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ORIGINAL

2/4 FIELD COMPANY
R.A.E.

WAR DIARY

2/4 Aust Fd Coy RAE

PLACE	DATE HOUR	SUMMARY OF EVENTS AND INFORMATION	REMARKS AND REFERENCES TO APPENDICES
ORO BAY	1 Jan 43	NEW YEARS DAY. No break in work, whole Coy working hard. <i>hak</i>	
	2 Jan 43	No 3 Sec. on Rafts and Floating pier, No 2 Sec, No 1 Sec, on roads and tracks within Port area, owing to nature of soil, sand and no gravel being available, steel mesh in use especially through Kuni grass swamp. <i>hak</i>	
	3 Jan 43	Pile Driver now assembled for new pier, waiting on piles. Roads commenced to Food, Amm, and Engrs Dump. Pile Driver 35 ft frame with two ton monkey operated Inter 4 cylinder petrol Engine mounted on 50 ton barge. <i>hak</i>	
	4 Jan 43	Lt MCKENNEY and 11 ORs still with WARREN FORCE. Road work continues, fine weather during day. Temporary Pier damaged in gale, re erected and some piles driven to increase stability. <i>hak</i>	
	5 Jan 43	No 2 Sec. commence work on New Pier 405007. Timber cutting, preparation of piers etc. Road work continues <i>hak</i>	
	6 Jan 43	W.P. installed at Hospital. Engrs. stores arriving at Dump. No 3 Sec. also on salvage of barges and launches using Pettar Compressor and Fire Engine Pumps. <i>hak</i>	
	7 Jan 43	Pile driving for earth fill on pier continues. Ration Dump Rd completed. <i>hak</i>	
	8 Jan 43	Long landing bay erected over creek to allow access to hills. <i>hak</i>	
	9 Jan 43	Exciting day. Most of new Reinf. came under fire for first time, when 4 Dive Bombers gave ORO BAY its first taste of strafing and bombing. Little material damage. One hit on VAN HERTZ causing a few casualties amongst USA Porte E detachment. Four of pontoons Mk damaged by splinter and gun fire. <i>hak</i>	
	10 Jan 43	Remainder of party from "HAT" FORCE rejoined Unit today. Reporting that Capt. Dunphy was evacuated from MILNE BAY to AUSTRALIA sick. Work on roads and Pier making good progress. <i>hak</i>	
	11 Jan 43	Work on Pier going smoothly now at increased rate. 2 more ships keeping barge crews at high pressure. Big supply of Engr. Stores arrived. Bulldozer doing good work on track to positions for heavy A.A. <i>hak</i>	

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PLACE	DATE	HOUR	SUMMARY OF EVENTS AND INFORMATION	REMARKS AND REFERENCES TO APPENDICES
ORO BAY	12 Jan 43		Four more Tip Trucks allotted to Unit, also D6 Caterpillar. Accident with Dozer on first day of "Chinaman" loading of fill for pier sets back progress. More Engr. Stores coming in. <i>hal</i>	
	13 Jan 43		R.A.E. Dump Road complete. Track maintenance continues. <i>hal</i>	
	14 Jan 43		2 - 100 Ton barges salvaged from HARIKI, 3 Pontoons Mk V lost in operations. <i>hal</i>	
	15 Jan 43		Sand Chinaman completed. D6 Bulldozer required urgently. Pier and Track maintenance continues. Sketch map of Track in area handed in. <i>hal</i>	
	16 Jan 43		Ann. Dump Road completed. Barges and Lighter work continues. <i>hal</i>	
	17 Jan 43		Petrol Drum raft being assembled. Completion depends on supply of drums. <i>hal</i>	
	18 Jan 43		Dolphin of 3 piles for temporary pier driven, boats still operating alongside pier. Track maintenance. <i>hal</i>	
	19 Jan 43		Lt. McKensey and party still away with WARREN FORCE, also Launch "MINERVA" with 3 O.R.s still attached to HAT FORCE. <i>hal</i>	
	20 Jan 43		Filling on new pier stopped until retaining wall completed. Material for floating pier being assembled. Lighters and Barges kept busy unloading ships. <i>hal</i>	
	21 Jan 43		Gun pits for 3-in A.A. constructed with Bulldozer. Drainage and clearing of Road lines. <i>hal</i>	
	22 Jan 43		Hard task of salvaging Steel mesh from sunken barge. Work on pier continues. <i>hal</i>	
	23 Jan 43		Unit has lost the use of 1 Road Grader, 1 D6 Tractor and 6 Tip trucks. Replacement of these urgently required. <i>hal</i>	

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2/4 Aust Fd. Coy. RAE.

PLACE	DATE	HOUR	SUMMARY OF EVENTS AND INFORMATION	REMARKS AND REFERENCES TO APPENDICES
ORO BAY	24 Jan 43		Timber party working on far side of Bay have delivered 69 logs, with the aid of natives. <i>hal</i>	
	25 Jan 43		First leg of earth fill causeway completed, second leg commenced. Maintenance on Temporary pier continuous. <i>hal</i>	
	26 Jan 43		Sand Chinaman still not working owing to lack of D6 Bulldozer. Help to Art. on tracks to Gun positions. <i>hal</i>	
	27 Jan 43		Coy. has had the help of 150 natives on Roads, Timber cutting and Dump work, more could be used. <i>hal</i>	
	28 Jan 43		After three days of fine weather, the rain has commenced again, work on barges and pier continues. <i>hal</i>	
	29 Jan 43		Waterpoint commenced. "Chinaman" for fill to be reconstructed - Delays causeway at pier. <i>hal</i>	
	30 Jan 43		43rd Engrs (USA) give assistance with plant on road work. Bridge commenced on link road from DOBODURA Coast road to Allweather Road. <i>hal</i>	
	31 Jan 43		116 Engrs (USA) go to work on all weather road to DOBODURA - Widening and grading $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles of track done by this unit gives good start. <i>hal</i>	

SECRET

RAE. C.O.S.C. "HAIRAIL"

WORKS PROGRESS REPORT - 25 Jan. to 30 Jan. 45.

Ref. Map-POFONETTA (2nd Edit) 1"-1mile

1. TO: Comd. C.O.S.C. "HAIRAIL"

Rptd. C.O.S. Adv. N.G.F.

WORK: Port Development GRO BAY.

LABOUR: 2/4 Aust. Fd. Coy. RAE. (less 2 Dets) 6 Offrs. 200 O.R.s.
Natives 110 - 120.

COMMENCED: 21 Dec. 42.

JOB	:Labour	:Prog	:Date	:Est. :	Remarks
	:ress :	:commen :	:comp :		equipment etc.
	: : :	: : :	: : :		
Pier, temporary	: 12 RAE :	: : :	: : :	: :	: Continuous
Barges & lighters	: 24 RAE :	: : :	: : :	: :	: Continuous
Salvage Engr. Stores	: : :	: : :	: : :	: :	: :
from sunken Barges	: 5 RAE :	: : :	: : :	: :	: One day only.
Petrol Drum raft	: 5 RAE :	: 90% :	: 14Jan :	: :	: Date of completion depends
	: : :	: : :	: : :	: :	: on supply of drums
Track maintenance	: 5 RAE :	: : :	: : :	: :	: :
39002 - 408102 A to B	: 14natives :	: : :	: 30Dec 42 :	: :	: 1 Tip Truck
Hospital Road	: 11 RAE :	: : :	: : :	: :	: 3 Tip Trucks 1 D4
	: 58natives :	: 50% :	: 22 Jan :	: 15 Feb :	: Bulldozer for 1 day
Drainage and cleaning	: 4 RAE :	: : :	: : :	: :	: 16 Bulldozer from
of Road lines	: 20natives :	: : :	: : :	: :	: 43rd Engrs. for half day
Gun Pits for 5" A.A.	: 43rd :	: : :	: : :	: :	: Pits which required
	: Engrs :	: 100% :	: : :	: :	: blasting completed by
	: 1narscannel :	: : :	: : :	: :	: 43rd Engrs.
Water Point 397007	: 2 RAE :	: : :	: : :	: :	: Point includes cart
	: 4natives :	: 40% :	: 28Jan :	: 2Feb :	: Filling point shower
	: : :	: : :	: : :	: :	: point. Reticulation to
	: : :	: : :	: : :	: :	: 5 Units.
Reconstruction of "	: : :	: : :	: : :	: : :	: :
"Chinaman"	: 10 RAE :	: 80% :	: 29 Jan :	: 31 Jan :	: :
New Pier 408007	: : :	: : :	: : :	: : :	: :
(a) Timber getting	: 12 RAE :	: : :	: : :	: : :	: 44 logs delivered
	: 20natives :	: : :	: 27 Dec :	: : :	: Chinaman for fill dam
(b) Pile driving	: : :	: : :	: : :	: : :	: : ed and being reconstruct-
2nd leg	: 7 RAE :	: 95% :	: 24 Jan :	: 31 Jan :	: ted- fill held up
	: : :	: : :	: : :	: : :	: :
(c) Retaining walls	: 16 RAE :	: 5% :	: 26 Jan :	: 30 Feb :	: Plant: 1 Tractor part
(d) Filling 1st leg	: 10 RAE :	: 30% :	: 17 Jan :	: 4 Feb :	: 1 D4 Dozer part - tim
	: : :	: : :	: : :	: : :	: 1 Compressor
	: : :	: : :	: : :	: : :	: 1 Pile Driver
Engr. Dump	: 4 RAE :	: : :	: : :	: : :	: :
	: 10natives :	: : :	: : :	: : :	: :

- NOTES: TECH. (a) Plant Coy's total road plant is now 8 D4 Dozers
1 Scoop and 6 Tip Trucks, but 43rd Engrs assisted with
2 Graders, 2 Dozers and Tip Trucks during last period.
- (b) Roads 116 Engrs. (USA) have commenced on GRO BAY -
DOBODURA all weather road during the last period.
- (c) New Pier First of material for floating wharf is
expected to-day.
- ADMIN. (a) 3 O.R.s crew launch "MINERVA" not returned.
- (b) Lieut. McKenney and 11 O.R.s - "WARREN" Force.

Ha Ranae Lieut
for P.O. 2/4 Aust. Fd. Coy. RAE.

WORKS PROGRESS REPORT - 16 Jan to 20 Jan 45.

Ref Map-POPONDETTA (2nd Edit.) 1"=1 mile
" " Sketch Map-App. "A"

1. TO: Comd. C.O.S.C. "HAIRROLL"
rptd. C.R. Adv. N.G. Force., C.R.M. 1 Aust. Corps Tps.
WORK: Port Development ORO
LABOUR: 2/4 Aust Pd. Coy (less two deta) 6 offrs 303 C.R.s
Natives: 100 to 160
COMMENCED: 31 Dec 42.

JOB	:Labour	:Prog-Date	:Est.	:Remarks
	:ress:commen:compl-			equipment etc
	: -ced -sted			
Pier, temporary	: 12	: :	: :	: continuous
Barges & Lighters	: 22	: :	: :	: continuous
Track maintenance	: 11 RAE	: - : 30 Dec	: :	: 4 Tip trucks
39802 - 400102	: : 24 natives	: :	: :	: 1 grader
A to H	: :	: :	: :	: :
Ann Dump Road	: 7 RAE	: :	: :	: :
	: 17 natives	: 100% 7 Jan	: 16 Jan	: 3 Tip Trucks
Road C.I.E.	: 8 RAE	: :	: :	: :
	: 28 natives	: 80% 14 Jan	: 21 Jan	: 3 Tip trucks
Petrol Drum raft	: 4 RAE	: 75% 14 Jan	: :	: Date of completion depends on drum supply
Dolphin for temporary Pier	: 8 RAE	: 50% 16 Jan	: 21 Jan	: Pile broke off in gale being replaced by a Dolphin of 3 piles. Pile still in operation with boat alongside
Track 398007-381005-385010	: 4 RAE	: 85% 15 Jan	: 22 Jan	: 1 Bulldozer
NEW PIER 408007	: -	: - : 5 Jan	: -	: Plan changed see note.
(a) Timber getting	: 12 RAE	: - : 27 Dec	: :	: :
(b) Pile driving for earth fill & preparation of piles	: 47 natives	: :	: :	: PLANT: 1 Bulldozer D4 1 tractor D6 part time
(c) Retaining walls	: 80	: 70% 18 Jan	: 24 Jan	: see note 1 Compressor
(d) Filling	: 8	: 80% 17 Jan	: 28 Jan	: see note 1 Pile Driver
(e) Trestle Bays	: No more	: to be built	: :	: 3 Tip Trucks
Engr. Dump	: 4 RAE	: :	: :	: :
	: 20 natives	: - : -	: -	: :

- NOTES: TECH. (a) Roads A D6 Bulldozer in addition to two D4 Bulldozers already held is urgently required. One Chinaman constructed cannot be put into operation until this deficiency is remedied.
(b) Air Compressors The two air compressors deficient on this Unit's W.E. are requested.
(c) TRACK 398007-381005-385010. is now passable to class 6 traffic. Grade and width is being improved in one place.
(d) New Pier. Plan for pile driven wharf is changed. Material for floating wharf is being forwarded. Earth Causeways to proceed as planned. Earth fill interfere with retaining wall construction therefore suspended till wall is complete.
ADMIN. (a) 3 C.R.s crew launch "MINERVA" still at MILNE Bay or "HAT" Force and their return is still requested.
(b) Lieut. McKensay and 11 C.R.s - "WARREN" Force.

.....Major
O.C. 2/4 Aust. Pd. Coy. RAE.

RAE. C.O.S.C. "HAIROIL"

WORKS PROGRESS REPORT - 11 Jan to 15 Jan 45

Ref Map-POPONDETTA (2nd Edit.) 1"=1 mile
" " Sketch Map- App. "A"

1. TO: Comd. C.O.S.C. "HAIROIL"
rptd. C.E. Adv. N.G. Force., C.R.E. 1 Aust. Corps Tps.
WORK: Port Development ORO
LABOUR: 2/4 Aust Pd. Coy (less two deta) 6 offrs 203 O.R.s
Natives: 100 to 160
COMMENCED: 21 Dec 42

JOB	Labour	Prog- ress	Date com- men- ced	Est. com- pl- eted	Remarks equipment etc
Pier temporary	11	-	-	-	continuous
Barges & Lighters	24	-	30 Dec	-	continuous
Track maintenance	8 RAE	-	30 Dec	-	continuous
398002- 408108	20 natives	-	30 Dec	-	1 Grader
A to H	10 RAE	-	-	-	2 Tip Trucks
Ann Dump Road	35 natives	90%	7 Jan	16 Jan	5 Tip Trucks work suspended for 2 days
RAE Dump Road	10 RAE	100%	7 Jan	13 Jan	2 Tip Trucks
Road C.L.M.	11 RAE	-	-	-	2 Tip Trucks
	33 nat- ives	80%	14 Jan	30 Jan	1 Bulldozer D4 Now passable to 5" A.A.Guns towed by D6 Tractor
Sand Chinaman	4 RAE	100%	9 Jan	11 Jan	
BOX Girder BR 48 ft	3 RAE	-	-	-	
for RD C.L.M.	40 USA	100%	9 Jan	10 Jan	
	A.A.	-	-	-	
Construction	1 RAE	100%	11 Jan	13 Jan	
Latrine & Pier	10 natives	-	-	-	
Petrol Drum Raft	10 RAE	5%	14 Jan	20 Jan	
NEW PIER 403007	12 RAE	20%	8 Jan	20 Feb	+First ship unloading
(a) Timber getting	25-50 natives	-	27 Dec	-	
(b) Pile driving for earth fill and	10	70%	5 Jan	20 Jan	Plan changed to work on Trestle bays
preparation of piles	22	50%	5 Jan	20 Jan	Plan changed
(c) Retaining walls	20	6%	13 Jan	20 Feb	Plant
(d) Trestle Bays	-	5%	14 Jan	20 Jan	1 Bulldozer D4 time
(e) Earth fill	-	-	-	-	1 Tractor D6 part tim
	-	-	-	-	1 Compressor
	-	-	-	-	1 Pile driver
Engr Dump	5 RAE	-	-	-	
	50 natives	-	-	-	
	-1 day	-	-	-	

- NOTES: TECH. (a) Barges & Lighters. 2-100 ton barges salvaged from HARIKI. 5 Mk.V. Pontoons lost in operations
(b) Road C.L.M. 5" A.A.Guns & predictors towed into position
(c) Sand Chinaman. D6 Bulldozer is urgently required.
(d) Roads. Sketch map of tracks round bay have been handed in
(e) Track. 398007-381005-383010-397009-398007 now passable to Jessps. D4 Bulldozer is improving track.
ADMIN. (a) 7 O.R.s ex "HAT" Force have returned to Unit
(b) 3 O.R.s crew launch "MINERVA" are at MILNE BAY or "HAT" Force & their immediate return is requested.
(c) Lieut McKenzie and 11 O.R.s - "WARREN" Force.

