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WAR DIARY.

Unit. H.Q. R.A.E. 1 Aust Armd Div Date and Time. - From 1 Mar 42 To 31 Mar 42

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| MELBOURNE | 2 Mar 42 | | Prepared amendments to Fd Pk Sqn W Es in conjunction with S D (W E) at A H Q for submission to W E Committee. <i>OK</i> | Hot with hot north winds. | |
| | | | Submitted R A E 1 Aust Armd Div Weekly Int Report No. 2 to Div H Q <i>OK</i> | | Copy att. |
| | 3 Mar | | Finalised outstanding queries on operation of X list with D.R.O.S. Comd. <i>OK</i> | | |
| | 4 Mar | | Warning order received by phone of movement of 4 Fd Sqn and 1 Fd Pk Sqn from BONEGILLA to BENALLA - to be clear of camp by 1200 hrs 7 Mar 42. <i>OK</i> | | |

Logan Capt

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| MELBOURNE | 5 Mar 42 | | <p>Lt Col McComb and Capt LOGAN proceeded to BENALLA to meet Maj ROGERSON and Capt MORSE to recce proposed camp site at SHOWGROUNDS -</p> <p>Insufficient facilities - Storage and sleeping accommodation existed for the two sqns.</p> <p>Decided S Comd be asked for materials to build kitchen, extra latrine etc accommodation and request for 40 tents for sleeping and one marquee for storage of war equipment to be made.</p> | | <p>OK-</p> |

O. H. Logan Cap^t

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| MELBOURNE | 6 Mar 42 | | <p>Arrangements were made with Capt MORSE for Workshop Tp under Lieut MILLER to report to ROBEY on Mon 9 Mar to build two PLA Huts and carry out other camp improvements for H Q 1 Aust Armd Div.</p> <p>A H Q advised by phone that Fd Pk Sqn W Es were approved. Arrangements were made with M G O Branch for supply of equipment for machinery lorries R S & T Loading and alteration of M T Table in W E Tables to authorise supply.</p> | | |

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| MELBOURNE | 6 Mar 42 | | Received confirmation of promotion of following R A E officers to Capt to date from 1 Nov 41 | | A H Q 21739 of 28 Feb 42. |
| | | | Lieut J G FOREMAN | | |
| | | | Lieut R C SHARP | | |
| | | | Lieut J D PICKEN | Fine | |
| | | | Lieut E LOGAN | | |
| | | | Lieut A E ROSS | | |
| | | | Lieut W A HAY | | |
| | | | Lieut C C ROSENTHAL | | |
| | | | Lieut R A HORSFALL | | |
| | | | Also List for Regt Seniority approved as submitted. | | |
| | 7 Mar 42 | | Office gear and personal luggage of H Q R A E personnel were moved to ROKEBY | Hot and fine. | |

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| MELBOURNE | 8 Mar 42 | | Lt Col MCCOMB and Capt LOGAN proceeded to ROKEBY. Discussed handing over of jobs at ROKEBY from Lient LEA to Lient MILLER with Capt MORSE. <i>OK</i> | Fine and warm | |
| ROKEBY | 9 Mar 42 | | Lient MILLER arrived with Workshop Tp to take over jobs on accommodation at ROKEBY. <i>OK</i> | Fine. | |
| | 10 Mar 42 | 1745 | Lt Col MCCOMB proceeded to SYDNEY to visit 3 Fd Sqn and to select prospective officers from S.M.E. CASULA. <i>OK</i> | Fine and | |
| | | 2000 | Capt LOGAN attended G.O.Cs conference as representative of C.R.E. Extension of existing latrine and washing facilities at ROKEBY to be carried out by R.A.E. 1 Aust Armd Div was mentioned. <i>OK</i> | hot | |

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Unit. H Q R A E L Asst Armd Date and Time. - From 1 Mar 42 To 31 Mar 42
Div

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|--------|--------|------|--|---------------------------------|---|
| ROKEBY | 13 Mar | | Lt Col McCOMB phoned for photos, papers etc to enable him to give lecture to 3 Fd Sqn Mon 16 Mar. | Cold in morning. Fine and warm. | |
| | 14 Mar | | Arrangements finalised with Mr PATTERSON - INGERSOLL-RAND MELBOURNE for conducting course for tng of engine hands I.C. and Fitters commencing Mon 16 for period of one week. Appointment of A/Sgt J A STUART 3 Fd Sqn to A/Lieut as from 9 Mar 42 was confirmed. | Fine and warm | AEQ 25551 of 11 Mar. |

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| ROKEBY | 20 Mar 42 | | Capt LOGAN proceeded on duty to MELBOURNE <i>OK</i> | Fine & hot. | |
| | 21 Mar 42 | | Capt LOGAN on leave in MELBOURNE. <i>OK</i> | Fine & hot. | |
| | 22 Mar 42 | | " " " " " " <i>OK</i> | " " | |
| | 23 Mar 42 | | Capt LOGAN returned from leave. H Q R A E War Establishments providing for a separate H Q were approved by W E Committee. <i>OK</i> | Fine & hot. | |
| | 24 Mar 42 | | Capt MORSE visited Wkshop Tp 1 Fd Pk Sqn and H Q R A E at ROKEBY. <i>OK</i> | | |
| | | | Capt FOREMAN reported to H Q R A E prior to proceeding to E Comd to take Comd 3 Fd Sqn from Maj CARTER who will be seconded to A H Q from 1 Apr 42. <i>OK</i> | Fine and hot. | |
| | | | Lt Col McCOMB left for MELBOURNE on duty. <i>OK</i> | | |
| | 25 Mar 42 | | Lt Col McCOMB returned from MELBOURNE. <i>OK</i> | Dull and steady rain. | |

OK Logan Capt

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| ROKEBY | 25 Mar 42 | | Lt Col McCOMB returned from MELBOURNE | <i>CH</i> Dull and steady rain. | |
| | 26 Mar 42 | | | | |
| | 27 Mar 42 | | Maj ROGERSON visited C R E at ROKEBY and discussed proposals for training and also position in regard to officers. Proposed that Capt LOGAN become 2 i/c of 4 Fd Sqn and Lieut BESSELL-BROWNE be promoted to Capt. | Cold but fine | |
| | 28 Mar 42 | | Lt Col McCOMB left for SINGLETON via SYDNEY on duty. | Fine and | |
| | 29 Mar 42 | | A gymkhana was held in the afternoon at ROKEBY CAMP, H Q Sqn and Armd Div Sigs being the main participants. A special train for visitors was arranged from MELBOURNE. | Warm | |

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| ROKEBY | 29 Mar 42 | | Capt LOGAN proceeded to MELBOURNE on duty to discuss production of war equipment tables for H Q R A E with Lieut KELLAWAY M G O Branch A H Q | Hot and fine. | |
| | 30 Mar 42 | | Maj Carter visited ROKERY en route to appointment as A D Mech (Engrs) A H Q. G O C requested his presence overnight. | Cold and fine. | |
| | 31 Mar 42 | | Capt LOGAN returned from duty in MELBOURNE. Arrangements for Gas Course at BENALLA from 8 - 15 Apr were finalised with Capt POLGLAZE. Chem Warfare S Comd. Instr from Sigs for Dvr-Ops and Officers left for BENALLA to commence 10 days course on 1 Apr 42. Arrangements for Easter leave for Sigs were finalised with H Q 1 Aust Armd Div. | Cold and cloudy. | |

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| | | | Strength R. A. E. 1. Aust. Armd Div as at 31 Mar 42 | | |
| | | | Offr O/R | | |
| | | | H. Q. R. A. E. 3 5 | | |
| | | | 3 Fd Sqn 9 319 | | |
| | | | 4 Fd Sqn 7 307 | | |
| | | | 1 Fd Pk Sqn 3 151 | | |
| | | | Comd R. A. E. Lt Col J. A. McComb | | |

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R A E 1 AUST ARMD DIV INTELLIGENCE REPORT NO 2

On information received up to 1200 hrs 28 Feb 42

A OPERATION INTELLIGENCE

Training

1. 3 Fd Sqn :- Operational duties on E Comd Coast Defences and A/Tk Obstacles under comd 1 Div.
Det on recapitulation adv individual tng.
2. 4 Fd Sqn :- One tp under comd 2 Armd Bde on tp tng.
Two tps, less det reconstructing Div H Q, returned BONEGILLA. Revision adv individual tng.
3. 1 Fd Pk Sqn Adv individual tng and independant tp tng.

(A 1)

Topographical

4. MURRAY RIVER

River forms natural A/Tk obstacle between crossing, map ref ALBURY - 1ml to 1" - 893456 and crossing, map ref WANGARATTA 4 ml to 1" - G11575. River deep, fast moving, minimum width 100 ft, steep banks.

