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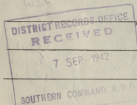
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Unit 31 Aust Coy A S C

Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs 1 Aug 42, 2359 hrs 31 Aug 42.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
CAMPANIA.	1		H Q 31 Coy Aust A S C opened - Company comprises HQ - 4 Tpt Platoons - 1 Composite Platoon - 3 Relief Br Increments - 1 Workshop Platoon - Commanded by Major L J Woodward.	gfw
	2		Church Parades held No 3 Pl Area.	gfw
	3		Transfer of personnel & Stores, being completed from A A S C to 31 Aust Coy A S C.	gfw
	4		" " " " " " " " " " " " " " " "	gfw
	5		" " " " " " " " " " " " " " " "	gfw
	6		Col Thompson - Bde Cmdr visited H Q 31 Aust Coy A S C	gfw
	7		Nothing unusual to report.	gfw
	8		" " " " " " " " " " " " " " " "	gfw
	9		Church Parades held at 3 Platoon area.	gfw
	10		Maj Woodward left to visit sub-unit xxxxx stationed at Oatlands, Campbell Town & Elphin on administration.	gfw
	11		Major Wood ward returned from North.	gfw
	12		Staff Office H Q Tas Force (Maj Atkins, McPhee, Capts Purvis & Read) visited Ann Coy site with Maj Woodward with view of constructing a permanent Camp. Major Woodward visited Brighton Camp and	gfw
	13		Bde discussed location with Bde Comd. Then to Anglesea Barracks on official adm duties.	gfw
	13		Bde Comd, accompanied by Lt-Col Ellis Cox, 6 Fd Regt and Capt Lovett 17 Fd Bty and Maj Woodward inspected Sup Coln site and it was agreed that 31 Aust Coy A S C should move to Laburnum Park and 17 Fd Bty move to old Sup Coln site. Bde comd interviews Capt Harbottle re objection to non-appointment to 31 Aust Coy. Objection withdrawn after discussion.	gfw
	14		Day spent at Unit H Q in bringing office work up to date.	gfw
	15		Maj Woodward confers with 17 Fd Bty re move and advised Messrs Gregg and Ransom of intention of moving from their property.	gfw

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- 16 Preparations made for moving of units. *gfw*
- 17 No 2 and 3 Fls, 3 Relief Dr Increments and Wkshop Pl moved into Laburnam Park Area. Move effected quite well. *gfw*
- 18 H Q moved into Laburnam Park. Small rear-party left behind. Maj Woodward receives information of his attendance at No. 2 Regimental Comd Course at Narillan N S W. *gfw*
- 19 Staff Offrs of H Q Tas Force (Majs Mulchay, McPhee and Capt Purvis) visited Camp and made check of Camp equipment for handing over. *gfw*
- 20 Maj Woodward visited Messrs Gregg and Ransom to enquire if area left in satisfactory condition. Minor details required attention. Maj Woodward then visited 1 Tpt Pl D & M Course at Font Hill and spent the night in training.
- 21 Nothing unusual to report. Camp work proceeding. *gfw*
- 22 H Q rear party moved into Laburnam Park/ *gfw*
- 23 Church Parade by Chaplain Absalom in Camp Area. *gfw*
- 24 Maj Woodward ~~visited~~ visited Amb Car Sec at Campbell Town and 4 Tpt Pl at Conara on adm duties. *gfw*
- 25 Maj Woodward spent day at Elphin with det on D & M Courses. *gfw*
- 26 1 Tpt pl and 1 & 2 R Dr Increments moved into Laburnam Park area. Rear party left behind. *gfw*
- 27 Maj Woodward conferred with Bde Comd at Brighton and visited Anglesea Barracks. *gfw*
- 28 Electric light switched on at Camp. *gfw*
- 29 Unit to relieve 2 Tpt Pl 123 Gen Tpt Coy in its duties at Brighton. *gfw*
- 30 Church Parade by Chaplain Absalom in Camp Area. *gfw*
- 31 Staff Offrs of H Q Tas Force (Maj McPhee, Capt Read) visited camp and discussed additions to buildings for messing and erection of wkshop building. They were accompanied by Capt Newton late of 6 M D A A S C who has just returned from the Middle East. *gfw*

L. Woodward Major
Comd 31 Aust Coy A S C 1 Sep 42

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES—6TH MILITARY DISTRICT.

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Anglesea Barracks,
Hobart.

31 Aust Coy A S C

Duplicate

1. Today completes the first month in the existence of the 31 Aust Coy A S C and I feel that the time has been well spent during these past four weeks and that the huge undertaking of the reorganisation of the unit has progressed quite well.

Probably the outstanding feature of the month was the approval for the unit to occupy Lakeman Park as its Headquarters. This has permitted of the unit concentrating to a greater extent than in the past and will make for ease of administration and greater economy in vehicle running.

2. After much delay, which caused a feeling of discontent amongst the troops, approval was received for the men to wear "Australia" titles and to add the battle grey background to their unit colour patch. This decision was received with much satisfaction and will help to add more to the numbers who have volunteered for A I F service. The approval for officers is held over pending the return of the Formation Comd.

3. The Q Staff of the Unit has had a very busy month in its work of straightening out the Stores of the Units which have combined in this Unit and their efforts are beginning to bear fruit. A check on all vehicles equipment too, has revealed many shortages and steps are being taken to correct this.

4. Despite the work involved in the change over, three D & M Courses were completed during the month and a considerable number of trained drivers became available to the Unit. Arrangements were made for two courses to commence on 1 Sep 42 at Elphin.

5. Everybody in the unit appears to be enthusiastic and are endeavouring to make the new unit a complete success.

E. Woodward Major
Comd 31 Aust Coy A S C

31 Aug 42.

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by

Major L.J. Woodward
Comd 31 Coy Aust A S C

H Q
31 Coy Aust A S C
1 Aug 42

NO. 1.

1. POSTAL ADDRESS

Pl Comd will promulgate to all ranks, that in future, the address for correspondence (including telegrams) will conform to the following example:-

"T 12345 Dr A B Digger
2 Tpt Pl (or H Q or Wkshp Pl etc)
31 Coy Aust A S C
AUSTRALIA.

It will be impressed on personnel that no outward correspondence will be franked by unit Franking Offr unless the correct military address of the writer be shown at the head of all correspondence.

2. "AUSTRALIA" SHOULDER TITLES. Tas Force R O 537/3/42

Instructions have been received that all members of the A I F serving with Citizen Force Units or otherwise will wear "AUSTRALIA" shoulder titles on both shoulders when in uniform and outside Australia.

Officers accepted for service with the A I F under the provisions of D C R 459/1/427 of 15 Jul 42 will also wear "AUSTRALIA" shoulder titles, notwithstanding that they may not have been gazetted to A I F.

G R O 438/1942 has been cancelled.

3. COVERS, CANVAS, AND FRAMEWORK FOR VEHICLE CANOPIES Tas Force R O 537/15/42

Tpt Fls will submit a return showing vehicles on charge that are deficient of either Covers, Canvas or metal framework for canopies.

The return will show quantities of make and type of vehicles.

Where vehicle bodies differ from standard vehicles, i e, impressed vehicles, the length and width of the body will be shown.

This return will be forwarded through the usual channels to reach this H Q by first m e orderly of 2 Aug 42

This return is to be treated as URGENT.

3 Tpt Pl will include detail of 4 Tpt and Tng Wing

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4. RETURN OF BLANKETS

A return is required as at 31 Jul of all blankets held by Units.

The information is required in the following form:-

- (a) Actual stock at 31 Jul 42
- (b) Written off during month

This return is to reach this H Q by 2 Aug 42. It must be carefully compiled, and accuracy is essential as the information has to be forwarded to L H Q.

5. CHURCH PARADES - 0940 hrs 3 Tpt Fl Lines C of E
1100 hrs " " " R C

6. DUTY PLATOON - No 2 Platoon - 3 - 9 Aug 42 inclusive

DUTY OFFICER - Lieut Jeanneret 3 - 9 Aug inclusive.

K. J. Woodward
L. J. Woodward

Cmd 31 Coy Aust A.S.C.

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Major L.J. Woodward
Comd 31 Coy Aust A S C

H Q
31 Coy Aust A S C
7 Aug 42

No. 2.

7. PROTECTED ANIMALS, BIRDS AND PLANTS G.R.O. A.232/42

1. From reports received it appears that in some cases protected animals, birds and plants are being destroyed by troops.
2. Except in emergency, all ranks will observe the laws of the States and Territories of the Commonwealth relating to the protection of animals, birds and plants.
3. This G.R.O. will be published in all Unit R.Os.