.....Major
O.C. 2/4 Aust. Pd. Coy. RAE

29 Jan. 42.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1 No. 50.

By Major H.T. JEBBART.

OFFICER COMMANDING

2/4 Aust. Fd. Coy. RAE.

1. UNIT BARRACK ONLY. Centeen will be open during the following hours
1100-1150
1830-1930.
2. Cutting of Trees and Poles. No timber will be cut in the vicinity of Petrol Pumps.
3. Survey Tripods. These tripods are erected by survey parties to mark important survey points and will not be interfered with in any way by unauthorised personnel.

La Rouse
.....Major.
for O.C. 2/4 Aust. Fd. Coy. RAE.

NOTICE.

Reference to Routine Orders Part 1 No. 49. Delete all reference to Court of Inquiry.

2/4 Aust. Fd. Coy. RAE.
27 Jan. 43.

Comd. C.O.S.C. "HAIROIL"
Copy to C.R.E. Adv. N.G.F.

PROPOSED FLOATING WHARF - ORO BAY

The following comments on the above Wharf, as requested in your memo dated 27 June 43 are submitted.

1. In view of local information concerning seas or swell coming into this bay during ensuing six months, some doubt is felt as to the stability of a floating dock in this position, and a pile driven wharf is still recommended.
2. If a floating wharf is still to be constructed it is recommended that anchor piles be 3-pile clusters.
3. In view of the coral-ly nature of the bed, it is strongly recommended that anchor cables be $\frac{3}{4}$ " dia steel cables in lieu of 1-in and 3-in dia. Manilla Rope.
4. It is considered impossible to obtain 48 piles of sufficiently large dimensions locally. A minimum of forty-eight 60-ft. piles of av. dia 16-in is required.
5. It is estimated that the full Coy. will require 3 weeks from the date of arrival of material to complete this floating wharf. Piles mentioned in para. 4 are needed in first shipment of material.

J. J. J. J. J.
.....Major
O.C. 2/4 Aust. Fd. Coy. RAE.

26 Jan. 48

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL WORKER

ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1 NO. 49

By Major H. T. JELBART

OFFICER COMMANDING

S/4 Aust. Pd. Coy. RAE.

A Court of Inquiry will be held to inquire into the circumstances involving the damage to vehicle No W 349695 and injuries to driver of above vehicle, on 26 Jan. 48.

PRESIDENT - Lieut. H.H.O. TEDDER
MEMBERS - Lieut. R.C. KEMP
Lieut. L.G. WALKER

CANTEN Some personnel of this unit, purporting to be accredited representatives of the Coy. have been purchasing goods from the BULK CANTEN. This practice serves only to deprive the remaining members of this unit of their proportion of Canteen Supplies, and will cease immediately. The purchasing representative of this Coy is nominated by Coy. H.Q. and any other member of this unit approaching the BULK CANTEN for purpose of buying goods will be severely disciplined.

11. Extract from Orders of the Day No. 26 C.O.H.Q.

SMOKING IN AMMUNITION AREAS. Smoking WILL NOT be permitted in ammunition areas. Offenders will be severely dealt with.

See Loose Leaf
.....Major
for C.O. S/4 Aust. Pd. Coy RAE.

NOTICES

TO: 1, 2, 3 Secs. & H.Q.

The following promotions have been authorized by Major H.T. JELBART, C.O. S/4 Aust. Pd. Coy RAE.

QX 34464	Spr.	GILVEAR	W.	to	Carpenter	Op. 11	as from	16 Jan 48.
QX 27189	"	IBAIN	C.	to	do.	Op. 11	do.	
MX 17499	"	DAVIS	M.J.	to	Miner	Op. 11	do.	
MX 261	"	HUNTER	T.A.	to	do.	Op. 11	do.	
MX 57706	"	FOX	L.H.	to	Concrete	Op. 111	do.	
MX 38480	"	CONNORS	T.J.	to	Engine Band	Op. 111	do.	
MX 66241	"	CLEMENTS	R.E.	to	do.	Op. 111	do.	
MX 25743	"	NICHOLS	W.F.	to	do.	Op. 111	do.	
QX 24958	"	FULLERBROOK	E.S.	to	do.	Op. 111	do.	
QX 31144	"	STRID	F.H.	to	Do.	Op. 111	do.	

TRANSFERS WITHIN THE COMPANY

MX38418 Spr. JONES S.L. from No. 1 Section to H.Q.
H 288919 " DUNCHIEA R.S. from No. 2 Section to H.Q.

21 Jan. 45.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1 NO. 48

By Major H.T. JELBART

OFFICER COMMANDING

2/4 Aust. Fd. Coy. RAE.

1. All Units in this Area are responsible for the control of breeding of malarial mosquitoes within own lines. To this end this unit will:-
 1. Pile all coconut husks etc near road at rear of Ord. Room for removal.
 2. Gather all empty tins and other articles that will hold water and place in drums at rear of Cookhouse.
 3. Fill in all slit trenches to subsoil water level - so as no water lies in trenches.
 4. Cover all wells or water containers.
 5. Empty all pools of water collecting in stationary vehicles or tent sides.
 6. Interior of tents should be sprayed daily with Flysol. (This will be notified when arranged.)
2. BATHING. Until such time as showers are in operation, NO BATHING IS ALLOWED UPSTREAM of the bridge.

H. Rouse Lead
.....Major
J.C.O. 2/4 Aust. Fd. Coy. RAE.

INFORMATION

Confirmation of announcement - Allied forces in PAPUA have captured SANANDA Village and SANANDA Point and are pushing East along the coast to GRIKVA. Heavy casualties to Japs. 27 prisoners taken. Widespread Allied air activity TIMOR and KAI ISLAND raided by our planes. MILNE BAY is again bombed.

In the naval war of the Pacific the U.S. Navy Dept. communique announces the list of enemy vessels destroyed, includes 1 destroyer, 1 large cargo vessel, 1 medium transport, 1 medium cargo vessel and 1 small patrol vessel. One large tanker and a small cargo vessel damaged. These have not been previously reported.

WINSTON TURNER Correspondent with U.S. Marines, states that now it can be revealed that on January 10th, American forces in GUADAGANAL launched a Major offensive. Jap positions were dive-bombed while combined Marine and Army forces moved forward. 3,000 yards gained by noon.

British 8th Army advance columns within 30 miles of TRIPOLI. THE enemy are streaming from TRIPOLI. In TUNISIA, AXIS made 3 attacks on Allied positions, British infantry supported by tanks, wiped out a Company of enemy infantry. Axis tanks attempt to advance in another sector but were forced to retire when hammered by artillery. Enemy attack French position in S.W. TUNISIA. French supported by Allied planes repulsed the attack and enemy failed to break through, suffering great losses. French continue to advance.

19 Jan. 45.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1 NO. 47.

By Major N.T. JELBART

OFFICER COMMANDING

2/4 AUST. PD. COY. RAE.

1. SANITATION. Some cases of Bacillary dysentery have appeared in the area. The following regulations which have previously appeared in Orders of the day will be strictly adhered to.

1. Washing of mess kits in chlorinated water.

2. Use of chlorinated water only.

Numerous instances of men drinking water from streams or other untreated sources have been observed. All men leaving camp on details will carry canteens or water bottles filled with chlorinated water.

Latrines for natives will be provided in all areas in which native details are employed. Officers or others in charge of native details will instruct natives as to necessity for use of these latrines.

Officers or others in command of native labor on roads, in dumps in camps or in the vicinity of camps will be responsible for the immediate disposal of the shells of coconuts consumed by natives. Shells should be collected for disposal as road filling or by dumping in the sea, and not by throwing into the bush. Many malaria-carrying mosquitoes are breeding throughout this area in such coconut remains.

John Robert Jelbart
.....Major
O.C. 2/4 Aust. Pd. Coy. RAE.

NOTICE

TO: 1, 2, 3 Secs. & HQ.

The following promotions have been authorised by Major N.T. JELBART
O.C. 2/4 Aust. Pd. Coy. RAE.

NK16643	L/Cpl. McNAMARA	W.	to A/Cpl. as from 14 Jan. 45.
NK22859	" LIDGARD	H.A.	to A/Cpl do. do.
NK16480	Spr. TYLER	D.T.	to A/Cpl. do. do.
NK31717	" FORRITT	W.	to L/Cpl. do. do.
NK18840	" MOORE	F.C.	to L/Cpl. do. do.
NK17155	Cpl. SCOLLAY	J.	to A/Sgt. do. do.
NK16552	Spr. NESS	L.J.	to Group 111. as from 1 Aug. 42.
NK20403	1/Cpl. YOUNG	E.W.	to Group 1 do. 14 Jan. 45.

16 Jan. 43.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1 NO. 46.

By Major N.T. JELBAET.

OFFICER COMMANDING

2/4 AUST. FD. COY. RAE.

ROAD DISCIPLINE

Overloading of vehicles and blockages of roads by vehicles due to careless driving or speeding will be treated as offences. The following instructions will be strictly adhered to:-

1. Passengers in vehicles will not extend the head or limbs beyond the body of the truck.
2. Drivers will avoid using old wheel tracks.
3. All passengers will dismount and if necessary assist by pushing the vehicles over bad patches.
4. If passing through water is unavoidable use lowest gear and slowest pace.
5. On DRY roads keep to edges in order to widen roads.
6. All vehicles will carry pick, shovel and axe.

ROAD MAINTENANCE

Comd. C.O.S.C. wishes to commend all Units concerned for their splendid work in maintaining the roads in their respective areas.

H. A. Rave *Lieut*
.....Major
Lt. Col. 2/4 Aust. Fd. Coy. RAE.

13 January 1945

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES.ROUTINE ORDER PART I NO. 45

by Major N.T. JELBART

OFFICER COMMANDING 2/4 AUST. FD. COY. RAE

1. DRAINAGE DITCHES. All traffic must be kept out of drainage ditches alongside of roads. In view of the state of the road, maintenance problems will be impossible if these ditches are damaged.
2. TRAFFIC. The road from the 1st Portable Hospital to the village on the coast is closed to all traffic with the exception of Jeeps and essential ambulance cases which can not be moved by Jeeps, until further notice. Vehicles will not be parked in the area in front of COSS headquarters.
3. REMOVAL OF SAND. Indiscriminate removal of sand from beaches around the bay area will stop immediately. All Units with the exception of the 2/4 Aust. Fd. Coy RAE will obtain sand from the beach area 200 yds north of this Hqtrs(COSS) and extending to the edge of the village to the north of this HQ(COSS)
4. NATIVE HUTS. Native huts are the property of local natives. All members are warned that these huts must not be disturbed.
5. PASSENGERS IN VEHICLES. Passengers riding in vehicles will not extend the head or limbs beyond the body of the truck. Drivers of vehicles will see that the above is carried out.

Ha Rouse
Major
 for O.C. 2/4 Aust. Fd. Coy. RAE

NOTICES

LOST. Pistol, Enfield, Cal. 38, 50 Rds ammunition, Flashlight. The enumerated articles were removed from the quarters of Commander Legg. Anyone having information as to the above articles notify this HQ(COSS) or Commander Legg, Beachmasters Office.

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INFORMATION.

French battleship "RICHELIEU" with three cruisers, ten subs and seven merchant vessels lying in DAKAR HARBOUR can be repaired and will be in Allied service in good time.

British and US press hail success of Australian and American Airmen in destruction and damaging of 140 Japanese aircraft in four days fighting over New Guinea recently. London "Daily Telegraph" states this shows Allies are supreme in the air in all theatres of War and sarcastically recalls when Goering announced in 1940 -- "IN THE AIR-I WILL BE THE MASTER"

S.W. PACIFIC. Another success for the torpedo planes; at dusk Saturday, a direct hit was scored on an enemy light cruiser or large destroyer in harbour at GASMATTA. The ship was enveloped in smoke from explosion amidsthips. It was not seen next morning and is believed sunk. Ground forces closing in on Sananda.

In Solomons land forces are active again. Jap positions on Guadalcanal were attacked and only weak resistance was encountered.

11 Jan 43

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCEROUTINE ORDERS PART I No. 44by Major H.T. JELBARTOFFICER COMMANDING 2/4 Aust Fd. Coy RAE

1. PILFERING. It has been brought to notice that pilfering of various stores is still going on despite warnings given in previous Routine Orders. ALL dumps are out of bounds to all ranks. Violation of this order will result in drastic disciplinary action being taken.
2. BLACKOUT and FIRES. All members are again reminded that blackout regulations will be observed from dusk to dawn and will be rigidly ~~made~~ enforced. Fires will be extinguished at dusk and will not be started again before dawn.
3. WEARING OF CLOTHING. Attention of all ranks is again drawn to the necessity for correct wearing of Anti-Malarial clothing from dusk to dawn.
The wearing of unauthorised clothing by members of this Unit will not be tolerated. Correct head dress only will be worn.
4. INDISCRIMINATE FIRING OF FIRE ARMS. Indiscriminate firing of fire arms within this area is prohibited.
5. AIR RAIDS. On air raid warning being sounded men will NOT run, but will lay down flat on the ground where they happen to be at the time of attack. Curiosity and the urge to see what is taking place may cause men to run out on to the beach. This is NOT allowed as the movement made by the troops may be seen from the air, thus giving away the position of Units' camping areas.
Pistols or T.S.M.G.'s will not be fired at hostile aircraft.
6. Owing to the large amount of ear trouble caused by bathing in the sea, bathing in the sea is prohibited. When necessity arises that men must enter the water to do a job care will be taken that the ears are plugged and avoid, if possible, immersing head right under the surface.

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H.T. Jelbart
Major
 O.C. 2/4 Aust Fd. Coy RAE

NOTICES.

- LOST. One pistol, Cal.45, M1911, 275995, finder please return to M/Sgt M.H. Jones, Port Det. "A"
- LOST. One pistol, Cal.45, M1911 A1, 210357 or 210359, finder return to Capt Gross, 208th CA
- LOST. Wrist Watch, Waltham Premier, gold wrist band, Reward. Finder return to Headquarters Co. "G", 387th Port Bn (TC)
- LOST. Pack, marked "Pte BROWN, R. QX 5196. LAD. Finder please return to 222 2/2 Aust Anti Tank Regt.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I. NO. 41

by Major H.T. JELBART

OFFICER COMMANDING 2/4 Aust Pd. Coy RAE

1. CARRYING OF ARMS.

All ranks will carry rifles or side arms at all times with the following exceptions:-

- (a) Working parties may stack rifles in immediate vicinity of work.
- (b) All ranks performing duties which would ordinarily be hampered by the carrying or wearing of weapons will have their weapons close at hand, and instantly available.
- (c) Wearing or carrying of weapons is not required at mess formations.

2. OUT OF BOUNDS.

All ranks are reminded that native gardens are OUT OF BOUNDS. These gardens are the property of the natives and in order to obtain their full cooperation members will not under any circumstances remove fruit or vegetables from these gardens. Livestock will not be taken or molested.

H.T. Jelbart
.....Major
O.C. 2/4 Aust Pd. Coy RAE

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Dec*

DATE: 4 Jan 43

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I. NO. 41

by Major N.T. JELBART

OFFICER COMMANDING 2/4 Aust Pd. Coy RAE

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W.D. C. ...
.....Major
O.C. 2/4 Aust Pd. Coy RAE

MESSAGE FORM

CALL
AND
INSTRUCTIONS.

IN

OUT

No. of Groups
GR.

Serial No.
OFFICE DATE STAMP

(ABOVE THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

TO X Gen 2/6 Aust Armd Regt 188 US Regt 2/5 2/10 2/12 Aust 1,
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FROM

18 Aust Inf Bde

Originator's Number

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Date

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In Reply to Number
(personnel).

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The	following	messages	have	been	5
received	(.)	one	(.)	from	10
G-in-C	Allied	Land	Forces	(.)	15
Please	accept	yourself	and	convey	20
to	your	staff	and	commend	25
heartly	congratulations	on	the	successful	30
conclusion	of	operations	on	BUNA	35
front	(.)	They	have	been	40
thoroughly	planned	and	valiantly	executed	45
(.)	Two	(.)	Order	of	50
the	Day	by	It-Gen	E.F.	55
HERRING	General	Officer	Commanding	NEW	60
GUINRA	Force	(.)	Now	that	65
the	battle	for	BUNA	is	70
over	and	won	I	desire	75
to	express	to	all	rank	80
who	have	engaged	in	the	85
battle	whether	on	the	ground	90
of	in	the	air	American	95
and	Australian	alike	my	heartfelt	100
appreciation	of	your	magnificent	and	105
prolonged	effort	(.)	The	enemy's	110
defences	were	exceedingly	strong	and	115
he	fought	the	battle	with	120
a	selfless	devotion	to	duty	125
that	was	worthy	of		130

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BY ANY MEANS: (EXCEPT) WIRELESS

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ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS
LETTER OF PRIORITY

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(BELOW THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

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T.O.R.

