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"B" HEAVY BATTERY

# WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Unit B Aust Heavy Bty AIF (Erase heading not required)  
Date and Time.—From 3.7.43 To 5.7.43

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Gillie Gillie	3.7.43.		Arrangements for towing & transport as set out in M/O not practicable for U.S. Small Ship Section. Day spent in making fresh arrangements. M/O amended - P.S.C. to provide two Jap. barges for transport & towing purposes.	Rain all day & night
"	4.7.43		Heavy rain, choppy sea & low visibility. Trial run in Jap barges proved these vessels are not suitable for towing loaded steel barges in heavy seas. American M.L.C.'s will not tow satisfactorily. Arrangements for embarkation cancelled. Troops returned to units 1200 hrs with orders to reassemble at 0730 on 5/7/43.	Heavy rain - wind.
	5.7.43.		Heavy seas made towing impossible. Major losses 10 o/p's and stores left on and barge and 30 o/p's on second Jap barge at 1045 hrs. 14 Field Regt & 2/3 Tank Attack personnel remained behind until suitable arrangements could be made by R.A.F.	



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Unit *B Aust Heavy Bty*

Date and Time.—From *5.7.43* To *5.7.43*

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	<i>5/7/43 Cont.</i>		<i>Rough weather and amount of water shipped by barges en voyage to Bow confirmed fact that towing would have been impossible. Advance party arrived at Bow 1400 hrs, unloaded stores by 1515. Inspection of gun sites approached with WO II Monk. H. (in charge of repository work). Water located, latrine dug, kitchen + eight tents erected. Wireless set up after long delay caused by ants nest in set and communications established with the Commander at 1935 hrs.</i>	
<i>Lilli Lilli.</i>	<i>5.7.43.</i>		<i>"B" Aust Heavy Bty now split into two sections one at Bow and remainder (3 officers and 45 O/P) at Lilli carrying out manning of Base II conditions &amp; supplying working parties for supplies to Bow and acting in liaison capacity between Bow detachment and RAAF. 5 Aust Div. Lt Colson H.R. administering command of Lilli section.</i>	

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Unit B Aust Heavy Bty

Date and Time.—From 6.7.43

To 7.7.43

4

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Bou.	6.7.43.		Work commenced on temporary camp site and B.O.P. site. Messive tree lopping not necessary and top cover well preserved. Remaining attachments of 14 Field Rec. and 2 1/2 Tank Bn arrived by barge. Recs under Lt Hewitt and LT LLOYD. M. Representative from 73 DCRE, LT MATHESON, arrived same barge. Officers conference held - work programme laid down.	
Gilli	6.7.43.		All but essential camp stores packed in cases ready to move when called for ward to Bou.	
Bou	7.7.43.		Temporary camp site further consolidated, kitchen, mess, officers mess, latrines, urinals, wells dug, permanent camp area laid out roughly. Orders published. Track cleared from 1000 ft. position (704429) to base of hill. Slope 28°. Recce. of road into base of hill.	

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Unit *B Aust Heavy Bty*

Date and Time.—From *7.7.43*

To *8.7.43.*

5

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
<i>Bou</i>	<i>7.7.43 (cont.)</i>		<i>Party of Officers including Brigadier Lt Col Palmer arrived Noches all positions approved, 1st Gun to be moved in as soon as possible; 2nd tower at Gelli location to be used for B.O.P. Bou with DR Four concrete pedestal. Gangs of 10 decided upon for working parties in two shifts 0700-1200, 1100-1700. Lt Col Blair, R.E. promoted Sgt and appointed acting BSM of Bou command.</i>	<i>Weather - fine.</i>
<i>Bou.</i>	<i>8.7.43.</i>		<i>B.O.P. clearing completed, ladder + platform erected, road from 1st Gun site to 2nd Gun site cleared. Single file tracks from B.O.P. to Guns + B.O.P. to camp site cleared; pipe line laid from spring rear of camp site to temporary kitchen. Road cleared from beach to base of hill leading to Gun sites. Permanent camp site pegged out. Construction commenced bridge at ALIA (REF 769434) Visit from Capt. Anderson of Forces re evacuation of natives from area.</i>	<i>Heavy showers at intervals throughout day. Heavy rain all night.</i>