8. SHIRTS, MILITARY, KHAKI G R O A.233/42

1. In view of the danger of the contraction of malaria, dengue etc., from mosquito infection, the practice of shortening the sleeves of shirts will cease forthwith.
2. Disciplinary action will be taken in every case of contravention of this order.

9. RECOVERY AND RECLAMATION OF WORN OR DAMAGED COMPONENTS WHICH HAVE BEEN REPLACED. G R O O.242/42

1. Extensive re-conditioning of worn or damaged components removed from equipment will be carried out, in future, by building up worn parts, using such processes as welding, electroplating, metal spraying etc., in order to conserve raw material and labour in industry and to increase the availability of spares.
2. All defective parts are to be returned by units to their L A Ds or to the nearest Ordnance Workshop. These parts shall be cleaned before being returned and appropriate action taken to prevent any deterioration due to rust or breakage.

10. CHURCH PARADE

C of E Sunday 0940 hrs - 3 Tpt Fl Lines

DUTIES.

Duty Platoon - 3 Tpt Fl	-	10 - 16 Aug incl
Duty Officer - Lieut Davis	-	10 - 16 Aug incl

11. "AUSTRALIA" SHOULDER TITLES

R O No 1. of 1 Aug 42 Para 2 (fourth line) is amended by adding after "uniform" :- "within)

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12. TRAINING MANUALS.

O C's + Amn - Pot & Sup Coys will return to H Q 31 Coy Aust A S C all Training Manuals not on issue. Manuals on issue to members of Coys will be accounted for and folios handed to H Q.

Manuals on issue to non-members of 31 Coy Aust A S C will be recalled immediately.

L.J. Woodward

Comd 31 Coy Aust A S C

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Routine Orders - Part 1

by

Major L.J. Woodward

Comd 31 Coy Aust A S C

H Q

31 Coy Aust A S C

14 Aug 42

1. DUTIES

Duty Platoon - 1 Tpt Fl - 17 - 23 Aug incl
Duty Officer - Lieut Berriman E.W. 17 - 23 Aug incl

CHURCH PARADES

C of E Sunday 0940 hrs - 3 Tpt Fl Lines
R C Sunday 1100 hrs - 3 Tpt Fl Lines

2. RECRUITING - R A N (D C R 527/1/120)

An urgent need exists for naval crews to man merchant ships in lieu of Malays, Javanese and Chinese crews some of whom are unreliable when subject to enemy attack.

To assist R A N in this matter, volunteers from serving C M F personnel are required to join R A N and serve in operational areas.

Qualifications required are :-

- (a) Have had mercantile marine experience
- (b) Are between the ages 35 - 60

Platoons will submit details to this H Q by 18 Aug 42 or nil returns if applicable.

The matter is URGENT

3. A.W.Ls - REPORTING RETURN TO PLATOONS BDE 42/191

(1) Considerable delay is occurring in the reporting of A.W.Ls. who have returned to their Pl.

(2) Fls will notify this H Qs by Message Form or telephone immediately any A.W.L. personnel returning to permit of immediate advice to 6 Aust L of C Provost Coy.

4. DRESS Tas Force R O 5/538/42

The practice of folding in and sewing up the crown of the "hat, khaki, fur" which is prevalent amongst troops in this command indicate

- (a) Either that inspections are perfunctory
- or

- (b) That no inspections take place in the men's unit

Attention is directed to the growing practice of wearing hats at an absurdly exaggerated angle

5. REQUISITIONS FOR TRAVEL ACCOMMODATION Tas Force R O 10/538/42

7 AUST MOVEMENT CONTROL GROUP TAS

H Q TAS FORCE

In the event of travel accommodation being required at short notice requisitions will be forwarded by message form to enable maximum time possible for necessary arrangements to be made by abovenamed control group. It is essential that requisitions in each case supply the following particulars:-

Unit
 Strength travelling
 Entraining station
 Time and date of departure
 Destination
 Time and date of arrival on return journey

Separate requisitions will be submitted for each days requirements

It is the responsibility of O Cs to ensure that warrants for travel on duty or leave, together with applications for concession fares are not issued unless prior requisition for travel accommodation has been forwarded to Movement Control.

The foregoing instructions apply to ALL PERSONNEL whether individual members and to small or large parties, travelling either on duty or leave.

The practice of units acting independently and communicating direct with railways, bus or other transport services is irregular AND WILL CEASE IMMEDIATELY

With the appointment of R T Os at principal entraining stations careful check will be made of all personnel travelling, and personnel arriving at entraining and embussing points in excess of numbers for which requisition has been submitted will be returned to unit.

It will be appreciated that with the present drastic restrictions imposed on transport services the co-operation of all army personnel is needed to ensure sufficient accommodation being available and also to obviate vexatious delays en-route.

6. HOSTILE AIR ATTACK - ACTION OF TROOPS

Attention is again drawn to A T M (Aust) No 7 Appx 'B' setting out instructions as to conduct of tps when faced by hostile air attack. All Fl comd will ensure that the instrn contained in the appx are made known to all ranks and is practiced. This is particularly important as regards movement of M T. The following rules must be fully learned:-

- (a) On coming to a new position, slit trenches must be dug immediately.
- (b) On the approach or sighting of one or two planes obviously on reconce duty, personnel in tents or buildings remain there. If out of doors step into shadow. If in the open, stand still.
- (c) If attacked or an attack appears imminent, the O C will order tps into trenches. Tps caught at a distance from trenches must lie down and NOT run to their trenches.
- (d) Tps marching and/or M T, carrying tps or NOT, will continue to move as ordered.
- (e) Observe the principle that one bomb must NOT destroy more than one vehicle or one tent.

7. DISCIPLINE G S R 60/1/27

1. In order to improve the standard of elementary training and discipline among the troops of Tasmania Force, the following action will be taken:-

- (a) Commencing 17 Aug 42 for four weeks, two periods of $\frac{3}{4}$ hr each week will be allotted each week to elementary drill.
- (b) These drills will be carried out in drill order (S D with felt hats). NOT working dress.
- (c) Turn-out will be carefully inspected and checked.
- (d) Great coats will be ordered from time to time at discretion of O Cs Fls and their wearing corrected.
- (e) Instruction in saluting, the handing of messages, the marching of parties, both armed and unarmed, and the paying of compliments to Gds etc, will be included in the training.
- (f) It will be pointed out in lecturettes that the individual salute by other ranks to Commissioned ranks is a recognition of the King's Commission, that in the Commissioned Ranks it is a recognition of authority.

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2. In addition, O C's Fls will arrange a special drill parade to be held for backward soldiers. This parade is to be held on each Saturday afternoon commencing 22 Aug 42 and will be supervised by the O C Fl and will be of one hour duration. Coy H Q & Tng Wing det will act as for pls.

3. Closely associated with discipline is "esprit de Corps" which is a far greater incentive to correct bearing under all circumstances than the threat of punishment. The spirit that the Regiment or Corps will not be let down, however trivial the circumstances may appear to be, requires development. The state of a regiment is generally reflected in the appearance and conduct of its members when on leave or detached from it.

8. EXPENSE STORES G R O O.302/42

1. Units will indent on A.A.S.C. for their requirements of the under-mentioned stores:-

Calico, unbleached.
Soap, yellow.
Soda, crystals

Initial issues of soap (vide W.E.T's.) will, however, continue to be issued direct to units by A.A.O.C., replenishment being obtained on indent from A.A.S.C.

2. A.A.S.C. will demand on A.A.O.C. for bulk supplies of the above items.

3. Calico is in extremely short supply at present and it may not be possible to meet demands. For making puddings, units will therefore devise means, such as the use of tins or pannikins, in preference to the use of pudding cloths.

9. USE OF INDELIBLE PENCILS G R O O.304/42

1. Indelible pencils contain a dye which, if allowed to penetrate under the skin, can in certain instances produce dangerous results. The danger is caused mainly by the pencils piercing the skin or fragments of the lead working under the skin.

2. Where it is necessary that indelible pencils be used, all concerned will be instructed that every precaution it to be exercised.

10. COMPLAINTS BY MEMBERS OF THE FORCES G R O A.108/42

1. The attention of all ranks will be directed to A.M.R. & O. 293 (1), which provides as follows:-

"Officers and soldiers are forbidden to use any method of obtaining redress of real or supposed grievances other than those prescribed by the A.M.R. or authorized by these orders. Anonymous complaints and complaints through the press are forbidden."

