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WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Army Form C. 2118 (adapted,)

H. 100M 2/42

Unit HQ 4 Aust Armd Bde *Date and Time.—From* 1 May 43 *To* 7 May 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Singleton NSW	1 May	1230	Col Garratt, "G"AFV, visited Bde HQ and witnessed demonstration of indirect fire from 75mm gun of M3 Medium tank, and inspected suggested inventions and improvements to existing equipment.	
			LHQ message S.D.29229 received. Warning order of impending move of the Bde from present location to CABOOLTURE area. 1 Sqn 1 Aust Army Tank Bn plus det Wkshops to move to RAVENSHOE.	
	4 "	1100	Maj-Gen R.H.DewingC.B.,C.B.E.,D.S.O.,M.C., and Lt.Col H.B.Smith of British Military Mission visited Bde HQ and inspected unit training.	
			O.T.U. R.A.A.F. WILLIAMTOWN supplied sets of vertical and oblique ~~aerial photographs of PT STEPHENS area which are to be used for~~ training purposes.	
	5 "		Maj.Gen Dewing left Bde HQ for SYDNEY.	
			Jeep D & M cadre for selected personnel from all units commenced at 2/9 Aust Armd Regt.	
		1230	Lt.Col C.R.Hodgson, formerly C O 2/6 Aust Armd Regt, who was wounded in action at BUNA in Dec 42, visited Bde HQ.	
	6 "		VX 14742, Lt.Col A.E.McIntyre arrived to take command 2/9 Aust Armd Regt	Appx (9)
			Personnel of 1 Aust Army Tank Bn and 2/9 Aust Armd Regt,less rear parties, commenced Home Leave.	
	7 "	1200	Bde I O commenced Home Leave.	
		1200	~~Lt.Col C.R.Hodgson left Bde HQ after 2 day visit.~~	

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H. 100M 2/42

Unit HQ 4 Aust Armd Bde *Date and Time.—From* 7 May 43 *To* 17 May 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Singleton NSW	9 May		Bde Trg Instruction No 2, setting out chain of resposibility for Unit Maintenance System, issued to units.	Appx (1)
			Col Garratt,"G"AFV, arrived at Bde HQ on inspection visit.	
			Lt.Col J.B.McBean, C O 2/6 Aust Armd Regt, arrived from NEW GUINEA and reported to Bde HQ. Lt.Col McBean was appointed to command this Regt on 2 Mar 43 to replace Lt.Col C.R.Hodgson who became a casualty in the BUNA engagement in Dec 42.	Appx (8)
	10 "	1030	Bde Comd and Staff Captain left for LHQ to arrange details of movement of the Bde to CABOOLTURE, Queensland L of C Area.	
		"	Col Garratt left for LHQ.	
		"	Lt.Col McBean commenced Home Leave.	
	13 "		~~Four officers arrived from HQ NSW L of C Area to conduct DP1~~ inspection of Bde personnel.	
			~~Bde Movement Order No 1, concerning movement to CABOOLTURE,~~ distributed to all concerned.	Appx (2)
			B A S C O returned from Home Leave;	
	14 "		LHQ SM 11829, re Movement 4 Aust Armd Bde SINGLETON to CABOOLTURE area, ~~and Movement 1 Sqn 1 Aust Army Tank Bn plus det 4 Aust Armd~~ Bde Wkshops AEME SINGLETON to RAVENSHOE, received at this HQ.	Appx (3)
		1230	Bde I O returned from leave.	
		1600	Staff Captain returned from visit to LHQ.	
		1600	Brig Main, RAE Second Aust Army, visited Bde HQ and discussed transporters with B M.	
		2100	I O and B A S C O left by rail for BRISBANE, I O to select unit areas and obtain maps and B A S C O to handle supply problems.	
	17 "		Movement of the Bde to CABOOLTURE area commenced with the depart -ure of advance parties of all units with the exception of 2/6 Aust Armd Regt which is already in Queensland L of C Area.	

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Army Form C. 2118 (adapted,)

H. 100M 2/42 *Unit* HQ 4 Aust Armd Bde *Date and Time.—From* 17 May 43 *To* 22 May 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Singleton NSW	17 May		Marshalling officers(2) were appointed and loading continued for 7 days (25 trains). Conditions were not made easy by continual rain over the whole period of the loading. Three trains were loaded each day. A Movement Control representative (Capt Couch) remained in the Bde area and supervised movement. His presence enabled decisions to be made without reference to SYDNEY, and as changes in loading tables were made hourly because varying lengths of "flat tops" could not apparently be avoided by the Railways, these decisions were many and saved valuable time. Rail movement was to schedule and without incident. Road convoy of 61 vehicles covered the distance in 3 days, but this distance will be avoided in future as overdriving of heavy workshop vehicles was necessary to keep to the schedule laid down by Movement Control Group.	
	18 "		Memo No 005659 from HQ Movement Control BRISBANE, re movement of 4 Aust Armd Bde from CLAPHAM to CABOOLTURE, received .	Appx (5)
	19 "		LHQ SM 12141 re disbanding of 22 Aust Mot Regt received. Approval granted for S O to select 125 AIF personnel to complete W E of units of this Bde	Appx (6)
	21 "		Memo SD 2682 from Landops received. 1 Sqn of 1 Aust Army Tank Bn NOT to move to ATHERTON.(Destination previously advised as RAVENSHOE, see 1 May)1 Sqn of 2/9 Aust Armd Regt, det 4 Aust Armd Bde Wkshops AEME and det 4 Aust Armd Bde Sig Sqn to move to ATHERTON and come under command II Aust Corps on arrival. Second Aust Army Adm Instruction No 81 received concerning movement to CABOOLTURE area of 1 pl (less 2 secs)5 Aust Tank Transporter Coy.	Appx (7)
	22 "		Bde I O left for NEW GUINEA by air from ARCHERFIELD on tour of observation.	

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Army Form C. 2118 (adapted,)

H. 100M 2/42 *Unit* HQ 4 Aust Armd Bde *Date and Time.—From* 22 May 43 *To* 31 May 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Singleton NSW	24 May	1200	Bde HQ closed SINGLETON.	
Caboolture.Q.		1200	Bde HQ opened CABOOLTURE.	
	25 "		Movement to CABOOLTURE completed less 250 personnel of 2/9 Aust Armd Regt not yet returned from interstate leave.	
	26 "	1730	B M returned from leave.	
		2000	Bde Comd returned from visit to Adv LHQ	
	30 "		U.S.A. Heroes Day observed by short ceremony at Bde HQ.	

Brig.
(D.MacArthur Onslow)
Comd 4 Aust Armd Bde

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War Diary

Appx (1)

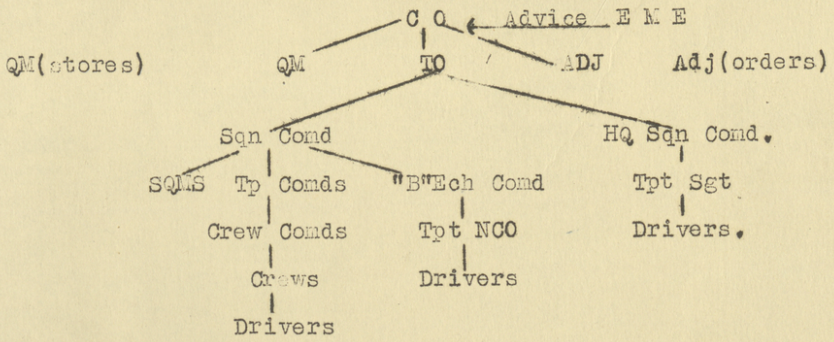
4 AUST ARMD BDE TRG INSTN NO 2.

9 May 43.

UNIT MAINTENANCE SYSTEM.

The undermentioned instruction of chain of responsibility by Major LEIGH 44 R T R will be adopted throughout this Bde.

Chain of Responsibility.



DUTIES.

1. The type of maintenance under discussion is unit maintenance. Mainly preventive in character. It is nothing to do with the A E M E. It is a unit responsibility. The E M E's part in it is advisory.

2. The C O.
The C O is responsible for the efficient state of all his vehicles in peace and war. In this he will be guided by the advice of the E M E attached to his unit for the purpose.

3. The Technical Officer.
He is the C O's staff officer, will keep him informed of the state of his vehicles and equipment.
In order to do this he will:-
(i) Review the inspection reports each month and will bring to notice any items of an exceptional nature which require attention, will see that all units maintenance items are acted upon.
(ii) He will maintain a close liaison with Sqn Comds helping them with the D & M training of their personnel and the maintenance of their vehicles.
(iii) He will organise the unit D & M School, and will assist Sqn Comds in the organisation of any D & M Courses within Sqn.
(iv) He will supervise the trade testing of drivers M T and Tk drivers
(v) He will train Driver Mechs in all duties within his scope. He may be assisted in this by the E M E who will run classes in simple fitting and the non difficult adjustments.
(vi) Arrange trade tests for driver mechs.
(vii) He will keep a check on the maintenance and proper use of the unit transport. He will review the G 25 on monthly vehicle log sheet each month in order to check on excessive consumption and irregular use.
(viii) He will maintain a close liaison with the E M E.
(ix) He will maintain a close liaison with the Q M in relation to the technical supplies necessary for maintenance and the supply of equipment.
(x) He will maintain a close liaison with the Adjutant in order to ensure that all orders and instructions essential to proper maintenance are promulgated to all concerned, reach all ranks and are acted upon.

4. The Q M.
(i) Is responsible to the C O for ensuring that all supplies necessary to maintenance are available.

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4. The O M (contd)
(ii) That deficient equipment is made up and lost equipment is replaced and paid for.
(iii) That defective equipment is replaced.
(iv) That the proper procedure in the transfer and receipt of vehs is carried out.

5. The Sqn Comd.
(i) Is responsible to the C O for the efficient state of all his vehs.
(ii) Is responsible with the assistance of the T O and unit D & M training cadre for training his officers, NCO's and men in correct methods of maintenance.
(iii) He will investigate the cause of all failures or breakdowns and if satisfied that the failure was due to neglect take disciplinary action.

6. The Tp Ldr.
(i) Is responsible to his Sqn Comd that all his drivers are trained to the standard required.
(ii) That the vehs are kept in an efficient state.
(iii) He will supervise all maintenance carried out by his crews and ensure that no work outside the drivers scope is started without consulting T O or E M E.
(iv) He will inspect all the vehicles on his charge each month and will personnaly ascertain that all defects noted have been satisfactorily remedied.
(v) Where mech failure results from neglect, malpractice or misuse he will take disciplinary action.

7. The Crew Comd.
(i) Is directly responsible that the driver and crew perform their maintenance duties and that the vehicle is kept fighting fit.
(ii) He will normally take charge of and direct the maintenance work of the crews.
(iv) When a veh carries no crew comd the driver will be responsible direct to his sub-unit comd.

8. The Adj.
The Adj will issue executive orders about maintenance on the advice of the T O, E M E and with the concurrence of the C O and if it is reported by E M E or T O that these orders are not being carried out he will take the necessary action. He will ensure that T O and E M E receive the fullest support in the carrying out of their duties.

10. The Driver.
(i) Working with the crew he is responsible for the lubrication, cleanliness and daily inspection of his vehicle.
(ii) He is responsible for the safe custody and good condition of all the tools and equipment on his charge.
(iii) He will carry out such adjustments and change of components as are laid down as part of his duties.
(iv) If uncertain as to correct procedure he will report at once to his immediate superior and await advice or assistance.
(v) He will accompany the veh to workshops in order to look after the equipment and assist the fitters working on it.

11. The Essentials of a good Maintenance System are:-
(i) A keen sense of responsibility and sound practical knowledge of the subject by all conds and drivers, plus a determination to maintain the fighting strength of the unit at all times.
(ii) A systematic inspection of all vehs at frequent intervals with prompt attention to all points found defective.
(iii) A determiantion to leave well alone and never tinker with a component unless there is a genuine reason for it.
(iv) Advice and help by the T O and E M E and assistance by the fitter personnel. (The E M E should train some of his staff in instruction).

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11. The Essentials of a good Maintenance System are:-(contd)
(v) Rigid maintenance discipline and a prompt investigation into the cause of all mech failures.

12. The Inspection System.
The object of the inspection system are as follows:-
(i) to ensure that maintenance is being carried out.
(ii) to ensure that where faults are found they are receiving prompt attention.
(iii) to ensure that all personnel see, at least once per month a report on every vehicle on their charge.
(iv) to ensure that all ranks realise that the comd takes a personal interest in maintenance and this increase their maintenance consciousness.

13. Type of Inspection.
(i) Daily inspection(under supervision of crew comd). The driver and crew inspect the vehicle everyday - carry out all necessary maintenance and report defects outside their scope.
(ii) Tp Comds weekly inspection.
Each week the Tp Comd inspects each tank, accompanied by the Crew Comd.

14. Sqn Monthly Inspection.
At least once per month every vehicle on Sqn charge will be inspected by an officer. This is usually the Tp Comd and may coincide with one of his weekly inspections. Each month however, the Sqn Comd will personally inspect at least a few of his vehs. The report of that monthly inspection will be made on a proper form, which may be a CA but it is better to have a unit pro forma. A suitable pro forma is shown in Appx "A". These monthly inspections are the basis of the system and are seen by all concerned. The duties of everyone in relation to them are set out below:-

Action by Tp Ldr.
Inspects the vehicle in company with Crew Comd. He should space his inspections through the month in order to prevent congestion in the circulation of reports. On completion of inspection he hands the Crew Comd a list of jobs to be done by the crew. He then takes the report to Sqn Fitter Sgt and reports jobs he thinks require fitter attention. He then takes report to SQMS and reports equipment deficiencies and replacements required, when the crew has done the work required he enters it on report and passes report to Sqn Fitter Sgt.

Action by Crew.
Do the work required immediately.

Action by Sqn Fitter Sgt.
On receipt of report from Tp Comd he visits the vehicle and inspects the points noted and satisfies himself that they require his attention. In consultation with the Tp Ldr and possibly with Sqn Comd and E M E he decides on the priority to be given to each job. He then enters the jobs on his workshop job book and allots the work to his staff. Each member signs for each job done and gives the date. When the jobs are completed and he has taken all the immediate action possible he notes the action on the report and passes it to the Sqn Comd.

Action by Sqn Comd.
The Sqn Comd scrutinises the report. If satisfied he signs it and passes it to the T O. If not satisfied he returns it to Fitter Sgt or Tp Comd with his comments. He will keep a chart showing each report as received. This enables him to check that the monthly inspections are being carried out.

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14. Sqn Monthly Inspection. (contd)

Action by T O.
The T O scrutinises all reports as received from the Sqn. If satisfied that everything that can be done has been done he signs the report and passes it direct to the C O. In his office he will keep a chart showing veh Nos and types and the date on which they are inspected and which by a simple code shows the state of the veh.

A = fit
B = crew attention required
C = A E L E attention required
D - awaiting spares.

By means of this he will ensure that all vehs are being inspected. If this is not being done he will report the fact to the C O. See Appx "B".

Action by the C O.
The C O scrutinises the reports he receives from the T O and if satisfied he signs them, making any comments he wishes. If not satisfied he returns them to the T O for further action. When signed the reports are returned to the T O and then to the Sqn where they are inserted on the back of the A B 412 or 413 for the vehicle.

Note.
In the case of "B" Vehs. The responsibility for inspection lies with the Sqn comd through the Sqn "B" Echelon comd and the transport N C O. Exactly the same system of monthly inspection will be carried through in relation to "B" vehs as for "A" vehs.

Other Inspections.
In addition to the routine outlined above a number of irregularly spaced rapid inspections will be carried out by the C O, the TO and Sqn Cmds. These in general may consist of a rapid check over a number of selected vehs or a whole sqn. A few points may be rapidly selected and checked on each veh. This gives a good general picture of the state and keeps the crews on their toes. A short notice should usually be given. A complete surprise inspection may occasionally be undertaken.

Maj.
(F C TAYLOR),
B M, 4 Aust Armd Bde A I F.

APPENDIX "A".

Type..... W D No..... Sqn..... Date.....

Item or Gp	Points for attention	Condition	Action Taken	Signature	Date.

Remarks

Tp or Section Comd date
Sqn Comd "
T O "
C O

APPENDIX "B"

Veh No	Type	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Appx (2)

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

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H.Q. 4 Aust Armd Bde,
A I F AUSTRALIA.

13 May 43.

MOVEMENT ORDER NO. 1.

1. 4 Aust Armd Bde will move from present area to CABOOLTURE AREA and remain in L.H.Q. Reserve.

2. The Bde will move in :-

(i) Rail Parties
(ii) Out of gauge Vehicle Party

3. The out of gauge vehicle party will form the rear party of the Bde.

4. This order deals entirely with rail parties.

5. SECURITY. All Officers will take action to preserve secrecy regarding this movement. All ranks will be warned against disclosing information to civilians. Unit names or distinations will NOT be chalked on carriages or vehicles. Troops are NOT permitted to send telegrams or make 'phone calls during movement.

6. DISCIPLINE. Unit Commands will remind all ranks that on occassions such as this they pass through closely populated districts and that their behavior is under the critical eye of the civilian population. A thoughtless or stupid act can do much to injure the good name of their Unit and Bde.

7. ADMINISTRATION. Train time tables and administrative details will be issued later.

8. COMPOSITION OF TRAINS. Appendix "A" details composition of trains and time of departure from Singleton.

9. LOADING. All M.T. and Tanks will be loaded onto flat-tops as soon as same are made available. Bde H.Q. will signal Units when flat-tops are available.

10. O's C TRAINS. All O's C. Trains will make themselves familar with "Appendix "E" Standing Orders for Movement within Australia and Its Territories".

Major.
(F C TAYLOR)
B M 4 Aust Armd Bde, AIF.

Distribution

ALL UNITS (List A)
Movement Control, Sydney.
R.T.O. Singleton.

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Most secret. ADVANCE PARTY. APPENDIX A (1)

TRAIN NO.	TIME DEPART SINGLETON.	UNIT.	COMPOSITION. PERS. Off	OR.	VEHS.	O.C. TRAIN.	STORE SPACE.	REMARKS.
X2.	0845 D1.	Bde. HQ.	1	2	1 Jeep.	Major LeLievre	I Brake Van.	(1) M/C will be loaded into brake van.
		1 Aust Army Tank Bn.	2.	34.	5 x 3 ton. 1 x 3 ton water [illegible]			(2) Units will note amendment to Staff Table submitted for Advance Party in case of 1 Army Tank Bn Bde Sqn Sigs Pro Pl.
		2/9 Aust Armd Regt.	1	10	2 x 15 cwt 2 Jeeps.			
		4 Aust Armd Bde Coy AASC	4.	37	1 x 15 cwt 4 x 3 ton 1 x 12 cwt.			
		5 Aust Fd Sqn RAE	2.	30	... 1 x 15 cwt 2 x 2 ton 3 Jeeps 2 trailer			
		6 Aust Lt Fd Amb	1	3	1 Jeep -			
		4 Aust Armd Bde Workshop.	1	27	3 x 15 cwt 1 x 15 W/T 2 Jeeps 1 Trailer 1 M/C			
		4 Aust Armd Bde Sig Sqn.	1	7	... 2 x 15 cwt.			
		4 Aust Armd Bde Ord Fd Park.	-	8	1 Jeep 2 x 15 cwt. 1 x 3 ton.			
		T Aust F.S.S.		2	2 M/C.			
		4 Aust Armd Pro Pl		2	4 M/C.			
		Postal Unit.		2	-			
		72 Dental Unit			-			
		Cash Office.						
		TOTAL	14.	167.				

TRAIN NO.	TIME DEPART SINGLETON.	COMPOSITION OF TRAIN. UNIT.	PERS. Off.	OR.	VEHS.	O.C. Train.	STORE. SPACE	Remarks.
X4.	1845 hrs D1.	5 Aust Fd Sqn RAE	3	165	10 x 3 ton 15 x 15 cwt 13 Jeeps.	Capt Nettle.	1 Brake Van	
X2.	0030 hrs D2.	5 Aust Fd Sqn RAE	2	45	2 x 15cwt W/T 5 x 3 ton 4 x 30cwt 2 x 15cwt 2 Trailers.	Capt Christopherson.	1 Brake Van	
		4 Aust Armd Bde Sig Sqn.	2	67	1 x 3 ton 2 x 1 ton 5 Jeeps 4 x 15cwt			
		~~72 Aust Dental Unit~~	~~7~~	~~26~~	~~2 x 3 ton~~ ~~1 x 30cwt.~~			
X4	0845 hrs D2.	1 Aust Army Tank Bn	2	34	11 Matildas.	Detailed by C.O. 1 Aust Army Tank Bn	1 Brake Van	
X5	1845 hrs D2.	1 Aust Army Tank Bn	7	140	16 Flat Tops to be loaded by 1 Aust Army Tank Bn M T	Lt Col. Glasgow.	1 Brake Van	

TRAIN NO.	TIME DEPART SINGLETON	COMPOSITION OF TRAIN UNIT	PERS. Off.	PERS. OR.	VEHS	O.C. TRAIN	STORE. SPACE	REMARKS
X2.	0030 hrs D3.	1 Aust Army Tk Bn	7	140	16 Flat Tops to be loaded by 1 Aust Army Tank Bn M T.	To be detailed by 1 Aust Army Tank Bn.	1 Brake Van	
		A.A.S.C Coy	1	10	2 Flat			
X4.	0845 hrs D3	1 Aust Army Tk Bn	2	34	11 Matildas	To be detailed by 1 Aust Army Tk Bn.	1 Brake Van	
X5.	1845 hrs D3	1 Aust Army Tk Bn	2	34	11 Matildas	To be detailed by 1 Aust Army Tk Bn.	1 Brake Van	
X2	0030 hrs D4	1 Aust Army Tk Bn	7	140	19 Flat Tops to be loaded by 1 Aust Army Tk Bn.	To be detailed by 1 Aust Army Tk Bn.	1 Brake Van	
		4 Aust Armd Bde Wkshop		10	1 Flat Top to be loaded by WS			
		4 Aust Armd Bde AASC	1	12	2 Flat Top to be loaded by AASC.			
X4	0845 hrs D4	6 Aust Lt Fd Amb	8	150	14 Flat Tops to be loaded by Fd Amb.	Lt.-Col Janes	1 Brake Van	
		4 Armd Bde Wkshop	1	12	2 Flat Tops to be loaded by Workshops.			