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Unit B Aust Heavy Bty

Date and Time.—From 9.7.43 To 10.7.43

6

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Bos.	9.7.43.		<p>Commenced tree topping front of both gun sites - working under difficulties with no climbing irons, tomahawks or sharpening tools - these are essential for this work. Commenced widening and corduroying our road from beach to foot of gun hill. Sites chosen for flying fox, CDBOP, magazines &amp; recesses. Lt Col Hager arrived for inspection 10.30, left 1500. Track constructed for guns from water edge to camp area. Bridge at Pt 1st progressing. There was no suitable pier timber in immediate vicinity. Malaria inspection carried out - no anophelinae mosquitoes found in area. Natives evacuated after conference with Councils &amp; police boy.</p>	<p>Shells already with heavy showers.</p>
Bos	10.7.43.		<p>Work in progress continued. Visit by Gen Whitelands MGR &amp; Staff including CMA and PC. Inspected area - work to be completed urgently.</p>	<p>Fine weather.</p>



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Unit *B Aust Heavy Bty*

Date and Time.—From *11.7.43.* To *15.7.43.*

7

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
<i>Rov.</i>	<i>11.7.43.</i>		<i>Rest day for troops. Area photographed officially with 35mm camera.</i>	<i>Fine + Windy.</i>
<i>"</i>	<i>12.7.43.</i>		<i>Day spent in logging — mass attack on logs for BPR, roads, jitty and bridges. Recce towards East Cape post site for 6 CASL and F.C. — many bridges needed.</i>	<i>Fine.</i>
	<i>13.7.43.</i>		<i>Work continued on gun road, BPR, east road, excavation of N°2 gun site commenced sq tracks between guns. Native huts in camp area burned. Lt Ward marched in.</i>	<i>Showery.</i>
	<i>14.7.43.</i>		<i>Same jobs progressing. "G" heavily fired 8 rounds — quite audible from here.</i>	<i>Showery.</i>
	<i>15.7.43.</i>		<i>Visit by Brig. Moriarty + Col. Hiscock. Advised 18 Pde + Bde arriving for Bty. Held site for before. N°5 CASL arrived complete on base. After working party arrived from "E" Hvy Bty. WO II H. Hough<sup>RIC</sup> arrived to supervise repository work. Request made for logs</i>	<i>Fine.</i>

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Unit *B Aust Army Bty*

Date and Time.—From *16.7.43* To *18.7.43.*

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
<i>Bou</i>	<i>16.7.43.</i>		<i>Work concentrated on Gun Road, steep slope matted with logs, No. 2 Gun site progressing, holdfast pit dug at top of hill.</i>	<i>Rain. Poor visibility.</i>
<i>"</i>	<i>17.7.43.</i>		<i>No. 2 Gun arrived by barge <sup>LSM</sup> with large tractor on separate barge. Tractor had been damaged at hillside &amp; could not be driven off barge. Gun finally towed off barge using small D2 tractor &amp; 15 cwt truck and taken round of gun road — too late to begin raising tides dark. Looked for large tractor as D2 will not pull gun up hill. Tackle reeved &amp; placed in position. Two rig arrived with phone code. Holdfast in and all blocks &amp; tackle ready. Works progressing. Large convoy passed Bty 16 LCT loaded with troops &amp; escorted by 3 destroyers. Very heavy rain all day. Work too urgent to grant rest day.</i>	<i>Shower of exceptionally high tide.</i>
<i>"</i>	<i>18.7.43.</i>			

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Unit *B Aust Heavy Bty*

Date and Time.—From

*19.7.43*

To

*21.7.43*

9

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
<i>Baw</i>	<i>19.7.43.</i>		<i>Large tractor to arrive 20/7/43. Phones to 2 Gun &amp; 5 CASEL installed. same jobs progressing. FOB at Muanani sited. Range finding base will be approx 6 miles. Message from F.C. to get gun up the hill by hand. Tried but found impossible.</i>	<i>Five.</i>
	<i>20.7.43.</i>		<i>FC Lt Col Magee &amp; Capt. Warren (hip) inspected site. Crater sited. D8 tractor arrived 1200 hrs. Repositioned. Tractor could again not be driven off barge owing to mechanical trouble — finally rectified at 1745 hrs and tractor taken to foot of hill ready to commence hauling.</i>	<i>Five.</i>
	<i>21.7.43.</i>		<i>Hauling commenced at first light. Gun raised 60 ft by noon. At 1530 hook broke off tube hook and gun slid to bottom of slope. Previous walling of tracks by logs prevented damage. CRA inspected. Lt Ence marched in. 18 Par arrived. Lt Brown arrives with remainder of sigs. &amp; equipment.</i>	

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Unit *B Aust Army Bty*

Date and Time.—From *22. 7. 43* To *24. 7. 43*

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
<i>Bon</i>	<i>22. 7. 43.</i>		<i>Attempt made to send trailer up hill &amp; haul from there. Tractor got almost to top of 55° slope but slid to bottom. Hauling again from below. Gun half way up slope by nightfall. No 1 Gun arrived by barge 1400 hrs. with Capt G.S. Robertson (bc. G Bty) &amp; Capt Neal (RMA PT Messing). D.R.F. arrived. Mess hut completed, recreation store completed. Latrines completed. 1800r emplacement in hand and bridge work progressing.</i>	<i>None.</i>
	<i>23. 7. 43.</i>		<i>Tractor broke bearing &amp; Chant case of starting motor. Ammunition &amp; spades for 2 Gun manhandled to top of hill. No 1 Gun emplaced on beach temporarily. Manned &amp; ready for action 1800 hrs. 6000r site chosen. Same jobs progressing.</i>	
	<i>24. 7. 43.</i>		<i>Capt McKendrick arrived from L.A.D. to repair tractor. 6000r arrived. 2400r's marched in from Gelli.</i>	



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Unit *B Aust Heavy Bty* Date and Time.—From *24. 7. 43* To *26. 7. 43*

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
<i>Ben</i>	<i>24. 7. 43 (Cont).</i>		<i>Little section now 14 of 18's under Lt. Polson H. Shell raised to 2 Gun site. Section called 1 &amp; 2 sick evacuated. No anopheline mosquitoes yet sighted &amp; no malaria cases.</i>	
	<i>25. 7. 43.</i>		<i>Second 15ast truck &amp; majority of camp stores arrived by barge. Also 60p. gun. Building materials &amp; stores barged to F.O.P. accurate bearings taken &amp; orientations calculated from coörds. 2 1/2 Tank Attack detachment returned to Lelli. B.M.R.A (Capt McFarren) inspected site with Lt Col — &amp; Lt. R. Bopps school for 14 days commencing to-morrow.</i>	<i>Dull day rough sea &amp; heavy rain at night.</i>
	<i>26. 7. 43.</i>		<i>F.O.P. in action, plotting room setup temporarily in Mess Hut and long horizontal base R/F system ready to take ranges. The lapping p. 15' instrument height continued at Bopps. Other works progressing.</i>	<i>Fine.</i>

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Unit *B Aust Heavy Bty*

Date and Time.—From *27. 7. 43* To *29. 7. 43.*

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	<i>27. 7. 43.</i>		<i>45 Aust Wks Section comprising Lt LITTLE AF and 14 Gps marched in and took over supervision of constructional works. Communications plan approved by FC. Tractor repaired finally with spare parts made from old bath tub sink. Gun began to move again 1645 and almost to N°1 Gun site by dark. Banteen well established.</i>	<i>Fire.</i>
	<i>28. 7. 43.</i>		<i>Starting motor on tractor collapsed. Gun now at top of steep slope with 100 yards to go up in 4 steps. Coupled two 15 cwt trucks together at bottom of hill &amp; succeeded in hauling gun almost into position. CBA &amp; Brigadier Thompson inspected site.</i>	<i>Fire.</i>
	<i>29. 7. 43.</i>		<i>N°2 Gun in position and ready for action. Kooles. Temporarily camouflaged. N°1 Gun site excavation</i>	

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Unit B Aust Story Bty (Erase heading not required) Date and Time.—From 29.7.43 To 31.7.43

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Ben	29.7.43 (Continued)		almost completed. Commenced carrying cement gravel + sand to 400' DRF lateral position at BOP by hand.	
	30.7.43.		Barge arrived with D7 tractor & jeep. D7 tractor hauled D8 until latter started & went on barge. D7 taken to bottom of hill with No. 1 Gun and hauling commenced. Only delay caused by overhauling tackle in sloppy mud. Gun almost to top by night fall. B.R. walls nearly finished, pier about went progressing. Three bus of concrete material carries to BOP. 6 CASL ready to move to new site.	Raining.
	31.7.43.		No. 1 Gun on site 1000 hrs. Spades & ammo. raised during afternoon and spades almost in by night. Lt Polson & remainder of Gilli Section arrived.	

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Unit *B Aust Hvy Bty*

Date and Time.—From *31.7.43*

To *1-8-43*

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	<i>31.7.43 (Cont)</i>		<i>together with remainder of Bty's camp stores. FC inspected. 6CA5L moved to temp. site on beach below permanent site. RAA command ceased 0800 to day.</i>	<i>Fire.</i>
	<i>1.8.43.</i>		<i>Battery Office established. Survey of Bty completed. Final details at guns completed. Low Battery 155mm ready for action at CASET and TL at 1700 hrs.</i>	<i>Fire day + night</i>
			<i>Battery Appointments as at 1<sup>st</sup> August 1943.</i>	
			<i>NX 101915 Major G.H. Davies Battery Commander.</i>	
			<i>NX 101914 L.H. Polan, Section Comdr acting Bty Capt.</i>	
			<i>NX 103366 Lt R. Mee, Plotting Officer.</i>	
			<i>VX 18605 Lt H.L. Ward, Searchlight Officer.</i>	
			<i>(NX <del>10544</del> 108459 Capt. K.R. Crook detached for duty at "E" Aust Hvy Bty.)</i>	

*David G. [Signature]*



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A.I.F. \_\_\_\_\_

W.E. Reference A.M.F. \_\_\_\_\_

W.E. X

Attached \_\_\_\_\_

Allowed by W.E. X

## FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Date 3<sup>rd</sup> July 1943.

'B' Aust. Heavy Bty (AIF) Unit

### PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

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

\* Insert detail of higher rank as necessary.

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

#### Officers JOINED during week.

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

#### Officers QUITTED during week.

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

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

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

## PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Appointment.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lieut / Maj	NX 101915	Davis E. G.	O.C.	Yes.	
Lieut / Capt.	NX 108459	Crook K. R.	Regt. Capt.	No.	Temp. attached E. Aust. Hwy. Regt.
Lieut.	NX 101914	Polson H. R.	Regt.	Yes.	
Lieut.	NX 103365	Smee R. A.	Regt.	Yes.	

## (ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit or Corps.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of attachment.	Allowed by W.E. (Insert Yes or No.)

'B' Aust. Heavy Bty. (AIF)  
(Unit.)

3<sup>rd</sup> July

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(Date of Despatch.)

for (Signature of Commander.)

5. Asst. Division

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

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A.M.S. \_\_\_\_\_  
W.E. X \_\_\_\_\_  
Attached \_\_\_\_\_  
Allowed by W.E. X \_\_\_\_\_

## FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Date 10 July 1943  
Unit B. Jack Hwy. Pl. AIF

### PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

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

\* Insert detail of higher rank as necessary.

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

#### Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Unit or Corps.	Date.	Cause.
		<u>NIL</u>		

#### Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Unit or Corps.	Date.	Cause.
		<u>NIL</u>		

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

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit or Corps.	Remarks (e.g. present whereabouts, if known)
		<u>NIL</u>	

### PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Appointment.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
<u>Lieut</u>					
<u>T. 1</u>	<u>NX101915</u>	<u>Davies G.G.</u>	<u>OC</u>	<u>Yes</u>	
<u>Lieut</u>					
<u>T. Capt.</u>	<u>NX101915</u>	<u>Brook L.R.</u>	<u>Plty Capt.</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Attached to E. of act ofc.</u>
<u>Lieut</u>	<u>NX101915</u>	<u>Polson H.R.</u>	<u>Sed. band.</u>	<u>Yes</u>	
<u>Lieut</u>	<u>NX101915</u>	<u>Jones R.H.</u>	<u>Plt. file</u>	<u>Yes</u>	

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

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit or Corps.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of attachment.	Allowed by W.E. (Insert Yes or No.)

B. Jones Hg Bt.  
(Unit)  
10-7-43  
(Date of Despatch.)  
Polson H.  
(Signature of Commander.)  
S. Jones  
(Bde., Div., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

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\* Smallest detail of higher-ranks as necessary.

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

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

### OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

[illegible]

### OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK

[illegible]

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO \_\_\_\_\_ (Unit) IS  
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## PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 12/1/1942 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Relative Rank and Highest Temporary Rank if None	Army Number	Surname	Initials	Posting	Warrior Journal with Date (insert File or File)	If not present with that, state how employed.	Date of separation.
1st Lt Regt	11111111	Davis	CG	CC	7/13		
1st Lt Capt	11111111	Cook	1CR	1st Capt	1/10	Temp. Station to E. and then Regt	
1st Lt	11111111	Polan	4R	Regt	7/13		
1st Lt	11111111	James	RA	Regt	7/13		

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

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Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander



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Approved by W E Y

Date 24 - 7 - 43

B' Inst. Hqs Ck AIF. Unit

Attached  
Approved by W E Y

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

\* Insert detail of higher rank as necessary.

Officers JOINED during week.

[illegible]

Officers QUITTED during week.

[illegible]

## Remarks (e.g. present whereabouts, if known).

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if paid	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Appointment.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lieut. F. Hays	NX101915	Rowles G. G.	OC	Yes.	
Lieut. Capt.	NX101915	Brooks, L. R.	Adj. Supt.	No.	Attached to E. 1st Inf. etc.
Lieut.	NX101914	Polson H. R.	Sed. band.	Yes.	
Lieut.	NX102362	James R. H.	Adj. Supt.	Yes.	

## (ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

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"B. Incl. Hy Bty.  
Unit

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Holson Lt  
Signature of Commander

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

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W.E. Reference A.I.F.  
W.E. X  
Attached X  
Allowed by W.E. X

# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Date 21/3/63

Unit

## PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks and W.E.	Postal strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
*			
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Lieut.-Colonels			
Major			
Captains			
Lieutenants			
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
Totals	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	

\* Insert detail of higher rank as necessary.

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

### Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name	Unit or Corps.	Date.	Cause.
		<u>NIL</u>		

### Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name	Unit or Corps.	Date.	Cause.
		<u>NIL</u>		

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

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit or Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).
	<u>NIL</u>		

## PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Appointment.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
<u>1st Lt. M. J. M. J.</u>	<u>XXXXXX</u>	<u>James G. G.</u>	<u>OC</u>	<u>Yes</u>	
<u>2nd Lt. M. J. M. J.</u>	<u>XXXXXX</u>	<u>Robert K. R.</u>	<u>Pl. Capt.</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Head of unit etc.</u>
<u>1st Lt. M. J. M. J.</u>	<u>XXXXXX</u>	<u>Robert H. R.</u>	<u>Sgt. band</u>	<u>Yes</u>	
<u>1st Lt. M. J. M. J.</u>	<u>XXXXXX</u>	<u>James K. K.</u>	<u>Pl. Officer</u>	<u>Yes</u>	

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

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit or Corps.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of attachment.	Allowed by W.E. (Insert Yes or No.)
<u>1st Lt. M. J. M. J.</u>	<u>XXXXXX</u>	<u>Robert G. G.</u>	<u>Artillery</u>	<u>21/3/63</u>	<u>Pl. Lt. Col.</u>	<u>No</u>
<u>1st Lt. M. J. M. J.</u>	<u>XXXXXX</u>	<u>Robert H. R.</u>	<u>Artillery</u>	<u>21/3/63</u>	<u>Pl. Lt. Col.</u>	<u>No</u>

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PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 3/7/1943.

Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return To \_\_\_\_\_ (Unit) is Particularly Requested. \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/19\_\_\_\_[illegible]

7-43  
Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander



At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 10/7/1943 B (Dist) Key Key (Und)

W.E. ✓ 12/1 OFFRS. 4 O.R's. 94 + OFFRS. - O.R's. 12 ATT. BY W.E.

L. Holson  
Signature of Commander



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At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 17/7/1943. (B. (Am.) King) (Undr) (Sty A.S.)  
W.E. ✓ 1/12/1 OFFRS. 4 O.R's 94 + OFFRS. — O.R's 2 ATT. BY W.E.

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 17 / 1 / 1943.

[illegible][illegible]

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

17-7-43.  
Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander \_\_\_\_\_

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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 24 / 7 / 1943

W.E. 4 / 12 / 1 OFFRS. 4 O.R's 4 + OFFRS. - O.R's 2 ATT. BY W.E.

[illegible]

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

[illegible]Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return To 02 (Unit) is Particularly Requested,   /  /194

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known)
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NOTE--(a) If rank other than private is involved give details on back.  
(b) Authorized trades or specialties not included in list will be added as required in spaces provided.  
(c) Where A.W.D. and/or A.A.M.W.S. personnel are detailed show details on back.  
(d) Where equipment not desired state accordingly on return by insertion of N.R. in col. "Notes 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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PART D. Detail of Surplus or Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W. 3009.

Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinforce Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinforce Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinforce Required (a)
Ammunition Examiners			Fire Control Operators			Panel Beaters		
Armament Artificers			Filters			Pattern Makers		
Armourers			Filters and Turners			Pharmaceuticals		
Artificers, Artillery			Filters, Cycle			Photographers, dry plate		
Assmen			Filters, Drivers			Photographers, wet plate		
Bakers			Filter's Mates			Photo-Writers		
Battery Surveyors			Filters, M.V.			Plate Layers		
Battery Comdr. Asst.			Filters, Railway Signal			Plumbers		
Blacksmiths			Filters, Signal			Predictor Numbers		
Bellarmakers			Grinders			Printers		
Bricklayers			Gun Layers	4	4	Radiator Mechanics		
Butchers			G.P.O. Assistants			Radiographers		
Camouflage Modeler			Gun Operators			Range Takers	3	3
Carpenter and Joiner			Hammermen			Riggers		
Clerks	3	3	Height Takers			Riveters		
Clerks, Engineering			Heli Operators			Saddlers		
Clerks, Supply			Instrument Mechanics			Saddle Tree Makers		
Clerks, Technical			Instrument Mechanics, Surgical			Saw Doctors		
Coachmakers			Instrument Operators	10	10	Sawyers		
Computers			Intelligence Duties			Shoemakers		
Concretors			Joiners			Signalers		
Cooks	3	3	Leather Stitchers			Signwriters		
Cooks, Hospital			Linemen			Stokers, Stationary Engine		
Coppersmiths			Linemen, Signals			Storemen, Technical	1	1
Dental Clerk Orderlies			Lithographers			Surveyors		
Despatch Riders			Machinists			Surveyors, Engineering		
Dispensers			Masons			Tailors		
Draughtsmen			Massours			Telescope Identification Numbers		
Draughtsmen, Architectural			Mechanics, Dental			Textile Beaters		
Draughtsmen, Mechanical			Mechanics, M.T.			Tinmiths		
Draughtsmen, Signal			Mechanics, Typewriter			Toolmakers		
Draughtsmen, Topographical			Mechanics, Wireless			Turners		
Driver Mechanics			Millwrights			Vulcanizers		
Driver Operators			Miners			Wagon Erectors		
Drivers, Transportation Plant			Moulders			Watchmakers		
Electrical Fitters			Nursing Orderlies			Watermen		
Electricians			Nursing Orderlies (Mental)			Welders		
Electricians, Eng. Units			Nurses, Trained			Well Borers		
Electricians, Signal			Observation Post Assistants			Wheelers		
Engine Artificers			Operating Room Assistants			Whitemiths		
Engine Hands I/C			Operators, Signal			Wiremen		
Equipment Repairers			Opticians			Woodturners		
Farriers			Painters					
						WO II	1	1
						SGTS.	4	3
						SIGTS.	1	1
						PIKS.	13	12
						GWA.	51	41
						AEME.	2	1
						SIGS.	10	-
						AMP.	1	-
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)	6	6		20	20		108	83-24

Notes:-(a) If rank other than Private is involved give details on back.

(b) Authorized Trades or Specialists not included in list above will be added as required in spaces provided.

"B' (Ant) Hwy Bty A.F. Unit.

Helson  
Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch 1-8-43.

Sds, Dwn, Area, etc., with which unit is serving.



# WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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ORIGINAL

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Army Form C.2118  
(adapted)

30 NOV 1943

Unit "B" Aust. Hvy Bn. AIF

Date and Time.—From 2. 7. 43. To 1. 8. 43.

Sheet 1

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
<u>Gile Gile</u>	<u>2. 7. 43.</u>	<u>0700</u>	<p>Following verbal advice by Brig Moriarty, CPA 5th Aust Div. that Battery was to move from present location to Ben (By 6. Cape 1 1/2 mile 764 429) party comprising 1st Lt Major Major Hawies, Capt Jones, 1st Lt Ma, 1st Troop left by launch for reconnaissance of new location. Arrived off Ben at 1100 hrs - difficulty in landing through surf in small boat. Decided on locations for BOP, CO BOP, Lums, BPR and N°5 CASL. - examined possible routes for bringing guns into position on hill sketched (Height 150' large gradient 1 in 3, thickly timbered) Preliminary reconnaissance of camp site. Returned to Gile via Kava Kava arriving at 2300 hrs. Movement Order had arrived at 2100 confirming movement but changing some of the verbally made arrangements.</p>	<del>(scribble)</del>

## WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Army Form C.2118

(adapted.)

S E C R E T.

Unit "B" Hy Bty

Date and Time.—From 0900 17.8.42 To 0900 31.8.42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Townsville	17.8.42	0900	"B" Bty posted to War Est. Personnel embodied in Bty under Maj Burford as O.C.	
	18.8.42	0900	Construction work at Signal Hill commenced.	
	19.8.42	0900	" "	
	20.8.42	0900	" "	
	21.8.42	0900	" "	
	22.8.42	0900	" "	
	23.8.42	0900	" "	
	24.8.42	0900	Capt Seott replaced Maj Burford as O.C. "B" Hy Bty	
	25.8.42	0900	Lectures to Range Section Commenced	
	26.8.42	0900	Gun section moved over to Magnetic Island for road Construction	
	27.8.42	0900	Lectures to Range Section, Construction on Magnetic Island also Transport taken over to the Island.	
	28.8.42	0900	Lectures and Construction work continued.	
	29.8.42	0900	" " "	
	30.8.42	0900	Training commenced on Instruments. Construction work continued.	
	31.8.42	0900	Training I O continued. Grading road and excavation of Gun sites commenced.	

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CO C "B" Bty Hy Arty  
T F D D.

No. 1.

ROUTINE ORDERS

Kissing Point  
18/8/42

By  
Capt V LUDWELL  
For O C "B" BATTERY

Duties for  
19/8/42

Orderly Officer  
Next for Duty  
Orderly Sergeant  
Next for Duty

WO 11 A E WARR  
Lieut L O JEFFREY  
Bdr BOAST J  
Bdr C BROWN

PARADES.

Leave Parade

0600 Reveille  
0630 P T & Fatigues  
0800 Breakfast  
0815 Sick Parade  
0900 General Parade  
1015 Stand Down  
1100 Camp Inspection  
1200 Stand Down

1250 Lunch  
1400 General Parade  
1515 Stand Down  
1530 Stand To  
1630 Stand Down  
1730 Dinner  
2215 Lights Out

DRESS. 1. Shorts, Shirts Stockings Boots & Gaiters or Putties.

GENERAL. 2. All Tent Flaps to be rolled & gear in an orderly manner before 0900 hrs parade.  
All rubbish surrounding tents to be collected and placed in boxes provided.  
Washing is not to be hung on tent ropes but must be hung on on line erected West of Camp.  
N C O's of each tent are personally responsible for the cleanliness of & discipline in their tents.  
Urine tubs provided at night must be used by camp personnel.  
Any person infringing this regulation will be severely dealt with.  
Personnel proceeding on leave will parade properly dressed at specified leave parades for inspection of dress and issue of passes. Personnel on leave will behave in an soldierly manner.  
All Mail will be handed in to the Orderly Room before 2100 hrs daily.

*V. Ludwell*  
.....Capt  
O C "B" Bty.





RANK	NUMBER	NAME + INITIALS	UNIT	DATE	ATTACHMENT
LIEUT.	WP4578	MONCRIEFF. E.	R.A.A.	17.8.42	TRAINING CADRE
"	Q176258.	MCCURLEY. W.B.	"	17.8.42	
"	N99818	PEARSON. L.	"	23.8.42	
"	N77469	JAFFREY. L.	"	"	