2. The use of outside influence is forbidden by A.M.R. & O. 307 (1) which provides :-

"The use of outside influence to support complaints or applications for personal advantages, or in any matter affecting the position of any officer or soldier, is contrary to discipline. The only proper course for an officer or soldier is to apply through his C.O. or to complain in accordance with the A.M.R. and these orders. Any attempt to obtain favourable consideration of requests or grievances by other means is forbidden."

3. The provisions of Division 1 of Part IV of the A.M.R. & O. will be explained to all formed units on parade at least once in every three months, and to all members in training depots once every month. The consequences of failing to observe the provisions of that Division will be made clear.

4. All complaints or applications of the nature described in para 2 above received at any H.Q. through unauthorized channels will be forwarded to the unit concerned, with a direction that the member will be paraded and informed of the Unit Order on this matter and that any further failure to observe its provisions will be dealt with as an offence.

11. ACTION TO BE TAKEN WHEN NATIONAL ANTHEM IS PLAYED G R O 109/42

1. It has been observed that a lack of uniformity exists regarding action to be taken by officers and other ranks when the National Anthem is played. A.M.R. & O 1153 and 1154 are repeated here and are to be promulgated to all ranks:-

(1) Whenever the National Anthem is played all ranks in military uniform not under the orders of the officer commanding the parade are to stand at attention, officers, W.O.'s and N.C.O.'s saluting.

(2) Officers in attendance on His Majesty and other Royal Personage or the Personal Staffs of Governor-General and Governors (when such Governors-General or Governors represent the Sovereign on official occasions) are to salute when the National Anthem is played for the royal salute. The only exception is on an occasion of the trooping of the colour: when the National Anthem is played on the presentation of arms to the colour, all officers, including those in attendance, are to salute. On a parade, after the royal salute has been given, the Military Band or officer commanding is alone to be regarded as in attendance, and is to take up position in rear of His Majesty or the Governor-General or Governor as the case may be.

1154. When the National Anthem is played on occasions when there is no parade, or on occasions of a non-military nature, all ranks in military uniform are to stand at attention, officers, W.O.'s, and N.C.O.'s saluting.

12. NATIONAL SECURITY (Landlord and Tenant) REGULATIONS. G R O A.110/42

Members of the Forces or their dependants who desire to complain of breaches of the National Security (Landlord and Tenant) Regulations should not communicate with members of Parliament or with Federal or State Departments, but should approach the nearest Clerk of Courts for advice as to their rights and obligations under those Regulations.

13. DRESS.

Gaiters or Anklets:- G R O A.115/42

Gaiters or anklets web will be worn when on leave by members of the forces to whom they have been issued.

L. J. Woodward
L. J. Woodward
Comd 31 Coy Aust. A-B-C

Major

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Routine Orders - Part 1

by
Major L J Woodward
Comd 31 Coy Aust A S C.

H Q
31 Coy Aust A S C
21 Aug 42.

1. CAMP ORDERLY OFFR.

Aug 24-26 Licut Ward B G
" 26-28 Licut Gibson B P
" 28-30 Licut Williams H G
" 30-Sep 1 Capt Harbottle C V

Duty Platoon. - Aug 24-31 - 3 Tpt Pl.

2. SICK PARADES.

Medical Officer will visit this Area as under:-

Monday }
Wednesday } 1100 hrs.
Friday }

Personnel reporting sick will be paraded in the vicinity of H Q office at time shown above.

On days other than those mentioned cases of an urgent nature will be taken to 12 Aust Fd Amb for attention.

3. CAMP STANDING ORDERS.

Particular attention is directed to those orders which have been issued to all pls. Strict observance is required and disciplinary action will be taken against offenders. Pl Comd will ensure that all ranks are informed of the contents of the orders.

4. BOOT REPAIRS. Bdc 20/4

In order that boot repairs may be expeditiously handled, attention will be paid to the following points which delay repairs being carried out:-

- (a) Boots are NOT inspected often enough and are allowed to get into very bad order. For example. Toe plates are removed by wearers. Cracked soles continue to be used until sole breaks.
- (b) Boots are sent in for repair in a very dirty condition often being covered in mud. Boots must be cleaned before forwarding.

5. RETURN OF PETROL LICENCES (Bdc 20/10)

The Commonwealth Liquid Fuel Control Board desires to draw attention to the obligation devolving on every person holding a Motor Spirit Consumer's Licence issued for any purpose other than for private use, Class 2 (that is a licence on buff coloured paper) to surrender his licence immediately there is any change in the occupation of the holder. The Board has reason to believe that a number of persons called up for military duty have not acted in accordance with this obligation and surrendered the Motor Spirit Consumer's Licence issued to them in connection with their civil occupation. Any person in this Unit who is still in possession of such a licence, or who failed to return same before entering camp is therefore required to surrender same immediately to the Liquid Fuel Control Board in the Capital City of the State in which the licence was issued, together with a letter explaining the changed circumstances and the reason for failure to return licence previously. This direction is issued under the National Security (Liquid Fuel) Regulations, breaches of which are punishable by a fine of up to £100 or six months' imprisonment or both.

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Comd 31 Coy Aust A S C

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H Q 31 Coy Aust A S C
28 Aug 42.

1. INTERFERENCE WITH SIGNAL COMMUNICATIONS (Ref G R O G 256)

1. The practice of firing weapons from troop trains or M T vehicles on roads is forbidden. Many instances of damage to insulators and telegraph wires, resulting in considerable delay in communications, have been attributed to this.
2. If a telegraph wire is broken, the channel of intercommunication is immediately interrupted, and the fault must be located before the service can be restored. To effect repairs, line parties must be sent distances of up to 100 miles.
3. If the insulator only is broken, the wire will rest on or touch intermittently the cross-arm, producing a fault which is very difficult to locate.
4. Where the circuit concerned is of the "carrier" type, two or more telephone and telegraph channels may be effected.

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

5. This order is to be promulgated to all units and to R T Os who will bring it to the notice of each O C Train. O Cs Trains or Road Convoys will be held responsible that the order is carried into effect. Disciplinary action will be taken for all breaches.

2. FRAMING OF CHARGE SHEETS (D R O 543/7)

1. Under the National Security Regulations, it has been declared that all persons subject to Military Law on or after 15 Apr 42 are on "active service".
2. Some difference has occurred in the manner of framing charge sheets under these altered conditions.
3. The following is an example of the correct way in which all charge sheets should be drawn and will be adopted in all cases:-

The accused No. Pte. Christian Name. Surname
Battalion, is charged with having, while being a soldier of the
Military Forces of the Commonwealth of Australia on war service,
committed the following offence:-

- A A 18 (4) When on active service stealing public property,
in that he, at , on ,
when on active service, stole two pounds,
ten shillings and fourpence, public money,
from a cash-box in the Orderly Room of the
Battalion.

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3. HOME LEAVE DUE TO PERSONNEL TRANSFERRED TO G D D.

Pl Comd will advise Coy H Q of last HOME LEAVE for any personnel being transferred to G D D, in order that the information can be sent with the members file.

4. CHURCH PARADE.

C of E Church Parade - Camp Area - 0645 hrs 30 Aug 42.

5. DUTY PLATOON.

Aug 31 - Sep 7 No 1 Pl.

L. C. Schmalz Major
Comd 31 Aust Coy A B C

STRENGTH STATE.

APPENDIX "B"

Unit

Week ending

0600 hrs.

22 Aug 42.

Information to be compiled, and will be rendered WEEKLY attached to A.F.W. 3008

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APPENDIX "B"

Unit

31 Coy Aust A B C

Week ending

0600 hrs.

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13	485	20	431	7	1	-	56	1	3	12	428	-	-	-	-		

Unit 31 Coy Aust A.D.C.

