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WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Army Form C.2118 (adapted.)

Unit 23 Aust.Fd.Coy.,R.A.E. *Date and Time.—From* 0000 1 SEP 42. *To* 1 SEP 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
In the Field, BYNOE BAY AREA.	1 SEP 42.		All sections participating in Force exercise.	
			HQ and No 1 Secs with 23 Aust.Inf.Bde., No. 2 Sec with 3 Aust.	
			Inf.Bde., as the defending forces and No 3 Sec. with the 19	
			Aust.Inf.Bde. who were the"enemy".	16.
		1205	B Ech. to move to advanced posn.	
		1215	This HQ moved first ahead of remainder of B Ech.	
		1300	This HQ arrived and took up new position.	
		1345	HQ Sec. surrounded by commandoes, being taken completely by	
			surprise. After a short gallant stand it was "wiped out" due	
			mainly to the superior numbers of the attacking force and their	
			superior fire power. Casualties were, 3 Offr. 16 OR and 4	
			vehicles. Many valueable lessons were learnt from this	
			action in the protection of vehicles, personnel and HQ in general.	
		1800	No.1 Sec carried out engineering works required by 23 Bde.	

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Unit 23 Aust.Fd.Coy.,R.A.E. *Date and Time.—From* 1 SEP 42 *To* 3 Sep 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
In the Field. BYNOE BAY AREA.	1 SEP 42		No information to hand from No. 2 and 3 Secs. Essential works were maintained in the camps by small parties from the secs.	16
39 Mile Camp, DARWIN.	2 SEP 42.	1800	Exercise concluded and secs. moved back to camp areas with their respective Bdes.	
			A sub section from No. 3 Sec under command 2/8 Bn. marched forty miles during of exercise. The men, although tired after the march were in good spirits.	
			Parties which remained in camp carried out essential duties.	16
	3 SEP 42.	1800	HQ Sec engaged in administration of Coy. No.1 Sec mainly working on wet season quarters remainder on various jobs. No. 2 Sec also engaged on camp construction in preparation for the wet, and a small party working at Coomalie Ck water supply. No.3 Sec mainly engaged in construction of water supply and	

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Unit 23 Aus t Fd Coy RAE *Date and Time.—From* 3 Sep 42 *To* 7 Sep 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
39 Mile Camp DARWIN	3 Sep 42	1800	amenities in 19 Bde area. Lieut J.C.Berry commenced a recce of Banks of BYNOE HARBOUR	16
	4 Sep 42	1800	Works carried out to-day similar to previous day.	16
	5 Sep 42	1800	HQ and No Sec took part in 23 A Bde Parade and March Past at which Maj=Gen Stevens took the salute. This was followed by a sports meeting on the oval.	16
	6 Sep 42	1800	Rest Day. All tps resting except those maintaining essential duties.	16
	7 Sep 42	1800	No 1 Sec mainly working on wet season quarters and carrying out other small jobs. An Offr and 30 OR have gone to DARWIN Frt Area for works in that area.	
			No 2 Sec carried out monthly Musketry trg.	
			No 3 Sec attending to Water Sup and amenities for 19 Bde and att tps. Also working on their wet season quarters.	16

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Unit 23 Aust Fd Coy RAE *Date and Time.—From* 8 Sep 42 *To* 12 Sep 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
39 Mile Camp DARWIN	8 Sep 42	1800	No 1 Sec working on jobs as on previous day.	
			No 2 Sec maintaining WPs and carrying out other minor jobs.	
			No 3 Sec carried out monthly musketry trg.	16
	9 Sep 42	1800	All sections engaged in engr. works in Bde areas, erection	
			of wet weather quarters and compressor work.	16
	10 Sep 42	1800	Work by all sections as detailed on previous days. Every	
			opportunity is taken to carry out trg.by all secs.	16
	11 Sep 42	1800	Sections continuing with Water Sup and compressor work in	
			Bde areas also construction of wet season quarters.	16
	12 Sep 42	1800	The unit has had a number of personnel trg at Schools from	
			time to time. At present time 1 NCO is attending Bomb Disposal	
			Course, 3 NCOs are attending SME. 1 NCO attending D & M Course	
			1 NCO attending Clerks Course and 1 NCO has completed No 3	
			Section Leaders Course.	16

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Unit 23 Aust Fd Coy RAE *Date and Time.—From* 13 Sep 42 *To* 17 Sep 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
39 Mile Camp DARWIN	13 Sep 42	1800	Rest day. Only essential duties carried out.	16
	14 Sep 42	1800	All Secs participated in KOOLPINYAH Area FORCE Exercise	
			moving with their respective Bdes. HQ remained in camp area	
			and did not take part.	16
	15 Sep 42	1800	FORCE Exercise in KOOLPINYAH Area.	16
	16 Sep 42	1800	All Secs resumed work as follows:	
			No 1 Sec: Wet season quarters etc in 23 Bde area, concreting, at	
			Adv HQ, compressor work etc.	
			No 2 Sec: Operation of WPs - COOMALLIE CK and 52 Ml.,	
			hut construction Adv HQ and Press Relations, wet season	
			quarters.	
			No 3 Sec: Water sup, compressor work, latrines etc in 19	
			Bde area, wet season quarters.	16
	17 Sep 42	1800	No 3 Sec took part in 19 Bde parade to-day. Other Secs	

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Unit 23 Aust Fd Coy RAE Date and Time.—From 17 Sep 42 To 21 Sep 42.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
39 Mile Camp DARWIN.	17 Sep 42	1800	as on previous days.	16
	18 Sep 42	1800	No 1 Sec carried out limited trg in Bren and A Tk Rifle,	
			otherwise work and trg as on previous day.	16
	19 Sep 42	1800	No 2 Sec carried out trg in 3 Bde area.- Constructing	
			timber trestle bridge over dry gap. Water sup. compressor work etc	
			continued by all secs.	
			Lieut J.C.Berry has completed recce of Banks of BYNOE HARBOUR	16
	20 Sep 42	1800	Rest day. Only essential duties carried out by the tps.	16
	21 Sep 42	1800	No 1 Sec are engaged in miscellaneous engr works as follows:	
			Timber cutting, work at C.R.E. HQ, Hut and Camp Construction	
			Wet season quarters and camp duties.	
			No 2 Sec have commenced a weeks infantry trg under instruction	
			of 3 Bde.	
			No 3 Sec have moved into DARWIN FRT Area for works in that area.	16

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Unit 23 Aust Fd Coy RAE Date and Time.—From 22 Sep 42 To 25 Sep 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
39 Mile Camp DARWIN	22 Sep 42	1800	Work and trg as for previous day. Capt.F.C.STEVENS has been appointed C.I. for a 4-days No 3 A Anti Tank and Anti Personnel Mine Course at Winnellie commencing to-morrow. Lieut J.C.BERRY is attending the school. Both Offrs moved out to WINNELLIE this afternoon.	16
	23 Sep 42.	1800	Work and trg in secs similar to previous days. No 3 are working in various sections of DARWIN ~~Fxx~~ Frt Area.	16
	24 Sep 42	1800	No 2 Sec are making good progress in trg with 3 Bde. Nos 1 and 3 Secs continuing work in their respective areas.	16
	25 Sep 42	1800	No 1 Sec are carrying out work on experimental Revetment of Aircraft Blast and Shrapnel Proof Wall. These experiments are being made with pandanas held in place with frames and earth filling in the centre. Results so far indicate that this form of revetment is quite practical and suitable to	

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Unit 23 Aust Fd Coy RAE *Date and Time.—From* 25 Sep 42. *To* 30 Sep 42.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
39 Mile Camp DARWIN	25 Sep 42	1800	replace the GI type at present used.	16
	26 Sep 42	1800	All work and trg proceeding smoothly. No 3 Sec moved back to their camp area to-day. - 19 Bde area.	16
	27 Sep 42	1800	Rest day. Only essential work carried out to-day.	16
	28 Sep 42	1800	All Secs moved out to Frt Area to take part in NT FORCE Exercise.	16
	29 Sep 42	1800	After taking part in the Force Exercise in Frt area Secs moved back to-day to their camp area.	16
	30 Sep 42	1800	All Secs resumed their works as follows: 1 Sec : Wet season quarters etc in 23 Bde area. Compressor work timber cutting etc. 2 Sec : Wet season quarters,-Bde and Adv HQ, Compressor work 3 Bde, Tank installation also road and shelter work at Coomallie Ck. 3 Sec: Wet season quarters, water sup, compressor work in 19 Bde area.	16

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

23 Aust Fd Coy RAE (*Unit*)

WE (Prov) 11/10A/3 .7 Offr 239 OR Att Nil & 1

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

WE amended 1 Aug 42 and 23 Aug 42.

1 Ranks.	2 **Posted** strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels			
Majors			1
Captains	2	1	
Lieutenants	5		1
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
Totals	7	1	2

*Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

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

Officers QUITTED during week.

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

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

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

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	~~Corps.~~ Appt.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Capt	NX35041	Stevens F.C.	OC	Yes	
"	N.51599	Bayliss R.V.	2 i/c	No	Engr School
Lieut	N12436	McLean R.B.	Sec Offr	Yes	
"	NXM80034	Campbell S.	do	"	
"	NXM24520	Noble D.G.	do	"	
"	VP7313	Handley R.C.	Engr Offr	"	
"	N52438	Berry J.C.	Rnft Offr	"	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit or Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
		NIL			

23 Aust Fd Coy RAE
(Unit.)

Campbell Lieut. for Capt.
(F.C.Stevens) *(Signature of Commander.)*

26 Sep 42
(Date of Despatch.)

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

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

23 Aust.Fd.Coy.,R.A.E. (*Unit*)

WE (Prov) 11/10A/3 7 Offr. 239 OR Att Nil & 1.

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

WE amended 1 Aug 42 & 23 Aug 42.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels			
Majors			1
Captains	2	1	
Lieutenants	5		1
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
Totals	7	1	2

*Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

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

Officers QUITTED during week.

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

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

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

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit or Corps. Appt.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Capt.	NX35041	Stevens F.C.	O.C.	Yes	
"	N.51599	Bayliss R.V.	2 i/c	No	S.M.E. Liverpool.
Lieut.	N12436	McLean R.B.	Sec Offr.	Yes	
"	NXM80034	Campbell S.	do	do.	
"	NXM24520	Noble D.G.	do	do.	
"	VP7313	Handley R.C.	Engr Offr.	do.	
"	N52438	Berry J.C.	Rnft.Offr	do.	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit or Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
		NIL.			

23 Aust Fd Coy.,R.A.E.
(*Unit.*)

Campbell Lieut for Capt.
(F.C.Stevens (*Signature of Commander.*)

19 SEP 42.
(*Date of Despatch.*)

23 Aust.Inf.Bde.
(*Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.*)

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Serial No 6 Date: 12 Sep 42

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

23 Aust Fd Coy RAE (Unit)

WE (Prov) 11/10A/3 7 Offr 239 OR Att Nil & 1

WE AMENDED 1 AUG 42 v 23 AJS

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels			
Majors			1
Captains	2	1	
Lieutenants	5		1
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
Totals	7	1	2

*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.
		Unit or		
		NIL		

Officers QUITTED during week.

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

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1 Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	2 Personal Number.	3 Name and Initials.	4 ~~Corps.~~ Appt.	5 Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No).	6 If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Capt.	NX35041	Stevens F.C.	OC	Yes	
"	N.51599	Bayliss R.V.	2 IC	No	SME Liverpool
Lieut	N12436	McLean R.B.	Sec. Offr	Yes	
"	NXM80034	Campbell S.	do	do	
"	NXM24520	Noble D.G?	do	do	
"	VP7313	Handley R.C.	Engr. Offr	do	
"	N52438	Berry J.C.	Rnft Offr	do	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit or Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
		Nil			

23 Aust Fd Coy RAE
(*Unit.*)

Campbell Lieut. for Capt.
(F.C. Stevens) (*Signature of Commander.*)

12 Sep 42
(*Date of Despatch.*)

23 Aust Inf Bde
(*Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.*)

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Serial No. 6 Date: 5 SEP 42.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

23 Aust.Fd.Coy.,R.A.E.
(Unit)

(W.E. (Prov.) 11/10A/3 7 Offr. 239 O.Rs. Att. NIL & NIL)

W.E. effected 1 AUG 42.

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels			
Majors			1
Captains	2	1	
Lieutenants	5		1
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
Totals	7	1	2

*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.
		Unit or Nil		

Officers QUITTED during week.

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

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	~~Corps.~~ Appt.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Capt.	NX 35041	Stevens F.C.	O.C.	Yes	
"	N.51599	Bayliss R.V.	2 I.C.	No.	C.I. Fd.Works School Winnellie.
Lieut.	N.12436	McLean R.B.	Sec. Offr.	Yes	
"	NXM80034	Campbell S	"	"	
"	NXM24520	Noble D.G.	"	"	
"	VP.7313	Handley R.C.	Engr.Offr.	"	
"	N.52438	Berry J.C.	Rnft.Offr.	"	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit or Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
		Nil			

23 Aust. Fd.Coy., R.A.E.
(Unit.)

Campbell Lieut. per Capt.
(F.C.Stevens) *Signature of Commander.)*

5 SEP 42
(Date of Despatch.)

23 AUST. INF. BDE.
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

23 Aust.Fd.Coy.,R.A.E. (Unit) 5 SEP 42 19..... (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.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	(As per amended form attached.)		
Staff Serjeants			
Serjeants			
Corporals			
Troopers, Privates, &c.			
TOTALS		*	*

*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.
	Nil		

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).
		Nil		

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AMENDED PART 'A' AF W5009

Detail	War Establishment	Strength Excl Attd & 'X' List	Surplus	Deficiency	Remarks
W.O. Cl I	-	-			
W.O. Cl II	1	1			
C.Q.M.S.	1	1			
S/SGTS	-	-		-	
SGTS	9	7	1 (Cook)	3	
CPLS	22	23	2 (1 Cook)	1 (spec)	
SPEC GP 1	31	18	1	14	
2	60	43	1	18	
3	26	17	3	12	
Ptes ETC	89	102	13	-	
TOTALS	239	212	21	48	

xThese totals are to agree with totals of part 'D'

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23 Aust.Fd.Coy.,R.A.E. *Unit.*

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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)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)
Ammunition Examiners			Fire Control Operators			Panel Beaters		
Armament Artificers			Fitters		1	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		4	Fitters, Signal			Predictor Numbers		
Boilermakers			Grinders			Printers		
Bricklayers	1		Gun Layers			Radiator Mechanics		
Butchers			G.P.O. Assistants			Radiographers		
Camouflage Modeller			Gun Operators			Range Takers		
Carpenter and Joiner		3	Hammermen			Riggers		
Clerks	1		Height Takers			Rivetters		
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		2	Joiners			Signallers		
Cooks (Cpl)1		1	Leather Stitchers			Signwriters		
Cooks, Hospital			Linesmen			Stokers, Stationary Engine	2	
Coppersmiths			Linesmen, Signals			Storemen, Technical		4
Dental Clerk Orderlies			Lithographers			Surveyors		
Despatch Riders			Machinists			Surveyors, Engineering		1
Dispensers			Masons	1		Tailors		
Draughtsmen			Masseurs			Telescope Identification Numbers		
Draughtsmen, Architectural		1	Mechanics, Dental			Textile Refitters		
Draughtsmen, Mechanical			Mechanics, M.T.	(Cpl)1		Tinsmiths		1
Draughtsmen, Signal			Mechanics, Typewriter			Toolmakers		
Draughtsmen, Topographical			Mechanics, Wireless			Turners		
Driver Mechanics		3	Millwrights			Vulcanizers		
Driver Operators			Miners		11	Wagon Erectors		
Drivers, Transportation Plant			Moulders			Watchmakers		
Electrical Fitters			Nursing Orderlies			Watermen		
Electricians			Nursing Orderlies (Mental)			Welders		
Electricians, Eng. Units			Nurses, Trained			Well Borers		
Electricians, Signal			Observation Post Assistants			Wheelers		
Engine Artificers		7	Operating Room Assistants			Whitesmiths		
Engine Hands I/C		5	Operators, Signal			Wiremen		
Equipment Repairers			Opticians			Woodturners		
Farriers			Painters			Sgts. (Cook)1		3
						Cpl.	1	
						Non Spec.	13	
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)							21	48

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.

23 Aust.Fd.Coy.,R.A.E. *Unit.*

(F.C.Stevens) Capt. *Signature of Commander.*

Date of Despatch 5 SEP 42.

23 Aust.Inf. Bde. *Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.*

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Serial No 7 Date ~~Sept~~ 12 Sep 42

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

23 Aust Fd Coy RAE (Unit) 12 Sep 42 19 (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.	As per amended form attached		
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants			
Staff Serjeants			
Serjeants			
Corporals			
Troopers, Privates, &c.			
TOTALS		*	*

*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.
	Nil		

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).
		Nil		

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Detail	War Establishment	Strength Excl Attd & 'X' Listt	Surplus	Deficiency	Remarks
WO Cl I	-	-			
WP Cl II	1	1			
CQMS	1	1			
S/Sgts	-	-			
Sgts	9	7	1 (cook)	3	
Cpls	22	23	2 (1 Cook)	1 (spec)	
Spec Gp 1	31	18	1	14	
2	60	43	1	18	
3	26	17	3	12	
Ptes etc	89	102	13	-	
TOTALS	239	212	21	48	

23 Aust Fd Coy RAE ..... Unit.

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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)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)
Ammunition Examiners			Fire Control Operators			Panel Beaters		
Armament Artificers			Fitters		1	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		4	Fitters, Signal			Predictor Numbers		
Boilermakers			Grinders			Printers		
Bricklayers	1		Gun Layers			Radiator Mechanics		
Butchers			G.P.O. Assistants			Radiographers		
Camouflage Modeller			Gun Operators			Range Takers		
Carpenter and Joiner		3	Hammermen			Riggers		
Clerks	1		Height Takers			Rivetters		
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		2	Joiners			Signallers		
Cooks (Cpl)	1	1	Leather Stitchers			Signwriters		
Cooks, Hospital			Linesmen			Stokers, Stationary Engine	2	
Coppersmiths			Linesmen, Signals			Storemen, Technical		4
Dental Clerk Orderlies			Lithographers			Surveyors		
Despatch Riders			Machinists			Surveyors, Engineering		1
Dispensers			Masons	1		Tailors		
Draughtsmen			Masseurs			Telescope Identification Numbers		
Draughtsmen, Architectural		1	Mechanics, Dental			Textile Refitters		
Draughtsmen, Mechanical			Mechanics, M.T.	(Cpl)	1	Tinsmiths		1
Draughtsmen, Signal			Mechanics, Typewriter			Toolmakers		
Draughtsmen, Topographical			Mechanics, Wireless			Turners		
Driver Mechanics		3	Millwrights			Vulcanizers		
Driver Operators			Miners		11	Wagon Erectors		
Drivers, Transportation Plant			Moulders			Watchmakers		
Electrical Fitters			Nursing Orderlies			Watermen		
Electricians			Nursing Orderlies (Mental)			Welders		
Electricians, Eng. Units			Nurses, Trained			Well Borers		
Electricians, Signal			Observation Post Assistants			Wheelers		
Engine Artificers		7	Operating Room Assistants			Whitesmiths		
Engine Hands I/C		5	Operators, Signal			Wiremen		
Equipment Repairers			Opticians			Woodturners		
Farriers			Painters			Sgts (~~Cook~~) (Cook)	1	3
						Cpl	1	
						Non Spec	13	
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)							21	48

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.

23 Aust Fd Coy RAE ..... *Unit.*

Campbell Smith for Capt.
(F.C. Stevens) *Signature of Commander.*

23 Aus t Inf Bde
Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

Date of Despatch 12 Sep 42

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

23 Aust Fd Coy.R.A.E. (Unit) 19 SEP 42. 19..... (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.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	(As per amended form attached.)		
Staff Serjeants			
Serjeants			
Corporals			
Troopers, Privates, &c.			
TOTALS		*	*

*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.
	Nil		

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).
		Nil.		

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AMENDED PART 'A' AF W3009.

Detail.	W.E.	Strength excl attd &'X' List	Surplus	Deficiency	Remarks.
WO Cl. I.	-	-			
WO Cl. II	1	1			
CQMS 1	1	1			
S/Sgts.	-	-			
Sgts.	9	7	1 (Cook)	3	
Cpls.	22	23	2 (1 Cook)	1	(spec.)
Spec Gp I.	31	18	1	14	
" II	60	43	1	18	
" III	26	17	3	12	
Ptes etc.	89	101	12	-	
Totals.	239	211	20	48	

23 Aust.Fd.Coy.,R.A.E.
.....Unit.

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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)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)
Ammunition Examiners			Fire Control Operators			Panel Beaters		
Armament Artificers			Fitters		1	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		4	Fitters, Signal			Predictor Numbers		
Boilermakers			Grinders			Printers		
Bricklayers	1		Gun Layers			Radiator Mechanics		
Butchers			G.P.O. Assistants			Radiographers		
Camouflage Modeller			Gun Operators			Range Takers		
Carpenter and Joiner		3	Hammermen			Riggers		
Clerks	1		Height Takers			Rivetters		
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		2	Joiners			Signallers		
Cooks (Cpl.)1		1	Leather Stitchers			Signwriters		
Cooks, Hospital			Linesmen			Stokers, Stationary Engine	2	
Coppersmiths			Linesmen, Signals			Storemen, Technical		4
Dental Clerk Orderlies			Lithographers			Surveyors		
Despatch Riders			Machinists			Surveyors, Engineering		1
Dispensers			Masons	1		Tailors		
Draughtsmen			Masseurs			Telescope Identification Numbers		
Draughtsmen, Architectural		1	Mechanics, Dental			Textile Refitters		
Draughtsmen, Mechanical			Mechanics, M.T. (Cpl)		1	Tinsmiths		1
Draughtsmen, Signal			Mechanics, Typewriter			Toolmakers		
Draughtsmen, Topographical			Mechanics, Wireless			Turners		
Driver Mechanics		3	Millwrights			Vulcanizers		
Driver Operators			Miners		11	Wagon Erectors		
Drivers, Transportation Plant			Moulders			Watchmakers		
Electrical Fitters			Nursing Orderlies			Watermen		
Electricians			Nursing Orderlies (Mental)			Welders		
Electricians, Eng. Units			Nurses, Trained			Well Borers		
Electricians, Signal			Observation Post Assistants			Wheelers		
Engine Artificers		7	Operating Room Assistants			Whitesmiths		
Engine Hands I/C		5	Operators, Signal			Wiremen		
Equipment Repairers			Opticians			Woodturners		
Farriers			Painters			Sjts. (Cook)1		3
						Cpl. 1		
						Non Spec. 12		
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)							20	48

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.

23 Aust Fd Coy.,R.A.E.
Unit.

Campbell Hunt for Capt.
(F.C.Stevens)
Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch 19 SEP 42.

23 Aust Inf Bde.
Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

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Serial No 9 Date: 26 Sep 42.

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

23 Aust Fd Coy RAE (Unit) 26 Sep 42 19 (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.	(As per amended form attached)		
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants			
Staff Serjeants			
Serjeants			
Corporals			
Troopers, Privates, &c.			
TOTALS		*	*

*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.
	NIL		

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).
		NIL		

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Detail	WE	Strength excl attd & 'X' List	Surplus	Deficiency	Remarks
WO Cl I	-	-			
WO Cl II	1	1			
CQMS	1	1			
S/Sjts	-	-			
Sjts	9	8	1 (Cook)	2	
Cpls	22	23	2 (1 Cook)	1 (Spec)	
Spec Gp I	31	18	1	14	
" " II	60	43	1	18	
" " III	26	17	3	12	
Sprs etc	89	101	12	-	
Totals	239	212	20	47	

Australian Military Forces—7th Military District.

Please quote this Number when replying.

Head-Quarters,
Darwin.

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23 Aust Fd Coy RAE ..... *Unit.*

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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)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)
Ammunition Examiners			Fire Control Operators			Panel Beaters		
Armament Artificers			Fitters		1	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		4	Fitters, Signal			Predictor Numbers		
Boilermakers			Grinders			Printers		
Bricklayers	1		Gun Layers			Radiator Mechanics		
Butchers			G.P.O. Assistants			Radiographers		
Camouflage Modeller			Gun Operators			Range Takers		
Carpenter and Joiner		3	Hammermen			Riggers		
Clerks	1		Height Takers			Rivetters		
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		2	Joiners			Signallers		
Cooks (Cpl)-	1)	1	Leather Stitchers			Signwriters		
Cooks, Hospital			Linesmen			Stokers, Stationary Engine		
Coppersmiths			Linesmen, Signals			Storemen, Technical	2	
Dental Clerk Orderlies			Lithographers			Surveyors		4
Despatch Riders			Machinists			Surveyors, Engineering		
Dispensers			Masons	1		Tailors		1
Draughtsmen			Masseurs			Telescope Identification Numbers		
Draughtsmen, Architectural		1	Mechanics, Dental			Textile Refitters		
Draughtsmen, Mechanical			Mechanics, M.T. (Cpl)		1	Tinsmiths		
Draughtsmen, Signal			Mechanics, Typewriter			Toolmakers		1
Draughtsmen, Topographical			Mechanics, Wireless			Turners		
Driver Mechanics		3	Millwrights			Vulcanizers		
Driver Operators			Miners		11	Wagon Erectors		
Drivers, Transportation Plant			Moulders			Watchmakers		
Electrical Fitters			Nursing Orderlies			Watermen		
Electricians			Nursing Orderlies (Mental)			Welders		
Electricians, Eng. Units			Nurses, Trained			Well Borers		
Electricians, Signal			Observation Post Assistants			Wheelers		
Engine Artificers		7	Operating Room Assistants			Whitesmiths		
Engine Hands I/C		5	Operators, Signal			Wiremen		
Equipment Repairers			Opticians			Woodturners		
Farriers			Painters			Sjts (Cook)	1	2
						Cpl.	1	
						Non specs	12	
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)							20	47

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.

