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2/8 FIELD COMPANY

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES

2/8 AUST FD COY R.A.E.

WAR DIARY

For month of MAY 1945

- 1st Water point is now using a Buzacott pump. As it only delivers 750-gallons per hour as against the Petters 2,200-gallons per hour, the difference is very noticeable and water carts have to wait much longer. However it releases an item of W.E. which is always desirable.
- 2nd Pilots of the Douglas transport planes report that it is dangerous to land at DAGUA owing to the presence of trees on the west end of the strip. Consequently we are engaged on blowing and removing these trees to give a 15° splay, and 1 in 40 glide angle.
- 3rd 9 Pl moved forward to-day to WEIUBI. The CRE has decided to move us right up behind the inf, and proposes to push one pl across the HAWAIN River as soon as possible after the inf cross. Then a second pl will move up and occupy a spot on the West bank of the HAWAIN and will move forward through the first pl at a later date.
- 4th Movement order received for remainder of Coy less two sections of 7 Pl and Lt. SMITH who are to remain and hand-over jobs to 2/1 Fd Coy on 6 May.
- 5th Coy HQ and two sections of 7 Pl moved forward to-day. Guide was met at WEIUBI and led the transport to a spot only 8 miles from WEWAK. The advance to WEWAK is progressing so quickly that already 8 Pl who have just moved to Cape KOLANG are again in a comparative rear area. Coy HQ is now far in advance of the rest of the Coy.
- 6th Coy HQ and 7 Pl settling into new camps, and 7 Pl has commenced already on a bridge to replace some F.B.E. The new site is right on the beach between Cape FUS Lagoon and the sea, and conditions are very pleasant.
- 7th 9 Pl shifted further up again - the Coy seems to be continually on the move these days, and everyone is happy, as it means new sights, new jobs and fresh chances of discovering loot.
- 8th Cessation of hostilities in Europe announced, but no excitement was felt, as it certainly meant no difference to the work here. Some stir was caused in camp when a number of Lockheed lightnings bombed and strafed Cape WCM by mistake. A bullet hole in it IUBE'S jeep shows how close they landed to our personnel on WCM.
- 9th A short service was held at Coy HQ and another at 9 Pl in thanksgiving for the end of the European war.
- 10th For the past few days we have had a grandstand seat of the bombing and shelling of WEWAK Point from air and sea, in softening up attacks prior to inf operations. The sky was overcast this morning and prevented the air force from carrying out their allotted tasks. However the inf moved up with tank support and occupied most of WEWAK point by 1030-hrs.

- 11th Our role has changed from the Coy behind the forward Fd Coy, and it is now intended to send 7 Pl with the infantry advance along the coast, for mine clearing and other jobs with the tanks.
- 12th A water point has been constructed at Cape PUS lagoon, with a 8 tank raised on a 12-ft stand, supplied by Petters Pump. Water from the lagoon is quite suitable, requiring 4 scoops per 100-gallons.
- 13th to 14th Nothing to report.
- 15th 9 Platoon again moved up, to commence another bridge job at URIP Creek and MINGA Creek.
- 16th Advice has been received that Spr BURLEY has been placed on the D.I. list, suffering from scrub typhus. We sincerely hope that Joe getsover it quickly, as he is a well known, popular identity in the Coy.
- 17th All 7 Platoon were engaged in operations to-day - one section with inf advance in hills towards village of KREER, one section with tanks moving towards BORAM, one section with inf advance along beach, and one section with reserve tanks. Latter section was engaged in removing aerial bombs from tracks in front of the tanks.
- 18th One section of 7 Platoon stayed out last night with the inf, and on return reported a minefield, consisting of aerial bombs buried in the side of a cutting, electrically fuzed and wired. The bombs were located and deloused by our sappers. They also reported a FOUASSE type trap, consisting of two aerial bombs set at either end of a 44-gallon drum of petrol. Advice received to-night that Joe BURLEY died in 2/11 AGH. Everybody regrets to hear this, and our thoughts go out to his wife and children.
- 19th Troops are all keyed up and eager for more inf operations. Spr WILKINSON, when on patrol with a inf officer encountered two Japs; but before WILKINSON could raise his rifle the officer had shot them both with his Owen gun.
- 20th Mine detectors were used for the first time to-day and proved successful, but of limited use, owing to the fact that they detect every piece of shrapnel on the ground. However this can be overcome by having a man follow the mine detector with a prodder.
- 21st It HEMMING reported back to-day from his HAYFIELD air strip job with 17 Bde. The strip was completed with native labour alone, and included 800-yds of fill, carried on backs of natives and consolidated by a "40 boong-power" roller, and the surface maintained by a 70 "boong-power" drag. Incidentally while these machines were being operated, we heard that Senator FRASER reported in Parliament that there was plenty of mechanical equipment in our area.

- 22nd Coy HQ moved to new location on east side of MISSION Point. Sappers are still operating with inf patrols and normally move as third man in the section. This allows him to watch for any mines, booby traps etc., and warn the patrol in time.
- 23rd Reports received that the sappers who went with the tanks around Cape MOEM were able to scrounge much booty including swords, binoculars, fountain pens, money and a flag in good order and condition, so everybody is happy. A trailer load of sweet potatoes and pumpkin was also obtained and welcomed with relish by the troops.
- 24th A road is to be constructed into a water point at the eastern end of BORAM Drome; the present track consists of Jap longitudinal corduroy. The worst patches are to be rebuilt and covered with sand. However, even the "good" patches are breaking under the weight of the tip trucks.
- 25th The O.C. had a rare win to-day - he was able to have moved a troop of arty which was occupying the position he selected for a side-loader on Cape BORAM. Work commenced at once on timber getting for the job.
- 26th Urgent request from 19 Bde for bomb disposal squad to proceed to MOEM Point proved a false alarm. S/Sgt LOCKWOOD taking all precautions as laid down in the latest B.D. Pam. was very disgusted when he unearthed a 44-gallon drum.
- 27th Memorial service was held in respect of the late Spr BURLEY who was a well known and respected identity of the Coy. To show their appreciation and esteem, Coy personnel collected and sent a sum of money to his wife and children.
- 28th Sappers moved to KREER in direct support of 2/4 Inf Bn. Nips very active in this area - much preparation of booby traps, Jap 'repellent' etc. Anticipate much surprise for Hon. Jap if he attempts to penetrate through our defences.
- 29th Sappers working on KREER - KOIGIN road came across 9 Jap packs which appeared to be only recently abandoned. The loot consisted of sword, valuable operational instructions, flags, compasses, watches and fountain pens. Three big Nips got away after being sighted; bad show!
- 30th Sappers camped at KREER were unduly awakened by an angry burst from an Owen gun, followed immediately by an explosion. Sleep was out of the question for the remainder of the night and dawn was appreciated by all. On investigating a dead Jap was found near the cook-house; it appears that a inf sentry got right on to the target.
- 31st. Again much preparation with booby traps, trip wires etc., for unwelcomed visitors. Another stand-to last night, result of a enthusiastic Cpl putting two angry bursts from his Owen gun into an inoffensive stump. Cpl's statement that Jap was behind the stump failed to convince hostile Sprs

R. M. Wilson

Major,

O.C. 2/8 AUST FD COY R.A.E.