War Diary

STRENGTH STATE

APPENDIX "B"

Week ending
0600 hrs. 1 Aug 42

Information to be compiled, and will be rendered WEEKLY attached to A.P.W. 3008

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								A. L. F.		A. M. F.		A. W. A. S.		V. A. D.		
Off.	O/Rs	Off.	O/Rs	Off.	O/Rs	Off.	O/Rs	Off.	O/Rs	Off.	O/Rs	Off.	O/Rs	Off.	O/Rs	
13	485	18	440	5	-	-	47	1	3	17	437	-	-	-	-	

STRENGTH STATE

APPENDIX "B"

Unit 51 Coy Aust A.C.CWeek ending
0600 hrs. 5 Aug 42

Information to be compiled, and will be rendered WEEKLY attached to A.F.W. 3008

(1)		(2)		(3)		(4)		(5)								(6)	
W.E. Including Attached Allowed by W.E.		Posted Strength including attached allowed by W.E.		Surplus		Defic- iency		Included in Posted Strength								REMARKS	
								A. L. F.		A. M. F.		A. W. A. S.		V. A. D.			
Off.	O/Rs	Off.	O/Rs	Off.	O/Rs	Off.	O/Rs	Off.	O/Rs	Off.	O/Rs	Off.	O/Rs	Off.	O/Rs		
13	185	20	43	7	1	-	53	1	3	19	43	-	-	-	-		

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Anglesea Barracks,
Hobart.

31 Aust Coy A S C

1. Today completes the first month in the existence of the 31 Aust Coy A S C and I feel that the time has been well spent during these past four weeks and that the huge undertaking of the reorganisation of the unit has progressed quite well.

Probably the outstanding feature of the month was the approval for the unit to occupy Lakumam Park as its Headquarters. This has permitted of the unit concentrating to a greater extent than in the past and will make for ease of administration and greater economy in vehicle running.

2. After much delay, which caused a feeling of discontent amongst the troops, approval was received for the men to wear "Australia" titles and to add the battle grey background to their unit colour patch. This decision was received with much satisfaction and will help to add more to the numbers who have volunteered for A I F service. The approval for offrs is held over pending the return of the Formation Comd.

3. The Q Staff of the Unit has had a very busy month in its work of straightening out the Stores of the Units which have combined in this Unit and their efforts are beginning to bear fruit. A check on all vehicles equipment too, has revealed many shortages and steps are being taken to correct this.

4. Despite the work involved in the change over, three D & M Courses were completed during the month and a considerable number of trained drivers became available to the Unit. Arrangements were made for two courses to commence on 1 Sep 42 at Elphin.

5. Everybody in the unit appears to be enthusiastic and are endeavouring to make the new unit a complete success.

R. Woodward Major
Comd 31 Aust Coy A S C
31 Aug 42.

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

First return.

31 Coy. Aust. A 46 (Unit)

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" IV/39B/1
" IV/39E/1
" IV/39F/1
" IV/39G/1 }*

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
*	-	-	-
*	-	-	-
Lieut.-Colonels	-	-	-
Majors	1	-	-
Captains	7	1	-
Lieutenants	9	4	-
2nd Lieutenants	-	-	-
Quartermasters	-	-	-
Totals	17	5	-

*Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Rank of Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Major	Woodward J. J.	600 A 46 A 46	1.8.42	Formation of 31 Coy. Aust. A 46
Capt.	Smother L. R.	9 Sup. P. Coy	1.8.42	do
Capt.	Dugg J. R.	700 A 46 A 46	1.8.42	do
Capt.	Gibson J. G.	600 A 46 A 46	1.8.42	do
Capt.	Hutchings J. G.	600 A 46 A 46	1.8.42	do
Capt.	Shannon R. T.	700 A 46 A 46	1.8.42	do
Capt.	Harbottle G. V.	600 A 46 A 46	1.8.42	do

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Rank of Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Capt.	Bingewald J.	600 A 46 A 46	1.8.42	do
First	Jellison J. B.	400 A 46 A 46	1.8.42	do
"	Robertson W. R.	400 A 46 A 46	1.8.42	do
"	Benjamin E. W.	600 A 46 A 46	1.8.42	do
"	Gibson J. P.	600 A 46 A 46	1.8.42	do
"	Hillier J. B.	600 A 46 A 46	1.8.42	do
"	Ward J. G.	600 A 46 A 46	1.8.42	do
"	Wetherby J. G.	600 A 46 A 46	1.8.42	do
"	Blair J. G.	600 A 46 A 46	1.8.42	do

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Major (T)	T200	Woodward J. J.	Apptment	Yes	—
Capt. (T)	T2	Luckas J. R.	Apptment	Yes	—
Capt. (T)	T203	Rege J. R.	Apptment	No.	Detached for duty to H.A.B. Wing, 2. Affin
Capt. (T)	TX6098	Kendrick J. S.	—	Yes	Superannuated to H.A.B. pending absorption.
Capt. (T)	T197	Thomson R. D.	—	Yes	do
Capt. (T)	T253571	Harcliffe L. V.	—	Yes	do
Capt. (T)	T198	Edwards J.	Temporary PL	Yes.	—
Capt. (T)	T17805	Gibson J. S.	do.	Yes.	—
Lieut. (T)	TP4842	Jefferies J. S.	2nd PL.	Yes.	—
Lieut.	T17811	Robertson W. R.	3rd.	Yes.	—
"	T214	Bennett J. S.	1st PL.	Yes.	—
"	T17807	Edwards J. S.	—	Yes	Superannuated to H.A.B. pending absorption.
"	T238135	Ward J. S.	—	No.	Detached for duty to H.A.B. Wing, 2. Affin
Lieut.	T18004	Williams J. S.	—	Yes.	Superannuated to H.A.B. pending absorption.
Lieut.	T23604	Hulton J. B. S.	Apptment	Yes.	—
"	T17817	Labatt J. A.	4th PL.	No.	Detached for duty to H.A.B. Wing, 2. Affin
Lieut.	T17808	Davis W. J. S.	3rd PL.	Yes.	—

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit or Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Paare	T466	Atalom J. S.	H.A.B.D.	1842	Chaplain's duties 31 Coy. Aust. A.B.

31 Coy. Aust. A.B.

(Unit.)

3. Aug 42

(Date of Despatch.)

J. R. Luckas Capt.
For (Signature of Commander.)
In the Field.

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

Unit.

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(Adapted) (Aug. 41)
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PART D. Detail of Surplus or Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W. 3009.

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Notes—(a) If rank other than Private is involved give details on back.

(b) Authorised Dealers or Specialists not included in list above will be added as required in spaces provided.

(b) Authorized Trades or Sp

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Unit.

Date of Despatch 3 Aug. 42

list above, with baddad as required in spaces provided.

Robert Capps
Signature of Commander.
(In the Field)

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

2 War Diary

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

31 Coy Aust ASL

(Unit)

(WE 14/39A/1)
" 14/39B/1)
" 14/39E/1)
" 14/39F/1)
" 14/39G/1)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
*	—	—	—
*	—	—	—
Lieut.-Colonels ...	—	—	—
Majors ...	—	—	—
Captains ...	9	3	—
Lieutenants ...	9	4	—
2nd Lieutenants ...	—	—	—
Quartermasters ...	—	—	—
TOTALS ...	19	7	—

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Capt	Smith L.D.	9th ASL	6 8 42	Transferred 31 Coy Aust ASL
Capt	Little J.C.	79th ASL	1 8 42	Detachment of 79th ASL from 5th B

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Capt (T)	T200	Woodward L.J.	60.	Yes.	Supernumary to Estab.
Capt (T)	T391	Little A.B.	-	Yes.	pending transfer to Hq. 12th Bde.
Capt (T)	T2	Lucres L.R.	A.G.	Yes.	Detached for duty to Hq. 6th Bn. Wing 60th Div.
Capt (T)	T203	Seig J.R.	A.G.	No.	Detached for duty to Hq. 6th Bn. Wing 60th Div.
Capt (T)	T26098	Reusdeck L.G.	-	Yes.	Supernumary to Estab. pending absorption
Capt (T)	T199	Shawman R.H.	-	Yes.	ditto
Capt (T)	T258571	Hasthett G.Y.	-	Yes.	ditto
Capt (T)	T198	Sitgreald J.	Companys Pl.	Yes.	
Capt (T)	T19805	Edison A.G.	do	Yes.	
Capt (T)	T207	Smith L.D.	Woodshop Pl.	Yes.	
Lieut (T)	TP4842	Yeagreset A.G.	2 1st Pl.	Yes.	
"	T19811	Robertson W.R.	A.G.	Yes.	
"	T214	Bossmann G.W.	1 1st Pl.	Yes.	
Lieut	T17807	Silson B.P.	-	Yes.	Supernumary to Estab. pending absorption.
"	T238135	Ward B.G.	-	No.	ditto. attending course J.C.B. School Gilling.
Lieut.	T18004	Williams H.G.	-	Yes.	Supernumary to Estab. pending absorption.
Lieut.	T23604	Hutton J.B.G.	A.G.	No.	Detached for duty to Hq. 6th Bn. Wing 60th Div.
Lieut.	T19817	Tabart J.A.	4 1st Pl.	No.	Detached for duty with Hq. 6th Bn. Wing 60th Div.
Lieut.	T17808	Davis W.J.2	3 1st Pl.	Yes.	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Lieut.	T3171	ROBERTSON. R.J.	6th REGT.	1.8.42	AMN. DUTIES.
Patre	T466	Abraham A.D.	A.A.B.D.	1.8.42	Chaplaincy duties 3rd Bn. Aust. 1st B.
Capt.	T204	Watkins G.B.	10th BATTAL	1.8.42	D.I. Instructor.