(B 3)

5. ACCESS TRACKS ROKEBY CAMP AREA (Ref TALLAROCK - 1ml - 1")

Recce shows unformed rd, start pt map ref 155237, class B2 to map ref 159220 and B3 to map ref 170196.
Recently formed rd G2, start pt, map ref - 166237 terminates map ref 215208. Provides access to top of escarpment, also resevoir map ref 21707.

(A 1)

6. PUBLIC MORALE & RELATIONS

Relations good between tps and local inhabitants.

(C 2)

B 7. INTERNAL SECURITY

Further indications that Unit Security is improving.

(A 1)

c 8. ECONOMIC INTELLIGENCE

Recent rains removed immediate bush fire danger and consequent damage to crops in area, map ref TALLANGATTA - Squares 3A,4A.

(B 2)

Sgd L H White Lieut
for C R E 1 Aust Armd Div

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R A E 1 Aust Armd Div

R A E 1 AUST ARMED DIV INTELLIGENCE REPORT NO 3

On information received up to 1200 hrs on 14 Mar 42

A OPERATIONAL INTELLIGENCE

Training

1. 3 Fd Sqn :- Operational duties on Coast defences and A/Tx Obstacles under comd 1 Div.
Limited number of specialist pers to attend course on Diesel Engines. (A 1)
2. 4 Fd Sqn :- One tp completed tng under comd 2 Armd Bde on 4 Mar 42 and returned to BONEGILLA.
Sqn, less det on improvement of accommodation DIV H Q, on revision S A T and range practice.
Sqn moved to BENALLA SHOWGROUND CAMP 7 Mar 42.
Camp improvements, construction of slit trenches and A A L H G posts carried out.
Individual tng in M R F S, plotting of mine fields, bayonet fighting and demolitions carried out. (A 1)
3. 1 Fd Pk Sqn Sqn on bivouac on adv individual tng.
Sqn moved to BENALLA SHOWGROUND CAMP 7 Mar 42.
Workshop Tp - proceeded to DIV H Q to carry out construction of two huts and effect other camp improvements 9 Mar 42.
Remainder of Sqn on camp improvements incl roads and paths, construction of stores Dump and sinking of 20' well to supply water for tps consumption, well making approx 250 gals/hr. (A 1)

Topographical

4. BRIDGES OVER MURRAY RIVER AND WODONGA CR
(Ref ALBURY 1 in to 1 ml)

Recco on 3 Mar 42 was carried out on following :-

- (a) Rd br across MURRAY RIVER 893456, Appx A att shows details. (A 1)
- (b) Rd br across WODONGA CR 884435. Appx B att shows details. (A 1)
5. BRIDGING SITES (Ref ALBURY 1 in to 1 ml)

Recco 4 Mar 42 disclosed suitable sites for floating br at 736495 and 613573.
Approx gsp each 130 ft (A 1)

6. RYANG CR DAM

Above dam for water supply to BENALLA will not be completed under 18 months due to shortage of labour. (A 2)

R A E 1 Aust Arm Div INTELLIGENCE REPORT NO 3 (Cont)

7. PUBLIC MORALE AND RELATIONS

At BENALLA relations very good. Local citizens welcome re-occupation of Camp by A I F Tps. (B 3)
Energetic committees operating on patriotic functions (B 3)
Local V D C very keen but hampered by lack of eqipt and little help from official sources. R A E 1 Aust Arm Div cooperating by giving lectures and demonstrations in map rdg and demolition (A 2)

B INTERNAL SECURITY

8. C R E instructed Sqn Comds at conference 27/28 Feb 42 on necessity for all ranks to receive repeated instr on security. (A 1)

9. Local Telephone Exchanges destroy all security measures taken regarding location of unit by announcing it to person being called. It is suggested that P M C staff should be instructed to state "Trunk line call" in lieu of place names. (A 1)

C ECONOMIC INTELLIGENCE

BENALLA water supply is poor, and at present not fit for consumption by town inhabitants. BROKEN RIVER upon which town is dependant for supply is now series of water holes.
April-May rains are expected to relieve position and give sufficient good water for some months. (A 2)

E. Logan Capt
(V. Logan)

For C R E 1 Aust Arm Div

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE1 RD PARK SQD R.A.R. 1 MIST AMP DIVBRIDGE RECONNAISSANCE REPORT

Location Rd Br WOODHOGA - ALBURY Date 3 Mar 42
 Ref ALBURY (1 in to 1 mi) 893456

PARTICULARS OF GAP

| | |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Width of Gap | 180 ft |
| Wet or Dry | Wet |
| Depth of Water | 4' 0" average |
| Height of Bank | 8' 0" |
| Nature of Bed | Gravel |
| Location of Alternative Bridge sites | Either side of existing bridge |

PARTICULARS OF EXISTING BRIDGE

| | |
|--|---|
| Type of Bridge | Timber Bridge, metal roadway |
| No of Spans | Two spans over MURRAY RIVER also approaches |
| Width and Type of Road | 35'0" tar. metal |
| Type of Abutments | Timber |
| Are Demolition Chambers provided? If so give particulars | NO |

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|--------------|-----------|---|
| Condition of | Abutments | A |
|--------------|-----------|---|

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|---|-------|---|
| " | Piers | A |
|---|-------|---|

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| | Road | A |
|--|------|---|

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| | Recesses | A |
|--|----------|---|

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| | Bedding | A |
|--|---------|---|

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|---------------------|-----------|----------|
| Load Classification | Estimated | Class 12 |
|---------------------|-----------|----------|

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| | Checked | |
|--|---------|--|

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| General Conditions of Bridge | " | A |
|------------------------------|---|---|

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(sgd) A Phelps Sgt

* A 1st Class Condition

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE1 FIELD PARK BOM. R.A.R. 1 AUSTRALIAN DIVBRIDGE RECONNAISSANCE REPORT

Location Rd BR WODCHGA - ALBURY over WODCHGA CK Date 3 Mar 42
Ref ALBURY (1 in to 1 ml) 88th35

PARTICULARS OF GAP

| | |
|--------------------------------------|---|
| Width of Gap | 240' |
| Wt of Dry | Not |
| Depth of Water | 10 ft |
| Height of Bank | 20 ft |
| Nature of Bed | Heavy loam |
| Location of Alternative Bridge sites | Suitable for and on either side of present bridge |

PARTICULARS OF EXISTING BRIDGE

| | |
|--|-------------------------------|
| Type of Bridge | Reinforced concrete |
| No of spans | 12 x 45' centres |
| Width and Type of Road | 25' concrete bitumen surfaced |
| Type of Abutments | Concrete earth embankment |
| Are Demolition Chambers Provided? If so give particulars | No |

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|---------------------|-----------|----------|
| Condition of | Abutments | A |
| * 1st | Piers | A |
| | Road | A |
| | Beacons | A |
| | Deckings | A |
| Load Classification | Estimated | Class 24 |
| | Checked | |

General Conditions of Bridge * A

(sgd) J Kenyon Cpl

* 1st Class Condition

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|--------|----------|------|--|--|
| ROKEBY | 1 Apr 42 | | P A D Exercise carried out with all units in ROKEBY CAMP AREA | OK. |
| | 2 Apr 42 | 1200 | Lt Col J A McCOMB returned from duty in E COMD. | |
| | | 1600 | Lt Col J A McCOMB proceeded to MELBOURNE on duty. | OK. |
| | 3 Apr 42 | | Capt A E ROSS arrived from E COMD to take over appointment of | OK. |
| | | | Adjt R A E 1 Aust Armd Div. | |
| | 4 Apr 42 | | Capt LOGAN handed over to Capt ROSS. Capt LOGAN proceeded to | |
| | | | BENALLA to take over appointment of 2 i/c 4 Fd Sqn R A E. | OK. |
| | 5 Apr 42 | 0930 | Lt Col J A McCOMB arrived from MELBOURNE. | |
| | | 1130 | Lt Col J A McCOMB left for Engr Training Depot re selection of | |
| | | | officers. | OK. |

Alex. E. Ross Capt.

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| ROKEBY | 5 Apr 42 | 1230 | Capt FOREMAN arrived for Senior Officers' Course. | |
| | | 2030 | Maj ROGERSON " " " " " " | OK |
| | 6 Apr 42 | | C R E commenced attendance at 1 Armd Div Senior Officers' Course 6 Apr - 12 Apr at A A F V School PUCKAPUNYAL. | OK. |
| | 7 Apr 42 | | Nil. | OK. |
| | 8 Apr 42 | 1800 | Lieut WHITE proceeded to S M E LIVERPOOL on duty re potential officers to be appointed to R A E 1 Aust Armd Div. | OK. |
| | 9 Apr 42 | 0620 | Capt ROSS was in charge of the engineer personnel during the one day practice move of H Q 1 Aust Armd Div. | |
| | | | Lieut WHITE proceeded on leave. | OK. |
| | 10 Apr 42 | | Nil. | OK |

Alex. E. Ross Capt.