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MESSAGE FORM

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TO

FROM

Originator's Number

Date

In Reply to Number

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borne	hardships	with	cheerfulness	and	35
with	a	determination	to	prevail	40
so	steadfast	that	your	efforts	45
have	been	crowned	with	victory	50
(.)	You	have	done	a	55
job	of	which	both	our	60
countries	should	indeed	be	proud	65
(.)	The	battle	for	BURMA	70
is	but	a	step	on	75
the	way	we	have	now	80
to	clear	the	enemy	out	85
of	SARAWAK	area	(.)	You	90
know	what	the	going	will	95
be	like	it	will	not	100
be	any	easier	than	BURMA	105
see but	I	know	that	you	110
will	tackle	it	with	the	115
same	determination	and	I	believe	120
with	the	same	Result	(.)	125
Good	luck	to	you	all (.)	130

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BY ANY MEANS: "PLAIN" OR "WIRELESS"

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FROM

Originator's Number

Date

In Reply to Number

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From

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BY ANY MEANS: (1) TELETYPE (2) WIRELESS

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CLASS OF PRIORITY

by D.R. early 5/1

TIME OF ORIGIN

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T.O.R.

SYSTEM	IN	TIME	IN	HEADER	SENDER	SYSTEM	OUT	TIME	OUT	HEADER	SENDER	SYSTEM	OUT	TIME	OUT	HEADER	SENDER

Pro Forma AFW 3009B

Masons.....

Nil

Pro Forma AFW 3009B

Serial No. B/13

TOTALS

W/E: A.I.F. II/10a/3-

- 7 + 239. Att. Nil + 1

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

UNIT: 2/4 Aust. Fd. Coy. RAE

WEEK ENDING: 9. January 43...

PART A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

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

Rank	Establishment	Posted Strength (Excl. Attached)	Surplus Reinforcements to Est. reqd. or Deficit on Est.
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Trades

Establishment: Surplus: Deficiency

W.O.II	1	1	-
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Blacksmiths.....	7	-	3
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C.Q.M.S.	1	1	-
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Bricklayers.....	3	2	-
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SERJTS	6	6	-
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Draughtsmen.....	1	1	-
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CPLS (incl)			
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Engine Artificers.....	11	-	1
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L/SJTS	25	25	-
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Fitters.....	4	-	2
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Sappers etc	206	182	-
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Surveyors (Engrg).....	1	-	1
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TOTALS	239	215	-
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Carpenters.....	32	-	2
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PART B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps:

One Cpl from A.A.M.C. - W.E. attachment.

DriversMechanics.....	3	-	2
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PART C. Description of Other Ranks whose return to the Unit is particularly requested:

NIL

Electricians.....	1	-	1
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Mechanic M.V.....	1	-	1
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Miners.....	12	-	8
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Clerks.....	5	1	-
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Concretors.....	6	-	4
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Engine Hands I.C.....	9	-	6
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Tech. Storemen.....	5	-	1
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Tinsmiths.....	3	-	1
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Batmen.....	7	-	3
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General Dutyman.....	1	-	1
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M.C. Orderlies.....	5	-	3
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Pioneers.....	60	26	-
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Water Dutyman.....	1	-	1
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Drivers M.T.	22	-	14
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Masons.....	Nil	1	-
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TOTALS

31

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..... 10. January 43.....

Date of Despatch

..... Major
O.C. 2/4 Aust Fd. Coy RAE..... "HAIROIL".....
Bde etc under which unit is serving

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

SERIAL N°B/13
W/E: AIF 10/104/3-
7+239 AIT NIL+1

2/4 HUST Fd Coy RAE (Unit) 30 January 1943 (Date).

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.			
W.Os. Class II.	1		
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	1	-	-
Staff Serjeants			
Serjeants	6	-	-
Corporals	25	-	-
Troopers, Privates, &c.	175		31
TOTALS	208	.	31

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
CPL (1)	H HMC		

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

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts if known).
NX46672	SPR	QUINN. M J.	R A E	29 INF TNG BN. Coonambidge

2/4 Aust. Fd Coy RAE

Unit.

Army Form W. 3009
(Adapted) (Aug. 41)
(page 2)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- ments Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinforce- ments Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinforce- ments Required (a)
Ammunition Examiners			Fire Control Operators			Panel Beaters		
Armament Artificers			Fitters	4	2	Pattern Makers		
Armourers			Fitters and Turners			Pharmacists		
Artificers, Artillery			Fitters, Cycle			Photographers, dry plate		
Axemen			Fitters, Drivers			Photographers, wet plate		
Bakers			Fitter's Mates			Photo-Writers		
Battery Surveyors			Fitters, M.V.			Plate Layers		
Battery Comdrs. Asst.			Fitters, Railway Signal			Plumbers		
Blacksmiths	7	4	Fitters, Signal			Predictor Numbers		
Boilermakers			Grinders			Printers		
Bricklayers	3	1	Gun Layers			Radiator Mechanics		
Butchers			G.P.O. Assistants			Radiographers		
Camouflage Modeler			Gun Operators			Range Takers		
Carpenter and Joiner	32	5	Hammermen			Riggers		
Clerks	5		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	6	4	Joiners			Signallers		
Cooks			Leather Stitchers			Signwriters		
Cooks, Hospital			Linesmen			Stokers, Stationary Engine		
Coppersmiths			Linesmen, Signals			Storemen, Technical	5	1
Dental Clerk Orderlies			Lithographers			Surveyors		
Despatch Riders			Machinists			Surveyors, Engineering	1	1
Dispensers			Masons	3		Tailors		
Draughtsmen	1	1	Masseurs			Telescope Identification Numbers		
Draughtsmen, Architectural			Mechanics, Dental			Textile Refitters		
Draughtsmen, Mechanical			Mechanics, M.T.	1	1	Tinsmiths	3	1
Draughtsmen, Signal			Mechanics, Typewriter			Toolmakers		
Draughtsmen, Topographical			Mechanics, Wireless			Turners		
Driver Mechanics	3	2	Millwrights			Vulcanizers		
Driver Operators			Miners	12	8	Wagon Erectors		
Drivers, Transportation	32	14	Moulders			Watchmakers		
Electrical Fitters			Nursing Orderlies			Watermen		
Electricians	1	1	Nursing Orderlies (Mental)			Welders		
Electricians, Eng. Units			Nurses, Trained			Well Borers		
Electricians, Signal			Observation Post Assistants			Wheelers		
Engine Artificers	11	1	Operating Room Assistants			Whitesmiths		
Engine Hands I/C	9	1	Operators, Signal			Wiremen		
Equipment Repairers			Opticians			Woodturners		
Farriers			Painters					
PIONEERS	60	17						
BATMEN	7	3						
GEN DUTYMAN	1	1						
M.C. ORDERLIES	5	3						
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)	19	39		3	11		1	4

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.

2/4 Fd. Coy., R.A.E.

Unit.

Alan Rance Hunt
Signature of Commander.
L.H.H.P.U.T.

Date of Despatch 31 January 43

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

Army Form W.3009

(Adapted)

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

2/4 ADST Fd Coy RAE (Unit) 23 January 1943 (Date)

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

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.			
W.Os. Class II.	1		
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	1	-	-
Staff Serjeants			
Serjeants	6	-	-
Corporals	25	-	-
Troopers, Privates, &c.	183		
TOTALS	216	-	23

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

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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)	Reinfa. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfa. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfa. Required (a)
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Ammunition Examiners			Fire Control Operators			Panel Beaters		
Armament Artificers			Fitters	4	3	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		
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Clerks, Engineering			Helio Operators			Saddlers		
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Computers			Intelligence Duties			Shoemakers		
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Cooks			Leather Stitchers			Signwriters		
Cooks, Hospital			Linesmen			Stokers, Stationary Engine		
Coppersmiths			Linesmen, Signals			Storemen, Technical	5	1
Dental Clerk Orderlies			Lithographers			Surveyors		
Despatch Riders			Machinists			Surveyors, Engineering	1	1
Dispensers			Masons		3	Tailors		
Draughtsmen	1	1	Masseurs			Telescope Identification Numbers		
Draughtsmen, Architectural			Mechanics, Dental			Textile Refitters		
Draughtsmen, Mechanical			Mechanics, M.V. M.V.	1	1	Tinsmiths	3	1
Draughtsmen, Signal			Mechanics, Typewriter			Toolmakers		
Draughtsmen, Topographical			Mechanics, Wireless			Turners		
Driver Mechanics	3	2	Millwrights			Vulcanizers		
Driver Operators			Miners	12	8	Wagon Erectors		
Drivers, Transportation Platoon	32	14	Moulders			Watchmakers		
Electrical Fitters			Nursing Orderlies			Watermen	1	1
Electricians	1	1	Nursing Orderlies (Mental)			Welders		
Electricians, Eng. Units			Nurses, Trained			Well Borers		
Electricians, Signal			Observation Post Assistants			Wheelers		
Engine Artificers	11		Operating Room Assistants			Whitesmiths		
Engine Hands I/C	9	1	Operators, Signal			Wiremen		
Equipment Repairers			Opticians			Woodturners		
Farriers			Painters					
PIONEERS	60	19						
BATMEN	7	3						
GEN DUTYMAN	1	1						
M.C. ORDERLIES	5	3						
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)	21	31		3	12			4

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.

2/4 Fd. Coy., R.A.E.

Unit.

Signature of Commander.
"HEROIC"

Date of Despatch 23 January 43

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

Army Form W.3009

(Adapted)

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

2/4 Aust. Fd Coy RHE (Unit) 16 JANUARY 1943 (Date).

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

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	—	—	—
W.Os. Class II.	1	—	—
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	1	—	—
Staff Serjeants			
Serjeants	6	—	—
Corporals	25	—	—
Troopers, Privates, &c.	184	17	22
TOTALS	214	—	22

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

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24th STFd Coy RHE Unit.

**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- ment (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinforce- ment (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinforce- ment (a)
EST			EST			EST		
Ammunition Examiners			Fire Control Operators			Panel Beaters		
Armament Artificers			Fitters	4	3	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	7	3	Fitters, Signal			Predictor Numbers		
Boilermakers			Grinders			Printers		
Bricklayers	3	1	Gun Layers			Radiator Mechanics		
Butchers			G.P.O. Assistants			Radiographers		
Camouflage Modeler			Gun Operators			Range Takers		
Carpenter and Joiner	32	2	Hammermen			Riggers		
Clerks	5		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	6	4	Joiners			Signallers		
Cooks			Leather Stitchers			Signwriters		
Cooks, Hospital			Linesmen			Stokers, Stationary Engine		
Coppersmiths			Linesmen, Signals			Storemen, Technical	5	1
Dental Clerk Orderlies			Lithographers			Surveyors	7	7
Despatch Riders			Machinists			Surveyors, Engineering	7	7
Dispensers			Masons	3		Tailors		
Draughtsmen	1	1	Masseurs			Telescope Identification Numbers		
Draughtsmen, Architectural			Mechanics, Dental			Textile Refitters		
Draughtsmen, Mechanical			Mechanics, M.V.	1	1	Tinsmiths	3	1
Draughtsmen, Signal			Mechanics, Typewriter			Toolmakers		
Draughtsmen, Topographical			Mechanics, Wireless			Turners		
Driver Mechanics	3	2	Millwrights			Vulcanizers		
Driver Operators			Miners	12	8	Wagon Erectors		
Drivers, Transportation Plant	32	14	Moulders			Watchmakers		
Electrical Fitters			Nursing Orderlies			Watermen	1	1
Electricians	1	1	Nursing Orderlies (Mental)			Welders		
Electricians, Eng. Units			Nurses, Trained			Well Boreers		
Electricians, Signal			Observation Post Assistants			Wheelers		
Engine Artificers	11	1	Operating Room Assistants			Whitesmiths		
Engine Hands I/C	9	6	Operators, Signal			Wiremen		
Equipment Repairers			Opticians			Woodturners		
Farriers			Painters					
PIONEERS	60	29						
BATMEN	7	3						
Gen. Dutyman	1	1						
M.C. ORDERLIES	5	3						
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)	31	40		3	12			4

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

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

24th Fd. Coy., R.A.E.

Unit.

Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch 17 Jan 43.

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

WAR DIARY
2/4 Aust Fd Coy RAE

PLACE	DATE HOUR	SUMMARY OF EVENTS AND INFORMATION	REMARKS AND REFERENCES TO APPENDICES
ORO BAY	1 Feb 43	First of material for new floating Pier arrives. Sorting and assembling. Coy re-organized to concentrate on Pier <i>hak</i>	
	2 Feb 43	Coy informed that it will be relieved during next few weeks. Probably go home. <i>hak</i>	
	3 Feb 43	Petrol drum lighted completed. Road work and Pier continues. Pontoon barges being dismantled. <i>hak</i>	
	4 Feb 43	Saw bench commenced. Bridge decking to be cut from Mangrove timber. Work continues on road and Pier. Lieut MCKENSEY and party march in ex "WARREN FORCE". <i>hak</i>	
	5 Feb 43	43 Engineers move leaving us without road plant. Carrying on with pick and shovel and natives. Recce for water system for Australian Hospital. <i>hak</i>	
	6 Feb 43	Water system at 10 Aust Fd Ambulance commenced. 116 Engineers supplying Dozer and tip trucks for fill in Pier. <i>hak</i>	
	7 Feb 43	Water system to U.S Evacuation Hospital commenced. <i>hak</i>	
	8 Feb 43	LT Col JELBART marched out to be G.R.E. 1 Aust Armd Div. Lieut ROUSE to Adm Comd of Coy. <i>hak</i>	
	9 Feb 43	Works progressing steadily. Timber getters doing good job in Mangrove swamp 60 natives under command. <i>hak</i>	
	10 Feb 43	Assembly of floating sections of Pier going well. <i>hak</i>	
	11 Feb 43	Work continues. <i>hak</i>	
	12 Feb 43	Work continues. <i>hak</i>	
	13 Feb 43	Launch used for logging badly holed. Repairs started. <i>hak</i>	
	14 Feb 43	Capt COCKBURN marched in as S.O.R.E. N.G.F. To administer command. Work continues. Loading ramp to expedite petrol loading commenced. <i>hak</i>	
	15 Feb 43	Work continues. <i>hak</i>	

WAR DIARY

2/4 Aust Fd Coy RAE

PLACE	DATE	HOUR	SUMMARY OF EVENTS AND INFORMATION	REMARKS AND REFERENCES TO APPENDICES.
ORO	BAY	16 Feb 43	We commence hand over of all jobs with exception of the New Pier to 21 Aust Army Fd Coy. <i>hak</i>	
		17 Feb 43	Pier going ahead at improved rate now. Coy is concentrated on the one job. <i>hak</i>	
		18 Feb 43	Supply of 60 ft Piles is presenting a problem. Lieut KEMP leaves on recce for Piles up XXX EMBOGO VALLEY. <i>hak</i>	
		19 Feb 43	Maj THOMAS (US) Tech Advisor to Comd C.O.S.C. orders discontinuing fill we are using in Pier. Water filled 40 gallon drums to be used in lieu up to H.W.L. We do not like the job. <i>hak</i>	
		20 Feb 43	Notified of shipment of Piles on way to us. Just as well, Lieut KEMP reports no Piles available at EMBOGO. <i>hak</i>	
		21 Feb 43	Capt CRUSE of 43 Engrs becomes PORT ENGINEER. <i>hak</i>	
		22 Feb 43	Continuing on Pier. <i>hak</i>	
		23 Feb 43	Engr Dump handed over to 21 Aust Army Fd Coy. <i>hak</i>	
		24 Feb 43	Pier work continues. <i>hak</i>	
		25 Feb 43	Filling of Pier slowed up considerably. Old method would have completed job to day. <i>hak</i>	
		26 Feb 43	Supplies of material for floating section of Pier becoming very slow. Pontoons urgently needed. <i>hak</i>	
		27 Feb 43	Hardly enough material to keep Coy at top pressure. More Pile clusters driven. <i>hak</i>	
		28 Feb 43	Trouble finding bottom with Piles. 90 ft spliced test Pile being prepared. <i>hak</i>	

PRO FORMA AFW 3008

Serial No. 20.