31 Bn. Aust 1st B.

(Unit.)

8 Aug 42

(Date of Despatch.)

L. Lucres Capt.

(Signature of Commander.)

(In the field)

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

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(Adapted) (Aug. 41)
(page 2)

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

Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)
Ammunition Examiners			Fire Control Operators			Panel Beaters	1	5
Armament Artificers			Fitters	-	7	Pattern Makers		
Armourers			Fitters and Turners			Pharmacists		
Artificers, Artillery			Fitters, Cycle			Photographers, dry plate		
Axemen			Fitters, Drivers			Photographers, wet plate		
Bakers			Fitter's Mates			Photo-Writers		
Battery Surveyors			Fitters, M.V.			Plate Layers		
Battery Comdrs. Asst.			Fitters, Railway Signal			Plumbers		
Blacksmiths	-	2	Fitters, Signal			Predictor Numbers		
Boltermakers			Grinders			Printers		
Bricklayers			Gun Layers			Radiator Mechanics		
Butchers			G.P.O. Assistants			Radiographers		
Camouflage Modeler			Gun Operators			Range Takers		
Carpenter and Joiner	1		Hammermen			Riggers		
Clerks			Height Takers			Riveters		
Clerks, Engineering			Helo Operators			Saddlers		
Clerks, Supply			Instrument Mechanics			Saddle Tree Makers		
Clerks, Technical MT	-	1	Instrument Mechanics, Surgical			Saw Doctors		
Coachmakers			Instrument Operators			Sawyers		
Computers			Intelligence Duties			Shoemakers		
Concretors			Joiners			Signallers		
Cooks			Leather Stitchers			Signwriters		
Cooks, Hospital			Linesmen			Stokers, Stationary Engine		
Coppersmiths			Linesmen, Signals			Storemen, Technical	-	3
Dental Clerk Orderlies			Lithographers			Surveyors		
Despatch Riders			Machinists			Surveyors, Engineering		
Dispensers			Masons			Tailors		
Draughtsmen			Masseurs			Telescope Identification Numbers		
Draughtsmen, Architectural			Mechanics, Dental			Textile Refitters		
Draughtsmen, Mechanical			Mechanics, M.T. by II	-	6	Tinsmiths		
Draughtsmen, Signal			Mechanics, Typewriter			Toolmakers		
Draughtsmen, Topographical			Mechanics, Wireless			Turners		
Driver Mechanics by III	-	10	Millwrights			Vulcanizers		
Driver Operators			Miners			Wagon Erectors		
Drivers, Transportation Plant			Moulders			Watchmakers		
Electrical Fitters			Nursing Orderlies			Watermen		
Electricians	-	3	Nursing Orderlies (Mental)			Welders	-	1
Electricians, Eng. Units			Nurses, Trained			Well Borers		
Electricians, Signal			Observation Post Assistants			Wheelers		
Engine Artificers			Operating Room Assistants			Whitesmiths		
Engine Hands I/C			Operators, Signal			Wiremen		
Equipment Repairers			Opticians			Woodturners		
Farriers			Painters	-	2			
Coach Gunners	-	3						
Non-specialists (Ans etc)	-	12						
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)	1	34		-	15		-	7

Note—(a) If rank other than Private is involved give details on back.

(b) Authorised Trades of Specialists not included in list above will be added as required in spaces provided.

31 Aug Aust. Inf.

Unit.

Signature of Commander.
(In the Field)

Date of Despatch 8 Aug 42

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

War Diary
FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS*21 Coy Aust Arty* (Unit)*Wk 14/39 4/1*
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*14/39 4/1***PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.**

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
*	—	—	—
*	—	—	—
Lieut.-Colonels ...	—	—	—
Majors ...	1	—	—
Captains ...	9	3	—
Lieutenants ...	9	4	—
2nd Lieutenants ...	—	—	—
Quartermasters ...	—	—	—
TOTALS ...	19	7	—

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

PART B.—PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEK.**Officers JOINED during week.**

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Capt (T)	1200	Woodward L J	60	Yes	
Capt (T)	1371	Little T E	-	No	Detached to 9 Sep 42
Capt (T)	12	Tucker L R	60	Yes	
Capt (T)	1203	Large R	60	No	Detached for duty to 11th Div Army 11th Div
Capt (T)	156098	Rundock L G	-	Yes	Supernumerary West. sending absorption
Capt (T)	1199	Garman R H	-	Yes	ditto
Capt (T)	125591	Carbottle G O	-	Yes	ditto
Capt (T)	1195	Sigmond J	Comp. 32	Yes	
Capt (T)	119505	Gibson G G	60	Yes	
Capt (T)	1207	Smith L D	Comp. 32	Yes	
Lieut (T)	119542	Leahurst A J	23rd Reg	Yes	
Lieut (T)	119511	Robertson W R	60	Yes	
Lieut (T)	1214	Bennett W L	13th Reg	Yes	
Lieut (S)	119507	Gibson B D	-	Yes	Supernumerary to 11th Div. sending absorption
Lieut	1235135	Ward B G	-	Yes	Supernumerary to 11th Div. sending absorption
Lieut	119004	Williams H G	-	Yes	Supernumerary to 11th Div. sending absorption
Lieut	123604	Kullton J B G	60	No	Detached for duty to 11th Div Army 11th Div
Lieut	119517	Labaree J A	43rd Reg	Yes	
Lieut	119508	Davis W L J	23rd Reg	Yes	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit or Corps	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Lieut	15171	Robertson R J	62d Regt	1-5-42	Annex Duties
Major	1466	Abraham A J	1st Bn 1st Div	1-8-42	Chaplain's Duties 21 days out a 30

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(Unit.)

15 Aug 42
(Date of Despatch.)

TH. D. [Signature]
(Signature of Commander.)
(In the Field)
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

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

Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)
Ammunition Examiners			Fire Control Operators			Panel Beaters		
Armament Artificers			Fitters	-	6	Pattern Makers		
Armourers			Fitters and Turners			Pharmacists		
Artificers, Artillery			Fitters, Cycle			Photographers, dry plate		
Axemen			Fitters, Drivers			Photographers, wet plate		
Bakers			Fitter's Mates			Photo-Writers		
Battery Surveyors			Fitters, M.V.			Plate Layers		
Battery Comdrs. Asst.			Fitters, Railway Signal			Plumbers		
Blacksmiths	-	2	Fitters, Signal			Predictor Numbers		
Boltermakers			Grinders			Printers		
Bricklayers			Gun Layers			Radiator Mechanics		
Butchers			G.P.O. Assistants			Radiographers		
Camouflage Modeler			Gun Operators			Range Takers		
Carpenter and Joiner	1		Hammermen			Riggers		
Clerks			Height Takers			Riveters		
Clerks, Engineering			Helo Operators			Saddlers		
Clerks, Supply			Instrument Mechanics			Saddle Tree Makers		
Clerks, Technical <i>MT</i>	-	1	Instrument Mechanics, Surgical			Saw Doctors		
Coachmakers			Instrument Operators			Sawyers		
Computers			Intelligence Duties			Shoemakers		
Concretors			Joiners			Signallers		
Cooks			Leather Stitchers			Signwriters		
Cooks, Hospital			Linesmen			Stokers, Stationary Engine		
Coppersmiths			Linesmen, Signals			Storemen, Technical	-	3
Dental Clerk Orderlies			Lithographers			Surveyors		
Despatch Riders			Machinists			Surveyors, Engineering		
Dispensers			Masons			Tailors		
Draughtsmen			Masseurs			Telescope Identification Numbers		
Draughtsmen, Architectural			Mechanics, Dental			Textile Refitters		
Draughtsmen, Mechanical			Mechanics, M.T. <i>MT II</i>	-	4	Tinsmiths		
Draughtsmen, Signal			Mechanics, Typewriter			Toolmakers		
Draughtsmen, Topographical			Mechanics, Wireless			Turners		
Driver Mechanics <i>MT III</i>	-	10	Millwrights			Vulcanizers		
Driver Operators			Miners			Wagon Erectors		
Drivers, Transportation Plant			Moulders			Watchmakers		
Electrical Fitters			Nursing Orderlies			Watermen		
Electricians	-	3	Nursing Orderlies (Mental)			Welders	-	1
Electricians, Eng. Units			Nurses, Trained			Well Borers		
Electricians, Signal			Observation Post Assistants			Wheelers		
Engine Artificers			Operating Room Assistants			Whitesmiths		
Engine Hands I/C			Operators, Signal			Wiremen		
Equipment Repairers			Opticians			Woodturners		
Farriers			Painters	-	2			
<i>Coach Drivers</i>	-	3						
<i>Tool Mechanics</i>	-	18						
<i>(Or etc)</i>								
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)	1	27		-	12		-	7

Notes—(a) If rank other than Private is involved give details on back.