APPENDIX "A"

Unit: 2/8 AUSTRALIAN COY RAE 6 AUSTRALIAN DIV WE 11/10a/4 DATE: 26-5-45

TRADE	Rank	WE	Posted Strength	Deficit	Surplus	Reinfts Recd
<u>TRADE GROUP 1</u>						
Blacksmiths	Spr	7	7			
Bricklayers	Spr	3	4		1	
Carpenters & Joiners	"	16	15	1		N.R.
Draughtsman Engr	Spr	1	1	1		N.R.
Electricians	Spr	1	1	1		N.R.
Fitters Engine	Spr	10	9			
Fitters General	Spr	1	2		1	
Operator Excavator	Spr	6	4	2		2
Plumbers	Spr	4	5		1	
Surveyor	Spr	1	1			
<u>TRADE GROUP 2</u>						
Carpenters	Spr	16	15	1		N.R.
Driver Operator	Cpl	1	1			
"	Spr	9	9			
Mechanics Engine	Spr	4	4			N.R.
Miners	Spr	12	11	1		N.R.
Painters	Spr	3	2			
Riggers	Spr	3	3			
Signwriters	Spr	4	4			
<u>TRADE GROUP 3</u>						
Clerk	Cpl	1	1			
Clerks	Spr	4	4			
Concreteors	Spr	6	5	1		
Driver Mechanics	Spr	3	2			
Engine Hand i/c	Spr	6	6			
Tailor	Spr	1	1			
Tech Storeman	Cpl	1	1			
Tech storemen	Spr	4	4			
Tinmiths	Spr	3	1	2		2
<u>NON SPECIALISTS</u>						
CSM	WO II	1	1			
CMIS	Sgt	1	1			
P1 Sgts	Sgt	3	2	1		N.R.
Fitter Sgt	Sgt	1	1			
Transport Sgt	Sgt	1	1			
P1 Sgts	Sgt	4	4			
P1 Corporals	Cpl	18	19		1	
Batman	Spr	7	7			
Drivers ME	Spr	35	35			
Hygiene dutyman	Spr	1	1			
M/Cycle Orderlies	Spr	5	5		3	
Pioneers	Spr	24	27			
Water dutyman	Spr	1	1			
TOTAL OTHER RANKS		233	227	13	7	6
<u>ATTACHED BY WE</u>						
AACG	Sgt	1	1			
AACG	Cpl	1	1			
AACG Gp 2	Pte	6	7		1	
AAMC	Cpl	1	1			
AA Postal Service	Cpl	1	1			
AACG (Cobbler)	Pte	1	1			
TOTAL OTHER RANKS INCL ATTACHED WE		244	238	14	8	7

Smiles Major
O.C. 2/8 Aust. Fd. Coy. R.A.E.

<u>N.C.O.</u>	<u>W.E.</u>	<u>P.S.</u>	<u>Enlist. Right</u>
WOLF	1	1	
SP. MS	1	1	
Sgt. Rgt.	1	1	
H.H. Sgt.	1	1	
Transp. Sgt.	1	1	
M. Sgt.	10	10	
Corp. Sgt.	1	1	
Tech. Steward Sgt.	1	1	
Dir. Grp. Sgt.	1	1	
	32	32	

Attached Dr. W. E.

AACC.	Sgt.	1	-	1
AACC	Cpl	1	1	
AAMC	Cpl	1	1	
AAPF	Cpl	1	1	
		36	35	1

Wm. L. ... Major
O.C. 2/8 Aust. Fd. Coy. R.A.E.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Army Form W.3008
(Adapted) (Page 1)
(Revised 2nd, 1943)
(Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 26/5/1945 218 Fd. Coy. RAE. (Unit)

W.E. / / OFFRS. O.R's. + OFFRS. O.R's. ATT. BY W.E.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10				
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.								
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.				
1				Lieut.-Colonels									
2	NR	2		Majors									
4				Captains									
		1	5	Lieutenants									
				Quarter-masters									
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.									
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.									
7	NR	2	6										
DETAIL				A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL
A.				6									6
E.(1)													
E.(2)													

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 15 of Instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
NX08112	Lt.	M. MENEMY R.A.E.	Evoc. to 2/1	1945	
			N.R.S.		
NX1709	Lt.	HENNINGE, R.A.E.	H.Q. RAE	22.5.45	Detached to duty
VX114170	Lt.	SMITH, L.S.	Evoc. to	24.5.45	
			2/17. D.S.		

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO (Unit) IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED. / / 194.

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

2/8 Fd Coy. R.A.E. Unit

Army Form W3006
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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 26/5/45 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Major	NR3479	WILSON	ENM	OC	Yes		
Lt.	NR4548	VENN	L.A.	HQ	Yes		
Lt.	NR5512	McMURRAY	R.E.	PLON	NO	Eval. to hospital	
Lt.	VR19410	SMITH	J.S.	PLON	NO	Eval. to hospital	
Lt.	NR5545	PHILLIPS	L.S.	PLON	YES		
Lt.	NR1094	HERNIMAN	R.E.	PLON	NO	Detached to HQ R.A.E.	26.5.45

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
Capt.	VR1805	CRAWFORD R.A.	HQ. RAL	26.5.45	Duty
Lt.	TA 12060	LUBE	2/8 Fd Coy	26.5.45	Duty

26.5.45
Date of Despatch
a.v. 2m hrs 7/44

Smiler
Signature of Commander
O.C 2/8 Aust. Fd Coy. R.A.E.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES

2/8 AUST FD COY R.A.E.

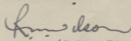
WAR DIARY

For Month of June 1945

- 1st Rumours of leave are now rampant. Optimistic sappers have cancelled all parcels; it appears we still have a few that would fall for the three card trick. Coy HQ prepares to move to KREER in support of 7 Pl; good-bye to the white sandy beaches of WEWAK.
- 2nd Coy HQ moves forward to KREER; posts are sighted in anticipation of an attack by Hon. Nips, during the hours of darkness. Many vegetables are being obtained from nearby Jap gardens; the thoughtfulness of the Japs in this respect is very much appreciated. The gardens are out of bounds to Nips during the day, and out of bounds to us at nights; so far this mutual agreement has proved very satisfactory.
- 3rd Information from 2/4 Bn that six Japs (big models) were sighted near KOIGIN Ck., caused much preparation for defence etc., Jap repellent again being in great demand.
- 4th Army Troop Coy took up a position on our flank and naturally we felt much more confident that they could protect themselves; having a very much reduced position to defend, but the additional support proved false security; at approx 1900-hrs the Army Tps. commenced to fire - Bren guns cracked and Tommy guns rattled in what must have been the greatest display of fire power since Al Elamien centre. HQ personnel located around the wireless set made minor craters as they got off the mark as bullets from the Base Tps flew through our lines. Eager sappers awaited the expected attack - rifle bolts clicked as the rounds were introduced into the chambers; After standing-to for some time it was apparent that our flank troops were green or trigger happy; disgusted sappers drifted back to their lines. Firing continued throughout the night, the cease fire being given at dawn.
- 5th The Coy less 8 Pl is again in the hills - scenes similar to WAU-SALAMAU campaign are reacted; sappers toil in mud and slush. The morale of the sappers is high, team-work spirit never better. Sickness has again taken toll of our Coy., but that is to be expected. The Coy has borne the brunt of the heavy constructional work from AITAPE to WEWAK.
- 6th Sappers toil on KREER - KOIGIN Road; mechanical plant (R.E. Shovels with sapper prime mover.) Promised M.E. Plant still unavailable.
- 7th 8 Pl. commenced constructing L of C from MOEM Pt. to BRANDI Plantation. No Div M.E. available; sappers work with longing eyes at Sub Base M.E. consisting of over 80 pieces of mechanical equipment.
- 8th Cpl SCRIVEN has again been evacuated to hospital; broken through years of service. We appreciate the attempt that was made to medically downgrade and find him a soft job back home.

