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# WAR DIARY
*or*
~~INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~.
*(Erase heading not required).*

NO. 2. Platoon

Army Form C. 2118.

Unit 2/3 Aust Ry Const Coy (ME)

Commanding Officer [signature] Capt

| Place. | Date | Hour. | Summary of Events and Information. | References to Appendices. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| TRINITY — - BEACH | 1 | | Platoon commenced syllabus laid down for one week of intensive basic training | |
| | 3 | | TRAINING programme abandoned owing to pressure of essential work | |
| | 4-12 | | All available MT + ME Equipment engaged on construction of road to Beach Group H.Q and area camps | |
| | 13 | | Advance party moved to Wongabel. Remainder of platoon engaged on servicing of plant and the preparation of same for transport | |
| | 14. | | Portion of ME. Plant and stores transported to Wongabel. Remainder of stores packed and loaded ready for move. | |
| | 15. | | MAIN body of platoon moved out and proceeded to Wongabel. and established camp. Rear party left to clean campsite. | |
| WONGABEL. | 16-26 | | All plant and personnel engaged on construction of | |

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No. 2. Platoon
Unit 2/3 Aust Fy Const Coy (ME)
Commanding Officer .....

Army Form C. 2118.

| Place. | Date | Hour. | Summary of Events and Information. | References to Appendices. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| WANGABEL | | | roads and clearing of sites for new BGE camp. Work being carried out in two shifts with plant working for twelve hours daily. | |
| | 27 | | One bull-dozer and operator detached to R.A.E. 6 Aust Div | |
| | 28 | | One bull-dozer and carryall with operator detached to A.W.C. for road construction. | |
| | 29. | | Grading commenced on road from Corps H.Q to Yungaburra. | |
| | 30 | | One bulldozer and 2 ORs detached to C.R.E. 2 Aust Corps for preparation of gravel pits in anticipation of extensive road construction | |
| | 26-31 | | All plant other than above engaged on completion of BGE camp sites and roads. | |

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# WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

(Erase heading not required)

Army Form C.2118
(adapted.)

Unit 2/3 Aust. Ry. Const. Coy. (ME) Date and Time.—From 3 Jan 44 To 31 Jan 44

| Place | Date | Hour | Summary of Events and Information | Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Randwick | 3 Jan 44 | 0830 | 3 pl moves toSingleton. Earthworks on A.F.V. Range | Appendices No 1/44 Routine Orders Pt. 1 |
| Randwick | 10 Jan 44 | 1200 | Coy. less one platoon being brought up to strength and servicing M.T. andMech.Equipment | W 3008 and W 3009 No 1/44 |
| Randwick | 27 Jan 44 | 1000 | Detachment at Leichhardt returns to Coy | |
| Randwick | 30 Jan 44 | 1900 | 3 Pl returns to Coy, | |
| Randwick | 31 Jan 44 | 1000 | Ryde detachment under Lt.Sutherland returns to Coy. | |
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Major
OC 2/3 Aust Ry Const Coy (ME) RAE

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Serial No. 1/44
8 Jan 44

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

ROUTINE ORDER PT. 1

BY

MAJOR ALLAN BENNETT

OFFICER COMMANDING 2/3 AUST RY CONST COY (ME)

1. ESCAPES OF AUSTRALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR FROM ENEMY HANDS

G.R.O. 834 is republished herein

1. It is the duty of any soldier, if captured by the enemy to effect his escape at the earliest possible moment.

2. It is also his duty - any breach of which is a serious offence - not to communicate to unauthorized persons any information about the means employed by him or his companions to escape from enemy hands.

3. The disclosure of such information:-

(a) prejudices the chances of other escapees;
(b) prevents other members of Australian or Allied forces from using the same or similar means of escape.
(c) endangers the lives of those who may have assisted the escapees at any stage of their escape.

therefore, except as provided in paras 4 and 5 below, an escaped prisoners, of war is forbidden to disclose particulars of his escape directly or indirectly to any person whatever, either by word of mouth or in writing.

4. An escaped prisoner of war will disclose full particulars of his escape only to officers authorized by the Director of Military Intelligence to interrogate such an escapee. No officers, except those authorized by the DMI, are permitted to interrogate any escapee on the circumstances of his escape.

5. Should it be considered desirable for an escaped prisoner of war to lecture on his experiences, the script of the proposed lecture will be submitted to the DMI for approval. No lecture will be arranged until approval of the DMI has been obtained.

6. G.R.O. G. 192/43 is cancelled.

2. SUMMER DRESS ( SECOND AUST ARMY ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION No166

To ensure uniformity the following orders of summer dress will be observed.

OFFICERS (MALE) LEAVE DRESS

JACKET AND TROUSERS KD

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Hat (turned down) cap or beret if authorised.
Jacket KD, with khaki drill belt or Sam Browne belt with or without the shoulder strap over the right shoulder.

Trousers KD.
Boots (or shoes) with khaki socks.
Shirt collar and tie kahki.
In accordance with GRO 794/43 the Sam Browne belt with the shoulder strap over the right shoulder WILL be worn on formal occasions.

OFFICERS (MALE) WORKING DRESS)

SHIRT AND TROUSERS

Hat (turned down) or cap or beret if authorised.
Shirt, military, khaki, or safari jacket.
Trousers KD.
Boots (or shoes) with khaki socks.
Belt web or Sam Browne with or without the shoulder strap over the right shoulder.
This order of dress will NOT be worn on leave.

SHIRT AND SHORTS

Hat (turned down) or cap or beret if authorised.
Shirt, military, khaki or safari jacket.

Shorts KD.
Shoes, with stockings or
(a) Boots with stockings and puttees short, anklets web or gaiters SD; or
(b) Boots with socks, hosetops and puttees short, anklets web, or gaiters SD.
This order of dress will NOT be worn on leave.

OTHER RANKS (MALE)

SHIRT AND TROUSERS

Hat (turned down) or cap or beret if authorised.
Shirt, military, khaki.
Trousers KD.
Boots, AB, with socks.
Belt (as issued)
When this order of dress is worn on leave anklets web or gaiters SD will be worn.

SHIRT AND SHORTS

Hat (turned down) or cap or beret if authorised.
Shirt, military, khaki.
Shorts, KD.
Boots AB with
(a) Stockings and puttees short, anklets web, or gaiters SD, or

(b) Socks, hosetops and puttees short, anklets web, or gaiters SD.

GENERAL ( ALL RANKS)

(a) Anti-malarial protection - North of Latitude 32° and in such areas as may be prescribed, shirt sleeves will be rolled down and trousers with anklets web or gaiters cloth worn between 2000 hrs and 0600 hrs, unless otherwise ordered by the Formation Commander.

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(b) Rank badges and Medal Ribbons will be worn on shirt when the latter is used as an outer garment. Warrant Officers rank badges and NCO's chevrons will be of standard pattern and worn on sleeve. In the case of Warrant Officers when sleeves of shirt are rolled up, the badge of rank will be worn on the sleeve above the elbow.

(c) Colour patches will not be worn on jackets KD, or shirts.

(d) Service shevrons may be worn on jackets KD and on safari jackets and shirts having long sleeves worn as an outer garment.

(e) Jackets KD - where these have been issued they will be worn by other ranks in lieu of shirt military khaki, when ordered.

(f) Jerseys, pullover, khaki will be worn when ordered.
If such jerseys are worn as an outer garment, the belt as issued will be worn outside the sweater.
They may also be worn optionally if not worn as an external garment.

Comds may authorise the wearing of service dress if the weather requires it.

3. CORRECT USE OF LIGHTS WHEN APPROACHING ONCOMING TRAFFICE (GRO 0824)

1. Accidents involving army vehicles have occurred due to lack of road courtesy of drivers who fails to dim their headlamps when approaching oncoming traffic.

2. In order that personnel in control of vehicles may appreciate their responsibility in this regard, the action to be taken is set out hereunder.

(a) When approaching oncoming traffic, the driver of a vehicle will ensure that his headlights are dipped and will keep as near as practicable, having regard to all the circumstances, to the left hand edge of the roadway.

(b) If the headlights cannot be dipped, they will be dimmed. If they cannot be dipped or dimmed, the driver will switch to his parking lights. In either case, he will reduce the speed of the vehicle so that he can stop within his lessened limits of vision.

3. The driver is responsible for checking the correct operation of all lights and for reporting immediately (on AAF G17) all defects which he is not permitted to rectify.

4. WALKING ON LAWNS
In moving about the camp troops are to use pathways and not walk across made lawns. Disciplinary action will be taken against offenders.

5. URINATION
Troops polluting building or areas in Randwick Racecourse will be most severely dealt with.

6. RECORD OF SERVICE BOOK - AAB 83
The loss, destruction or defacement of an AAB 83 by a wilful act or be negligence or the unauthorized alteration of any information contained therein is an offence in respect of which a charge will lie under AA 40.

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7. MAINTENANCE INSTRUCTIONS (GRO 775/43)

Maintenance of combat tyres on vehicles is prescribed as follows:-

(a) Tyre inflation pressures will be kept inflated to correct pressures prescribed in appropriate Mechanization Circulars.

(b) After an emergency deflation, a combat tyre will be re-inflated to its correct pressure at the earliest possible moment.

(c) Any combat tyre that has been deflated and run for more than-

(i) twenty consecutive miles, or

(ii) seventy-five miles in the aggregate,

will be removed and inspected by skilled AEME personnel to see if it is fit for further use. When it is necessary to remove a tyre from the wheel, the rim nuts or cap screws will not be unscrewed unless the tyre is completely deflated; otherwise, an inflated tyre may easily blow the wheel apart, causing severe injury or death. Rim nuts or cap screws will be painted red to denote danger.

(d) When replacement of a combat tyre becomes necessary, care will be taken to see that the casing and the tube of the replacement tyre are of the correct size and marked COMBAT.

(e) A rubber flap of correct size and type will be fitted in combat tyres using the segmental type of beadlock.

Allan Bennett. Major
O.C. 2/3 Aust Ry const Coy (ME)

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NB:- 72 O/Rs. SERVING OUTSIDE NSW. LofC AREA. NOT SHOWN ON THIS RETURN.

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# FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

1 / 44 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 1 / 1 /1944. 2/3 Aust Ry Const Coy ME (Unit)

W.E. IV BB/1. OFFRS. 11 O.R's. 281 + OFFRS. - O.R's. 12 ATT. BY W.E.

**Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.**

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED. | | | | DETAIL. | ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E. | | | | |
| Reinfts. Required. | Deficient W.E. | Surplus to W.E. | Posted Strength. | | Arm or Corps. | Posted Strength. | Surplus to W.E. | Deficient W.E. | Reinfts. Required. |
| | | | 1 | W.Os. Class I. | | | | | |
| | | | 1 | W.Os. Class II. | | | | | |
| | | | 1 | Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts. | | | | | |
| | | | 1 | Staff Sergeants | A.A.C.C. | 1 | | | |
| | | | 9 | Sergeants | A.A.C.C. | 1 | | | |
| | | | 29 | Corporals | A.A.M.C. | 1 | | | |
| | | | | | A.A.E.W. | 1 | | | |
| 32 | 32 | 4 | 220 | Troopers, Privates, etc. | A.A.C.C. | 6 | | | |
| | | | | | A.A.C.C. | 1 | | | |
| 32. | 32 | 2 | 361 | Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2. | | 12. | | | |

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

| Detail | | C.M.F. | | | | | | | | TOTAL. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | A.I.F. | Under 19 Years. | 19 Years and over. | A.W.A.S. | A.A.M.W.S. | CIVIL. | R.A.N. | R.A.A.F. | * * | |
| A | 273 | | | | | | [redacted] | [redacted] | | 273. |
| B(1) | | | | | | | | | | |
| B(2) | No 'B' CLASS PERSONNEL. | | | | | | [redacted] | | | |

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

**Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.**

| Number of O.Rs. | Unit to which they belong. |
|---|---|
| 1 | A.A.M.C. |
| 1 | POSTAL SERVICES. |
| 1 | A.A.O.C. |
| 9 | A.A.C.C. |

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

| Number of O.Rs. | Unit to which detached. | Number of O.Rs. | Unit to which detached. |
|---|---|---|---|

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

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

2/3 Aust Ry Const Coy (ME) Unit

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1 / 44 (Serial No.) NIL

## PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 1 / 1 /1944.

| Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. | W.E. | Posted Strength. | Reinfts. Required. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Ammunition Examiners | | | |
| Armament Artificer Fitter | | | |
| Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical) | | | |
| Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.) | | | |
| Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.) | | | |
| Armament Artificer Instrument | | | |
| Armament Artificer Radio | | | |
| Armament Artificer Signals | | | |
| Armament Artificer Wireless | | | |
| Artificer, Artillery | | | |
| Artificer, Engine | | | |
| Blacksmiths | | | |
| Bricklayers | 2 | 2 | |
| Computors | | | |
| Cooks, Hospital | | | |
| Coppersmiths | | | |
| Dispensers | | | |
| Draughtsmen | | | |
| Draughtsmen (Architectural) | | | |
| Draughtsmen (Engineering) | 1 | 1 | |
| Draughtsmen (Mechanical) | | | |
| Draughtsmen (Topographical) | | | |
| Electricians | | | |
| Electricians (M.V.) | | | |
| Electricians (Signals) | | | |
| Fitters (ME) | 13 | 13 | • |
| Fitters (Cycle) | | | |
| Fitters (Electrical) | 1 | 1 | • |
| Fitters (Gun) | | | |
| Fitters (Instrument) | | | |
| Fitters (M.V.) | | | |
| Fitters, Railway Signal | | | |
| Fitters, Signals | | | |
| Grinder, Precision | | | |
| Mechanics, Instrument | | | |
| Mechanics, Instrument (Signals) | | | |
| Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical) | | | |
| Mechanics, Radio | | | |
| Mechanics, Typewriter | | | |
| Mechanics, Wireless | | | |
| Millwrights | | | |
| Operators, Excavator | 90 | 88 | 2 |
| Pattern Maker | | | |
| Pharmacist | | | |
| Photographer, Wet Plate | | | |
| Photowriter | | | |
| Plumber | 1 | 2 | |
| Saw Doctors | | | |
| Surveyors | | | |
| CARRIED FORWARD | 107 | 107 | 2 |

| Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.) | W.E. | Posted Strength. | Reinfts. Required. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Surveyors, Engineering | 1 | 1 | |
| Surveyors, R.A.A. | | | |
| Surveyors, Topographical | | | |
| Surveyors, Trigonometrical | | | |
| Toolmakers | | | |
| Turners | 2 | 2 | |
| Watchmakers | | | |
| Opticians | | | |
| Welders | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| **GROUP II.** | | | |
| Armourers | | | |
| Axemen | | | |
| Bakers | | | |
| Bty. Comd's. Asst. | | | |
| Boilermakers | | | |
| Carpenters | 5 | 5 | • |
| Carpenters and Joiners | | | |
| Cooks | | | |
| Dental Mechanics | | | |
| Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.) | 20 | 9 | 11 |
| Driver-Operator | | | |
| Drainers | | | |
| Electricians | | | |
| Electricians (Engineers) | 1 | 1 | |
| Fire Control Operators | | | |
| Gun Operator | | | |
| Hatchman | | | |
| Height Taker | | | |
| Hello Operator | | | |
| Instrument Operator | | | |
| Intelligence Duties | | | |
| Joiners | | | |
| Lineman | | | |
| Lineman, Signals | | | |
| Lithographers | | | |
| Machinists, Metal | | | |
| Machinists, Wood | | | |
| Masons | | | |
| Masseurs | | | |
| Mechanics, M.T. | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| Miners | 6 | 6 | |
| Moulders | | | |
| Nurses, Trained | | | |
| Observation Post Assts. | | | |
| CARRIED FORWARD | 148 | 134 | 15 |

| Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.) | W.E. | Posted Strength. | Reinfts. Required. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Operating Room Assts. | | | |
| Operator, Keyboard | | | |
| Operator, Line | | | |
| Operator, Signal | | | |
| Operator, Switchboard | | | |
| Operator, Wireless | | | |
| Opticians | | | |
| Painters | 1 | 1 | • |
| Panel Beaters | | | |
| Photographer, Dry Plate | | | |
| Predictor Numbers | | | |
| Printers | | | |
| Radiographers | | | |
| Riggers | 2 | 2 | • |
| Sawyers | 1 | 1 | • |
| Signallers | | | |
| Signwriters | | | |
| Telescope Identfn. Numbers | | | |
| Well Borers | | | |
| Wheelers | | | |
| Winchman | | | |
| Wireman | | | |
| Woodturners | | | |
| **GROUP III.** | | | |
| Battery Surveyors | | | |
| Butchers | | | |
| Clerks | 6 | 5 | 1 |
| Clerks, Supply | | | |
| Clerks, Technical | | | |
| Coach Trimmers | | | |
| Concretors | 2 | 2 | • |
| Cooks | | | |
| Dental Clerk Orderlies | | | |
| Despatch Riders | | | |
| Draughtsmen, Signals | | | |
| Drivers, H.T. | | | |
| Driver Mechanics | | | |
| Driver Tptn. Plant | | | |
| Engine Hands, L.C. | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| Equipment Repairers | | | |
| Farriers | | | |
| Fitters' Mates | | | |
| Gun Layers | | | |
| CARRIED FORWARD | 63 | 147 | 17 |

| Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.) | W.E. | Posted Strength. | Reinfts. Required. |
|---|---|---|---|
| G.P.O. Assistants | | | |
| Hammermen | | | |
| Leather Stitchers | | | |
| Orderlies, Nursing | | | |
| Orderlies, Nursing Mental | | | |
| Plate Layers | | | |
| Rangetakers | | | |
| Riveters | | | |
| Roughriders | | | |
| Saddlers | | | |
| Saddletreemakers | | | |
| Shoemaker and Boot Repairer | | | |
| Stevedores | | | |
| Stokers, Staty. Engine | | | |
| Storemen, Technical | 6 | 7 | • |
| Tailors | 1 | 1 | |
| Textile Refitters | | | |
| Tinsmiths | | | |
| Vulcanizers | | | |
| Wagon Erectors | | | |
| Whitesmiths | | | |
| **DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.** | | | |
| M.E. ORDERLIES | 3 | 3 | • |
| DRIVERS M.T. | 64 | 59 | 5 |
| PIONEERS | 17 | 17 | • |
| C.S.M. WO.II. | 1 | 1 | • |
| C.Q.M.S. SGT | 1 | 1 | • |
| MECH S/SGT. | 1 | 1 | • |
| SEC. SGTS. | 7 | 7 | • |
| SGT. CLERK | 1 | 1 | • |
| TRANS CNS. | 4 | 4 | • |
| BATTMAN | 1 | 1 | • |
| BATTMAN CNS. | 10 | 10 | • |
| TRANS. SGT. | 1 | 1 | • |
| **ATTACHED BY W.E.** | | | |
| A.A.M.C. CM. | 1 | 1 | • |
| POSTAL | | | |
| SERVICE CM | 1 | 1 | • |
| A.A.O.C. | | | |
| SHOEMAKER | 1 | 1 | • |
| A.A.C.C. SGT | 1 | 1 | • |
| " CNS. | 4 | 4 | • |
| " COOKS | 6 | 6 | |
| Totals of columns Marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively. | 348 | 273 | 22 |

NOTES.—(a) If rank other than private is involved give details on back.
(b) Authorised trades or specialists not included in list will be added as required in spaces provided
(c) Where A.W.A.S. and/or A.A.M.W.S. personnel are desired show details on back.
(d) Where replacement not desired note accordingly on return by insertion of N.R. in col. "Reints. Required."
(e) Where any request or notation is made on back of form, the words "See Back" should be written in one of the blank spaces on this page.

8-JAN-1944 Date of Despatch

2,000 Pads 7/43 B.P.

Signature of Commander Major
OC 3 Aust Ry Const Coy (ME) RAE

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NB:- 2 OFFICERS SERVING OUTSIDE NSW L of C. AREA. NOT SHOWN ON THIS RETURN.

# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

*Army Form* W.3008 (Adapted) (Page 1) (Revised Jan., 1943)

1/1/44 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 1/1/1944. 2/3 Aust Ry Const Coy ME (Unit)

W.E. IV/138/1. OFFRS. 11 O.R's 281 + OFFRS. – O.R's 12 ATT. BY W.E.

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

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

| Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E (1) & E (2). | DETAIL. | | A.I.F. | C.M.F. | A.W.A.S. | A.A.N.S. | A.A.M.W.S. | CIVIL. | R.A.N. | R.A.A.F. | * * | TOTAL. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | A. | | 10 | | | | | | | | | 10 |
| | E.(1) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | E.(2) | NO "B" CLASS PERSONNEL. | | | | | | | | | | |

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

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

### OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

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

### OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

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

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

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

2/3 Aust Ry Const Coy (ME) Unit

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## PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 1/1/1944. (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

| 1 Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held. | 2 Army Number. | 3 Surname. | 4 Initials. | 5 Posting. | 6 Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No) | 7 If not present with Unit, state how employed. | 8 Date of Detachment. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| MAJOR. | WX. 33194 | BENNETT. | A. | O.C. | YES | | |
| CAPT. | NX. 12192 | YOUNG. | C. | 2.I.C. | " | | |
| " | NX. 12193 | TAYLOR | P.N. | Sec Off | " | | |
| " | NX. 77235 | GIBSON | E.J.R | " | " | | |
| LIEUT. | WX. 33193 | ROBERTSON | W.J. | " | " | | |
| " | VX. 133239 | FRENCH | G.H. | " | " | | |
| " | NX. 132758 | GORDON | D.W. | " | " | | |
| " | NX. 176076 | CRANNA | G.B | " | " | | |
| " | NX. 148695 | SUTHERLAND. | J. | " | " | | |
| " | VX. 130279 | HART. | R.H.B. | " | " | | |

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

| Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held. | Army Number. | Name and Initials. | Unit. | Date of Attachment. | Nature of Attachment. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | |

1-JAN 1944
*Date of Despatch*

*Signature of Commander* Major
OC 2/3 Aust Ry Const Coy (ME) RAE

2,000 Pads 7/43 B.P.

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# WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

(Erase heading not required)

Army Form C.2118 (adapted.)

Unit 2/3 Aust Rly Const Coy (ME) Date and Time.—From 2 Feb /44 To 29 Feb /44

| Place | Date | Hour | Summary of Events and Information | Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Randwick | 2 Feb /44 | 1330 | No 1 Platoon marched out of Randwick Racecourse | W3008 and W 3009 |
| | | 1530 | No 1 Platoon entrains and departs Alexandria | Dated 5 Feb. /44 |
| Randwick | 3 Feb. /44 | 1200 | No 3 Platoon marched out of Randwick Racecourse | |
| Randwick | 4 Feb /44 | 1200 | No 4 Platoon marched out of Randwick Racecourse | Routine Orders Part 1 |
| Randwick | 5 Feb /44 | 1500 | HQ & Wk/shops platoons marched out of Randwick Racecourse | Serial No 3/44 of 15 Feb 44<br>" " 4/44 of 21 Feb 44 |
| Wongabel | 9 Feb /44 | | No 1 Platoon arrives in new camp at Wongabel | " " 5/44 of 24 Feb 44 |
| Wongabel | 14 Feb44 | | Full Coy. in camp at Wongabel | |
| Wongabel | 15 Feb 44 | 1000 | No 1 Platoon moves out to Wondecla on detachment to 6 Div. | |
| Wongabel | 18 Feb 44 | | Platoons on detachment on road construction in Mapee Camp | |
| | | | Areas . HQ and Wk/shops platoons remain in Wongabel Camp. | |
| Wongabel | 20 Feb 44 | | Two shifts worked by all platoons on road work | |
| Wongabel | 29 Feb 44 | | Health of troops excellent during month. | |

Chas. Young Capt
Admin Comdr 2/3 Aust Ry Const Coy (ME)

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS PT 1

by

MAJOR ALLAN BENNETT

OFFICER COMMANDING 2/3 AUST RY CONST COY (ME).

1. EXPEDITING WORKS
Owing to the necessity for expediting works, the following will take effect on and from 24 February '44.

(a) All Leave other than special cases is cancelled.
(b) Work on Machines will be carried out on 2 Shift Basis

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 st Shift | 0700 | - | 1330 hrs |
| 2 nd Shift | 1330 | - | 2000 " |

To ensure continuous working of machines, O.C. Platoon will provide releif Operators during crib times.
Every effort must be made to push the work ahead and all ranks must be prepared to work hours in excess of those laid down when considered necessary.

" Speed is essential "

2. OFFICIAL ADDRESSES
Attention is drawn to GRO G 174 /42 and INQ Field Censorship Instruction No.4, Section 29.
Censorship has revealed that military personnel are arranging for money to be telegraphed to them at civil post offices in the area, thus revealing the location of their Unit.
Personnel desiring money to be forwarded to them by civilians have available Aust Army Pay Corps facilities for this purpose.
Attention of all ranks will be drawn to the fact that revealing their location for the purpose of having money transmitted to them, either by telegram or by money order, or for any other unauthorised purpose, is a breach of security, and is forbidden.

3. INCLUSION OF CENSORABLE MATTER IN CORRESPONDENCE
It is considered an offence under the Defence Act Section 73A to include in any correspondence other than in the course of offical duty any Naval, Military or Airforce information or any censorable matter classified as such under current Field Censorship Instructions.
The submission of censorable matter in correspondence to a franking officer to use his discretion as to whether it is censorable or NOT does NOT releive the writer of the liability of being charged under the above section of the Defence Act.

4. POSTING OF MAIL
The posting of mail in civilian boxes is a serious offence. Severe disciplinary action will be taken in all cases.

Allan Bennett Major.
O.C. 2/3 AUST RY CONST COY (ME).

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES

ROUTINE ORDER PT.1

by

MAJOR ALLAN BENNETT

OFFICER COMMANDING 2/3 AUST RY CONST COY (ME).

1. A.D.C.M. convened by the G.C.C. 1 Aust Corps, was held in the Field on 31 January 1944 for the trial of QX 30551, Spr Malvey Reginald LAMBW, 2/3 Aust Ry Const Coy (ME).
The accused was charged with:-
W.C.A.S. Absenting himself without leave in that he, in the field, absented himself without leave from 0800 hours on 3 December, 1943 until 1530 hours on 19 January, 1944.

The Court found the accused guilty of the charge.

SENTENCE : To undergo field punishment for a period of Thirty Days.
The accused was 13 days in close arrest awaiting trial.
The finding and sentence were duly confirmed on the Sixth day of February, 1944 by the G.C.C. 1 Aust Corps and promulgated to the accused in the Field on the ninth day of February, 1944.

2. A.D.C.M. convened by the G.C.C. 1 Aust Corps, was held in the Field on 31 January, 1944 for the trial of QX 23492, Spr William Ronald Ian TAYLOR, 2/3 Aust Ry Const Coy (ME).
The accused was charged with :-
W.C.A.S., Absenting himself without leave in that he in the Field, absented himself without leave from 0800 hours on 3 December, 1943 until 0900 hours on 5 January, 1944.
A.A. 15 (1).

The Court found the accused guilty of the charge.

SENTENCE : To be fined the Sum of Six Pounds.
The accused was in close arrest awaiting trial, for a period of 27 days, during which period 5 days were spent performing full military duties.
The finding and sentence were duly confirmed on the Sixth day of February, 1944 by the G.C.C. 1 Aust Corps and promulgated to the accused in the Field on the(30) Thirtith day of January 1944.

3. AFRICA STAR
All members eligible for the Africa Star are to report to Adjt.

4. TAILOR
All alterations and repairs must be handed in to Platoon Q.M. Stores.

5. SHOEMAKER
All repairs must be handed in to Platoon Q.M. Stores.

6. MAIL MATTER
Postage rates for letters:- Air - Mail 4!
Surface Mail 1!

WAR DIARY

Allan Bennett Major.
OC 2/3 Aust Ry Const Coy (ME) RAE

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES

ROUTINE ORDER PT 1

by

MAJOR ALLAN BENNETT

OFFICER COMMANDING 2/3 AUST RY CONST COY (ME)

1. PROFICIENCY PAY.
A Soldier of the rank of sapper and appointment of Lance Corporaland who is not Trade Grouped, is elegible for proficiency pay provided he has -
(a) Completed at least 6 months service
(b) For six months prior to date of completion has been of good conduct
(c) Has passed the prescribed examination.

2. A Breach of Good Conduct will occur
(a) When an award has been made imposing a penalty higher than confinement to barracks for 7 days, provided that no fine of less than £1 shall be deemed a breach of good conduct.
(b) When a soldier has been convicted by a Civil Court and fined £5 or more or sentenced to imprisonment.

3. A Soldier will be deemed to have passed the prescribed examination when he -
(a) Has been certified by his C.O. as being in all respects proficient in performing the Duties of his appointment.
(b) Has passed the following tests :-
(i) Tests of Elementary Training for Gas.
(ii) Small Arms Test & Classification as a second class shot.

4. Forfeiture of Proficiency Pay
(a) A Soldier committing a breach of good conduct shall automatically forfeit his proficiency pay on and from the date of his conviction or the award against him.
(b) Proficiency pay may at any time be withdrawn by the C.O. if he considers that there has been a falling off in the efficiency of a soldier.

DISCIPLINE - DRESS IN 17 L OF C SUB-AREA

The following requirements as to summer dress have been promulated by 17 L of C Sub-Area. Members leaving the Tableland and entering this sub-area will comply strictly with these requirements wherever this is possible:-

A. OFFICERS

Jacket and Trousers

(i) Hat (turned down) or cap or beret if authorised; Jacket KD with khaki drill belt or Sam Browne belt; shoulder strap with Sam Browne belt will be worn or not in accordance with G.R.O. 0794/43.
Trousers, KD.
Boots (or shoes) with khaki socks.
Shirt, collar and tie, khaki.

Shirt and Trousers

(ii) Hat (turned down) or cap or beret if authorised.
Shirt, military khaki, or safari jacket.
Trousers, KD.
Boots, (or shoes) with khaki socks.
Belt, Khaki drill. or Sam Browne, as approved for wear with Jacket, KD (or web belt when ordered).

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DRESS. B OTHER RANKS
Shirt and Trousers.
Hat ( turned down) or cap or beret if authorised.
Shirt, Military khaki.
Trousers KD.
Boots, AB, with socks.
Belt (as issued)

OFFICERS

(i) Sam Browne belt may be worn with a single shoulder belt on formal occassions. The shoulder belt will pass over the right shoulder.
(ii) Tie is obligatory with (A) (i), will be worn when ordered with (A) (ii) shirt only.
(iii) Embroidered badges and titles "Australia" may be worn on shirts, Khaki drill, and safari jackets, but not on jackets officers pattern KD
(iv) Badges of rank will be worn with waterproff overcoats furnished with shoulder straps or epaulets.

OTHER RANKS

(i) Shorts will NOT be worn North of parrallel 20 degrees South. This parallel is South of TOWNSVILLE.
(ii) Anti- Malarial protection - sleeves will be rolled down between sunset and sunrise.
(iii) Rank badges will be worn on shirt when the latter is used as an outer garment. Warrant Officers' rank badges and NCO's chevrons will be of standard pattern and worn on the sleeve. In the case of Warrant Officers when sleeves of shirt or safari jacket are rolled up , the badge of rank will be worn above the elbow.
(iv) Colour patches will NOT be worn on Jackets KD, Safari Jackets or Shirts. The right shoulder colour patch will be worn in the centre of the hat-band on the right side of the hat. Minature colour patches of previous units will NOT be worn on the hat.
(v) Service chevrons amy be worn on Jackets KD, shirts worn as an outer garment, and on Safari Jackets with long sleeves. (GRO A153/43).
(vi) Jackets KD or Safari where these have been issued, may be worn by other ranks in lieu of Shirts Military, Khaki, when ordered.
(vii) Jerseys, pullover, khaki will be worn when ordered. They may also be worn optionally if worn not as an outer garment.

2. Personnel proceeding on leave will be inspected by an officer or responsible NCO who will ensure that they are correctly dressed and instructed to remain correctly dressed during the period of leave.
3. All working parties will be inspected by an officer or responsible NCO prior to moving off to duty, and officers and NCO's in charge of such parties will be responsible that all personnel remain correctly dressed during their tour of duty.
4. Personnel proceeding to or from bathing places will be correctly dressed. Bathing trunks etc. will NOT be worn to or from bathing places.
5. Frequent inspections will be held in Units to ensure that clothing is clean and kept in proper repair, to obtain full "life" from all articles.
6. Disciplinary action will be taken by Unit Comds in all cases of infringement of this Order.
7. Provost personnel have been instructed to insist on a high standard of personnel appearance and dress of all troops under command of this H.Q..