W/S: A.I.F. 11/10A/3
7 + 239 Att NIL + 1.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

UNIT: 2/4 Aust. Fd. Coy. RAE. Week ending 27 Feb. 43.

Part A Strength, Surplus and/or Deficiency.

Establishment	Posted	Strength	Surplus	Deficiency	Rank Subs.	Rank Temp.	Army No.	Name	Corps	Whether present	
1 Major	-	-	-	1	1.Lieut	Capt	NX34753	COCKBURN	R.F.	RAE	YES
1 Captain	1	-	-	-	2.Lieut		NX58264	ROUSE	M.W.	"	"
5 Lieutenants	6	1	-	-	3.Lieut		NX76262	TEDDER	N.H.O.	"	"
					4.Lieut		NX34367	McKENSEY	I.M.	"	"
					5.Lieut		NX14423	KEMP	R.G.	"	"
					6.Lieut		NX14422	STEPTO	A.E.	"	"
Total	7	1	1	1	7.Lieut		NX28363	WALKER	L.G.	"	"

Part B. Particulars of Officers joined or quitted during week

NIL

Part C. Particulars of Officers whose return to the Unit is particularly requested.

NIL

PART D. Nominal Roll of Officers on Strength.
(1)

(11) Particulars of Officers attached from other Corps.

NIL

28 February 43
Date of DespatchH. Rouse, Lieut Col. Capt.
Admin. Comd. 2/4 Aust Fd CoyRAE"ILLUSTRATION"
Ede etc with which Unit is serving

PRO FORMA AFW 3008

Serial No 19

W/E: A.I.F. 11/10A/3

7 + 239 Att NIL + 1

PRO FORMA AFW 3008

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERSUNIT: 2/4 Aust Pd Coy RAEWeek ending 20 Feb 45

Part A Strength, Surplus and/or Deficiency.

Establishment	Posted Strength	Surplus	Deficiency	Rank Subs	Rank Temp	Army No	Name	Corps	Whether DROE	
1 Major	-	-	1	1.Lieut	Capt	NK54755	COCKBURN	R.F.	RAE	YES
1 Captain	1	-	-	2.Lieut		NK56264	ROUSE	H.W.	"	"
5 Lieutenants	6	1	-	3.Lieut		NK76262	TEDDER	N.H.O.	"	"
				4.Lieut		NK54587	McKENNEY	I.M.	"	"
				5.Lieut		NK14423	KEMP	R.C.	"	"
				6.Lieut		NK14422	STEPTO	A.E.	"	"
				7.Lieut		NK23365	WALKER	L.G.	"	"
Total	7	1	1							

Part B. Particulars of Officers joined or quitted during week

NK 34755 T/Capt COCKBURN R.F. taken on strength 14 Feb 45.
from H.Q. H.G.FORCE (C.E. Branch)

(11) Particulars of Officers attached from other Corps

NIL.

PART D. Particulars of Officers whose return to the Unit is particularly requested.

NIL.

21 February 45.
Date of Despatch

R. M. Capt
Adm Comd 2/4 Aust Pd Coy RAE

.. WILLIAMS
Bde etc with which Unit is serving

PRO FORMA APR 3002

PRO FORMA APR 3002

Serial No R/12

W/R: A.I.D. 15/100/5
Y + 229 ACC. NIL + 1

UNIT RETURN OF OFFICERS

UNIT: 2/4 Aust Fd Coy RAN

Week ending 15 Feb 43

PART D. Nominal Roll of officers on strength
(1)

Part a. Strength, Surplus and/or Deficiency.

Establishment	Posted Strength	Surplus	Deficiency	Rank as Sub	Rank Type	Army No	Name	Corps	Whether pres with Unit
1 Major	-	-	1	1A.Lieut		HK52264	HOUSE H.W.	RAN	Yes
1 Captain	-	-	1	1B.Lieut		HK70652	THOMAS H.H.O.	"	"
5 Lieutenants	5	1	-	1C.Lieut		HK54367	SCENSHY I.N.	"	"
				1D.Lieut		HK14425	DEMP H.O.	"	"
				1E.Lieut		HK15422	DEPTO A.S.	"	"
TOTALS	6	1	2	1F.Lieut		HK23365	WALSH L.O.	"	"

PART B. Particulars of Officers joined or quitted during week (11) Particulars of Officers attached from other Corps.

VK15214T/Lt.Col. JELPART H.T. Reached out to RAN 1 Aust Arm'd Div
8 Feb 43

NIL

PART C. Particulars of Officers whose return to the Unit is
particularly requested.

NIL

14 February 1943
Date of Despatch

Adm. Genl. 2/4 Aust Fd Coy RAN.

 Offr. Admin Genl. 2/4 Aust Fd Coy RAN.

"LIEUTENANT"

 Pde etc with which Unit is serving.

25 February 1943.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES.

ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1 No. 54.

By Capt. R.F. COCKBURN.

ADMIN. COMMAND.

2/4 Aust. Fd. Coy. RAB.

1. PURCHASING AND LANDING OF LIQUOR:

1. The practice of purchasing or otherwise acquiring Liquor from the crews of ships will cease forthwith.

2. Liquor will NOT be landed from any vessel by military personnel.

3. Breaches of this order will result in the confiscation of such liquor and will be the subject of severe disciplinary action.

2. HITCH-HIKING: The practice of hitch-hiking is forbidden. Drivers of vehicles will NOT stop to pick up unauthorised passengers.

3. FIRST AID OUTFITS.

1. When rubbed into cuts and abrasions the contents of tubes contained in BLUE LIGHT OUTFITS have been found of considerable value in preventing infection and sores.

2. A small quantity of the contents of either tube, preferably No 2 is rubbed into scratches and abrasions when first contracted.

3. An issue of these on the scale of issue one per man will be made when available.

R. F. Cockburn
.....Capt.
Admin. Comd. 2/4 Aust. Fd Coy. RAB.

NOTICES.

CAMERAS. Advice has been received that cameras belonging to undermentioned personnel of this unit are held at L of O Area Records Offices according to the District of enlistment of owners.

NX 28412	Spr. JONES	S.L.	NX 21632	Spr. McINTOSH	D.
NX 46592	" QUINN	M.J.	NX 51717	L/Cpl PORRITT	W.
NX 55971	" DISMORE	E.J.	NX 66080	Spr. PRICE	H.J.
NX 23363	Lieut. WALKER	L.G.			

Owners may:

1. Leave same in safe custody.
2. Personally collect same at Records Office.
3. Nominate a friend to collect same, in which case authority must be produced. (Authority may be obtained from Ord. Room)

A number of Cameras without owners name attached are also held at L.H.Q. Records Office. Anyone concerned whose name is missing from above list should notify Orderly Room.

21 February 45

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1 No 55

By Capt R.F. COCKBURN

OFFICER COMMANDING

2/4 Aust Fd Coy RAE

1. ATABRIN TREATMENT.

It is repeated that the Atabrin suppressive treatment is as follows:- One tablet daily to be taken with the evening meal, except Sunday when Atabrin will not be taken. Any member of the unit who does not receive the Atabrin ration as laid down above will report the matter immediately to the C.S.M.

2. CAMP HYGIENE.

Recent inspection of camp lines by M.O. revealed that the majority of tents and surroundings were in a disgusting condition, dangerous to both the health of the men who caused it and to the other members of the unit. In future severe disciplinary action will be taken against the occupants whose tent and surrounding areas is not in a clean and tidy condition.

The following points will be strictly observed:-

1. Blankets will be folded and personal gear neatly stacked before proceeding on to shift.
2. Mosquito nets will be rolled and suspended clear of beds.
3. Tent flaps except during inclement weather will be rolled or raised to the height of at least one foot above ground level of tent.
4. Unconsumed portions of food or dirty containers will not be left in tents but disposed of in the proper garbage receptacles immediately.

3. RIFLES.

All personnel are warned that arms left in tents etc., are liable to inspection at any time. Disciplinary action will be taken against owners of arms found to be in bad condition.

4. COOKHOUSE.

The Coy. Cookhouse is OUT OF BOUNDS to all ranks including cooks not on duty.

R.F. Cockburn
..... Capt.
Admin. Comd. 2/4 Aust. Fd. Coy. RAE.

NOTICES

Any Paybook NOT handed into this Orderly Room within the last two weeks will be handed in immediately.

Pictures will be held next Monday night (Weather permitting) at the Port "E" Detachment Area just past our last camp. The main attraction will be "Swiss Family Robinson" plus shorts.

14 February 1945.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1 NO. 52

By Lieut. H.W. ROUSE.

OFFICER COMMANDING

2/4 AUST. FD. COY. RAE.

EXTRACTS FROM ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. GARBAGE DISPOSAL Tin cans will not be included in the garbage to be dumped at sea. Cans will be flattened, burned and buried.
2. OVERLOADING OF JEEPS This instruction is repeated and will be strictly adhered to. Not more than 5 persons including driver will ride in a jeep at any one time.
3. JAPANESE INCENDIARY BOMBS During the last few raids in PORT MORESBY area the Jap has used incendiary bombs containing rubber pellets impregnated with phosphorous and/or thermite. These are definitely injurious and will cause dangerous and painful burns to personnel handling them. Personnel of this unit are not to handle such pellets or fragments, and will notify this H.Q. immediately on finding any of same.
4. ATABRIN TABLETS Atabrin tablets are now being issued instead of quinine as suppressive treatment for malaria. One tablet will be taken (each day except Sunday) with the evening meal.
5. DRINKING WATER Water from Shower Tank is NOT chlorinated and will NOT be used for drinking purposes.

H.W. Rouse
.....Lieut.
Offr. Admin. Comd. 2/4 Aust Fd Coy RAE

NOTICES

FOUND

One Silver Signet Ring and One Leather Belt in the vicinity of the Showers. Owners can obtain same at the Orderly Room.

6 February 1945

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCESROUTINE ORDERS PART 1 NO. 51By Major N.T. JELBART.OFFICER COMMANDING2/4 AUST. FD. COY. RAE.

1. Pilfering of Government Property: All ranks are warned that severe disciplinary action will be taken against persons caught pilfering or found to be in possession of unauthorised government property belonging to either the American or Australian Army.
2. Traffic. Road from EORO OK. to DOBODURA is closed to all traffic until further notice.

Am Renee Long
Major.
 O.C. 2/4 Aust. Fd. Coy. RAE.

NOTICES

TO: 1, 2, 5 Secs & H.Q.

The following confirmation, promotions, classification and transfers within the unit have been authorised by Major N.T. JELBART, O.C. 2/4 Aust. Fd. Coy. RAE.

1. CONFIRMATION

NX50712	A/Cpl.	SOUTHAM	R.N.	rank confirmed	1 Feb 45.
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2. PROMOTIONS

NX 30911	L/Cpl.	SOUTHAM	M.L.	to be A/Cpl.	1 Feb 45.
NX 16894	L/Cpl.	GIMBERT	D.	to be A/Cpl.	do.
NX 16654	L/Cpl.	BARNES	D.A.	to be A/Cpl. (Mech M.V.)	do.
NX 25395	Spr.	WILLIAMS	H.J.	to be A/Cpl. (Tech Storeman)	do.
NX 54948	Spr.	CHANDLER	W.	to be L/Cpl.	do.

3. CLASSIFICATIONS.

NX 67491	L/Cpl.	ABBOTT	W.N.	to be Gp. 1 Spec (Eng. Art)	do.
NX 28976	L/Cpl.	LEONARDER	J.N.	do. Gp. 3 Spec (Tech Storeman)	do.
QX 29695	L/Cpl.	WULF	A.H.E.	to be Gp. 11 Spec (Carpenter)	do.
				- Reclassified from Electrical Linesman)	do.
NX 85779	Spr.	SKEHAN	W.J.	to be Gp. 11 Spec (Carp.)	do.
NX 76872	"	CHAMBERS	D.E.	do. Gp. 11 Spec (do.)	do.
NX 82892	"	HUGHES	J.E.	to be Gp 111 Spec (Tinsmith)	do.
NX 81310	"	PENDER	E.G.	do. (Concrete)	do.
NX 95852	"	GARRETT	C.A.	do. (do.)	do.
NX 82110	"	BARNELL	T.	do. (do.)	do.
NX 103975	"	SWANN	J.E.	to be Gp. 11 Spec (Carpenter)	do.

4. TRANSFERS WITHIN THE COMPANY from 5 FEB. 45.

NX 55076	A/Cpl.	BARRY	C.F.	H.Q. to 1 Section. (Temp. attache)	H.Q.)
NX 67491	L/Cpl.	ABBOTT	W.N.	H.Q. to 2 Section	
NX 21755	Spr.	HUNTER	J.V.	H.Q. to 3 Section	
NX 79551	"	RANGE	J.C.	H.Q. to 3 Section	
VZ 85767	"	FISHER	H.L.	2 Sec to 1 Section	
NX 21176	"	HARRISON	R.A.	1 Sec to 3 Section	
NX 82151	"	BAGGS	A.C.	1 Sec to Coy H.Q.	

NOTICES

PROMOTIONS.

NX 57886	L/Cpl.	CRICK	F.	Promoted to A/Cpl. as From	30 Jan 43.
WX 12494	"	LEVITT	W.A.	"	" 30 Jan 43.
WX 18345	"	PECK	L.J.	"	" 30 Jan 43
QX 24958	Spr.	FULLBROOK	E.S.	" " L/Cpl.	" 30 Jan 43.

REVERSION

NX 18190	A/Cpl.	BROWN	T.G.	Relinquished rank of A/Cpl. reverts to	
				Gp. 11 Spec. (Carpenter)	30 Jan. 43.

SECRET.

R.A.R. C.O.S.C. "HAIRAIL"

WORKS PROGRESS REPORT - 1900 hrs Feb. 43 to 1900 hrs 26 Feb 43.

Ref. Map FOFONDETTA (2nd Edit.) 1" to 1 mile

TO: C.O.S.C. "HAIRAIL"
Rptd. C.E. N.G.F., PORT ENGINEER.

WORK: Port Development - ORO BAY.

Labour: 2/4 Aust. Fd. Coy. RAE. (less 1 det.) 7 Offrs 206 O.R.'s
80 natives.

Commenced: 21 Dec. 42.

JOB	: Labour	: Per cent	: Date	: Est. Date	: REMARKS
	: complete	: commenced	: Completion	: Equipment etc	
Temporary Pier maintenance	: 6 RAE		: CONTINUOUS		
New Pier 403007	: 18 RAE				
(a) Timber getting	: 80 natives		: 27 Dec 42		: 131 logs delivered
(b) Retaining walls:					
1st Leg	: 1 RAE	: 100%	: 14 Feb	: 25 Feb	: To finished
2nd Leg	: 24 RAE	: 50%	: 16 Feb	: 8 Mar	: do. height
(c) Lateral Ties:					
1st Leg	: 10 RAE	: 100%	: 12 Feb	: 21 Feb	: Complete
2nd Leg		: 50%	: 16 Feb	: 4 Mar	
(d) Filling:					
1st Leg	: 20 RAE	: 90%			: % shown of
2nd Leg		: 65%	: 3 Feb	: 8 Mar	: completed job
(e) Pile Driving:					
Anchor Piles & Dolphins	: 7 RAE	: 35%	: 2 Feb	: 14 Mar	: 8 Clusters complete
(f) Floating Wharf	: 12 RAE	: 30%	: 2 Feb	: 14 Mar	: Depends on supplies
					: Plant: 2 - D8
					: Tractors,
					: Compressor
					: Pile Driver
					: 4 Trucks
					: D4 Dozer

- NOTES: Tech. (a) Engineer Dump handed over to 21 Aust. Army Fd. Coy on 21 Feb. 43.
(b) 2 - D8 Tractors replacing D6 on loan have speeded up construction.
(c) Use of earth fill was discontinued below H.W.L. on instruction of Maj. THOMAS. Water filled 44 gal drums and rock being used in lieu. This has slowed up fill considerably.
- Admin. (d) Sixty 60-ft piles expected on 27 or 28 Feb.
(a) Unit has now 1 Offr. 37 O.R.'s in Hospital.
52 O.R.'s Sick in Lines.
(b) 3 O.R.'s crew Launch "MINERVA" not yet returned.

H. K. L. L.
.....Capt.
Admin. Comd. 2/4 Aust. Fd. Coy. RAE.

File.

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R.A.E. C.O.S.C. "HAIROIL"

WORKS PROGRESS REPORT - 1200 hrs 12 Feb 43 - 1200 hrs 19 Feb. 43.

Ref. map - POPONETTA (2nd Edit) 1" to 1 mile

TO: Comd. C.O.S.C. "HAIROIL"
Rptd. C.E. N.O.F.