- 9th Rumours with some foundation say the Coy will be relieved shortly for a spell. New camp location according to thunder box information, on the beach (west of Cape WCM). Old timers still maintain its the carrot in front of the donkey's nose - they just never catch up.
- 10th L of C through to BRANDI Plantation is now complete. Good co-operation was appreciated regards the loan of mech. equipment from Sub Base; four TD.18s being made available, this saved considerable sapper toil and sweat.
- 11th Road to KOIGIN is taking shape. Platoons are erecting tents and mess huts and making themselves more comfortable.
Sappers lot appears to be making everyone else comfortable and having to neglect his own comfort.
- 12th Plant being made available for KOIGIN Road. 9 Pl working bulldozer, much to the delight of sappers.
- 13th Large enemy ammunition dump located at BRANDI Plantation causing some concern to inf; it appears that Nips collect the following days supply of ammunition during darkness.
- 14th 8 Platoon moved to rest camp West of WCM, it appears that the Coy has at last taken a trick and will follow 8 Pl to the promised rest camp.
- 15th Transport Pool located on the beach had their first catch of fish - a great fight commenced between the sharks and sappers as to the rightful ownership; the sappers putting up a great struggle until a shark shot through the legs of a sapper were ordered to withdrawn by the C.S.M. Sappers maintain they would have won if they had the sharks on dry sand.
- 16th Work being held up owing to wet weather and all the sappers have gone drain happy - all water being encouraged to get off the road pavement.
- 17th 7 Platoon did an outstanding job constructing one bridge and one culvert in approx 5 hours; reason being, beer was available when gap completed.
- 18th BRANDI Road under water, sand bar was blown; it appears that a swamp was protecting the flank for the inf and it appears there was much panic when flank protection disappeared out to sea.
- 19th 8 Platoon resting; Platoon is becoming embarrassed by the amount of work, which is almost twice as much as they were doing before; so called rest period.
- 20th Work continues; lack of officers force a much greater strain on Coy HQ.
- 21st Swamp breaks through at 8 Platoon camp site on beach; personal gear washed out to sea and five trucks submerged.
- 22nd The weather is exceptionally cool of a night for this part of the world; many colds have developed during the past week. How dark clouds and light rain make everyone miserable.

- 23rd New clothing issue to-day and the C.Q.M.S. is very unpopular. Sizes are very unsatisfactory; only large men appear to be catered for. It is suggested that small men force their arms through pocket holes and wear their clothes as boiler suits.
- 24th Much panic at Coy HQ. Sgt MILLS after reading booby trap pamphlets, came to the conclusion that Coy HQ should have more protection so booby traps were laid and sappers, very confident gathered around the wireless set to heave the news. At approx 2000-hrs a terrific explosion occurred and sappers flew in all directions for their arms; 2IC caught in his mosquito net put on the greatest act of all times; result no more booby traps laid.
- 25th Work progressing very well. Wastage from malaria still very high.
- 26th Work commenced on new camp site, located on the beach. Weary sappers will appreciate the much needed rest.
- 27th TAZAKI and Mt. SHIBURANGU the objectives of the 2/4 Inf Bn have been captured after much stiff fighting. The Coy has been in close support throughout the action. Support has not been spectacular but consisted of hard toil and sweat constructing an L of C through to forward troops.
- 28th The following message from G.O.C. 6 Div received. Quote - "Congratulations on your successful day, TAZAKI and Mt. SHIBURANGU are two brilliant new feathers in an already well feathered cap."
- 29th One Sub-Section of 7 Platoon preparing new camp site on beach. Anticipate being relieved by 1 Fd Sqn in the near future. Advance party of 1 Fd Sqn arrived to-day to take over all works in the area East of KOIGIN.
- 30th Coy packed up ready to move. Preparations being made to foster-in the Fd Sqn. Sappers are heard to make numerous caustic remarks as they erect tent poles and rails for their sister unit. Japs are active around 9 Pl camp, anticipate many thunder boxes required in Fd Sqn Area.


(R.M. WILSON) Major,
O.C. 2/8 AUST FD COY R.A.E.

2482 opp to W/L
Subject: UNIDENTIFIED BULGARIAN BRIDGE
(Ref 2 in 2 memo SC 7076)

2/8 Aust Fd Coy R.A.E
Ref No NEX 259
30 June 43

C. E. BRANCH,
NEW ZEALAND FORCE

1 Ref your letter 22/N 9527 received 28 June, requesting comments etc on above bridge.

2 The only known examples of this type of bridge in the WAW area are of spans not greater than 100'.

No trouble whatsoever with sideways or a tendency for the vehicle to slip off the bridge has been experienced to my knowledge with these bridges to date.

However it is reasonable to assume that there is a limit to the width-span ratio above which the stability of the bridge is endangered.

It is felt that if this ratio be kept down to a width-span = $\frac{1}{10}$ sideways will be safe guarded.

It has also been observed that in point of fact it is not so much 'sideways' as an oscillating movement at right angles to the line of the bridge (the centre line of the bridge as an axis) and caused by uneven application of the weight onto one side. No real side sway has been observed with this type of bridge in this area.

It is likely also that the sag-span ratio if too small has the effect of sharpening the oscillations and it is suggested that there is a certain sag-span ratio which gives the most stable conditions.

A reasonable economic ratio seems to be in the vicinity of 1/20 to 1/25. But this is ~~only~~ conjecture only and I have no concrete evidence to support the above theories.

I am not altogether in agreement that this type of bridge should only be used in times of emergency when other forms of bridging cannot be used immediately.

One of its main advantages lies in the fact that it can be utilised over spans and under difficult circumstances which would possibly take weeks to span.

It has a definite emergency use but also can be used as a semi-permanent structure. The two existing bridges crossing the BULGLO R between WAW and BULGLO have now been in use for approx 12 months to date, and have operated in a semi-permanent capacity quite successfully.

I agree that this type of bridge should NOT be used for a permanent track crossing as I consider where heavy and continuous traffic is using the road, a substantial level crossing is desirable. Repairs to anchorages unless well protected during erection are liable to cause disruption after a period.

The above comments are my deductions from observation and there has been no opportunity to make a proper study of the performances etc. It is hoped they may be of assistance.

Abelato Major,
O.C. 2/8 Aust Fd Coy R.A.E.

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At 0600 Hrs. Saturday / / 194

(Unit)

W.E. / OFFRS. 7 O.R's. + OFFRS. O.R's. ATT. BY W.E.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10				
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.								
Rein/ta Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein/ta Required.				
				Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs.									
1	1		1										
2	1		1										
3	1		1										
4	1		1										
5													
6													
7	1	2	5										
DETAIL				A.I.P.	C.M.P.	A.W.S.R.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.P.	**	TO
A.				5									5
E (1)													
E (2)													

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.
YK105	Capt.	CANNIFORD	H.Q. R.A.E.		TRANSFER.
		A.A.			Authority: A.M.E.
					1st Es. 10/1/45
					2nd Es. 10/1/45
					3rd Es. 10/1/45
					4th Es. 10/1/45

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
NR255	Lt.	Phillips L.S.	Evacuated 25.6.45		
			to hospital		

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO (Unit) IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED. / / 194.