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TRAIN NO.	TIME DEPART SINGLETON	COMPOSITION OF TRAIN UNIT	PERS Off.	PERS OR.	VEHS	O.C. Train	STORE. SPACE	Remarks.
X5	1845 hrs D4	1 Aust Army Tk Bn	2	34	11 Matildas	To be detailed by 1 Aust Army Tk Bn.	1 Brake Van	
X2	0300 hrs D5	4 Aust Armd Bde W/S	4	157	16 Flat Tops to be loaded with W/S MT.	Major Miller	1 Brake Van	
X4	0845 hrs D5	1 Aust Army Tk Bn	2	34	11 Matildas	to be detailed by 1 Army Tk Bn	1 Brake Van	
X5	1845 hrs D5	1 Aust Army Tk Bn	2	34	11 Matildas	to be detailed by 1 Army Tk Bn	1 Brake Van	
X2	0300 hrs D6	4 Aust Armd Bde AASC	3	130	16 Flat Tops to be loaded with AASC MT.	to be detailed by AASC.	1 Brake Van	
X4	0845 hrs D6	4 Aust Armd Bde AASC	3	130	16 Flat Tops to be loaded with AASC MT	to be detailed by AASC	1 Brake Van	
X5	1845 hrs D6	1 Aust Army Tk Bn	1	3	1 Matildas	to be detailed by 2/9 Regt	1 Brake Van	
		2/9 Aust Regt	2	31	10 M3 Grant			

TRAIN NO.	TIME DEPART SINGLETON.	COMPOSITION OF TRAIN. UNIT.	PERS. Off	PERS. OR.	VEHS.	O. C TRAIN	STORE SPACE.	REMARKS.
X2.	0015 D7.	4 Aust Armd Bde Coy AASC.	3	84	I6 Flat tops loaded with AASC M T	Capt Scott. AASC.	I Brake Van	
		Rear Party 6 Aust Lt Fd Amb	-	6	I2 M/Cs.			
		" " I Aust Army Tk Bn	I	I4				
		Bde HQ party.	6	36				10x/26
X4	0830 D7	2/9 Aust Armd Regt	2	34	II Grants.	To be detailed by 2/9 Aust Armd Regt	I Brake Van	1x25
X5	I830 D7	4 Aust Armd Bde Wshop		I	I I5cwt.			
		4 Aust Armd Bde Ord FD. PK.	I	20	I3 flat tops for Ord Fd Pk & Vehicle pool.	Lt Hoskins Ord. Fd. Pk.	I Brake Van	
		Rear Party 5 Aust Fd Sqn.	I	7				
		Rear Party Bde AASC	I	7	I Jeep,		2 cars	9x77
		Bde Band.	I	23	2 x 3 tonners.			
		72 Aust Dental Unit.	4	I5	IXI2cwt.			
X2.	0015 D8	Bde Postal. Bde Pro Pl. FSS Bde HQ Bde Sigs Rear Party)	2	60	I6 Flat tops for Bde.	Lieut James. Bde HQ.	I Brake Van 2 cars	2x60
X4	0830 D3	2/9 Aust Armd Regt (For Ravenshoe)	2	34	II Matildas.	Detailed by 2/9 Aust Armd Regt.	I Brake Van	

NOTE. On arrival CLAPHAM MT will proceed by road to destination. Guides will be provided by Qld L of C Area Tanks and surplus personnel will change gauge and proceed by rail.

TRAIN NO	TRAIN DEPART SINGLETON	UNIT.	COMPOSITION OF TRAIN Off	OR	Veh.	O C Train	Store Space	Remarks.
X4	0830 D8	2/9 Aust Armd Regt (for Caboolture)	9	220	I6 Flat tops for MT 2/9 Armd Regt	Detailed by 2/9 Regt.	I Brake Van	
X5	I830 D8	2/9 Aust Armd Regt (NOT for Caboolture)	2	34	II Grants.	Ditto.	Ditto	
X2	0015 D9	Bde W/Shop det. (NOT for Caboolture)	I	22	6 x I5 Cwt GS I x I5 Cwt W/T	Ditto 4 Flat tops		
		2/9 Aust Armd Regt (NOT for Caboolture)	-	8	2 x I5 Cwt 2 Jeeps			
		2/9 Aust Armd Regt (for Caboolture)	9	200	(I2 flats for MT (2/9 Regt.			
X4	0830 D9	2/9 Aust Armd Regt (NOT for Caboolture)	6	I36	5 Grants I0 x 3 tonners I Mob Cooker	Ditto 6 M T Flats		
		2/9 Aust Armd Regt (For Caboolture)	I	50				
X5	TRAIN	NOT GOING.						ALL CHANGE.

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ALLIED LAND FORCES IN S.W. PACIFIC AREA
(Quartermaster-General)

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H.Q. N.S.W. L of C Area	(3)	1 Aust Movt Cont Gp	(3)
H.Q. Q'Land " "	(3)	3 " " " "	(3)
H.Q. First Aust Army	(3)	H.Q. 4 Armd Bde	
H.Q. Second Aust Army	(3)		
Adv. L.H.Q.			

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MOVEMENT 4 ARMD BDE

Ref SD29229 of May 1st 1943 the following units will move in accordance with following timetable and instructions:

(1) Singleton to Caboolture - Toorbul Point Area

HQ 4 Aust Armd Bde
1 Aust Army Tank Bn (less one Sqn)
209 Aust LAD
5 Aust Fd Sqn
4 Aus t Armd Bde Sig Sqn
4 Aust Armd Bde Cipher Sec
4 Aust Armd Bde Coy AASC
8 Aust Lt Fd Amb
4 Aust Armd Bde Gp W/shop (less Det)
4 Aust Armd Bde Cash Office
4 Aus t Armd Bde Pro. Pl.
T Aust Fd Security Sec
72 Aust Dental Unit

2. Singleton to Ravenshoe

One Sqn 1 Aust Army Tank Bn.
Det 4 Aust Armd Bde Wk/shop.

3. LOADING TABLE

3200 Personnel
500 MT or equivalent
66 Tanks Matilda
52 Tanks M3
43 M/Cycles
160 tons stores

Above will be accommodated in standard trains of following consist

(a) M.T. Trains - 16

5 Passenger Cars
16 Flats (32 M.T. or equivalent)
190 personnel in cars and on M.T.)
Brake Van stores

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(b) Tank Trains - 10

Passenger Car (30 personnel)
11 Flats loaded with 11 tanks

(c) Tank Train - 1

Passenger Car (30 personnel
8 Flats loaded with 8 tanks

4. ADVANCE PARTY - A small adv party from each unit will proceed to destination as arranged No. 1 Aust Movt Control Gp.

5. TIMETABLES

Trains will depart Singleton at rate of three trains per day commencing on Monday June 17th and will run according to following schedule:

		Day 1	Day 1	Day 1
Singleton	dep	0030	0845	1845
Gloucester	arr		1426	
	dep		1540	
				Day 2
Taree	arr	0835	1727	0530
	dep	0925	1825	0620
Nempsey	arr	1245		
	dep	1330		
			Day 2	
Goffs Harbour	arr	1717		1319
	dep	1810		1407
Sth Grafton	arr		0630	1820
	dep		0810	1855
Casino	arr		1300	
	dep		1355	
		Day 2		Day 3
Clapham	arr	0825	2017	0541

Carton lunch for Evening meal will be placed on trains on 2nd schedule at Casino.

Trains will run by type (para 3 sub-paras (a), (b), (c)) on the following dates:

Monday 17/5 - 0845 (first train))
1845) M.T.

Tuesday 18/5 - 0030 M.T.
0845 Tank
1845 M.T.

Wed 19/5 - M.T.)
Tank) Times as for 18/5
Tank)

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Thur 20/5	M.T.) M.T.) Tank)	times as for 18/5
Fri 21/5	M.T.) Tank) Tank)	" " " "
Sat 22/6	M.T.) M.T.) TANK)	" " " "
Sun 23/5	M.T.) Tank) Tank)	" " " "
Mon 24/5	M.T.) M.T.) Tank)	" " " "
Tues 25/5	M.T.) Tank) M.T.)	" " " "

6. Detailed Mov ement Orders will be issued by No. 1 Aust Movt Control Group who will report progress to this H.Q.

7. Onmovement of units mentioned in para 2 will be arranged by 3 Aust Movt Cont Gp.

8. Out of gauge vehicles will be s ubject of further instructions.

9. ACK.

Major-General,
QUARTERMASTER-GENERAL.

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MOVEMENT ORDER No. 1267 7988

H.Q. 4 AUST ARMD BDE. (20 Copies)

MOVEMENT - 4 AUST ARMD BDE & ATTACHED TROOPS.
REF: Landforces SD29229 dated 1 MAY 43.

The following timetable and instructions are issued in confirmation of arrangements made for the move by RAIL of Units detailed in Appendix "A" from present location to CLAPHAM for on move.

2. MOVEMENT: Will be made by twenty-six (26) Special Standard Trains as set out in Appendix "B".

3. ORDER OF MOVE: Will be made as follows:- Serials, 6, 7, 8, 10, 12, 16, 15, 14, 13, 11, 17, 9, 4, 5, 2, 3, 18, 1.

4. TIMETABLE: Flat Top rail wagons for Trains X2 and X4 will be available at SINGLETON Railway Station for loading of M/T vehicles and Tanks day previous to departure. Train X5 will be loaded on day of departure.

Special Trains depart SINGLETON in accordance with Appendix "B" and run on timings indicated in Appendix "C".

5. RAIL WARRANTS: Bulk Rail Warrants (2nd Class) will be issued by RTO Singleton covering travel of all personnel entrained to destination.

SERIALS 1-17 inclusive - CLAPHAM
" 18 - RAVENSHOE

6. CONSIGNMENT NOTES: Will be issued by RTO Singleton covering all M/T vehicles, Tanks and Stores loaded to destination.

SERIALS 1-17 inclusive - CLAPHAM
" 18 - RAVENSHOE

7. MEALS: Will be taken at Railway Refreshment Rooms indicated in time-table. Troops will use own messing utensils. OC Train will present AAF F59 to cover cost of all meals taken (Rate Meals 1/3 per head, Cartons 10d. per head) RTO Singleton will provide OC Train prior to departure with necessary AAF F59s and endorse same "Movement Order 1267 dated 14 May 43."

8. LASHINGS & LOADING: - of M/T will be made in accordance with Section 70 of Railway Manual (War) 1942. Ropes, lashings and other Railway Property must not be taken away from Railway premises. On completion of unloading, ropes etc. will be stacked as directed by RTO.

9. MEDICAL: The Services of one Medical Orderly to be made available on each Special Train.

10. DRINKING WATER: All ranks to entrain with full water bottles which are to be refilled en route as opportunity permits. The strictest economy is to be exercised in the use of water on trains. (LHQ Instn. 26/12/41)

11. RISK OF INJURY: Personnel to be instructed that on no account must they allow any portion of their bodies to protrude from carriages and vehicles in which they are riding. (LHQ Instn. 20923)

12. BAGGAGE: All ranks to take personal kit and equipment with them into compartments.

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13. OC TRAIN: Copies of Appendix "E", Part 1 of "Standing Orders for Movements within Australia and Its Territories (1942)" are enclosed, one (1) copy of which will be handed to respective OC Trains prior to departure, for their information and necessary action.

14. STRENGTH RETURNS: (AAF T51A) Four (4) copies of this return will be completed by respective OC Trains for all personnel and M/T vehicles entrained and loaded, to be distributed as under:-

2 Copies for OC Train who will retain one and deliver remaining copy to RTO Clapham on arrival.

2 Copies to RTO at Singleton who will retain one and forward remaining copy to this HQ.

15. OUT OF GAUGE VEHICLES: Separate instructions will be issued covering the movement of Out of Gauge Vehicles detailed in Appendix "A".

Encl. Appendix "A", "B", and "C".

CAPT.
for A. Q. M. G. (M)

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DISTRIBUTION:

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APPENDIX "A"

SERIAL.	UNIT	STRENGTH ALL RANKS	M.T. VEHICLES																OUT OF GAUGE
			Cars D.S.	6 Str Utility	Jeeps	12 Cwt, 15 Cwt and 1 Ton	Water Tank	Lorries 30 Cwt	Lorries 3 Ton	M3 Tanks M.	Carriers	Wiles Cookers	Trailers	Compressor	Trailers Water	MCs	Total in Gauge excl. MC	Stores Tons (d.w.)	
a.	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i	j	k	l	m		n	o	p	q	r	
1	HQ 4 Aust Armd Bde	103	2		9	16			6			1	1			4	34		
2	2/9 Aust Armd Regt. and Sig Troop attached	801	1	2	16	23	4		30	52		4				1	132	54	
3	2/95 Aust LAD				2	2			1								5		1 x 3 tonbreakdown 1 x " stores 1 x " garage
4	1 Aust Army Tk Bn (less 1 sqd)	468	1		9	34			30	40	3	2				2	119		1 x 3 ton stores 1 x " B'down 1 x " garage 1 x 15 cwt wireless
5	209 Aust LAD																		
6	5 Aust Fd Sqdn	246			17	20		5	17					2	2		63	15	6 cars trailer [illegible]
7	4 Aust Armd Bde Sig Squdn	83			4	15			2							3	20		4 x 15 cwt wireless
8	" " " Cipher Sec																		
9	" " " AASC	507	1		55	12		1	74						5		148		6 x 3 ton stores 4 x " garage 3 x " B'down 2 x " mach

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a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i	j	k	l	m	n	o	p	q	r	
10	6 Aust Lt Fd Amb	180	1		14	6			6					1	2	28		14 ambulances
11	4 Aust Armd Bde W'Shop (less det)	185			2	26								1	3	29		2 x 3 ton B'down 11 x 3 ton stores
12	" " " Fd Cash Office	5				1										1		
13	" " " Postal Unit	5				1										1		
14	" " " Provost Pl	39			5	1			1						19	7		
15	T Aust F S S	15				3									6	3		
16	72 Aust Dental Unit	33						1	2							3		
17	4 Aust Armd Bde Ord Fd Pk	30			3	6			4			4			2	17	52	8 x 3 ton stores
18	1 Sqd 1 Aust Army Tk Bn and Det 4 Aust Armd Bde W'Shop	200			16	14			3	27	1	2		1	1	64		
	TOTAL	2900	6	2	142	180	4	7	176	119	4	13	2	10	43	674	121	61 MT out of gauge

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14 May, 43.

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MOVEMENT ORDER No.1267

A P P E N D I X "B"

TRAIN No.	DEPARTS SINGLETON	COMPOSITION OF TRAIN
1	Monday 17 May 43. Timing X4.	16 Flat Top rail wagons for 32 Units of MT or equivalent. 5 Passenger Cars for 170 personnel. 1 Brakevan for Stores.
2	Timing X5	do. do.
3	Tuesday 18 May 43. Timing X2	do. do.
4	Timing X4	11 Flat Top rail wagons for 11 x M3 Tanks. 1 Passenger Car for 36 personnel. 1 Brakevan for Stores.
5	Timing X5	As for Train 1.
6	Wednesday 19 May 43. Timing X2	do. do.
7	Timing X4	11 Flat Top rail wagons for 11 x M3 Tanks. 1 Passenger Car for 36 personnel. 1 Brakevan for Stores.
8	Timing X5	do. do.
9	Thursday 20 May 43. Timing X2	16 Flat Top rail wagons for 32 Units of MT or equivalent. 5 Passenger Cars for 170 personnel 1 Brakevan for Stores.
10	Timing X4	do. do.
11	Timing X5	11 Flat Top rail wagons for 11 x M3 Tanks. 1 Passenger Car for 36 personnel. 1 Brakevan for Stores.
12	Friday 21 May 43. Timing X2	16 Flat Top rail wagons for 32 Units of MT or equivalent. 5 Passenger Cars for 170 personnel. 1 Brakevan for Stores.
13	Timing X4	11 Flat Top rail wagons for 11 x M3 Tanks. 1 Passenger Car for 36 personnel. 1 Brakevan for Stores.
14	Timing X5	do. do.

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APPENDIX "B" (Contd)

TRAIN No.	DEPARTS SINGLETON.	COMPOSITION OF TRAIN
	Saturday 22 May 43.	
15	Timing X2	16 Flat Top rail wagons for 32 Units of MT or equivalent. 5 Passenger Cars for 170 personnel. 1 Brakevan for Stores.
16	Timing X4	do. do.
17	Timing X5	11 Flat Top rail wagons for 11 x M3 Tanks. 1 Passenger Car for 36 personnel. 1 Brakevan for Stores.
	Sunday 23 May 43.	
18	Timing X2	16 Flat Top rail wagons for 32 Units of MT or equivalent. 5 Passenger Cars for 170 personnel. 1 Brakevan for Stores.
19	Timing X4	11 Flat Top rail wagons for 11 x M3 Tanks. 1 Passenger Car for 36 personnel. 1 Brakevan for Stores.
20	Timing X5	do. do.
	Monday 24 May 43.	
21	Timing X2	16 Flat Top rail wagons for 32 Units of MT or equivalent. 5 Passenger Cars for 170 personnel. 1 Brakevan for Stores.
22	Timing X4	do. do.
23	Timing X5	11 Flat Top rail wagons for 11 x M3 Tanks. 1 Passenger Car for 36 personnel. 1 Brakevan for Stores.
	Tuesday 25 May 43.	
24	Timing X2	16 Flat Top rail wagons for 32 Units of MT or equivalent. 5 Passenger Cars for 170 personnel. 1 Brakevan for Stores.
25	Timing X4	9 Flat Top rail wagons for 9 x M3 Tanks. 1 Passenger Car for 36 personnel. 1 Brakevan for Stores.
26	Timing X5	16 Flat Top rail wagons for 32 Units of MT or equivalent. 5 Passenger Cars for 170 personnel. 1 Brakevan for Stores.

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A P P E N D I X "C"

T I M E T A B L E

RAILWAY STATION	TRAIN (X2)	TRAIN (X4)	TRAIN (X5)
	DAY 1.	DAY 1.	DAY 1.
	0015	0830	1830
SINGLETON	Dep. ~~0030~~ hrs	~~0845~~ hrs	~~1845~~ hrs
GLOUCESTER		Arr.1426 Dep.1540 LUNCH	DAY 2.
TAREE	Arr.0835 Dep.0925 B'FAST	Arr.1727 Dep.1825 TEA	Arr.0530 Dep.0620 B'FAST
KEMPSEY	Arr.1245 Dep.1330 LUNCH		
COFFS HARBOUR	Arr.1717 Dep.1810 TEA		Arr.1339 Dep.1407 LUNCH
		DAY 2.	
STH GRAFTON		Arr.0630 Dep.0810 B'FAST	Arr.1800 Dep.1855 TEA
CASINO		Arr.1300 Dep.1355 LUNCH Also take on Carton Tea.	
	DAY 2		DAY 3
CLAPHAM	Arr.0825 hrs	2017 hrs	0540 hrs

On move as arranged by 3 Aust Movement Control Group.

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Permanent Locking Party (20) change 4-5 daily

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4x4 ambs out of gauge. Basco → with indents

Cap Couch 1736 at Singleton Sunday

125
60
49
36
270

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H.Q. 4 AUST ARMD BDE (10 Copies)

MOVEMENT BY ROAD - ROAD CONVOY 4 AUST ARMD BDE AND ATTACHED TROOPS

REF: Landforces SD229 dated 1 May 43. This HQ Movement Order 1267 dated 14 May, 43, Para 15 "Out of Gauge Vehicles."

The following instructions and timetable are issued in confirmation of arrangements made for the move by ROAD of Out of Gauge Vehicles detailed in Appendix "A" of the abovementioned order from present location to BRISBANE for on move.

61 M/T Vehicles (Out of Gauge) accompanied by 122 all ranks.

2. MOVEMENT:

"D"

Dep. SINGLETON 0800 hrs
Arr. TAMWORTH STAGE 123 miles

"D" plus 1

Arr. TENTERFIELD " 191 "

"D" plus 2

Arr. BRISBANE 175 "

On move as arranged by 3 Aust Movt Control Group.

NOTE: - DAY OF DEPARTURE ("D") from SINGLETON will be advised by Signal.

3. ROUTE:

First Day: NEW ENGLAND HIGHWAY to TAMWORTH

Second Day: " " " " TENTERFIELD.

Third Day: " " " " BRISBANE.

4. VTM & MIH: As directed by HQ 4 Aust Armd Bde.

Section 9 - Movement by Road - of "Standing Orders for Movements within Australia and Its Territories (1942)" will be observed.

5. POL & RATIONS: As arranged by HQ NSW L of C Area.

6. ONWARD MOVE: On arrival at TENTERFIELD Convoy Commander will ascertain from Camp Staff Officer directions covering onward move from BRISBANE as arranged by 3 Aust Movt Control Group.

7. ETA BRISBANE: Convoy Commander will signal Movements Brisbane, Rptd Movements Sydney, prior to departure from TENTERFIELD, ETA BRISBANE.

(Distribution See Overleaf)

CAPT.
for A. Q. M. G. (M) 1730hrs.

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20	Camp Staff Officer Tamworth	
21	" " " Tenterfield	
22	HQ Second Aust Army	)
23	LHQ Movt Section	)
24	Adv. LHQ	) For information.
25-26	Lt-Col Grant, C/- Adv. LHQ	)
27-29	HQ First Aust Army	)
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H.Q. Movement Control,
Victoria Barracks,
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18 May 43

MOVEMENT OF 4 AUST ARMD BDE AND ATT TROOPS LESS 1 SQD 1 AUST ARMD TANK BN AND DETAIL 4 AUST ARMD BDE WKSHOP CLAPHAM TO CABOOLTURE - TOORBUL POINT AREA

Reference Landforces S.D.29229 of 1 May 43 and 1 Aust Movt Control Grp M.O.1267 of 14 May 43, the above Bde and att troops will move to CABOOLTURE under the following arrangements:-

2. ARRIVAL CLAPHAM:

Bde will arrive at CLAPHAM by 26 special trains.

(Included in the Units to arrive by these trains is 1 Sqd 1 Aust Armd Tank Bn, on movement of whom will be covered by seperate Movement Order).

3. RECEPTION AND STAGING:

Reception and staging pending on movement as arranged by H.Q. Q'land. L. of C. Area.

4. ARRIVAL TIMES:

Train No.1 arrives CLAPHAM at 2017 hrs Tuesday, 18 May 43.

Thereafter at the rate of three trains per day, on the following timings:-

0540 hrs
0825 hrs
2017 hrs.

5. ON MOVEMENT M.T., EXCLUDING TANKS AND CARRIERS:

All M.T. will proceed in road convoy from CLAPHAM to Camp site. Guides and traffic control as arranged by H.Q. Q'land. L. of C. Area.

6. ON MOVEMENT TANKS:

Tanks will move by special trains, each train carrying 8 tanks and 36 personnel.

No.1 Tank Train departs CLAPHAM 0450 hrs Thursday, 20 May 43
arrives CABOOLTURE 0730 hrs,

thereafter 2 Tank Trains per day on the following time tables:-

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M.C.O. 209

6. ON MOVEMENT TANKS (Contd.):

Depart CLAPHAM 0450 hrs
Arrive CABOOLTURE 0730 hrs

Depart CLAPHAM 1315 hrs
Arrive CABOOLTURE 1630 hrs.