(b) Authorised Trades or Specialists not included in list above will be added as required in spaces provided.

31 Coy Aust Aslt

Unit.

Signature of Commander
(In the Field)

Date of Despatch

15 Aug 42

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

STRENGTH STATE.

APPENDIX "E"

Unit

Week ending

0600 hrs.

Information to be compiled, and will be rendered WEEKLY attached to A.F.W. 3008

(1)		(2)		(3)		(4)		(5)								(6)	
W.E. Including Attached Allowed by W.E.		Posted Strength Including attached allowed by W.E.		Surplus		Deficiency		Included in Posted Strength								REMARKS	
								A. L. F.		A. L. F.		A. W. A. S.		V. A. D.			
Off.	Q/Rs	Off.	Q/Rs	Off.	Q/Rs	Off.	Q/Rs	Off.	Q/Rs	Off.	Q/Rs	Off.	Q/Rs	Off.	Q/Rs		
13	485	20	431	7	1	-	56	1	3	19	428	-	-	-	-		

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

Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)
Ammunition Examiners			Fire Control Operators			Panel Beaters	-	3
Armament Artificers			Fitters	-	6	Pattern Makers		
Armourers			Fitters and Turners			Pharmacists		
Artificers, Artillery			Fitters, Cycle			Photographers, dry plate		
Axemen			Fitters, Drivers			Photographers, wet plate		
Bakers			Fitter's Mates			Photo-Writers		
Battery Surveyors			Fitters, M.V.			Plate Layers		
Battery Comdrs. Asst.			Fitters, Railway Signal			Plumbers		
Blacksmiths	-	3	Fitters, Signal			Predictor Numbers		
Boltermakers			Grinders			Printers		
Bricklayers			Gun Layers			Radiator Mechanics		
Butchers			G.P.O. Assistants			Radiographers		
Camouflage Modeler			Gun Operators			Range Takers		
Carpenter and Joiner	1		Hammermen			Riggers		
Clerks			Height Takers			Riveters		
Clerks, Engineering			Helio Operators			Saddlers		
Clerks, Supply			Instrument Mechanics			Saddle Tree Makers		
Clerks, Technical MT	-	1	Instrument Mechanics, Surgical			Saw Doctors		
Coachmakers			Instrument Operators			Sawyers		
Computers			Intelligence Duties			Shoemakers		
Concretors			Joiners			Signallers		
Cooks			Leather Stitchers			Signwriters		
Cooks, Hospital			Linesmen			Stokers, Stationary Engine		
Coppersmiths			Linesmen, Signals			Storemen, Technical	-	3
Dental Clerk Orderlies			Lithographers			Surveyors		
Despatch Riders			Machinists			Surveyors, Engineering		
Dispensers			Masons			Tailors		
Draughtsmen			Masseurs			Telescope Identification Numbers		
Draughtsmen, Architectural			Mechanics, Dental			Textile Refitters		
Draughtsmen, Mechanical			Mechanics, M.T. 11	-	4	Tinsmiths		
Draughtsmen, Signal			Mechanics, Typewriter			Toolmakers		
Draughtsmen, Topographical			Mechanics, Wireless			Turners		
Driver Mechanic 11	-	10	Millwrights			Vulcanizers		
Driver Operators			Miners			Wagon Erectors		
Drivers, Transportation Plant			Moulders			Watchmakers		
Electrical Fitters			Nursing Orderlies			Watermen		
Electricians	-	3	Nursing Orderlies (Mental)			Welders	-	1
Electricians, Eng. Units			Nurses, Trained			Well Borers		
Electricians, Signal			Observation Post Assistants			Wheelers		
Engine Artificers			Operating Room Assistants			Whitesmiths		
Engine Hands I/C			Operators, Signal			Wiremen		
Equipment Repairers			Opticians			Woodturners		
Farriers			Painters	-	1			
Coach Drivers	-	3						
Gun Mechanics								
(Misc etc)	-	10						
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)	1	38		-	11		-	7

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Unit.

Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch

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

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

31 (Unit) (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
*	—	—	—
*	—	—	—
Lieut.-Colonels ...	—	—	—
Majors ...	1	—	—
Captains ...	4	2	—
Lieutenants ...	9	4	—
2nd Lieutenants ...	—	—	—
Quartermasters ...	—	—	—
TOTALS ...	14	6	—

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Capt (A)	1500	Goodman, L. L.	60	Yes	
Capt (A)	1571	Little, R. B.	—	No	transferring to 2nd Bn
Capt (A)	1572	Little, R. B.	60	Yes	
Capt (A)	1573	Little, R. B.	60	Yes	
Capt (A)	15698	Little, R. B.	—	No	transferring to 2nd Bn
Capt (A)	1199	Little, R. B.	—	No	transferring to 2nd Bn
Capt (A)	153571	Little, R. B.	—	No	transferring to 2nd Bn
Capt (A)	1196	Little, R. B.	60	Yes	
Capt (A)	117805	Little, R. B.	60	Yes	
Capt (A)	1207	Little, R. B.	60	Yes	
Capt (A)	118112	Little, R. B.	60	Yes	
Capt (A)	117811	Little, R. B.	60	Yes	
Capt (A)	1214	Little, R. B.	60	Yes	
Capt (A)	117807	Little, R. B.	—	No	transferring to 2nd Bn
Capt (A)	15125	Ward, R. B.	—	No	transferring to 2nd Bn
Capt (A)	15008	Williams, R. B.	—	No	transferring to 2nd Bn
Capt (A)	15011	Williams, R. B.	60	Yes	
Capt (A)	117817	Williams, R. B.	60	Yes	
Capt (A)	117808	Davis, W. L.	22nd Bn	Yes	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt (A)	15121	Robertson, R. L.	60th Rec	18.12.42	Attached to 2nd Bn
Capt (A)	1566	Robertson, R. L.	ATCO	18.12.42	Attached to 2nd Bn

31 Aug 42
(Unit.)
22 Aug 42
(Date of Despatch.)

(Signature of Commander.)
(In the field)
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

31 Aust Bn A 16 (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
*	—	—	—
*	—	—	—
Lieut.-Colonels ...	—	—	—
Majors ...	—	—	—
Captains ...	—	—	—
Lieutenants ...	—	—	—
2nd Lieutenants ...	—	—	—
Quartermasters ...	—	—	—
TOTALS ...	18	6	—

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

PART B.—PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEK.**Officers JOINED during week.**

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

(Adapted)

21 Aug 64 (Unit) 29 Aug 64 (Date)

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	1	-	-
W.Os. Class II.	2	1	-
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	1	-	-
Staff Serjeants	3	-	-
Serjeants	17	-	5
Corporals	25	1	-
Troopers, Privates, &c.	276		44
TOTALS	436	1	49

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

[illegible]