23 Aust Fd Coy RAE ..... *Unit.*

(F.C.Stevens) Capt. ..... *Signature of Commander.*

Date of Despatch 26 Sep 42

23 Aust Inf Bde ..... *Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.*

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To:- OC 23 Aust Fd Coy RAE

Report on Water Sup and present condition of tracks on HOWARD SPRINGS - KOOLINGAH - HUMPTY DOO - HUGHES FIELD Area with a view to ascertaining suitability for immediate use.

Ref Map:- DARWIN: 1" = 4 mls

Recce:- By Lieuts McLean, Campbell and Noble, 23 Aust Fd Coy RAE.

Time:- 1000 hrs 8 Sep 42 to 1900 hrs 8 Sep 42.

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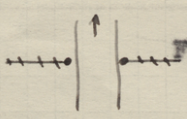
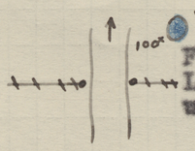
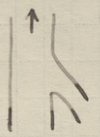
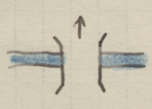
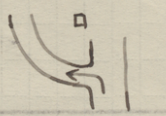
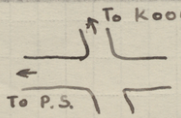
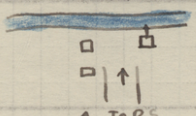
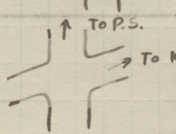
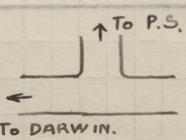
ROUTE 2

Station	Mileage	Map Ref	Sketch	Remarks
				Surface in fair condition - track requires straightening and widening.
12	12.25	082040		KOOLPINYAH HOMESTEAD.
11	12.1			Fence and Gateway
10	11.0			Fence and gateway - WH (BLUE LAGOON) 100 yds EAST - water tested - 6 Scoops
9	10.4	081039		Track to south.
8	9.3			Track to south. Sign on tree
7.	7.1			Dry Creek crossing - 15' repair reqd. Ease banks
6.	3.1	073037		HOWARD RIVER Crossing. Water tested - over 6 scoops Suitable for SBG
5	2.7			Field Butchery
4.	0.0	070037		Returned to Station 2

ROUTE 1

Surface good but badly corrugated.

3.	3.8	071037		HOWARD SPRINGS PUMPING STATION Water tes ted 4 scoops
2.	3.2	070037		Junction of HOWARD SPRINGS RD and track to KOOLPINYAH
1.	0.0	068035		SP Junction of HOWARD SPRINGS RD and NORTH AUST RD.

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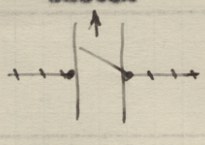
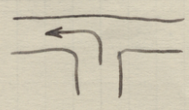
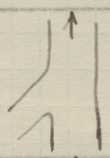
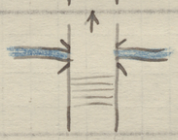
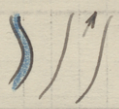
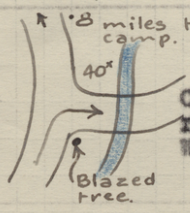
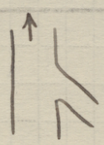
ROUTE 3 (Contd)

Station	Mileage	Map Ref	Sketch	Remarks
26	17.2			Fence and gate
25	17.1			Track on South from McMINNS
24	14.3			Dry creek crossing - 30' corduroy reqd.
23	12.1			Track leading to NORTH
22	12.0	084025		Creek crossing - 20' corduroy reqd. Water sample - 4 scoops
21	11.9			Dry creek crossing. Ease banks 20' repair reqd.
20	11.2			Suitable WP
19	11.1	083028		Creek crossing - 50' track repair reqd. Ease and corduroy Water tested - over 6 scoops
18	10.5			Dry creek crossing - 20' bad condition. Easing of banks
17	10.1	080031		Branch track to WEST leading to McMINNS LAGOON
16	6.4			Dry creek crossing. 20' gap very bad. Corduroy and ease banks.
15	2.4			Dry creek crossing. 20' gap f air condition.
14	1.7			Trees require felling to widen track
13	0.0	081039		Return to Station 9

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ROUTE 3 (Contd)

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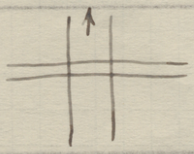
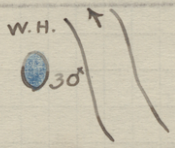
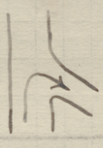
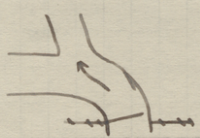
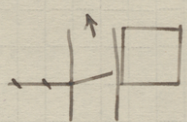
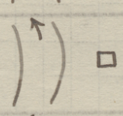
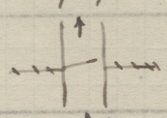
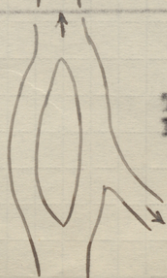
37	25.3			Dry creek crossing No repair required
36	25.1	084019		Water Hole - unsatisfactory as WP
35	25.0			Track leading off to SW ~~Dryxcreekxcrossingx-xfair xconditionx-25'xrepairxreqdx~~
34	22.4			Dry ~~Xxkxxk~~ Ck crossing - fair condition - 25' repair reqd.
33	19.41			Track leading to South followed sign 
32	19.4			Fence and gate
31	19.2			Dry creek crossing. Stone bottom. 15' repair reqd
30	18.6			Fence gate and cattleyard
29	18.5	085025		HUMPTY DOO HOMESTEAD
28	18.1			Fence and gate
27	17.65			Track leading west to large Lagoon .35 miles - unsuitable for WP

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Widening and straightening required between
KOOLPINYAH AND HUMPTY DOO

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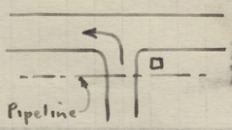
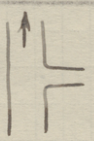
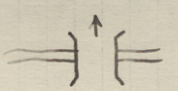
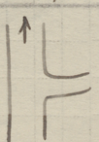
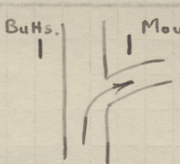
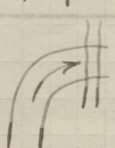
48	35.5	073022		Entrance to HUGHES 'DROME NORTH AUST ROAD.
47	34.5			HUGHES 'DROME Insert.
46	34.3			Track leading NORTH
45	33.95			Bad Bull dust surface 100 yds require repair
44	33.9			Bridge over dry creek
43	33.8			Bad bull dust surface. 100 yds Repair required
42	33.1			Track leading to North.
41	30.1			Track to West followed, Rifle Range.
40	29.5			Dry creek crossing. Steep sides, 10' wide.
39	27.4			100 yd length of bad bull dust track

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Crossing of NORTH AUST RD over MANTON RIVER (077011)
to
083018

Part I

Ref Map; DARWIN, NORTHERN TERRITORY, 4 mls to 1 ins

Conclusions:

1. Tracks.
   (a) Condition - fair.
   (b) Est speed at which convoy could travel - 5 mih
   (c) Repair reqd to eliminate possibility of track (Route H) becoming unserviceable - 200 man-hrs.

2. Water Sup.

Serial No	Map Ref	Name	Flowing	Scoops
1.	078011	MANTON RIVER	No	over 6
2.	approx 079013	" "	No	" 6
3.	081013	" "	No	" 6
4.	082015	" "	No	" 6
5.	083015	" "	Yes	6

Campbell
.....Lieut.
23 Fd Coy RAE.

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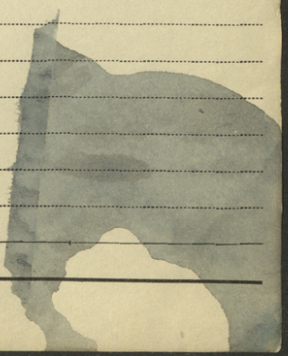

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PART II

Ref Map - DARWIN, NORTHERN TERRITORY, 4 mls to 1 ins.

Treatment.

Route i. Crossing of NORTH AUST RD over MANTON RIVER (077011) to 183018.

Route ii From 083017 to 083016.

Route iii From 082015 to Knox's Camp, ADELAIDE RIVER 083015.

Route iv 081014 to 081013.

Mode of Travel

Ford 1 Ton GS - Station 1 to 11 incl - oversized tyres.
Ford 30 Cwt - Station 11 to 43 incl.

Climatic Conditions

Dry seasoh, fine weathor.

Time taken to carry out recce.

- 1045 hrs to 1130 hrs.
- 1430 hrs to 1730 hrs.

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ROUTE 1.

Crossing of NORTH AUST RD over MANTON RIVER (077011) to 083018.

Capacity of track - 5 mih

Repair required - 200 man hrs

Availability of hard filling - readily available.

Number of WPs tested 7 of 3.

Number of WPs requiring 6 or less scoops - Nil.

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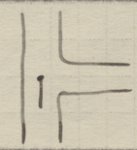
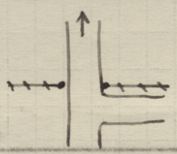
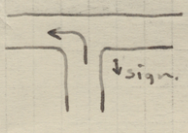
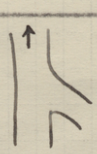
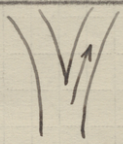
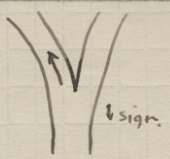
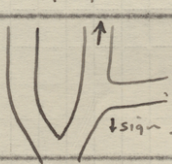
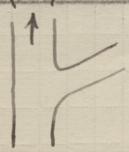
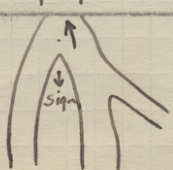
28	9.2	083018		Branch leading east to Arty. Gun posns. Recce could not be continued owing to arty practice
27	9.1			Track leading east. Fence (3 wire) and gateway.
26	9.0	083017		Track from South. Sign AF 18
25	8.8			Branch track from SW
24	8.2			B Track to NE followed
23	7.25	082016		Bifurcation of track. NW followed. Sign AF20
22	6.8	081015		Branch track leading east sign AF21
21	6.75			Branch track to east leading to rifle range
20	6.7	081014		Branch track to south sign AF22

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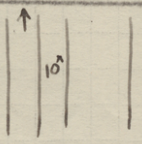
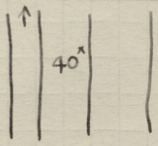
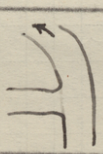
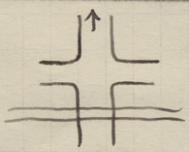
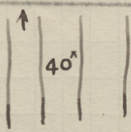
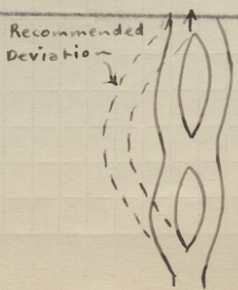
18	6.0			40 yds length of track require repair - 10 c yds hard filling.
17	5.85	081013		Large water hole south of road. Suction 2' Head 12' Water tested over 6 scoops
16	5.5	080014		Dry creek crossing. 30yds require repair. 6 c yds hard filling. S.B.G. site.
15	5.3			Branch track to NW
14	4.7			Gutter 2/3 20 yds repair reqd 4 c yds hard filling. Junction with track running NW SE.
13	4.5			MANTON RIVER on SE of track - not flowing. Suction 2', head 20' Water tested over 6 scoops
12	1.8			20 yds repair reqd - 4 c yds hard filling.
11	1.5			Ford 1 ton GS developed engine trouble. - replaced with Ford 30 Cwt truck.
10	1.2			Sandy section - 70 yds deviation advised. - 10 man hrs. - 1 axe, 2 picks, 2 shovels.

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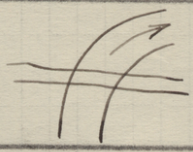
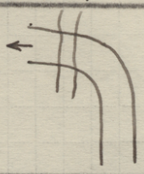
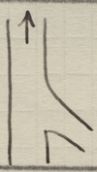
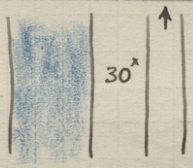
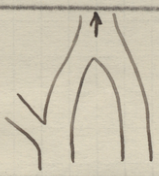
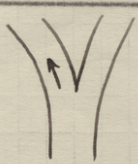
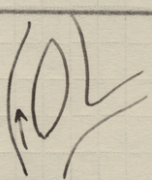
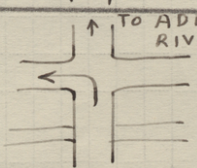
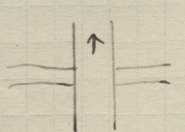
9	0.95			Dry Creek crossing
8	0.8	078011		Dry crossing of MANTON RIVER.
7	0.65			Branch track
6	0.6			Large water hole - MANTON RIVER - 30 yds to North of track. Suitable as WP Suction 3', Head 18' Tested - over 6 scoops
5	0.4			Branch track leading NE.
4	0.3			Bifurcation of track
3	0.05			Branch track leading East
2	0.03			Junction of track leading East with NORTH AUST RD
1	0.00	077011		SP Crossing of NORTH AUST RD over MANTON RIVER (dry)

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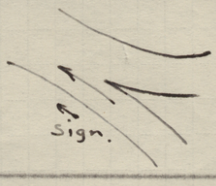
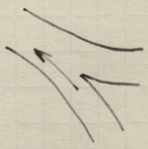
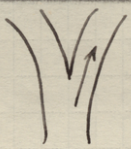
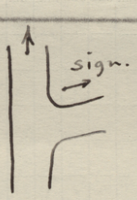
ROUTE 2.

From 083017 to 082016
Capacity of track - 3 mih
Number of WPs tested - Nil.

Station No	Mileage	Map Ref	Sketch	Remarks
32	0.7	082016		Return to Station 23 Junction with track from NW. Sign AF20
31	0.5			Junction with good track
30	0.4			Track leading to West followed
29	0.00	083017		Return to Station 26 Sign AF18

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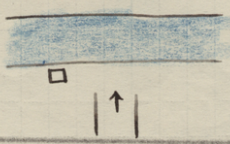
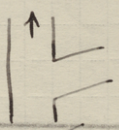
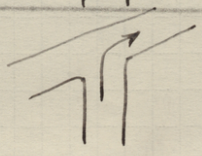
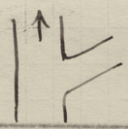
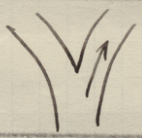
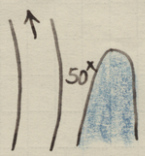
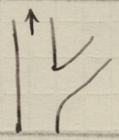
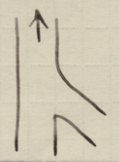
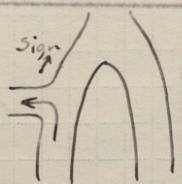
ROUTE 3.

From 082015 to Knox's camp, ADELAIDE RIVER 083015.
Capacity of track - 6 mih
No of WPs tested - 2.
No of WP requiring 6 or less scoops - 1.

Station No	Mileage	Map Ref	Sketch	Remarks
41	1.3	083015		Knox's Camp. ADELAIDE RIVER flowing SW- NE 40' lift. Water tested - 6 scoops
40	1.25			Branch track to West
39	1.1			Branch track to North
38	0.9			Branch track leading South
37	0.85			Branch track leading to NW
36	0.8	082015		End of large water hole. Suction 3', Head 18' Water tested - over 6 scoops
35	0.2			Branch track to SE
34	0.1			Branch track from SW.
33	0.00	081015		Return to station 22 Sign AF21

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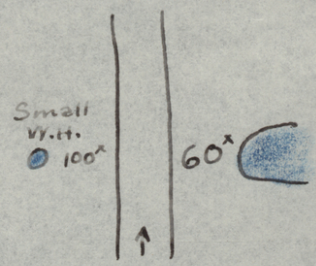
ROUTE 4

From 081014 to 081013
Capacity of track - 4 mih
Repair reqd - 35 man hrs
No of WPs tested - 1
No of WPs requiring 6 or less scoops - Nil

Station No	Mileage	Map Ref	Sketch	Remarks
43	0.7	081013		Dry crossing of MANTON RIVER. Large W.H. 60 yds North of crossing, water tested - over 6 scoops. steep banks - repair reqd, - 10 man hrs. 4 c yds hard filling
42	0.00	081014		Return to Station 20 Sign AF22 Track to South followed.

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RECONNAISSANCE REPORT

by

LIEUT. S. CAMPBELL

of

TRACK

from

Junction of NORTH AUSTRALIA RD and track at MCMINNS LAGOON (071032)

to

Junction w ith HOWARD SPRINGS - KOOLPINYAH TRACK (079038)

Part I.

Map Ref:- DARWIN, NORTHERN TERRITORY, 4 miles to 1 inch.

Conclusions.

1. Condition of track - fair.
2. Capacity o f track - afte r repair o f sandy stretchers, - 8 mih
3. Repair required to put track in serviceable condition - 120 man hours .

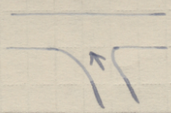
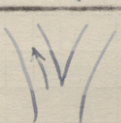
Part II

i. Mode of travel - 1940 Chevrolet sedan.

ii. Time taken - 0900 hrs to 1030hrs, 11 Septembe r 1942.

iii. Climatic Conditions. Dry season, fine weather.

iV. Schedule.

Serial No.	Mileage.	Map ref.	Sketch.	Remarks.
12.	10.4	079038		Junction with HOWARD SPRINGS-KOOLPINYAH TRACK.
11.	10.3			Branch track to EAST.
10.	8.5			Sandy stretch 300 yds. - deviation on south of present track recommended - 20 man hours - 3 axes,3 picks, 3 shovells.
9.	7.7			Sandy Stretch - 300yds - 3 alternative tracks advised - 20 man hours - 2 axes, 3 picks, 3 shovells .

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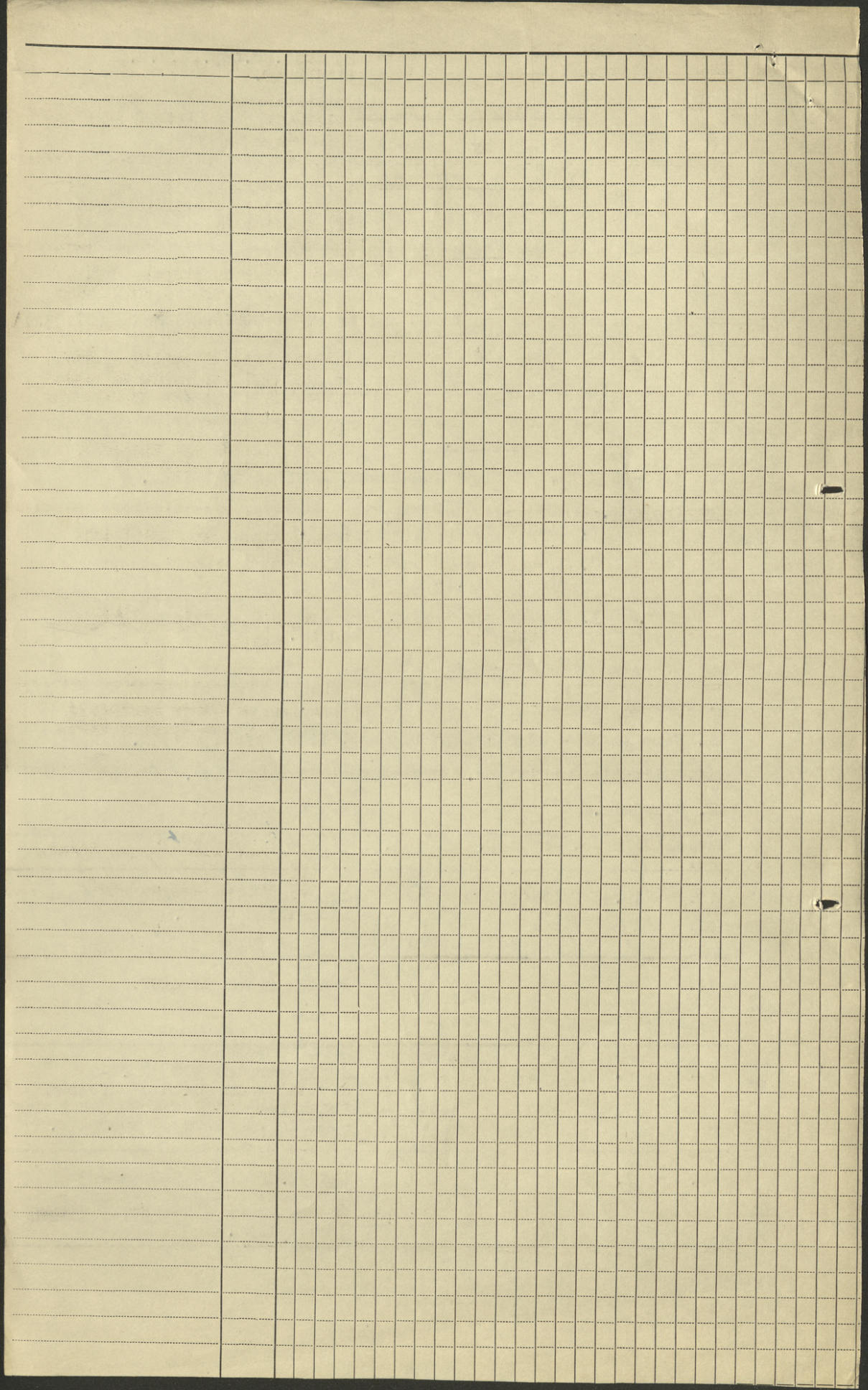

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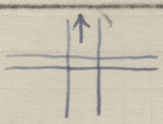
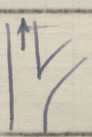
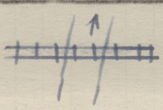
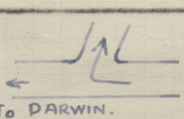
Serial No.	Mileage.	Map ref.	Sketch.	Remarks.
8.	7.5			Ironstone outcrop - 40yds - levelling required. 6 Man hours- 1 pick, 1 shovel.
7.	7.3			Sandy stretch - 220 yds - 3 alternative tracks advised - 20 man hours.
6.	4.6			Sandy stretch 100yds. - 3 alternative tracks advised - 10 man hours.
5	4.2	075034		HOWARD RIVER CROSSING - dry - 20 yds - 4 man hours to ease approaches + 2 yds surfacing.
4.	4.0			Sandy stretch 150 yds long - complete deviation - 10 man hours.
3.	1.8			Branch track to HUMPTY DOO homestead.
2.	00.1			Single track railway crossing 3' 6" guage.
1.	00.0	071032		Junction of NORTH AUSTRALIA ROAD and track leading EAST.

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Unit 23 Aust.Fd.Coy., R.A.E. *Date and Time.—From* 1 October 1942 *To* 3 OCT 42.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
39 Mile Camp. DARWIN.	1 OCT 42	1800	Sections carrying out engineering works as follows:-	
			No.1 Sec. - Timber cutting, camp construction at Hq and minor engineering tasks.	
			No. 2 Sec.- Camp construction work, Coomallie Ck water supply compressor work and minor engineering works.	
			No.3 Sec.- Construction wet season quarters, water supply and compressor work.	
	2 OCT 42	1800	All sections continuing works as on previous day.	
	3 OCT 42	1800	Although carrying out engineering works in the area tng is not neglected in the unit. Advantage is taken of schools from time to time for special training . At the present time 1 Offr is attending No.1 Jap School, WINNELLIE, 2 NCOs are attending Bomb Disposal School, BONEGILLA, 1 NCO has completed Driver and Maintenance School, WINNELLIE, 1 NCO is attending No.4	

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Unit 23 Aust.Fd.Coy.,R.A.E. Date and Time.—From 3 OCT 42 To 7 OCT 42.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
39 MILE CAMP DARWIN.	3 OCT 42	(Contd)	Section Leaders Course, WINNELLIE, 1 NCO is attending No.6	
			Field Works Course, WINNELLIE, and a cook is attending the	
			Cooking School, WINNELLIE.	〃
	4 OCT 42	1800	Rest day. Only essential duties carried out to-day.	〃
	5 OCT 42	1800	No1 Sec have been training with S.B.G. bridge to-day.	
			No. 3 Sec doing compressor work and other engineering works.	
			No. 2 Sec moved into Fortress Area for works under Fortress	
			Command.	〃
	6 OCT 42	1800	No. 1 Sec continued training with S.B.G. bridge.	
			No. 2 Sec under Fortress Command.	
			No.3 Sec carrying out water supply, camp construction and	
			compressor work in Bde area.	〃
	7 OCT 42	1800	No. 2 Sec working under Fortress Command.	
			No.1 and 3 Secs. are continueing with camp construction work	

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Unit 23 Aust.Fd.Coy.,R.A.E. Date and Time.—From 7 OCT 42 To 11 OCT 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
39 Mile Camp, DARWIN.	7 OCT 42	(contd.)	- timber cutting, compressor work and water supply work in bde areas.	"
	8 OCT 42	1800	No.2 Section working under Fortress Command.	
			No.1 Section engaged on Gas Training and route march.	
			No.3.Section continueing on minor engineering works.	"
	9 OCT 42	1800	No.3 Section were engaged to-day in training with S.B.G.	
			bridge. Other sections working as on previous day.	"
	10 OCT 42	1800	No.2 Sec returned from Fortress Area to camp in 3 Bde.	
			Other sections continueing with water supply, compressor	
			work and other minor tasks.	"
	11 OCT 42	1800	Rest day for Coy. Only essential duties carried out to-day.	"
	12 OCT 42	1800	No 1 and HQ moved out with 23 Bde, No 2 with 3 Bde and No	
			3 with 19 Bde for NT FORCE exercise. Due to heavy rain the	
			ground had become boggy and MT were unable to move so exercise	

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Unit 23 Aust Fd Coy RAE *Date and Time.—From* 12 OCT 42 *To* 15 OCT 42.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
39 Mile Camp DARWIN	12 OCT 42	1800	was suspended. It is to be held next week.	
	13 OCT 42	1800	All sections resumed works to-day in their respective Bdes.	
	14 OCT 42	1800	No 1 Sec. works and training are as follows: Erecting hut at HUGHES FIELD , bridge repair, compressor work and a party on musketry training at the range.	
			No 2 Sec. Except for camp duties section spent day at rifle range doing monthly musketry trg.	
			No 3 Sec: Compressor work and concreting 19 Bde area, constructing A.A. operational hut at BATCHELOR and installation of pumping plant at 17 Fd Amb.	
	15 OCT 42	1800	All sections carrying out works as for previous day.	
	16 OCT 42	1800	No 3 Section carried out monthly musketry practice.	
			No 1 Sec working on timber cutting, wet season quarters and other minor works.	