7. MOVEMENT SURPLUS PERSONNEL AND STORES:

Surplus personnel will be conveyed by 6 special trains as follows:-

Personnel	Train	No.1	departs	19/5	carries	personnel	ex	Trains	1,2,3
"	"	2	"	20/5	"	"	"	"	5,6
"	"	3	"	22/5	"	"	"	"	9,10,12
"	"	4	"	24/5	"	"	"	"	15,16,18
"	"	5	"	26/5	"	"	"	"	21,22,24
"	"	6	"	27/5	"	"	"	"	26.

All trains run on the following time table:-

Depart CLAPHAM 1015 hrs
Arrive CABOOLTURE 1155 hrs.

8. RAIL WARRANTS AND CONSIGNMENT NOTES:

R.T.O. CLAPHAM will issue rail warrants, Second Class, and Consignment Notes to CABOOLTURE.

9. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS RE LOADING OF TANKS:

Instructions contained in "Instructions on the movement of A.F.Vs. by Rail" are to be strictly observed. H.Q. 4 Aust Armd Bde will ensure that Os.C. Tank Trains are fully conversant with duties of O.C. Train conveying tanks as outlined in pamphlet referred to.

10. O.C. TRAIN:

Copies of Standing Orders for Os.C. Troop Trains will be handed to Officers Commanding.

Acknowledgement is requested.

P.H. Symington Maj
for Lt.-Col.,
A.Q.M.G. (M).

Time 1700 Date 18/5/43

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23	2 L. of C. Sub-Area
24	Capt. HALE, Q Maintenance
25	A.P.M. (for information)
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27/52	Os.C. Trains, C/o R.T.O. CLAPHAM
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VIC L OF C AREA RO
2 AUST MVT CONTROL GP(3)

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22 AUST MOT REGT - DISBANDING OF

With reference to SM.9985 of 27 Apr 43 relative to the disbanding of 22 AUST MOT REGT, approval is given for Capt R.W. Van Nooten, HQ 4 AUST ARMD BDE to select approx 125 all ranks, AIF personnel from 22 AUST MOT REGT to complete W.Es of 4 AUST ARMD BDE UNITS.

2. Action will be taken by HQ VIC L OF C AREA to make the required number of personnel available from those allocated to FIRST AUST ARMY vide SM.9985 para 5 sub-para (a) and (b)(i).

3. Tradesmen and specialists selected from those allocated to FIRST AUST ARMY (MOTOR REGTS 3 AUST ARMD DIV) will be replaced by a corresponding number of general duties personnel.

4. Personnel selected for, vide para 1 above, and those allocated to 4 AUST ARMD BDE vide SM.9985 para 5(a) will be despatched from VIC L OF C AREA to 4 AUST ARMD BDE area at the earliest possible date.

5. HQ VIC L OF C AREA will arrange the provision of any necessary draft conducting officers.

6. Instructions covering movements to implement this instruction will be issued by HQ VIC L OF C AREA in collaboration with 2 AUST MVT CONTROL GP.

H. A. Baum
Maj.
for Major-General,
ADJUTANT-GENERAL.
17 .MAY 43

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SECOND AUST ARMY ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION NO. 81

MOVEMENT OF ONE PL (LESS TWO SECS) 5 AUST TK TRANSPORTER COY

1. GENERAL:

Reference is made to Landforces SD32580 of 18 MAY 43 and Second Aust Army 0.1809 of 19 MAY 43 warning the above Unit of movement to CABOOLTURE-TOORBUL PT area. Following action will be taken to prepare this Pl for onward movement.

2. PERSONNEL AND INSPECTION:

(a) 3 Aust Army Tk Bde will ensure that all personnel of the Pl to move are DPl in all respects, including dentally.

(b) 3 Aust Army Tk Bde will appoint an Officer NOT below rank of Major to inspect all personnel for DPl standard in accordance with Second Aust Army RO's A.356/42 and A.16/43.

(c) The Officer selected will sign the appropriate certificate as to personnel being DPl standard in all respects on AAF Mob 3 before movement, a copy being forwarded to HQ Second Aust Army.

3. PERSONAL, UNIT EQPT AND ACCOMMODATION STORES:

(a) Personal Eqpt.

(i) Personnel will be issued with the clothing and necessaries authorised in GRO 0.205/43 (Scale "B") and subsequent amendments, particularly that which requires shorts, military, to be withdrawn prior to movement. ~~Green drill will be issued.~~

(ii) Service dress and greatcoats will be retained by personnel. These articles will be withdrawn when further onward movement is ordered.

(iii) Personal arms and eqpt will be issued in accordance with appropriate WE and War Equipment Tables.

(b) Unit Eqpt.

(i) Platoon will move with full scale of Unit Eqpt as laid down in appropriate War Eqpt Tables, including 18 transporters.

(ii) DDME Second Aust Army will ensure that all Eqpt is in class I condition for movement.

(iii) Initial extracts of War Eqpt Tables E2(a) will be forwarded to DDOS Second Aust Army through the usual channels. Separate returns are required for controlled and uncontrolled stores.

(iv) DDME Second Aust Army will lay down an adequate scale of spare parts for 18 Transporters held by Platoon.

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(c) Accommodation Stores.

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K Redmond Capt
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DA & QMG SECOND AUST ARMY.

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NX 70782 Lt.Col J.B.McBean - 2/6 Aust Armd Regt

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Occupation - Grazier.

Particulars of Service

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1936 - 1940	Sqn Ldr 21 L.H.Regt.
1940	Staff Captain Inf Trg Bn.
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4 Nov 42	" " 7 Aust Armd Regt.
2 Mar 43	" " 2/6 Aust Armd Regt.

Promotions

Lieut	29 Nov 37.
Capt	10 Nov 39.
Maj	1 Apr 41.
T/Lt.Col	26 Mar 43.

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VX 14742, Lt.Col A.E.McIntyre - 2/9 Aust Armd Regt

Date of Birth 20 Mar 1904.

Civil Occupation Grazier.

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May 40 to Mar 41 - 7 Aust Div Cav Regt. Rank of Capt.

Mar 41 to 31 Mar 43 - 9 Aust Div Cav. Rank of Major.

31 Mar 43. - Appointed C O 2/9 Aust Armd Regt, vice Lt.Col T.E.Williams(LHQ memo 52615 of 31 Mar 43)

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

H Q 4 Aust Armd Bde Gp,
A I F AUSTRALIA.

30 May 43.

All Units

LOCATION OF UNIT H Q's.

1. The position of Unit H Q's will be clearly indicated relative to a C L or in the case of this location - the Camp Road.

2. Signs will be stencilled and placed in a position clearly visible to all pers requiring to know the location of unit H Q's.

3. The diagram set out in Appx "A" will be copied and care should be taken that bearings indicating the direction of H Q's are accurate.

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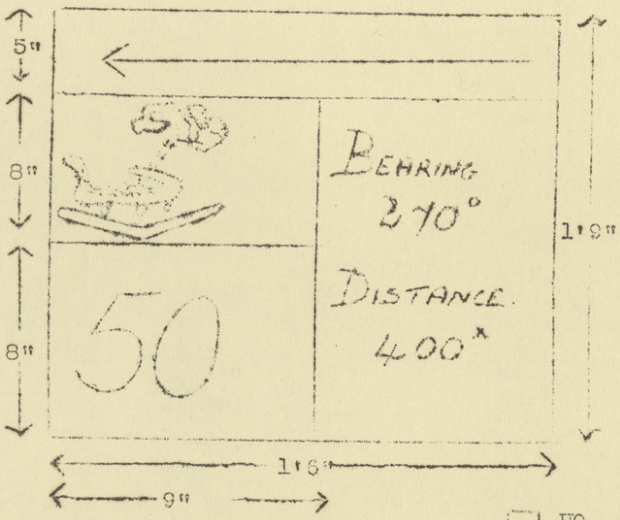

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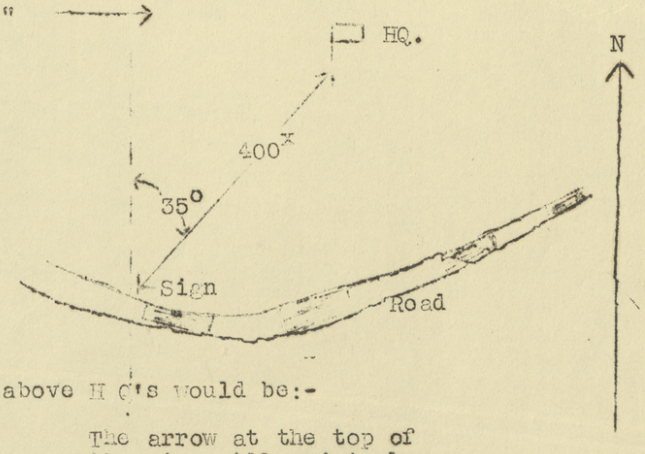

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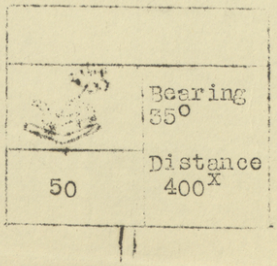

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NO 9.

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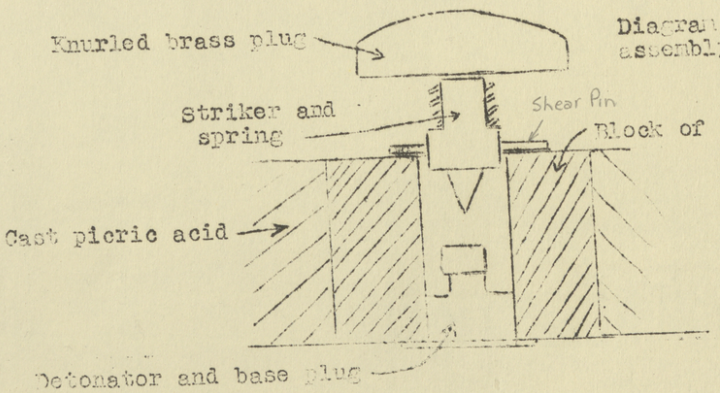

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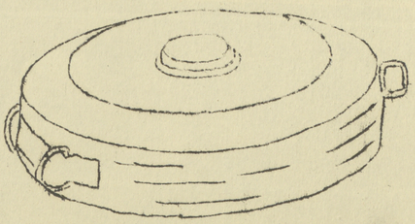

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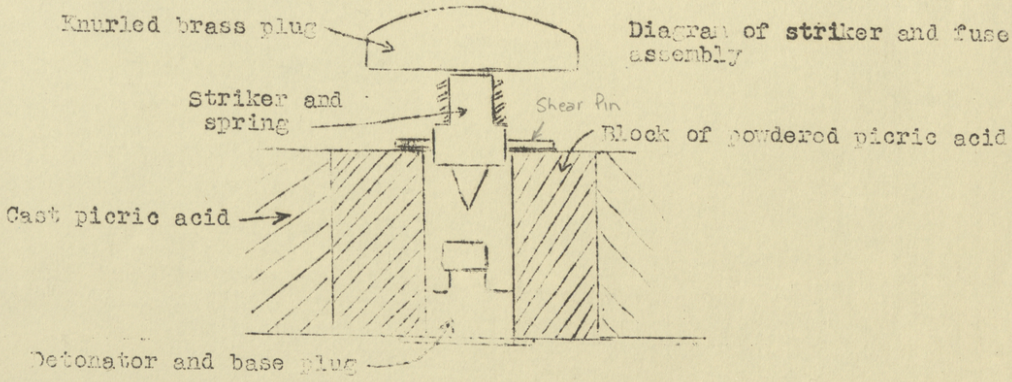

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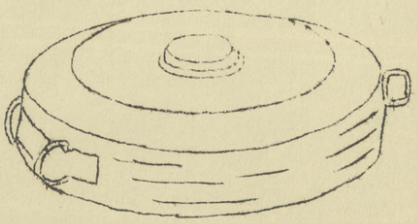

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Summary of significant Events.

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(i) On the SEPIK River between ANGORAM and TIMBUNKE
(ii) MADANG area, along RAMU River between ATEMBLI and KULAU.
(iii) LAE area around BOANO(30 miles NW of LAE)

Activity in the latter two sections indicates live interest in the inland road from MADANG to LAE.
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(a) Land Operations.

NEW GUINEA.

No change in and around MUBO although our troops have continued to harass the enemy and two clashes have occured.
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BOBDUBI May3 We launched an attack here, and although no details are yet to hand, it appears that the attack was successful and caused the enemy to withdraw towards SALAMAUA.
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(b) Sea Operations

NW Area - Photographs taken over MANOKWARI in DUTCH N.G. on 1 May revealed 8 vessels of approx. 7500 tons total, and also 18 land -ing craft. This shipping was bombed and the large freighter (4000 tons) left sinking.
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NE Area

NEW GUINEA - The only sightings in this area during the past week have been at WEWAK. In addition to the above mentioned shipping(60000 to 80000 tons), up to 75 barges have been sighted in the harbour. One 4/5000 ton ship was bombed and left in a damaged condition.
NEW BRITAIN - Sightings at RABAUL on 1 May revealed the following vessels in the harbour.

1 Light Cruiser.
1 Old Destroyer.
4 Submarines and 1 probable.
1 Converted Seaplane tender(probable)

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Sea Operations (cont)

1 Submarine tender
2 Destroyer tenders
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4 AUST ARMD BDE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

NO 10.

Period ending 1200 hrs 11 May 43.

Operational Intelligence obtained from AMF Intelligence Reveiw No 40

PART ONE.

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NEW GUINEA.

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MILEAGE - VEHICLE ACCIDENT CHART.

4 AUST ARMD BDE HQ.

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HQ 4 Aust Armd Bde.	13,520	24	563	Nil.	-	-
I Aust Army Tk Bn.	24,226	84	288	I	£25.0.0.	I.
2/9 Aust Armd Regt.	I8,725.	70	267	I.		I.
5 Aust Fd Sqn RAE	32,702.	57.	574	I.		Nil.
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4 Aust Armd Bde Post Unit	1,334	I	1,334	-	-	-
T Aust F SS.	3,921.	9	435	-	-	-
72 Aust Dental Unit.	366	I	366	-	-	-
4 Aust Armd Bde Fd Pk.	8,730	21.	415.	-	-	-
	240,015	630	390	7	£64.I. 3.	7

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4 AUST ARMD BDE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 10 // SECRET

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(c) Portable Range Finder No 92 - 40 cm - Details available at Bde HQ.

(d) RDF Equipment - Details available at Bde HQ.

PART THREE

3. SECURITY

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An angle, which might well be exploited in lectures to troops, is that they are causing their womenfolk unnecessary distress in telling them beforehand that the writer is leaving for NEW GUINEA, or other battle areas.

It is much better and safer to write after a safe landing and so save the recipient her natural worries concerning the dangers of the voyage.

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STRENGTH AND DISTRIBUTION OF JAPANESE FORCES BASED ON INFORMATION RECEIVED TO 7 MAY 1943

1. Distribution of Forces im S.W.P.A.

A. HAINAN			6,000
B. PHILLIPINES			40,000
C. NW SECTOR			
(a) BORNEO			10,000
(b) CELEBES			10,000
(c) DUTCH NEW GUINEA and BANDA SEA ISLANDS			
BABO	2,000		
HOLLANDIA	4,000		
KAIMANA	500		
KAUKENAU	1,000		
KOKAS	200		
MANOKWARI	800 - 1,000		
TIMOR	20,000		
TANIMBAR ISLANDS(SAUMLAKI)	800 - 1,000		
ARU ISLANDS(DOBO)	500		
KEI ISLANDS(TOEAL)	3,000-4,000		
AMBON	5,000	37,800 -	39,200
(d) JAVA			40,000
D. NE SECTOR			
(a) NEW BRITAIN			
ARAWE	100		
CAPE GLOUCESTER	500		
GASMATA	500		
JACQUINOT BAY	100		
RABAUL	30,000		
TALASEA	300		
UBILI	100		31,600
(b) NEW GUINEA			
AITAPE	200		
BUT	300		
FINSCHHAFEN	600- 700		
HANSA BAY-NUPIA-BOGIA	1500-3000		
LAE-SALAMAUA-MUBO	5000-6000		
MADANG	8000		
SAIDOR	500		
VANIMO	500		
WEWAK	15000	31,600 -	34,200
(c) SOLOMONS			
BALLALE	1500		
BUIN-KAHILI	14000		
BUKA	2000 - 3000		
KIETA	200		
KOLOMBANGARA	10000		
MUNDA	3000 - 5000		
RIKATA BAY	3000		
RENDOVA	100		
SHORTLAND IS	3800		
VELLA LAVELLA	150	37,750 -	40,750

2. Distribution of Forces in Other Areas

A. ALEUTIANS	10,000	
B. BURMA	82,000	
C. NORTH CHINA(incl INNER MONGOLIA)	267,000	
D. CENTRAL CHINA	252,000	
E. SOUTH CHINA	40,000	
F. FORMOSA	20,000	
G. INDO-CHINA	20,000	
H. JAPAN	347,000	
I. KOREA	50,000	
J. MALAYA	22,000	
K. MANCHOUKUO	517,500	
L. MANDATED and other PACIFIC ISLANDS	40,000	
M. SACHALIEN	15,000	
N. SUMATRA	20,000	1,712,500
O. THAILAND	10,000	

3. TOTAL STRENGTH UNLOCATED FORMATIONS 212,000

GRAND TOTAL - 5,175,250 - 2,182,250

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4. FORMATIONS AND UNITS WHICH HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED IN NEW GUINEA AND SOUTHERN NEW BRITAIN

A. NEW GUINEA

(a) HANSA BAY	EIGHTEENTH Army (Elements)
	(X)37 Independant Regt
	49 Anchorage (Branch)
	5 Shipping Engineer Regt(Elements)
	9 " " " (Elements)
	11 Aerodrome Construction Unit(Part 9/4/43)
(b) LAE - SALAMAUA - MUBO	51 Infantry Group(Remnants 102 Inf Regt,51 Engr Regt, 14 Fd Artillery Regt)
	IKEDA Unit (Artillery)
	TSUKIOKA Unit (Artillery)
	(X)22 Anti-Aircraft Unit
	50 " " Bn(No 2 Company)
	29 Field Pom-Pom Company.
	47 Aerodrome Battalion
	209 " "
	7 Base Force(81 and 82 Garrison Defence Forces)
	MAIZURU 2 Special Naval Landing Party
	SASEBO 5 " " " " (Part)
	YOKOSUKA 5 " " " " (Remnants)
(c) MADANG	20 Div (Two Inf Regts)
	2 Base Force
(d) WEWAK	40 Div (Elements)
	41 Div
	2 Garrison Unit (27/1/43)
	5 Shipping Engr Regt (Elements)
	42 Anchorage (Branch)
	19 Pioneer Unit (Part)
	(X)20 " "
	(X) 8 Construction Unit

B. SOUTHERN NEW BRITAIN

(a) GASMATA	81 Garrison Defence Force (Part)
	SASEBO 6 Special Naval Landing Party (Detachment)

NOTE

(1) Unconfirmed information indicated by (X)
(2) Formations and Units identified in other parts of the S.W.P.A. are recorded at Bde HQ.
(3) Owing to the number of Formations and Units whose locations have not yet been established the above information must not be regarded as complete.

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War Diary

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Period ending 1200 hrs
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Operational Intelligence obtained from AMF Intelligence Review No.42

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Shipping normal in the SOLOMONS area.

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Period Ending 1200 hrs.

28 May 43.

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PART TWO.

2. ENEMY EQUIPMENT.

(a) JAPANESE "MOLOTOV" COCKTAIL -
Photographic reproduction and characteristics of this "MOLOTOV COCKTAIL" are available at Bde H Q-"I" Files.

(b) JAPANESE TYPE "93" LAND MINE FUSE -

An examination and test carried out on recently captured fuses for this mine disclose two types:-

(i) The normal type as shown in Appendix "B(i)" to Adv LHQ Int Summary No 21 of 25 Dec 42, which has provision for one shear wire reported to require a pressure of approximately 260 lbs before breaking

(ii) A second type, similar in appearance and action, is designed to be fitted with a normal shear wire or alternatively, a light shear wire which requires a pressure of only 70 lbs before breaking.

It is obvious, therefore, that when using the light shear wire, the mine would be dangerous to both vehicles and personnel.

It is also emphasised that the mine could be used as a booby trap by removing the shear wire, thereby giving the striker free travel, and making it susceptible to light pressure, knocks or vibration.

Reports have been received from BURMA stating that up to 36 of these mines have been carried by an Infantry Platoon.

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2. (contd)
(c) JAPANESE SHORT RIFLE.

Model	:	possibly "MEIJI 38" (1905)
Calibre	:	6.5 mm (.256")
Overall Length	:	3 ft 2½ ins
Length of barrel and receiver	:	2 ft 1 11/32 ins
Length of Barrel	:	1 ft 7½ ins (approx)
Weight	:	8 lbs
Sights	:	400 to 2000 metres.

An examination of this weapon recently forwarded from NEW GUINEA shows it to be of the same type, design, action and calibre as the "MEIJI 38" (1905) Infantry Rifle, the only difference being the length of the barrel, overall length and weight ofgun, the size and graduation of back sight.

(d) JAPANESE 70mm PROJECTILE.
The following details have been received from INDIA regarding this projectile:-

DIMENSIONS

Diameter	:	70mm (2.75")
Length (overall)	:	185mm (7.28")
Width of driving band	:	25 mm (.98")

COLOUR MARKINGS

RED band 5mm (.20") wide, around nose of projectile
YELLOW band 10mm (.39") wide, below shoulder of projectile.
WHITE band 10mm (.39") wide above driving band.

The projectile itself(including propellant charge) resembles the 50mm Type "89" Grenade in general appearance.

The fuse although of the impact type, varies from the Type "89" Grenade insomuch that it has no safety pin, and does not operate on the simple striker and detonator system. The weapon which fires this projectile is not known but is presumed to be a 72 mm mortar.

PART THREE

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PART FOUR.

3. SECURITY.
UNIT CENSORSHIP.
An improvement in the standard of Unit Censorship has been noticed during the last few months. Field Censorship reports indicate that, whereas in Jan 43, 5.3% of Unit Censored Mail had to be treated, in May of this year the percentage was only 3.2. These figures compare favourably with the estimated percentage for Aug 43 - approximately 8%. Another gratifying feature of these figures is the improvement has not only been definite buthas also been steady.

Despite this marked improvement, however, Unit Censorship cannot be said to be effective. Unremitting effort on the part of all concerned is necessary not only to maintain the present standard but also still further to improve that standard.