WORK: Port Development - ORO BAY

LABOUR: 2/4 Aust. Fd. Coy. RAE. (less 1 det) 7 Offrs 203 O.R.'s.
Natives 90-110.

COMMENCED: 21 Dec. 42.

JOB	: Labour	: Percent	: Date	: Est. Date	: REMARKS
	: :	: complete	: Commen	: completion	: Equipment etc.
	: :	: :	: -ced	: :	: :
Temporary Pier	: 7 RAE	:	:	CONTINUOUS	:
Maintenance	:	:	:	:	:
Road Maintenance	: 3 RAE	:	:	:	: 4 days work only.
398002-408102(A to E)	: 17 natives	:	: 30 Dec:	:	: Roadwork taken over by
	:	:	: 42 :	:	: 21 Fd. Coy.
Water System -	:	:	: 8 Feb:	:	:
1 Evac. Hospital	: 6 RAE	: 100%	: 43 :	13 Feb 43	: Complete
Construction -	:	:	: 4 Feb:	:	: Completed but abandoned
Saw Bench	: 4 RAE	: 100%	: 43 :	13 Feb 43	: Motor not powerful
	:	:	:	:	: enough
Re-conditioning Mk:	:	:	:	:	:
V Pontoon Equipment	: 4 RAE	: 90%	: 6 Feb 43	22 Feb 43	:
Petrol Loading	:	:	: 14 Feb:	:	: Being manned temporarily
Hoist and platform:	: 18 RAE	: 100%	: 43 :	15 Feb 43	: by 2 shifts of 3 RAE.
Engr. Dump	: 4 RAE	:	:	:	:
	: 30 natives	:	:	CONTINUOUS	:
New Pier 403007	: 17 RAE	:	:	:	:
a) Timber getting:	: 30 natives	:	: 27 Dec 42	:	: 74 logs delivered
b) Pile driving	:	:	:	:	:
Anchor piles	: 4 RAE	: 25%	: 2 Feb 43	:	: Dependent on supplies
c) Retaining walls	:	:	:	:	:
incl. Lateral:	:	:	: 26 Jan	:	:
Ties 2nd leg	: 140 RAE	: 80%	: 1 Feb 43	18 Feb 43	: to 1' above H.W.L.
d) Filling	:	:	:	:	: Delayed by wet
2nd Leg	: 12 RAE	: 50%	: 3 Feb:	24 Feb	: weather
e) Floating wharf:	: 40 RAE	: 10%	: 2 Feb:	:	: No supplies work
	:	:	:	:	: ceased 13 Feb 43.
f) Lateral Ties	:	:	:	:	:
1st Leg	: 4 RAE	: 50%	: 12 Feb:	21 Feb	:
2nd Leg	: 4 RAE	: 25%	: 16 Feb:	26 Feb	:
	:	:	:	:	: Plant: Tractor, D4
	:	:	:	:	: Dozer, Compressor,
	:	:	:	:	: Pile Driver and 4
	:	:	:	:	: Tip Trucks

NOTES: TECH. (a) Plant. Coy. A 116 Engrs. still operating and D4 Dozer and 5 Tip trucks for this Unit.
(b) Pier. Assembly of Floating section of Pier ceased on 13 Feb. due to lack of supplies
Admin. (a) Capt. COCKBURN marched in on 14 Feb. 43 to administer command temporarily.
(b) 3 O.R.'s crew Launch "MINERVA" not yet returned.

Harance Lunt Capt.
Admin. Comd. 2/4 Aust. Fd. Coy. RAE.

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R.A.E. C.O.S.C. "HAIRILL"

WORKS PROGRESS REPORT - 5 Feb. 45 to 1200 hrs. 12 Feb 45.

Ref. Map POPONDETTA (2nd Edit) 1" to 1mi

TO: Comd. C.O.S.C. "HAIRILL"
Rptd: C.R.E. 1 Aust Corps Tps.WORK: Port Development - GRO BAY
LABOUR: 2/4 Aust Fd. Coy. RAE. (less 1det.) 6 Offrs 206 O.R.'s.
Natives - 110.
COMMENCED: 21 Dec. 42.

JOB	: Labour	: Percent Complete	: Date Commenced	: Est. Date	: REMARKS Equipment etc.
Temporary Pier - Maintenance	: 7 RAE	: CONTINUOUS	: :	: :	: Running planks fixed on 2 Box girder spans
Track Maintenance	: 2 RAE	: :	: :	: :	: :
SP8008 - 408109 (A to H)	: 6 natives	: CONTINUOUS	: :	: :	: 1 Tip Truck
Hospital Road	: 5 RAE	: :	: :	: :	: :
	: 12 natives	: 100%	: 22 Jan	: 9 Feb.	: Complete
Clearing and Road Formation	: 1 RAE	: :	: :	: :	: :
	: 12 natives	: :	: 8 Feb	: :	: 4 days work only
Water Point - 897007	: 5 RAE	: :	: :	: :	: :
	: 6 natives	: 100%	: 28 Jan.	: 8 Feb.	: Complete
Water System - 10 Aust Fd. Amb.	: 5 RAE	: :	: :	: :	: :
	: 6 natives	: 100%	: 5 Feb	: 12 Feb.	: :
Water System - 1 Evac. Hospital	: 6 RAE	: 10%	: 8 Feb.	: 15 Feb.	: :
Construction - SAW BENCH	: 3 RAE	: 90%	: 4 Feb	: 15 Feb.	: Alterations and additions to original design.
Bridge Construction	: 1 RAE	: :	: :	: :	: 2/84' spans
882025	: 10 Arty	: 100%	: 30 Jan	: 8 Feb.	: Class C.
Re-conditioning Mk V Pontoon Equipment	: 4 RAE	: :	: 6 Feb	: :	: Dependent on availability of paint which has been ordered.
Engr. Dump	: 4 RAE	: :	: :	: :	: :
	: 30 natives	: CONTINUOUS	: :	: :	: :
New Pier 408007.	: 12 RAE	: :	: :	: :	: :
(a) Timber getting	: 40 natives	: :	: 27 Dec	: :	: 66 logs delivered
(b) Pile Drivings:	: :	: :	: :	: :	: Test pile being driven in deeper water.
Anchor Piles	: 7 RAE	: 20%	: 2 Feb	: :	: :
(c) Retaining walls:	: :	: :	: :	: :	: :
2nd Leg.	: 45 RAE	: 75%	: 26 Jan	: 18 Feb	: :
(d) Filling: 2nd Leg	: 12 RAE	: 10%	: 8 Feb	: 24 Feb	: :
(e) Floating Wharf	: 40 RAE	: 10%	: 2 Feb	: :	: Dependent on supplies
(f) Lateral Ties:	: 4 RAE	: 2%	: 18 Feb	: :	: :
1st Leg-Earth Causeway	: :	: :	: :	: :	: :
	: :	: :	: :	: :	: Plant: Tractor, D4
	: :	: :	: :	: :	: Dozer, Compressor,
	: :	: :	: :	: :	: Pile Driver & Tip
	: :	: :	: :	: :	: Trucks

NOTES: TECH. (a) PLANT. Coy A 116 Engrs are operating one D4 Dozer and 6 Tip Trucks for this Unit.

(b) NEW PIER. Assembly of Floating sections of Pier will cease on 13 Feb. due to lack of materials.

ADMIN. (a) 3 O.R.'s Crew Launch "MINERVA" not yet returned.

.....Lieut.
Offr. Admin. Comd. 2/4 Aust Fd Coy RAE.

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RAE. C.O.S.C. "HAIROIL"

WORKS PROGRESS REPORT - 30 Jan. 43 to 5 Feb. 43.

Ref. Map POPENDETTA (2nd Edit) 1" to 1 mi

TO: Comd. C.O.S.C. "HAIROIL"

rptd. C.R.E. 1 Aust Corps.

WORK: Port Development - ORO BAY.

LABOUR: 2/4 Aust. Fd. Coy. RAE. (less 2 Dets) 6 Offrs. 199 O.R.s

Natives 110-150.

COMMENCED: 21 Dec. 42.

JOB	: Labour	: Prog.:	: Date	: Est. :	: Remarks
	:	:ress :	: commen:	: comp:	: equipment etc.
	:	: ced	:	: leted:	:
Pier Temporary	: 13 RAE	:	:	:	: Continuous
Barges & Lighters	: 24 RAE	:	:	:	: Discontinued.
	:	:	:	:	: Pontoon Barges
	:	:	:	:	: being dismantled
	:	:	:	:	: & equipment re-
	:	:	:	:	: conditioned.
Petrol Drum Raft	: 5 RAE	: 100%	: 14 Jan:	: 5 Feb:	: Completed
Track Maintenance	: 2 RAE	:	:	:	:
398002 - 408102 A to H	: 7 natives:	:	: 30 Dec:	:	: 1 Tip Truck
Hospital Road	: 12 RAE	:	:	:	: Culvert and
	: 65 natives:	: 90%	: 22 Jan:	: 6 Feb:	: formation comp-
	:	:	:	:	: lete. 2 Tip truck
	:	:	:	:	: for surfacing
Water Point 397007	: 5 RAE	:	:	:	: Reticulation to
	: 6 natives:	: 70%	: 28 Jan:	: 8 Feb:	: 1 unit. A
	:	:	:	:	: temporary cart
	:	:	:	:	: filling point
	:	:	:	:	: complete. Delay
	:	:	:	:	: due to loss of
	:	:	:	:	: plant.
Reconstruction of	:	:	:	:	:
"Chinaman"	: 7 RAE	: 100%	: 29 Jan:	: 31 Jan:	: Complete
Construction of SAW BENCH	: 3 RAE	: 10%	: 4 Feb:	: 7 Feb:	:
New Pier 408007	:	:	:	:	:
(a) Timber getting	: 12 RAE	:	:	:	:
	: 35 natives:	:	: 27 Dec:	:	: 41 logs delivered
(b) Pile Driving: 2nd Leg:	: 7 RAE	: 100%	: 24 Jan:	: 31 Jan:	: Complete
Anchor :	:	: 10%	: 2 Feb:	:	: Piles not yet
Piles :	:	:	:	:	: available to
	:	:	:	:	: complete
(c) Retaining Walls: 1st Leg	: 16 RAE	: 98%	: 3 Feb:	: 5 Feb:	: Ramp up to keam
2nd Leg :	:	: 15%	: 26 Feb:	: 20 Feb:	: trestle
(d) Filling: 1st Leg	: 14 RAE	: 95%	: 17 Jan:	: 5 Feb:	:
2nd Leg :	: 4 natives:	: 5%	: 3 Feb:	: 24 Feb:	:
(e) Floating Wharf:	:	:	:	:	: Date of completion
Unloading sorting and	: 40 RAE	: 3%	: 2 Feb:	:	: depends on supply and
Assembling	:	:	:	:	: condition of material.
	:	:	:	:	: Plant: Tractor
	:	:	:	:	: part time.
	:	:	:	:	: D4 Bulldozer
	:	:	:	:	: Compressor
	:	:	:	:	: Piledriver
Bridge Construction 382025	: 2 RAE	:	:	:	: 2/54' spans
	: 10 Arty	: 85%	: 30 Jan:	: 8 Feb:	: Class 6.
Engr. Dump	: 4 RAE	:	:	:	: Continuous
	: 20 natives:	:	:	:	:

NOTES: TECH. (a) Plant: 2 Bulldozers and all Tip Trucks handed over, 1 Dozer and 9 Tip Trucks being operated by 43 and 116 Engrs. for this unit.

(b) New Pier: First of material for Floating Wharf has arrived and is being sorted and checked. Raft sections being assembled.

ADMIN (a) 3 O.R.s Crew Launch "MINERVA" not returned.

(b) Lieut. McKensy and 8 O.R.s marched in ex "WARREN" Force.

John R. R. R. R.
 Lt. Col. 2/4 Aust. Fd. Coy. RAE.

SERIAL NO B/17
W/E: AIF L/104/3-
7+239 ATT NIL +

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

2/14 AVS Fd Coy RAE (Unit) 6 FEBRUARY 1943 (Date).

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.			
W.Os. Class II.	1		
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	1		
Staff Serjeants			
Serjeants	6		
Corporals	25		
Troopers, Privates, &c.	176		30
TOTALS	209	.	30

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

[illegible]

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

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2/4th Aust Fd Coy RAE Unit.

Army Form W. 3009
(Adapted) (Aug. 41)
(page 2)

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

Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)
<i>EST</i> Ammunition Examiners			<i>EST</i> Fire Control Operators			<i>EST</i> Panel Beaters		
Armament Artificers			Fitters	4	2	Pattern Makers		
Armourers			Fitters and Turners			Pharmacists		
Artificers, Artillery			Fitters, Cycle			Photographers, dry plate		
Axemen			Fitters, Drivers			Photographers, wet plate		
Bakers			Fitter's Mates			Photo-Writers		
Battery Surveyors			Fitters, M.V.			Plate Layers		
Battery Comdrs. Asst.			Fitters, Railway Signal			Plumbers		
Blacksmiths	7	4	Fitters, Signal			Predictor Numbers		
Boilermakers			Grinders			Printers		
Bricklayers	3	1	Gun Layers			Radiator Mechanics		
Butchers			G.P.O. Assistants			Radiographers		
Camouflage Modeler			Gun Operators			Range Takers		
Carpenter and Joiner	32		Hammermen			Riggers		
Clerks	5		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		1
Computers			Intelligence Duties			Shoemakers		
Concretors	6	1	Joiners			Signallers		
Cooks			Leather Stitchers			Signwriters		
Cooks, Hospital			Linesmen			Stokers, Stationary Engine		
Coppersmiths			Linesmen, Signals			Storemen, Technical	5	1
Dental Clerk Orderlies			Lithographers			Surveyors		
Despatch Riders			Machinists			Surveyors, Engineering	1	1
Dispensers			Masons	3		Tailors		
Draughtsmen	1	1	Masseurs			Telescope Identification Numbers		
Draughtsmen, Architectural			Mechanics, Dental			Textile Reditors		
Draughtsmen, Mechanical			Mechanics, M.V. <i>M.V.I</i>			Tinsmiths	3	
Draughtsmen, Signal			Mechanics, Typewriter			Toolmakers		
Draughtsmen, Topographical			Mechanics, Wireless			Turners		
Driver Mechanics	3	2	Millwrights			Vulcanizers		
Driver Operators			Miners	12	7	Wagon Erectors		
Drivers, Transportation Plant			Moulders			Watchmakers		
Electrical Fitters			Nursing Orderlies			Watermen	1	1
Electricians	1	1	Nursing Orderlies (Mental)			Welders		
Electricians, Eng. Units			Nurses, Trained			Well Borers		
Electricians, Signal			Observation Post Assistants			Wheelers		
Engine Artificers	11		Operating Room Assistants			Whitesmiths		
Engine Hands I/C	9	1	Operators, Signal			Wiremen		
Equipment Repairers			Opticians			Woodturners		
Farriers			Painters					
PIONEERS	60	4						
BATMEN	7	1						
GEN. DUTYMAN	1	1						
A.C. ORDERLIES	5	3						
DRIVERS M.T.	32	14						
Totals (to agree with Columns 5 and 6 of Part A.)	6	28		3	9		1	3

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

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

2/4th Fd Coy, RAE.
Unit.

Alfred Raine
Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch 7 FEBRUARY 43

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

214th Hst Fd Coy RHE

Unit.