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Unit 23 Aust Fd Coy RAE *Date and Time.—From* 16 OCT 42 *To* 23 OCT 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
39 Mile Camp DARWIN.	16 Oct 42.	1800	No 2 Sec. carried out training in bridging exercise, essential	
			camp duties and minor works.	〃
	17 OCT 42	1800	No 1 Sec carried out various engr. works. No 3 took part in	
			19 Bde sports. No 2 Sec moved out of camp on special FORCE	
			exercise with 3 Bde.	〃
	18 Oct 42	1800	Rest day, only essential duties carried out.	〃
	19 OCT 42	1800	HQ and No.1 Sec with 23 Bde and No.3 Sec with 19 Bde moved	
			out to take part in Special Force Exercise.	〃
	20 OCT 42	1800	All sections with their respective Bdes engaged on Special	
			Force Exercise.	〃
	21 OCT 42	1800	Secs. still continueing with Special Force Exercise.	〃
	22 OCT 42	1800	All sections returned from the exercise to their respective	
			camp areas and resumed works.	〃
	23 OCT 42	1800	No.1 Section engaged in timber cutting and construction of	

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Unit 23 Aust.Fd.Coy.,R.A.E. Date and Time.—From 23 OCT 42. To 26 OCT 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
39 Mile Camp. DARWIN.	23 OCT 42	(Contd)	of wet season quarters mainly but doing other minor jobs as well.	
			No.2 Section were mostly engaged in road repair at Coomallie Ck	
			otherwise doing only minor works.	
			No.3 Section have small parties on various jobs - Lt.A.A. post	
			at Batchelor, compressor work, concreting at 23/21 Bn and	
			log carting at 2/3 A.A.S.C. and camp constructional work.	"
	24 OCT 42	1800	Work in all sections to day on similar lines to yesterday.	"
	25 OCT 42	1800	Rest day essential duties only carried out to-day.	"
	26 OCT 42	1800	No 1 Section have commenced training in demolitions, Construction	
			of 3 span timber bridge, class 9, over the MANTON RIVER; weapon	
			training and fieldcraft.	
			No.2 Section. Tradesmen from this section are working with 3 Bde	
			on the Rest Camp at BERRY SPRINGS - other personnel doing camp	
			duties and minor works,	

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Unit 23 Aust.Fd.Coy.,R.A.E. Date and Time.—From 26 OCT 42. To 29 OCT 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
39 Mile Camp DARWIN	26 OCT 42	(Contd.)	No.3 Section training with S.B.G. and carrying out camp duties.	〃
	27 OCT 42	1800	No.1 Section training in demolition, construction of 3 span timber	
			bridge, class 9, weapon training and fieldcraft.	
			No.2 Section -tradesmen working at BERRY SPRINGS rest camp	
			- compressor work in 3 Bde area, road construction Coomallie	
			Ck and operation of water points.	
			No.3 Section carrying out wet season works, compressor work	
			water supply, concreting etc on Bde area and A.A. Operation	
			Hut at BATCHELOR.	〃
	28 OCT 42	1800	No.1 Sec. completed training to-day in construction of 3 span	
			timber bridge, etc. Other sections working as for previous day.	〃
	29 OCT 42	1800	No.1 have resumed general works. A party is timber cutting,-	
			tradesmen are employed in minor works in 23 Bde. area and part	
			of the section are training.	

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Unit 23 Aust.Fd.Coy.,R.A.E. *Date and Time.—From* 29 OCT 42 *To* 31 OCT 42.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
39 Mile Camp, DARWIN.	29 OCT 42	(Contd)	Nos. 2 and 3 Sections works as for previous days.	
	30 OCT 42	1800	All sections carrying out works and training as detailed previously.	
	31 OCT 42	1800	Sjt. Stevens of HQ, RA.E. is at present with the unit carrying out M.T. instruction with the unit Tpt.NCOs and drivers. Next week a transport school will be held at Coy. HQ with Sjt. Stevens as the instructor.	

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I.

By

Capt. F.C.Stevens. O.C. 23 Aust Fd Coy RAE

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1. SOUVENIRING OF ENEMY AIRCRAFT PARTS.

LHQ advises that it has come to their notice that instances have occurred of souveniring of crashed enemy airdraft parts, parachutes, clothing, etc. by members of the military forces. In a number of cases makers' plates from Japanese aircraft containing information of intelligence importance have been intercepted in letters which were passed and franked by army censors.

Apart from the fact that "souveniring" amounts to looting the matter is regarded seriously as it prevents expert examination of enemy material of intelligence value.

Disciplinary action will be taken against offenders.

2. PROTECTED ANIMALS, BIRDS AND PLANTS.

It appears that in some cases protected animals, birds and plants are being destroyed by troops. Exceptin emergency, all ranks will observe the laws of the States and Territories of the Commonwealth relating to the protection of animals, birds and plants.

3. BLANKETS, WATER-BOTTLES ETC. Carriage by personnel proceeding from Units on duty or leave.
No issues of blankets, water-bottles, knives, forks and spoons etc. will be made in future to personnel proceeding on duty or leave The responsibility for providing for requirements of personnel as above rests solely with the units concerned.

4. SHOULDER TITLE "AUSTRALIA" - WEARING OF.

(a) All members of the AIF, whether serving with Citizen Force Units of otherwise, will wear "Australia" shoulder titles on both shoulders when in uniform within and outside Australia.
(b) Officers accepted for service with the AIF, will also wear "Australia" shoulder titles, notwithstanding that they may not have been gazetted to AIF.

5. MAINTENANCE OF SIGNALS COMMUNICATIONS.

Complaints have been received from RAAF that communications have been interrupted and considerable inconvenience and delay caused by the destruction, wilful and accidental, of both buried and field cable in certain localities.

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All personnel are warned that should any of their diggings reveal buried cable the utmost care must be exercised to preserve that cable intact. Should any damage result in spite of care, full details will be reported at once to HQ. NT Force.

One section of a RAAF report on this subject reads "considerable inconvenience and delay to operational communications has also resulted from interference with two pairs of field cable recently laid in the vicinity of BATCHELOR Aerodrome. On the first occasion about one mile of cable was torn down, apparently by heavy transport: on the second occasion a complete section of four wires was removed for a distance of approximately twenty feet."

Obvious from the foregoing is the carelessness exemplified in the one instance and the wilful nature of the damage in the other.

All ranks are warned of the serious consequences which may follow interference with the means of communication in this area. The maximum severity will be used in dealing with offenders in this connection.

6. REVERSION

N202687 L/Cpl Menz G.C. Reverted to rank of Spr. 30 JUL 42
Reason :- Own request.

7. APPLICATIONS FOR Y.M.C.A. Cpl.

Applications are called for persons having ability and experience to fill position of YMCA Cpl. on R.A.E. HQ.

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10 AUG 42 128/42

1. MAIL MATTER ACCIDENTALLY DESTROYED BY FIRE.

A quantity of mail matter for Army, RAAF and Navy personnel was accidentally destroyed by fire whilst on the train which was travelling between LARRIMAH and DARWIN on 1 JUL 42. The destroyed mail was from VICTORIA, NSW, S.A. and W.A. and would cover postings in those states ranging from approx. 15 - 24 JUN 42.

Enquiries for missing articles during that period should only be lodged in respect of registered mail matter and parcels which would have been included in these mails. All enquiries to be made to Bde. Postal Sgt.

2. INTERFERENCE WITH SIGNAL COMMUNICATIONS.

The practice of firing weapons from troop trains or M.T. vehicles on roads is forbidden. Many instances of damage to insulators and telegraph wires, resulting in considerable delay in communications, have been attributed to this.

If a telegraph wire is broken, the channel of intercommunication is immediately interrupted, and the fault must be located before the service can be restored. To effect repairs, line parties must be sent distances of up to 100 miles.

If the insulator only is broken, the wire will rest on or touch intermittently the cross-arm, producing a fault which is very difficult to locate.

Where the circuit concerned is of the "Carrier" type, two of more telephone and telegraph channels may be affected.

The vital importance of maintaining these channels of communication is self-evident.

3. PROTECTED ANIMALS? BIRDS AND PLANTS.

Coy. ROs Part I 127/42 of 4 AUG 42 is amended by inserting next after the word "emergency" (in para.2) the words "due to operational requirements"

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by
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12 AUG 42. 129/42

1. Ref. GRO A ENLISTMENT AIF.

The restriction imposed on the enlistment of men with large families in the AIF will no longer apply.

2. Ref GRO 208, Para 9. CLOTHING - PERSONNEL PROCEEDING ON DUTY OR LEAVE FROM TROPICAL STATIONS.

All personnel on duty or leave from tropical stations (who are not in possession of the articles mentioned hereunder) will, before departure from such stations, require to have their leave passes endorsed "Service Dress", greatcoat and winter underclothing not issued" (or as the case requires). This endorsement is the sole authority on which the depots will issue the items described below.

Jackets S.D. 1	Drawers, wool and cotton, prs. 2
Trousers S.D. 1	Singlets, " " " " 2
Greatcoat, DS 1	

3. MOSQUITO NETS.

Advice has been received that replacements for unserviceable mosquito nets will be difficult to obtain, therefore the importance of exercising the utmost care of those on issue is to be stressed to all ranks.

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16 AUG 42. 130/42.

1. SPEED LIMITS.

The speed limit for trucks 12cwt. is the same as that for trucks 15 cwt. viz., 30 M.P.H.

2. LETTERS WRITTEN IN FOREIGN LANGUAGE.

All writers of letters in a foreign language will indicate the language in English on the top of the envelope.

3. IDENTITY DISCS - WEARING OF.

Attention is directed to the fact that there is a prescribed manner of wearing Discs Identity, namely, on a string around the neck. Discs Identity must be w orn by all ranks at all times in this manner.

Instances have occurred of the discs of injured personnel not being available after an accident, when blood transfusion was urgently required.

4. UNSTAMPED LETTERS.

Quantities of letters for transmission by Airmail are being received at Field Post Offices not bearing postage stamps, but endorsed "No Stamps Available". These letters are forwarded to office of destination by surface mail, and will probably be surcharged double the deficiency at office of destination. Units conserned must see that sufficient supplies of postage stamps are always at hand.

5. TAXATION.

Income tax will be collected in future, by means of a reduction in the members drawing rate of pay. Tax will be payable by all personnel other than those receiving 6/- per day active pay. The rate of reduction for each rank is being assessed by LHQ and will be promulgated as soon as received. By way of preparation, all ranks affected will submit to respective sections a memo stating number and nature of any dependants, e.g. wife and 1 child. Personal details are not required.

Forms for income tax returns for year ended 30th June 1942 will be issued at an early date.

Members will submit their returns to the Taxation Commissioner of the State in which they enlisted, i.e. N.NX numbers to Sydney, etc., irrespective of whether their income is derived from that state or not.

6. REVERSION.

N.51260 Cpl. Coote H.A. reverted to Spr. on 14 AUG 42., at his own request.

7. PUNISHMENTS.

N12512 Spr.Kitching H.	Charge. Neglecting to obey Coy. R.O.. 36 Mile Camp, 18 JUL 42. Award. Fined 7/6.
N12521 Spr. Lyons. W.F.	Charge. Neglecting to obey Coy. R.O. 36 Mile Camp, 18 JUL 42. Award. Fined 7/6.
N150444 Spr.Wain. J.W.	Charges. (1) Neglecting to obey Coy. R.O. (2)Using threatening language to his Superior Officer. (3) Using threatening language to his Superior officer. 68 Mile Camp. 18 JUL 42. Award. Fined £5.
N51507 Spr. Wright E.W.	Charges.(1) Neglecting to obey Unit Orders 68 Mile Camp, 15 JUL 42. Award Fined. 5/-. (2) Disobeying a lawful command. 68 Mile Camp. 18 JUL 42. Award Fined £3.
N50532 Spr.Keighran A.D.	Charge, Neglecting to obey Unit Orders. 68 Mile Camp. 11 JUL 42. Award. Admonished.

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Punishments. (Contd.)

N200398	Spr. Dunne R.L.	Charge. Neglecting to obey Unit Orders. 68 Mile Camp, 24 JUL 42. Award. Fined 10/-.
N.13013	Spr. Dore W.L.	Neglecting to obey Unit Orders. 68 Mile Camp. 7 AUG 42. Award. Fined 5/-.
N240494	Spr. Martin E.	Charge. Neglecting to obey Unit Standing Orders. 39 Mile Camp. 11 AUG 42. Award Fined 7/6.
N260244	L/Cpl. Pearson R.H.	Charge. Being A.W.L. 119 A.G.H. 10 AUG 42. Award. Admonished.

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21 AUG 42. 131/42.

ORDER OF THE DAY

by

MAJOR-GENERAL E.F. HERRING.

ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RELINQUISHING
COMMAND OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY FORCE.

The past five months have seen great activities and developments in the Northern Territory. There has been a very improvement in the training, health and morale of all the fighting forces. We have seen air battles fought and won by our gallant allies from the U.S.A. The R.A.A.F. has been tireless in striking at the enemy and in its reconnaissance work. The supply position has improved out of all recognition. Many miles of road have been constructed, water supplied and camps built and much mor beside that we all may well be proud of.

All this has been achieved only because the citizens of U.S.A. and Australia gathered intthe Northern Territory have given of their best. To all of you whether in the services or not I offer my sincere thanks and appreciation. This war is a war of peoples and I like to feel as I leave the Northern Territory that all of you here, both in and out of the services, have been united in your endeavour to make Australia strong and safe. I trudt you are all feeling the satisfaction that comes from a job well done.

At the same time I must remind you that the work of training, preparation and development has only just begun. An ever increasing effort is required of all of us. May I wish you the best of good fortune in the endeavours I know you are all determined to make in the months that lie ahead.

E.F. HERRING
17. 8. 42.

.....Capt.
(F.C.Stevens)
O.C. 23 Aust Fd Coy RAE

NOTICE.

Receipt is acknowledged with thanks of Comforts Issue as under from A.C.F.:-

1 oz tobacco
1 pkt razor blades
1 cake toilet soap
1 tin boot polish
1 tube tooth past.

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by

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23 AUG 42. 132/42.

1. PHOTOGRAPHY.

Developed or undeveloped films may ONLY be sent to KODAK (A/Asia) Ltd. at ADELAIDE for the purpose of being developed and/or printed, provided such enclosure is accompanied by written instructions to have the resultant prints and/or films returned to the sender or to send the same to a third party through the District Census.

2. SPORTS.

A Bde. Parade, March Past, Band Contest and Sports Meeting will be held on the Bde. Parade Ground (opposite Bde.HQ) on Saturday 5 Sept. 42. Full details have been supplied to the units. Nomination to represent 23 Aust.Inf.Bde. HQ Group will be handed in to Section Orderly Rooms.

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26 AUG 42.

133/42.

1. NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER - 3 SEPTEMBER 1942.

The Prime Minister has received advice from His Excellency the Governor-General that his Majesty the King has appointed Thursday 3rd. September to be a National Day of Prayer and Dedication in the United Kingdom.

The Prime Minister has transmitted this intimation to the Premiers of the States and to the Heads of all Denominations in the Commonwealth. The Churches are being invited to co-operate in giving full effect throughout Australia to His Majesty's desire.

2. TENTS, MOSQUITO AND SANDFLY PROOF.

Advice has been received that supplies of Tents, Mosquito and Sandfly proof, cannot be expected for a considerable time,

All personnel should, therefore, ensure that every precaution is taken against damage to existing issues.

3. PUNISHMENTS.

N.237937 Spr. Lloyd H.E. Chareg.Neglecting to obey Coy. Orders.
52 Mile Camp. 15 AUG 42.Award,Admonished.

J R Stevens
..... Capt.
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28 AUG 42. 134/42.

1. C of E Church Services.

Churh of England Holy Communion Services will be held on Sunday 30 AUG 42 at 0715 hrs in 8Bn. Recreation Centre, 0945 hrs at 19 Bn., 1030 hrs at 2/12 Fd. Amb., 1130 hrs at 7 Bn.

2. APPOINTMENT.

N80218 Spr. Balfour W.W. Appointed A/Cpl. Technical Storeman as from 21 AUG 42.

3. PUNISHMENT.

N200398 Spr. Dunn R.L. Charge: Conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline.
69 Mile Camp. 24 AUG 42.
Award. Fined 15/-

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by

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30 AUG 42. 135/ 42.

1. USE OF CAMERAS.

The use of cameras in this area is forbidden. All personnel with cameras in their possession will make arrangements for their despatch to states outside the NORTHERN TERRITORY NOT later than 5 September 1942.

Cameras may be despatched by registered post at the owner's expense. Before despatch all films will be removed and cameras must be checked off and the package censored by the Unit Officers.

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by

Capt. F.C.Stevens OC 23 Aust Fd Coy RAE

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1. MAIL.

Outgoing mails now close at 1800 hrs daily. All unit outgoing mail must be at HQ by 1700 hrs daily.

2. ABORIGINAL RESERVES.

The following areas are aboriginal reserves and are out of bounds to all ranks:

(a) HOWARD SPRINGS Area, immediately to East of HOWARD SPRINGS CREEK (Map ref. DARWIN, 4mls to 1 ins, 074037). This area is approached by the road to Field Butchery, turning off at the 18 - mile peg.

(b) MT BUNDY STOCKYARD Area, within 1½ mls of the stockyard (Map ref. PINE CREEK, 4 mls to 1 ins, 040082). This area is approached by track off main road at 81½-mile peg.

3. OUT OF BOUNDS.

The following areas are out of bounds to all ranks not on duty:-

(a) KOOLPINYAH Slaughter Yards.
(b) BIPOD lines at 22-mls peg.

4. HYGIENE APPOINTMENTS

The re-organisation of the Hygiene Service has created vacancies for personnel with Health Inspector qualifications or Science Degrees. Appointments to which these personnel may be posted are of the rank of Lieut. or WO.II

Applicants should get in touch with their Sec Offrs.

5. WATER SUP PIPE LINE

The practice of troops using the pipe-line standpipes for ablutions is seriously affedting water storage in DARWIN. The practice will cease forthwith.

6. SALVAGE OF USED RUBBER MATERIAL.

In view of the restrictions in the sup of rubber it is essential that all US rubber material be conserved.

Some items are: Tyres and tubes, rubber boots and shoes, respirators anti-gas, ground sheets, steel helmet linings, electrical insulation, fan belts, water hose, items of medical and dental equipment, elastic bands, rubber stamps, etc.

All US stores containing rubber will be handed to Salvage Depot for immediate reclamation and possible further use. US MT tyres held in Salvage Depot will be inspected, and those considered suitable will be consigned to the Re-capping Plant at ALICE SPRINGS.

7. AMF CHRISTMAS BOOK 1942.

Approval has been given by the C in C. for the preparation for publication in Dec next, of a book similar to "ACTIVE SERVICE" the 1941 Christmas Book of the AIF in ME.

The Book will deal with the AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES -- PMF, AIF, CMF, VDC, AWAS, and VAD -- at home and abroad during 1942. The Book will be cloth bound and will consist of 200 pages measuring 10¾" x 8¼". It will include accounts of operations and

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will be profusely illustrated with reproductions of paintings and drawings by the Official War Artists and with photographs. Space is being reserved for contributions by members of the Forees and all ranks are invited to contribute.

Stories of about 1,000 words, paragraphs, verse, jokes and drawings are required. These items may be humorous or otherwise, and should preferably be based on personal experience during the war. Material may relate to any area in which the Australian forces have been employed during 1942- the United Kingdon, Middle East, Far East, South-West Pacific, Australia, or elsewhere. Items dealing with the South-West Pacific and Australia are particularly required. Drawings should be suitable for reproduction by half-tone or line block - preferably the latter.

Contributions should be forwarded to-
The Editor, AMF Christmas Book,
c/o Military History Section,
No 2 Aust Base P.O.

They should be submitted as soon as possible and not later than 15 Sep 42. If sent by airmail the postage will be refunded. Advice in advance of intention to contribute and the nature of the contribution and date of despatch would be helpful to the Editor and would be appreciated.

At an early date further particulars will be supplied for the information of those desirious of applying for copies

8. CANTEEN GOODS - PURCHASE OF CIGARETTES AND TOBACCO

Attention is directed to the necessity for conserving stocks of tobacco and cigarettes in Canteens.

Difficulty is being experienced in obtaining sufficient quantities of various lines to meet the requirements of the Services.

To prevent depletion of much needed stocks, troops are to confine their purchases to their immediate individual requirements

9. APPEAL BY THE PRIME MINISTER TO THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY IN REGARD TO THE £100,000,000 LOAN

Subjoined is a copy of a recent letter addressed by the Prime Minister of Australia to the Minister for the Army.

"My dear Minister,

In view of the heavy requirements of the Treasury in relation to Loan money for the current financial year, I have approved of an intensive three months campaign for the purposes of restricting public spending to the minimum, of diverting all available money into bonds and war saving certificates, and of stimulating production and creating a more realistic war consciousness among the public

It is desired to raise by public subscription £100Million before Christmas. A Loan for this amount will be issued on Sep 3, but the intensive publicity drive will aim even to exceed this amount if possible

The basis of the appeal will be the need for a much more austere method of living by the public generally, and the publicity will be directed towards securing the co-operation of the public in eliminating many of the avenues of surplus spending that to-day are resulting in a wastage of manpower, raw materials, and time and effort that could be directed to war purposes .

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The campaign will be conducted by the Department of Information and the general organization of the campaign has been placed in the hands of the Controller of Government Advertising (Mr Hutcheson).

During the peridd of this special appeal I would appreciate the complete co-operation of yourself and your department in facilitating access to all facts and material necessary for the requisite propaganda and in giving active assistance that will be sought in different aspects of the campaign. In this connection I specially desire that Publicity Officers of all departments should give to the Department of Information and the Campaign Organiser (Mr Hutcheson) their complete co-operation.

Simultaneously it is desired that all departmental publicity during the period in question should be stepped in with the general line of campaign propaganda, and directed towards securing a greater public appreciation of the need for the restriction of all forms of unnecessary spending. To ensure a uniform approach to the public it is necessary that such departmental publicity should be prepared in consultation with the Committee controlling the campaign.

To emphasise to the public the need for austerity standards, I desire all action taken immediately in departments not only to eliminate waste, but to eliminate all activities that are not essential to the conduct of the war.

It is necessary that Service personnel should set an example in spartan living, and that all privileges that invlove unnessessary use of facilities and commodities of which the public is being deprived should be strictly reviewed. I desire not only the issue of instructions to this effect, but also that, from time to time, the Service personnel should be addressed upon their responsibility to the civilian community in relation to waste of material and efforts.

It is not desired that any publicity be given to this campaign until an official announcement is made towards the end of August.

Yours sincerely,

JOHN CURTIN

PRIME MINISTER."

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by

Capt. F.C. STEVENS

O.C. 23 Aust.Fd.Coy.,R.A.E.

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10. AMENITIES.

Individual members of the forces are forbidden to ask philanthropic bodies (such as the Australian Comforts Fund or the Red Cross) or the press, to supply comforts and amenities to units.

Applications for comforts and amenties will be made only through commanding officers, amenities officers, or representatives of philanthropic bodies attached to formations.

..... Capt.
(F.C.Stevens)
O.C. 23 Aust Fd Coy.,RAE.

REVERSION.

N260244 L/Cpl. PEARSON R.H. reverted to rank of sapper at own request.

NOTICE.

Receipt is acknowledged with thanks of Comforts Issue as follows :-

1 pr. socks.
1 cake soap.
1 handkerchief
2 pkts cigarettes.

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by

Capt.F.C. STEVENS, O.C. 23 AUST.FD. COY.R.A.E.

Serial 138 27 SEP 42.

11. SALVAGE. Further to NT Force Order No 130, some further items required by salvage are as follows:-

U/s clothing, u/s 44-gal. light drums,u/s 4-gal drums, all types of bottles,boxes and tin containers (other than meat and jam tins), cardboard containers, bags, hessian, jute, canvas, rope cordage, rubber, u/s tyres, timber, posts, poles, wire, pipes, iron, u/s tools, chains, non-ferrous metals of all descriptions, cotton wrappers.

Many of these articles can be made serviceable within this comd., whilst others will be sent to industrial areas dor repair and further use.

Salvaged Depots have been established at DARWIN, ADELAIDE RIVER and a Sub-Depot is located at NOONAMAH.

12. COMPASSIONATE LEAVE.

A larege number of applications for compassionate leave have been found, on investigation, to have no substantial foundation to warrant such leave.

It is pointed out that every application for compassionate leave is closely investigated, and unless strong reasons for such leave exist, a recommendation against leave is submitted by the investigating authorities.

The attention of all ranks is drawn to the fact that frivolous applications, as well as causing unnecessary work, militate against the speed with which genuine applications can be investigated and confirmed.

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by

Capt. F.C.Stevens OC 23 Aust Fd Coy RAE

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13. TRANSFER OF UNITS.