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

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

Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfs. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfs. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfs. Required (a)
Ammunition Examiners			Fire Control Operators			Panel Beaters		
Armament Artificers			Fitters	-	6	Pattern Makers		
Armourers			Fitters and Turners			Pharmacists		
Artificers, Artillery			Fitters, Cycle			Photographers, dry plate		
Axemen			Fitters, Drivers			Photographers, wet plate		
Bakers			Fitter's Mates			Photo-Writers		
Battery Surveyors			Fitters, M.V.			Plate Layers		
Battery Comdrs. Asst.			Fitters, Railway Signal			Plumbers		
Blacksmiths	-	2	Fitters, Signal			Predictor Numbers		
Boltermakers			Grinders			Printers		
Bricklayers			Gun Layers			Radiator Mechanics		
Butchers			G.P.O. Assistants			Radiographers		
Camouflage Modeler			Gun Operators			Range Takers		
Carpenter and Joiner	1		Hammermen			Riggers		
Clerks			Height Takers			Riveters		
Clerks, Engineering			Helio Operators			Saddlers		
Clerks, Supply			Instrument Mechanics			Saddle Tree Makers		
Clerks, Technical MT	-	1	Instrument Mechanics, Surgical			Saw Doctors		
Coachmakers			Instrument Operators			Sawyers		
Computers			Intelligence Duties			Shoemakers		
Concretors			Joiners			Signallers		
Cooks			Leather Stitchers			Signwriters		
Cooks, Hospital			Linesmen			Stokers, Stationary Engine		
Coppersmiths			Linesmen, Signals			Storemen, Technical	-	3
Dental Clerk Orderlies			Lithographers			Surveyors		
Despatch Riders			Machinists			Surveyors, Engineering		
Dispensers			Masons			Tallors		
Draughtsmen			Masseurs			Telescope Identification Numbers		
Draughtsmen, Architectural			Mechanics, Dental			Textile Refitters		
Draughtsmen, Mechanical			Mechanics, M.T.	-	4	Tinsmiths		
Draughtsmen, Signal			Mechanics, Typewriter			Toolmakers		
Draughtsmen, Topographical			Mechanics, Wireless			Turners		
Driver Mechanics CP III	-	10	Millwrights			Vulcanizers		
Driver Operators			Miners			Wagon Erectors		
Drivers, Transportation Plant			Moulders			Watchmakers		
Electrical Fitters			Nursing Orderlies			Watermen		
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Engine Hands I/C			Operators, Signal			Wiremen		
Equipment Repairers			Opticians			Woodturners		
Fairiers			Fainters	-	1			
Headquarters	-	3						
Non-Commissioned (Dns etc)		12						
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)	1	31		-	11		-	7

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WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

(Erase heading not required).

Army Form C 2118
(adapted.)

H. 100W 2/42

Unit

31 Aust Coy A S C

Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs 1 Sep 42 To 2359 hrs 30 Sep 42.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Laburnum Park	1 Sep 42		Maj Woodward confers with Bde Comd on arrangements for relief of transport in Brighton area by No. 1 Dr Inc.	LRD
	2		No. 1 Relief Dr Inc take up duties at Brighton attached to Bomb Disposal Coy.	LRD
	3		Street Light switched on in camp. Capt Murdoch who is detached from this Coy to HQ Tas Force & Lieut Mills L E Q 2nd Echelon visited area and carried out inspection of area and Unit Records.	LRD
	4		Church Parade 1000 hrs - Special day of prayer.	LRD
	5		Usual Camp training proceeding. Operation Order No. 1 issued.	LRD
	6		Nothing unusual to report.	LRD
	7		Church parade held in the open. Usual camp clean up and airing of lines etc.	LRD
	8		Maj. Woodward left to visit sub units stationed at Catlands, Campbell Town and Elphin on administration. First rations delivered by No.1 Tpt Fl to 17 Aust Fd Bty.	LRD
	9		Maj Woodward returns from visit to sub units.	LRD
	10		Nothing unusual to report	LRD
	11		"	LRD
	12		"	LRD
	13		No. 1 Tpt Fl departed Area 1000 hrs. Appointment of first officers to A I F	LRD
	14		Nothing unusual to report.	LRD
	15		1 Tpt Fl took up duties at Conara. 4 Tpt Fl departed Conara 1000 hrs.	LRD
	16		Nothing unusual to report.	LRD
	17		1 Tpt Fl marched in to Laburnum Park 1200 hrs.	LRD
	18		Nothing unusual to report.	LRD
	19		"	} LRD
	20		"	
	21		"	
	22		"	
	23		"	
	24		"	

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Nothing unusual to report.

Major Woodward departed to Regt Comdrs School, Studley Park, Narrarlin N S W. Adm Comd of Coy taken over by Capt Fitzgerald.

27. 40/101

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Nothing unusual to report.

4 Tpt Pl moved to biv area to undergo night training.

29

Nothing unusual to report.

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1 Oct 52.

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31 Aust Coy A S C

REVIEW OF MONTH OF SEPTEMBER.

In reviewing the activities of 31 Aust Coy A S C this month the outstanding feature is the manner in which the men have settled down to their work under the new organisation.

The operational role of the Coy has proceeded most satisfactorily and Platoons are co-operating splendidly. The month marked the introduction of 2 days a month Recreational leave. The troops have taken this very well indeed - the percentage of A W L being very small.

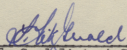
Night training was introduced whereby personnel worked all night and slept all day. This is carried out by despatching platoons, in rotation, to a biv site.

The importance of checking V O Ls regularly has been stressed and all platoons have been placed on a sound footing in this respect. A large percentage of shortages on V O Ls has been recovered.

Further D & M and M C Courses were completed during the month, by Tng Wing at Elphin.

Transfers to A I F are still being put through and I feel that the time is not far distant when the Coy will obtain 75% A I F personnel.

Discipline is good and the troops dress and bearing whilst on leave has improved 100%.


Adm Comd 31 Aust Coy A S C Capt

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SECRET

Copy No.....¹⁷....

31 Aust Coy A S C

Operation Order No 1 dated 4 Sep 42.

Ref Maps: Strat Map TASMANIA Sheet K55/11 Second Edition
4 Miles to 1 inch " K55/7 First "

INFORMATION.

1. 31 Aust Coy A S C, less deta, is located at LABURNUM PARK(531744)
4 Tpt Pl, with Composite Pl details, is located at CONARA
(08-9295)

INTENTION.

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METHOD.

3. (a) 1 Tpt Pl will depart LABURNUM PARK at 1000 hrs 13 Sep 42
(Pl will participate in Church Service prior to departure)

ROUTE- Day 1 - CAMPANIA - COLEBROOK - RHONDASTON - STONOR - thence
Road NOT on map to rd PARATTAH - MT SEYMOUR, point of junc
528762 - rd junc 527767 - ANDOVER.

Day 2 - training in bivouac.

Day 3 - PAWTEILA - rd junc 544796 - rd and track junc(NOT on map)
536804 - MONA VALE - ROSS - CONARA.

Movement on Day 3 will be timed to reach destination at 1200 hrs.

- (b) 4 Tpt Pl will depart CONARA at 1000 hrs 15 Sep 42, following
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ADMIN.

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R A P - MONA VALE Camp
A G H - CAMPBELL TOWN.

INTERCOMMUNICATION.

5. Coy H Q - LABURNUM PARK

By M/c orderly or telephone via H Q 12 Aust Ind Bde Gp.

ACK. 6. By normal DON R Service.

ISSUE by DON R Service and Runner.

Time of signature 0945 hrs

[Signature] Lieut
H Q 31 Aust Coy A S C

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Routine Orders - Part 1

by

Major I J Woodward
Comd 31 Aust Coy A S C

Serial No. 6

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H O 31 Aust Coy A S C
4. Sep 42.

1. CHURCH PARADE. C of E Church Parade - Camp Area - 0845 hrs 6 Sep 42.
2. DUTY PLATOON. Sep 7 - 14 Sep No. 2 Pl.
3. COMPANY CONDUCT SHEET (AFS 122) Reference Bde R O 21/1/42

In order that records may be complete, when a soldier is transferred to Area or discharged his B122 must be sent to Records Office to be filed with his personal documents. It will then be possible for a Unit in which he serves subsequently, to obtain on demand the record of previous conduct.

4. SEPARATION AND DEPENDANTS ALLOWANCE (WP Regs Pt. III) Bde R O 21/2/42

Instances have come to notice where members of Pls are applying for exemption or long leave on the ground that they are unable to support their parents on Army pay. On investigation it is found that these men are unaware that, provided a standard allotment is made, Separation Allowance will be paid by the Army. All Pl commanders will make the above information known to all ranks in order that cases of hardship may be assisted.

5. PETROL TANKS Bde R O 21/5/42

Attention is directed to S G R O 470/41 which lays down that before M T vehicles are forwarded to Ord Wkshops, before the vehicles leave the unit lines, petrol tanks will be drained to the extent necessary to provide that tanks will not contain more than one gallon on arrival at the workshop.