Army Form W. 3009
(Adapted) (Aug. 41)
(page 2)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)	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			Filters	4	2	Pattern Makers		
Armourers			Filters and Turners			Pharmacists		
Artificers, Artillery			Filters, Cycle			Photographers, dry plate		
Asemen			Filters, Drivers			Photographers, wet plate		
Bakers			Filter's Mates			Photo-Writers		
Battery Surveyors			Filters, M.V.			Plate Layers		
Battery Comdrs. Asst.			Filters, Railway Signal			Plumbers	4	1
Blacksmiths	7	3	Filters, Signal			Predictor Numbers		
Boilermakers			Grinders			Printers		
Bricklayers	3	2	Gun Layers			Radiator Mechanics		
Butchers			G.P.O. Assistants			Radiographers		
Camouflage Modeler			Gun Operators			Range Takers		
Carpenter and Joiner	32		Hammermen			Riggers		
Clerks	5	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		1
Computers			Intelligence Duties			Shoemakers		
Concretors	6	2	Joiners			Signallers		
Cooks	6		Leather Stitchers			Signwriters		
Cooks, Hospital			Linesmen			Stokers, Stationary Engine		
Coppersmiths			Linesmen, Signals			Storemen, Technical	5	1
Dental Clerk Orderlies			Lithographers			Surveyors		
Despatch Riders			Machinists			Surveyors, Engineering	1	1
Dispensers			Masons	2		Tailors		
Draughtsmen	1	1	Masseurs			Telescope Identification Numbers		
Draughtsmen, Architectural			Mechanics, Dental			Textile Refitters		
Draughtsmen, Mechanical			Mechanics, M.P.	1		Tinsmiths	3	
Draughtsmen, Signal			Mechanics, Typewriter			Toolmakers		
Draughtsmen, Topographical			Mechanics, Wireless			Turners		
Driver Mechanics	3		Millwrights			Vulcanizers		
Driver Operators			Miners	12	5	Wagon Erectors		
Drivers, Transportation Plant			Moulders			Watchmakers		
Electrical Fitters			Nursing Orderlies			Watermen		
Electricians	1	1	Nursing Orderlies (Mental)			Welders		
Electricians, Eng. Units			Nurses, Trained			Well Boreers		
Electricians, Signal			Observation Post Assistants			Wheelers		
Engine Artificers	11		Operating Room Assistants			Whitesmiths		
Engine Hands I/C	9	1	Operators, Signal			Wiremen		
Equipment Repairers			Opticians			Woodturners		
Farriers			Painters	7	1			
PIONEERS	60	1	MC ORDERLIES	5	3			
TRANSPORT CO.	3	1	SANITARY DETACHMENT	1	1			
BATTALION	7	2	WATER DETACHMENT	1	1			
GEN DUTY UNIT	1	1	DRIVERS M/T	32	14			
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)	5	11		3	26		2	2

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.

214 Fd. Coy., R.A.E.

Unit.

Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch 28 FEBRUARY

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

2/4th Aust Fd Coy RHE Unit.

**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- ments Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinforce- ments Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinforce- ments Required (a)
Ammunition Examiners			Fire Control Operators			Panel Beaters		
Armament Artificers			Fitters	4	2	Pattern Makers		
Armourers			Fitters and Turners			Pharmacists		
Artificers, Artillery			Fitters, Cycle			Photographers, dry plate		
Axemen			Fitters, Drivers			Photographers, wet plate		
Bakers			Fitter's Mates			Photo-Writers		
Battery Surveyors			Fitters, M.V.			Plate Layers		
Battery Comdrs. Asst.			Fitters, Railway Signal			Plumbers	4	1
Blacksmiths	7	3	Fitters, Signal			Predictor Numbers		
Boilermakers			Grinders			Printers		
Bricklayers	3	2	Gun Layers			Radiator Mechanics		
Butchers			G.P.O. Assistants			Radiographers		
Camouflage Modeller			Gun Operators			Range Takers		
Carpenter and Joiner	32		Hammermen			Riggers		
Clerks	5	1	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	1	
Concretors	6	2	Joiners			Signallers		
Cooks	6		Leather Stitchers			Signwriters		
Cooks, Hospital			Linesmen			Stokers, Stationary Engine		
Coppersmiths			Linesmen, Signals			Storemen, Technical	5	1
Dental Clerk Orderlies			Lithographers			Surveyors		
Despatch Riders			Machinists			Surveyors, Engineering	1	1
Dispensers			Masons	2		Tailors		
Draughtsmen	1	1	Massieurs			Telescope Identification Numbers		
Draughtsmen, Architectural			Mechanics, Dental			Textile Reriters		
Draughtsmen, Mechanical			Mechanics, M.F.	1		Tinsmiths	3	
Draughtsmen, Signal			Mechanics, Typewriter			Toolmakers		
Draughtsmen, Topographical			Mechanics, Wireless			Turners		
Driver Mechanics	3		Millwrights			Vulcanizers		
Driver Operators			Miners	12	5	Wagon Erectors		
Drivers, Transportation Plant			Moulders			Watchmakers		
Electrical Fitters			Nursing Orderlies			Watermen		
Electricians	1	1	Nursing Orderlies (Mental)			Welders		
Electricians, Eng. Units			Nurses, Trained			Well Borers		
Electricians, Signal			Observation Post Assistants			Wheeler		
Engine Artificers	11		Operating Room Assistants			Whitesmiths		
Engine Hands I/C	9	1	Operators, Signal			Wiremen		
Equipment Repairers			Opticians			Woodturners		
Farriers			Painters	7	1			
Plumbers	40	1	Plc Orderlies	5	3			
Transport Cpl	3	1	Sanitary Engineer	1	1			
Postman	7	2	Water Dutyman	1	1			
General Dutyman		1	Dentist's Asst	32	14			
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)	4	12		3	26		2	2

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

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

2/4 Fd. Coy., R.A.E.

Unit.

M. Hockley Capt
Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch 21 February 1943

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

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)	Reinfrs. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfrs. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfrs. Required (a)
Ammunition Examiners			Fire Control Operators			Panel Beaters		
Armament Artificers			Fitters	4	2	Pattern Makers		
Armourers			Fitters and Turners			Pharmacists		
Artificers, Artillery			Fitters, Cycle			Photographers, dry plate		
Axemen			Fitters, Drivers			Photographers, wet plate		
Bakers			Fitter's Mates			Photo-Writers		
Battery Surveyors			Fitters, M.V.			Plate Layers		
Battery Comdrs. Asst.			Fitters, Railway Signal			Plumbers	4	1
Blacksmiths	7	4	Fitters, Signal			Predictor Numbers		
Boilermakers			Grinders			Printers		
Bricklayers	3	3	Gun Layers			Radiator Mechanics		
Butchers			G.P.O. Assistants			Radiographers		
Camouflage Modeller			Gun Operators			Range Takers		
Carpenter and Joiner	32		Hammermen			Riggers		
Clerks	5		Height Takers			Riveters		
Clerks, Engineering			Hello Operators			Saddlers		
Clerks, Supply			Instrument Mechanics			Saddle Tree Makers		
Clerks, Technical			Instrument Mechanics, Surgical			Saw Doctors		
Coachmakers			Instrument Operators			Sawyers	1	
Computers			Intelligence Duties			Shoemakers		
Concretors	6	1	Joiners			Signallers		
Cooks			Leather Stitchers			Signwriters		
Cooks, Hospital			Linesmen			Stokers, Stationary Engine		
Coppersmiths			Linesmen, Signals			Storemen, Technical	5	1
Dental Clerk Orderlies			Lithographers			Surveyors		
Despatch Riders			Machinists			Surveyors, Engineering	1	1
Dispensers			Masons	3		Tailors		
Draughtsmen	1	1	Massseurs			Telescope Identification Numbers		
Draughtsmen, Architectural			Mechanics, Dental			Textile Refitters		
Draughtsmen, Mechanical			Mechanics, M.T.	MVI		Tinsmiths	3	
Draughtsmen, Signal			Mechanics, Typewriter			Toolmakers		
Draughtsmen, Topographical			Mechanics, Wireless			Turners		
Driver Mechanics	3	2	Millwrights			Vulcanizers		
Driver Operators			Miners	12	7	Wagon Erectors		
Drivers, Transportation Plant			Moulders			Watchmakers		
Electrical Fitters			Nursing Orderlies			Watermen		
Electricians	1	1	Nursing Orderlies (Mental)			Welders		
Electricians, Eng. Units			Nurses, Trained			Well Borers		
Electricians, Signal	1		Observation Post Assistants			Wheelers		
Engine Artificers	11		Operating Room Assistants			Whitesmiths		
Engine Hands I/C	9	2	Operators, Signal			Wiremen		
Equipment Repairers			Opticians			Woodturners		
Farriers			Painters	7	1			
FLABBERS	60	1	TRANSPORT CORPS	3				
GUARDIAN	7	2	STANDARD DUTYMAN	1	1			
GEN. DUTYMAN	1	1	WATER DUTYMAN	1	1			
M.C. WHEELCHAIRES	5	3						
DRIVERS M.T.	32	14						
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)	5	30		4	11		2	2

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

Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch. 14 FEBRUARY 43

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

WAR DIARY
2/4 Aust Fd Coy RAE.

PLACE	DATE	HOUR	SUMMARY OF EVENTS AND INFORMATION	REMARKS AND REFERENCES TO APPENDICES
ORO BAY	1 Mar 43		Rain all day - work continues.	RRS
	2 Mar 43		20 O.Rs evacuated from area. Now have 50 in hospital and sick.	RRS
	3 Mar 43		Work continues. Shipment of piles expected today.	RRS
	4 Mar 43		Lieut. Rouse promoted T/Capt. continues as 2 i/c. Shipment of piles arrived.	RRS
	5 Mar 43		Capt. R.R. Taylor marches in ex S.M.E. (Staff) to command unit.	RRS
	6 Mar 43		Work continues on pier.	RRS
	7 Mar 43		Capt. Cockburn marches out to be I.O.R.E. N.G.F. temporarily.	RRS
	8 Mar 43		Work on pier continues.	RRS
	9 Mar 43		5 Jap bombers over bay - dropped a few but no damage. Cargo boat sunk some miles south.	RRS
	10 Mar 43		Continuing work on pier - filling of earth causeway almost complete.	RRS
	11 Mar 43		Big flight of Jap Bombers over the Bay - no action.	RRS
	12 Mar 43		Timber getting gang return having cut all timber requirements for pier.	RRS
	13 Mar 43		Almost out of materials for pier - only 3 days work left. Barge in Temporary pier sunk during night - being raised.	RRS
	14 Mar 43		Work on pier continues - Barge in temporary Pier raised. Pier in working order.	RRS
	15 Mar 43		Japs over last night. Some 20 to 30 bombs dropped - close to our area but no casualties. Fire started in Dump rear Pier by incendiaries.	RRS
	16 Mar 43		Lieut. McKensey appointed Unit "Fire Chief". Crew of "Minerva" returned to unit. One of crew was on "Jacob" when sunk on 7 Mar.	RRS
	17 Mar 43		Out of supplies for pier work. Lieut Tedder and 5 O.R.s set out on recon for timber by launch. They go south of ORO BAY.	RRS

WAR DIARY
2/4 Aust Fd Coy RAE.

PLACE	DATE	HOUR	SUMMARY OF EVENTS AND INFORMATION	REMARKS AND REFERENCES TO APPENDICES.
ORO BAY	18 Mar 43		Soundings taken for new small pier to be used as barge unloading point.	RR
	19 Mar 43		Rece party returns laden with fruit and vegetables - good trading with natives south of here.	RR
	20 Mar 43		50' x 25' barge offloaded from 100' x 40' barge - slow process with jacks. 4 piles driven in new small pier.	RR
	21 Mar 43		Two 100' x 50' barges positioned in pier head.	RR
	22 Mar 43		Work on small pier continues - pile driving going well.	RR
	23 Mar 43		Small barge being used in lieu of 3 pontoons to complete one leg of pier.	RR
	24 Mar 43		Timber-getting party in full swing - getting timber for small pier.	RR
	25 Mar 43		Work on both piers continues.	RR
	26 Mar 43		One leg of pier and pier-head of 200' in operation and working satisfactorily.	RR
	27 Mar 43		Lieut. Tedder marched out transferred to 2/25 Fd. Park Coy.	RR
	28 Mar 43		Wharf heavily raided by dive-bombers - portion of wharf destroyed. "Bantom" badly hit and set on fire - total loss. (Reported largest raid on New Guinea.)	RR
	29 Mar 43		Raided again last night - H.E. and incendiaries. Work continues on clearing up of damage at pier and on construction of small pier.	RR
	30 Mar 43		Commenced on salvaging large barges in pier head for decking etc.	RR
	31 Mar 43		Compressor salvaged - beyond repair here.	RR

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WAR DIARY
2/4 Aust. Fd. Coy. RAE.

Place	Date	Hour	SUMMARY OF EVENTS AND INFORMATION	REMARKS AND REFERENCES TO APPENDICES
ORO BAY	1 April 43.		Work on both Piers continues.	
	2 April 43.		Capt. Tayler down with Malaria.	
	3 April 43.		Cargo of fresh meat and fruit arrived from mainland.	
	4 April 43.		Two air raid alerts, Jee.E.Brown performing in area. Heavy rain	
	5 April 43.		Jee.E.Brown still performing.	
	6 April 43.		Work continues.	
	7 April 43.		Report that three(3) Japs. landed just north of Bay late at night. Probably survivors of destroyed fleet.	
	8 April 43.		Work continues.	
	9 April 43.		More alerts.	
	10 April 43.		New Guinea Force Concert Party in Area.	
	11 April 43.		Cervett and one cargo ship hit by Jap. bombers on way in. Cargo ship holed badly on both Port and Starboard side, but arrived under own steam.	
	12 April 43.		2/4 given job of sealing holes in ship with concrete. No.1. section Port side, No.2. section Starboard.	
	13 April 43.		Work on damaged ship continues 24 hours per day.	
	14 April 43.		Work on ship almost finished.	
	15 April 43.		Sealing of ship completed approximately 2300 hours.	
	16 April 43.		Timber getting. Work on ^{forwarding} forwarding deck continues.	
	17 April 43.		Timber getting. Work on ^{forwarding} forwarding deck continues.	
	18 April 43.		First quiet sunday for some time.	

WAR DIARY.
2/4 Aust. Fd. Coy. RAE.

PLACE	DATE	HOUR	SUMMARY OF EVENTS AND INFORMATION	REMARKS AND REFERENCES TO APPENDICES.
ORO BAY	19 April 45.		Timber getting. Work on LOADING deck continues.	
	20 April 45.		Timber getting. Work on LOADING deck continues.	
	21 April 45.		Timber getting. Work on LOADING deck continues.	
	22 April 45.		WO.11 Spreadborough accidentally wounded, evacuated to 10 Fd. Ambulance. Movement Order arrives. Works passed over to U.S. Engineers.	
	23 April 45.		Left Ore Bay bound for Milne Bay on board "Balikpapan" at 2359 hours.	
	24 April 45.		At Sea. Arrived Milne Bay 2200 hours and went to Staging Camp.	
	25 April 45.		Milne Bay. Unloaded coal and rails at wharf.	
	26 April 45.		Resting. Very heavy rain at night, several tents flooded and evacuated.	
	27 April 45.		Resting.	
	28 April 45.		Left Transit Camp 2150 hours, boarded "Tareena".	
	29 April 45.		Left Milne Bay. At sea, 0400 hrs. Escorted by destroyer. Seasickness prevalent. Very heavy seas.	
	30 April 45.		Arrived Cairns and one of crew evacuated to hospital. Left Cairns 1800 hours.	

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9 April 1943.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1 NO. 90.

By Capt. R.R. TAYLOR.

OFFICER COMMANDING

2/4 AUST. FD. COY. RAE.

1. BOUNDS The wreck of the "BANTAM" is out of bounds to all personnel except salvage workers specifically ordered to board her by the Transportation Officer.
2. SIGNAL LINES. All personnel are to be particularly careful that telephone lines in this area are not damaged or broken. The exact whereabouts of any accidental damage is to be reported to this H.Q. immediately.
5. SURVEY MARKS. All ranks are warned again of the urgent necessity for preserving survey marks. These marks are not to be touched in any circumstances without prior references to this H.Q.
4. PISTOLS.
 - a. Pistols of any type or description shall not be sold, purchase or exchanged.
 - b. On or after 15 Apr 43 it will be an offence for any member of the AMF to have in his possession or custody any pistol other than one issued to him by Army authority or where he has permission deferred to in para 3 hereof.
 - c. Permission may be granted by a Formation Comd to any member to have in his possession a pistol other than one issued to him; such permission to be in writing, signed personally by Formation Comd.
 - d. All ranks in possession of pistols not issued to them or not provided for under the last para will forthwith surrender the same to the QM or HQ Orderly Room of their unit.
 - e. All ranks having pistols in their possession are held personally responsible therefor and will immediately report the loss of such pistol.
 - f. The loss of a pistol is to be regarded as an offence for which the offender is to be tried by Court-Martial, unless the Formation Comd otherwise directs. In all cases of loss of Pistols, the offender will be charged and a Summary of Evidence, which will be forwarded to the Formation Comd, will be taken.
5. UNIT TRUST FUND: The undermentioned are hereby appointed Auditors of Unit Trust Fund:-

NX 23363 Lieut. WALKER L.G.
NX 17153 S/Sgt. SCOLLAY J.

H. R. Taylor Capt.
O.C. 2/4 Aust. Fd. Coy. RAE.

NOTICES.

MOVIE SCHEDULE:

PORT DETACHMENT "B"
PORTABLE HOSPITAL
DINANCE
ATTERY "C" 208th C.A.
EVACUATION HOSPITAL
BN. 163RD INF.

FRIDAY APRIL 9
SATURDAY " 10
MONDAY " 12
TUESDAY " 13
WEDNESDAY " 14
THURSDAY " 15

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2 APRIL 42.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES
ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1 NO. 89.