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| Place | Date | Hour | Summary of Events and Information | Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c. |
|--------|-----------|------|--|--|
| ROKEBY | 11 Apr 42 | | Nil | OK |
| | 12 Apr 42 | | C R E evacuated to hospital with a cold. | OK |
| | 13 Apr 42 | | Capt LOGAN report to H Q en route to Course No. 1, Staff School, AUSTRALIA. | OK |
| | 14 Apr 42 | 1200 | Lieut WHITE returned from leave. | OK |
| | 15 Apr 42 | | Lt Col J A McCOMB returned from hospital. H Q R A E office was established in new ^{OK} hut hut next to Signals Officers' Mess. | OK |
| | 16 Apr 42 | | Nil. | OK |

Alex. E. Ross. Capt.

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|--------|-----------|------|---|--|
| ROKEBY | 17 Apr 42 | | Lt Col J A McCOMB proceeded to MELBOURNE on duty. | OK |
| | 18 Apr 42 | | Lieut B J DONNELLY arrived to be instructed in the method of keeping intelligence files so that there would be uniformity throughout R A E 1 Aust Armd Div. | OK. |
| | 19 Apr 42 | 1730 | Lieut B J DONNELLY departed for 3 Fd Sqn. | OK. |
| | 20 Apr 42 | | Nil. | OK |
| | 21 Apr 42 | 2100 | Lt Col J A McCOMB returned from MELBOURNE. | OK |
| | 22 Apr 42 | | Nil. | OK |

Alex E. Ross Capt.

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| ROKEBY | 23 Apr 42 | | Lt Col. J. A. McCOMB and Capt. A. E. ROSS visited 1 Fd Pk Sqn | |
| | | | and 4 Fd Sqn to conduct an "Officers and senior N C O's tactical | |
| | | | course 24 Apr - 2 May" | OK |
| | | 2000 hrs | G O C's lecture was attended by all officers of HQ R.A.E. | OK |
| | 24 Apr 42 | | NIL. | OK |
| | 25 Apr 42 | | NIL. | OK |
| | 26 Apr 42 | | Lt Col J. A. McCOMB and Capt. A.E. ROSS returned to HQ. | OK |
| | 27 Apr 42 | | NIL. | OK |
| | 28 Apr 42 | | Lt Col. J.A. McCOMB accompanied G O C 1 Aust Arm Div on an | |
| | | | inspection of 1 Fd Pk Sqn and 4 Fd Sqn. | |
| | | | Capt. A. E. ROSS and Lieut L. H. WHITE proceeded to 4 Fd Sqn fr | |
| | | | T.E.W.T. to be carried out during "Officers and N.C.O's | |
| | | | tactical course 24 Apr - 2 May | OK |
| | | 2000 hrs | Adv HQ R. A. E. closed ROKEBY | OK |

Alex. E. Ross Capt.

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|--------|----------|----------|--|--|
| ROKEBY | 1 May 42 | | Nil | oak |
| ROKEBY | 2 May 42 | | Nil | oak |
| ROKEBY | 3 May 42 | 1330 hrs | Adv H Q R A E closed BENALLA | |
| | | 1530 hrs | Adv H Q R A E opened ROKEBY | oak |
| ROKEBY | 4 May 42 | | Nil | oak. |
| ROKEBY | 5 May 42 | | Lieut L H WHITE proceeded to 1 Fd Pk Sqn and 4 Fd Sqn to check their unit and mess accounts. | |
| | | | Sgt HUNTER (from E T D ECHUCA) reported for interview by | |
| | | | Lt Col J A McCOMB and Capt R N MORSE. | oak. |

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|--------|------------|----------|--|--|
| ROKEBY | 6 May 42 | 1210 | Lt Col McCOMB proceeded to MELBOURNE re transfer of Lieut G. PARKER and Sgts ADAMS and GERNY to R A E 1 Aust Armd Div. | OK. |
| ROKEBY | 7 May 42 | | Lieut L H WHITE went to MELBOURNE re collection of intelligence data. | OK |
| ROKEBY | 8 May 42 | 1130 hrs | Lt Col J A McCOMB returned from MELBOURNE. | |
| | | 1915 hrs | Capt ROSS went to MELBOURNE on leave. | OK. |
| ROKEBY | = 9 May 42 | | Nil | OK |
| ROKEBY | 10 May 42 | | Nil | OK. |
| ROKEBY | 11 May 42 | 0001 hrs | H Q R A E became a separate unit and all personnel were transferred from H Q Sqn H Q 1 Aust Armd Div. | See Casualty Returns OK (#3010 and #3011) att also E. Ross Capt. |

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|--------|-----------|----------|--|--|
| ROKEBY | 11 May 42 | 1030 hrs | Capt A E ROSS returned from leave. | <i>OK.</i> |
| ROKEBY | 12 May 42 | 1630 hrs | Lt Col J A McCOMB left H Q R A E en route to 3 Fd Sqn ^{and} to visit 1 Fd Pk Sqn and 4 Fd Sqn re tactical exercises with tps. | Copy of R O 1942/1 att. |
| | | | Weather: cold and raining. | <i>OK.</i> |
| | | 1730 hrs | Capt A E ROSS and A/L/Cpl H C HANSEN left for 3 Fd Sqn re "Officers and N C O's Tactical Course." | |
| | | | Routine orders 1942/1 published. | <i>OK.</i> |
| ROKEBY | 13 May 42 | | Nil. Weather: cool and wet. | <i>OK.</i> |
| ROKEBY | 14 May 42 | 1130 hrs | Sgt HUNTER from E T D ECHUCA en route for 3 Fd Sqn to take part in "Offrs and N C O's Tactical Course." | |
| | | 1710 hrs | Lt Col J A McCOMB phoned H Q R A E from 3 Fd Sqn. | <i>OK.</i> |

Alvin E. Ross Capt.

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

(Erase heading not required).

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Unit H Q R A E 1 Aust Armd Div Date and Time.—From 1 May 42 To 31 May 42.

| Place | Date | Hour | Summary of Events and Information | Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c. |
|--------|-----------|-----------|---|--|
| ROKEBY | 15 May 42 | | Nil. Weather: Cool and wet. | OK. |
| ROKEBY | 16 May 42 | 2300 hrs | Lieuts ADAMS and GERNY reported as directed by S.A.L of C Area and were re-directed to 3 Fd Sqn to take part in "Offrs and N C O's Tactical Course". Weather: cool and wet. | A F W3008 and A F W3009 att. OK. |
| ROKEBY | 17 May 42 | 1530 hrs. | Lt Col J A McCOMB phoned for information on tps. Weather: Fine and cool. | OK. |
| | | 1730 hrs | Lieuts ADAMS and GERNY departed for 3 Fd Sqn. | OK |
| ROKEBY | 18 May 42 | | Nil. Weather: wet and cold. | OK R O's 1942/2 att. |
| ROKEBY | 19 May 42 | | Lieut L H WHITE proceeded to Vic L of C re Victorian rd and br classification data and to Army Design Directorate re details of tk transporters. | OK. Alex. B. Ross Capt. |

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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H. 100M 2/42

Unit H Q R A E 1 Aust Armd Div Date and Time.—From 1 May 42 To 31 May 42

| Place | Date | Hour | Summary of Events and Information | Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c. |
|--------|-----------|----------|---|--|
| ROKEBY | 20 May 42 | | Lieut L H WHITE returned from MELBOURNE. Weather: raining. | oel |
| ROKEBY | 21 May 42 | | Nil. Weather: Showery and cool. | oel. |
| ROKEBY | 22 May 42 | 1030 hrs | Maj Gen C S STEELE, E in C accompanied by G E USFIA arrived. | |
| | | | Departed at 1100 hrs. Weather: fine and cool | oel. |
| ROKEBY | 23 May 42 | | Nil. Weather: fine and cool. | oel A A F W3008 and A A F W3009 att. |
| ROKEBY | 24 May 42 | 1230 hrs | Capt A E ROSS returned from 3 Fd Sqn. Weather: fine and cool. | oel |
| ROKEBY | 25 May 42 | 1000 hrs | Maj S W ROGERSON and Capt K W DOWN arrived for G S O I | oel R O 1942/3 att. |
| | | | conference re Div Tps ceremonial and demonstration at | |
| | | | PUCKAPUNYAL on 20 Jun 42. | oel |
| ROKEBY | 26 May 42 | | Nil. Weather: wet and cool. | oel Also E Ross Capt. |