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

2/8 Aust. Fd. Coy. R.A.E. Unit

2445 (Serial No.)

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 30.6.45 /194. (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Major	NK7471	WILSON	E.H.R.	O.C.	Yes		
Capt.	YK1808	CRANFORD	A.A.	346	Yes.		
Lt.	NK2824	HEWERY	E.E.	1164	Yes.		
Lt.	NK7545	HILLIS	L.C.	1164	No	Evaporated & 100/1100	20.6.45
Lt.	NK1107	HEWERY	E.E.	L.C.	No	Detached to H.Q. R.A.E.	20.6.45

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
Lt.	90007	HALL T.A.	3/4	16.6.45	Duty

30.6.45

Date of Despatch

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Signature of Commander
O.C. 2/8 Aust. Fd. Coy. R.A.E.

(REV.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 30/6/1945 2/8 Aust. Ed. (Unit) AE AIF

WE 11/10/4 OFFRS. 7 O.R's 283 + OFFRS. O.R's 11 ATT. BY WE

(continued)

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
W.E.	Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.
					W.Os. Class I.					
				1	W.Os. Class II.					
				1	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
3 NR	1			2	Staff Sergeants	AACCSA		1	1	1
6 NR	1			5	Sergeants	AAMCSP	1			1
21 NR	3			15	Corporals	AAPSGP	1			1
201	17	6	190		Troopers, Privates, etc.	AAGGSP	6			14
					Civilians counting as O.R.	AAOCph	1			1
233	22	6	217		Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.		10	1	1	11

Detail	A.I.P.	C.M.P.		A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.P.	**	TOTAL
		Under 10 Years.	10 Years and over.							
A	227						100	100		227
B(1)										
B(2)						100				

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

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

Details of W & N.C.O's

N.C.O.		W.E.		P.S.	R.H.S. Esq'd.
W.O.T.	1	1	1		
C.P.M.S.	1	1	1		
5 Sgt.	3	3	2		N.R.
4 Sgt.	4	4	3		N.R.
1 Her Sgt.	1	1	2		N.R.
1 Transp. Sgt.	1	1	2		N.R.
Pl. Cpl.	18	18	15		N.R.
Clock Cpl.	1	1	1		
Tech. Storeman Cpl.	1	1	1		
Gr. Oper. Clerk	1	1	1		
	32	32	27		

Attached as W.E.

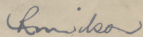
A.A.C.C. Sgt.	1	-	1
A.A.C.C. Cpl.	1	1	1
A.A.P.S. Cpl.	1	1	1
A.A.M.C. Cpl.	1	1	1
	36	30	1

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O.C. 2/B Aust. Ed. Coy. R.A.E.

APPENDIX "A"

Unit: 2/6 AUST FD COY RAE 6 AUST DIV WE 11/10a/4 DATE: 30/6/45.

TRADE	Rank	WE	Posted Strength	Deficit	Surplus	Reinfts Read
TRADE GROUP 1						
Blacksmiths	Spr	7	7		1	
Bricklayers	Spr	3	4			
Carpenters & Joiners	"	16	14	2		N.R.
Draughtsman Engr	Spr	1	1	1		
Electricians	Spr	1	1			
Fitters Engine	Spr	10	10		1	N.R.
Fitters General	Spr	1	2			2
Operator Excavator	Spr	6	3	3		
Plumbers	Spr	4	4			
Surveyor	Spr	1	1			
TRADE GROUP 2						
Carpenters	Spr	16	13	3		N.R.
Driver Operator	Cpl	1	1			
"	Spr	9	8	1		N.R.
Mechanics Engine	Spr	4	4			
Miners	Spr	12	10	2		N.R.
Painters	Spr	3	3			
Riggers	Spr	3	3			
Signwriters	Spr	4	4			
TRADE GROUP 3						
Clerk	Cpl	1	1			N.R.
Clerks	Spr	4	3	1		N.R.
Concreteors	Spr	6	5	1		
Driver Mechanics	Spr	3	3			
Engine Hand i/c	Spr	6	6			
Tailor	Spr	1	1			
Tech Storeman	Cpl	1	1			N.R.
Tech storemen	Spr	4	3	1		
Tinsmiths	Spr	3	1	2		2
NON SPECIALISTS						
CSM	WO II	1	1			
CCMS	Ssjt	1	1			N.R.
Pl Ssjts	Ssjt	3	2	1		
Fitter Sjt	Sjt	1	1			
Transport Sjt	Sjt	1	1			N.R.
Pl Sjts	Sjt	4	3	1		
Pl Corporals	Cpl	18	15	3		N.R.
Batman	Spr	7	7			
Drivers MT	Spr	35	35			
Hygiene dutyman	Spr	1	1			
M/Cycle Orderlies	Spr	5	5		4	N.R.
Pioneers	Spr	24	28			
Water dutyman	Spr	1	1			
TOTAL OTHER RANKS		233	217	22	6	4
ATTACHED BY WE						
AACC	Sjt	1	1	1		1
AACC	Cpl	1	1			
AACC Sp 2	Pte	6	6			
AACC	Cpl	1	1			
AA Postal Service	Cpl	1	1			
AACC (Cobbler)	Pte	1	1			
TOTAL OTHER RANKS		244	227	23	6	5
INCL ATTACHED WE						



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O.C. 2/8 Aust. Fd. Coy. R.A.E.

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

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Present Strength.	Reinforcements Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Present Strength.	Reinforcements Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Present Strength.	Reinforcements Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Present Strength.	Reinforcements Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assist.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer				Surveyors, R.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammersmen			
Filter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Silencers			
Armament Artificer				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Filter (M.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Filter (A.F.V.)				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangefinders			
Armament Artificer				Welders				Palsters				Riveters			
Instrument								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Radio								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Armament Artificer								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Signal								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Armament Artificer								Radiographers				Stevadores			
Wireless								Riggers				Stokers, Steam Engines			
Artificer, Artillery								Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Artificer, Engine								Signallers				Tailors			
Blacksmiths								Signwriters				Textile Reelers			
Bricklayers								Telescope Identif. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Computers								Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Hospital								Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Coppersmiths								Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Dispensers								Wireman							
Draughtsmen								Woodturners							
Draughtsmen (Architectural)															
Draughtsmen (Engineering)															
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)															
Draughtsmen (Topographical)															
Electricians															
Electricians (M.V.)															
Electricians (Signal)															
Filters															
Filters (Cycle)															
Filters (Electrical)															
Filters (Gun)															
Filters (Instrument)															
Filters (M.V.)															
Filters, Railway Signal															
Filters, Signal															
Grinder, Precision															
Mechanics, Instrument															
Mechanics, Instrument (Signal)															
Mechanics, Instrument (Signal)															
Mechanics, Radio															
Mechanics, Typewriter															
Mechanics, Wireless															
Milwrights															
Operators, Elevator															
Pattern Maker															
Pharmacist															
Photographer, Wet Plate															
Photewriter															
Plumber															
Saw Doctors															
Surveyors															
CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD				Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 5, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	*	*	*

NOTES.—(a) If rank other than private is involved give details on back.

(b) Authorized trades or specialties not included in list will be added as required in spaces provided.

(c) Where A.W.A.S. and/or A.A.M.W.R. personnel are detailed show details on back.