FEEDING OF TROOPS IN TRANSIT ) MESSING GEAR.

Paragraph ' Section VIII of "Standing Orders for Movements within Australia and its Territories - 1952" is repeated for necessary action by all Units :-

"Messing Gear : Troops must be prepared at all times to use their own messing gear during movement by rail.

Major.
2/3 Aust Ry Const Coy (ME)

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NB - 2 Officers Serving Outside NSW L of C Area Not Shown on This Return

# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 5/2/1944 2/3 Aust Ry Const Coy (ME) (Unit) 6/44 (Serial No.)

W.E. 14/138/1. OFFRS. 11 O.R's. 251 + OFFRS. - O.R's. 12 ATT. BY W.E.

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

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

| Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E (1) & E (2). | DETAIL. | | A.I.F. | C.M.F. | A.W.A.S. | A.A.N.S. | A.A.M.W.S. | CIVIL. | R.A.N. | R.A.A.F. | * * | TOTAL. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | A. | | 9 | | | | | | | | | 9 |
| | E.(1) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | E.(2) | No "B" Class Personnel. | | | | | | | | | | |

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

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

### OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

| Army No. | Rank. | Name and Initials. | Unit From. | Date. | CAUSE. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
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### OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

| Army No. | Rank. | Name and Initials. | Unit To. | Date. | CAUSE. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mx 132758 | Lieut | Gordon. O.H. | N.G.F. | 1/3/44 | Seconded To N.G. Forces. From 1.3.44 For Period of 3 Months |
| | | | | | |
| | | | | | |
| | | | | | |
| A Reinforcent Required To Replace The Above Officer. | | | | | |

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

| Army No. | Rank. | Name and Initials. | REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known). |
|---|---|---|---|
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## PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 5/2/1944 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held. | Army Number. | Surname. | Initials. | Posting. | Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No) | If not present with Unit, state how employed. | Date of Detachment. |
| MAJOR | NX. 13194 | BENNETT | A. | O.C. | YES. | | |
| CAPT. | NX. 12192 | YOUNG | C | 2.I.C. | " | | |
| " | NX. 17335 | GIBSON | E.J.R. | SEC'TH | " | | |
| " | NX. 12193 | TAYLOR | P.N. | " | " | | |
| LIEUT | NX. 33193 | ROBERTSON | N.J | " | " | | |
| " | VX. 133239 | FRENCH | G.H. | " | " | | |
| " | NX. 176076 | CRANNA | G.B. | " | " | | |
| " | NX. 145195 | SUTHERLAND | J | " | " | | |
| " | VX. 130279 | HART | R.H.B | " | " | | |

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

| Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held. | Army Number. | Name and Initials. | Unit. | Date of Attachment. | Nature of Attachment. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | |

5th FEB. 1944.
*Date of Despatch*

*Signature of Commander* ..... Major
OC 2/3 Aust Ry Const Coy (ME) RAE

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# FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 5/2/1944. 2/3 Aust. Ry Const Coy (MP) (Unit)

W.E. IV/1381. OFFRS. 11 O.R's. 281 + OFFRS. — O.R's. 12 ATT. BY W.E.

## Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED. | | | | DETAIL. | ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E. | | | | |
| Reinfts. Required. | Deficient W.E. | Surplus to W.E. | Posted Strength. | | Arm or Corps. | Posted Strength. | Surplus to W.E. | Deficient W.E. | Reinfts. Required. |
| | | | | W.Os. Class I. | | | | | |
| | | | 1 | W.Os. Class II. | | | | | |
| | | | 1 | Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts. | | | | | |
| | | | 1 | Staff Sergeants | AAGC | 1 | | | |
| | | | 9 | Sergeants | AAGC | 2 | | | |
| 1 | 1 | | 28 | Corporals | AAMC | 1 | | | |
| 26 | 26 | 1 | 215 | Troopers, Privates, etc. | AAPU | 1 | | | |
| | | | | Civilians counting as O.R. | AACC | 5 | | 1 | 1 |
| | | | | | AACC | 1 | | | |
| 27 * | 27 | 1 | 255 | Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2. | | 11 * | | 1 | 1 * |

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

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

| Detail | | C.M.F. | | A.W.A.S. | A.A.M.W.S. | CIVIL. | R.A.N. | R.A.A.F. | ** | TOTAL. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | A.I.F. | Under 19 Years. | 19 Years and over. | | | | | | | |
| A | | | 267 | | | | [redacted] | [redacted] | | 267 |
| B(1) | NO "B" | | CLASS | | | PERSONNEL | | | | |
| B(2) | | | | | | [redacted] | | | | |

## Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

| Number of O.Rs. | Unit to which they belong. | Number of O.Rs. | Unit to which they belong. |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | AAMC | | |
| 1 | POSTAL SERVICES | | |
| 1 | AAOC | | |
| 8 | AACC | | |

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

| Number of O.Rs. | Unit to which detached. | Number of O.Rs. | Unit to which detached. |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | | |

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

| Army No. | Rank. | Name and Initials. | REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known). |
|---|---|---|---|
| NO REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED TO FILL VACANCY AS CORPORAL THIS HAS BEEN FILLED WITHIN THE UNIT SEE W 3011 SERIAL 6/44 of 4.2.44 | | | |

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# PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 5/2/1944.

| Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. | W.E. | Posted Strength. | Reints. Required. | Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.) | W.E. | Posted Strength. | Reints. Required. | Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.) | W.E. | Posted Strength. | Reints. Required. | Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.) | W.E. | Posted Strength. | Reints. Required. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ammunition Examiners | | | | Surveyors, Engineering | 1 | 1 | - | Operating Room Assts. | | | | G.P.O. Assistants | | | |
| Armament Artificer Fitter | | | | Surveyors, R.A.A. | | | | Operator, Keyboard | | | | Hammermen | | | |
| Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical) | | | | Surveyors, Topographical | | | | Operator, Line | | | | Leather Stitchers | | | |
| Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.) | | | | Surveyors, Trigonometrical | | | | Operator, Signal | | | | Orderlies, Nursing | | | |
| Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.) | | | | Toolmakers | | | | Operator, Switchboard | | | | Orderlies, Nursing Mental | | | |
| Armament Artificer Instrument | | | | Turners | 2 | 2 | | Operator, Wireless | | | | Plate Layers | | | |
| Armament Artificer Radio | | | | Watchmakers | | | | Opticians | | | | Rangetakers | | | |
| Armament Artificer Signals | | | | Welders | 2 | 1 | 1 | Painters | 1 | 1 | - | Rivetters | | | |
| Armament Artificer Wireless | | | | | | | | Panel Beaters | | | | Roughriders | | | |
| Artificer, Artillery | | | | | | | | Photographer, Dry Plate | | | | Saddlers | | | |
| Artificer, Engine | | | | | | | | Predictor Numbers | | | | Saddletreemakers | | | |
| Blacksmiths | 2 | 2 | | | | | | Printers | | | | Shoemaker and Boot Repairer | | | |
| Bricklayers | | | | | | | | Radiographers | | | | Stevedores | | | |
| Computors | | | | | | | | Riggers | 2 | 2 | - | Stokers, Staty. Engine | | | |
| Cooks, Hospital | | | | GROUP II. | | | | Sawyers | 1 | 1 | | Storemen, Technical | 6 | 6 | - |
| Coppersmiths | | | | Armourers | | | | Signallers | | | | Tailors | 1 | 1 | - |
| Dispensers | | | | Axemen | | | | Signwriters | | | | Textile Refitters | | | |
| Draughtsmen | | | | Bakers | | | | Telescope Identfn. Numbers | | | | Tinsmiths | | | |
| Draughtsmen (Architectural) | | | | Bty. Comd's. Asst. | | | | Well Borers | | | | Vulcanizers | | | |
| Draughtsmen (Engineering) | 1 | 1 | | Boilermakers | | | | Wheelers | | | | Wagon Erectors | | | |
| Draughtsmen (Mechanical) | | | | Carpenters | 5 | 4 | 1 | Winchman | | | | Whitesmiths | | | |
| Draughtsmen (Topographical) | | | | Carpenters and Joiners | | | | Wireman | | | | | | | |
| Electricians | | | | Cooks | | | | Woodturners | | | | | | | |
| Electricians (M.V.) | | | | Dental Mechanics | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Electricians (Signals) | | | | Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.) | 20 | 11 | 9 | | | | | | | | |
| Fitters | 15 | 15 | | Driver-Operator | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fitters (Cycle) | | | | Drainers | | | | | | | | MCDRIVERS | 3 | 3 | |
| Fitters (Electrical) | 1 | 1 | - | Electricians | 1 | 1 | - | | | | | DRIVERS MT | 64 | 56 | 8 |
| Fitters (Gun) | | | | Electricians (Engineers) | | | | | | | | PIONEERS | 17 | 17 | - |
| Fitters (Instrument) | | | | Fire Control Operators | | | | GROUP III. | | | | DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN. | | | |
| Fitters (M.V.) | | | | Gun Operator | | | | Battery Surveyors | | | | CSM WOII | 1 | 1 | |
| Fitters, Railway Signal | | | | Hatchman | | | | Butchers | | | | CQMS/SGT | 1 | 1 | |
| Fitters, Signals | | | | Height Taker | | | | Clerks | 6 | 4 | 2 | MCQMS/SGT | 1 | 1 | |
| Grinder, Precision | | | | Helio Operator | | | | Clerks, Supply | | | | SEC SGTS | 7 | 7 | |
| Mechanics, Instrument | | | | Instrument Operator | | | | Clerks, Technical | | | | TRANS CPLS | 4 | 4 | |
| Mechanics, Instrument (Signals) | | | | Intelligence Duties | | | | Coach Trimmers | | | | SGT CLERK | 1 | 1 | |
| Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical) | | | | Joiners | | | | Concretors | 2 | 2 | - | TRANS SGT | 1 | 1 | |
| Mechanics, Radio | | | | Lineman | | | | Cooks | | | | BATMAN | 1 | 1 | |
| Mechanics, Typewriter | | | | Lineman, Signals | | | | Dental Clerk Orderlies | | | | BATMANDS | 10 | 10 | |
| Mechanics, Wireless | | | | Lithographers | | | | Despatch Riders | | | | ATTACHED BY W.E. | | | |
| Millwrights | | | | Machinists, Metal | | | | Draughtsmen, Signals | | | | ARMCOR | 1 | 1 | |
| Operators, Excavator | 90 | 87 | 3 | Machinists, Wood | | | | Drivers, H.T. | | | | Postal | | | |
| Pattern Maker | | | | Masons | | | | Driver Mechanics | | | | SERVICECOR | 1 | 1 | |
| Pharmacist | | | | Masseurs | | | | Driver Tptn. Plant | | | | AAOC | | | |
| Photographer, Wet Plate | | | | Mechanics, M.T. | 3 | 2 | 1 | Engine Hands, I.C. | 3 | 2 | 1 | SHOEMAKER | 1 | 1 | |
| Photowriter | | | | Miners | 6 | 6 | | Equipment Repairers | | | | AACCSGT | 1 | 1 | |
| Plumber | 1 | 2 | | Moulders | | | | Farriers | | | | " CPLS | 2 | 2 | |
| Saw Doctors | | | | Nurses, Trained | | | | Fitters' Mates | | | | COOKS | 6 | 3 | 1 |
| Surveyors | | | | Observation Post Assts. | | | | Gun Layers | | | | | | | |
| CARRIED FORWARD | 108 | 106 | 3 | CARRIED FORWARD | 148 | | 15 | CARRIED FORWARD | 163 | | 18 | Totals of columns Marked c to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively. | 293 | 261 | 27 |

NOTES.—(a) If rank other than private is involved give details on back.
(b) Authorised trades or specialists not included in list will be added as required in spaces provided
(c) Where A.W.A.S. and/or A.A.M.W.S. personnel are desired show details on back.
(d) Where replacement not desired note accordingly on return by insertion of N.R. in col. "Reints. Required."
(e) Where any request or notation is made on back of form, the words "See Back" should be written in one of the blank spaces on this page.

5/2/1944
*Date of Despatch*

2,000 Pads 7/43 B.P.

Signature of Officer Commanding Unit — Major
2/3 Aust Ry Const Coy (MR)

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# WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Army Form C.2118 (adapted.)

Unit 2/3 Aust Rly Const Coy (ME) Date and Time.—From 1 March 1944 To 31 March 1944.

| Place | Date | Hour | Summary of Events and Information | Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Wongabel | 1 Mar '44 | | All M.E. platoon working two shifts on road work. | W3008 and W3009 |
| | | | 1 platoon under 6 Div, 2, 3 and 4 platoon in Mapee Camp Area. | dated 4 Mar '44 |
| | | | Road construction considerably hampered by continuous wet | Routine Orders Part 1 |
| | | | weather which also causes up to 30% casualties with M.T. | Serial No.6/44 dated |
| | | | | 9 Mar. Serial No.7/44 |
| | | | | dated 13 Mar. Serial No. |
| | | | | No.8/44 dated 22 Mar |
| Wongabel | 2 Mar '44 | 1400 | NX.38785 Lieut Armstrong J.G. marched in to Coy. | |
| Wongabel | 21 Mar '44 | 1500 | NX.86923 Lieut Franklyn F.G. Marched in to Coy. | |
| Wongabel | 31 Mar '44 | | Health of troops very good during period. | |
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| | | | | |
| | | | ---------- Major. | |
| | | | O.C. 2/3 Aust Rly Const Coy (ME) | |

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*Unit* 2/3 Aust Rly Const Coy (ME) *Date and Time.—From* 1 April 1944 *To* 30 April 1944.

| Place | Date | Hour | Summary of Events and Information | Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Wongabel | 1 Apr '44 | | 287 L.A.D. attached to Coy. Taken over all M.T. while Work- | W3008 and W3009 |
| | | | shops Platoon controls Mech Equip. | dated 1 April 1944. |
| | | | | Routine Orders Part 1 |
| Wongabel | 3 Apr '44 | | Platoons engaged on road construction in Mapee Camp area. | Serial No. 9/44 dated |
| | | | 1 Pl attached to 6 Div for work. | 3 Apr '44. Serial No. |
| Wongabel | 17 Apr '44 | | Company reorganized. 1 M.E. platoon and 2 M.E. platoon and 1 | 10/44 dated 10 Apr '44 |
| | | | Eng Stores Platoon and 2 Eng Stores Platoon formed from surplus | |
| | | | personnel. NX.12193 Capt Taylor P.N. appointed A/O.C. 2 M.E. | |
| | | | platoon. | |
| Wongabel | 30 Apr '44 | | Reorganized 2/3 Aust Rly Const Coy (ME) formed. Strength 8 Offrs | |
| | | | 255 O/Rs. 2 Platoon moves camp to Mareeba. | |
| | | | Health of troops excellent during period. | |
| | | | Alan Bennett | Major. |
| | | | O.C. 2/3 Aust Rly Const | Coy (ME) |

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JUL 5 1944

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Unit 2/3 Aust Rly Const Coy (ME) Date and Time.—From 1 May 1944 To 31 May 1944.

| Place | Date | Hour | Summary of Events and Information | Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Wongabel | 1 May '44 | | Company engaged on road construction and maintenance in Mapee | W3008 and W3009 |
| | | | Camp area, Wongabel Camp Area, and Mareeba. 1 Pl camped in 6 | dated 6 May '44. |
| | | | Div area. 2 Pl at Mareeba and 3 Pl at Tolga. H.Q.Pl, Tipping | Routine Orders Part 1. |
| | | | Truck Pl H.Q. and Plant Holding Pl camped at Wongabel. | Serial No.11/44 dated |
| Wongabel | 4 May '44 | | NX.70980 Lieut Randall-Smith T.C. joins company and proceeds ~~XXXXXX~~ | 10 May '44. Serial No. |
| | | | directly on leave. | 12/44 dated 23 May '44 |
| | | | 2 M.E. Pl and 2 Eng Stores Pl marches out to 2 Beach Group. | |
| Wongabel | 8 May '44 | | 1 M.E. Pl and 1 Eng Stores Pl marches out to 1 Beach Group. | |
| | | | 3 Pl 2/3 Aust Rly Const Coy (ME) moves to Trinity Beach, Cairns | |
| | | | for work in Cairns area, road reconstruction and Malaria control | |
| Wongabel | 31 May '44 | | Health of troops excellent throughout period. | |
| | | | Ann Bennetts Major. | |
| | | | O.C. 2/3 Aust Rly Const Coy (ME) | |
| | | | | |

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10th May 1944.

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ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1
BY
CAPT C. YOUNG ADMIN COMD
2/3 AUST RLY CONST COY (ME).

LEAVE AND ABSENCE WITHOUT LEAVE.

G.R.O. A598/1943 has now been amended as follows:- Period of absence without leave will be debited against authorized recreation leave, provided that the maximum debit in respect of any one period of absence without leave will not exceed 24 days. Such debit is not part of the penalty imposed for absence without leave, but is an administrative act and is made on the basis that the member, by absenting himself without leave, has to the extent of his absence used up his eligibility for leave.

REQUEST HOUR.

Request Hour is held at this Unit on Tuesday of every week from 1830 hours to 1930 hours.
An Officer will be in attendance and access may be direct without the requirement of any previous notification or permission from a Warrant or Non-Commissioned Officer and the interview will be entirely informal.

The following are typical of the matters which will be raised by soldiers at Request Hour:-

(a) Considerations affecting the welfare of the soldier's family. Requests for leave to join his family to adjust difficulties will usualy be associated with requests of this nature.
(b) Straight out applications for compassionate leave.
(c) Applications for a transfer to home state on compassionate grounds.
(d) Legal problems affecting the soldier's private affairs.

Chas Young
---------- Capt.
Admin Comd 2/3 Aust Rly Const Coy (ME).

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2/3 AUST RLY CONST COY (NE).

PRE - SELECTION OF OFFICERS.

It is a fundamental principle of the pre - selection scheme that anyone desirous of interview by an Officer pre - selection board with a view to his appointment to Commissioned rank is entitled to submit an application to his C.O. or O.C. of his unit for interview by the local board and shall be entitled to be interviewed.

PAY.

When a member desires to remit money to either his allottee or any other person or Bank it is only necessary for him to fill in form No W.F. 131 and hand this form into the Orderly Room with his paybook and the necessary amount will be immediately remitted through the Australian Army Pay Corps.

In the past it has been observed that some members in order to remit money first draw cash out of their paybooks and then hand it in to the Orderly Room to be remitted. This is not necessary as it only complicates the issue and makes unnecessary work.

C. Young ..... Capt.
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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

by

CAPT C. YOUNG ADM. COMD.

2/3 AUST RY CONST COY(ME)

1. FIRST VICTORY LOAN

(a) The First Victory Loan of £150,000,000 will open for subscription on 28 th March, 1944 and closes not later than 9 th May, 1944.

(b) Arrangements have been made for paymasters to accept applications for Commonwealth Goverment Inscribed Stock or Treasury Bonds from members of the forces serving in Australia or New Guinea who desire to invest their savings in the loan.

PARTICULARS OF LOAN

(c) Loan applications may be made for an amount of £10, or a higher amount being a multiple of £10.

(d) Stock will be inscribed at par for amounts of £100 or multiples of £10 above £100 as required.

(e) Treasury Bonds are payable to bearer and are issued at par for £10, £50, £100, £500 and £1,000.

(f) Interest is payable at 2½% per annum if invested for five years and at 3½% per annum if invested for sixteen years and will be credited half-yearly to the member's savings bank account or current account if desired.

(g) Interest will be subject to Commonwealth taxation but will not be subject to any income tax under the law of a state. During the period of uniform taxation, a rebate of 2/- in the pound on interest will be allowed to cover freedom from State taxation.

(h) Any bank nominated by the member will hold the bonds in safe custody for the member, if such is desired.

PROCEDURE FOR LODGING APPLICATIONS:

(i) Application forms will be available from paymasters or may be obtained through unit pay sergeants and are required to be completed in duplicate. The applicant's signature will be witnessed by an Officer.

(j) Sufficient credit must be available in the member's paybook to cover the amount it is desired to invest in the loan. The amount subscribed will be debited in the paybook.

(k) Paymasters may accept cash in payment of a loan subscription in which case the amount tendered will be entered in the paybook to establish the necessary credit and an official receipt issued and pasted in the paybook.

(l) The Commonwealth Bank will forward to member's an interim receipt for the amount subscribed.

GENERAL:

(m) Both Treasury Bonds and Inscribed Stock are readily realisable and may be sold at any time. Any bank will arrange this for the member's if desired.

2. DISCIPLINE - OUT OF BOUNDS - CIVILIAN RESIDENCE

The civilian residence described hereunder is placed out-of-bounds to all ranks:

Red-roofed weatherboard and cement-sheet house, situated opposite Army cookhouse in Mareebs St, Tolga.

3. TRIP - GREEN ISLAND

Arrangements have been made for 50 personnel to make the trip to Green Island on 29 April 1944 the cost being 7/6 per head.

Members desirous of making the trip must lodge the price of the fare with the C.S.M. on or before 22 April 1944

This applies to H.Q and workshops only.

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4. EASTER FRIDAY - ADDITIONAL REST DAY

(a) ~~Subject to operational requirements~~ and such parades as may be deemed necessary for administrative purposes, Easter Friday (Good Friday), 7 April 1944 will be observed as an additional rest day. Sufficient personnel will be retained on duty to enable all Headquarters to function.

(b) Personnel retained for duty on Easter Friday may be permitted to take Easter Saturday, 8 April 1944, or Easter Monday, 10 April 1944, as a rest day in lieu.

Capt.
Adm. Comd. 2/3 AUST RY CONST COY(ME)

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE
ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1
BY
CAPT C.YOUNG ADMIN COMD
2/3 AUST RLY CONST COY (ME).

1. PAY:- In future no member of this unit will be paid twice in the ~~FORTNIGHT~~ one pay period, the only exception being in the case of members going on leave between pay periods.

2. F.122.FIRST VICTORY LOAN - INSTALMENT SUBSCRIPTIONS:- (A) Arrangements have now been made for paymasters to accept applications from members who desire to make instalments subscriptions.
(B) A member desirous of making subscriptions should complete the loan application form in duplicate and either lodge cash for the amount of the initial deposit, or (if sufficient credit is available in his pay book to cover the amount of that deposit) arrange a pay book debit.
(C) Where it is desired, a member may pay instalments by means of forms WF 131 (remittance of undrawn pay), or WF 131A (cash remittance). In either case the appropriate instalment docket (forwarded to the member by the Commonwealth Bank) must be attached to the remittance form.
(D) A member will not be permitted to overdraw his pay book for the purpose of meeting his instalment subscriptions.

3. DISCIPLINE - GAMBLING:- Gambling is strictly prohibited and it is the duty of all Officers to see it is suppressed.

4. MOVEMENT - TRAFFIC CONTROL - RESTRICTIONS ON USE OF ATHERTON - KUIARA ROAD.
Load carring vehicles are prohibited from using the above road from cross roads at Atherton Civil Hospital 403274 to road junction at turn off to Kairi 464311 (ref maps Herberton, Bartle Frere, Gordanvale 1 inch to 1 mile).

Chas Young
..... Capt.
Admin Comd 2/3 Aust Rly Const Coy (ME).

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS PT 1

by

MAJOR ALLAN BENNETT

OFFICER COMMANDING 2/3 AUST RY CONST COY (ME)

1. NEXT OF KIN

Changes of next of Kin and/or changes of Address of next of Kin, must be immediately notified to your Platoon O/Room, who must in turn ~~notified~~ NOTIFY this H.Q.

2. INCLUSION OF UNAUTHORISED ITEMS IN KITS DEPOSITED IN KITS STORES.

(i) Attention is directed to para 2(c) of GRO Q178/42, which reads:-
" No inflammables, explosives or loot of any description will be deposited in any Kit Store".

(ii) The necessity for strictly complying with the above is impressed on all ranks and severe disciplinary action will be taken where this order is not complied with.

(iii) During a serious fire, which occurred recently at an Aust Kit Store, there were many explosions caused by ammunition deposited in kits. These explosions interfered with the fire-fighting and added to the spread of the fire, with the result that many kits, which may have been saved if the firefighters had been unhampered in their efforts, were destroyed.

3. LEAVE WITHOUT PAY

(i) Attention is directed to the provisions of War Financial (Military Forces) Regulations, which provide, in effect, that all pay (including allotments) and pay allowances cease in respect of any period for which a member is granted leave (or an extension thereof) without pay.

(ii) When leave(or an extension thereof) without pay is granted, the following will not be payable during the period of such leave ( or extension):-

(a) pay (including deferred pay)
(b) field allowance;
(c) command allowance;
(d) special allowance;
(e) exchange allowance;
(f) dependants' allowance;
(g) travelling allowance;
(h) subsistence allowance;
(i) any allowance payable under regulation 9 of the above mentioned regulations.

4. VENEREAL DISEASE -EFFECT ON PAY

Preliminary-

1. Approval has been given for the amendment of War Financial (Military Forces) Regulations 25 to provide that no forfeiture of pay will be incurred by a member -

(a) for the first thirty-five days of his absence after the 31st January, 1944, as the result of venereal disease acquired by him on the first occasion as defined in para 3 hereof and including any days of absence as a result of a relapse from a disease acquired on any such first occasion, provided that the total number of days of absence as a result of such first occasion and any such relapse does not exceed thirty-five days;

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1. (b) acquiring venereal disease while acting in the course of his duty ; or
(c) who is suffering from a congenital form of venereal disease.

2. Commencement;-
The approval so far as it relates to sub-para (a) of para 1 of this order will take effect on and from the 1st February, 1944, and so far as it relates to sub-para (b) and (c) of that paragraph will operate as from 6 th October 1939.

3. Interpretation;-
For the purpose of this order, the term"first occasion" when used in connection with venereal disease will mean -
(a) the first occasion on which a venereal disease is diagnosed after 31 st January 1944;
(b) in the case of a member who was on 1 st February, 1944, absent from duty by reason of the disease diagnosed prior to that date - the venereal disease for which he is being treated; or
(c) in the case of a member who, subsequent to the 31 st January 1944, is absent from duty through a relapse from the venereal disease diagnosed prior to the 1 st February, 1944 - the relapse from which he is then suffering.
whichever first occurs.

4. Transfers and Re- enlistment.-
No account will be taken of any absence through venereal disease of a member -
(a) whilst serving with the Royal Australian Navy or the Royal Australian Air Force, or
(b) during any previous period of service with the AMF under an earlier appointment or enlistment.

5. Records -
Directions regarding casualty advice to be submitted by medical units will be included in an amendment to " Instruction to Medical Officers". Instruction regarding method of promulgation in Routine Orders, Part II, will be issued by the Officer- in - Charge, 2 nd Echelon, LHQ.

5. INVENTIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO MILITARY EQUIPMENT & PROCEDURE.
"1. Proposals or inventions by serving personnel may be submitted direct by the proposer or inventor to the Army Inventions Directorate through normal unit, etc, censorship channels.Censoring Officers will be responsible that security is not infringed, and, if considered necesaary in the interests of security, will arrange for communications to be forwarded through official, instead of normal postal channels.

Proposals or inventions should be addressed to the branch of the Army Inventions Directorate in the State in which serving personnel are stationed. addresses being as under :-
Victoria (Head Office) - 31 Spring Street Melbourne.
New South Wales -117 Pitt Street, Sydney, or c/Newcastle Aero Club, Box 4, Broadmeadow.
Queensland - Colonial Mutual Building, QueenssStreet, BRISBANE.
South Australia - 232 North Terrace, Adelaide.
Western Australia - Gledden Building Hay Street Perth.
Personnel stationed in Tasmania, Northern Territory, Australian Capital Territory or out of Australia will submit their proposal or inventions to the Victorian address."

2."All submissions under this heading will be made to the Army Inventions Directorate in the same manner as for inventions."

War Diary

Allan Bennett Major.
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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1.

BY
MAJOR ALLAN BENNETT
OFFICER COMMANDING 2/3 AUST RLY CONST COY (ME)

1. LEAVE and A.W.L. In future any member of this unit going A.W.L. will have the period for which he is absent without leave deducted from any recreation leave that is or will become due to him.
It should be borne in mind that when a soldier goes A.W.L. he is in most cases delaying a fellow member from going on leave as it is permissable for only a certain number to be away from the unit at any one time. Therefore by not going A.W.L. you are playing the game with all members of this unit.

2. G.R.O's & 1 Aust Corps Routine Orders. These are usually issued weekly and are to be inspected and initialled at the Orderly Room by the follo wing members of this unit as set out hereunder.

| | |
|---|---|
| All Officers..... | Every Wednesday evening |
| O.S.M. ..... | Every Wednesday before 1700 hrs. |
| O.C.M.S. ..... | " " " " " |
| Transport Sgt ..... | " " " " " |

Allan Bennett
..... Major
O.C. 2/3 Aust Rly Const Coy (ME).

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1
by

MAJOR ALLAN BENNETT

OFFICER COMMANDING 2/3 AUST ARY CCMST CCY (MD).

1. MECHANICAL VEHICLES - USE OF GEARS AS BRAKES:
(i) The practice of approaching at high speed and then changing down to a lower gear, while still at comparatively high speed, in order to obtain the necessary deceleration when slowing down for any purpose, e.g., stopping, entering gateways, negotiating corners etc., is still prevalent.
(ii) This practice, which is forbidden, produces excessive engine speeds, causes unnecessary strain on the vehicle transmission system and is a contributing factor to rapid tyre wear.

2. 1943 ARMY XMAS BOOK
(i) As the demand for the 1943 Army Xmas Book ("Khaki and Green") has reached the maximum number that can be produced, further orders will not be placed by members.
(ii) Orders which have been received by the Officer-in-charge, Military History Section, or which are now in transit will be delivered in their turn as quickly as supplies can be obtained from the printer.
(iii) After orders now in transit have been received, the Officer-in-charge, Military History Section, will furnish to units which have placed orders a forecast of the dates of delivery of orders which have not yet been despatched.

3. REPORTING OF ACCIDENTS
(i) Where the driver of an Army vehicle is concerned in an accident, he will forthwith report particulars of the accident to his unit by the most expeditious means available. This report will be made in all cases, irrespective of the amount of damage either to the army vehicle or to the o other vehicle, person or property concerned in the accident.
(ii) The accident, if it involves damage however slight to any civilian vehicle, person or property, will be reported to a member of the police forceor, if no member of the police force is at the scene of the accident, to the nearest police station.
(iii) The report of the accident to the civil police will be in accordance with the following pro forma:-

Report of accident to be furnished to the Civil Police

Particulars of accident:

(1) Army number, rank, name and unit of driver concerned -
.....
(2) Number of army vehicle concerned .....
(3) Date of accident .....
(4) Time of accident .....
(5) Place of accident(stating street or other suitable landmark -
.....
(6) Nature of accident (e.g., collision, running down pedestrian, etc.
.....
(7) Names and addresses, if known, of any other person and the registered numbers of any other vehicles involved in theaccident.
.....
(8) Names of any witnesses of the accident(including military personnel), if required by State law.
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3. (iv) Each HQ L of C area will ensure that a short statement of the Motor and Traffic Laws, applicable to its area and relating to the reporting of accidents by the drivers of motor vehicles; is complied, and will issue copies thereof to all formations in or moving in to its area. Such formations will ensure that the contents of such statement are brought to the notice of all drivers of motor vehicles under their command.

(v) The driver or other member of the forces concerned in or witnessing the accident will not give any information other than as particularised above to the police or any other person or sign any statement unless the law of the State in which the accident occurred requires it. Drivers will make themselves familiar with and comply with the law of the State in which they are stationed, insofar as it relates to the notification of accidents and the giving of information concerning them.

4. ADVANCES OR OVERDRAWALS OF PAY

A unit paying officer or pay representative will not make any payment that will cause the overdrawing of a member's pay book, except as set out hereunder:-

(a) A member whose paybook is overdrawn may be paid within the limit of the restricted drawing rate which has been endorsed in the paybook by a member of the AAPC.

(b) A formation paymaster or a depot paymaster may overpay a member to the extent of 75% of any estimated claim for travelling allowance on the written authority of the member's CO, and such overpayment will be adjusted by the member on payment of his claim for travelling allowance.

(c) A member proceeding on leave of more than 72 hours may be paid in advance against his credit earnings calculated to the date of expiration of such leave.

(d) A member may be paid in advance in special circumstances (for example, prior to embarkation or upon disembarkation) where such payment is authorised by instructions issued by HQ. In exceptional circumstances an advance against the security of deferred pay may be made where the necessary approval has been obtained in accordance with instruction issued by the Chief Finance Officer.