By Capt. R. R. TAYLOR

OFFICER COMMANDING

2/4 AUST. FD. COY. RAE.

1. The following extract from Orders of the Day No. 89 is repeated for the attention of all members of this unit.

SCRUB TYPHUS. Scrub Typhus has caused the greatest number of deaths due to illness in this area. The disease is carried by a tiny mite which may be seen with the naked eye; it greatly resembles the American chigger or red bug. The rat, mouse, bandicott, o'possum, and other small ground animals are the chief animal hosts in this sector. These mites are also found on grass rotted logs, and brush.

The bite of this insect caused an open sore which heals very slowly during which time the disease progresses through its various stages. The early symptoms are headache, muscular pains, and a high fever. Because it is difficult to differentiate Scrub Typhus from other fevers it is imperative that a medical officer be consulted as soon as possible.

At present no specific treatment has been developed for Scrub Typhus. Prevention is best accomplished by observing the following simple rules:

- Wear long trousers and leggings.
- Bathe thoroughly with soap and water after hiking or working in humal grass or underbrush.
- Destroy breeding places of the animal hosts - namely; brush piles.
- Destroy the animal hosts by trapping, poisoning, etc.

... *R. R. Taylor* Capt.
/s/ D.O. 2/4 Aust. Fd. Coy. RAE.

NOTICES

WHEREABOUTS OF AUSTRALIAN SOLDIER. Information is required regarding present whereabouts, serial number and unit of PTE JACK ROXBOROUGH who is understood to have been in GPO BAY AREA recently.

Any ~~other~~ person knowing any of the details will communicate them to Headquarters ~~as~~, as soon as possible.

MOVIE SCHEDULE.

PORT DETACHMENT "B"
1st PORTABLE HOSPITAL
ORDNANCE
BATTERY C 208th C.A.
1st BATTALION, 163rd INFANTRY
Rain will cancel showing.

Friday April 2
Saturday " 3
Monday " 5
Tuesday " 6
Thursday " 8

"TORPEDO BOAT"
" "
" "
" "
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Alerts and raids will be waited out.

SECRET

R.A.E. "HAIROIL"

WORKS PROGRESS REPORT - 1200 hrs. 9 April 1943 to 1200 hrs. 16 April 1943.

Ref. Map POPONDETTA 2nd Edit. 1" to 1 mile

TO: C.O.S.C. "HAIROIL"
Rptd: C.E. N.O.F., PORT ENGINEER.

WORK: PIER CONSTRUCTION - ORO BAY.
LABOUR: 2/4 Aust. Fd. Coy. RAE. - 6 Offrs. and 195 O.R.s
Natives - 30.

COMMENCED: 21 Dec. 42.
SUMMARY: PIER PROJECT - 45%
FORWARDING DOCK - 65%
REPAIRS TO "HAN-YANG" - 100%

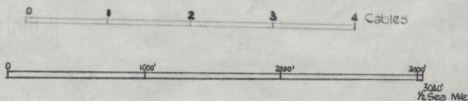
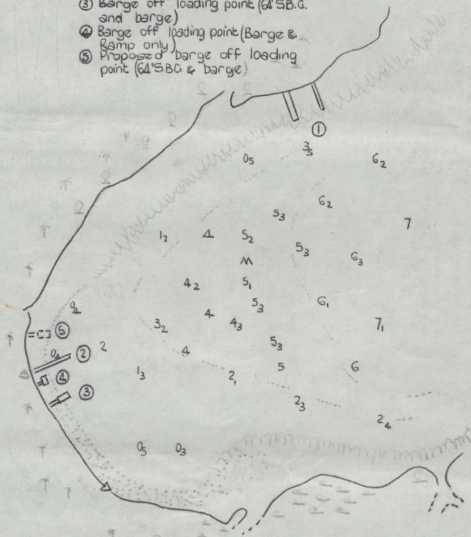
JOB	LABOUR	PERCENT	DATE	EST. DATE	REMARKS
		COMPLETE	COMMENCED	COMPLETION	EQUIPMENT etc.
Maintenance Gang	10RAE			CONTINUOUS	All Dock installati
New Pier 403007	-	45%			No further work carried out.
Forwarding Dock:					
a) Construction	50 RAE	65%	18.3.43		Extended by 50' Pier Head
b) Timber getting	50 RAE 50Natives			CONTINUOUS	1 - D2 Tractor
Repairs to S.S. "HAN-YANG"	58 RAE	100%	14.4.43	16.4.43.	Concrete patches in Ships hull No. 3 Hold, Topping-Up Radio Room, Sealing Ballast Tanks.
BIAMU Ck. Bridge	4 RAE				Design and timber- getting in hand.
NOTES:	TECH.	(a)	Sketch Layout of dock installations ORO BAY Attached (Appendix A)		
	ADMIN.	(a)	Unit has 16 O.R.'s in Hospital in Lines.	16 O.R.s Sick	

R.R. Taylor
..... Capt.
O.C. 2/4 Aust. Fd. Coy. RAE.

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MAP
OF
ORO BAY
LEGEND

- ① Main Pier
- ② Forwarding Dock
- ③ Barge off loading point (64' S.B.G. and barge)
- ④ Barge off loading point (Barge & Ramp only)
- ⑤ Proposed barge off loading point (64' S.B.G. & barge)



SECRET.

R.A.E. C.O.S.C. "HAIROIL"

WORKS PROGRESS REPORT - 1200 hrs. 2 April 1943 to 1200 hrs 9 April 1943.
Ref. Map POPONDETTA 2nd Edit. 1" to 1 mile.

TO: C.O.S.C. "HAIROIL"
 Rptd: C.E. N.G.F., PORT ENGINEER.
 WORK: PIER CONSTRUCTION - ORO BAY.

LABOUR: 2/4 Aust. Fd. Coy. RAE. - 6 Offrs and 195 O.R.s - 25 natives.
 COMMENCED: 21 Dec. 42.
 SUMMARY: PIER PROJECT - 45%
 FORWARDING DOCK - 60%

JOB	LABOUR	Per Cent	Date	Est. Date	REMARKS
		Complete	Comm.	Complete	Equipment etc.
Temporary Pier (Old)					
1. Dismantling	50 RAE	100%	7-4-43	8-4-43	Two Days
Temporary Pier					
1. Reconstruction.	40 RAE	100%	7-4-43	7-4-43	One 2 girders 64' Box Girder used, onto barge to give barge off-loading point No further work carried out.
New Pier 403007	-	45%	-	-	
Forwarding Dock:					
(a) Construction	50 RAE	60%	13-3-43	-	1 Pile Driver
(b) Timber getting	30 RAE				
Maintenance Gang	25 Natives			CONTINUOUS	1 - D2 Tractor
Mark V Pontoon Equip.					All Dock
Repair & re-conditioning	30 RAE	5%	8-4-43	15-4-43	installations.
Demolition:-					
Sunken Trawler & "Nigger-heads"	12 RAE	90%	3-4-43	1-4-43	Prior to erection for further barge point.

NOTES:

TECH: (a) Forwarding Dock has previously been referred to, in reports, as "Pier for Barge Off-loading Point."
 (b) War Equipment 1 No. 4 Pumping Set (R & T) received 6 April 43.

ADMIN: (a) Unit has 16 O.R.s sick in hospital; 11 O.R.s sick in lines.
 (b) Lieut. Stepto rejoined unit ex 10 Rd. Amb. 5-4-43.

R. R. Taylor Capt.
 O.C. 2/4 Aust. Fd. Coy. RAE.

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PRO FORM AFW 3008

PRO FORM AFW 3008

Serial No. 28.

W/E A.I.F. 11/10A/3.
7 + 229 Att. Nil + 1.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

UNIT: 2/4 Aust. Fd Coy. RAE. Week ending 24 April 43.

PART A Strength, Surplus and/or Deficiency.

PART D Nominal Roll of Officers on Strength.
(1)

ESTABLISHMENT	POSTED STRENGTH	SURPLUS	DEFICIENCY	Rank :Subs	Rank Temp	ARMY NO.	NAME	CORPS	Whether present
1 Major	-	-	1	:1 Lieut	T/Capt	MX 12185	TAYLOR	R.R.	YES
1 Captain	2	1	-	:2 Lieut	T/Capt	MX 58264	ROUSE	H.W.	"
5 Lieutenants	4	-	1	:3 Lieut		MX 34367	McKENSEY	I.M.	"
				:4 Lieut.		MX 14423	KEMP	R.O.	"
				:5 Lieut		MX 14422	STEPTO	A.E.	"
	6	1	2	:6 Lieut		MX 23363	WALKER	L.G.	"

PART B. Particulars of Officers joined or quitted during week.

(11) Particulars of Officers attached from other Corps.

NIL

NIL

PART C. Particulars of Officers whose return to the Unit is particularly requested.

NIL

25 April 43.
Date of Despatch

For *Am RAE*Capt.
O.C. 2/4 Aust. Fd. Coy. RAE.

"LILLIPUT"
Bde etc with which Unit is serving

PRO FORMA APW 3008

PRO FORMA APW 3008

Serial No. 27.

W/E A.I.F. 11/104/3.
7 + 239 Att. Nil + 1.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

UNIT: 2/4 Aust Pd Coy RAE. Week ending 17 April 45.

PART A Strength, Surplus and/or Deficiency.

PART D Nominal Roll of Officers on Strength.
(1)

ESTABLISHMENT	POSTED	STRENGTH	SURPLUS	DEFICIENCY	Rank	Rank	ARMY NO.	NAME	CORPS	Whether	
					Subs	Temp				present.	
1. Major	-	-	1	:1	Lieut	T/Capt	NX 12185	TAYLOR	R.R.	RAE	YES
1 Captain	2	1	-	:2	Lieut	T/Capt	NX 58264	ROUSE	H.W.	"	"
5 Lieutenants	4	-	1	:3	Lieut		NX 54387	MCKENSEY	I.M.	"	"
				:4	Lieut		NX 14423	KEMP	R.C.	"	"
				:5	Lieut		NX 14422	STEPTO	A.E.	"	"
	6	1	2	:6	Lieut		NX 23363	WALKER	L.G.	"	"

PART B. Particulars of Officers joined or quitted during week. (11) Particulars of Officers attached from other Corps.

NIL

NIL

PART C. Particulars of Officers whose return to the Unit is particularly requested.

NIL

19 April 45
Date of DespatchR.R. Taylor Capt.
C.O. 2/4 Aust. Pd. Coy. RAE."LILLIPUT"
Bde etc with which Unit is serving

Serial No. 27.

W/E A.I.F. 11/10A/3.
7 + 239 Att. Nil + 1.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

UNIT: 2/4 Aust Fd Coy RAE.

Week Ending 13 April 43.

PART A Strength, Surplus and/or Deficiency.

PART D.
(1)

Nominal Roll of Officers on Strength.

ESTABLISHMENT	POSTED	STRENGTH	SURPLUS	DEFICIENCY	:Rank :Subs	Rank Temp	ARMY NO.	NAME	CORPS	Whether present.	
1 Major	-	-	1	:	:1	Lieut T/Capt	NX 12185	TAYLOR	R.R.	RAE	YES
1 Captain	2	1	-	:	:2	Lieut T/Capt	NX 58264	ROUSE	H.W.	"	"
5 Lieutenants	4	-	1	:	:3	Lieut	NX 54387	McKENSEY	I.M.	"	"
				:	:4	Lieut	NX 14423	KEMP	R.C.	"	"
				:	:5	Lieut	NX 14422	STEPTO	A.E.	"	"
	6	1	2	:	:6	Lieut	NX 23363	WALKER	L.G.	"	"

PART B Particulars of Officers joined or quitted during week.

(11) Particulars of Officers attached from other Corps.

NIL

NIL

PART C. Particulars of Officers whose return to the Unit is particularly requested.

NIL

13 April 43.

Date of Despatch

R.R. Taylor Capt.
Capt.
 O.C. 2/4 Aust. Fd. Coy. RAE.

"LILLIPUT"

Bde etc with which Unit is serving

PRO FORMA AFW 3008

PRO FORMA AFW 3008

Serial No. 26.

W/E A.I.F. 11/10A/3.

7+ 239 Att. Nil + 1.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

UNIT: 2/4 Aust Fd Coy RAE. Week ending 10 April 43.

PART A Strength, Surplus and/or Deficiency.

PART D. Nominal Roll of Officers on Strength.
(1)

ESTABLISHMENT	POSTED STRENGTH	SURPLUS	DEFICIENCY	:Rank :Subs	Rank Temp	ARMY NO.	NAME	CORPS	Whether present.	
1 Major	-	-	1	:1	Lieut T/Capt	NX 12185	TAYLOR	R.R.	RAE	YES
1 Captain	2	1	-	:2	Lieut T/Capt	NX 58264	ROUSE	H.W.	"	"
5 Lieutenants	4	-	1	:3	Lieut.	NX 54387	MCKENNEY	I.M.	"	"
				:4	Lieut.	NX 14423	KEMP	R.C.	"	"
				:5	Lieut.	NX 14422	STEPTO	A.E.	"	"
	6	1	2	:6	Lieut.	NX 23363	WALKER	L.G.	"	"

PART B Particulars of Officers joined or quitted during week.

(11) Particulars of Officers attached from other Corps.

NX 14422 Lieut. STEPTO A.E. Rejoined Unit from X List 5.4.43.

NIL.

PART C. Particulars of Officers whose return to the Unit is particularly requested.

NIL.

11 April 43.
Date of Despatch

R.R. Taylor Capt.
O.C. 2/4 Aust. Fd. Coy. RAE.

"LILLIPUT"
Bde etc with which Unit is serving

PRO FORMA AFW 3008

Serial No. 25.

W/E A.I.F. 11/10A/5
7 * 239 Att. Nil + 1.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

UNIT: 2/4 Aust Fd Coy RAE. Week ending 3 April 43.

PART A Strength, Surplus and/or Deficiency.

PART A Strength, 1917				(1)						
ESTABLISHMENT	POSTED STRENGTH	SURPLUS	DEFICIENCY	Rank	Rank	ARMY NO.	NAME	CORPS	Whether present	
				Subs	Temp					
1 Major	-	-	1	1	Lieut T/Capt	NX 12185	TAYLOR	R.R.	RAE	YES
1 Captain	2	1	-	2	Lieut T/Capt	NX 58264	ROUSE	H.W.	"	"
5 Lieutenants	5	-	2	3	Lieut	NX 54387	McKENNEY	I.M.	"	"
				4	Lieut.	NX 14423	KEMP	R.C.	"	"
				5	Lieut	NX 23563	WALKER	L.G.	"	"
	5	1	3							

PART D. Nominal Roll of Officers on Strength.
(1)

PART B Particulars of Officers joined or quitted during week.

NIL

(11) Particulars of Officers attached from other Corps.
NIL.

PART C. Particulars of Officers whose return to the Unit is particularly requested.

NIL.

4. April 43

Date of Despatch

R.R. Taylor Capt.
O.C. 2/4 Aust. Fd. Coy. RAE.

2/4 Fd. Coy. RAE

"LILLIPUT"

Bde etc with which Unit is serving

PRO FORMA AFW 3009B

PRO FORMA AFW 3009B

Serial No. B/28
W/E A.I.F. 11/10A/3
7 + 239. Att. Nil + 1.

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

UNIT: 2/4 Aust Fd Coy RAE.

Week ending 24 April 43.

PART A: Strength, Surplus and/or Reinforcements required.

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

Rank	Establishment	Posted Strength (Excl. Attached)	Surplus Reinforcement to Est. reqd. or Deficit on Est.	TRADES	Establishment	Surplus	Deficiency
W.O.11	1	1	-	COOKS	6	-	1
C.Q.M.S.	1	1	-	Blacksmiths	7	-	3
SERJTS	9	9	-	Bricklayers	5	2	-
CPLS (incl L/SJTS.)	22	22	-	Carpenters & Joiners	32	-	2
SAPPERS etc. 206	155	51	-	Clerks	5	1	-
				Concreteors	6	-	2
				Draughtsmen	1	-	-
				Driver Mechanics	3	-	-
				Electricians	1	-	1
				Engine Artificers	11	-	1
				Engine Hands l/c LP	9	-	2
				Fitters	4	-	2
				Masons	NIL	1	-
				Mechanics M.V.	1	-	-
				Miners	12	-	7
				Painters	7	1	-
				Plumbers	4	-	2
				Sawyers	NIL	1	-
				Storeman Technical	5	-	2
				Surveyors Engineering ...	1	-	-
				Tinsmiths	3	-	1
				Pioneers	57	-	7
				Transport Cpl.	3	-	-
				Batmen	7	-	2
				General Dutyman	1	-	-
				M.C. Orderlies	5	-	3
				Sanitary	1	-	1
				Water Dutyman	1	-	1
				Driver M.T.	32	-	18
				TOTALS		6	55

PART B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps:

One Cpl. from A.A.M.C. - W.E. Attachment.