(d) Where replacement not desired note accordingly on return by insertion of N.B. in col. "Reinforcements Required."

(e) Where any request or notation is made on back of form, the words "See Back" should be written in one of the blank spaces on this page.

Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES

2/8 AUST FD COY R.A.E.

WAR DIARY

For month of July '45

- 1st Jap ambush sprung by sapper recce party - result, one Jap shot by guard on Boeng train. Coy moved from KOIGIN to new camp site, in Cape FUS area.
- 2nd New camp site established; the troops appreciate the change on the beach and are taking every opportunity to demonstrate their skill as surfers.
- 3rd The General ordered that all camps west of WCM be cleaned up by 1800-hrs; as the COY has only moved in there is much to be done and back-aches are numerous as a result of constant emu-parades.
- 4th The camp is starting to take shape; commenced to build mess huts, showers etc., anticipate staying here some considerable time.
- 5th Handover of all works in KOIGIN area completed. Signal received from O.C. 1 Fd Sqn expressing his appreciation for the co-operation received from the Coy in fostering Troops into new camp.
- 6th Sand spit at Cape KOLANG washed out. Approx a 300-ft gap requires bridging, to open up L of C to DAGUA.
- 7th Rough surf increased the gap at Cape KOLANG; another 40-ft of FBE required. It is doubtful if FBE will stand up to heavy surf in this area.
- 8th 240-volt lighting set obtained from 1 Fd Sqn; anticipate a great influx of letter writing when lights are available. New camp in pretty good shape. Mess huts completed and scale 'A' kitchens commenced.
- 9th Coy has been given the contract to construct 60 rat traps by 1800-hrs; the design is somewhat original - the theory being a bottle placed at 45 degrees on the edge of a drum, the bait being forced into the neck of the bottle; this will entice the hungry rat to crawl out towards the edge, over-balance and fall into the drum; to accelerate this the bottle is smeared with tropical spread.
- 10th Sitrep :- rats caught by RAE traps, 15 killed 4 baits missing. Investigations show that some rats consumed a considerable amount of the bait before their final dive into the drum; others appear to have made a passing snap on their way down.
- 11th M.E. driver when ordered to get going on the job, sulked, and scuttled his machine.
- 12th Coy lighting set very satisfactory; troops appreciate lights in tents and mess huts after months of being blacked-out. Japs are very active around old camp site, KOIGIN Road; a Provost Cpl attached to Fd Sqn shot one about 200-yds from their perimeter.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES

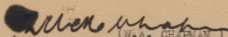
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- 13th Personnel with 36 days and over ARI have been warned for movement. Sgt WALKER claims this is the first leave he has had since disembarking from NEW GUINEA in '43.
- 14th Sappers armed with their usual machettes, selecting poles for a mess hut came across what appeared to be a human leg, approx 100-yds from Coy lines; on further investigations they found it had the rest of the body attached in the form of an Hon. Jap; four other very much alive Japs appeared, but as the sappers were outnumbered they didn't make any further investigations. On arrival back to Coy HQ for arms they were breathless as well as speechless. Inf patrol went out but failed to locate our visitors.
- 15th Ten personnel to go on leave to Aussie today - lucky blighters.
Panic job - temporary hangar for "Auster" WCM strip is to be up by to-night. Makes us wonder what goes on as it will be the only 'hangar' in NEW GUINEA and troops on rest day are pulled out to do it.
- 16th Beer ration arrives - there should be more of it.
- 17th Much trouble in HQ lines in the early hours of the morn; 6 tents collapsed due to cyclonic winds. Much laughter mingled with bad language when rain fell at the crucial moment. No respect to persons shown as O.C. was observed out hanging on to his tent.
- 18th Reo's arrive - most of them ex 'boob' men. Bad sign says the troops - might mean another show before going home.
- 19th Fine day, heavy rain over-night. Weak spots found in many tents causing much discomfort.
- 20th Weather cleared up this morning thank goodness as roads are very sloppy.
- 21st Yesterdays mainland papers to-day - many thanks to A.N.A. and pilots.
- 22nd No worries - nothing has happened to-day.
- 23rd Works progressing satisfactory in spite of abnormal demands from Div HQ.
- 24th Former sand spit now known as EAST HAWAIN River broke out last night. What was dry land is now a 180-ft gap - woe to be in the R.A.E.
- 25th Pre-selection of Officers board to be held - Sgt MILLS nominated; Cpls ORWIN and DAME, Sgt FORSTER nominees.
- 26th 1 of C PUS to DAGUA open to jeeps and trailers only. 2 FBE rafts are only access across HAWAIN and EAST HAWAIN Rivers.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES

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- 27th 2IC Capt CRAWFORD marched out to admin comd
2/1 Fd Coy.
- 28th Lt. McMENEMY transferred to Coy HQ as A/2IC.
Lt. SHARPE to take over 9 Pl. 2IC is not in
the least bit pleased.
CSM (Jock) CARSE and Spr (Gunner) MOORE all
smiles marched out to Reception. First of
Coy for 5-year release plan.
- 29th Rest day for troops and are they giving the
surf a towelling up.
- 30th 8 Pl still in strife with F.B.E. rafts - strong
current and high waves seriously damaging boats.
- 31st C.E. (Brig VALE), C.R.E. and his 2IC and O.C.
travel to KARAOOF by launch to inspect L of C.
Lets hope the L of C is abandoned.

 Capt,
(W.A. CHAPMAN)
Admin Comd 2/8 RUST FD. COY RAE.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Army Form W.3008

(Adapted) (Page 1)

(Revised Jan., 1943)

(Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 28/7/1945 218 Aust Fd (Unit) AE AIF

W.E. 11/21/4 OFFRS. 7 O.R's. 233 + OFFRS. - O.R's. 11 ATT. BY W.E.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10				
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.								
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.				
1			1	Lieut.-Colonels									
2			1	Majors									
3			1	Captains									
4			4	Lieutenants									
				Quarter-masters									
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.									
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.									
7			6										
DETAIL.				A.I.P.	C.M.P.	A.W.A.B.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.M.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
A.				6									6
E.(1)													
E.(2)													

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 10 of Instructions for completion of form will complete Part M(1) & M(2).

* Insert details of higher ranks as necessary.

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

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO (Unit) IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED. / / 194.

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

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 287/194 48 Aust Fd Coy (Unit)

W.E. / 194 OFFRS. O.R's. 288 + OFFRS. O.R's. ATT. BY W.E.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Reints. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reints. Required.
				W.Os. Class I.					
			1	W.Os. Class II.					
			1	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
			3	Staff Sergeants	AACG 54	-		1	1
			6	Sergeants	AACG 1	1			
			21	Corporals	AACG 1	1			
6	7	20	214	Troopers, Privates, etc.	AACG 3	3	1	1	1
				Civilians counting as O.R.	AACG 1	1			
3	6	7	20	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.		10	1	2	

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

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

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

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APPENDIX "A"