Transfer of units to new locations sometimes leave a period during which lines vacated remain unoccupied pending arrival of relieving unit.

All ranks are to be warned that such unit lines are out of bounds and that strongest action will be taken against those who contravene this order.

14. MISUSE OF AMN.

From time to time instns have been issued by direction of G.O.C. NT FORCE that amn is not to be expended in shooting game etc. Already two men have lost their lives and one man has been gravely injured due to indiscriminate firing or shooting expeditions. Any breach of this instn will be viewed with the utmost gravity and stern disciplinary measures will be taken against any offenders.

15. ROUTINE.

The following times will be observed as from 27 SEP 42:-

Reveille	0730 hrs.	(Sunday 0800hrs.)
Breakfast	0830 "	(" 0845 ")
Lunch	1330 "	
Dinner	1830 "	
Lights out	2315 "	

16. CLOTHING RATION COUPONS.

GRO 222 para 20 is promulgated hereunder for information of all ranks.

Purchase of Rationed Articles of Clothing - Instructions to Army Personnel.

(a) Procedure when buying rationed articles of clothing in person.

(i) When buying rationed articles of clothing at canteens or retail stores, coupons will be surrendered in accordance with the civilian scale published by the Ration Commission.

(ii) Coupon books will be presented at time of purchase and the canteen or store assistant will cut out the necessary coupons.

(iii) Paybook will be the means of establishing rightful ownership to the book of coupons and will be produced on request.

(b) Procedure when unable to buy rationed articles of clothing in person.

Army personnel who cannot themselves make purchases at a canteen or retail store are permitted to use their coupons under the following conditions:-

(i) The number of coupons it is desired to use will be cut out of the ration book in the presence of the Commanding Officer, Adjutant, Company etc. Commander Camp Commandant or Paymaster, paybook at the same time being produced as proof of rightful ownership.

(ii) Coupons will then be pasted on ACC Form 12. The form will be signed by the owner of the ration book and countersigned by the Commanding Officer, Adjutant or Camp Commandant.

(iii) Form ACCF12, with coupons affixed thereto, may then be posted direct to a canteen or store or to another individual who can purchase on behalf of the owner of the coupons.

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Head-Quarters,
Darwin.

..... Capt.
(F.C.Stevens)
OC 23 Aust Fd Coy RAE.

REVERSION, PUNISHMENTS

N 155479	L/Cpl Smith A.	Reverted to rank of Spr. 1 Oct 42.
N237940	Spr. Lloyd N.J.R.	Charge: Failing to appear on parade In the Field 16 Sep 42.
		Award: Admonished. 1 Oct 42
N242680	Spr. Campbell L.A.	Charge: When a picquet, sleeping on his post. In the Field 21 Sep 42
		Award: Fined £2. 1 Oct 42
N155479	L/Cpl Smith A.	Charge: Conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline. In the Field 5 Sep 42.
		Award: Remanded to C.RB. 16 Sep 42 Severe reprimand. 30 Sep 42.
N197749	Spr. Walsh R.F.	Charge: Driving a vehicle in excess of regulation speed 38 Mile. 23 Sep 42.
		Award: Fined £1. 3 Oct 42.

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ROUTINE ORDERS PART I
by.
Capt.F.C.Stevens, OC 23 Aust.Fd.Coy.,R.A.E.

Serial No. 140. 10 OCT 42.

17. PROHIBITED AREAS MANTON DAM.

Attention of all ranks is drawn to the fact that MANTON POWER HOUSE and DAM and its environs are out of bounds to all ranks.

Severe disciplinary action will be taken against any person contravening this order.

18. DAMAGE TO TENTAGE.

Provision of adequate tentage is a drain on Australia's resources.

All care must therefore be taken to ensure that no tents are damaged or lost through negligence.

More care must be taken in the erection of tents and more thought given to the most suitable place for erection having regard to prevailing winds and storms. Where bush timber is used for poles etc., care must be taken to ensure that rough timber does not tear the canvas. Unless the proportion of tentage rendered u/s is reduced within this comd it will be impossible to guarantee adequate cover for all units.

19. NOMENCLATURE OF THE FORCES.

1. To ensure standardised usage and interpretation, the following definitions are promulgated :-

The expression "Australian Military Forces" means the whole of the military forces of the Commonwealth of Australia. It therefore includes the Australian Imperial Force.
The expression "Citizen Military Forces" means the military forces of the Commonwealth of Australia, other than the Australian Imperial Force and the Permanent Military Forces. It includes the Volunteer Defence Corps.

2.(a) The following abbreviations are authorised:-
A.M.F. for Australian Military Forces.
A.I.F. for Australian Imperial Force..
P.M.F for Permanent Military Forces.
C.M.F. for Citizen Military Force.

(b) It is to be particularly noted that "C.M.F." is not an abbreviation for "Commonwealth Military Forces".
Use of the expression "Commonwealth Military Forces" will be avoided.

3. In the past, the abbreviation "A.M.F." has sometimes been used to denote the military forces other than A.I.F and P.M.F. In future, the expression "Australian Military Forces" and the abbvn "A.M.F." will not be used with this restricted meaning.

20. UNAUTHORISED REMOVAL OF RAILWAY PROPERTY.

1. Attention is directed to the prevalence of theft by members of equipment from Railway refreshment rooms.

2. Any member found to be improperly in possession of any article of equipment belonging to a Railway refreshment room will be charged with an offence.

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OC 23 Aust Fd Coy RAE.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I (21 - 26)

by

Capt.F.C.STEVENS.

OC 2/2 Aust.Fd.Coy.,R.A.E.

Serial No. 141. 19 OCT 42.

21. CLOTHES RATIONING. CRO. P462.

Issue of Duplicate Ration Books. - In cases where ration books are lost, the procedure to be adopted regarding replacement will be as under :-

(a) The member losing his book will complete a statutary declaration giving the date of loss, the circumstances of the loss and the number of coupons which had been used at the time of the loss.

(b) The CO of the unit may authorise the issue of a new ration book if the inquiry shows that the case is genuine, but coupons to the number that he is satisfied has been used will be cancelled and removed therefrom.

(c) All such issues, together with cancelled coupons will be accounted for through the Depot of Divisional Paymaster to the District Finance Officer or Command Paymaster, as the case may be, in a manner similar to that provided in CRO P222 for ordinary and special issues.

Personnel should take special care to ensure that ration books are not lost, as replacement will only be made where the CO is satisfied the circumstances justify it. If a member is found to have wilfully made a false statement in his statutary declaration regarding loss, he is liable to imprisonment with or without hard labour.

22. REMITTANCES.

The following arrangements for handling remittances to civilian remittees are now in force :-

(a) remittance of cash.

(b) remittance of undrawn pay not exceeding £25.

These remittances are paid through the Command Paymaster's bank account. Cheques are despatched to remittees by air mail within 24 hrs of receipt of the documents in the Command Pay Office.

(c) Remittances of undrawn pay exceeding £25.

These remittances must be payed through District Finance Officers and it is probable that some delay in payment will occur.

Remittances to the credit of another members pay book are effected by the issue of a credit note from the Command Pay Office within 24 hrs of receipt of the documents.

Consequent upon the provision of the above facilities the practice of forwarding currency by mail from any point north of LARRIMAH (incl), is to cease forthwith, except in exceptional circumstances and with the consent of the members Commanding Officer. Unit censors will police this instruction.

The practice of sending large sums by postal notes should be discontinued. It is pointed out that if the letter is registered, the maximum compenstaion for loss is £2. Greater amounts should therefore be forwarded through the Pay Office to avoid risk of loss.

The Christian Names of civilian allottees must be shown on the remittance form. Paymasters and pay SJts are instructed to refuse remittances which do not comply with this requirement.

23. A.A. GUN POSITIONS - OUT OF BOUNDS.

Personnel will not interfere with or remove material from A.A. gun positions, or buildings, whether in use or not. Certain A.A. gun positions may not be occupied all the time or may be used as dummies, but have to be kept ready for immediate occupation.

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24 SAP FROM NATIVE FIG TREES

All ranks are notified that the sap from the native fig tree has a severe irritating effect of the skin and eyes, and are warned against allowing any part of the body to come into contact with it.

25. IRREGULAR USE OF CANCELLED POSTAGE STAMPS

Mail matter is being received by the Army Postal Service in this area bearing previously used stamps. No matter how faint the impression, postage stamps which are postmarked are no longer serviceable for postage purposes. The placing of such stamps on postal articles is illegal, and strong disciplinary action will be taken against offenders. ~~Commanders of units will ensure that this order~~

26. CONSERVATION OF POTATOES

1. Owing to a shortage of potato supplies, and in order to prevent waste of protective foods in Army kitchens and by troops generally, every effort will be made to conserve this valuable food.

2. In this regard potatoes, as from Oct 15, 1942, will not be peeled before cooking but will be scrubbed clean, bad portions, if any, cut out, and then cooked in their jackets.

Campbell Stevens Capt.
(P.C.Stevens)
OC 23 Aust Fd Coy RAE.

NOTICES

Receipt is acknowledged with thanks of October Comforts Issue as under from ACF :-

1 oz Tobacco
1 pkt Papers
1 Cake toilet soap
1 Tin boot polish
3 pkts P.Ks
1 Pr U/pants.

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by
Capt. F.C.STEVENS, OC 23 Aust.Fd.Coy.,R.A.E.

Serial No. 142. 25 OCT 42.

27. PRIVATE Communications CONCERNING CASUALTIES.

1. Private cables and telegrams reporting battle or other casualties are prohibited. In letters, no reference is to be made to any such casualty until after a period of one month from the date of its occurrence.

2. The prohibition and restriction imposed by para. 1 hereof are not applicable to communications sent by a member relative to a casualty sustained by himself.

3. This order has been dictated by motives of consideration for the feelings of the relatives of members of the forces who, in many instances, have been caused unneccessary suffering and suspense through information contained in private correspondence from operational areas and which, in some cases, has proved to be inaccurate.

Campbell Lieut for Capt.
(F.C.Stevens)
OC 23 Aust.Fd.Coy.,R.A.E.

PUNISHMENTS.

N237990 Spr. WEBBER C.B.	Charge:	Neglecting to obey Coy. ROs. 37 Mile Camp. 13 OCT 42.
	Award	Fined 10/- 23 OCT 42.
N12512 Spr. KITCHING H.	Charge:	Conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline. 37 Mile Camp. 12 Oct 42.
	Award.	Fined. 5/- 23 OCT 42.
N51507 Spr. WRIGHT E.W.	Charge:	Absenting himself without leave. 68 Mile Camp. 10 OCT 42
	Award.	Admonished. 23 OCT 42.

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by
Capt. F.C.Stevens.
OC, 23 Aust.Fd.Coy.,R.A.E.

Serial No. 143 28 OCT 42.

28. SECURITY OF INFORMATION. (G.466)

1. There is an increasing tendency for civilians to interrogate members of the Allied armed forces when the latter are on leave, travelling on duty etc.

2. If not checked this practice, although generally inspired by idle curiosity, may lead to the disclosure of much information of value to the enemy, and will facilitate the task of enemy spies.

3. All ranks will be instructed that, in addition to refusing to disclose information to civilians, they should endeavour to obtain the names and addresses of any questioners and report same to the appropriate officer of their unit.

4. Security Service have undertaken to investigate immediately the bona fides of any inquisitive civilians whose names and addresses are supplied.

..... Capt.
(F.C.Stevens)
OC 23 Aust.Fd.Coy., RAE.

COURT MARTIAL.

N29482 Spr. W. Strudwick

District Court Martial held at SYDNEY.
Date. 12 SEP 42
Charge. Desertion in that he was a.w.l. from 14.2.42 until 1500hrs 3.9.42.
Finding. Guilty
Sentence. 9 months detention.
Confirmation: Confirmed by the Commander, T.D.,HQ.NSW L of C Area.
Awaiting trial: 8 days.
Remarks. Nil.

Distribution.

No. 1 Section	1 copy.
No. 2 "	1 "
No. 3 "	1 "
War Diary	2 copies.
File	1 copy.

Copy to HQ, NSW L of C Area, Paddington.

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Serial No. 10 Date 3 OCT 42.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

23 Aust.Fd.Coy.,R.A.E.
(*Unit*)
WE (Prov) 11/10A/3 7 Offr 239 OR att. Nil & 1
WE amended 1 AUG 42 and 23 AUG 42.

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	1	
Lieutenants	5		1
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
Totals	7	1	2

*Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Unit or

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
		Nil		

Officers QUITTED during week.

Unit or

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
		Nil		

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

Unit or

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

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	~~Unit~~ Corps. Appt.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Capt.	NX 35041	STEVENS F.C.	OC	Yes	
"	N.51599	BAYLISS R.V.	2 i/c	No	Engr School.
Lieut.	N12436	McLEAN R.D.	Sec Offr	Yes	
"	NXM60034	CAMPBELL S.	"	"	
"	NXM24520	NOBLE D.G.	"	"	
"	VP7313	HANDLEY R.C.	Engr Offr	"	
"	N52438	BERRY J.C.	Rnft Offr	"	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit or Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
		NIL.			

23 Aust.Fd.Coy.,R.A.E.
(Unit.)

Campbell. Lieut for Capt.
(F.C.Stevens) *(Signature of Commander.)*

3 OCT 42.
(Date of Despatch.)

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

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

23 Aust.Fd.Coy.,R.A.E. (Unit) 3 OCT 42. 19..... (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.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	(As per amended form attached.)		
Staff Serjeants			
Serjeants			
Corporals			
Troopers, Privates, &c.			
TOTALS		*	*

*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.
	Nil.		

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).
		Nil		

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Detail.	W.E.	Strength excl attd & X List.	Surplus	DEFICIENCY	Remarks.
WO Cl I.	-	-			
WO Cl II.	1	1			
CQMS	1	1			
S/Sjts	-	-			
Sjts.	9	8	1 (Cook)	2	
Cpls.	22	23	2 (1 Cook)	1 (Spec)	
Spec. Gp. I	31	18	1	14	
" " II	60	42	1	19	
" " III	26	17	3	12	
Sprs.	89	100	11	-	
Totals.	239	210	19	48	

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23 Aust.Fd.Coy.,R.A.E.
Unit.

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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)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)
Ammunition Examiners			Fire Control Operators			Panel Beaters		
Armament Artificers			Fitters		1	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		4	Fitters, Signal			Predictor Numbers		
Boilermakers			Grinders			Printers		
Bricklayers	1		Gun Layers			Radiator Mechanics		
Butchers			G.P.O. Assistants			Radiographers		
Camouflage Modeller			Gun Operators			Range Takers		
Carpenter and Joiner		4	Hammermen			Riggers		
Clerks	1		Height Takers			Rivetters		
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		2	Joiners			Signallers		
Cooks (Cpl)-	1	1	Leather Stitchers			Signwriters		
Cooks, Hospital			Linesmen			Stokers, Stationary Engine	2	
Coppersmiths			Linesmen, Signals			Storemen, Technical		4
Dental Clerk Orderlies			Lithographers			Surveyors		
Despatch Riders			Machinists			Surveyors, Engineering		1
Dispensers			Masons	1		Tailors		
Draughtsmen			Masseurs			Telescope Identification Numbers		
Draughtsmen, Architectural		1	Mechanics, Dental			Textile Refitters		
Draughtsmen, Mechanical			Mechanics, M.T.	(Cpl) 1		Tinsmiths		1
Draughtsmen, Signal			Mechanics, Typewriter			Toolmakers		
Draughtsmen, Topographical			Mechanics, Wireless			Turners		
Driver Mechanics		3	Millwrights			Vulcanizers		
Driver Operators			Miners		11	Wagon Erectors		
Drivers, Transportation Plant			Moulders			Watchmakers		
Electrical Fitters			Nursing Orderlies			Watermen		
Electricians			Nursing Orderlies (Mental)			Welders		
Electricians, Eng. Units			Nurses, Trained			Well Borers		
Electricians, Signal			Observation Post Assistants			Wheelers		
Engine Artificers		7	Operating Room Assistants			Whitesmiths		
Engine Hands I/C		5	Operators, Signal			Wiremen		
Equipment Repairers			Opticians			Woodturners		
Farriers			Painters			Sjts. (Cook)	1	2
						Cpl	1	
						Non specs.	11	
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)							19	48

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.

23 Aust.Fd.Coy.,R.A.E.
Unit.

Campbell Lieut for. Capt.
(F.C.Stevens)
Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch 3 OCT 42.

23 Aust. Inf. Bde.
Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

23 Aust.Fd.Coy.,R.A.E.
(WE (Prov) 11/10A/3,7 Offr 239 OR dtd. nil & 1) (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached)	3 Surplus to Establishment	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment.)
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels			1
Majors	2	1	
Captains	5		1
Lieutenants			
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
Totals	7	1	2

* 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.		

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	Personal Number	Name and Initials	~~Corps~~ Appt.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed
Capt.	NX.35041	STEVENS F.C.	OC	No.	Det to Engr School.
"	N.51599	BAYLISS R.V	2 i/c	"	" " " "
Lieut.	N12436	McLEAN R.B.	Sec Offr.	YES	
"	NXM80034	CAMPBELL S.	"	"	
"	NXM24520	NOBLE D.G	"	"	
"	VX7731	HANDLEY R.C.	Engr.Offr.	"	
"	N52438	BERRY J.C.	Rnft Offr.	"	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	Personal Number	Name and Initials	Unit or Corps	Date of attachment	Nature of attachment
		NIL.			

23 Aust.Fd.Coy.R.A.E.
(Unit)

Campbell Lieut for Capt.
(F.C.Stevens)
(Signature of Commander)

10 OCT 42.
(Date of Despatch)

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

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

23 Aust. Fd. Coy., R.A.E. 10 OCT 42.

.....(Unit) .....19..... (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.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	(As per amended form attached.)		
Staff Serjeants			
Serjeants			
Corporals			
Troopers, Privates, &c.			
TOTALS		*	*

*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.
	Nil.		

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).
		Nil.		

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Detail.	WE	Strength excl attd	Surplus.	Deficiency.	Remarks.
WO CL I.	-	-			
WO CL.II.	1	1			
CQMS	1	1			
S/Sgt	-	-			
Sjts.	9	8	1 (cook)	2	
Cpl.	22	23	2 (1 cook)	1 (spec)	
Spec.Gp.I	31	18	1	14	
" " II	60	42	1	19	
" " III	26	17	3	12	
Sprs,	89	100	11	-	
Totals.	239	210	19	48	

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23 Aust.Fd.Coy.,R.A.E. *Unit.*

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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)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)
Ammunition Examiners			Fire Control Operators			Panel Beaters		
Armament Artificers			Fitters		1	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		4	Fitters, Signal			Predictor Numbers		
Boilermakers			Grinders			Printers		
Bricklayers	1		Gun Layers			Radiator Mechanics		
Butchers			G.P.O. Assistants			Radiographers		
Camouflage Modeller			Gun Operators			Range Takers		
Carpenter and Joiner		4	Hammermen			Riggers		
Clerks	1		Height Takers			Rivetters		
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		2	Joiners			Signallers		
Cooks (Cpl.)	1	1	Leather Stitchers			Signwriters		
Cooks, Hospital			Linesmen			Stokers, Stationary Engine	2	
Coppersmiths			Linesmen, Signals			Storemen, Technical		4
Dental Clerk Orderlies			Lithographers			Surveyors		
Despatch Riders			Machinists			Surveyors, Engineering		1
Dispensers			Masons	1		Tailors		
Draughtsmen			Masseurs			Telescope Identification Numbers		
Draughtsmen, Architectural		1	Mechanics, Dental			Textile Refitters		
Draughtsmen, Mechanical			Mechanics, M.T. (Cpl.)	1		Tinsmiths		1
Draughtsmen, Signal			Mechanics, Typewriter			Toolmakers		
Draughtsmen, Topographical			Mechanics, Wireless			Turners		
Driver Mechanics		3	Millwrights			Vulcanizers		
Driver Operators			Miners		11	Wagon Erectors		
Drivers, Transportation Plant			Moulders			Watchmakers		
Electrical Fitters			Nursing Orderlies			Watermen		
Electricians			Nursing Orderlies (Mental)			Welders		
Electricians, Eng. Units			Nurses, Trained			Well Borers		
Electricians, Signal			Observation Post Assistants			Wheelers		
Engine Artificers		7	Operating Room Assistants			Whitesmiths		
Engine Hands I/C		5	Operators, Signal			Wiremen		
Equipment Repairers			Opticians			Woodturners		
Farriers			Painters			Sjts (cook)	1	2
						Cpl.	1	
						Non specs.	11	
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)							19	48

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.

23 Aust.Fd.Coy.,R.A.E. *Unit.*

10 OCT 42. *Date of Despatch*

Campbell Smith Capt.
(F.C.Stevens) *Signature of Commander.*
23 Aust.Inf Bde. *Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.*

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

23 Aust.Fd.Coy.,R.A.E. (Unit)

WE (Prov) 11/10A/3 7 Offr. 239 OR. att. Nil & 1.

PART A—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached)	3 Surplus to Establishment	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment.)
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels			
Majors			1
Captains	2	1	
Lieutenants	5		1
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
Totals	7	1	2

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank	Name	Unit or Corps	Date	Cause
		Nil		

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank	Name	Unit or Corps	Date	Cause
		Nil		

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

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

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1 Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	2 Personal Number	3 Name and Initials	4 ~~Comx~~ Appt.	5 Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No)	6 If not present with Unit, state how employed
Capt.	NX.35041	STEVENS F.C.	OC	No	Det to Engr.School.
"	N.51599	BAYLISS R.V.	2 i/c	"	" " " "
Lieut.	N.12436	McLEAN R.B.	Sec Offr.	YES	
"	NXM80034	CAMPBELL S.	"	"	
"	NXM24520	NOBLE D.G.	"+	"	
"	VP 7313	HANDLEY R.C.	Engr Offr.	"	
"	N52438	BERRY J.C.	Rnft Offr.		

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	Personal Number	Name and Initials	Unit or Corps	Date of attachment	Nature of attachment
		NIL			

23 Aust.Fd.Coy.,R.A.E. (Unit)

Campbell Lieut. Capt. (F.C.Stevens) (Signature of Commander)

MM 17 OCT 42. (Date of Despatch)

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

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WE (Prov) II/10A/3

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

(Adapted)

23 Aust Fd Coy RAE (Unit) 16 Oct 1942 (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.	(As per amended form attached)		
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants			
Staff Serjeants			
Serjeants			
Corporals			
Troopers, Privates, &c.			
TOTALS		*	*

*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.
Attachments	as per WE	Other attachments	
NIL		NIL	

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).
		NIL		

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Detail	WE	Strength excl att	Surplus	Deficiency	Remarks
WO Cl I	-	-			
WO Cl II	1	1			
CQMS	1	1			
S/Sjt	,-	-			
Sjts	9	8	1	2	
Cpl	22	23	2	1	
Spec Gp I	31	18	1	14	
" " II	60	42	1	19	
" " III	26	17	3	12	
Sprs	89	101	12	-	
Totals	239	211	20	48	

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Head-Quarters,
Darwin.

23 Aust Fd Coy RAE *Unit.*

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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)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)
Ammunition Examiners			Fire Control Operators			Panel Beaters		
Armament Artificers			Fitters		1	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		4	Fitters, Signal			Predictor Numbers		
Boilermakers			Grinders			Printers		
Bricklayers	1		Gun Layers			Radiator Mechanics		
Butchers			G.P.O. Assistants			Radiographers		
Camouflage Modeller			Gun Operators			Range Takers		
Carpenter and Joiner		4	Hammermen			Riggers		
Clerks	1		Height Takers			Rivetters		
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		2	Joiners			Signallers		
Cooks	1	1	Leather Stitchers			Signwriters		
Cooks, Hospital			Linesmen			Stokers, Stationary Engine	2	
Coppersmiths			Linesmen, Signals			Storemen, Technical		4
Dental Clerk Orderlies			Lithographers			Surveyors		
Despatch Riders			Machinists			Surveyors, Engineering		1
Dispensers			Masons	1		Tailors		
Draughtsmen			Masseurs			Telescope Identification Numbers		
Draughtsmen, Architectural		1	Mechanics, Dental			Textile Refitters		
Draughtsmen, Mechanical			Mechanics, M.T.		1	Tinsmiths		1
Draughtsmen, Signal			Mechanics, Typewriter			Toolmakers		
Draughtsmen, Topographical			Mechanics, Wireless			Turners		
Driver Mechanics		3	Millwrights			Vulcanizers		
Driver Operators			Miners		11	Wagon Erectors		
Drivers, Transportation Plant			Moulders			Watchmakers		
Electrical Fitters			Nursing Orderlies			Watermen		
Electricians			Nursing Orderlies (Mental)			Welders		
Electricians, Eng. Units			Nurses, Trained			Well Borers		
Electricians, Signal			Observation Post Assistants			Wheelers		
Engine Artificers		7	Operating Room Assistants			Whitesmiths		
Engine Hands I/C		5	Operators, Signal			Wiremen		
Equipment Repairers			Opticians			Woodturners		
Farriers			Painters			Miscellaneous	14	2
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)							20	48

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.

23 Aust Fd Coy RAE
Unit.

G. Campbell Smith, Capt.
(F.C. Stevens) *Signature of Commander.*

Date of Despatch 17 Oct 42

23 Aust Inf Bde
Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

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WE . (Prov) II/10A/3-7 Offr. 239 OR Att Nil & 1

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

23 Aust Fd Coy RAE (Unit)

PART A—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached)	3 Surplus to Establishment	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment.)
AIF 4, CMF 2, PMF 1.			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels			
Majors			1
Captains	2	1	
Lieutenants	5		1
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
Totals	7	1	2

* 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	Unit or Corps	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known)
	Nil		

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1 Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	2 Personal Number	3 Name and Initials	4 ~~Corps~~ Appt.	5 Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No)	6 If not present with Unit, state how employed
Capt	NX35041	STEVENS F.C.	OC	No	Det to Engr School
"	N.51599	BAYLISS RW	2 i/c	"	" " " "
Lieut	N.12436	McLEAN R.B.	Sec Offr	YES	
"	NX180034	CAMPBELL S.	" "	"	
"	NX124520	NOBLE	" "	"	
"	VP 7313	HANDLEY R.C.	Engr Offr	"	
"	N 52438	BERRY J.C.	Rnft "	No	At present in h 119 A.G.H.