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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H. 1000 2/42

Unit H Q R A E 1 AustArm'd Div Date and Time.—From 1 May 42 To 31 May 42

| Place | Date | Hour | Summary of Events and Information | Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c. |
|--------|-----------|----------|--|--|
| ROKEBY | 27 May 42 | 1345 hrs | Lt Col J A McCOMB returned from 3 days' leave after visit to 3 Fd Sqn for running of "Offrs and N C O's Tactical Course." Weather: Wet and cold. | OK. |
| | | 1345 hrs | Lieut R S GERNY and Sgt V W HUNTER reported for duty. | OK. |
| ROKEBY | 28 May 42 | 1400 hrs | Lt Col J A McCOMB left for 4 Fd Sqn re administrative matters. Returned 2200 hrs. Weather: fine and cool. | OK. |
| ROKEBY | 29 May 42 | 0830 hrs | Lieut L H WHITE, accompanied by Maj S W ROGERSON, visited A A O C TRG DEPOT, BENDIGO to select men for H Q R A E. No suitable men were available. Returned 1800 hrs. | OK. |
| ROKEBY | 30 May 42 | 1700 hrs | Lieut L H WHITE proceeded to SYDNEY to select personnel for H Q R A E. Weather: Showery and cool. | A A F W3008, A A F OK W 3009 att. |

also E. Ross Capt.

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Unit H Q R A E 1 Aust Armd Div Date and Time.—From 1 May 42 To 31 May 42

| Place | Date | Hour | Summary of Events and Information | | | | | Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c. |
|--------|--------------------------|----------|---|-------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|--|
| ROKEBY | 31 May 42 | 1130 hrs | Lt Col J A McCOMB attended the weekly conference at H Q | | | | | |
| | | | 1 Aust Armd Div. Weather: fine and cool. | | | | | OK |
| | | | | | | | | |
| | 31 May 42 | | <u>STRENGTH OF UNIT</u> | | | | | |
| | | | <u>Offrs</u> | <u>Sgts</u> | <u>Cpls</u> | <u>O R's</u> | <u>Total</u> | |
| | Strength at 30 Apr | | - | - | - | - | - | |
| | Marched in | | 4 | 1 | - | 4 | 9 | |
| | Discharged | | - | - | - | - | - | |
| | Transferred | | - | - | - | - | - | |
| | Strength as at 31 May 42 | | 4 | 1 | - | 4 | 9 | OK |
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Alisc. E. Ross. Capt.

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A U S T R A L I A N I M P E R I A L F O R C E

H Q R A E 1 AUST ARMD DIV

ROUTINE ORDERS - PART I

by

Lt Col J A McCOMB - Commanding

1942/1

11 May 42

| SUBJECT | PARTICULARS OF DUTY | NO | RANK | NAME |
|--|---|----|------|--|
| 1. <u>DUTIES</u> | To mount at 1800 hrs 11 May 42 To dismount at 1800 hrs 18 May 42 <u>DUTY OFFICER</u> <u>DUTY N C O</u> <u>DUTY DR</u> | | | Lieut L H WHITE NX73739 A/L/Cpl DENNEY H M VX70190 Spr BROWN C A |
| 2. <u>H Q R A E</u> | H Q R A E opened at 0001 hrs 11 May and will be a separate unit as from that time. | | | |
| 3. <u>ROUTINE ORDERS</u> | H Q R A E Routine Orders will be published weekly or more often if required. | | | |
| 4. <u>DUTIES</u> | The following duties will be appointed and the period of duty will be for one week: Duty Officer Duty N C O Duty driver | | | |
| 5. <u>PARADES</u> | Personnel of H Q R A E, including those attached, will parade in the vicinity of Orderly Room as follows :- Muster and Roll Call Parade - 0640 hrs Work Parade - 0830 hrs | | | |
| 6. <u>TRANSPORT WORK TICKET (A A F G2)</u> | No vehicle will leave unit transport lines unless driver is in possession of transport work ticket (AAF G2) correctly made out and signed by an officer of H Q R A E. | | | |

Whitely Lieut.

Capt

Adj't R A E 1 Aust Armd Div

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A U S T R A L I A N I M P E R I A L F O R C E ,

H Q R A E - 1 Aust Armd Div

Routine Orders - Part 1

by

Lt Col J A McCOMB - Commanding

1942/2

18 May 42

| <u>SUBJECT</u> | <u>PARTICULARS OF DUTY</u> | <u>NO</u> | <u>RANK</u> | <u>NAME</u> |
|----------------|---|-----------|-------------|--------------|
| 1. DUTIES | To mount 1800 hrs 18 May 42 To dismount 1800 hrs 25 May 42 | | | |
| | <u>Duty Officer</u> | NX70787 | Lieut | WHITE, L H |
| | <u>Duty N C O</u> | NX83931 | Spr | OPPY, K W |
| | <u>Duty Dr</u> | VX28815 | A/L/Opl | MARSHALL K S |

2. SICK PARADES

Personnel reporting sick will parade at H Q Sqn
R A P at 0800 with A46 in duplicate.

3. LEAVE PARADES.

Personnel going on leave will parade at H Q R A E
Orderly Room at 1700 hrs on day on which leave is granted.

Alex L. Ross Capt

Aqjt R A E 1 Aust Armd Div

NOTICES.

PUNISHMENTS AND AWARDS

| | | | | | |
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| NX83931 | Spr | O PPY | K W | FIELD | A W L 1 day 4 hrs 30 mins |
| | | | | 11 May 42 | PUNISHMENT. Fined \$1 |
| | | | | | - notified of loss |
| | | | | | of two days pay. |

DISTRIBUTION.

3 WAR DIARY

1 NOTICE BOARD

1 FILE.

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FIRST RETURN
FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

SECURITY

HQ RAE 1AUST ARMD DIV (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

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

*Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

| Rank. | Name. | Corps. | Date. | Cause. |
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Officers QUITTED during week.

| Rank. | Name. | Corps. | Date. | Cause. |
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PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.

| Rank. | Name and Initials. | Corps. | Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known). |
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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS*HQ RAE 18USTARMDDM* (Unit)**SECURITY****PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.**

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

*Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

PART B.—PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEK.**Officers JOINED during week.**

| Rank. | Name. | Corps. | Date. | Cause. |
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Officers QUITTED during week.

| Rank. | Name. | Corps. | Date. | Cause. |
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PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.

| Rank. | Name and Initials. | Corps. | Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known). |
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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

HQ RAE 1AUST ARMD DIV (Unit)

SECURITY**PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.**

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

*Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

PART B.—PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEK.**Officers JOINED during week.**

| Rank. | Name. | Corps. | Date. | Cause. |
|--|------------|----------|------------|------------------------------------|
| Lieut SX18491 | GERNY R.S. | HQ. RAE. | 14 May 42. | |
| (Note. This entry not made in previous return owing to lack of information). | | | | To complete off strength of estab. |

Officers QUITTED during week.

| Rank. | Name. | Corps. | Date. | Cause. |
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PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.

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

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PART D. Detail of Surplus or Reinforcements required as shown in

Part A of Army Form W. 3009.

SECURITY

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

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

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Unit.

Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch 16 May 42

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

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

H.Q. RAE 1 AUST ARMD DIV (Unit) 23 May 1942 (Date)

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

SECURITY

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|---|---|---------------------------|---|
| Detail. | Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached). | Surplus to Establishment. | Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits in establishments). |
| W.Os. Class I. | - | / | - |
| W.Os. Class II. | - | | - |
| Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants | - | | - |
| Staff Serjeants | - | | 1 |
| Serjeants | - | | - |
| Corporals | - | | 2 |
| Troopers, Privates, &c. | 4 | | 13 |
| TOTALS | 4 | • — | • 16 |

*These totals should agree with the details shown in Part D on page 2 of Army Form W3009.