SECURITY CONTROLS:
In a recent Intelligence Report of Vic L of C Area, a case was reported of a member of a Field Security Section, in plain clothes, going to a metropolitan camp and producing a Dutch Identity Card with the word "cancelled" right across it, all the contents being in the Dutch language, and the photograph being that of a Javanese. The guard looked at the Identity Card and said: "Is that all right?" The Field Security member said : "Yes", and he was admitted to the camp.

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In the "Herald" of 12 May 43, appears the following para:-

"John FETHERINGTON, until lately the Herald War Correspondent in the Middle East, tells this story of a British Officer who set out to test the value of the identity card in an operational section, and was able to pass through five or six road blocks manned by guards armed to the teeth.

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It is again reiterated that sentries and guards are useless, unless first, they are instructed in their duties, and secondly, carry out these duties with an air of suspicious alertness.

ENEMY AGENTS:

In Adv LHQ Intelligence Review No 39 of 30 Apr 43, attention was drawn to the need for all FSS's, control posts and others concerned to keep a watch for enemy agents.

In this connection, it is to be noted that -

" Native sources indicate that a Lieut NAKAMURA was in the SALAMAUA area in Jul/Aug 42 as OC native labour.

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2. ENEMY EQUIPMENT.

(a) JAPANESE "MOLOTOV" COCKTAIL -

Photographic reproduction and characteristics of this "MOLOTOV COCKTAIL" are available at Bde H Q - "I" Files.

(b) JAPANESE TYPE "93" LAND MINE FUSE -

An examination and test carried out on recently captured fuses for this mine disclose two types:-

(i) The normal type as shown in Appendix "B(i)" to Adv LHQ Int Summary No 21 of 25 Dec 42, which has provision for one shear wire reported to require a pressure of approximately 260 lbs before breaking.

(ii) A second type, similar in appearance and action, is designed to be fitted with a normal shear wire or alternatively, a light shear wire which requires a pressure of only 70 lbs before breaking.

It is obvious, therefore, that when using the light shear wire, the mine would be dangerous to both vehicles and personnel.

It is also emphasised that the mine could be used as a booby trap by removing the shear wire, thereby giving the striker free travel, and making it susceptible to light pressure, knocks or vibration.

Reports have been received from BURMA stating that up to 36 of these mines have been carried by an Infantry Platoon.

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(c) JAPANESE SHORT RIFLE.

Model	:	Possibly "MEIJI 38" (1905)
Calibre	:	6.5 mm (.256")
Overall Length	:	3 ft 2½ ins
Length of barrel and receiver	:	2 ft 1 11/32 ins
Length of Barrel	:	1 ft 7½ ins (approx)
Weight	:	8 lbs
Sights	:	400 to 2000 metres.

An examination of this weapon recently forwarded from NEW GUINEA shows it to be of the same type, design, action and calibre as the "MEIJI 38" (1905) Infantry Rifle, the only difference being the length of the barrel, overall length and weight ofgun, the size and graduation of back sight.

(d) JAPANESE 70mm PROJECTILE.

The following details have been received from INDIA regarding this projectile:-

DIMENSIONS

Diameter	:	70mm (2.75")
Length (overall)	:	185mm (7.28")
Width of driving band	:	25 mm (.98")

COLOUR MARKINGS

RED band 5mm (.20") wide, around nose of projectile
YELLOW band 10mm (.39") wide, below shoulder of projectile.
WHITE band 10mm (.39") wide above driving band.

The projectile itself(including propellant charge) resembles the 50mm Type "89" Grenade in general appearance.

The fuse although of the impact type, varies from the Type "89" Grenade insomuch that it has no safety pin, and does not operate on the simple striker and detonator system. The weapon which fires this projectile is not known but is presumed to be a 72 mm mortar.

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3. SECURITY.

UNIT CENSORSHIP.

An improvement in the standard of Unit Censorship has been noticed during the last few months. Field Censorship reports indicate that, whereas in Jan 43, 5.3% of Unit Censored Mail had to be treated, in May of this year the percentage was only 3.2. These figures compare favourably with the estimated percentage for Aug 43 - approximately 8%. Another gratifying feature of these figures is the improvement has not only been definite buthas also been steady.

Despite this marked improvement, however, Unit Censorship cannot be said to be effective. Unremitting effort on the part of all concerned is necessary not only to maintain the present standard but also still further to improve that standard.

SECURITY CONTROLS:

In a recent Intelligence Report of Vic L of C Area, a case was reported of a member of a Field Security Section, in plain clothes, going to a metropolitan camp and producing a Dutch Identity Card with the word "cancelled" right across it, all the contents being in the Dutch language, and the photograph being that of a Javanese. The guard looked at the Identity Card and said: "Is that all right?" The Field Security member said : "Yes", and he was admitted to the camp.

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In the "Herald" of 12 May 43, appears the following para:-

"John HETHERINGTON, until lately the Herald War Correspondent in the Middle East, tells this story of a British Officer who set out to test the value of the identity card in an operational section, and was able to pass through five or six road blocks manned by guards armed to the teeth.

His only passport, which each guard examined, obviously without registering the particulars with his eye, read, something like this - Name, Hans Herman Schweitzer; description, German spy; unit, H Q, Afrika Korps; height 4 ft 2 in; colour of eyes, red; colour of hair green. The photograph in the car was one the officer had picked up on the battlefield.

The young German in the Afrika Korps cap was not a bit like the British officer, and, although the latter managed to make some headway, he was soon picked up by an astute British Tommy, who took in what he read on the card".

It is again reiterated that sentries and guards are useless, unless first, they are instructed in their duties, and secondly, carry out these duties with an air of suspicious alertness.

ENEMY AGENTS:

In Adv LHQ Intelligence Review No 39 of 30 Apr 43, attention was drawn to the need for all FGS's, control posts and others concerned to keep a watch for enemy agents.

In this connection, it is to be noted that -

" Native sources indicate that a Lieut NAKAMURA was in the SALAMAUA area in Jul/Aug 42 as OC native labour.

This man was identified by natives as being the same as the Japanese who, prior to the war, owned and commanded a schooner, trading in the BISMARCK-SOLOMONS area which he is stated to know thoroughly. He is reported to speak pidgin English well, and it is possible that he may appear elsewhere as a guide and native labour oversee."

Maj.
(F C TAYLOR),
B M 4 Aust Armd Bde A I F.

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

_____ (*Unit*)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment).
*	1		
*	3		
Lieut.-Colonels			
Majors	2		2
Captains	3		
Lieutenants	3		1
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
Totals	13		6

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1 Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	2 Personal Number.	3 Name and Initials.	4 Corps.	5 Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No).	6 If not present with Unit, state how employed.

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

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

(*Unit.*)

(*Signature of Commander.*)

(*Date of Despatch.*)

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

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

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.....(Unit) .....19..... (Date).

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

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

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.

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

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

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.....Unit.

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

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

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

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Unit.

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Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch.....

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

HQ 4th Aust Mtd Bde (*Unit*)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment).
BRIGADIER *	1		
MAJOR *	3		
Lieut.-Colonels			
Majors	2		
Captains	3		3
Lieutenants	4		2
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
Totals	13		7

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1 Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	2 Personal Number.	3 Name and Initials.	4 Corps.	5 Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No).	6 If not present with Unit, state how employed.
[illegible]	NX 135	MACARTHUR ONSLOW D	Aust Cav	Yes	Duty
LIEUT	VX[illegible]42	TAYLOR F.C.	A.M.	Yes	
MAJ	WX[illegible]OOK	DUNCAN C.M.	DADME	Yes	Duty
CAPT	VX[illegible]61	VAN HOUTEN R.W.	S.C.	Yes	Duty
CAPT	NX 20945	FISHER K.	I.O.	Yes	Duty
CAPT	NX 16395	OSBORNE L.E.	L.S.O.	Yes	
LIEUT	VX[illegible]	JAMES V.T.	O.C. H.Q. Sqn	Yes	
LIEUT	SX22313	BICE L.M.	Signals	Yes	
LIEUT	NX80701	QUINT R.C.	Hvy Bty	Yes	Leave
LIEUT	NX[illegible]	SMITH S.T.	B.O.O.	Yes	
Chaplain	VX[illegible]53	KEITH T.F.		Yes	Div Cav Sqn Comb Rep.
Chaplain	NX[illegible]	[illegible]SON C.M.		Yes	Div Cav Sqn Comb Hdqrs Bn
Chaplain	NX[illegible]	LOUGHRAN B.H.		Yes	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
LIEUT	NX76821	MASTERMAN L.C.			Sig Offr
LIEUT	NX139638	TOWNSTON A.S.			

HQ 4 Armd Cav Bde
(Unit.)

15 11 43
(Date of Despatch.)

(Signature of Commander.)
OC. HQ. Sqn
4 Aust Armd Bde

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

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

WE 1/20/1. 4th Aust Armd Bde (Unit) 15 May 1943 (Date).

Pers in LWOP.
(a) [illegible] Nil
(b) X-Tr Nil.

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail. WE	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.			
W.Os. Class II. 2	1		1
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants 1			1
Staff Serjeants			
Serjeants 7	5		2
Corporals 8	11	3	
Troopers, Privates, &c. 44	40		4
TOTALS 62	57	* 3	* 8

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
3 Tpns	5 Cure Fd Sqn		
1 Sqt 2 Cpls 4 Tpns	2/9 Cure Armd Regt		
2 Tpns	2/6 Cure Armd Regt		
1 Cpl 6 Tpns	1 Cure Army Comd Bde		
6 Tpns	14 Cure Armd Bde Leg Base		
1 Tpns	6 Cure Fd Comd		

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

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

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HQ 4 Aust Amd Bde Unit.

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

Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)
Ammunition Examiners			Fire Control Operators			Panel Beaters		
Armament Artificers			Fitters			Pattern Makers		
Armourers			Fitters and Turners			Pharmacists		
Artificers, Artillery			Fitters, Cycle			Photographers, dry plate		
Axemen			Fitters, Drivers			Photographers, wet plate		
Bakers			Fitter's Mates			Photo-Writers		
Battery Surveyors			Fitters, M.V.			Plate Layers		
Battery Comdrs. Asst.			Fitters, Railway Signal			Plumbers		
Blacksmiths			Fitters, Signal			Predictor Numbers		
Boilermakers			Grinders			Printers		
Bricklayers			Gun Layers			Radiator Mechanics		
Butchers			G.P.O. Assistants			Radiographers		
Camouflage Modeller			Gun Operators			Range Takers		
Carpenter and Joiner			Hammermen			Riggers		
Clerks 5	1		Height Takers			Rivetters		
Clerks, Engineering			Helio Operators			Saddlers		
Clerks, Supply			Instrument Mechanics			Saddle Tree Makers		
Clerks, Technical			Instrument Mechanics, Surgical			Saw Doctors		
Coachmakers			Instrument Operators			Sawyers		
Computers			Intelligence Duties 1		1	Shoemakers		
Concretors			Joiners			Signallers		
Cooks 3			Leather Stitchers			Signwriters		
Cooks, Hospital			Linesmen			Stokers, Stationary Engine		
Coppersmiths			Linesmen, Signals			Storemen, Technical 1		
Dental Clerk Orderlies			Lithographers			Surveyors		
Despatch Riders			Machinists			Surveyors, Engineering		
Dispensers			Masons			Tailors		
Draughtsmen			Masseurs			Telescope Identification Numbers		
Draughtsmen, Architectural			Mechanics, Dental			Textile Refitters		
Draughtsmen, Mechanical			Mechanics, M.T. 2			Tinsmiths		
Draughtsmen, Signal			Mechanics, Typewriter			Toolmakers		
Draughtsmen, Topographical			Mechanics, Wireless			Turners		
Driver Mechanics 1			Millwrights			Vulcanizers		
Driver ~~Operators~~ MT 9	1	1	Miners			Wagon Erectors		
Drivers, Transportation Plant			Moulders			Watchmakers		
Electrical Fitters			Nursing Orderlies			Watermen 1		
Electricians			Nursing Orderlies (Mental)			Welders		
Electricians, Eng. Units			Nurses, Trained			Well Borers		
Electricians, Signal			Observation Post Assistants			Wheelers		
Engine Artificers			Operating Room Assistants			Whitesmiths		
Engine Hands I/C			Operators, Signal			Wiremen		
Equipment Repairers			Opticians			Woodturners		
Farriers			Painters			STOREMEN 2		
			BATMEN 3			HYGIENE 1		
1 Offrs Mess Steward 1			BAT/DURS 16		2	ORDERLIES 6		
WO CLERK		1						
SQMS		1						
AMEN SGT		1						
TPT SGT		1						
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)	3	5			3			

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

HQ 4 Aust Amd Bde
Unit.

[signature]
Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch 15 — 5 — 43

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

OC. HQ. Sqn
4 Aust Amd Bde

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.....(Unit) .....19.....(Date).

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Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

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

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.

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

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

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.....*Unit.*

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

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

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

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Unit.

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Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch.....

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

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

_____ (*Unit*)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

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

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.

.....Unit.

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

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

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

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Unit.

.....
Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch.....

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

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

(Adapted)

.....(Unit) .....19.....(Date).

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

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

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.

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

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

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

_____ (*Unit*)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

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

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
			Posting		

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21st May 1943.

Brigadier D.Macarthur Onslow D.S.O.
H.Q.4.
Aust.Armoured Brigade,
A.I.F.

Dear Sir,

Referring to Captain Geddes' visit to our factory, it is considered advisable to point out that the idea of using the Owen Gun as an aerial and as the receptacle for the Microphone and Earphones in connection with the use of a portable transmitting set and all the rights in connection therewith are the exclusive property of Captain Geddes respectively of the Army, whereas on the other hand all designs, drawings, tools etc., developed by us at the request of Captain Geddes are and remain the property of this Company. We trust this will be a satisfactory arrangement.

Everything is being done at this end to make Captain Geddes' suggestions a success.

Yours faithfully,

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NX 70998
Capt K. Pilcher
1 AAPIU
H.Q. N.G.F.
aboard 24 May 43

Dear Major.

Not much time for a very long note - merely to tell you I arrived in one bit and am safely dug in under very very comfortable conditions. Except in minor details quite as good as Singleton, so you can guess it's pretty fair.

Had my first experience of an air raid last night, only one plane and I don't know yet whether it dropped anything beside it's bundle, but the AA fire led me to think the entire Jap airforce had arrived.

I think the Brig had it in mind for me to do some aerial recce up here - this will be a bit difficult for me to arrange personally, and I'd respectfully suggest a letter from him either to the GOC or BGS with reference to what he requires will produce much better and quicker results. I think at the moment that I shall not be able to obtain much more topo info here at H.Q. than I could have done down there - actual recce is the thing, and I'm quite sure as a complete newcomer I'll cut no ice whatever if I go round asking for permission to go on flights either and you.

Well I don't think there's much else at the moment - I could write lots but I must go through the motions of making myself useful, so I'll close down now. I hope everything is working out fairly well with the Bde. I've already

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bumped Arthur Lowndes and several others I know, so I'm not completely lost.

Please give my respects to the Brig, and pass my regards round the Mess, withholding a large share for yourself

Yours
Ken Pitcher

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WDC/TC.

Brn 4

VX13682 Col. W. D. Chapman,
C. S. of D.,
Design Division.

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280 Burke Road, GARDINER. S.E.6.
MELBOURNE, S.C.1.

No. 458

M. G. O. BRANCH.
DESIGN DIVISION.

Dear Brigadier,

Your letter of 15th April, 1943, and the enclosures of the suggestions for a plastic dome on M3 and a periscope are to hand.

I have passed copies over to the Director of Armoured Fighting Vehicles (Lt.Col. A. G. V. Parker), and in the meantime doing some work on the periscope, the other matters on the present set up being outside our province.

We will write you of progress and also look forward to your further suggestions.

Yours sincerely,

W.D. Chapman

(W. D. Chapman), COLONEL.
19. 4. 43

Brigadier D. Macarthur-Onslow, D. S. O.,
Commander,
4 Aust. Armoured Bde.,
A. I. F. AUSTRALIA.

P.S. I have seen Lt Col Parker & he is already working on the finishes. WDC.

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Returned Sailors and Soldiers' Imperial League of Australia

SINGLETON SUB-BRANCH

HON. SECRETARY: ALEX M. MORGAN
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B/F Satyrday

Rawcliffe Street.
Singleton.
20.4.43.

Brigadier General D.Macarthur Onslow.D.S.O.
Military Camp.
Singleton.

Dear Sir,

On behalf of Members of the Singleton Sub-Branch Of the R.S.S.A.I.-L.A. I desire to extend an Invitation to Yourself and Staff Officers to attend the Anzac Day Commemoration Service in the Strand Theatre at 3pm on Sunday next 25th April,also for your Party to join with us in the March from the Strand Theatre to the Memorial in Burdekin Park where the ceremony of Laying of Wreathes will take place.

Short addresses by The Mayor, The Shire President,and myself are to be made and I am sure the Public would appreciate a few words from Yourself if you would care to do so.

At the conclusion of the ceremony in Burdekin Park and if convenient Members of my Sub Branch would greatly appreciate an opportunity of making the acquaintance of Yourself and Members of your Party in the League meeting Room in the vicinity of the Memorial.

In conclusion,I would like to express,on behalf of our Members and Myself our Sincere Thanks for the Cooperation and Assistance being rendered by Yourself & Staff. I feel sure that Public appreciation will be reflected in the Reception given to Members of your Forces during the progress of the March.

Yours Faithfully,
H. O. Thwaite.
President. Singleton.Sub-Branch. R.S.S.A.I.L.A.

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With compliments from
H. D. Thwaites Pres. R.S.L.

Singleton Sub-Branch of the Returned Sailors' Soldiers' and Airmen's Imperial League

United Anzac Service

HYMN

O GOD, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home.

Under the shadow of Thy throne,
Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is Thine arm alone,
And our defence is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,
Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting Thou art God,
To endless years the same.

A thousand ages in Thy sight
Are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Bears all its sons away;
They fly forgotten, as a dream
Dies at the opening day.

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come;
Be Thou our guard while life shall last,
And our eternal home. Amen.

LESSON

HYMN

TO Thee our God we fly
For mercy and for grace;
O hear our lowly cry,
And hide not Thou Thy face.
O Lord, stretch forth Thy mighty hand,
And guard and bless our Father-land.

Thy best gifts from on high
In rich abundance pour,
That we may magnify
And praise Thee more and more,
O Lord, stretch forth Thy mighty hand,
And guard and bless our Father-land.

The powers ordain'd by Thee
With heavenly wisdom bless;
May they Thy servants be,
And rule in righteousness.
O Lord, stretch forth Thy mighty hand,
And guard and bless our father-land.

Give peace, Lord, in our time;
O let no foe draw nigh,
Nor lawless deed of crime
Insult Thy Majesty.
O Lord, stretch forth Thy mighty hand,
And guard and bless our Father-land.

While the Collection, in aid of the Returned Soldiers' Relief Fund, is being taken up the Band will play.

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Let us pray.

Minister : O God the Father of Heaven have mercy upon us.

Response : O God the Father of Heaven have mercy upon us.

Minister : O God the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy upon us.

Response : O God the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy upon us.

Minister : O God the Holy Ghost, proceeding from the Father and the Son, have mercy upon us.

Response : O God the Holy Ghost, proceeding from the Father and the Son, have mercy upon us.

Minister : That it may please Thee to bless and protect our King and his counsellors and all who bear rule in His name.

Response : We beseech Thee to hear us, Good Lord.

Minister : That in all things they may seek righteousness and the fulfilment of Thy Will.

Response : We beseech Thee to hear us, Good Lord.

Minister : That the present troubles may turn the hearts of men and women to Thee in faith and penitence.

Response : We beseech Thee to hear us, Good Lord.

Minister : That it may please Thee to give the power to pray to all who are anxious for the safety of relations and friends.

Response : We beseech Thee to hear us, Good Lord.

Minister : That it may please Thee to supply the needs of all who are troubled and perplexed in faith, all who are homeless and bereaved, and all who are enduring the invasion of their country.

Response : We beseech Thee to hear us, Good Lord.

Minister : Son of God : we beseech Thee to hear us.

Response : Son of God : we beseech Thee to hear us.

Minister : O Lamb of God : that takest away the sins of the world ;

Response : Grant us Thy peace.

Minister : Lord, have mercy upon us.

Response : Christ, have mercy upon us.

Minister : Lord, have mercy upon us.

OUR Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses. As we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation ; But deliver us from evil. Amen.

PRAYERS

O GOD we lift up to Thee a world in tribulation, have mercy upon us, and send Thy light into our darkness and hear our prayers for our Empire and Commonwealth. Guide and protect us all in the fiery trial of war. Strengthen and protect our defenders by sea and land and air. Make a speedy end of the tyrannies of the earth and deliver the desolate and oppressed of all nations. Grant strength and guidance to our Sovereign Lord the King and all who bear with him the responsibility of government that they may be enabled to do Thy will: through Jesus Christ Our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

O ALMIGHTY God and Heavenly Father look down in pity on all who suffer, the wounded and the shipwrecked, the prisoners of war, the anxious and bereaved ; grant to them such a sense of Thy power and goodness that in all their troubles they may seek Thee in prayer and find grace to help them in their time of need. Bless, we pray Thee, any who have gone from our homes, who are near and dear to us. Give Thy Holy Angels charge over them; shield them in the hour of temptation, and keep them in body, soul, and spirit. In Thine own good time bring them back safely to their homes. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Our Lord. Amen.

O ALMIGHTY God, who art a most strong tower to all who put their trust in Thee; be now and evermore our defence. Grant to us that victory which is in accordance with Thy will; dispose the issue of this war that we may be brought by Thy guidance through strife to a lasting peace, and that the nations of the world may be united in a firmer fellowship for the promotion of Thy glory and the good of all mankind. Through Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

HYMN

O HOLY Spirit, Lord of grace,
Eternal Fount of love,
Inflame, we pray our inmost hearts
With fire from Heav'n above.

All glory to the Father be,
All glory to the Son,
All glory, Holy Ghost, to Thee,
While endless ages run. Amen.

As Thou in bond of love dost join
The Father and the Son,
So fill us all with mutual love,
And knit our hearts in one.

SERMON

MEMORIAL HYMN

O VALIANT Hearts, who to your glory came
Through dust of conflict and through battle flame ;
Tranquil you lie, your knightly virtue proved,
Your memory hallowed in the Land you loved.

Proudly you gathered, rank on rank to war,
As who had heard God's message from afar ;
All you had hoped for, all you had you gave
To save mankind—yourselves you scorned to save.

Splendid you passed, the great surrender made,
Into the light that nevermore shall fade ;
Deep your contentment in that blest abode,
Who wait the last clear trumpet-call of God.