PART C. Description of Other Ranks whose return to the Unit is particularly requested.

NIL

"LILLIPUT"

25 April 43

Bde etc with which Unit is serving

2/4 Aust Fd Coy RAE
C.O. 2/4 Aust Fd Coy RAE
Capt.

Serial No. B/27
W/M A.I.F. 11/10A/5
7 + 239. Att. Nil + 1.

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

UNIT: 2/4 Aust Fd Coy RAE. Week Ending 17 April 43.
PART A: Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

Rank	Establishment	Posted Strength (Excl. Attached)	Surplus Reinforcements to Est. reqd. or Deficit on Est.
W.O.11	1	1	-
G.Q.M.S.	1	1	-
SERGEANTS.	9	9	-
CPLS (incl L/SJTS)	22	22	-
SAPPERS etc	205	155	51
TOTALS	239	188	51

PART B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps:

One Cpl from A.A.M.C. - W.E. Attachment.

PART C. Description of Other Ranks whose return to the Unit is particularly requested.

NIL

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

TRADES	Establishments	Surplus	Deficiency
Cooks	6	-	1
Blacksmith	7	-	3
Bricklayers	3	2	-
Carpenters & Joiners	52	-	3
Clerks	5	1	-
Concretors	6	-	2
Draughtsmen	1	-	-
Driver Mechanics	3	-	-
Electricians	1	-	1
Engine Artificers	11	-	1
Engine Hands 1/c	9	-	2
Fitters	4	-	2
Masons	NIL	1	-
Mechanics M.V.	1	-	-
Miners	12	-	7
Painters	7	1	-
Plumbers	4	-	2
Sawyers	NIL	1	-
Storeman Technical	5	-	2
Surveyors Engineering	1	-	-
Tinsmith	3	-	1
Pioneers	57	-	6
Transport Cpl.	3	-	-
Batmen	7	-	2
General Dutymen	1	-	-
M.C. Orderlies	5	-	3
Sanitary	1	-	1
Water Dutymen	1	-	1
Driver M.T.	32	-	15
TOTALS.		6	57

18 April 43.
Date of Despatch.

R.R. Taylor Capt.
O.C. 2/4 Aust Fd Coy RAE.

"ILLIUM"
Etc etc with which Unit is serving

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SERIAL No 5/26
 WE AFF 11/100H/3
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214 Aust Ed Course (Unit) 10 April 193 (Date)

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.			
W.Os. Class II.	1		
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	1		
Staff Serjeants			
Serjeants	9		
Corporals	22		
Troopers, Privates, &c.	161		45
TOTALS	194	.	45

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

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Date of Despatch... 11 FEB 1943

E. R. Vynor Capt.
O.C. 2/4 Fd. Coy. Signature of Commander.

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

NOTICE

This Unit consists entirely of H/F personnel
R.R. Saylor Capt.
OC, 24th Div. R.A.B.

(Adapted)

(Adapted)

1943 (Date).

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.			
W.Os. Class II.	1		
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	1		
Staff Serjeants			
Serjeants	9		
Corporals	22		
Troopers, Privates, &c.	155		51
TOTALS	188	.	51

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

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24th Aust. Coy. RHE

Unit.

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- ments Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinforce- ments Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinforce- ments Required (a)
Ammunition Examiners			Fire Control Operators			Panel Beaters		
Armament Artificers			Fitters	4	2	Pattern Makers		
Armourers			Fitters and Turners			Pharmacists		
Artificers, Artillery			Fitters, Cycle			Photographers, dry plate		
Axemen			Fitters, Drivers			Photographers, wet plate		
Bakers			Fitter's Mates			Photo-Writers		
Battery Surveyors			Fitters, M.V.			Plate Layers		
Battery Comdrs. Asst.			Fitters, Railway Signal			Plumbers	4	1
Blacksmiths	7	3	Fitters, Signal			Predictor Numbers		
Boilermakers			Grinders			Printers		
Bricklayers	3	2	Gun Layers			Radiator Mechanics		
Butchers			G.P.O. Assistants			Radiographers		
Camouflage Modeller			Gun Operators			Range Takers		
Carpenter and Joiner	32	4	Hammermen			Riggers		
Clerks	5	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		1
Computers			Intelligence Duties			Shoemakers		
Concretors	6	2	Joiners			Signallers		
Cooks	6	3	Leather Stitchers			Signwriters		
Cooks, Hospital			Linesmen			Stokers, Stationary Engine		
Coppersmiths			Linesmen, Signals			Storemen, Technical	5	2
Dental Clerk Orderlies			Lithographers			Surveyors		
Despatch Riders			Machinists			Surveyors, Engineering	1	
Dispensers			Masons	2		Tailors		
Draughtsmen	1		Massenrs			Telescope Identification Numbers		
Draughtsmen, Architectural			Mechanics, Dental			Textile Reftiers		
Draughtsmen, Mechanical			Mechanics, M.F.	1		Tinsmiths	3	1
Draughtsmen, Signal			Mechanics, Typewriter			Toolmakers		
Draughtsmen, Topographical			Mechanics, Wireless			Turners		
Driver Mechanics	3		Millwrights			Vulcanizers		
Driver Operators			Miners	12	7	Wagon Erectors		
Drivers, Transportation Plant			Moulders			Watchmakers		
Electrical Fitters			Nursing Orderlies			Watermen		
Electricians	1	1	Nursing Orderlies (Mental)			Welders		
Electricians, Eng. Units			Nurses, Trained			Well Borers		
Electricians, Signal			Observation Post Assistants			Wheeler		
Engine Artificers	11	1	Operating Room Assistants			Whitesmiths		
Engine Hands I/C	9	2	Operators, Signal			Wiremen		
Equipment Repairers			Opticians			Woodturners		
Farriers			Painters	7	1			
FLINTERS	57	9	M.C. Orderlies	5	4			
Transport Cpl	2		Sanitary Dayman	1	1			
Bathman	7		Water Dayman	1	1			
Gen. Dayman	1	1	Dinner Mt	32	15			
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)	3	26		3	30		2	3

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.

214 P.A. Coy., R.A.E.

Unit.

R.R. Gayler Capt.
O.C., 214 P.A. Coy. R.A.E.

Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch. 3 April 43.

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

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

15 JUL 1943

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WAR DIARY.
2/4 Aust. Fd. CoyRAE.

PLACE	DATE	HOUR	SUMMARY OF EVENTS AND INFORMATION.	REMARKS AND REFERENCES TO APPENDICES.
AUSTRALIA	1. May.43.		Arrived at Townsville 0800 hours to "CONCOONDA" Transit Depot. Beer available for troops, and leave to Townsville	
	2. May.43.		Left for Ravenshoe 2300 hours by train.	
	3. May.43.		Arrived Cairns 1200 hours for lunch and changed trains for Ravenshoe. Tea at MAREEBA.	
	4 May 43.		Arrived at 7 Aust. Div. Personnel Staging Camp 0100 hours. Raining. Left at 1100 hours for camp site by road.	
RAVENSHOE.	5 May 43.		Blood slides taken for Malaria, about thirteen(13) showed positive. Compulsary picture Parade at night. "Next of Kin". Cold weather felt.	
	6 May 43.		Settling into camp. Extra large pay for the whole coy for leave.	
	7 May 43.		Orderly room very busy.	
	8 May 43.		Coy inspected by C.R.E. Party to races at TOMOULIN, remainder in camp played 2/6 Aust. Fd. Coy. cricket. Won by 80 runs.	
	9 May 43.		Clothing issues arrives.	
	10 May 43.		Left at 1000 hours for home leave. Morale of personnel greatly uplifted.	
	11 May 43.		Arrived Redlynch Transit Camp 0900 hours. First stage of leave journey over.	
	12 May 43.		Left Redlynch(train) 1120 hours on next stage of trip. Tea at Innisfail.	
	13 May 43.		Arrived Bowen for breakfast, Mackay Lunch, St.Lawrance for excellent tea.	
	14 May 43.		Arrived at Reckhampton 0245 hours. Waited two hours for Engine(considered by troops as serious delay) Raining. Two carriages broke couplings and train had to back and wait for new couplings to be fixed.	
	15 May 43.		Arrived Exhibition grounds Brisbane 0130 hours. Good breakfast. Left for Sydney at 1405 hours. Tea at Casine.	

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WAR DIARY
2/4 Aust. Fd. Coy. RAE.

PLACE.	DATE	HOUR	SUMMARY OF EVENTS AND INFORMATION	REMARKS AND REFERENCES TO APPENDICES.
AUSTRALIA	16 May 43.		Breakfast at Gloucester, arrived Sydney 1405 hours, went to showgrounds. Locals on leave, left soon afterwards, these travelling a distance left about 1800 hours.	
	17 May 43.			
	to		Home Leave.	
	30 May 43.			

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Serial No. B/29.

W/E A.I.F. 11/10A/3

7 + 239 Att. Nil + 1.

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

UNIT: 2/4 Aust. rd Coy RAE. Week ending 1 May 43.

PART A: Strength, Surplus and/or Reinforcements required.

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

Rank	Establishment Posted Strength Surplus Reinforcement (Exclus. Attached) to Est. reqd. or Deficit TRADES on est.				Establishment: Surplus: Deficiency			
W.O.11	1	1	-	-	: Cooks	6	-	1
C.Q.M.S.	1	1	-	-	: Blacksmiths	7	-	3
SERJTS	9	9	-	-	: Bricklayers	3	2	-
CPLS (incl L/Sgts.)	22	22	-	-	: Carpenters & Joiners	32	-	1
SAPPERS etc.	206	154	-	52	: Clerks	5	1	-
					: Concretors	6	-	2
					: Draughtsmen	1	-	-
					: Driver Mechanics	3	-	-
					: Electricians	1	-	1
					: Engine Artificers	11	-	-
					: Engine Hands l/c	9	-	2
					: Fitters	4	-	2
	239	187	-	52	: Masons	NIL	1	-
					: Mechanics M.V.	1	-	-
					: Miners	12	-	7
					: Painters	7	1	-
					: Plumbers	4	-	2
					: Sawyers	NIL	-	-
					: Storeman Technical	5	-	2
					: Surveyors Engineering	1	-	-
					: Tinsmiths	3	-	1
					: Pioneers	57	-	12
					: Transport Cpl.	3	-	-
					: Batman	7	-	2
					: General Dutymen	1	-	-
					: M.C. Orderlies	5	-	3
					: Sanitary	1	-	1
					: Water Dutymen	1	-	1
					: Driver M.T.	32	-	15
					: TOTALS			
PART B. Other ranks attached from other Corps:								
One Cpl. from A.A.M.C. - W.E. Attachment.								
PART C. Description of Other Ranks whose return to the Unit is particularly requested.								
NIL								
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PART B. Other ranks attached from other Corps:

One Cpl. from A.A.M.C. - W.E. Attachment.

PART C. Description of Other Ranks whose return to the Unit is particularly requested.

NIL

.....7. F.O.S.T. Div.....
Bde etc. with which Unit is serving.

2 May 43.

Capt.
O.C. 2/4 Aust. Fd. Coy. RAE.

Serial No. 29.

W/E A.I.F. 11/10A/3.
7 + 239 Att. Nil + 1.FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

UNIT: 2/4 Aust. Fd. Coy RAE. Week ending 1 May 43.

PART A Strength, Surplus and/or Deficiency.

: PART D. Nominal Roll of Officers on Strength.
: (1)

ESTABLISHMENT	POSTED STRENGTH	SURPLUS	DEFICIENCY	:Rank :Subs	Rank Temp	ARMY NO.	NAME	CORPS	Whether present.
1 Major	-	-	1	:1 Lieut	T/Capt	NA 12185	TAYLOR	R.R.	RAE YES
1 Captain	2	1	-	:2 Lieut	T/Capt	NA 58264	ROUSE	H.W.	" "
5 Lieutenants	4	-	1	:3 Lieut		NA 34387	MCAENNEY	I.M.	" "
				:4 Lieut		NA 14488	KEMP	R.C.	" "
				:5 Lieut.		NA 14488	STAPTO	A.E.	" "
	6	1	2	:6 Lieut		NA 23363	WALKER	L.G.	" "

PART B. Particulars of Officers joined or quitted during week.

: (11) Particulars of Officers attached from other Corps.

NIL

NIL

PART C. Particulars of Officers whose return to the Unit is particularly requested.

NIL

2 May 43.

Date of Despatch

Paulson Capt.
 2/4 Aust Fd Coy RAE.

...2. Host Div.

Etc etc with which Unit is serving

Serial No 30

W/E A.I.F. 11/10/13

7+239 att Nil+1.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

2/4 Fd. Coy., R.A.E.

(Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels			
Majors	—	—	1
Captains	2	—	—
Lieutenants	4	—	—
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
Totals	6	—	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.
	NIL			

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
	NIL			

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).
	NIL		

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

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

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

(Unit.)

(Date of Despatch.)

R.R. Taylor bapt.

(Signature of Commander.)

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

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Serial No 8/3

2/4 Aust Fed Coy RAE (Unit)

8 MAY

1943 (Date).

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.			
1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted Strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.			
W.Os. Class II.			1
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	1		
Staff Serjeants			
Serjeants	4		5
Corporals	17		5
Troopers, Privates, &c.	153		53
TOTALS	175	.	64

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

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2/4 Fd Coy R.A.E. Unit.

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)	Reinforcements Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinforcements Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinforcements Required (a)
EST			EST			EST		
Ammunition Examiners			Fire Control Operators			Panel Beaters		
Armament Artificers			Fitters	4	2	Pattern Makers		
Armourers			Fitters and Turners			Pharmacists		
Artificers, Artillery			Fitters, Cycle			Photographers, dry plate		
Axemen			Fitters, Drivers			Photographers, wet plate		
Bakers			Fitter's Mates			Photo-Writers		
Battery Surveyors			Fitters, M.V.			Plate Layers		
Battery Comdrs, Asst.			Fitters, Railway Signal			Plumbers		
Blacksmiths	7	3	Fitters, Signal			Predictor Numbers	4	1
Boilermakers			Grinders			Printers		
Bricklayers	2	2	Gun Layers			Radiator Mechanics		
Butchers			G.P.O. Assistants			Radiographers		
Camouflage Modeller			Gun Operators			Range Takers		
Carpenter and Joiner	32	2	Hammermen			Riggers		
Clerks	5	1	Halt 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	6	3	Joiners			Signalers		
Cooks	6	1	Leather Stitchers			Signwriters		
Cooks, Hospital			Linesmen			Stokers, Stationary Engine		
Coppersmiths			Linesmen, Signals			Storemen, Technical	5	2
Dental Clerk Orderlies			Lithographers			Surveyors		
Despatch Riders			Machinists			Surveyors, Engineering	1	
Dispensers			Masons	1		Tailors		
Draughtsmen	1		Masseurs			Telescope Identification Numbers		
Draughtsmen, Architectural			Mechanics, Dental			Textile Refitters		
Draughtsmen, Mechanical			Mechanics, M.V.	1		Tinsmiths	3	2
Draughtsmen, Signal			Mechanics, Typewriter			Toolmakers		
Draughtsmen, Topographical			Mechanics, Wireless			Turners		
Driver Mechanics	3		Millwrights			Volcanizers		
Driver Operators			Miners	12	7	Wagon Erectors		
Drivers, Transportation Plant			Moulders			Watchmakers		
Electrical Fitters			Nursing Orderlies			Watermen		
Electricians	1	1	Nursing Orderlies (Mental)			Welders		
Electricians, Eng. Units			Nurses, Trained			Well Borers		
Electricians, Signal			Observation Post Assistants			Wheeleders		
Engine Artificers	11	2	Operating Room Assistants			Whitesmiths		
Engine Hands I/C	9	3	Operators, Signal			Wiresmen		
Equipment Repairers			Opticians			Woodturners		
Fartiers			Painters	7	1			
ACAPLES	57	19	WINTER DETACHMENT	1	1			
TECHNICAL	3	1	DRIVER DETACHMENT	32	2			
GEN DETACHMENT	1	1	BOILERMEN	7	2			
ML ORDERLIES	5	3	SANITARY DETACHMENT	1	15			
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)	3	39		2	27		1	4

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.

2/4 Fd. Coy., R.A.E.

Unit.

R.R. Taylor Capt.
Signature of Commander.
2/4 Fd. Coy. R.A.E.

Date of Despatch 8 MAY 43

7 Fd. Div
Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.