5. APPLICATION OF CLOTHES RATIONING TO THE ARMY.

Reports from the Director of Rationing indicate that his Deputy Directors in the various States are still receiving applications for clothing coupons direct from individual members of the AMF. Such applications are contrary to G.R.O. F 422/1943 and will cease. Personnel placed in circumstances of extreme necessity will follow the procedure laid down in that order.

Major
O.C. 2/3 Aust Mr Motor Coy (ME)

DISTRIBUTION:

O.C.
2 I/C
O.C. Platoons 1
" " 2
" " 3
" " 4
C.S.M.
C.Q.M.S.
Transport Sgt.
War Diary (2)
File.

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# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 4/3/1944 2/3 Aust Ry Const Coy (ME) (Unit) ___/___ (Serial No.)

W.E. EV/138/1 OFFRS. 13 O.R's. 351 + OFFRS. - O.R's. 14 ATT. BY W.E.

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

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED. | | | | DETAIL. | ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E. | | | | |
| Rein'fts Required. | Deficient W.E. | Surplus to W.E. | Posted Strength. | | Arm or Corps. | Posted Strength. | Surplus to W.E. | Deficient W.E. | Rein'fts Required. |
| | | | | * | | | | | |
| | | | | * | | | | | |
| | | | 1 | Lieut.-Colonels Majors | | | | | |
| 2 | 2 | . | 3 | Captains | | | | | |
| . | . | . | 7 | Lieutenants | | | | | |
| | | | | Quarter-masters | | | | | |
| | | | | A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. | | | | | |
| | | | | Civilians Counting as Offrs. | | | | | |
| 2 | 2 | . | 11 | | | | | | |

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

| DETAIL. | | A.I.F. | C.M.F. | A.W.A.S. | A.A.N.S. | A.A.M.W.S. | CIVIL. | R.A.N. | R.A.A.F. | * * | TOTAL. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| A. | | 11 | | | | | | | | | |
| E.(1) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| E.(2) | No. 8 Class Personnel | | | | | | | | | | |

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

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

### OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

| Army No. | Rank. | Name and Initials. | Unit From. | Date. | CAUSE. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| N.X. | | | M/1 ex | | |
| 38785 | Lieut | ARMSTRONG. J.G | R.A.E. Trg. Sec | 2-3-44 | Transfer. |
| | | | (Water Transport) | | |
| | | | Reinforcements | | |

### OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

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

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

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

2/3 Aust Ry Const Coy (ME) *Unit*

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## PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 4/3/1944 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held. | Army Number. | Surname. | Initials. | Posting. | Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No) | If not present with Unit, state how employed. | Date of Detachment. |
| Major. | W.X. 33194 | BENNETT | A | O.C. | Yes | | |
| Capt. | N.X. 12192 | YOUNG | C. | E.I.C. | " | | |
| Capt. | N.X. 12193 | TAYLOR | P.N. | Sec. Offr | " | | |
| Capt. | N.X. 77235 | GIBSON | E.J.R. | " | " | | |
| Lieut | W.X. 33193. | ROBERTSON | W.J | " | " | | |
| " | V.X. 133239 | FRENCH | G.H | " | " | | |
| " | N.X. 176076 | CRANNA | G.B | " | " | | |
| " | N.X. 143280 | STEVENS. | W.G.B | " | " | | |
| " | V.X. 130279 | HART | R.H.B | " | " | | |
| " | N.X. 148695 | SUTHERLAND | J | " | " | | |
| " | N.X. 38785 | ARMSTRONG. | J.G | " | " | | |

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

| Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held. | Army Number. | Name and Initials. | Unit. | Date of Attachment. | Nature of Attachment. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | |

4 March 1944
*Date of Despatch*

Allan Bennett
*Signature of Commander* Major
OC 2/3 Aust Ry Const Coy (ME) RAE

2,000 Pads 7/43 B.P.

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# FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

9[illegible]/[illegible] (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 4/3/1944. 2/3 Aust Ry Const Coy (ME) (Unit)

W.E. IV/138/1. OFFRS. 13 O.R's. 351 + OFFRS. — O.R's. 14 ATT. BY W.E.

**Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.**

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED. | | | | DETAIL. | ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E. | | | | |
| Reinfts. Required. | Deficient W.E. | Surplus to W.E. | Posted Strength. | | Arm or Corps. | Posted Strength. | Surplus to W.E. | Deficient W.E. | Reinfts. Required. |
| | | | | W.Os. Class I. | | | | | |
| | | | 1 | W.Os. Class II. | | | | | |
| | | | 1 | Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts. | | | | | |
| | | | 1 | Staff Sergeants | A.A.C.C. | 1 | | | |
| | | | 11 | Sergeants | A.A.C.C. 2, A.A.P.U. 1, A.A.M.C. 1, A.A.O.C. 1, A.A.C.C. 8 | 2 | | | |
| | | | 30 | Corporals | | 1 | | | |
| 34 | 34 | 3 | 276 | Troopers, Privates, etc. | | 8 | | | |
| | | | | Civilians counting as O.R. | | | | | |
| 34 | 34 | 3 | 320 | Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2. | | 14 | | | |

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

| Detail | A.I.F. | C.M.F. Under 19 Years. | C.M.F. 19 Years and over. | A.W.A.S. | A.A.M.W.S. | CIVIL. | R.A.N. | R.A.A.F. | * | TOTAL. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| A | 333 | | | | | | [redacted] | [redacted] | | 333 |
| B(1) | | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| B(2) | 1 | | | | | | | | | 334 |

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

"B" Class Personnel [redacted] OVERSTRENGTH

**Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.**

| Number of O.Rs. | Unit to which they belong. |
|---|---|
| 1. | A.A.M.C. |
| 1. | A.A.O.C. |
| 1. | Postal Services |
| 11 | A.A.C.C. |

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

| Number of O.Rs. | Unit to which detached. | Number of O.Rs. | Unit to which detached. |
|---|---|---|---|

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

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

2/3 Aust Ry Const Coy (ME) Unit

2 W.O.P. 1

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## PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 4 / 3 /1944.

| Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. | W.E. | Posted Strength. | Reinfts. Required. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Ammunition Examiners | | | |
| Armament Artificer Fitter | | | |
| Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical) | | | |
| Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.) | | | |
| Armament Artificer Fitter (A.E.V.) | | | |
| Armament Artificer Instrument | | | |
| Armament Artificer Radio | | | |
| Armament Artificer Signals | | | |
| Armament Artificer Wireless | | | |
| Artificer, Artillery | | | |
| Artificer, Engine | | | |
| Blacksmiths | 2 | 2 | - |
| Bricklayers | | | |
| Computors | | | |
| Cooks, Hospital | | | |
| Coppersmiths | | | |
| Dispensers | | | |
| Draughtsmen | | | |
| Draughtsmen (Architectural) | | | |
| Draughtsmen (Engineering) | 1 | 1 | - |
| Draughtsmen (Mechanical) | | | |
| Draughtsmen (Topographical) | | | |
| Electricians | | | |
| Electricians (M.V.) | | | |
| Electricians (Signals) | | | |
| Fitters | - | 1 | - |
| Fitters (Cycle) | | | |
| Fitters (Electrical) | 1 | 1 | - |
| Fitters (Gun) | | | |
| Fitters (Instrument) | | | |
| Fitters (M.V.) (ME) | 13 | 14 | 1 |
| Fitters, Railway Signal | | | |
| Fitters, Signals | | | |
| Grinder, Precision | | | |
| Mechanics, Instrument | | | |
| Mechanics, Instrument (Signals) | | | |
| Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical) | | | |
| Mechanics, Radio | | | |
| Mechanics, Typewriter | | | |
| Mechanics, Wireless | | | |
| Millwrights | | | |
| Operators, Excavator | 120 | 119 | 1 |
| Pattern Maker | | | |
| Pharmacist | | | |
| Photographer, Wet Plate | | | |
| Photowriter | | | |
| Plumber | 1 | 2 | - |
| Saw Doctors | | | |
| Surveyors | | | |
| CARRIED FORWARD | 140 | 140 | 2 |

| Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.) | W.E. | Posted Strength. | Reinfts. Required. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Surveyors, Engineering | 1 | 1 | - |
| Surveyors, R.A.A. | | | |
| Surveyors, Topographical | | | |
| Surveyors, Trigonometrical | | | |
| Toolmakers | | | |
| Turners | 2 | 2 | - |
| Watchmakers | | | |
| Welders | 2 | 2 | - |
| | | | |
| | | | |
| | | | |
| **GROUP II.** | | | |
| Armourers | | | |
| Axemen | | | |
| Bakers | | | |
| Bty. Comd's. Asst. | | | |
| Boilermakers | | | |
| Carpenters | 6 | 6 | - |
| Carpenters and Joiners | | | |
| Cooks | | | |
| Dental Mechanics | | | |
| Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.) | 25 | 18 | 7 |
| Driver-Operator | | | |
| Drainers | | | |
| Electricians | | | |
| Electricians (Engineers) | 1 | 1 | - |
| Fire Control Operators | | | |
| Gun Operator | | | |
| Hatchman | | | |
| Height Taker | | | |
| Hello Operator | | | |
| Instrument Operator | | | |
| Intelligence Duties | | | |
| Joiners | | | |
| Lineman | | | |
| Lineman, Signals | | | |
| Lithographers | | | |
| Machinists, Metal | | | |
| Machinists, Wood | | | |
| Masons | | | |
| Masseurs | | | |
| Mechanics, M.V. | 4 | 2 | 2 |
| Miners | 8 | 8 | - |
| Moulders | | | |
| Nurses, Trained | | | |
| Observation Post Asstr. | | | |
| CARRIED FORWARD | 189 | 180 | 11 |

| Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.) | W.E. | Posted Strength. | Reinfts. Required. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Operating Room Assts. | | | |
| Operator, Keyboard | | | |
| Operator, Line | | | |
| Operator, Signal | | | |
| Operator, Switchboard | | | |
| Operator, Wireless | | | |
| Opticians | | | |
| Painters | 1 | 2 | - |
| Panel Beaters | | | |
| Photographer, Dry Plate | | | |
| Predictor Numbers | | | |
| Printers | | | |
| Radiographers | | | |
| Riggers | 2 | 2 | - |
| Sawyers | 1 | 1 | - |
| Signallers | | | |
| Signwriters | | | |
| Telescope Identfn. Numbers | | | |
| Well Borers | | | |
| Wheelers | | | |
| Winchman | | | |
| Wireman | | | |
| Woodturners | | | |
| | | | |
| **GROUP III.** | | | |
| Battery Surveyors | | | |
| Butchers | | | |
| Clerks | 7 | 6 | 1 |
| Clerks, Supply | | | |
| Clerks, Technical | | | |
| Coach Trimmers | | | |
| Concretors | 2 | 2 | - |
| Cooks | | | |
| Dental Clerk Orderlies | | | |
| Despatch Riders | | | |
| Draughtsmen, Signals | | | |
| Drivers, H.T. | | | |
| Driver Mechanics | | | |
| Driver Tpn. Plant | | | |
| Engine Hands, I.C. | 4 | 2 | 2 |
| Equipment Repairers | | | |
| Farriers | | | |
| Fitters' Mates | | | |
| Gun Layers | | | |
| CARRIED FORWARD | 206 | 195 | 14 |

| Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.) | W.E. | Posted Strength. | Reinfts. Required. |
|---|---|---|---|
| G.P.O. Assistants | | | |
| Hammermen | | | |
| Leather Stitchers | | | |
| Orderlies, Nursing | | | |
| Orderlies, Nursing Mental | | | |
| Plate Layers | | | |
| Rangetakers | | | |
| Riveters | | | |
| Roughriders | | | |
| Saddlers | | | |
| Saddletreemakers | | | |
| Shoemaker and Boot Repairer | | | |
| Stevedores | | | |
| Stokers, Staty. Engine | | | |
| Storemen, Technical | 7 | 7 | - |
| Tailors | 1 | 1 | - |
| Textile Refitters | | | |
| Tinsmiths | | | |
| Vulcanizers | | | |
| Wagon Erectors | | | |
| Whitesmiths | | | |
| | | | |
| **DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.** | | | |
| C.S.M. W.O. II | 1 | 1 | - |
| Coms. Sgt. | 1 | 1 | - |
| Mech. Sgt. | 1 | 1 | - |
| Trans. Sgt. | 1 | 1 | - |
| Sec. Sgts. | 9 | 9 | - |
| Sgt. Clerk | 1 | 1 | - |
| Trans. Cpls. | 5 | 5 | - |
| Batman | 1 | 1 | - |
| Batman Drvs. | 12 | 12 | - |
| **ATTACHED BY W.E.** | | | |
| A.A.M.C. Cpl. | 1 | 1 | - |
| A.A.O.C. | | | |
| Shoemaker | 1 | 1 | - |
| Postal | | | |
| Service Cpl. | 1 | 1 | - |
| A.A.C.C. Sgt. | 1 | 1 | - |
| " Cpl. | 2 | 2 | - |
| " Cooks | 8 | 8 | - |
| Totals of columns Marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively. | 365 | 334 | 34 |

NOTES.—(a) If rank other than private is involved give details on back.
(b) Authorised trades or specialists not included in list will be added as required in spaces provided.
(c) Where A.W.A.S. and/or A.A.M.W.S. personnel are desired show details on back.
(d) Where replacement not desired note accordingly on return by insertion of N.R. in col. "Reints. Required."
(e) Where any request or notation is made on back of form, the words "See Back" should be written in one of the blank spaces on this page.

4 MARCH 1944.
*Date of Despatch*

2,000 Pads 7/43 R.P.

[redacted] Major
*Signature of Commander*
OC 2/3 Aust Ry Const Coy (ME) RAE

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# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 1/4/1944 2/3 Aust Ry Const Coy (ME) (Unit) 13344 (Serial No.)

W.E. 1V/13B/1 OFFRS. 13 O.R's. 351 + OFFRS. O.R's. 14 ATT. BY W.E.

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

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED. | | | | DETAIL. | ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E. | | | | |
| Rein'fts Required. | Deficient W.E. | Surplus to W.E. | Posted Strength. | | Arm or Corps. | Posted Strength. | Surplus to W.E. | Deficient W.E. | Rein'fts Required. |
| | | | 1 | Lieut.-Colonels<br>Majors | | | | | |
| 2 | 2 | | 3 | Captains | | | | | |
| | | 1 | 8 | Lieutenants | | | | | |
| | | | | Quarter-masters | | | | | |
| | | | | A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. | | | | | |
| | | | | Civilians Counting as Offrs. | | | | | |
| 2 | 2 | 1 | 12 | | | | | | |

| | DETAIL. | | A.I.F. | C.M.F. | A.W.A.S. | A.A.N.S. | A.A.M.W.S. | CIVIL. | R.A.N. | R.A.A.F. | * * | TOTAL. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in pars. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E (1) & E (2). | A. | | 12 | | | | | | | | | |
| | E.(1) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | E.(2) | | | No B class PERSONNEL | | | | | | | | |

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

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

### OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

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

### OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

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

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

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

2/3 Aust Ry Const Coy (ME) Unit

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## PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 1/4/1944 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held. | Army Number. | Surname. | Initials. | Posting. | Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No) | If not present with Unit, state how employed. | Date of Detachment. |
| MAJOR | WX 33194 | BENNETT | A | O.C. | NO | A/CRE CORPS TROOPS 1 AUST CORPS | 27 3 44 |
| CAPT | NX 12192 | YOUNG | C. | 2 i/c | YES | | |
| " | NX 12193 | TAYLOR | D N | PAY OFFR | " | | |
| " | NX 17235 | GIBSON | E J R | " | " | | |
| LIEUT | WX 33193 | ROBERTSON | W J | " | " | | |
| " | VX 132299 | FRENCH | C H | " | " | | |
| " | NX 176076 | CRANNA | G B | " | " | | |
| " | NX 143280 | STEVENS | W G B | " | " | | |
| " | VX 130279 | HART | R H B | " | " | | |
| " | NX 148695 | SUTHERLAND | J C | " | " | | |
| " | NX 58725 | ARMSTRONG | J C | " | " | | |
| " | NX 86923 | FRANKLYN | F G | " | " | | |

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

| Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held. | Army Number. | Name and Initials. | Unit. | Date of Attachment. | Nature of Attachment. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| LIEUT | SX 11735 | SHORT L T | 2/6 CAV COMMANDO REGT | 17 3 44 | DUTY |
| LIEUT | VX 24731 | FERK M. | 2/6 INF BDE | 26 3 44 | " |
| CAPT | VX 1305 | CRAWFORD AA | HQ RAE CAUST DIV | 26 3 44 | " |

1 APRIL 1944.
*Date of Despatch*

Major
O.C. 2/3 Aust Ry Const Coy (M.E.)
*Signature of Commander*

2,000 Pads 7/43 B.P.

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# FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

13/44 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 1/4/1944 2/3 Aust Ry Const Coy ME (Unit)

W.E. IV/13B/1 OFFRS. 13 O.R's. 351 + OFFRS. — O.R's. 14 ATT. BY W.E.

**Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.**

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED. | | | | DETAIL. | ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E. | | | | |
| Reinfts. Required. | Deficient W.E. | Surplus to W.E. | Posted Strength. | | Arm or Corps. | Posted Strength. | Surplus to W.E. | Deficient W.E. | Reinfts. Required. |
| | | | 1 | W.Os. Class I. | | | | | |
| | | | 1 | W.Os. Class II. | | | | | |
| | | | 1 | Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts. | | | | | |
| — | — | — | 1 | Staff Sergeants | A.A.C.C. | 1 | | | |
| — | — | 1 | 12 | Sergeants | A.A.C.C. | 2 | | | |
| — | — | — | 30 | Corporals | A.A.M.C. | 1 | | | |
| 23 | 23 | 4 | 288 | Troopers, Privates, etc. | A.A.O.C. | 1 | | | |
| | | | | | A.A.C.C. | 7 | | | |
| | | | | Civilians counting as O.R. | | | | | |
| 23 * | 23 * | 5 | 333 * | Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2. | | 13 * | | 1 | 1 * |

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

| Detail | | C.M.F. | | A.W.A.S. | A.A.M.W.S. | CIVIL. | R.A.N. | R.A.A.F. | * * | TOTAL. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | A.I.F. | Under 19 Years. | 19 Years and over. | | | | | | | |
| A | 3444 | | | | | | [redacted] | [redacted] | | 3446 |
| B(1) | | | | | | | | | | |
| B(2) | 2 | B' Class Personnel on [redacted] Strength | | | | | | | | |

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

**Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.**

| Number of O.Rs. | Unit to which they belong. | Number of O.Rs. | Unit to which they belong. |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | A.A.M.C. | 8 | 2/1 Fd. Reg |
| | | 7 | 2/2 " |
| 1 | A.A.O.C | 7 | 2/3 " |
| | | 7 | 2/7 " |
| 1 | Postal Unit | 6 | 2/5 " |
| | | 12 | 2/1 Fd Coy |
| 40 | A.A.C.C | 3 | 2/2 " |
| | | 2 | 2/8 " |
| | | 5 | 2/23 " |
| | | 1 | 2 Aust Fd Coy |
| | | 7 | 2/5 Comm Sqn |
| 1 | Y.M.C.A. Rep't | 10 | 15th Aust C.T. Coy |
| | 1 Aust Corps | 18 | 2/7 Inf Bn |
| 2 | H.Q. R.A.E. 6 Div | 27 | 2/6 " |

Column 6

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

| Number of O.Rs. | Unit to which detached. | Number of O.Rs. | Unit to which detached. |
|---|---|---|---|
| 3 | CRE 1 Aust Corps | | |
| 4 | Beach Group Detachment | | |
| 2 | R.A.E. Corps Troops | | |
| 2 | 2/15 Fd Coy. | | |

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

| Army No. | Rank. | Name and Initials. | REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known). |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | | There are 2 'B' Class Personnel on STRENGTH of this Unit. Not Fit For Overseas Service. |

2/3 Aust Ry Const Coy ME Unit

L.H.O.P — Nil —

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## PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 1/4/1944.

| Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. | W.E. | Posted Strength. | Reinfts. Required. | Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.) | W.E. | Posted Strength. | Reinfts. Required. | Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.) | W.E. | Posted Strength. | Reinfts. Required. | Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.) | W.E. | Posted Strength. | Reinfts. Required. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ammunition Examiners | | | | Surveyors, Engineering | | | | Operating Room Assts. | | | | G.P.O. Assistants | | | |
| Armament Artificer Fitter | | | | Surveyors, R.A.A. | | | | Operator, Keyboard | | | | Hammermen | | | |
| Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical) | | | | Surveyors, Topographical | | | | Operator, Line | | | | Leather Stitchers | | | |
| Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.) | | | | Surveyors, Trigonometrical | | | | Operator, Signal | | | | Orderlies, Nursing | | | |
| Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.) | | | | Toolmakers | | | | Operator, Switchboard | | | | Orderlies, Nursing Mental | | | |
| Armament Artificer Instrument | | | | Turners | 2 | 2 | . | Operator, Wireless | | | | Plate Layers | | | |
| Armament Artificer Radio | | | | Watchmakers | | | | Opticians | | | | Rangetakers | | | |
| Armament Artificer Signals | | | | Welders | 2 | 2 | . | Painters | 1 | 2 | . | Riveters | | | |
| Armament Artificer Wireless | | | | | | | | Panel Beaters | | | | Roughriders | | | |
| Artificer, Artillery | | | | | | | | Photographer, Dry Plate | | | | Saddlers | | | |
| Artificer, Engine | | | | | | | | Predictor Numbers | | | | Saddletreemakers | | | |
| Blacksmiths | 2 | 2 | . | | | | | Printers | | | | Shoemaker and Boot Repairer | | | |
| Bricklayers | | | | | | | | Radiographers | | | | Stevedores | | | |
| Compositors | | | | | | | | Riggers | 2 | 2 | . | Stokers, Staty. Engine | | | |
| Cooks, Hospital | | | | GROUP II. | | | | Sawyers | 1 | 1 | . | Storemen, Technical | 7 | 7 | . |
| Coppersmiths | | | | Armourers | | | | Signallers | | | | Tailors | 1 | 1 | . |
| Dispensers | | | | Axemen | | | | Signwriters | | | | Textile Refitters | | | |
| Draughtsmen | | | | Bakers | | | | Telescope Identfn. Numbers | | | | Tinsmiths | | | |
| Draughtsmen (Architectural) | | | | Bty. Comd'rs. Asst. | | | | Well Borers | | | | Vulcanizers | | | |
| Draughtsmen (Engineering) | 1 | 1 | | Boilermakers | | | | Wheelers | | | | Wagon Erectors | | | |
| Draughtsmen (Mechanical) | | | | Carpenters | 6 | 6 | | Winchman | | | | Whitesmiths | | | |
| Draughtsmen (Topographical) | | | | Carpenters and Joiners | | | | Wireman | | | | | | | |
| Electricians | | | | Cooks | | | | Woodturners | | | | | | | |
| Electricians (M.V.) | | | | Dental Mechanics | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Electricians (Signals) | | | | Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.) | 25 | 22 | 3 | | | | | | | | |
| Fitters | . | 1 | . | Driver-Operator | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fitters (Cycle) | | | | Drainers | | | | | | | | M/C. Orderlies | 3 | 3 | . |
| Fitters (Electrical) | 1 | 1 | | Electricians | | | | | | | | Pioneers | 21 | 21 | . |
| Fitters (Gun) | | | | Electricians (Engineers) | 1 | 1 | . | | | | | Drivers M.T. | 81 | 65 | 16 |
| Fitters (Instrument) | | | | Fire Control Operators | | | | GROUP III. | | | | DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN. | | | |
| Fitters (M.V.) (M.E.) | 15 | 15 | . | Gun Operator | | | | Battery Surveyors | | | | C.S.M. W.O.II | 1 | 1 | . |
| Fitters, Railway Signal | | | | Hatchman | | | | Butchers | | | | C.Q.M.S. S/Sgt | 1 | 1 | . |
| Fitters, Signals | | | | Height Taker | | | | Clerks | 7 | 6 | 1 | Trans. Sgt | 1 | 1 | . |
| Grinder, Precision | | | | Helio Operator | | | | Clerks, Supply | | | | Q.M. Room Sgt | 1 | 1 | . |
| Mechanics, Instrument | | | | Instrument Operator | | | | Clerks, Technical | | | | Section Sgts | 9 | 10 | . |
| Mechanics, Instrument (Signals) | | | | Intelligence Duties | | | | Coach Trimmers | | | | Mech. S/Sgt | 1 | 1 | . |
| Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical) | | | | Joiners | | | | Concretors | 2 | 2 | . | Trans. Cpls | 3 | 3 | . |
| Mechanics, Radio | | | | Lineman | | | | Cooks | | | | Batman | 1 | 1 | . |
| Mechanics, Typewriter | | | | Lineman, Signals | | | | Dental Clerk Orderlies | | | | Batman Drvrs | 12 | 12 | . |
| Mechanics, Wireless | | | | Lithographers | | | | Despatch Riders | | | | ATTACHED BY W.E. | | | |
| Millwrights | | | | Machinists, Metal | | | | Draughtsmen, Signals | | | | A.A.M.C. Cpl | 1 | 1 | . |
| Operators, Excavator | 120 | 122 | . | Machinists, Wood | | | | Drivers, H.T. | | | | A.A.O.C. | | | |
| Pattern Maker | | | | Masons | | | | Driver Mechanics | | | | Shoemaker | 1 | 1 | . |
| Pharmacist | | | | Masseurs | | | | Driver Tptn. Plant | . | 1 | . | Postal Unit Cpl | 1 | 1 | . |
| Photographer, Wet Plate | | | | Mechanics, M.V. | 14 | 13 | 1 | Engine Hands, I.C. | 14 | 12 | 2 | A.A.C.C. Sgt | 1 | 1 | . |
| Photowriter | | | | Miners | 8 | 8 | . | Equipment Repairers | | | | " Cpls | 2 | 2 | . |
| Plumber | 1 | 2 | | Moulders | | | | Farriers | | | | " Cooks | 8 | 7 | 1 |
| Saw Doctors | | | | Nurses, Trained | | | | Fitters' Mates | | | | | | | |
| Surveyors | | | | Observation Post Assts. | | | | Gun Layers | | | | | | | |
| CARRIED FORWARD | 120 | 122 | . | CARRIED FORWARD | 189 | 187 | 4 | CARRIED FORWARD | 206 | 203 | 7 | Totals of columns Marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively. | 365 | 346 | 24 * |

NOTES.—(a) If rank other than private is involved give details on back.
(b) Authorised trades or specialists not included in list will be added as required in spaces provided.
(c) Where A.W.A.S. and/or A.A.M.W.S. personnel are desired show details on back.
(d) Where replacement not desired note accordingly on return by insertion of N.R. in col. "Reinfts. Required."
(e) Where any request or notation is made on back of form, the words "See Back" should be written in one of the blank spaces on this page.

15/4/44
*Date of Despatch*

2,000 Pads 7/43 B.P.

*Signature of Commander*
O.C. 2/3 Aust Rly Const Coy (M.E.)
Major

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(I) N.X. 10129 Sgt. CADDEN C.J.

(II) 44

(III) A 1

(IV) Nil

(V) SALES Manager (Motors)

(VI) Transport N.C.O.

(VII) { 12.7.43 to 18.9.43 No. 1 Course Fitter Mech. Equipt. }
{ 3 M.V.T.T.C. : Qualified :- Group I. Class III. }

(VIII) Qualified with learning and experience and suitable for Transport N.C.O. Good Type.

Adjutant, Capt.

# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 6/8/194 . 2/3 Aust Ry Const Coy (ME) (Unit)

W.E. 14/12/42 . OFFRS. 8 O.R's. 233 + OFFRS. O.R's. 13 ATT. BY W.E.

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

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED. | | | | DETAIL. | ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E. | | | | |
| Rein'fts Required. | Deficient W.E. | Surplus to W.E. | Posted Strength. | | Arm or Corps. | Posted Strength. | Surplus to W.E. | Deficient W.E. | Rein'fts Required. |
| | | | | * | | | | | |
| | | | | * | | | | | |
| | | | 1 | Lieut.-Colonels | | | | | |
| 1 | 1 | | 3 | Majors | | | | | |
| | | 5 | 2 | Captains | | | | | |
| | | | | Lieutenants | | | | | |
| | | | | Quarter-masters | | | | | |
| | | | | A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. | | | | | |
| | | | | Civilians Counting as Offrs. | | | | | |
| 1 | 1 | 6 | 13 | | | | | | |

| Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2). | DETAIL | | A.I.F. | C.M.F. | A.W.A.S. | A.A.N.S. | A.A.M.W.S. | CIVIL. | R.A.N. | R.A.A.F. | ** | TOTAL. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | A. | | 13. | | | | | | | | | 13. |
| | E.(1) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | E.(2) | | | No. B. CLASS PERSONNEL. | | | | | | | | |

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

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

### OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

| Army No. | Rank. | Name and Initials. | Unit From. | Date. | CAUSE. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| NX 7092 | LIEUT. | RANDALL-SMITH T.C. | 2/1 AUST RLY CONST. COY. (M E) | 4.5.44. | POSTED TO THIS COY - AUTHORITY L.H.Q. MEMO. A7954 of 8 APR 44. |

### OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

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

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

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

2/3 Aust Ry Const Coy (ME) *Unit*

LWOP. NIL

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## PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 6/8/194. (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held. | Army Number. | Surname. | Initials. | Posting. | Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No) | If not present with Unit, state how employed. | Date of Detachment. |
| MAJOR | VX 33194 | BENNETT | A. | O.C. | No. | ON LEAVE | 29-4-44 |
| CAPT. | NX 11752 | YOUNG | C. | 2 I/C | YES | | |
| " | NX 11993 | TAYLOR | P.N. | PLATOON COMD. | NO | M.C.C. 2 AUST MECH TRAINING REGT. | 17-4-44 |
| " | NX 74255 | GIBSON | E.T.R. | " | YES | | |
| LIEUT. | NX 33193 | ROBERTSON | W.J. | " | NO | ON LEAVE | 15-4-44 |
| " | NX 33233 | FRENCH | G.H. | " | YES | | |
| " | NX 176076 | CRANNA | G.B. | " | YES | | |
| " | NX 145200 | STEVENS | V.G.C. | " | NO | ON LEAVE | 22-4-44 |
| " | VX 130279 | HART | R.H.B. | " | YES | | |
| " | NX 11569 | SUTHERLAND | J.C. | " | YES | | |
| " | NX 78783 | ARMSTRONG | J.G. | " | YES | | |
| " | NX 26923 | FRANKLYN | F.G. | " | NO | ON LEAVE | 6-4-44 |
| " | NX 7092 | RANDALL-SMITH | T.C. | " | YES | | |

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

| Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held. | Army Number. | Name and Initials. | Unit. | Date of Attachment. | Nature of Attachment. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| CAPT. | VX 1305 | CRAWFORD A.E. | 6 AUST DIV. SIGNALS | 26-2-44 | DUTY. |

6 MAY 1944.
*Date of Despatch*

*Signature of Commander* Major
O.C. 2/3 Aust Rly Const Coy (M.E.)

a.w. 10m bks 10/43

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# FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

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At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 6/5/1944. 2/3 Aust Ry Const Coy (ME) (Unit)

W.E. IV/1352. OFFRS. 8 O.R's. 233+ OFFRS. — O.R's. 13 ATT. BY W.E.

**Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.**

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED. | | | | | ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E. | | | | |
| Reinfts. Required. | Deficient W.E. | Surplus to W.E. | Posted Strength. | DETAIL. | Arm or Corps. | Posted Strength. | Surplus to W.E. | Deficient W.E. | Reinfts. Required. |
| | | | 1 | W.Os. Class I. | | | | | |
| | | | 1 | W.Os. Class II. | | | | | |
| | | | 1 | Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts. | | | | | |
| 1 | 1 | | 3 | Staff Sergeants | | | | | |
| | | | 9 | Sergeants | A.A.C.C. | 1 | | | |
| 1 | 1 | | 18 | Corporals | POSTAL UNIT A.A.O.C. | 1 | | | |
| 8 | 8 | 19 | 210 | Troopers, Privates, etc. | A.A.C.C. | 8 | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| | | | | Civilians counting as O.R. | | | | | |
| 10* | 10 | 19 | 242* | Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2. | | 12* | 1 | 2 | 2* |

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

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

| Detail | C.M.F. A.I.F. | C.M.F. Under 19 Years. | C.M.F. 19 Years and over. | A.W.A.S. | A.A.M.W.S. | CIVIL | R.A.N. | R.A.A.F. | ** | TOTAL. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| A | 253 | | | | | | [redacted] | [redacted] | | |
| B(1) | | | | | | | | | | |
| B(2) | 1 | B CLASS PERSONNEL [redacted] ON STRENGTH | | | | | | | | 254 |

**Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.**

| Number of O.Rs. | Unit to which they belong. | Number of O.Rs. | Unit to which they belong. |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | A.A.M.C. | | |
| 1 | POSTAL UNIT | | |
| 9 | A.A.C.C. | | |
| 1 | A.A.O.C. | | |
| 2 | HQ RAE 6 DIV | | |
| 6 | SIGS | | |
| 15 | 287 L.A.D. | | |
| 1 | YMCA REP 2 CORPS. | | |
| 17 | 1 AUST. ME PL | | |
| 1 | 2 AUST. ME PL | | |

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

| Number of O.Rs. | Unit to which detached. | Number of O.Rs. | Unit to which detached. |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | | |

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

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

2/3 Aust Ry Const Coy (ME) Unit

L W O P — NIL —

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**PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 6/5/1944.**

| Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. | W.E. | Posted Strength. | Reinfts. Required. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Ammunition Examiners | | | |
| Armament Artificer Fitter | | | |
| Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical) | | | |
| Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.) | | | |
| Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.) | | | |
| Armament Artificer Instrument | | | |
| Armament Artificer Radio | | | |
| Armament Artificer Signals | | | |
| Armament Artificer Wireless | | | |
| Artificer, Artillery | | | |
| Artificer, Engine | 1 | 1 | |
| Blacksmiths | 1 | 1 | |
| Bricklayers | | | |
| Computors | | | |
| Cooks, Hospital | | | |
| Coppersmiths | | | |
| Dispensers | | | |
| Draughtsmen | 1 | 1 | |
| Draughtsmen (Architectural) | | | |
| Draughtsmen (Engineering) | | | |
| Draughtsmen (Mechanical) | | | |
| Draughtsmen (Topographical) | | | |
| Electricians | 1 | | 1 |
| Electricians (M.V.) | | | |
| Electricians (Signals) | | | |
| Fitters (ME) | 8 | 8 | |
| Fitters (Cycle) | | | |
| Fitters (Electrical) | | | |
| Fitters (Gun) | | | |
| Fitters (Instrument) | | | |
| Fitters (M.V.) | | | |
| Fitters, Railway Signal | | | |
| Fitters, Signals | | | |
| Grinder, Precision | | | |
| Mechanics, Instrument | | | |
| Mechanics, Instrument (Signals) | | | |
| Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical) | | | |
| Mechanics, Radio | | | |
| Mechanics, Typewriter | | | |
| Mechanics, Wireless | | | |
| Millwrights | | | |
| Operators, Excavator | 68 | 77 | |
| Pattern Maker | | | |
| Pharmacist | | | |
| Photographer, Wet Plate | | | |
| Photowriter | | | |
| Plumber | | 1 | |
| Saw Doctors | | | |
| Surveyors | | | |
| CARRIED FORWARD | 80 | 89 | 1 |

| Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.) | W.E. | Posted Strength. | Reinfts. Required. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Surveyors, Engineering | | | |
| Surveyors, R.A.A. | | | |
| Surveyors, Topographical | | | |
| Surveyors, Trigonometrical | | | |
| Toolmakers | | | |
| Turners | | | |
| Watchmakers | | | |
| Welders | 3 | 3 | |
| | | | |
| | | | |
| | |

# WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

(Erase heading not required)

Army Form C.2118 (adapted.)

*Unit* 2/3 AUST RLY CONST COY (ME) *Date and Time.—From* 1 JUN 44 *To* 30 JUN 44.

| Place | Date | Hour | Summary of Events and Information | Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| WONGABEL | 1 Jun 44 | | Company engaged on construction of roads and maintenance in | W3008 and W3009 dated |
| | | | WONGABEL, MAPEE, MAREEBA and TRINITY BEACH area. In TRINITY | 3 Jun 44. |
| | | | BEACH area malaria control work carried out. | Routine Orders Part I |
| WONGABEL | 2 Jun 44 | | 1 Pl moves from WONDECLA to MILLAA MILLAA and is engaged on a | Serial No.13/44 dated |
| | | | road deviation about 6 miles from MILLAA MILLAA on the | 19 Jun 44. |
| | | | MALANDA-MILLAA MILLAA road. | |
| WONGABEL | 22 Jun 44 | | 3 Pl moves from TRINITY BEACH to BIBOOHRA and commences recon- | |
| | | | struction of road from MAREEBA to 5 miles north of BIBOOHRA. | |
| WONGABEL | 25 Jun 44 | | 1 Pl completed MILLAA MILLAA road deviation and moves to | |
| | | | WONGABEL camp. | |
| WONGABEL | 30 Jun 44 | | Health of troops excellent throughout the period. | |
| | | | | |
| | | | Alan Bennett ----------Major, | |
| | | | OC, 2/3 Aust Rly Const Coy (ME). | |

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# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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At 0600 Hrs. Saturday ../../194.. 2/3 Aust Ry Const Coy (ME) (Unit) ...(Serial No.)

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

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

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED. | | | | DETAIL. | ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E. | | | | |
| Rein'fts Required. | Deficient W.E. | Surplus to W.E. | Posted Strength. | | Arm or Corps. | Posted Strength. | Surplus to W.E. | Deficient W.E. | Rein'fts Required. |
| | | | | * | | | | | |
| | | | | * | | | | | |
| | | | | Lieut.-Colonels | | | | | |
| | | | 1 | Majors | | | | | |
| 1 | 1 | | 3 | Captains | | | | | |
| | | | 2 | Lieutenants | | | | | |
| | | | | Quarter-masters | | | | | |
| | | | | A.A.N.S and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. | | | | | |
| | | | | Civilians Counting as Offrs. | | | | | |
| 1 | 1 | 5 | 12 | | | | | | |

| | DETAIL. | | A.I.P. | C.M.F. | A.W.A.S. | A.A.N.S. | A.A.M.W.S. | CIVIL. | R.A.N. | R.A.A.F. | ** | TOTAL. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2). | A. | | 12 | | | | | | | | | |
| | E.(1) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | E.(2) | | | | | | | | | | | |

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

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

### OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK.

| Army No. | Rank. | Name and Initials. | Unit From. | Date. | CAUSE. |
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### OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

| Army No. | Rank. | Name and Initials. | Unit To. | Date. | CAUSE. |
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## PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO .....(Unit) IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED. ...../...../194.....

| Army No. | Rank. | Name and Initials. | REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known). |
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2/3 Aust Ry Const Coy (ME) *Unit*

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## PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

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

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held. | Army Number. | Surname. | Initials. | Posting. | Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No) | If not present with Unit, state how employed. | Date of Detachment. |
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# FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

...../...../..... (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday...../...../194..... 2/3 Aust Ry Const Coy (ME) (Unit)

W.E...../...../..... OFFRS.....O.R's.232 + OFFRS.....O.R's.13 ATT. BY W.E.

## Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED. | | | | DETAIL. | ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E. | | | | |
| Reinfts. Required. | Deficient W.E. | Surplus to W.E. | Posted Strength. | | Arm or Corps. | Posted Strength. | Surplus to W.E. | Deficient W.E. | Reinfts. Required. |
| | | | 1 | W.Os. Class I. | A.A.C.C. CPLS | 2 | | | |
| | | | 1 | W.Os. Class II. | | | | | |
| | | | 1 | Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts. | | | | | |
| NR. 2 | 2 | | 2 | Staff Sergeants | | | | | |
| | | 3 | 12 | Sergeants | A.A.C.C. | | | 1 | INR |
| NR 1 | 1 | 1 | 19 | Corporals | POSTAL UNIT | 1 | | | |
| 2 | 2 | 1 | 198 | Troopers, Privates, etc. | A.A.C.C. | 6 | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| | | | | Civilians counting as O.R. | | | | | |
| 5 * | 5 | 5 | 233 * | Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2. | | 11 * | 1 | 3 | 3 * |

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

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| Detail | | A.I.F. | C.M.P. Under 19 Years. | C.M.P. 19 Years and over. | A.W.A.S. | A.A.M.W.S. | CIVE. | R.A.N. | R.A.A.F. | * * | TOTAL. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| A | | 237 | | | | | | [redacted] | [redacted] | | |
| B(1) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| B(2) | | 7 | B CLASS PERSONNEL | | | | [redacted] | ON | STRENGTH. | | 244 |

## Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

| Number of O.Rs. | Unit to which they belong | Number of O.Rs. | Unit to which they belong |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | A.A.M.C. | | |
| 8 | A.A.C.C. | | |
| 1 | A.A.O.C. | | |
| 1 | Postal Unit | | |
| 16 | 2/7 L.A.D. | | |
| 6 | 1 Aust. Corps Sigs | | |
| 1 | YMCA Rep | | |
| 5 | #12 Army Troops | | |
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SURPLUS — CPL TAILOR QX29820 L/SGT WARE H.

2 of the 3 surplus Sgts as shewn are prospective Mech. S/Sgts and will the vacancies as shewn. The other surplus Sgt is to be forwarded to 16 A.P.S.C. for reallocation on the instruction of 1 Aust. Corps A 3075 of 31 MAY 1944

Major
O.C. 2/3 Aust Rly Const Coy (M.E.)

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Serial No.13/44
19th June 1944.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE
ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1
BY
MAJOR ALLAN BENNETT
OFFICER COMMANDING 2/3 AUST RLY CONST COY (ME).

ADMINISTRATION - MAREEBA AREA.

(1) As from 12 June '44 Mareeba will be out of bounds except for personnel on duty, to all units other than those located in Mareeba area.

(2) Mareeba area is as defined in Atherton Tablelands Local Administrative Area Map issued with First Aust Army A/19/108/3 of 24 May '44.

(3) It is noticed that the number of military vehicles in the town is excessive, consequently, the following will be observed:-
(a) Should a vehicle be required to be parked for more than 15 minutes in any portion of the town, it will be parked in the military park.
(b) Convoys proceeding through the town will not be permitted to halt in the town area.
(c) Vehicles will not be left unattended except when in the Military Vehicle Park.
(d) Mareeba has now been completely marked with traffic signs and the routes indicated will be strictly adhered to.

ABSENCE WITHOUT LEAVE - SUSPENSION OF ALLOTMENTS & DEPENDANTS ALLOWANCES.

(1) Amentments have been made to War Financial (Military Forces) Regulations providing for the shortening of the period upon the expiration of which a member's allotment and dependants allowance will be suspended in the event of his absence without leave.
These amendments have effect on and from 1st June 1944.

(2) Where a member has been declared an illegal absentee, the District Finance Officer will, under the regulations as now amended, take the action outlined in paras 3 and 4 of this order.

(3) Where no dependants allowance is payable in respect of the member's allotment, the District Finance Officer will suspend payment of the as from the earliest possible date.

(4) Where the member has made an allotment in respect of which dependants allowance is payable, the District Finance Officer will at once forward a notice to the member's allottee. This notice will inform the allottee that the allotment and dependants allowance will be suspended after payment of two more fortnightly instalments, including any instalment which may be payable on the date of the notice.

(5) In addition to the forfeiture of all active and deferred pay (including the amount paid as allotment) for the whole period of the member's absence without leave, the total amount of the dependants allowance paid in respect of any day after the date of the notice mentioned in para 4 of this order will be debited to the member and will be recovered from his future pay.

(6) Any allotment and related dependants allowance which has been suspended on account of the member's absence without leave will not be reinstated until the District Finance Officer has been advised of the member's apprehension or return to duty.

Allan Bennett
---------- Major.
O.C. 2/3 Aust Rly Const Coy (ME)

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O.C. 2/3 Aust Rly Const Coy. (ME)

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# WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

(Erase heading not required)

Army Form C 2118 (adapted.)

Unit 2/3 AUST RLY CONST COY (ME) Date and Time.—From 1 JUL 44 To 31 JUL 44.

| Place | Date | Hour | Summary of Events and Information | Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| WONGABEL | 1 Jul 44 | | Company engaged on road construction. 1 Pl on construction of new road in WONGABEL area. 2 Pl on bitumen penetration of new road from MAREEBA to TURKINJE. 3 Pl on construction of road from MAREEBA to 5 miles north of BIBOOHRA. | W3008 and W3009 dated 1 Jul 44. Routine Orders Part I Serial 14/44 |
| WONGABEL | 24 Jul 44 | | 2 Pl completes surfacing of MAREEBA road and returns to WONGABEL camp. 3 Pl completes construction of MAREEBA-BIBOOHRA road and returns to WONGABEL camp. | dated 3 Jul 44. |
| WONGABEL | 27 Jul 44 | | NX70980 Lt RANDAL-SMITH T.C. and NX143280 Lt STEVENS W.G.B. marched out to join 24 ME Pk Coy. NX86923 Lt FRANKLYN F.G. marched out to take up appointment as instructor at SME (Fd). | |
| WONGABEL | 31 Jul 44 | | In spite of bad weather, health of troops excellent. | |
| | | | Allan Burnett ----------Major, OC, 2/3 Aust Rly Const Coy (ME). | |

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# FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

...../...../.....(Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday...../...../194.....2/3 Aust Ry Const Coy (ME) (Unit)

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

## Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

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

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

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| Detail | | C.M.F. | | A.W.A.S. | A.A.M.W.S. | CIVIL | R.A.N. | R.A.A.F. | * * | TOTAL. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | A.I.F. | Under 19 Years. | 19 Years and over. | | | | | | | |
| A | | | | | | | | | | |
| B(1) | | | | | | | | | | |
| B(2) | | | | | | | | | | |

## Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

| Number of O.Rs. | Unit to which they belong | Number of O.Rs. | Unit to which they belong |
|---|---|---|---|
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## Part C. Other Ranks Included in Part A Detached to Other Units.

| Number of O.Rs. | Unit to which detached. | Number of O.Rs. | Unit to which detached. |
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| | | | |

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

| Army No | Rank. | Name and Initials. | REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known). |
|---|---|---|---|
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2/3 Aust Ry Const Coy (ME) Unit

...../...../194 Serial No.

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

| Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. | W.E. | Posted Strength. | Reinfts. Required. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Ammunition Examiners | | | |
| Armament Artificer Fitter | | | |
| Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical) | | | |
| Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.) | | | |
| Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.) | | | |
| Armament Artificer Instrument | | | |
| Armament Artificer Radio | | | |
| Armament Artificer Signals | | | |
| Armament Artificer Wireless | | | |
| Artificer, Artillery | | | |
| Artificer, Engine | | | |
| Blacksmiths | | | |
| Bricklayers | | | |
| Computors | | | |
| Cooks, Hospital | | | |
| Coppersmiths | | | |
| Dispensers | | | |
| Draughtsmen | | | |
| Draughtsmen (Architectural) | | | |
| Draughtsmen (Engineering) | | | |
| Draughtsmen (Mechanical) | | | |
| Draughtsmen (Topographical) | | | |
| Electricians | | | |
| Electricians (M.V.) | | | |
| Electricians (Signals) | | | |
| Fitters | | | |
| Fitters (Cycle) | | | |
| Fitters (Electrical) | | | |
| Fitters (Gun) | | | |
| Fitters (Instrument) | | | |
| Fitters (M.V.) | | | |
| Fitters, Railway Signal | | | |
| Fitters, Signals | | | |
| Grinder, Precision | | | |
| Mechanics, Instrument | | | |
| Mechanics, Instrument (Signals) | | | |
| Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical) | | | |
| Mechanics, Radio | | | |
| Mechanics, Typewriter | | | |
| Mechanics, Wireless | | | |
| Millwrights | | | |
| Operators, Excavator | | | |
| Pattern Maker | | | |
| Pharmacist | | | |
| Photographer, Wet Plate | | | |
| Photowriter | | | |
| Plumber | | | |
| Saw Doctors | | | |
| Surveyors | | | |
| CARRIED FORWARD | | | |

| Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.) | W.E. | Posted Strength. | Reinfts. Required. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Surveyors, Engineering | | | |
| Surveyors, R.A.A. | | | |
| Surveyors, Topographical | | | |
| Surveyors, Trigonometrical | | | |
| Toolmakers | | | |
| Turners | | | |
| Watchmakers | | | |
| Welders | | | |
| GROUP II. | | | |
| Armourers | | | |
| Axemen | | | |
| Bakers | | | |
| Bty. Comd'rs. Asst. | | | |
| Boilermakers | | | |
| Carpenters | | | |
| Carpenters and Joiners | | | |
| Cooks | | | |
| Dental Mechanics | | | |
| Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.) | | | |
| Driver-Operator | | | |
| Drainers | | | |
| Electricians | | | |
| Electricians (Engineers) | | | |
| Fire Control Operators | | | |
| Gun Operator | | | |
| Hatchman | | | |
| Height Taker | | | |
| Helio Operator | | | |
| Instrument Operator | | | |
| Intelligence Duties | | | |
| Joiners | | | |
| Lineman | | | |
| Lineman, Signals | | | |
| Lithographers | | | |
| Machinists, Metal | | | |
| Machinists, Wood | | | |
| Masons | | | |
| Masseurs | | | |
| Mechanics, M.T. | | | |
| Miners | | | |
| Moulders | | | |
| Nurses, Trained | | | |
| Observation Post Assts. | | | |
| CARRIED FORWARD | | | |

| Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.) | W.E. | Posted Strength. | Reinfts. Required. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Operating Room Assts. | | | |
| Operator, Keyboard | | | |
| Operator, Line | | | |
| Operator, Signal | | | |
| Operator, Switchboard | | | |
| Operator, Wireless | | | |
| Opticians | | | |
| Painters | | | |
| Panel Beaters | | | |
| Photographer, Dry Plate | | | |
| Predictor Numbers | | | |
| Printers | | | |
| Radiographers | | | |
| Riggers | | | |
| Sawyers | | | |
| Signallers | | | |
| Signwriters | | | |
| Telescope Identfn. Numbers | | | |
| Well Borers | | | |
| Wheelers | | | |
| Winchman | | | |
| Wireman | | | |
| Woodturners | | | |
| GROUP III. | | | |
| Battery Surveyors | | | |
| Butchers | | | |
| Clerks | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| Clerks, Supply | | | |
| Clerks, Technical | | | |
| Coach Trimmers | | | |
| Concretors | | | |
| Cooks | | | |
| Dental Clerk Orderlies | | | |
| Despatch Riders | | | |
| Draughtsmen, Signals | | | |
| Drivers, H.T. | | | |
| Driver Mechanics | 16 | 16 | |
| Driver Tptn. Plant | | | |
| Engine Hands, I.C. | | | |
| Equipment Repairers | | | |
| Farriers | | | |
| Fitters' Mates | | | |
| Gun Layers | | | |
| CARRIED FORWARD | 124 | 120 | 2 |

| Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.) | W.E. | Posted Strength. | Reinfts. Required. |
|---|---|---|---|
| G.P.O. Assistants | | | |
| Hammermen | | | |
| Leather Stitchers | | | |
| Orderlies, Nursing | | | |
| Orderlies, Nursing Mental | | | |
| Plate Layers | | | |
| Rangetakers | | | |
| Rivetters | | | |
| Roughriders | | | |
| Saddlers | | | |
| Saddletree makers | | | |
| Shoemaker and Boot Repairer | | | |
| Stevedores | | | |
| Stokers, Staty. Engine | | | |
| Storemen, Technical | | | |
| Tailors | | | |
| Textile Refitters | | | |
| Tinsmiths | | | |
| Vulcanizers | | | |
| Wagon Erecters | | | |
| Whitesmiths | | | |
| DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN. | | | |
| ATTACHED BY W.E. | | | |
| Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively. | | * | * |

NOTES.—(a) If rank other than private is involved give details on back.
(b) Authorised trades or specialists not included in list will be added as required in spaces provided.
(c) Where A.W.A.S. and/or A.A.M.W.S. personnel are desired show details on back.
(d) Where replacement not desired note accordingly on return by insertion of N.R. in col. "Reints. Required."
(e) Where any request or notation is made on back of form, the words "See Back" should be written in one of the blank spaces on this page.

Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander ..... Major
O.C. 2/3 Aust Rly Const Coy (M.E.)

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# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

24/44 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 1/7/1944 2/3 Aust Ry Const Coy (ME) (Unit)

W.E. IV/BB/2 . OFFRS. 8 O.R's. 233 + OFFRS. ..... O.R's. 13 ATT. BY W.E.

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

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED. | | | | DETAIL. | ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E. | | | | |
| Rein'fts Required. | Deficient W.E. | Surplus to W.E. | Posted Strength. | | Arm or Corps. | Posted Strength. | Surplus to W.E. | Deficient W.E. | Rein'fts Required. |
| | | | | * | | | | | |
| | | | | * | | | | | |
| | | | | Lieut.-Colonels | | | | | |
| | | | 1 | Majors | | | | | |
| | | | 4 | Captains | | | | | |
| | | 5 | 8 | Lieutenants | | | | | |
| | | | | Quarter-masters | | | | | |
| | | | | A.A.N.S and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. | | | | | |
| | | | | Civilians Counting as Offrs. | | | | | |
| | | 5 | 13 | | | | | | |

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

| DETAIL. | | A.I.F. | C.M.F. | A.W.A.S. | A.A.N.S. | A.A.M.W.S. | CIVIL. | R.A.N. | R.A.A.F. | ** | TOTAL. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| A. | | B. | | | | | | | | | |
| E.(1) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| E.(2) | No. B Class Personnel on strength. | | | | | | | | | | 13. |

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.
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## PART B.—PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEK.

### OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK.

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

### OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

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

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

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

2/3 Aust Ry Const Coy (ME) Unit

WAR DIARY

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## PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 1/7/1944. (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held. | Army Number. | Surname. | Initials. | Posting. | Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No) | If not present with Unit, state how employed. | Date of Detachment. |
| MAJOR | WX 33154. | BENNETT. | H. | O.C. | YES. | | |
| CAPT. | NX 12132 | YOUNG. | C. | 2 I/C | YES. | | |
| " | NX 12133 | TAYLOR. | P.N. | PLOTOR | NO. | M/O.C. 2 AUST. MR. HEQUIEM | 17.4.44. |
| " | NX 77235. | GIBSON. | E.J.R. | " | YES | | |
| LIEUT. | WX 33133 | ROBERTSON | W.J. | " | YES | | |
| " | VX 138239. | FRENCH. | G.H. | " | YES | | |
| " | NX 143286 | STEVENS. | W.G.B. | " | YES. | | |
| " | VX 130379. | HART. | K.H.B. | " | YES. | | |
| " | NX 148635. | SUTHERLAND | J.C. | " | YES. | | |
| " | NX 38785. | ARMSTRONG | J.G. | " | NO. | ON LEAVE | 17.6.44. |
| " | NX 86923. | FRANKLYN | P.G. | " | YES. | | |
| " | NX 70380. | RANDALL SMITH | T.C. | " | NO. | ON LEAVE. | 7.5.44. |
| CAPT. | NX 14380 | MANTHEY | M.D. | " | NO. | ON LEAVE. | 12.6.44. |

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

| Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held. | Army Number. | Name and Initials. | Unit. | Date of Attachment. | Nature of Attachment. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | |

1 July 1944.
Date of Despatch

[signature] Major
Signature of Commander
O.C. 2/3 Aust Rly Const Coy (M.E.)

Truth—7/43.

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Serial No.14/44
3rd July 1944.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE
ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1
BY
MAJOR ALLAN BENNETT
OFFICER COMMANDING 2/3 AUST RLY CONST COY (L.E)

INCOME TAX - LIABILITY OF MEMBERS OF THE FORCES AND COLLECTION OF TAX BY INSTALMENTS.

Members required to lodge tax returns:-

1. (a) A member on full time military duty, the total of whose military and private incomes exceeds £250 during the year ending 30th June, 1944, must lodge an income tax return with the Deputy Commissioner for Taxation in the State in which the member enlisted. Such return need not be lodged by a member serving outside Australia unless his private income earned in Australia exceeds £250.

Preparations of returns:-

2. Income tax return forms, together with printed instructions, may be obtained from pay representatives. The forms should be completed to show full details of private income, military income and particulars of dependants and other items for which rebates are allowable.

3. Unless the member lodges a return and shows his military income in fullest detail, the Taxation authorities may not be able to grant the exemptions to which he is entitled. He should therefore, include with the return a seperate statement setting out the following information:-

(a) date of embarkation for service outside Australia;
(b) date of return to Australia;
(c) whether the reason for return was injury or illness;
(d) if the member has served outside Australia, his military income for the year ended 30th June, 1944, should be shown under the following headings:-
(i) military income up to a date 90 days after his resumption of duty in Australia; and
(ii) military income after that date.

4. The completed return should be posted to the Deputy Commissioner of Taxation in the capital city of the member's State of enlistment so as to reach that address by 31st July, 1944. If the member is in doubt on any point, a letter setting out the full facts should accompany his return.

5. Income exempt from taxation.-

The present position in regard to exemptions of military income from taxation is briefly set out hereunder:-

(a) if a member embarks for service outside Australia and, within the 12 months following the date of embarkation, serves outside Australia for a continuous period of 90 days or periods which aggreggate not less than 180 days, then, subject to the provisions of sub-para (d) of this paragraph, income earned by him in Australia as a member of the forces is exempt from tax-
(i) for the income year prior to the income year during which he embarks;
(ii) from the commencement of the income year of embarkation to the date of embarkation; and
(iii) during the period of 90 days following the date of his resumption of duty in Australia on his return;
(b) all military income earned outside Australia is exempt from tax;
(c) a member who dies abroad or who is returned to Australia on account of injury or illness will be entitled to the same exemption as indicated in sub-para (a) although he has not completed a qualifying period of service therin mentioned; and

(d)

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(d) a member who serves outside Australia on duty of a special nature or short duration, such voyage only, inspectional duties, etc., will be exempt from taxation in respect only of such military income as is actually earned outside Australia and will not be entitled to the exemptions mentioned in sub-para (a) (a)

Special deduction.-

6. The following table sets out the special deduction allowed by the Income Tax Assessment Act to a member who is engaged on full time military duty:-

| Amount of income | Allowable deductions. |
|---|---|
| Not exceeding £250 | The whole income |
| £251-£258 | £146 |
| £259-£300 | £146 less £1 for every £1 by which the income exceeds £258 |
| £301-£350 | £104 less £1 for every £2 by which the income exceeds £300. |
| Exceeding £350 | £79 less £1 for every £3 by which the income exceeds £300. |

For the purpose of this table, "income" means net income (including private income) after making all allowable deductions.

L.T. DRIVING.

1. With the advent of the cane cutting season, many tramway and train tracks crossing main roads will be in frequent use.

2. As signals are not usually displayed, all drivers are warned to observe due precautions when approaching or passing such points.

ADMINISTRATION - MAREEBA AREA.

1. First Aust Army A1213 dated [redacted] 25 June '44 is subtended hereto.

It has been decided that personnel of units not located in the Mareeba Area may visit families and friends in the town of Mareeba provided that they are in possession of a pass signed by the C.O. of the unit concerned.

2. It is desired that units restrict the number of personnel to be granted leave to Mareeba to a minimum and that before permission is granted for personnel to enter the town that the Bona Fides of personnel concerned have been investigated.

[signature] Major.
O.C. 2/3 Aust Rly Const Coy (M.E.)

DISTRIBUTION.

O.C.
2 I/C
Lieut Franklyn
" Hart
" French
" Sutherland
O.C. 1 Platoon
" 2 "
" 3 "
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WAR DIARY
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# WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

ORIGINAL

30 OCT 1944

Army Form C.2118 (adapted.)

(Erase heading not required)

*Unit* 2/3 AUST RLY CONST COY (ME). *Date and Time.—From* 1 AUG 44 *To* 31 AUG 44.

| Place | Date | Hour | Summary of Events and Information | Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| WONGABEL | 1 Aug 44 | | Company engaged on various small road jobs in WONGABEL, KAIN and MILLAA MILLAA areas. NX38785 Lt ARMSTRONG J.G. marches out to join 24 ME Pk Coy. | W3008 and W3009 dated 5 Aug 44. Routine Orders Part I |
| WONGABEL | 10 Aug 44 | | Mechanical Equipment and MT being overhauled and painted preparatory to moving to CAIRNS. | Serial No.15/44 dated 1 Aug 44, |
| WONGABEL | 15 Aug 44 | | Company training commenced - includes route marches, map reading, instruction in small arms, company drill and instructional films and lectures. | Serial 16/44 dated 24 Aug 44 and Serial No.17/44 dated |
| WONGABEL | 31 Aug 44 | | Health of troops good during period. | 25 Aug 44. |
| | | | | |
| | | | | |
| | | | Allan Brunton ----------Major, OC, 2/3 Aust Rly Const Coy (ME). | |
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# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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29/44 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 5/8/1944. 2/3 Aust Ry Const Coy (ME) (Unit)

W.E. 14/1382. OFFRS. 8 O.R's. 222 + OFFRS. ... O.R's. 13 ATT. BY W.E.