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

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

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

OWN IN SECURITY

| Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc. | Surplus (a) | Reinfs. Required (a) | Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc. | Surplus (a) | Reinfs. Required (a) | Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc. | Surplus (a) | Reinfs. Required (a) |
|--|----------------|----------------------------|---|----------------|----------------------------|---|----------------|----------------------------|
| Ammunition Examiners | | | Fire Control Operators | | | Panel Beaters | | |
| Armament Artificers | | | Fitters | | | Pattern Makers | | |
| Armourers | | | Fitters and Turners | | | Pharmacists | | |
| Artificers, Artillery | | | Fitters, Cycle | | | Photographers, dry plate | | |
| Axemen | | | Fitters, Drivers | | | Photographers, wet plate | | |
| Bakers | | | Fitter's Mates | | | Photo-Writers | | |
| Battery Surveyors | | | Fitters, M.V. | | | Plate Layers | | |
| Battery Comdrs. Asst. | | | Fitters, Railway Signal | | | Plumbers | | |
| Blacksmiths | | | Fitters, Signal | | | Predictor Numbers | | |
| Boilermakers | | | Grinders | | | Printers | | |
| Bricklayers | | | Gun Layers | | | Radiator Mechanics | | |
| Butchers | | | G.P.O. Assistants | | | Radiographers | | |
| Camouflage Modeller | | | Gun Operators | | | Range Takers | | |
| Carpenter and Joiner | | | Hammermen | | | Riggers | | |
| Clerks | | 1 | Height Takers | | | Riveters | | |
| Clerks, Engineering | | | Helio Operators | | | Saddlers | | |
| Clerks, Supply | | | Instrument Mechanics | | | Saddle Tree Makers | | |
| Clerks, Technical | | | Instrument Mechanics, Surgical | | | Saw Doctors | | |
| Coachmakers | | | Instrument Operators | | | Sawyers | | |
| Computers | | | Intelligence Duties | | | Shoemakers | | |
| Concretors | | | Joiners | | | Signallers | | |
| Cooks | | 1 | Leather Stitchers | | | Signwriters | | |
| Cooks, Hospital | | | Linesmen | | | Stokers, Stationary Engine | | |
| Coppersmiths | | | Linesmen, Signals | | | Storemen, Technical | | |
| Dental Clerk Orderlies | | | Lithographers | | | Surveyors | | |
| Despatch Riders | | | Machinists | | | Surveyors, Engineering | | |
| Dispensers | | | Masons | | | Tailors | | |
| Draughtsmen | | | Massurs | | | Telescope Identification Numbers | | |
| Draughtsmen, Architectural | | | Mechanics, Dental | | | Textile Refitters | | |
| Draughtsmen, Mechanical | | 1 | Mechanics, M.T. | | | Tinsmiths | | |
| Draughtsmen, Signal | | | Mechanics, Typewriter | | | Toolmakers | | |
| Draughtsmen, Topographical | | | Mechanics, Wireless | | | Turners | | |
| Driver Mechanics | | 2 | Milwrights | | | Vulcanizers | | |
| Driver Operators | | 4 | Miners | | | Wagon Erectors | | |
| Drivers, Transportation Plant | | | Moulders | | | Watchmakers | | |
| Electrical Fitters | | | Nursing Orderlies | | | Watermen | | |
| Electricians | | | Nursing Orderlies (Mental) | | | Welders | | |
| Electricians, Eng. Units | | | Nurses, Trained | | | Well Borers | | |
| Electricians, Signal | | | Observation Post Assistants | | | Wheelers | | |
| Engine Artificers | | | Operating Room Assistants | | | Whitesmiths | | |
| Engine Hands I/C | | | Operators, Signal | | | Wiremen | | |
| Equipment Repairers | | | Opticians | | | Woodturners | | |
| Farriers | | | Painters | | | | | |
| Batman | | 3 | | | | | | |
| Drivers M.T. | | 2 | | | | | | |
| M.C. Orderlies | | 2 | | | | | | |
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| Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.) | | 16 | | | | | | |

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

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

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above will be added as required in spaces provided.

Lt. Col.

Signature of Commander _____

Commander
C.R.E. 1 ARMD, DIV.

Date of Despatch 23 May 42

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

SECURITY

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

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

HR. RAE 1 Avst Armd Div
Unit.

alex. E. Ross Capt
for Signature of Commander.
1st Aust Armd Div.
Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

Date of Despatch 30 May 42

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

D.R.O.

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WAR DIARY OF INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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H. 100M 2/42

Unit **H Q R A E 1 Aust Armd Div**Date and Time.—From **1 Jun 42** To **30 Jun 42**

| Place | Date | Hour | Summary of Events and Information | Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c. |
|--------|-----------|----------|---|---|
| ROKEBY | 1 Jun 42 | | N11 | Fine & cool <i>OK</i> R O's 194/4 att. |
| ROKEBY | 2 Jun 42 | 1200 hrs | Lt Col J A McCOMB proceeded to BENALLA | " " <i>OK</i> |
| | | | to inspect 1 Aust Pd Pk Sqn and 4 Aust | |
| | | | Pd Sqn | |
| ROKEBY | 3 Jun 42 | 12 | N11 | Fine & cool <i>OK.</i> |
| ROKEBY | 4 Jun 42 | | N11 | " " <i>OK.</i> |
| ROKEBY | 5 Jun 42 | | Word received from Lt Col J McCOMB at BENALLA that a commission | <i>OK.</i> |
| | | | had been granted Sgt V W HUNTER | Fine & cool |
| ROKEBY | 6 Jun 42 | | N11 | Fine & warm <i>OK</i> W3008 and W3009 att. |
| ROKEBY | 7 Jun 42 | | N11 | " " <i>OK.</i> |
| ROKEBY | 8 Jun 42 | | N11 | Fine & cool <i>OK</i> R O's Pt I No. 5 att |
| ROKEBY | 9 Jun 42 | | N11 | Cold & wet <i>OK</i> |
| ROKEBY | 10 Jun 42 | | N11 | <i>OK</i> |
| ROKEBY | 11 Jun 42 | | N11 | <i>OK</i> |

ADJ. B.A.E. 1 ARMO. DIV.

WAR DIARY ~~OF INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~

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Unit **H Q R A E 1 Aust Armd Div**

Date and Time.—From **1 Jun 42** To **30 Jun 42**

| Place | Date | Hour | Summary of Events and Information | Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c. |
|-------------|-----------|----------|--|--|
| ROKEBY | 12 Jun 42 | 1600 hrs | H Q R A E closed at ROKEBY. | <i>OK.</i> |
| | | 1600 hrs | H Q R A E opened at BENALLA. | |
| BENALLA | 13 Jun 42 | Nil | | <i>OK</i> W3008 and W3009 att |
| BENALLA | 14 Jun 42 | Nil | | <i>OK.</i> |
| BENALLA | 15 Jun 42 | Nil | | <i>OK</i> R O's 1942/6 att |
| BENALLA | 16 Jun 42 | Nil | | <i>OK.</i> |
| BENALLA | 17 Jun 42 | 0830 hrs | Lt Col J A McCOMB visited PUCKAPUNYAL as Gold and fine | <i>OK.</i> |
| | | | Commander of the parade for a rehearsal | |
| | | | of the review on 20 Jun 42. | |
| | | 2130 hrs | Lt Col J A McCOMB returned from PUCKAPUNYAL | |
| BENALLA | 18 Jun 42 | 1900 hrs | H Q R A E less Lieut R S GERNY and 2 O R's moved Gold & fine | <i>OK</i> |
| | | | to PUCKAPUNYAL to prepare for review on 20 Jun. | |
| PUCKAPUNYAL | 19 Jun 42 | Nil | | Gold & showery <i>OK.</i> |

Allec. E. Ross. CAPT.
ADJT. R.A.E. 1 ARMD. DIV.

WAR DIARY ~~OF INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~

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H. 500M 2/42

Unit H Q R A E 1 Aust Armd Div Date and Time.—From 1 Jun 42 To 30 Jun 42

| Place | Date | Hour | Summary of Events and Information | Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c. |
|-------------|-----------|----------|--|--|
| PUCKAPUNYAL | 20 Jun 42 | | Lt Col J A McCOMB commanded the parade of Cold & Showery | W3008 and W3009 att. |
| | | | Divisional Troops being reviewed by | |
| | | | General Sir THOMAS BLANEY. | |
| PUCKAPUNYAL | 21 Jun 42 | 2130 hrs | H Q R A E less Lieut R S GERNY and 2 O R's Fine & cold | OK. |
| | | | returned to BENALLA. | |
| BENALLA | 22 Jun 42 | | =Nil. | " " OK R O's att. |
| BENALLA | 23 Jun 42 | | Nil. | " cool OK |
| BENALLA | 24 Jun 42 | | Nil. | " " OK |
| BENALLA | 25 Jun 42 | | Lt Col J A McCOMB visited H Q 1 Aust Armd Div in " " | OK. |
| | | | connection with parade and demonstrations by | |
| | | | 2/1 Aust Fd Pk Sqn and 2/4 Aust Fd Sqn on 27 Jun | |
| | | | 42. | |
| BENALLA | 26 Jun 42 | | Nil | Fine & cool OK |

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WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

(Erase heading not required).

Army Form C. 2118
(adapted.)