Unit: 2/8 AUST FD COY RAE 6 AUST DIV

WE 11/10a/4 DATE: 28-7-45

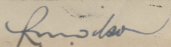
TRADE	Rank	WE	Posted Strength	Deficit	Surplus	Reinfts Recd
<u>TRADE GROUP 1</u>						
Blacksmiths	Spr	7	8		1	
Bricklayers	Spr	3	6		3	
Carpenters & Joiners	"	16	15			
Draughtsman Engr	Spr	1	-	1		1/2
Electricians	Spr	1	-			
Fitters Engine	Spr	10	10			
Fitters General	Spr	1	1			
Operator Excavator	Spr	6	6			
Plumbers	Spr	4	5		1	
Surveyor	Spr	1	1			
<u>TRADE GROUP 2</u>						
Carpenters	Spr	16	16			
Driver Operator	Cpl	1	1			
"	Spr	9	8	1		1
Mechanics Engine	Spr	4	3	1		1
Miners	Spr	12	12			
Painters	Spr	3	4		1	
Riggers	Spr	3	3			
Signwriters	Spr	4	4			
<u>TRADE GROUP 3</u>						
Clerk	Cpl	1	1			
Clerks	Spr	4	4			
Concretors	Spr	6	5	1		1
Driver Mechanics	Spr	3	6		3	
Engine Hand i/c	Spr	6	5	1		1
Tailor	Spr	1	1			
Tech Storeman	Cpl	1	1			
Tech storemen	Spr	4	4			1
Tinsmiths	Spr	3	2	1		
<u>NON SPECIALISTS</u>						
COI	WO II	1	1			
COIS	Sajjt	1	1			
21 Sajts	Sajjt	3	3			
Mitter Sjt	Sjt	1	1			
Transport Sjt	Sjt	1	1			
21 Sjts	Sjt	4	4			
21 Corporals	Cpl	18	18			
Batman	Spr	7	7			
Drivers MT	Spr	35	35			
Hygiene dutyman	Spr	1	1			
W/Cycle Orderlies	Spr	5	5			
Pioneers	Spr	24	24		11	
Water dutyman	Spr	1	1			
TOTAL OTHER RANKS		233	246	7	20	6
<u>ATTACHED BY WE</u>						
AACC	Sjt	1	-	1		1
AACC	Cpl	1	-		1	
AACC Gp 2	Pte	6	7			
AACC	Cpl	1	1			
AA Postal Service	Cpl	1	1			
AACC (Cobbler)	Pte	1	1			

TOTAL OTHER RANKS
INCL ATTACHED WE

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O.C. 28 Aust. Fd. Coy. R.A.C.

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

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Recs. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Recs. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Recs. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Recs. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, R.A.S.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammocks			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Binders			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.P.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Sangetakers			
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Stretchers			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Stitchers			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographers, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Brazers								Radiographers				Stevordens			
Butchers								Riggers				Sicklers, Staty, Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Shermen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signalers				Tailors			
Dispensers				Assmen				Signwriters				Textile Refters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identif. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Blk. Const'n. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Bollemakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters				Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics											
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Mod.)											
Fitters				Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors							
Fitters, Railway				Hatchman				Butchers							
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks							
Grinder, Precision				Helix Operator				Clerks, Supply							
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical							
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties				Cosh Trimmers							
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concreteers							
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks							
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies							
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals							
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.							
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics							
Pharmacist				Masons				Driver Typ. Plant							
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.							
Photewriter				Minors				Equipment Repairers							
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Asst.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD				Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A, respectively.			

NOTES.—(a) If rank other than private is involved give details on back.

(b) Authorized traders or specialists not included in list will be added as required in spaces provided.

(c) Where A.W.A.S. and/or A.A.M.W.S. personnel are desired show details on back.

(d) Where replacement not desired note accordingly on return by insertion of N.R. in col. "Reints. Required."

(e) Where any request or notation is made on back of form, the words "See Back" should be written in one of the blank spaces on this page.

.....
Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES

HANDOVER ALL WORKS MOEM - BRANDI

KREER - KOIGIN Areas by

2/8 AUST FD COY to 1 AUST FD SQN.

Ref Map - WOSWAK WEST 1" to 1 mile.

TASKS

1. Supplying Eng. Detachments in support of 19 Aust Inf Bde or 8 Aust Inf Bde as required on MOEM - BRANDI or KREER - KOIGIN - TAZAKI lines of advance. To liaise direct with Bdes.
2. Complete and maintain road from KREER, MR.396047 to KOIGIN MR.332022.
3. Maintenance road and bridges from MOEM Village MR.395063 to BRANDI River MR.415024. Bridges include 180-ft F.B.E. bridge at MR.395062, constructed with trestles and F.B.E. superstructure and 52-ft S.B.G. at MR.393044.
4. Maintaining W.Ps at Cape BOPAN, MR.354059 for 16 Aust Inf Bde, and THE SPRING, MR.331032 for supply troops KREER - KOIGIN.
5. Construction 60'x18' hut for D.I.D. at KOIGIN.

NOTE See Appx. 'A' (issued separately) for correspondence and details of tasks.

METHOD

1. Handover will be completed on third day after arrival of 1 Fd Sqn by 9 Pl Cmd.
2. Hq 2/8 Aust Fd Coy will vacate present site at MR.340048 and move to new Coy site in WGM-FUS area by 021800 with exception of 'Q' Store, to allow 1 Fd Sqn. Hq to move straight in on arrival. All tent rails, posts, mess hut, kitchen etc., will be left in position. First meal on arrival will be prepared by 2/8 Coy ~~Hq~~ ^{7 Pl} Cooks.
3. 7 Platoon will move to DAGUA and KARAWOP on 4 Jul. (instructions issued separately)
4. On departure of 2/8 Coy Hq., 9 Pl Cmd will be responsible for ALL Coy tasks in this area until he completes handover. C.S.M. will continue to do road patrol to BRANDI and report to 9 Pl Cmd. Coy Hq personnel will continue to man BORAN W.P. until 9 Pl handover to 1 Fd Sqn.
5. 9 Pl will prepare camp sites, erect tent rails, kitchens and latrine drums for two platoons on sites indicated by Capt. GROVNER. On arrival of platoons, 9 Pl will foster them in. 9 Pl will move to new Coy area in WGM-FUS area on third day after the arrival of 1 Fd Sqn, after completing handover of all tasks.
6. Coy transport pool will move at time to be arranged later.
7. C.Q.M.S. will be responsible for handover of all plant.

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PLANT

1. KREER - KOIGIN Road.

HD.7 Dozer with two operators attached from
2/22 Fd Pk M.E. Pl.
CATERPILLAR Drawn Grader (12-ft blade) attached
from 2/22 Fd Pk M.E. Pl.
Malcolm Moore Grader (6-ft blade) attached
from 24 M.E. Fd Pk.
R.4 Tractors Coy W.E. to be withdrawn on
completion of handover.

2/8 Fd Coy will make available to 1 Fd Sqn.
maximum number of tippers available after handover
until surfacing to KOIGIN is completed.

2. Water Points

BCP&M

Two No.4 pumping sets complete and 'G' tank
Coy W.E. to be withdrawn on completion of handover.

TEL. SERVICE

No.4 Pumping Set. Two pulsometers.

On loan 2/22 Fd Pk -

Armoured hose - 3 lengths
Pulsometer.

Coy W.E. to be withdrawn on completion of handover.

STONES

Nil.

INSTRUCTIONS

The following is a list of instructions issued from
HQ RAE, having bearing on works :-

REX 1189	30 May
REX 1500	17 Jun
REX 1501	17 Jun
S.367	17 Jun
REX 1566	21 Jun
45/3/63	5 Jun.

Date 1-7-45

(Signature) Major,
(R.M. WILSON)
O.C. 2/8 AUST FD COY R.A.E.