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

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

| Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2). | DETAIL | | A.I.P. | C.M.F. | A.W.A.S. | A.A.N.S. | A.A.M.W.S. | CIVIL. | R.A.N. | R.A.A.F. | ** | TOTAL. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | A. | | 9 | | | | | | | | | 9 |
| | E.(1) | | | No. 8 CLASS PERSONNEL ON STRENGTH. | | | | | | | | |
| | E.(2) | | | | | | | | | | | |

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

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

### OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

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

### OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

| Army No. | Rank. | Name and Initials. | Unit To. | Date. | CAUSE. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| NX 39785 | LT. | ARMSTRONG. J.G. | 24 AUST. MECH. EQPT. PK. CO | 1-8-44 | REPOSTED AUTHORITY 1 AUST CORPS. DAMS. 3417. |

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

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

2/3 Aust Ry Const Coy (ME) Unit

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## PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 5/8/1944 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held. | Army Number. | Surname. | Initials. | Posting. | Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No) | If not present with Unit, state how employed. | Date of Detachment. |
| | WX | | | | | | |
| MAJOR | 33194 | BENNETT | A | O.C | YES | | |
| | NX | | | | | | |
| CAPT | 12192 | YOUNG | C | 2/C | YES | | |
| " | NX 12193 | TAYLOR | P.N. | PL. OFFR | No | A/O.C 2 AUST. MECH. EQPT PK | 17.4.44 |
| " | NX 77235 | GIBSON | E.J.R. | " | YES | | |
| " | NX 14980 | MAHONEY | M.D. | " | No | COURSE 23/44. S.M.E(FD) | 16.7.44 |
| LIEUT | WX 33193 | ROBERTSON | W.J. | " | YES | | |
| " | VX 133239 | FRENCH | G.H. | " | YES | | |
| " | VX 130279 | HART | R.H.B | " | YES | | |
| " | NX 148695 | SUTHERLAND | J.C. | " | YES | | |

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

| Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held. | Army Number. | Name and Initials. | Unit. | Date of Attachment. | Nature of Attachment. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | |

5 AUG 1944.
Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander
Major
O.C. 2/3 Aust Ry Const Coy (M.E.)

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# FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

...../...../(Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday ...../...../194.... 2/3 Aust Ry Const Coy (ME) (Unit)

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

## Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED | | | | | ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E. | | | | |
| Reinfts. Required | Deficient W.E. | Surplus to W.E. | Posted Strength. | DETAIL. | Arm or Corps. | Posted Strength. | Surplus to W.E. | Deficient W.E. | Reinfts Required |
| | | | | W.Os. Class I ~~CPLS~~ | A.A.C.C. | 3 | 1 | | |
| | | | 1 | W.Os. Class II | | | | | |
| | | | 1 | Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts | | | | | |
| | | 1 | 5 | Staff Sergeants | | | | | |
| | | | 9 | Sergeants | A.A.C.C. | 1 | | | |
| | | | 19 | Corporals | POSTAL A.A.M.C | 1 1 | | | |
| 2 | 2 | 6 | 203 | Troopers, Privates, etc | A.A.C.C | 7 | | 1 | 1 NR |
| | | | | Civilians counting as O.R. | | | | | |
| 2. | 2 | 7 | 238 | Totals of cols marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2. | | 13. | 1 | 1 | 1. |

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

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

| Detail | A.I.F | C.M.F Under 19 Years | C.M.F 19 Years and over | A.W.A.S. | A.A.M.W.S. | CIVIL | R.A.N. | R.A.A.F. | * * | TOTAL |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| A | 250 | | | | | | [redacted] | [redacted] | | 251 |
| B(1) | | | | | | | | | | |
| B(2) | 1 | | | | | [redacted] | | | | |

## Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

| Number of O.Rs | Unit to which they belong | Number of O.Rs | Unit to which they belong |
|---|---|---|---|
| 17 | 237 L.A.D. | | |
| 1 | 2 FD. COY. | | |
| 1 | Y.M.C.A. REP | | |
| 1 | A.A.M.C. | | |
| 1 | POSTAL UNIT | | |
| 11 | A.A.C.C. | | |

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

| Number of O.Rs | Unit to which detached | Number of O.Rs. | Unit to which detached |
|---|---|---|---|

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

| Army No | Rank | Name and Initials | REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known) |
|---|---|---|---|
| | NOTE | SURPLUS DVR MECH. IS B CLASS. | |

First Aust Army Mob Print Unit—a262—50m—8-43

2/3 Aust Ry Const Coy (ME) Unit

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## PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday ../8/1944.

| Details of Tradesmen GROUP I. | W.E. | Posted Strength. | Reints. Required. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Ammunition Examiners | | | |
| Armament Artificer Fitter | | | |
| Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical) | | | |
| Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.) | | | |
| Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.) | | | |
| Armament Artificer Instrument | | | |
| Armament Artificer Radio | | | |
| Armament Artificer Signals | | | |
| Armament Artificer Wireless | | | |
| Artificer, Artillery | | | |
| Artificer, Engine | 1 | 1 | |
| Blacksmiths | 1 | 1 | |
| Bricklayers | | | |
| Computors | | | |
| Cooks, Hospital | | | |
| Coppersmiths | | | |
| Dispensers | | | |
| Draughtsmen | | | |
| Draughtsmen (Architectural) | | | |
| Draughtsmen (Engineering) | 1 | 1 | |
| Draughtsmen (Mechanical) | | | |
| Draughtsmen (Topographical) | | | |
| Electricians | 1 | | 1 |
| Electricians (M.V.) | | | |
| Electricians (Signals) | | | |
| Fitters (M.E) | 2 | 8 | |
| Fitters (Cycle) | | | |
| Fitters (Electrical) | | | |
| Fitters (Gun) | | | |
| Fitters (Instrument) | | | |
| Fitters (M.V.) | | | |
| Fitters, Railway Signal | | | |
| Fitters, Signals | | | |
| Grinder, Precision | | | |
| Mechanics, Instrument | | | |
| Mechanics, Instrument (Signals) | | | |
| Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical) | | | |
| Mechanics, Radio | | | |
| Mechanics, Typewriter | | | |
| Mechanics, Wireless | | | |
| Millwrights | | | |
| Operators, Excavator | 74 | 74 | |
| Pattern Maker | | | |
| Pharmacist | | | |
| Photographer, Wet Plate | | | |
| Photowriter | | | |
| Plumber | | | |
| Saw Doctors | | | |
| Surveyors | 1 | 2 | |
| CARRIED FORWARD | 87 | 87 | 1 |

| Details of Tradesmen GROUP I. (cont.) | W.E. | Posted Strength. | Reints. Required. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Surveyors, Engineering | | | |
| Surveyors, R.A.A. | | | |
| Surveyors, Topographical | | | |
| Surveyors, Trigonometrical | | | |
| Toolmakers | | | |
| Turners | | | |
| Watchmakers | | | |
| Welders | 3 | 3 | |
| Painters | | | |
| Panel Beaters | | | |
| Photographer, Dry Plate | | | |
| Predictor Numbers | | | |
| Printers | | | |
| Radiographers | | | |
| Riggers | | | |
| Sawyers | | | |
| Signallers | | | |
| Signwriters | | | |
| Telescope Identfn Numbers | | | |
| Well Borers | | | |
| Wheelers | | | |
| Winchman | | | |
| Wireman | | | |
| Woodturners | | | |
| GROUP II. | | | |
| Armourers | | | |
| Axemen | | | |
| Bakers | | | |
| Bty. Comd's. Asst. | | | |
| Boilermakers | 1 | 1 | |
| Carpenters | 1 | 1 | |
| Carpenters and Joiners | | | |
| Cooks | | | |
| Dental Mechanics | | | |
| Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.) | | | |
| Driver-Operator | | | |
| Drainers | | | |
| Electricians | | | |
| Electricians (Engineers) | | | |
| Fire Control Operators | | | |
| Gun Operator | | | |
| Hatchman | | | |
| Height Taker | | | |
| Helio Operator | | | |
| Instrument Operator | | | |
| Intelligence Duties | | | |
| Joiners | | | |
| Lineman | | | |
| Lineman, Signals | | | |
| Lithographers | | | |
| Machinists, Metal | | | |
| Machinists, Wood | | | |
| Masons | | | |
| Masseurs | | | |
| Mechanics, M.T. MV | 12 | 12 | |
| Miners | | | |
| Moulders | | | |
| Nurses, Trained | | | |
| Observation Post Assts. | | | |
| CARRIED FORWARD | 104 | 104 | 1 |

| Details of Tradesmen GROUP II. (cont.) | W.E. | Posted Strength. | Reints. Required. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Operating Room Assts. | | | |
| Operator, Keyboard | | | |
| Operator, Line | | | |
| Operator, Signal | | | |
| Operator, Switchboard | | | |
| Operator, Wireless | | | |
| Opticians | | | |
| Painters | 1 | 2 | |
| Panel Beaters | | | |
| Photographer, Dry Plate | | | |
| Predictor Numbers | | | |
| Printers | | | |
| Radiographers | | | |
| Riggers | | | |
| Sawyers | | | |
| Signallers | | | |
| Signwriters | | | |
| Telescope Identfn Numbers | | | |
| Well Borers | | | |
| Wheelers | | | |
| Winchman | | | |
| Wireman | | | |
| Woodturners | | | |
| GROUP III. | | | |
| Battery Surveyors | | | |
| Butchers | | | |
| Clerks | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| Clerks, Supply | | | |
| Clerks, Technical | | | |
| Coach Trimmers | | | |
| Concretors | | | |
| Cooks | | | |
| Dental Clerk Orderlies | | | |
| Despatch Riders | | | |
| Draughtsmen, Signals | | | |
| Drivers, H.T. | | | |
| Driver Mechanics | 16 | 17 | |
| Driver Tptn. Plant | | | |
| Engine Hands, I.C. | | | |
| Equipment Repairers | | | |
| Farriers | | | |
| Fitters' Mates | | | |
| Gun Layers | | | |
| CARRIED FORWARD | 124 | 125 | 2 |

| Details of Tradesmen GROUP III. (cont.) | W.E. | Posted Strength. | Reints Required |
|---|---|---|---|
| G.P.O. Assistants | | | |
| Hammermen | | | |
| Leather Stitchers | | | |
| Orderlies, Nursing | | | |
| Orderlies, Nursing Mental | | | |
| Plate Layers | | | |
| Rangetakers | | | |
| Riveters | | | |
| Roughriders | | | |
| Saddlers | | | |
| Saddletree makers | | | |
| Shoemaker and Boot Repairer | | | |
| Stevedores | | | |
| Stokers, Staty. Engine | | | |
| Storemen, Technical | 4 | 4 | |
| Tailors | 1 | 1 | |
| Textile Refitters | | | |
| Tinsmiths | | | |
| Vulcanizers | | | |
| Wagon Erectors | | | |
| Whitesmiths | | | |
| TRANS. CPLS. | 2 | 2 | |
| C.P.L. (CLERK) | 1 | 1 | |
| CPL STOREMAN | 1 | 1 | |
| C.S.M. W.O. II | 1 | 1 | |
| C.Q.M.S. S/SGT | 1 | 1 | |
| ORDROOM SGT | 1 | 1 | |
| SGTS. | 8 | 8 | |
| MECH. S/SGT | 4 | 5 | |
| DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN. | | | |
| BATMAN-DVRS. | 7 | 7 | |
| DRIVERS. M.T. | 72 | 72 | |
| HYGIENE DUTIES | 1 | 1 | |
| M/C. ORDERLIES | 2 | 2 | |
| PIONEERS. | 1 | 4 | |
| WATER DUTIES | 1 | 1 | |
| BATMAN | 1 | 1 | |
| ATTACHED BY W.E. | | | |
| A.A.M.C. CPL | 1 | 1 | |
| POSTAL CPL | 1 | 1 | |
| A.A.C.C. SGT | 1 | 1 | |
| CPLs | 2 | 3 | |
| COOKS | 8 | 7 | 1 NR |
| Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A respectively | 246 | 251. | 3 |

NOTES.—(a) If rank other than private is involved give details on back.
(b) Authorized trades or specialists not included in list will be added as required in spaces provided.
(c) Where A.W.A.S. and/or A.A.M.W.S. personnel are desired show details on back
(d) Where replacement not desired note accordingly on return by insertion of N.R. in col "Reints. Required"
(e) Where any request or notation is made on back of form, the words "See Back" should be written in one of the blank spaces on this page.

5 AUG 1944.
Date of Despatch

Major
Signature of Commander
O.C. 2/3 Aust Ry Const Coy (M.E.)

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PERSONNEL POSTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH
G.R.O. A 187/1944.

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| SX 25047 | S/SGT | JOHNS | H.R | DIESEL ELECTRIC MECHANIC | A.1. |

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| SURPLUS ATTACHED UNDER W.E. | | | | | |
| QX 7169 | A/CPL | HARVEY | M.D | COOK A.A.C.C. | A.1. |

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ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1
BY
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OFFICER COMMANDING 2/3 AUST RLY CONST COY (ME)

EFFECTIVE DATE OF PROMOTIONS OF WO's AND NCO's - UNAUTHORIZED WEARING OF BADGES OF RANK.

1. The appointment or promotion of a WO or NCO takes effect from the date notified in the Routine Order Part 11 authorizing the appointment or promotion or, if no date is so notified, from the date of the order.

2. A CO may inform a member that a recommendation for his promotion has been submitted but, in such event, will also inform him that such promotion will NOT take effect until promulgated in Routine Orders Part 11.

3. Except as provided in para 4 hereof, rank will NOT be assumed or badges of rank worn until the order authorizing the appointment or promotion has been promulgated in Routine Orders Part 11.

4. In cases of operational necessity or emergency, if the promotion of a member has been approved by a formation commander pursuant to GRO A187/44, the CO may approve of the member wearing the badge of the higher rank forthwith, pending promulgation of the promotion in Routine Orders, Part 11. Notwithstanding this approval, the wearing of such badges will NOT entitle the member to the pay and allowances of such higher rank unless and until the promotion is so promulgated.

COMMONWEALTH REFERENDUM 1944.

1. In connection with the forthcoming Referendum members of the AMF :-
   (a) may attend meetings in uniform.
   (b) will not address meetings.
   (c) will not take part in processions or demonstrations.
   (d) will not undertake canvassing or the distribution of literature or cards.

2. Special leave will not be granted to members in connection with the Referendum Campaign.

PAC - CAIRNS.

A PAC is situated at 65 Grafton Street, CAIRNS, and personnel are on duty 24 hours daily.

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FIELD SECURITY PERSONNEL.

1. Field Security personnel, whilst engaged in security duties, and Field Security (Enemy Equipment) personnel carry special passes issued by the Director of Military Intelligence for and on behalf of the Commander-in-Chief, Australian Military Forces.

2. These Field Security Wing authority and identity passes authorise the holders to be in any place at any time in the execution of their duty, and enjoin all persons subject to military law to give the holders every assistance in their power. Each Field Security Pass bears the description, photograph and signature of holder.

COMMONWEALTH WAR LOANS.

1. Approval has been given for members of the AMF to subscribe to Commonwealth Loans by making an allotment of portion of their pay to the Commonwealth Bank. Amounts received by the bank under the allotment will be credited to a special account in the member's name and interest will be allowed at the rate borne by the bonds selected for purchase by the member. As often as funds in the account accumulate to the extent of £10, the bank will purchase a £10 Commonwealth Treasury Bond on behalf of the member.

2. Where a member desires to subscribe in accordance with the provisions of this order, he will sign an allotment, in the form WF 12, of the daily amount (in even shillings) he wishes to contribute for the purchase of Treasury Bonds, the name of the allottee being shown as "Commonwealth Bank of Australia.....Branch" (with the insertion of the name of the capital city of the member's state of enlistment). The member will, at the same time, sign a printed notification to the bank, a copy of which is set out in the appendix to this order. Forms of notification may be obtained from unit pay representatives.

3. Bonds will be held by the Commonwealth Bank at the capital city of member's state of enlistment for safe custody on behalf of the member. In the case of members enlisted in the Northern Territory or New Guinea, bonds will be held by the Commonwealth Bank at Adelaide and Brisbane, respectively.

4. Where a member is discharged or cancels his allotment, the special account will be closed and any balance remaining therin will be credited to the member's bank account or paid to him, whichever he desires.

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CONSERVATION OF RUBBER - SYNTHETIC TYRES.

1. This order will be read in conjunction with GRO 0.167/1944.

2. The critical rubber situation and the necessity for obtaining the maximum service from tyres has been stressed from time to time. The further deterioration of the situation, necessitating the introduction of tyres of synthetic construction, renders it imperative that greater care than ever be exercised in the use and maintenance of all tyres, whether of synthetic or natural rubber construction.

3. Synthetic tyres are far more susceptible to failure through abuse than tyres constructed from natural rubber. All concerned will, therefore -

(a) exercise the utmost care to avoid -
overloading,
under inflation,
hard breaking and fierce acceleration,
high speeds,
bumps and other causes of severe impact;

(b) check wheel alignment frequently and correct irregularities promptly;

(c) rotate tyres regularly;

(d) removes stones and flint from tyres during unit maintenance;

(e) submit tyres for replacement at the correct stages for recapping; and

(f) submit damaged tyres for repair without delay.

4. Formations and units will ensure that prompt disciplinary action is taken where breaches of this order occur.

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# WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

(Erase heading not required)

Army Form C.2118 (adapted.)

*Unit* 2/3 AUST RLY CONST COY (ME) *Date and Time.—From* 1 SEP 44 *To* 30 SEP 44

| Place | Date | Hour | Summary of Events and Information | Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| WONGABEL | 1 Sep 44 | | Company engaged on training - route marches, lectures, rifle range practice. | W3008 and W3009 dated 2 Sep 44. |
| WONGABEL | 25 Sep 44 | | Lt SUTHERLAND and 14 ORs depart for SYDNEY to act as escort for Mechanical Equipment. | Routine Orders Part I:- Serial 18/44 of 1 Sep 44 |
| WONGABEL | 29 Sep 44 | | WX33194 Major A. BENNETT appointed OC 25 Aust Mech Eqpt Pk Coy. | Serial 19/44 of 19 Sep 44 |
| | | | NX12192 Capt C. YOUNG appointed OC of Company. | Serial 20/44 of 20 Sep 44 |
| WONGABEL | 30 Sep 44 | | Health of troops good during period. | |

Chas. Young ——— Capt.
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DOG PLATOONS, R.A.E.

1. It is anticipated that the following unit will be raised and added to the OOB of 1 AUST CORPS:-

1 AUST DOG PL RAE (AIF)

2. Suitable offrs - rank LT - and ORs experienced in dog trg and handling, are required.

3. Please fwd particulars suitable personnel this HQ by 4 SEP 44.

CENSORSHIP.

1. Permission is now granted for troops under command of First Aust Army in any area of QUEENSLAND, South of 12 deg. South Lat., to send postcards and books of views through the post provided that the following is observed:-

(a) The name of the unit or formation does NOT appear on the cards or books, nor is any indication given of the actual location of a particular unit.

(b) The views or cards disclose only general places which a soldier may have visited within the area described above, and are franked by an officer and bear the unit censor stamp.

(c) Such cards or books of views are forwarded ONLY to Australian addresses.

2. Any attempt to indicate unit location by reference in letters to views posted, will be regarded as a serious breach of censorship and disciplinary action taken accordingly.

CIVIL RACE MEETINGS - PARTICIPATION BY ARMY PERSONNEL.

1. Army personnel are prohibited from participating in Civil Race meetings either as jockeys or bookmakers.

PAY - REMITTANCES FROM ARMY PERSONNEL.

1. Reference First Aust Army ASO Chap XIII para 10.

2. All personnel desiring to remit cash or undrawn pay will do so through AA Pay Corps channels.

IRREGULAR RAIL TRAVEL.

1. Units are reminded that it is an offence for personnel to travel on the railway system without tickets.

2. Future offences of this nature will be viewed seriously and disciplinary action taken against offenders.

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BINOCULARS, COMPASSES, WATCHES GS AND PISTOLS.

1. The attention of all ranks is directed to the fact that Binoculars, Compasses, Watches GS and Pistols are articles of equipment of which the greatest care must be taken.

2. When not in actual use, such articles will be kept under lock and key by the officer or other rank to whom they are on issue, or if no receptacle capable of being locked is available, stored in the unit QM store.

CLAIMS - RAIL FARES.

1. Attention is drawn to the instructions contained in MFR & I 185 (iii) which is repeated:

> '(iii) Where members of the Military Forces travel on duty in Australia by normal means of transport for which machinery exists for the issue of warrants, such warrants will be issued and utilised. Members will not be permitted to pay their own railway, steamer or coach fares and later submit a claim for reimbursement, except when circumstances make this unavoidable.'

2. Reports received indicate that the provisions are not being strictly adhered to, with the results that large numbers of claims are being submitted to various DFCs for reimbursement.

   These claims cannot be settled without involving considerable correspondence and investigation over lengthy periods.

3. Action is to be taken to ensure a strict observance of the instruction.

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MEDALS - PROVISIONAL ORDER FOR ISSUE OF THE RIBBON OF THE 1939/43 STAR.

1. To qualify for the award, an individual must have been on the strength of and have actuallt served with a unit or formation in one or more of the qualifying operations or commands as set out in the schedule below. An individual will not be regarded as having been on the strength of a unit or formation unless he was taken on the strength by name in the routine orders, part II, of the unit or formation concerned within a war establishment vacancy or supernumerary thereto.

2. Units, individuals, detachments and parties which moved into or through the area of a qualifying command for the purpose of visits, tours, inspections, leave, staging or any other reason of a temporary nature, which were matters of local arrangement that had no relation to the operational functions of the qualifying commands, are not eligible for the award by virtue of such visits, etc only, nor shall time so spent count towards the qualifying period necessary for the award; provided that, where there are special circumstances concerning such visits or where any one visit lasted for more than 30 days, application, together with a statement of the facts of the case, may be made, through the usual channels, to LHQ for special consideration.

3. In the Army, the 1939/43 Star will rank after the Africa Star. No person may receive both the Africa Star and the 1939/43 Star. No person who is entitled to the Africa Star will be awarded the 1939/43 Star.

4. The ribbon of the 1939/43 Star will be worn with the dark blue stripe furthest from the left shoulder immediately after the ribbons of prior war medals.

SCHEDULE

| Operation or Operational Command | From | To |
|---|---|---|
| India (North West Frontier) | 3rd February, 1940 | 24th May, 1940 |
| " | 18th June, 1941 | 26th August, 1941 |
| " | 28th July, 1942 | 18th August, 1942 |
| Norway | 14th April, 1940 | 8th June, 1940 |
| France | 10th May, 1940 | 19th June, 1940 |
| Belgium | 10th May, 1940 | 19th June, 1940 |
| Holland | 12th May, 1940 | 13th May, 1940 |
| Lofoten Islands | 4th March, 1941 | 4th March, 1941 |
| Lucania | 10th February, 1941 | 10th February, 1941 |
| Greece and Crete | 10th March, 1940 | 31st May, 1941 |
| Syria | 8th June, 1941 | 11th July, 1941 |
| Spitzbergen | 25th August, 1941 | 3rd September, 1941 |
| Lofoten Islands | 26th December, 1941 | 26th December, 1941 |
| Vaagso | 27th December, 1941 | 27th December, 1941 |
| Burma | 22nd February, 1942 | 15th May, 1942 |
| Bruneval | 27th February, 1942 | 28th February, 1942 |
| Saint Nazaire | 27th March, 1942 | 28th March, 1942 |

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| Operation or Operational Command | From | To |
|---|---|---|
| Hardelot | 21st April, 1942 | 22nd April, 1942 |
| Madagascar | 5th May, 1942 | 5th November, 1942 |
| Spitzbergen | 16th May, 1942 | 8th September, 1943 |
| Boulogne-Le-Touquet | 3rd June, 1942 | 3rd June, 1942 |
| Dieppe | 19th August, 1942 | 19th August, 1942 |
| Sark | 3rd October, 1942 | 4th October, 1942 |
| Burma (Brig. Wingate's Force) | 7th February, 1943 | 15th July, 1943 |
| Sicily | 10th July, 1943 | 17th August, 1943 |
| France | 3rd September, 1939 | 9th May, 1940 |
| Iraq | 10th April, 1941 | 31st May, 1941 |
| Persia | 25th August, 1941 | 28th August, 1941 |
| Burma (including the provinces of Bengal and Assam) | (11th December, 1941<br>(16th May, 1942 | 21st February, 1942<br>31st December, 1943 |
| Italy | 3rd September, 1943 | 31st December, 1943 |
| Palestine | 7th January, 1940 | 31st December, 1943 |
| Sinai | 7th January, 1940 | 31st December, 1943 |

Forms of application for the award are available in the Coy Orderly Room. Personnel who have served in certain other areas may be entitled to this award and this fact will be promulgated in GROs at an early date.

NOTIFICATION OF CHANGES IN RESPECT OF NEXT OF KIN.

1. A member of the AMF may nominate any person as his next of kin for army purposes, although that person is not his legal next of kin.

2. Failure by a member to report promptly particulars of a change of next of kin or a change of address of a next of kin, in order that the appropriate 2nd Echelon component may be advised, causes considerable administrative work to the Army and may delay or prevent notification of a casualty being given to the proper person, thereby causing distress to a member's relatives.

3. Each member will be warned that a change of his allottee or an entry in his AAB 83 of a change in the particulars of his next of kin will not be sufficient to notify the 2nd Echelon organization of a change in respect of his next of kin.

4. (a) Each member will be advised that, on his marriage, any will or codicil previously made by him, save in exceptional circumstances, becomes of no effect and, under Australian Military Regulations, he is bound, upon marriage, to make a new will.

   (b) On marriage, a member will make another will immediately, either on an AAF A130 or by a separate document, and will submit the AAF A130 in an envelope (AAF A131), duly completed, to his unit HQ for transmission to the appropriate 2nd Echelon component.

   (c) A member may obtain assistance of an officer of the AALC in the preparation of a will.

SECOND VICTORY LOAN

1. The Second Victory Loan of £120,000,000 cash will open for subscription on 26th September, 1944, and close not later than 31st October, 1944.

2. Arrangements have been made for paymasters to accept applications for Commonwealth Government Inscribed Stock or Treasury Bonds from members of the forces serving in Australia or New Guinea who desire to invest their savings in the loan.

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Particulars of loan.-

3. Loan subsciptions may be made for an amount of £10 or a multiple of £10.

4. Treasury Bonds are payable to bearer and are issued at par for £10, £50, £100, £500 and £1,000.

5. Inscribed Stock may be purchased at par for amounts of £100 or multiples of £10 above £100.

6. Interest is payable at 2½% per annum if invested for five years and at 3¼% per annum if invested for sixteen years, and will be credited half-yearly to a member's savings bank account or current account, if desired.

7. Interest will be subject to Commonwealth taxation but not to any income tax under the law of a state. During the period of uniform taxation, a rebate of 2/- in the pound on interest will be allowed to cover freedom from state taxation.

8. Any bank nominated by a member will, if requested, hold the bonds in safe custody.

Procedure for lodging applications.-

9. Application forms will be available from paymasters and unit pay representatives and are required to be completed in duplicate. An applicant's signature will be witnessed by an officer.

10. Sufficient credit must be available in a member's pay book to cover the amount he or she wishes to invest in the loan. The amount subscribed will be debited in the pay book.

11. Cash may be accepted in payment of a loan subscription, in which case the amount tendered will be entered in the pay book to establish the necessary credit and a pat sergeant's or cash office receipt issued and pasted in the pay book.

12. Deposits on account of loan subscriptions will not be accepted. Where members desire to subscribe by instalments, the procedure set out in GRO F.303/1944 will be observed.

13. The Commonwealth Bank will forward to a member an interim receipt for the amount subscribed.

General.-

14. Both Treasury Bonds and Inscribed Stock are readily realisable and may be sold at any time. Any bank will arrange this for a member, if desired.

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# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

*Army Form* W.3008 (Adapted) (Page 1) (Revised Jan., 1943)

33/44 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 2/9/1944. 2/3 Aust Ry Const Coy (ME) (Unit)

W.E. 19/28/2. OFFRS. 8 O.R's. 233 + OFFRS. ..... O.R's. 13 ATT. BY W.E.

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

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

| Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2). | DETAIL | | A.I.F. | C.M.F. | A.W.A.S. | A.A.N.S. | A.A.M.W.S. | CIVIL. | R.A.N. | R.A.A.F. | * * | TOTAL. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | A. | | 9 | | | | | | | | | 9 |
| | E.(1) | No 8 CLASS PERSONNEL ON STRENGTH | | | | | | | | | | |
| | E.(2) | | | | | | | | | | | |

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

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

### OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

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

### OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

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

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

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

2/3 Aust Ry Const Coy (ME) *Unit*

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## PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 2/9/1944. (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

| 1 Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held. | 2 Army Number. | 3 Surname. | 4 Initials. | 5 Posting. | 6 Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No) | 7 If not present with Unit, state how employed. | 8 Date of Detachment. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | WX | | | | | | |
| MAJOR | 33194 | BENNETT | A | O.C. | YES | | |
| | NX | | | | | | |
| CAPT | 12192 | YOUNG | C | 2/c | YES | | |
| " | NX 12193 | TAYLOR | P N | PL OFFR | NO | A/OC 2 AUST MECH ERPTH | 17.4.44 |
| " | NX 77235 | GIBSON | E J R | " | YES | | |
| " | NX 14980 | MAHONEY | M D. | " | NO | COURSE 23/44 SMEE(FD) | 16.7.44 |
| LT | WX 33193 | ROBERTSON | W J. | " | YES | | |
| " | VX 133239 | FRENCH | G H | " | YES | 109 C.C.S | 21.8.44 |
| " | VX 130279 | HART | R H B | " | YES | | |
| " | NX 148695 | SUTHERLAND | J C | " | YES | | |

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

| Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held. | Army Number. | Name and Initials. | Unit. | Date of Attachment. | Nature of Attachment. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| CAPT | WX 35266 | HOLMAN S | 28/LAD | 13.5.44 | DUTY |

2 SEPT 1944
*Date of Despatch*

Allan Bennett
*Signature of Commander* ..... Major
O.C. 2/3 Aust Rly Const Coy (M.E.)

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Army Form W.3009 (Adapted)
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# FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

34/44 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 2/9/1944, 2/3 Aust Ry Const Coy (ME) (Unit)

W.E. IV/138/2. OFFRS. 8 O.R's. 233+ OFFRS. ... O.R's. 13 ATT. BY W.E.

## Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED | | | | | ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E. | | | | |
| Reinfts. Required. | Deficient W.E. | Surplus to W.E. | Posted Strength | DETAIL. | Arm or Corps. | Posted Strength. | Surplus to W.E. | Deficient W.E. | Reinfts Required |
| | | | | W.Os. Class I CPLS | A.A.C.C | 2 | | | |
| | | | 1 | W.Os. Class II | | | | | |
| | | | 1 | Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts | | | | | |
| | | 1 | 5 | Staff Sergeants | | | | | |
| | | | 3 | Sergeants | A.A.C.C | 1 | | | |
| | | | 19 | Corporals | ARMY POSTAL | 1 | | | |
| 3 | 3 | 2 | 198 | Troopers, Privates, etc | A.A.O.C | 8 | | | |
| | | | | Civilians counting as O.R. | | | | | |
| 3* | 3 | 3 | 233* | Totals of cols marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2. | | 13* | | | * |

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

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

| Detail | A.I.F. | C.M.F. Under 19 Years | C.M.F. 19 Years and over | A.W.A.S. | A.A.M.W.S. | CIVIL | R.A.N. | R.A.A.F. | ** | TOTAL |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| A | 246 | | | | | | [redacted] | [redacted] | | 246 |
| B(1) | | | | | | | | | | |
| B(2) | No B CLASS PERSONNEL ON STRENGTH | | | | | | | | | |

## Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

| Number of O.Rs | Unit to which they belong | Number of O.Rs | Unit to which they belong |
|---|---|---|---|
| 13 | 287 L.A.D. | | |
| 1 | 2 FD Coy. | | |

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

| Number of O.Rs | Unit to which detached | Number of O.Rs. | Unit to which detached |
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## Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return To ..... (Unit) is Particularly Requested. ... / ... /194...

| Army No | Rank | Name and Initials | REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known) |
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2/3 Aust Ry Const Coy (ME) ..... Unit

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## PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 2/9/1944.

| Details of Tradesmen GROUP I. | W.E. | Posted Strength. | Reinfts. Required. | Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.) | W.E. | Posted Strength. | Reinfts. Required. | Details of Tradesmen GROUP II (cont.) | W.E. | Posted Strength. | Reinfts. Required. | Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.) | W.E. | Posted Strength. | Reinfts. Required. |
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| Ammunition Examiners | | | | Surveyors, Engineering | | | | Operating Room Assts. | | | | G.P.O. Assistants | | | |
| Armament Artificer Fitter | | | | Surveyors, R.A.A. | | | | Operator, Keyboard | | | | Hammermen | | | |
| Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical) | | | | Surveyors, Topographical | | | | Operator, Line | | | | Leather Stitchers | | | |
| Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.) | | | | Surveyors, Trigonometrical | | | | Operator, Signal | | | | Orderlies, Nursing | | | |
| Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.) | | | | Toolmakers | | | | Operator, Switchboard | | | | Orderlies, Nursing Mental | | | |
| Armament Artificer Instrument | | | | Turners | | | | Operator, Wireless | | | | Plate Layers | | | |
| Armament Artificer Radio | | | | Watchmakers | | | | Opticians | | | | Rangetakers | | | |
| Armament Artificer Signals | | | | Welders | 3 | 3 | | Painters | 1 | 2 | | Riveters | | | |
| Armament Artificer Wireless | | | | | | | | Panel Beaters | | | | Roughriders | | | |
| Artificer, Artillery | | | | | | | | Photographer, Dry Plate | | | | Saddlers | | | |
| Artificer, Engine | 1 | 1 | | | | | | Predictor Numbers | | | | Saddletree makers | | | |
| Blacksmiths | 1 | 1 | | | | | | Printers | | | | Shoemaker and Boot Repairer | | | |
| Bricklayers | | | | | | | | Radiographers | | | | Stevedores | | | |
| Computors | | | | | | | | Riggers | | | | Stokers, Staty. Engine | | | |
| Cooks, Hospital | | | | GROUP II. | | | | Sawyers | | | | Storemen, Technical | 4 | 4 | |
| Coppersmiths | | | | Armourers | | | | Signallers | | | | Tailors | 1 | 1 | |
| Dispensers | | | | Axemen | | | | Signwriters | | | | Textile Refitters | | | |
| Draughtsmen | | | | Bakers | | | | Telescope Identfn Numbers | | | | Tinsmiths | | | |
| Draughtsmen (Architectural) | | | | Bty. Comd's. Asst. | | | | Well Borers | | | | Vulcanizers | | | |
| Draughtsmen (Engineering) | 1 | 1 | | Boilermakers | 1 | 1 | | Wheelers | | | | Wagon Erectors | | | |
| Draughtsmen (Mechanical) | | | | Carpenters | 1 | 1 | | Winchman | | | | Whitesmiths | | | |
| Draughtsmen (Topographical) | | | | Carpenters and Joiners | | | | Wireman | | | | TRANS. CPLS | 2 | 2 | |
| Electricians | 7 | | 1 | Cooks | | | | Woodturners | | | | CPL CLERK | 1 | 1 | |
| Electricians (M.V.) | | | | Dental Mechanics | | | | | | | | CPL STOREMAN | 1 | 1 | |
| Electricians (Signals) | | | | Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.) | 4 | 4 | | | | | | CSM MOT | 1 | 1 | |
| Fitters (ME) | 8 | 8 | | Driver-Operator | | | | | | | | CQMS TPTN | 1 | 1 | |
| Fitters (Cycle) | | | | Drainers | | | | | | | | ORDERLY SGT | 1 | 1 | |
| Fitters (Electrical) | | | | Electricians | | | | | | | | SGTS | 8 | 8 | |
| Fitters (Gun) | | | | Electricians (Engineers) | | | | | | | | MECH D/SCR | 4 | 5 | |
| Fitters (Instrument) | | | | Fire Control Operators | | | | GROUP III. | | | | DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN. | | | |
| Fitters (M.V.) | | | | Gun Operator | | | | Battery Surveyors | | | | BATMAN SGT | 1 | 1 | |
| Fitters, Railway Signal | | | | Hatchman | | | | Butchers | | | | DRIVERS MT | 72 | 70 | 2 |
| Fitters, Signals | | | | Height Taker | | | | Clerks | 3 | 3 | | HYGIENE DTL | 1 | 1 | |
| Grinder, Precision | | | | Helio Operator | | | | Clerks, Supply | | | | CPL OBSERVER | 2 | 2 | |
| Mechanics, Instrument | | | | Instrument Operator | | | | Clerks, Technical | | | | PIONEERS | 1 | 1 | |
| Mechanics, Instrument (Signals) | | | | Intelligence Duties | | | | Coach Trimmers | | | | WATER DUTY | 1 | 1 | |
| Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical) | | | | Joiners | | | | Concretors | | | | BATMAN | 1 | 1 | |
| Mechanics, Radio | | | | Lineman | | | | Cooks | | | | | | | |
| Mechanics, Typewriter | | | | Lineman, Signals | | | | Dental Clerk Orderlies | | | | | | | |
| Mechanics, Wireless | | | | Lithographers | | | | Despatch Riders | | | | ATTACHED BY W.E. | | | |
| Millwrights | | | | Machinists, Metal | | | | Draughtsmen, Signals | | | | ARMY POST CPL | 1 | 1 | |
| Operators, Excavator | 74 | 74 | | Machinists, Wood | | | | Drivers, H.T. | | | | POSTAL PTE | 1 | 1 | |
| Pattern Maker | | | | Masons | | | | Driver Mechanics | 12 | 12 | | ARMY POST | 1 | 1 | |
| Pharmacist | | | | Masseurs | | | | Driver Tptn. Plant | | | | CPLS | 2 | 2 | |
| Photographer, Wet Plate | | | | Mechanics, M.T. MV | 12 | 12 | | Engine Hands, I.C. | | | | COOKS | 8 | 8 | |
| Photowriter | | | | Miners | | | | Equipment Repairers | | | | | | | |
| Plumber | | | | Moulders | | | | Farriers | | | | | | | |
| Saw Doctors | | | | Nurses, Trained | | | | Fitters' Mates | | | | | | | |
| Surveyors | 1 | 2 | | Observation Post Assts. | | | | Gun Layers | | | | | | | |
| CARRIED FORWARD | 87 | 87 | 1 | CARRIED FORWARD | 108 | 108 | 1 | CARRIED FORWARD | 124 | 125 | 1 | Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A respectively | 246 | 246 | 3 |

NOTES.—(a) If rank other than private is involved give details on back.
(b) Authorized trades or specialists not included in list will be added as required in spaces provided.
(c) Where A.W.A.S. and/or A.A.M.W.S. personnel are desired show details on back.
(d) Where replacement not desired note accordingly on return by insertion of N.R. in col. "Reints. Required".
(e) Where any request or notation is made on back of form, the words "See Back" should be written in one of the blank spaces on this page.