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Unit H Q R A E 1 Aust Arm'd Div Date and Time.—From 1 Jun 42 To 30 Jun 42.

| Place | Date | Hour | Summary of Events and Information | Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c. |
|---------|-----------|----------|---|--|
| BENALLA | 27 Jun 42 | 1200 hrs | Lieut L H WHITE returned to H Q R A E after Fine & cool | CR W3008 and W3009 att. |
| | | | recruiting men in N.G.W. | |
| | | 1400 hrs | Maj-Gen H G H ROBERTSON visited BENALLA to inspect parade and demonstration by 2/1 Aust Fd Bn and 2/4 Aust Fd Bn. | |
| BENALLA | 28 Jun 42 | 2100 hrs | Lt Col J A McCOMB left for H Q 1 Aust Arm'd Div Showery & cool | CR |
| BENALLA | 29 Jun 42 | | Lt Col J A McCOMB left H Q 1 Aust Arm'd Div for MELBOURNE for discussion on W E Tables. | CR RO's No 8 att. |
| BENALLA | 30 Jun 42 | | Nil | Wet & cool. CR. |
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H Q R A E - 1 Aust Armd Div

Routine Orders - Part 1

by

Lt Col J A McCOMB - Commanding

1942/4

1 Jun 42

| <u>SUBJECT</u> | <u>PARTICULARS OF DUTY</u> | <u>NO</u> | <u>RANK</u> | <u>NAME</u> |
|------------------|---|-----------|-------------|--------------|
| 1. <u>DUTIES</u> | To mount 1800 hrs 1 Jun 42 To dismount 1800 hrs 8 Jun 42 | | | |
| | <u>Duty Officer</u> | SX18491 | Lieut | GERRY R S |
| | <u>Duty M G O</u> | NX79657 | A/L/Cpl | HANSEN H C |
| | <u>Duty Dr</u> | VX28815 | A/L/Cpl | MARSHALL J G |

2. DRESS

(a) General. In order to conserve metal, "Australia" shoulder titles will not be worn by members of the Forces within AUSTRALIA and its Territories (G.R.O. A38). For uniformity "Australia" cloth shoulder titles will also cease to be worn.

(b) All ranks must read H Q 1 Aust Armd Div Circular A18 "Orders of Dress for 1 Aust Armd Div", which will be placed on notice board.

(c) Members of the forces will wear only approved uniform except when engaged in sport. All buttons on jackets will be kept fastened. Sweaters and pullovers will not be worn in lieu of jackets, except within camp or training areas as ordered by the G O C. Troops on leave will not wear summer dress except when authorised.

(d) Hair will be worn reasonably short for hygienic reasons. All personnel will be shaved on the chin and underlip.

(G R O A35)

3. DISCIPLINE WHILE ON LEAVE. (Extract from G R O A35)

"For some time there has been growing indication that the discipline of the Australian Military Forces is not of sufficiently high standard. An army without discipline does not engender confidence in the people who support and depend on the army, and there is a consequent effect on public morale."

To improve this position, the following behaviour will be observed.

(a) No member will be permitted to go on leave if improperly dressed.

(b) Members travelling in any train, tram or public place will behave as soldiers and gentlemen. The wearing of a uniform is no reason for ill-mannered behaviour. On the contrary it places on the wearer the responsibility of decency and good behaviour. Members on leave will abide by civilian codes of behaviour and respect public property.

4. SALUTING

Other ranks will salute all officers at all times.

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Adjt R A E 1 Aust Armd Div.

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3. INFECTIOUS DISEASES

The following is for the information of and action by all ranks:

Vincent's Angina Vincent's infection (which is a disease of the mouth, throat and gums) is becoming common in camps and is infectious. The first symptom noted is soreness of the gums. All men who notice any soreness of the gums must report to the R M O forthwith for inspection.

Prevention Units will arrange for all troops on mess parades to dip mess gear into boiling water before receiving rations. Mess gear will dry out almost at once if shaken. All ranks are ordered to avoid use of drinking fountains and public drinking utensils.

(1 Aust Armd Div RO.145)

4. BREAKING-IN BOOTS

The following methods are to be used:

(a) After careful fitting the man should stand in about 3 inches of water for about 20 minutes or until leather becomes thoroughly wet and pliable and in a condition to stretch easily. The soldier should then be marched on a level surface if possible for an hour or until the boots have dried on his feet to the shape of which the pressure of body weight and muscular action have forced the leather, in drying to conform. Before the boots are quite dry, an application of dubbin, or animal oil or fat when dubbin is not available, should be applied to the internal surface of the boot.

(b) Grease the foot or for preference the outside of the socks prior to wearing the boots, until the inside of the boot becomes soft and moulds itself to the shape of the foot. This method, although effective, is a much slower process and, in some cases, may result in the foot "breaking in" first.

(Vic L of C Area R O. 122)

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by

Lt Col J A McCOMB - Commanding

1942/6

15 Jun 42

| <u>SUBJECT</u> | <u>PARTICULARS OF DUTY</u> | <u>NO</u> | <u>RANK</u> | <u>NAME</u> |
|------------------|---|-----------|-------------|--------------|
| 1. <u>DUTIES</u> | To mount 1800 hrs 15 Jun 42 To dismount 1800 hrs 22 Jun 42 | | | |
| | <u>Duty Officer</u> | SK18491 | Lieut | GERNY R.S |
| | <u>Duty N C O</u> | NX79657 | A/L/Cpl | HANSEN H.C |
| | <u>Duty Runner</u> | NX83931 | Spr | OPPY K.H |
| | <u>Duty Driver</u> | VX28815 | A/L/Cpl | MARSHALL K.S |

2. INVENTIONS

(a) The "user" personnel in the Army are often the ones best fitted to think of the requirements in regard to new equipments or developments to existing equipments.

(b) It is the duty of every soldier to put forward his ideas in this respect. Whilst in many cases the "user" or other soldier can only think of the idea and has not the solution, one of the express purposes of the Army Inventions Directorate is to endeavour to provide the means of development if such idea appears a suitable Army requirement.

(c) Therefore, submissions under this heading are to be made to the Army Inventions Directorate in the same manner as for inventions, i.e., direct submission in the case of a member of the public, and through the commanding officer in the case of serving personnel, a brief description and record of opinions expressed being added at the commanding officer's discretion.

(G R O 0.77)

3. BINOCULARS, COMPASSES, PRISMATIC, AND WATCHES.

(a) Binoculars, compasses, prismatic, and watches are unit STORES AND MUST REMAIN SO. When personnel to whom these articles are on issue are transferred from the unit for any reason, action will be taken to withdraw the items for re-issue.

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

(c) All personnel at present in possession of these articles will report them to the unit H Q.

(G R O 0.87).

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H Q R A E - 1 Aust Armd Div

Routine Orders - Part 1.

by

Lt Col J A McCOMB

Commanding R A E 1 Aust Armd Div

H Q R A E
1 Aust Armd Div
22 Jun 42.

| <u>SUBJECT</u> | <u>PARTICULARS OF DUTY</u> | <u>NO</u> | <u>RANK</u> | <u>NAME</u> |
|---------------------------------------|---|-----------|-------------|--------------|
| 1. <u>DUTIES</u> | To mount 1800 hrs 22 Jun 42 To dismount 1800 hrs 29 Jun 42 | | | |
| | <u>Duty Officer</u> | NX76391 | Capt | ROSS A E |
| | <u>Duty M C O</u> | NX79657 | A/L/Cpl | HANSEN H C |
| | <u>Duty dr</u> | VX28815 | A/L/Cpl | MARSHALL K S |
| 2. <u>OFFENCE OF A W L.</u> | | | | |
| | (a) Attention is directed to the prevalence of the offence of ABSENCE WITHOUT LEAVE in the units of this div. ⁶ | | | |
| | (b) A serious view is taken of this offence and personnel are warned that, attention having been directed to this matter, Courts Martial may take into account when imposing sentences the fact that this order has been issued (A M R & O 558(2)). | | | |
| | (c) The production of a Sick Report (AAF A46) signed by an Area M O does not entitle the holder to additional leave. It is merely evidence upon which a C O may, if he considers it desirable, authorise additional leave. A C O may take such action as he thinks fit, including communicating with the M O concerned, to inform himself as to the necessity for granting extra leave. | | | |
| | (1 Aust Armd Div R O 160/42). | | | |
| 3. <u>DAMAGE TO PRIVATE PROPERTY.</u> | | | | |

(a) When in the course of military operations or of military duty, entry is made on private land, the utmost care is to be exercised to see that unnecessary damage is not caused to rate-payers' property, and that livestock is not unduly disturbed.

(b) On entering or leaving private land, all gates are to be properly closed to prevent live stock from straying on to the roads causing inconvenience and loss to the owners of the stock.

(c) M T Drs are to be instructed not to enter private land without orders.

(Vic L of C Area R O 137/42)

4. PRECAUTIONS AGAINST FIRE.

(a) Care will be exercised in the use of oil rags, oakum, cotton and other waste. Being liable to spontaneous combustion they will on no account be allowed to remain lying about the stores and buildings, but will be collected immediately after use and placed in a metal receptacle which will be kept out of doors. These materials will not be allowed to accumulate but will be burned at frequent intervals.