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	Personal Number	Name and Initials	Unit or Corps	Date of attachment	Nature of attachment
		Nil			

23 Aust Fd Coy RAE (Unit)

Campbell Lieut for Capt. (F.C.Steven) (Signature of Commander)

24 Oct 42 (Date of Despatch)

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

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

23 Aust Fd Coy RAE (Unit) 24 Oct 42 19 (Date).

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

AIF 24 CMF 187

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.	(As per amended form attached)		
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants			
Staff Serjeants			
Serjeants			
Corporals			
Troopers, Privates, &c.			
TOTALS		*	*

*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.
Attachments as per WE		Other attachments	
NIL		NIL	

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).
N197750	Spr	GRANT H	RAE	GDD XXXX Ex 121 AGH 23 Oct 42

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Detail.	W.E.	Strength excl att	Surplus	Deficiency	Remarks.
WO Cl. I	-	-			
WO Cl.II	1	1			
CQMS	1	1			
S/Sjts.	-	-			
Sjts.	9	8	1	2	
Cpls.	22	23	2	1	
Spec. Gp. I	31	18	1	14	
" " II	60	42	1	19	
" " III	26	17	3	12	
Sprs.	89	101	12	-	
Totals	239	211	20	48	

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23 Aust Fd Coy RAE ..... *Unit.*

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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)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)
Ammunition Examiners			Fire Control Operators			Panel Beaters		
Armament Artificers			Fitters		1	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		4	Fitters, Signal			Predictor Numbers		
Boilermakers			Grinders			Printers		
Bricklayers	1		Gun Layers			Radiator Mechanics		
Butchers			G.P.O. Assistants			Radiographers		
Camouflage Modeller			Gun Operators			Range Takers		
Carpenter and Joiner		4	Hammermen			Riggers		
Clerks	1		Height Takers			Rivetters		
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		2	Joiners			Signallers		
Cooks	1	1	Leather Stitchers			Signwriters		
Cooks, Hospital			Linesmen			Stokers, Stationary Engine	2	
Coppersmiths			Linesmen, Signals			Storemen, Technical		4
Dental Clerk Orderlies			Lithographers			Surveyors		
Despatch Riders			Machinists			Surveyors, Engineering		1
Dispensers			Masons	1		Tailors		
Draughtsmen			Masseurs			Telescope Identification Numbers		
Draughtsmen, Architectural		1	Mechanics, Dental			Textile Refitters		
Draughtsmen, Mechanical			Mechanics, M.T.		1	Tinsmiths		1
Draughtsmen, Signal			Mechanics, Typewriter			Toolmakers		
Draughtsmen, Topographical			Mechanics, Wireless			Turners		
Driver Mechanics		3	Millwrights			Vulcanizers		
Driver Operators			Miners		11	Wagon Erectors		
Drivers, Transportation Plant			Moulders			Watchmakers		
Electrical Fitters			Nursing Orderlies			Watermen		
Electricians			Nursing Orderlies (Mental)			Welders		
Electricians, Eng. Units			Nurses, Trained			Well Borers		
Electricians, Signal			Observation Post Assistants			Wheelers		
Engine Artificers		7	Operating Room Assistants			Whitesmiths		
Engine Hands I/C		5	Operators, Signal			Wiremen		
Equipment Repairers			Opticians			Woodturners		
Farriers			Painters			Miscellaneous	14	2
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)							20	48

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.

23 Aust Fd Coy RAE ..... *Unit.*

Date of Despatch 24 Oct 42

Campbell Kemp Capt.
(F.C.Stevens) *Signature of Commander.*

23 Aust Inf Bde
Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

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WE (Prov) II/10A/3 7 Offr. 239 ... Att. Nil & 1.

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

23 Aust.Fd. Coy., R.A.E. (Unit)

PART A—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached)	3 Surplus to Establishment	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment.)
AIF 4, CMF 2, PMF. 1. *			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels			
Majors			1
Captains	2	1	
Lieutenants	5		1
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
Totals	7	1	2

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank	Name	Unit or Corps	Date	Cause
		Nil.		

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank	Name	Unit or Corps	Date	Cause
		Nil		

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

Rank	Name and Initials	Unit or Corps	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known)
Lieut.	BERRY J.C.	23 Aust.Fd. Coy. R.A.E.	119 A.G.H.

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	Personal Number	Name and Initials	~~Corps~~ Appt.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed
~~Capt.~~	~~NX35041~~	~~STEVENS F.C.~~	OC	YES	
"	~~N.51599~~	~~BAYLISS R.V.~~	2 I/c	No	Det to Engr.School.
~~Lieut.~~	~~N.12436~~	~~McLean R.B.~~	Sec Offr.	YES	
"	~~NX38034~~	~~CAMPBELL S.~~	" "	"	
"	~~NX24520~~	~~NOBLE D.G.~~	" "	"	
"	~~VX~~ 7313	~~HANDLEY R.C.~~	Engr. Offr.	"	
"	~~N.~~ 52438	~~BERRY J.C.~~	Rnft. "	No.	At present in 119 A.G.H.

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	Personal Number	Name and Initials	Unit or Corps	Date of attachment	Nature of attachment
		NIL			

23 Aust.Fd.Coy.,R.A.E. (Unit)

Campbell Smith Capt. (F.C.Stevens) (Signature of Commander)

31 OCT 42. (Date of Despatch)

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

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WE (Prov) II/10A/3 7 Offr.239 OR Att. Nil and 1.

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

23 Aust.Fd.Coy.,R.A.E. (Unit) 31 OCT 42 19 (Date).

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

AIF 24, CMF 185.

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

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

*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.
Attachments as per WE		Other detachments.	
Nil		Nil	

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

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	~~Unit~~ Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts if known).
N.197750	Spr.	GRANT H.	R.A.E.	) Awaiting return
N.243103	Spr.	GALLAGHER G.E.	"	) to
N.205336	L/Cpl.	FLETCHER R.	"	) unit.
N.197829	Spr.	BATEUP J.E.	"	121 A.G.H.
N.232565	Spr.	WHEELER K.M.	"	119 A.G.H.
N.202687	Spr.	MENZ G.C.	"	121 A.G.H.
N.15754	Spr.	KEIGHRAN C.W.	"	119 A.G.H.
N.51643	L/Sjt.	WISEMAN J.A.	"	119 A.G.H.

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Detail.	WE	Strength excl att	Surplus	Deficiency	Remarks.
WO Cl.I	~~1~~	-			
WO CL.II	1	1			
CQMS	1	1			
S/Sjts.	~~1~~	-			
Sjts.	9	8	1	2	
Cpls.	22	22 21	1	~~1~~ 2	
Spec.Gp. I.	31	18 17	~~1~~	14	
" " II.	60	42	1	19	
" " III.	26	17	3	12	
Sprs.	~~89~~	100 95	~~11~~ 6	-	
Totals.	239	209 202	18 12	~~48~~ 49	

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Head-Quarters,
Darwin.

23 Aust.Fd.Coy.,R.A.E. *Unit.*

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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)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)
Ammunition Examiners			Fire Control Operators			Panel Beaters		
Armament Artificers			Fitters		1	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		4	Fitters, Signal			Predictor Numbers		
Boilermakers			Grinders			Printers		
Bricklayers	1		Gun Layers			Radiator Mechanics		
Butchers			G.P.O. Assistants			Radiographers		
Camouflage Modeller			Gun Operators			Range Takers		
Carpenter and Joiner		4	Hammermen			Riggers		
Clerks	1		Height Takers			Rivetters		
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		2	Joiners			Signallers		
Cooks	1	1	Leather Stitchers			Signwriters		
Cooks, Hospital			Linesmen			Stokers, Stationary Engine	2	
Coppersmiths			Linesmen, Signals			Storemen, Technical		4
Dental Clerk Orderlies			Lithographers			Surveyors		
Despatch Riders			Machinists			Surveyors, Engineering		1
Dispensers			Masons	1		Tailors		
Draughtsmen			Masseurs			Telescope Identification Numbers		
Draughtsmen, Architectural		1	Mechanics, Dental			Textile Refitters		
Draughtsmen, Mechanical			Mechanics, M.T.		1	Tinsmiths		1
Draughtsmen, Signal			Mechanics, Typewriter			Toolmakers		
Draughtsmen, Topographical			Mechanics, Wireless			Turners		
Driver Mechanics		3	Millwrights			Vulcanizers		
Driver Operators			Miners		11	Wagon Erectors		
Drivers, Transportation Plant			Moulders			Watchmakers		
Electrical Fitters			Nursing Orderlies			Watermen		
Electricians			Nursing Orderlies (Mental)			Welders		
Electricians, Eng. Units			Nurses, Trained			Well Borers		
Electricians, Signal			Observation Post Assistants			Wheelers		
Engine Artificers		7	Operating Room Assistants			Whitesmiths		
Engine Hands I/C		5	Operators, Signal			Wiremen		
Equipment Repairers			Opticians			Woodturners		
Farriers			Painters			Miscellaneous.	[illegible]	2
							12	3
							7	
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)							19	48

Notes—(a) If rank other than Private is involved give details on back.
(b) Authorised Trades or Specialists not included in list above will be added as required in spaces provided.

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Unit.

(F.C.Stevens) Capt.
Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch 31 OCT 42.

23 Aust.Inf.Bde.
Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

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Unit 23 Aust. Fd. Coy., R.A.E. Date and Time.—From 1 Nov. 42 To 3 Nov 42.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
39 Mile Camp DARWIN.	1 Nov.42	1800	Rest day, only essential duties carried out.	
	2 Nov 42	1800	During this week all available personnel of No 1 Section that can be spared from jobs are to do the following training:- S.B.G., minefields, demolitions, fieldcraft, F.B.E., watermanship single span vehicle bridge construction over wet gap. No.2 Section have tradesmen at BERRY SPRINGS Rest Camp other personnel of section carrying out minor engr.works. No.3 Section have a party working at BATCHELOR on a Lt.A.A. post. Other personnel of section carrying out camp duties and other tasks.	
	3 Nov 42	1800	No.1 Section continuing with training. Other personnel on timber cutting, camp duties etc. No.2 Section - operation of water points at COOMALLIE CK and 52 Mile Point, compressor work and BERRY SPRINGS Rest Camp etc.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
39 Mile Camp,	3 Nov 42	(Contd.)	No.3 Section water supply works, compressor work, camp duties etc.	JB.
DARWIN.	4 Nov 42	1800	No.1 Section continuing training and other works.	
			No.2 Section - operation of water points at COOMALLIE CK and	
			52 Mile Point, compressor work and BERRY SPRINGS Rest Camp.	
			No.3 Section water supply works, compressor work, Lt.A.A. post	
			at BATCHELOR and camp duties.	JB.
	5 Nov 42	1800	Works and training as for previous days. No.2 Section attended	
			demonstration by Air Force of dive-bombing and ground strafing.	JB
	6 Nov 42	1800	Work and training as for previous days.	JB.
	7 Nov 42	1800	During the weeks training by No.1 Section in S.B.G.,minefields	
			demolitions, fieldcraft, F.B.E. etc., two night exercises were	
			included. Engr. works as on previous day.	JB.
	8 Nov 42	1800	Rest Dgy essential duties only carried out.	JB.
	9 Nov 42	1800	HQ & No.1 Section personnel attended a demonstration by Air	JB

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
39 Mile Camp DARWIN.	9 Nov 42	(Contd.)	Force of dive-bombing and ground strafing. No.1 Sec. moved out on night of 8 Nov from camp area and march to site, camping on bivouac area. After demonstration they again marched back. No.2 Section have a party at BERRY SPRINGS Rest Camp carrying out construction works, a party on road repair at COOMALLIE CK and rest of the section on camp duties and other minor tasks. No.3 Section are working on bridge construction work carrying out three shifts, otherwise doing camp duties etc.	JB.
	10 Nov 42	1800	No.1 Section carrying out minor engr. works, timber cutting wet season quarters ,camp duties & other minor works. No.2 Section carrying out various engr. works. A party of tradesmen are at BERRY SPRINGS. Other works are water supply compressor work and camp duties. No.3 Section continuing on bridge construction and camp duties.	

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Unit 23 Aust.Fd.Coy.,R.A.E. Date and Time.—From 11 Nov 42 To 16 Nov 42.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
39 Mile Camp	11 Nov 42	1800	Works in all sections as for previous days. No.1 Section	
DARWIN			carried out musketry trg.	
	12 Nov 42	1800	Demonstration by Air Force of dive-bombing and ground-strafing	
			was held in 19 Bde area to-day and No.3 Sec attended.	
	13 Nov 42	1800	No.2 Section carried out musketry training for this month.	
			Other sections on works as detailed for previous days.	
	14 Nov 42	1800	Work and training as for previous days.	
	15 Nov 42	1800	Rest.Day, only essential duties carried out to-day.	
	16 Nov.42	1800	No 1 Section engaged as follows:- timber cutting, wet season	
			quarters, 2/1 AA, camp duties and other minor works	
			No.2 Section - Party of tradesmen at BERRY SPRINGS operation	
			of water points constructing camp road, camp duties etc.,	
			No.3 Sec - bridge construction , a party on boat drill,	
			remainder carrying out camp duties.	

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Unit 23 Aust.Fd.Coy.,R.A.E. Date and Time.—From 17 Nov. 42 To 20 Nov 42.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
39 Mile Camp, DARWIN.	17 Nov 42	1800	Allsections personnel are working in small detachments on various jobs. Work being carried out at present is employing all tradesmen. No.1 Section is working on A.A. hut at HUGHES FIELD, timber power poles, logging preparation for Combined Operations Trg at DARWIN in watermanship. No.2 Section is working on BERRY SPRINGS Rest Camp, Coomallie Ck WP and roads, installation of pumping equipment at 10 Aust.Inf.Bn. No.3 Section is working on various Bde works in their area.	JB.
	18 Nov 42	1800	All sections working as on previous day.	JB.
	19 Nov 42	1800	No.3 Section are training in F.B.E. and watermanship. Work as detailed on previous days being continued.	JB.
	20 Nov 42	1800	No.3 Section carried out monthly musketry trg. A small party also continued trg in F.B.E. and watermanship. Other sections carrying out work as previously reported.	JB

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Unit 23 Aust. Fd. Coy., R.A.E. *Date and Time.—From* 21 Nov 42. *To* 23 Nov 42.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
39 Mile Camp.	21 Nov 42.	1800	Valuable training for NCOs has been had by attendance at Army	
DARWIN			Schools. At present 2 NCOs are attending NCOs Course, S.M.E.	
			LIVERPOOL, 1 NCO attending Bomb Disposal Course, BONEGILLA.	
			At WINNELLIE 2 NCOs are attending No.5 Sec.Leaders Course, 1	
			NCO is attending Cooking School & 2 NCOs are attending Wheeled	
			Veh.Drs Course.	JB.
	22 Nov 42	1800	Rest day only essential duties carried out.	JB.
	23 Nov 42	1800	A party of 1 Offr and 34 ORs drawn from allsections have gone	
			into DARWIN for training in watermanship in preparation for	
			combined operations training in conjunction with bns.	
			No.1 Sec are working on timber cutting and other minor engr works,	
			No 2 Sec are carrying out works at BERRY SPRINGS, compressor work	
			water points etc. No.3 Sec working on water supply camp duties	
			etc. also trg in watermanship.	JB

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Unit 23 Aust. Fd. Coy., R.A.E. *Date and Time.—From* 24 Nov 42 *To* 30 Nov 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
39 Mile Camp	24 Nov 42	1800	All sections carrying out works and training as in previous report.	
DARWIN	25 Nov 42	1800	Personnelin DARWIN are working on the sheeting of bay of Civil	
			Jetty to represent the side of a ship in connection with forth	
			-coming combined operations. Sections continuing with works in	
			their respective Bde areas, water supply compressor work etc.	
	26 Nov 42	1800	Work and training in sections to-day as for previous days.	
	27 Nov 42	1800	All sections are carrying out works in their respective Bdes	
			and training includes party in Darwin as well as trg in section	
			in watermanship.	
	28 Nov 42	1800	Works and training as for previous days.	
	29 Nov 42	1800	Rest day essential duties only carried out.	
	30 Nov.42	1800	All sections resumed work in their respective Bde areas. Water	
			supply, timber cutting, camp construction, compressor work etc	
			1 Offr 34 OR are instructing at DARWIN on watermanship etc in	

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Unit 23 Aust. Fd. Coy., R.A.E. Date and Time.—From 30 Nov. 42 To 30 Nov. 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
39 Mile Camp DARWIN	30 Nov 42	(Contd)	in Combined Operational Training.	JB
			J Stevens Capt	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.



23 Aust. Fd. Coy, R.A.E. Orderly Room.
39 Mile Camp, DARWIN. N.T.
July 1942.



INTERIOR VIEW of Orderly Room.
July 1942.

A galvanised iron roof has since been added as a "wet season" precaution.

(Photos by Cpl Jacobs)

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by

CAPT. F.C.STEVENS, OC 23 Aust.Fd.Coy.,R.A.E.

Serial No. 144. 2 NOV 42.

29. CAMP HYGIENE.

The effect of a lower standard of hygiene in the Bde [redacted] area has resulted in an increased number of flies, and the following steps will be taken to reduce this menace to health.

Personnel will ensure that all waste food or any other matter which may decompose if exposed to the air is disposed in receptacles provided.

That food tins etc. are not disposed of by burying without being first thoroughly burned in unit incinerator.

F.C.Stevens .....Capt.
(F.C.Stevens)
OC 23 Aust.Fd.Coy.,RAE.

PUNISHMENTS.

Court Martial.

N242808 Spr.MINERS G.H. District Court Martial held at ADELAIDE RIVER.
Date: 3 OCT 42.
Charge:Absenting himself without leave from 10 DEC 41 to 23 JUN 42.
Finding: Guilty.
Sentence: 12 months detention.
Confirmation: Confirmed by Maj-Gen.J.E.S. STEVENS.
Awaiting trial: Nil.
Remarks: Nil.

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N155455 Spr. WATERMAN R.A. Charge. Neglecting to obey Coy. Orders.
In the Field. 26 OCT 42.
Award. Fined 5/- 28 OCT 42

N237937 Spr. LLOYD H.E. Charge. Neglecting to obey Coy. Orders.
In the Field. 24 OCT 42.
Award. Fined 10/- 28 OCT 42.

N197831 Spr. BROWN G.N. Charge. Neglecting to obey unit Orders.
In the Field. 24 OCT 42.
Award. Fined 5/- 29 OCT 42.

N202642 Spr. SULLIVAN A. Charge. Neglecting to obey Coy. Orders.
In the Field. 21 OCT 42.
Award. Fined £1 31 OCT 42

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Punishments. (Contd.)

N119534 Spr. BARNES D.D. Charge. Neglecting to obey Coy. Orders.
In the Field. 21 OCT 42.
Award. Fined 5/- 31 OCT 42.

N.51507 Spr. WRIGHT E.W. Charge. ~~Xxxxxxxx~~
Neglecting to obey Coy. Orders.
In the Field. 30 OCT 42.
Award. Fined 7/6 31 OCT 42.

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by

CAPT F.C.STEVENS OC 23 AUST FD COY RAE

Serial No 145 7 NOV 42.

30. RAAF - TRANSFERS TO AIRCREW.

1. RAAF Aircrew Selection Board will be visiting units in N.T. to examine volunteers for transfer to RAAF as members of Air Crew.

2. Applications will be submitted to Sec Offrs

3. Personnel may be interviewed by RAAF but no transfer will be effected without each transfer being referred to HQ RAE for approval.

31. CLOTHING COUPONS

1. All ranks are advised that the "family" principle underlying clothes rationing applies to service coupons, i.e., it is permissable for the wife of a soldier to purchase feminine clothing with herhusbands coupons.

2. Details of procedure may be obtained from Coy Orderly Room.

.....Capt.
(F.C.STEVENS)
OC 23 Aust Fd Coy RAE

APPOINTMENTS.

N242786	Spr.	GOODWIN W.F.	Appt. L/Cpl as from 30 OCT 42
N51399	"	MITCHELL L.H.	" " " " " " "

PUNISHMENTS.

N198094	Spr	BEATTY K.J.	Charge: Neglecting to obey Coy RO in that he on 26 Oct 42 was without his shirt whilst travelling in MT. Award: Fined 5/-

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by
CAPT.F.C.STEVENS

OC 23 AUST.FD.COY.,R.A.E.

Serial No. 146 17 NOV 42.

32. GREEN ENVELOPES.

Frequent abuses of Green Envelopes have been reported by Base and Fd.Censors. The attention of ranks is therefore drawn to para 13 of NT Force Unit Censorship Instn. If continued abuses of Green Envelopes are detected, privilege of us e of these envelopes may be withdrawn.

Para 13 of NT Force Unit Censorship Instn is repeated for the benefit of members of the Unit.

(a) Green envelopes are issued for the transmission of letters relating to private and family affairs only.
(b) The certificate as to contents printed on the face of the envelope must be signed by the sender.
(c) All ranks may use one green envelope per 10 days. A soldier drawing an envelope he does not use cannot give it to someone else. In no case may a soldier use more than one in the course of 10 days.
(d) The censorship regulations apply to correspondence in green envelopes in just the same manner as to all other corresppndence, except that they are handed in sealed and are not franked in units but will be stamped with the Unit Censorship Stamp.
(e) Writers may enclose up to three of their own letters, each in a separate ordinary envelope. These letters will be properly addressed and stamped and will be unsealed. Green Envelopes containing more than one letter will be addressed to the "Base Censor"
(f) Green Envelopes cannot be registered and should not be used to transmit money, valuables or photographs.
(g) Green Envelopes can be sent by Air Mail. The ordinary rates of air or surface postage are payable on green envelopes to any destination.
(h) The address will be written in the space provided and the necessary postage stamps affixed in the top right hand corner.
(i) The issue of Green Envelopes is a privilege liable to be withdrawn at any time.
(j) Any misuse of Green Envelopes or infractions of the regulations as to their use will be regarded as serious offences.
(k) Green Envelopes are not to be used as a means of relieving officers from franking duties and Base Censors will report excessive use of green envelopes by a particular unit.

33. REMITTANCES- SPECIAL XMAS ARRANGEMENTS.

In order to impart a personal aspect to remittances intended as Xmas presents to relatives and friends of personnel serving in the Northern Territory in places where no banking facilities exist, a personal message may be attached to Remittance Forms subject to the

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33. Remittances - Special Xmas Arrangements(Contd.)

following conditions.

(a) Messages will be restricted to 10 words, including the names of the sender and will be confined to purely seasonal greetings.
(b) The name and address of the remittee will preface each message.
(c) Messages must be firmly attached to original and duplicate Remittance Forms (WF 131 or 131a) before despatch to the Command Paymaster.
(d) This service is only available where Remittance Forms reach the Command Pay Office between 15 Nov and 15 Dec 42.

.....Capt.
(F.C.Stevens)
OC 23 Aust.Fd.Coy.,R.A.E.

PUNISHMENTS.

N198067 Spr.HOOD E.LJ. Charge.(1) Using insubordinate language to his superior officer.
In the Field. 17 OCT 42.
(2) Using insubordinate language to his superior officer.
In the Field 22 OCT 42.
Award. 28 days detention and fined £5 by Lt.-Col B.A.Morris, CRE, NT FORCE.

N13098 Spr.Beauchamp T. Charge. Neglecting to obey General Orders by exceeding speed limit. 70 Mile. 5 NOV 42.
Award. Fined £1.

NOTICE.

Receipt is acknowledged with thanks of November Comforts Issues as under from A.C.F. :-

1 oz Tobacco
1 pkt papers
1 cake of soap
2 pkts P.Ks.
1 Handkerchief.

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by

CAPT F.C.STEVENS OC 23 AUST FD COY RAE

Serial No. 147 19 NOV 42

34. SICKNESS OF OR INJURY TO MEMBERS OF THE A.M.F. ON LEAVE.

1. It is to be impressed on all members of the AMF that it is necessary to inform the military authorities at onee should they become sick or sustain injury whilst on leave. This responsibility rests with the individual in order to avoid the risk of being regarded as "absent without leave" in the event of such sickness or injury preventing his return to his unit by the due date.

2. Any member who becomes sick or sustains injury whilst on leave will -

(a) Report at once to the nearest military hospital or, where this is impracticable, to the nearest area medical officer; or

(b) Report at once to the nearest public hospital, if a military hospital or area medical officer is not available; or

(c) If unable to attend or be taken to a military hospital (or public hospital where a military hospital is not available), then obtain private medical attention and immediately forward a certificate by the medical attendant to the nearest headquarters of a L. of C. Area, which will take action to notify the unit and the D.D.M.S.

3. When the state of health of members who are injured or become sick whilst on leave permits they will at once communicate with their units advising the nature of injury or sickness, location whilst sick and the probable duration of treatment.

4. Any military hospital, area medical officer or administrative medical authority to which, or to whom a member so reports will -

(a) arrange for appropriate medical or surgical treatment, and

(b) advise the member's unit that the member has reported and of the arrangements made for treatment, and the nature and probable duration of disability.

5. Members who become sick or sustain injury whilst on leave without pay granted for the purpose of engaging in seasonal or industrial activities in a civil capacity are not entitled to treatment in military hospitals or at government expense.

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However, in order to maintain records it is necessary that such members should report particulars of any sickness or injury, and of the progress of their treatment, to the nearest area medical officer or administrative medical officer, who will then ensure that the members unit is advised.