2 SEPT 1944 1 ELECTRICIAN URGENTLY REQUIRED
Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander ..... Major
O.C. 2/3 Aust Ry Const Coy (M.E.)

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WITH G.R.O A 187/1944.

Sx. 25047 S/SGT JOHNS H.R DIESEL ELECTRIC MECHANIC A.1

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# WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

(Erase heading not required)

Army Form C.2118 (adapted.)

Unit 2/3 AUST RLY CONST COY (ME) Date and Time.—From 1 OCT 44 To 31 OCT 44

| Place | Date | Hour | Summary of Events and Information | Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| WONGABEL | 1 Oct 44 | | Company engaged on training, including route marches, infantry training and lectures. | W3008 and W3009 dated 7 Oct 44. |
| WONGABEL | 19 Oct 44 | | Lt FRENCH departs on leave. | Routine Orders Part I:- |
| WONGABEL | 29 Oct 44 | | Company moves camp from WONGABEL to WONDECLA. | Serial 21/44 of 3 Oct 44 |
| WONDECLA | 31 Oct 44 | | Health of troops excellent during period. | Serial 22/44 of 11 Oct 44 |
| | | | | Serial 23/44 of 16 Oct 44 |
| | | | | Serial 24/44 of 19 Oct 44 |
| | | | Chas. Young ----------Capt, OC, 2/3 Aust Rly Const Coy (ME) | Serial 25/44 of 23 Oct 44 |
| | | | | Serial 26/44 of 26 Oct 44 |
| | | | | Serial 27/44 of 31 Oct 44 |
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# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 7/10/1944. 2/3 Aust Ry Const Coy (ME) (Unit)

W.E. N/138/2. OFFRS. 8 O.R's. 233 + OFFRS. ... O.R's. 13 ATT. BY W.E.

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

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

| Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in pars. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2). | DETAIL. | | A.I.F. | C.M.F. | A.W.A.S. | A.A.N.S. | A.A.M.W.S. | CIVIL. | R.A.N. | R.A.A.F. | ** | TOTAL. |
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| | A. | | 7 | | | | | | | | | 7 |
| | E.(1) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | E.(2) | NO B CLASS PERSONNEL ON STRENGTH | | | | | | | | | | |

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

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

### OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK.

| Army No. | Rank. | Name and Initials. | Unit From. | Date. | CAUSE. |
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### OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

| Army No. | Rank. | Name and Initials. | Unit To. | Date. | CAUSE. |
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| NX 12192 | CAPT | YOUNG C. | 2/3 C C S | 5/10/44 | EVACUATED |

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

| Army No. | Rank. | Name and Initials. | REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known). |
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2/3 Aust Ry Const Coy (ME) Unit

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## PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 7/10/1944. (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

| 1 Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held. | 2 Army Number. | 3 Surname. | 4 Initials. | 5 Posting. | 6 Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No) | 7 If not present with Unit, state how employed. | 8 Date of Detachment. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| MAJOR | WX 33194 | BENNETT | A | O.C | YES | | |
| CAPT | NX 12193 | TAYLOR | P.N | PL OFFR | NO | A/O.C 2 AUST. MECH EQPT PL | 17.4.44. |
| " | NX 77235 | GIBSON | E.J.R | " | YES | | |
| " | NX 14980 | MAHONEY | M.D. | " | NO | COURSE 23/44 S.M.E (FD) | |
| LT | WX 33193 | ROBERTSON | W.J. | " | YES | | |
| | VX 133239 | FRENCH | G.H. | " | YES | | |
| | NX 148695 | SUTHERLAND | J.C. | | NO | ESCORT DUTY | 25.9.44. |

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

| Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held. | Army Number. | Name and Initials. | Unit. | Date of Attachment. | Nature of Attachment. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| CAPT | WX 35266 | HOLMAN S | 287 AD | 13.5.44 | DUTY |

7 OCT 1944
Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander ..... Major
O.C. 2/3 Aust Ry Const Coy (M.E.)

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# FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

2/3 Aust Ry Const Coy (M.E.) (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday ../../194.. 2/3 Aust Ry Const Coy (M.E.) (Unit)

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

## Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

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

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

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

| Detail | | C.M.P. | | A.W.A.S. | A.A.M.W.S. | CIVIL | R.A.N. | R.A.A.F. | * * | TOTAL. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | A.I.F. | Under 19 Years. | 19 Years and over. | | | | | | | |
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| B(1) | | | | | | | | | | |
| B(2) | | | | | | [redacted] | | | | |

## Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

| Number of O.Rs. | Unit to which they belong | Number of O.Rs. | Unit to which they belong |
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## Part C. Other Ranks Included in Part A Detached to Other Units.

| Number of O.Rs. | Unit to which detached. | Number of O.Rs. | Unit to which detached. |
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## Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return To ..(Unit) is Particularly Requested. ../../194..

| Army No | Rank. | Name and Initials. | REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known). |
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## PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday / /194 .

| Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. | W.E. | Posted Strength. | Reinfts. Required. | Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.) | W.E. | Posted Strength. | Reinfts. Required. | Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.) | W.E. | Posted Strength. | Reinfts. Required. | Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.) | W.E. | Posted Strength. | Reinfts. Required. |
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| Ammunition Examiners | | | | Surveyors, Engineering | | | | Operating Room Assts. | | | | G.P.O. Assistants | | | |
| Armament Artificer Fitter | | | | Surveyors, R.A.A. | | | | Operator, Keyboard | | | | Hammermen | | | |
| Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical) | | | | Surveyors, Topographical | | | | Operator, Line | | | | Leather Stitchers | | | |
| Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.) | | | | Surveyors, Trigonometrical | | | | Operator, Signal | | | | Orderlies, Nursing | | | |
| Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.) | | | | Toolmakers | | | | Operator, Switchboard | | | | Orderlies, Nursing Mental | | | |
| Armament Artificer Instrument | | | | Turners | | | | Operator, Wireless | | | | Plate Layers | | | |
| Armament Artificer Radio | | | | Watchmakers | | | | Opticians | | | | Rangetakers | | | |
| Armament Artificer Signals | | | | Welders | | | | Painters | | | | Riveters | | | |
| Armament Artificer Wireless | | | | | | | | Panel Beaters | | | | Roughriders | | | |
| Artificer, Artillery | | | | | | | | Photographer, Dry Plate | | | | Saddlers | | | |
| Artificer, Engine | | | | | | | | Predictor Numbers | | | | Saddletree makers | | | |
| Blacksmiths | | | | | | | | Printers | | | | Shoemaker and Boot Repairer | | | |
| Bricklayers | | | | | | | | Radiographers | | | | Stevedores | | | |
| Computors | | | | | | | | Riggers | | | | Stokers, Staty. Engine | | | |
| Cooks, Hospital | | | | GROUP II. | | | | Sawyers | | | | Storemen, Technical | | | |
| Coppersmiths | | | | Armourers | | | | Signallers | | | | Tailors | | | |
| Dispensers | | | | Axemen | | | | Signwriters | | | | Textile Refitters | | | |
| Draughtsmen | | | | Bakers | | | | Telescope Identfn. Numbers | | | | Tinsmiths | | | |
| Draughtsmen (Architectural) | | | | Bty. Comd's. Asst. | | | | Well Borers | | | | Vulcanizers | | | |
| Draughtsmen (Engineering) | | | | Boilermakers | | | | Wheelers | | | | Wagon Erectors | | | |
| Draughtsmen (Mechanical) | | | | Carpenters | | | | Winchman | | | | Whitesmiths | | | |
| Draughtsmen (Topographical) | | | | Carpenters and Joiners | | | | Wireman | | | | | | | |
| Electricians | | | | Cooks | | | | Woodturners | | | | | | | |
| Electricians (M.V.) | | | | Dental Mechanics | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Electricians (Signals) | | | | Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Mcd.) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fitters | | | | Driver-Operator | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fitters (Cycle) | | | | Drainers | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fitters (Electrical) | | | | Electricians | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fitters (Gun) | | | | Electricians (Engineers) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fitters (Instrument) | | | | Fire Control Operators | | | | GROUP III. | | | | DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN. | | | |
| Fitters (M.V.) | | | | Gun Operator | | | | Battery Surveyors | | | | | | | |
| Fitters, Railway Signal | | | | Hatchman | | | | Butchers | | | | | | | |
| Fitters, Signals | | | | Height Taker | | | | Clerks | | | | | | | |
| Grinder, Precision | | | | Helio Operator | | | | Clerks, Supply | | | | | | | |
| Mechanics, Instrument | | | | Instrument Operator | | | | Clerks, Technical | | | | | | | |
| Mechanics, Instrument (Signals) | | | | Intelligence Duties | | | | Coach Trimmers | | | | | | | |
| Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical) | | | | Joiners | | | | Concretors | | | | | | | |
| Mechanics, Radio | | | | Lineman | | | | Cooks | | | | | | | |
| Mechanics, Typewriter | | | | Lineman, Signals | | | | Dental Clerk Orderlies | | | | | | | |
| Mechanics, Wireless | | | | Lithographers | | | | Despatch Riders | | | | ATTACHED BY W.E. | | | |
| Millwrights | | | | Machinists, Metal | | | | Draughtsmen, Signals | | | | | | | |
| Operators, Excavator | | | | Machinists, Wood | | | | Drivers, H.T. | | | | | | | |
| Pattern Maker | | | | Masons | | | | Driver Mechanics | | | | | | | |
| Pharmacist | | | | Masseurs | | | | Driver Tptn. Plant | | | | | | | |
| Photographer, Wet Plate | | | | Mechanics, M.T. | | | | Engine Hands, I.C. | | | | | | | |
| Photowriter | | | | Miners | | | | Equipment Repairers | | | | | | | |
| Plumber | | | | Moulders | | | | Farriers | | | | | | | |
| Saw Doctors | | | | Nurses, Trained | | | | Fitters' Mates | | | | | | | |
| Surveyors | | | | Observation Post Assts. | | | | Gun Layers | | | | | | | |
| CARRIED FORWARD | | | | CARRIED FORWARD | | | | CARRIED FORWARD | | | | Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively. | | * | * |

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7 Oct 44
Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander ..Major
O.C. 2/3 Aust R.y Const Coy (M.E.)

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N.C.Os INCLUDED IN TRADE GROUPINGS

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| 6 | CPLS | INCLUDED | IN | 74 | OPERATORS EXCAVATORS |
| 8 | CPLS | " | " | 68 | MT. DRIVERS |
| 1 | CPL | " | " | 1 | TAILOR |

NOTE

1 ELECTRICIAN URGENTLY REQUIRED.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE
ROUTINE ORDERS PART I
BY
MAJOR ALLAN BENNETT
OFFICER COMMANDING 2/3 AUST RLY CONST COY (ME).

MAXIMUM SPEED OF VEHICLES.

1(a) The Motor Vehicles Speed Limit Order made under the National Security (Land Transport) Regulations imposes a speed limit of 30 mph on motor vehicles upon any public highway in the Commonwealth. The order applies to military vehicles, unless the observance of its provisions would be likely to hinder the use of the vehicle for military purposes.

(b) No army vehicle will be driven at any time at a speed greater than the maximum speed for that type of vehicle fixed by sub-para (c) of this paragraph:

Provided that, where the observance of the speed limit of 30 mph would hinder the use of the vehicle for military purposes, an officer, by endorsing the work ticket of the driver to that effect in the case of cars, motor cycles, motor cycle combinations and trucks, ¼-ton jeep, only, may authorise a speed not exceeding in any case 45 mph. Any prosecution for exceeding the speed limit of 30 mph upon any public highway within the Commonwealth will be taken against the officer authorising the greater speed.

(c) The following is the maximum speed permitted on any surface for the vehicles mentioned :-

| Type of vehicle | Max speed mph |
|---|---|
| Cars, motor cycles and motor cycle combinations | 30 |
| Trucks, ¼-ton jeep | 30 |
| Trucks, ¼-ton jeep, towing 8-cwt (jeep) trailer | 30 |
| Ambulances (except in emergency) | 30 |
| Vans and trucks up to and including 1-ton | 30 |
| Lorries and trucks, GS, up to and including 3-ton with or without 3-ton GS trailer or 2-wheeled trailer | 30 |
| Lorries and trucks, 3-ton, stores, machinery and search-light, loaded | 25 |
| Lorries and trucks, 7-ton semi-trailer GS | 30 |
| Lorries and trucks, over 3-ton, not elsewhere shown | 25 |
| Trucks, 10-ton (Mack) with or without trailer | 30 |
| Wheeled vehicles (not including 10-ton Mack or arty tractors), towing - | |
| (i) pneumatic tyred equipments or 4-wheel trailers (other than 3-ton GS) up to and including 4-ton gross load | 25 |
| (ii) pneumatic tyred equipment or 4-wheel trailers (other than 3-ton GS) up to and including 4-ton gross load | 25 |
| (iii) other wheeled prime movers | 20 |
| Vehicles designed for horse draught | ø |
| Tank transporters - | |
| tractor unit only | 20 |
| transporter unloaded | 15 |
| transporter loaded | 13 |
| Cars, scout | 30 |
| Cars, armoured | 30 |
| Tanks - | |
| Light M3 | 20 |
| cruiser | 20 |
| infantry (Matilda) | 12 |

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| Type of vehicle | Max speed mph |
|---|---|
| Artillery equipment - | |
| Tractors, fd arty - | |
| not towing | 30 |
| towing pneumatic tyred fd equipment other than 25-pr short | 25 |
| towing 25-pr short fd equipment | 10 |
| towing steel tyred fd equipment | 8 |
| Tractors, med or hy AA - | |
| not towing | 25 |
| towing pneumatic tyred equipment | 20 |
| towing rubber padded equipment | 12 |
| towing steel tyred equipment | 6 |
| Tractors, trucks or lorries towing 2-pr tk/A equipment | 12 |
| Tractors, trucks or lorries towing 40 mm 3.7" and 3" AA equipment | 18 |

*In cases of emergency, the speed of motor ambulances will be at the discretion of the medical authorities, who will endorse the G2 accordingly (vide para 1(b) of this order).

ø Vehicles designed solely for horse draught will not be drawn by mechanically propelled vehicles, except that, in special cases and for short distances only, they may be so drawn by slow moving vehicles at the discretion of a responsible officer. In all cases, the towing vehicle must be provided with a proper towing attachment.

2. Armies, corps and HQs L of C areas are responsible for ensuring that traffic is properly policed in their areas and will instruct members of the provost corps to see that traffic laws, both army and civil, are observed.

The necessity for prompt disciplinary action in cases of breach of this order is stressed.

RECORD OF SERVICE BOOK - AAB 83.

1 (a) A member will take every possible care to prevent the loss, destruction or defacement of his AAB 83. Failure to take such care will be regarded as a serious offence and punished accordingly.

(b) Any member losing his AAB 83 will (unless the CO is satisfied that the loss was not due to any negligence on the part of the member) be charged under AA 24 (2) (or, in the case of officers, AA 40), the fact of the loss being sufficient to found a charge of "losing by neglect public property issued to him for his use" (or of "neglect to the prejudice", as the case may be) and to justify a conviction on such charge in the absence of a satisfactory explanation.

2. Destruction or defacement of an AAB 83 by a wilful act or by negligence or the unauthorised alteration of any information contained therein is also an offence in respect of which a charge will be laid under AA 24, AA 25 or AA 40, whichever is appropriate, the advice of a legal officer being sought if necessary.

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ROUTINE ORDERS PART I
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FORFEITURE OF PROFICIENCY PAY.

1. If a soldier who is in receipt of proficiency pay commits a breach of good conduct, he shall automatically forfeit his proficiency pay on and from the date of his conviction or the award against him.

2. For the purposes of this order, a breach of good order will occur -

(a) When a soldier is sentenced by court-martial to, or awarded by a competent military authority

(i) any one of the following punishments:-

penal servitude
imprisonment
detention
field punishment
reduction in rank or to the ranks
a fine in excess of £1
forfeiture of pay for a period in excess of 3 days
deduction from pay under DA 97(c), AA 138(3) or AA 138(4) in excess of £5
confinement to barracks for more than 7 days; or

(ii) any two or more punishments conjointly whether or not such punishments or any of them are contained in clause (i) hereof;

Provided that any forfeiture of pay following automatically upon a conviction or award shall not be deemed a forfeiture of pay for the purposes of this sub-paragraph.

(b) When an acting or lance NCO by order made in consequence of an offence is reverted to his permanent rank, either in addition to or without a summary, minor or other punishment

AUSTRALIAN ARMY PSYCHOLOGY SERVICE.

1. Vacancies exist in the Australian Army Psychology Service for testing and interviewing sergeants, who should possess the following qualifications:-

(a) education to leaving certificate standard or equivalent;
(b) good bearing and manner;
(c) some formal university or teaching college training in psychology - desirable but not essential.

2. In filling these vacancies, preference will be given to personnel with operational experience in the present war, especially those who are medically class B1 or B2 or who are over 30 years of age.

3. Any member possessing the qualifications outlined above may submit to his OC or CO an application for appointment to one of the vacancies.

4. The application will be in writing and will include the following particulars:-

Army number, rank (substantive and acting), name in full, unit, age, medical classification, date of enlistment, service outside Australia, educational particulars, civil occupation, formal training in psychology.

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CENSORSHIP - PICTURE POSTCARDS AND BOOKS OF VIEWS.

1. Unit Routine Order Part I No.18/44 of 30 Aug 44, para under heading "Censorship" is cancelled.

2. Members of units under command 1 Aust Corps will not forward through the post picture postcards and books of views covering localities north of 25 degrees south latitude.

AIR LETTER SERVICES.

1. The "Air Letter Service" is available for communication to -
   (a) Members of the Australian and other Empire Forces overseas and to personnel of Merchant Ships.
   (The term Merchant Ships means - When addressed care British Ministry of War Transport care GPO and when addressed to the care of the Owners or Agents overseas).
   (b) Civilians in the countries indicated below.
   (c) Prisoners of War in Europe.

2. The fee for the use of the Air Letter Service is 7d., irrespective of whether the communication is addressed to a member of the Forces, or civilian, or a prisoner of war.
   Communications on air letter forms cannot be sent by registered post and enclosures in such forms are not permitted.
   Simultaneously with the inauguration of the 'Air Letter Service' the charges for Airgraph Letters are reduced from the present rates to a flat rate of 4d. for all Airgraph Letters.

3. 'Air Letter Service' forms embossed with a sevenpenny stamp are available at all Field Post Offices, and may be posted through Army Postal Service channels in the normal manner. Unit censorship must of course be observed.

4. Countries to which 'Air Letter Service' is available for civilian addressed correspondence:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Aden | Gambia | Rhodesia (North & South) |
| Bahrein | Gibralter | St. Helena |
| Basutoland | Gold Coast | Sierra Leone |
| Bechuanaland | India | South Africa (Union of) |
| British Somaliland | Iran | Sudan (Anglo Egyptian) |
| British Cameroons | Iraq | Tanganyika |
| Ceylon | Zanzibar | Transjordan |
| Cyprus | Kenya | Togo (British Sphere) |
| United Kingdom | Malta | Uganda |
| Egypt | Nigeria | |
| Eire | Nyasaland | |
| | Palestine | |

5. In the space provided on the back of the Air Letter Service form for sender's name and address, personnel will insert their number, rank and name, AIF (or AMF as the case may be) AUST. Under no circumstances will the unit name appear on this portion of the form.

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GREEN ENVELOPES - POSTAL CHARGES.

1. In order to correct any misunderstanding which may exist with regard to postal charges on green envelopes posted on the mainland of Australia or in Tasmania, the attention of all ranks is drawn to the following instructions:-

   (a) When the Green Envelope contains one letter only - the green envelope will be addressed to the person for whom the letter is intended and bear the appropriate postage stamp. If it is intended that the letter be sent by air mail, the appropriate additional postage stamp will be affixed and the green envelope marked "By Air Mail".

   (b) When the Green Envelope contains two or three letters - the following conditions must be observed:

      (i) Each letter enclosed in the green envelope must be placed in an addressed envelope which must bear the necessary postage stamps and be left unsealed. The green envelope will be addressed to the "Deputy Base Censor" and will not bear any postage stamps.

      (ii) The words "By Air Mail" must be written on the green envelope if any of the letters enclosed therein are prepaid for transmission by air mail.

2. Letters, etc., not exceeding four ounces in weight, posted in Papua and New Guinea for delivery within the Commonwealth are exempt from postage, except when air mail transmission on the mainland or in Tasmania is desired, in which case the appropriate air mail fees are applicable.

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INDISCRIMINATE USE OF FIREARMS.

1. Complaints are being received weekly from local civilians of indiscriminate small arms fire, close to, and within the Wongabel Camp Area.

2. This firing usually occurs during the week-end, and has resulted in the destruction of valuable stud cattle.

3. Units are advised that direct action will be taken if any personnel are found carrying weapons for reasons other than training.

4. All units will take the necessary action to promulgate these instructions in Unit Routine Orders, and will ensure that personnel do not leave their unit lines with weapons for any other reasons other than for training.

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INCOME TAX - MEMBERS WITH DEPENDANTS RESIDENT OVERSEAS.

1. The Income Tax Assessment Act provides for the rebate of tax to a taxpayer in respect of his wife and children resident in Australia.

2. A member of the AMF who married in a country other than Australia and whose wife or children are not resident in Australia is not entitled to such rebate. As the non-allowance might cause hardship, any member affected is requested to apply, through his pay representative, for a remission of tax.

3. A member applying for such remission will furnish -
(a) His name in full and all regimental particulars; and
(b) the names and addresses of his dependants, and will advise whether -
(i) his wife and children are wholly maintained by him;
(ii) His wife's separate income exceeds £50 per annum (Australian); and
(iii) it is his intention, as soon as war conditions permit and transport is available, to bring his wife and children to reside in Australia.

4. The application will be forwarded by the pay representative to the Director of Finance Administration, LHQ, who will refer the case to the Taxation Department for consideration.

SECURITY AND CENSORSHIP.

PART A - INTRODUCTION

1. Interpretation. -
(a) For the purposes of this order -
"Australia" means the Commonwealth of Australia, the Territory of Papua and the Mandated Territory of New Guinea;
"communication" means any letter, registered letter, letter-card, field service postcard, green envelope, newspaper, parcel, packet or telegram;
"member" means a member of the Australian Military Forces;
"prohibited information" means any naval, military or air force information which has not been published and which may directly or indirectly be of use to the enemy if received by him.
(b) The provisions of this order will not apply to any communication prepared or despatched by a member in the course of his duty.
(c) Part B of this order deals with security and will be observed by all members at all times.
Part C sets out the type of information which must not be written and the type of article which must not be enclosed in communications and will be observed by all members at all times.
Part D contains the orders which will be followed when members are subject to unit censorship and only affects those members to whom the provisions of paras 7 and 8 apply.

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## PART B - SECURITY.

2. Security of information.-
A member will not communicate any prohibited information except for the purpose of carrying out his duty. A breach of this provision is also an offence under the Defence Act 1903-1941, punishable by a fine or imprisonment or both.

3. Diaries and notebooks.-
(a) A member will not send through the post any diary or notebook.
(b) The CO of each unit will ensure that all diaries and notebooks are collected by an officer appointed for the purpose -
(i) before any movement by sea or (except within the Commonwealth of Australia) by air;
(ii) whenever contact with the enemy is imminent;
(iii) on the 31st December in each year and at such other times as are notified in formation or L of C area routine orders
(c) Diaries and notebooks will be sent by units to the nearest detachment of 1 Aust Fd Censorship Coy or to the nearest Base Censor. All such diaries and notebooks will be clearly marked as such and will show the regimental number, name, rank and unit of the owner.
After examination, they will be sent by Det 1 Aust Fd Censorship Coy or Base Censor to Echelon and Records of the L of C area of enlistment of the owner of the diary or notebook for storage and safe custody.
(d) A similar procedure will be followed for disposal of official notebooks kept by officers and other ranks containing technical notes or records of details connected with their duties, notes of army schools etc (except to the extent to which other official unit arrangements for the safe custody of such notebooks are made with the approval of the formation concerned).
(e) Diaries and notebooks may be returned to the owner on application to the Echelon and Records of the L of C area of the member's enlistment, after return to Australia, provided that such diaries and notebooks have been approved by the OC Det 1 Aust Fd Censorship Coy or Base Censor for release. If such diaries and notebooks are not approved for release, they shall not be returned until after the termination of hostilities.
(f) No member will carry with him when returning to the Commonwealth of Australia, or send, deal with or dispose of any diary or notebook except in accordance with the provisions of this order.

## PART C - CENSORSHIP.

4. Prohibited information.-
A member will not post or send any communication containing any prohibited information. In particular, reference shall not be made to any of the following matters :-
(a) strength of any organization of our own or allied forces (including navy and air forces) or reference to their morale;
(b) location of any naval, military or air force unit or detachment except -
(i) to the extent to which the official address of the unit includes the name of the location;
(ii) that, in a communication to an address in Australia, a member in the Commonwealth of Australia may, subject to any restriction imposed by a formation or L of C area, say that he is in a State of the Commonwealth or in the Northern Territory, but he may not give any indication of his actual location in that State or territory;
(iii) that, in a communication to an address outside Australia, a member may, subject to any restriction imposed by a formation or L of C area, say that he is in Australia or a Pacific Island, but he may not give any indication of the

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State in Australia or which Island in the Pacific.

(iv) that, in a communication to an address in Australia, a member in the Territory of Papua or the Mandated Territory of New Guinea or Dutch New Guinea may, subject to any restrictions imposed by a formation or L of C area, say that he is in such territory or country, but he may not give any indication of his actual location in such territory or country;

(c) movements of any naval, military or air force units or detachments (including reference to rein forcements);

(d) armament or equipment of any kind;

(e) distinguishing signs used for the identification of formations, units and their transport;

(f) plans or forecasts of orders for current, future or cancelled operations or movements, whether known, rumoured or surmised;

(g) communications, such as the use, condition or probable extensions of roads, railways or other transportation facilities, bridging operations, etc;

(h) state of the maintenance services (including any reference to reserves);

(i) position or description of billets, bivouacs or camps;

(j) casualty figures before official publication;

(k) the effect of any action by the enemy. This includes any remark that may tend, if published, to encourage the enemy, to cause despondency in our own forces or people or people of neutral or allied countries;

(l) criticism and statements which may bring into disrepute our forces or those of our allies.

5. Prohibited articles.-

A member will not, save in the course of duty, include in a communication -

(a) any document or equipment captured from the enemy or found in places occupied by the enemy, or any document containing information about the enemy, other than documents or equipment stamped with a War Souvenir Stamp, signed by an authorized officer certifying that the article is not required by Intelligence. In this regard, the attention of all ranks is directed to GRO G.473/1943;

(b) official documents, including Intelligence summaries, orders, maps, etc;

(c) official documents belonging to the civil authorities in allied or enemy territory;

(d) propaganda leaflets, whether issued by the enemy or by Australian or allied forces or authorities.

6. Codes and ciphers.-

A member will not post or send any communication containing -

(a) any writing which bears any meaning other than contained on the face of it;

(b) any instructions or request to use any means of secretly conveying, receiving or recording any information or to use any form of code, cipher or shorthand;

(c) any writing, mark, sign or thing secretly conveying or recording information;

(d) any code, cipher, shorthand or any writing, mark or sign in any form of code, cipher or shorthand.

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## PART D - UNIT CENSORSHIP.

7. Areas where unit censorship applies.-

All communications (other than green envelopes and field service post cards) from members in any area outside Australia and from members in the following areas within Australia are subject to unit censorship :-

(a) that part of Western Australia north of 20 deg south latitude;

(b) the Northern Territory of Australia;

(c) that part of Queensland north of the northern boundaries of the shires of Barkly Tableland, Cloncurry, McKinley, Wyangarie, Flinders Dalrymple and Thuringowa;

(d) the shires of Barkly Tableland, and the districts of Haslingden, Heywood and Mount Isa in the State of Queensland;

(e) the Territory of Papua and the Mandated Territory of New Guinea.

8. Special circumstances in which unit censorship applies.-

The following communications (other than green envelopes and field service post cards) from members outside the areas specified in para 7 of this order shall also be subject to unit censorship :-

(a) communications from members of any formation or unit when so directe by LHQ;

(b) communications from a member who is rationed and quartered by the Army when his unit is under orders to move outside Australia or to any of the areas mentioned in para 7 of this order;

(c) at the discretion of his unit commander, any communications from a member who has been guilty of a breach of security or censorship.

9. Attached personnel.-

Unit censorship extends to all accredited war correspondents, members of philanthropic organizations and naval, air force or allied personnel attached to a unit.

A commissioned naval, air force or allied officer, an accredited war correspondent or an accredited member of a philanthropic organization with officer status and entitled to wear uniform may frank letters written by himself and censor or frank letters written by his assistants or other ranks who are not members.

10. Only officers to censor.-

No member other than a commissioned officer to whom a communication has been submitted in the course of unit censorship will censor or frank or purport to censor or frank a communication from any member of the forces

11. Officer responsibility.-

The signature of an officer will imply a certificate by that officer that the communication does not contain any matter or article which would be a breach of this order. An officer who franks a communicatio containing any matter or thing, the despatch of which is prohibited by this order, shall be guilty of an offence. The franking of a communication containing such matter will not in any way absolve the member who wrote, made or sent the communication from being proceeded against for his breach.