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Long years ago, as earth lay dark and still,
Rose a loud cry upon a lonely hill,
While in the frailty of our human clay
Christ, our Redeemer, passed the self-same way.

Still stands His Cross from that dread hour to this
Like some bright star above the dark abyss;
Still, through the veil, the Victor's pitying eyes
Look down to bless our lesser Calvaries.

These were His servants, in His steps they trod,
Following through death the martyr'd Son of God;
Victor He rose; victorious too shall rise
They who have drunk His cup of Sacrifice.

O risen Lord, O Shepherd of our Dead,
Whose Cross has bought them and whose Staff has led,
In glorious hope their proud and sorrowing Land
Commits her Children to Thy gracious hand.

Arkwright.

ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

MINISTER: Hallowed in Christ be the memory of the brave men and women who died in the Great War for the freedom of the world. They shall yet stand before the Throne an exceeding great army. And in that last muster there shall be found these, our own well-beloved. They were young, straight of limb, true of eye, they were staunch to the end. They fell with their faces to the foe They shall not grow old as we who are left grow old. Age shall not weary them nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them.

ALL REPEAT: We will remember them: we will remember them.

WE remember before Thee O God the souls of Thy servants, whose devotion unto death we commemorate this day. Grant them Thy peace, let light perpetual shine upon them, and in Thy loving mercy and Almighty power work in them the good purpose of Thy perfect will. Through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.

ALMIGHTY Father, who through Thine only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, hast overcome death and opened unto us the gate of everlasting life, grant us to serve Thee faithfully day by day, and since this life must one day come to an end, grant us all a truly Christian death, void of sin and shame, and a merciful judgment at the Last Day: through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.

NATIONAL ANTHEM

GOD save our gracious King,
Long live our noble King,
God save the King;
Send him victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us,
God save the King;

God bless our native land,
May heaven's protecting hand
Still guard our shore;
May peace her power extend,
Foe be transformed to friend,
And Britain's rights depend
On war no more.

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UNIVERSITY GROUNDS,
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CHIPPENDALE. N.S.W.

22nd April, 1943.

Major F.C. Taylor,
H.Q., 4 Aust.Armd.Bde.,
A.I.F., AUSTRALIA.

Dear Sir,

I am sorry we have not been able to visit your Brigade earlier, but there are some tests which, owing to lack of staff and other work to which we were committed, still remain to be completed in the Laboratory.

When these tests are finished, which should be within a few weeks, I will write to you.

Yours faithfully,

G. H. Briggs

(G. H. Briggs)
Officer-in-Charge, Physics Section.

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H Q 4 Aust Armd Bde,
A I F AUSTRALIA.

30 Apr 43.

Dear

We shall look forward to your arrival together with any of your staff on the 4 May; but would suggest that unless you particularly desire to remain over night in NEWCASTLE, you motor right through on 3 May and stay the night with us.

We hope you and Lt Col SMITH will find time to inspect some of our suggested improvements and modifications for Armoured Units in Jungle Warfare.

Major General R H Dewing,
Australian Club,
SYDNEY. N S W.

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UNITED KINGDOM LIAISON STAFF.
Lennon's Hotel Building,
Brisbane.

April 25th, 1943.

Dear Macarthur Onslow

Thank you so much for your letter of April 16th, No. 344/199/43.

My plans are now taking fairly definite shape, and I think it would suit me best if I might come up from Sydney and see you on May 4th, which is a Tuesday. It is still a bit early for me to make the final detailed arrangements but I should think my best plan would be to get a car in Sydney and motor up to Newcastle on the evening of the 3rd, stay the night at the Newcastle Club and come out to you on the morning of the 4th, motoring back to Sydney that evening.

I expect to stay in Sydney at the Australia Club, where I am due to arrive on Saturday May 1st. As I am going North from here to Cairns in a day or two, would you send me a line to the Australia Club in Sydney saying whether the 4th would be all right.

As I think I told you, I shall have Lieutenant-Colonel Smith, one of my Staff, with me.

Yours sincerely
R. L. Dewing

Brigadier D. Macarthur Onslow,
Commanding 4 Aust Armd Bde, A.I.F.
Australia.

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344	199	43.

Address HQ
4 Aust Armd Bde.
AIF AUSTRALIA.
16 Apr.43.

Dear

I would be delighted to have you come and spend a few days with us at any time in May convenient to yourself.

Although the Brigade is very much in its infancy, I am sure you will find many things of interest here and we will be very pleased to have your comments on our role and equipment.

Brigadier.
(D Macarthur Onslow)
Comd 4 Aust Armd Bde, AIF.

Major General R H Dewing,
U K Army and RAF Liaison Staff,
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223 DOMAIN ROAD,
SOUTH YARRA,
MELBOURNE, S.C. 1.

13th April 1943.

Dear MacArthur Onslow

I hope to be in Sydney about the beginning of May, and would very much like to come up and see you and your Armoured Force, if it were convenient.

I am sure, if I spent a day with you, I could pick up ideas on the employment of armour in jungle theatres which would be of value if passed on to India. I can always pass ideas un-officially, quickly, whereas official ideas take a long time to be rubber stamped and passed over.

I should like to bring Herby Smith with me, as I think he might well get on to some equipment points which would be of value.

Our programme is at present indefinite, but if you could let me know here, within the next week, any days round about 1st May which would be either suitable or unsuitable, it would help me to work it in.

In case there is doubt of your letter getting me before the 21st, when I leave here, perhaps you would not mind sending me a copy of the letter to: U.K. Army Liaison Staff, Lennon's Hotel, Brisbane. I am going straight to Brisbane from here.

Yours sincerely
R.H. Dewing.

R.H. DEWING
Major General.

Brigadier D. MacArthur Onslow,
H.Q., 4th Aust. Armoured Brigade,
Australia.

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WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

(Erase heading not required).

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Unit HQ 4 Aust Armd Bde Date and Time.—From 1 Jun 43 To 9 Jun 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Caboolture	1 Jun		Movement Order No 1372(Movement Control Sydney) advises that 1 Pl(less 2 secs) 5 Aust Tk Transporter Coy will arrive at CLAPHAM at 0540 hrs 6 Jun en route to this area.	
	2 Jun		HQ Sqn commenced 3 day Driving and Map Reading exercise. 12 vehicles used.	Appx (1)
	4 Jun		Bde Comd visited Jungle Training Centre at CANUNGRA.	
	6 Jun		Advice received from Adv LHQ that the Bde Comd is authorised to initiate Immediate telephone calls.	
	7 Jun		1 Pl (less 2 secs) 5 Aust Tank Transporter Coy arrived in this area. The pl comprised 66 personnel(O C Lieut Lloyd Green), 6 motor cycles, 2-15cwt trucks, and 2-3ton lorries.	
	8 Jun		Lieut Bice (BASCO) and Lieut Johnston visited CANUNGRA area with officers from units of the Bde to select site for the Bde Jungle Warfare School.	
			HQ Sqn commenced a 3 day Driving and Map Reading exercise.	Appx (1)
	9 Jun		"G" AFV requested to authorise increased W.E. for 33 Aust Tk Transporter Pl. Present strength of this unit is not sufficient to enable maintenance of vehicles to be carried out efficiently.	

D.A.H.Q./S.39.—C.4788.

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Army Form C.2118
(adapted.)

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

(Erase heading not required).

Unit HQ 4 Aust Armd Bde Date and Time.—From 10 Jun 43 To 17 Jun 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Caboolture	10 Jun		Memo received from Adv LHQ(G/434.1109/Ops of 8 Jun) advising that 1 Bn of 3 Aust Inf Bde, which is in WOODFORD area, will be made available for cooperation with tanks of this Bde in exercises to be held in the near future.	
	12 Jun		Bde Instructional Cadre moved to CANUNGRA to commence training in Jungle Warfare.	
	13 Jun		Bde Band gave a very successful concert in CABOOLTURE.	
	14 Jun		Bde Comd left for BRISBANE to command the service march held in connection with Allied Nations Flag Day. The Bde Band and 500 personnel from the Bde took part in the march. Bde personnel were commanded by Lt.Col D.D.Glasgow, CO 1 Aust Tank Bn	Appx (6)
	15 Jun		Lt.Col A.F.Janes, CO 6 Aust Lt Fd Amb, reported to Bde Comd on his return from an observor's tour of NEW GUINEA.	
	16 Jun		HQ Sqn carried out a one day route march.	
	17 Jun		Bde Comd left by air from ARCHERFIELD for MELBOURNE on visit to LHQ. Purpose of visit is to inspect equipment designed to increase field of vision of tank commanders whilst the tank is closed down.	

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Unit HQ 4 Aust Armd Bde Date and Time.—From 18 Jun 43 To 24 Jun 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Caboolture	18 Jun		Personnel of HQ Sqn commenced 3 day trek.	
	20 Jun		Bde Band gave a concert in WOODFORD.Memorial Hall before a large audience.	
	22 Jun		Band gave a concert in the Bde HQ area.	
	24 Jun		Bde Comd returned by air from MELBOURNE after visiting LHQ. Subjects covered during his visit included submission of A22's forBde personnel who have successfully completed OCTUs and the increase of WE for 4 Aust Armd Bde Coy AASC to provide for an M.O. It was also arranged that LP2 carriers will be issued to this Bde on basis of 3 per Regt. Permission was sought for the issue of green berets to personnel of the Bde. The number of vacancies at schools allotted for officers of this Bde is to be reduced to enable training to be carried out at greatest possible speed. Observer Ammunition is to be released for C in C's demonstration in July. Tanks and infantry are to cooperate in attacks upon bunkers, and the ammunition will be used by the infantry to indicate the targets to the tank commanders. Bde Comd also inspected a Mock Up cupola fitted to a Matilda tank. The cupola is fitted with 8 glass prisms of 4 inch thickness , and it is expected that this will solve the problem of lack of vision which has proved to be such a limiting factor in the employment of tanks in close country. This equipment will be standardized in the tanks of this Bde. Other equipment inspected by the Brig included a flame thrower and track overshoes. The latter invention ~~having been~~ was submitted by Capt Mulhan of 2/9 Aust Armd Regt.	

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WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Army Form C.2118 (adapted.)

Unit HQ 4 Aust Armd Bde Date and Time.—From 25 Jun 43 To 30 Jun 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Caboolture	25 Jun		Bde I O returned from tour of NEW GUINEA. The tour occupied over 4 weeks and included 2 Armd Air Recce trips and a coastal recce by PT boat.	
	26 Jun		Maj.Gen V.A.H.Stancke, G O C Queensland L of C Area, accompanied by Col L.B.Fraser, DDMS Queensland L of C Area, visited this Bde and lunched at Bde HQ Officers Mess.	Appx (7)
			Maj C.A.Leigh,R A C, arrived at Bde HQ to inspect amphibious training of 2/6 Aust Armd Regt.	
	27 Jun		Brigade Major's conference with C Os of 1 Aust Tk Bn, 5 Aust Fd Sqn and 4 Aust Armd Bde Sig Sqn in connection with the forthcoming visit of the C in C who will inspect an Infantry - Tank cooperation exercise in the WILD HORSE HILL area.	
	28 Jun		Bde I O visited C.I.U. BRISBANE to obtain selected aerial photographs of NEW GUINEA areas to illustrate the report on his recent visit to this area.	
	29 Jun		Course No 1 of Bde Jungle Warfare commenced at CANUNGRA . 17 officers and 247 o/rs from units of the Bde marched out to CANUNGRA.	
			Brig. (D.MacArthur Onslow) Comd 4 Aust Armd Bde.	

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HQ Sqn 4 Aust Armd Bde Driving and Map Reading Exercises Jun 43.

With vehicles starting at a quarter of an hour intervals and fixed and secret controls here and there, the atmosphere of a peacetime Reliability Trial comes back to mind, were it not that Jeeps and "battle buggies" have taken the place of sports cars. The driving and map reading tests are a welcome break from camp life, provide excellent training, and have proved a source of useful knowledge; for instance, when the lights fail for the same reason on identical vehicles(a wire slowly chewed off by the operation of the clutch pedal) word is passed on to prevent a similar breakdown in all vehicles of that type.

Two such tests were held in June, one with 1" to 1 mile and the other with 4 miles to the inch maps, calling for quite different skill in reading. With the men driving and navigating in turn a team spirit is formed, interest grows, and a progress made which no amount of lectures can equal.

Despite the course mapped out in detail, every team had a different story to tell: from one who found the road blocked by a haycart in difficulties, and cut the Gordian knot in true Australian fashion by taking away the horses and putting the Jeep between the shafts, to those who came to a culvert broken by tanks, got lost on the detour and landed at the same spot after a two hours circuit. It was past midnight, so, do or die, an attempt was made to cross at the spot formerly declared impassable: by that time,several other vehicles taking part in the test had banked up, and once again it was the Jeep that came out with flying colours, and then helped its elder brethren out of the creek which had steep, slippery banks.
Then there was the vanishing racecourse, perversely shown West of a main road when it truly lies East; the plain turned into a dam shortly after the map survey; the country dance untimely fixed for the following week; other troops on manoeuvres, with umpires scowling at these unexpected reinforcements dashing in and out of no man's land, seemingly holding allegiance to neither party. Three men in a boat could pack no more happenings, humourous or otherwise, than two aboard a truck.
A word to the wise: R V anywhere too near a pub is asking for trouble.

While not being as popular as the treks on rubber, the marching tests and compass marches for the month have proved that emen H Q troops are quite fit for campaigning; the difficulties of ground made it a true test.
The compass work was good: numerous stretches of thick scrub, entailing the use of machetes, had to be negotiated.
Parties numbered six men, each of whom had to act as guide in turn.

The GLASSHOUSE MOUNTAINS district offers numerous features to add interest to such tests; fire towers in reafforested areas are good landmarks for a R V. Of the mountains proper, WILD HORSE and MT COOCHIN were taken in the stride, while preparations are being made for the more difficult ascent of MT BEERWAH or TIBROGARGON.

Portion of the marching took place at night: bedrolls and surplus water were bought into bivouac by MT, but the men carried full pack,and small arms at all times.

(Routes attached)

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Map reading and driving tests

2 and 3 Jun 43

Maps: C REDCLIFFE 1" CABOOLTURE 1" GLASSHOUSE 1" SANDFORD 1"

112340 015322 ZILLMANN'S CROSSING /WAMURAN/HORNES' CORNER 927398 Mt.MEE (lunch) VILLENEUVE KILCOY 722627 812551 STANMORE CEDARTON BOOROOBI WOOTHA 002751 (bivouac) MALENY Mt. MELLUM LANDSBOROUGH BEERBURRUM (Breakfast) WOODFORD RIFLE RANGE (lunch) NEURUM VILLENEUVE KILCOY 689446 RACECOURSE BOBSON'S CROSSING 076350 CABOOLTURE TOORBUL POINT

8 9 and 10 Jun 43

Map: GYMPIE 4 Miles to 1"

LANSBOROUGH MONTVILLE MAPLETON (lunch) OBI OBI GHERULLA KANDANGA 577719 Upper GLASTONBURY (bivouac) WOOLOOGA MURGON KINGAROY ARCHOOKOORA Bridge 494 674 BLACKBUTT COLINTON KILCOY (lunch) WOODFORD (bivouac) PETRIE CABOOLTURE TOORBUL POINT

Map reading and compass marching tests

Maps: REDCLIFFE 1" GLASSHOUSE 1" CALOUNDRA 1" 20 and 21 JUN

Transport to 209377. Then march via Bridge 215433 WILDHORSE 171552 BERRWAH Cemetery (Bivouac) 213 721 284722 317730 return by transport to TOORBUL POINT via LanDSBOROUGH and CABOOLTURE

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Maps: CABOOLTURE 1" GLASSHOUSE 1"

Transport to CABOOLTURE. Then march via Mt MIKETEEBUMULGRAI (lunch) WOOD FORD rifle range (bivouac) foot of Mt. BEERWAH (lunch) COOCHIN CREEK (bivouac) Climbing Mt. COOCHIN. Return by transport to TOORBUL POINT via CABOOLTURE

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AMPHIBIOUS TRAINING CENTRE - TOORBUL POINT

Syllabus of Training - 2/6 Aust Armd Regt

21 - 23 Jun A Sqn
24 - 26 Jun C Sqn
27 - 29 Jun B Sqn

War Diary. Appx (2)

Day	Night	Place	Serial	Time	Detail	Army Equipment
1		A3 beach	(1) Deboating & embarking practice (2) Lecture	0820 to 1530	1. Tanks will form up in line ahead at Vehicle Jetty ready to embark at 0820. 2. Tk comds will be assembled at head of column. 3. Tks will be ferryed to A3 beach and practice deboating and embarkation. 4. 1430 Lecture - Types of Landing craft.	A Sqn - 16 Light Tks B & C Sqns - 16 Sqn & 2 RHQ Mod Tks.
	1	Middle Pt.	Embarking, Deboating & harbouring practice at night.	1800	1. Tks will embark on LCM(3)'s and be ferryed to Middle Point. 2. Tks will then deboat and move into harbour & bivouac for the night. 3. Narrative for this exercise will be given verbally on D1. at 1245 hrs.	do
2		Middle Pt.	Embarking & deboating with (LCT (5).	0900 to 1230	Tks will practice embarking & deboating with LCT(5) (See notes attd.)	
2	?	A3 beach	MT Embarking & deboating practice	0820 to 1600	1. Under instructions from Capt. R.B. Watson, MT will be formed up with head of column at Vehicle Jetty at 0820. 2. Drivers & Veh Comds will assemble at head of column. 3. MT will be ferryed to A3 beach and practice embarking & deboating. 4. MT will embark at A3 beach on completion of training and return to Vehicle Jetty. 5. Cut lunches will be carried.	4x3 Tonners 4x15 cwt Truck 1xWyles Cooker 4x¼ Tonners (if available)
3	2	Ocean Beach	Tactical Exercise	1800	Narrative for exercise will be issued on D2 at 1400 hrs.	A Sqn - 16 Light Tks B & C Sqn - 16 Sqn & 2 R.H.Q. Med Tks.
3		A3 beach	Return to Station	A Sqn 1530 B & C Sqns 1330	1. On completion of Tactical Exercise, Sqns will move to A3 beach. 2. Re-embark and move to Vehicle Jetty.	do

Distribution.

2/6 Aust Armd Regt	25
USN	15
ATC	10

1. 3 days tk ration will be carried.
2. Tanks will only move along routes sanctioned by ATC.
3. Vehicle casualties - If LAD service is required, Sqn will contact RHQ. OC LAD will request necessary craft through ATC Adjt.
4. ATC. Instructors - Tracked Vehs Capt. A.F. Austin and WO1 Neale F.J.
   do - Wheeled Vehs Capt. R.B. Watson.

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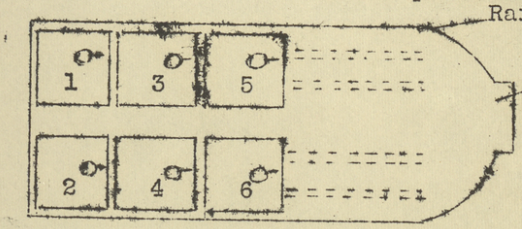
AMPHIBIOUS TRAINING CENTRE - TOORBUL POINT.

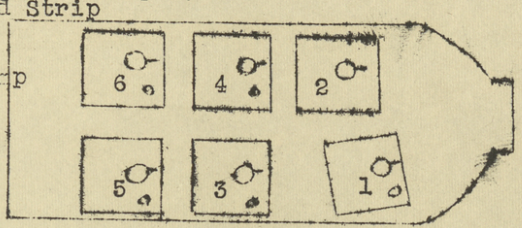
Notes for training with Landing Craft Tank (Mk 5) - LCT (5) and Medium or "I" Tanks.

1. Prior to embarkation an advance party of all tk comds will go aboard accompanied by ATC Instructors & will
   a. be shown parking proceedure.
   b. be instructed in correct action on sounding "General Quarters".
   c. be shown out of bounds areas.

2. EMBARKATION.
   a. The craft comd will signal (through man at bow) "Tanks Advance".
   b. Then tks (controlled by I.C.) will
      1. on order of OC reverse onto Craft.
      2. approach craft at 10^{x} distance.
      3. load first tk on Port side second on starboard and so on alternately (See diag. 1)
      4. adopt LOADING POSN (diag 1).



Diag 1.
Loading position & order of embarkation



Diag. 2.
Travelling position & order of deboating

Note: (1) Tk tracks should coinside with raised strips on deck. (2) Tks must be as far towards the stern of craft as possible.

3. After retraction Craft Comd will order (1) "TRAVELLING POSITION" (See Diag 2) (2) "Switch off" (3) "Dismount".

4. Deboating
   a. The Craft comd will
      1. warn OC Tks in sufficient time for engines to be warmed up.
      2. on approaching beach signal tks to "brake hard".
      3. order deboating by signal "Tanks advance".
   b. The tks will
      1. deboat in the reverse order to embarking.
      2. clear the craft & beach as rapidly as possible.
      3. avoid turning on the beach.

5. General Points.
   a. OC Tanks should maintain close liaison with Craft comd at all times when aboard.
   b. NO SMOKING unless allowed by Craft Comd.
   c. Latrines will be indicated by Craft Comd representative.
   d. Tk crews live on own rations.
   e. Time and place for cooking with tank equipment will be laid down by Craft comd.
   f. Large tarpaulin will be used to waterproof vehs.
   g. Tk crews will lash tks under instruction from Crafts personnel.
   h. On approaching beach all disntd personnel MUST be clear of tks.
   i. Daylight signals - Normal for "Tks adv" (. -), "Switch off" & "Dismount" (- -), "Brake Hard" or "Halt" (.....) "Travelling posn" (-), a forward movement of the hand.
   j. Night signals shown in parenthesis in sub para i above.

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4 AUST ARMD BDE TRG INST NO 5. SECRET.

1. During the next phase of trg units of the Bde will have the opportunity of trg in an area suitable for beach landings, for combined operations and for co-operation with infantry in enclosed country. The time for such trg is limited and it is the duty of every officer to make the best possible use of the facilities available to fit himself and his men for the task.

2. The Amphibious Trg Centre will put each sub-unit through a short course in beach landing etc in the following order:-

1 Aust Army Tk Bn
2/9 Aust Armd Regt.
2/6 Aust Armd Regt.
Ancillary Troops.

In order that the trg might be hastened Unit Comds will arrange for unit officers to accompany the unit trg immediately prior to their unit as observers. Such arrangement will be made through Bde H Q.

3. Such officers who have attended a course as an observer will take immediate steps to prepare their troops for the course. For this purpose "mock up" landing craft will be made available from the ATC.

4. For special trg in co-operation with infantry a det consisting of one Sect of 2/9 Aust Armd Regt, Sigs det and Wkshops det have been attached to 2 Aust Corps. Pers from this det will be interchanged with pers from this area from time to time, so that the problems of co-operation between tks and infantry might be studied more closely.