.....Capt.
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OC 23 Aust Fd Coy RAE

PUNISHMENTS.

N232551 Spr ROURKE H.G. Charge. Neglecting to obey General Orders in that he exceeded the speed limit between WINNELLIE and 36 Mile Camp
Award. Fined £1.

N202637 Spr DITCHBURN P.E. Charge: Using insubordinate language to his superior officer.
Award. Fined £2.

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by
Capt. F.C.Stevens, OC 23 Aust.Fd.Coy.,R.A.E.

No.148. Date. 27 Nov 42.

35. SECURITY OF INFORMATION. (G.561)

1. The attention of all ranks should be directed to the fact that the communication to any person, otherwise than in the course of official duty, of any naval, military or air force information is an offence under the Defence Act punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both.

2. An infringement of Army Field Censorship Instructions is an act of disloyalty which may incalculably harm the Allied cause. This fact will be impressed on all ranks. Rigorous steps will be taken to punish every detected offender, irrespective of rank.

3. An officer is responsible if a letter, after being franked by him, contains military information. By aiding and abetting the commission of an offence, the officer himself commits an offence and is liable to punishment accordingly. This will not, however, absolve the writer of the letter from responsibility for the breach.

4. Penalties imposed for breaches of security will be notified in formation etc. Part I Routine Orders and, where practicable, such notifications will be read out on parade to troops withing the formation etc.

5. Contravention of this order if committed by an officer will be reported to LHQ so that, if thought necessary, the individual concerned may be called upon to show cause why his commission should not be cancelled.

36. USE OF .45" T.S.M.G. AMMUNITION WITH .455" Mark VI REVOLVER.

1. Cases have been reported in which .455" Pistols Revolver Mk VI have been damaged through the use of .45" TSMG amn,which is a rimless type
2. American manufactured .45" Smith & Wesson revolvers have been issued to the service and the use of .45" T.S.M.G. ammunition is permissible under certain circumstances, namely, in conjunction with two small clips that are issued to retain the ammunition in the cylinder.
3. The .455" Pistol Revolver, which is a standard service issue revolver, can only be used in conjunction with .455" Mk VI ammunition. Its use with .45" T.S.M.G. ammunition is expressly forbidden.

J.C. Stevens Capt.
(F.C.STEVENS)
OC 23 Aust Fd Coy RAE.

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personnel 1 Copy
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By

Capt. F.C.STEVENS, OC 23 Aust Fd Coy RAE.

No 149 Date. 29 Nov 42.

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37. SUNBATHING (Amendment to Standing Orders No 1 of 17 Jun 42 by Capt. F.C.STEVENS)

1. It is authorised that from 1 Dec until further notice, All ranks will, as far as possible, dispense with shirts, and spend a period in the sun daily.

2. This policy will be observed ONLY within unit lines, or in such areas as authorised by HQ or Sec Commanders.

3. It is recommended that the period should commence following the midday meal, and be extended up to a maximum of 1 hour. This may be adjusted within HQ or Sections to suit particular conditions, but must have a definite time laid down.

4. All conditions laid down in Standing Orders No 1 of 17 Jun 42 regarding dress etc, when moving out of sec lines, or authorised area, moving in MT, parades etc. are in no way affected by this amendment.

38. OBSERVANCE OF STANDING ORDERS AND ROUTINE ORDERS.

It is the duty of all ranks to make themselves familiar with Unit Standing Orders and Routine Orders, which are posted up on Sec Notice Boards. The standard of observance of the orders within the unit has improved, with the consequent improvement in the standard of the unit.

Offenders against these orders render themselves liable for strong disciplinary action.

All ranks will be notified accordingly and a certificate forwarded to reach Coy HQ by 5 Dec 42, setting out personnel so notified, and names of personnel not notified, due to absence in hospital etc.

.....Capt.
(F.C.STEVENS)
OC 23 Aust Fd Coy RAE.

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Head-Quarters,
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Serial No.15/42 Date. 7 NOV 42.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

23 Aust.Fd.Coy.,R.A.E. (Unit)

PART A—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

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

* 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)
Lieut.	BERRY J.C.	23 Aust.Fd. Coy. R.A.E.	119 A.G.H.

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1 Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	2 Personal Number	3 Name and Initials	4 Corps Appt.	5 Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No)	6 If not present with Unit, state how employed
Capt.	NX 35041	STEVENS F.C.	OC	YES	
"	N.51500	BAYLISS R.V.	2 i/c	No. Det to Engr School.	
Lieut.	N.12436	McLEAN R.B.	Sec Offcr.	YES	
"	NXM80034	CAMPBELL S.	" "	"	
"	NXM24720	NOBLE D.G.	" "	"	
"	VP.7313	HANDLEY R.C.	Engr Offcr.	"	
"	N.52438	BERRY J.C.	Rnft Offcr	No.	At present in 119 A.G.H.

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	Personal Number	Name and Initials	Unit or Corps	Date of attachment	Nature of attachment
		Nil			

23 Aust.Fd.Coy.,R.A.E. (Unit)

(F.C.Stevens) Capt. (Signature of Commander)

7 NOV 42 (Date of Despatch)

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

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

23 Aust.Fd.Coy.,R.A.E. (Unit) 7 NOV 42. 19 (Date).

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

AIF 24, CMF 178.

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

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

*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.
Attachments as per WE		Other Detachments.	
Nil		Nil.	

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).
N243103	Spr.	GALLAGHER G.E.	R.A.E.	111 Con Depot.
N197829	"	BATEUP J.E.	"	121 A.G.H.
N232565	"	WHEELER K.M.	"	119 A.G.H.
N202687	"	MENZ G.C.	"	121 A.G.H
N.15754	"	KEIGHRAN C.W.	"	119 A.G.H.
N.51643	L/Sjt.	WISEMAN J.A.	"	119 A.G.H.
N198158	Spr.	SYLVA A.S.	"	121 A.G.H.

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Detail	WE	Strength excl att.	Surplus	Deficiency	Remarks.
WO Cl. I.	-	-			
WO CL. II	1	1			
CQMS.	1	1			
S/Sjts.	-	-			
Sjts.	9	8	1	2	
Cpls.	22	21	1	2	
Spec. Gp. I	31	17	-	14	
" " II	60	42	1	19	
" " III	26	17	3	12	
Sprs.	89	95	6	-	
Totals.	239	202 ×	12	49	

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× Does not include 7 men on "X" list.

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23 Aust.Fd.Coy.,R.A.E ..... Unit.

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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)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)
Ammunition Examiners			Fire Control Operators			Panel Beaters		
Armament Artificers			Fitters		1	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		4	Fitters, Signal			Predictor Numbers		
Boilermakers			Grinders			Printers		
Bricklayers			Gun Layers			Radiator Mechanics		
Butchers			G.P.O. Assistants			Radiographers		
Camouflage Modeller			Gun Operators			Range Takers		
Carpenter and Joiner		4	Hammermen			Riggers		
Clerks	1		Height Takers			Rivetters		
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		2	Joiners			Signallers		
Cooks	(cpl) 1	1	Leather Stitchers			Signwriters		
Cooks, Hospital			Linesmen			Stokers, Stationary Engine	2	
Coppersmiths			Linesmen, Signals			Storemen, Technical		4
Dental Clerk Orderlies			Lithographers			Surveyors		
Despatch Riders			Machinists			Surveyors, Engineering		1
Dispensers			Masons	1		Tailors		
Draughtsmen			Masseurs			Telescope Identification Numbers		
Draughtsmen, Architectural		1	Mechanics, Dental			Textile Refitters		
Draughtsmen, Mechanical			Mechanics, M.T.		1	Tinsmiths		1
Draughtsmen, Signal			Mechanics, Typewriter			Toolmakers		
Draughtsmen, Topographical			Mechanics, Wireless			Turners		
Driver Mechanics		3	Millwrights			Vulcanizers		
Driver Operators			Miners		11	Wagon Erectors		
Drivers, Transportation Plant			Moulders			Watchmakers		
Electrical Fitters			Nursing Orderlies			Watermen		
Electricians			Nursing Orderlies (Mental)			Welders		
Electricians, Eng. Units			Nurses, Trained			Well Borers		
Electricians, Signal			Observation Post Assistants			Wheelers		
Engine Artificers		7	Operating Room Assistants			Whitesmiths		
Engine Hands I/C		5	Operators, Signal			Wiremen		
Equipment Repairers			Opticians			Woodturners		
Farriers			Painters			Miscellaneous	7	3
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)							12	49

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.

23 Aust.Fd.Coy.,R.A.E. ..... Unit.

Campbell Lieut. for Capt. (F.C.Stevens) ..... Signature of Commander.

23 Aust Inf.Bde. ..... Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

Date of Despatch 7 NOV 42.

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

23 Aust Fd Coy RAE (Unit)

PART A—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached)	3 Surplus to Establishment	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment.)
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels			
Majors			1
Captains	2	1	
Lieutenants	5		
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
Totals	7	1	1

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank	Name	Unit or Corps	Date	Cause
		Nil		

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank	Name	Unit or Corps	Date	Cause
		Nil		

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

Rank	Name and Initials	Unit or Corps	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known)
Lieut,	BERRY J.C.	23 Aust.Fd. Coy. R.A.E.	119 A.G.H.

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	Personal Number	Name and Initials	~~Corps~~ Appt.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed
Capt.	NX35041	STEVENS F.C.	OC	YES	
"	N.51599	BAYLISS R.V.	2 i/c	No	Det to Engr School
Lieut.	N12436	McLEAN R.B.	Sec Offr.	YES	
"	NXM24520	NOBLE D.G.	" "	"	
"	VP.7313	HANDLEY R.C.	" "	"	
"	NXM80034	CAMPBELL S.	Engr.Offr.	"	
"	N.52438	BERRY J.C.	QM Offr.	No	At present in 119 A.G.H.

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	Personal Number	Name and Initials	Unit or Corps	Date of attachment	Nature of attachment
		Nil			

23 Aust.Fd.Coy.,R.A.E. (Unit)

(F.C.STEVENS) Capt. (Signature of Commander)

14 NOV 42. (Date of Despatch)

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

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

23 Aust.Fd.Coy.,R.A.E. (Unit) 14 NOV 42 19 (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.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	(As per amended form attached.)		
Staff Serjeants			
Serjeants			
Corporals			
Troopers, Privates, &c.			
TOTALS		*	*

*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.
Attachments as per WE		Other Detachments.	
Nil		Nil	

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).
N243103	Spr.	CALLAGHER G.E.	R.A.E.	111 Con Depot.
N197829	"	BATEUP J.E.	"	121 A.G.H.
N232565	"	WHEELER K.M.	"	119 A.G.H.
N202687	"	MENZ G.C.	"	NTF ARD
N.51643	L/Sjt/	WISEMAN J.A.	"	119 A.G.H.
N198158	Spr.	SYLVA A.S.	"	121 A.G.H.

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Detail.	WE	Strength excl.att.	Surplus.	Deficiency.	Remarks.
WO CL. I.	-	-			
WO CL. II.	1	1			
CQMS	1	1			
S/Sjts.	-	-			
Sjts.	9	8	1	2	
Cpls.	22	21	1	2	
Spec.Gp. I	31	17	-	14	
Spec.Gp. II	60	42	1	19	
Spec.Gp.III	26	~~17~~ 18	3	11	
Sprs.	89	~~97~~ 96	~~8~~ 7	-	
Totals.	239	204	~~14~~ 13.	48	

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23 Aust.Fd.Coy.,R.A.E.

11 NCOs. 13 ORs.

CSM	1
CQMS	1
T/Sjt.	1
Fd.Sjts.	4
Fd.Cpls.	4

Trade Group II.	5
" " III.	2
Non Spec.	6

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23 Aust.Fd.Coy.,R.A.E. *Unit.

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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)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)
Ammunition Examiners			Fire Control Operators			Panel Beaters		
Armament Artificers			Fitters		1	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		4	Fitters, Signal			Predictor Numbers		
Boilermakers			Grinders			Printers		
Bricklayers			Gun Layers			Radiator Mechanics		
Butchers			G.P.O. Assistants			Radiographers		
Camouflage Modeller			Gun Operators			Range Takers		
Carpenter and Joiner		4	Hammermen			Riggers		
Clerks			Height Takers			Rivetters		
Clerks, Engineering	1		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		2	Joiners			Signallers		
Cooks (Cpl)	1	1	Leather Stitchers			Signwriters		
Cooks, Hospital			Linesmen			Stokers, Stationary Engine	2	
Coppersmiths			Linesmen, Signals			Storemen, Technical		3
Dental Clerk Orderlies			Lithographers			Surveyors		
Despatch Riders			Machinists			Surveyors, Engineering		1
Dispensers			Masons	1		Tailors		
Draughtsmen			Masseurs			Telescope Identification Numbers		
Draughtsmen, Architectural		1	Mechanics, Dental			Textile Refitters		
Draughtsmen, Mechanical			Mechanics, M.T.		1	Tinsmiths		1
Draughtsmen, Signal			Mechanics, Typewriter			Toolmakers		
Draughtsmen, Topographical			Mechanics, Wireless			Turners		
Driver Mechanics		3	Millwrights			Vulcanizers		
Driver Operators			Miners		11	Wagon Erectors		
Drivers, Transportation Plant			Moulders			Watchmakers		
Electrical Fitters			Nursing Orderlies			Watermen		
Electricians			Nursing Orderlies (Mental)			Welders		
Electricians, Eng. Units			Nurses, Trained			Well Borers		
Electricians, Signal			Observation Post Assistants			Wheelers		
Engine Artificers		7	Operating Room Assistants			Whitesmiths		
Engine Hands I/C		5	Operators, Signal			Wiremen		
Equipment Repairers			Opticians			Woodturners		
Farriers			Painters			Miscellaneous	5 8	3
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)							14 13	48

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.

23 Aust.Fd.Coy.,R.A.E.
Unit.

Date of Despatch 14 NOV 42.

H Stevens (F.C.Stevens) Capt.
Signature of Commander.

23 Aust. Inf.Bde.
Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

23 Aust.Fd.Coy.,R.A.E. (Unit)

PART A—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached)	3 Surplus to Establishment	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment.)
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels			
Majors			1
Captains	2	1	
Lieutenants	5		
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
Totals	7	1	1

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank	Name	Unit or Corps	Date	Cause
		NIL		

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank	Name	Unit or Corps	Date	Cause
		Nil.		

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

Rank	Name and Initials	Unit or Corps	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known)
Lieut.	BERRY J.C.	23 Aust Fd Coy.	NTF ARD

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1 Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	2 Personal Number	3 Name and Initials	4 Corps Appt.	5 Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No)	6 If not present with Unit, state how employed
Capt.	NX35041	STEVENS F.C.	OC	YES	
"	N.51599	BAYLISS R.V.	2 i/c	No.	Det to Engr School.
Lieut.	N.12436	McLEAN R.B.	Sec Offr.	YES	
"	NXM24520	NOBLE D.G.	" "	"	
"	VX.7313	HANDLEY R.C.	" "	No.	Det to Cmwlth Rlys.
"	NXM80034	CAMPBELL S.	Engr. Offr.	Yes	
"	N.52438	BERRY J.C.	QM. Offr.	No	At NTF ARD.

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	Personal Number	Name and Initials	Unit or Corps	Date of attachment	Nature of attachment
		Nil.			

23 Aust.Fd.Cov.,R.A.E. (Unit)

(F.C. Stevens) Capt. (Signature of Commander)

21 Nov 42. (Date of Despatch)

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

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

23 Aust.Fd.Coy.,R.A.E. (Unit) 21 NOV 42 19 (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.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	(As per amended schedule.)		
Staff Serjeants			
Serjeants			
Corporals			
Troopers, Privates, &c.			
TOTALS		*	*

*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.
Attachments as per WE		Other Detachments.	
	NIL		NIL

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).
N243103	Spr.	GALLAGHER G.E.	R.A.E.	NTF ARD
N197829	"	BATEUP J.E.	"	121 A.G.H.
N.51643	L/Sjt.	WISEMAN J.A.	"	119 A.G.H.
N198158	Spr.	SYLVA A.S.	"	121 A.G.H.

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Detail.	WE	Strength excl.att.	Surplus.	Deficiency.	Remarks.
WO Cl. I	-	-			
WO Cl. II	1	1			
CQMS	1	1			
S/Sjts.	-	-			
Sjts.	9	8	1	2	
Cpls.	22	21	1	2	
Spec.Gp, I.	31	17	~~1~~	15	
" " II.	60	42	1	19	
" " III.	26	18	3	11	
Sprs.	89	~~97~~ 94	~~8~~ 10	-	
TOTALS.	239	205 207	15 17	49	

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A.I.F. PERSONNEL.

23 Aust.Fd.Coy.,R.A.E.

11 NCOs 13 ORs

CSM	1
CQMS	1
T/Sjt/	1
Fd.Sjts	4
Fd.Cpls	4
Trade Gp. II	5
" " III	2
Non Spec.	6

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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)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)
Ammunition Examiners			Fire Control Operators			Panel Beaters		
Armament Artificers			Fitters		1	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		1
Blacksmiths		4	Fitters, Signal			Predictor Numbers		
Boilermakers			Grinders			Printers		
Bricklayers	1		Gun Layers			Radiator Mechanics		
Butchers			G.P.O. Assistants			Radiographers		
Camouflage Modeller			Gun Operators			Range Takers		
Carpenter and Joiner		4	Hammermen			Riggers		
Clerks	1		Height Takers			Rivetters		
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		2	Joiners			Signallers		
Cooks (Cpl)	1	1	Leather Stitchers			Signwriters		
Cooks, Hospital			Linesmen			Stokers, Stationary Engine	2	
Coppersmiths			Linesmen, Signals			Storemen, Technical		3
Dental Clerk Orderlies			Lithographers			Surveyors		
Despatch Riders			Machinists			Surveyors, Engineering		1
Dispensers			Masons	1		Tailors		
Draughtsmen			Masseurs			Telescope Identification Numbers		
Draughtsmen, Architectural		1	Mechanics, Dental			Textile Refitters		
Draughtsmen, Mechanical			Mechanics, M.T.		1	Tinsmiths		1
Draughtsmen, Signal			Mechanics, Typewriter			Toolmakers		
Draughtsmen, Topographical			Mechanics, Wireless			Turners		
Driver Mechanics		3	Millwrights			Vulcanizers		
Driver Operators			Miners		11	Wagon Erectors		
Drivers, Transportation Plant			Moulders			Watchmakers		
Electrical Fitters			Nursing Orderlies			Watermen		
Electricians			Nursing Orderlies (Mental)			Welders		
Electricians, Eng. Units			Nurses, Trained			Well Borers		
Electricians, Signal			Observation Post Assistants			Wheelers		
Engine Artificers		7	Operating Room Assistants			Whitesmiths		
Engine Hands I/C		5	Operators, Signal			Wiremen		
Equipment Repairers			Opticians			Woodturners		
Farriers			Painters			Miscellaneous	9	3
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)							15	49

Notes—(a) If rank other than Private is involved give details on back.
(b) Authorised Trades or Specialists not included in list above will be added as required in spaces provided.

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Unit.

A. Campbell Lieut for Capt.
(F.C.S.)
Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch 21 NOV 42

23 Aust.Inf.Bde.
Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

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WE (Prov) II/10A/3 7 Offr. 239 OR Att. Nil & 1.

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

23 Aust.Fd.Coy.,R.A.E. (Unit)

PART A—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached)	3 Surplus to Establishment	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment.)
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels			
Majors			1.
Captains	2	1	
Lieutenants	5		
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
Totals	7	1	1

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank	Name	Unit or Corps	Date	Cause
		Nil		

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank	Name	Unit OR Corps	Date	Cause
		Nil		

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

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

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	Personal Number	Name and Initials	~~Corps~~ Appt.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed
Capt.	NX35041	STEVENS F.C.	OC	YES	
"	N.51599	BAYLISS R.V.	2 i/c	No.	Det to Engr School
Lieut.	N.12436	McLEAN R.B.	Sec Offr.	YES	
"	NXM24520	NOBLE D.G.	" "	"	
"	VP.7313	HANDLEY R.C.	" "	No	Det to Cmwlth Rlys.
"	NXM30034	CAMPBELL S.	Engr.Offr.	YES	
"	N.52438	BERRY J.C.	QM Offr.	Yes.	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	Personal Number	Name and Initials	Unit or Corps	Date of attachment	Nature of attachment
		Nil			

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(Unit)

28 NOV 42.
(Date of Despatch)

(F.C.Stevens) Capt.
(Signature of Commander)

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

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WE (Prov) II/10A/3 7 Offr. 239 OR Att. Nil and 1.

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

23 Aust.Fd.Coy.,R.A.E. (Unit) 28 Nov 42 19 (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.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	(As per amended schedule)		
Staff Serjeants			
Serjeants			
Corporals			
Troopers, Privates, &c.			
TOTALS		*	*

*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.
Attachments as per WE		Other Detachments.	
1 Cpl.	A.A.M.C.	Nil	

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).
N80260	L/Cpl.	JOBSON R.B.	R.A.E.	KAHLIN HOSPITAL.
		O'Brien		
		Kline		
		Hood E.B.		

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Detail.	WE	Strength excl. att	Surplus	Deficiency	Remarks.
WO Cl. I.	-	-			
WO Cl. II.	1	1			
CQMS	1	1			
S/Sjts.	-	-			
Sjts.	9	8	1	2	
Cpls.	22	21	1	2	
Spec.Gp. I.	31	17	1	15	
" " II.	60	42 41	1	19 20	
" " III.	26	18 19	3	11 10	
Sprs.	89	99 97	10 8	-	
Totals.	239	207 205	17 15	49	

1 A.A.M.C. Cpl attached as per WE (Prov) II/10A/3.

A.I.F. PERSONNEL.

23 Aust.Fd.Coy.,R.A.E.

12 N.C.Os. 28 ORs

C.S.M.	1
C.Q.M.S.	1
T/Sjt.	1
Fd.Sjts.	4
" L/Sjts.	1
" Cpls.	4
Spec. Gp. I.	2
" " II.	7
" " III.	4
Non Specs.	15

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Bakers			Fitter's Mates			Photo-Writers		
Battery Surveyors			Fitters, M.V.			Plate Layers		
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Boilermakers			Grinders			Printers		
Bricklayers	1		Gun Layers			Radiator Mechanics		
Butchers			G.P.O. Assistants			Radiographers		
Camouflage Modeller			Gun Operators			Range Takers		
Carpenter and Joiner		4	Hammermen			Riggers		
Clerks	1		Height Takers			Rivetters		
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		2	Joiners			Signallers		
Cooks (Cpl)	1	1 2	Leather Stitchers			Signwriters		
Cooks, Hospital			Linesmen			Stokers, Stationary Engine	2	
Coppersmiths			Linesmen, Signals			Storemen, Technical		3
Dental Clerk Orderlies			Lithographers			Surveyors		
Despatch Riders			Machinists			Surveyors, Engineering		1
Dispensers			Masons	1		Tailors		
Draughtsmen			Masseurs			Telescope Identification Numbers		
Draughtsmen, Architectural		1	Mechanics, Dental			Textile Refitters		
Draughtsmen, Mechanical			Mechanics, M.T.		1	Tinsmiths		1
Draughtsmen, Signal			Mechanics, Typewriter			Toolmakers		
Draughtsmen, Topographical			Mechanics, Wireless			Turners		
Driver Mechanics		3 2	Millwrights			Vulcanizers		
Driver Operators			Miners		11	Wagon Erectors		
Drivers, Transportation Plant			Moulders			Watchmakers		
Electrical Fitters			Nursing Orderlies			Watermen		
Electricians			Nursing Orderlies (Mental)			Welders		
Electricians, Eng. Units			Nurses, Trained			Well Borers		
Electricians, Signal			Observation Post Assistants			Wheelers		
Engine Artificers		7	Operating Room Assistants			Whitesmiths		
Engine Hands I/C		5 4	Operators, Signal			Wiremen		
Equipment Repairers			Opticians			Woodturners		
Farriers			Painters		1	Miscellaneous.	11	3
							18	
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23 Aust.Fd.Coy.,R.A.E. ..... *Unit.*

Date of Despatch 28 Nov 42.

(F.C.Stevens) Lieut. for Capt. ..... *Signature of Commander.*

23 Aust.Inf.Bde. ..... *Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.*

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Unit 23. Aust.Fd.Coy.,R.A.E. *Date and Time.—From* 1st Dec 42 *To* 3rd Dec 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
39 Mile Camp, DARWIN.	1 Dec 42	1800	A party of one officer and 44 OR drawn from all sections are at present in DARWIN carrying out instruction and works in connection with combined operations training. At present 21 men are from No.1 Section. Other personnel at No 1 Sec. are carrying out camp duties and miscellaneous works. No.2 Section still have a party of tradesmen at BERRY SPRINGS Camp, otherwise carrying out Bde works and water supply works. No.3 Section also carrying out miscellaneous works in their Bde area as well as improvements to their camp area.	
	2 Dec 42	1800	No.1 Section are working on concreting of drain at HUGHES FIELD cutting timber and Bde. works. No.2 Section Bde works and BERRY SPRINGS Rest Camp. No.3 Section Bde works and work in section lines.	
	3 Dec 42	1800	The party in DARWIN are carrying out sheeting of bay of Civil	

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Unit 23 Aust.Fd.Coy.,R.A.E. *Date and Time.—From* 3 Dec 42 *To* 7 Dec 42.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
39 Mile Camp	3 Dec 42	(Contd.)	Jetty to represent the side of a ship also repairs to wharf	
DARWIN			decking erection of handrails etc, Work in the bde areas is	
			being carried out as in previous reports.	
	4 Dec 42	1800	Work and training by all sections as in previous days reports	
	5 Dec 42	1800	Stores were collected to-day to start work on Monday at	
			KOOLPINYAH installing pumping unit. Party of 1 Offr & 45 OR	
			still in DARWIN on combined operations training. Work is	
			complete at the HUGHES FIELD A.A. Operation Hut. BERRY SPRINGS	
			job is still in progress. Other miscellaneous work in each of	
			Bdes being carried out by the sections.	
	6 Dec 42	1800	Rest day only essential duties carried out to-day.	
	7 Dec 42	1800	No.1 Section personnel commenced work at KOOLPINYAH installing	
			pumping unit.	
			No. 3 Section are training in bridge building.	