12. Secrecy of censorship.-

An officer will not disclose to, or discuss with, any person whatever the contents of a communication submitted to him for franking or censoring or permit any other person to examine such a communication, provided however, that -

(a) in any case of doubt, an officer may refer a communication to another officer of his unit for franking or may send the same to a Base Censor or to a Det 1 Aust Fd Censorship Coy; and

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(b) an officer may refer a communication or make an official report disclosing the contents of a communication if, in his opinion, such communication contains any prohibited matter or article.

13. Official address.-

All communications from a member subject to unit censorship shall contain the full name of the sender and his full official address. This shall be written, in the case of atelegram, on the back; in the case of aletter or letter-card, on the top right-hand corner of the first page; and, in the case of a packet, parcel or newspaper, on a slip of paper enclosed therein. A member shall not use any address other than his official address or receive any communication except through that address or request any person to send to him any communication except to that address: Provided, however, that in writing to a prisoner of war or neutral country, the addresses as provided by Appendix E to LHQ Field Censorship Instruction No.4 shall be used.

14. Despatch of communications.-

A communication, other than a telegram from a member who is rationed and quartered by the army, will not be despatched until it bears a unit censor stamp or a Department of the Army concession stamp. Every communication from a member whose communications are subject to unit censorship will bear, in addition to the unit censor stamp, the signature of a franking officer.

15. When civil posting prohibited.-

A member, whose communications are subject to unit censorship, will submit to unit censorship all communications made subject thereto by this order. He will not despatch or attempt to despatch any communication through civil postal channels.

16. Carrying communications for others.-

A member will not carry, convey, send or post any communication from a member whose communications are subject to unit censorship.

17. Green envelopes.-

A member may use a green envelope to send letters which contain private or family matters.

Green envelopes will be issued on the scale of one per ten days for each member whose communications are subject to unit censorship.

A member who is guilty of a breach of security may have the privilege of using green envelopes withdrawn by his CO.

As a disciplinary or security measure, LHQ may direct that the issue of green envelopes to formations or units be stopped.

18. Newspapers.-

A member in any of the areas specified in para 7 of this order will not post or send any newspaper unless authority so to do has been given by the GOC formation. Other members whose communications are subject to unit censorship may send newspapers under unit censorship arrangements, subject to any restrictions imposed by the formation or L of C area. No unit newspaper will be sent by post unless the issue of such newspaper has been passed for publication by an Assistant or Deputy Assistant Director of Public Relations.

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INJURIES CAUSED BY ACCIDENTS WITH EXPLOSIVES AND LIVE AMMUNITION.

1. Members of the public have been killed or seriously injured recently as the result of handling explosives and live ammunition which either -
   (a) have been taken or sent home by members of the forces as souvenirs; or
   (b) have been negligently left in places to which the public has access.

2. To prevent a recurrence of such accidents, the following instructions will be observed strictly.

3. (a) Unless acting in the course of his military duties or unless so authorized by or under National Security (Firearms and Explosives Regulations, a member of the AMF will not have in his possession or deliver or transmit or attempt to deliver or transmit to any other person any bomb, shell or other explosive or live ammunition of any kind.
   (b) All units will take vigorous action to ensure that members comply with the terms of this paragraph.

4. (a) When any member serving outside Australia and Tasmania is to return to Australia or Tasmania, his kit and baggage will be inspected thoroughly, prior to his embarkation or emplaning, to ensure that he is not in possession of any explosives or live ammunition of any kind other than such as may be necessary in the course of his miltary duties.
   (b) His kit will again be inspected thoroughly at any LTD from which he is to be released on leave, prior to his being so released.

5. (a) Units will ensure that all prescribed safety precautions for the handling and storing of explosives and live ammunition are carefully observed.
   (b) Explosives and live ammunition used for training purposes will be carefully safeguarded.
   (c) Under no circumstances will explosives or live ammunition of any kind be left unguarded in any place to which members of the public have access.
   (d) In areas where training with explosives and live ammunition is carried out, the utmost care will be exercised to ensure that all blinds are searched for and destroyed in accordance with the prescribed safety regulations.

6. If a member is charged with an offence against this order, a summary of evidence will be taken and an application submitted to superior authority for trial by court-martial.

FIRST AUST ARMY (ATHERTON TABLELANDS) AIM STANDING ORDERS.

1. First Aust Army (Atherton Tablelands) Administrative Standing Orders apply and with any amendments thereto from time to time notified in 1 Aust Corps Routine Orders will continue to apply until further order to all units and personnel now or hereafter under command 1 Aust Corps.

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PROPHYLACTIC ABLUTION CENTRES.

1. I t has been conclusively shown that approximately 90 percent of army personnel who contract venereal disease neglect to make use of PAC facilities.

2. The reason of such neglect is thought to be :-
   (a) Lack of effective promulgation of addresses of PACs.
   (b) Lack of effective education as to the definite necessity for prophylactic treatment in every case of promiscuous exposure.

3. Attention is also directed to the fact that all PACs operated by Navy, RAAF and Allied Services, are available for use by members of the AMF.

4. Attention is directed to the list of addresses of army PACs now established, which is contained in a notice at the end of these orders.

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ADDRESSES OF PROPHYLACTIC ABLUTION CENTRES

Queensland L of C Area:

No.17 (NQ) L of C Sub-Area -
1. Cairns - 65 Grafton Street.
2. Atherton - Main Street.

No.1 (NQ) L of C Sub-Area -
1. Townsville - Flinders Street, near Morris Street.
2. Oonoomba - 13 Aust Pers Staging Camp.
3. Charters Towers - Mossman and Gill Streets.

No.2 (SQ) L of C Sub-Area -
1. Brisbane -
   (a) Edward Street (opp Peoples' Palace).
   (b) 263 Wickham Street, Valley (between Warner and Pallow Sts).
   (c) Fiveways, Wooloongabba (at Entrance to Cricket Ground)
   (d) Hostel ADCS, Wickham Terrace.
   (e) Leave and Transit Depot (at Main Entrance Exhibition).
2. Yerongpilly - Camp Area behind Post Office.
3. Kalinga - Camp Area behind Post Office.
4. Petire - Adjacent Railway Station.
5. Strathpine - Adjacent Railway Station.
6. Redbank - Camp Area near Trade Testing Centre.
7. Toowoomba - 24 Bell Street.
8. Burleigh Heads - 7 Div PT Camp.
9. Warwick - Fitzroy Street, off Palmerin Street.
10. 7 Aust Div Rest Camp - Redcliffe.
11. Ipswich - 174 Brisbane Street.
12. Southport - Scarborough Street.
13. Tenterfield - High Street.

New South Wales L of C Area.

1. Sydney - ADC Service Club, Railway Square.
2. Board of Health, 93 Macquarie Street.

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3. AJC Hostel, 320 Sussex Street.
4. Greta (No.1) Main Camp Entrance.
5. Greta (No.2) Silver City Camp.
6. Holsworthy Detention Barracks.
7. Ingleburn - Main Camp Entrance.
8. Liverpool - Main Camp Entrance.
9. Narellan - Main Camp Entrance.
10. Randwick Racecourse, off flat entrance to paddock.
11. Rutherford - Camp Entrance.
12. Showgrounds, No.1, behind Pay Office.
13. Showgrounds, No.2, RRD Area.
14. Concord West - 113 Australian General Hospital.
15. Kenmore Goulburn, 114 Australian General Hospital.
16. Kensington Racecourse - RAP Paddock Entrance.
17. Walgrove - Camp Entrance.
18. Bathurst - Russell Street.
19. Cowra - Macquarie Street.
20. Muswellbrook - William Street, behind Royal Hotel.
21. Darlinghurst - 298 Victoria Street.
22. Newcastle - Wolfe Street, behind Scott's Stores.
23. Tamworth - Bourke Street.
24. Wagga Wagga, Army Hut, near Railway Station.
25. Wollongong - 108a Heira Street.
26. Hay - 14 Aust Camp Hospital.

Victoria L of C Area.

1. Melbourne -
   (a) 295 Flinders Street (opp Hosie's Hotel, and situated in Basement Shop in Railway Buildings).
   (b) Blamey House, Collins Street.
   (c) ADCS (Craigs), Elizabeth Street.
2. St. Kilda - St. Kilda Esplanade.
3. Royal Park, GDD.
4. Albury - Dean Street (at rear of Central Transport Dep)
5. Geelong - 127 Little Malop Street.
6. Darley Camp.
7. Mt. Martha Camp.

Tasmania L of C Area.

1. Hobart - Argyle Street.
2. Launceston - LTD, Market Square.
3. Brighton Camp.
4. Launceston Hospital.
5. Royal Hobart Hospital.

South Australia L of C Area.

1. Warradale Camp (at right of entrance).
2. Wayville Camp (at right of entrance).
3. Keswick Barracks.
4. Adelaide Railway Station (in square at east of station).
5. Frome Road - Adelaide Hospital Clinic.
6. Glenelg.

West Australia L of C Area.

1. Perth - 374 Wellington Street.
2. Fremantle - 10 Elder Place.
3. Melville Camp.
4. Karrakatta Camp.
5. Northam Camp.
6. Perth - Sportsman's House, King Street.
7. Claremont Camp.
8. Perth - Roe Street.

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GIFT PARCELS FOR UNITED KINGDOM ADDRESSEES - DUTY FREE CONCESSION.

1. The conditions of the concession announced in the Notice appearing in GROs dated 3rd September, 1943, pages 18 and 19, under which members of the AMF and of the British Army serving in Australia and in other places within the SWPA are permitted to send to their relatives and friends in the United Kingdom a maximum of four gift parcels per year, duty free, have been amended. The Notice is, therefore, cancelled.

2. The following are the conditions applicable as from 20th October, 1944 -

(i) The usual postage rates are payable.

(ii) Parcels must not weigh more than 5 lbs each and must not include -

(a) any drinkable spirits;

(b) more than ½ lb total weight of tobacco, including cigars and cigarettes (200 cigarettes or 50 cigars) or any tobacco goods marked "HM Ships only";

(c) more than ½ pint scent;

(d) more than 2 lbs of any other foodstuff.

(iii) The amximum value of the contents of parcels which can now be sent by one individual sender in any one year is £8, and this value may be made up as follows :-

(a) one parcel of £8 value, or

(b) two or more parcels up to a maximum of four parcels aggregating £8 value.

(iv) Special Customs declarations (AFs W5192) must be affixed to all parcels in order to secure the duty free concession. These declarations, where not already in possession of units, are obtainable through normal stationery channels.

(v) Issues to personnel will be under unit arrangements, on the basis of a maximum of four AFs W5192 per year to any one sender. A comparatively few forms should, therefore, suffice for the needs of any unit.

(vi) Each AF W5192 issued will have entered upon it the sender's number and name and signed by the issuing officer in the space provided.

(vii) Each Customs declaration represents a permissible value of £2 within the parcel to which it is attached.

(viii) Where the value of the contents in any one parcel exceeds £2, a further declaration for each additional £2 (or fraction thereof), up to the maximum of £8, must be attached, e.g., a parcel containing goods to the declared value of £6 would require three labels attached.

3. It is stressed that full duty will be levied in the United Kingdom (for collection from addressees) in respect of any contents of parcels which infringe the restrictions contained in para 2(ii) above. In addition to these duty charges, the contents of any parcel not bearing a Customs declaration, received into the United Kingdom, are subject to purchase tax amounting in many cases to 100 per cent of the value of such contents. This tax is chargeable on most manufactured articles, but tobacco and foodstuffs are excluded.

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Serial No.27/44
31st October, 1944.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE
ROUTINE ORDERS PART I
BY
CAPTAIN C. YOUNG
OFFICER COMMANDING 2/3 AUST RLY CONST COY (ME).

DISTRICT COURT-MARTIAL

1. A DCM convened by Lieut-General Sir Leslie J. MORSHEAD, Commanding 1 Aust Corps was held in the Field on the nineteenth day of October, 1944 for the trial of NX84166 Pte CASEY David Ernest of the 287 Aust LAD attached to 2/3 Aust Rly Const Coy (ME).

2. The accused was charged with:

First Charge AA Sec 41 — WOAS COMMITTING A CIVIL OFFENCE THAT IS TO SAY FORGERY in that he in the field on or about 14 Aug 44 with intent to deceive forged the name of WO TEGG to an AAB 83 made out in the name of NX113071 Cfn HETHERINGTON T.R.

Second Charge AA Sec 40 (Alternative to First Charge) — WOAS CONDUCT TO THE PREJUDICE OF GOOD ORDER AND MILITARY DISCIPLINE in that he in the field on or about 14 Aug 44 did improperly sign the name of WO TEGG in an AAB 83 made out in the name of NX113071 Cfn HETHERINGTON T.R.

Third Charge AA Sec 41 ( — WOAS COMMITTING A CIVIL OFFENCE THAT IS TO SAY FORGERY in that he in the field on or about 14 Aug 44 with intent to deceive forged the name of WO TEGG to an AAB 83 made out in the name of NX113075 Cfn LOHAN B.T.

Fourth Charge AA Sec 40 (Alternative to Third Charge) — WOAS CONDUCT TO THE PREJUDICE OF GOOD ORDER AND MILITARY DISCIPLINE in that he in the field on or about 14 Aug 44 did improperly sign the name of WO TEGG in an AAB 83 made out in the name of NX113075 Cfn LOHAN B.T.

3. The Court found the accused NOT GUILTY of the First and Third Charges and GUILTY of the Second and Fourth Charges.

4. Sentence: To undergo detention for nine months.

5. The accused was nil days in close arrest awaiting trial.

6. The finding and sentence were duly confirmed on the twentysixth day of October, 1944 by Lieut-General Sir Leslie J. MORSHEAD, Commanding 1 Aust Corps and promulgated to the accused in the Field on the thirty-first day of October, 1944.

Chas. Young
Capt,
OC, 2/3 Aust Rly Const Coy (ME).

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# WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Army Form C.2118 (adapted.)

Unit 2/3 AUST RLY CONST COY (ME) Date and Time.—From 1 Nov 44 To 30 Nov 44

| Place | Date | Hour | Summary of Events and Information | Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| WONDECLA | 1 Nov 44 | | Company engaged in Mech Equip School for potential Operator Excavators. | W3008 and W3009 dated 4 Nov 44. |
| WONDECLA | 12 Nov 44 | 1900 | Company entrains for RED LYNCH at WONDECLA Station. | Routine Orders Part I:- |
| RED LYNCH | 13 Nov 44 | 0500 | Company arrives at Staging Camp RED LYNCH and joins Flight 'A'. | Serial 28/44 of 6 Nov 44. |
| RED LYNCH | 14 Nov 44 | | Company transits at RED LYNCH and brings all personnel to DP.1. | |
| RED LYNCH | 19 Nov 44 | 2000 | Advance party of 1 Staff Sgt and 6 ORs departs by air to destination of Company. | |
| CAIRNS | 21 Nov 44 | 0900 | Company embarks on UST "VAN HEUTZ" for overseas. | |
| JACQUINOT BAY, NEW BRITAIN | 25 Nov 44 | 1500 | Company arrives at PALMAIMAL Plantation, JACQUINOT BAY, NEW BRITAIN and disembarks. | |
| JACQUINOT BAY | 26 Nov 44 | | Company establishes camp in PALMALMAL Plantation. | |
| JACQUINOT BAY | 28 Nov 44 | | Mech Equip Platoons commence work on construction of roads in 5 Aust Base Sub-area. | |
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| JACQUINOT BAY | 30 Nov 44 | | WX33193 Lt W.J. ROBERTSON re-posted to 25 Aust Mech Eqpt Pk Coy as per First Aust Army AIF memo 4967 of 5 Dec 44. Attached to 2/3 Aust Rly Const Coy (ME) pending movement. | |
| | | | SX10409 Lt F.F. ESPIE re-posted to this Company from RAE (CW) seconded for attendance at SME 82/44, terminating 25 Nov 44. Not yet reported to unit. As per First Aust Army AIF memo 4967 of 5 Dec 44. | |
| | | | TX391 Lt S.H. PATTERSON re-posted to this Company from 12 Aust Fd Coy as per First Aust Army AIF memo 4967 of 5 Dec 44. At present on leave. | |
| | | | HQ 5 Aust Base Sub-area advise that WX33193 Lt W.J. ROBERTSON has been promoted to rank of Captain and that promulgation is to appear in an early AMF list. Health of troops good during period. | |

Alan Young
----------Capt,
OC, 2/3 Aust Rly Const Coy (ME)

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Serial No.28/44
6th November, 1944.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE
ROUTINE ORDERS PART I
BY
CAPTAIN C. YOUNG
OFFICER COMMANDING 2/3 AUST HOSP CONST COY (NSW)

MOVEMENT OF PERSONNEL

Marched out and taken off strength:

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| NX12193 | Capt | TAYLOR | P.N. | Re-posted as OC 2 Aust MR Pl. AMF List 30, page 897. |
| NX46795 | Spr | STUBBINGS | F.I. | To GDD NSW L of C for discharge. 30 Oct 44. |
| NX37370 | Spr | DENT | C. | Admitted 2/12 Aust Fd Amb 3 Nov44 |
| NX175818 | Spr | KENNEDY | E.G. | Transferred to 17 Aust Fd Coy. 4 Nov 44. |

Marched in and taken on strength:

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| WX4385 | Spr | PERKINS | R.P. | Transferred ex 2/7 Aust Fd Amb. 29 Oct 44. |
| NX13758 | Spr | WALKLEY | S.G. | Discharged ex 2/3 CCS, 30 Oct 44. |
| VX145773 | Spr | MacDUFF | B.A. | Transferred ex 17 Aust Fd Coy. 31 Oct 44. |
| WX7901 | Spr | McDOUGALL | D.S. | Discharged ex 2/1 Con Depot 1 Nov |
| NX12657 | Spr | UPTON | W.H. | - do.- |

Marched out on leave:

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| NX167120 | Spr | DAVIS | A.F. | Granted 24 days ARL. 30 Oct 44. |
| NX90556 | Spr | EVANS | R.W. | - do.- |
| QX19377 | L/Cpl | HISLOP | E.A. | -do.- |
| WX12795 | Spr | RYAN | J. | - do.- |
| NX31477 | T/Sgt | McKENNERNY | T.E. | - do.- 3 Nov 44. |

Marched out on detachment:

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| QX18179 | Cpl | BARTHS | E.H. | To 2/23 Aust Corps Fd Pk. 28 Oct |
| NX94981 | Cpl | LOCKWOOD | W. | - do.- |
| WX26452 | Cpl | SHEPHARD | R.A. | - do.- |
| SX11522 | L/Cpl | DACK | S.A. | - do.- |
| NX81583 | L/Cpl | BATTLE | W.E. | - do.- |
| VX136973 | L/Cpl | ORR | A.T. | - do.- |
| QX25378 | Spr | BURGESS | E.J. | - do.- |
| QX25982 | Spr | SOMERVILLE | M. | - do.- |
| NX37370 | Spr | DENT | C. | - do.- |
| QX19331 | Spr | PENNELL | H.J. | - do.- |
| NX201221 | Spr | WAIN | L.L. | - do.- |
| VX64997 | Spr | IRVING | J.W. | - do.- |
| VX136869 | Spr | LACY | E.H. | - do.- |
| SX33140 | Spr | HARRFIELD | H.B. | - do.- |
| QX18063 | Spr | KELLY | W.K. | - do.- |
| WX13663 | Spr | ABBOTT | C.G. | - do.- |
| VX23467 | Spr | O'BRIEN | J.L. | - do.- |
| NX157102 | Spr | HENNESSEY | P.B. | - do.- |
| QX19329 | L/Cpl | EDWARDS | H. | - do.- |
| NX6937 | Spr | ROBBS | H.T. | - do.- |
| NX167120 | Spr | DAVIS | A.F. | - do.- |
| WX12795 | Spr | RYAN | J. | - do.- |
| QX25610 | Spr | GILBERT | A.C. | - do.- |
| NX46795 | Spr | STUBBINGS | F.I. | - do.- |
| VX67543 | Spr | NAYMAN | K.H.C. | - do.- |
| QX25346 | Cpl | CLARK | W.C. | - do.- |
| NX85678 | Spr | TURNER | G.C. | - do.- |
| NX175818 | Spr | KENNEDY | E.G. | - do.- |

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Marched out on detachment (Contd.):

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| NX162233 | Spr | NEWMAN | D.C. | To 2/23 Aust Corps Fd Pk. 28 Oct 44. |
| QX19548 | L/Cpl | LEWIS | C.A. | -do.- |
| QX24008 | Spr | PINN | A.T. | -do.- |
| NX81028 | Spr | TICKLE | C.H. | -do.- |
| WX26449 | S/Sgt | RUTHERFORD | J.P. | -do.- 1 Nov 44 |
| VX10065 | Spr | BUNTING | C.S. | -do.- |
| QX2196 | Spr | THWAITES | G. | -do.- |
| VX141433 | Spr | KING | L. | -do.- |
| NX7901 | Spr | McDOUGALL | D.S. | -do.- 5 Nov 44 |
| VX87949 | Spr | DARVY | H.M. | To 24 Aust Fd Coy. 28 Oct 44. |
| NX92806 | L/Cpl | TOWLE | J. | To 1 Aust Corps MT Pk. 28 Oct 44. |
| WX15728 | Spr | THOMAS | J.N. | -do.- |
| NX201342 | Spr | COWPER | R.F. | -do.- |
| VX138700 | L/Cpl | FERGUSON | K.R. | -do.- |
| QX23552 | Spr | McLACHLAN | R. | -do.- |
| QX17627 | Spr | WOLTMANN | V.B.P. | -do.- |
| QX24000 | Spr | TAYLOR | G.C.S. | -do.- 3 Nov 44. |
| WX2441 | L/Cpl | ANDERSON | W. | To Bridging Park. 3 Nov 44. |
| QX13969 | Spr | McLACHLAN | A. | -do.- |

Marched in ex detachment:

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| WX26449 | S/Sgt | RUTHERFORD | J.P. | Ex 2 Aust Fd Coy. 1 Nov 44. |
| QX45742 | Spr | WHITE | S.R. | -do.- |
| NX142429 | Spr | BIRCHALL | T.H. | -do.- |
| WX2441 | L/Cpl | ANDERSON | W. | -do.- |
| QX24936 | Spr | GERSCHWITZ | H.D. | -do.- |
| WX2196 | Spr | THWAITES | G. | -do.- |
| QX15929 | Spr | SIDES | F.L. | -do.- |
| WX2428 | Spr | MARSH | T.K. | -do.- |
| WX2148 | Spr | FRY | J.H. | -do.- |
| WX26399 | Spr | GORDON | V.J. | -do.- |
| VX10065 | Spr | BUNTING | C.S. | -do.- |
| VX141433 | Spr | KING | L. | -do.- |
| QX19421 | Spr | BROWN | W.C. | -do.- |
| QX5328 | Spr | SIMPSON | H.J. | -do.- |
| WX15000 | Spr | THOMAS | S. | -do.- |
| VX134140 | Spr | JAMES | H.A. | -do.- |
| VX138700 | L/Cpl | FERGUSON | K.R. | Ex 1 Aust Corps MT Pk. 30 Oct 44. |
| QX17627 | Spr | WOLTMANN | V.B.P. | -do.- |
| NX162233 | Spr | NEWMAN | D.C. | Ex 2/23 Aust Corps Fd Pk Coy.1 Nov |
| NX85678 | Spr | TURNER | G.C. | -do.- |
| VX87949 | Spr | DARVY | H.M. | Ex 24 Aust Fd Coy. 1 Nov 44. |
| WX2441 | L/Cpl | ANDERSON | W. | Ex Bridging Pk. 5 Nov 44. |
| QX13969 | Spr | McLACHLAN | A. | -do.- |

Marched out on detachment ex 287 LAD:

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| NX113074 | Cfn | LOADER | W.S. | To 2/2 Aust Inf Tps W/shop. 31 Oct44. |
| NX124901 | Cfn | JONES | C.W. | -do.- |
| NX113072 | Cfn | LEPLAW | J.S. | -do.- |
| VX60865 | Cfn | RUSSELL | D. | -do.- |
| WX35266 | Capt | HOLMAN | S. | To 3 Aust Adv W/shop AMMK. 1 Nov 44 |
| NX145224 | Cfn | SPITTAL | R.S. | -do.- |
| QX60677 | Cfn | ROBERTS | M.L. | -do.- 3 Nov 44 |
| NX193498 | Cfn | HEWITT | W.H. | -do.- |

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Army Form W.3009 (Adapted)
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# FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

43/44 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 4/11/1944. 2/3 Aust Rly Const Coy (ME) (Unit)

W.E. IV/133/2. OFFRS. 8 O.R's. 233 + OFFRS. O.R's. 13 ATT. BY W.E.

## Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED. | | | | | ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E. | | | | |
| Reinfts. Required. | Deficient W.E. | Surplus to W.E. | Posted Strength. | DETAIL. | Arm or Corps. | Posted Strength. | Surplus to W.E. | Deficient W.E. | Reinfts. Required. |
| | | | | ~~W.Os. Class I.~~ CPLS | AACC | 2 | | | |
| | | | 1 | W.Os. Class II. | | | | | |
| | | | 1 | Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts. | | | | | |
| | | | 4 | Staff Sergeants | | | | | |
| | | | 9 | Sergeants | AACC | 1 | | | |
| | | | 14 | Corporals | POSTAL AAMC | 1 | | | |
| NR 4 | 4 | 2 | 197 | Troopers, Privates, etc. | AACC | 6 | | 2 | 2 NR |
| | | | | Civilians counting as O.R. | | | | | |
| 4* | 4 | 2 | 231* | Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2. | | 11* | | 2 | 2* |

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

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

| Detail | | C.M.P. A.I.F. | C.M.P. Under 19 Years | C.M.P. 19 Years and over. | A.W.A.S. | A.A.M.W.S. | CIVIL | R.A.N. | R.A.A.F. | * * | TOTAL. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| A | | 242 | | | | | | [redacted] | [redacted] | | |
| B(1) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| B(2) | | NO 8 CLASS PERSONNEL | | | | | [redacted] | ON STRENGTH | | | 242 |

## Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

| Number of O.Rs. | Unit to which they belong | Number of O.Rs. | Unit to which they belong |
|---|---|---|---|
| 16 | 287 LAD | | |
| 1 | POSTAL UNIT | | |
| 9 | AACC | | |
| 1 | AAMC | | |

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

| Number of O.Rs. | Unit to which detached. | Number of O.Rs. | Unit to which detached. |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | | |

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

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

2/3 Aust Rly Const Coy (ME) Unit

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(Adapted) (Page 2)
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## PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday / /194 .

| Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. | W.E. | Posted Strength. | Reinfts. Required. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Ammunition Examiners | | | |
| Armament Artificer Fitter | | | |
| Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical) | | | |
| Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.) | | | |
| Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.) | | | |
| Armament Artificer Instrument | | | |
| Armament Artificer Radio | | | |
| Armament Artificer Signals | | | |
| Armament Artificer Wireless | | | |
| Artificer, Artillery | | | |
| Artificer, Engine | 1 | 1 | |
| Blacksmiths | 1 | 1 | |
| Bricklayers | | | |
| Computors | | | |
| Cooks, Hospital | | | |
| Coppersmiths | | | |
| Dispensers | | | |
| Draughtsmen | | | |
| Draughtsmen (Architectural) | 1 | 1 | |
| Draughtsmen (Engineering) | | | |
| Draughtsmen (Mechanical) | | | |
| Draughtsmen (Topographical) | | | |
| Electricians | 1 | 1 | |
| Electricians (M.V.) | | | |
| Electricians (Signals) | | | |
| Fitters (ME) | 8 | 7 | 1 NR |
| Fitters (Cycle) | | | |
| Fitters (Electrical) | | | |
| Fitters (Gun) | | | |
| Fitters (Instrument) | | | |
| Fitters (M.V.) | | | |
| Fitters, Railway Signal | | | |
| Fitters, Signals | | | |
| Grinder, Precision | | | |
| Mechanics, Instrument | | | |
| Mechanics, Instrument (Signals) | | | |
| Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical) | | | |
| Mechanics, Radio | | | |
| Mechanics, Typewriter | | | |
| Mechanics, Wireless | | | |
| Millwrights | | | |
| Operators, Excavator | 74 | 73 | 1 NR |
| Pattern Maker | | | |
| Pharmacist | | | |
| Photographer, Wet Plate | | | |
| Photowriter | | | |
| Plumber | | | |
| Saw Doctors | | | |
| Surveyors | 1 | 1 | |
| CARRIED FORWARD | 87 | 85 | 2 |

| Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.) | W.E. | Posted Strength. | Reinfts. Required. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Surveyors, Engineering | | | |
| Surveyors, R.A.A. | | | |
| Surveyors, Topographical | | | |
| Surveyors, Trigonometrical | | | |
| Toolmakers | | | |
| Turners | | | |
| Watchmakers | | | |
| Welders | 3 | 3 | |
| | | | |
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| | | | |
| GROUP II. | | | |
| Armourers | | | |
| Axemen | | | |
| Bakers | | | |
| Bty. Comd's. Asst. | | | |
| Boilermakers | 1 | 1 | |
| Carpenters | 1 | 1 | |
| Carpenters and Joiners | | | |
| Cooks | | | |
| Dental Mechanics | | | |
| Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.) | 4 | 4 | |
| Driver-Operator | | | |
| Drainers | | | |
| Electricians | | | |
| Electricians (Engineers) | | | |
| Fire Control Operators | | | |
| Gun Operator | | | |
| Hatchman | | | |
| Height Taker | | | |
| Helio Operator | | | |
| Instrument Operator | | | |
| Intelligence Duties | | | |
| Joiners | | | |
| Lineman | | | |
| Lineman, Signals | | | |
| Lithographers | | | |
| Machinists, Metal | | | |
| Machinists, Wood | | | |
| Masons | | | |
| Masseurs | | | |
| Mechanics, M.T. M.V. | 12 | 12 | |
| Miners | | | |
| Moulders | | | |
| Nurses, Trained | | | |
| Observation Post Assts. | | | |
| CARRIED FORWARD | 108 | 106 | 2 |

| Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.) | W.E. | Posted Strength. | Reinfts. Required. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Operating Room Assts. | | | |
| Operator, Keyboard | | | |
| Operator, Line | | | |
| Operator, Signal | | | |
| Operator, Switchboard | | | |
| Operator, Wireless | | | |
| Opticians | | | |
| Painters | 1 | 2 | |
| Panel Beaters | | | |
| Photographer, Dry Plate | | | |
| Predictor Numbers | | | |
| Printers | | | |
| Radiographers | | | |
| Riggers | | | |
| Sawyers | | | |
| Signallers | | | |
| Signwriters | | | |
| Telescope Identfn. Numbers | | | |
| Well Borers | | | |
| Wheelers | | | |
| Winchman | | | |
| Wireman | | | |
| Woodturners | | | |
| | | | |
| | | | |
| GROUP III. | | | |
| Battery Surveyors | | | |
| Butchers | | | |
| Clerks | 3 | 3 | |
| Clerks, Supply | | | |
| Clerks, Technical | | | |
| Coach Trimmers | | | |
| Concretors | | | |
| Cooks | | | |
| Dental Clerk Orderlies | | | |
| Despatch Riders | | | |
| Draughtsmen, Signals | | | |
| Drivers, H.T. | | | |
| Driver Mechanics | 12 | 11 | 1 NR |
| Driver Tptn. Plant | | | |
| Engine Hands, I.C. | | | |
| Equipment Repairers | | | |
| Farriers | | | |
| Fitters' Mates | | | |
| Gun Layers | | | |
| CARRIED FORWARD | 124 | 122 | 3 |

| Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.) | W.E. | Posted Strength. | Reinfts. Required. |
|---|---|---|---|
| G.P.O. Assistants | | | |
| Hammermen | | | |
| Leather Stitchers | | | |
| Orderlies, Nursing | | | |
| Orderlies, Nursing Mental | | | |
| Plate Layers | | | |
| Rangetakers | | | |
| Riveters | | | |
| Roughriders | | | |
| Saddlers | | | |
| Saddletree makers | | | |
| Shoemaker and Boot Repairer | | | |
| Stevedores | | | |
| Stokers, Staty. Engine | | | |
| Storemen, Technical | 4 | 3 | 1 NR |
| Tailors | 1 | 1 | |
| Textile Refitters | | | |
| Tinsmiths | | | |
| Vulcanizers | | | |
| Wagon Erectors | | | |
| Whitesmiths | | | |
| TRANS CPLS | 2 | 2 | |
| CPL CLERK | 1 | 1 | |
| CPL STOREMAN | 1 | 1 | |
| CSM WO II | 1 | 1 | |
| ORDRM. SGT | 1 | 1 | |
| SGTS | 8 | 8 | |
| MECH S/SGTS | 4 | 4 | |
| CQMS S/SGT | 1 | 1 | |
| DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN. | | | |
| BATMAN DVRS | 7 | 7 | |
| DVRS MT | 72 | 73 | |
| HYGIENE DUTIES | 1 | 1 | |
| MP ORDERLIES | 2 | 2 | |
| PIONEERS | 1 | 1 | |
| WATER DUTIES | 1 | 1 | |
| BATMAN | 1 | 1 | |
| | | | |
| | | | |
| ATTACHED BY W.E. | | | |
| POSTAL CPL | 1 | 1 | |
| AAMC CPL | 1 | 1 | |
| AAMC SGT | 1 | 1 | |
| CPLS | 2 | 2 | |
| COOKS | 8 | 6 | 2 NR |
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| | | | |
| CARRIED FORWARD | 246 | 242 * | 6 * |

Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.