5. While it is fully realised that the success of ops envolving tks and infantry co-operation depends to a great extent on the mutual confidence which comes of close personal relations between officers and men of tk and inf units, at present the inf with whom we will operate in action are not available for trg. However if we carry out our trg with one troop acting as inf for another, we shall have the advantage of seeing the problems and difficulties of each arm from its own angle.

6. During the preliminary trg lectures on Buna and Gona operations by officers of the 2/6 Aust Armd Regt will be arranged.

7. Much thought and experiment are necessary to overcome the difficulties arising from the co-operation of tks and infantry in close country. These problems include:-

(a) Driving in close country when closed down, with special attention to the maintaining of direction.
(b) Negotiating obstacles.
(c) Intercom between tks and inf.
(d) Methods of indicating targets and crossing places through or over obstacles. (Suggested firing of tracer or Verey Lights).
(e) Mutual support of tk by tk and protection by infantry in close country.
(f) Evolution of methods to overcome the inherent weakness of the tks when operated in close and/or boggy country.
(g) The problems of leaguer in close country by day and by night.
(h) Method of attack against the Jap bunker system.

These problems should be tackled first in individual trg and then in carefully prepared exercises.

8. Such exercises should be of two types:-

(i) Attack against a carefully prepared defensive position, protected by minefields, anti tank ditches and other effective tank obstacles.
(ii) Attack against hastily defended areas not protected by effective tank obstacles.

There are certain principles common to both types of attack:-

(i) A simple tactical plan is essential. In general tks and inf must move on the same axis of advance. In close country, wide flanking moves, envolving elaborate timings to effect

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a junction of inf and tks is likely to fail.

(ii) The tk attack must be as great a surprise as possible to the enemy in time, direction and strength.

(iii) The Tks must follow right through their objective and not be drawn off by flank diversions.

(iv) The plan must make provision for the prompt refuelling and and re arming of tks in the rally area.

9. For all exercises dets from the 5 Aust Fd Sqn R A E are available to units, in particular their task will be bridging(with timber available) and assisting tks across obstacles.

10. A copy of all exercises will be submitted to Bde H Q at least 24 hours before the exercise is to be carried out.

11. Experience has made it clear that in jungle fighting no unit within a hundred miles of the infantry can consider themselves immune from attacks by raiding parties, parachutists or airborne troops. H Q and Ancillary troops must be prepared to defend themselves and protect their line of supply. They should be carefully trained in skill of arms, fieldcraft and movement through dense country by day and by night and in concealment both from air and ground parties.

12. C O's of units should carry out, at intervals, exercises designed to test the standard of trg reached and the preparedness for immediate action, no previous warning must be given to the sub-unit to be tested. Sudden moves, short orders to a sub-unit requiring immediate action, an exercise without any prior knowledge of the ground or situation on the part of those being tested, are all means to this end.

13. There is at present no range available in this area, however arrangements can be made through Bde H Q to have targets towed by the U S A Navy S L C.

14. Physical fitness is best attained by organised sport and unit comds will ensure that sub-unit competition in football, hockey etc is arranged.

15. The Bde Comd desires that trg in accordance with the general principles indicated in this instruction should be carried out with the utmost vigour and he further desires that it be brought to the notice of all officers that the time available for trg before action is for some of them very limited.

Maj.
(F C TAYLOR),
B M 4 Aust Armd Bde A I F.

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4 AUST ARMD BDE TRG REPORT.

1. The following report concerning the trg and activities of the 4 Aust Armd Bde for the period 20 May - 12 Jun, is submitted.

2. SINGLETON - CABOOLTURE MOVE: The entire formation moved from the SINGLETON Camp to the CABOOLTURE - TOORBUL POINT area during 17 - 27 May. The move was made by 26 trains and a road party of out-of-gauge vehs. In spite of the disadvantage of having two units on leave when the order to move was received, combined with the arrival of new equipment and stores throughout the entire period and heavy and continuous rain during the loading of trains, the move was made without a hitch.
During the move, Movement Control SYDNEY, attached an officer to the Bde. He was of great assistance to the staff and the idea was an excellent one.
Bde appointed two marshalling officers to be on duty at the Rly Station during all loading of vehs. They were most necessary and will be employed in all future moves.
The Recce and Adv parties were NOT sent forward sufficiently early to be of much use; in future moves it is recommended that larger Recce and Adv parties be sent forward to arrive at least one week before the first units.

3. AMPHIBIOUS TRG: The 1 Aust Tk Bn and the 2/9 Aust Armd Regt completed a short course in amphibious trg at the A T C. The embarking and disembarking of both A and B Ech Vehs on L C V, L C M, L C T and L S T(in the case of 1 Aust Tk Bn only) was practised and a few difficulties were experienced.
It was found that the Wyles Cooker had to be man-handled on to the L C M, as it was impossible to back the trailer. As a result tests are being made with all types of Vehs and trailers to find the most suitable combinations for various types of craft.
Much was done to simplify the task of A T C instructors by practising with mock up craft prior to the use of actual craft.
During trg and in ops unless under fire, safety precautions dictate that the drivers hatch on the Matilda should NOT be shut down during the actual landing.
Considerable preparation was necessary to protect tks against corrosion from salt water. Long hrs of maintenance were required at the termination of exercises.
The problem of sealing tks and maintenance after immersion in salt water has been tackled since by a special committee from L H Q.
The exercises carried out after landing proved quite valuable but any such exercises can be done inland and it is felt that once crews have been through the drill of embarking and disembarking on all types of craft any further trg with craft is an unnecessary risk of equipment. As a result of the trg the following notes on various types of craft are submitted:

(a) L C M: This craft carried one Matilda tk quite successfully but it was found that with one M3 Grant the craft could not be considered seaworthy.
Embarking and disembarking of Matildas on this craft was quite satisfactory.
Both types of tks were successfully disembarked in 2'6" of water.
Experiments with M T were also conducted.
It will be found necessary to specially prepare M T if they are to be disembarked in water over 1 foot in depth.

(b) L C T: This craft carried either six M3 Grants or six Matildas very satisfactorily. The craft was quite seaworthy when fully loaded but top speed of 6 to 8 Knots is not considered high enough for inclusion in convoys which have to travel any distance in open waters.
The following timings were obtained by both types of tks during trg:-
(i) Embarking six tks by backing from beach(daylight) 4½ mins.
(ii) Disembarking six tks, from time ramp was lowered(daylight)45 secs
(iii) Embarking as in (i) by night.
(iv) Disembarking as in (ii) by night.

(c) L S T: This ship proved the most interesting of all the craft used. Unfortunately this ship has not yet been made available to the 2/9 Aust Armd Regt.
Each Sqn of the 1 Aust Tk Bn spent a night "at sea" on the L S T and conducted a night landing and daylight exercise from the ships.
The Sqn's tks (18) were carried easily and it is probable that 3 or 4 "B" Ech vehs could be included with the Sqn. As to what would be carried on such a limited "B" Ech is a subject for considerable thought for Sqn Ldrs.

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The L S T is a fine ship and officers and men thoroughly enjoyed their time aboard.

Timings (Matilda)

Embarking one Sqn daylight	9 mins.
Disembarking one Sqn daylight	5 mins
Embarking night	12 mins
Disembarking night	10 Mins

With all types of craft it was found that any driver who had loaded his veh onto a train had little difficulty in embarking or disembarking.

4. JUNGLE WARFARE: The 1 Aust Tk Bn and the 2/9 Aust Armd Regt followed thei Amphibious trg with an intensive jungle warfare trg syllabus. All sub-unit have been practised in movement by day and night through jungle country. Exercies envolving attacks on Air strips have been carried out and the problems of replenishment and supply under jungle conditions have been tackled The major problems of co-operation with inf has been tackled as best as it can without the actual inf; those spare crews and B Ech pers acting as inf have been able to appreciate t e situation from an infantry-man's point of view.
It is hoped to have the co-operation of a Bn from the 3 Inf Bde at an early date.
Experiments have been carried out in an endeavour to evolve the best method of infantry indicating targets to crew comds. A committee has been appoin ed to submit a report on this and to suggest a drill to be adopted throughout the formation.
Lectures on operations in New Guinea and on the Geography of the S W P A have been given in most units.
Capt DICKENSON and staff from D M T, L H Q, have put all personnel through a short course in jungle warfare. Although this course is entirely for the infantry man it has proved most valuable in trg B Ech personnel and ancillary tps and in showing tks crews the infantry-man's job.
With a view to maing all tps thoroughly "jungle war conscious" and hardened a special jungle warfare school has been arranged in conjunction with the present Jungle Warfare School at CANUNGRA. A Staff drawn from every unit in the Bde is at present being instructed by the school staff and as from 26 Jun it is intended to conduct a series of ten day cou ses of 300 pers per course.
1 Aust Tk Bn have commenced 2 pdr and 3" How shoots at the Caloundra Fd Firing Range.

5. 2/6 Aust Armd Regt; went on leave on arrival in Australia from New Guinea and on completion of leave concentrated in the Caboolture area and came under comd.
They took over both the tks and B Ech vehs at MURGON and moved them into their present area. From the mechanical conditions of the vehs the 2/6 AustArmd Regt have not yet reached a very high standard of maintenance.
The 2/6 Aust Armd Regt has not as yet started its trg programme; arrangements are being made for them to commence their amphibious trg next week.

6. The Ancillary Tps: Bde H Q Sqn have conducted short exercises involving practice in map reading and driving in difficult country. The standard reached is quite satisfactory. It is found with the present W E that trg Bde H Q Sqn is a difficult job; many of the pers are specialists who are not available for duties which throws an abnormal amount of duties on the remaining pers leaving little time for trg.
It is hoped to establish a Protection Tp drawn from Bde units. This Tp will be responsible for the security of Bde H Q and so make the H Q Sqn pers available for trg.

The 5 Aust Fd Sqn R A E: has spent much of its time on road maintenance and construction. The Toorbul Pt - Caboolture Rd requir s continuous attention and has afforded the Sqn a good opportunity in collective trg of a tp in such work.
To keep tk movement off this road the Sqn constructed a tk track from Toorbul Pt to Caboolture through dense jungle like country. This experience in track and road location is very valuable.
All R A E personnel completed a short course (5 days) in infantry trg finishing with a 25-30 miles route march.
On Bribie Island the Fd Sqn constructed mock up defences of an Air Strip and a bunker defence for attack by units landed from amphibious craft.
Two courses, a Spr Wing and a D and M wing have been conducted for Reinforcement pers. In both cases difficulty was experienced in teaching pers

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technical subjects. The standard of education is not sufficiently high in this particular lot of reinforcements, and it is felt that more care should be taken in the selection of pers for Technical units.
The 5 Aust Fd Sqn R A E have twice been complemented during this period, once by Brigadier IRVING, D M T, L H Q on their soldierly bearing and once by the Comd A T C for their work in construction and maintenance of roads.

4 AUST ARMD BDE COY A A S C: Apart from their normal function the A A S C have concentrated chiefly on elementary trg, weapon trg, route marching and physical trg. The Coy received a draft of 120 reinforcements, the standard of trg and discipline in this draft is far below that required of this formation and cadres are being arranged for all reinforcement pers.

4 AUST ARMD BDE WKSHOP A E M E: The Bde policy of trg Wkshop pers in weapon trg and infantry minor tactics and of having at least 25% of the unit trg is bearing fruit in soldierly bearing and discipline of pers. It is hoped to complete the unit trg school by the end of the month. With the amount of work that the Wkshops have, trg of pers is a difficult problem, however, unless it becomes impossible it is intended to carry on with the Bde policy of having at least 25% of pers trg.
Some interesting marching times are forwarded by Wkshops.

Scrub by night	22 - 25 yds per min
" " day	75 " " "
Roads	108 - 112" " "

6 AUST LT FD AMB, 4 AUST ARMD BDE SIGS and 4 AUST ARMD BDE ORD FD PK; have all carried out their normal trg programme. Amb sections have been moved from their H Q into locations some considerable distance from the camp area where they have carried out section trg.

7. GENERAL: REINFORCEMENTS: Reinforcements coming forward from the Armd T C are of quite a fair standard but those who have been forwarded direct from disbanded units are far below standard. The only practical method of supplying reinforcements to Armd formations is through the Armd T C.
Morale: The morale of all tps is good. They feel that at last they are getting near to something real and the recent amphibious trg and the jungle trg have proved a grand tonic to those units who were tending to go stale.
Discipline: On 14 Jun the Bde was represented in the All Nations Day march by a composite force of 500 pers drawn from the 1 Aust Tk Bn, 2/6 Aust Armd Regt and 2/9 Aust Armd Regt and at the conclusion of the march these pers were given leave until 2400 hrs. They had to report to their tpt at Roma St Rly Stn at 2400 hrs. At 2400 hrs every man reported. There are still minor breaches of discipline within the formation but the foregoing is a fair sample of the general standard.

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SPECIAL INSTRUCTION NO.1

CEREMONIAL PARADE OF AUSTRALIAN & U.S. SERVICES

UNITED NATIONS FLAG DAY - 14 JUN 43.

1. A Ceremonial Parade of Australian and United States Services will be held at Brisbane, on Monday, 14 Jun 43.

2. The salute will be taken by Lieut-Gen. Sir John Lavarack, K.B.E., C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.

3. The following Services will march in the order listed below -

Service, Unit etc.	No. of personnel
Mounted Police	
R.A.N. Band	
R.A.N.	200
W.R.A.N.S.	50
One Bn. U.S. Army with Band	600
4 Aust Armd Bde Band	
4 Aust Armd Bde	500
114 Lt A.A. Regt	50
1 Aust Hvy Tng Bty	50
Q'land. L. of C. Area Band	
154 Lt. A.A. Regt	100
71 Aust A.A.S.L. Bty	100
A.W.A.S.	150
A.A.M.W.S.	50
U.S. Navy Band	
R.A.A.F.	350
W.A.A.A.F.	150

4. Command. The Parade will be commanded by Brigadidr D. Macarthur Onslow.

5. Dress. Order of dress will be as arranged by the various Services. Where possible combatant Units will be armed.

6. Assembly Area. The Assembly Area will be Kemp Place, (City end of Story Bridge). Time of assembly - 1330 hours.

Sufficient M.T. will be arranged by H.Q., Q'land. L. of C. Area to report at Alice Street Naval Depot at 1310 hours, 14 Jun 43, to transport 250 R.A.N. personnel to assembly point.

Guides will be provided at each entrance to Kemp Place to lead detachments to their places in the assembly area.

7. Time of Movement. The Parade will move off at 1400 hours.

8. Route. Ann Street, Petrie Bight, Queen Street - passing Saluting Base, G.P.O., at 1415 hours - George Street, Adelaide Street, King George Square, Roma Street.

9. Saluting Base. A Saluting Base with suitable Dais and enclosure will be erected in front of the G.P.O., Queen Street,

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by the Brisbane City Council, in conjunction with this H.Q.

10. Dispersal. After passing through King George Square, R.A.N. Detachment will turn left into Ann Street and return to Naval Depot under R.A.N. arrangements.

The remainder of the column will continue along Roma St., and will be led by guides provided by this H.Q., to individual dispersal areas.

Further dispersal of the Services will then be under Service arrangements.

11. Bands. Bands in the column of march will play units in their immediate rear past the Saluting Base. No band will be stationed at the Saluting Base.

12. Barriers. The erection of barriers will be arranged by the Queensland Police in conjunction with the Brisbane City Council for that portion of the route from the intersection of Creek and Queen Streets, to the intersection of King George Square and Ann Street.

J.A. Cummins, Major
for Major-General,
G.O.C., Q'land. L. of C. Area.

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A.A.G., H.Q. Q'land. L. of C. Area	3	Hand
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D.D.S.T., " " " "	1	Hand
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H.Q., Brisbane Fortress	4	SDR
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TO

All Units.

FROM	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
4 Aust Armd Bde	G 71	25	

Units	are	advised	that	Major	General
STANTKE	G O C	Qld	L	of	C
Area	will	be	in	Bde	area
tomorrow	(.)	Comds	will	ensure	that
O R's	pay	particular	attention	to	compliments

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4 AUST ARMD BDE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 15

Period ending 1200 hrs 4 Jun 43.

Operational Intelligence obtained from AMF Intelligence Review No 44.

PART I

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS.

(a) Subsequent reports relating to the convoy mentioned in Part I of Australian Military Forces Weekly Intelligence Review No 43 indicate that there were in fact four merchant ships, each of 5,000 tons, and two small escorting warships. During the night 28/29 May the convoy spent between eight and a half and seventeen hours in HANSA BAY. It is known that some stores were unloaded and dumped in a nearby plantation, but it is not considered there was sufficient time to discharge 20,000 tons. It can therefore be assumed that troops were also carried. Such a convoy could have carried between 2,500 and 3,000.

(b) A reliable report from an observer who was in the HELDSBACH area at the time, states that approximately 1,200 survivors from the BISMARCH SEA action landed between SIO and HOPOI.

(c) Numerous reports are to hand which indicate feverish enemy activity in the construction of further defences at SAIAMAUA.

(d) An increase has been reported in the shipping in the BUIN-FAISA area. Four ships only were observed on 27 May; but, on 30 May, 22 ships were present including 16 cargo vessels aggregating 60,000 tons.

(e) Map showing Japanese activity in the UPPER RAMU Valley is available in I office files, at Bde HQ.

(f) Map showing location of Japanese units in New Guinea and the BANDA Sea area as on 1 Jun 43 is available at Bde HQ I Office files.

(g) Enemy shipping observed at RABAUL on 29 May revealed:-

1 light cruiser
1 damaged destroyer
4 submarines
1 mine sweeper
2 submarine chasers
1 submarine tender
1 destroyer tender
24 merchant vessels (totalling 115,000 tons and including 2 tankers totalling 13,500 tons)

(h) Strength and disposition of enemy air craft as at 3 Jun 43 was:-

N E Area	NEW BRITAIN	241	(minus 44)	
	NEW IRELAND	22		
	NEW GUINEA	155	(plus 24)	
	ADMIRALTY ISLANDS	-		
	SOLOMONS	71	(minus 22)	489 (-42)
N W Area	TIMOR	27		
	ALBON	47		
	AROE AND KI IS.	18	(plus 5)	
	DUTCH NEW GUINEA	31	(plus 4)	
	CELEBES	123	(minus 3)	
	JAVA	161	(plus 38)	407 (plus 44)
				896 (plus 2)

PART II

2. ENEMY EQUIPMENT.

Photograph of Japanese Army Dress
Table of " Badges of Rank
Reproduction of " Identification tag,
are available at Bde H Q I Office files.

ENEMY ORGANIZATION.

Table showing organization of
JAPANESE Divisional Transport Regt
" "Kono" mixed Brigade.
are available at Bde H Q I Office files.

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Distribution of Axis forces as on 29 May 43:-

German Divisions :	Russian front	181	
	Finland	7	
	France and Holland	31	
	Denmark	2	
	Norway	11	
	GERMANY and protectorate	30	
	Poland	12	
	Balkans	12	294
Italian Divisions:	Italy	15	
	Sicily	9	
	Sardinia	4	
	Corsica	3	
	Southern France	6	
	Balkans	33	70
			364

PART III.

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PART IV

SECURITY:

ENEMY AGENTS: In Adv LHQ Intelligence Summary No 30 and Intelligence Review Nos 39 and 43, attention was drawn to the need for all FS Sections, control posts and others concerned to keep a watch for attempts to introduce enemy agents into this country.
The following extract from a minute from the Director General of Security, dated 21 May 43, underlines this warning -
"In the early stages of the Sino - Japanese war, a Japanese Captain in the Intelligence Service who posed as a Chinese officer under the name of 'Wong Ah Bew' was responsible for a lot of successful 5th Column work among Chinese.

This enemy agent speaks Cantonese and four or five other Chinese dialects, and in addition is described as somewhat Chinese in appearance.

It is also reported that he was used successfully by the Japanese at HONG KONG and later in MALAYA and SINGAPORE.

He was last heard of at HONG KONG where it is reported the Japanese have established an Espionage organisation.

It is suggested that Japanese will make every effort to effect the entry of this Agent to AUSTRALIA in the guise of a Chinese for espionage purposes.

No accurate description is to hand but the following has been supplied-

Age uncertain	30 to 40 years
Height	5' 3"
Build	Stocky
Wears glasses, speaks several Chinese dialects fluently".	

NATIVE MOVEMENT.
As natives in other theatres of war have been successfyly used as 5th columnists by the Japanese, the possibility of the natives of this area being likewise employed either through compulsion or of their own free will should not be ignored.
Because of the splendid services rendered by many natives on the KOKODA Trail popular opinion is that all natives are pro-Allies. This is not the case and there are many who for reasons over which there can be no control, would be only too willing to assist the enemy.

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Natives, simply because they are natives, are allowed to do things which can seriously jeopardise our security.

All personnel must realise that bush natives and even mission natives who have gone bush, cannot be controlled by censorship and that anything they see or hear is likely to be passed on either by word of mouth or by letter

SECURITY FALLACIES:

Security mindedness is no new concept, as far back as Shakespeare's day it was regarded as a military virtue -

"There is no tiddle taddle nor pibble pabble in Pompey's Camp" (Henry V Act 4 Scene 1).

With the passing years, many fallacious beliefs concerning security have sprung up and taken root. Some of the most prevalent and potentially dangerous are:-

(a) That Security precautions can be and are embodied in a fixed code or rules and that observance of this code suffices - nothing is further from the truth. True, the underlying principles of Security remain constant, but, their interpretation MUST be adapted to changing circumstances and conditions. A sound maxim is "use your common sense, keep your mouth shut and see that every one else under you does the same" (ATM No 9 Apr 42).

(b) That "Security" can be left to the Specialists - F S personnel and Unit Security Officers are trained to assist and advise CO's in the task of making "Security" alive and real to their men. This task is the responsibility of CO's not of Security personnel

(c) That Security-mindedness is independent of discipline. On the contrary, security-mindedness is one of the military virtues embraced by the term discipline. Bad Security is bad discipline.