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Unit 23 Aust.Fd.Coy.,R.A.E. Date and Time.—From 7 Dec 42. To 11 Dec 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
39 Mile Camp.	7 Dec 42	(Contd.)	All sections carrying out works in their respective Bde areas.	
DARWIN.	8 Dec 42	1800	No.3 Section to-day carried out musketry practice on the range.	
			Other sections doing miscellaneous works in Bde areas.	
	9 Dec 42	1800	No.3 Section continuing training in single span timber bridge	
			and light timber and bamboo footway bridges, No.1 and 2 Sections	
			doing camp duties water supply work, compressor work, etc.	
	10 Dec 42	1800	Each section continuing with work and training as in previous days.	
	11 Dec 42	1800	No.1 Section still working on timber cutting, KOOLPINYAH job	
			and other minor jobs. No. 2 Section still have aparty at	
			BERRY SPRINGS constructing the rest camp. A party is training	
			in Boat drill and watermanship. Other personnel in section	
			carrying out camp duties etc.	
			No 3 Section engaged mainly on training in single span timber	
			bridge,light timber & bamboo foot bridges. Small jobs also being done in sectionlines.	

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Unit 23 Aust Fd Coy RAE *Date and Time.—From* 12 DEC 42 *To* 15 DEC 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
39 Mile Camp DARWIN	12 DEC 42	1800	No 1 Section personnel working on KOOLPINYAH job finished to-day. Work and training similar to previous days.	
	13 DEC 42	1800	Rest day. Only essential duties carried out in all sections.	
	14 DEC 42	1800	Party of 2 Offrs and 39 OR drawn from all sections continuing instruction and works in conjunction with combined operational training at DARWIN.	
			No 1 Section have commenced timber getting for construction of a garbage jetty at BERRY SPRINGS REST CAMP. The idea being to tip garbage into the river alongside the camp.	
			No 2 Section carried out musketry trg.	
			No 3 Section doing miscellaneous works.	
	15 DEC 42	1800	No special work being carried out at present, all sections are doing miscellaneous works in their respective Bde and camp areas.	

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Unit 23 Aust Fd Coy RAE Date and Time.—From 16 DEC 42 To 19 DEC 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
39 Mile Camp DARWIN	16 DEC 42	1800	The main task at present appears to be Combined Operational Training at DARWIN. At the sections men are engaged in minor works e.g. Timber cutting, BERRY SPRINGS Rest Camp work, Carpentering, Plumbing, Blacksmithing and other camp duties. "	
	17 DEC 42	1800	Work at BERRY SPRINGS Rest Camp is progressing satisfactorily. It is hoped to have all work completed and camp ready for occupation by Christmas. Personnel in DARWIN are gaining extensive experience in watermanship. Personnel are changed from time to time so that as many as possible can gain experience at this work. "	
	18 DEC 42	1800	Work and training in all sections as in previous days. "	
	19 DEC 42	1800	No 3 Sec personnel were present to-day at a Wire Crushing and Bangalore Torpedoe demonstration. Other sections carrying out minor engineering works in their respective Bdes. "	

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Unit 23 Aust Fd Coy RAE *Date and Time.—From* 20 DEC 42 *To* 24 DEC 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
39 Mile Camp DARWIN	20 DEC 42	1800	Rest Day. Except for essential duties no work carried out to-day.	
	21 DEC 42	1800	A change of personnel at DARWIN in connection with the Combined Operational Training has been made over the week-end. No 1 Section have now only 10 OR, No 2 Section have 1 Offr and 14 OR and No 3 Section have 19 OR presentat this trg. Work at BERRY SPRINGS Rest Camp garbage jetty is going well but will not be finished by Christmas as was planned.	
	22 DEC 42	1800	All sections carrying out works and training similar to that of previous days.	
	23 DEC 42	1800	Nothing special to report about work or training carried out to-day.	
	24 DEC 42	1800	Quite a Christmas atmosphere is apparent amongst members of the Coy. An important factor in the morale of the men is the	

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Unit 23 Aust Fd Coy RAE *Date and Time.—From* 24 DEC 42 *To* 27 DEC 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
39 Mile Camp DARWIN	24 DEC 42	1800	mail servife. For approx 2 weeks no letter mail had arrived in any quantity for the men. To-day a considerable amount was received much to the satisfaction of all concerned. As far as possible all members of the sections will be transported to section lines so as to be with their mates. A picquet has to be left at DARWIN where a section of the unit is engaged in Combined Operational Training. Apart from this picquet all will be in their own section.	
	DEC 25, 26 and 27 1942.		Christmas Day, Boxing Day and Sunday were no duty days, thus it was an excellent break for all personnel. Christmas Day was regarded by all as most satisfactory. The cooks provided excellent meals using the additional rations provided by the special 1/- per man supplementary ration allowance. Boxing Day was ~~mainly~~ mainly a Sports Day but the men mostly rested.	

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Unit 23 Aust Fd Coy RAE Date and Time.—From 27 DEC 42. To 31 DEC 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	~~25~~ 26			
39 Mile Camp DARWIN	27 DEC 42		Also on Sunday, the men enjoyed complete relaxation. "	
	28 DEC 42	1800	All work resumed after Christmas break. No 1 Section carrying out work at BERRY SPRINGS Rest Camp, timber cutting, miscellaneous works and duties.	
			No 2 Section carrying out Bde works, compressor work etc.	
			No 3 Section carrying out Bde works, water supply work, compressor work etc.	
			Under new arrangements this unit has a section of the water pipe line to inspect whenever an Air Raid has taken place. The first patrol was carried out this morning. "	
	29 DEC 42	1800	Works and training as on previous days. "	
	30 DEC 42	1800	A party from No 1 Section were at the range to-day renewing targets etc ready for a shoot to-morrow. "	
	31 DEC 42	1800	Range practice was satisfactory to-day. A big improvement	

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Unit 23 Aust Fd Coy RAE *Date and Time.—From* 31 DEC 42 *To* 31 DEC 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
39 Mile Camp DARWIN	31 DEC 42	1800	has been made in musketry scores due to the monthly shoots. Due to the ~~mix~~ height of the grass on the range all shooting was done from kneeling and standing positions.	

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

COMPANY STANDING ORDERS No. 2 by

Capt. F.C. STEVENS,

OC 23 Aust. Fd. Coy.,R.A.E.

The following Standing Orders are issued to combine and supplement Routine Orders previously issued on subjects concerned.

1. ROUTINE.

The following routine will be observed by all troops:-

Reveille	0730 hrs.
Roll Call	0740 "
Breakfast	0830 "
Midda y Meal	1330 "
Officers Mess	1345 "
Sjts. Mess	1345 "
Evening Meal	1830 "
Officers Mess	1900 "
Sjts Mess	1900 "
Retreat	1900 "
Last Post	2300 "
Lights Out	2315 "

Working hours at present observed in Coy.HQ and Sections are to be as set out below:-

0930 hrs to 1300 hrs.
1430 hrs to 1730 hrs.

These times apply to normal conditions and may be altered at the discretion of the officer or N.C.O. to suit the work or training in hand.

Night exercises will be carried out at times specially notified.

2. DRESS.

Dress for all ranks will (unless ordered to the contrary) be as follows:-

BOOTS. Laced in the correct manner, i.e. straight across.
PUTTEES. (Note - Gaiters may be worn in special circumstances with permission of Section Officer)
SOCKS and HOSE TOPS or STOCKINGS.
SHORTS. Note - Each person must be in possession of at least 1 pr of K.Ds or mosquito shorts to be worn when directed.
SHIRTS - with sleeves.
Personnel will NOT cut sleeves of any shirt, jacket etc and no further shirts or working jackets will be so treated. To avoid waste, shirts etc which have previously had sleeves cut out, may under the authority of an officer, be worn in

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2. Dress (Contd)

Shirts -(Contd.)

particular jobs such as those which involve dirty conditions. Under NO circumstances will shirts or jackets without sleeves be worn on parades.

Troops will wear shirts on all parades and on all normal occasions.

Shirts may only be dispensed with under the following circumstances -

(a) when authorised by an officer or section commander, such as when engaged on heavy work etc.

(b) for a maximum period of one hour per day while within section lines or other authorised area, during the time laid down within section for sunbathing.

Personnel will on NO account dispense with shirts while outside unit lines area, except where engaged on work where authority has specially been granted for the removal of shirts by an officer or section commander.

Under NO circumstances will personnel move along any main road, whether in MT or otherwise without shirts.

PULLOVERS - according to weather.

HATS, khaki fur with band, will be worn by all ranks except when other headgear is specially ordered by a superior officer.

Hats will NOT be worn at rakish angles, but will be worn squarely on the head with a slight tilt to the right.

The inside band of the hat will rest on the right ear and will be half an inch above the right eye.

The ridge on the top of the hat will be one continuous dent, and will not be made into any other shape.

Unless wind conditions render it necessary, chin straps will NOT be worn but will be taken off all hats. The practice of folding the chin strap over the back of the brim will cease.

Note - Drivers may wear caps FS but ONLY while posted to a vehicle and engaged on driving duties.

DISCS IDENTITY - will be worn at all times.

NCOs will wear their stripes and/or badges of rank at all times.

NO torn, ragged, dirty or disreputable clothing will be worn.

Buttons will be kept sewn on and will be done up with the exception of open neck of shirt.

Non-Army issue dress will not be worn.

3. EQUIPMENT.

Arms will be carried with men at all times.

Webbing and equipment will be worn as directed.

50 rounds must be carried by each man armed with rifle.

NO rounds will be carried in rifle or magazine unless directed.

Respirator will not normally be worn unless specially directed, or unless during training but will be kept by man in area in which he is stationed.

Steel helmets likewise will not normally be worn unless directed but must also be kept in vicinity of man.

All ranks are still however responsible for having arms, equipment, respirator, field dressing and steel helmet readily available and in proper condition to meet any emergency and to ensure their personal protection.

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3. Equipment -(Contd.)

Advice has been received that supplies of Tents, mosquito and sandfly proof, cannot be expected for a considerable time. All personnel should, therefore, ensure that every precaution is taken against damage to existing issues.
Provision of adequate tentage is a drain on Australia's resources. All care must therefore be taken to ensure that no tents are damaged or lost through negligence.
More care must be taken in the erection of tents and more thought given to the most suitable place for erection, having regard to prevailing winds and storms. Where bush timber is used for poles etc., care must be taken to ensure that rough timber does not tear the canvas. Unless the proportion of tentage rendered u/s is reduced within this command it will be impossible to guarantee adequate cover for all units.

4. APPEARANCE AND CLEANLINESS.

The highest standard of cleanliness and sanitation is to be maintained at all times. Clothing, equipment etc. will be properly cared for and kept in a clean and serviceable condition.
Boots will be cleaned regularly.
Personal cleanliness and hygiene will be strictly adhered to.
All ranks will shave each day, before 0930 hrs, unless otherwise authorised by an officer.
Hair will be cut regularly, and teeth well cared for.
Special attention will be paid at all times to personal cleanliness by cooks, particularly with regards to clothes, hands finger nails etc. All ranks must pay particular attention to care of feet.

5. LINES.

Personnel unless sick, or on specially detailed duties will not be in lines during parade or working hours.
Lines will be maintained in a clean and tidy state.
All personal equipment, bedding etc., whether in the open in tents or in huts will be properly laid out by 0930 hrs daily, with blankets, mosquito net and palliase folded at head of bed, and equipment laid out neatly on top. Universal kit bags if in possession will be placed at head of bed, behind bedding roll.
All occupants of any area, tent or hut will be held responsible for the general cleanliness and tidiness of the quarters and also the surrounding area.

6. KITCHENS.

Special attention will be paid to cleanliness and hygiene of kitchen, ration stores, grease traps, drains, soakage pits, washing up areas, etc. Cooks are responsible for state of cleanliness and hygiene in their kitchen, and must report any slackness of fatigues to Orderly NCO or Section Officer.
Kitchens are out of bounds to all ranks not on duty.

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7. LATRINES.

Section Officers will ensure that latrines and urinals are maintained in a hygienic state, properly flyproofed and vented.

8. ABLUTIONS

Section Officers will similarly ensure that showers, ablution benches etc. are properly maintained, and particular attention will be paid to disposal of waste water.

9. STANDARD OF CONDUCT.

Conduct will be of the highest standard. Proper courtesies will be paid to senior ranks by all troops at all times. W.Os, N.C.Os and private soldiers in uniform shall salute an Officer at all times except under the following circumstances:-
When passing or being passed by him -

i. in a crowded thoroughfare or assembly: or
ii. during an exercise in the field: or
iii. when on parade under the immediate control of a superior: or
iv. when precluded by the nature of their duties from so doing.

General rowdiness and the shouting and calling out of obscenities will not be permitted. No acts or expressions will be employed which are contrary to good conduct and discipline or detrimental to the service.

10. M.T.

Drivers allotted to MT are responsible for the vehicle, itsrunning, maintenance, and its equipment, and, except in actual warfare or case of accident or sickness, will not normally hand over their vehicle to any other person, except under the order of an Officer of the Tpt N.CO.

Drivers will remain with their vehicles at all times a nd be responsible for them and their equipment unless in unit lines workshops etc., or similar areas where a definite picquet is stationed over vehicle line.

MT will not be used for other than Coy work unless authorised by the OC

Vehicle batteries will not be used for any other purpose such as lights in tents etc. Personnel travelling in vehicles will ensure that they are seated in a proper manner, so that there is no risk of accident to either themselves or any other person in the vehicle. All vehicles will be driven strictly within the speed limits as laid down.

11. CLOTHING EQUIPMENT AND PLANT.

All clothing, stores, equipment etc. on issue to any person and any stores, equipment, plant etc, which is placed under the control of any person or persons is that person or persons responsibility.

In the event of damage or loss being sustained to any such

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items of clothing, stores, equipment, plant etc. and such damage or loss being occassioned by negligence, on the part of the person or persons to whom the equipment etc is issued, or under whose charge the equipment etc.may be placed, then any such person or persons may be called on to pay the cost of damage or loss as the case may be.

12. INDISCRIMINATE SHOOTING ETC

No indiscriminate shooting will be permitted.
All personnel must be in possession of, or able to account for, fifty rounds of ammunition.
No ammunition will be wasted or indiscriminately expended.

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OC 23 Aust Fd Coy RAE.

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by
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39. UNAUTHORISED USE OF VEREY LIGHTS.

(a) Instances have recently been reported of unauthorised Verey ~~lights~~ lights being fired in the vicinity of aerodromes and coinciding with the raids of Japanese aircraft.

(b) All comds are instructed that, in the event of any of their personnel observing and reporting that Verey lights are being fired they will immediately take action to endeavour to locate and apprehend the person or persons suspected of firing such lights.

(c) In carrying out this investigation, determination to apprehend the persons must be pursued. All ranks are to be warned that patrols etc., despatched on these missions will fire if their challenge is not answered to their satisfaction.

(d) The widest publicity is to be given to this order and every endeavour made to clear up the alleged subversive activities suspected of being coincident with hostile air attacks at night.

(e) Any trg exercise which involves firing of flares or lights must be reported to HQ, N.T. Force at least 48 hours prior to its commencement.

40. PROHIBITED AREAS.

(i) Units are reminded that areas within a 5 mile radius of the following are out of bounds to all ranks:-

(a) KOOLPINYAH Homstead.
(b) KOOLPINYAH Slaughter Yards.
(c) HUMPTY DOO Station.
(d) Any Native Reservation.

41. VOLUNTEERS FOR HEAVY A.A. UNITS.

Vacancies exist in A.A. Ops Room and Gun Stations for Instrument Operators, Draughtsmen and other specialists.

Units other than Inf.Bns., Arty Regts. and Btys, will in unit Routine Orders call for the names of personnel wishing to join Hy A.A. Units in DARWIN.

Previous A.A. experience is not necessary, but applicants should state whether they have had any previous A.A. training.

Names and particulars of applicants will be submitted to HQ N.T. FORCE by 5 DEC 42.

42. SWIMMING - DANGER OF ACCIDENTS.

Accidents have occurred recently to personnel whilst swimming in various pools, etc. in this area. In order to minimise the risk necessarily attached to this practice, personnel who are unable to swim will not be permitted to enter the water and at all times a

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capable swimmer will be detailed to watch the pool with a view to rendering assistance to anyone in difficulties.

The Senior member present will ensure that this instruction is carried out.

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PUNISHMENTS DISTRICT COURT MARTIAL

N197892 Spr SLOAN R. Charges. 1. When on active service disobeying a lawful command given by his superior officer; in that he, In
2. the Field on 16 Oct 42 when ordered by Sjt Gray to stand to attention and answer his name corredtly failed to do so.
2. W.O.A.S. using insubordinate language to his superior officer, in that he in the Field on 16 Oct 42 after being ordered to take his place in the rear rank of his section by Sjt Gray said "What the fucking hell is the patter with you you silly old bastard" or words to that effect.
3. W.O.A.S. disobeying a lawful command, given by his superior offr
4. W.O.A.S. disobeying a lawful command given by his superior offr.

Plea: Not guilty to all charges.
Finding: Guilty to all charges.
Sentence: 6 months Detention. In addition the unexpired portion of previous sentence namely 30 days which was suspended on 9 Aug 42. This suspension has now been revoked.
Date: 30 Nov 42
Confirmed: Maj-Gen J.E.S.STEVENS.
Commanding Northern Territory Force.

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by
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Serial No 151/42 14 DEC 42.

43. DISCS IDENTITY - WEARING OF.

Discs identity must be worn at all times.
Loss of identity discs to be immediately reported to Sec Officers in order that replacement can be made.

44. PUBLICATION OF BOOKS ON MILITARY SUBJECTS BY MEMBERS OF THE FORCES.

It has been brought to notice that members of the Military Forces have made use of information gained from Army sources to write books or pamphlets on military subjects with a view to publication.

Such books or pamphlets will not be published without the prior approval of the Commander-in-Chief.

45. KITS and EFFECTS of ILLEGAL ABSENTEES.

1. Immediately a member of the AMF, including AWAS or AANS or AAMWS, has been declared an illegal absentee, the following action will be taken in respect of effects other than those on charge to the member's unit.

2. The effects, after removal of items on charge to the member's unit, will be despatched to the section of Aust. Kit Stores servicing the formation to which the member belongs. If there is no such section the effects will be forwarded to the nearest Sub-HQ of Aust. Kit Store. Such effects will be accompanied by AAF KS4 in duplicate, such form containing a certificate to the effect that the member concerned is an illegal absentee. The effects will then be stored with other kits and effects of members of the same unit.

3. (a) Such effects will be noted by Aust Kit Store as those of an illegal absentee and will not be issued to the member concerned except on a request signed by or for the C.O. of the member concerned, either of his then unit or of a unit to which the member may be subsequently posted after being apprehended. If such member claims to have been discharged from the Military Forces and produces to Aust. Kit Store his certificate of discharge, arrangements will be made for the kit to be dissected in accordance with para (b) hereof and the personal effects forwarded to the member at an address nominated by him.

(b) If such effects have not been withdrawn after the expiration of six months after deposit, Aust. Kit Store will ascertain, through LHQ Records Office, whether the member concerned is still an illegal absentee. If such member is found to be still illegally absent, then the effects concerned will

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be dissected and dealt with by Aust. Kit Store as provided in the case of a deceased soldier by GRO Q178/1942 and Administrative Instructions for Kit Stores, 1942. If such member, upon such inquiry, is found to be no longer an illegal absentee, then the effects will be removed from the illegal absentee list and if necessary, transferred to another section of Aust Kit Store. In the latter case, the member concerned will be so notified.

EQUIPMENT AND EFFECTS FOUND ON RAILWAY STATIONS, CLOAKROOMS HOTELS, ETC.

1. Action as set out below will be taken in all cases where arms, equipment, kits and personal effects are recovered from railway stations, railway and other non-military cloakrooms hotels and other sources. Such action will be taken by the member of Movement Control, Provost Corps or other unit or persons recovering the articles.

(a) Arms and equipment will then be returned to the nearest AAOC Depot. If the article can be identified, the owner's unit will be so advised by the AAOC Depot and the article will be struck off the unit's Charge.

(b) Kits and personal effects will, if the owner and his unit can be ascertained, be forwarded to the section of Aust. Kit Store which serves the formation to which the member belongs. If there is no such section, such articles will be forwarded to the nearest Sub-HQ of Aust Kit Store. Such Sub-HQ will arrange for the storage of the article and notify the owner.

(c) If the ownership of the kit or effects cannot be established, the same will be forwarded to the nearest Sub-HQ of Aust Kit Store, by whom the articles will be dissected in accordance with GRO Q178/1942 and Adm Instructions for Kit Stores, 1942. If the effects remain unidentifiable, the personal property therein will be stored by Aust Kit Store pending identification by description of contents, and the Army property therein dealt with as provided in GRO Q178/1942, para 5(c)(ii). If ownership of the effects is established during dissection, then the effects will be sent to the appropriate Kit Store Section and the owner will be so notified.

2. Arms, ammunition, or equipment will not be deposited in cloakrooms other than those staffed by military personnel, nor will they be left unattended by military personnel in hotels, restaurants, cafes or similar institutions.

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by

Capt. F.C. STEVENS, OC 23 Aust.Fd.Coy.,R.A.E.

Serial No. 152. 20 Dec 42.

46. GREEN ENVELOPES.

The privilege of using green envelopes is withdrawn owing to the continued abuses by personnel of this Force.

In future, C.O's will be responsible for ensuring that green envelopes are issued only when they are required for urgent private affairs.

47. SECURITY OF INFORMATION.

GRO 6561 is repeated for the information of and action by all ranks:-

i. The attention of all ranks is drawn to the fact that the communication to any person, otherwise than in the course of official duty, of any naval, military or air force information is an offence under the Defence Act punishable by fine or imprisonment or both.

ii. An infringement of Army Field Censorship Instructions is an act of disloyalty which may incalculably harm the Allied cause. This fact will be impressed upon all ranks. Rigorous steps will be taken to punish every detected offender, irrespective of rank.

iii. An officer is responsible if a letter, after being franked by him, contains military information. By aiding and abetting the commission of an offence, the officer himself commits an offence and is liable to punishment accordingly. This will not, however absolve the writer of the letter from responsibility for the breach.

iv. Penalties imposed for breaches of security will be notified in formation, etc., Pt I Routine Orders, and, where,practicable such notifications will be read out on parade to troops within the formation, etc.

v. Contravention of this order if committed by an officer will be reported to LHQ so that, if thought necessary, the individual concerned may be called upon to show cause why his commission should not be cancelled.

48. PROHIBITED AREAS.

(a) BERRY SPRINGS Rest Camp Area, including the Swimming Pool, is out of bounds to all personnel other than

(i) those on duty and

(ii) members of Units billetted at the Camp.

(b) The Meat works and adjacent property at WYNDHAM is out of bounds to all army personnel except those on duty and carrying a pass signed by an officer and countersigned by the Town Major, WYNDHAM.

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49. CHRISTMAS GREETING TELEGRAMS.

In order to avoid delays in censorship of Christmas and New Year telegrams any one of the following standard texts may be used:-

(a) A Merry Christmas and New Year to All.
(b) Love and Best Wishes for Christmas and New Year. All well.
(c) Love and Best Wishes for Christmas and the New Year to all at home. All well.
(e) Love and Best Wishes for a Happy New Year. All well.
(f) Every Good Wish for the New Year.

In lodging telegrams it will only be necessary to insert the letter applicable to the text desired. For example:-

"Mrs J Brown
15 John St
BALLARAT, Vic

Text 'A'
Bill.

The choice of the text will rest solely with the sender.

.....Capt.
(F.C.Stevens)
OC 23 Aust.Fd.Coy., RAE.

APPOINTMENTS, PROMOTIONS, PUNISHMENTS ETC

N13285 L/Cpl PICK N.C. Appt A/Cpl as from 4 DEC 42
N155357 Spr. DEAMER D. " Spec T.G. III (Storeman) as from 18 DEC 42

N237990 Spr WEBBER C.B. Charge:- W.O.A.S. neglecting to obey Standing Orders by not wearing his shirt.
Award:- Fined £1 and forfeits all unit privileges regarding non-wearing of shirts until further notice.

N170798 Spr COULTER A.E. Charge:- W.O.A.S. neglect to the prejudice of good order and military discipline, failing to expeditiously carry out care and maintenance of tools.
Award:- Fined £3.

N170391 Spr NEAL M.J. Charge:-W.O.A.S. using insubordinate language to his superior officer.
Award:- Fined £2.

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By Capt. F.C.STEVENS, OC 23 Aust Fd Coy RAE

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50. SPECIAL ORDER. (Issued by Gen. Sir THOMAS BLAMEY, K.C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., Commander, Allied Land Forces in S.W. Pacific Area, and Commander-in-chief, Australian Military Forces.)

"As Commander of the Allied Land Forces in the South West Pacific Area, I send seasonal felicitations to all officers and men, Americans and Australians, under my command.

"I congratulate you on your recent success which are but the forerunner of the great offensive action which will bring victory to our cause and peace to the Pacific.

"There will be hard and bitter fighting. Even heavier sacrifices will be demanded from us, but only by those sacrifices can we ensure the sanctity of our homes and the security of our countries.

