COVERING THIS AREA, THE INITIAL TRACE OF LAE A.A. DEFENCES IS SHOWN ON LAE 3508 - 1 - 25,000 SERIES.

-A- SEE APPENDIX A.

-B- -I- 3.7-IN STATIC GUN STATIONS - NIL

-II- 3.7-IN MOBILE GUN STATIONS

No.1	MAP REF 714392	4 X 3.7-IN A.A. GUNS
No.2	MAP REF 670416	3 X 3.7-IN A.A. GUNS

-III- G.L. SITS -

G.1.	MAP REF 714392
G.2	MAP REF 670416.

-C- NIL.

PART II.- WORKS.

-A- -I- HEAVY A.A. GUN EMPLACEMENTS. BOTH No.1 AND No.2 HAVE COMPLETED CONSTRUCTION OF COMMAND POSTS AND GUN PITS. THESE WERE BUILT OF OLD 44-GAL DRUMS FILLED WITH SAND, STRUTTED WITH IRON RAILS. GUNS IN BOTH CASES WERE SUNK ONE FOOT BELOW GROUND LEVEL.

-B- -II- TWO TENTS WERE USED IN ORIGINAL SET UP OF G.O.R. MAP REF 704397 ON 10 OCT 43, BUT CONSTRUCTION BEGAN ON BUILDING 20-FT X 25-FT IN THE IMMEDIATE VICINITY. COMPLETED AND IN OCCUPATION BY 1700 HOURS ON 27 OCT 43. WORK IS PROCEEDING ON BLAST WALLS -OLD 44 GAL DRUMS AND SAND BAGGING- AND DRAINAGE OF AREA. WITH THE POSSIBLE AMALGAMATION OF G.O.R. AND FIGHTER SECTOR. G.O.R. WAS BUILT LARGE ENOUGH TO ACCOMMODATE FIGHTER SECTOR. OWING TO THE UNCERTAINITY OF 18 U.S. SUB FIGHTER SECTOR REMAINING IN THIS AREA, NO MOVE HAS BEEN MADE BY FIGHTER SECTOR.

-III- NIL.

-IV- MAGAZINES. AT No.1 THESE ARE BEING CONSTRUCTED ABOVE GROUND OWING TO WATER LEVEL BEING NEAR GROUND SURFACE.

AT No.2 ONE MAGAZINE IS COMPLETE, BUILT ABOVE GROUND, WHILE THE OTHER IS BEING DUG DOWN 3 FEET, LEAVING 3 FEET ABOVE GROUND.

TWO MAGAZINES AT EACH SITE WILL ACCOMMODATE ALL AMMUNITION.

PART III -EQUIPMENT.

A. -I- 3.7-IN GUNS. AT PRESENT THERE ARE SEVEN HEAVY GUNS, MK.III, IN THE AREA, THE EIGHTH GUN FOR 2/6 AUST HY. A.A. BTY. IS STILL COMING FROM THE MAINLAND.

DIFFICULTY HAS BEEN EXPERIENCED IN OBTAINING OIL #600 TO REPLACE TORPOYLE IN INTENSIFIERS OF GUNS. ON ADVICE FROM NEW GUINEA FORCE, AVIATION OIL 1120 HAS SUBSTITUTED IN ONE GUN AT No.2, AND WILL BE TEST FIRED ON 1 NOV 43.

BRIG. L.C.S. BARKER, M.C.F., ADVISED REMOVING REAR GUN LIMBERS WHILE GUNS ARE IN ACTION. THIS HAS BEEN DONE BUT GUNS HAVE

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NOT BEEN FIRED UNDER THESE CONDITIONS.
EIGHT SPARE 3.7-IN BARRELS ARE HELD BY THE REGIMENT.
GUN TOOLS AND SPARE PARTS ARE STILL UNOBTAINABLE.

-II- 3.7-IN A.A.F.C. INSTRUMENTS. THE REGIMENT HOLDS 4 PREDICTORS NO.1, -FITTED WITH 207 FUZE DRUMS AND CAMS- 3 HEIGHT FINDERS UB7, 3 TELESCOPES IDENTIFICATION. NO PROBLEMS OR DEFICIENCIES.

-III- NIL.

-IV- NIL.

-V- GL. WITH THE EXCEPTION OF BURNT OUT CONDENSER -CAT NO. ZO 1538- AT G2 ON 30 OCT 43 NO FAULTY EQUIPMENT TO DATE. TROUBLE IS BEING EXPERIENCED COMBATTING RUST AND EXPOSED METAL PARTS. GOOD METAL PAINT REQUIRED. APPLICATION HAS BEEN MADE CONSISTENTLY OVER LAST 12 MONTHS, BUT NONE YET TO HAND.
G1 IS SITED ON THE FORESHORE -MAP REF 714392-. WITHIN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO TX IS A WRECKED JAP VESSELX, WHICH MAY BE EFFECTING PICK UP EFFICIENCY. POLAR DIAGRAMS WILL BE PLOTTED AND A REPORT SX SUPPLIED. LEVELLING OF PLATFORMX NOT YET COMPLETED OWING TO DIFFICULY IN OBTAINING NECESSARY EQUIPMENT FROM RAE. THE SOIL OF THE PLATFORM IS NOT OF GOOD CONDUCTIVITY BUT THIS MAY BE OVERCOME BY SOWING GRASS, PREFERABLY COUCH. THIS IS BEING ATTENDED TO. CALIBRATION HAS NOT YET BEEN CARRIED OUT AT EITHER G1 OR G2 BUT FULL INFORMATION WILL BE SUPPLIED WHEN THIS IS DONE. THIS SITE SHOULD BE MADE A1.
G2 -MAP REF 670416-. SITED ON GOOD LEVEL GROUND. PLATFORM PRACTICALLY LEVELLED, SOIL LOAM AND OF BETTER CONDUCTIVITY THAN G1. OWING TO SITING DIFFICULTIES MAKING IT IMPOSSIBLE TO GET GOOD SCREENING EFFECTS, SEVERE P.E.S ARE ENCOUNTERED AT BOTH SITES. THESE, HOWEVER, WILL NOT MAKE OPERATING IMPOSSIBLE. NOT YET TESTED, BOTH STATIONS ARE AT PRESENT EQUIPPED WITH I.F.F., SPARE PARTS AS PER W.E. ORDERED, BUT AS YET NOT TO HAND.
RAAF RDF NO.332 WITCH IS SITUATED IN THE AREA, IS GIVING EXTREMELY POOR RESULTS, AND U/I A/C ARE REPEATEDLY ENTERING AND LEAVING THE AREA WITHOUT A SINGLE PLOT BEING OBTAINED FROM THIS SOURCE.
THE COMPLETE LACK OF EARLY WARNING HAS GIVEN RISE TO THE NECESSITY OF KEEPING ONE GL SEARCHING DURING THE HOURS OF DARKNESS.
THIS HAS PROVED ITS WORTH, IN THAT ON TWO OCCASIONS, THE FIRST INDICATION OF A/C IN THE AREA WAS A GL INDICATION APPROX. RANGE 20,000X.

-VI- HEIGHT COMPUTORS. 2 HEIGHT COMPUTORS ARE HELD AND ARE FITTED TO THE PREDICTORS ON EACH GUN SITE. 1 DEFICIENT.

-VII- NIL.

-VIII- NIL.

-IX- 40 MM A.A. GUNS. 12 GUNS ARE HELD BY 2/9 LT. A.A. BTY., NONE HAVING RAT TRAP TYPE AUTO LOADERS. 6 MORE GUNS ARE AWAITED TO BRING 2/9 LT. A.A. BTY. TO W.E.T. 3 TROOPS ARE AT PRESENT OPERATING WITH 4 GUNS EACH.
A TROOP AND BHQ OF 162 LT. A.A. BTY. IS DEPLOYED IN AREA NORTH OF MALAHANG STRIP.
D BATTERY OF 102 COAST ARTY.BN. -AA- -AB- CONSISTING OF 8 GUNS IS DEPLOYED ROUND LAE STRIP.

-X- 40 MM A.A.F.C. INSTRUMENTS. 4 PREDICTORS NO. 3 ARE HELD BY 2/9 LT. A.A. BTY.

-XI- A.A. OPERATIONS EQUIPMENT. ALL EQUIPMENT HELD IS LOCALLY MADE. RANGE ARMS -PERSPEX-, SPEED CHARTS -AS MADE BY ESDAILE AND SON, SYDNEY, 2 BATCHES GS AND 1 WALL CLOCK ARE REQUIRED.

-XII- ALL GUNSITE PLOTTING ROOM EQUIPMENT IS LOCALLY MADE AND OPERATING SATISFACTORILY.

-XI- -ADDENDUM- DIFFICULTY IS BEING EXPERIENCED WITH 10 LINE U/C SWITCHBOARDS, WHICH ARE USELESS FOR MULTIPLE CALLS AND ARE NOT SPEEDY ENOUGH FOR CALLING UP GUN SITES. A 20 LINE A.A. KEY TYPE BOARD IS ESSENTIAL FOR EFFICIENT OPERATIONS.

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B. AS SHOWN IN A.

C. ON ARRIVAL IN THE AREA, SINGLE D8 WIRE ONLY WAS AVAILABLE, WHICH NECESSITATED EARTH RETURN TO ALL COMMUNICATIONS.
THIS WIRE MOST UNSATISFACTORY UNTIL OPERATIONAL LINES ARE POLED.
A REQUEST WAS MADE TO MORESBY AND A COMPLETE ISSUE OF TWISTED D8 WAS RECEIVED. THE MAIN DEFECT IN THE W.E.T. IS THE INCLUSION OF U/C 10 LINE SWITCHBOARD. THESE ARE NOT RELIABLE AND ARE NOT SUITED TO THE WORKING OF A G.O.R., BEING AN EXTREMELY SLOW MEDIUM FOR CALLING UP GUN SITES. THE ISSUE OF A 20 LINE KEY TYPE A.A. BOARD IS REQUIRED FOR EFFICIENCY AND WOULD PROVE INVALUABLE IN G.O.R. IT IS CONSIDERED THAT G.O.R. SHOULD CARRY A COMPLETE W.E.T. FOR THE OPERATIONS ROOM, APART FROM THE EQUIPMENT CARRIED BY SIGNALS - THIS EQUIPMENT IS NOT COMPREHENSIVE ENOUGH TO INSTAL A SUITABLE G.O.R. TO EXPEDITE OPERATIONS IN G.O.R. AND OVERCOME THE TIME LAG, 2 SWITCHING UNITS HAVE BEEN DESIGNED BY 2/3 SIGNAL SECTION TO BE OPERATED BY THE G.D.O.
ONE UNIT ALLOWS THE DIRECT CALLING UP AND CONTROLLING OF G.L.'S BY THE G.D.O. - ELIMINATING SWITCHBOARDS. THE SECOND UNIT IS DESIGNED AS A SERIES OF PARALLELED KEYS BY WHICH THE G.D.O. CAN SWITCH THE VARIOUS CONVERTED GL PLOTS TO THE GUN SITES DESIRED - AGAIN ELIMINATING SWITCHBOARDS.
THESE TWO UNITS GREATLY INCREASE THE EFFICIENCY OF OPERATIONS IN G.O.R. THE POLING OF ALL SIGNAL LINE COMMUNICATIONS TO THE HY. GUN SITES IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

PART IV - PERSONNEL.

A. STRENGTH STATE.

	R.H.Q.	2/6 HY BTY.	2/9 LT BTY.	A.E.M.E.	SIGS SEC.
W.E.	5 x 35	13 x 304	9 x 303	4 x 63	1 x 30
POSTED STRENGTH	5 x 24	14 x 272	10 x 238	4 x 60	2 x 30
DETACHED					
HOSPITAL		2	5	3	
LEAVE	2	1 x 14	18	1	
SCHOOL					1
FIGHTING STRENGTH	5 x 22	13 x 256	10 x 215	4 x 56	2 x 29
ATTACHED UNDER W.E.	2 x 6	12	7	2	1
TOTAL STRENGTH	7 x 28	13 x 268	10 x 222	4 x 58	2 x 30

THE PERSONNEL POSITION IS SATISFACTORY BUT AS SOON AS THE EXTRA SIX GUNS ARRIVE FOR 2/9 LT A.A. BTY. THIS BTY. WILL BE APPROXIMATELY 60 PERSONNEL DOWN ON POSTED STRENGTH.

B. POSTINGS OF CAPTAINS AND ABOVE.

VX 47987	MAJ/LT COL	MARGETTS	A.G.	C.O.
VX 27406	LIEUT-T/MAJ	LINDEN	J.H.	2 I/C
VX 40765	LIEUT-T/MAJ	STAUGHTON	S.S.	O.C. 2/9 LT. A.A. BTY.
VX 18116	LIEUT-T/CAPT	ROSE	J.C.	O.C. 2/6 HY. A.A. BTY.
VX 58453	LIEUT-T/CAPT	CARSON	I.R.	ADJUTANT
VX 45985	LIEUT-T/CAPT	CROOKE	J.D.	BTY. CAPT 2/9 LT. BTY.
VX 23240	LIEUT-T/CAPT	YUNCKEN	R.P.	BTY. CAPT 2/6 HY. BTY.
VX 37694	LIEUT-T/CAPT	HALL	H.	A TP. COMD 2/9 LT. BTY.
VX 23879	LIEUT-T/CAPT	ARCHER	L.B.	C TP. COMD 2/9 LT. BTY.
VX 58329	LIEUT-T/CAPT	KROHN	K.	B TP. COMD 2/9 LT. BTY
NX 66089	LIEUT-T/CAPT	MITCHELL	C.O.S.	B TP. COMD 2/6 HY. BTY
ATTN. NX 68030	LIEUT-T/CAPT	STENBERG	M.	2 O/C. 2/3 AA REGT. W/S
NX 160026	LIEUT-T/CAPT	SNEDDON	A.W.	O.C. 2/3 AA REGT. W/S
NX 70285	CAPT	HODGE	A.H.	R.M.O.
QX 49102	CAPT	COLLINS	T.C.	CHAPLAIN

A.G. Margetts .....LT-COL.
A.G. MARGETTS, A.A.D.C. LAE.

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APP III

2/3 AUST A.A. REGT. R.A.A. (L.E.)

PERIODICAL REPORT No. 1.

1-31 OCT 43.

A. On the night of 10/11 Oct 43, three raids occurred in this area. Only H.2 (3 - 3.7" guns) and Radar G.2 were in action, but telephonic communication was faulty. Firing unseen target drill, H.2 expended 120 rounds on Raids 1 and 2. Did not engage on Raid 3 as a/c was first picked up by sound and target was out of range before site could engage. Bombs were dropped on each raid. Heights of 12,000ft to 20,000ft were low in comparison with night raids previously experienced.

B. 2/3 Aust A.A. Regt. arrived at LAE on night of 6/7 Oct. Complete Location Statement as Appendix "1". All guns were deployed round the three VP's, which in order of priority are -

(ref R.A.A. LAE FORTRESS COMD Operation Instruction No.2 - A.A. Defence LAE)

(i) Wharf Area.
(ii) Landing Beach Area.
(iii) LAE Strip.

See Appendix "2" for changes in location G.O.R. and 162 Aust Lt. A.A. Bty.

C. Liaison was established between 18th U.S. Sub Fighter Sector and G.O.R. and direct line laid from G.O.R. Information received from F/S is inevitably stale, and often unreliable. G.O.R. has been built large enough to accomodate F/S, but the matter is held in abeyance, pending the uncertainty of movement of F/S. (Ref 2/3 Aust A.A. Regt. Tech Efficiency Report No.1)

Main Signal difficulty encountered was lack of suitable field cable. A limited quantity of D8 single was made available from local command. Request was made to MORESBY and a complete issue of D8 was received.

Ref EME Tech Instrn. A.101-9 and N.G.F. Memo ME/S/1/14 - Oil M600 not obtainable. Intensifier of No.1 gun H.2 charged with aviation oil No. 1120 on 25 Nov 43. Gun to be test fired 1 Nov 43.

D. NIL.

E. The W.E. of the Signal Section after a months operation, appears to be quite satisfactory, and if its responsibilities are confined to the Regt., little difficulty should be experienced in maintaining reasonably reliable system of communications.

F. Rear limbers removed from Hy. A.A. guns - have not been fired under these conditions. I.F.F. attachment fitted to HX at G.1 and G.2 but not yet tested.

G. Full period employed in movement and construction of gun positions and camp sites.

State of training - Good.

Training with G.L. height computor and gun crews was carried out during construction, whenever suitable a/c came into area.

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I. HEALTH:

A minor outbreak of malaria cases occurred shortly after arrival but many were not serious and returned to duty after three or four days.

Owing to the considerable amount of manual labour carried out in the hot conditions there has been the normal number of cases of rashes etc, but otherwise health is good.

MORALE:

Owing to the absence of enemy air activity and the leave position morale is not high.

DISCIPLINE:

Good.

.....Lt-Col.
A.G. Margetts.
A.A.D.C.

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ROUTINE ORDERS 2 NOV 43.

BY

LT-COL. A.G. MARGETTS - COMMANDING OFFICER.

PART 1. NO.7.

37. JAPANESE EQUIPMENT.

1. INFORMATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED THAT A NEW TYPE OF 35-MM MACHINE CANNON WAS USED BY JAPANESE NAVAL LANDING PARTIES AT LAE. THIS WEAPON WAS DESIGNED FOR A.A. WORK.

2. ALL UNITS WILL MAKE EVERY ENDEAVOUR TO LOCATE A SAMPLE OF THIS WEAPON WHICH IS PARTICULARLY REQUIRED BY ALLIED EQUIPMENT BOARD.

38. MAIL.

1. AIRGRAPH LETTERS.

IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS BE FULFILLED -

-I- SENDERS FULL NAME AND NUMBER IN BLOCK LETTERS, AND HIS SIGNATURE MUST BE INSERTED AT THE END OF THE TEXT.

-II- FRANKING OFFICERS SIGNATURE WILL APPEAR IN THE LOWER LEFT HAND CORNER OF THE FORM, ABOVE THE DIRECTION, 'THIS SPACE SHOULD NOT BE USED'.

-III- UNIT CENSOR STAMP WILL BE AFFIXED IN THE SPACE BETWEEN THE ADDRESS PANEL AND THE SINGLE PRINTED LINE DIRECTLY THEREUNDER. IT WILL BE PLACED AS FAR TO THE LEFT AS PRACTICABLE.

2. REGISTERED MAIL.

SENDERS NAME WILL BE WRITTEN ON THE BACK OF ENVELOPE.

3. TELEGRAMS.

THESE MUST BE SUBMITTED ON A PRINTED FORM, A SUPPLY OF WHICH SHOULD BE CARRIED BY B.H.Q. AND ALL TROOP H.QS.

39. PAY.

1. UNITS WILL ASCERTAIN AND REPORT TO THE REGT. PAY SERGEANT WHETHER ANY PERSONNEL DREW MONEY FROM 3 AUST DIV CASH OFFICE, ON OR ABOUT 20/21 OCT 43.

40. USE OF GRENADES, HAND, JAPANESE TYPE 91 - 5 AUST DIV R.O. 649.

1. THIS GRENADE IS IN COMMON USE BY THE JAPANESE AND QUANTITIES HAVE BEEN CAPTURED AND USED BY OUR TROOPS. TESTS INDICATE THAT THE GRENADE HAS CERTAIN CHARACTERISTICS WHICH MAY LEAD TO INJURY IN THE HANDS OF INEXPERIENCED PERSONNEL. THESE CHARACTERISTICS ARE -

-A- THE DELAY FUSE, MARKED 4/5 SECONDS, HAVE BEEN KNOWN TO BURN IN MUCH LESS TIME. SOME TESTED FUSES BURNED IN 3 SECONDS.

-B- WHILE THE DELAY FUSE IS BURNING, A CONSIDERABLE QUANTITY OF BLACK SMOKE EMITTED THROUGH THE ESCAPE HOLE AT THE BASE OF THE FUSE TUBE, AND SMALL FRAGMENTS OF THE DELAY FUSE ARE SOMETIMES FORCED OUT. AT NIGHT OR EVEN AT DUSK OR DAWN, A DEFINITE GLOW FROM THIS HOLE CAN BE SEEN.

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40. USE OF GRENADES, HAND, JAPANESE TYPE 91 -CONTD-

2. THE FOLLOWING PRECAUTIONS WILL BE TAKEN IF THE GRENADE IS USED -

-A- IT WILL BE THROWN IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE HEAD HAS BEEN STRUCK

-B- WHEN STRIKING THE GRENADE, THE HAND WILL BE KEPT WELL CLEAR OF THE ESCAPE HOLE AT THE SIDE OF THE FUSE TUBE.

41. UNLAWFUL DISPOSAL OF EQUIPMENT - 5 AUST DIV R.O. A61.

1. ATTENTION HAS BEEN DIRECTED TO THE UNAUTHORISED DISPOSAL OF AMF EQUIPMENT TO MEMBERS OF THE ALLIED FORCES AND CIVILIANS AND THE UNAUTHORISED RECEIPT OF ALLIED EQUIPMENT BY BARTER AND OTHERWISE BY MEMBERS OF THE AMF.

2. MEMBERS ARE FORBIDDEN TO PART WITH, DISPOSE OF, OR EXCHANGE BY BARTER OR OTHERWISE, ANY ITEM OF AMF EQUIPMENT OR TO RECEIVE BY BARTER OR OTHERWISE ANY ITEM OF ALLIED EQUIPMENT WITHOUT THE CONSENT OF THEIR OFFICERS COMMANDING THEIR UNITS. SUCH CONSENT WILL ONLY BE GIVEN ON THE DIRECTION OF SUPERIOR AUTHORITY OR WHEN THE EXIGENCIES OF THE SERVICE RENDER IT NECESSARY AND REFERENCE TO SUPERIOR AUTHORITY IS IMPRACTICABLE.

3. DISCIPLINARY ACTION WILL BE TAKEN AGAINST MEMBERS UNLAWFULLY DISPOSING OF AMF EQUIPMENT OR UNLAWFULLY IN POSSESSION OF ALLIED EQUIPMENT, CHARGES BEING LAID UNDER AA 17, AA 18 -4- OR AA 40, WHICHEVER IS APPROPRIATE.

42. INFORMATION REGARDING LOCATION OF GRAVES. - 5 AUST DIV R.O. A64.

1. IT HAS BEEN NOTICED THAT LETTERS OF CONDOLENCE SENT TO NEXT-OF-KIN BY COMMANDING OFFICERS, CHAPLAINS AND OTHERS HAVE, IN SOME CASES, DISCLOSED THE LOCATION OF PARTICULAR UNITS BY REFERRING SPECIFICALLY TO THE PLACE OF BURIAL OF DECEASED MEMBERS.

2. LETTERS OF CONDOLENCE TO NEXT-OF-KIN AND OTHERS FROM COMMANDING OFFICERS, CHAPLAINS AND OTHERS WILL REFER ONLY TO THE ACTUAL BURIAL SERVICE AND CONTAIN NO INFORMATION REGARDING THE LOCATION OF THE GRAVE. -GRO A270/43-.

43. COURTS OF INQUIRY ON ILLEGAL ABSENTEES - 5 AUST DIV R.O. A68.

1. BY STATUTORY RULE 245, DATED 29 SEP 43, AUSTRALIAN MILITARY REGULATION 276A WAS MADE, PROVIDING FOR AN ALTERNATIVE METHOD OF INVESTIGATION INTO ILLEGAL ABSENCE FOR TWENTY-ONE DAYS OR MORE, TO THAT OF HOLDING COURTS OF INQUIRY UNDER AMR 276.

2. AS DEPENDANTS ALLOWANCE AND ALLOTMENT PAYABLE IN RESPECT OF A MEMBER ABSENT WITHOUT LEAVE, CAN ONLY BE SUSPENDED UNDER WAR FINANCIAL -MILITARY FORCES- REGULATION 54 AFTER A COURT OF INQUIRY HAS DECLARED THE MEMBER AN ILLEGAL ABSENTEE, COURTS OF INQUIRY WILL CONTINUE, NOT WITHSTANDING THE MAKING OF AMR 276A TO BE HELD UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE UNDER AMR 276 IN ALL CASES IN RESPECT OF MEMBERS ABSENT WITHOUT LEAVE FOR TWENTY-ONE DAYS OR MORE.

44. MECHANICAL VEHICLE MAINTENANCE - 5 AUST DIV R.O. 870.

1. THE ATTENTION OF ALL UNITS IS DIRECTED TO THE FOLLOWING POINTS OF VEHICLE MAINTENANCE WHICH REQUIRE SPECIAL ATTENTION IN THE LAE AREA -

-I- ALL CHASIS LUBRICATION POINTS WILL BE GREASED EVERY 48 HOURS IRRESPECTIVE OF THE WORKING HOURS OF THE VEHICLE DURING THAT PERIOD.

-II- DRIVERS WILL ENSURE THAT ALL BODY FITTINGS, U BOLTS ETC ARE SECURE AND TIGHT AND TRANSPORT OFFICERS WILL ENSURE THAT THIS IS CHECKED EVERY TWO DAYS.

-III- VEHICLES WHEN BEING DRIVEN INTO CREEKS FOR PURPOSES OF WASHING WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO STAND IN WATER EXCEEDING THE MINIMUM HEIGHT TO THE BOTTOM OF THE BREAK DRUMS.

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44. MECHANICAL VEHICLE MAINTENANCE -CONTD-

1. -IV- THE BRAKE DRUMS OF ALL VEHICLES WILL BE REMOVED EVERY SEVEN DAYS AND INSPECTED TO ENSURE THAT ALL MUD AND GRIT ETC., IS REMOVED FROM THE BRAKE LINING AND THE INTERIOR OF THE BRAKE DRUMS. THE BRAKE OPERATING PARTS INTERNALLY IN THE DRUM WILL BE THOROUGHLY CLEANED AND COVERED WITH A LIGHT COATING OF GREASE. CARE WILL BE TAKEN TO ENSURE THAT NO EXCESS GREASE IS LEFT ON ANY PART OF THE DRUM OR BRAKE LINING PRIOR TO REASSEMBLING.

-V- THE UNIVERSAL JOINTS OF JEEPS WILL BE INSPECTED DAILY TO ENSURE THAT NO OBSTRUCTION SUCH AS KUNI GRASS ETC, HAVE BEEN ALLOWED TO ACCUMULATE AROUND THE JOINT. ALL UNIVERSAL JOINTS WILL BE GREASED DAILY. ANY UNIT WHICH FINDS DIFFICULTY IN FITTING THE GREASE GUN NIPPLE TO THE LUBRICATOR OF THE UNIVERSAL JOINT MUST IMMEDIATELY REPORT THIS DEFECT TO THE LAD SERVING THE UNIT IN ORDER THAT IT MAY BE RECTIFIED.

2. THE ABOVE INSTRUCTIONS ARE SPECIAL MAINTENANCE POINTS TO ENSURE THE PROPER CARE AND MAINTENANCE OF MECHANICAL VEHICLES IN THIS AREA. THEY ARE ADDITIONAL TO THE NORMAL DAILY ROUTINE MAINTENANCE SET OUT IN THE VARIOUS MT MAINTENANCE PAMPHLETS WHICH INSTRUCTIONS MUST ALSO BE RIGIDLY ADHERED TO.

Ian R Carson

.....CAPT.
IAN R. CARSON.
ADJUTANT 2/3 AUST A.A. REGT.

NOTICES.

A C.O.'s ORDERLY ROOM WAS HELD ON 2 NOV 43 TO HEAR THE FOLLOWING CHARGES.

1. AGAINST VX 23644 GNR J.R. WATSON, 2/6 AUST HY. A.A. BTY.

CHARGE - NEGLECT TO THE PREJUDICE OF GOOD ORDER AND MILITARY DISCIPLINE IN THAT HE, IN THE FIELD, SO NEGLIGENTLY HANDLED A CABLE CARRYING ELECTRIC CURRENT AS TO CAUSE AN INJURY TO HIMSELF. AA 40.

FINDING - ADMONISHED.

2. AGAINST VX 26957 GNR. I.D. WATSON, 2/6 AUST HY. A.A. BTY.

CHARGE - WHEN ON ACTIVE SERVICE ABSENTING HIMSELF WITHOUT LEAVE. AA 15 -1-. IN THAT HE, AT BRISBANE, ABSENTED HIMSELF WITHOUT LEAVE FROM L & T DEPOT FROM 0800 HRS ON 21 SEP 43 TILL 0700 HRS ON 28 SEP 43. TOTAL ABSENCE OF 6 DAYS 23 HOURS.

FINDING - GUILTY.

SENTENCE - FIELD PUNISHMENT FOR 28 DAYS, AND FORFEITURE OF PAY FOR 28 DAYS.

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APPENDIX TO ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1 NO. X - 2 NOV 43.

APPOINTMENTS.

2/6.	NX118841	GNR.	DARTNELL	J.R.	APPOINTED	L/BDR.	WEF	20 OCT 43
	VX 30701	GNR.	MURRAY	A.F.	DO	L/BDR.		1 NOV 43
	VX 32775	GNR.	HENRY	C.E.	DO	L/BDR.		1 NOV 43

PROMOTION.

2/6	VX 22969	SGT.	GUBBINS	R.F.	PROMOTED A/WO II	WEF	1 NOV 43

CLASSIFICATIONS.

2/9	NX120118	GNR.	WALKER	S.A.	CLASS DVR MECH.TD GP III	14 OCT 43
	VX 65260	GNR.	LOVE	L.G.H.	CLASS GUNLAYER TD GP III	14 OCT 43
	VX 61098	GNR.	CLARKE	K.J.	CLASS DVR MECH TD GP III	28 OCT 43
	NX 18199	GNR.	MARTIN	N.P.	CLASS DVR MECH TD GP III	28 OCT 43
	VX 24277	GNR.	YOUNG	A.M.	CLASS DVR MECH TD GP III	28 OCT 43

TEMPORARY CLASSIFICATION.

2/6	NX118841	GNR.	DARTNELL	J.R.	HEIGHT COMPUTOR TD GP II	20 OCT 43

DECLASSIFICATION.

RHQ	SX 16372	GNR.	DE KAM	F.J.	DECLASS CLERK TD GP III	27 OCT 43

REVERSIONS.

2/6	VX 35280	A/WO II	RIES	K.A.H.	REVERTED	TO SGT.	29 OCT 43
	VX 24277	A/WO II	O'GRADY	J.S.	DO	TO SGT.	1 NOV 43
	VX 56947	L/BDR	KILPATRICK	W.J.	DO	TO GNR.	1 NOV 43
	VX 42510	L/BDR	LEWIS	S.V.	DO	TO GNR.	1 NOV 43

TRANSFERS IN.

RHQ	VX 79079	L/SGT.	SANDERS	R.J.	MARCHED IN	FROM	A.A.P.C.	23 OCT 43
	VX 57044	A/CPL	CRAWFORD	T.B.	DO	DO	DO	A.A.M.C.	25 OCT 43
	QX 49102	CHAPLAIN	COLLINS	T.M.	DO	DO	DO	A.A. CH.D.	29 OCT 43.