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Period ending 1200 hrs 11 Jun 43

PART ONE

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS
   (1) The enemy still maintains his interest in the BENA BENA - Mt HAGEN area. This is further evinced by his occupation of KAIAPIT in strength and his new movement towards ONGA on the main track to KAINANTU and BENA BENA.
   (2) On 5 Jun merchant shipping was sighted for the first time in the mouth of the SEPIK. This probably indicates his intention to develop MARIENBURG, which is believed to be his HQ's in the immediate region.
   (3) The enemy occupation of BURUI(80 miles West of MARIENBURG)in a strength estimated at 500, may be for the purpose of developing food supplies or to construct landing strips in the vicinity.
   (4) The enemy is strengthening the defences of SALAMAUA and MUBO. In the latter area the construction of defence works on GARRISON and OBSERV-ATION HILLS is a feature of interest.
   (5) 3 Bn of 21 Inf Regt of 5 Div has been definitely identified in the LAE area, the bn probably having arrived from MADANG in January. There is no evidence that the remaining bns of the regt have left the North Western area.
2. ENEMY LAND OPERATIONS
   (1) NEW GUINEA.
   MUBO - The enemy has continued to strengthen his defences, and it is estimated that an increase of 300 troops took place for the week ending 5 Jun.
   SALAMAUA - Unconfirmed native reports state that approx. 270 Jap troops arrived by barges from RABAUL on 25 May.
   BOANA - Is now reported to be permanently occupied by the enemy who have the support of the local natives. On 3 Jun a force of 300 Japs was reported to have reached BOANA from LAE by way of the BUSU RIVER. Unconfirmed report states that the enemy were in strength at KAIAPIT on 6 Jun.
   RAMU RIVER - Movement of enemy to WESA now confirmed.
   SEPIK RIVER - Confirmation has been received of the arrival of the enemy at BURUI and MARUI. Estimated strength of 500.
3. ENEMY SEA OPERATIONS
   (1) NEW BRITAIN - Photographs taken on 7 Jun showed the following vessels at RABAUL -

1 Light Cruiser	1 Submarine Tender
6 Destroyers(1 damaged)	1 Minelayer
3 Submarines	2 Unidentified vessels(possibly minesweepers, minelayers or gunboats.
1 " chaser	
1 Destroyer Tender	
1 Tanker (8500 tons)	22 Merchant vessels(93000 tons)

   (2) NEW IRELAND - Photographs taken on 8 Jun showed 4 merchant vessels totalling 23000 tons and a gunboat 35 miles WSW of KAVIENG.
4. ENEMY AIR OPERATIONS
   (1) Strength and Dispositions of Enemy Aircraft as at 10 jun 43 -

NE AREA			
	NEW BRITAIN	242 (plus 1)	
	NEW IRELAND	22	
	NEW GUINEA	135 (minus 20)	
	SOLOMONS	76 (plus 5)	475 (minus 14)
NW AREA			
	TIMOR	23 (minus 4)	
	AMBON	45 (" 2)	
	ARCE & KAI IS	19 (plus 1)	
	DUTCH NEW GUINEA	31	
	CELEBES	123	
	JAVA	161	402 (minus 5)
			877 (minus 19)

PART TWO - TOPOGRAPHICAL

1. ROAD DEVELOPMENT IN THE HANSA BAY - BOGADJIM - RAMU RIVER AREA
   Reports have been received for some time that the enemy has been develop-ing the coastal road from HANSA BAY to BOGADJIM. In the past month their efforts have been mainly concentrated on further extension of this road

Inland from BOGADJIM to MESAWAI in the RAMU RIVER area.
Photographic recce reveals that work is in progress on a new road from BOGADJIM running south through the highlands in the direction of the RAMU RIVER.
This new road neglects the old track and although the exact distance to which the new road has been constructed cannot be stated, it is at least as far south as the village of YAULA.
Further extension of the road to the RAMU RIVER may be as follows-

A. South through PAUROPA to MESEWAI, and thence SE through the foot-hills parallel to the RAMU RIVER.

B. West through KESA to OBULU to the RAMU. This route would provide access to the navigable waterways of the river.

NOTE The importance of the extension of the road cannot be stressed too highly, as it will provide overland communication for MT all the way from HANSA BAY to the upper RAMU RIVER and the MARKHAM RIVER, and will also make available communication between the coast near BOGADJIM, and the upper limit of navigation on the RAMU RIVER.

COMMENT It appears that the construction of motor transport roads, as indicated, forms part of the Jap plan to support LAE and to consolidate his position in the RAMU and MARKHAM VALLEY areas. Further evidence of this is found in the reported occupation of BOANA and KALPIT.

PART THREE
SECURITY

1. CAPTURED EQUIPMENT - DOCUMENTS AND PsW

It is obvious from captured documents that the enemy has become aware of shortcomings in security, and it appears that by proposed counter-measures certain sources of information, previously of much value to us, may be closed in future. All officers should bear this in mind and make sure that troops under command are fully conversant with their responsibilities in regard to intelligence.
Intelligence instructions are issued from time to time, and although some may appear premature or even elaborate, they are intended as a guide officers and ORs to ensure correct procedure is adopted once active hostilities commence. Unfortunately, security of captured equipment, documents and PsW in recent campaigns in NEW GUINEA, has been rather neglected, due mainly to two things.

(1) Inability to carry captured equipment etc, owing to circumstances of battle.

(2) The more generally selfish desire by personnel, both officers and ORs to confiscate or souvenir some article of enemy equip-ment for personal gain.

PART FOUR - ENEMY ORGANISATIONS

1. Independent Mortar Bn - details available at Bde HQ.

2. 38 Div Engineer Regt - " " " " "

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4 AUST ARMD BDE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

No 17

Period Ending 1200 hrs 18 Jun 43.

PART ONE

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
Between 4 Jun and 16 Jun the enemy has launched twelve air strikes in the BENA BENA - MT HAGEN area. Of these his attack on airfields and ground installations at KAINANTU, BENA BENA, ASALOKA and GAROKA by 27 bombers and 30 fighters on 14 Jun and his attack on BENA BENA, ASALOKA and ATSURA by 18 bombers and 22 fighters on 16 Jun, show clearly his more than ordinary interest in our occupation of the plateau.
In addition to occupying KAIAPIT, it is now reported from native sources that he has also reached WESA and DUMPU in some strength and has announced his intention of attacking BENA BENA and KAINANTU.
The existence of a motor road from MADANG and BOGADJIM and particularly the enemy's recent development of a road from BOGADJIM to YAULA lends wight to these native reports.

The strengthening of the enemy's garrisons, referred to last week, in the forward area near LUBO has continued and it is now believed that his strength here is at least 1,500, with possibly 250 at DUALI and 400 at BORDUBI apart from the SALAMAUA garrison itself, which is probably not less than 1,500.

NOTE: A late message received at 17131K 18 Jun from our patrols from BENA FORCE, states that the enemy have occupied WESA whilst WAIMERIPA is occupied in strength.

2. ENEMY LAND OPERATIONS.
RAMU RIVER - Early in the week, natives reported that the Japanese were in large numbers at DUMPU, approximately 26 miles NE by East of BENA BENA. These reports were followed by information that a large enemy force was at WESA, 10 miles further West. The enemy here announced to the natives that they intended, in the near future to move forward to attack KAINANTU, BENA BENA and MT HAGEN.
Our patrols have made no contact with any enemy around AIYURA and AKUNA, respectively 30 miles ESE and 34 miles SE of BENA BENA.
Further to the North West, a Japanese force of unstated strength was reported on 8 Jun to have reached, by pinnace, a position on the KERAM RIVER five hours journey from ANNANBERG.
MARKHAM. - On 14 Jun, 33 Japanese were seen to make three trips with stores to an island half a mile East of MARKHAM POINT. The enemy remained on the island where several huts were observed.
SALAMAUA. - On 8 Jun, our patrols were engaged by mortar fire one and three-quarter miles SW DUALI.
A Japanese party of 161 men was observed on 10 Jun carrying supplies over the foot bridge across the mouth of the FRANCISCO RIVER. The following day, this bridge was partially destroyed by allied aircraft but by 12 Jun, temporary repairs had been effected and the traffic was again in progress.
MUBO - Further enemy troop movement has taken place Southwards along the KOMIATUM track. On 15 Jun, 485 Japanese were seen to move South along the track and on the following day, an additional 163.

3. Photographs taken over SIMPSON HARBOUR on 17 Jun should the following vessels:-

1 light cruiser
8 destroyers
1 destroyer tender
1 converted destroyer tender
1 converted seaplane tender
2 minesweepers
3 possible minesweepers
1 minelayer
4 submarines.

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1 gun boat
5 submarine chasers
23 merchant vessels(totalling 105,00 tons incl
1 tanker

TOTAL 31 vessels.

4. STRENGTH AND DISPOSITIONS OF ENEMY FORCES.
The following reports of troop movement in the MUBO area have been received. Between 19 May and 5 Jun, approximately 550 troops moved South and 250 moved North along the KOMIATUM track, whilst on 15 Jun, 486 Japanese moved South and a further 163 the following day.
The following notes on the present strengths of enemy forces in LAE - SALAMAUA MUBO area are reproduced from NG Force Intelligence Summary No 126 -
"A report from MISSIM area indicates than on 15 Jun approx 500 more Japanese moved up to MUBO. Although accurate assessment is out of the question, it is likely that Japanese strength at MUBO has reached the 1,500 mark, and this has been taken as a working figure for the time being.
Speculation as to where this extra force has come from emphasises the difficulty in keeping track of enemy troop movements between LAE and SALAMAUA. For practical purposes the ease and speed with which the enemy, given sufficient barges, can move from one to the other, renders separation of LAE and SALAMAUA figures largely meaningless. Reinforcement for his forward areas can be drawn from either, with almost equal facility. There is evidence that when troops are withdrawn from action, they do not remain at SALAMAUA, but are brought back to LAE.
Whilst bearing in mind that the number of troops for garrison and L of C purposes in SALAMAUA would probably not be below 1,500, it has been decided to combine the figures for LAE and SALAMAUA, rather than attempt to keep separate totals which can, and probably do, fluctuate overnight.
Translations just completed of documents captured after the WAU attack, have revealed the presence of 6th and 7th Ind Engr Detachments with an estimated combined strength of 430.
The force at DAULI has been an unknown quantity for some time, but it is obvious that its strength has been considerably depleted. This together with latest reports would indicate a present strength of approximately 250.
Estimated distribution of enemy strengths at present is as follows, based on the foregoing considerations :-

LAE - SALAMAUA	-	4,875
BOGADJIM	-	400
MUBO	-	1,500
DUALI	-	250
TOTAL		7,025

5. ENEMY AIR OPERATIONS.
Strength and dispositions of Enemy A/C as at 17 Jun 43.

N E Area.	NEW BRITAIN	254(plus 12)	
	NEW IRELAND	22	
	NEW GUINEA	105(minus 30)	
	SOLOMONS	52(minus 24)	433(minus 42)
N W Area.	TIMOR	20(minus 3)	
	AMBON	45	
	ARCE & KAI IS	12(minus 7)	
	DUTCH NEW GUINEA	31	
	CELEBES	123	
	JAVA	161	392(minus 52)

PART TWO.

(i) Divisional Cypher Section (Japanese)
(ii) 15 Independent Engineer Regt "
(iii) 70 mm Mortar Type Barrage Shell "
(iv) Experimental Standard.

Detailed information on these is available at Bde I Files.

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TACTICAL.

The following observations were made by an officer of the War Department, who was present with US Forces during the capture of ATTU.

(a) Shallow dummy trenches were employed by the Japanese to deceive our air.
(b) Alternate fox-holes along the slopes of the ridges were employed by the Japanese to enable them to keep always just above the fog line. This made them hard to find, but probably was responsible for inaccurate fire.
(c) The Japanese employed effective fire from their anti-aircraft guns against our ground troops, using air bursts.
(d) The effectiveness of the Japanese Knee Mortar was again noted.
(e) The Japanese put on small counter-attacks throughout the fighting, and a final desperate attack when they were about to be defeated which was stopped only at our Regimental CP.

PART THREE

SECURITY.

UNIT CENSORSHIP.

(a) Officers, in some cases, do not give immediate attention to their franking duties: the consequent delay in the transmission of mail not only prompts soldiers to use PMG postal channels, but also has a bad effect on their morale.
(b) In violation of the obligation of secrecy imposed on them, some officers continue to discuss and joke about the contents of their men's letters; not only does such action bring contempt upon the officers concerned, shake the faith of troops in the system of unit censorship and adversely affect the men's morale, but it also encourages soldiers to use PMG postal channels for their letters.

(c) In franking their own correspondence, some officers apparently think that the requirements of security may be relaxed in their own favour. This abuse of the self franking privilege accorded to officers warrants the immediate withdrawal of this privilege from any offenders.

These charges are not new and previous reference has been made to them.

Major.
(F C TAYLOR)
B M 4 Aust Armd Bde, AIF.

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4 Aust Armd Bde Intelligence Summary No 18

Period Ending 1200 hrs 28 Jun 43

PART ONE

Operations

1. Summary of Significant Events

The most important item during the period of this report is the reinforcement of the Jap garrison in the LAE-SALAMAUA area, troops having brought from MADANG by barge, after first coming from WEWAK by the same method. It is estimated that about 600 troops have arrived, some of them by the submarine ferry from RABAUL, which now maintains a tri-weekly service to LAE.
This increase enabled the enemy to carry out a large scale attack on our positions on LAPAGLA RIDGE on 20,21 and 22 Jun. About one Bn strength, with for the first time, direct air support, took part in the attacks, which were badly done up by our forces, over 200 Japs being killed for our loss of 12 killed and 12 wounded.
Identification of the enemy reinforcements was made from documents captured in this operation, which point to them being HQ and two Bns of 66 Regt bought to FINSCHHAFEN and then to LAE.
Enemy patrols contine to be active SW of WEWAK, and from MADANG and SAIDOR into the RAMU valley. Native labour is being used to develop communications in all this area. The sphere of Jap activity in this regard can be fairly well defined by drawing a line from SALAMAUA to MARUI,(about 40 miles SW of WEWAK). The area North of this line roughly outlines the limits of Jap exploitation.

2. Enemy Land Operations

DUALI-NASSAU BAY :- The main body of troops in this area is located along the southern shore of NASSAU BAY, and the strength of the garrison is estimated at 350. It is thought that they are in poor physical condition owing to food shortage.
UPPER MARKHAM-RAMU VALLEY :- Further enemy patrols from the RAI coast are reported to have crossed the FINISTERRE MOUNTAINS, and reached the headwaters of the GUSAP RIVER. North Westwards the enemy is reported to have established a base at GIALIGOOL(34 miles West of BOGADJIM) The presence of elements of an Engineer unit at YAULA(12 miles South of BOGADJIM) and MABALUKE(one mile South of YAULA) indicates that the enemy intends extending the MT road from BOGADJIM to YAULA, Southwards
DUTCH NEW GUINEA :- The enemy is reported to have occupied ENAROTALI (East of PANIAI LAKE - WISSEL LAKES, 58 miles North of KAUKENAU) on 15 Jun.

3. Enemy Sea Operations

NE Area :- Decreased shipping has been reported in this area although barge traffic along the NE coast of NEW GUINEA has continued at its normal level.
(1) NEW BRITAIN :- Latest photographs reveal the following shipping in SIMPSON HARBOUR :-

1 Light Cruiser	3 Submarines
9 Destroyers	3 Submarine Chasers
1 Minelayer	2 Transports(10/11000 tons each)
1 Submarine Tender	1 Tanker (14000 tons)
1 Converted Destroyer Tender	24 Merchant Vessels(95950 tons)

(2) NEW GUINEA :- No convoys reported at WEWAK, the only shipping reported there was one merchant vessel of 1000 tons on 20 Jun. On 19 Jun 4 small merchant vessels were observed at HANSA BAY.
NW Area :- Photographs taken on 23 Jun revealed 4 cruisers,3 merchant vessels totalling 2100 tons, and a freighter transport of 2000 tons in MACASSAR HARBOUR, while further to the NW 7 vessels, including a destroyer, were sighted approaching MACASSAR.

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4. Enemy Air Operations

NE Area - Attacks on our bases and advanced troop positions in NEW GUINEA have been numerous, particularly in the vicinity of WAU and MUBO. Further raids(2) on BENA BENA occurred on 18 and 20 Jun, causing slight damage to the strip.
Enemy aircraft on reconnaissance have been reported over BENA BENA, WAU, BULOLO, MILNE BAY and WOODLARK and GOODENOUGH ISLANDS.
AUSTRALIA - Thirty bombers escorted by twenty one fighters raided DARWIN on 20 Jun and dropped bombs on WINELLIE CAMP and the RAAF area. SPITFIRES intercepted the raiders and shot down 8 bombers and 4 fighters. Our losses were very slight.

Strength and dispositions of enemy aircraft in the SWPA as at 30 Jun were as under:-

NE Area			
	New Britain	268 (plus 8)	
	New Ireland	4 (minus 18)	
	New Guinea	98 (" 7)	
	Solomons	94 (plus 42)	453 (plus 21
NW Area			
	Timor	17 (minus 3)	
	Ambon	42 (" 3)	
	Aroe & Kai Is)	19 (plus 7)	
	Dutch New Guinea	28 (minus 3)	
	Celebes	138	
	Java	149 (minus 12)	373 (- 14)
		Total for SWPA	826 (plus 11)

PART TWO

Enemy Organisation

5. Jap Divisional Medical Service

(1) Consists of :-

A. Medical Officers or HQs - Senior MO is a Col, and he has 3 assistants, a Lt.Col, a Captain and a Probationery Officer. His duties are advisory and supervisory, and he does not directly control the MO's in the field.

B. Four Field Hospitals - Each 3 Regt Division in the SWPA has code numbers allotted to four field hospitals, but in practice only three are used. Each hospital has a staff of about 250 personnel made up of 20 MO's - 1 Major, 2 Captains, 17 Lieuts and Probationery Officers,- about 50 NCO's, and the remainder orderlies. The hospital is organised into HQs, Treatment Section, Infirmary Section, Pharmacy Section and Transport Section and has a capacity for taking 500 patients.

C. The Medical Unit - About 850 personnel, divided into 3 coys, the duty of each coy being to form stretcher bearer links between Bn Aid Posts and the Field Hospitals. Medical Unit also sets up CCSs, where patients are tagged and listed. Stretcher bearers may be regular troops and are not necessarily medical personnel. Horse drawn ambulances, stretchers and hygiene material form part of normal equipment, together with the instruments for minor surgical operations.

D. Regimental and Battalion Medical Personnel - The MO on Regt HQ supervises the MOs and Orderlies within the Regt(Jap Regt contains 3 Inf Bns and is equivalent to our Bde). The medical personnel in an infantry battalion consist of 2 MOs, 4 NCOs and 10 ORs. These are split into groups and allocated 4 to a coy or one to a platoon.

(2) System of Evacuation - The wounded soldier is attended to by the platoon medical orderly, then, with the assistance of his comrade he is taken back to a post where the Bn MO is located. He is taken by stretcher bearers to a CCS where he is treated, tagged, and passed on to a Fd Hospital. An L of C Hospital evacuates patients by ambulance from the Fd Hospital, and after treatment, if necessary, arranges evacuation by hospital train or ship to a base or district hospital in Japan.

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5. Jap Divisional Medical Service(contd).

(3) Training of Medical Personnel

Medical Officers are either Regular or Reserve. Reserve MO's are civilian Doctors wo are given a rank commensurate with their training, becoming 2/Lieut or 1/Lieut with no bar to promotion. Reserve officers return to civilian life when the war is over, and do not appear in the army list. Regular officers enlist during their first year at Medical School and their studies are supervised by the Army.

Medical Orderlies are enlisted in the normal way and their training consists of the study of Army Text Books covering autopsies, kinds of wounds, dressing of wounds, injections and medicines.

(4) Dress and Equipment. - MOs are dressed as other field troops, and only divisional and hospital medical personnel wear the medical "arm-of-service" badge. Officers are armed with pistols and swords, and O Rs carry bayonets. All medical personnel are issued with Red Cross arm bands, but these are rarely worn. MOs in the field carry medicines in a haversack which bears the Red Cross.

PART THREE.

ENEMY EQUIPMENT.

6. Jap 13mm Twin Barrel A/A-Tk/A Gun, Type "93" Model 3.

(1) Characteristics

Weight of Gun	: 87 lbs	Calibre	: 13mm(.53 in)
Weight of Magazine	5 "	Operation	: Gas
Weight of filled Magazine	: 13 "	Elevation	: 0-85 degrees from horizontal (approx)
Magazine Capacity	: 30 rounds	Traverse	360 degrees
Length of Barrel plus flash eliminator	: 65 in	Types of Fire	: Automatic only
		Rate of Fire	: 450/480 rpm

(2) Types of Ammunition used, Markings of Cap and Muzzle Velocity

SAA - Ball : White 2210 f/s SAA-AP: Black 2380 f/s Tracer : Red Time of burning 4.75 secs.

Further details and a photo of this weapon can be obtained from Bde. Int Sec on application.

Maj.
(F C Taylor),
B M 4 Aust Armd Bde A I F.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS

Part 1.

BRIGADIER D MACARTHUR ONSLOW D.S.O.
COMD. 4 AUST ARMD BDE A.I.F.

H.Q. 4 Aust Armd Bde
10 Jun 43.

Serial No 8.
Para A 71.

A71. RETREAT. Retreat is blown at Bde HQ at 1630 hrs and ALL vehicles approaching Bde HQ at that time will halt until the trumpet call is sounded.

A72. SPEED OF VEHICLES. All vehicles will slow down to 10 m.p.h. when passing marching troops.
Attention of all drivers is to be drawn to speed limit signs displayed outside the Lt Fd Amb Hospital. These limits will be observed.

A73. CHANGE OF NAME. 1 Aust Army Tank Bn is now to be known as 1 Aust Tk Bn.

A74. ONE WAY TRAFFIC ON TOORBUL POINT. All M.T. approaching Toorbul Point will travel by usual route; but when departing this area will continue round loop road through A T C Area. Units located on Toorbul Point will leave that area by way of loop road; but may continue to use Bde road when drawing water and visiting other Units on the Point.
One way traffic signswill be posted at turn off and Bde Pro Pl personnel will police this instruction as from 0700 hrs 11 Jun 43.

A75. ACCIDENTS. All ranks will be informed that already one fatal accident has occurred and a number of personnel injured in Jeeps. The speed limit for these vehicles MUST be observed.

A76. EVACUATION OF VEHICLES TO BDE W/SHOP. When a tank is evacuated to Bde W/Shop, driver and 1 other member of crew only are to accompany vehicle; when M T areevacuated, driver only is required.

A77. M. T. RETURNS. Monthly P O L return (G 6)is not required at this HQ; but will be prepared and retained by Units until periodical petrol audits are carried out by DFO's representative.
A summary showing quantities of fuel and oils used each month will be submitted in lieu.

(Signed) R.W.Van.Nooten Capt.
(R W Van Nooten)
S/C 4 Aust Armd Bde A.I.F.

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ROUTINE ORDERS.

Part I.

Brigadier D Macarthur Onslow D.S.O.
Comd 4 Aust Armd Bde A.I.F.

H.Q. 4 Aust Armd Bde
23 Jun 43.

Serial No 8.
Para A74-A78.

GOODWILL MESSAGE.

The following message has been received from Maj. Gen. V.P.H. Stantke C.B.E. D.S.O. G.O.C. Q'land L of C Area

"I would like to wish you all good hunting in the future and the best of health."

Yours very sincerely
(Signed) V.P.H. Stantke"

A 74. DRESS ON LEAVE. Before proceeding on Caboolture leave all personnel will be inspected by the Unit Duty Officer to ensure that the standard of dress is greatly improved.

A75. DRIVING OF JEEPS. Officers are granted permission to drive Jeeps within the Bde Area. This does not apply to the township of Caboolture.

A76. CIVILIANS, CARRIAGE OF. Under no circumstances will civilians be carried in Unit vehicles. This practice, besides being contrary to Standing Orders for Drivers, if dangerous to security.

A77. TACTICAL SIGNS. A number of vehicles are still to be seen without tactical signs, or bearing incorrect ones. No vehicle will leave Unit lines unless correct signs are displayed.

A78. RETURNS. Unless otherwise stipulated one copy only of returns, correspondence etc will be forwarded to this H.Q.

MACMILLAN BOOK AWARD 1943.

This year two book awards of £500 each will be offered by Macmillan & Co. Ltd. Publishers for the best novel and the best book submitted in 1943. Also a number of smaller awards totalling £1000 for other entries.
Competition will be confined to members of the armed and auxilliary forces of the British Commonwealth of Nations and the armed forces of the U.S.A.
Candidates need not complete the book until after the war.
A partial manuscript with a synopsis of how the candidate proposes to complete it may be submitted and will be considered.
Full particulars may be obtained from the Bde Education Officer.

NOTICES.

CAST NET MISSING. C.C.C. Toorbul Point report the theft or removal of a cast net by personnel of this Bde.
Units will investigate and report results to this H.Q.

(Signed).R.W.Van.Nooten. Capt.
(R W Van Nooten)
S/C 4 Aust Armd Bde.

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

WE 1/29/1 HQ 14 Aust Army Bde (*Unit*)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	WE	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment).
BRIGADIER *	1	1		
CHAPLAINS *	3	3		
Lieut.-Colonels				
Majors	2	2		
Captains	8	3		5
Lieutenants	5	5		
2nd Lieutenants				
Quartermasters				
Totals	19	14		5

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1 Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	2 Personal Number.	3 Name and Initials.	4 Corps.	5 Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No).	6 If not present with Unit, state how employed.
BRIG	NX 135	MACARTHUR ONSLOW D	BDE COMD	No	Duty
MAJ	VX 6542	TAYLOR F.C.	BDE MAJ	Yes	
CAPT	VX 9761	VAN NOOTEN R.W.	S.C.	Yes	
CAPT	NX 70998	PILCHER K	I O	No	Duty
LIEUT	VX 102666	JAMES V.J.	OC HQ Sqn.	Yes	
AUTHORISED ATTACHED.					
MAJ	WX 11008	DIMOND. C.M.	DADME	Yes	
CAPT	NX 76295	OSBORNE L.E.	L.S.O.	Yes	
LIEUT	SX 22313	BICE. L.H.	BASCO.	Yes	
LIEUT	NX 80701	QUINT R.C.	Hyg Offr	Yes	
LIEUT	NX 204444	SMITH. S.T.	B.O.O.	Yes	
LIEUT	NX 26821	MASTERMAN. L.C.	Ed Offr	Yes	
CHAPLAIN	VX 64453	KEYTE T.E.		No	Dec 2/9 Cause Arma Regt.
CHAPLAIN	NX 139534	GILHESPY. C.M.		No	Dec 1 Cause Tank Bn
CHAPLAIN	NX 137600	LOUGHNAN. H.B.		No	Duty.

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
CAPT	NX 78378	CROSBY BROWNE J			
LIEUT	NX 139538	JOHNSTON B.S.			
LIEUT	SX 11631	SKINNER C.R.A.			
LIEUT	VX 52230.	TURNER. J.D.			

HQ 4 Cause Arma Bde
(Unit.)

L H Bice Lieut
(Signature of Commander.)

19 June 43
(Date of Despatch.)

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

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

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

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

[illegible] Unit.

[illegible] Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch [illegible]

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

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

_____ (*Unit*)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

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

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1 Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	2 Personal Number.	3 Name and Initials.	4 Corps.	5 Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No).	6 If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lt-Col T/Brig	NX 135	MACARTHUR ONSLOW D.	Bde Comd	Yes.	
Lieut T/Maj	VX 6542	TAYLOR F. C.	Bde Maj	Yes	
Capt	VX 9761	VAN NOOTEN R. W.	B C	Yes	
Lieut T/Capt	NX 70998	PILCHER K.	I O	Yes	
Lieut	VX 102666	JAMES V. J.	CO HQ Sqn.	Yes	
AUTHORISED ATTACHED.					
Maj	VX 11008	DIMOND C. N.	DADMS	Yes	
Capt	NX 76295	OSBORNE L. F.	L S O	Yes	
Lieut	S X22313	B IGS L. H.	BASCO	Yes	
Lieut	NX 80701	QUINT R. C.	Hyg Offr	Yes	
Lieut	NX 20444	SMITH S. T.	B O O	Yes	
Lieut	NX 26821	MASTERMAN L. C.	Educ Offr.	Yes.	
Chaplain	VX 64453	KEITH T. F.		No.	Det 2/9 Aust Armd Regt
Chaplain	NX 139534	GILLESPY C. M.		No.	Det 1 Aust Tank Bn
Chaplain	NX 137600	LOUGHNAN H. B.		No.	Duty at Canungra Jungle Warfare School
Chaplain	NX 145244	NOBLE J. L.		No.	Det 2/6 Aust Armd Regt

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

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

H Q 4 Aust Armd Bde (Unit.)

B Johnston Lieut.
(Signature of Commander)

26 June (Date of Despatch.)

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

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TABLE F NOT APPLICABLE

TABLE G NOT APPLICABLE

TABLE H NOT APPLICABLE

TABLE I NOT APPLICABLE

TABLE J.

OFFICERS NOT ON POSTED STRENGTH

Sub Rank & Higher T/Rank if held.	Army No.	Surname.	Initials.	Officers Parent Unit.	Reason for being with Unit.
Capt.	N 278378	CROSBY BROWNE	J.	9 Inf Bde.	Specially attached to establish Band and Amenities. LHQ Instr.
Lieut.	NX139538	JOHNSTON	B.S.	1 Aust Tank Bn	L O
Lieut.	S X11631	SKINNER	C.R.A.	2/9 Aust Armd Regt	L O
Lieut.	VX 52230	TURNER	J.D.	2/6 Aust Armd Regt	L O

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

_____ (Unit) _____ 19____ (Date).

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

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

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.

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

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

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_____ *Unit.*

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

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

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

_____ *Unit.*

_____ *Signature of Commander.*

*Date of Despatch*_____

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

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

WE 1/2/1 HQ 4 Aust Div Coy 3 (Unit) 4 Feb 19 17 (Date).

(To be furnished by all units and all Headquarter units.) Pers L WOP (1) Aust Transport Rd (2) x Fm Rd

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.			
W.Os. Class II.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	2		
Staff Serjeants	1		1
Serjeants	2		
Corporals	4	2	
Troopers, Privates, &c.	7	3	
	24	7	1
TOTALS	36	12*	2*

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
1 Sgt 1 Cpl	2 Fd Sqn	1 Tpr	1 Aust Tk Coy
1 Cpl	2 Fd Sqn	1 Sgt 1 Cpl 4 Tprs	2/3 Aust Corps Sig Sqn
1 Sgt	2 Fd Sqn	2 Cpls 7 Tprs	1 Aust Tank Bn
2 Cpls 1 Tpr	2 Fd Sqn	1 Cpl 6 Tprs	2/4 Aust Corps Sig Sqn
1 Cpl 2 Tprs	2 Fd Sqn	3 Tprs	2 Aust Inf Base Depot
1 Sgt	4th Aust Inf Base Depot	8 Tprs	1st Aust Base Employment Coy
1 Sgt	2 Fd Sqn	1 Sgt	1st M.G. Battalion

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

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

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

WE 1/2/41

HQ 1st Aust Armd Bde (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	WE	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment).
BRIGADIER *	1	1		
CHAPLAINS *	3	3		
Lieut.-Colonels				
Majors	2	2		
Captains	8	3		5
Lieutenants	5	4		1
2nd Lieutenants				
Quartermasters				
Totals	19	13		6

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1 Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	2 Personal Number.	3 Name and Initials.	4 Posting ~~Corps.~~	5 Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No).	6 If not present with Unit, state how employed.
BRIG	NX135	MACARTHUR ONSLOW D	BDE COMD	Yes	
MAJ	VX6542	TAYLOR F.C.	B.M.	Yes	
MAJ	WX11008	DIMOND C.M.	DADME	Yes	
CAPT	VX9761	VAN NOOTEN R.W.	S.C.	Yes	
CAPT	NX70998	PILCHER K.	I.O.	No	Duty
CAPT	NX76295	OSBORNE L.F.	L.S.O.	Yes	
LIEUT	VX102666	JAMES V.J.	OC HQ Sqn	Yes	
LIEUT	SX22313	BICE L.H.	BASCO	Yes	
LIEUT	NX80701	QUINT R.C.	Hyg Offr	Yes	
LIEUT	NX20444	SMITH S.T.	B.O.O.	Yes	
CHAPLAIN	VX64453	KEYTE T.F.		No	Det 2/9 Aust Arms Regt
CHAPLAIN	NX139534	GILHESPY C.M.		No	Det 1 Aust Army Tank Bn
CHAPLAIN	NX137600	LOUGHNAN B.H.		Yes	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
LIEUT	NX26682	MASTERMAN L.C.			
LIEUT	NX139538	JOHNSTON B.S.			
CAPT	N278378	CROSBY BROWNE J.			

HQ 4 Aust Arms Bn
(Unit.)

James Lt.
(Signature of Commander.)

5 June 43
(Date of Despatch.)

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

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H Q & Aust Arma Bde Unit.

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

Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)
Ammunition Examiners			Fire Control Operators			Panel Beaters		
Armament Artificers			Fitters			Pattern Makers		
Armourers			Fitters and Turners			Pharmacists		
Artificers, Artillery			Fitters, Cycle			Photographers, dry plate		
Axemen			Fitters, Drivers			Photographers, wet plate		
Bakers			Fitter's Mates			Photo-Writers		
Battery Surveyors			Fitters, M.V.			Plate Layers		
Battery Comdrs. Asst.			Fitters, Railway Signal			Plumbers		
Blacksmiths			Fitters, Signal			Predictor Numbers		
Boilermakers			Grinders			Printers		
Bricklayers			Gun Layers			Radiator Mechanics		
Butchers			G.P.O. Assistants			Radiographers		
Camouflage Modeller			Gun Operators			Range Takers		
Carpenter and Joiner			Hammermen			Riggers		
Clerks 5	2		Height Takers			Rivetters		
Clerks, Engineering			Hello Operators			Saddlers		
Clerks, Supply			Instrument Mechanics			Saddle Tree Makers		
Clerks, Technical			Instrument Mechanics, Surgical			Saw Doctors		
Coachmakers			Instrument Operators			Sawyers		
Computers			Intelligence Duties 1		1	Shoemakers		
Concretors			Joiners			Signallers		
Cooks 3			Leather Stitchers			Signwriters		
Cooks, Hospital			Linesmen			Stokers, Stationary Engine		
Coppersmiths			Linesmen, Signals			Storemen, Technical 1		
Dental Clerk Orderlies			Lithographers			Surveyors		
Despatch Riders			Machinists			Surveyors, Engineering		
Dispensers			Masons			Tailors		
Draughtsmen			Masseurs			Telescope Identification Numbers		
Draughtsmen, Architectural			Mechanics, Dental			Textile Refitters		
Draughtsmen, Mechanical			Mechanics, M.T. 2			Tinsmiths		
Draughtsmen, Signal			Mechanics, Typewriter			Toolmakers		
Draughtsmen, Topographical			Mechanics, Wireless			Turners		
Driver Mechanics 1			Millwrights			Vulcanizers		
Driver Operators MT 9	2	1	Miners			Wagon Erectors		
Drivers, Transportation Plant			Moulders			Watchmakers		
Electrical Fitters			Nursing Orderlies			Watermen 1		
Electricians			Nursing Orderlies (Mental)			Welders		
Electricians, Eng. Units			Nurses, Trained			Well Borers		
Electricians, Signal			Observation Post Assistants			Wheelers		
Engine Artificers			Operating Room Assistants			Whitesmiths		
Engine Hands I/C			Operators, Signal			Wiremen		
Equipment Repairers			Opticians			Woodturners		
Farriers			Painters			STOREMAN 2		
			BATMEN 3	1		HYGIENE 1		1
SQMS		1	BAT/DVRS 16		2	ORDERLIES 6		1
WO CLERK		1						
Tpt Sgt		1						
Offrs Mess Steward	1							
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)	5	4		1	3			2

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

H Q & Aust Arma Bde
Unit.

[signature]
Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch 5—6—43

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

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

W/E 1/2/43 HQ & Aust Amm Bde (Unit) 5-6- 1943 (Date).

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Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail. W/E	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.			
W.Os. Class II. 2	1		1
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants 1			1
Staff Serjeants			
Serjeants 7	6		1
Corporals 8	14	6	
Troopers, Privates, &c. 44	38		6
TOTALS	59	6	9

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
1 Sgt	Adv LHQ Brisbane		
3 Typs	5 Tk 4 gun RAE		
1 Sgt 5 Typs	2/9 Aust Amm Regt.		
1 Typ.	2/6 Aust Amm Regt.		
1 Cpl 6 Typs	1 Aust Army Tank Bn.		
7 Typs	4 Aust Amm Bde Engrs.		
1 Typ.	6 Aust Tk Tk Coy		

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

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

H Q 4 Aust Armd Bde Gp,
A I F AUSTRALIA.

3 Jun 43.

Dear

On behalf of all ranks 4 Aust Armd Bde Gp, may I be permitted to convey to you our very sincere congratulations upon the recent award of the honour of Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire which his Majesty has seen fit to bestow upon you for your splendid work on behalf of Australia.

One and all we extend to you our hearty good wishes for your continued success, prosperity and good health in the future.

Major General V P H Stantke C B E, D S O,
G O C, Qld L of C Area,
Brisbane.

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NX 70998
Capt K. Pilcher
1 A.A.P.U.
H.Q. N.G.F. Thurs 3 Jun 43

File

Dear Major,

I suppose one of the prime qualifications of being a returned soldier is to have had the enemy firing at you. If so, this letter is written by one.

Yesterday from 0500 to 1330 I was out on an armd recce in a Liberator, and had a grandstand view of a large section of the coast in which the Brig is interested. We came out on the northern side at Baden Bay about 25 miles south of Salamaua, and then followed the coast right round to Madang - from both of those places and also Lae, quite a bit of AA was chucked at us, the effects of which were principally to convince me I don't want to be in the air force. From Madang we went right out across the Bismark Sea in a series of legs almost to Kavieng. We were to drop our bombs on Cape Gloucester area, but much to our disgust one of the motors cut out and we had to turn for home and jettison the load in the sea. As we passed within 5-8 miles of the target anyway. I feel sure that if I'd been with RAAF instead of US we'd have done the right thing by the Japs whether we had all engines or not.

The main point from my angle of course is that the trip just finished off the work I've done here on the ground, and I feel that as far as facilities go I've completely justified my trip, as I now

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that section of the coast very well indeed. I expect within the next few days to ~~fly~~ fly over to Dobedura and from there do the coast by boat.

I'm afraid my chances of seeing Rabaul are practically nil, as all the missions are done at night, and in addition there's a certain amount of permanent fighter cover there and they don't like strangers in the planes when they go over. However I may yet be lucky.

The other four are here of course - have had quite a decent look round this area I think, including a visit yesterday to 2/8. Today I believe they are going on a supply dropping run, which should keep them interested. However I see no doubt one or more of them will give you all the news by letter so I won't duplicate it.

I don't think there's anything else at the moment. Please give my R regards to the Brig and all the lads about the place. I'm looking forward very much to being back with you all shortly - by the way I suggest when the time comes a request through HHQ for me to be returned pronto, as otherwise I might be returned by boat, which might easily take weeks.

Cheerio for the present, and all the best

Yours

Ken.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.
NORTHERN COMMAND

HEADQUARTERS,
VICTORIA BARRACKS,

BRISBANE, 8 June, 1943.

Dear Macarthur Onslow

I am delighted to receive from 4 Aust. Armd. Bde. Gp. your congratulations on the Honour conferred upon me, also your wishes for my future.

I would like to wish you all good hunting in the future and the best of health.

Yours very sincerely,

V.A.H. Stanley

Bde 20/A
22/6/43.

Brigadier D. Macarthur-Onslow,
H.Q., 4 Aust. Armd. Bde. Gp.,
A.I.F. AUSTRALIA.

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Dear Denzil,

Thanks very much for your kind message of congratulation upon the honour recently conferred upon me by His Majesty the King. Needless to say it has given me great pleasure, signifying as it does His Majesty's recognition of the magnificent work done during the Papuan campaign by all the troops under my command. I might add that your message and the many others I have received have been a source of great encouragement to me for what lies ahead.

With very best wishes from my wife and myself.

Yours sincerely,

G.F. Herring.

Hope your new Command progresses satisfactorily, all best wishes hoping to see ya again one of these days.

HEADQUARTERS,
NEW GUINEA FORCE,
18 JUNE, 1943.

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TO LANDOPS

FROM	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
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NODECO	FOR	D.C.G.S.	FROM	D.M.T.
(.)	SELECTION	TANK	SQN	FOR
TABLELAND	DISCUSSED	WITH	"G" AFV	AND
BRIG	ONSLOW	(.)	RECOMMEND	ONE
SQN	2/9	ARMD	REGT	PROCEED
DIRECT	TO	TABLELAND	AND	THAT
1	ARMY	TK	BN	BEGIN
AMPHIBIOUS	TRAINING	TOORBUL	PT	IMMEDIATELY
ON	ARRIVAL	CABOOLTURE	(.)	THIS
PROGRAMME	ENVISAGES	METHODS	OF	TANK
INFANTRY	COOPERATION	BEING	EVOLVED	WITH
SQN	2/9	REGT	AND	PRACTISED
BY	1	ARMY	TK	BN
BEFORE	JOINING	SELECTED	INFANTRY	FORMATION
FOR	FINAL	TRAINING	ON	MAINLAND
(.)	FURTHER	SUGGEST	THIS	BE
ARRANGED	BY	MOVING	1	ARMY
TK	BN	IN	LST	OR
SUITABLE	AMPFORCE	CRAFT	FROM	TOORBUL
POINT	TO	CAIRNS	OR	OTHER
SELECTED	AREA	AT	APPROPRIATE	DATE
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SIGNATURE D.M. Laffray Maj Col. "G" AFV.

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NX 70998
Capt K. Pilcher
AMERICAN RED CROSS HH HQ 41 US Div
Wed 16 Jun 43

File

Dear Major,

I haven't written to you for some little time as I've been over here for just over a week and have been running around a fair bit. I've seen quite a bit of C Sgn 2/8 here and they've been most helpful. Bills, (Wettle & Teddis) left for Moresby this morning where they intend to spend a day or so before leaving. I shall be here for a while yet and then move on to Morobe and have a look at Lae & Salamaua from a P.T boat if I'm lucky. Had another bomber trip over there last Sunday week, and on to Madang and nearly to Wewak. Picked up by two Zeroes over the former place but they sheered off I'm very happy to say!

I had your very welcome letter just before I left Moresby - but I can't remember whether I answered it or not. Very pleased to hear all is going well - believe me I'll be glad to be home

"To furnish volunteer aid to the sick and wounded of armies ....." and "To act in matters of voluntary relief and in accord with the military and naval authorities as a medium of communication between the people of the United States of America and their Army and Navy....." The Charter of The American National Red Cross. By Act of Congress, January 5, 1905.
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AMERICAN RED CROSS

with you all again within another week or two.

We've had a couple of raids here lately, and there's an alert every night about 7 or 8 o'clock. No bombs actually here but we've had one slashing fireworks display from the AA.

Well, the other party will be able to give you all the news – this is merely to let you know I'm still alive and well, but rather lonesome for my own show after living with the "godamned Yanks" for so long.

Give my respects to the Brig and kindest regards to all in Bde

Yours ever

Ken.

"To furnish volunteer aid to the sick and wounded of armies . . . . . ." and "To act in matters of voluntary relief and in accord with the military and naval authorities as a medium of communication between the people of the United States of America and their Army and Navy....." The Charter of The American National Red Cross. By Act of Congress, January 5, 1905.

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HQ 4 Aust Armd Bde A.I.F.
Australia.

20 June 43.

To
2/6 Aust Armd Regt.

I am instructed by the Bde. Comd. to convey to Captain N.G. Whitehead his most sincere congratulations on the award of the Military Cross to him for his gallant and distinguished services in New Guinea.

The Bde Comd desires also to further congratulate Captain Whitehead and the 2/6 Aust Armd Regt on being the first unit of the Australian Armoured Corps to receive such an honour.

Taylor.
.....Major.
(F.C. Taylor)
B.M. 4 Aust Armd Bde.

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VEHICLE ACCIDENT REPORT.
JUNE 1943.

UNIT.	MILEAGE FOR MONTH.	AVERAGE NO. VEHS. ON STRENGTH	AVERAGE No. MILES PER VEH.	NO. OF ACCIDENTS.	COST OF REPAIRS.	NO. OF PERSONNEL INJURED.
HQ 4 Aust Armd Bde.	34,110	38	898	-		
I Aust Army Tank Bn.	40,451.	79	512.	I	£85.	2
2/9 Aust Armd Regt.	21334	78	273	-		
2/6 Aust Armd Regt.	40,211.	68	591	4	Nil	Nil.
5 Aust Fd Sqn RAE.	33288	65	512	-		
4 Aust Armd Bde Sigs.	14,419	46	480	-		
4 Aust Armd Bde Coy AASC	86,140.	277	310	2	£5. 2.6.	Nil.
6 Aust Lt Fd Amb	18027	44	409	-		
4 Aust Armd Bde W/Shop.	16,359	71	230	I		Nil.
4 Aust Armd Bde Pro Pl	24,958	26	959	-		
4 Aust Armd Bde Cash Off	1,363	2	681.	-		
4 Aust Armd Bde Post Unit	2,036	2	1018.	-		
T Aust F S S	3,444	10	340	-		
72 Aust Dental Unit.	2326	5	465	-		
4 Aust Armd Bde Fd.Park.	4,625	24	192	-		
33 Aust Tank Tpter Pl AASC	19,660	30	655	-		
	343,751	835	423	8	£90. 2. 6	2

Average No of Miles per accident. 42,968.

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