"Your successes have made it possible for our kinsfolk at home to commemorate this season with some of the traditional festivity. Participation in that commemoration is denied you by a savage enemy to whom the spirit of Christmas is meaningless. But you will find compensation in the grand comradeship of arms. It is a continuing friendship which will carry you through the vicissitudes of the peace that is to come as well as the tribulations and difficulties of war.

"In that comradeship you will go forward to victory which alone can preserve for our peoples the right to celebrate Christmas as it has been commemorated for almost 2000 years".

51. CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM THE G.O.C.

To all who are serving in units of the Northern Territory Force, I send my good wishes for Christmas and for the best luck in 1943.

Much has been achieved by this Force since it was created and I appreciate greatly the earnest endeavours made by you all to fit yourselves for the task allotted us. That task is a clear and essential one. It is to defend this part of Australia against an attack which still may come at any time.

In the knowledge that we are contributing substantially to the defence of our own country we can find some consolation for the separation from our folks at Christmas time.

1943 will bring us much nearer that victory which we all desire, but only if we, in common with all others fighting the Allied cause realise that we must give our best to the job in hand. I know that Northern Territory Force will do its share in this respect.

Good luck to all of you.

J.E.S. STEVENS,
Maj-General

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52. R.A.A.F. AIR-SEA RESCUE SERVICE Ref NTF Orders 17/274

(a) All army personnel will co-operate with the RAAF, Air-Sea Rescue Service by reporting immediately to the nearest RAAF aerodrome or unit the position of any aircraft or parachute seen to descend into the sea.

(b) The position whould be given, if possible, as a bearing and distance from a prominent land-mark.

53. INTER-UNIT MAIL - PREPAYMENT OF POSTAGE. Ref NTF Orders 17/283.

Private mail matter originating from members of the Forces in this Area addressed to other members of the Forces and wholly transmitted over Army mail services is subject to the prescribed postage rates.

54. CAMERAS AND PHOTOGRAPHY. Ref G.R.O. G.645.

1. All ranks, who have cameras, may in future use them subject to the following:-

2. An officer will be appointed in each unit to be O.i/c Photography. He will maintain a register showing the number, make and description of every camera held in the unit, together with the No., rank and name of its possessor.

3. Offrs and OR will be responsible for ensuring that cameras in their possession are registered with the O i/c Photography.

4. Cameras will be withdrawn, prior to departure, from personnel of units about to proceed to an active theatre of operations Cameras will be withdrawn at once from personnel already in an active theatre of operations.

5. C.Os of units may at any time order the withdrawal of cameras for security reasons.

6. The O i/c Photography, when the order for withdrawal has been given, will collect and forward cameras to:-

(a) such persons as the possessors of cameras direct, at the expense of the possessors. Packages containing cameras will be sent by registered post and registration receipt will be handed to the possessors in each case.

(b) H.Q. L of C Area; or

(c) O i/c Base Depot.

The O. i/c Photography will give a receipt for all cameras received, whether for disposal by (a), (b) or (c).

7. Notwithstanding the provisions of paras. 4, 5 and 6, a C.O. may, if he thinks fit, approve of the retention of cameras by not more than four members of the unit provided they signify their agreement that such retention will be subject to the following terms:-

(a) That cameras so retained will be used only as directed by O. i/c Photography.

(b) That the said cameras remain in the possession of the members concerned and will be at such member's risk.

(c) That the C.O. may withdraw such approval at any time.

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8. HQ L of C Areas will be responsible for ensuring that cameras deposited for custody by a unit preceeding overseas are forwarded on the unit's behalf to the Base Depot abroad.

9. (a) Films of photographs taken for official purposes will be forwarded for processing by formations, units, experimental and technical establishments etc. direct to HQ L of C Area. They will be accompanied by a memo. signed by the C.O. or an offr of field rank stating the purpose to which they will be put.

(b) If in the opinion of GSI at HQ L of C Area, films or prints should not, for security reasons, be returned to forward areas, GSI will retain them and will without delay advise the formation, unit, experimental or technical establishment etc., accordingly.

10. Films of photographs taken by Offrs and OR for non-official purposes will be forwarded to an approved photographer for processing. HQ L of C Areas will arrange with approved photographers that photographs contravening the Control of Photography Order will not be returned to the sender, but to HQ L of C Area. Such photographs will be referred to C.O. unit for necessary action.

11. The names of approved photographsers will from time to time be published in Unit Routine Orders. Approving authorities will be, in Australia, HQ L of C Areas, and abroad, Formation Commanders.

12. Photographs (other than those taken for official purposes) which, if captured, would be of value to the enemy, are prohibited.

13. Contraventions of this order will be dealt with by disciplinary action and/or by:-

(a) Withdrawal, temporary or permanent, of cameras.

(b) Destruction of films and prints.

14. This order will be read in conjunction with the relevant paras of Army Fd Censorship Instns No 22 - Procedure and Instns for Unit Censorship.

55. FALSE STATEMENTS TO OBTAIN LEAVE, ETC., Ref GRO A.651.

Attention is directed to regulation 73A of the National Security (General) Regulations, inserted by Statutory Rules 1942 No.475. That regulation is as follows:-

A person shall not knowingly produce or present to any person any document containing any false statemnt, or from which any material omission has been made, or knowingly make or connive at the making of any false statement, whether oral or in writing, or any omission, for the purpose of obtaining for any person or of assisting any person to obtain:-

(a) exemption from service in or leave of absence from any part of the Defence Force:

(b) a transfer from one unit, service, department, corps or arm of the Defence Force to another or from any place at which he is serving as a member of the Defence Force to any other place;

(c) the transfer from any place of detention to any other place, or the release, whether temporarily or permanently,

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of any person detained in pursuance of any instrument made or issued under any regulation made in pursuance of the Act, or any benefit or special treatment for any person so detained.

56. FALSE STATEMENTS TO SECURE EXEMPTION, LEAVE ETC., Ref GRO A652

A recent Statutory Rule has amended A.M.R. & O. by inserting a new A.M.R. 203A, the full text of which will be published shortly, and which provides in effe t that every person subject to military law, whether on war service or not, who, with intent to deceive, makes any false statement or representation, whether verbal or in writing, in connection with any application that -

(a) any member of the Military Forces shall be granted exemption from service or leave of absence; or

(b) any member of the Defence Force shall be transferred from one arm, service, department, corps or unit of the Defence Force to another or from one place to another;

shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable to penalties as prescribed by A.M.R. 215.

The averments by the prosecution that the statement or representation attributed to the accused was false, and was made with intent to deceive, shall be prima facie evidence of such ~~fa~~ falsity and intent.

57. CLEANING OF WEB EQUIPMENT AND GAITERS. Ref GRO 0.657.

1. The practice of bleaching articles of web equipment and web gaiters, either by excessive washing with soap and soda or other means, is to cease immediately.

2. Items treated in this manner are not only unduly conspicuous in action but the treatment greatly deteriorates the material and reduces the life of the article.

3. When it is necessary to clean any item by washing, luke warm soapy water and light scrubbing only should be used. However, such washing should be restricted to occasions when it is absolutely essential.

J C Berryhent Jr .....Capt.
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23 Aust Fd Coy RAE (Unit) 6 Dec 42. 19..... (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.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	(As per amended schedule)		
Staff Serjeants			
Serjeants			
Corporals			
Troopers, Privates, &c.			
TOTALS		*	*

*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.
Attachments as per WE		Other detachments	
1 Cpl	A.A.M.C.	Nil	

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).
N80260	L/Cpl	JOBSON R.D.	RAE	KAHLIN HOSPITAL
N198067	Spr	HOOD E.L.J.	"	Detention Bks BROCK'S CK.
N232547	"	O'BRIEN R.H.	"	119 A.G.H.
N205259	"	KLINE F.H.	"	119 A.G.H.

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Detail	WE	Strength excl att	Surplus	Deficiency	Remarks
WO Cl I.	--	-			
WO Cl II	1	1			
CQMS	1	1			
S/Sjts	-	-			
Sjts	9	8	1	2	
Cpls	22	21	1	2	
Spec Gp I	31	17 19	1	15 13	
" " II	60	41	1	20	
" " III	26	19	3	10	
Sprs	89	97 94	~~4~~ 8 5	-	
Totals	239	205 204	15 12	49 47	

1 A.A.M.C. Cpl Attached as per WE (Prov) II/10A/3

A.I.F. PERSONNEL

23 Aust Fd Coy RAE

12 N.C.Os 28 OR

C.S.M.	1
C.Q.M.S.	1
T/Sjt	1
Fd Sjts	4
" L/Sjts	1
" Cpls	4
Spec Gp I	2
" " II	7
" " III	4
Non Specs.	15.

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23 Aust Fd Coy RAE ..... Unit.

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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)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)
Ammunition Examiners			Fire Control Operators			Panel Beaters		
Armament Artificers			Fitters		1	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		1
Blacksmiths	~~1~~	~~4~~ 2	Fitters, Signal			Predictor Numbers		
Boilermakers	~~1~~		Grinders			Printers		
Bricklayers	1		Gun Layers			Radiator Mechanics		
Butchers			G.P.O. Assistants			Radiographers		
Camouflage Modeller			Gun Operators			Range Takers		
Carpenter and Joiner		4	Hammermen			Riggers		
Clerks	1		Height Takers			Rivetters		
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		2	Joiners			Signallers		
Cooks (Cpl)	1	2	Leather Stitchers			Signwriters		
Cooks, Hospital			Linesmen			Stokers, Stationary Engine	2	
Coppersmiths			Linesmen, Signals			Storemen, Technical		3
Dental Clerk Orderlies			Lithographers			Surveyors		
Despatch Riders			Machinists			Surveyors, Engineering		1
Dispensers			Masons	1		Tailors		
Draughtsmen			Masseurs			Telescope Identification Numbers		
Draughtsmen, Architectural		1	Mechanics, Dental			Textile Refitters		
Draughtsmen, Mechanical			Mechanics, M.T.		1	Tinsmiths		1
Draughtsmen, Signal			Mechanics, Typewriter			Toolmakers		
Draughtsmen, Topographical			Mechanics, Wireless			Turners		
Driver Mechanics		2 ~~3~~	Millwrights			Vulcanizers		
Driver Operators			Miners		11	Wagon Erectors		
Drivers, Transportation Plant			Moulders			Watchmakers		
Electrical Fitters			Nursing Orderlies			Watermen		
Electricians			Nursing Orderlies (Mental)			Welders		
Electricians, Eng. Units			Nurses, Trained			Well Borers		
Electricians, Signal			Observation Post Assistants			Wheelers		
Engine Artificers		7	Operating Room Assistants			Whitesmiths		
Engine Hands I/C		4	Operators, Signal			Wiremen		
Equipment Repairers			Opticians			Woodturners	6 9	
Farriers			Painters		1	Miscellaneous	~~12~~	3 ~~2~~
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)							12 15	47 49

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.

23 Aust Fd Coy RAE ..... *Unit.*

(F.C.STEVENS) Capt. *Signature of Commander.*

Date of Despatch 6 Dec 42.

23 Aust Inf Bde ..... *Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.*

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

23 Aust Fd Coy RAE
6 DEC 42

NON SPECIALISTS.

	WE		STRENGTH
Batmen.	7		5
General Dutymen	1		-
MC Orderlies	5		4
Hygiene Dutyman	1		-
Tpt Cpls	3		3
Tpt Drivers MT	32		21
Pioneers - Cpls	15	m	14
- OR	42		67
Water dutyman	1		-
Total	107		114

m Does not include 4 specialist Cpls.

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Serial No 19/42 Date 6 Dec 42.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

23 Aust Fd Coy RAE. (Unit)

PART A—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached)	3 Surplus to Establishment	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment.)
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels			
Majors			1
Captains	2	1	
Lieutenants	5		
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
Totals	7	1	1

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank	Name	Unit or Corps	Date	Cause
		Nil		

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank	Name	Unit or Corps	Date	Cause
		Nil		

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

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

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	Personal Number	Name and Initials	~~Corps~~ Appt.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed
Capt	NX35041	STEVENS F.C.	OC	Yes	
"	N.51599	BAYLISS R.V.	2 i/c	No	Det to Engr School
Lieut	N.12436	McLEAN R.B.	Sec Offr	Yes	
"	NXM24520	NOBLE D.G.	" "	"	
"	VP.7313	HANDLEY R.C.	" "	No	Det to Cmwlth Rlys
"	NXM80034	CAMPBELL S.	Engr Offr	Yes	
"	N.52438	BERRY J.C.	QM Offr	Yes	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	Personal Number	Name and Initials	Unit of Corps	Date of attachment	Nature of attachment
		Nil			

23 Aust Fd Coy RAE (Unit)

J.C. Berry Lieut Capt.
(F.C.Stevens) (Signature of Commander)

6 DEC 42
(Date of Despatch)

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

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

23 Aust.Fd.Coy.,R.A.E. (Unit) 12 Dec 42 19..... (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.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	(As per amended schedule.)		
Staff Serjeants			
Serjeants			
Corporals			
Troopers, Privates, &c.			
TOTALS		*	*

*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.
Attachments as per WE		Other detachments.	
1 Cpl.	A.A.M.C.	Nil	

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).
N80260	L/Cpl.	JOBSON R.B.	R.A.E.	119 A.G.H.
N198067	Spr.	HOOD E.L.J.	"	-
N232547	"	O'BRIEN R.H.	"	121 A.G.H.
N205259	"	KLINE F.H.	"	121 A.G.H.
N15754	"	KEIGHRAN C.W.	"	119 A.G.H.

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Detail.	WE	Strength excl Att	Surplus	Deficiency	Remarks.
WO Cl. I.	-	-			
WO Cl. II.	1	1			
CQMS	1	1			
S/Sjts.	-	-			
Sjts	9	8	1	2	
Cpls.	22	21	1	2	
Spec.Gp. I.	31	19	1	13	
" " II.	60	41	1	20	
" " III.	26	19	3	10	
Sprs.	89	94	5	-	
Totals.	239	204	12	47	

1 A.A.M.C. Cpl. Attached as per WE (prov) II/10A/3

A.I.F. PERSONNEL.

23 Aust.Fd.Coy.,R.A.E.

CSM	1
CQMS	1
T/Sjt/	1
Fd.Sjts.	4
" L/Sjts.	1
" Cpls.	4
Spec Gp. I.	2
" " II	7
" " III.	4
Non specs.	15
Total.	12 NCOs 28 Or.

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23 Aust.Fd.Coy.,R.A.E.
Unit.

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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)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)
Ammunition Examiners			Fire Control Operators			Panel Beaters		
Armament Artificers			Fitters		1	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		1
Blacksmiths		2	Fitters, Signal			Predictor Numbers		
Boilermakers			Grinders			Printers		
Bricklayers	1		Gun Layers			Radiator Mechanics		
Butchers			G.P.O. Assistants			Radiographers		
Camouflage Modeller			Gun Operators			Range Takers		
Carpenter and Joiner		4	Hammermen			Riggers		
Clerks	1		Height Takers			Rivetters		
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		2	Joiners			Signallers		
Cooks (Cpl)	1	2	Leather Stitchers			Signwriters		
Cooks, Hospital			Linesmen			Stokers, Stationary Engine	2	
Coppersmiths			Linesmen, Signals			Storemen, Technical		3
Dental Clerk Orderlies			Lithographers			Surveyors		
Despatch Riders			Machinists			Surveyors, Engineering		1
Dispensers			Masons	1		Tailors		
Draughtsmen			Masseurs			Telescope Identification Numbers		
Draughtsmen, Architectural		1	Mechanics, Dental			Textile Refitters		
Draughtsmen, Mechanical			Mechanics, M.T.		1	Tinsmiths		1 2
Draughtsmen, Signal			Mechanics, Typewriter			Toolmakers		
Draughtsmen, Topographical			Mechanics, Wireless			Turners		
Driver Mechanics		2	Millwrights			Vulcanizers		
Driver Operators			Miners		11	Wagon Erectors		
Drivers, Transportation Plant			Moulders			Watchmakers		
Electrical Fitters			Nursing Orderlies			Watermen		
Electricians			Nursing Orderlies (Mental)			Welders		
Electricians, Eng. Units			Nurses, Trained			Well Borers		
Electricians, Signal			Observation Post Assistants			Wheelers		
Engine Artificers		7	Operating Room Assistants			Whitesmiths		
Engine Hands I/C		4	Operators, Signal			Wiremen		
Equipment Repairers			Opticians			Woodturners		
Farriers			Painters		1	Miscellaneous	6	3
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)							12	47

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.

23 Aust Fd Coy.,R.A.E.
Unit.

Capt.
(F.C.Stevens)
Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch 12 Dec 42

23 Aust Inf Bde
Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

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WE(Prov) II/10A/3 7 Offr. 239 OR Att. nil & 1.
Serial No.20/42 Date. 12 Dec 42.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

23 Aust.Fd.Coy.,R.A.E. (*Unit*)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 **Posted** strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels			
Majors			1
Captains	2	1	
Lieutenants	5		
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
Totals	7	1	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.
		Unit or		
		Nil		

Officers QUITTED during week.

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

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps. Appt.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Capt.	NX.35041	STEVENS F.C.	OC	Yes	
"	N.51699	BAYLISS R.W.	2 i/c	No.	Det to Engr. School.
Lieut	N.12436	McLEAN R.B.	Sec Offr.	YES	
"	NX124520	NOBLE D.G.	" "	"	
"	VX.7313	HANDLEY R.C.	" "	NO	Det to Cswlth Hlys.
"	NX18034	CAMPBELL S.	Engr Offr	YES	
"	N.52438	BERRY J.C.	QM Offr	"	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit or Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
		NIL.			

23 Aust.Fd.Coy.,R.A.E.
(Unit.)

(F.C.Stevens) Capt.
(Signature of Commander.)

12 Dec 42.
(Date of Despatch.)

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

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WE(Prov) II/10A/3 7 Offr. 239 OR. Att. Nil. & 1.
Serial No. 21/42 Date. 19 Dec 42.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

23 Aust.Fd.Coy.,R.A.E. (*Unit*)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 **Posted** strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels			
Majors			1
Captains	2	1	
Lieutenants	5		
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
Totals	7	1	1

*Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

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

Officers QUITTED during week.

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

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

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

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1 Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	2 Personal Number.	3 Name and Initials.	4 Corps.	5 Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No).	6 If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Capt.	NX.35041	STEVENS P.C.	OC	YES	
"	[illegible]	[illegible]	2 i/c	No	Det to Engr School.
Lieut.	[illegible]	[illegible]	Sec Offr.	YES	
"	[illegible]	[illegible]	"	"	
"	VR.6313	HANDLEY R.C.	" "	NO	Det to Cmwlth Rlys.
"	[illegible]	CAMPBELL S	Engr Offr.	YES	
"	M.52438	BERRY J.C.	QM Offr.	"	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit or Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
		Nil			

23 Aust.Fd.Coy.,R.A.E.
(Unit.)

19 Dec 42
(Date of Despatch.)

J.C.Berry Lieut & Capt.
(P.C.Stevens)
(Signature of Commander.)

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

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WE (Prov) II/10A/3 7 Offrs. 239 OR Att. Nil & 1.

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

23 Aust.Fd.Coy.,R.A.E. (Unit) 19 Dec 42 19 (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.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	(As per amended schedule)		
Staff Serjeants			
Serjeants			
Corporals			
Troopers, Privates, &c.			
TOTALS		*	*

*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.
Attachments	as per WE	Other detachments.	
1 Cpl.	A.A.M.C.	Nil	

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).
N80260	L/Cpl.	JOBSON. R.B.	R.A.E.	111 Con Depot.
N232547	Spr.	O'BRIEN R.H.	"	121 A.G.H.
N205259	"	KLINE F.H.	"	121 A.G.H.
N.15754	"	KEIGHRAN C.W.	"	119 A.G.H.
N.51765	"	DAVIDSON H.E.	"	KAHLIN HOSPITAL.
N.51697	"	LEPSIN C.A.	"	" "

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Detail.	WE	Strength excl att	Surplus	Deficiency	Remarks.
WO Cl. I	-	-			
WO Cl.II	1	1			
CQMS	1	1			
S/Sjts.	-	-			
Sjts.	9	8	1	2	
Cpls.	22	22	1	1	
Spec. Gp.I	31	19	1	13	
" " II	60	~~41~~ 43	~~1~~	~~19~~ 18	
" " III	26	~~17~~ 18	3	~~12~~ 11	
Sprs.	89	92	3	-	
Totals.	239	201 ~~204~~	9 10	47 45	

1 A.A.M.C. Cpl. attached as per WE (Prov) II/10A/3

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A.I.F. PERSONNEL.

23 Aust.Fd.Coy.,R.A.E.

CSM	~~1~~
CQMS	1
T/Sjt.	1
Fd.Sjts.	4
" L/Sjts.	2
" Cpls.	5
Spec. Gp. I	3
" " II	7
" " III	3
Non Specs.	~~17~~ 18

Total 14 NCOs 30 OR.

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23 Aust.Fd.Coy.,R.A.E. Unit.

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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)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)
Ammunition Examiners			Fire Control Operators			Panel Beaters		
Armament Artificers			Fitters		1	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		1
Blacksmiths		2	Fitters, Signal			Predictor Numbers		
Boilermakers			Grinders			Printers		
Bricklayers	1		Gun Layers			Radiator Mechanics		
Butchers			G.P.O. Assistants			Radiographers		
Camouflage Modeller			Gun Operators			Range Takers		
Carpenter and Joiner		3	Hammermen			Riggers		
Clerks	1		Height Takers			Rivetters		
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		~~3~~ 2	Joiners			Signallers		
Cooks (Cpl.)	1	2	Leather Stitchers			Signwriters		
Cooks, Hospital			Linesmen			Stokers, Stationary Engine	2	
Coppersmiths			Linesmen, Signals			Storemen, Technical		3
Dental Clerk Orderlies			Lithographers			Surveyors		
Despatch Riders			Machinists			Surveyors, Engineering		1
Dispensers			Masons	1		Tailors		
Draughtsmen			Masseurs			Telescope Identification Numbers		
Draughtsmen, Architectural		1	Mechanics, Dental			Textile Refitters		
Draughtsmen, Mechanical			Mechanics, M.T.		1	Tinsmiths		2
Draughtsmen, Signal			Mechanics, Typewriter			Toolmakers		
Draughtsmen, Topographical			Mechanics, Wireless			Turners		
Driver Mechanics		2	Millwrights			Vulcanizers		
Driver Operators			Miners		11	Wagon Erectors		
Drivers, Transportation Plant			Moulders			Watchmakers		
Electrical Fitters			Nursing Orderlies			Watermen		
Electricians			Nursing Orderlies (Mental)			Welders		
Electricians, Eng. Units			Nurses, Trained			Well Borers		
Electricians, Signal			Observation Post Assistants			Wheelers		
Engine Artificers		7	Operating Room Assistants			Whitesmiths		
Engine Hands I/C		4	Operators, Signal			Wiremen		
Equipment Repairers			Opticians			Woodturners		
Farriers			Painters		~~1~~	Miscellaneous	4	2
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)							~~9~~ 10	~~47~~ 45

Notes—(a) If rank other than Private is involved give details on back.
(b) Authorised Trades or Specialists not included in list above will be added as required in spaces provided.

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Unit.

J.C. Berry Lieut. Capt.
(F.C. Stevens)
Signature of Commander.

23 Aust.Inf.Bde.
Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

23 Aust.Fd.Coy. R.A.E. (*Unit*)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 **Posted** strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
*			
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Lieut.-Colonels			
Majors			1.
Captains	2	1	
Lieutenants	5		
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
Totals	7	1	1

*Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

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

Officers QUITTED during week.

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

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

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

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1 Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	2 Personal Number.	3 Name and Initials.	4 Corps. Appt.	5 Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No).	6 If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Capt.	NX.35041	STEVENS F.C.	OC	Yes	
Capt.	N.51599	BAYLISS R.V.	2 i/c	No.	Det to Engr.School.
Lieut.	N12436	McLEAN R.B.	Sec Offr.	No.	Det SME LIVERPOOL.
"	NXM24520	NOBLE D.G.	" "	Yes	
"	VP.7313	HANDLEY R.C.	" "	No.	Det to Cmwlth Rlys.
"	NXM80034	CAMPBELL S.	Engr. Offr	Yes	
"	N.52438	BERRY J.C.	QM OFFR.	"	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit or Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
		Nil			

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(F.C. Stevens) Capt. (Signature of Commander.)

26 Dec 42. (Date of Despatch.)

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

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

23 Aust Fd.Coy.,R.A.E. (Unit) 26 Dec 42 19..... (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.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	(As per amended schedule)		
Staff Serjeants			
Serjeants			
Corporals			
Troopers, Privates, &c.			
TOTALS		*	*

*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.
Attachments as per W.E.		Other detachments.	
1 Cpl.	A.A.M.C.	Nil.	

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).
X80260	L/Cpl.	JOBSON R.B.	R.A.E.	111 Con Depot.
N205259	Spr.	KLINE F.H.	"	121 A.G.H.
N.15754	"	KEICHRAN C.W.	"	119 A.G.H.

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AMENDED PART 'A' AF W3009.

Detail.	WE	Strength excl att.	Surplus	Deficiency	Remarks.
WO. Cl. I	-	-			
WO Cl.II.	1	1			
CQMS	1	1			
S/Sjts.	-	-			
Sjts.	9	8	1	2	
Cpls.	22	22	1	1	
Spec.Gp. I.	31	19	1	13	
" " II.	60	43	1	18	
" " III.	26	15	3	11	
Sprs.	89	92	3	-	
Totals.	239	204	10	45	

1 A.A.M.C. Cpl. attached as per WE (Prov) II/10A/3

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A.I.F. PERSONNEL.

23 Aust.Fd.Coy.,R.A.E.

C.S.M.	1
CQMS	1
T/Sjts.	1
Fd.Sjts.	4
Fd.L/Sjts.	2
" Cpls.	5
Spec. Gp. I.	3
" " II	7
" " III	3
Non Specs.	18
Total.	14 NCOs 31 OR.

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