NOTES.—(a) If rank other than private is involved give details on back.
(b) Authorised trades or specialists not included in list will be added as required in spaces provided.
(c) Where A.W.A.S. and/or A.A.M.W.S. personnel are desired show details on back.
(d) Where replacement not desired note accordingly on return by insertion of N.R. in col. "Reints. Required."
(e) Where any request or notation is made on back of form, the words "See Back" should be written in one of the blank spaces on this page.

4 NOV 44
Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander
O.C. 2/3 Aust Rly Const Coy (M.E.)

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NCOs INCLUDED IN TRADE GROUPINGS

6 CPLs INCLUDED IN OPERATORS

8 " " " MT DRIVERS

1 " " " TAILOR

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# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

42/44 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 4/11/1944. 2/3 Aust Rly Const Coy (ME) (Unit)

W.E. IV/152/2 OFFRS. 8 O.R's. 233 + OFFRS. - O.R's. 13 ATT. BY W.E.

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

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

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

| DETAIL. | | A.I.F. | C.M.F. | A.W.A.S. | A.A.N.S. | A.A.M.W.S. | CIVIL. | R.A.N. | R.A.A.F. | ** | TOTAL. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| A. | | 6 | | | | | | | | | 6 |
| E.(1) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| E.(2) | NO B CLASS PERSONNEL ON STRENGTH | | | | | | | | | | |

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

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

### OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK.

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

### OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

| Army No. | Rank. | Name and Initials. | Unit To. | Date. | CAUSE. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| NX | | | | Vide | |
| 12193 | Capt | TAYLOR PN | 2 AUST MECH | AMF | RE-POSTED |
| | | | EQPT PL | LIST 30 | |
| | | | | PAGE | |
| | | | | 859 | |

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

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

2/3 Aust Rly Const Coy (ME) Unit

L W O P
NIL

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## PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 4/11/1944. (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held. | Army Number. | Surname. | Initials. | Posting. | Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No) | If not present with Unit, state how employed. | Date of Detachment. |
| CAPT | NX 12192 | YOUNG | C | OC | YES | | |
| " | NX 77235 | GIBSON | E T R | PL OFFR | YES | | |
| " | NX 14950 | MAHONEY | M D | " | YES | | |
| LT | WX 33193 | ROBERTSON | W J | " | YES | | |
| " | VX 133259 | FRENCH | G H | " | NO | LEAVE | 19-10-44 |
| " | NX 145695 | SUTHERLAND | J C | " | NO | ESCORT DUTY | 25-9-44 |

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

| Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held. | Army Number. | Name and Initials. | Unit. | Date of Attachment. | Nature of Attachment. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| CAPT | WX 352 tt | HOLMAN S | 257 LAD | 13-5-44 | DUTY. |
| | | | | | DETACHED TO 3 AUST HOV W/SHOPS. |

4 NOV 44
Date of Despatch

[signature] Major
Signature of Commander
O.C. 2/3 Aust Rly Const Coy (M.E.)

Truth—7/43.

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# WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

(Erase heading not required)

Army Form C.2118 (adapted)

*Unit* 2/3 AUST RLY CONST COY (ME) *Date and Time.—From* 1 Dec 44 *To* 31 Dec 44

| Place | Date | Hour | Summary of Events and Information | Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| JACQUINOT BAY | 1 Dec 44 | 0800 | Nos.1, 2 and 3 Mech Equip Platoons fully engaged on road con- | W.3008 and W.3009 dated |
| | | | struction at PALMALMAL PLANTATION, JACQUINOT BAY. Company | 1 Dec 44. |
| | | | working two shifts from 0530 hrs to 1730 hrs seven days per week. | Routine Orders Part I:- |
| JACQUINOT BAY | 5 Dec 44 | 1100 | Clearing started by No.1 ME Platoon on proposed airstrip. | Serial 29/44 of 4 Dec 44 |
| | | | Area 6,000 ft by 500 ft of dense jungle. | Serial 30/44 of 11 Dec 44 |
| JACQUINOT BAY | 10 Dec 44 | 0800 | All platoons engaged on road work. Gravel pit opened in area. | Serial 31/44 of 18 Dec 44 |
| | | | Road to airstrip commenced. Workshops commenced operations. | Serial 32/44 of 24 Dec 44 |
| | | | Wet weather considerably delayed work on roads. | |
| JACQUINOT BAY | 18 Dec 44 | 0800 | Approximately two miles of roads constructed to date, also | |
| | | | building sites and hardstandings levelled. Advance party | |
| | | | arrives 23 days after main body. | |
| JACQUINOT BAY | 31 Dec 44 | 0800 | Weather still very wet. Health of troops good. | |
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[signature]
Major,
OC, 2/3 Aust Rly Const Coy (ME)

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Serial No.29/44
4th December 1944

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE
ROUTINE ORDERS PART I
BY
CAPTAIN C. YOUNG
OFFICER COMMANDING 2/3 AUST RLY CONST COY (MR)

INDISCRIMINATE USE OF FIREARMS AND EXPLOSIVES.

1. No member will discharge a firearm unless in the course of duty.
2. The use of explosives in harbour areas is prohibited without special authority for a distance of one mile from high water mark.

CAPTURED DOCUMENTS AND EQUIPMENT.

1. Any such articles held or found must be reported and delivered to G Branch HQ 5 Aust Base Sub-area for preliminary examination.
2. If considered of intelligence value, articles will be retained for further examination and, if considered advisable, forwarded to GS (Int) LHQ.
3. In all cases, a name and address may be left to which the article will be forwarded when no longer required by Intelligence.
4. Articles not sent out of the area will be returned to the finder if desired but, where articles are forwarded to LHQ, it is preferable that an address in Australia be provided to which they can be forwarded.

FOULING OF WATER USED FOR DRINKING.

1. It has been brought to the notice of HQ 5 Aust Base Sub-area that members of certain units under command are bathing in streams above points from which water is drawn. In other instances, personnel are washing clothes or carrying out ablutions and the water used is finding its way back into the streams, thus contaminating the drinking water for the area and endangering the health of troops.
2. Every care will be taken to ensure that water above drawing points is not polluted by personnel of this unit.
3. It is desired to draw attention to the absolute necessity of chlorinating all water used for drinking purposes. Recent cases of diarroea in the area have emphasised the importance of this action.

MOVEMENT OF PERSONNEL.

Marched out on detachment:

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| WX33193 | Lt | ROBERTSON | W.J. | Detached to HQ 5 Aust Div 3 Dec 44 |
| NX42295 | Sgt | TRENORDEN | O.W. | - do.- |
| NX94081 | Cpl | LOCKWOOD | W. | - do.- |
| VX130700 | L/Cpl | FERGUSON | K.R. | - do.- |
| QX24935 | Spr | GALLAGHER | G.F. | - do.- |
| QX24936 | Spr | GERSCHWITZ | M.D. | - do.- |
| QX19331 | Spr | PENNELL | H.J. | - do.- |
| QX18063 | Spr | KELLY | W.K. | - do.- |
| VX122966 | Spr | ODGERS | D.J. | - do.- |
| WX13663 | Spr | ABBOTT | G.G. | - do.- |
| VX109693 | Spr | SAW | H.T. | - do.- |
| NX136301 | Spr | BOARDMAN | H.T. | - do.- |
| NX18843 | Spr | ELLEM | S.J. | - do.- |
| NX91488 | Spr | FERGUSON | D.A. | - do.- |

Hospital Admission: (posted 'X' List)

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| NX86101 | Sgt | SPRAGUE | V.P. | Admitted 6 Aust Fd Amb. 23 Nov 44 |

Marched in ex detachment:

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| QX19421 | Spr | BROWN | W.C. | Ex 6 Aust Fd Amb, 30 Nov 44 |

Distribution: OC, No.1 Pl, No.2 Pl, No.3 Pl, PH Pl, TT Pl, 287 IAD, War Diary (2), Notice Board, File.

.....Capt,
OC, 2/3 Aust Rly Const Coy (MR)

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11th December, 1944

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE
ROUTINE ORDERS PART I
BY
CAPTAIN C. YOUNG
OFFICER COMMANDING 2/3 AUST RLY CONST COY (ME)

RE-SALE OF CANTEEN GOODS - PROHIBITION OF

1. The re-sale (except by messes and unit canteens) of any article or commodity of any nature originally purchased from Aust Army Canteen Services is prohibited.

INCOME TAX - MEMBERS WITH DEPENDANTS RESIDENT OVERSEAS.

1. The Income Tax Assessment Act provides for rebates of tax in respect of a taxpayer's dependants resident in Australia.
2. Where a member of the AMF has married while serving overseas, rebates may be claimed in respect of his wife, and of any children of the marriage, even if they are residing overseas. Such persons are, for this purpose, deemed to be domiciled in Australia.
3. No rebate will be allowed in respect of other dependants residing outside Australia.

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 unnecessary suffering and suspense through information contained in private correspondence from operational areas and which, in some cases, has proved to be inaccurate.

MOVEMENT OF PERSONNEL

'X' List Personnel Rejoined

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| NX86101 | A/Sgt | SPRAGUE | V.P. | Rejoined ex 6 Fd Amb 8 Dec 44 |

Marched out on detachment

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| NX90158 | Spr | KILPATRICK | G.H. | To 6 Fd Amb 5 Dec 44 |
| NX10129 | Sgt | CADDEN | C.J. | " " " " 7 Dec 44 |
| QX19380 | Spr | HEENAN | A.J. | " " " " 7 Dec 44 |

Marched in ex Detachment

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| NX90158 | Spr | KILPATRICK | G.H. | Ex 6 Fd Amb 9 Dec 44 |

Chas. Young
----------Capt,
OC, 2/3 Aust Rly Const Coy (ME)

Distribution:
OC
No.1 Platoon
" 2 "
" 3 "
PH "
TT "
287 Aust TAD
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15th December, 1944

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE
ROUTINE ORDERS PART I
BY
CAPTAIN C. YOUNG
OFFICER COMMANDING 2/3 AUST MLY CONST COY (MR)

DCM - SX25047 S/Sgt JOHNS M.R.

1. A DCM convened by Lieutenant-General Sir Leslie J. Morshead, commanding 1 Aust Corps, was held in the field on 21st day of November 1944 for the trial of SX25047 S/Sgt JOHNS M.R., 2/3 Aust Mly Const Coy (MR)

2. The accused was charged with:-

   A.. Sec 40 - WOAS conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline in that he in the field on 20 Oct 44 used Army Vehicle No.146252 without authority whereby damage to the extent of Five Pounds was caused to the said vehicle.

3. The Court found the accused guilty of the charge with the exception that the loss damage and expense occasioned the Commonwealth of Australia was in the sum of thirty six shillings and six pence (36/6).

4. The accused was sentenced to be severely reprimanded, and to be put under stoppages of pay until he has made good the sum of thirty six shillings and six pence (36/6) in respect of the loss and damage occasioned to the Commonwealth of Australia.

5. The accused was nil days in close arrest awaiting trial.

6. The finding and sentence were duly confirmed on the 27th day of November 1944 by Lieutenant-General Sir Leslie J. Morshead, Commanding 1 Aust Corps, and promulgated to the accused in the Field on the 5 December 1944.

FISHING EXCURSIONS ETC.

1. Any member of the company who intends to leave the area in a boat for the purpose of fishing, etc. must leave his name with his platoon orderly room with particulars of the intended trip.

2. No provision for compensation, pensions, etc. is made in the event of loss of life due to mishap on a boating expedition except when on duty.

REQUEST HOUR.

1. Request Hour will be held for the whole company at HQ every Tuesday at 1830 hours. Any member desiring to attend may do so between 1830 and 1930 hours.

CHURCH PARADES

1. The following Church Services are held every Sunday at time and place as stated:

   Church of England and Protestant Service followed by Communion

   0830 hrs — Base HQ
   1000 hrs — 1 Aust Inf Tps W/shop
   1715 hrs — 18 Aust AOD

   R.C. Church

   0930 hrs — Base HQ
   1730 hrs — 18 Aust AOD

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CHURCH PARADES (Contd.)

2. Any member not on duty may attend any of the foregoing parades if he so desires.

MOVEMENT OF PERSONNEL

Transfer Out

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| QX16980 | Spr | EDWARDS | J. | To 2/2 Aust Forestry Coy. | 15 Dec 44 |

Marched out on Detachment

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| NX23753 | Spr | O'SULLIVAN | T.C. | To 6 Fd Amb. | 11 Dec 44 |
| VX122966 | Spr | OSBORNE | D.J. | To 6 Fd Amb. | 14 Dec 44 |

Marched in ex Detachment

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| NX10129 | Sgt | CADDAN | C.J. | Ex 6 Fd Amb. | 11 Dec 44 |
| QX19380 | Spr | HAENAN | A.J. | Ex 6 Fd Amb. | 11 Dec 44 |
| WX33193 | Capt | ROBERTSON | W.J. | Ex HQ 5 Aust Div | 11 Dec 44 |
| QX13663 | Spr | ABBOTT | C.C. | - do.- | 11 Dec 44 |
| NX16843 | Spr | ALLEN | S.J. | - do.- | 11 Dec 44 |
| QX19331 | Spr | PENNELL | H.J. | - do.- | 11 Dec 44 |
| NX42295 | Sgt | TRANGRDEN | O.W. | - do.- | 12 Dec 44 |
| NX94081 | Cpl | LOCKWOOD | W. | - do.- | 12 Dec 44 |
| NX136301 | Spr | BOARDMAN | H.T. | - do.- | 12 Dec 44 |
| VX130700 | L/Cpl | FERGUSON | K.R. | - do.- | 12 Dec 44 |
| NX91488 | Spr | FERGUSON | D.A. | - do.- | 12 Dec 44 |
| QX18063 | Spr | KELLY | W.K. | - do.- | 12 Dec 44 |
| VX122966 | Spr | OSBORNE | D.J. | - do.- | 12 Dec 44 |
| VX109693 | Spr | SAW | R.T. | - do.- | 12 Dec 44 |
| QX24935 | Spr | GALLAGHER | G.P. | - do.- | 13 Dec 44 |
| QX24936 | Spr | GERSCHWITZ | H.D. | - do.- | 13 Dec 44 |

Thos. Young
.....Capt,
OC, 2/3 Aust Mtr Const Coy (MX)

Distribution:
OC
No.1 Platoon
" 2 "
" 3 "
PH & HQ Platoons
TF Platoon
287 Aust LAD
War Diary (2)
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File

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24th December 1944

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE
ROUTINE ORDERS PART I
BY
CAPTAIN C. YOUNG
OFFICER COMMANDING 2/3 AUST HVY CORPS COY (WE)

AIR RAID WARNINGS

1. The following information is promulgated for the benefit of all ranks:

(a) Air Raid red.
This will be given by firing three rounds in quick succession from a Bofors Gun in Wanung Plantation (in 5 Aust Div Area) and by two red Verey lights from RAF station (near HQ 5 Aust Base Sub-area).

(b) All clear.
Signified by one round from the same gun site and two white Verey lights from RAF station.

(c) Personnel will NOT take cover unless the senior officer present considers the area to be in imminent danger.

(d) At night, a full blackout will be enforced immediately upon receipt of an air raid warning.

2. The necessity for adequate protective measures is emphasised as the possibility of raids by hostile aircraft has by no means diminished.

DISCHARGE OF PERSONNEL FOR UNIVERSITY STUDY - YEAR 1945.

1.- War Cabinet has given approval for the discharge of personnel who desire to commence or resume University Courses in the 1945 University year, and whose discharge is recommended by the Manpower Directorate.

2. Personnel who desire to commence or resume University Courses in 1945 may obtain details of the necessary qualifications etc. at HQ Orderly Room and their applications for discharge for University study must reach the Orderly Room by 6 Jan 45.

MOVEMENTS OF PERSONNEL AND CASUALTY RETURN EXTRACTS FOR WEEK ENDING 23 Dec 44

1. Strength Decreases

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| WX33193 | Capt | ROBERTSON | W.J. | 30 Nov 44 | Re-posted to 25 Aust MT Pk Coy, MAE. |
| QX11976 | Spr | SUTTON | F.S. | 19 Dec 44 | T/ferred to CDS Q'ld L of C area for discharge |
| WX2428 | " | MARSH | T.K. | 20 Dec 44 | Evacuated to 2/7 AGH. Posted 'T' List. |

Strength Increases

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| QX10409 | Lt | MEPIN | F.P. | 30 Nov 44 | Re-posted from RAE (CW). Seconded for attendance SME 82/44 terminated 25 Nov 44. Not yet reported to unit |
| WX391 | " | PATTERSON | S.H. | 30 Nov 44 | Re-posted from RAE (Fd) 12 Aust Fd Coy. At present on leave |

Promotions and Appointments and Reversions

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| WX33193 | Lt | ROBERTSON | W.J. | 30 Nov 44 | Promoted Captain |
| WX26449 | A/S/Sgt | RUTHERFORD | J.P. | 19 Dec 44 | Reverted to substantive rank of Sgt. |

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Promotions and Appointments (Contd.)

| | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| NX165109 | Spr | LOWMAN | F. | 16 | Dec 44 | Appointed paid L/Cpl |
| NX85678 | Spr | TURNER | G.C. | 16 | Dec 44 | " " " |
| VX122965 | A/S/Sgt | BURNETT | C.E. | 20 | Dec 44 | Rank S/Sgt confirmed |

Leave Without Pay

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| NX18272 | Spr | LISLE | S.I. | 30 | Nov 44 | Rejoined ex 28 days LWOP. |

Promotions and Appointments

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| NX12126 | A/S/Sgt | DONALD | J. | 15 | Dec 44 | Rank S/Sgt confirmed |
| NX106536 | A/Cpl | ROACH | J.M. | 15 | Dec 44 | Rank Cpl confirmed. |

Marched in on Attachment

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| WX33193 | Capt | ROBERTSON | W.J. | 30 | Nov 44 | Attached pending movement to 25 Aust ME Pk Coy, RAE |

Marched in ex Detachment

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| NX23753 | Spr | O'SULLIVAN | T. | 19 | Dec 44 | Ex 6 Aust Fd Amb |
| VX122966 | Spr | ODGERS | D.J. | 21 | Dec 44 | " " " " " |
| NX12126 | S/Sgt | DONALD | J | 18 | Dec 44 | Ex Air Escort Duty |
| VX28490 | Spr | FULTON | J.A. | 18 | Dec 44 | - do.- |
| VX74920 | Spr | LIVSEY | J.M. | 18 | Dec 44 | - do.- |
| WX7901 | Spr | McDOUGALL | D.S. | 18 | Dec 44 | - do.- |
| NX9212 | Spr | McWHIRTER | F. | 18 | Dec 44 | - do.- |
| NX81028 | Spr | TICKLE | C.H. | 18 | Dec 44 | - do.- |
| QX17627 | Spr | WOLTMANN | V.D. | 18 | Dec 44 | - do.- |
| NX148695 | Lt | SUTHERLAND | J. | 23 | Dec 44 | Ex Escort Duty - ME Pool |
| QX25613 | Cpl | BLIGH | H.A. | 23 | Dec 44 | - do.- |

Marched out on Detachment

| | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| VX69310 | Spr | SULLIVAN | D.G. | 20 | Dec 44 | To 6 Aust Fd Amb |
| WX7319 | Spr | JACKMAN | F | 22 | Dec 44 | - do.- |

Chas. Young
----------Capt,
OC, 2/3 Aust Rly Const Coy (ME)

Distribution:

OC
No.1 Platoon
" 2 "
" 3 "
PH & HQ Platoons
T7 Platoon
287 Aust LAD
War Diary (2)
Notice Board
File

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# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 1 / 12 /194 4. 2/3 Aust Rly Const Coy (ME) (Unit)

W.E. 14 / 8 / 2. OFFRS. 2 O.R's. 232 + OFFRS. ..... O.R's. 14 ATT. BY W.E.

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

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

| Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2). | DETAIL | | A.I.F. | C.M.F. | A.W.A.S. | A.A.N.S. | A.A.M.W.S. | CIVIL. | R.A.N. | R.A.A.F. | * * | TOTAL. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | A. | | 6 | | | | | | | | | 6 |
| | E.(1) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | E.(2) | | NO B CLASS PERSONNEL IN STRENGTH | | | | | | | | | |

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

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

### OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

| Army No. | Rank. | Name and Initials. | Unit From. | Date. | CAUSE. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
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### OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

| Army No. | Rank. | Name and Initials. | Unit To. | Date. | CAUSE. |
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## PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO ..... (Unit) IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED. ...../...../194.....

| Army No. | Rank. | Name and Initials. | REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known). |
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2/3 Aust Rly Const Coy (ME) *Unit*

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## PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 1 / 12 /194 4 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held. | Army Number. | Surname. | Initials. | Posting. | Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No) | If not present with Unit, state how employed. | Date of Detachment. |
| | NX | | | | | | |
| CAPT | 12192 | YOUNG | C | CO | YES | | |
| | NX | | | | | | |
| " | 37255 | GIBSON | E.J.R. | FLOAT | YES | | |
| | NX | | | | | | |
| | 12750 | MAHONEY | M.D. | " | YES | | |
| | WX | | | | | | |
| LT. | 20198 | ROBERTSON | W.J. | " | YES | | |
| | VX | | | | | | |
| | 102429 | FRENCH | G.H. | " | NO | LEAVE | 19-12-44 |
| | NX | | | | | | |
| | 149655 | SUTHERLAND | J.C. | " | NO | ESCN DUTY | 25-12-44 |

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

| Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held. | Army Number. | Name and Initials. | Unit. | Date of Attachment. | Nature of Attachment. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | VX | | | | |
| CAPT | 50166 | HELDING, S. | 2/3 ARD | 8-11-44 | DUTY |
| | NX. | | | | |
| LT. | 200417 | FALCONER H. | NORTHERN DEPOT | 22-11-44 | DUTY. |
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1 DEC 44
*Date of Despatch*

*Signature of Commander* Capt.
Major
O.C. 2/3 Aust Rly Const Coy (M.E.)

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# FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

2/3 Aust Ry Const Coy (ME) ..... Unit

44/44 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 1/12/1944. 2/3 Aust Ry Const Coy (ME) (Unit)

W.E. IV/138/2. OFFRS. 8 O.R's 232 + OFFRS. ..... O.R's 14 ATT. BY W.E.

## Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED. | | | | | ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E. | | | | |
| Reinfts. Required. | Deficient W.E. | Surplus to W.E. | Posted Strength. | DETAIL. | Arm or Corps. | Posted Strength. | Surplus to W.E. | Deficient W.E. | Reinfts. Required. |
| | | | | W.Os. Class I. CPLS. | A.A.C.C. | 2 | | | |
| | | | 1 | W.Os. Class II. | | | | | |
| | | | 1 | Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts. | | | | | |
| | | | 4 | Staff Sergeants | | | | | |
| | | | 9 | Sergeants | A.A.C.C. | 1 | | | |
| | | | 19 | Corporals | POSTAL<br>A.A.M.C. | 1<br>1 | | | |
| 8 | 8 | 1 | 191 | Troopers, Privates, etc. | A.A.C.C. | 7 | | 1 | 1 NR |
| | | | | Civilians counting as O.R. | | | | | |
| 8 * | 8 | 1 | 225 * | Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2. | | 13 * | | 1 | 1 * |

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

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

| Detail | A.I.F. | C.M.F. Under 19 Years. | C.M.F. 19 Years and over. | A.W.A.S. | A.A.M.W.S. | CIVIL | R.A.N. | R.A.A.F. | * * | TOTAL. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| A | 238 | | | | | | [redacted] | [redacted] | | 238 |
| B(1) | | | | | | | | | | |
| B(2) | | | | | | | | | | |

NO. B CLASS. PERS. ON [redacted] STRENGTH

## Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

| Number of O.Rs. | Unit to which they belong | Number of O.Rs. | Unit to which they belong |
|---|---|---|---|
| 15 | L.A.D. | | |
| 1 | Postal Unit. | | |
| 1 | A.A.M.C. | | |
| 1 | A.A.O.C. | | |
| 10 | A.A.C.C. | | |

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

| Number of O.Rs. | Unit to which detached. | Number of O.Rs. | Unit to which detached. |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | | |

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

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

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## PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 1/12/1944.

| Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. | W.E. | Posted Strength. | Reinfts. Required. | Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.) | W.E. | Posted Strength. | Reinfts. Required. | Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.) | W.E. | Posted Strength. | Reinfts. Required. | Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.) | W.E. | Posted Strength. | Reinfts. Required. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ammunition Examiners | | | | Surveyors, Engineering | | | | Operating Room Assts. | | | | G.P.O. Assistants | | | |
| Armament Artificer Fitter | | | | Surveyors, R.A.A. | | | | Operator, Keyboard | | | | Hammermen | | | |
| Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical) | | | | Surveyors, Topographical | | | | Operator, Line | | | | Leather Stitchers | | | |
| Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.) | | | | Surveyors, Trigonometrical | | | | Operator, Signal | | | | Orderlies, Nursing | | | |
| Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.) | | | | Toolmakers | | | | Operator, Switchboard | | | | Orderlies, Nursing Mental | | | |
| Armament Artificer Instrument | | | | Turners | | | | Operator, Wireless | | | | Plate Layers | | | |
| Armament Artificer Radio | | | | Watchmakers | | | | Opticians | | | | Rangetakers | | | |
| Armament Artificer Signals | | | | Welders | 3 | 3 | | Painters | 1 | 2 | | Riveters | | | |
| Armament Artificer Wireless | | | | | | | | Panel Beaters | | | | Roughriders | | | |
| Artificer, Artillery | | | | | | | | Photographer, Dry Plate | | | | Saddlers | | | |
| Artificer, Engine | | | | | | | | Predictor Numbers | | | | Saddletree makers | | | |
| Blacksmiths | 1 | 1 | | | | | | Printers | | | | Shoemaker and Boot Repairer | | | |
| Bricklayers | | | | | | | | Radiographers | | | | Stevedores | | | |
| Computors | | | | | | | | Riggers | 1 | 1 | | Stokers, Staty. Engine | | | |
| Cooks, Hospital | | | | GROUP II. | | | | Sawyers | | | | Storemen, Technical | 5 | 4 | 1 NR |
| Coppersmiths | | | | Armourers | | | | Signallers | | | | Tailors | 1 | 1 | |
| Dispensers | | | | Axemen | | | | Signwriters | | | | Textile Refitters | | | |
| Draughtsmen | | | | Bakers | | | | Telescope Identfn. Numbers | | | | Tinsmiths | | | |
| Draughtsmen (Architectural) | | | | Bty. Comd's. Asst. | | | | Well Borers | | | | Vulcanizers | | | |
| Draughtsmen (Engineering) | | | | Boilermakers TGI | 1 | 1 | | Wheelers | | | | Wagon Erectors | | | |
| Draughtsmen (Mechanical) | | | | Carpenters | 1 | 1 | | Winchman | | | | Whitesmiths | | | |
| Draughtsmen (Topographical) | | | | Carpenters and Joiners | | | | Wireman | | | | M.C. ORDERLY | 1 | 1 | |
| Electricians | 1 | 1 | | Cooks | | | | Woodturners | | | | PIONEER | 1 | 1 | |
| Electricians (M.V.) | | | | Dental Mechanics | | | | | | | | WATER DUTIES | 1 | 1 | |
| Electricians (Signals) | | | | Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fitters ENGINE | 1 | 1 | | Driver-Operator | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fitters (Cycle) | | | | Drainers | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fitters (Electrical) | | | | Electricians | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fitters (Gun) | | | | Electricians (Engineers) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fitters (Instrument) | | | | Fire Control Operators | | | | GROUP III. | | | | DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN. | | | |
| Fitters (M.V.) M.E. | 8 | 7 | 1 NR | Gun Operator | | | | Battery Surveyors | | | | C.S.M. W.O.II | 1 | 1 | |
| Fitters, Railway Signal | | | | Hatchman | | | | Butchers | | | | S/SGTS | 5 | 5 | |
| Fitters, Signals | | | | Height Taker | | | | Clerks | 4 | 4 | | C.Q.M. Room SGT | 1 | 1 | |
| Grinder, Precision | | | | Helio Operator | | | | Clerks, Supply | | | | TRANS. CPLS | 2 | 2 | |
| Mechanics, Instrument | | | | Instrument Operator | | | | Clerks, Technical | | | | BATMAN. | 1 | 1 | |
| Mechanics, Instrument (Signals) | | | | Intelligence Duties | | | | Coach Trimmers | | | | BATMAN-DVRS | 7 | 7 | |
| Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical) | | | | Joiners | | | | Concretors | | | | DRIVERS. MT. | 60 | 56 | 4 |
| Mechanics, Radio | | | | Lineman | | | | Cooks | | | | HYGIENE | 1 | 1 | |
| Mechanics, Typewriter | | | | Lineman, Signals | | | | Dental Clerk Orderlies | | | | SGTS | 8 | 2 | |
| Mechanics, Wireless | | | | Lithographers | | | | Despatch Riders | | | | ATTACHED BY W.E. | | | |
| Millwrights | | | | Machinists, Metal | | | | Draughtsmen, Signals | | | | A.A.M.C. CPL | 1 | 1 | |
| Operators, Excavator | 86 | 96 | | Machinists, Wood | | | | Drivers, H.T. | | | | POSTAL CPL | 1 | 1 | |
| Pattern Maker | | | | Masons | | | | Driver Mechanics | 16 | 15 | 1 NR | A.A.C.C. SGT. | 1 | 1 | |
| Pharmacist | | | | Masseurs | | | | Driver Tptn. Plant | | | | CPLS | 2 | 2 | |
| Photographer, Wet Plate | | | | Mechanics, M.T. ENG. | 12 | 12 | | Engine Hands, I.C. | | | | COOKS | 8 | 7 | 1 NR |
| Photowriter | | | | Miners | | | | Equipment Repairers | | | | A.A.O.C. | 1 | | |
| Plumber | | | | Moulders | | | | Farriers | | | | SHOEMAKER | 1 | 1 | |
| Saw Doctors | | | | Nurses, Trained | | | | Fitters' Mates | | | | | | | |
| Surveyors | 1 | 1 | | Observation Post Assts. | | | | Gun Layers | | | | | | | |
| CARRIED FORWARD | 98 | 97 | 1 | CARRIED FORWARD | 115 | 114 | 1 | CARRIED FORWARD | 137 | 125 | 3 | Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively. | 246 | 228 * | 9 * |

NOTES.—(a) If rank other than private is involved give details on back.
(b) Authorised trades or specialists not included in list will be added as required in spaces provided.
(c) Where A.W.A.S. and/or A.A.M.W.S. personnel are desired show details on back.
(d) Where replacement not desired note accordingly on return by insertion of N.R. in col. "Reints. Required."
(e) Where any request or notation is made on back of form, the words "See Back" should be written in one of the blank spaces on this page.

1 DEC 44
Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander ..... Major
O.C. 2/3 Aust Ry Const Coy (M.E.)

* INCLUDES 12 POTENTIAL OPERATORS NOT YET TRADE GROUPED.

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CPLS INCLUDED UNDER VARIOUS TRADE GROUPINGS.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| CPL | OPERATORS | 6 |
| CPL. | TAILOR. | 1. |
| CPL. | CLERK | 1 |
| CPL. | STOREMAN | 1 |
| CPL. | MT DRIVERS. | 8. |
| | | 17. |
| TRANS. CPLS SHOWN SEPARATELY. | | 2 |
| NO. OF CPLS. ON STRENGTH. | | 19 |

PERSONNEL POSTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH G.R.O. A187/1944

NIL.