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GRAVES MAINTENANCE  
DETAILS

# WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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25 FEB. 1944

N.T. Force  
Unit Graves Maintenance Details Date and Time.—From 1 Feb 1944 To 25 Jan. 1944

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
ADELAIDE RIVER	1 Jan. 44		Completed Unit Stock-taking, and submitted AAF F22 for all stock on hand, thus Unit takes AAF P7 (Ledger) into use, and commences new Register of Vouchers as from this date. Unit engaged in routine work in ADELAIDE RIVER WAR CEMETERY.	
	2 Jan. 44		Rest Day	
	3 Jan 44		Unit engaged in routine work in ADELAIDE RIVER WAR CEMETERY	
	to			
	15 Jan. 44			
	16 Jan. 44		Rest Day	
	17 Jan. 44		N.C.O. i/c, with three O.R's of 11 Aust Graves Regn., left for duty at ALICE SPRINGS, MT. ISA, and all graves and cemeteries en route. Vehicle borrowed from 11 Aust. Graves Regn., as own vehicle unavailable for the trip owing to the difficulty of obtaining a spare wheel to replace one which is damaged beyond repair.	
	18 Jan 44 to		Unit engaged in routine work in ADELAIDE RIVER WAR CEMETERY	
	24 Jan. 44			
	25 Jan. 44		Unoccupied sections of ADELAIDE RIVER WAR CEMETERY were levelled with a grader, and a set of harrows was borrowed from a neighbouring unit, and used in conjunction with the grader.	

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Unit N.T.F. Graves Maintenance Details Date and Time.—From 26 Jan. 1944 To 31 Jan. 1944

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
ADELAIDE RIVER	26 Jan. 44 to 31 Jan. 44		Unit engaged in general routine work in ADELAIDE RIVER WAR CEMETERY.  Several very heavy falls of rain have been experienced during the last week, causing sinking of some graves, and tending to slow up work generally.  It is felt that pitch-forks would be most useful in handling long grass, which forms the great part of the work in these areas.	<i>D. Williams. Gf.</i>
			All work etc. was carried out in conjunction with personnel of H. Aust. Graves Regn Unit. — both units worked as one.	
			Cpl. Howard Capt Staff Officer Graves Registration	

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Unit N.T. Graves Maintenance Detail Date and Time.—From 1 Feb. 1944 To 15 Feb 44

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
ADELAIDE RIVER	1 Feb 44 to 5 Feb 44		Heavy rains during this week caused sinking of several graves, which were refilled by personnel remaining at ADELAIDE RIVER.	
	6 Feb 44		Rest day	
	7 Feb 44 to 8 Feb 44		Routine work in ADELAIDE RIVER WAR CEMETERY	
	9 Feb. 44		N.C.O. i/c, with 3 O.R's of 11 Aust Graves Regn., returned from trip to ALICE SPRINGS and MT. ISA.	
	10 & 11 Feb. 44		<del>XXXX. XXXX</del> Unit engaged in routine work in ADELAIDE RIVER WAR CEMETERY, including planting of lawn around Monument.	
	12 Feb. 44		Capt. West handed over duties as S.O.G.R. in this area to Capt. W.F.O'Meara, D.C.M. Handover included physical check of Graves Maintenance Details stores, and comparison with ledger balances. Condition of this Unit's stores and ledger proved satisfactory.	
	13 Feb. 44		Rest day	
	14 Feb. 44		Routine work, and succeeded in obtaining spare wheel for Unit's vehicle, from Salvage.	
	15 Feb. 44		Rain caused more sinking of graves in ADELAIDE RIVER WAR CEMETERY. N.C.O. i/c to inspect DARWIN PUBLIC CEMETERY and BERRIMAH WAR CEMETERY, in company with S.O.G.R.	
				<i>B. Wilkinson Sgt</i>

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Unit N.T.F. Graves Maintenance Detail Date and Time.—From 16 Feb 44 To 29 Feb 44

Whitman S. L.  
W. S. L.  
S. R.

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Unit Graves Maintenance DetailsDate and Time—From 1 Mar. 1944 To 17 Mar. 44

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
ADELAIDE RIVER	1&2 Mar 44		Routine work in ADELAIDE RIVER. Work much interrupted by rain. On 2 Mar 17 graves sunk.	
	3 Mar. 44		Strength in camp, 8 O.R.'s., 1 Van 15 cwt. Continuous heavy rain. ADELAIDE RIVER rising. At 1430 hrs. ordered preparations for evacuation of camp in event of being flooded out. At 1600 hrs. N.C.O. i/c 11 Aust Graves Regn. to hospital, & admitted. At 1645 Hrs commenced evacuation of camp. Shortage of staff and transport hindered operations, but greater part of stores and records were safe by the time the water was too deep for further materiel to be removed to the hut arranged for at Camp H.Q. Photos of flood damage for S.O.G.R., who inspected Cemetery and Camp. It was noted that high water mark in huts was about 7 feet from floor levels.	
	4 Mar. 44		Still raining. River falling. Some efforts made to clean camp. No flood waters reached Cemetery, but owing to the constant heavy rain some damage had occurred, notably the sinking to considerable depth, of about 70 graves.	
	5 Mar. 44		Water rose into huts again, but about 3 feet below previous highest.	
	6 Mar 44		Repairing damage to Cemetery, and removing and burning debris in camp. Moved in to camp on 17 Mar. 44	
	7 to 17 Mar. 44			

A.W. Witherson Sgt. NCO/c



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Unit N.T. L. of C. Graves Maintenance Details Date and Time.—From 18 Mar. 44 To 31 Mar. 44

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Unit Graves Maintenance Details Date and Time.—From 1 March 44 To                     

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
ADELAIDE RIVER	1/4/44 to 13/4/44		N.C.O. i/c only member of unit in camp at ADELAIDE RIVER during this period.	
			Routine work in office, camp, and cemetery carried on with the assistance of 11 Aust G.R.	
	14/4/44		One Pte. returned to camp from A.R.L.	
	15/4/44 to 19/4/44		Routine work at ADELAIDE RIVER	
	20/4/44		S.O.G.R. and party returned from duty tour to ALICE SPRINGS AND MT. ISA.	
			G.M.D. strength in camp now 1 Sgt. 1 Cpl. and 1 Pte.	
	21/4/44		G.M.D. Cpl. evacuated to 107 AGH with Dysentery.	
	22/4/44 to 23/4/44		Routine work at ADELAIDE RIVER.	
	24/4/44		Inspector of Graves Maintenance to KATHERINE to supervise exhumation and re-burial of body wrongly buried in pathway.	
	25/4/44 to 30/4/44		Routine work at ADELAIDE RIVER.	
			<i>W. A. H. S. Sgt.</i>	
			<i>N.C.O. i/c</i>	

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Date and Time.—From 1 May 44 To 31 May 44

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Unit Graves Maintenance Details Date and Time.—From 1 June 44 To 30 June 44

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
ADELAIDE RIVER	1st. to 4th. June 44		Routine work at ADELAIDE RIVER WAR CEMETERY	
	5 June 44		Native labour digging graves for bodies to be exhumed at GOVE	
	6th. & 7th. June 44		Routine	
	8 June 44		Three(3) bodies exhumed at GOVE arrived by air, and were re-buried in ADELAIDE RIVER WAR CEMETERY	
	9th. to 13th. June 44		Routine	
	14th. to 19th. June 44		Exhumations and re-burials within ADELAIDE RIVER WAR CEMETERY	
	20th. to 25th. June 44		Routine	
	26/27/28 June 44		Thirty-five(35) bodies exhumed from Civil Cemetery, DARWIN, transported by road, and re-buried in ADELAIDE RIVER WAR CEMETERY.	
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	28 June 44		G.M.D. corporal sent to BATCHELOR for Air transport to ADELAIDE, for REC Leave. office	
	"		Unit <del>XXXXXX</del> inspected by Fd. Security, and conditions satisfactory.	
	29/30 June 44		Routine work at ADELAIDE RIVER WAR CEMETERY	
			<i>W. B. McKinnon Sgh</i> <i>NCO i/c</i>	



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Unit: AUST. WAR GRAVES MAINTENANCE

Date and Time.—From 1 July 44 To 31 July 44

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Unit AUST. WAR GRAVES MAINTENANCE Date and Time.—From 1 Aug. 44 To 31 Aug. 44[illegible]

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Unit AUST. WAR GRAVES MAINTENANCE Date and Time.—From 1 Sep. 44 To 30 Sep. 44

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Unit AUST. WAR GRAVES MAINTENANCE Date and Time.—From 1 Oct. 44 To 31 Oct. 44

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
ADELAIDE RIVER	12/10/44		Inspector of Maintenance and one Maintenance Private, together with Cpl. Signwriter and Cpl. Photographer of 11 AUST. WAR GRAVES UNIT moved to DARWIN, and worked in DARWIN PUBLIC CEMETERY and BERRIMAH WAR CEMETERY, returning to ADELAIDE RIVER 17/10/44.	
	23/10/44		Maintenance Cpl., one Maintenance Pte., and three members of 11 AUST. WAR GRAVES UNIT departed on duty tour to ALICE SPRINGS and MT. ISA, and places en route.	
			During the remainder of the month the Unit has been engaged in routine work only, and nothing of importance or of an unusual nature has occurred.	
			W. Wilkinson Sgt. NCO 1/r	

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Unit: AUST. WAR GRAVES MAINTENANCE.

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