DISTRIBUTION

HQ R.A.E.
1 Fd Sqn.
9 Platoon
War Diary
File.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES

APPENDIX 'A'

HANDOVER ALL WORKS MOEM - BRANDI

KREER - KOIGIN AREAS BY

2/8 AUST FD COY to 1 AUST FD Coy. 504

In Support of Leading Eng.

1. Coy to liaise direct with 8 Inf Bde for supplying eng. deta. with leading coys as required.
2. Possible tasks include -
 - (a) Detection and removal mines and booby traps.
 - (b) Location of suitable sources of water.
 - (c) Location of tracks for supply lines.
 - (d) Demolition U.X.Bs.
 - (e) Obtaining advance information for possible future tasks.

KREER - KOIGIN RD.

1. Road to be single width with passing bays, Cl.9 road for maintenance of one battalion.
2. All bridges and culverts Cl.24 to allow tanks to be taken to KOIGIN if required.
3. A control post manned by Bde Provost has been established at Coy HQ to stop all vehicles NOT in possession of Bde pass. Provost personnel are attached to Coy HQ for rations.
4. Two extra Provost are attached to 9 Pl to establish road head.

MAINTENANCE - MOEM - BRANDY RIVER RD.

1. This road is Cl.9 to maintain one battalion in BRANDI - BRANDI Area.
2. Task entails daily patrol of road and maintenance of road and bridges as required.

Maintenance Water Points

1. This task entails providing sappers to operate pumps and test water.

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WE. 11/19/4 OFFRS. 7 O.R.'s 235 OFFRS. - O.R.'s. ATT. BY WE.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10				
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.								
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm of Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.				
			1 2 5	Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs.									
		1	8										
	DETAIL			A.I.P.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.P.	00	TOTAL.
	A.		8										8
	E (1)												
	E (2)												

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 16 of instructions for completion of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

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Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
K 305	Capt	CERNERD A.A	6 DIV Reception Comp.	1984	Discharge (5 year Service)
K 545	Lt.	PHILLIPS L.C.	✓	1984	✓

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 25/8/1945 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Major	NL 34739	WILSON	R.H.M.	O.C.	No	Home leave	4.8.45
Capt	VR1705	CRAWFORD	A.A.	F.O.	No	(Discharge 5 years service)	19.8.45
Capt.	VR 45199	CHARMAN	W.A.	M21/c	No	In transit (Posting to duty 14.8.45)	
Lt	NL 88162	MCPIEHEW	R.E.	H/O	Yes		
Lt.	NL 3545	PHILLIPS	L.C.	H/O	No	Discharge (5 years service)	19.8.45
Lt.	NL 17090	HENNING	E.B.	I.O.	No	Detached to HQ R.F.E.	22.8.45
Lt.	NL 20347	SHARPE	H.L.C.	H/O	Yes		
Lt.	NL 76374	CURRUTHER	R.V.	H.O. Sgt.	No	In transit (Posting to duty) 13.7.45.	

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
Capt.	VR 17040	NEVILLE K.D.	1st Sgt	19.8.45	Duty
Lt.	OK 25507	HILL J.A.	2nd Hd Coy	18.6.45	Duty

25.8.45

Date of Despatch

a.w. 3m bks 7/44

Signature of Commander

O.C 2/8 Aust Fd Coy RAC AIF

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 258/ /194 (Unit)

W.E. 11/12/4 OFFRS. 7 O.R's. 233 + OFFRS. - O.R's. 11 ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1 2 3 4				5	6 7 8 9 10								
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.								
Reinfs. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Ported Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Ported Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfs. Required.				
				W.Os. Class I.									
				W.Os. Class II.									
				Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.									
				Staff Sergeants									
				Sergeants									
				Corporals									
				Troopers, Privates, etc.									
				Civilians counting as O.R.									
				Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.									
Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 7 of instructions for compilation of this return will complete analysis of Part B(1) and B(2).				Detail	C.M.F.		A.W.A.B.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.P.	**	TOTAL.
				A	A.I.P.	Under 18 Years.	19 Years and over.						
				B(1)									
				B(2)									

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

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

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

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Rec'd
Reg'd.

Attached or W.E.

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O.C. 2/8 Aust. Fd. Coy. R.A.F.

APPENDIX "A"

Unit: 2/AUST FD COY RAE 6 AUST DIV WE 11/10a/4 DATE: 25-8-45

TRADE	Rank	WE	Posted Strength	Deficit	Surplus	Reinf's Req'd
<u>TRADE GROUP 1</u>						
Blacksmiths	Spr	7	8		1	
Bricklayers	Spr	3	6		3	
Carpenters & Joiners	"	16	14	2		2
Draughtsman Engr	Spr	1	-	1		1/10
Electricians	Spr	1	1			
Fitters Engine	Spr	10	11		1	
Fitters General	Spr	1	1			
Operator Excavator	Spr	6	5	1		1
Plumbers	Spr	4	4			
Surveyor	Spr	1	1			
<u>TRADE GROUP 2</u>						
Carpenters	Spr	16	14	2		2
Driver Operator	Cpl	1	1			
" "	Spr	9	8	1		1
Mechanics Engine	Spr	4	3	1		
Miners	Spr	12	13		1	
Painters	Spr	3	3			
Riggers	Spr	3	3			
Signwriters	Spr	4	4			
<u>TRADE GROUP 3</u>						
Clerk	Cpl	1	1			
Clerks	Spr	4	4			
Concretors	Spr	6	4	2		2
Driver Mechanics	Spr	3	6		3	
Engine Hand i/c	Spr	6	5	1		1
Tailor	Spr	1	1			
Tech Storeman	Cpl	1	1			
Tech storemen	Spr	4	4			
Tinsmiths	Spr	3	2	1		1
<u>NON SPECIALISTS</u>						
CSM	WO II	1	1		1	
CQIS	Ssjt	1	1			
Pl Ssjts	Ssjt	3	2	1		1
Fitter Sjt	Sjt	1	1			
Transport Sjt	Sjt	1	1			
Pl Sjts	Sjt	4	4			
Pl Corporals	Cpl	18	18			
Batman	Spr	7	7			
Drivers MT	Spr	35	35			
Hygiene dutyman	Spr	1	1			
M/Cycle Orderlies	Spr	5	5			
Pioneers	Spr	24	20		6	
Water dutyman	Spr	1	1			
TOTAL OTHER RANKS		233	234	14	15	13
<u>ATTACHED BY WE</u>						
AACC	Sjt	1	-	1		1
AACC	Cpl	1	-	1		1
AACC Gp 2	Pte	6	7		1	1
AACC	Cpl	1	-	1		1
AA Postal Service	Cpl	1	1			
AACC (Cobbler)	Pte	1	1			

TOTAL OTHER RANKS 244 243 17 16 16
INCL ATTACHED WE

[Signature]
C 28 Aust. Fd Coy. R A F

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

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Ratio Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Ratio Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Ratio Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Ratio Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer				Surveyors, E.&A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammernets			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Silencers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Turners				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Watchmakers				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Welders				Opticians				Rangefinders			
Armament Artificer Signals								Palates				Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wires								Panel Dealers				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographers, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddlestres makers			
Banishmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Carpenters								Radiographers				Storekeepers			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Dispensers				Assen				Signalers				Tailors			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Br. Comd'g. Asst.				Telephone Lconfr. Number				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Well Bore				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Electricians				Cooks				Wireman							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics				Woodturners							
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Mod.)											
Fitters				Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors							
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers							
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks							
Grinder, Precision				Holla Operator				Clerks, Supply							
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical							
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties				Cock Trimmers							
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concrete							
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks							
Mechanics, Typewriter				Linemans, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderly							
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals							
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, M.T.							
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanic							
Pharmacist				Massura				Driver Typ. Plant							
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.							
Photo-writer				Miners				Equipment Repairs							
Plumber				Molders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mats							
Surveyors				Observation Post Asst.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD				Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A, respectively.			