(b) Cotton sponge cloths, which, when dirty, are liable to spontaneous combustion, will be kept in water until washed and cleaned. Woollen goods, such as blankets, should be spread out or hung up to dry before being put away.

(c) When other storage can be arranged, oils and paints are not to be kept in main buildings or stores annexed thereto. When no other storage is available special care must be taken to see that the containers are sound and that the contents are not spilt on the floor or walls.

(Vic L of C Area R O 145/42)

5. SECRECY DISCIPLINE

(a) The attention of all offrs and enlisted men is directed to the necessity for maintenance of secrecy discipline.

(b) It is forbidden to discuss any military matters in the presence or hearing of any stranger, either military or civilian, or any person not holding an official position in His Majesty's Service. It must be understood that comments regarding military subjects may become dangerous to the safety of our troops and our cause.

(G R O G103/42).

6. MARKING OF OPERATIONAL AIRCRAFT OF U S NAVY AND U S ARMY.

The marking of operational aircraft of the U S Navy and the U S Army has been modified as follows:-

(a) The RED CIRCLE has been eliminated from the National Insignia which now consists of a FIVE POINTED WHITE STAR ON A BLUE CIRCLE.

(b) The red and white stripes on the rudder HAVE BEEN ELIMINATED.

(G R O E105/42).

7. COMPLAINTS BY MEMBERS OF THE FORCES.

(a) The attention of all ranks is directed to A M R & O 293(1) which provides as follows:-

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

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

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

(G R O A108/42).

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

(a) Whenever the National Anthem is played, all ranks in military uniform not under the orders of the officer commanding the parade are to stand to attention, offrs, W O's and N C O's saluting.

(A M R & O 1153(1))

(b) When the National Anthem is played on occasions when there is no parade, or on occasions of a non-military nature, all ranks in military uniform are to stand at attention, offrs, W O's and N C O's, if wearing head dress, saluting.

(A M R & O 1154).

9. NATIONAL SECURITY (LANDLORD AND TENANT) REGULATIONS.

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

(G R O A110/42).

10. DRESS

(a) Cap Covers.

Cap covers will not be worn by offrs or other ranks with service dress.

(b) Gaiters or Anklets.

Gaiters or anklets, web, will be worn when on leave by members of the forces to whom they have been issued.

(G R O A115/42)

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H Q R A E - 1 Aust Armd Div

Routine Orders - Part 1

by

Lt Col J A McCOMBE

Commanding R A E 1 Aust Armd Div

H Q R A E
1 Aust Armd Div
29 Jun 42.

| SUBJECT | PARTICULARS OF DUTY | NO. | RANK | NAME |
|------------------|--|---------|---------|--------------|
| 1. <u>DUTIES</u> | To mount 1800 hrs 29 Jun 42 To dismount 1800 hrs 6 Jul 42 | | | |
| | <u>Duty Officer</u> | NX70787 | Lieut | WHITE L H |
| | <u>Duty N C O</u> | NX79657 | A/L/Cpl | HANSEN M C |
| | <u>Duty Driver</u> | VX28815 | A/L/Cpl | MARSHALL K S |

12. ANTI-GAS TRG

Carrying of Anti-Gas Capes.

The anti-gas cape may in future be carried in any one of the following four positions as ordered by the local commander, having regard to the existing circumstances, and in accordance with the items of eqpt which are being worn at the time; i.e. battle order, marching order, etc:-

- (1) The "Worn" position as at present taught.
- (ii) The "rolled quick release" position as at present taught. This is a convenient method of carrying the cape when eqpt is not worn.
- (iii) Rolled and carried inside the eqpt haversack either in place of the water bottle, which should then be worn on the right side, or of the ground sheet if room can be found for this item in unit M.T. If the latter course is adopted, the gas cape may be worn to give protection against rain, except in the case of men digging, loading or unloading heavy stores, or riding in mechanical vehicles. The cape should be folded to a width of 11 inches, with tapes and whipcord inside, and then rolled; it should be placed in the haversack on top of all other items.
- (iv) Rolled and attached to the back of the eqpt belt by means of the tapes. This is a convenient method of carrying the cape when the haversack is not worn. In this position, the cape should be rolled as at present taught.

It should be noted that the conditions of AGI336 of 1941, regarding the wearing and care of anti-gas capes, are still applicable.

(Vic L of C R O 150/42)

13. P O L I S S U E O F

Requirements of units and of individual vehs will be met at issuing depots only on the production of proper authority, which is:-

- (a) For replenishment of fuel tank or sump; Vehicle Log Book (AB4 or AB20) and Transport Work Ticket (AAF, GQ), covering the service on which the vehicle is engaged.
- (b) For packed POL to be taken away as such, whether for unit stocks or as a travelling reserve for a convoy or individual veh - AB55 signed by an Offr of the demanding unit.

Conservation of POL is of paramount importance, and in order to further the war effort, Offrs-in-charge of transport must see that every gallon of petrol, etc., is used to the best advantage.

(Vic L of C R O 158/42)

14. R E C O R D S - V E H L O G B O O K

Every veh must carry its Veh Log Book (AB412 or AB20), referred to in RO 158 above), which must be maintained to date. Entries of all mileage, POL, consumption, etc., will be accurately recorded therein.

Units will ensure that log books are checked NOT less than weekly.

15. S A L V A G E M A T E R I A L S - R E Q U I S I T I O N S F O R

As from 15 May 42, all requests for materials from Salvage Depots (Lof C) must be accompanied by a written order signed by an Offr of the Unit requiring the service.

(Vic L of C R O 163/42)

16. C I G A R E T T E S A N D T O B A C C O - S H O R T A G E O F

Attention of all ranks is to be drawn to SCRO 234/41, which is re-promulgated hereunder:

- (i) The sale of tobacco, cigarettes and cigarette papers by mil canteens, to civilians visiting camps, is prohibited.
- (ii) Re-sale to civilians of supplies taken away from camps by members of the Forces may result in the rationing of supplies in all camps and the attention of all ranks is to be directed to this with a view to obviating the possible loss of privileges in respect of unrestricted supplies.

All ranks will be warned that excessive buying will, in the very near future, lead to a serious shortage in these commodities, and they should restrict their purchases accordingly.

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Adjt R A E 1 Aust Armd Div.

SECURITY

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERSHQ RAE 1 Aust Armd (Unit)
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PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

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

*Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

| Rank. | Name. | Corps. | Date. | Cause. |
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PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.

| Rank. | Name and Initials. | Corps. | Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known). |
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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

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(II) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

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HQ RAE 1 Aust
Armd Div (Unit.)
6 Jun 42
(Date of Despatch.)

Wesley E. Ross CAPT.
(Signature of Commander.)
FIELD.
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

SECURITY

HQ RAE 1 Aust Armd Div (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

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

*Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

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

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(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

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Alex E. Ross Capt
(Signature of Commander.)

FIELD.

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

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

SECURITY

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DN**PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.**

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

*Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

PART B.—PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEK.**Officers JOINED during week.**

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

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

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

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

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

SECURITY

HORAE 100ST (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

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

*Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

| Rank. | Name. | Corps. | Date. | Cause. |
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PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.

| Rank. | Name and Initials. | Corps. | Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known). |
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(i) Officers posted to Unit (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A).

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

R. S. Young, Capt
 (Signature of Commander.)
 For Capt H. R. H. 10000 and
 FIELD
 (Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

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MPRAE 1AUST ARAD (Unit)

(Unit) 13 June 1942 (Date)

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

SECURITY

*These totals should agree with the details shown in Part D on page 2 of Army Form W.3000

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

SECURITY

| Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc. | Surplus (a) | Reinfs. Required (a) | Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc. | Surplus (a) | Reinfs. Required (a) | Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc. | Surplus (a) | Reinfs. Required (a) |
|---|-------------|----------------------|--|-------------|----------------------|--|-------------|----------------------|
| Ammunition Examiners | | | Fire Control Operators | | | Panel Beaters | | |
| Armament Artificers | | | Fitters | | | Pattern Makers | | |
| Armourers | | | Fitters and Turners | | | Pharmacists | | |
| Artificers, Artillery | | | Fitters, Cycle | | | Photographers, dry plate | | |
| Axenmen | | | Fitters, Drivers | | | Photographers, wet plate | | |
| Bakers | | | Fitter's Mates | | | Photo-Writers | | |
| Battery Surveyors | | | Fitters, M.V. | | | Plate Layers | | |
| Battery Comdrs. Asst. | | | Fitters, Railway Signal | | | Plumbers | | |
| Blacksmiths | | | Fitters, Signal | | | Predictor Numbers | | |
| Boilermakers | | | Grinders | | | Printers | | |
| Bricklayers | | | Gun Layers | | | Radiator Mechanics | | |
| Butchers | | | G.P.O. Assistants | | | Radiographers | | |
| Clothing Modeller | | | Gun Operators | | | Range Takers | | |
| Carpenter and Joiner | | | Hammermen | | | Riggers | | |
| Clerks | | 2 | Height Takers | | | Riveters | | |
| Clerks, Engineering | | | Helo Operators | | | Saddlers | | |
| Clerks, Supply | | | Instrument Mechanics | | | Saddle Tree Makers | | |
| Clerks, Technical | | | Instrument Mechanics, Surgical | | | Saw Doctors | | |
| Coachmakers | | | Instrument Operators | | | Sawyers | | |
| Computers | | | Intelligence Duties | | | Shoemakers | | |
| Concretors | | | Joiners | | | Signallers | | |
| Cooks | | | Leather Stitchers | | | Signwriters | | |
| Cooks, Hospital | | | Linesmen | | | Stokers, Stationary Engine | | |
| Coppersmiths | | | Linesmen, Signals | | | Storemen, Technical | | |
| Dental Clerk Orderlies | | | Lithographers | | | Surveyors | | |
| Despatch Riders | | | Machinists | | | Surveyors, Engineering | | |
| Dispensers | | | Masons | | | Tailors | | |
| Draughtsmen | | | Masseurs | | | Telescope Identification Numbers | | |
| Draughtsmen, Architectural | | | Mechanics, Dental | | | Textile Refitters | | |
| Draughtsmen, Mechanical | | 1 | Mechanics, M.T. | | | Tinsmiths | | |
| Draughtsmen, Signal | | | Mechanics, Typewriter | | | Toolmakers | | |
| Draughtsmen, Topographical | | | Mechanics, Wireless | | | Turners | | |
| Driver Mechanics | | 3 | Millwrights | | | Vulcanizers | | |
| Driver Operators | | | Miners | | | Wagon Erectors | | |
| Drivers, Transportation Plant | | | Moulders | | | Watchmakers | | |
| Electrical Fitters | | | Nursing Orderlies | | | Watermen | | |
| Electricians | | | Nursing Orderlies (Mental) | | | Welders | | |
| Electricians, Eng. Units | | | Nurses, Trained | | | Well Borers | | |
| Electricians, Signal | | | Observation Post Assistants | | | Wheelers | | |
| Engine Artificers | | | Operating Room Assistants | | | Whitesmiths | | |
| Engine Hands I/C | | | Operators, Signal | | | Wiremen | | |
| Equipment Repairers | | | Opticians | | | Woodturners | | |
| Farriers | | | Painters | | | | | |
| BATMEN | | 2 | | | | | | |
| DRIVERS M.T. | | 1 | | | | | | |
| MC ORDERLIES | | 1 | | | | | | |
| Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.) | | 11 | | | | | | |

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

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

HARRAE 1 AUGUST 1942 DIV

Unit.

Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch 13 JUN 42

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

HQ RAE 1AUST Unit.

ARC'D DIV

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

SECURITY

| Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc. | Surplus (a) | Reinforcements Required (a) | Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc. | Surplus (a) | Reinforcements Required (a) | Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc. | Surplus (a) | Reinforcements Required (a) |
|---|-------------|-----------------------------|--|-------------|-----------------------------|--|-------------|-----------------------------|
| Ammunition Examiners | | | Fire Control Operators | | | Panel Beaters | | |
| Armament Artificers | | | Fitters | | | Pattern Makers | | |
| Armourers | | | Fitters and Turners | | | Pharmacists | | |
| Artificers, Artillery | | | Fitters, Cycle | | | Photographers, dry plate | | |
| Axemen | | | Fitters, Drivers | | | Photographers, wet plate | | |
| Bakers | | | Filter's Mates | | | Photo-Writers | | |
| Battery Surveyors | | | Fitters, M.V. | | | Plate Layers | | |
| Battery Comdrs. Asst. | | | Fitters, Railway Signal | | | Plumbers | | |
| Blacksmiths | | | Fitters, Signal | | | Predictor Numbers | | |
| Boilermakers | | | Grinders | | | Printers | | |
| Bricklayers | | | Gun Layers | | | Radiator Mechanics | | |
| Butchers | | | G.P.O. Assistants | | | Radiographers | | |
| Camouflage Modeller | | | Gun Operators | | | Range Takers | | |
| Carpenter and Joiner | | | Hammermen | | | Riggers | | |
| Clerks | | 2 | Height Takers | | | Riveters | | |
| Clerks, Engineering | | | Helo Operators | | | Saddlers | | |
| Clerks, Supply | | | Instrument Mechanics | | | Saddle Tree Makers | | |
| Clerks, Technical | | | Instrument Mechanics, Surgical | | | Saw Doctors | | |
| Coachmakers | | | Instrument Operators | | | Sawyers | | |
| Computers | | | Intelligence Duties | | | Shoemakers | | |
| Concretors | | | Joiners | | | Signallers | | |
| Cooks | | | Leather Stitchers | | | Signwriters | | |
| Cooks, Hospital | | | Linesmen | | | Stokers, Stationary Engine | | |
| Coppersmiths | | | Linesmen, Signals | | | Storemen, Technical | | |
| Dental Clerk Orderlies | | | Lithographers | | | Surveyors | | |
| Despatch Riders | | | Machinists | | | Surveyors, Engineering | | |
| Dispensers | | | Masons | | | Tailors | | |
| Draughtsmen | | | Massours | | | Telescope Identification Numbers | | |
| Draughtsmen, Architectural | | | Mechanics, Dental | | | Textile Refitters | | |
| Draughtsmen, Mechanical | | 1 | Mechanics, M.T. | | | Tinsmiths | | |
| Draughtsmen, Signal | | | Mechanics, Typewriter | | | Toolmakers | | |
| Draughtsmen, Topographical | | | Mechanics, Wireless | | | Turners | | |
| Driver Mechanics | | 1 | Millwrights | | | Vulcanizers | | |
| Driver Operators | | 3 | Miners | | | Wagon Erectors | | |
| Drivers, Transportation Plant | | | Moulders | | | Watchmakers | | |
| Electrical Fitters | | | Nursing Orderlies | | | Watermen | | |
| Electricians | | | Nursing Orderlies (Mental) | | | Welders | | |
| Electricians, Eng. Units | | | Nurses, Trained | | | Well Borers | | |
| Electricians, Signal | | | Observation Post Assistants | | | Wheelers | | |
| Engine Artificers | | | Operating Room Assistants | | | Whitesmiths | | |
| Engine Hands I/C | | | Operators, Signal | | | Wiremen | | |
| Equipment Repairers | | | Opticians | | | Woodturners | | |
| Farriers | | | Painters | | | | | |
| BATTEN | | 3 | | | | | | |
| DRIVERS MT | | | | | | | | |
| MT ORDERLIES | | 2 | | | | | | |
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| | | | | | | | | |
| Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.) | | 12 | | | | | | |

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

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

HQ RAE 1AUST ARMD DIV

Unit.

Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch.

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

SECURITY

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

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HQ RAE 1 Area Command
Pine Unit.

Unit

Date of Despatch 29 Jun 42

list above will be added as required in spaces provided.

Alex E Ross Capt
for Signature of Commander.
FIELD.

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

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

RANKS OF REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

| <u>Trade</u> | <u>Rank</u> | <u>Reinf't Required.</u> |
|--------------|----------------|--------------------------|
| Clerks | Staff-Sergeant | 1 |
| Draughtsman | Corporal | 1 |
| Dr m.f. | Corp | |

Alex. E. Ross Capt.

War Diary

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

HQ RAE 1 Avst
Armed Div

(Unit) 6 Term

19 47 (Date).

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

SECURITY

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|---|---|---------------------------|---|
| Detail. | Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached). | Surplus to Establishment. | Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments). |
| W.Os. Class I. | — | — | — |
| W.Os. Class II. | — | — | — |
| Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants | — | — | — |
| Staff Serjeants | — | — | 1 |
| Serjeants | — | — | — |
| Corporals | — | — | 2 |
| Troopers, Privates, &c. | 6 | — | 11 <i>only.</i> |
| TOTALS | 6 | — | 14 |

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

[illegible]

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

[illegible]

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

SECURITY

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

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for Signature of Commander.
FIELD.

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

Rank of Reinforcements Required.

| Trade | Rank | Required |
|--|----------------|----------|
| Clerk | Staff Sergeant | 1 |
| Draughtsman | Corporal | 1 |
| Driver M.T. | " | 1 |
| <p>Alex. E. Ross Capt for R.F.</p> | | |