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ARMY FORM W.3008.
10/43 - SERIAL NO.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

AT 0600 HOURS SATURDAY 6 NOV 43.

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UNIT - 2/3 AUST A.A. REGT. RAA LE.

W.E. - 111/25A/3 A.I.F. 27 X 669 PLUS 2 X 33 ATTACHED BY W.E.

PART A - POSTED STRENGTH. SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1		2	3	4	
W.E.	RANKS	POSTED STRENGTH AGAINST W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED	SURPLUS TO ESTAB	REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED	
1	LIEUT-COL	1	-	-	
3	MAJORS	2	-	1	NOT
9	CAPTAINS	7	-	2	REQUIRED
14	LIEUTS	18	4	-	
27	TOTALS	28	4	3	

DETAIL A - ALL A.I.F. ALL MEDICAL CLASS A1.

PART B - PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEK

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

VX 23240 LIEUT-T/CAPT YUNCKEN R.F. R.A.A.A. 29-10-43 RETURNED FROM SCHOOL & LEAVE

VX 58329	LIEUT-T/CAPT	KROHN K.	R.A.A.A.	DO.	RETURNED FROM LEAVE
NX 23314	A/LIEUT	WANSEY G.E.	DO.	DO.	FROM GENERAL REINFTS.
VX 48145	A/LIEUT	PATON J.C	DO.	DO.	DO. DO.
QX 49102	CAPT	COLLINS T.M.	AA CH D	DO.	TO BE CHAPLAIN
VX 40807	A/LIEUT	EVANS K.I.	R.A.A.A.	DO.	ATTACHED PENDING POSTING -OCTU STUDENT-

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK

VX 44531 LIEUT CORNELIUSEN H.B. R.A.A.A. 4-11-43 TO ATTEND SCHOOL OF ARTY AA LT. AA GUNNERY & TACTICAL COURSE NO.45, RANDWICK NSW. DURATION 29 NOV 43 TO 16 JAN 44. THEN TO PROCEED ON 24 DAYS REC LEAVE.

PART C - DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED ...../...../1943

NIL

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UNIT - 2/3 AUST A.A. REGT. RAA LE.

SERIAL NO. - 10/43.

PART D - NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

AS AT 0600 HOURS SATURDAY 6 NOV 43 - TOTAL TO AGREE WITH COLS 4 & 7 PART A.

1 SUBSTANTIVE RANK & HIGHER TEMPORARY RANK IF HELD	2 ARMY NO.	3 NAME & INITIALS	4 POSTING	5 PRESENT WITH UNIT YES/NO.	6 IF NOT PRESENT WITH UNIT STATE HOW EMPLOYED.
MAJOR T/LT-COL	VX 47907	HARGETTS	A.G. C.O.	YES	
LIEUT T/MAJOR	VX 27406	LINDON	J.H. 2 I/C	YES	
LIEUT T/MAJOR	VX 40765	STAUGHTON	S.T. OC 2/9 BTY	YES	
LIEUT T/CAPT	VX 10116	ROSE	J.C. OC 2/6 BTY	YES	
LIEUT T/CAPT	VX 50453	CARSON	I.R. ADJUTANT	YES	
LIEUT T/CAPT	VX 23240	YUNCKEN	R.P. BTY CAPT 2/6	YES	
LIEUT T/CAPT	VX 45905	CROOKE	J.D. BTY CAPT 2/9	YES	
LIEUT T/CAPT	VX 50329	KROHN	K. TP CMDR 2/9	YES	
LIEUT T/CAPT	NX 66089	MITCHELL	C.C.S. TP CMDR 2/6	YES	
LIEUT T/CAPT	VX 37694	HALL	H. TP CMDR 2/9	YES	
LIEUT	VX 25001	QUIN	K.A. R.Q.M.	YES	
LIEUT	VX 10112	MURRAY	G.D. TP CMDR 2/6	YES	
LIEUT	VX 10119	DAVIES	D.K. BTY SUBN 2/6	YES	
LIEUT	VX 22235	CRAWFORD	H.J.L. 2/6	NO	ATT RAA 5 AUST DIV
LIEUT	VX18007	PHILP	E.S. TP NQ 2/6	YES	
LIEUT	VX40197	WATSON	J.A. OC G.O.R. 2/6	YES	
LIEUT	VX 32166	BATTEN	L.H. G.O.R. 2/6	YES	
LIEUT	VX 30451	SMITH	W.G. 2/6	NO	ON LEAVE
LIEUT	VX 33004	KNIGHT	J. SEC CMDR 2/6	YES	
LIEUT	VX 31709	IRVING	J.A. G.O.R. 2/6	YES	
LIEUT	VX 31733	LONG	H.A. SEC CMDR 2/6	YES	
LIEUT	VX 42710	PURVES	J.H. TP CMDR 2/9	YES	
LIEUT	VX 29323	RULE	W.C. TP CMDR 2/9	YES	
LIEUT	VX 47045	LONG	H.C. NQ SUBN 2/9	YES	
LIEUT	VX 10120	RUXTON	E.G. G.O.R. NQ	YES	
LIEUT	NX 19753	GREENE	R.G. TP NQ 2/6	YES	
LIEUT - ACTING	VX 40145	PATON	J.C. TP LDR 2/9	YES	
LIEUT	NX 23314	WANSEY	G.E. TP LDR 2/9	YES	

PART E - NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER UNITS

SUBSTANTIVE RANK AND HIGHER TEMP RANK HELD	ARMY NO.	NAME AND INITIALS	UNIT	DATE OF ATTACHMENT	NATURE OF ATTACHMENT
CAPT	NX 70285	HODGE	A.H. AAMC	25 SEP 43	RMO ATT UNDER W.E.
CAPT	QX 49102	COLLINS	T.H. AA CH D.	29 OCT 43	CHAPLAIN ATT UNDER W.E.
A/LIEUT	VX40007	EVANS	K.T. RAA (GEN R/F)	29 OCT 43	AWAITING POSTING (OCTU STUDENT)

DATE OF DESPATCH - 6 NOV 43.

Ian R Larsen Capt
SIGNATURE OF COMMANDER FOR LT-COL.

R.A.A. 5 AUST DIV.

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

10 / 43 (Serial No.)

2/3 AUST COMPOSITE A A REGT.

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 6 / 11 /1943 .....(Unit)

W.E. 111 /25A/ 3 . OFFRS. 27 O.R's. 669 + OFFRS. 2 O.R's. 33 ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.					ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.	DETAIL.	Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.
W.E. 1			1	W.Os. Class I.					
5	1		4	W.Os. Class II.					
2			2	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
1			1	Staff Sergeants					
44	3		41	Sergeants					
50	5		45	Corporals					
539 105	96		443	Troopers, Privates, etc.					
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
642 105 *	105		537 *	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.		*			*

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

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

Detail	A.I.F. A	A.I.F. B	C.M.F. Under 19 Years.	C.M.F. 19 Years and over.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N	R.A.A.F	* *	TOTAL
A	566							[redacted]	[redacted]		566
B(1)											
B(2)							[redacted]				

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong
2	9 O.G. - MET SEC RAAF		

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

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

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

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

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2/3 AUST COMPOSITE AA REGT. *Unit*

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PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 6/11/1943.

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

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

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Date of Despatch

Ian R Carson Capt
Signature of Commander
FOR LT.COL

L.H.Q. Press—202—5/43—312m.

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ALL A.I.F.

ALL MEDICAL CLASS. A1.

PART B.

	R.H.Q.			2/6 AUST HY. A.A. BTY.			2/9 AUST LT. A.A. BTY.			TOTAL R/F
	WE	PS	R/F	WE	PS	R/F	WE	PS	R/F	
W.O.I	1	1	-							
W.O.II	-	-	-	1	1	-	4	3	NR	
BQMS	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	1	-	
S/SGTS.	1	1	-							
SGTS.	4	2	NR	16	15	NR	24	24	-	
BDRS.	3	2	NR	27	25	NR	20	18	NR	
TRADE GROUP II - FIRE CONTROL				24	23	NR				
HT. COMPUTERS				6	6	-				
HT. TAKERS				8	16	-				
PREDICTOR NOS				28	29		36	12	NR	
PLOTTERS				6	6					
TELESCOPE										
IDENTIFICATION				8	8					
CARPENTER				-	1					
TRADE GROUP III- BTY. SURVEYOR				1	1	*				
BUTCHER	1	1								
CLERKS	2	2		1	1		4	2	NR	
DVR. MECHS	1	-	NR	17	14	NR	22	19	NR	
EQUIP. REPS				1	1		1	1		
GUNLAYERS				16	13	NR	36	21	NR	
GPOA'S				-	3					
TECH STOREMEN	1	1					1	1		
NON SPECIALISTS	21	14		143	108		154	143		
	35	24	11	304	272	32	303	241	62	105
ATTACHED UNDER W.E.										
AAMC - SGT.-HYGIENE INSPECTOR	1	1								
SGT.	1	-	NR							
CORPORALS	-	1		1	1	-	1	1		
AAOC - CORPORAL SHOEMAKER	1	1								
AACC - W.O.II CATERER	1	-	NR							
SGTS.				1	1		1	1		
CPLS.				2	2		3	2	NR	
PTES.	2	2		9	9		7	5	NR	
AAPC - SGT	1	1								
	8	7	NR	13	13		12	9	NR	NR

GUNNER REINFORCEMENTS ONLY REQUIRED.
N.C.O'S AND SPECIALISTS WILL BE APPOINTED WITHIN UNIT.

* TRADE GROUP I.

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A.A.D.C's BATTLE REPORT

SECURITY

2/3 AUST COMPOSITE A.A. REGT.

LAE Station

Raid No. 4

Date 7 NOV 43

EQUIPMENT DEPLOYED:

Guns 7 - 3.7-IN GUNS
26 - 40MM BOFORS GUNS

S/Ls NIL

G/Ls (A) 2 - MKII
(B) -

CLOUD

Height 8 20,000- FT

Tenths 1/10

VISIBILITY

GOOD

DURATION OF RAID.

1. Time Stand to. 2255 HOURS
2. Time Stand down. 0003/8
3. How was warning received; at what time. SOUND - 2254

NATURE OF ATTACK.

4. No. and type of E/A. PROBABLY TWO - TYPE U/K
5. Formation. U/K
6. Type of Attack. NIL
7. Method of Approach. DOWN MARKHAM VALLEY FROM BG. 290°
8. Height of Attack and how obtained. 14,400-FT. TO 17,200-FT. - GLU
9. Was raid preceded by Recce. NO KNOWN RECCE
10. Any special tactics. NIL

PERIOD OF ENGAGEMENT.

11. First Indication. 2343
12. First Illumination. NIL
13. First Gun. 2343½
14. Last Gun. 2348
15. Last Illumination. NIL
16. Target lost. 2351
17. Time attackers under observation. NIL

METHOD OF ENGAGEMENT.

18. Guns or Fighters. 3.7-IN GUNS
19. Seen or Unseen. US
20. No. of Gun Sites Continuous following. TWO
21. No. of Gun Sites plotting controlled. NIL

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METHOD OF ENGAGEMENT.

21a. Concentrations fired. C.7.

22. Ammunition expended. 97 - 3.7-IN FUZED 207

23. No. of S/L Illuminations within Predicter range. NIL.

24. No. of Fighters airborne. NIL.

25. No. of Fighter interceptions. NIL.

EFFECT OF ENGAGEMENT.

26. Action of E/A. SGT. SCOTT I/C G2 WHO WAS OBSERVING BURSTS OF ROUNDS ON EXTERNAL TELESCOPE ON RX, SAW A LARGE BRIGHT DOWNWARD FLASH IN HIS SCOPE AS ONE ROUND EXPLODED. IMMEDIATELY AFTERWARDS THE CONVERTED HEIGHT OF A/C DROPPED 6,200-FT. IN 11 PLOTS AS IT WENT OUT TO SOUTH. THIS WAS CONFIRMED BY SEVERAL OTHER WITNESSES ON THE SITE.

27. Casualties to E/A by A.A. (By categories). 1 DAMAGED -FOR COMPLETION SEE BELOW.-

28. Casualties to E/A by Fighters. (By categories). NIL.

EFFECT OF RAID.

29. Areas bombed. 300[X] OFF SHORE BETWEEN VOCO POINT AND LAE STRIP

30. No. of bombs dropped and type. FOUR OR MORE

31. Casualties to personnel - A.A. NIL.

32. Casualties to Equipment - A.A. NIL.

33. Casualties to personnel - other. NIL.

34. Casualties to equipment - other. NIL.

ASSESSMENT.

35. AADC's assessment of effectiveness of A.A. Defences.

26 CONTD.

Date - 8 NOV 43.

A Margetts

.....LT.COL.
A.G. MARGETTS
A.A.A.D.C. LAE

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APPX VII

A.A.D.C's BATTLE REPORT

SECURITY

2/3 AUST COMPOSITE A.A. REGT.

LAE station

Raid No. 5

Date 8 NOV 43

EQUIPMENT DEPLOYED:

Guns 7 - 3.7-IN GUNS
26 - 40MM GUNS

S/Ls NIL

G/Ls (A) 2 - MK II
(B) -

CLOUD

Height E 20,000-FT

Tenths 1/10

VISIBILITY

GOOD

DURATION OF RAID.

1. Time Stand to. 0005 HOURS
2. Time Stand down. 0046
3. How was warning received; at what time. G1 - 0005

NATURE OF ATTACK.

4. No. and type of E/A. TWO A/C TYPE U/K
5. Formation. U/K
6. Type of Attack. NIL
7. Method of Approach. ONE FROM N DIRECTION ONE FROM S DIRECTION CONVERGING ON AREA.
8. Height of Attack and how obtained. 19,400-FT TO 22,000-FT. VARYING HEIGHTS. GLU
9. Was raid preceded by Recce. NO KNOWN RECCE
10. Any special tactics. TWO FLIGHTS CONVERGING ON ONE POINT 180° OPPOSED MADE CONSTANT FOLLOWING DIFFICULT FOR RADARS.

PERIOD OF ENGAGEMENT.

11. First Indication. 0005
12. First Illumination. NIL
13. First Gun. 0006½
14. Last Gun. 0021
15. Last Illumination. NIL
16. Target lost. 0024
17. Time attackers under observation. NIL

METHOD OF ENGAGEMENT.

18. Guns or Fighters. GUNS
19. Seen or Unseen. US
20. No. of Gun Sites Continuous following. TWO
21. No. of Gun Sites plotting controlled. NIL

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METHOD OF ENGAGEMENT.

21a. Concentrations fired. C.V. & P.C.H.

22. Ammunition expended. 163 - 3.7-IN FUZED 207

23. No. of S/L Illuminations within Predictor range. NIL.

24. No. of Fighters airborne. NIL.

25. No. of Fighter Interceptions. NIL.

EFFECT OF ENGAGEMENT.

26. Action of F/A. KEPT WIDE OF V.P'S

27. Casualties to F/A by A.A. (By categories). NIL.

28. Casualties to F/A by Fighters. (By categories). NIL.

EFFECT OF RAID.

29. Areas bombed. AREA VICINITY MALAHANG STRIP

30. No. of bombs dropped and type. U/K

31. Casualties to personnel - A.A. NIL.

32. Casualties to Equipment - A.A. NIL.

33. Casualties to personnel - other. NIL.

34. Casualties to equipment - other. NIL.

ASSESSMENT.

35. AADC's assessment of effectiveness of A.A. Defences.

APPARENTLY DETERRED BY A.A. ON PREVIOUS RAID. E/A KEPT WIDE OF THE V.P'S.

Date - 8 NOV 43.

.....LT.COL.
A.C. HARCETTS

A.A.D.C. LAE

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SECRET.

Appx VIII

H.Q.
21 AUST MOBILE S/L. BTY.

11 NOV 43.

C.O.
2/1 AUST CORP A.A. REGT.

REPORT re RECCE OF LAE AREA.

1. GENERAL.

ON SATURDAY, 6 NOV 43 MAJOR S.S. WOODMAN AND LIEUT S. HALE OF 73 AUST MOB S/L BTY. ARRIVED AND BEGAN A RECCE OF THE AREA PREPARATORY TO THE UNIT ARRIVING BY SHIP AT A LATER DATE. OWING TO THE FLAT NATURE OF THE COUNTRY IT WAS FOUND IMPOSSIBLE TO FIND A RADAR POSITION WITH AN SHIELDING FROM THE SURROUNDING MOUNTAINS. AS FAR AS POSSIBLE SHIELDIN WAS OBTAINED FROM THICK VEGETATION BUT IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO PREDICT RESULTS.

2. LOCATIONS.

CONSIDERING LACK OF ROADS AND THICK JUNGLE WITH TREES 70 AND 80 FEET HIGH, SITES ARE SATISFACTORILY SITUATED EXCEPT STATION 6 - MAP HEATHS REF 610432- WHICH HAS A VERY LIMITED FIELD OF VIEW TO NORTH. AT PRESENT ONLY SEVEN -7- SITES CAN POSSIBLY BE OCCUPIED AND THESE ARE -

STATION 1	MAP WAGO 1-IN - 1 MILE			REF	629314	
" 2	MAP HEATHS	"		"	642379	
" 3	" LAE	"		"	691397	
" 4	" "	"		"	748405	
" 5	" "	"		"	703462	
" 6	" HEATHS	"		"	610432	
" 7	" "	"		"	585467	-APPROX.-

NOTE - IT HAS BEEN IMPOSSIBLE TO GET THROUGH MARKHAM VALLEY ROAD AS YET BUT NO DIFFICULTY IN SITING STATION NO.7 IS ANTICIPATED.

3. B.H.Q., B.O.R., & T.H.Q.s.

IT IS PROPOSED TO SITE B.H.Q. AND B.O.R. ON MALAHANG AIR FIELD AT MAP LAE REF 72343. TROOP H.Q.S WILL BE WITHIN 400 YARDS OF S/L STATIONS, VIZ -

A	T.H.Q.	AT STATION	2	COMMANDING STATIONS		1 & 2
B	"	"	7	"		6 & 7
C	"	"	5	"		3, 4 & 5.

4. COMMUNICATIONS.

ATTACHED IS OVERLAY SHOWING SITES AND PROPOSED SIGNAL ROUTES. A WATER CRAFT OF SOME TYPE WILL BE NECESSARY TO MAINTAIN COMMUNICATION BETWEEN OVER WATER STATIONS NOS 1,2 & 3. AS IT WILL OFTEN BE NECESSARY TO VISIT THESE STATIONS DURING HOURS OF DARKNESS IT IS REQUESTED THAT A BOAT BE PERMANENTLY ATTACHED TO A T.H.Q. AT STATION 2. IT IS ALSO REQUESTED THAT A LANDING CRAFT BE MADE AVAILABLE IN THE INITIAL STAGES OF OCCUPATION TO TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT TO THESE SITES.

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SECRET.

5. CLEARING OF SITES.

NATIVE LABOUR IS REQUESTED AS APPROVED BY 2 AUST CORPS TO CLEAR SITES AT STATIONS 1,2,5 AND 6. CLEARING AT STATIONS 1 & 2 WILL BE NECESSARY BEFORE OCCUPATION.

STATION 1. FELLING OF APPROX TWELVE -12- LARGE TREES AND CLEARING OF LOW UNDERGROWTH OVER AN AREA OF APPROX 100 SQUARE YARDS. REQUIREMENTS - SIX -6- NATIVES FOR TWO -2- DAYS.

STATION 2. CLEARING OF KUNAI GRASS AND UNDERGROWTH OVER AN AREA OF APPROX 200 SQUARE YARDS. REQUIREMENT - SIX -6- NATIVE FOR THREE -3- DAYS.

STATION 5. CLEARING OF KUNAI GRASS AND UNDERGROWTH OVER AN AREA OF APPROX 200 SQUARE YARDS. REQUIREMENT - SIX -6- NATIVES FOR THREE -3- DAYS.

STATION 6. CLEARING OF UNDERGROWTH AND LOPPING OF SIX -6- MEDIUM SIZED TREES OVER AN AREA OF 150 SQUARE YARDS. REQUIREMENT - SIX -6- NATIVES FOR TWO -2- DAYS.

-SGD- S.S. WOODHAM
.....MAJOR.
S.S. WOODHAM
O.C. 73 AUST MDS S/L QTY.

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

ARMY FORM W.3008
11/43 - SERIAL NO.

Appx IX

AT 0600HOURS SATURDAY 13 NOV 43.

UNIT - 2/3 AUST A.A. REGT. RAA LE

W.E. - 111/25A/3 AIF 27 x ~~64~~ 62 PLUS 2 x 33 ATTACHED BY W.E.

PART A - POSTED STRENGTH. SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1		2	3	4
W.E.	RANKS	POSTED STRENGTH AGAINST W.E. INCLUDING ATTACHED	SURPLUS TO ESTAB	REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.
1	LIEUT-COL	1	-	-
3	MAJORS	2	-	1 NOT REQUIRED
9	CAPTAINS	7	-	2 NOT REQUIRED
14	LIEUTS	18	4	-
27	TOTALS	28	4	3

DETAIL A - ALL A.I.F. ALL MEDICAL CLASS A1.

PART B - PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEK

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

NIL

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK

CAPT QX 49102 COLLINS T.H. AA CH D 12 NOV 43 EVACUATED TO 106 CCS.

PART C - DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED ...../...../1943

NIL.

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PART D - NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

AS AT 0600 HOURS SATURDAY 13 NOV 43 - TOTAL TO AGREE WITH COLS 4 & 7 PART A.

1 SUBSTANTIVE RANK & HIGHER TEMPORARY RANK IF HELD	2 ARMY NO.	3 NAME & INITIALS	POSTING	PRESENT WITH UNIT YES/NO.	IF NOT PRESENT WITH UNIT STATE NOW EMPLOYED.
MAJOR T/LT-COL	VX 47907	MARGETTS	A.G. C.O.	YES	
LIEUT T/MAJOR	VX 27406	LINDON	J.H. 2 I/C	YES	
LIEUT T/MAJOR	VX 40765	STAUGHTON	S.T. OC 2/9 BTY	YES	
LIEUT T/CAPT	VX 50453	CARSON	I.R. ADJUTANT	YES	
LIEUT T/CAPT	VX 50329	KROHN	K. TP CMDR 2/9	YES	
LIEUT T/CAPT	VX 18116	ROSE	J.C. OC 2/6 BTY	YES	
LIEUT T/CAPT	VX 23240	YUNCKEN	R.P. BTY CAPT 2/6	YES	
LIEUT T/CAPT	VX 45905	CROOKE	J.D. BTY CAPT 2/9	YES	
LIEUT T/CAPT	VX 37604	HALL	H. TP CMDR 2/9	YES	
LIEUT T/CAPT	NX 66009	MITCHELL	C.C.S. TP CMDR 2/6	YES	
LIEUT	VX 18112	MURRAY	G.D. TP CMDR 2/6	YES	
LIEUT	VX 25001	QUIN	K.A. R.Q.M.	YES	
LIEUT	VX 18119	DAVIES	D.K. BTY SUBN 2/6	YES	
LIEUT	VX 22235	CRADFORD	H.J.L. 2/6	NO	ATT RAA 5 AUST DIV
LIEUT	NX 19753	GREENE	R.G. TP HQ 2/6	YES	
LIEUT	VX 18007	PHILP	E.S. TP HQ 2/6	YES	
LIEUT	VX 40197	WATSON	J.A. OC G.O.R. 2/6	YES	
LIEUT.	VX 32166	BATTEN	L.H. G.O.R. 2/6	YES	
LIEUT	VX 30451	SMITH	W.G. 2/6	NO	ON LEAVE
LIEUT	VX 42718	PURVES	J.H. TP CMDR 2/9	YES	
LIEUT	VX 33004	KNIGHT	J. SEC CMDR 2/6	YES	
LIEUT	VX 31733	LONG	H.A. SEC CMDR 2/6	YES	
LIEUT	VX 31709	IRVING	J.A. G.O.R. 2/6	YES	
LIEUT	VX 29323	RULE	W.C. TP CMDR 2/9	YES	
LIEUT	VX 18120	RUXTON	E.G. O.O. R.H.Q.	YES	
LIEUT	VX 47045	LONG	H.C. HQ SUBN 2/9	YES	
LIEUT	NX 23314	BARNEY	G.E. TP LDR 2/9	YES	
A/LIEUT	VX 40145	PATON	J.C. TP LDR 2/9	YES	

PART E - NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER UNITS

SUBSTANTIVE RANK AND HIGHER TEMP RANK HELD	ARMY NO.	NAME AND INITIALS	UNIT	DATE OF ATTACHMENT	NATURE OF ATTACHMENT
CAPT	NX 70205	HODGE	A.H. AAMC	25 SEP 43	REQ ATT UNDER WE
A/LIEUT	VX 40007	EVANS	H.I. RAA	29 OCT 43	AWAITING POSTING
		-GEN REINFORCEMENT-			-OCTU STUDENT-

DATE OF DESPATCH - 13 NOV 43

Ian R Larsen Capt
.....FOR LT-COL.
SIGNATURE OF COMMANDER

R.A.A. 5 AUST DIV.

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

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2/3 AUST COMPOSITE A A REGT.

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 13/11/1943 ..... (Unit)

W.E. 111/25A/3. OFFRS. 27 O.R's. 642+ OFFRS. 2 O.R's. 33 ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.					ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
W.E. Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.	DETAIL.	Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.
1			1	W.Os. Class I.					
5	2		3	W.Os. Class II.					
2			2	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
1			1	Staff Sergeants					
44	3		41	Sergeants					
50	4		46	Corporals		SEE BACK PAGE 2.			
539 110	101		438	Troopers, Privates, etc.					
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
642 110*	110		532 *	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2		*			*

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

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

Detail	A.I.F.	C.M.F. Under 19 Years	C.M.F. 19 Years and over.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N	R.A.A.F	* *	TOTAL
A	560						[redacted]	[redacted]		560
B(1)										
B(2)						[redacted]				

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong
2	9 O.G. - MET SEC RAAF		

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

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

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

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

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2/3 AUST COMPOSITE A.A. REGT. *Unit*

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PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 13/11 /1943.

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

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

13 NOV 43
Date of Despatch

Ian R Carson Capt FOR LT-
Signature of Commander

L.H.Q. Press—202—5/43—312m.

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ALL A.I.F.

ALL MEDICAL CLASS A1.

PART D.

	R.H.Q.			2/6 AUST HY A.A. BTY.			2/9 AUST LT. A.A. BTY.			TOTAL R/F
	WE	PS	R/F	WE	PS	R/F	WE	PS	R/F	
W.O.I	1	1								
W.O.II				1	1		4	2	NR	
BQMS				1	1		1	1		
S/SGTS.	1	1								
SGTS.	4	2	NR	16	16		24	23	NR	
BDRS.	3	2	NR	27	27		20	17	NR	
TRADE GROUP II - FIRE CONTROL				24	23	NR				
HT.COMPUTERS				6	5	NR				
HT. TAKERS				8	16					
PREDICTOR NOS.				28	29		36	12	NR	
PLOTTERS				6	6					
TELESCOPES										
IDENTIFICATION				8	8					
CARPENTER					1					
TRADE GROUP III- BTY. SURVEYOR				1	1*					
BUTCHER	1	1								
CLERKS	2	2		1	1		4	2	NR	
DVR. MECHS	1		NR	17	14	NR	22	18	NR	
EQUIP. REPS				1	1		1	1		
GUNLAYERS				16	11	NR	36	21	NR	
GPOA'S					3					
TECH STOREMAN	1	1					1	1		
NON SPECIALISTS	21	13		143	109		154	138		
	35	23	12	304	273	31	303	236	67	110
ATTACHED UNDER W.E.										
AAMC - SGT. HYGIENE INSPECTOR	1	1								
SGT.	1		NR							
CORPORALS		1		1	1		1	1		
AAOC - CORPORAL SHOEMAKER	1	1								
AACC - W.O.II CATERER	1		NR							
SGTS.				1	1		1	1		
CPLS.				2	2		3	1	NR	
PTES.	2	2		9	9		7	5	NR	
AAPS - SGTS	1		NR							
CORPORALS		1								
AAPC - SGT.	-1	1								
	8	7	NR	13	13		12	8	NR	NR

GUNNER REINFORCEMENTS ONLY REQUIRED.
N.C.O'S AND SPECIALISTS WILL BE APPOINTED WITHIN UNIT.

* TRADE GROUP 1

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APPX X

A.A.D.C's BATTLE REPORT. SECURITY

Z/3 AUST COMPOSITE A.A. REGT. EQUIPMENT EMPLOYED: CLOUD

LAE station

Guns 7 - 3.7-IN MOBILE
26 - 40-MM BOFORS

Height E 15000FT.

Tenths 10/10

S/Ls NIL

Raid No. 6

Date 17 NOV 43

G/Ls (A) 2 MK II
(B)

VISIBILITY POOR

ALL 'L' TIMES.

DURATION OF RAID.

1. Time Stand to. 0548
2. Time Stand down. 0633
3. How was warning received; at what time. 18 SUB F/S 0530

NATURE OF ATTACK.

4. No. and type of E/A. ONE - UNKNOWN
5. Formation. NIL
6. Type of Attack. H.L.
7. Method of Approach. FROM BEARING 105 DEG TO 25 DEG -S.E. TO N.-
8. Height of Attack and how obtained. 17,000-FT. G.L.U.
9. Was raid preceded by Recce. NONE KNOWN
10. Any special tactics. PRECEDING RAID AIRCRAFT CIRCLED HOPOI APPARENTLY TRYING TO LOCATE POSITION.

PERIOD OF ENGAGEMENT.

11. First Indication. 0545
12. First Illumination. NIL
13. First Gun. 0551
14. Last Gun. 0555
15. Last Illumination. NIL
16. Target lost. 0559
17. Time attackers under observation . NIL

METHOD OF ENGAGEMENT.

18. Guns or Fighters. GUNS
19. Seen or Unseen. U.S.
20. No. of Gun Sites Continuous following. TWO
21. No. of Gun Sites plotting controlled. NIL

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METHOD OF ENGAGEMENT.

21a. Concentrations fired. C.V. AND P.C.H.

22. Ammunition expended. 50 - 3.7-IN FUSE 207.

23. No. of S/L Illuminations within Predictor range. NIL

24. No. of Fighters airborne. NIL

25. No. of Fighter interceptions. NIL

EFFECT OF ENGAGEMENT.

26. Action of E/A. UPON ENGAGEMENT AIRCRAFT INCREASED SPEED FROM 190 TO 240 M.P.H.

27. Casualties to E/A by A.A. (By categories). UNKNOWN

28. Casualties to E/A by Fighters. (By categories). UNKNOWN

EFFECT OF RAID.

29. Areas bombed. NOT KNOWN

30. No. of bombs dropped and type. UNKNOWN

31. Casualties to personnel - A.A. NIL

32. Casualties to Equipment - A.A. NIL

33. Casualties to personnel - other. UNKNOWN

34. Casualties to equipment - other. UNKNOWN

ASSESSMENT.

35. AADC's assessment of effectiveness of A.A. Defences.

NO COMMENT.

.....LT-COL.
A.G. MARGETTS.
A.A.D.C. LAE.

Date - 20 NOV

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Appx XI

2/3 AUST A.A. REGT. R.H.Q. L.E.

ROUTINE ORDERS 17 NOV 43.

BY

LT-COL. A.G. HARGETTS - COMMANDING OFFICER.

PART 1. NO. 1.

45. MITE CONTROL TO PREVENT SCRUB ITCH AND SCRUB TYPHUS - 2 AUST DIV R.O. NO.

1. ATTENTION IS DIRECTED TO THE NECESSITY FOR TAKING THOROUGH PRECAUTIONS TO PREVENT SCRUB ITCH AND SCRUB TYPHUS.

2. TO AVOID SCRUB ITCH AND SCRUB TYPHUS THE FOLLOWING MEASURES WILL BE ENFORCED -

-I- WHEREVER PRACTICABLE, TROOPS MOVING OR WORKING THROUGH KUNAI OR JUNGLE AREAS SHOULD NOT SIT DOWN EXCEPT ON TRACKS, ROADS OR NEW LOGS. AREA COVERED BY KUNAI, FALLEN LEAVES, AND DAMP LOGS ARE USUALLY DANGEROUS AND SHOULD BE AVOIDED.

-II- INSECT REPELLANT LOTION WILL BE USED ON THE SOCKS AND TROUSER LEGS, FROM THE TOP OF THE CALF TO THE CUFF.

TO APPLY, FIRST SHEAR THE LOTION ON THE HANDS WHICH ARE THEN RUBBED OVER THE SOCK. DO THIS THREE OR FOUR TIMES FOR EACH SOCK, RUBBING FROM LOW DOWN ON THE INSTEP TO THE TOP. NEXT TREAT THE TROUSERS LEGS IN THE SAME WAY, FROM THE TOP OF EACH CALF TO THE CUFF. FREQUENT LIGHT SHEARS OF THE LOTION TO THOSE AREAS OF THE CLOTHING ARE PREFERABLE TO A FEW HEAVY ONES. THE QUANTITY OF LOTION REQUIRED IS ONE TEASPOONFUL.

3. THIS APPLICATION KILLS THOSE MITES WHICH INFEST THE TREATED AREAS OF THE CLOTHES. IT REMAINS EFFECTIVE FOR ONE WEEK, PROVIDED CLOTHES ARE NOT WASHED MORE THAN THREE TIMES. LOTION SHOULD THEREFORE BE RE-APPLIED EACH WEEK.

RECENT RESEARCH INDICATED THAT 95% OF INFESTATION OF THE BODY BY MITES IS ON THE FEET AND ANKLES AND THAT OTHER PARTS OF THE BODY BECOME INVOLVED ALMOST ENTIRELY BY THE MITES CRAWLING UP FROM THE FEET AND ANKLES. THEREFORE IF THE PREVENTATIVE MEASURES OUTLINED IN PARAS -I- AND -II- ARE ENFORCED TROOPS WILL BE RENDERED PRACTICALLY 100% MITE FREE.

4. IT IS EMPHASISED THAT THE PRACTICE OF MERELY SHEARING REPELLANT ON THE SKIN IS NO PROTECTION AGAINST MITES.

5. ALL TROOPS ARE TO BE WARNED THAT THE PRINCIPAL DANGER FROM TYPHUS ARISES FROM FAILURE TO REPORT TO RAP. PROMPT AND EARLY TREATMENT MINIMISES THE DANGER.

6. GAITERS WILL BE WORN AT ALL TIMES.

7. THE SCALE OF ISSUE OF INSECT REPELLANT LOTION WILL BE ONE BOTTLE PER MAN EACH 28 DAYS FOR USE AS A MITE REPELLANT IN ADDITION TO THE SIMILAR ISSUE FOR USE AS MOSQUITO REPELLANT.

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46. MALARIA CONTROL - 5 AUST DIVE R.O. A86.

1. A MEDICAL OFFICER HAS BEEN DETAILED TO VISIT UNITS IN LAE FORTRESS TO CONDUCT URINE EXAMINATIONS ON UNSELECTED PERSONNEL TO ASCERTAIN IF ATEBRIN IS BEING TAKEN AS DIRECTED. THIS OFFICER CARRIES AN AUTHORITY FROM ADMS 5 AUST DIV AND WILL BE GIVEN EVERY ASSISTANCE BY UNIT COMMANDERS.

47. DISTILLING AND SALE OF INTOXICATING LIQUOR - 5 AUST DIV R.O. A87.

1. ATTENTION IS DRAWN TO ORDINANCE NO.33 OF 1936 AND ORDINANCE NO. 17 OF 1931 INCORPORATED AS PART OF THE LAWS OF THE TERRITORY OF NEW GUINEA UNDER THE NEW GUINEA ACT 1920.

2. BRIEFLY THE RELEVANT PROVISIONS OF ORDINANCE NO.33 OF 1936 STATE -

18A/ - -1- A PERSON SHALL NOT IMPORT ANY LIQUOR UNLESS HE HOLDS A LICENCE OR A PERMIT TO DO SO GRANTED BY THE ADMINISTRATOR.

PENALTY - FOR THE FIRST OFFENCE, FIFTY POUNDS, AND FOR ANY SUBSEQUENT OFFENCE, ONE HUNDRED POUNDS OR IMPRISONMENT FOR SIX MONTHS.

18A/- -11- ANY PERSON WHO DISTILS ANY LIQUOR SHALL BE GUILTY OF AN OFFENCE.

PENALTY - ONE HUNDRED POUNDS OR IMPRISONMENT FOR SIX MONTHS.

THE RELEVANT PROVISIONS OF ORDINANCE NO.17 OF 1931 STATE -

18 - -1- EXCEPT AS EXPRESSLY PROVIDED IN THIS ORDINANCE, A PERSON SHALL NOT DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY SELL ANY LIQUOR OR PERMIT ANY LIQUOR TO BE SOLD.....

PENALTY - FOR THE FIRST OFFENCE, FIFTY POUNDS - FOR THE SECOND OFFENCE, ONE HUNDRED POUNDS OR IMPRISONMENT FOR SIX MONTHS, AND FOR ANY OFFENCE SUBSEQUENT TO THE SECOND, IMPRISONMENT FOR TWELVE MONTHS.

18 - -3- UPON ANY CONVICTION UNDER THIS SECTION OF A PERSON WHO IS NOT THE HOLDER OF A LICENCE UNDER THIS ORDINANCE, THE OFFENDER SHALL FORFEIT TO THE ADMINISTRATION ALL LIQUOR IN HIS POSSESSION WITH THE VESSELS CONTAINING THE LIQUOR.

3. ALL CASES OF BREACHES OF THE ABOVE ORDINANCES AND ALL CASES OF THE BREWING, OR DISTILLING OF INTOXICATING LIQUOR OR THE SALE OF SUCH INTOXICATING LIQUOR TO ANY PERSON BY ANY MEMBER OF THE FORCES WILL BE TRIED BY COURTS-MARTIAL.

4. ANY OFFENCE OF THE ABOVE SHALL BE CHARGED UNDER AA SEC 11 AS A BREACH OF THIS ROUTINE ORDER.

5. TO BE READ AT A MUSTER PARADE ONCE A MONTH BY AN OFFICER. A ROLL CALL WILL BE MADE AND THE ROLL BOOK CERTIFIED BY THE OFFICER CALLING IT.

48. ESTABLISHMENT OF DENTAL POST - 5 AUST DIV R.O. A88.

1. DENTAL POSTS ARE NOW ESTABLISHED AT HQ 5 AUST DIV, 104 AUST BDE WORKSHOPS AND TOO AT KANKAKERI. PERSONNEL REQUIRING DENTAL TREATMENT WILL REPORT TO DENTAL POST NEAREST THEIR UNIT LINES.

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49. ROAD TRAFFIC - UNFINISHED ROADS - 5 AUST DIV R.O. A 89.

1. NEW ROAD CONSTRUCTION IS SERIOUSLY DELAYED THROUGH TRAFFIC RUTS FILLING WITH WATER AND CAUSING THE GROUND TO BECOME BOGGY.

2. UNITS WILL INSTRUCT DRIVERS NOT TO TRAVEL ON UNFINISHED ROADS AND NOT TO DRIVE WITHIN 30 YARDS OF STAKED CENTRE LINES OF NEW ROADS.

50. MALARIA CONTROL AND SUPPRESSION.

1. ATTENTION IS DRAWN TO 5 AUST DIV ADMINISTRATION INSTRUCTION A.5.

2. THIS WILL BE PROMULGATED TO ALL RANKS AND ALL OFFICERS AND N.C.Os WILL TAKE STEPS TO SEE THAT THE INSTRUCTIONS ARE RIGIDLY ENFORCED.

51. BUSU ROAD.

1. BUSU ROAD IS NOW OPEN TO TRAFFIC AT ALL TIMES.

2. SPEED LIMIT IS 15 MPH, AND IS TO BE STRICTLY ENFORCED.

Ian R Carson

.....CAPT.

IAN R. CARSON.

ADJUTANT 2/3 AUST A.A. REGT.

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2/3 AUST A.A. BDE.

APPENDIX TO ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1 NO.8 - 17 NOV 43.

PROMOTIONS.

2/6	VX 35017	L/SGT.	RUDDOCK	G.A.	PROMOTED	A/SGT.	WEF	29	OCT 43
	NX118841	L/BDR.	DARTNELL	J.P.	DO	A/BDR.		29	OCT 43
	VX 33275	L/BDR.	MURRAY	S.	DO	A/BDR.		29	OCT 43
	VX 30550	L/BDR.	HOLMES	T.J.	DO	A/BDR.		10	NOV 43

APPOINTMENTS.

2/6	VX 31218	GNR.	BLYTH	R.G.	APPOINTED	L/BDR.	WEF	10	NOV 43
	VX 37075	GNR.	LEE	G.F.	DO	L/BDR.		10	NOV 43
	VX 57699	GNR.	MCDONALL	A.K.	DO	L/BDR.		10	NOV 43

CONFIRMATION OF RANK.

2/9	VX 40047	A/W.O.II	JENKINS	A.	CARRIED OF W.O.	CONFIRMED	WEF	4 NOV 43

CLASSIFICATIONS.

2/9	NX 10808	GNR.	HAWKES	D.J.	CLASS	A/DVR	MECH	TD GP III	2	NOV 43
	VX 43530	GNR.	THOMAS	S.J.	DO	DO	DO	TD GP III	2	NOV 43
	NX116171	GNR.	TOZER	J.W.	DO	DO	DO	TD GP III	2	NOV 43
2/6	VXN 58696	GNR.	PERRY	P.T.	DO	T/HT.COMPUTOR		TD GP II	13	NOV 43

DECLASSIFICATIONS.

2/6	NX118841	L/BDR.	DARTNELL	J.P.	DECLASS	HT.COMPUTOR		TD GP II	29	OCT 43
	VX 33275	L/BDR.	MURRAY	S.	DO	GUNLAYER		TD GP III	29	OCT 43
	VX 30550	L/BDR.	HOLMES	T.J.	DO	DO		TD GP III	10	NOV 43
2/9	VX109471	GNR.	MARTIN	A.G.	DO	LINGMAN		TD GP II	7	NOV 43

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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AT 0600 HOURS SATURDAY 20 NOV 43.

UNIT - 2/3 AUST A.A. REGT.

W.E. - 111/250/3 AIF 27 X 642 PLUS 2 X 33 ATTACHED BY W.E.

PART A - POSTED STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
W.E.	RANKS	POSTED STRENGTH AGAINST W.E. INCLUDING ATTACHED	SURPLUS TO ESTAB	REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED
1	LIEUT-COL	1	-	-
3	MAJORS	2	-	1 NOT REQUIRED
9	CAPTAINS	7	-	2 NOT REQUIRED
14	LIEUTS	18	4	-
27	TOTALS	28	4	3

DETAIL A - ALL A.I.F. ALL MEDICAL CLASS A.1

PART B - PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEK

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK.

LIEUT.	VX 38451	SMITH	W.G.	RAA	19 NOV 43	RETURNED FROM HOME LEAVE.
MAJOR	NX112170	WOODMAN	S.G.	RAA	6 NOV 43	ATTACHED FROM 75 AUST HOB S/L STY.
LIEUT.	NX102363	HALE	S.	RAA	6 NOV 43	DO DO DO

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK

NIL

PART C - DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED...../...../1943

NIL

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UNIT - 2/3 AUST A.A. RECT. RAA. LE.

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PART D - NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH.

AS AT 0600 HOURS SATURDAY 20 NOV 43 - TOTAL TO AGREE WITH COLS 4 & 7 PART A.

1	2	3	4	5	6
SUBSTANTIVE RANK & HIGHER TEMPORARY RANK IF HELD	ARMY NO.	NAME & INITIALS	POSTING	PRESENT WITH UNIT YES/NO	IF NOT PRESENT WITH UNIT STATE NOW EMPLOYED
MAJOR T/LT-COL	VX 47987	MARGETTS	A.G. C.O.	YES	
LIEUT.T/MAJOR	VX 27406	LINDON	J.H. 2 I/C	YES	
LIEUT.T/MAJOR	VX 40765	STAUGHTON	S.T. OC 2/9 BTY	YES	
LIEUT.T/CAPT.	VX 58453	CARSON	I.R. ADJUTANT	YES	
LIEUT.T/CAPT.	VX 58329	KROHN	K. TP CHDR 2/9	YES	
LIEUT.T/CAPT.	VX 18116	ROSE	J.C. OC 2/6 BTY	YES	
LIEUT.T/CAPT.	VX 23240	YUNCKEN	R.P. BTY CAPT 2/6	YES	
LIEUT.T/CAPT.	VX 45985	CROOKE	J.D. BTY CAPT 2/9	YES	
LIEUT.T/CAPT.	VX 37694	HALL	H. TP CHDR 2/9	YES	
LIEUT.T/CAPT.	NX 66089	MITCHELL	C.C.S. TP CHDR 2/6	YES	
LIEUT.	VX 18112	MURRAY	G.D. TP CHDR 2/6	YES	
LIEUT.	VX 25001	QUIN	K.A. R.Q.M.	YES	
LIEUT.	VX 18119	DAVIES	D.K. BTY SUBN 2/6	YES	
LIEUT.	VX 22235	CRAWFORD	H.J.L. 2/6	NO	ATT RAA 5 AUST DIV
LIEUT.	NX 19763	GREENE	R.G. TP H.Q. 2/6	YES	
LIEUT.	VX 18007	PHILP	E.S. TP H.Q. 2/6	YES	
LIEUT.	VX 40197	WATSON	J.A. OC CDR 2/6	YES	
LIEUT.	VX 32166	BATTEN	L.H. G.O.R. 2/6	YES	
LIEUT.	VX 38451	SMITH	W.G. TP H.Q. 2/6	YES	
LIEUT.	VX 42718	PURVES	J.H. TP CHDR 2/9	YES	
LIEUT.	VX 33804	KNIGHT	J.SEC CHDR 2/6	YES	
LIEUT.	VX 31733	LONG	H.A. SEC CHDT 2/6	YES	
LIEUT.	VX 31709	IRVING	J.A. G.O.R. 2/6	YES	
LIEUT.	VX 29323	RULE	H.C. TP CHDR 2/9	YES	
LIEUT.	VX 18120	HUXTON	E.G. G.O. R.H.Q.	YES	
LIEUT.	VX 47845	LONG	H.C. HQ SUBN 2/9	YES	
LIEUT.	NX 23314	HANSEY	G.E. TP LDR 2/9	YES	
A/LIEUT.	VX 48145	PATON	J.C. TP LDR 2/9	YES	

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

SUBSTANTIVE RANK AND HIGHER TEMP RANK HELD	ARMY NO.	NAME AND INITIALS	UNIT	DATE OF ATTACHMENT	NATURE OF ATTACHMENT.
CAPT.	NX 70285	HODGE	A.H. AAHQ	25 SEP 43	NHQ ATT UNDER W.E.
A/LIEUT.	VX 40807	EVANS	H.I. RAA	29 OCT 43	GENERAL REINFORCE-MENT - AWAITING POSTING OCTU STUDENT
MAJOR	NX112370	WOODHAM	S.S. RAA		ATT FROM 73 AUST HOB S/L BTY -ON REC
LIEUT.	NX102268	HALE	S. RAA		DO DO DO

DATE OF
DESPATCH - 20 NOV 43

Ian R Carson Capt
.....FOR LT-COL.
SIGNATURE OF COMMANDER

R.A.A. 5 AUST DIV.

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

12 / 43 (Serial No.)

2/3 AUST COMPOSITE A A REGT.

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 20 11/1943 (Unit)

W.E. 111 / 25A 3 . OFFRS. 27 O.R's. 642 + OFFRS. 2 O.R's. 33 ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.					ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
W.E. Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.	DETAIL.	Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.
1			1	W.Os. Class I.					
5	1		4	W.Os. Class II.					
2			2	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
1			1	Staff Sergeants					
44	3		41	Sergeants					
50	4		46	Corporals		SEE BACK PAGE 2.			
539 110	102		437	Troopers, Privates, etc.					
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
642 110*	110		532*	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2		*			*

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

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

Detail	AIF A	AIF B	C.M.F. Under 19 Years.	C.M.F. 19 Years and over.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N	R.A.A.F	* *	TOTAL
A	561							[redacted]	[redacted]		561
B(1)											
B(2)							[redacted]				

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong
3	9 O.C. - MET SEC RAAF		

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

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

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

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

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2/3 AUST COMPOSITE A.A. REGT. *Unit*

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PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 20 / 11 /1943 .

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

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

20 NOV 43
Date of Despatch

Ian R Larsen Capt FOR LT-COL
Signature of Commander

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ALL A.I.F.

ALL MEDICAL CLASS A1.

PART D.

	R.H.Q.			2/6 AUST HY A.A. BTY			2/9 AUST LT. A.A. BTY.			TOTAL R/F
	WE	PS	R/F	WE	PS	R/F	WE	PS	R/F	
W.O.I	1	1								
W.O.II				1	1		4	3	NR	
BQMS				1	1		1	1		
S/SGTS.	1	1								
SGTS.	4	2	NR	16	16		24	23	NR	
BDRS.	3	2	NR	28	27		20	17	NR	
TRADE GROUP II - FIRE CONTROL				24	23	NR				
HT.COMPUTERS				6	6					
HT.TAKERS				8	16					
PREDICTOR NOS.				28	28		36	12	NR	
PLOTTERS				6	6					
TELESCOPE										
IDENTIFICATION				8	8					
CARPENTER					1					
TRADE GROUP III- BTY. SURVEYOR				1	1*					
BUTCHER	1	1								
CLERKS	2	2		1	1		4	2	NR	
DVR.MECHS.	1		NR	17	14	NR	22	17	NR	
EQUIP.REPS				1	1		1	1		
GUNLAYERS				16	11	NR	36	21	NR	
GPOA'S					3					
TECH STOREMAN	1	1					1	1		
NON SPECIALISTS	21	12		143	108		154	140		
	35	22	13	304	272	32	303	238	65	110
ATTACHED UNDER W.E.										
AAMC - SGT. HYGIENE INSPECTOR	1	1								
SGT.	1		NR							
CORPORALS		1		1	1		1	1		
AAOC - CORPORAL SHOEMAKER	1	1								
AACC - W.O.II CATERER	1		NR							
SGTS				1	1		1	1		
CPLS.				2	2		3	2	NR	
PTES.	2	2		9	9		7	5	NR	
AAPS - SGTS.	1		NR							
CPLS.		1								
AAPC - SGT	1	1								
	8	7	NR	13	13		12	9	NR	NR

GUNNER REINFORCEMENTS ONLY REQUIRED.
N.C.O'S AND SPECIALISTS WILL BE APPOINTED WITHIN UNIT.

* TRADE GROUP 1.

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AT 0600 HOURS SATURDAY 27 NOV 43.

APPX XIII

UNIT - 2/3 AUST A.A. REGT.

W.E. - 111/25A/3 AIF 27 x 642 PLUS 2 x 33 ATTACHED BY W.E.

PART A - POSTED STRENGTH. SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	RANKS	2 POSTED STRENGTH AGAINST W.E. INCLUDING ATTACHED	3 SURPLUS TO ESTAB	4 REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED
W.E.				
1	LIEUT-COL.	1	-	-
3	MAJORS	2	-	1 NOT REQUIRED
9	CAPTAINS	6	-	3 NOT REQUIRED
14	LIEUTS	18	4	-
27	TOTALS	27	4	4

DETAIL A - ALL A.I.F. ALL MEDICAL CLASS A.1

PART B - PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEK

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK.

LIEUT.	VX 22235	CRAWFORD	H.J.L.	RAA	22 NOV 43	RETURNED FROM DEING AT RAA.
CAPT.	QX 49102	COLLINS	T.M.	AA CH D	20 NOV 43	RETURNED FROM HOSPITAL.

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

LT-COL.	VX 47987	MARGETTS	A.G.	RAA	20 NOV 43	DET AS A/CRA TO RAA 5 AUST DIV.
CAPT.	VX 50453	CARSON	I.R.	RAA	26 NOV 43	MARCHED OUT TO 5 DIV REC CAMP FOR ONWARD MOVEMENT TO ATTEND LHQ TACTICAL SCHOOL COURSE NO.9. DURATION 13 DEC 43 - 22 JAN 44.

PART C - DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED...../...../1943

NIL

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UNIT - 2/3 AUST A.A. REGT. RAA. L.E.

SERIAL NO. - 13/43.

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PART D - NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH.

AS AT 0600 HOURS SATURDAY 27 NOV 43 - TOTAL TO AGREE WITH COLS 4 & 7 PART A.

1 SUBSTANTIVE RANK & HIGHER TEMPORARY RANK IF HELD	2 ARMY NO.	3 NAME & INITIALS	4 POSTING		5 PRESENT WITH UNIT YES/NO	6 IF NOT PRESENT WITH UNIT STATE HOW EMPLOYED
MAJOR T/LT-COL.	VX 47907	MARGETTS	A.G.		NO	DET TO RAA 5 DIV AS A/CRA.
LIEUT.T/MAJOR	VX 27406	LINDON	J.H.	ADJ COMD	YES	
LIEUT.T/MAJOR	VX 40765	STAUGHTON	S.T.	OC 2/9 BTY	YES	
LIEUT.T/CAPT.	VX 50329	KROHN	K.	TP CMDR 2/9	YES	
LIEUT.T/CAPT.	VX 18116	ROSE	J.C.	OC 2/6 BTY	YES	
LIEUT.T/CAPT.	VX 23240	YURCKEN	R.P.	BTY CAPT 2/6	YES	
LIEUT.T/CAPT.	VX 45905	CROOKE	J.D.	BTY CAPT 2/9	YES	
LIEUT.T/CAPT.	VX 37694	HALL	H.	TP CMDR 2/9	YES	
LIEUT.T/CAPT.	NX 66009	MITCHELL	C.C.S.	TP CMDR 2/6	YES	
LIEUT.	VX 18112	MURRAY	C.D.	TP CMDR 2/6	YES	
LIEUT.	VX 25001	QUIN	K.A.	R.Q.M.S.	YES	
LIEUT.	VX 18119	DAVIES	D.K.	BTY SUBN 2/6	YES	
LIEUT.	VX 22235	CRAWFORD	H.J.L.	A/ADJ. R.H.Q.	YES	
LIEUT.	NX 19753	GREENE	R.G.	TP H.Q. 2/6	YES	
LIEUT.	VX 18007	PHILP	E.S.	TP H.Q. 2/6	YES	
LIEUT.	VX 40197	WATSON	J.A.	OC.GOR. 2/6	YES	
LIEUT.	VX 32166	BATTEN	L.H.	C.O.R. 2/6	YES	
LIEUT.	VX 38451	SMITH	W.G.	TP H.Q. 2/6	YES	
LIEUT.	VX 42718	PURVES	J.H.	TP CMDR 2/9	YES	
LIEUT.	VX 33804	KNIGHT	J.	SEC CMDR 2/6	YES	
LIEUT.	VX 31733	LONG	H.A.	SEC CMDR 2/6	YES	
LIEUT.	VX 31709	IRVING	J.A.	C.O.R. 2/6	YES	
LIEUT.	VX 29323	RULE	W.C.	TP CMDR 2/9	YES	
LIEUT.	VX 18120	RUXTON	E.C.	C.O. R.H.Q.	YES	
LIEUT.	VX 47845	LONG	H.C.	HQ SUBN 2/9	YES	
LIEUT.	NX 23314	WANSEY	C.E.	TP LDR 2/9	YES	
A/LIEUT.	VX 48145	PATON	J.C.	TP LDR 2/9	YES	

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

SUBSTANTIVE RANK AND HIGHER TEMP. RANK HELD	ARMY NO.	NAME AND INITIALS	UNIT	DATE OF ATTACHMENT	NATURE OF ATTACHMENT
CAPT.	NX 70285	HODGE	A.H.	AMC 25 SEPT 43	RMO ATT UNDER W.E.
A/LIEUT.	VX 40807	EVANS	H.I.	RAA 29 OCT 43	GENERAL REINFORCEMENT - AWAITING POSTING
MAJOR	NX112370	WOODHAM	S.S.	RAA	OCTU STUDENT ATT FROM 73 AUST MOB S/L BTY-ON RECCE.
LIEUT.	NX102268	HALE	S.	RAA	DO
CAPT.	QX 49102	COLLINS	T.H.	AA CH D	DO CHAPLAIN ATT UNDER W.E.

DATE OF DESPATCH - 27 NOV 43

D. Bamford Lt.

SIGNATURE OF COMMANDER FOR LT-COL.

R.A.A. 5 AUST DIV.

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

27 11 3 2/3 AUST COMPOSITE A.A. REGT. / (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 27 / 11 / 194 3. (Unit)

W.E. 111 25A 3 OFFRS. 27 O.R's. 642 + OFFRS. 2 O.R's. 33 ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.
W.E. 1			1	W.Os. Class I.					
5	1		4	W.Os. Class II.					
2			2	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
1			1	Staff Sergeants					
44	4		40	Sergeants		SEE BACK PAGE 2			
50	5		45	Corporals					
539 26	16		523	Troopers, Privates, etc.					
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
642 26 *	26		616*	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.		*			*

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

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

Detail	A.I.F.	C.M.F. Under 19 Years.	C.M.F. 19 Years and over.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	* *	TOTAL.
A	CLASS A 645						[redacted]	[redacted]		645
B(1)										
B(2)						[redacted]				

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong
2	9 O.G. -		
	MET SEC RAAF		
1	AAMC		

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

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

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

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

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2/3 AUST COMPOSITE A.A. REGT. ..... Unit

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PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 27/11/194 3.

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

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

27 NOV 43
Date of Despatch

a.w. 6m bks 3/43

T. Crawford Lt FOR LT.CO
Signature of Commander

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ALL A.I.F.

ALL MEDICAL CLASS A1.

PART D.

	R.H.Q.			2/6 AUST HY A.A. BTY.			2/9 AUST LT A.A. BTY.			TOTAL R/F
	WE	PS	R/F	WE	PS	R/F	WE	PS	R/F	
W.O.I	1	1								
W.O.II				1	1		4	3	NR	
BQMS				1	1		1	1		
S/SGTS.	1	1								
SGTS.	4	2	NR	16	16		24	22	NR	
BDRS.	3	2	NR	27	26	NR	20	17	NR	
TRADE GROUP II - FIRE CONTROL				24	23	NR				
HT.COMPUTERS				6	6					
HT.TAKERS				8	17					
PREDICTOR NOS.				28	26	NR	36	13	NR	
PLOTTERS				6	6					
TELESCOPE										
IDENTIFICATION				8	8					
CARPENTER					1					
TRADE GROUP III- BTY.SURVEYOR				1	1	*				
BUTCHER	1	1								
CLERKS	2	2		1	1		4	2	NR	
DVR.MECHS.	1	1		17	14	NR	22	17	NR	
EQUIP.REPS.				1	1		1	1		
GUNLAYERS				16	12	NR	36	21	NR	
GPOA'S					3					
TECH STOREMAN	1	1					1	1		
NON SPECIALISTS	21	24		143	143		154	177		
	35	35		304	306	+2	303	275	28	26
ATTACHED UNDER W.E.										
AAMC - SGT. HYGIENE INSPECTOR	1	1								
SGT.	1		NR							
CORPORALS		1		1	1		1	1		
AAOC - CORPORAL SHOEMAKER	1	1								
AACC - W.O.II CATERER	1		NR							
SGTS.				1	1		1	1		
CPLS.				2	2		3	2	NR	
PTES.	2	3		9	8	NR	7	5	NR	
AAPS - SGTS.	1		NR							
CPLS.		1								
AAPC - SGT.	1	1								
	8	8		13	12	NR	12	9	NR	NR

GUNNER REINFORCEMENTS ONLY REQUIRED.
N.C.O'S AND SPECIALISTS WILL BE APPOINTED WITHIN UNIT.
* TRADE GROUP 1.

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2/1 AUST A.A. REGT. RAA I.E.

ROUTINE ORDERS 28 NOV 43.

BY

LT-COL. A.G. INNESETTS - COMMANDING OFFICER.

PART 1. NO.9.

52. REMITTANCE OF UNDRAWN PAY AND CASH - 5 AUST DIV R.O. A 20.

1. IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT THERE WILL BE A HEAVY DEMAND BY MEMBERS TO AVAIL THEMSELVES OF THE OPPORTUNITY OF SENDING REMITTANCES TO RESIDENTS IN AUSTRALIA, AS XMAS GIFTS, AND MEMBERS ARE THEREFORE REQUESTED TO REMIT EARLY.

2. REMITTANCES FORWARDED THROUGH PAYMASTERS AND RECEIVED BY DISTRICT ACCOUNTS OFFICE, NEW GUINEA, ON OR BEFORE 12 DECEMBER 1943 WILL BE PAID BY 25 DECEMBER 1943.

53. AA EDUCATION SERVICE - PUBLIC EXAMINATIONS - 5 AUST DIV R.O. A 100.

1. ATTENTION IS DRAWN TO THE FACT THAT MEMBERS OF THE AIF WHO ARE PURSUING COURSES OF STUDY BY CORRESPONDENCE MAY WISH TO PRESENT THEMSELVES FOR PUBLIC EXAMINATION, THE MAJORITY OF WHICH ARE HELD IN NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER EACH YEAR.

2. SUCH MEMBERS SHOULD BE INSTRUCTED TO CONSULT A FULL TIME EDUCATION OFFICER, WHO WILL ASSIST IN ARRANGING EXAMINATIONS AND SUPERVISION.

3. OFFICERS IN CHARGE OF UNITS WILL FACILITATE THE HOLDING OF EXAMINATIONS AS FAR AS CONDITIONS OF SERVICE PERMIT.

54. DISCIPLINE - PREVALENCE OF THEFT OF MILITARY STORES AND SUPPLIES - 2 AUST DIV R.O. 101.

1. THE OFFENCES OF STEALING AND FRAUDULENT MISAPPLICATION OF STORES AND SUPPLIES FROM MILITARY DEPOTS, INSTALLATIONS, TRANSPORTATION SERVICES AND EVEN FROM FELLOW SOLDIERS HAVE INCREASED TO AN EXTENT WHICH RENDERS IMMEDIATE AND EFFECTIVE REMEDIAL ACTION NECESSARY.

2. THE USE OF TERMS SUCH AS PILFERING, SCROUNGING ETC., TO DESCRIBE SUCH OFFENCES TENDS TO OBSCURE THEIR GRAVITY AND MAY CAUSE THEM TO BE SOMEWHAT LIGHTLY REGARDED. ON THE CONTRARY, SUCH OFFENCES MUST BE VIEWED VERY SERIOUSLY AND OFFENDERS WILL RENDER THEMSELVES LIABLE TO SEVERE PUNISHMENT.

3. THE IMPRESSION MAY EXIST THAT AN ISOLATED INSTANCE OF THEFT OF MILITARY STORES AND SUPPLIES, THOUGH A MEAN AN DESPICABLE ACT, DOES NOT INVOLVE ANY APPRECIABLE WEAKENING OF THE WAR EFFORT. SUCH AN IMPRESSION IF IT EXISTS, IS COMPLETELY ERRONEOUS. THE CUMULATIVE EFFECT OF SUCH THEFTS AFFECTS SERIOUSLY THE MAINTENANCE OF THE TROOPS IN THE FIELD, DISLOCATES THE SUPPLY ORGANIZATION AT ALL POINTS, INVOLVES GRAVE WASTE OF MAN HOURS, AND IS IN FACT, EQUIVALENT IN RESULT TO THAT OF DIRECTLY TREASONABLE ACTIVITY.

4. THESE CONSIDERATIONS IMPOSE AN OBLIGATION OF HONOUR UPON ALL MEMBERS TO DO THEIR UTMOST TO PREVENT THEFT AND TO ASSIST IN EVERY WAY IN THE BRINGING TO JUSTICE OF OFFENDERS.

5. AS A GENERAL RULE, NO SUSPENSION OR REMISSION IS TO BE MADE IN RESPECT OF ANY AWARD OR SENTENCE IMPOSED UPON A MEMBER FOR ANY OFFENCE MENTIONED IN THIS ORDER.

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55. REMITTANCES FROM MEMBERS - 5 AUST DIV R.O. A 101.

1. THE ATTENTION OF ALL RANKS IS DRAWN TO THE ARRANGEMENTS WHICH EXIST FOR A MEMBER TO SEND A REMITTANCE OF CASH OR UNDRAWN PAY TO ANY PERSON RESIDENT IN AUSTRALIA OR TO ANOTHER MEMBER, WHEREVER SERVING.

2. THESE ARRANGEMENTS PROVIDE THAT REMITTANCES MAY BE MADE THROUGH ARMY CHANNELS BY MEMBERS WHO ARE SERVING IN LOCALITIES WHERE MONEY ORDER OR BANKING FACILITIES FOR REMITTANCES ARE NOT AVAILABLE WITH REASONABLE CONVENIENCES.

3. REMITTANCES THROUGH ARMY CHANNELS ARE EFFECTED BY THE MEMBER COMPLETING A REMITTANCE FORM -AF 131 OR AF 131A- AND HANDING THE FORM TO THE PAY SERGEANT TOGETHER WITH THE CASH -IN THE CASE OF A REMITTANCE OF CASH- OR THE MEMBERS PAY BOOK -FOR ENTRY OF THE DEBIT IN THE CASE OF A REMITTANCE OF UNDRAWN PAY-.

4. A MEMBER SENDING A REMITTANCE SHOULD TAKE PARTICULAR CARE TO SEE THAT FULL DETAILS ARE CLEARLY AND LEGIBLY SET OUT ON THE REMITTANCE FORM. THIS APPLIES ESPECIALLY TO THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE PERSON TO WHOM THE REMITTANCE IS TO BE SENT.

5. THE MEMBER WILL ENSURE THAT HE OBTAINS A RECEIPT FROM THE PAY SERGEANT FOR ANY CASH HANDED OVER.

56. USE OF CHAINS ON VEHICLES - 5 AUST DIV R.O. A 102.

1. IN FINE WEATHER CHAINS WILL NOT BE USED.

57. OFFICERS DRIVING VEHICLES - 5 AUST DIV R.O. A 102.

1. CONTRARY TO RECENT ORDERS, IT HAS BEEN NOTICED THAT OFFICERS ARE STILL DRIVING VEHICLES.

2. THIS PRACTICE WILL BE DISCONTINUED IMMEDIATELY.

58. GREEN ENVELOPES.

1. THE BAN ON GREEN ENVELOPES IS NOW LIFTED IN AS MUCH AS THEY MAY NOW BE USED IN EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES WITH DIRECT PERMISSION OF AN OFFICER.

59. MALARIA CONTROL.

1. THE STREAM FLOWING THROUGH THE R.A.A.F. CAMP AREA WILL BE LEFT FREE OF ALL OBSTRUCTIONS, AND ON NO ACCOUNT WILL THE WATER BE HELD BACK BY THE CONSTRUCTION OF DAMS FOR WASHING PURPOSES.

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H.J.L. CRAWFORD.

A/ADJUTANT 2/3 AUST A.A. REGT.

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APPENDIX TO ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1 NO.9 - 28 NOV 43.

PROMOTIONS.

2/6	VX 44104	BDR.	JOHNSON	D.W.	PROMOTED A/SGT.	WEF	27 NOV 43

APPOINTMENT.

2/6	VX 25234	BDR	PAUL	K.R.W.	APPOINTED L/BDR.		23 NOV 43

CONFIRMATION OF RANK

HHQ	VX 44104	A/BDR	JOHNSON	D.W.	RANK OF BDR CONFIRMED		21 NOV 43

RECLASSIFICATIONS.

HHQ	VX 83056	GNR.	MITCHEL	P.R.	CLASS DVR MECH TO GP III		15 NOV 43
2/6	VX 57220	GNR.	SILLINGHAM	A.R.	DO DO DO DO		24 NOV 43

RECLASSIFICATIONS.

2/6	QX 56207	GNR	SULLIVAN	T.T.	DUCLASS GUNLAYER TO GP III		26 NOV 43
	NX 01290	GNR	CAMBRIDGE	R.H.	DO PREDICTOR NO.TO GP11		19 NOV 43
	NX 81020	GNR	BRODIE	R.L.C.	DO DO DO DO		21 NOV 43
	VX19253	GNR	FERGUSON	F.H.	DO GUNLAYER TO GP III		21 NOV 43
	VX 86464	GNR	DE GRAVES	R.H.	DO DO DO		21 NOV 43
	VX112397	GNR	BUSHELL	L.	DO DO DO		21 NOV 43
	VX 20593	GNR	WILLIAMS	H.B.	DO DVR MECH TO GP III		24 NOV 43

REVERSIONS.

2/6	SX 27910	A/BDR	FULTON	K.	REVERTED TO GUNNER		21 NOV 43
	VX 86464	A/BDR	DE GRAVES	R.H.	DO DO DO		21 NOV 43
	SX 19176	A/BDR	JAMES	A.H.D.	DO DO DO		21 NOV 43
	SX 17485	A/BDR	MITCHELL	C.H.	DO DO DO		21 NOV 43
	SX 17070	A/BDR	TURNER	S.G.	DO DO DO		21 NOV 43

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Subject: PERCENTAGE COMPLETION DEFENSIVE WORKS.

R.H.Q.
2/3 AUST A.A. REGT.

29 NOV 43.

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R.A.A.
5 AUST DIV.

1. The state of completion of Defensive Works within the Regt is as follows-

(a).	Hy A.A. gun emplacements.		90%	
(b)	Command Post.		85%	
(c)	Radar.	G1 G2	40% 85%	Grader necessary for completion of works.
(d)	Magazines.		90%	
(e)	Light A.A. gun emplacements.		80%	
(f)	G.O.R.		75%	
(g)	Dummy Site.		Work has just commenced.on this project - site has been cleared and C.P. and gun positions pegged out.	
(h)	Signals.		60% Of poling completed.	
(i)	Searchlights.		Clearing on sites commenced.	

J.H.Lindon .....MAJOR.
J.H.LINDON.
ADM CMD 2/3 AUST A.A. REGT.

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Unit 2/3 AUST AA REGT. *Date and Time.—From* 1 DEC 43 *To* 31 DEC 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
LAE			COVERING SHEET FOR WAR DIARY	
			HEREWITH ORIGINAL OF WAR DIARY FOR DECEMBER 1943	
			A. G. Margetts ..... LT-COL. A.G. MARGETTS CO 2/3 AUST AA REGT.	
			E. Ruxton ..... LIEUT. E.G. RUXTON IO 2/3 AUST AA REGT.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED MAP REFERENCES WILL BE REF MAP	
			LAE 3508 - 1/25,000 SERIES.	
LAE	1 DEC 43		LT-COL MARGETTS, CO 2/3 AUST AA REGT, WITH MAJOR STAUGHTON,	
			OC 2/9 AUST LT AA BTY MADE AN INSPECTION OF "A" & "B" TROOPS, 2/9 BTY.	
			A CONFERENCE WAS HELD AT RHQ BETWEEN CO & LT COL WOODFORD, CO	
			L OF C SIGNALS RE S/L LINES. IT WAS AGREED THAT 20 MILES OF D8 CABLE BE LOANED TO 73 AUST MOB S/L BTY.	
		1710L	SLIGHT EARTH TREMOR FELT THROUGHOUT THE AREA.	
	2 DEC 43		MAJOR S. FLETCHER, G1 AA RAA NG FORCE ARRIVED IN THE AREA, AND	
			IMMEDIATELY CONFERRED WITH THE CO ON AA PROBLEMS.	
			MAJOR F. THOMAS & CAPT CROSS ARRIVED FROM HQ AA & FORTRESS	
			SIGNALS, NG FORCE, AND MADE AN INSPECTION OF THE AA SIGNAL LAYOUT IN THE AREA. COMMENDED OC 2/3 SIGS, LIEUT GRAY ON	
			SIGNAL LAYOUT.	
			WHILE GENERATOR IS AT W/SHOPS FOR PERIODICAL OVERHAUL, G2 WILL	
			BE OUT OF ACTION FOR A PERIOD OF 24 HOURS.	
			LIEUT F. BROWNE OF 2/3 W/SHOPS LEFT FOR 24 DAYS RECREATIONAL LEAVE AND REPOSTING UPON COMPLETION OF SAME.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
LAE	3 DEC 43	1430L	THE CO AND MAJOR FLETCHER VISITED SITE H2. MAJOR FLETCHER SUGGESTED 6 TO 10 ROUNDS SHOULD BE LEFT UNCAPPED IN THE GUN PITS.	
		1617L	G2 NOW BACK IN ACTION.	
			THE FIRST LINE FAULT IN THE AA COMMUNICATION SYSTEM FOR 13 DAYS WAS REPORTED BY GOR, THE CAUSE BEING U.S. BULLDOZERS OPERATING IN THE AREA OF "C" TROOP, 2/9 BTY., & H2 OF 2/6 BTY.	
			LINE COMMUNICATION ESTABLISHED BETWEEN RHQ & 2/6 BHQ - WORKING SATISFACTORILY.	
			CAPT BRUSS, FORMERLY OC D BTY., 102 COAST ARTY BN -AA- -AW-, U.S. ARMY, INTRODUCED CAPT LEWIS AS OC 102 BTY TO THE AADC.	
	4 DEC 43		MAJOR THOMAS CONFERRED WITH OC 73 S/L BTY RELATIVE TO THE INSTALLATION OF S/L SIGNALS IN THE AREA.	
		0800L	MAJOR FLETCHER LEFT BY AIR FOR MORESBY. RESULTS OF DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN CO & MAJOR FLETCHER ARE - RAA NG FORCE WILL ARRANGE FOR A PANEL REPLACEMENT FOR GL TO BE SENT FORWARD. COMPUTORS ARE IN SHORT SUPPLY AT PRESENT BUT WHEN THEY BECOME AVAILABLE TWO SPARE WILL BE SENT TO REGT. 3.7-IN MOBILE GUN AT BUNA - [illegible] 11 DIV ORDERED TO FORWARD. 40MM GUNS AT BUNA - RAA NG FORCE ARRANGING FOR RELEASE OF DESPATCH OF 6 TO COMPLETE 2/9 BTY W.E.T. 20 LINE SWITCHBOARD WILL BE SENT TO GOR AS SOON AS IT ARRIVES IN N.G. - ADVICE THAT 3 IN TRANSIT BETWEEN SYDNEY & N.G.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
LAE	4 DEC 43		QUESTION OF INCREASE IN LEAVE QUOTA OR RELIEF DISCUSSED. IS	
			BEING CONSIDERED BY NG FORCE & SATISFACTORY SOLUTION EXPECTED IN NEAR FUTURE.	
		0900L	PRACTICE SHOOT BY "C" TROOP, 2/9 BTY WHEN 12 R.P.G. WERE FIRED.	
	5 DEC 43	0900L	RESULTS SATISFACTORY. MAJOR THOMAS & CAPT CROSS, ACCOMPANIED BY LIEUT GRAY, OC	
			2/3 SIGNALS, LEFT FOR FINSCHAFEN. MAJOR THOMAS WILL MAKE PRELIMINARY ARRANGEMENTS FOR AA & FORTRESS SIGNALS LAYOUT IN	
			THAT AREA.	
			RAID NO.7.	SEE APPENDIX V.
			A RETURN CRICKET MATCH WAS ARRANGED BETWEEN 2/9 & 162 BTYS. THE VICTORS WERE 162 BTY BY AN INNINGS & 30 RUNS, WHO THUS	
			RETRIEVED THEMSELVES BY THEIR DEFEAT BY 2/9 BTY ON 14 NOV.	
			12 PERSONNEL FROM 2/3 REGT LEFT FOR 24 DAYS RECREATIONAL LEAVE.	
			50 PERSONNEL - INCLUDING 15 REINFORCEMENTS, ARRIVED 2/3 RHQ. ALLOCATION OF R/FS IS 12 TO 2/9, 2 TO RHQ, & 1 TO W/SHOPS.	
			SOME OF THE LEAVE PERSONNEL HAVE BEEN UP TO 2 MONTHS AT MILNE BAY TRANSIT CAMP, WHILE R/FS HAD BEEN GIVEN PRIORITY OVER	
			THEM.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
LAE	6 DEC 43		CAPT C.C.S. MITCHELL, SITE COMMANDER H1, LEFT BY AIR TO	
			ATTEND RAAF SCHOOL OF ARMY CO-OPERATION, CANBERRA. DURATION OF SCHOOL - 13 DEC 43 TO 15 JAN 44. DURING HIS ABSENCE	
			LIEUT E.S. PHILP WILL BE SITE COMMANDER H1.	
			LIEUT PURVES, 2/9 BTY, COMMENCED TOUR OF DUTY AT GOR.	
			SIGNAL SECTION MADE COMMENCEMENT OF RE-ROUTING AND RE-BUILDING OF "C" TROOP, 2/9 BTY AND H2 AND G2 LINES, OCCASIONED BY AMERICAN	
			EXPANSION AND IMPROVEMENT OF AREA.	
			ONE ADDITIONAL 40MM BOFOR GUN HAS BEEN RECEIVED BY 2/9 BTY FROM	
			43 F.O.D. THIS GUN WAS RECEIVED WITHOUT ANY TOOLS OR SPARE	
			PARTS OF ANY DESCRIPTION, NOW GONE TO W/SHOPS FOR COMPLETE	
			OVERHAUL.	
			RAAF RADAR AND AA RADAR FAILED TO PICK UP HOSTILE A/C ON ITS	
			INWARD RUN DURING RAID 7. F.C.I.A. SUGGESTED THAT G2, GIVING BETTER RESULTS THAN G1, SHOULD BE KEPT ON SEARCH DURING THE BRIGHT	
			MOON PERIOD. THIS WAS NOT AGREED TO BY AEME, AND THE SUGGESTION WAS PLACED BEFORE AADC, OC 2/6 BTY & AEME. A DECISION WAS	
			REACHED THAT G2 SEARCH DURING BRIGHT MOON PERIODS, & WHEN MOON IS AT ITS BRIGHTEST, G1 WILL ALSO BE IN OPERATION, WHEN A	
			CHECK COULD BE KEPT IN THE PICKING UP CAPABILITIES OF BOTH RADARS. IT WAS POINTED OUT BY THE AADC THAT RADARS WERE A	
			DEFENSIVE WEAPON & THEY MUST BE USED AS SUCH.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
LAE	6 DEC 43		THE FOLLOWING ARE THE MAP REFERENCES OF S/L STATIONS ~~XXXX~~ IN ACTION BY 1800L HOURS -	
			S3 LAE 1-IN TO 1 MILE 684409 SPERRY S/L S5 DO. DO. 706448 RADAR S/L S6 NADZAB DO. DO. 618432 SPERRY S/L S7 DO. DO. 584468 RADAR S/L	
			S3 HAS TELEPHONIC COMMUNICATION WITH BOR, AND VISUAL COMMUNICATION WITH OTHER STATIONS.	
	7 DEC 43	0930L	GOC RANG AADC AND ORDERED S/L LINES TO BE IN WITHIN 48 HOURS. HE HAS DIRECTED LT-COL WOODFORD TO ASSIST.	
			STATION 2 -S2- NADZAB 1-IN TO 1 MILE 640378 READY FOR ACTION BY 1800L HOURS.	
		1930L	SEVERE ELECTRICAL STORM STRUCK AREA CAUSING SLIGHT DISRUPTIONS TO COMMUNICATIONS. A TELEPHONIST FROM 2/6 BTY WAS THROWN TO THE GROUND UNCONSCIOUS BUT RECOVERED, THOUGH BADLY SHAKEN. "ERICKSON" PHONE AT "C" TROOP, 2/9 BTY BURNT OUT. 7 FUSES IN GOR D & P FRAME BLOWN.	
	8 DEC 43	0915L	UNDER DIRECTION FROM A/GOC, BRIG MORIARTY, S3 -S/L STATION LAE 1-IN TO 1 MILE MAP REF 691397- IS NOW TO BE SET UP AT MAP REF 684409. NEW STATION OCCUPIED BY 1200L HOURS TODAY.	

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Unit 2/3 AUST AA REGT. *Date and Time.—From* 8 DEC 43 *To* 10 DEC 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
LAE	8 DEC 43		PRACTICE SHOOT BY "A" & "B" TROOPS, 2/9 BTY, SUCCESSFULLY CARRIED OUT, WHEN 12 R.P.G. WERE FIRED.	
			FCIA CONTACTED SGT I/C U.S. TRANSMITTER NEAR G2, VARIOUS TESTS CARRIED OUT RE INTERFERENCE.	
			WARNING ORDER RECEIVED BY 162 BTY HQ TO MOVE TO MOROBE AND REJOIN THEIR OTHER TROOP. "A" TROOP ~~HERE~~ TO REMAIN AT PRESENT.	
	9 DEC 43		NATIVES COMMENCED CLEARING OF HY AA GUN SITE MAP REF 710414 FOR 53 REGT.	
			MAJOR THOMAS, CAPT CROSS & LIEUT GRAY RETURNED FROM FINSCHHAVEN.	
			CRA INFORMED LT-COL MARGETTS THAT MOVE OF AMERICAN D BTY, 102 COAST ARTY BN -AA--AW- [illegible] IS IMMINENT. DISCUSSED MEANS OF TAKING OVER THEIR POSITIONS PENDING ARRIVAL OF 53 REGT - THE LT BTY OF WHICH IS EVENTUALLY TO TAKE OVER STRIP. DECIDED TO BRING IN SECTION OF 162 BTY ROUND L.M. SAWMILL AND REARRANGE SOME OF 2/9 BTY GUNS.	
			S/L STATION 4 -LAE 1-IN TO 1 MILE - 757410- WAS IN OCCUPATION BY 1500L HOURS TODAY.	
	10 DEC 43	1450L	QX 41389, GNR PICKARD A.E. OF 'C' TROOP, 2/6 BTY, DIED AS THE RESULT OF BURNS ACCIDENTALLY RECEIVED ON 5 DEC 43. GNR PICKARD HAD ONLY JOINED THE UNIT TWO WEEKS PREVIOUSLY.	

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Unit 2/3 AUST AA REGT. Date and Time.—From 11 DEC 43 To 14 DEC 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
LAE	11 DEC 43		CAPT M. STENBERG, O.C. 2/3 REGT AEME, LEFT BY AIR FOR PORT MORESBY, FOR REPOSTING TO MORESBY FORTRESS W/SHOPS.	
	12 DEC 43		THE REAR PARTY CONSISTING OF 1 OFFICER & 42 OR'S LEFT AT PORT MORESBY BY 73 S/L BTY ARRIVED IN THE AREA.	
	13 DEC 43		DURING HEAVY STORM ON NIGHT 12/13 DEC, PORTIONS OF H1 & G1 LINES WERE DESTROYED WHEN AMERICAN PONTOON -UNDER CONSTRUCTION IN LAGOON NEAR H1- WAS WASHED OUT TO SEA.	
	14 DEC 43	0930L	THE CO ACCOMPANIED BY 2 I/C & OC 2/6 BTY, MADE AN INSPECTION OF GUN SITE AT H1.	
			AMERICAN D BTY, 102 CA. BN ORDERED TO MOVE FROM THE AREA ON 15 DEC. GUNS PULLED OUT OF ACTION LATE THIS AFTERNOON.	
			RE-ALLOCATION OF LIGHT GUN POSITIONS IS AS FOLLOWS -	
			L9 -2/9- TAKING OVER L18, WHILST L24, L25 & L26 OF 162 BTY TAKE OVER L14, L19 & L20 RESPECTIVELY.	
			GUNS IN NEW POSITIONS BY 1700 HOURS TODAY. POSITIONS VACATED BY 2/9 & 162 BTYS WILL BE ABANDONED FOR THE PRESENT TIME.	
			THE CO SUBMITTED VERBAL PROPOSED S/L POSITIONS TO CRA. 7 HY.	
			LIGHTS - AS AT PRESENT OCCUPIED, EXCEPT THAT LABU -S2-, TO MOVE 3,000-YDS SOUTH. THE 2 MEDIUM LIGHTS NEAR COAST AT BUTIBUM MOUTH AREA OR AT STRIP NEAR COAST.	

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Unit 2/3 AUST AA REGT. Date and Time.—From 15 DEC 43 To 18 DEC 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
LAE	15 DEC 43	0930L	THE CO ACCOMPANIED BY 2 I/C & OC, 2/6 BTY MADE INSPECTION OF GUN SITE H2.	
			SEARCHLIGHT STATION 8 -S8- WAS OCCUPIED AT MAP REF 665483 -MAP REF NADZAB 1-IN TO 1 MILE- BY 1400L HOURS TODAY.	
		1800L	LINE COMMUNICATION COMPLETED AT NEW BOFORS POSITIONS. SIGNALS ARE STILL EXPERIENCING TROUBLE WITH DELIBERATE CUTTING OF LINES.	
	16 DEC 43		NOTHING TO REPORT.	
	17 DEC 43		BRIGADIER A.H. RAMSAY ARRIVED IN THE AREA TO TAKE OVER ADM COMD 5 AUST DIV.	
			ONE 3.7-IN MOBILE AA GUN FOR 2/6 BTY, & ONE 40MM BOFORS GUN FOR 2/9 BTY, ARRIVED IN THE AREA, AND IMMEDIATELY COMMENCEMENT WAS MADE BY W/SHOPS TO CHECKING OF BOTH GUNS.	
	18 DEC 43		ONE ORDNANCE QF 3.7-IN MK.III AA GUN TAKEN ON CHARGE BY 2/6 BTY.	
			REPLACEMENT FOR ONE RETURNED FROM MILNE BAY TO MGO, LHQ MELBOURNE WITH BULGED BARREL. THIS BRINGS THE NUMBER OF HY AA GUNS IN THE AREA TO 8. ADJUSTMENTS BEING MADE BY W/SHOPS TO RECEIVER DIALS.	
			VX 111085, CAPT L.C. WILSON ARRIVED TO TAKE UP POSITION AS 2 I/C, 2/3 W/SHOPS AEME.	

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Unit 2/3 AUST AA REGT. Date and Time.—From 19 DEC 43 To 23 DEC 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
LAE	19 DEC 43		ONE ADDITIONAL 40MM GUN TAKEN ON CHARGE BY 2/9 BTY, BRINGING TOTAL NUMBER OF GUNS HELD BY BTY TO 13 - W.E.T. IS 18. GUN IN ACTION BY 'A' TROOP BY 1435L HOURS, AT MAP REF 697400. SITE TO BE KNOWN AS L13.	
			NEW 3.7-IN GUN AT H2 IN ACTION BY 1000L HOURS.	
	20 DEC 43	0900L	TEST FIRING OF NEW 3.7-IN GUN AT H2. PERFORMANCE NORMAL EXCEPT THAT SLIGHT DEPRESS IN ELEVATING GEAR, AND ADJUSTMENTS TO CRADLE BALANCING SPRING.	
		0940L	W/SHOPS COMMENCED ADJUSTMENTS OF ABOVE.	
			LINE COMMUNICATION FROM 'A' TROOP HQ, 2/9 BTY, TO L13 COMPLETED.	
	21 DEC 43		SIGNAL LINE FROM 2/9 BHQ TO GOR RE-ROUTED & REBUILT TO SKIRT THE SPORTS FIELD BEING CONSTRUCTED BY 2/9 BHQ.	
	22 DEC 43		~~THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF ALLIED LAND FORCES IN SWPA, GENERAL SIR THOMAS BLAMEY ARRIVED BY AIR ON A VISIT OF INSPECTION OF THE AREA.~~	
	23 DEC 43		CAPT L.B. ARCHER, 'C' TROOP COMMANDER OF 2/9 BTY, UPON COMPLETION OF SCHOOL OF ARTY AA -LT AA GUNNERY & TACTICAL COURSE SERIAL NO.4- AND RECREATIONAL LEAVE, HAS NOW BEEN SECONDED AS INSTRUCTOR AT SCHOOL OF ARTY AA, RANDWICK, NSW.	

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Unit 2/3 AUST AA REGT. Date and Time.—From 27 DEC 43 To 31 DEC 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
LAE	27 DEC 43		THE SPORTS GROUND RECENTLY COMPLETED BY, AND ADJACENT TO,	
			2/9 BHQ HAS PROVED A VERY WORTHWHILE PROJECT, AND THE BATTERY IS TO BE COMMENDED IN ITS FORESIGHT. IT IS CONTINUALLY IN	
			USE FROM 4 TO 5 TIMES PER WEEK, BOTH BY TEAMS WITHIN & OUTSIDE THE REGT.	
			A SPERRY S/L - TO BE KNOWN AS S1, LAE 1-IN TO 1 MILE MAP REF	
			721420 - HAS BEEN SET UP AT 73 S/L BHQ. THIS WILL BE MANNED BY HQ PERSONNEL, AND WILL PROVIDE EXTRA ILLUMINATION IF REQUIRED	
	28 DEC 43		REBUILDING OF SECTIONS OF H2 & G2 LINES WHICH WERE DESTROYED	
			BY AMERICAN BULLDOZERS.	
	29 DEC 43	0930L	BRIG I.G. FULLARTON M.C., COMMANDING LAE BASE SUB AREA, PAID A VISIT TO THE AADC, LT-COL MARGETTS.	
			400 YARDS OF H2, G2, 2/6 BHQ AND 'C' TROOP, 2/9 BTY LINES -	
			TOGETHER WITH POLES - WERE DESTROYED WHEN KUNAI GRASS, THROUGH WHICH THE LINES RAN, WAS BURNT BY UNKNOWN PERSONS. NEW LINES	
			LAID, WHICH WILL BE BUILT UP AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. COMMUNICATION SATISFACTORILY ESTABLISHED WITHIN TWO HOURS.	
	30 DEC 43		CONTINUED CUTTING OF PATH THROUGH JUNGLE BY SIG SEC FOR PROPOSED	
			NEW ROUTE FOR H2, G2 AND 'C' TROOP, 2/9 BTY LINES.	
	31 DEC 43		BHQ OF 162 AUST LT AA BTY, LEFT FOR MOROBE. 'A' TROOP WILL REMAIN DETACHED IN THIS AREA UNDER COMMAND OF LIEUT PRITCHARD.	

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APPENDICES FOR WAR DIARY DEC 43.

APPENDIX	I.	DUPLICATE COPY WAR DIARY	NOV 43.
	II.	AA TECHNICAL EFFICIENCY REPORT LAE	1 DEC 43.
	III.	ROUTINE ORDERS	4 DEC 43.
	IV.	FIELD RETURNS	4 DEC 43.
	V.	RAID 7	5 DEC 43.
	VI.	RAMMER SPRINGS FOR AUTO LOADER ORDNANCE OF 40MM	7 DEC 43.
	VII.	FIELD RETURNS	11 DEC 43.
	VIII.	ROUTINE ORDERS	12 DEC 43.
	IX.	ROUTINE ORDERS	18 DEC 43.
	X.	FIELD RETURNS	18 DEC 43.
	XI.	FIELD RETURNS	25 DEC 43.
	XII.	LOCATION STATEMENT	30 DEC 43.
	XIII.	ROUTINE ORDERS	30 DEC 43.
	XIV.	5 AUST DIV GS INSTN. NO. 42 AIR RAIDS	11 OCT 43.

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2/3 AUST A.A. REGT. RAA. LE.

A.A. TECHNICAL EFFICIENCY REPORT LAE.

NUMBER 3 1 DEC 43.

PART 1 - LOCATIONS.

-A- OWING TO THE UNRELIABILITY OF 1-INCH TO 1 MILE MAPS COVERING THIS AREA, THE TRACE OF LAE A.A. DEFENCES IS SHOWN ON LAE 3508, 1 - 25,000 SERIES. SEE APPENDIX A FOR TRACE.

-B- -1- 3.7-IN STATIC GUN STATIONS - NIL.

-11- 3.7-IN MOBILE GUNS -

No.1.	MAP REF 714392	4 X 3.7-IN A.A. GUNS.
No.2	MAP REF 678416	3 X 3.7-IN A.A. GUNS

-111- G.L. SETS - NO.1 MK.11

G.1	MAP REF 714392
G.2	MAP REF 678416

-C- NIL

PART 11 - WORKS.

-A- -1- HV. A.A. GUN EMPLACEMENTS.
SITE No.1 COMPLETE.
SITE No.2 COMPLETE EXCEPT FOR NO.4 GUN PIT. SHORTAGE PETROL HOLDING UP COMMENCEMENT OF PIT. IT IS NECESSARY TO TRAVEL SOME DISTANCE FOR CONSTRUCTIONAL MATERIAL. DUMMY SITE COMMENCED, AREA CLEARED AND DUMMY TENTS INSTALLED. GUN PITS AND RADAR TO BE CONSTRUCTED.

-11- A.A. OPERATIONS ROOM. OPERATIONAL CONSTRUCTION TO ACCOMMODATE 2 G.L. SETS COMPLETE. PROTECTIVE WORK 2/3-RDS COMPLETE. FACILITIES FOR OPERATING 2 MORE G.L. SETS HAS COMMENCED AND SHOULD BE COMPLETED BEFORE ARRIVAL OF 53 AUST A.A. REGT.

-111- NIL.

-IV- MAGAZINES. COMPLETE.

PART 111 - EQUIPMENT.

-I- 3.7-IN A.A. MOBILE GUNS.
-A- THERE ARE SEVEN -7- IN THE AREA. ONE MORE GUN IS STILL TO COME FORWARD.
-B- REAR GUN CARRIAGE TRANSPORTING MOVED FROM BRACKETS, AND GUNS TEST FIRED. IT WAS NOTICED THAT GUNS JUMPED MORE THAN USUAL, AND A.E.M.E. STATED THAT ADDED STRAIN IS PLACED ON MOUNTING. CARRIAGES REPLACED.
-C- INTENSIFIER OF NO.1 GUN AT No.2 CHARGED WITH AVIATION OIL 1120 AS A SUBSTITUTE FOR OIL H 800 -AT PRESENT UNPROCURABLE-. GUN WAS TEST FIRED AND RESULTS UNSATISFACTORY DUE TO EXCESSIVE LOSS OF AIR PRESSURE. THE USUAL MIXTURE OF TORPOIL AND SOFT SOAP WAS REPLACED.

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PART III - EQUIPMENT -CONTD-

-II- FIRE CONTROL INSTRUMENTS 3.7-IN A.A.
NUMBER IN AREA - HEIGHT AND RANGEFINDER NO.3 MK.IV. - 3
PREDICTOR NO.1 - 4
TELESCOPES IDENTIFICATION MK.III - 3

-III- NIL.

-IV- NIL.

-V- G.L.S SETS.
-I- MARK II.
-A- THERE ARE TWO IN THE AREA.
-B- I.F.F. FITTED AND CALIBRATED ON 2 NOV 43.

-II- NO SCHEME OF CO-ORDINATION OF I.F.F. EQUIPMENT TO LEVEL G.L. PLATFORM AT G1 NOT AVAILABLE EITHER THROUGH R.A.E. OR R.A.A.

-III- -A- RESISTANCES IN FOCUS AND BRIGHTNESS NET WORKS GIVING TROUBLE. REPLACEMENTS NECESSARY AT FREQUENT INTERVALS. OTHER FAULTS THAT OCCUR BEING DUE TO NORMAL WEAR AND TEAR.
-B- OWING TO CLIMATIC CONDITIONS CONTINUAL MAINTENANCE NECESSARY. VASELINE FOR DIPOLES UNPROCURABLE NECESSITATING THE USE OF SUBSTITUTES. GOOD GRADE METAL PAINT REQUIRED FOR CHASSIS IRON WORK. SEE REPORT ATTACHED RE DIESEL GENERATOR -APPENDIX E-.

-IV- OPERATION NORMAL EXCEPTING THAT OWING TO SITING DIFFICULTIES OF R.A.A.F. RADAR, THE TWO EXISTING MK.II SETS KEEP A CONTINUOUS WATCH DURING NIGHT PERIODS.

SITE G.1. THIS SITE SHOULD BE GRADED A.1 WHEN PLATFORM IS LEVELLED. TO DATE, AS STATED ABOVE, EQUIPMENT UNAVAILABLE TO LEVEL. UNTIL THIS LEVELLING IS COMPLETED, BEARING AND ELEVATION RESULTS WILL NOT BE ACCURATE. ALSO SITE SURROUNDED WITH DENSE JUNGLE WHICH MAY HAVE AN ATTENUATING EFFECT ON TRANSMITTED SIGNAL.

SITE G.2. LEVELLING OF PLATFORM GOOD. GOOD CLEAR SPACE ALL ROUND SITES. SOIL FAIR CONDUCTIVITY.
CALIBRATION BY AIR CRAFT CARRIED OUT ON 20 NOV 43, DATA HANDED ON TO A.E.M.E. SECTION, AS YET RESULTS NOT TO HAND.
FOURTH GUN PIT BEING BUILT AT THIS SITE, DISPLACEMENT 60 YARDS FROM R.X.

-V- NIL

-VI- FAIR.

-VI- HEIGHT COMPUTERS. TWO IN AREA.

-VII- SEARCHLIGHTS. IN TRANSIT. -SEE APPENDIX B FOR COPY OF REPORT BY O.C. 73 A.A.S.L. BTY SUBMITTED TO A.A.D.C.- A FULL APPRECIATION OF THE AREA WILL BE FORWARDED WITH NEXT REPORT.

-VIII- S.L.C. SETS. IN TRANSIT.

-IX- 40-MM BOFOR GUNS.
GUNS IN AREA -
2/9 AUST LT. A.A. BTY. 12 GUNS
162 AUST LT. A.A. BTY. 6 GUNS
D BTY., 102 COAST ARTY -AA- -AU- U.S. ARMY 8 GUNS.

2/9 AUST LT. A.A. BTY. HAVE MK.1 AUTOLOADERS AND ALL GUNS ARE

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PART III - EQUIPMENT -CONTD-

IN GOOD ORDER AND CONDITION, EXCEPT FOR PAINT SHORTAGE. ALL EQUIPMENTS REQUIRE PAINTING. THERE ARE STILL SIX -6- GUNS AND FOURTEEN -14- PREDICTORS REQUIRED TO BRING THIS BATTERY TO ESTABLISHMENT.

162 AUST LT. A.A. BTY. HAVE MK.1A AUTOLOADERS - ALL GUNS IN GOOD ORDER.

-X- 40-MM FIRE CONTROL INSTRUMENTS.

2/9 AUST LT. A.A. BTY HAVE FOUR -4- KERRISON PREDICTORS MK.III AND FOUR -4- COVENTRY CLIMAX GENERATORS. ALL IN SATISFACTORY CONDITION.

162 AUST LT. A.A. BTY. HAVE - 2 PREDICTORS NO.3 -
2 GENERATORS - ONE U.S., EXCITOR BURNT OUT-.

SPARE PARTS BOXES ARE ONLY 25% COMPLETE.

-XI- A.A. OPERATIONS ROOM EQUIPMENT. THE POSITION WITH G.O.R. EQUIPMENT IS NOT SATISFACTORY. ALL EQUIPMENT IS LOCALLY MADE WHICH IS NOT DESIRABLE WITH SUCH INSTRUMENTS, AS RANGE ARMS, HEIGHT CONVERTERS AND SPEED CHARTS. IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO DRAW ANY G.O.R. EQUIPMENT FROM ORDNANCE.

WITH TWO -2- G.L. SETS, A SUB FIGHTER SECTOR AND S/L G.O.R. IN THE AREA A 'C' TYPE G.O.R. OPERATES AS A 'B' TYPE. THE ISSUE OF 10 LINE U.C. SWITCHBOARD IS INADEQUATE, FIRSTLY BECAUSE OF THE SLOW CALL-UP OF MULTIPLE CALLS AND SECONDLY BECAUSE IT IS NOT LARGE ENOUGH TO HANDLE THE TRAFFIC. IT IS THEREFORE RECOMMENDED THAT A 20 A.A. TYPE CORDLESS BOARD BE PLACED ON W.E.T. OF ALL OPERATIONS ROOM W.E.TS.

-XII- GUN SITE PLOTTING ROOM EQUIPMENT. ALL EQUIPMENT IS IMPROVISED FROM WHATEVER MATERIALS ARE AVAILABLE. THIS IS NOT DESIRABLE PARTICULARLY WITH RANGE ARMS, SPEED CHARTS AND HEIGHT CONVERTERS.

-XIII- ATTACHED IS A REPORT SUBMITTED BY O.C. 162 AUST LT. A.A. BTY. GIVING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ALTERATIONS TO W.E.T. OF A DETACHED BTY. -APPENDIX C-.

ALSO ATTACHED -APPENDIX D- IS A LIST OF CONTROLLED AND UNCONTROLLED STORES REQUIRED BY 2/6 AUST HY. A.A. BTY., WHICH ARE UNOBTAINABLE IN THIS AREA.

-C- THE SIGNAL EQUIPMENT IN USE BY THE REGIMENT IS IN GOOD CONDITION. THE SWITCHBOARD PROBLEM AT G.O.R. WILL PROBABLY BE OVERCOME IN THE NEAR FUTURE, AS ADVICE HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM H.Q. SIGNALS, HORESBY THAT A 20 LINE A.A. TYPE KEYBOARD IS BEING MADE AVAILABLE IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

SUITABLE STANDARDISED EQUIPMENT SHOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR G.O.R'S, ALTHOUGH THIS MAY BE DIFFICULT OWING TO DIFFERENCE OF OPINION OF G.D.O'S AS TO HOW G.O.R. SHOULD BE WIRED, AS THE STANDARD LAYOUT AS LAID DOWN IS NOT ACCEPTED BY ALL.

THE TYPE 'C' G.O.R. FOR A COMPOSITE REGIMENT IS BY NO MEANS SATISFACTORY, NOR IS IT COMPREHENSIVE ENOUGH TO SUPPLY THE NEEDS OF THE REGIMENT PLUS A SEARCHLIGHT BTY. THIS POSITION WILL BE AGGRAVATED TO AN EVEN GREATER EXTENT BY THE ADDITION IN THE NEAR FUTURE OF AN ADDITIONAL REGIMENT TO THE AREA.

ALL TYPES OF IMPROVISED INSTALLATIONS ARE NECESSARY TO SUPPLY A SATISFACTORY HOOK-UP FOR G.O.R.

COMMUNICATIONS ARE GOOD AND FAULTS HAVE BEEN REDUCED TO AN ABSOLUTE MINIMUM, AND ARE THEREFORE CONSIDERED TO BE AS GOOD AS CAN BE REASONABLY EXPECTED WITH THE USE OF FIELD CABLE AND FIELD INSTRUMENTS.

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PART IV - PERSONNEL.

THE MORALE OF THE TROOPS CONSIDERING THE PROSPECTS OF LEAVE FOR 223 PERSONNEL DUE FOR 24 DAYS OR MORE RECREATIONAL LEAVE IS EXCEPTIONAL.

TROOPS WITH 17 MONTHS CONTINUOUS SERVICE IN NEW GUINEA, AND 7 DAYS DISEMBARKATION LEAVE ONLY TO THEIR CREDIT, CANNOT BE RECONCILED TO STATEMENTS MADE BY THE MINISTER FOR THE ARMY, AND THE FACT THAT UNITS WITH LESS THAN 6 MONTHS SERVICE IN NEW GUINEA ARE ABLE TO SEND A GREATER NUMBER ON MEN ON LEAVE.

PROPAGANDA USED BY OFFICERS OF THE UNIT TO CONVINCE TROOPS THAT EXPERIENCED MEN ARE NEEDED FOR MANNING AND CANNOT BE SPARED CARRIES LITTLE OR NO WEIGHT IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT THE UNIT IS CALLED UPON TO SUPPLY WORKING PARTIES OF 50 MEN OR MORE FOR EXTENDED PERIODS FROM GUN SITES.

THE RETURN OF TROOPS TO UNIT ON EXPIRATION OF LEAVE COULD BE EXPEDITED WHICH WOULD CONSIDERABLY EASE THE POSITION, NEVERTHELESS IT IS FELT THAT THE 10% OF POSTED STRENGTH COULD BE INCREASED IN FAVOUR OF UNITS WITH 12 MONTHS OR MORE SERVICE IN NEW GUINEA.

THE STRENGTH OF UNIT WAS INCREASED DURING THE MONTH BY THE ARRIVAL OF 94 REINFORCEMENTS.

STRENGTH STATE.

	R.H.Q.	2/6 HY BTY	2/9 LT BTY.	A.E.M.E.	SIGS SEC	162 LT BTY.
W.E.	5 x 35	13 x 304	9 x 303	4 x 63	1 x 30	
POSTED STRENGTH	4 x 35	14 x 310	9 x 275	4 x 64	1 x 29	6 x 122
DETACHED						
HOSPITAL		5	3	2	1	
LEAVE	1	27	30	7		
SCHOOLS		1			2	
FIGHTING STRENGTH	4 x 34	14 x 278	9 x 244	4 x 56	1 x 26	5 x 113
ATTACHED UNDER WE	2 x 7	11	1 x 8	3	1	
TOTAL STRENGTH	6 x 41	14 x 289	10 352	4 x 59	1 x 27	5 x 113

B. POSTINGS OF CAPTAINS AND ABOVE.

VX 47987	MAJ/LT-CO.	MARGETTS	A.G.	C.O.
VX 27406	LIEUT-T/MAJ	LINDON	J.H.	2 I/C
VX 40765	LIEUT-T/MAJ	STAUGHTON	S.S.	O.C. 2/9 AUST LT. A.A. BTY.
VX 18116	LIEUT-T/CAPT	ROSE	J.C.	O.C. 2/6 AUST HY. A.A. BTY.
VX 45985	LIEUT-T/CAPT	CROOKE	J.D.	BTY. CAPT. 2/9 LT. A.A. BTY.
VX 23240	LIEUT-T/CAPT	YUNCKEN	R.P.	BTY. CAPT 2/6 HY. A.A. BTY.
VX 37694	LIEUT-T/CAPT	HALL	H.	A TP COMD 2/9 LT. A.A. BTY.
VX 23879	LIEUT-T/CAPT	ARCHER	L.B.	C TP COMD 2/9 LT. A.A. BTY.
VX 29329	LIEUT-T/CAPT	KROHN	K.	B TP COMD 2/9 LT. A.A. BTY.
NX 66089	LIEUT-T/CAPT	MITCHELL	C.C.S.	B TP COMD 2/6 HY. A.A. BTY.
ATTACHED.				
NX 68030	LIEUT-T/CAPT	STENBERG	M.	2 I/C 2/3 AA REGT. W/SHOPS SEC
NX160026	LIEUT-T/CAPT	SNEDDON	A.W.	O.C. 2/3 AA REGT. W/SHOPS SEC.
NX 70285	CAPT.	HODGE	A.H.	R.M.O.
QX 49102	CAPT	COLLINS	T.C.	CHAPLAIN
162 AUST LT. A.A. BTY.				
VX 46220	MAJOR	KELLY	W.E.	BTY. COMD
VX 25752	CAPT.	ROBSON	S.	BTY. CAPT AND 2 I/C.

DATE - 3 DEC 43

A.G. MARGETTS

.....LT-COL.

A.G. MARGETTS, A.A.D.C. LAE.

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APPENDICES FOR A.A. TECHNICAL REPORT LAE.

NUMBER 3. 1 DEC 43.

APPENDIX A - TRACE OF LAYOUT OF A.A. DEFENCES.

" B - REPORT ON RECCE BY O.C. 73 AUST MOBILE S/L. BTY.

" C - RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ALTERATION TO W.E.T. BY 162 AUST LT. A.A. BTY.

" D - CONTROLLED AND UNCONTROLLED STORES REQUIRED BY 2/6 AUST HY. A.A. BTY.

" E - REPORT ON DIESEL GENERATOR.

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APPX B

H.Q.
73 AUST MOBILE S/L. BTY.

11 NOV 43.

C.O.
2/3 AUST COMP A.A. REGT.

REPORT - RECCE OF LAE AREA.

1. GENERAL.

ON SATURDAY, 6 NOV 43 MAJOR S.S. WOODHAM AND LIEUT S. HALE OF 73 AUST MOB S/L BTY. ARRIVED AND BEGAN A RECCE OF THE AREA PREPARATORY TO THE UNIT ARRIVING BY SHIP AT A LATER DATE. OWING TO THE FLAT NATURE OF THE COUNTRY IT WAS FOUND IMPOSSIBLE TO FIND A RADAR POSITION WITH ANY SHIELDING FROM THE SURROUNDING MOUNTAINS. AS FAR AS POSSIBLE SHIELDING WAS OBTAINED FROM THICK VEGETATION BUT IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO PREDICT RESULTS.

2. LOCATIONS.

CONSIDERING LACK OF ROADS AND THICK JUNGLE WITH TREES 70 AND 80 FEET HIGH, SITES ARE SATISFACTORILY SITUATED EXCEPT STATION 6 - MAP HEATHS REF 618432- WHICH HAS A VERY LIMITED FIELD OF VIEW TO NORTH. AT PRESENT ONLY SEVEN -7- SITES CAN POSSIBLY BE OCCUPIED AND THESE ARE -

STATION 1	MAP WAGO 1-IN - 1 MILE	REF	629314
" 2	MAP HEATHS "	" "	642379
" 3	" LAE "	" "	691397
" 4	" " "	" "	740405
" 5	" " "	" "	703462
" 6	" HEATHS "	" "	618432
" 7	" " "	" "	585467 -APPROX.-

NOTE - IT HAS BEEN IMPOSSIBLE TO GET THROUGH MARKHAM VALLEY ROAD AS YET BUT NO DIFFICULTY IN SITING STATION NO.7 IS ANTICIPATED.

3. B.H.Q., B.O.R., & T.H.Q.

IT IS PROPOSED TO SITE B.H.Q. AND B.O.R. ON MALAHANG AIR FIELD AT MAP LAE REF 723423. TROOP H.Q.S WILL BE WITHIN 400 YARDS OF S/L STATIONS, VIZ -

A	T.H.Q.	AT	STATION	2	COMMANDING	STATIONS	1 & 2
B	"	"	"	7	"	"	6 & 7
C	"	"	"	5	"	"	3, 4 & 5.

4. COMMUNICATIONS.

ATTACHED IS OVERLAY SHOWING SITES AND PROPOSED SIGNAL ROUTES. A WATER CRAFT OF SOME TYPE WILL BE NECESSARY TO MAINTAIN COMMUNICATION BETWEEN OVER WATER STATIONS NO.S 1, 2 & 3. AS IT WILL OFTEN BE NECESSARY TO VISIT THESE STATIONS DURING HOURS OF DARKNESS IT IS REQUESTED THAT A BOAT BE PERMANENTLY ATTACHED TO A T.H.Q. AT STATION 2. IT IS ALSO REQUESTED THAT A LANDING CRAFT BE MADE AVAILABLE IN THE INITIAL STAGES OF OCCUPATION TO TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT TO THESE SITES.

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5. CLEARING OF SITES.

NATIVE LABOUR IS REQUESTED AS APPROVED BY 2 AUST CORPS TO CLEAR SITES AT STATIONS 1,2,5 AND 6. CLEARING AT STATIONS 1 & 2 WILL BE NECESSARY BEFORE OCCUPATION.

STATION 1. FELLING OF APPROX TWELVE -12- LARGE TREES AND CLEARING OF LOW UNDERGROWTH OVER AN AREA OF APPROX 100 SQUARE YARDS. REQUIREMENTS - SIX -6- NATIVES FOR TWO -2- DAYS.

STATION 2. CLEARING OF KUNAI GRASS AND UNDERGROWTH OVER AN AREA OF APPROX 200 SQUARE YARDS. REQUIREMENT - SIX -6- NATIVE FOR THREE -3- DAYS.

STATION 5. CLEARING OF KUNAI GRASS AND UNDERGROWTH OVER AN AREA OF APPROX 200 SQUARE YARDS. REQUIREMENT - SIX -6- NATIVES FOR THREE -3- DAYS.

STATION 6. CLEARING OF UNDERGROWTH AND LOPPING OF SIX -6- MEDIUM SIZED TREES OVER AN AREA OF 150 SQUARE YARDS. REQUIREMENT - SIX -6- NATIVES FOR TWO -2- DAYS.

-SGD- S.S. WOODHAM
.....MAJOR.
S.S. WOODHAM
O.C. 73 AUST MOB S/L BTY.

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HEADQUARTERS,
162 AUST LT. A.A. BATTERY,
A. I. F.

NOVEMBER 27TH, 1943.

APPX C

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ALTERATIONS IN W.E.

THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ALTERATIONS TO EXISTING W.E. TABLE ARE MADE AS A RESULT OF EXPERIENCE WHILE OPERATING AS A DETACHED BATTERY IN NEW GUINEA.

IN TROPICAL AREAS, GUN-PITS CONSTRUCTED FROM SAND-BAGS ARE USELESS. ALL PITS MUST BE REVETTED AND CONSTRUCTED OF TIMBER, IRON AND LIKE MATERIAL.

TRACKS USUALLY HAVE TO BE CONSTRUCTED TO GUN POSITIONS, AND DENSE UNDER-GROWTH PENETRATED. ENGINEER SERVICES ARE SELDOM AVAILABLE AND ALL WORK MUST BE DONE BY BATTERY PERSONNEL.

I CONSIDER THAT THE ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS TO THE W.E.T. SUGGESTED WOULD ENABLE LIGHT A.A. BATTERIES TO GET INTO ACTION AND CARRY OUT THEIR TASKS IN A FAR MORE EFFICIENT MANNER.

-SGD- W. ELLIS KELLY
MAJOR.
OC 162 AUST LT A.A. BTY.

SUGGESTED ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS TO W.E. TABLE.

1. THE PROVISION FOR SIGNALS IS TOTAL INADEQUATE. IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT A SIGNAL DETACHMENT CONSISTING OF 11 MEN BE ATTACHED TO EACH BATTERY. THE DISTRIBUTION OF DUTIES THROUGH THE DETACHMENT WOULD BE -

1 SGT., 4 OPERATORS, 4 LINESMEN AND 2 DRIVER-LINESMEN.

EQUIPMENT FOR SIGS. DETACHMENT -

THE FOLLOWING EQUIPMENT MUST BE CARRIED -
AT LEAST TWO 10-LINE U.C. SWITCHBOARDS, 18 TELEPHONES, F MK.II AND 20 MILES OF TWISTED CABLE DON VIII.

2. ALTERATIONS TO EXISTING TABLE, SHOWING PROPOSED DISTRIBUTION.-

ITEM	BHQ	TROOP	TOTAL BTY.
SECTION J1 -			
AXES -			
FELLING	3	16	35
PICK, 5-LBS AUST	3	16	35
HEADS	3	16	35
HELVES	3	16	35
SHOVELS - GS -AUST-	3	16	35
SPADES - GS -AUST-	3	16	35

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SUGGESTED ALTERATIONS TO W.E. TABLE - CONTINUED-.

ITEM	DHQ	TROOP	TOTAL QTY.
SECTION J2.			
CONTAINERS -			
COOKING, 3-GALL -AUST-	3	9	21
WATER, 2-GALL -AUST-	4	22	40
KETTLES, CAMP, OVAL 12 G.	2	6	14
PANS, FRYING, RECT. -AUST-	2	6	14
STANDS, COOKING -AUST-	2	6	14
PLATES, BAFFLE	1	3	7
STOVES -			
CAMP PORTABLE, FOWLER TYPE	1	3	7
STOVES, 12 GALL.	2	6	14
SECTION KC. -			
STRETCHERS, AMBULANCE	2	2	6
SECTION KE -			
LAMPS, KEROSENE -AUST-	3	8	19
MACHETES, 15-IN BLADE	6	24	54
MACHINES, WEIGHING -NIV- -20-LB-	1	3	7
SECTION KF -			
BASINS, ENAMELLED, WASHING, 14-IN	1	1	3
CLIPPERS, HAIR, WITH BLADES	1	-	1
FORKS, COOKS	2	6	14
FUNNELS, TIN, 1 PINT	1	3	7
HOLDALLS	1	3	7
KNIVES -			
BUTCHERS, CUTTING, 9-IN	1	3	7
COOKS - 9-IN	2	6	14
12-IN	1	3	7
OPENERS, TIN	2	6	14
LADLES, COOKS, OS	2	6	14
MACHINES, MINCING -AUST- SMALL	1	3	7
SCISSORS, HAIRCUTTING	1	-	1
SPOONS, GRAVY	2	6	14
STOVES, OIL, WICKLESS NO.5 PRIMUS	1	-	1
STRAINERS, GRAVY, CONICAL	1	3	7

MISCELLANEOUS ADDITIONS -

1. 1 TWO -2- SETS OF BLOCK AND TACKLE, WITH DOUBLE AND TRIPLE PULLEYS.

2. TWO -2- LENGTHS OF ANCHOR ROPE, EACH 100 YDS.

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2/3 AUST COMPOSITE A.A. REGT.
WORKSHOPS A.E.M.E.

27 NOV 43.

Appx E

C.E.M.E.
3 AUST DIV.

WS/1/30.

15 K.V.A. LISTER ALTERNATOR SET - ENG NO. WD.81[illegible] -
TRAILER NO X 4[illegible]

1. THE ABOVE RADAR POWER UNIT WAS DRAWN FROM 4 A.C.D. MILNE BAY ON 20TH SEP 43, BY 2/6 AUST HY. A.A. BTY.

THIS EQUIPMENT WAS NEW WHEN DRAWN.

AT 315 HRS RUNNING THE NORMAL 250 HRS SERVICEING WAS CARRIED OUT, WHICH CONSISTS OF CLEANING FUEL INJECTORS, EXHAUST SYSTEM ETC.. IN ADDITION, BEING A NEW ENGINE, IT WAS DECARBONISED. THIS WAS ON 5 NOV 43.

THE EQUIPMENT WAS BROUGHT TO W/SHOPS ON 14 NOV 43 FOR 500 HOURS OVERHAUL. THE ACTUAL RUNNING TIME WAS 521 HRS. THE FOLLOWING DEFECTS WERE FOUND -

1. ALL THREE BIG END BEARINGS WERE UNSERVICEABLE, IN TWO CASES HAD RUN AND SHOWED SIGNS OF EXCESSIVE HEAT AND BAD FITTING.

2. ALL TAPPETS ARE ONLY BEARING ON ABOUT 1/8-IN SURFACE OF THE FRONT EDGE OF THE CAM. THE CAM HAS A WIDTH OF 5/8-IN. IT APPEARS THAT THE CAMSHAFT BEARING HOUSINGS, OF WHICH THERE ARE FOUR IN NUMBER, HAVE BEEN BORED OUT HORIZONTAL.

3. THE GUDGEON PINS WERE SADLY FITTED IN BOTH SMALL END BUSHES AND PISTONS, SO MUCH SO THAT A REPLACEMENT OF ALL THESE COMPONENTS IS CONSIDERED NECESSARY TOGETHER WITH THE BIG END BEARINGS, TO MAKE THIS EQUIPMENT 100% SERVICEABLE. TIME AVAILABLE DID NOT PERMIT AN EXAMINATION OF THE MAIN BEARINGS, BUT AS FAR AS CAN BE ASCERTAINED WITHOUT STRIPPING THEY WERE SERVICEABLE.

THREE NEW BIG END BEARINGS WERE OBTAINED BY AIR FREIGHT AND THESE WERE FITTED AND THE ENGINE ASSEMBLED WITH DEFECTIVE SMALL END BUSHES AND PISTONS, SO THAT THE RADAR EQUIPMENT COULD BE USED.

REQUISITIONS WERE SUBMITTED FOR THE SMALL END BUSHES, PISTONS, AND GUDGEON PINS ON 26 NOV 43, REQN NO. RW/50/43.

THESE PARTS WILL BE FITTED AS SOON AS THEY COME TO HAND. THE BIG END BEARINGS SUPPLIED AS REPLACEMENTS ARE BRONZE BACKED INSTEAD OF STEEL BACKED AS IN THE ORIGINAL. PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE WITH DIESEL EQUIPMENT HAS PROVED THAT BRONZE BACKED BEARINGS ARE NOT SATISFACTORY IN COMPRESSION IGNITION ENGINES.

THE ENGINE SHOWED DEFINITE SIGNS OF EXCESSIVE HEAT, WHICH, IT IS CONSIDERED, IN VIEW OF THE SADLY FITTED BEARINGS, CAME ABOUT DURING THE FACTORY RUNNING IN PROCESS. EVERY CARE HAS BEEN TAKEN WITH THE EQUIPMENT WHILE ON CHARGE TO 2/6 BATTERY.

ALL PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE WITH LISTER DIESELS HAS SHOWN EXCELLENT WORKMANSHIP AND FINISH. SURPRISE IS EXPRESSED AT THE CONDITION OF THIS PARTICULAR EQUIPMENT.

IT IS SUGGESTED THAT A REPLACEMENT POWER UNIT BE OBTAINED FOR LAE AREA AS THIS WOULD OBVIATE THE NECESSITY OF PUTTING THE RADAR EQUIPMENTS OUT OF ACTION AND ALLOW W/SHOPS TO CARRY OUT REPAIRS AND OVERHAULS AT A REASONABLE PACE, INSTEAD OF AT HIGH SPEED AS IS NECESSARY AT PRESENT. ANOTHER DISADVANTAGE WITH THE PRESENT SYSTEM IS THAT ITEMS NEEDING ATTENTION ARE LIABLE TO BE OVERLOOKED IN THE HASTE.

-SGD- M. STENBERG
.....CAPT.
C.O. 2/3 AUST COMPOSITE A.A. REGT.
W/SHOPS A.E.M.E.

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APPENDIX "E" TO A.A.P.I. -AUST- NO.6.

MONTHLY RETURN OF ENEMY AIRCRAFT DESTROYED OR DAMAGED.

PERIOD 1 - 30 NOV 43.

CAT. 1 - NIL

CAT. 2 - NIL

CAT. 3 - ONE -1-

AMMUNITION EXPENDED - 97 - 3.7-IN, 207 FUZE.

NAVY OBSERVERS FROM GUN SITE No.2, A SIGNAL SERGEANT OF 162 AUST LT. A.A. BTY. -SITUATED NEAR MILAHAKO STRIP- AND RADAR G.2 SUPPORT THE CLAIM OF ONE -1- AIRCRAFT DAMAGED DURING RAID 4 ON 7 NOV 43. SERGEANT IN CHARGE G.2, WHO WAS OBSERVING BURSTS OF ROUNDS ON EXTERNAL TELESCOPE ON RX, SAW A LARGE DOWNWARD FLASH IN HIS SCOPE AS ONE ROUND EXPLODED. AT THIS STAGE THE CONVERTED HEIGHT OF THE AIR-CRAFT DROPPED 6,200 FEET IN 11 PLOTS AS IT WENT OUT TO THE SOUTH.

.....LT-COL.
A.G. MARGETTS, A.A.D.C. LAE.

DATE -3 DEC 43.

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OPERATIONAL INTELLIGENCE LAE.

No.1 1 DEC.41.

-A- ENEMY AIR RAIDS NOS. 4,5 AND 6 TOOK PLACE DURING THE PERIOD 1 - 30 NOV 41.

THE HEIGHTS DURING THESE RAIDS VARIED FROM 14,400-FT TO 22,000-FT, WHICH IS SLIGHTLY LOWER THAN THOSE EXPERIENCED AT MILNE BAY.

DURING RAID 5 RADARS HAD TWO DISTINCT FLIGHTS CONVERGING ON ONE POINT 180 DEGREES OPPOSED, AND WHICH MADE CONSTANT FOLLOWING DIFFICULT FOR RADARS.

APPARENTLY UNABLE TO LOCATE POSITIONS DURING RAID 6 THE AIRCRAFT CIRCLED HOPOI FOR A CONSIDERABLE PERIOD BEFORE MAKING RUN OVER THAT AREA.

ON 17 NOV - AFTER RAID 6 - A DIHAH RECCE PLANE CAME OVER THE AREA AT 1010.HOURS, HEIGHT APPROXIMATELY 24,000-FT., FIRST REPORTED ON BEARING 302 DEGREES. WENT OUT BEARING 317 DEGREES.

ON 24 NOV - R.2 REPORTED DIHAH OVERHEAD, GOING OUT BEARING 280 DEGREES, AT APPROXIMATE HEIGHT 26,000-FT. NO ENGAGEMENT DURING THESE RECCE FLIGHTS.

THE ARRIVAL OF 53 AUST A.A. REGT IN THE NEAR FUTURE WILL CONSIDERABLY STRENGTHEN THE A.A. DEFENCES OF THE AREA.

-C- CHANGES IN ORGANISATION. NIL.

CHANGES IN DEPLOYMENT. - REF MAP LAE 3500 - 1 -25,000.
A.T OF 2/3 AUST LT. A.A. BTY. DEPLOYED IN NEW POSITION MAP REF 696392, OWING TO FLOODING OF PREVIOUS SITE ON BEACH-FRONT.

CHANGES IN EQUIPMENT. NIL.

RELIEF OF PERSONNEL. THIS IS BY NO MEANS SATISFACTORY. THE ARRIVAL OF 97 REINFORCEMENTS DURING THE MONTH HAS EASED THE POSITION SLIGHTLY, BUT THE PROSPECT OF LEAVE IN THE NEAR FUTURE FOR 223 PERSONNEL WHO ARE DUE FOR 24 DAYS OR MORE RECREATIONAL LEAVE IS VERY DIM UNDER THE PRESENT SYSTEM. IT IS SUGGESTED THAT THE 10% OF POSTED STRENGTH COULD BE INCREASED IN FAVOUR OF TROOPS WITH NONE THAN 12 MONTHS SERVICE IN NEW GUINEA TO THEIR CREDIT, WHICH WOULD BE QUITE PRACTICABLE AS FAR AS THIS UNIT IS CONCERNED, AS WE ARE CALLED UPON TO SUPPLY WORKING PARTIES OF 50 AND UPWARDS FOR EXTENDED PERIODS.

TROOPS CANNOT BE CONVINCED THAT EXPERIENCED PERSONNEL ARE NECESSARY FOR IMMEDIATE MANNING IN VIEW OF THIS FACT.

THE NUMEROUS APPLICATIONS FOR SPECIAL LEAVE AND RELEASE RECEIVED DURING THE MONTH GIVES A FAIR INDICATION OF THE ATTITUDE OF THE TROOPS TO THE LEAVE SITUATION.

PERSONNEL RETURNING FROM LEAVE ARE APPARENTLY GIVEN VERY LOW PRIORITY. TWENTY -20- MEN OF THIS UNIT HAVE NOW BEEN HELD FOR TWO MONTHS AT MILNE BAY DETAILS DEPOT, WHILE GENERAL REINFORCEMENTS ARE BROUGHT FROM THE SAME DEPOT.

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FIGHTING STRENGTH COMPARED WITH W.E.

	R.H.Q.	2/6 AUST WY. A.A. BTY.	2/9 AUT LT. A.A. BTY.	A.E.NE.	SIG SEC	162 LY. BTY.
W.E.	5 x 35	13 x 304	9 x 303	4 x 63	1 x 30	
FIGHTING STRENGTH	4 x 34	14 x 278	9 x 244	4 x 56	1 x 26	5 x 113.

DATE 3 DEC 43.

.....LT-COL.
A.G. HARGETTS, A.A.D.C. LAE.

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RESTRICTED.

2/3 AUST A.A. REGT. RAA. 1.G.

ROUTINE ORDERS 4 DEC 43.

BY

LT-COL. A.G. HARCETTS - COMMANDING OFFICER.

PART 1. NO.10.

60. DAMAGE TO SIGNAL COMMUNICATIONS - 5 AUST DIV R.O. G.111.

1. A CHECK OF THE DAMAGE CAUSED TO SIGNAL COMMUNICATIONS IN THIS AREA DURING THE FIRST 15 DAYS OF NOVEMBER REVEALS THAT SOME 60 TO 70 PER CENT OF THE CAUSES WERE AVOIDABLE.

2. AMONGST THE CAUSES WERE THE FOLLOWING -

-A- BLASTING.
-B- BURNING KUNAI.
-C- TREES FELLED BY MAN.
-D- CREAKS OF LINES BY TRAFFIC.
-E- BULLDOZERS.
-F- SECTIONS OF LINE REMOVED -THEFT-.

3. ALL PERSONNEL SHOULD BE IMPRESSED WITH A LIVELY SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY IN REGARD TO SIGNAL COMMUNICATIONS, AND SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED TO REPORT ALL BREAKAGES THAT COME TO THEIR NOTICE IN ORDER TO ASSIST LINESMEN TO RESTORE COMMUNICATIONS IN THE SHORTEST POSSIBLE TIME.

61. SPEED LIMITS - 5 AUST DIV R.O. A.113.

1. SPEED LIMIT IN AUST SUB BASE AREA FOR VEHICLES FITTED WITH CHAINS IS 10 MILES PER HOUR.

2. ALL DRIVERS WILL BE INSTRUCTED ACCORDINGLY.

62. CARELESS DRIVING OF M.T. - 5 AUST DIV R.O. G.115.

1. ATTENTION OF ALL RANKS IS DRAWN TO THE DIFFICULTY OF OBTAINING STOCKS OF SPARE PARTS FOR ALL TYPES OF EQUIPMENT IN THIS AREA. UNLESS GREAT CARE IS PAID TO THE HANDLING OF EQUIPMENT, THE POSITION MAY BE REACHED WHERE THE DEMAND FOR SPARES WILL OVERTAKE THE MAXIMUM SUPPLY POSSIBLE, IN WHICH CASES REPAIRS TO EQUIPMENT RENDERED U.S. BY LACK OF CARE IN HANDLING WILL BECOME IMPOSSIBLE.

2. THIS APPLIES PARTICULARLY TO M.T. AND GREAT CARE MUST BE TAKEN TO AVOID EXCESSIVE WEAR OF BRAKES, CLUTCH PLATES, GEARS, ENGINES AND TYRES. VEHICLES HAVE BEEN NOTICED REPEATEDLY BEING DRIVEN AT EXCESSIVE SPEEDS OVER ROUGH STONES OR RIVER BEDS AND THROUGH WATER. THIS PRACTICE HAS SERIOUS ADVERSE EFFECTS ON BRAKE MECHANISM AND OTHER PARTS AND VEHICLES MUST BE DRIVEN SLOWLY WHEN IT IS NECESSARY TO NEGOTIATE SUCH TRACKS.

63. ROAD SIGNS - 5 AUST DIV R.O. G.112.

1. THE INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED IN ANY ROAD SIGNS ERECTED BY RAE WILL BE STRICTLY OBSERVED BY ALL DRIVERS.

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64. PILFERING - 5 AUST DIV B.O. A.113.

1. PILFERING OF ARMY STORES HAS REACHED SUCH SERIOUS PROPORTIONS THAT IT IS INTERFERING WITH SUPPLIES TO TROOPS IN FORWARD AREAS. OFFENCES OF THIS NATURE MAY EVEN RESULT IN THE LIVES OF TROOPS BECOMING ENDANGERED UNNECESSARILY.

2. ALL RANKS ARE WARNED THAT, AS FROM THE DATE OF THIS ORDER, ANY MEMBER OF THE FORCES CONCERNED IN SUCH OFFENCES WILL BE DEALT WITH BY COURT MARTIAL AND AWARDED SEVERE PENALTIES.

3. THE ATTENTION OF ALL MEMBERS OF COURTS MARTIAL IS DRAWN TO AMR A O 590 -3- WHICH READS -

> " WHEN ATTENTION HAS BEEN CALLED IN ORDERS IN THE COMMAND TO WHICH THE OFFENDER BELONGS TO THE UNUSUAL PREVALENCE OF THE OFFENCE OF WHICH HE HAS BEEN FOUND GUILTY, A COURT MARTIAL SHOULD ALSO HAVE REGARD TO THE FACT THAT SUCH WARNING HAS BEEN ISSUED."

65. U.S.A. RECEPTION CAMP.

1. COMPLAINTS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED FROM O.C. U.S.A. RECEPTION CAMP THAT VEHICLES AND TROOPS OF THIS UNIT ARE PROCEEDING THROUGH HIS LINES.

2. THIS PRACTICE WILL CEASE FORTHWITH.

H Crawford.
.....LIEUT.
H.H.L. CRAWFORD.
A/ADJUTANT 2/3 AUST A.A. REGT.

NOTICES.

1. £1,000 FOR WRITERS - ABC'S COMPETITION FOR RADIO SCRIPTS - 5 AUST DIV B.OR SERIAL 11 NOTICE 1.

1. THE ABC ANNOUNCES A WRITERS' COMPETITION, WITH PRIZES TOTALLING £1,000 FOR ORIGINAL LITERARY WORK DEALING WITH AUSTRALIAN LIFE, HISTORY OR CHARACTERS. THE COMPETITION CALLS FOR NOVELS, PLAYS, DOCUMENTARY FEATURES, SHORT STORIES, POEMS AND DISCUSSIONS.

2. NATIONALS OF ALL ENGLISH-SPEAKING COUNTRIES ARE ELIGIBLE TO COMPETE. THE FOLLOWING PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED -

NOVEL		DOCUMENTARY FEATURE		POEM	
FIRST PRIZE	£150	FIRST PRIZE	£60	FIRST PRIZE	£25
SECOND PRIZE	£75	SECOND PRIZE	£40	SECOND PRIZE	£10
PLAY		**SHORT STORY**		**DISCUSSION**	
FIRST PRIZE	£100	FIRST PRIZE	£50	FIRST PRIZE	£40
SECOND PRIZE	£70	SECOND PRIZE	£30	SECOND PRIZE	£25
THIRD PRIZE	£40				

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1. £1,000 FOR WRITERS - ABC'S COMPETITION FOR RADIO SCRIPTS -CONTD-.

3. SPECIAL BONUSES - IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE PRIZES, THE COMMISSION WILL AWARD SPECIAL BONUSES.

THERE WILL BE A BONUS OF £100 FOR THE WORK -IN ANY SECTION- THAT IS CONSIDERED TO BE THE OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO BROADCASTING.

TO ENCOURAGE NEW WRITERS IN RADIO THERE WILL BE A BONUS FOR THE BEST WORK PURCHASED IN EACH SECTION -NOT A PRIZE WINNING ENTRY- BY A WRITER WHO HAS HAD NONE OF HIS WORK EITHER PUBLISHED OR BROADCAST. THE BONUSES ARE AS FOLLOWS -

NOVEL	£60	PLAY	£40	DOCUMENTARY FEATURE	£35
SHORT STORY	£20	POEM	£10	DISCUSSION	£20

4. ENTRIES FOR THE NOVEL WILL CLOSE ON SEPTEMBER 30,1944. ENTRIES FOR THE SECTIONS CLOSE ON JUNE 30,1944. ENTRY FORMS WITH FULL CONDITIONS OF THE COMPETITION, MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE ABC, BOX 487, G.P.O. SYDNEY.

2. XMAS HAMPERS - 5 AUST DIV R.O.S SERIAL 11 NOTICE 3.

1. THE ACF WILL BE DISTRIBUTING XMAS HAMPERS TO ALL AUSTRALIAN TROOPS IN NEW GUINEA. THESE HAMPERS ARE ALL DONATED AND EACH ONE WILL BE A CARD ON WHICH THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE DONOR WILL BE WRITTEN. IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED IF ALL PERSONNEL WOULD ACKNOWLEDGE TO THE DONOR RECEIPT OF THEIR HAMPER.

3. A C.O'S ORDERLY ROOM WAS HELD ON 29 NOV 43 TO HEAR THE CHARGES -

AGAINST - VX 51618 GNR. A. BULL, 2/9 AUST LT. A.A. BTY.

CHARGE - -1- W.O.A.S. DISOBEYING A LAWFUL COMMAND GIVEN BY HIS SUPERIOR OFFICER, IN THAT HE AT 1725 HRS ON 28 NOV 43, DID REFUSE TO ROLL HIS SLEEVES DOWN WHEN ORDERED TO DO SO BY BDR. RYAN, IN ACCORDANCE WITH 5 AUST DIV ADMIN INSTRUCTION NO A5 SAYING "I WILL NOT ROLL THEM DOWN" AND DID NOT DO SO. AA SEC 9 -2-

-2- W.O.A.S. USING INSUBORDINATE LANGUAGE TO HIS SUPERIOR OFFICER IN THAT HE AT 1725 HRS ON 28 NOV 43, WHEN TOLD BY BDR. RYAN THAT HE WAS UNDER OPEN ARREST FOR NOT ROLLING DOWN HIS SLEEVES AT THE EVENING MESS PARADE SAID "THANKS CUNT" OR WORDS TO THAT EFFECT. A.A. SEC 8 -2-.

FINDING - GUILTY.

SENTENCE - FINED £3.

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2/1 ADST A.A. REGT.

APPENDIX TO ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1 NO.10 - 4 DEC 41.

PROMOTIONS.

RHQ	VX 57044	CPL.	CRAWFORD	T.B.	PROMOTED A/SGT.	WEF 29 NOV 41

APPOINTMENTS.

2/9	VX 28384	GNR.	WATERMAN	R.	APPOINTED	PAID	L/BDR	1 DEC 41
	VX 69001	GNR.	BALL	E.A.	DO	DO	DO	1 DEC 41
	NX 24395	GNR.	MCCARTHY	A.C.	DO	DO	DO	1 DEC 41
	NX 26099	GNR.	MERRITT	G.C.	DO	DO	DO	1 DEC 41

CLASSIFICATIONS.

2/6	VX 61526	GNR.	MITCHELL	R.C.	CLASS DVR MECH TD GP III	30 NOV 41
2/9	VX 27910	GNR.	WILLS	A.V.	DO DO DO TD GP III	1 NOV 41

CONFIRMATION OF RANKS.

RHQ	VX 57044	A/CPL.	CRAWFORD	T.B.	RANK OF CPL. CONFIRMED	29 NOV 41
2/6	NX114922	A/BDR	WARD	G.A.	RANK OF BDR CONFIRMED	30 NOV 41
	VX 33318	A/BDR	TAYLOR	A.A.	DO DO DO	30 NOV 41
	VX 37049	A/BDR	PHILLIPS	F.P.	DO DO DO	30 NOV 41
	VX 33443	A/BDR	MCKENZIE	H.D.	DO DO DO	30 NOV 41
	VX 45007	A/BDR	JAMES	W.H.L.	DO DO DO	30 NOV 41
	VX 22794	A/BDR	DOUGALL	K.P.	DO DO DO	30 NOV 41
	VX 26139	A/BDR	ARROWSMITH	J.H.	DO DO DO	30 NOV 41
	VX 28994	A/BDR	SMITH	F.A.	DO DO DO	30 NOV 41

TEMPORARY CLASSIFICATIONS CONFIRMED.

2/6	VX 22410	GNR.	SCOLYER	H.J.	CONFIRMED	MT.COMPUTER TD GP II			30 NOV 41
	VX 23200	GNR.	VAN FELT	D.H.	DO	DO	TD GP II		30 NOV 41
	VX 32173	GNR.	SALMON	H.	DO	DO	TD GP II		30 NOV 41
	VX[illegible]696	GNR.	PERRY	P.T.	DO	DO	TD GP II		30 NOV 41
	VX 33040	GNR.	BASS	S.T.	DO	PLOTTER	TD GP II		30 NOV 41
	VX 25686	GNR.	HESLIN	J.J.	DO	DO	TD GP II		30 NOV 41
	VX 57239	GNR.	BARRY	W.	DO	DO	TD GP II		30 NOV 41
	VX 27752	GNR.	FREEMAN	J.L.	DO	DO	TD GP II		30 NOV 41
	VX 30701	L/BDR	MURRAY	A.F.	DO	DO	TD GP II		30 NOV 41
	VX 24381	GNR.	BENNETT	E.	DO	EQUIP REPAIR.	TD GP III		30 NOV 41
	VX 43382	GNR.	CLEW	E.E.	DO	DRV MECH	TD GP III		30 NOV 41
	VX 32300	GNR.	HANCOCK	S.J.	DO	DO DO	TD GP III		30 NOV 41

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

ARMY FORM W3008
14/43 - SERIAL NO.

0629 HOURS SATURDAY 4 DEC 43.

UNIT - 2/3 AUST A.A. REGT.

W.E. - 111/25A/3 AIF 27 X 642 PLUS 2 X 33 ATTACHED BY W.E.

PART A - POSTED STRENGTH. SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4	
W.E.	RANKS	POSTED STRENGTH AGAINST W.E. INCLUDING ATTACHED	SURPLUS TO ESTAB	REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED
1	LIEUT-COL	1	-	-
3	MAJORS	2	-	1 NOT REQUIRED
9	CAPTAINS	6	-	3 NOT REQUIRED
14	LIEUTS	18	4	-
27	TOTALS	27	4	4

DETAIL A - ALL AIF ALL MEDICAL CLASS A.1.

PART B - PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEK

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

LT.COL	VX 47987	MARGETTS	A.G.	RAA	27 NOV 43	RETURNED FROM BEING DETACHED TO RAA.

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

MAJOR	NX 112379	WOODHAM	S.S.	RAA	3 DEC 43	REJOINED PARENT UNIT - 73 AUST MOB S/L BTY.
LIEUT	NX 102268	HALE	S.	RAA	DO.	DO. DO. DO.

PART C - DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED...../...../1943.

NIL

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UNIT :- 2/3 AUST A.A. REGT. RAA LE

SERIAL NO. - 14/43

PART D - NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH.

AS AT 0600 HOURS SATURDAY 4 DEC 43 - TOTAL TO AGREE WITH COLS 4 & 7 PART A.

1 SUBSTANTIVE RANK & HIGHER TEMPORARY RANK IF HELD	2 ARMY NO.	3 NAME & INITIALS	POSTING	4 PRESENT WITH UNIT YES/NO.	5 IF NOT PRESENT WITH UNIT STATE HOW EMPLOYED
MAJOR T/LT-COL	VX 47987	MARGETTS	A.G.	C.O. YES	
LIEUT.T/MAJOR	VX 27406	LINDON	J.H.	RMXXXXXXX YES 2 I/C	
LIEUT.T/MAJOR	VX 40765	STAUGHTON	S.T.	OC 2/9 BTY YES	
LIEUT.T/CAPT	VX 58329	KROHN	K.	TP COMD 2/9 YES	
LIEUT.T/CAPT	VX 18116	ROSE	J.C.	OC 2/6 BTY YES	
LIEUT.T/CAPT	VX 23240	YUNCKEN	R.P.	BTY CAPT 2/6 YES	
LIEUT.T/CAPT	VX 45985	CROOKE	J.D.	BTY CAPT 2/9 YES	
LIEUT.T/CAPT	VX 37694	HALL	H.	TP. COMD 2/9 YES	
LIEUT.T/CAPT	NX 66089	MITCHELL	C.C.S.	TP COMD 2/6 YES	
LIEUT	VX 18112	MURRAY	G.D.	TP COMD 2/6 YES	
LIEUT	VX 25001	QUIN	K.A.	R.Q.M. YES	
LIEUT	VX 18119	DAVIES	D.K.	BTY SUBN 2/6 YES	
LIEUT	VX 22235	CRAWFORD	H.J.L.	A/ADJ RHQ YES	
LIEUT	NX 19753	GREENE	R.G.	TP HQ 2/6 YES	
LIEUT	VX 18007	PHILP	E.S.	TP HQ 2/6 YES	
LIEUT	VX 40197	WATSON	D.A.	OC GOR 2/6 YES	
LIEUT	VX 32166	BATTEN	L.H.	GOR 2/6 YES	
LIEUT	VX 38451	SMITH	W.G.	TP HQ 2/6 YES	
LIEUT	VX 42718	PURVES	J.H.	TP COMD 2/9 YES	
LIEUT	VX 33004	KNIGHT	J	SEC COMD 2/6 YES	
LIEUT	VX 31733	LONG	H.A.	SEC COMD 2/6 YES	
LIEUT	VX 31709	IRVING	J.A.	GOR 2/6 YES	
LIEUT	VX 29323	RULE	W.G.	TP COMD 2/9 YES	
LIEUT	VX 18120	RUXTON	E.G.	OO RHQ YES	
A/LIEUT	VX 47645	LONG	H.C.	HQ SUBN 2/9 YES	
A/LIEUT	VX 48145	PATON	J.G.	TP LDR 2/9 YES	
A/LIEUT	NX 23314	WAUSEY	G.E.	TP LDR 2/9 YES	

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

SUBSTANTIVE RANK AND HIGHER TEMP RANK IF HELD	ARMY NO.	NAME & INITIALS	UNIT	DATE OF ATTACHMENT	NATURE OF ATTACHMENT
CAPT	NX 70285	HODGE	A.H.	AAMC	25 SEP 43 RMO ATTD UNDER W.E.
CAPT	QX 49102	COLLINS	T.M.	AA CH D	29 OCT 43 CHAPLAIN ATTD UNDER W.E.
A/LIEUT	VX 40807	EVANS	N.I.	RAA	29 OCT 43 GENERAL REINFORCEMENT - AWAITING POSTING. -OCTU- STUDENT

DATE OF DESPATCH - 4 DEC 43

NO OFFICERS WITH ACTIVE SERVICE PRIOR 3/9/39.

H. Crawford Lieut.
.....FOR LT.COL.
SIGNATURE OF COMMANDER

RAA 5 AUST DIV.

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

14 /43 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 4 /12/1943 2/3 AUST COMPOSITE A.A. REGT. (Unit)

W.E. 111/25A/3 . OFFRS. 27 O.R's. 642+ OFFRS. 2 O.R's. 33 ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.					ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.	DETAIL.	Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.
W.E.									
1			1	W.Os. Class I.					
5	1		4	W.Os. Class II.					
2			2	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
1			1	Staff Sergeants					
44	3		41	Sergeants		SEE BACK PAGE 2			
50	5		45	Corporals					
539 25	16		523	Troopers, Privates, etc.					
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
642 25 *	25		617 *	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2		*			*

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

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

Detail		C.M.F.								
	A.I.F.	Under 19 Years.	19 Years and over.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N	R.A.A.F	* *	TOTAL
CLASS A										
A	647						[redacted]	[redacted]		647
B(1)										
B(2)						[redacted]				

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong
2	9 O.G.-		
	MET SEC RAAF		
1	AAMC		

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

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

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

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

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2/3 AUST COMPOSITE A.A. REGT. *Unit*

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PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 4 / 12 /1943 .

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

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

4 DEC 43
Date of Despatch

B Crawford Lieut FOR LT-COL.
Signature of Commander

L.H.Q. Press—202—5/43—312m.

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ALL A.I.F.

ALL MEDICAL CLASS A1

PART D.

		R.H.Q.			2/6 AUST HY A.A. BTY			2/9 AUST LT. A.A. BTY.			TOTAL R/F
		WE	PS	R/F	WE	PS	R/F	WE	PS	R/F	R/F
W.O.I		1	1								
W.O.II					1	1		4	3	NR	
BQMS					1	1		1	1		
S/SGTS.		1	1								
SGTS.		4	2	NR	16	17		24	22	NR	
BDRS.		3	2	NR	27	26	NR	20	17	NR	
*TRADE GROUP I	- BTY.SURVEYOR				1	1					
TRADE GROUP II	- FIRE CONTROL				24	23	NR				
	HT.COMPUTERS				6	6					
	HT.TAKERS				8	17					
	PLOTTERS				6	6					
	PREDICTORSNOS.				28	26	NR	36	13	NR	
	CARPENTER					1					
	TELESCOPE										
	IDENTOFICATION				8	8					
TRADE GROUP III	- BUTCHER	1	1								
	CLERKS	2	2		1	1		4	2	NR	
	EQUIP.REPS.				1	1		1	1		
	GPOA'S					3					
	DVR.MECHS.	1	1		17	15	NR	22	17	NR	
	GUNLAYERS				16	12	NR	36	21	NR	
	TECH STOREMAN	1	1					1	1		
NON SPECIALISTS		21	24		143	143		154	176		
		35	35		304	308	+4	303	274	29	25
ATTACHED UNDER W.E.											
AAMC	- SGT. HYGIENE INSPECTOR	1	1								
	SGT.	1	1								
	CORPORALS				1	2		1	1		
AAOC	- CORPORAL SHOEMAKER	1	1								
AACC	- W.O.II CATERER	1		NR							
	SGTS				1	1		1	1		
	CPLS.				2	2		3	2	NR	
	PTES.	2	2		9	8	NR	7	6	NR	
AAPS	- SGTS.	1		NR							
	CPLS.		1								
AAPC	- SGT.	1	1								
		8	7	NR	13	13		12	10	NR	NR

* GP I

GUNNER REINFORCEMENTS ONLY REQUIRED.
N.C.O'S AND SPECIALISTS WELL BE APPOINTED WITHIN UNIT.

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METHOD OF ENGAGEMENT.

21a. Concentrations fired.

NIL

22. Ammunition expended.

NIL

23. No. of S/L Illuminations within Predictor range.

NIL

24. No. of Fighters airborne.

NIL

25. No. of Fighter interceptions.

NIL

EFFECT OF ENGAGEMENT.

26. Action of E/A.

NIL

27. Casualties to E/A by A.A. (By categories).

NIL

28. Casualties to E/A by Fighters. (By categories).

NIL

EFFECT OF RAID.

29. Areas bombed.

BETWEEN MOUTH OF BUSU RIVER AND MALAHANG CREEK

30. No. of bombs dropped and type.

AT LEAST FOUR--TYPE UNKNOWN

31. Casualties to personnel - A.A.

NIL

32. Casualties to Equipment - A.A.

NIL

33. Casualties to personnel - other.

NONE KNOWN

34. Casualties to equipment - other.

NONE KNOWN

ASSESSMENT.

35. AADC's assessment of effectiveness of A.A. Defences.

NO COMMENT

.....LT-COL.
A.G.MANSETTS
A.A.D.C. LAE.

Date -

6 DEC 43

A.A.H.Q's BATTLE REPORT

SECURITY

2/3 AUST COMPOSITE A.A. REGT.

LAE Station

Raid No. 7

Date 5 DEC 43

EQUIPMENT EMPLOYED:

Guns 7 - 3.7-IN MOBILE
26 - 40MM BOFORS

S/Ls NIL

G/Ls (A) 2 - 1M.!!
(B)

CLOUD

Height 8-10-12000 FT

Tenths 7/10

VISIBILITY

POOR

DURATION OF RAID. ALL TIMES.

1. Time Stand to. 2058

2. Time Stand down. 2116

3. How was warning received; at what tim SOUND OF A/C - 2058

NATURE OF ATTACK.

4. No. and type of E/A. ONE - TYPE U/K.

5. Formation. NIL.

6. Type of Attack. LL

7. Method of Approach. FROM BS 45° -APPROX- OUT TO 165°.

8. Height of Attack and how obtained. 8000 TO 10000-FT. - GL

9. Was raid preceded by Recce. NO KNOWN RECCE

10. Any special tactics. PROCACLY GLIDED IN, THEN DROPPED BOMBS, REVVED ENGINES AND GATHERED A LITTLE HEIGHT.

PERIOD OF ENGAGEMENT.

11. First Indication. 2058

12. First Illumination. NIL

13. First Gun. NIL

14. Last Gun. NIL

15. Last Illumination. NIL

16. Target lost. 2100

17. Time attackers under observation. NIL

METHOD OF ENGAGEMENT.

18. Guns or Fighters. NIL

19. Seen or Unseen. NIL

20. No. of Gun Sites Continuous following. NIL

21. No. of Gun Sites plotting controlled. NIL

AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL AWM2019.366.1836

Subject : RAMMER SPRINGS FOR AUTOLOADER ORD QF 40mm.

P.H.Q.
2/3 AUST A.A. REGT.

7 Dec 43.

R.A.A.
5 AUST DIV.

R102.

1. There have been several instances of broken rammer springs with the above gun recently.

2. All spares held by the unit have been used, the last replacement being one borrowed from 162 Aust Lt. A.A. Bty. Local ordnance have been unable to supply.

3. Rammer spring is NOT quoted separately in E2 tables, being shown as part of the rammer complete, catalogue "No. 1175A".

4. It is understood that DADOS 5 Aust Div signalled BUNA on 30 Nov 43 for 6 springs to be forwarded air freight.

5. Anything you can do to expedite the supply of spare rammer equipment would be appreciated.

.....Lt.Col.
A.G. Margetts
C.O. 2/3 AUST A.A. REGT.

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

ARMY FORM W3008
15/43 SERIAL NO.

0600 HRS. SATURDAY 11 DEC 43

UNIT - 2/3 AUST Comp A.A. REGT.

W.E. - 111/45A/3 AIF 27 X 642 PLUS 2 X 33 ATTACHED BY W.E.

PART A - POSTED STRENGTH. SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2		3	4
W.E.	RANKS	POSTED STRENGTH AGAINST W.E. INCLUDING ATTACHED	SURPLUS TO ESTAB	REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED
1	LIEUT-COL	1	-	- -
3	MAJORS	2	-	1 NOT REQ.
9	CAPTAINS	5	-	4 NOT REQ.
14	LIEUTS	18	4	-
27	TOTALS	26	4	5

DETAIL A - ALL AIF ALL MEDICAL CLASS A.1.

PART B - PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEK

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

NIL

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK

LIEUT. T/ CAPT NX 66089 MITCHELL C.C.S. R.A.A. 6 DEC 43 MARCHED OUT TO ATTEND RAAF SCHOOL OF ARMY CO-OP. CSE. 23 CATEGORY W/ CANBERRA. DURATION 13 DEC 43/15 JAN44 THEN TO PROCEED ON 24 DAYS REC.LEAVE.

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

NIL

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COMP

UNIT - 2/3 AUST A.A. REGT.

SERIAL NO. - 15/43

PART D - NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH.

AS AT 0600 HOURS SATURDAY 11 DEC 43 - TOTAL TO AGREE WITH COLS. 4 & 7 PT A.

1	2	3	4		5	6
SUBSTANTIVE RANK & HIGHER TEMPORARY RANK IF HELD	ARMY NO.	NAME &	INITIALS	POSTING	PRESENT WITH UNIT YES/NO	IF NOT PRES. WITH UNIT STATE HOW EMPLOYED
MAJOR T/ LT-COL	VX47987	MARGETTS	A.G.	C.O.	YES	
LIEUT T/MAJOR	VX27406	LINDON	J.H.	2 I/C	YES	
LIEUT T/MAJOR	VX40765	STAUGHTON	S.T.	O.C. 2/9 BTY	YES	
LIEUT T/CAPT	VX58329	KROHN	K.	TP.COM. 2/9	, YES	
LIEUT T/CAPT	VX18116	ROSE	J.C.	O.C. 2/6	, YES	
LIEUT T/CAPT	VX23240	YONCKEN	R.P.	B. CPT. 2/6	, YES	
LIEUT T/CAPT	VX45985	CROOKE	J.D.	B.CAPT 2/9	, YES	
LIEUT T/CAPT	VX37694	HALL	H.	TP. COM 2/9	, YES	
LIEUT	VX18112	MURRAY	C.D.	TP COMD 2/6	, YES	
LIEUT	VX25001	QUIN	K.A.	R.Q.M. RHQ	YES	
LIEUT	VX18119	DAVIES	D.K.	B.SUB. 2/6	, YES	
LIEUT	VX22235	CRAWFORD	H.J.L.	A/ADJ. RHQ	YES	
LIEUT	NX19753	GREENE	R.G.	T/HQ 2/6	, YES	
LIEUT	VX18007	PHILP	E.S.	T/HQ 2/6	, YES	
LIEUT	VX40197	WATSON	J.A.	TP/OFF. 2/6	, YES	
LIEUT	VX32166	BATTEN	L.H.	TP/OFF 2/6	, YES	
LIEUT	VX38451	SMITH	W.G.	T/HQ 2/6	, YES	
LIEUT	VX42718	PURVES	J.H.	T/COMD 2/9	, YES	
LIEUT	VX33804	KNIGHT	J.	SEC.CD. 2/6	, YES	
LIEUT	VX31733	LONG	H.A.	SEC CD 2/6	, YES	
LIEUT	VX31709	IRVING	J.A.	TP/OFF 2/6	, YES	
LIEUT	VX29323	RULE	W.C.	TP/CMD 2/9	, YES	
LIEUT	VX18120	RUXTON	E.G.	O.O. RHQ	, YES	
A/LIEUT	VX47845	LONG	H.C.	HQ/SUB 2/9	, YES	
A/LIEUT	VX48145	PATON	J.C.	T/LDR 2/9	, YES	
A/LIEUT	NX23314	WANSEY	G.E.	T/LDR 2/9	, YES	

PART E - NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER UNITS

SUBSTANTIVE RANK AND HIGHER TEMP. RANK IF HELD	ARMY NO.	NAME &	INITIALS	UNIT	DATE OF ATTACHMENT	NATURE OF ATTACHMENT
CAPT	NX70285	HODGE	A.H.	AAMC	25 SEP 43	RMO ATT.UNDER W.E.
CAPT	QX49102	COLLINS	T.M.	AA CH D	29 OCT 43	CHAPLAIN ATT. UNDER W.E.
A/LIEUT	VX40807	EVANS	H.I.	R.A.A.	29 OCT 43	GEN R/FMENTS AWAITING POSTING-OCTU STUDENT

DATE OF
DESPATCH - 11 DEC 43

UNIT - 2/3 AUST COMPOSITE
A.A. REGT.

H. Crawford Lieut.
ADJT. 2/3 AUST COMPOSITE A.A. REGT. FOR LT-COL.

SIGNATURE OF COMMANDER

R.A.A. 5 AUST DIV.

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

15 /43 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 18 /12 /1943 2/3 AUST COMPOSITE A.A. REGT. (Unit)

W.E. 11125A/3 . OFFRS. 27 O.R's 642 + OFFRS. 2 O.R's. 33 ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.					ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
W.E. Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.	DETAIL.	Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.
1			1	W.Os. Class I.					
5	1		4	W.Os. Class II.					
2			2	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
1			1	Staff Sergeants					
44	2		42	Sergeants	SEE BACK PAGE 2				
50	5		45	Corporals					
539		10	549	Troopers, Privates, etc.					
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
642 *	8	10	644 *	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2		*			*

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

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

Detail		A.I.F.	C.M.F. Under 19 Years.	C.M.F. 19 Years and over.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N	R.A.A.F	* *	TOTAL
CLASS A	A	678						[redacted]	[redacted]		678
	B(1)										
	B(2)						[redacted]				

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong
2	9 O.G.		
	MET SEC.		
	RAAF		

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

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

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

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

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PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 11/12/1943.

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

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

11 DEC 43
Date of Despatch

FOR LT-COL.
Signature of Commander

ADJT, 2/3 AUST COMPOSITE A A REGT.

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ALL A.I.F.

ALL MEDICAL CLASS A.1.

PART D

	R.H.Q.			2/6 AUST HY A.A. BTY			2/9 AUST LT A.A. BTY			TOTAL R/F
	WE	PS	R/F	WE	PS	R/F	WE	PS	R/F	R/F
W.O.I	1	1								
W.O.II				1	1		4	3	NR	
BQMS				1	1		1	1		
S/SGTS	1	1								
SGTS	4	2	NR	16	19		24	21	NR	
BDRS	3	2	NR	27	25	NR	20	18	NR	
* TRADE GROUP III - BTY SUR.				1	1					
TRADE GROUP II - FIRE CON				24	24					
HT. COMPUTERS				6	6					
HT. TAKERS				8	17					
PLOTTERS				6	6					
PRED. NOS				28	26	NR	36	14	NR	
CARPENTER					1					
TELESCOPE										
IDENTIFICATION				8	9					
TRADE GROUP III - BUTCHER	1		NR							
CLERKS	2	2		1	1		4	2	NR	
EQUIP. REPS.				1	1		1	1		
GPOA'S					3					
DVR. MECHS.	1	1		17	15	NR	22	19	NR	
GUNLAYERS				16	13	NR	36	21	NR	
TECH. STORE.	1	1					1	1		
NON SPECIALISTS	21	26		143	146		154	192		
	35	36		304	315		303	293	10	10 LT. A.A. GNRS.
ATTACHED UNDER W.E.										
AAMC - SGT. HYGIENE.	1	1								
SGT. INSPECTOR	1	1								
CORPORALS				1	2		1	1		
AAOC - CPL/SHOEMAKER	1	1								
AACC - W.O.II CATERER	1		NR							
SGTS.				1	1		1	1		
CPLS.				2	2		3	3		
PTES.	2	3		9	9		7	7		
AAPS - SGTS.	1	1								
AAPC - SGTS.	1	1								
* TRADE GP. I	8	8		13	14		12	12		

GUNNER REINFORCEMENTS ONLY REQUIRED
N.C.O'S AND SPECIALISTS WILL BE APPOINTED WITHIN UNIT

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R E S T R I C T E D.

2/3 AUST A.A. REGT. RAA L.E.

ROUTINE ORDERS

12 DEC 43

BY

LT-COL. A.C. MARCETTS - COMMANDING OFFICER.

PART 1 NO. 11.

66. USE OF CENSORED COVERS - 5 AUST DIV R.O. 6122.

1. A CENSORED COVER IS AN ENVELOPE, A GREEN ENVELOPE OR A WRAPPING SHOWING ANY CENSORSHIP MARKINGS INCLUDING ALL OR ANY OF THE FOLLOWING - UNIT CENSOR STAMP, -OPENED BY CENSOR- LABEL, OR -PASSED BY CENSOR- STAMP.

2. CENSORED COVERS MAY ONLY BE USED AGAIN FOR TRANSMISSION THROUGH THE POST IF THE PREVIOUS CENSORSHIP MARKINGS ARE NOT DISCERNIBLE.

3. IF A CENSORED COVER IS OR APPEARS TO BE USED BY ANY MEMBER OF THE AMF IN BREACH OF THIS INSTRUCTION, THE UNIT CENSOR WILL FORWARD THE CENSORED COVER TO THE O.C. UNIT FOR ACTION.

67. CHANGE OF DESIGNATION - ARMY FIELD COMPANIES - 5 AUST DIV R.O. 6123.

1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH AN AMENDMENT TO THE ORDER OF BATTLE AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES, THE WORD - ARMY - OR THE ABBREVIATION -A- FOR ARMY WILL IN FUTURE BE OMITTED FROM THE DESIGNATION OF ALL ARMY FIELD COMPANIES, E.G. 2/9 AUST A. FD. COY. WILL IN FUTURE BE DESIGNATED 2/9 AUST FD. COY.

68. MINIATURE 30 YARD RANGE - 5 AUST DIV R.O. 6124.

1. A MINIATURE 30 YARDX RANGE IS TO BE CONSTRUCTED BY LAE BASE SUB AREA AT MAP REF 723440. BEARING OF FIRE WILL BE APPROX 100 DEGS. MAGNETIC.

2. RED FLAGS WILL BE PLACED AT THE BUTTS WHILE FIRING IS IN PROGRESS.

69. ARTILLERY RANGES - 5 AUST DIV R.O. 6125.

1. THE FOLLOWING AREAS ARE PROCLAIMED AS ARTY. RANGES -

FIELD RANGE

NORTHERN BOUNDARY	NORTHING GRID LINE 465
EASTERN BOUNDARY	EASTING GRID LINE 740
SOUTHERN BOUNDARY	NORTHING GRID LINE 450
WESTERN BOUNDARY	WESTERN BANK OF BUSU RIVER

RAA WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR SIGN-POSTING TRACKS LEADING INTO THE DANGER AREA.

CALIBRATION RANGE

THE AREA EXTENDING FOR 3,000 YARDS SEAWARDS FROM THE COAST BETWEEN GRID LINES 72 AND 75 IS PROCLAIMED AS A CALIBRATION RANGE.

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70. REST DAY - CHRISTMAS 1943 - 5 AUST DIV R.O. A126.

1. SUBJECT TO OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS AND SUCH PARADES AS MAY BE DEEMED NECESSARY FOR ADMINISTRATIVE PURPOSES, CHRISTMAS DAY, 1943, WILL BE OBSERVED AS AN ADDITIONAL REST DAY.

71. DRESS- 5 AUST DIV R.O. A 128.
IS REPEATED.

1. NG FORCE ORDERS A407 AND 429 OF 1943 ARE CANCELLED.

2. NO FURTHER ISSUE OF SHORTS WILL BE MADE TO PERSONNEL IN NEW GUINEA.

3. THE FOLLOWING DRESS WILL BE WORN AT ALL TIMES -

-A- SLACKS AND SHIRT OR SAFARI JACKET. SHIRTS OR SAFARI JACKETS WILL BE WORN WITH LONG SLEEVES FASTENED AT THE WRISTS AND BUTTONED IN ALL RESPECTS EXCEPT AT THE COLLAR WHERE THE BUTTON MAY BE LEFT UNDONE.

-B- BOOTS AND SOCKS, WITH ANKLETS WEB OR GAITERS S.D. OR PUTTEES SHORT.

PROVIDED THAT -

-I- A FORMATION COMMANDER MAY , IN HIS DISCRETION, EMPOWER C.O'S. TO PERMIT MEMBERS OF AUTHORISED WORKING PARTIES WHILST ACTUALLY ENGAGED IN STRENUOUS WORK BETWEEN THE HOURS OF SUNRISE AND SUNSET - WHICH HOURS WILL BE FIXED BY FORMATION COMMANDERS AND PUBLISHED IN ROUTINE ORDERS - TO WORK WITH THE UPPER PORTION OF THE BODY BARE OR WITH SLEEVES ROLLED UP.

-II- NO GENERAL PERMISSION TO DISPENSE WITH ARTICLES OF UNIFORM WILL BE GIVEN BY C.O'S. PURSUANT TO -I- OF THIS PROVISO. DEFINITE ORDERS MUST BE GIVEN BY C.O'S ON EACH OCCASION.

4. A MEMBER ISSUED WITH AMERICAN GAITERS MAY WEAR SAME IN LIEU OF GAITERS S.D.

5. -I- OFFICERS AND W.O'S CLASS I MAY WEAR SAM BROWNE BELTS - WITHOUT SHOULDER STRAPS - OR BELTS WEB.

-II- W.O'S CLASS II MAY WEAR BELTS, WAIST, BROWN, LEATHER OR BELTS WEB.

-III- ALL OTHER RANKS MAY WEAR BELTS WEB

6. HATS WILL BE WORN BY ALL RANKS EXCEPT THAT AT THEIR OPTION-

-A- OFFICERS AND WARRANT OFFICERS MAY WEAR, IN LIEU, CAPS, OFFICER PATTERN.

-B- DRIVERS MT MAY WEAR IN LIEU, CAPS S.D.

7. SAFARI JACKETS MAY BE WORN ONLY BY THOSE OTHER RANKS WHO-
-A-

HAVE RETURNED FROM SERVICE WITH THE AIF OUT OF AUSTRALIA OR ARE NOW SERVING IN NEW GUINEA AS MEMBERS OF THE AIF OR -

-B- HAVE HAD SUCH ARTICLES ISSUED TO THEM BY ORDNANCE.

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71. DRESS - 5 AUST DIV R.O. A128 - CONTINUED -

8. PERSONNEL WILL WEAR THE RIGHT ARM COLOUR PATCH OF THEIR UNIT ON THE RIGHT HAND SIDE OF, AND IN THE CENTRE OF, THE HAT BAND.

9. NOTWITHSTANDING THAT PERSONNEL WEAR OTHER TYPES OF IDENTITY DISCS, ALL RANKS WILL WEAR THE IDENTITY DISCS ISSUED TO THEM.

10. C.O.S WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ENSURING THAT MEMBERS OF THEIR UNIT ARE MADE FULLY CONVERSANT WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS ORDER, AND WILL TAKE ALL NECESSARY MEASURES TO BRING ABOUT COMPLIANCE THEREWITH. DISCIPLINARY ACTION WILL BE TAKEN BY C.O'S IN RESPECT OF BREACHES OF THIS ORDER.

11. THE ABOVEMENTIONED AUTHORITY IS DELEGATED TO TROOP COMMANDERS. THIS AUTHORITY WILL NOT BE RE-DELEGATED BY THEM. THEY ARE THEREFORE EMPOWERED TO GRANT SPECIAL PERMISSION ON EACH OCCASION TO PERSONNEL OF AUTHORISED WORKING PARTIES WHILST ACTUALLY ENGAGED IN STRENUOUS LABOUR, BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 0700 AND 1800 OR THE EVENING MESS-PARADE WHICHEVER IS THE EARLIER.

72. PAYBOOKS OF EVACUATED PERSONNEL - 5 AUST DIV R.O. A131.

1. PERSONNEL EVACUATED BEYOND R.A.P. AND FROM ONE MEDICAL UNIT TO ANOTHER MUST BE IN POSSESSION OF THEIR PAYBOOKS.

H. Crawford.
.....LIEUT.
H.J.L.CRAWFORD
A/ADJUTANT 2/3 AUST A.A. REGT.

N O T I C E S

1. MINUTE OF PUBLICATION

A DCM CONVENED BY BRIG. G.V.MORIARTY, ADM. COMD. 5 AUST DIV, WAS HELD IN THE FIELD ON 2 DEC 43 FOR THE TRIAL OF -

VX 35641 GNR ANDREWARTHA W.H. - 2/6 AUST HY. A.A. BTY. 2/3 AUST A.A. REGT.

CHARGE - WOAS ABSENTING HIMSELF WITHOUT LEAVE FROM 0900 HOURS 3 FEB 43 UNTIL 1200 HOURS 11 AUG 43 - A.A. 15-1.

FINDING - GUILTY OF AWL FROM 0900 HOURS 3 FEB 43 UNTIL 26 JUL 43.

SENTENCE AND DATE - DETENTION FOR 100 DAYS. 2 DECEMBER 43.

THE FINDING AND SENTENCE WERE DULY CONFIRMED ON 4 DEC 43 AND PROMULGATED TO THE ACCUSED ON 9 DEC 43.
THE ACCUSED WAS NOT IN ARREST AWAITING TRIAL.

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ADDENDUM

ROUTINE ORDER PART 1. SERIAL 11 OF DEC 12.43.

REF. R.O. 71 PARA 11.

NO SUCH AUTHORITY IS DELEGATED WITHIN THIS UNIT. PERSONNEL MAY WEAR SHIRTS WITH SLEEVES ROLLED UP BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 0700 AND 1830 OR EVENING MESS-PARADE, WHICHEVER IS THE EARLIER. SHIRTS WILL BE WORN BY ALL WORKING PARTIES.

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H.J.L.CRAWFORD

A/ADJT 2/3 AUST [illegible] REGT.

2. A C.O'S. ORDERLY ROOM WAS HELD ON 7 DEC 43 TO HEAR THE CHARGE -

AGAINST - VX28393 GNR WILLIAMS M.B. 2/6 AUST HY. A.A. BTY.

CHARGE - WOAS DISOBEYING A LAWFUL COMMAND GIVEN BY HIS SUPERIOR OFFICER, INTHAT HE, WHEN ORDERED BY SGT. MCNEILL - YOU HAVE TO CONTINUE WORK- , HE REMAINED SEATED AND WHEN ORDERED - YOU HAVE TO GET UP TOO AND GO WITH THE REST -, REPLIED - I AM GOING TO SIT DOWN AND HAVE A REST- AND DID NOT GO AND CONTINUE WORK. A.A. 9 -2-

FINDING - GUILTY.

SENTENCE - FINED £1.

3. A C.O'S. ORDERLY ROOM WAS HELD ON 9 DEC TO HEAR THE CHARGE-

AGAINST - VX144012 GNR HALLIGAN G.R. 2/9 AUST LT. A.A. BTY.

CHARGE - WOAS, CONDUCT TO THE PREJUDICE OF GOOD ORDER AND MILITARY DISCIPLINE, INTHAT HE , IN THE FIELD, AT 2045 HRS ON 7 DEC 43, DID NOT HAVE HIS SHIRT SLEEVES ROLLED DOWN, IN ACCORDANCE WITH 5 AUST DIV. ADMIN. INSTRUCTION NO. A.5. A.A.SEC 40.

FINDING - GUILTY.

SENTENCE - FINED £3.

4. CHRISTMAS -SING SING- ANGAU.-5 AUST DIV NOTICE NO.3 7 DEC 43.

ARRANGEMENTS ARE BEING MADE FOR A COMBINED NATIVE -SING SING- AND SPORTS MEETING TO BE HELD AT R.P.C. PARADE GROUND- REF MAP 737445- ON CHRISTMAS DAY 1943.

IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT ACTIVITY WILL BE IN PROGRESS FOR THE GREATER PART OF THE DAY.

PERSONNEL WITH PERMISSION TO LEAVE CAMP AREAS MAY ATTEND.

5. CHURCH PARADES

PROTESTANT CHURCH PARADES WILL BE HELD AT R.H.Q. EACH MONDAY AT 0900 HRS, COMMENCING 13 DEC 43.

ROMAN CATHOLIC MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED EVERY SUNDAY AT THE FOLLOWING TIMES AND PLACES-

R.H.Q.	0900HRS.
H.1.	1100 HRS.
73 AUST S/L BTY	1500 HRS

AND EVERY FRIDAY AT H.2. AT 0900 HRS.

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2/3 AUST A.A. REGT.

APPENDIX TO ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1 SERIAL NO. 11- 12 DEC 43

PROMOTIONS.

2/9	VX18247	PTE.	HAMPSON A.	PROMOTED CPL WEF	5 DEC 43

CLASSIFICATIONS CONFIRMED.

RHQ	VX79802	GNR.	POWER F.E.	CONFIRMED T.G.III TECH. STOREMAN.	8 DEC 43

CLASSIFICATIONS.

2/9	VX61207	GNR.	STEPHENS E.A.	CLASS. DVR. MECH A/ T.G.III.	10 DEC 43
2/9	NX24247	GNR.	BALLANTINE J.C.	DO	16 NOV 43

REVERSIONS.

2/9	VX100492	L/BDR.	WILLIAMS A.	REVERTED TO GUNNER	5 DEC 43

DECLASSIFICATIONS.

2/9	VX60328	GNR.	PHELAN R.J.	RELIHQ. A/T.G.II COOK	7 DEC 43
2/6	VX69735	PTE.	TUPPER C.C.	DO VOLUNTARY	7 DEC 43

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RESTRICTED.

2/3 AUST A.A. REGT. RAA LE.

ROUTINE ORDERS

18 DEC 43.

BY

LT.COL. A.S. MARGETTS - COMMANDING OFFICER.

PART I NO. 12.

73. WORK TICKETS RAF 62 - 5 AUST DIV R.O. Q136.

1. ALL WORK TICKETS WILL BE SIGNED BY AN OFFICER OF COMMISSIONED RANK AT ALL TIMES.

74. SUTIBUM ROAD - 5 AUST DIV R.O. Q139.

1. THE SUTIBUM ROAD FROM MAP REF 701408 TO 691430 WILL BE OPEN TO TRAFFIC FROM 1000 HOURS TO 2000 HOURS DAILY, EXCEPT AFTER HEAVY RAIN WHEN IT MAY BE CLOSED AT DISCRETION OF RAE OFFICER IN CHARGE OF WORK.

2. RAE WILL BARRICADE OFF AND ERECT ''NO ROAD'' SIGNS AT 691430 PAST WHICH POINT TRAFFIC WILL NOT BE ALLOWED ON ROAD.

75. UNSERVICEABLE TOOTHBRUSHES AND COMBS - DISPOSAL OF - 5 AUST DIV R.O. Q134.

1. ALL U/S TOOTHBRUSHES AND COMBS WILL BE RETURNED TO UNIT Q STORES WHEN REPLACEMENTS ARE REQUIRED.

2. OWING TO THEIR ECONOMIC VALUE -CELLULOSE ACETATE WHICH IS IN VERY SHORT SUPPLY, IS RECOVERABLE FROM THESE ARTICLES- ALL TROOPS WILL ENSURE THAT A MAXIMUM RETURN OF TOOTHBRUSHES AND COMBS IS EFFECTED.

H. Crawford.

.....LIEUT
H.J.L. CRAWFORD
A/ADJUTANT, 2/3 AUST A.A. REGT.

NOTICES.

1. CHURCH SERVICES.

OTHER DENOMINATIONS - CHURCH SERVICE WILL BE HELD AT 1900 HOURS, XMAS DAY AT RHQ.

R.C. - SERVICES WILL BE HELD XMAS DAY AT FOLLOWING TIMES & PLACES -

0900 - RHQ.
1100 - N2.
MIDNIGHT MASS - N1 - XMAS EVE.

2. A C.O'S ORDERLY ROOM WAS HELD ON 13 DEC 43 TO HEAR THE ~~CHARGE~~ -

AGAINST - VX 80028 GNR. GORDON H., 2/9 AUST LT. A.A. BTY.

CHARGE - WOAD CONDUCT TO THE PREJUDICE OF GOOD ORDER AND MILITARY DISCIPLINE, IN THAT HE, WHEN ONE OF A PARTY DETAILED BY SGT. CORNACK TO CUT DOWN A TREE IN THE ARC OF FIRE OF THEIR GUN, AT 1410 HOURS ON 11 DEC 43, TOOK A DEFIANT ATTITUDE AND DID NOT CARRY OUT THE ORDER AS DETAILED. A.A. SEC 40.

FINDING - GUILTY.

SENTENCE - FINED 43.

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-2/3 AUST A.A. REGT.-

APPENDIX TO ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1 NO. 12 OF 18 DEC 43.

DECLASSIFICATIONS.

2/6	NX 106096	GNR.	LURDIE	L.F.	DECLASSIFIED	W/TAKEN	UP	16 DEC 43 VOL.
	NX 101770	GNR.	O'HARA	N.	DO.	T/I	DO.	DO. DO. DO.
	NX 82647	GNR.	DIRSS	G.	DO.	PREDICTOR	DO.	DO. DO. DO.
	QX 44256	GNR.	KEYLAR	R.	DO.	T/I	DO.	DO. DO. DO.

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

PAGE 1
ARMY FORM W3000
16/43 SERIAL NO.

[illegible] HRS. SATURDAY 18 DEC 43.

UNIT - 2/3 AUST A.A. REGT.

W.E. - 111/25A/3 AIF 27 X 642 PLUS 2 X 33 ATTACHED BY W.E.

PART A - POSTED STRENGTH. SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1		2	3	4
W.E.	RANK	POSTED STRENGTH AGAINST W.E. INCLUDING ATTACHED	SURPLUS TO ESTAB.	REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.
1	LIEUT-COL	1	-	-
3	MAJORS	2	-	1 ~~NOT REQ.~~ NR
9	CAPTAINS	5	-	4 ~~NOT REQ.~~ NR
14	LIEUTS	18	4	-
27	TOTALS	26	4	5

DETAIL A - ALL AIF ALL MEDICAL CLASS A.1.

PART B - PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEK

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

NIL

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK

NIL

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

NIL

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UNIT - 2/3 AUST A.A. REGT.

SERIAL NO. - 16/43.

PART D - NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH.

AS AT 0600 HOURS SATURDAY 18 DEC 43 - TOTAL TO AGREE WITH COLS. 4 & 7 PART A.

1 SUBSTANTIVE RANK & HIGHER TEMPORARY RANK IF HELD	2 ARMY NO.	3 NAME & INITIALS	4 POSTING	5 PRESENT WITH UNIT YES/NO	6 IF NOT PRESENT WITH UNIT STATE HOW EMPLOYED
MAJOR T/LT-COL	VX 47997	MARGETTS A.G	C.O.	YES	
LIEUT T/MAJOR	VX 27406	LINDON J.H	2 I/C	YES	
LIEUT T/MAJOR	VX 40765	STAUGHTON S.T	O.C. 2/9 BTY.	YES	
LIEUT T/CAPT	VX 58329	KROHN K.	TP. COMD. 2/9 BTY.	YES	
LIEUT T/CAPT	VX 10116	ROSE J.C	O.C. 2/6 BTY.	YES	
LIEUT T/CAPT	VX 23340	YUNCKEN R.P	BTY.CAPT. 2/6 BTY.	YES	
LIEUT T/CAPT	VX 45985	CROOKE J.D	BTY.CAPT 2/9 BTY.	YES	
LIEUT T/CAPT	VX 37694	HALL R.	TP.COMD. 2/9 BTY.	YES	
LIEUT	VX 16112	BURRAY G.D	TP. COMD. 2/6 BTY.	YES	
LIEUT	VX 25001	QUIN K.A	R.C.M. RHQ	YES	
LIEUT	VX 16119	DAVIES D.K	H.Q. LIEUT 2/6 BTY.	YES	
LIEUT	VX 22239	CRAWFORD W.J.L	A/ADJ. RHQ	YES	
LIEUT	NX 19795	GREENE R.G	TP. OFFR 2/6 BTY.	YES	
LIEUT	VX 16007	PHILP E.S	TP. OFFR 2/6 BTY.	YES	
LIEUT	VX 40197	WATSON J.A	TP. OFFR 2/6 BTY.	YES	
LIEUT	VX 34166	BATTEN L.H	TP. OFFR 2/6 BTY.	YES	
LIEUT	VX 38451	SMITH W.G	TP. OFFR 2/6 BTY.	YES	
LIEUT	VX 42710	PURVES J.H	TP. OFFR 2/9 BTY.	YES	
LIEUT	VX 33804	KNIGHT J.	TP. OFFR 2/6 BTY	YES	
LIEUT	VX 31733	LONG R.A	TP. OFFR 2/6 BTY.	YES	
LIEUT	VX 31709	IRVING J.A	TP. OFFR 2/6 BTY.	YES	
LIEUT	VX 29523	RULE W.C	TP. OFFR 2/9 BTY.	YES	
LIEUT	VX 16120	RUXTON E.G	O.C. RHQ	YES	
A/LIEUT	VX 47045	LONG H.C	H.Q. LIEUT 2/9 BTY.	YES	
A/LIEUT	VX 40145	PATON J.C	TP. OFFR 2/9 BTY.	YES	
A/LIEUT	NX 23314	BARSBY C.E	TP. OFFR 2/9 BTY.	YES	

PART E - NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER UNITS

SUBSTANTIVE RANK AND HIGHER TEMP. RANK IF HELD	ARMY NO.	NAME & INITIALS	UNIT	DATE OF ATTACHMENT	NATURE OF ATTACHMENT
CAPT	NX 70235	HODGE A.H.	AABC	25 SEP 43	RMO ATT. UNDER W.E.
CAPT	QX 49102	COLLINS T.M.	AA CH D	29 OCT 43	CHAPLAIN ATT. UNDER W.E.
A/LIEUT	VX 40807	EVANS H.I.	R.A.A.C.	29 OCT 43	GUN C/FIGHTS AWAITING POSTING OCTU STUDENT

DATE OF DESPATCH - 18 DEC 43

UNIT - 2/3 AUST A.A. REGT.

T. Crawford. .....FOR LT-COL.
SIGNATURE OF COMMANDER

CORPS - R.A.A.C. 5 AUST DIV.

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

16/43 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 18 / 12 / 1943 2/3 AUST AA REGT. (Unit)

W.E. 111/25A/3. OFFRS. 27 O.R's. 642 + OFFRS. 2 O.R's. 33 ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.					ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
W.E. Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.	DETAIL.	Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.
1			1	W.Os. Class I.					
5	1		4	W.Os. Class II.					
2			2	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
1			1	Staff Sergeants					
44	2		42	Sergeants		SEE BACK PAGE 2			
50	3		47	Corporals					
539		35	574	Troopers, Privates, etc.					
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
542 *	6	35	671 *	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2		*			*

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

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

Detail		A.I.F.	C.M.F. Under 19 Years.	C.M.F. 19 Years and over.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N	R.A.A.F	* *	TOTAL
CLASS	A	705						[redacted]	[redacted]		705
	B(1)										
	B(2)						[redacted]				

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong
1	9 O.C. MET SEC RAAF		

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

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

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

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

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2/3 AUST A.A. REGT. Unit

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PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 18/ 12/1943.

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

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

18 DEC 43
Date of Despatch

W. Crawford Brent FOR LT-COL.
Signature of Commander

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PART D.

	R.H.Q.			2/6 AUST HY A.A. BTY.			2/9 AUST LT A.A. BTY.			TOTAL R/F
	WE	PS	R/F	WE	PS	R/F	WE	PS	R/F	R/F
W.O.1	1	1								
W.O.II				1	1		4	3	NR	
BQMS				1	1		1	1		
S/SGTS	1	1								
SGTS	4	2	NR	16	20		24	20	NR	
BDRS	3	2	NR	27	26	NR	20	19	NR	
TRADE GROUP II -										
FIRE CONTROL				24	25					
HT. COMPUTERS				6	6					
HT. TAKERS				8	15					
PLOTTERS				6	6					
PREDICTOR NOS.				28	26	NR	36	14	NR	
CARPENTER					1					
TELESCOPE IDENTIFICATION				8	8					
TRADE GROUP III-										
* BTY. SURVEYER				1	1					
BUTCHER	1	1								
CLERKS	2	2		1	1		4	2	NR	
EQUIP REPS.				1	1		1	1		
GPOA'S					3					
DVR.MECHS.	1	1		17	16	NR	22	19	NR	
GUNLAYERS				16	13	NR	36	21	NR	
TECH. STOREMAN	1	1					1	1		
NON SPECIALISTS	21	27		143	156		154	206		
	35	38		304	326		303	307		
ATTACHED WITHIN W.E.										
AAMC - SGT. HYGIENE INSPECTOR	1	1								
SGT.	1	1								
CORPORALS				1	2		1	1		
AAOC - CPL. SHOEMAKER	1	1								
AACC - W.O.II CATERER	1		NR							
SGTS		1		1	1		1	1		
CPLS.				2	2		3	3		
PTES.	2	2		9	9		7	7		
AAPS - SGTS.	1	1								
AAPC - SGTS.	1	1								
	8	8		13	14		12	12		

* TRADE GROUP 1.

N.C.O'S AND SPECIALISTS WILL BE APPOINTED WITHIN UNIT.

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

ARMY FORM W3003
17/43. SERIAL NO.

0600 HRS, SATURDAY 25 DEC 43.

UNIT - HHQ & 2/6 AUST HY. AA BTY.,
2/3 AUST AA REGT.

W.E. - 111/25A/3 AIF 18 x 339 PLUS 2 x 21 ATTACHED BY W.E.

PART A - POSTED STRENGTH. SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED

1	2	3	4
W.E.	RANK	POSTED STRENGTH AGAINST W.E. INCLUDING ATTACHED.	SURPLUS TO W.E.	REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.
1	LIEUT-COL	1	-	-
2	MAJORS	1	-	NR
5	CAPTAINS	2	-	NR
10	LIEUTS	12	3	-
18	TOTALS	16	3	NR

DETAIL A - ALL AIF ALL MEDICAL CLASS A1.

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK.

NIL.

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

LIEUT	VX 31709	IRVING J.A.	SAA	23 DEC 43	DISPLACED - TO ATTEND AA SCHOOL OF ARTY., HY. AA GUNNERY INSTRUCTORS COURSE NO.47 AT RANDWICK. DURATION - 3JAN/25FEB 44. TO PROCEED ON 24 DAYS HOME LEAVE ON COMPLETION OF COURSE.

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

NIL.

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RHQ & 2/6 HY BTY.

UNIT – 2/3 AUST AA REGT.

SERIAL NO. 17/43.

PART B – NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH.

AS AT 0600 HOURS, SATURDAY, 25 DEC 41 – TOTAL TO AGREE WITH COLS 4 & 7 PART A

1 SUBSTANTIVE RANK & HIGHER TEMPORARY RANK IF HELD	2 ARMY NO.	3 RANK & INITIALS	4 POSTING	5 PRESENT WITH UNIT YES/NO	6 IF NOT PRESENT WITH UNIT STATE HOW EMPLOYED
MAJOR T/LT-COL	VX 47307	MARCETTS A.G.	C.O.	YES	
LIEUT T/MAJOR	VX 27466	LINDON J.H.	2 I/C	YES	
LIEUT T/CAPT	VX 10116	ROSE J.C.	C.C.	A/BTY.	YES
LIEUT T/CAPT	VX 23240	YARRAN R.P.	BTY.CAPT	A/BTY.	YES
LIEUT	VX 10112	MURRAY C.H.	TP. COMD	A/BTY.	YES
LIEUT	VX 25001	QUIN K.A.	RQM	HHQ	YES
LIEUT	VX 10119	DAVIES D.K.	HQ LIEUT	A/BTY.	YES
LIEUT	VX 22235	CRAWFORD H.J.L.	A/ADJ	HHQ	YES
LIEUT	NX 19753	GREENE R.G.	TP. OFFR.	A/BTY.	YES
LIEUT	VX 10007	PHILP E.S.	TP. OFFR.	A/BTY.	YES
LIEUT	VX 40197	WATSON J.A.	TP. OFFR.	A/BTY.	YES
LIEUT	VX 32166	BATTEN L.H.	TP. OFFR.	A/BTY.	YES
LIEUT	VX 38451	SMITH R.G.	TP. OFFR.	A/BTY.	YES
LIEUT	VX 33804	KNIGHT J.	TP. OFFR.	A/BTY.	YES
LIEUT	VX 31733	LONG R.A.	TP. OFFR.	A/BTY.	YES
LIEUT	VX 10120	BUXTON E.G.	C.O.	HHQ	YES

PART C – NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER UNITS.

SUBSTANTIVE RANK AND HIGHER TEMPORARY RANK IF HELD	ARMY NO.	RANK & INITIALS	NOKEOPS UNIT	DATE OF ATTACHMENT	NATURE OF ATTACHMENT
CAPT	NX 70285	HODGE A.H.	AAHQ	25 SEP 43	HHQ ATTD. UNDER N.E.
CAPT	QX 45102	COLLINS T.H.	AA GR D	29 OCT 43	CHAPLAIN ATTD. UNDER N.E.

DATE OF DESPATCH – 25 DEC 43.

UNIT – 2/3 AUST AA REGT.

H Bawford Rud
.....FOR LT.
SIGNATURE OF COMMANDER.

CORPS – RAA 5 AUST DIV.

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

ARMY FORM W3008
17/43 SERIAL NO.

0600 HRS, SATURDAY, 25 DEC 43.
2/3 AUST LT. AA BTY.,
UNIT = 2/3 AUST AA REGT.

W.E. = 111/25A/3 AIF 9 X 303 PLUS 12 O.H.'S ATTACHED BY W.E.

PART A = POSTED STRENGTH. 1 SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

W.E.	RANK	POSTED STRENGTH AGAINST W.E. INCLUDING ATTACHED	SURPLUS TO W.E.	REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED
1	MAJOR	1	-	-
4	CAPTAINS	3	-	NR
4	LIEUTS	5	1	-
9	TOTALS	9	1	NR

DETAIL A = ALL AIF ALL MEDICAL CLASS A1.

PART B = PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEK

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

NIL.

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK

A/LIEUT VX 40807 EVANS E.T. RAA 20 DEC 43 CEASES TO BE ATTD. FROM ORIGINAL REINFORCEMENTS AND EMPLANED TO HARDAP FOR ONWARD MOVEMENT TO 2/11 AUST LT. AA BTY.

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

NIL.

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UNIT – 2/3 AUST LT. AA QTY.,
2/3 AUST AA REGT.

ARMY FORM W 3008

SERIAL NO. – 17/43.

PART D – NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH.

AS AT 0600 HOURS, SATURDAY 25 DEC 43 – TOTAL TO AGREE WITH COLS 4 & 7 PART A.

SUBSTANTIVE RANK & HIGHER TEMPORARY RANK IF HELD	ARMY NO.	NAME & INITIALS	POSTING		PRESENT WITH UNIT YES/NO.	IF NOT PRESENT WITH UNIT STATE HOW EMPLOYED
LIEUT T/MAJOR	VX 40765	STAUGHTON	S.T.	O.C.	YES	
LIEUT T/CAPT	VX 56329	BROWN	E.	TP. COMD	YES	
LIEUT T/CAPT	VX 45905	CROOKE	J.D.	BTY. CAPT	YES	
LIEUT T/CAPT	VX 37094	HALL	R.	TP. COMD	YES	
LIEUT	VX 42710	PURVES	J.H.	TP. OFFR.	YES	
LIEUT	VX 2923	RULE	W.G.	TP. OFFR.	YES	
A/LIEUT	VX 47043	LONG	H.C.	HQ LIEUT	YES	
A/LIEUT	VX 48145	PATON	J.C.	TP. OFFR.	YES	
A/LIEUT	VX 23314	MAYBEY	C.E.	TP. OFFR.	YES	

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

NIL.

DATE OF DESPATCH – 25 DEC 43

UNIT – 2/3 AUST AA REGT.

.....FOR LT.
SIGNATURE OF COMMANDER. COL

CORPS – RAA 5 AUST DIV.

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

17 / 43 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 25 / 12 / 193 RHQ & 2/6 AUST HY. AA BTY., (Unit) 2/3 AUST AA REGT

W.E. 111 / 25A / 3 . OFFRS. 18 O.R's. 339 + OFFRS. 2 O.R's. 21 ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.					ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
W.E. Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.	DETAIL.	Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.
1			1	W.Os. Class I.					
1			1	W.Os. Class II.					
1			1	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
1			1	Staff Sergeants					
20	1		19	Sergeants		SEE BACK PAGE 2			
30	1		29	Corporals					
285		22	307	Troopers, Privates, etc.					
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
339 *	2	22	359 *	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2		*			*

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

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

Detail		C.M.F.		A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N	R.A.A.F	* *	TOTAL
	A.I.F.	Under 19 Years.	19 Years and over.							
A	381						[redacted]	[redacted]		381
B(1)										
B(2)						[redacted]				

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong
2	MET SEC,		
	9 O.G.,		
	RAAF.		

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

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

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

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

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RHQ & 2/6 AUST HY. AA BTY.,
2/3 AUST AA REGT. ..... Unit

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

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PART D.

	R.H.Q.			2/6 AUST HY. AA BTY.			TOTAL R/FS.
	WE	PS	R/F	WE	PS	R/F	
W.O.I	1	1					
W.O.II				1	1		
BQMS				1	1		
S/SGT.	1	1					
SGTS.	4	2	NR	16	17		
BDRS.	3	2	NR	27	27		
TRADE GROUP II -							
FIRE CONTROL OPERATORS				24	25		
HEIGHT COMPUTERS				6	6		
HEIGHT TAKERS				8	15		
PLOTTERS				6	6		
PREDICTOR NOS.				28	26	NR	
TELESCOPE IDENTIFICATION NOS.				8	8		
CARPENTER				-	1		
TRADE GROUP III -							
* SURVEYOR				1	1		
CLERKS	2	2		1	1		
EQUIPMENT REPAIRER				1	1		
G.P.O.A.				-	3		
DRIVER MECHANICS	1	1		17	16	NR	
GUN LAYERS				16	13	NR	
BUTCHER*	1	1					
TECHNICAL STOREMAN	1	1					
NON SPECIALISTS	21	25		143	155		
	35	36		304	323		
ATTACHED WITHIN W.E.							
AAMC - SGT. HYGIENE INSPECTOR	1	1					
SGT.	1	1					
CORPORALS				1	2		
AAOC - CPL. SHOEMAKER	1	1					
AACC - W.O.II CATERER	1	1					
SGT.				1	1		
CPLS.				2	2		
PTES.	2	2		9	9		
AAPS - SGT.	1	1					
AAPC - SGT.	1	-	NR				
CPL.	-	1					
	8	8		13	14		

NCO'S AND SPECIALISTS WILL BE APPOINTED WITHIN UNIT.

* TRADE GROUP I.

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

17 43 (Serial No.)

2/9 AUST LT. AA BTY., (Unit) 2/3 AUST AA REGT

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 25/12/1943

W.E. 111/25A 3. OFFRS. 9 O.R's. 303 + OFFRS. - O.R's. 12 ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.					ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
W.E. Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.	DETAIL.	Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.
				W.Os. Class I.					
4 NR	2		2	W.Os. Class II.					
1			1	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
				Staff Sergeants					
24 NR	3		21	Sergeants		SEE BACK PAGE 2			
20 NR	1		19	Corporals					
254		6	260	Troopers, Privates, etc.					
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
303 NR *	6	6	303*	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2		*			*

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

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

Detail		A.I.F.	C.M.F. Under 19 Years.	C.M.F. 19 Years and over.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N	R.A.A.F	* *	TOTAL
A		315						[redacted]	[redacted]		315
B(1)											
B(2)							[redacted]				

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

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

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

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

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

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

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2/3 AUST AA REGT.
Unit

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PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 25/12/1943.

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

	2/9 AUST LT. AA BTY.		XXXXXXXX/XX.
	WE	PS	R/FS.
W.O.II	4	2	NR
BQMS	1	1	
SGTS.	24	21	NR
BDRS.	20	19	NR
TRADE GROUP II -			
PREDICTOR NOS.	36	13	NR
TRADE GROUP III -			
CLERKS	4	2	NR
EQUIPMENT REPAIRER	1	1	
DRIVER MECHANICS	22	20	NR
GUNLAYERS	36	25	NR
TECHNICAL STOREMAN	1	1	
NON SPECIALISTS	154	198	
	303	303	
ATTACHED WITHIN W.E.			
AAMC - CPLX.	1	1	
AACC - SGTX.	1	1	
CPLS.	3	3	
PTES.	7	7	
	12	12	

N.C.O'S AND SPECIALISTS WILL BE APPOINTED WITHIN UNIT.

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SECRET.

SUBJECT - LOCATION STATEMENT.

AADC
LAE FORTRESS COMD.

30 DEC 43.

RAA
5 AUST DIV.

R119.

1. REF MAP LAE 3508 - 1/25,000 SERIES.

2. MAP REF OF UNITS UNDER COMMAND IS AS FOLLOWS -

UNIT.	MAP REF	TACTICAL DESIGNATION.
RHQ 2/3 AUST AA REGT.	703397	RHQ
AA OPERATIONS ROOM	704397	GOR
2/6 AUST HY AA BTY.	691411	BHQ
A TROOP	714392	H1
RADAR	714392	G1
C TROOP	678416	H2
RADAR	678416	G2
2/9 AUST LT AA BTY.	703398	BHQ
A TROOP HQ	698397	A TP HQ
	696392	L1
	702396	L2
	698393	L3
	698398	L4
	697397	L13
B TROOP HQ	698388	B TP HQ
	699388	L5
	696388	L6
	689390	L7
	692395	L8
C TROOP HQ	683414	C TP HQ
	691397	L9
	674414	L10
	679415	L11
	684411	L12
2/3 AUST AA REGT AEME	703396	W/S
2/3 AUST AA REGT SIG SEC	703397	SIGS
162 AUST LT AA BTY.	723437	BHQ
A TROOP HQ	712432	A TP HQ
	718418	L21
	722422	L22
	716427	L23
	686388	L24
	684392	L25
	681397	L26
73 AUST MOB S/L BTY.	LAE 1-IN - 1 MILE	
	724423	BHQ
BOR	724423	BOR
	~~724423~~ 721420	S1
	NADZAB 1-IN - 1 MILE	
A TROOP HQ	618432	A TP HQ
	618432	S6
	584468	S7

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UNIT.		MAP REF.	TACTICAL DESIGNATION.
73 AUST MOB S/L BTY CONTD.			
B TROOP HQ	LAE 1-IN - 1 MILE		
		724423	B TP HQ -AT BHQ-
	WAGO 1-IN - 1 MILE		
		636352	S2
	LAE	757410	S4
C TROOP HQ	LAE 1-IN - 1 MILE		
		707450	C TP HQ
		684409	S3
		~~707451~~ 706448	S5
	NADZAB	665483	S8

THE ABOVE S/L POSITIONS ARE SURVEY REFERENCES AND NOT IN ACCORDANCE WITH PROVISIONAL 1-IN TO 1 MILE MAPS.

3. PROPOSED HEAVY AA AND RADAR SITES FOR 53 AUST AA REGT. ARE SITUATED REF MAP LAE 3508 - 1/25,000 SERIES MAP REF 668389 AND 710414. APPROX POSITIONS ONLY.

A.G. Margetts

.....LT.COL.
A.G. MARGETTS
AADC LAE FORTRESS COMD

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RESTRICTED.

2/3 AUST AA REGT. BALIKE.

ROUTINE ORDERS

BY

LT.COL. A.G. MARGETTS - COMMANDING OFFICER.

PART I No. 18. 30 Dec. '43.

76. INTOXICATING LIQUOR - 5 AUST DIV R.O. A.156.

1. The illicit manufacture in PAPUA or NEW GUINEA of any intoxicating liquor is prohibited.

2. The possession of any liquor so manufactured is also prohibited.

3. Severe disciplinary action will be taken in respect of any breach of this order, and all stills and material used for the manufacture of such intoxicating liquor will be confiscated.

77. AAB 83 - RECORD OF SERVICE BOOK - GRO A.739.

1. The loss, destruction or defacement of an AAB 83 (Record of Service Book) by a wilful action, by negligence, or the unauthorised alteration of any information contained therein is an offence for which disciplinary action will be taken.

78. INDISCRIMINATE FIRING.

1. The indiscriminate firing of any type of firearms will cease forthwith.

2. Severe disciplinary action will be taken against offenders of this order

3. Several instances have occurred recently where serious accidents and danger to vital installations have been narrowly averted.

79. MALARIA CONTROL.

1. In spite of many instructions regarding Malaria Control many breaches of these instructions are occuring. Attention of all ranks is drawn to the following paragraphs.

2. Sleeves will be rolled down and buttoned at the wrist at 1800 hours, or evening mess parade whichever is the earlier.

3. Showers and baths will not be taken by any troops after 1900 hours without special permission of an officer, and permission will only be granted in special cases for duty personnel.

4. Boots and gaiters will be worn at all times.

5. It is pointed out that mosquitoes in an area previously occupied by the Japanese are highly infected with malaria due to the prevalence of the disease amongst the Japanese, therefore the strictest adherance to all precautions is absolutely essential.

80. CENSORSHIP.

1. Attention of all ranks is drwan to JHQ Field Censorship Instructions No.4 which clearly states that all enclosures especially money must be recorded in the top left hand corner of the first page.

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80. CENSORSHIP (CONTD)

2. This order in many cases is not being complied with

3. Franking Officers will return all letters that do not comply with this instruction to the writer.

81. UNAUTHORISED USE OF POL.

1. The practice of using POL for lighting fires is a contravention of R.O!s, and breaches of this order will be dealt with severely.

82. RELEASE OF PERSONNEL TO INDUSTRY - GRO 736/43.

1. Numerous applications are being received at this H.Q. from personnel who apparently consider that GRO 736/43 is an authority for automatic discharge from the Army.

2. This GRO sets out the categories only in which LHQ are authorised to release personnel on receipt of reccommendation from the DGDMP after a thorough investigation of the case by that department.

3. Personnel serving in NEW GUINEA must be 35 years of age and have three years service before LHQ will authorise their discharge even though recommended by the DGDMP.

4. This does not alter the fact the discharge may be granted on compassionate grounds to any soldier if on investigation the facts warrant the discharge.

5. All future applications submitted will include -

(a) Soldiers' age
(b) Length of Service
(c) Address where inquiries may be made.

6. Applications for release to industry must be made with some definite employment in view and should specify the proposed employer and his address.

H.Crawford.
.....Lieut.
H.J.L. Crawford.
A/ADJUTANT 2/3 AUST A.A. REGT.

NEW YEAR GREETINGS.

The best wishes and heartfelt gratitude for a fine job done, are extended to all troops by the Deputy Prime Minister of AUSTRALIA on behalf of all the people of AUSTRALIA.

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NOTICES.

MINUTE OF PUBLICATION.

1. A D C,M. convened by the Brigadier M.B.B. Keatinge was held at HQ NSW L. of C Area on 11/3/43.

for the trial of NX28070 Gnr. FULL S.J.V., 2/9 Aust Lt. A.A. Bty.

The accused was charged with: Desertion in that he was AWL from 0750 hrs on 12.1.43 to 2300 hrs on 7.3.43.

The accused pleaded not guilty, and the court found the accused not guilty of the charge but guilty of AWL for period stated in charge.

The Court sentenced the accused to be fined the sum of two pounds.

The accused was in close arrest awaiting trial for 4 days.
The finding and sentence was duly confirmed on 13.3.43 by Brigadier M.B.B. Keatinge.

The result of the trial was promulgated to the accused at Holsworthy on 9.12.43.

2. A C.O's Orderly Room was held on 20 Dec 43 to hear the charges -

Against - NX 10902 Gnr JOHNSTONE W.D. 2/9 Aust Lt. A.A. Bty.

Charge - WOAS absenting himself without leave from 1400 hrs on 27 Jul 43 to 1200 hours on 11 Aug 43, being a period of 15 days. AA Sec 15 (1).

Finding - Guilty.

Sentence - Field Punishment for 21 days, and forfeiture of pay for 21 days.

3. Against - VX 37895 Gnr JOSS W.J., 2/9 Aust Lt. A.A. Bty.

Charge - WOAS neglect to the prejudice of good order and military discipline, in that, when his rifle was inspected by his Tp. Comd. at approximately 0900 hrs on 18 Dec 43, it was in a neglected condition, being badly rusted on the outside and very dirty on the inside. AA Sec 40.

Finding - Guilty.

Sentence - Fined 10/-.

4. Against - VX 80028 Gnr GORDON H., 2/9 Aust Lt. A.A. Bty.

Charge - WOAS conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline in that he, when one of a party detailed by Sgt. Cormack to cut down a tree in the arc of fire of their gun, at 1410 hrs on 11 Dec 43, took a defiant attitude and did not carry out the order as detailed. AA Sec 40.

Finding - Guilty.

Sentence - Fined Three pounds.

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2/3 AUST A.A. REGT.

APPENDIX TO ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1 SERIAL NO 13 - 30 Dec 43.

PROMOTIONS.

R.H.Q.	NX147054	Sgt	Breakspear	K.S.	Promoted	A/W.O.II WEF	18 Dec 43
2/6 Bty.	VX 19732	L/Sgt	Gordon	A.	"	A/Sgt	26 Dec 43

APPOINTMENTS

2/6 Bty.	VX 35017	Bdr	Ruddock	G.A.	Appointed	L/Sgt	23 Dec 43
	VX 24603	Gnr	Cherry	G.V.	"	L/Bdr	26 Dec 43
2/9 Bty.	NX110122	Gnr	Bishop	J.H.	"	Paid L/Bdr.	22 Dec 43

CONFIRMATION OF RANK.

R.H.Q.	VX 21755	A/S/Sgt	Davis	K.O.D.	Rank of S/Sgt Confirmed		22 Dec 43

CLASSIFICATIONS.

2/6 Bty	VX 24603	Gnr	Cherry	G.V.	Class Fire Control Operator Td Gp II		26 Dec 43
2/9 Bty	VX 45465	Gnr	Stevens	L.R.	"	A/Gun Layer Td Gp III	22 Dec 43
	VX 34109	Gnr	Mitchell	C.A.	"	" " Td Gp III	22 Dec 43
	VX 44515	Gnr	Cassidy	J.B.	"	" " Td Gp III	22 Dec 43
	VX 69232	Gnr	Fennessy	J.A.	"	" " Td Gp III	22 Dec 43

REVERSIONS.

2/6 Bty.	VX 35017	A/Sgt	Ruddock	G.A.	Reverted to	Bdr	23 Dec 43
	VX 23700	A/Sgt	Scott	J.V.	"	" "	26 Dec 43
	VX 24603	A/Bdr	Cherry	G.V.	"	" Gunner	26 Dec 43
	VX 31218	L/Bdr	Blyth	R.C.	"	" "	26 Dec 43

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12/10 1530

5 AUST DIV GS INSTRUCTION NO 42

AIR RAIDS

HQ 5 Aust Div (AIF)
" Oct 43

GENERAL

1. The policy as regards Air Raid Warnings and Air Raid Precautions given in detail in the succeeding paragraphs, will be adopted by ALL personnel in the LAE AREA, including NAVAL and AIR personnel as well as ground forces. These Orders will apply throughout to both AMERICAN and AUSTRALIAN personnel.

2. The basis of this policy is the self control of the individual. This can only be inculcated by officers of all arms and services taking immediate and definite steps to educate troops under their command regarding the meaning, importance and necessity for uniform adherence to the Order.

3. The mere threat of air raids must NOT be allowed to interrupt the work of forces in LAE. The interruption caused by raids must be reduced to a minimum.

ISSUE OF WARNINGS

4. Immediately GOR receives an indication of the approach of hostile aircraft it will pass a warning to :

(a) HQ 5 Aust Div

(b) 18 Fighter Sub-Sector.

Should 18 Fighter Sub-Sector get the first indication of the approach of hostile aircraft it will warn GOR.

5. When these initial warnings have been passed the responsibility for passing warnings further will be as follows :

(a) 18 Fighter Sub-Sector will warn :

. . 23 Port HQ

(b) HQ 5 Aust Div will warn :

106 COS.
~~4 Aust Inf Bde~~
29 Aust Inf Bde
RAA 5 Aust Div
RAE 3 Aust Div
Sigs 3 Aust Div
LAE Base Sub Area

(c) 23 Port HQ will warn:

US units as directed by USASOS Adv Base LAE.

(d) LAE Base Sub Area will warn:

All units under comd.

Clear the line procedure will be used in passing warnings.

6. This procedure will apply for both Red and Green Warnings.

AIR RAID WARNINGS

7. (a) AIR RAID RED means that the arrival of hostile aircraft is imminent.

(b) AIR RAID GREEN will denote that the raiders have passed and that the air raid is ended.

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WARNING SIGNALS

8. Action is being taken to provide sirens and when these have been received LAE FORTRESS COMD will be divided into zones so that air raid warnings may be sounded throughout the area.

Pending the receipt of these, units will, on receipt of official warnings only, sound the air raid alarm by whistle as under :

(a) Air Raid Red - Repeated short blasts

(b) Air Raid Green - Repeated long blasts.

PROCEDURE WITHIN UNITS OR DETACHMENTS BY DAY

9. (a) All units will have one other rank available as an air sentry.

(b) Air sentries will take post on receipt of AIR RAID RED and be prepared to sound the local alarm if raiders approach their particular area.

(c) Until local unit alarm sounds no action will be taken to disturb normal routine and the sounding of one unit alarm WILL NOT be taken as a reason for neighbouring units to sound their alarms. They will receive their warning through the normal channels.

(d) The local unit alarm will be sounded when enemy planes can be seen in the vicinity of that unit area. Otherwise work will be carried on as normal. The sight of soldiers rushing for cover at any time is degrading and bad for morale, but rushing to cover before enemy aircraft are even in sight, betrays sheer panic.

(e) On hearing the unit alarm all personnel will be prepared to take cover in their vicinity. ON NO ACCOUNT WHATEVER WILL FIRING OF SHOTS OR CALLING OUT WARNINGS BE PERMITTED. Personnel will seek whatever cover is available coolly and calmly, and where no local cover is available at short distance from the area of their employment they will lie flat on the ground.

(f) Immediately planes have left the area normal work will be resumed without waiting for the "all clear" to be sounded. The air raid sentry may be posted until the "all clear" signal is given through the normal channels.

PROCEDURE WITHIN UNITS OR DETACHMENTS BY NIGHT

10. (a) Unit air sentry will sound "take cover" on receipt of the "AIR RAID RED".

(b) All essential offices will be maintained under brown out conditions during air raid warning periods.

(c) On the unit alarm being given lights will be screened and tent openings adjusted to prevent the emission of direct lights.

(d) Other lights will be extinguished on the warning being given.

(e) Burning lights will not be left unattended.

(f) Personnel not on duty will be prepared on short notice to take the necessary passive precautions such as adjustment of steel helmets and taking cover as available. If cover is not available personnel should lie flat.

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TAKING COVER DURING AIR RAIDS

11. On no account will personnel proceed to cover in other than an orderly fashion. It is essential that officers maintain control of their personnel under all circumstances.

ACTION BY DRIVERS OF VEHICLES

12. (a) Vehicles will not halt on roads unless there is an apparent and imminent danger to vehicles or the person driving. In that case vehicles will not approach closer than 75 yards from the preceding vehicle by day and 30 yards by night.

(b) Should it become necessary for a driver to take cover he will ensure that the ignition of the vehicle is switched off.

(c) In the LAE area drivers will maintain as wide a dispersal of vehicles as possible.

(d) Suitable dispersal areas for vehicles depending on local conditions will be selected by each unit.

(e) Vehicles waiting to load will be dispersed as far as possible and will on no account whatever be blocked up closer than 75 yards by day and 30 yards by night between vehicles. This instruction will be enforced by all COs of units.

GENERAL PROHIBITIONS

13. (a) The firing of three shots as a local warning by units within the LAE AREA will not be carried out and disciplinary action will be taken by all Commanding Officers of units against personnel adopting this dangerous and unnecessary practice.

(b) Calling out or shouting instructions to vehicles or within bivouac areas to put lights out is to cease forthwith.

(c) Running to cover will NOT be allowed since the only action permitted is for troops to lie down or seek available cover in a cool manner. This is for their own safety.

(d) Signals to indicate air raids, etc., except as authorised in this instruction, are expressly forbidden. Care will also be taken that the signal to take cover is given by the unit's own sentry and not as a result of repetition of signals of other units.

All ranks must be inculcated with the determination that enemy action will in no way delay the development or the continuance of works essential to this operational base.

(e) Telephone calls will not be made during the period AIR RAID RED - AIR RAID GREEN, except for those of an operational nature or those concerned with matters of extreme importance.

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WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Unit 2/3 AUST AA REGT. *Date and Time.—From* 23 DEC 43 *To* 26 DEC 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
LAE	23 DEC 43		LIEUT J.A. IRVING WITH SGTS MECKIFF & TONKIN OF 2/6 BTY, LEFT BY AIR TO ATTEND LHQ SCHOOL OF ARTY AA - HY AA GUNNERY INSTRUCTORS COURSES -NO. 47 FOR OFFICERS & 48 FOR NCO'S- AT RANDWICK, NSW, AFTER WHICH THEY WILL PROCEED ON RECREATIONAL LEAVE.	
	24 DEC 43		DUMMY HY AA GUN SITE COMPLETED AT MAP REF 692412. THIS SITE IS OF REGULAR LAYOUT WITH FOUR GUNS AND INSTRUMENTS, COMPLETE WITH RADAR EQUIPMENT. MATERIAL USED IN CONSTRUCTION - BUSH TIMBER, HESSION SPRAYED WITH BITUMEN, AND EMPTY P.O.L. DRUMS. U/S JAP MACHINE GUN IN POSITON. SITE APPEARS MOST REALISTIC, BUT AS TO VALUE OF DUMMY SITE, CAN ONLY BE PROVEN BY AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHS. TENTS PROCURED FROM SALVAGE USED FOR DUMMY CAMP AREA.	
			MAJOR ELLIS KELLY, OC 162 AUST LT AA BTY RETURNED TO MOROBE.	
	25 DEC 43		THE CO, LT-COL A.G. MARGETTS VISITED ALL TROOP & BTY HQ'S OF 2/3 REGT, AND CONVEYED THE SEASONS GREETINGS TO ALL OFFICERS & MEN OF THE REGT.	
	26 DEC 43		GOR PARTLY REWIRED TO ALLOW OF THE INCORPORATION OF 18 SUB-FIGHTER SECTOR WITH GOR. THIS DID NOT ENTAIL A GREAT DEAL OF WORK, AS ESTIMATIONS HAD PREVIOUSLY ALLOWED FOR THIS CONTINGENCY.	

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