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(b) Authorized trades or specialists not included in list will be added as required in spaces provided.

(c) Where A.W.A.B. and/or A.A.M.W.B.

(d) Where replacement not desired note accordingly on return by insertion of N.R. in col. "Reints. Required."

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 8/2/1945 2/B Aust FH Coy RAC (Unit)

W.E. 11/199 OFFRS. 7 O.R's. 233 + OFFRS. - O.R's. 11 ATT. BY W.E.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.
W.E.									
1			1	Lieut.-Colonels					
2			2	Majors					
4		1	5	Captains					
				Lieutenants					
				Quarter-masters					
				A.A.N.S. and					
				A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.					
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.					
7		1	8						

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units entitled to para. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).

DETAIL	A.I.P.	C.M.P.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.R.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
A.	8									8
E.(1)										
E.(2)										

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

** Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col. Particulars will be shown, e.g., 30 U.K. Forces; 10 N.Z. Forces.

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO (Unit) IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED. / /194.

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 8/9/1945 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Major/1st Lt. NL	NL 34739	WILSON	R.H.M.	O.C.	No	Home leave	4.8.45
Capt.	VR 1105	GREENFORD	A.H.	P.O.	No	Discharged (5 years service)	19.8.45
Capt.	VR 45199	SHARPE	H.A.M.	Indy/Comm.	Yes.		
Lt.	NL 88162	McMENEY	R.E.	P/O	Yes		
Lt.	NL 3548	PHILLIPS	L.G.	P/O	No	Discharged (5 years service)	17.8.45
Lt.	NL 170904	HENNING	E.B.	P.O.	No	Detached to H.Q. R.A.E.	22.5.45
Lt.	NL 203247	SHARPE	H.L.C.	P/O	Yes.		
Lt.	NL 76774	CURRUTHER	R.D.	H.Q. Off.	No.	In transit posting to Jot 11.7.45.	

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
Lt.	SL 2550	HILL J.A.	2/14 P.O. Coy.	18.6.45	Duty
Lt.	VR 14694	GRAVILLE P.O.	60th Recpt. Camp.	5.9.45	Duty

8-9-45
Date of Despatch

a.w. 20m hrs 7/44

Signature of Commander

O.C. 2/8 Aust. Fd. Coy. R.A.E.

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 8/9/1945 3rd Aust Fd Coy (Unit)

W.E. 11/10/4 OFFRS. 7 O.R's. 233 + OFFRS. - O.R's. 11 ATT. BY W.E.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Reinfs. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient.	Reinfs. Required.
				W.Os. Class I.					
				W.Os. Class II.					
1	1	1	-	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.	A.A.C.C. 100	-		1	1
2	2		1	Staff Sergeants	A.A.P. 50	-		1	1
6	1	1	5	Sergeants	A.A.M.C.P. 1	-		1	1
1	8	8	13	Corporals	A.A.C.C. 4	6			
26	27	8	182	Troopers, Privates, etc.	A.A.O.C. 10	1			
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
39	40	8	201	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.		7		4	4

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

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

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

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APPENDIX "A"

Unit: 2/1 AUST FD COY RAE 6 AUST DIV WE 11/10a/4 DATE: 8/9/45.

TRADE	Rank	WE	Posted Strength	Deficit	Surplus	Reinfts Read
<u>TRADE GROUP 1</u>						
Blacksmiths	Spr	7	7			
Bricklayers	Spr	3	5		2	
Carpenters & Joiners	"	16	11	5		5 N.E.
Draughtsman Engr	Spr	1	1			
Electricians	Spr	1	1			
Fitters Engine	Spr	10	10			
Fitters General	Spr	1	1			
Operator Excavator	Spr	6	4	2		2
Plumbers	Spr	4	1	3		3
Surveyor	Spr	1	1			
<u>TRADE GROUP 2</u>						
Carpenters	Spr	16	13	3		3
Driver Operator	Cpl	1	1			
" "	Spr	9	7	2		2
Mechanics Engine	Spr	4	3	1		1
Miners	Spr	12	11	1		1
Painters	Spr	3	2	1		1
Riggers	Spr	3	3			
Signwriters	Spr	4	2	2		2
<u>TRADE GROUP 3</u>						
Clerk	Cpl	1	1			
Clerks	Spr	4	4			
Concretors	Spr	6	4	2		2
Driver Mechanics	Spr	3	5		2	
Engine Hand i/c	Spr	6	4	2		2
Tailor	Spr	1	1			
Tech Storeman	Cpl	1	1			1
Tech storemen	Spr	4	3	1		1
Tinsmiths	Spr	3	2	1		1
<u>NON SPECIALISTS</u>						
CSM	WO II	1	-	1		1
CMIS	Sajjt	1	-	1		1
Pl Sajts	Sajjt	3	1	2		2
Fitter Sjt	Sjt	1	-	1		1
Transport Sjt	Sjt	1	1			
Pl Sjts	Sjt	4	4			
Pl Corporals	Cpl	18	11	7		7
Batman	Spr	7	7			
Drivers MT	Spr	35	35			
Hygiene dutyman	Spr	1	1			
M/Cycle Orderlies	Spr	5	5			
Pioneers	Spr	24	28		4	
Water dutyman	Spr	1	1			
TOTAL OTHER RANKS		233	201	40	8	39
<u>ATTACHED BY WE</u>						
AACC	Sjt	1	1	1		1
AACC	Cpl	1	1	1		1
AACC Gp 2	Pte	6	6			
AACG	Cpl	1	1	1		1
AA Postal Service	Cpl	1	1			
AACG (Cobbler)	Pte	1	1			

TOTAL OTHER RANKS
INCL ATTACHED WE

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

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Retains. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Retains. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Retains. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Retains. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Filter				Surveyors, R.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammormen			
Armament Artificer Filter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Hitches			
Armament Artificer Filter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Filter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Sangetakers			
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wires								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddles			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Smiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevardens			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers				Tailors			
Dispensers				Assmen				Signwriters				Textile Reditors			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telephone Identif. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Blp. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Bellermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters				Windman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics											
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)											
Filters				Driver-Operator											
Filters (Cycle)				Dressers											
Filters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Filters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Filters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP IIL				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Filters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors							
Filters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers							
Filters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks							
Grinder, Precision				Heli Operator				Clerks, Supply							
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical							
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties				Cosh Trimmers							
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors							
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks							
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies							
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals							
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.							
Pattern Maker				Masses				Driver Mechanos							
Pharmacist				Measures				Driver Typ. Plant							
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, L.C.							
Photewriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers							
Plumber				Molders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Asst.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD				Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 5, and 1 and 10 of Part A, respectively.			

NOTES.—(a) If rank other than private is involved give details on back.

(b) Authorized trades or specialties not included in this list will be added as required in spaces provided.

(c) Where A.W.A.S. and/or A.A.M.W.S. personnel are desired show details on back.

(e) Where any request or notation is made on back of form, the words "See Back" should be written in one

Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander