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APPX 1.

Diary of Regtl. Ops.

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NOVEMBER MONTH 1943 YEAR

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WAR DIARY

(RENDER UNDER SECRET COVER)

For material required, see F.S.R. Vol. 1, Sec. 174

UNIT 2/9 AUST CAV REGT.

PLACE	DATE	SUMMARY OF EVENTS Routine training details and information given in Casualty Returns are NOT required	REFERENCES TO APPENDICES
KAIRI	1 - 21	Regt continuing with dismounted training.	
	22 - 27	Regt out on "Hannibal" Exercise	Appx 111.
	29 - 30	Dismounted training resumed.	

APPENDICES:-

1. Diary of Regtl Operations.
11. ATHERTON War Loan March.
111. "Hannibal" Exercise.
1V. Adm Instruction No. 15.
V. R.M.O.'s Report.
V1. R.Q.M.'s Report.
V11. Routine Orders.
V111. Field Returns.

A150 Mob Print Sec AIF—25M—4/41—G.

C.O's. REPORT AND COMMENTS ON MONTH
(On Operations, Equipment, Movement, Health, Administration, etc.)

TRAINING. During the month the Tempo of trg was materially increased and a six day exercise produced a number of useful leasons.

FUTURE OF REGT. The long awaited decision of the future of the Regt was announced at the end of the month. That the Regt was to become the Recce Unit of 9 Aust Div was the general hope and expectation, and when this was realised, all ranks were very pleased. The change from armour to foot work means a drastic change in organisation and general outlook, but eight months of comparative idleness have assisted to prepare all ranks for this change.

HEALTH. The general health of the Regt has remained first class and there have been no administrative problems.

LEAVE. The grant of recreational leave to 10% of the Regt was welcomed.

Signature Wm. Stan Jz. Lt Col.

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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A29/43

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 6 / 11 / 1943 2/9 Aust Cav Regt (MG).

W.E. 111 / 19 / 1. OFFRS. 30 O.R's. 430 + OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 36 ATT. BY W.E.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Rein'fts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'fts Required.
				*					
				*					
-	-	-	1	Lieut.-Colonels					
-	-	-	4	Majors					
NR	2	-	4	Captains	A.A.M.C.	1	-	-	-
-	-	4	22	Lieutenants					
-	-	-	1	Quarter-masters (Lieut)					
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.					
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.					
NR	2	4	32			1			

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in pars. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).	DETAIL	B	A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	* *	TOTAL.
	A.	-	34	(Includes Reinft Officer, Vide Part D)								34
	E.(1)											
	E.(2)											

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

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

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

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
VX16540	Lieut	INGRAM J.W.		30.10.43	To attend AFV Sch. Tank/Wireless Course No.26 PUCKAPUNYAL Duration 9 Nov-18 Dec 43.

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

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

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2/9 Aust Cav Regt. Unit

A29/43

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 6/11/194. (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Lt.Col	VX14728	MUNTZ	W.R.	CO	YES		
Major	SX2721	NEWTON	T.M.OC	B Sqn	YES		
"	SX2722	HANCOCK	H.M.OC	A "	YES		
"	VX42168	[illegible]	R.C. 2	1/c	YES		
Capt(T/Maj)	VX14705	IRVING	J. OC	C Sqn	YES		
Capt	VX42774	[illegible](MC)	M.G.OC	MGSqn	YES		
"	SX2724	CLEMENTS	J.M.		YES		
"	VX14778	McNAUGHTON	G.J.		YES		
Lieut	SX10329	CLANVILLE	T.F.		YES		
"	SX9607	[illegible]	J.N.S.		YES		
"	SX2727	[illegible]	W.G.	I.O.	YES		
"	VX44809	[illegible]	A.M.		YES		
"	SX6442	LEDGE	J.		YES		
"	SX9609	McARTHUR	F.M.		YES		
"	VX40905	COSTER(MC)	W.H.		YES		
"(T/Cpt)	VX45037	[illegible]	T.A.	Adjt.	YES		
"	SX2703	[illegible](MC)	G.C.		YES		
"	SX3417	COLLINS	T.H.		YES		
"	SX2794	[illegible]	M.H.		YES		
"	VX16421	SPROAT	A.D.		XXXNO.	LSQ Tac School	5.10.43
"	SX5638	SIMMONS	R.D.	I.O.	NO.	LSQ Tac School	5.10.43
"	VX14703	SMITH	H.W.	Q.M.	YES		
"	VX20222	ADAMS	U.B.T.		YES		
"	SX2878	SYMES	E.C.		YES		
"	SX5887	GRIEVE	M.R.		YES		
"	VX20607	ORDIE	J.T.		YES		
"	QX19138	O'BRIEN	F.D.		YES		
"	VX16167	TAYLOR	A.F.		YES		
"	VX16264	CARSTAIRS(MM)	W.J.		YES		
"	SX4716	CAMPBELL	L.C.		YES		
"	VX51827	DRYSDALE	M.S.		YES		
"	VX36591	SHIPPAGE	K.H.		YES		

REINFT OFFICER HELD - NOT ON POSTED STRENGTH.

Lieut	NX20364	SMITH	A.R.		YES		

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
Capt.	VX38230	GAUID	D.R.	A.A.N.C.10.2.42.	RNO.

6 Nov 43
Date of Despatch

[signature]
Signature of Commander. Lt.Col

Comd 2/9 Aust Cav Regt.

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

61230 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 13/11/1943 2/9 Aust Cav Regt (Unit) A30/43

W.E. 11/19/1. OFFRS. 30 O.R's. 430+ OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 36 ATT. BY W.E.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Rein'fts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'fts Required.
				*					
				*					
-	-	-	1	Lieut.-Colonels					
-	-	-	4	Majors					
NR	2	-	4	Captains	A.A.M.C.	1	-	-	-
-	-	4	22	Lieutenants					
-	-	-	1	Quarter-masters (Lieut)					
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.					
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.					
NR	2	4	32			1			

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

DETAIL	B	A.I.F. A	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	* *	TOTAL.
A.	-	34	(Includes Reinft Officer, Vide Part D)								34
E.(1)											
E.(2)											

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

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

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

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

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

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

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

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 13/11/43 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1 Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	2 Army Number.	3 Surname.	4 Initials.	5 Posting.	6 Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	7 If not present with Unit, state how employed.	8 Date of Detachment.
Lt.Col	VX14728	MUNRO	W.N.	OC	YES		
Major	SX2721	NEWTON	T.M.	OC B Sqn	YES		
"	SX2722	PANCOCK	N.M.	OC A "	YES		
"	VX42168	GUTHRIE	R.C.	2 i/c	YES		
Capt T/Major	VX14795	IRVING	J.	OC C Sqn	YES		
Capt	VX42774	FYPPE (MC)	H.G.	OC H.Q.Sqn	NO	Absent on Duty	
"	SX2724	CLEMENTS	J.M.		YES		
"	VX14778	McNAUGHTON	G.J.		YES		
Lieut	SX10328	GLANVILLE	T.P.		YES		
"	SX9607	MACKETT	J.R.S.		YES		
"	SX2727	INGLIS	W.G.	T.O.	YES		
"	VX44809	STEWART	A.M.		YES		
"	SX6442	TEOGE	J.		YES		
"	SX9609	McARTHUR	P.W.		YES		
"	VX40985	COSTER (MC)	W.H.		YES		
" T/Capt	VX43037	RICHARDSON	T.A.	Adjt	YES		
"	SX2703	TOMS (MC)	C.G.		YES		
"	SX3417	COLLINS	T.H.		YES		
"	SX2794	TAFFIELD	M.H.		NO	LHQ Tac School	5.10.43
"	VX16421	SPROAT	A.D.		NO	LHQ Tac School	5.10.43
"	SX3638	SIMMONS	E.D.	I.O.	YES		
"	VX14703	SMITH	R.W.	Q.M.	YES		
"	VX20222	ADAMS	O.B.T.		YES		
"	SX2678	SYMES	H.C.		YES		
"	SX5887	GRIEVE	N.R.		YES		
"	VX20607	ODDIE	J.T.		YES		
"	QX19136	O'BRIEN	F.D.		YES		
"	VX16167	TAYLOR	A.F.		YES		
"	VX16264	CARSTAIRS (MM)	R.J.		YES		
"	SX4716	CAMPBELL	L.C.		YES		
"	VX51827	DAYSDALE	R.S.		YES		
	VX36591	SKIPPAGE	E.H.		YES		

RELIEF OFFICER HELD - NOT ON POSTED STRENGTH

Lieut	NX20364	WHITE	A.R.		YES		

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
Capt	VX39250	GAUID D.R.	AAMC	10.2.42	RMO

6 Nov 43
Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander
Comd 2/9 Aust Cav Regt Lt

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

61239 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 20/11/1943. 2/9 Aust Cav Regt (Unit)

A.31/43

W.E. 111 19 1 OFFRS. 30 O.R's. 430 + OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 36 ATT. BY W.E.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Rein'fts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'fts Required.
				*					
				*					
-	-	-	1	Lieut.-Colonels					
-	-	-	4	Majors					
NR	2	-	4	Captains	A.A.M.C.	1	-	-	-
-	-	4	22	Lieutenants					
-	-	-	1	Quarter-masters (Lieut)					
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.					
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.					
-	2	4	32			1	-	-	-

DETAIL	"B"	"A"	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
A.	1	33	(Includes Reinft Officer, Vide Part D)								34
E.(1)											
E.(2)											

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

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

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

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

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

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

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2/9 Aust Cav Regt ..... Unit

1.11.43

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 6 / 11 /194. (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1 Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	2 Army Number.	3 Surname.	4 Initials.	5 Posting.	6 Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	7 If not present with Unit, state how employed.	8 Date of Detachment.
Lt-Col	VX 14720	[illegible]	E.R.	O.C.	YES		
Maj	VX 8703	[illegible]	T.H. OC B Sqn		YES		
"	VX 8723	[illegible]	H.E. OC A Sqn		YES		
"	VX 40140	[illegible]	G.C. 2 i/c		YES		
Capt (A/Maj)	VX 14733	[illegible]	J. OC C Sqn		YES		
Capt	VX 42774	[illegible] (RE)	H.G.G.	HQ Sqn	YES		
"	VX 8784	[illegible]	J.H.		YES		
"	VX 14776	[illegible]	G.J.		YES		
Lieut	VX 10528	[illegible]	K.F.		YES		
"	VX 8697	[illegible]	J.H.G.		YES		
"	VX 8727	[illegible]	W.G.		YES		
"	VX 44809	[illegible]	A.M.		YES		
"	VX 8442	[illegible]	J		YES		
"	VX 9809	[illegible]	F.M.		YES		
"	VX 14868	[illegible] (RE)	H.E.		YES		
Maj/Capt	VX 2537	[illegible]	H.E.	Adjt	YES		
"	VX 2758	[illegible] (RE)	C.G.		YES		
"	VX 5417	[illegible]	T.H.		YES		
"	VX 8794	[illegible]	H.H.		NO	Att. To School	5.10.43
"	VX 14852	[illegible]	A.D.		NO	Att. To School	5.10.43
"	VX 3656	[illegible]	W.D.	I.O.	YES		
"	VX 14758	[illegible]	H.W.	S.M.	YES		
"	VX 24882	[illegible]	W.D.R.		YES		
"	VX 2078	[illegible]	H.G.		YES		
"	VX 2857	[illegible]	W.H.		YES		
"	VX 2867	[illegible]	J.H.		YES		
"	VX 10138	[illegible]	F.W.		YES		
"	VX 16147	[illegible]	A.H.		YES		
"	VX 16064	[illegible] (RE)	C.J.		YES		
"	VX 4726	[illegible]	L.G.		YES		
"	VX 31007	[illegible]	H.S.		YES		
"	VX 36691	[illegible]	R.A.		YES		

RECEIVED ON POSTED STRENGTH

Lieut	VX 2564	[illegible]	R.K.		YES		

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
Capt	VX 36960	[illegible] D.R.	AHQ	10.8.43	HQ

20 Nov 43
Date of Despatch

[signature]
Signature of Commander
Cond 2/9 Aust Cav Regt

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS A.32/43

(Serial No.) 61239

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 27/ 11/194 3. 2/9 AUST CAV REGT (Unit)

W.E. 111/ 16 1. OFFRS. 30 O.R's. 430+ OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 36 ATT. BY W.E.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Rein'fts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'fts Required.
-	-	-	1	Lieut.-Colonels					
-	-	-	4	Majors					
NR	2	-	4	Captains	A.A.M.C.	1	-	-	-
-	-	4	22	Lieutenants					
		(Lieut)	1	Quarter-masters					
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.					
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.					
NR	2	4	32			1	-	-	-

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).	DETAIL		A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	* *	TOTAL.
		#B#	#A#									
	A.	1	33 (Includes Reinft Offr - vide Part D)									34
	E.(1)											
	E.(2)											

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

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

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

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

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

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

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 27 /11 /1943. (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1 Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	2 Army Number.	3 Surname.	4 Initials.	5 Posting.	6 Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	7 If not present with Unit, state how employed.	8 Date of Detachment.
Lt-Col	VX14728	HUNTZ	W.N.	CO	YES		
Major	SX2721	NEWTON	T.H.	OC B	YES		
"	SX2722	HANCOCK	H.M.	OC A	YES		
"	VX42168	GUTHRIE	H.C.	2 I/C	YES		
Capt(T/M)	VX14793	IRVING	J.	OC C	YES		
Capt	VX42774	FYFFE (MC)	H.G.	OC HQ	NO	Recreation Leave	
"	SX2724	CLEMENTS	J.M.		YES		
"	VX14778	McNAUGHTON	G.J.		YES		
Lieut	SX10328	CLANVILLE	T.P.		YES		
"	SX9607	HACKETT	J.R.S.		YES		
"	SX2727	INGLIS	W.G.		YES		
"	VX44809	STEWART	A.M.		YES		
"	SX6442	LEGOE	J.		YES		
"	SX9609	McARTHUR	P.N.		YES		
"	VX40985	COSTER (MC)	W.H.		YES		
"(T/Capt)	VX43037	RICHARDSON	T.A.	ADJT	YES		
"	SX2703	TOMS (MC)	C.G.		YES		
"	SX3417	COLLINS	T.H.		YES		
"	SX2794	TAPFIELD	M.H.		NO	LHQ TAC SCH	
"	VX16421	SPROAT	A.D.		YES/NO	" " "	
"	SX3638	SIMMONS	E.D.	I.O.	YES		
"	VX14703	SMITH	R.W.	QM	YES		
"	VX20222	ADAMS	U.B.T.		YES		
"	SX2678	SYMES	H.C.		YES		
"	SX5887	GRIEVE	N.R.		YES		
"	VX20607	ODDIE	J.T.		YES		
"	QX19136	O'BRIEN	F.D.		YES		
"	VX16167	TAYLOR	A.F.		YES		
"	VX16264	CARSTAIRS (MC)	R.J.		YES		
"	SX4716	CAMPBELL	I.C.		YES		
"	VX51827	DRUSDALE	R.S.		YES		
"	VX36592	SKIPPAGE	E.A.		YES		
		REINFT OFFR HELD - NOT ON POSTED STRENGTH					
"	NX20364	WHITE	A.R.		YES		

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
Capt	VX39250	GAULD D.R.	AANC	10.2.42	R.M.O.

27 Nov 43
Date of Despatch

Lt-Col
Comd 2/9 Aust Cav Regt.
Signature of Commander.

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

61239 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 6 / 11 / 1943 2/9 AUST CAV REGT (Unit) A.29/43

W.E. 111 / 19 / 1 OFFRS. 30 O.R's 430 + OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 36 ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.
NR	1	–	–	W.Os. Class I.					
NR	1	–	5	W.Os. Class II AEME(1) AACC(1)		2			
				Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
NR	1	–	3	Staff Sergeants AEME (ARM ART)		1			
NR	2	–	24	Sergeants AAPC(1) AAMC(2) AEME(2)		5	–	2	
NR	6	–	41	Corporals AAMC(2) AEME(2) AACC(4) AAOC(1) POST(1)		10	–	3	
	5	52	393	Troopers, Privates, etc.		20	8	1	
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
NR *	16	52	466 *	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.		38 *	8	6	*

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

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

Detail	"B"	A.I.F. "A1"	C.M.F. Under 19 Years.	C.M.F. 19 Years and over.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	* *	TOTAL.
A	2	502						[redacted]	[redacted]		504
B(1)											
B(2)							[redacted]				

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong
14	2/82 AUST LAD		
7	"C" SEC SIGS.		
1	YMCA		
4	2/4 AUST DENTAL UNIT.		

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

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.
2	Q. L of C AREA RECORDS OFFICE		
1.	HQ. 9. AUST DIV. (BATMAN)		
26.	ATTENDING SCHOOLS AND COURSES OF LESS THAN 29 DAYS.		
3	DETACHED DUTY. 2. AUST CORPS. F.P.C.		
3	" " 2/1 AUST GD BN		
2	RECREATIONAL LEAVE		
6	DETACHED DUTY. HQ. 1 AUST CORPS.		
	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.		
1	ATTENDING SCHOOL OF LESS THAN 29 DAYS DURATION.		

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

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

NOTE : In Part E, in the absence of other provision, the sign + has been used to denote a surplus. Reconciliation has been shown at the foot of the last column.
The Gp 11 Cook shown as surplus to Regtl W.E. is an A/Gp 11 Cook vice a member on "X" List.
The 393 ORs shown in Part A above, include 17 Paid L/Cpls.
For the purpose of elucidating the position in regard to "Attached allowed by W.E." in Part A as compared with Part E, both a surplus and a deficiency have been shown opposite 'Fitters'. There is a deficiency of 2 Cpl Fitters.

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2/9 AUST CAV REGT Unit A.29/43

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PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 6/11/1943.

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
BROUGHT FORWARD								BROUGHT FORWARD	74	68	7	BROUGHT FORWARD	169	156	14
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, R.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangetakers			
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Rivetters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevedores			
Computors								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical	7	7	-
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers	1	1	-	Tailors	4	-	2
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters				Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners	1	1	-	Wireman				NON TRADESMEN			
Electricians				Cooks	-	1	+	Woodturners				BATMEN	32	42	
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics								DRIVERS M/T.	80	131	+
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)								HYG DUTIES	5	5	-
Fitters				Driver-Operator	69	64	5 NR					M/C ORDS	15	15	-
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers								REGTL. BAKE	3	3	-
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians								STOREMEN	4	4	-
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)								WATER DUTY	4	4	-
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				~~DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.~~			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				GUN NUMBERS	79	79	-
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers	1	1	-	GEN DUTIES	30	30	
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	13	12	1 NR	TOTAL.	430	466	16
Grinder, Precision				Hello Operator				Clerks, Supply							
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	4	2	NR 2	Coach Trimmers				HYG INSP.	1	1	-
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors				MED ORDS	4	3	1 NR
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks				MECHANISTS.	4	3	1
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies				ARMOURER	1	1	-
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				~~ATTACHED BY W.E.~~			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				ELECTRICIANS	4	3	1
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				FITTERS	4	10	+8 -2
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics	79	73	6 NR	SHOEMAKER	1	1	-
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant				POSTAL	1	1	-
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.				PAY	1	1	-
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers	1	1	-	CATERER	1	1	-
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers				COOKS	13	12	1 NR
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates				ARM ART	1	1	-
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers				TOTAL	36	38	6
CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD	74	68	7	CARRIED FORWARD	169	156	14	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	466	504 *	22 D 60 S 38 S

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

6/11/43
Date of Despatch

W. N. Chumley LT. Col
Signature of Commander
Comd. 2/9. AUST CAV REGT.

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

61239 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 13 / 11 / 1943 . 2/9. AUST CAV REGT. (Unit) A.30/43.

W.E. 111 / 19 / 1 . OFFRS. 30 O.R's 430 + OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 36 ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.
NR	1	–	–	W.Os. Class I.					
NR	1	–	5	W.Os. Class II. AEME(1)	AACC(1)	2	–	–	
				Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
NR	1	–	3	Staff Sergeants AEME	(ARM ART)	1	–	–	
	–	1	27	Sergeants AAPC(1) AAMC(2)	AEME(2)	5	–	2	
NR	6	–	41	Corporals AAMC(2) AEME(2) AACC(4)	AACC(1) POST(1)	10	–	3	
	22	54	378	Troopers, Privates, etc.		21	8	–	
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
*	31	55	454 *	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.		39 *	8	5	*

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

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

Detail	"B"	A.I.F. "AI"	C.M.F. Under 19 Years.	C.M.F. 19 Years and over.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	* *	TOTAL.
A	2	491						[redacted]	[redacted]		493
B(1)											
B(2)							[redacted]				

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong
15	2/82 AUST LAD		
10	"C" SEC SIGS.		
1	YMCA		
4	2/4 AUST DENTAL UNIT		

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

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.
2	Q. L of C. AREA RECORDS OFFICE		
1	HQ. 9. AUST DIV. (BATMAN)		
19	ATTENDING SCHOOLS AND COURSES OF LESS THAN 29 DAYS.		
3	DETACHED DUTY 2 AUST CORPS. F.P.C		
3	" " 2/1. AUST GD BN.		
1	" " HQ. 1. AUST CORPS.		
4	RECREATIONAL LEAVE		
	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.		
1	ATTENDING SCHOOL OF LESS THAN 29. DAYS DURATION		

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

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

NOTE : In Part E, in the absence of other provision, the sign + has been used to denote a surplus. Reconciliation has been shown at the foot of the last column.
The 378 OR's shown in Part A above, include 13 Paid L/Cpls. For the purpose of elucidating the position in regard to "Attached allowed by W.E." in Part A as compared with Part E, both a surplus and a deficiency have been shown opposite 'Fitters'. There is a deficiency of 2 Cpl Fitters.

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2/9 AUST CAV REGT Unit — 17. 30/43

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PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 13/11/1943.

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
BROUGHT FORWARD								BROUGHT FORWARD	74	53	21	BROUGHT FORWARD	169	141	28
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, R.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangetakers			
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Rivetters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevedores			
Computors								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical	7	6	1 NR
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers	1	1	—	Tailors	2	—	2
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters				Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners	1	1	—	Wireman				NON TRADESMEN			
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners				BATMEN	32	32	
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics								DRIVERS M/T	80	107	+
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)								HYG DUTIES	5	5	-
Fitters				Driver-Operator	69	50	19 NR					M/C ORDS	15	15	-
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers								REGTL POLICE	3	3	-
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians								STOREMEN	4	4	-
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)								WATER DUTY	4	4	-
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				~~DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.~~			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				GUN NUMBERS	79	104	+
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers	1	1	—	GEN DUTIES	30	33	+
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	13	12	1 NR	TOTAL	430	454	31
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply							
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				ATTACHED	W/E	W/E	
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	4	2	2 NR	Coach Trimmers				HYG. UNIT	1	1	
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors				MED ORDS	4	3	1 NR
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks				MECHANISTS	4	3	1
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies				ARMOURER	1	1	—
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				~~ATTACHED BY W.E.~~			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				ELECTRICIANS	4	3	1
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				FITTERS	4	10	+8-2
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics	79	73	6 NR	SHOEMAKER	1	1	—
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant				POSTAL	1	1	—
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.				PAY	1	1	—
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers	1	1	—	CATERER	1	1	—
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers				COOKS	13	13	—
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates				ARMY ART.	1	1	—
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers				TOTAL	36	39	5
CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD	74	53	21	CARRIED FORWARD	169	141	28	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	466	493 *	36 D 63 S *27 S.

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

13/11/43
Date of Despatch

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[signature] Lt. Col.
Signature of Commander

Comd. 2/9. AUST CAV REGT.

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

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At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 20/11/1943 2/9 Aust Cav Regt (Unit)

W.E. 111/19/1 OFFRS. 30 O.R's. 430 + OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 36 ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required. A 31/23

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.
	–	–	1	W.Os. Class I.					
NR	2		4	W.Os. Class II. (AEME(1) AACC(1)		2	–	–	
				Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
NR	1		3	Staff Sergeants AEME (ARM ART)		1	–	–	
		2	28	Sergeants AAPC(1) AAMC(2) AEME(2) AACC(1)		6	–	1	
NR	6		41	Corporals AAMC(2) AEME(2) AACC(3) AACC(1)		8		5	
	24	54	376	Troopers, Privates, etc.		21	8		
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
*	33	56	453 *	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.		38 *	8	6	*

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

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

Detail	B	A.I.F. A1.	C.M.F. Under 19 Years.	C.M.F. 19 Years and over.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	* *	TOTAL.
A	3	488						[redacted]	[redacted]		491
B(1)											
B(2)							[redacted]				

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong
15	2/8 Aust LAD.		
1	YMCA.		
4	2/4 Aust DENTAL UNIT		
10	2/9 Aust Cav Regt. SIG. TROOP		
	(Formerly "C" Sec Sigs)		

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

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.
2	R. L of C AREA RECORDS OFFICE.		
1	H.Q. 9 AUST DIV (BATMAN)		
21	ATTENDING SCHOOLS & COURSES OF		
	LESS THAN 29 DAYS.		
3	DETACHED DUTY 2 AUST CPS. F.P.C.		
3	" " 2/1 AUST GD BN.		
1	" " HQ 1 AUST CORPS		
5	RECREATIONAL LEAVE.		
1	TEMPORARILY ABSENT ON DUTY.		
	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.		
1	ATTENDING SCHOOLS & COURSES OF		
	LESS THAN 29 DAYS.		

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

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

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2/9 Aust Cav Regt Unit A21/4?

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PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 20/11/1943.

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, R.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangetakers			
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Rivetters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevedores			
Computors								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical	7	6	1 NR
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers	1	1		Tailors	2	-	2
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters				Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners	1	1		Wireman				NON TRADESMEN			
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners				Batmen	32	32	
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics								Drivers M/T	80	106	+
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)								M/C Ords	15	15	
Fitters				Driver-Operator	69	50	19 NR					Hyg Duties	5	5	
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers								Storemen	4	4	
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians								Water Carts	4	4	
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)								Regt Police	3	3	
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				Gun Numbers	79	105	+
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers	1	1		Gun Duties	30	34	+
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	13	12	1 NR		430	453	33
Grinder, Precision				Hello Operator				Clerks, Supply							
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	4	2	2 NR	Coach Trimmers				Hyg Insp	1	1	
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors				Med Ords	4	3	1 NR
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks				Shoemaker	1	1	
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies				Asst Vet	1	1	
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				Armourers	1	1	
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				Fitters	4	10	+8-2
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics	79	71	8 NR	Mechanics	4	3	1
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant				Electricians	4	3	1
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.				Orderlies	1	1	
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers	1	1		Cooks	13	13	
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers				Pay	1	1	
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates				Postal	1	-	1 NR
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers					36	38	6
CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD	74	53	21 NR	CARRIED FORWARD	169	139	30 NR	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	466	491 *	39 D 6 R * 25 S.

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20.11.43.
Date of Despatch

Lt.-Col. Commdg.
Signature of Commander
Comdg 2/9 Aust Cav Regt

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 27/11/1943 7/9 Aust Cav Regt (Unit)

W.E. 111/19/1 OFFRS. 30 O.R's. 250 + OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 36 ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts Required.
-	-	-	1	W.Os. Class I					
NR	1	-	5	W.Os. Class II. AEME(1) AACC(1)		2	-	-	-
				Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts					
-	-	-	4	Staff Sergeants AEME (Armr Cpl)		1	-	-	-
-	-	1	27	Sergeants AAPC(1) AAME(2)	AEME(2) AACC(1)	6	-	1	
NR	5	-	42	Corporals AAME(2) AEME(2)	AACC(3) AAME(1)	8	-	5	
	27	63	382	Troopers, Privates, etc		19	6	-	
				Civilians counting as O.R					
NR	33	64	261	Totals of cols marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.		36	6	6	

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

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

Detail	"B"	A.I.F. "A"	C.M.P. Under 19 Years.	C.M.P. 19 Years and over.	A W A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	* *	TOTAL
A	3	294									297
B(1)											
B(2)											

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

Number of O.Rs	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs	Unit to which they belong
16	7/82 Aust LAD		
10	7/9 Aust Cav Regt Sig Tp		
1	YMCA		

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

Number of O.Rs	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached
2	R.L.O.C. Area Records.		
23	Attending Schools of duration of less than 29 days.		
6	Recreation Leave.		
1	Det for duty	HQ 1 Aust Corps	
3	" " "	7/1 Aust Ed Bn	
1	" " "	2 Aust Corps F.P.C.	

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

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

NOTE : In Part E, in the absence of other provision, the sign 2 has been used to denote a surplus. Reconciliation has been shown at the foot of the last column.
For the purpose of elucidating the position in regard to "Attached allowed by W.E." in Part A as compared with Part E, both a surplus and a deficiency have been shown opposite 'Fitters'. There is a deficiency of 2 Cpl Fitters.

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2/9 Anti Tank Regt Unit

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PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 27/11/1943.

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W E	Posted Strength	Reints. Required	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
								Officers	32	28	4	Officers	1½	1½	
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, R.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangetakers			
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Rivetters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevedores			
Computors								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical	7½	6	1 NE
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers	1	1	-	Tailors	1½	-	2
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identifn Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters				Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners	1	1	-	Wireman				NON-TRADESMEN			
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners				BATMEN	13	13	-
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics								DRIVERS MT	80	109	+
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)								MT ODDS	15	15	-
Fitters				Driver-Operator	69	80	11					HIG DUTIES	5	5	-
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers								STOREMEN	3	3	-
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians								WATER DUTY	3	3	-
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)								REGTL POLICE	3	3	-
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				GUN NUMBERS	79	111	+
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman	1	1	-	Butchers	1	1	-	GEN DUTIES	30	33	+
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker	13	12	1	Clerks				TOTALS	230	269	39
Grinder, Precision				Hello Operator				Clerks, Supply							
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				ATTACHED BY		WE	
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	3	2	1	Coach Trimmers				HIG INSP	1	1	-
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors				MED ODDS	2	3	1 NE
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks				FOREMAN	1	1	-
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies				ARM ART	1	1	-
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY WE			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				ARMOURER	1	1	-
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				FITTERS	2	2	+1-
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics	79	71	8	MECHANISTS	2	3	1
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant				ELECTRICIANS	2	3	1
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.				CARTAGER	1	1	-
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers	1	1	-	COOKS	12	13	-
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers				PAY	1	1	-
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates				POSTAL	1	-	1
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers				TOTAL	76	76	11-
CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD	73	53	21	CARRIED FORWARD	119	119	30	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A respectively	466	497	10 / 59 / 31

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27-11-43
Date of Despatch

W.C.P. Chantler Lt. Col.
Signature of Commander
Cmd 2/9 Anti Tank Regt.

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2/9 Aust Cav Regt.

WAR DIARY - NOVEMBER 43

DIARY OF REGIMENTAL OPERATIONS.

Nov 1. Regimental Muster Parade held at 1400L. The C.O. addressed the Regiment, on matters of discipline, the Atherton War Loan march and he also mentioned that nothing definite had yet been heard of of the future of the Regiment.

2. Lt.Col Berry, C.O. of 8th. Bn, arrived to camp with Regt until the balance of his unit arrives.

4. Regiment takes part in ATHERTON war Loan march. See Appx 11.

5. C.O. and 2 i/c attend Ceremonial Parade of 6 Aust Div.

15. C.O. left for CAIRNS for sitting of Officers' Pre-selection Board.

18. C.O. returned from CAIRNS.

19. Brig. Potts D.S.O., M.C, (Comd 23 Aust Inf Bde) VISITED REGT H.Q., B & C Sqn personnel fired on DANBULLA rifle range.

20. Capt H.G. Fyffe left on 24 days recreational leave.

22 - 27. Regiment out on Exercise. See Appx 111.

27. Regt returned to Camp. Now under command 3 Aust Div, who moved into the area during the week.

29. Regtl Muster Parade at 1400L. The C.O. addressed the Regiment. He mentioned slackness in small matters of discipline, the fact that 10% of the unit will be going on recreational leave shortly. The Regiment was also told that the name had been changed again, to 2/9 Aust Cav (Commando) Regt., and that we are now the dismounted recce unit for 9 Aust Div. The C.O. explained that this would entail much re-organisation, which would proceed immediately. Finally, Lieut. W.H. COSTER was presented with the M.C. which he won at ALEMEIN.

30. Lieut. W.G. INGLIS, an original officer of the Regiment, marched out to the Reserve of Officers.

.....Lieut.
I.O. 2/9 Aust Cav Regt.

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Appx 11.

ATHERTON MARCH.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

2/9 Aust
4 November 43.

ADMINISTRATION INSTRUCTION NO.14

1. INTENTION.
The Regt will march through ATHERTON at 1915 hrs 4 November 43.

2. METHOD.
(a) Order of march : Band, A SQN, B SQN, C SQN, HQ SQN.
(b) Saluting Base ; in front of Bank of New South Wales where "Eyes Left" will be given.
Salute will be taken by Major-General J.E.S. STEVENS, D.S.O.; E.D..
(c) Route: SP will be at ATHERTON State School, thence into Main Street along Western side, thence South along Eastern side of Main Street and back to SP.
(d) Movement from, and return to, Camp area - Transport will be provided by 1 Aust Corps. TO will provide vehicle for C.O. and vehicle for Band. TO will embus Regt at 1800 hours. Order of movement will be HQ SQN, C SQN, B SQN, A SQN. On completion of march, Regt will embus and return to Camp.
(e) Dress - J.C. with berets and gaiters. Web belt and braces will be worn, and arms will be carried.

3. GENERAL.
(a) Preliminary Order O.284 is confirmed in all respects.
(b) Particular attention will be paid to dressing in threes.
(c) It will be difficult to hear orders; hence the necessity of officers remaining at the salute, and all ranks keeping head and eyes to the left until they are past the saluting base, will be emphasized.
(d) Orderly Officer and Orderly Sergeant will remain in Camp.

4. ADMINISTRATION.
All necessary administrative arrangements will be made by Sqns.
Sqns will arrange to picquet own lines.

5. MARCH DISTANCES
All Sqn Ldrs will march at a distance of 7 paces behind the file in front, and three paces in front of their respective Sqns.

[signature] Capt
A/jt 2/9 Aust Cav Regt

DISTRIBUTION

C.O.
2 I/C
T.O.
HQ; A; B; C SQNS
File
War Diary(2)

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2/9 Aust Cav Regt.

ATHERTON WAR LOAN RALLY.

On 4 Nov the Regt took part in a March through ATHERTON to spur the subscriptions from locals to the Liberty Loan.
The march took place at 1915L, and was led by the Regtl Pipe Band, making their first public appearance. The Bandmaster was Lieut R.S. Drysdale, and their performance was a credit to the work he has put in training the pipers and drummers during the last few months.
Over 400 members of the Regt took part in the march and AWAS, AMWAS, RAAF and ATC personnel also marched.
Major General J. Stephens, GOC 6 Aust Div took the salute and with him at the saluting base were various local notables.
Most of the spectators were service personnel from surrounding camps, and several people wondered if subscriptions that evening would be sufficient to pay for the petrol and etc., used to transport the marching troops to ATHERTON and back to their camps.

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APPX 111.

Hannibal Exercise

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SECRET

2/9 AUST CAV REGT EXERCISE
6 DAYS

15 Nov 43

Ref Map :
GORDONVALE 1"

1. OBJECT OF EXERCISE
(a) To exercise Sqns as Inf Coys in Platoon and Section Organization, and to test the organization thus created over a lengthy period.
(b) To test the physical fitness of the Regt.

2. SCOPE OF EXERCISE
The scope and general outline of the exercise is given in Appendix "A", but variations may be made in accordance with instructions issued by D.S.(Appendix "A" will be issued to Umpires only.

3. MAIN LESSONS AND PRINCIPLES TO BE STUDIED
(a) Section, Platoon and Coy formations.
(b) Ambushes.
(c) Fa trols
(d) River crossings.
(e) Bivouac formations
(f) Passing of information, Intelligence duties, and use of Cipher
(g) Evacuation of wounded.
(h) Issue of orders.

4. CONTROL
(a) Directing Staff - Director — Lt-Col W.N. MUNTZ
Asst " — Lieut E.D. SIMMONS

(b) Umpires -
HQ & C - Chief Umpire — Major J. IRVING
Senior " — Major H.N. HANCOCK
Junior " — Lieut C.G. TOMS MC
Lieut J. LEGOE
Lieut R.S. DRYSDALE
A/WO(1) C.R. CDLQUHOUN
SGT S.E. BOLTON MM
SGT P.H. STOKES
SGT A.L. FRASER
A/SGT S.C. WHYTE

A & B - Senior Umpire — Major R.C. GUTHRIE
Junior " — Lieut P.N. McARTHUR
Lieut F.D. O'BRIEN
Lieut R.W. SMITH
WO(11) O.G. ROBERTS
SGT L.C.R. HUGHES
SGT W.M. CALLAGHAN
SGT L.C. TOLOSA
A/SGT J. ROBERTSON

5. TROOPS TAKING PART
The whole Regt will take part in the exercise, with the exception of essential Camp duties and Guards. Sqn Leaders will finalize such arrangements with the Adjt. A & B Sqns under command Major T.H. NEWTON will act as own tps; HQ and C Sqns under command Capt J.M. CLEMENTS will act as enemy and will wear white hat bands.

6. COMMUNICATIONS
(a) Control - Sig Off will arrange for the following No.208 Sets to be supplied - (i) D.S. and Chief Umpire; (ii) Each Senior Umpire.
(b) Sqns - Neither line nor wireless will be available within Sqns

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7. DRESS
(a) Own Tps - Battle Order with slacks, shirts and hats.
(b) Enemy - As for (a), with white hat bands.
(c) D.S. & Umpires - As for (a) with white arm bands on both arms.

8. AMN
(a) No ball amn will be carried.
(b) Blank amn will be supplied by Sqns on a scale of ten rounds per man, and will be used most sparingly.

9. ADMINISTRATION
Instructions will be issued separately.

10. CODE NAME
The exercise will be known by the code name "Hannibal", and all messages in connection therewith will be prefixed by this code name.

11. CODE NAMES, CALL SIGNS, WIRELESS CODE
(a) Code Names -

D.S.	BOLO
Chief Umpire	AJAX
Senior "	Enemy ROMA
" "	Own Tps OSCAR

(b) Call Signs -
As allotted by Sig Off.
(c) Wireless Code -
R/T Code No.2 will be used.

[signature] Capt
Adjt 2/9 Aust Cav Regt

DISTRIBUTION-
1. C.O.
2. 2 I/C
3. Umpires (3)
4. I.O.
5. A SQN (2)
6. B SQN (2)
7. C SQN (2)
8. HQ SQN(2)
9. QM
10. War Diary (2)
11. File
12. HQ 1 Aust Corps

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APPENDIX "A" TO 2/6 AUST CAV REGT EXERCISE
'HANNIBAL' - 6 DAYS

SECRET

Day	Narrative	Action	Notes
1.	En and own tps in position	En makes recce of river and plan for crossing. Own tps recce def positions and issue orders.	
2.	En attempts river crossing	Own tps repel attack and en withdraw. Own tps patrol across river.	
3.	Own tps ordered to wipe en out, make plan and issue orders for crossing	En withdraws prior to attack	
4.	Night patrols from both sides. Contact made in area Tinaroo Falls. Own tps stage Coy attack	En beat off attack and retire to North-East	
5.	En delaying tactics in jungle.	Platoon encirclement	
6.	As above	Coy encirclement and return to Camp.	

SECRET

2/9 AUST CAV REGT EXERCISE 'HANNIBAL'

OPERATION INSTRUCTION NO.1
"OWN TROOPS"

Opening Narrative

Japanese forces, estimated at 2 Divisions, having landed on the beaches to the North of CAIRNS, had reached the general line MAREEBA-EDMONTON by 1800 hours 21 Nov 43. On this line they were being firmly held by 6 Div on the right and 9 Div on the left. At 0900 hours on 22 Nov, C.O. 2/9 Aust Cav Regt in bivouac at Curri Curri Pocket was summoned to Div HQ to receive instructions. On his return, the following order was issued :

It is thought their immediate objective is the destruction of huge quantities of war materials in the TOLGA-KAIRI Area, the loss of which would seriously embarrass the defence.

1. Infm (a) En; since 1800 hrs 21 Nov, en movement South along the track from DOUGLAS CREEK 430490 has been noticed.
(b) Own Tps - no change.

2. Intent - The Regt will deny the crossing of the Barron to the advancing Jap forces in the area Flying Fox 425397.

3. Method - A and B Sqns under command Major NEWTON will move to area to be indicated, leaving present area at 1300 hrs 22 Nov.

Capt
Adjt 2/9 Aust Cav Regt

SECRET

2/9 AUST CAV REGT EXERCISE 'HANNIBAL'

OPERATION INSTRUCTION NO.2 - ENEMY TROOPS

Opening Situation

You are the Cav Regt of the 21 Japanese Guards Div. The Div landed on the beaches North of CAIRNS, and by 1800 hrs on 21 Nov had occupied a general line East and West through MAREEBA where it was strongly held by the 9th Aust Div. The immediate objective of the Div, apart from the destruction of the Aust forces, is the big dumps at TOLGA and KAIRI. Acting under orders from Div, you have advanced South along the road running between Easting Grids 43 and 45, and by 1600 hrs on 22 Nov, have reached point 432420.

Infm (a) En tps - no change.
(b) own tps - The Div is firmly held at MAREEBA.

Intention - 21 Guards Cav Regt will cross the Barron River and destroy the dumps in the KAIRI-TOLGA area.

Method - HQ and C Sqn under command Capt CLEMENTS will comprise this force, and will move to point 432420 starting from camp area at 1100 hrs 22 Nov.

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2/9 AUST CAV REGT EXERCISE

"HANNIBAL"

10/D.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SENIOR UMPIRES.

PHASE 1.

The movement to concentration areas is in the nature of an approach march only, Senior Umpires will indicate routes & areas to force commanders. On arrival in areas umpires should check arrangements made for local protection, administration, hygiene etc. Particular attention should be devoted to orders re A.A. Defence (active or passive) Force commanders will not be permitted to act under Operation Instructions No. 1 & 2 until permitted by D.S. - estimated time 1700 hrs 22 Nov 43.

Each force commander will make his recces, formulate his plan and issue orders. Enemy force must attack on 23 Nov & will be informed that a night attack on night 22/23 Nov will not be permitted. Senior umpires will arrange for Newton force to meet the attempted crossing in force. After the attempted crossing a period of two(2) hrs will be devoted to the handling of casualties under the direction of the M.M.O. & A.A.M.C. personnel. Junior Umpires will indicate nature of casualties. During this period Senior Umpires will collate reports from Junior Umpires, confer & then discuss points with officers & N.C.O.s of respective forces. When this is completed own troops will be permitted to send recce or fighting patrols across the river. At 1800 hrs own troops will be ordered to cross the river and wipe out enemy force.

PHASE 2.

In this phase the positions are to be reversed and while own troops make the crossing enemy troops will be ordered to hold the river and will make plans and issue orders accordingly. The crossing must take place during the morning of Day 3 but prior to the crossing information must be conveyed to O.C. enemy that he can cross the river by taking a certain route and that he must move to area 4538. and bivouac for the night. (Senior umpire may use his discretion in arranging this matter i.e. orders may be received from 21 Div., interception may reveal orders of own troops, Parachute troops may be landed in Area as Reinfts enemy troops etc.) After O.C. own troops has completed crossing information may be conveyed to him that enemy has crossed river and that he must contact them immediately.

PHASE 3.

COMPANY IN ATTACK AND DEFENCE.

It may be anticipated that patrols from own troops will make contact with enemy after a short time and O.C. own troops will then be informed that his orders for Day 3 still stand. He will therefore make his recces etc. and issue orders for an attack. At this juncture O.C. enemy will be informed that orders from 21 Div require him to hold his ground until ordered to retire : that 21 Div is retreating but that he is to create a diversion (by remaining in the area) until he receives orders to retire, when he must move in a N.E. direction, and endeavour to reach the coast. The attack must be beaten off and own troops retire to a defensive position in area 4437. Both sides will have further first aid practice, umpires will then discuss with Officers and N.C.O.s mistakes made and lessons to be learned etc.

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PHASE 4. (DAY 5)

At 0730 hrs on 26 Nov enemy troops will retire N.E. and will follow a route to be indicated by Senior Umpire (or RSM). At a point indicated by O.C. force a delaying action will be fought (not longer than 2 Hrs) and enemy will then retire to area 822415 where they will take up a defence position. Own troops will bivouac for the night in area

PHASE 5. (Day 6)

Enemy troops will stage an attack on own troops which will fail and enemy troops will retire to base where umpires will point out lessons to be learned. Own troops will make recce and plan for attack and issue orders for same, but move to camp will take place before attack is actually made. Umpires will have final conference and will point out lessons to be learned prior to move to camp.

DISTRIBUTION.

1. D.O.)
2. D.S.)
3. Chief Umpire
4. Senior Umpire Enemy
5. Senior Umpire Own Troops
6.& 7. W/Diary

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2/9 AUST CAV REGT EXERCISE 'HANNIBAL'

ADMINISTRATION INSTRUCTION
HANNIBAL NO.1

Ref Map;
GORDONVALE 1"

1. WATER

Sterilizing Tablets will be used by all personnel.

2. SUPPLIES

(a) On moving out of present area, all ranks will carry on the man :

i. Unconsumed portion of the day's ration.
ii. 2 days' hard ration.

(b) On Day 3, QM will arrange to deliver an additional 3 days' hard ration.

(c) Detachment in Camp will be rationed in usual way, but with hard rations.

3. CANTEEN

No Canteen supplies will be available with the exception of tobacco and cigarettes.

4. MEDICAL

(a) Normal Sick will be evacuated through R.A.P. in the usual way.

(b) Exercise casualties will be treated by First-Aid personnel, and will be available for further use in exercise. Umpires and A.A.M.C. will supervise.

5. PW

P.W. will in all cases be escorted to force HQ , and may be returned to own troops under arrangements made by Umpires.

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"HANNIBAL" EXERCISE - 22 to 27 NOV 43.

DIARY OF EVENTS.

22 Nov. 1100L Enemy Froce leave camp and move to Assembly Area.
1300L Own Troops " " " " " " "
Both forces in position by 1700L and during the evening minor patrols were ordered, but there were no clashes.

23 Nov. During the morning the En force made recces and issued orders for an attack South across the BARRON RIVER. The attack failed 2 secs being wiped out.
1200L to 1700L truce and the following program took place:
1300L to 1500L First Aid lectures and quiz by RAP staff.
1500L to 1700L Wash and swim.

At 1800L OC Own Tps was given orders to cross river and attack soft skin vehs reported to be some distance up a track on the North side of the river. During evening Own Tps make recce and issue orders for an attack to take place 240600L.
3 march casualities were evacuated during the day.

24 Nov. At 0545L En force withdrew on a circular route and arrived on the South bank of the river at 0800L, where they took up defensive positions on commanding ground.
At 0430L Own Tps commenced moving to FUP. At 0600L a bridgehead was established by a Pl from B Sqn. With supporting fire from B Sqn (less one Pl) A Sqn attacked up a steep hill to the area where the soft skin vehs were reported. The enemy having left previously, at 1000L OC Own Tps was told to move his force down to the river and speed until 1230L. He was also given the approx area of En force.
At 1230L OC Own Tps commenced moving his force towards En force. This move was very slow and at 1630L, when a truce was called to issue rations, the two forces were still 1200 yds apart.
Between 1630L and 1930L rations were issued.
During the hours of darkness, both forces had active patrols.
En force sent a fighting patrol, which captured a SMG from Own Tps, and inflicted casualities.
Own Tps sent out a strong recce patrol, which managed to locate all En positions, and in one case, which Sqn was occupying the feature.

25 Nov. Own Tps attacked En positions at 1200L, after recce and counter patrolling by En force. The attack was successful in its first phase, and the battle was called off until 260500L for swimming and washing.

26 Nov. At first light En Tps withdrew NE through the hills and were pursued by Own Tps. There was one small delaying force left to hold up the pursuers for one hour. Otherwise the trip was mainly in the nature of a test of physical fitness. All troops were in their bivouac areas by 1700L, and there was no action during the night 26/27 Nov.

27 Nov. 0700L Own Tps commenced recce and orders for occupation of defensive position. Positions were occupied by 0930L.
En force put in their attack at 1230L after the necessary recces and etc. The main weight of the attack came from C Sqn plus one Pl HQ Sqn, with one Pl HQ Sqn giving covering fire from the direct front, and the third Pl HQ Sqn making a diversion raid on the opposite flank to the attack.
The diversion Pl was mainly wiped out, but the attack was successful in gaining its first objective. With attackers consolidating on the captured ground, and defenders rallying the battle was stopped, and after lunch, the Regt moved back to the camp area.

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G/D AUST CAV REGT [illegible] NOV 43

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION NO.15

1. Personnel proceeding on Leave will head in to their Sqn Q Stores all arms, binoculars and compasses, and will obtain a receipt therefor.

2. All webbing will be taken by Leave personnel, together withwith such items of clothing and personal gear as may be required. Any surplus clothing and/or personal gear will be left in Sqn Q Stores, and a receipt will be issued therefor.

3. SqnQMSs will check PEDCs and Equipment Cards of personnel proceeding on Leave, and will ensure that such records are correct in all particulars.

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RMO's Report.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

R.M.O.'s MONTHLY REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 1943.

GENERAL. The Regiment was out on a six day, fairly strenuous exercise during the month, and the general health of the men is good. Sick parades were again small this month.

PREVALENT ILLNESSES. There was no outstanding illness except a recurrence of Dermatitis amongst those personnel handling "Bolly Gum" which was being used in fresh constructions in the camp area/ The number was not large.

EVACUATIONS. This month there were eleven evacuations to hospital for a variety of complaints.

HYGIENE AND SANITATION. New deep trench latrines have been completed, and the drainage system is working.

TRAINING. A first aid quiz was held during the exercise, and the general knowledge displayed by the troops was good.

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RQM's Report.

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QM WAR DIARY FOR MONTH OF NOVEMBER 1943

CONTROLLED STORES

Little or no change took place during the month of November until the last two days when owing to the change in the Role of the Regiment it was necessary to withdraw from Squadrons, certain stores - namely, all Vickers MG's Mortars, and No 11 Wireless Sets together with Surplus pistols and Bren LMG's, together with their associated stores. These stores are to be returned to 13 AOD.

New W E T 's are now required and a revision of all Equipment held will have to be made.

CLOTHING AND GENERAL STORES

The deficient tent fly's were received and now all tents are covered. Clothing requirements are coming forward on demand and with the exception of a little difficulty in Boot sizes, stocks are fairly plentiful.

RATIONS

AASC opened a DID in the Kairi area thus saving the long trip to the ASD at Golden Grove. A new ration scale has been introduced but with very little alteration. A few more substitutes were added to cover local conditions.

R.D. Smith. Lieut.
QM 2/9 Aust Cav (Commando) Regt.

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Routine Orders.

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ROUTINE ORDERS

by

Lt-Col W.N. MUNTZ
Comd 2/9 Aust Cav Regt

PART 1. No.18/43

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1. The following General Routine Orders, Allied Land Forces in South West Pacific Area, are repeated by direction :

"A.716. UNLAWFUL DISPOSAL OF EQUIPMENT.

i. Attention has been directed to the unauthorized disposal of AMF equipment to members of the Allied Forces and civilians and the unauthorized receipt of Allied equipment by barter and otherwise by members of the AMF.

ii. Members are forbidden to part with, dispose of, or exchange by barter or otherwise, any item of AMF equipment or to receive by barter or otherwise any item of Allied equipment without the consent of the commanding officers of their units. Such consent will only be given on the direction of superior authority or when the exigencies of the service render it necessary and reference to superior authority is impracticable.

iii. Disciplinary action will be taken against members unlawfully disposing of AMF equipment or unlawfully in possession of Allied equipment, charges being laid under AA 17, AA 18(4) or AA 40, whichever is appropriate.

G.724. USE OF GRENADES, HAND, JAPANESE, TYPE 91.

i. This grenade is in common use by the Japanese and quantities have been captured and used by our troops. Tests indicate that the grenade has certain characteristics which may lead to injury in the hands of inexperienced personnel. These characteristics are :

(a) The delay fuse, marked 4/5 seconds, has been known to burn in much less time. Some tested fuses burned in three seconds.

(b) While the delay fuse is burning, a considerable quantity of black smoke is emitted through the escape hole at the base of the fuse tube, and small fragments of the delay fuse are sometimes forced out. At night or even at dusk or dawn, a definite glow from this hole can be seen.

ii. Following precautions will be taken if the grenade is used :-

(a) It will be thrown immediately after the head has been struck;

(b) When striking the grenade, the hand will be kept well clear of the escape hole at the side of the fuse tube.

G.725. GRENADES, No.36M - DESTRUCTION OF BLINDS.

i. Due to the possible occurrence of hangfires, as a result of slow burning fuses, it is essential that an interval of fifteen minutes and not five minutes, as previously published, be allowed to elapse before action is taken to destroy blind 36M grenades.

ii. An amendment to Small Arms Training, Vol 1, Pam No.13, "Grenades", incorporating the above change to existing procedure, will be issued in the near future. In the meantime, action will be taken to ensure that this order is brought to the notice of all ranks.

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2. ISSUE OF LEAVE PASSES
Leave Passes will be NOT be handed to persons other than those whose names appear on the passes.

3. GAMBLING
Gambling in or near the Camp area is forbidden. Officers and NCOs will enforce this Order, and action will be taken against offenders.

4. SUNDAY ROLL CALL
Squadron Rolls will be called on Sunday mornings, at 0700 hrs

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N O T I C E S

EXTRACTS FROM CASUALTY RETURNS
Results of Schools and Courses

First Aust Army Weapon Training School, Carrier Wing Course 18A

					Written	Practical
QX 5581	Sgt	HOFFMANN	E.S.	Qualified	73	79
SX 6468	Cpl	YOUNG	C.M.	"	75	60
SX 5448	Cpl	WESTON	C.J.	"	53	55
SX 5935	Cpl	BOURNE	W.A.H.	"	59	50
SX 3214	Cpl	FRITCHLEY	M.R.	"	56	60
VX 540	Cpl	DANIEL	V.R.	"	72	69
VX 16411	L/Cpl	HORGAN	J.M.R.	"	72	73

LHQ GAS School, Course No.24 for Unit Gas Officers and NCOs

					Written	Practical
VX 29546	Cpl	GRIFFIN	J.G.	Q.1	68	77

LHQ School of Mech, Mobile Wing - Carrier Wing Course No.3

SX 9156	Sgt	McTAGGART	D.F.	Qualified as Unit D&M Instructor and Testing Officer	
VX 44736	Cpl	HANNA	A.J.	" " " " " " " "	
SX 7713	Cpl	ADAMSON	C.M.	" " " " " " " "	
VX25925	Cpl	HODGES	J.H.	" " " " " " " "	

LHQ School of Mech, Wheeled Vehicle Wing, Course No.3

VX 47050	Cpl	DAVIDSON	W.D.	Qualified Distinguished Unit D&M Instructor and Testing Officer	
VX 46974	Sgt	DAWSON	J.S.	Qualified as Unit D&M Instructor and Testing Officer	
SX 2993	Sgt	STOKES	P.H.	" " " " " " " "	
VX 50137	L/Cpl	KELLAS	B.S.	" " " " " " " "	

HONOURS AND AWARDS

His Majesty the King has been graciously pleased to approve that the undermentioned personnel be Mentioned in recognition of gallant and distinguished services in the Middle East during the period 1st May 1942 to 22nd October 1942 :-

VX 42168 Major R.C. GUTHRIE
VX 14793 T/Major J. IRVING
VX 19138 Sgt C.V. MURNANE
VX 44736 Cpl A.J. HANNA
VX 18405 A/Sgt F.A. WARNER
SX 6701 L/Cpl L.R. SHATTOCK

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ROUTINE ORDERS

by

Lt-Col W.N. MUNTZ
Cond 2/9 Aust Cav Regt

Part 1. No.19/43

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1. The following Order is repeated, by direction, from First Australian Army Orders of 25 October 43 :

"A.230. DAMAGE CAUSED BY SHOOTING AT NAVIGATION LIGHTS.

1. Cases have been reported of navigation lights on parts of the Coast having been damaged by rifle fire. Attention of all personnel will be drawn to the serious consequences which might arise from the failure of such lights.

2. Any similar occurrences in the future will be the subject of strict disciplinary action and commanding officers will take steps to ensure that damage to lights is not caused by troops under their command. "

2. SALUTING

Attention is drawn to A.M.R. 693; WOs, NCOs and private soldiers in uniform shall salute an officer at all times except when passing or being passed by him -

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

Compliments by Guard.

Attention is directed to A.M.R. 701 which orders that between Reveille and Retreat, guards are to turn out and pay specified compliments.

Sentries will salute at all other times in accordance with A.M.R. 693.

3. DISCHARGE OF PERSONNEL TO INDUSTRY

War Cabinet has directed that arrangements are to be implemented forthwith to discharge 20,000 nominated personnel for the purpose of resuming their civil avocations.

Discharge may be authorised to personnel of this Unit as under:

i. By HQ L of C Areas -

Personnel who are now classified in the following trades:

Trade Group 1	Trade Group 11	Trade Group 111
Blacksmiths	Carpenters	Butchers
Bricklayers	Drainers	Drivers H.T.
Plumbers	Masons	Farriers
Gas Fitters	Machinists, wood	Fitters' Mates
Welders	Bakers	Hammermen
Axemen	Painters	Roughriders
	Sawyers	Saddlers
	Signwriters	Stokers (Stationary engines)
		Waggon Erectors

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3. (cont)

ii. By LHQ -

(a) "B" Class Personnel
(b) Personnel over 40 years of age
(c) Personnel over 35 years of age with three years continuous service
(d) Trade Groups specified in para 3, i.

Conditions.

(a) No application will be approved unless recommended by the Director-General of Manpower.

(b) Where application is made by other than soldier concerned, the soldier consents thereto.

(c) Where unit commander considers personnel to be "key" personnel, the ultimate decision as to discharge rests with the formation commander.

4. The following Order is repeated, by direction, from General Routine Orders, Allied Land Forces in South West Pacific Area:

" F.747. Remittances from Members.

1. The attention of all ranks is drawn to the arrangements which exist for a member to send a remittance of cash or undrawn pay to any person resident in AUSTRALIA or to another member (wherever serving).

2. These arrangements provide that remittances may be made through Army channels by members who are serving in localities where money order or banking facilities for remittances are not available with reasonable convenience.

3. Remittances through Army channels are effected by the member completing a remittance form (W.F.131 or W.F. 131a) and handing the form to the Pay Sgt or Paymaster, together with the cash (in the case of a remittance of cash) or the member's paybook (for entry of the debit in the case of a remittance of undrawn pay).

4. A member sending a remittance should take particular care to see that full details are clearly and legibly set out on the remittance form. This applies especially to the name and address of the person to whom the remittance is to be sent.

5. The member will ensure that he obtains a receipt from the Pay Sgt or Paymaster for any cash handed over.

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Capt
Adjt 2/9 Aust Cav Regt

NOTICES

EXTRACTS FROM CASUALTY RETURNS

Schools and Courses - Results

First Aust Army School of Signals - Course No.4A

VX 50707	Tpr	SENIOR	G.L.T.	Distinguished
VX 55163	Tpr	THOMPSON	C.E.	"
VX 65035	Tpr	WATSON	E.J.	"
VX 51127	Tpr	DAWSON	V.J.	"
NX 38876	Tpr	WHITE	A.S.	"
VX 37569	Tpr	FAY	G.	Qualified
VX 37433	Tpr	GARDNER	E.E.	"

School of Arty Tank A - Course No.2

SX 6890	Sgt	KING	J.C.	Passed (15th out of 46)

LHQ School of Military Intelligence - Course No.12

SX 8333	L/Cpl	STARRS	B.M.	Qualified (5th in class)

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EXTRACTS FROM CASUALTY RETURNS (Cont)

Schools and Courses - Results (cont)

First Aust Army Wpn Trg School. Carrier Wing, Course 19A

					Written	Practical
VX 41319	Cpl	CUNNINGHAM	A.C.	Qualified	78	71
SX 2774	Cpl	KENNEDY	W.M.	"	74	66
SX 9161	A/Cpl	SCAMMELL	D.R.	"	74	62
VX 43161	Cpl	STEVENSON	J.G.M.	"	71	67
VX 16424	L/Cpl	GORRINGE	R.A.G.	"	65	60
SX 3157	L/Cpl	O'CONNOR	B.L.	"	75	61
VX 16458	L/Cpl	STANDEN	D.I.	"	78	65

Punishments				Offence	Award
SX 5912	Tpr	BAILY	K.B.W.	AWL 2230 hrs 30 Oct to 0645 hrs 1 Nov	Fined £2 14 days C.B.
QX 11935	Tpr	STAUNTON	D.	Absent from Tattoo Roll Calls	Fined £1 7 days C.B.
VX 51372	Tpr	WHYTE	W.E.A.	Absent from a place of parade	Fined £2
VX 47823	Tpr	COWDELL		" " " " "	Fined £2

Reversion

VX 65935	L/Cpl	WATSON	E.J.	Reverted to Tpr (at own request)	15.11.43

Trade Groupings

SX 8606	Tpr	HAGE	R.H.	Relinquished A/Gp 11 Cook	30.10.43
VX 51419	Tpr	BOREHAM	D.L.	" " " " "	13.11.43
VX 34727	Tpr	ODAMES	D.	" A/Gp 11 Carpenter and Joiner	13.11.43

Appointment

VX 17526	Tpr	MOSS	R.S.	Appointed L/Cpl	30.10.43

Schools and Courses - Results

First Aust Army Wpn Trg School, Carrier Wing Course 18A

VX 36591	Lieut	SKIPPAGE	E.A.	Qualified	Written 83 Practical 68

AAOC Unit QMs Course No.26

VX 14703	Lieut	SMITH	R.W.	Qualified	72½%

LHQ School of Mechanisation - Course No.3

VX 16264	Lieut	CARSTAIRS	R.J. (MM)	Qualified (Wheeled Veh Wing) as Unit D&M Instructor & Testing Offr	
SX 2678	Lieut	SYMES	H.C.	do. do. do do do (Carrier Wing)	

LHQ Tactical School, Wing "C", Course No.8

VX 16421	Lieut	SPROAT	A.D.	Qualified	
SX 2794	Lieut	TAFFIELD	M.H.	"	

AASC School, Unit Bread Baking Wing

VX 28253	Pte	MORRISON	E.J.	(AACC attached)	Qualified 69%

Punishment ("C" Sec Sigs)

TX 3644	Sigmn	MATTHEWS	M.E.	Offence:	Used insubordinate language Disobeyed a lawful command Conduct tothe prejudice etc.
				AWARD :	Fined £5 8.11.43

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DECEMBER Month
1943 Year

18 JAN 1944

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WAR DIARY

For material required, see F.S.R. Vol. I, Sec. 174

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2/9 AUST CAV (Commando) REGT.
UNIT

PLACE	DATE	SUMMARY OF EVENTS Routine training details and information given in Casualty Returns are NOT required	REFERENCES TO APPENDICES
KAIRI	1 - 12.	Hardening and Jungle trg continuing	
	13 - 19.	Regtl Trek to RUSSELL RIVER.	Appx. 111.
	19 - 26.	Preparations for move to WONGABEL.	
WONGABEL.	27 - 31.	Administration and preparations for move to RAVENSHOE.	

APPENDICES:-

1. Diary of Regtl Operations.
11. Adm Instruction No. 16.
111. Regtl Trek.
1V. R.M.O.'s Report.
V. R.Q.M.'s Report.
V1. Routine Orders.
V11. Field Returns.

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C.O's. REPORT AND COMMENTS ON MONTH
(On Operations, Equipment, Movement, Health, Administration, etc.)

1. ADMINISTRATION.
Instructions for the complete changeover of the Regt to the new W.E. were expected during the month; but did not eventuate. However all preliminary arrangements were made.

2. TRAINING.
A rather ambitious exercise was undertaken between 13 - 22 Dec with the undisclosed object of making the Regt "foot conscious". The object was very definitely attained although the exercise was cut short because of the impending move to WONGABEL.

3. CHRISTMAS DAY.
This passed over very pleasantly for all troops: unlike Christmas 1942, the Regt sat down to dinner by Squadrons.

4. MOVEMENT.
The move from KAIRI to WONGABEL, followed immediately by instructions to move to RAVENSHOE, interfered with training and all Regimental activities.

Signature W.C.P. Murphy - Lt. Col.

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2/9 Aust Cav (Commando) Regt.

WAR DIARY - DECEMBER 43.

DIARY OF REGIMENTAL OPERATIONS.

Dec 4. 3 ORs marched out to INNISFAIL as Guinea Pigs for CW Research. The first leave party - 10% of Unit - left on 24 days recreational leave.

5. Officers defeated Offrs of 7 MG Bn at cricket.

6. C.O. and I.O. recce TOPAZ area and track to RUSSELL RIVER in preparation of Regtl exercise.

7. Lieut J.R.S. HACKETT, and original Officer of the Regt marched out to Reserve of Officers.

8. C.O. and I.O. continue recce of track from TOPAZ to BARTLE FRERE over RUSSELL RIVER. Owing to very rough going, and the fact that the track was overgrown in places and non-existent in others, they arrived at BARTLE FRERE at 091500L, 24 hours overdue.

10. C.O. attended conference at 1 Aust Corps with C.O. of 2/7 Aust Cav (Commando) Regt, and Corps and LHQ representatives. The Cav (Commando) establishment was discussed and various recommendations made.

11. Changeover to New provisional establishment, as per appendix 11. Orders issued for Regtl exercise as per appendix 111.

13 - 19. Regtl exercise to RUSSEL RIVER. Appendix 111.

19. Regt returns to camp. During the week Lieuts J. FISCHER, and K. LYTHE (Sigs attached) returned from schools.

20. Preparations commenced for move from present site to Camp "D" WONGABEL.

21. Lieuts SPROAT and TAFFIELD and 2 ORs returned from schools.

25. Christmas Day. Holiday and special dinner and beer allowance for troops.

27. Advance party of one section per Sqn moved to WONGABEL.

28. Regt less small rear party moved to WONGABEL. Settled in during the day and at 1600L received word that Regt was to be ready to move to A Bde Area RAVENSHOE. This caused some comment from all ranks.

29. Rear party arrived from KAIRI area. C.O. and Major IRVING reced RAVENSHOE camp area.

30. Major IRVING and one sec per Sqn moved to RAVENSHOE as advance party.

Lieut.
I.O. 2/9 Aust Cav (Commando) Regt.

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APPX 1.

Diary of Regtl Ops.

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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4 12 3 2/9 Aust Cav Regt ...../.....(Serial No.)

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

W.E. 11/ 19/ 1 OFFRS. 30 O.R's. 430 + OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 36 ATT. BY W.E. A33/43

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Rein'fts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'fts Required.
-	-	-	1	Lieut.-Colonels					
-	-	-	4	Majors					
NR	2	-	4	Captains	A.A.M.C.	1	-	-	-
		3	21	Lieutenants					
		(Lieut)	1	Quarter-masters					
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.					
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.					
NR	2	3	31			1	-	-	-

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

DETAIL	B	A.I.F.	A C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	* *	TOTAL.
A.	1	32	(Includes Reinft Offr - vide Part D)								33
E.(1)											
E.(2)											

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

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

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

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
SX2727	Lieut	INGLIS W.G.	M/O	30.11.43	To GHQ Adelaide for transfer to Reserve of Officers.

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

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

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2/9 AUST CAV REGT. *Unit* A33/43

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 4/12/1943 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1 Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	2 Army Number.	3 Surname.	4 Initials.	5 Posting.	6 Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	7 If not present with Unit, state how employed.	8 Date of Detachment.
Lt-Col	VX14728	MUNTZ	W.N.	CO	YES	X	
Major	SX2721	NEWTON	T.H.	OC B	YES	X	
"	SX2722	HANCOCK	H.M.	OC A	YES		
"	VX42168	GUTHRIE	R.C.	2i/c	YES		
Capt (T/M)	VX14793	IRVING	J.	OC C	YES		
Capt	VX42774	FYFFE (MC)	H.G.	OC HQ	NO	Recreation Leave	20.11.43
"	SX2724	CLEMENTS	J.M.		YES		
"	VX14778	McNAUGHTON	G.J.		YES		
Lieut	SX10328	GLANVILLE	T.P.		YES		
"	SX9607	HACKETT	J.R.S.		YES		
"	VX44809	STEWART	A.M.		YES		
"	SX6442	LEGOE	J.		YES		
"	SX9609	McARTHUR	P.N.	TO.	YES		
"	VX40985	COSTER (MC)	W.H.		YES		
" (T/Capt)	VX43037	RICHARDSON	T.A.	ADJT	YES		
"	SX2703	TOMS (MC)	C.G.		YES		
"	SX3417	COLLINS	T.H.		YES		
"	SX2794	TAPPIEER	M.H.		N O	LHQ TAC SCH	5.10.43
"	VX16421	SPROAT	A.D.		NO	LHQ TAC SCH	5.10.43
"	SX3638	SIMMONS	E.D.	I.O.	YES		
"	VX14703	SMITH	R.W.	QM	YES		
"	VX20222	ADAMS	U.B.T.		YES		
"	SX2678	SYMES	H.C.		YES		
"	SX5897	GRIEVE	N.R.		YES		
"	VX20607	ODDIE	J.T.		YES		
"	CX19136	O'BRIEN	F.D.		YES		
"	VX16167	TAYLOR	A.F.		YES		
"	VX16264	CARSTAIRS (MM)	R.H.		YES		
"	SX4716	CAMPBELL	L.C.		YES		
"	VX51827	DRYSDALE	R.S.		YES		
"	VX36591	SKIPPAGE	E.H.		YES		

Reinft offr. Held = Not on Posted Strength.

Lieut	NX20364	WHITE	A.R.		YES		

NOTE : Ref LHQ 030861 of 10 Nov 43
There are two(2) officers of this Regt with active service prior 3/9/39

W.N. Muntz
.....Lt-Col
(W.N. MUNTZ)
Comd 2/9 Aust Cav Regt

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
Capt	VX39250	GAULD D.R.	AAMC	10.2.42	R.M.O.

4 Dec 43
Date of Despatch

W.N. Muntz
.....Lt-Col
Signature of Commander
Comd 2/9 Aust Cav Regt

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

61279 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 11/12/1943. 2/9 Aust Cav Regt (Unit)

A.34/43

W.E. 11/19/1. OFFRS. 30 O.R's. 430 + OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 36 ATT. BY W.E.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Rein'fts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'fts Required.
				*					
				*					
-	-	-	1	Lieut.-Colonels					
-	-	-	4	Majors					
NR	2	-	4	Captains	A.A.M.C	1	-	-	-
-	-	2	20	Lieutenants					
-	-	-	1	Quarter-masters (Lieut)					
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.					
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.					

	DETAIL	A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).	A.	1	31	(Includes	Reinft officer	- vide	Part D-				32
	E.(1)										
	E.(2)										

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

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

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

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
SX 9607	Lieut	HACKETT J.R.S.	M/O	7.12.43	To GDD ADELAIDE for transfer to Reserve of Officers.

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

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

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 11/12/1943 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Lt.Col	VX 14728	MUNTZ	W.N.	CO	YES		
Major	SX 2721	NEWTON	T.H.	OC B	YES		
"	SX 2722	HANCOCK	N.M.	OC A	NO	Recreational Leave	5.12.43
"	VX 42168	GUTHRIE	R.C.	2 i/c	NO	" "	5.12.43
Capt(T/Major)	VX14795	IRVING	J	OC C	YES		
"	VX 42774	FYFFE (MC)	H.G.	OC HQ	NO	Recreational Leave	20.11.43
"	SX 2724	CLEMENTS	J.M.		YES		
"	VX 14778	McNAUGHTON	G.J.		YES		
Lieut	SX 10328	GLANVILLE	T.P.		YES		
"	VX 44809	STEWART	A.M.		YES		
"	SX 6442	LEGOE	J		YES		
"	SX 9609	McARTHUR	P.N.	TO	YES		
"	VX 40985	COSTER (MC)	W.H.		NO	Recreational Leave	5.12.43
"(T/Capt)	VX 43037	RICHARDSON	T.A.	Adjt	YES		
"	SX 2703	TOMS (MC)	C.G.		YES		
"	SX 3417	COLLINS	T.H.		YES		
"	SX 2794	TAPFIELD	M.H.		NO	IHQ Tac School	5.10.43
"	VX 16421	SPROAT	A.D.		NO	IHQ Tac School	5.10.43
"	SX 3638	SIMMONS	E.D.	IO	YES		
"	VX 14703	SMITH	R.W.	QM	YES		
"	VX 20222	ADAMS	U.B.T.		YES		
"	SX 2678	SYMES	H.C.		YES		
"	SX 5887	GRIEVE	N.R.		YES		
"	VX 20607	ODDIE	J.T.		YES		
"	QX 19136	O'BRIEN	F.D.		YES		
"	VX 16167	TAYLOR	A.F.		YES		
"	VX 16264	CARSTAIRS(MC)	R.J.		YES		
"	SX 4716	CAMPBELL	L.C.		NO	Recreational Leave	5.12.43
"	VX 51827	DRYSDALE	R.S.		YES		
"	VX 36591	SKIPPAGE	E.A.		YES		
		Reinft Offr Held - Not on Posted Strength					
Lieut	NX 20364	WHITE	A.R.		YES		

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
Capt	VX 39250	GAULD D.R.	AAMC	10.2.42	RMO

11/12/43
Date of Despatch

Lt.Col
Comd 2/9 Signature of Commander
Aust Cav Regt

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Regt 61239 /..... (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 18 / 12 /1943 2/9 Aust Cav (Unit)

W.E. 111 / 19 / 1 . OFFRS. 30 O.R's. 430 + OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 36 ATT. BY W.E.

A/35/43

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Rein'fts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'fts Required.
				*					
				*					
–	–	–	1	Lieut.-Colonels					
–	–	–	4	Majors					
NR	~~2~~ 2		4	Captains	A.A.M.C.	1	–	–	–
–	–	3	21	Lieutenants					
	(Lieut)		1	Quarter-masters					
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.					
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.					
NR	2	3	31			1	–	–	–

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in pars. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).	DETAIL	A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	* *	TOTAL.
	A.	B 1	32	(Includes Reinft Offr – vide Part D)							33
	E.(1)										
	E.(2)										

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

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.
VX14042	Lieut	FISCHER J.W.K.	2/9 Aust Cav Regt	13/12/43	Rejoined unit from attending LHQ Sch P & RT Special PT & UC Course 42 Duration 28 Sep – 2 Nov 43

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

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

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

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

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2/9 Aust Cav Regt ..... Unit A.35/43

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 18/12/1943 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1 Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	2 Army Number.	3 Surname.	4 Initials.	5 Posting.	6 Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	7 If not present with Unit, state how employed.	8 Date of Detachment.
~~Lt-Col~~	VX14728	MUNTZ	W.N.	CO	YES		
~~Major~~	SX2721	NEWTON	T.H.	OC B	YES		
"	SX2722	HANCOCK	H.M.	OC A	NO	Recreational Leave	5.12.43
"	VX42168	GUTHRIE	E.C.	2 i/c	NO	" "	5.12.43
Capt(T/Major)	VX14793	IRVING	J.	OC C	YES		
~~Capt~~	VX42774	FYFFE(MC)	H.C.	OC HQ	NO	Recreational Leave	20.11.43
"	SX2724	CLEMENTS	J.M.		YES		
"	VX14778	McHAUGHTON	G.J.		YES		
~~Lieut~~	SX10328	GLANVILLE	T.P.		YES		
"	VX44809	STEWART	A.M.		YES		
"	SX6442	LEGOE	J.		YES		
"	SX9609	McARTHUR	P.N.	TO	YES		
"	VX40985	COSTER(MC)	H.H.		NO	Recreational Leave	5.12.43
"	VX44042	FISCHER	J.W.K.		YES		
"(T/Capt)	VX43037	RICHARDSON	T.A.	ADJT	YES		
~~Lieut~~	SX2703	TOMS(MC)	C.G.		YES		
"	SX3417	COLLINS	T.H.		YES		
"	SX2704	TAPFIELD	M.H.		NO	LEO Tac School	5.10.43
"	VX16421	SPROAT	A.D.		NO	LHQ Tac School	
"	SX3638	SIMMONS	E.D.	IO	YES		
"	VX14703	SMITH	R.W.	QM	YES		
"	VX20222	ADAMS	U.E.T.		YES		
"	SX2676	SYMES	H.C.		YES		
"	SX5887	GRIEVE	M.R.		YES		
"	VX20607	ODDIE	J.T.		YES		
"	QX19136	O'BRIEN	P.D.		YES		
"	VX16167	TAYLOR	A.F.		YES		
"	VX16264	CARSTAIRS(MM)	R.J.		YES		
"	SX4716	CAMPBELL	L.C.		NO	Recreational Leave	5.12.43
"	VX51827	DIXSDALE	R.S.		YES		
"	VX36591	SKIPPAGE	E.A.		YES		

REINFT OFFICER HELD — NOT ON POSTED STRENGTH.

~~Lieut~~	NX20364	WHITE	A.R.		YES		

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
Capt	VX39250	GAULD D.R.	AAMC	10.2.42	RMO

18.12.43
Date of Despatch

J.T. Richardson Capt for Lt-Col
Signature of Commander
Comd 2/9 Aust Cav Regt.
Absent on Duty

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

61239 / (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 25/12/1943. 2/9 Aust Cav Regt (Unit)

A.36/43

W.E. 111/19/1. OFFRS. 30 O.R's. 430 + OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 36 ATT. BY W.E.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Rein'fts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'fts Required.
				*					
				*					
			1	Lieut.-Colonels					
			4	Majors					
	2		4	Captains	A.A.M.C.	1			
		4	22	Lieutenants					
	(Lieut)		1	Quarter-masters					
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.					
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.					
			32			1			

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

DETAIL		A.I.P.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	* *	TOTAL.
A.	"B" 1	"A" 32									33
E.(1)											
E.(2)											

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

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.
VX16421	Lieut	SPROAT A.D.	2/9 Aust Cav	21/12/43	From attending
SX2794	"	TAPFIELD M.H.	" " "	"	LHQ Tactical School

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

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

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

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

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2/9 AUST CAV REGT Unit A. 36/43

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 25/12/194 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Lt-Col	VX 14728	MUNTZ	W N	CO	YES		
Major	SX 2721	NEWTON	T H	OC B	YES		
"	SX 2722	HANCOCK	H M		NO	Recreation Leave	5.12.43
"	VX 42168	GUTHRIE	R C	2 I/C	NO	" "	5.12.43
Capt(T/Maj)	VX14793	IRVING	J	OC A	YES		
Capt	VX42774	FYFFE (MC)	H.G.	OC HQ	NO	" "	20.11.43
"	SX 2724	CLEMENTS	J M		YES		
"	VX 14778	McNAUGHTON	G J		YES		
Lieut	SX 10328	GLANVILLE	T P		YES		
"	VX44809	STEWART	A M		YES		
"	SX 6442	LEGOE	J		YES		
"	SX 9609	McARTHUR	P N	TO	YES		
"	VX 40985	COSTER (MC)	W H		YES NO	Recreation Leave	5.12.43
"	VX 14042	FISCHER	J W K		YES		
"(T/Capt)	VX43037	RICHARDSON	T A	Adjt	YES		
"	SX 2703	TOMS (MC)	G G		YES		
"	SX 3417	COLLINS	T H		YES		
"	SX 2794	TAPFIELD	M H		YES		
"	VX 16421	SPROAT	A D		YES		
"	SX 3638	SIMMONS	E D	IO	YES		
"	VX 14703	SMITH	R W	QM	YES		
"	VX 20222	ADAMS	U B T		YES		
"	SX 2678	SYMES	H C		YES		
"	SX 5887	GRIEVE	N R		YES		
"	VX 20607	ODDIE	J T		YES		
"	SX 19136	O'BRIEN	F D		YES		
"	VX 16167	TAYLOR	A F		YES		
"	VX 16264	CARSTAIRS(MM)	R J		YES		
"	SX 4718	CAMPBELL	L C		NO	Recreation Leave	5.12.43
"	VX 51827	DRYSDALE	R S		YES		
"	VX 36591	SKIPPAGE	E A		YES		
"	NX 20364	WHITE	A R		YES (B Class)		

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
Capt	VX39250	GAULD D R	AAMC	10.2.42	RMO

26 Dec 43
Date of Despatch

W. A. Muntz Lt-Col
Comd 2/9 Signature of Commander

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

612359 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 4 / 12 / 1943 2/9 Aust Lac Regt. (Unit)

W.E. 111, 19, 1. OFFRS. 30 O.R's. 430 + OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 36 ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts Required.
			1	W.Os. Class I					
NR	1		5	W.Os. Class II. Regt Sgt Maj (1)		2			
				Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts					
			4	Staff Sergeants Regt Q.M. Sgt (1)		1			
NR	1		25	Sergeants Pipe Major (1) Orderly Room (1)		5		2	
NR	5		42	Corporals Pioneer Sgt (1) Cook (1)		5		5	
	25	13	383	Troopers, Privates, etc		18	5		
				Civilians counting as O.R					
*	32	12	460 *	Totals of cols marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.		34 *	5	7	*

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

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

Detail		A.I.F.	C.M.F Under 19 Years	C.M.F 19 Years and over	A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	* *	TOTAL
A	2	492						[redacted]	[redacted]		494
B(1)											
B(2)							[redacted]				

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

Number of O.Rs	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs	Unit to which they belong
14	2/2 Aust Fd Regt. R.A.S.		
1	Union		
16	2/2 Aust Inf Regt. Inf Group		
	Bowen & Sec Sigs		
9	2/2 Armoureds		

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

Number of O.Rs	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached
1	R Life Guards Reconstn Officer		
33	Attending Schools - Courses		
	1 Aust Base Sub Area 29 days		
1	Aust Base Sub Area 2 P.C.		
3	" " 28 Aust Gen Hosp		
2	Improving Agriculture Duty		
6	Recreational Leave		
	ATTACHED RETURNED BY WE		
1	Attending Schools Courses		
	1 Aust Base Sub Area 29 days		
2	Returned to Unit Struck off Strength		

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

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

NOTE. In Part E, in the absence of other provision, the sign + has been used to denote a surplus. Reconciliation has been shown at the foot of the last column. For the purpose of elucidating the position in regard to "Attached allowed by W.E." in Part A as compared with Part E, both a surplus and a deficiency have been shown opposite 'Fitters'. There is a deficiency of 2 Cpl Fitters.

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2/9 Aust Cav Regt Unit A 32/43

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PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 4/12/1943.

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W E	Posted Strength	Reints Required	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, R.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangetakers			
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Rivetters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddlers-e makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevedores			
Computors								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical	7	6	1 NR
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers	1	1	-	Tailors	2	-	2
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters				Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners	1	1	-	Wireman				NON-TRADESMEN			
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners				Batmen	32	41	+
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics								Employment	80	61	+
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)								M/C Ords	15	15	-
Fitters				Driver-Operator	69	51	18 NR					Hyg Duties	5	5	-
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers								Storemen	4	4	-
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians								Water Cart	11	11	-
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)								Regtl Police	3	3	-
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				Gun Numbers	7	11	+
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers	1	1	-	Gen Duties	30	31	+
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	13	11	2 NR		120	101	22
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply					+		
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				ATTACHED	6	WE	
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	4	3	2	Coach Trimmers				Hyg Sqn D	1	-	1 NR
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors				Med Orderly	4	3	1 NR
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks				Shoemaker	1	1	
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies				Gun Cpl	1	1	
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				Armourer	1	1	
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				Batmen	4	5	5 -1
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics	79	72	7	Mechanic	4	3	1
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant				Cartsman	4	3	1
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.				Cattle	1	1	
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers	1	1		Cooks	13	12	1 NR
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers				Hyg	1	1	
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates				Padre	1	-	1 NR
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers					36	34	7
CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD	74	54	20	CARRIED FORWARD	119	104	39	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A respectively	411	404 *	12 *

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

Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

Lt Col
Comd 2/9 Aust Cav Regt

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

61239 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 11/12/1943 2/9. AUST CAV REGT (Unit)

W.E. 111/19/1 OFFRS. 30 O.R's. 430+ OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 36 ATT. BY W.E. A.34/43

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W E				
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W E.	Deficient W E	Reinfts Required.
-	-	-	1.	W.Os. Class I					
NR	2.	-	4	W.Os. Class II. AEME(1) AACC(1)		2	-	-	-
				Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts					
-	-	-	4	Staff Sergeants AEME(ARM. ART)		1			
-	-	-	26	Sergeants AAPC(1) AAMC(1) AEME(2) AACC(1)		5	-	2	NR.
N.R.	7	-	40.	Corporals AAMC(2) AACC(3) AEME(2) AAOC(1)		8	-	5	NR.
	24	61	383	Troopers, Privates, etc		17.	5	1	
				Civilians counting as O.R					
NR. *	33	61	458 *	Totals of cols marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.		33. *	5	8	NR. *

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

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

Detail	B	A.I.F. A	C.M.F Under 19 Years.	C.M.F 19 Years and over.	A W A.S.	A.A.M.W S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	* *	TOTAL
A	1	490									491
B(1)											
B(2)											

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

Number of O.Rs	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs	Unit to which they belong
13	2/82. AUST. LAD.		
9	2/9. AUST CAV [illegible]		REGT. SIG TP.
	(FORMERLY. "C" SEC SIGS)		
1	Y.M.C.A.		

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

Number of O.Rs	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached
1	Q. L of C. AREA RECORDS OFFICE		
34	ATTENDING SCHOOLS & COURSES		
	OF LESS THAN 29 DAYS.		
1	DETACHED FOR DUTY. 2. AUST CORPS. F.P.C.		
3	" " " 2/1. AUST GD. BN.		
1	TEMPORARILY ABSENT ON DUTY.		
3	DETACHED FOR DUTY. C.W. RESEARCH		
	AND EXPERIMENTAL SEC.		
48	RECREATIONAL LEAVE.		
	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.		
6	RECREATIONAL LEAVE		
1	ATTENDING SCHOOL LESS THAN 29 DAYS		
1	DETACHED FOR DUTY HQ 3 AUST DIV		
3	" " " 1 NO. AUST BDE W/SHOPS.		

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

Army No	Rank.	Name and Initials	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).
	NOTE :	In Part E, in the absence of other provision, the sign + has been used to denote a surplus. Reconciliation has been shown at the foot of the last column. For the purpose of elucidating the position in regard to "Attached allowed by W.E." in Part A as compared with Part E, both a surplus and a deficiency have been shown opposite 'Fitters'. There is a deficiency of two(2) Cpl Fitters.	

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2/9 AUST CAV REGT Unit

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PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 11/12/1943.

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
								BROUGHT FORWARD.	74.	54.	20.	BROUGHT FORWARD.	169.	140.	29.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, R.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangetakers			
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Rivetters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevedores			
Computors								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical	7	5	2 NR.
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers	1	1	—	Tailors	2	—	2
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters				Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners	1	1	—	Wireman				NON TRADESMEN.			
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners				BATMEN.	32	40	+
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics								DRIVERS M/T.	80	105	+
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)								M/C ORDS.	15	15	—
Fitters				Driver-Operator	69	51	18 NR.					HYG. DUTIES	5	5	—
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers								STOREMEN.	4	4	—
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians								WATER DUTIES	4	4	—
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)								REGTL. POLICE	3	3	—
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				GUN NUMBERS.	79	105	+
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers	1	1	— NR.	GEN DUTIES.	30	32	+
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	13	11	2	TOTAL.	430	458	32
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply							
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	4.	2	2 NR.	Coach Trimmers				HYG. INSP.	1	—	1 NR.
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors				MED ORDS.	4	3	1 NR.
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks				SHOEMAKER.	1	1	—
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies				ARM. ART.	1	1	—
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				ARMOURER.	1.	1	—
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				FITTERS.	4	7	+ 5 — 2
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics	79	72	7 NR.	MECHANISTS.	4	3	1 NR.
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant				ELECTRICIANS.	4	3	1 NR.
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.				CATERER.	1	1	—
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers	1	1	—	COOKS.	13	12	1 NR.
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers				SPY.	1.	1	—
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates				POSTAL.	1	—	1 NR.
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers				TOTAL.	36	33	8
CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD	74.	54.	20.	CARRIED FORWARD	169.	140.	29.	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A respectively	466	491 *	41 D 6 S 25 S *

NOTES.—(a) If rank other than private is involved give details on back.
(b) Authorised trades or specialists not included in list will be added as required in spaces provided.
(c) Where A.W.A.S. and/or A.A.M.W.S. personnel are desired show details on back
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11/12/43.
Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander
Lt. Col.
Comd. 2/9. AUST CAV REGT.

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

61239 / ..... (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 18/12/1943 2/1 Aust Cav Regt (Unit)

W.E. 111/19/1 OFFRS. 30 O.R's. 430 + OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 36 ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required. A.35/43

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.
			1	W.Os. Class I					
NR	2		4	W.Os. Class II (AEME(1) AACC(1)		2			
				Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts					
			4	Staff Sergeants AEME (ARM ART)		1			
	2		24	Sergeants AAPC(1) AAMC(1) AEME(2) AACC(1)		5		2	NR
NR	8		39	Corporals AACC(2) AAMC(2) AEME(2) AACC(1)		7		6	NR
	20	56	382	Troopers, Privates, etc		17	5	1	
				Civilians counting as O.R					
NR*	32	56	454*	Totals of cols marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.		32*	5	9	NR*

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

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Detail	B	A.I.F. A	C.M.F. Under 19 Years.	C.M.F. 19 Years and over.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	* *	TOTAL
A	1	485						[redacted]	[redacted]		486
B(1)											
B(2)							[redacted]				

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

Number of O.Rs	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs	Unit to which they belong
13	2/82 Aust LAD		
9	2/1 Aust Cav Regt Sig Troop		
	(Formerly "C" Sec Sigs)		
1	YMCA		

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

Number of O.Rs	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached
1	Q.L. of C. Area Records Office		
35	attending Schools & Courses of less than 29 days		
1	Detached Duty 2 Aust Corps. 3 P.C.		
3	" " 2/1 Aust Gd Bn		
1	" " 3 Aust Div Jungle Warfare Sch as a driver		
3	Detached Duty C.W. Research & Exper. Sec		
48	Recreational Leave		
	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.		
6	Recreational Leave		
1	Detached Duty 4 & 3 Aust Div		
3	" " 110 Aust Bde W/Shops		
1	attending Sch & Courses of less than 29 days		

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

Army No	Rank.	Name and Initials	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).
	NOTE.:	In Part E, in the absence of other provision, the sign + has been used to denote a surplus. Reconciliation has been shown at the foot of the last column. For the purpose of elucidating the position in regard to "Attached allowed by WE" in Part A as compared with Part E, both a surplus and a deficiency have been shown opposite 'Fitters' There is a deficiency of two(2) Cpl Fitters.	

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2/9 Aust Cav Regt. Unit H. 35/43.

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PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 18/12/1943.

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
									74	54	20 NR		69	100	29 NR
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, R.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangetakers			
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddlery makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevedores			
Computors								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical	3	6	1 NR
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers	1	1	-	Tailors	2	-	2
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters				Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners	1	1	-	Wireman				NON-TRADESMEN			
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners				Battery	32	40	+
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics								Drivers MT	80	104	+
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)								M/C Ords	15	15	
Fitters				Driver-Operator	69	51	18 NR					Hyg Duties	5	5	
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers								Storemen	4	4	
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians								Water Duties	4	4	
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)								Regtl Police	3	3	
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				Gun Numbers	79	102	+
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers	1	1	-	Gen Duties	30	31	+
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	13	11	2 NR	TOTAL	430	454	32
Grinder, Precision				Hello Operator				Clerks, Supply							
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				ATTACHED	67	N.E	
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	4	2	2 NR	Coach Trimmers				Hyg Insp	1	-	1 NR
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors				M/C Ords	4	3	1 NR
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks				Shoemaker	1	1	
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies				Gun Art	1	1	
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				Armourers	1	1	
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				Riders	4	7	5-2
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics	79	72	7 NR	Mechanists	4	3	1 NR
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant				Electricians	4	3	1 NR
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.				Caterer	1	1	
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers	1	1		Cooks	13	11	2 NR
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers				Pay	1	1	
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates				Postal	1	-	1 NR
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers				TOTAL	36	32	9
CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD	74	54	20 NR	CARRIED FORWARD	69	140	29 NR	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 3 and 10 of Part A respectively	466	486 *	41 S. 61 S. 20 S

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18/12/43
Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander
Lt. Col.
Comd 2/9 Aust Cav Regt.

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

6239/ (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 25/1/1943 (Unit) A.36/15.

W.E. 111/19/1 OFFRS. 30 O.R's. 456 + OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 36 ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED					ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.	DETAIL.	Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.
-	-	-	1	W.Os. Class I	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	4	W.Os. Class II.	AAOC(1) AEME(1)	2	-	-	-
				Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts					
-	-	-	4	Staff Sergeants AEME	(1)	1	-	-	-
NR	2	-	24	Sergeants AAMC(1) AEME(1) AAPC(1) AAOC(1)		5	-	2	-
NR	6	-	31	Corporals AAMC(2) AEME(2) AAOC(2) AAOC(1)		7	-	6	-
	23	15	380	Troopers, Privates, etc		18	5	-	
				Civilians counting as O.R					
NR *	31	15	454 *	Totals of cols marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.	*	33 *	5	8	*

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

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

Detail	"B"	A.I.F. "A"	C.M.F. Under 19 Years	C.M.F. 19 Years and over	A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	* *	TOTAL
A	1	456						[redacted]	[redacted]		457
B(1)											
B(2)							[redacted]				

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

Number of O.Rs	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs	Unit to which they belong
12	2/2 Aust ARD		
9	2/2 Aust Cav Mob Sup Pln		
1	YMCA.		

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

Number of O.Rs	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached
1	2/2 Aust LAD Base Records Office		
29	Attending Schools & Courses of Ins		
	Nom 29 Days.		
1	Det duty 2 Aust Corps FPC		
3	" " 2/1 Aust Fd Reg		
1	" " 2 Aust Div Sniping School		
6	" " CMF Rosebrook Ridge Dr.		
1	" " 1AD Tpt (Mechanic)		
47	Recreational Leave.		
	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.		
1	Det duty 14d 2 Aust Div.		
6	Recreation Leave.		

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

Army No	Rank	Name and Initials	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).
	NOTE.:-	In Part E, in the absence of other provision, the sign has been used to denote a surplus. Reconciliation has been shown at the foot of the last column. For the purpose of elucidating the position in regard to "Attached allowed by W.E." in Part A as compared with Part E, both a surplus and a deficiency have been shown opposite 'Fitters'. There is a deficiency of two(2) Cpl Fitters.	

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H/Q Mech Tpt Regt ..... Unit

A36/53

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PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 25/12/1943.

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W E	Posted Strength	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, R.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangetakers			
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevedores			
Computors								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical	7	6	1 NR
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers	1	1	–	Tailors	2	–	2
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Assi.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters				Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners	1	1	–	Wireman				NON TRADESMEN			
Electricians				Cooks	–	1	+	Woodturners				Batmen	32	40	+
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics								Drivers MT	80	102	+
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)								Mess Ords	15	15	.
Fitters				Driver-Operator	69	52	17 NR					Hyg Orderlies	5	5	.
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers								Storemen	4	4	.
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians								Water Duties	4	4	.
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)								Head Office	3	3	.
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				Tpt Duties	99	102	+
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers	1	1	–	Gen Duties	30	31	+
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	13	10	3 NR	Totals	430	454	31
Grinder, Precision				Hello Operator				Clerks, Supply							
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	4	2	2 NR	Coach Trimmers				Hyg Duties	1	–	1 NR
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors				MED Ords	4	3	1 NR
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks				Dispenser	1	1	–
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies				Rem Rest	1	1	–
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				Regimental	1	1	–
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				Cutters	4	7	+5–2
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics	79	73	6 NR	Mechanics	4	3	1 NR
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant				Electricians	4	3	1 NR
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.				Bakers	1	1	–
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers	1	1	–	Cooks	13	12	1 NR
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers				Tpt	1	1	–
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates				Petrol	1	–	1
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers				Totals	56	33	8
CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD	72	56	19	CARRIED FORWARD	169	142	28	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A respectively	486	487	5.60 D.39 21

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26 Dec 43
Date of Despatch

W. P. Clunk. Lt Col
Signature of Commander

Comd H Mech Tpt Regt

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APPX 11.

Adm Instn NO. 16.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

3 DEC 43.

2/9 AUST CAV REGT.

ADMINISTRATION INSTRUCTION No.16.

1. The 2/9 AUST CAV REGT will be re-organised as the 2/9 AUST CAV(COMMANDO)REGT, having two fighting Squadrons instead of the normal three Squadrons. Sufficient personnel will be transferred to"A"Squadron from "C" Squadron, and to "B" Squadron from "HQ" & "C" Squadrons to provide two(2) Squadrons of equal strength, to be named "A" & "B" Squadrons respectively. The remaining personnel in"HQ"Squadron will form"RHQ" & "HQ" Squadron according to the new W.E.

2. COMMAND AND POSTING

Major J. IRVING will command "A" Squadron
Major T.H. NEWTON will command "B" Squadron
Lieuts. MCARTHUR, HIGGS-McGILLIVRAY, SPROAT, & CARSTAIRS will be transferred to "A" Squadron from "C" Squadron.
Lieuts. COLLINS and ADAMS will be transferred to "B" Squadron from "C" Squadron.
Lieuts. SKIPPAGE, CAMPBELL, & TAYLOR will be transferred to "B" Squadron from "HQ" Squadron.
Lieut COSTER will be transferred to "B" Squadron from "A" Squadron.

3. TRAINING

The completion of the syllabus as laid down, in the shortest possible time, will be the immediate objective of Squadrons.
Hardening Training will be carried out by the Regt as a whole as from the 13 Dec. and details will be made available later.

4. GENERAL

Details as to the selection, qualifications etc. of personnel for 2/9 AUST CAV(COMMANDO)REGT will be notified as soon as available.
The suggestion that the rate of pay is higher for members of Cav Commando Squadrons (or Independent Coys) is quite false.

Lt-Col
(W.N. MUNTZ)
Comd 2/9 Aust Cav Regt.

DISTRIBUTION.

1. CO
2. HQ
3. A
4. B
5. C
6/7 W/D
8. File

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W/D

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

2/9 AUST CAV REGT. 4 Dec 43.

APPENDICES "A"

ADMINISTRATION INSTRUCTION No.16

COMMAND AND POSTING.

CO : Lt-Col W.N. MUNTZ
2i/c : Major R.C. GUTHRIE
Adjt : T/Capt T.A. RICHARDSON
Q.M. : Lieut R.W. SMITH
I.O. : Lieut E.D. SIMMONS
T.O. : Lieut J.R. BLACK
HQ Sqn: Capt H.G. PYPPE

"A" SQUADRON.

OC : Major Irving
2i/c : Capt McNaughton
I.O. : Lieut Higgs-McGillivray
Sig : Lieut Taylor

No.1 Troop Officer : Lt. GLANVILLE
Section Officers : Lt. TOMS, Lt.GAZELLE, Lt.CARSTAIRS

No.2 Troop Officer : Lt. STEWART
Section Officers : Lt. TAFFIELD, Lt. SPROAT, Lt. CAMPBELL

No.3 Troop Officer : Lt. McARTHUR
Section Officers : Lt. BROWN, Lt. GRIEVE, Lt. DRYSDALE

"B" SQUADRON.

OC : Major NEWTON
2i/c : Capt Clements
I.O. : Lieut Ingpen
Sig : Lieut Oddie

No.4 Troop Officer : Lt. HACKETT
Section Officers : Lt. COLLINS, Lt. INGRAM, Lt. SKIPPAGE

No.5 Troop Officer : Lt. LEGGE
Section Officers : Lt. FISCHER, Lt. ADAMS, Lt. O'BRIEN

No.6 Troop Officer : Lt, COSTER(MC)
Section Officers : Lt. MUIRHEAD, Lt. SYMES, Lt. WHITE

.....Capt.
Adjt 2/9 Aust Cav Regt.

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APPX 111.

Regtl Trek

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10 DEC. 43.

2/9 AUST CAV(COMMANDO)REGT.

EXERCISE 13 - 22 Dec 43.

Ref Maps : GORDONVALE 1in. , BARTLE FRERE 1in.

1. OBJECT OF EXERCISE.

(a) To exercise Cav Commando Sqns, Troops, and Sections and to thoroughly test the new organization over a period of ten(10) days.
(b) To test the physical fitness of the Regt.
(c) To submit the Regt to hardening training under severe conditions.

2. SCOPE OF EXERCISE.

The scope and general outline of the exercise is given in Appendix "A", but variations may be made in accordance with instructions issued from time to time.

3. MAIN LESSONS AND PRINCIPLES TO BE STUDIED.

(a) Squadron, troop a nd section formations
(b) The setting and springing of ambushes
(c) The use of booby traps
(d) Patrolling and Patrol Reports
(e) Perimeter Defence, Fire Lanes etc.
(f) Organizations and protection of Supply Lines.

4. CONTROL.

The exercise will be directed by Lt-Col W.N. MUNTZ as Director and Lieut E.D. SIMMONS as Asst. Director.

5. TROOPS TAKING PART.

The whole Regt will take part in the exercise. Sqn Leaders will arrange with the A djt for the provision of essential camp duties and guards. "A" Sqn will be provided with white hat bands for use as required as distinguishing mark of enemy.

6. COMMUNICATIONS.

Sig Officer will arrange the following communications :-
(a) 1 No.208 Set for each Sq n and for RHQ
(b) 1 No.11 Set for each Sq n and for RHQ (Tactical & Rear)
W/T only will be used. Wireless Code No.2 will in general be used through 208 Sets & cypher through No.11 Sets

7. DRESS. Will be as laid down for Regtl Exercises.

8. CODE NAMES

RHQ Tactical	ROLO
RHQ Rear	CAPA
A Sqn	AJAX
B Sqn	HEMA

9. ADMINISTRATION.
Instructions will be issued in a separate adm order.

DISTRIBUTION LIST (SEE OVER)

Capt
Adjt 2/9 Aust Cav Regt

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DISTRIBUTION.

A Sqn
B Sqn
HQ Sqn
2/82 Aust LAD
1 Aust Corps
3 Aust Div
CO
2i/c
Adjt
I.O.
Sig O.
Q.M.
T.O.
File
2 W/D

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APPENDIX "A".

2/9 AUST CAV(COMMANDO) REGT.

EXERCISE 13 - 22 Dec 43.

DAY	NARRATIVE	ACTION	NOTES
1. & 2.	Cross country move-ment to TOPAZ via Lake Eacham	Sqns in Tactical formation : through semi open country	B Sqn move 0900 A Sqn move 0920 RHQ move 0940 Bivouac areas & route as indic-ated by I.O. First Sq n Lead er to arrive will allot areas
3.	Sqn in advance	B Sqn advance through jungle to Russel River A Sqn organise supply line	RHQ Tactical will exercise control from TOPAZ
4.	Sqn in defence	B Sqn organise defence position A Sqn advance to River	
5.	Patrol and track reports	A Sqn advance to Bartle Frere B Sqn organise & defend supply lines	Bivouac area as indicated by I.O.
6.	Practice of ambushes and booby traps		
7.	Sqn as rear-guard	Delaying tactics in jungle	Bivouac on Russell River
8.	Perimeter Defence		
9. & 10.	Fast movement across country.		Return to camp.

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2/9 AUST CAV(COMMANDO)REGT.

EXERCISE 13 - 22 Dec 43.

ADMINISTRATION INSTRUCTION.

1. HYGIENE.

The strictest attention will be paid to hygiene throughout the trek : empty tins will not only be burnt but will be buried. Troop and Section Leaders will be responsible for seeing that this is done.

2. SUPPLIES.

(a) On moving out of present area all ranks will carry on the man :-
i. Unconsumed portion of the day's ration
ii. One day's hard ration.

Q.M. will deliver 4 days' hard rations at TOPAZ on Day 2; 2 days hard rations to BARTLE FRERE on Day 6; and 1 2/3 days hard rations to TOPAZ on Day 8.

(b) Detachment in camp will be rationed in usual way.

3. ANTI-MALARIAL PRECAUTIONS.

(a) Full anti-malarial precautions will be taken throughout the trek.
(b) Mosquito Nets will be carried in vehicles until the Regt moves off the Table-land.

4. CANTEEN.

Limited supplies of priority lines will be made available throughout the trek as opportunity offers. On days 3,4, 5,7, & 8, this will not be possible. Q.M. will co-ordinate delivery of canteen supplies with rations.

5. PAY.

Pay will be available at BARTLE FRERE on Day 5 under arrangements made by the Adjt.

6. EQUIPMENT.

(a) All ranks will carry the following items :-

1. Blanket	2. W.P. Sheet	3. Gas Cape
4. Personal Weapons	5. Water Bottle	6. Haversacks
7. Toilet Articles	8. Clothing as required	9. Rations

(b) In addition to the above each man will take a change of clothing, bathing togs and mosquito net, which will be carried in Sqn Transport under arrangements made by Sqns.

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7. TRANSPORT.

T.O. will make the following transport available :-

(a) RHQ Tactical & HQ Sqn.	1	Jeep
	1	Office Van
	1	Wireless Veh 15 cwt
	1	30 cwt
(b) "A" Squadron.	1	Wireless Veh 15 cwt
	2	3 ton Vehs
(c) "B" Squadron	1	Wireless Veh 15 cwt
	2	3 ton vehs

Transport will be brigaded under arrangements made by T.O. and will move in bounds and reporting to Sqns at rendezvous' arranged by Squadron Leaders.
D.Rs will run a shuttle service under arrangements made by T.O.

8. BAND.

Pipers will be allotted to Sqns under arrangement made by Lieut Drysdale. Their gear and equipment will be carried in Sqn Transport. Remainder of Band Instruments will be carried in RHQ Transport for use when required.

9. TOOLS.

Normal Section tools will be carried. As a good deal of clearing may have to be done additional tools may be carried in Sqn Transport.

10. MAIL.

Inward mail will be delivered to Squadrons at intervals during the trek : outward mail will be collected, censored and posted on Day 2 , Day 6, and Day 8. If Christmas Cards become available they will be distributed.

J.G. Richardson
..... Capt.
Adjt 2/9 Aust Cav(Commando)Regt.

DISTRIBUTION.

A Sqn	3 Aust Div	Sig O.
B Sqn	C.O.	Q.M.
HQ Sqn	2 i/c	T.O.
1/82 Aust LAD	Adjt	File
1 Aust Corps	I.O.	2 W/D

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12 Dec 43

2/9 AUST CAV(COMMANDO)REGT

SIGNAL INSTRUCTION NO.2

Ref Maps : GORDONVALE 1in, BARTIE FERE 1in.

INFORMATION.

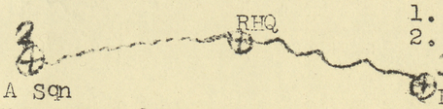
2/9 Aust Cav(Commando)Regt will undergo training trek from 13 - 22 Dec 43.

INTENTION.

Wireless communication will be provided between RHQ, A and B Sqns, and RHQ Tac, RHQ rear, A and B Sqn B echelons.

METHOD.

RHQ, A and B nett.
3 x No.208 sets (complete)



A Sqn
1. Tprs MATHLIN and HURLEY
2. " HOPPER and PALLOT
3. " McCUBBIN and INNIS

B Sqn
1. Tprs HILL and WHITE
2. " WATSON and COWAN
3. " SHARP and FAY

1. Tprs HENRY and TURNER (B Sqn
2. Tprs SANDERSON & SMITH(A Sq

Operators will change when directed by Sig Troop Leaders.

Frequencies & Call Signs.

Day	Freq	Alt Freq	Call Sign
1	2.700 Mes	2.500 mes	SO15
2.	3.000 "	2.500 "	1SO5
3.	3.200 "	2.500 "	4LP5
4.	2.900 "	2.500 "	8NH2

Further Freqs and call signs will be issued by Sig Tp Leaders when required.

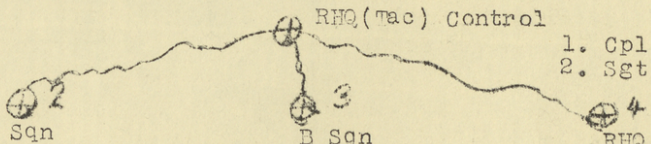
Code Names.

RHQ(Tac)	ROLO
RHQ(Rear)	CAPA
A Sqn	AJAX
B Sqn	BEMA

Change to alt Freq SUGAR

R/T Code No.2 will be used, messages will NOT be sent in clear.
Times of calling to be notified.

RHQ Tac RHQ Rear A Sqn B Sqn Nett.
4 x No.11 sets complete and ½ wave horizontal aerial, mobile.



A Sqn
1. L/Cpl WILLIAMS & Tpr BRAY
2. Cpl TUCKWELL & Tpr FULLER

B Sqn
1. Cpl COFFEY & Tpr STASINOWSKY
2. Tprs JACKSON & THOMAS.

RHQ rear
1. Cpl CONWAY & Tpr GARDNE
2. Sgt KEATING & Tpr BROWN
Sgt HOSKIN & Tpr RICHARDS

Operators will change when directed by Sig Tp Leaders
Code names as for No.208 nett.
Frequencies & Call Signs

Day	Freq	Alt Freq	Call Sign
1	6660	4730	5UGH
2	6530	4975	VK34
3	6460	4750	8FH4
4	6680	4710	LH87

Further Frequencies and Call Signs will be issued by Sig Tp Leaders when required. C.W. only will be used.
Where possible cypher will be used, otherwise R/T Code No.2.
Times of calling to be notified.

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SIGNAL INSTRUCTION No.2 (cont)

ADMINISTRATION

Batteries, No.208 Sets, 2 spare sets carried in B echelon vehicle.
No.11 sets, 3 sets carried in wireless vehicle, to be passed to charging vehicle at RHQ when flat.
Vehicles.

RHQ 54943	Driver,	Sig KROLL
A Sqn 58913	"	---------
B Sqn 58927	"	---------

With RHQ(tac) wireless van, battery charger(Sig PARKER)
54615 Driver, Tpr LAWLER
Equipment, Dress, Rations, see Sqn Admin Orders.

J.H. Addie Lieut

DISTRIBUTION

CO
ADJT
OC Sqns (2)
SIG OFFR (2)
SETS (7)
W.DIARY (2)

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Ref Map: BARTLE FRERE 1 in.

TEN DAY EXERCISE

DIARY OF EVENTS.

1943

Dec 13. Regt moved out from Camp area. B Sqn - 0900L, A Sqn 0920L, HQ Sqn and RHQ - 0940L. After trek of approximately 14 miles over various types of undulating country, Regt bivouaced at "The Ranch" in the LAKE EACHAM area.

14 Moved off at 0730L, RHQ., HQ Sqn. A Sqn, B Sqn. via back roads through NORTH JOHNSTONE, BUTCHERS CREEK, TOPAZ to a clearing at head of track to RUSSELL RIVER.
At the TOPAZ sawmill Regt had lunch, and drivers in co-operation with mill staff had boiling water ready. The reason for this was t that the mill manager asked us not to light fires.
On arrival at bivouac area four days rations were delivered and t the Regtl canteen operated.

15. B Sqn moved at 0730L to RUSSELL RIVER, making track good en route and carrying two days rations.
HQ Sqn moved at 0830L and arrived at TOWALLA POCKET, about half way to the river, at lunch time. They then established a water point and staging camp.
A Sqn moved at 1030L to HQ Sqn staging camp. A Sqn acted as porters and carried 4 days rations for themselves and 2 days for B Sqn, in addition to full eqpt. Their loads and the rough going made progress very slow, but the exercise proved that it is possible for one Sqn to ration another.
At 2130L RHQ, which was still at TOPAZ area, received a cipher message from RHQ Rear, that the Regt was on 48 hours notice to move to a new camp site at WONGABEL.

16. At 0730L the C.O. left to return to camp, RMO and RSM made a forced march through to the RUSSELL RIVER to give Major NEWTON orders to move the Regt back to camp. I.O. remained at TOPAZ as link between the No. 11 wireless back to camp, and the 108 sets with the Sqns.

17. Regt moved back to TOPAZ area, arriving by Sqns between 1300L and 1500L. C.O. returned from Camp at 1730L, and at 1800L a move was made on the return journey. Marched 5 miles and bivouaced for night at 2200L, at LAMONDS HILL.

18. Moved off from LAMONDS HILL at 0730L and arrived at LAKE EACHAM at 1145L after a rapid march led by the C.O. The afternoon was spent swimming in the lake. During the afternoon, we were visited by LT.Col A.E. McINTYRE, C.O. 2/9 Aust Armoured Regt., and a former 2 i/c and O.C of A Sqn of this Regt.

19. Left LAKE EACHAM at 0730L and returned to camp area, arriving at 1315L.

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2/9 AUST CAV KKAT(COMMANDO) REGT 27 DEC 43

MOVEMENT ORDER

1. INTENTION. The Regt will move from present area to Camp D WONGABEL on 28 Dec 43.

2. METHOD. 20 x 3-ton trucks will be available from Tpt Coy and 6 3-ton trucks from Regtl transport. These will be allotted as follows :-

Tpt Coy Vehs	A	B	HQ	Spare
Morning	9	9	2	-
Afternoon	7	7	2	4

Regtl Tpt
Morning - 1 Sgts Mess
5 Officers' Gear
Afternoon - 1 RHQ, Pay and Postal
1 R.A.P.
1 Armourer etc.
2 Officers' Mess
1 HQ Sqn

Small vehicles will be allotted by T.O. to RHQ, Postal, Padre and officers' lines.

3. ROUTINE -

REVEILLE	0545L
BREAKFAST	0615L
READY TO MOVE	0755L
START TIME	0830L (Morning)
	1400L (Afternoon)

RHQ closes present site 1200L; opens WONGABEL 1200L.

4. REAR PARTY - O.C. Capt P.T. CLANVILLE
1 Offr and 14 men from each of A and B Sqns will remain present site until 29 Dec 43.

5. ADM - (a) Signs - Sqns Messes, Canteen, etc, will be responsible for own signs. RSM will be responsible for signs at RHQ and on Main Road.
(b) Urinals - to be left for Rear Party.
(c) Cleanliness - Sqn areas to be thoroughly cleaned before leaving.
(d) Unconsumed portion of day's rations to be carried.

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DISTRIBUTION
A SQN
B SQN
HQ SQN
C.O.
T.O.
QM
O.C. REAR PARTY
RMO
RSM
FILE
WAR DIARY (2)

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APPX 1V.

R.M.O.'s Report.

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5 Jan 44.

R.M.O.'s MONTHLY REPORT - DECEMBER 43.

1. GENERAL. During the early part of the month the whole Regiment was out on a seven day exercise, and the latter part was taken up in moving to temporary camp site.

2. HYGIENE OF MARCH. There was a large proportion of troops who suffered from blistered feet during the early part of the exercise. Some reasons for this were :- unaccustomed marching on hard roads, lack of care of feet, lack of supervision by Officers, ill-fitting and badly worn boots and socks.
During the seven days, twenty personnel were sent back to camp. These were mainly personnel constitutionally too weak for the job, and others with old injuries of knees and bad feet, who had been under observation for some time. Otherwise the general health was good.

General Hygiene is still far from being good enough. Junior Officers are not supervising the disposal of rubbish.

3. PREVALENT ILLNESSES. Diarrhoea has increased slightly during the month, and seems to be more resistant to treatment than previously. Otherwise there was nothing outstanding.

Capt.
R.M.O. 2/9 Aust Cav (Commando) Regt.

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APPX V

R.Q.M.'s Report.

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QM WAR DIARY FOR MONTH OF DECEMBER 1943

WARLIKE STORES

A certain amount of reorganization was necessary during the month with the change of Establishment and W.E.T. All surplus Controlled Stores had to be returned during the month. All Arms were inspected by 110 Bde Wkshops and 234 Rifles 4 L.M.G.'s were classed as unfit for Tropical Service and were replaced with an issue from A.O.D. Of the 234 rifles issued, 107 were on examination found to be second class and also had to be sent back.

With the cahnge over from 1 Aust Corps to 3 Aust Div and back to Corps all within a little over a month a certain overlapping of indenting has also taken place.

CLOTHING

With extended Reginemtal exercises, it was found that a heavier drain was placed on the replacements of clothing, especially boots, socks, and shirts. Socks are found to be of a poor quality and will not stand up to the continued wear and washing necessary, and a continuous demand for replacemnets is making it difficulty to keep up supplies.

RATIONS

Still remain at a satisfactory standard. Fresh Vegetables are the only commodity that is causing concern as the distance that they have to be brought is causing a high percentage of loss.

GENERAL REMARKS

The change of Camp has meant a lot of double handling of Stores and considerable upsets to the usaal routine.

R W Smith Lieut.
QM. 2/9 Aust Cav (Commando) Regt.

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6 Dec 43

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS

by

LT-COL W.N. MUNTZ
Comd 2/9 Aust Cav (Commando) Regt

Part 1. No.20/43

1. PROPHYLACTIC ABLUTION CENTRES

The substance of LHQ 201015 of 16 Nov 43 is repeated hereunder:

"(a) Analysis of admissions to Australian Special Hospitals has shown that the following percentages of those who contracted venereal disease neglected to make use of PAC facilities with consequent disastrous results :-

N.S.W.	95.2%
W.A.	92.2%
S.A.	96.5%
VIC.	97.0%
Q'LAND	96.5%
TAS.	91.5%

These disastrous results are considered to be due to :

(i) lack of effective promulgation of addressees of prophylactic centres;

(ii) lack of effective education as to the definite necessity for prophylactic treatment in every case of promiscuous exposure.

(b) A complete list of addressees of Army PACs in L of C Areas has been compiled. These centres have been established in towns and standing camps in implementation of instructions laid down in GRO A.174/43. They are additional to prophylactic centres controlled by units of AMF , RAAF, RAN and Allied Services.

(c) Facilities of these Army centres are available to members of all Forces (Allied and Australian). Similarly, Allied Services prophylactic stations are available to all Forces."

The list of addressees referred to in para (b) is available for perusal at R.A.P..

2. DIPLOMATIC STAFF CADETS - APPLICATIONS FOR TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT

Applications for appointment as Diplomatic Staff Cadets are invited by the Department of External Affairs.

Candidates must be between the ages of 17 and 25, and must have matriculated or hold the Leaving or Senior Public Certificate.

Full details of conditions and requirements are available on application at RHQ.

3. LODGMENT OF XMAS GREETINGS TELEGRAMS

(a) In order to ensure delivery prior to Xmas, all Xmas Greetings telegrams must be lodged at Field P.O.s not later than TUESDAY 14 Dec 43.

(b) Delivery of Xmas Greetings telegrams will be effected as late as possible prior to Xmas Day.

4. XMAS MAIL

The attention of all ranks is drawn to the advisability of posting Xmas mail EARLY.

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5. QUALIFYING EXAMINATIONS FOR PROFICIENCY PAY

(a) GRO FC60/43 provides that entitlement to proficiency pay depends inter alia, upon the passing of a prescribed examination. A soldier will be deemed to have passed the prescribed examination when he:

(i) has been certified by his CO as being in all respects proficient in performing the duties of his appointment, and

(ii) has passed the tests applicable to soldiers of the category to which he belongs.

(b) For the purposes hereof, soldiers who are tested for proficiency pay are divided into the following categories :-

Category A ;.....
Cavalry (Commando) Regts
;.....

Category B .....
Category C .....
Category D Personnel shown as "Attached" on the W.E. of the Unit with which they are serving.

(c) The tests for all Categories include the Tests of Elementary Training for Gas, as specified in "Gas Training (Aust) 1942," Sec 15. The following additional tests are prescribed :

(i) Category A - Small Arms Test with the rifle or LMG or MMG or, in the case of personnel issued with the Sub-machine Gun or pistol as a personal weapon, the Sub-machine Gun or Pistol. The standard required of the candidate is classification as a first class shot.

(ii) .....

(iii) .....

(iv) Category D - The tests for an "attached" member will be those prescribed for the arm to which he belongs.

(d) The following conditions will govern the conduct of the Small Arms Test, referred to in para (c) (i) hereof :-

(i) All rifle, LMG and MMG Tests will be fired on open ranges.

(ii) Classification Tables, Part 11, for the respective weapons will be fired and the conditions of qualification will be as specified in "S.A.T., Vol 1, Pam 14."

(iii) One repetition only at each test will be permitted to count as qualification for proficiency pay.

(e) Where practicable, personnel in receipt of proficiency pay will undergo the prescribed tests at six-monthly intervals.

6. Para 8 of GRO 0.775 is repeated by direction.

"Maintenance Instructions

8. Maintenance of combat tyres on vehicles is prescribed as follows:

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

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

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

(a) twenty consecutive miles, or

(b) seventy-five miles in the aggregate,

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

(iv) When replacement of a combat tyre becomes necessary, care will be taken to see that the casing and the tube of the replacement tyre are of the correct size and marked "COMBAT" in letters ½" high on the side of the tyre which bears the serial number.

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

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N O T I C E S

EXTRACT FROM CASUALTY RETURN

Appointments and Promotions

SX 3168 Tpr COULTER W.L. Appointed Unpaid L/Cpl 28.11.43
(GP 111 Dr/Mech)

EXTRACTS FROM Q L of C AREA RECORDS OFFICE ROs PART 11

Appointments Promotions and Confirmations of Rank

SX [illegible] A/Cpl SCAMMELL D.R. Rank of Cpl confirmed 29.9.43
VX 21839 A/Cpl LOATS D. " " " " 29.9.43

Trade Groupings

VX 16449 Tpr PLATTFUSS L.K. Grading of Gp 11 Dr/Op confirmed 22.10.43
VX 45591 Tpr MILLER L.R.W. " " " " " "
VX 45928 Tpr CAMPBELL R.C. " " " " " "

The undermentioned personnel are graded Gp 11 Dr/Ops as from 22.10.43 :

VX 35085	Tpr	RICHARDSON	R.F.	VX 54795	Tpr	HOPPER	H.
VX 37433	Tpr	GARDNER	E.E.	VX 56364	Tpr	COWAN	A.B.
NX 38876	Tpr	WHITE	A.S.	VX 61652	Tpr	MARTINDALE	R.L.
VX 37569	Tpr	FAY	G.	VX 65935	Tpr	WATSON	E.J.
VX 50707	Tpr	SENIOR	G.L.T.	NX 54113	Tpr	SMALL	L.M.
VX 51127	Tpr	DAWSON	V.J.	NX 59703	Tpr	BAILEY	G.
VX 52097	Tpr	BARLEY	H.J.	NX 67209	Tpr	CORSER	L.B.
				NX 68098	Tpr	FULLER	R.H.

The undermentioned personnel are graded Gp 111 Dr/Mechs as from 22.10.43 :

VX 16431	Tpr	JACKSON	M.K.	VX 45847	Tpr	MOCK	T.J.
VX 21663	Tpr	THOMASON	E.A.	VX 36084	Tpr	McKISSACK	E.A.
VX 32352	Tpr	POLLARD	E.J.J.	VX 38200	Tpr	McLELLAN	R.J.W.
VX 32997	Tpr	HILL	A.	VX 37107	L/Cpl	PRENTICE	G.L.
VX 50464	Tpr	MATHEWS	W.H.	SX 3157	L/Cpl	O'CONNOR	B.L.
VX 50478	Tpr	SING	G.L.	SX 13576	Tpr	HINTON	J.
VX 51311	Tpr	CAMERON	W.J.	SX 7402	Tpr	BRINKLEY	T.G.
VX 38314	Tpr	REESE	F.E.	SX 13469	Tpr	CHELLEW	G.R.
VX 54859	Tpr	SUTTON	R.J.	SX 5525	Tpr	SMITH	E.C.S.
VX 47068	Tpr	AITKEN	R.G.	SX 6731	Tpr	COFF	R.J.
VX 37111	L/Cpl	MURDOCH	J.R.	SX 3740	Tpr	HUPPATZ	V.K.
VX 46000	Tpr	POYNTON	W.F.	SX 13261	Tpr	SEARLE	J.L.
VX 56405	Tpr	MARTIN	C.B.	QX 15265	Tpr	MACKAY	F.C.
VX 56662	Tpr	FELGATE	W.C.	NX 38416	Tpr	RUSSELL	J.J.

The grading of the undermentioned personnel as Gp 111 Dr/Mechs is confirmed as from 22.10.43 :

VX 26209	Tpr	INNES	D.
VX 45851	Tpr	BULIEN	J.F.
SX 13750	Tpr	HANNAM	T.J.

Acknowledgment

The receipt from the Australian Comforts Fund, Queensland, of the undermentioned articles, is acknowledged with thanks:

200	Singlets	2	prs Batting Pads
200	prs SOX	1	pr Wicketkeeping Pads
		2	Cricket Bats
		2	Cricket balls, leather.

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