6. CAMP STANDING ORDERS.

Reference para 4 of above, the note referring to all evening meals on Tuesday being at 1730 hrs, is cancelled.

7. FORDING OF STREAMS.

Pl comds will take immediate steps to impress on drivers the necessity for the removal of fans as laid down in G R O O 297, and to see that drivers carry out the instructions when fording is required. The G R O is repeated here for information.

1. On Ford vehicles, where the fan is fitted to the crankshaft, instances have occurred where radiator cores have been damaged by the fan blades becoming bent owing to their striking the water when the vehicles are driven through streams etc.

2. If the vehicle is driven through the water carefully at a low speed, no damage should result; but as a precautionary measure, the driver of any vehicle likely to be affected is to remove the fan assembly from the crankshaft prior to the vehicle entering a stream and, if unable to extract the fan from under the bonnet, will secure it in a convenient position, using a suitable piece of wire or cord so as to prevent its fouling the belt or pulleys.

(2)

3. The fan is to be replaced immediately upon reaching other side of the stream.

4. If the water crossing is a long one and the vehicle heavily laden, the cooling water may boil when the fan is thus removed. The level of the cooling water is to be checked after replacing the fan.

8. Q STORES - HOURS OF ISSUE.

(a) Issues and receipt of Q Stores will be made by Company Quarter Master between the undermentioned hours daily:-

Camp Stores 0830 - 0930 hrs
1600 - 1630 hrs

Clothing & Equipment.
1330 - 1430 hrs.

(b) In cases of extreme urgency only will issues be made other than in the hours set out above.

(c) O C Platoons must arrange for Camp Stores to be drawn by an N C O or responsible member of the Platoon.

(d) Personnel will be parades under control of an N C O.

9. UNIT ROUTINE ORDERS.

Pl comds are reminded that it is their responsibility to repeat such extracts from these orders as may be required, to all ranks on parade and to ensure that the instructions issued therein are carried out. The posting on notice boards of the orders does NOT relieve Pls of their responsibility.

W. Woodhouse Major
Comd 31 Aust Coy A S C

NOTICE

The following roster of football matches have been arranged, starting time 1400 hrs.

31 Aust Coy will provide two lorries to each ground for players and supporters, leaving Coy H Q at 1330 hrs. Vehicles will be supplied by one each Tpt Pl and one Coy H Q.

ROSTER.

<u>DATE.</u>	<u>TEAMS</u>	<u>GROUND.</u>
6 Sep 42	31 Coy Aust A S C v 17 Aust Fd Bty	Arty Ground.
6 Sep 42	31 Coy Aust A S C No. 2 v 12 Aust Fd Amb	Richmond Ground.
13 Sep 42	31 Coy Aust A S C No. 2 v 17 Aust Fd Bty	Arty Ground.
13 Sep 42	31 Coy Aust A S C No. 1 v 12 Aust Fd Amb	Richmond Ground.
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H Q 31 Aust Coy ASD
11 Sep 42.

1. CHURCH PARADE: C of E Church Parade - Camp Area - 0845 hrs 13 Sep 42.
2. DUTY PLATOON. Sep 14 - 21 Sep 42 - No 3 Pl.
3. TRANSFER TO A I F. (G R O 375 and 168)

The transfer of C M F personnel (CRs) may be resumed and Fls will submit Casualty returns in the following terms: (Note amendment)

The undermentioned personnel, having volunteered for service in the A I F, been classified medically fit (Class 1) and completed AAF. A200 are transferred to A I F -

T12345 Dr Jones T O

The following documents will be forwarded with such returns:-

AAF. A.200
AAF. A.203 (if under 21 years and over 19 years)
AAF. A.131 Containing AAF. A.130

Instructions regarding offrs are being issued.

4. UNIT GARDEN COMPETITION. (IRO 544/8/42)

£10 prize donated by His Excellency Sir Ernest Clark.

5. SHEARING LEAVE (IRO 545/3/42)

Personnel applying for Shearing Leave will include the following information when completing Mob 9.

- (1) Occupation (whether shearer, wool roller, piece picker, etc)
- (2) List of sheds at which he is to be employed.
- (3) Approximate dates of commencing and finishing at each shed.

L J Woodward
Major
Comd 31 Aust Coy A S C

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

Routine Orders - Part 1.

Serial No. 8
1 - 7 incl.

by
Major L J Woodward
Comd 31 Aust Coy A S C

H Q 31 Aust Coy A S C
18 Sep 42.

1. CHURCH PARADE. C of E Church Parade - Camp Area - 0845 hrs 13 Sep 42.
2. DUTY PLATOON. 21 - 28 Sep 42 - No 4 Pl.
3. AMENITIES. (Ref G R O A 386/42)

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

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

4. CONCERT PARTY - 24-25 Sep 42.

Tas Force Concert Party, comprising Lieut A E Benton and 11 O Rs will give a performance at Laburnum Park at 1900 hrs 24 Sep 42, and a repeat performance on 25 Sep 42.

50% of personnel will attend each performances and O C pls will adjust training syllabus accordingly. O S M will make necessary arrangements, including messing and accommodation.

5. TRAFFIC CONTROL (Ref Bde Cir G/M.3)

The attention of all units comds is directed to M B I Q35/41 which states inter alia:-

Convoys will NOT be required to stop at a control post, but the Commander will furnish to the post particulars of:-

- (a) Starting point and destination.
- (b) Unit operating and name of offr comd convoy.
- (c) Number and type of vehicles, nature of load carried.

All other vehicles are required to halt at a control post.

6. TRANSFER TO A I F (Unit R O 7/3)

Only personnel classified medically fit, Class A I or A 2 will be permitted to enlist in A I F.

7. Leave Vehicles.

The practice of ration vehicles picking up tps returning to Railhead from the North at night will be disc continued.

Duty Pl will be required to provide tpt for this purpose.

L J Woodward Major
Comd 31 Aust Coy A S C

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

Ranking Orders - Part 1

by

Major L J Woodward
Comd 31 Aust Coy A S C

Serial No. 9

1 - 9 incl.

H Q 31 Aust Coy A S C
25 Sep 42.

1. CHURCH PARADE. C of E Church Parade - Camp Area - 0845 hrs 27 Sep 42.
2. DUTY PLATOON. 28 Sep 42 - 5 Oct 42.- No. 2 Platoon.
3. DRESS AND DISCIPLINE. D A P M will cancel all leave passes of men who are seen incorrectly dressed or misbehaving themselves. These men will be returned to their Unit.

Pl comds will hold inspection parade and order all ranks with excessive length of hair to have it cut forthwith.

It is appreciated that difficulty is experienced in securing the services of barbers but nevertheless the hair must be kept short.

4. COMMAND. During the temporary absence of Major L J Woodward, 31 Aust Coy A S C will be administered by Capt T Fitzgerald.
5. B S A MOTOR CYCLES. Platoons will prepare forthwith and forward to H Q a list of B S A Motor Cycles held on charge, showing the following particulars:-
 - (a) NOT fitted with Air Cleaners.
 - (b) Type of Air Cleaner Fitted.
6. POSSESSION & CONSUMPTION OF LIQUOR. (D R O 546/10/42)
 1. Except as provided in para 2 hereof, no member of the A M F, when in uniform, shall consume or have in his possession in bottles or other containers, any intoxicating liquor.
 - (a) In any public place.
 - (b) In any doorway or vestibule opening on to any public place.
 - (c) On any highway or public road.
 - (d) On any vacant land adjacent to a park or public reserve.
 - (e) On any part of a park or public reserve.
 - (f) In any public conveyance.
 2. Nothing in this order shall prevent the consumption or supply or possession on licensed premises or upon the premises of any Naval, Military or Air Force Institute, Mess or Canton in accordance with the regulations and orders applying to such Institute, Mess or Canton.
 3. Ignorance of this order will NOT be accepted as an excuse for failing to observe it.
7. WEARING OF HATS AND GAITERS. (D R O 546/11/42)

While on leave all ranks below that of W O will wear hats and gaiters at all times (day and night).

While on duty outside camp training areas. all O R's will wear hats and gaiters as above.

M T Drivers, and O R's will conform to foregoing paras but are permitted to wear caps (D S) only while actually driving or riding.

With exception of Officers, W Os, M T Drivers and O R's, Caps D S are NOT issued and consequently may NOT be worn.

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8. CANTEEN GOODS - PURCHASE OF CIGARETTES AND TOBACCO. (G R O 365/42)

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

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

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

9. CARE OF BICYCLES. (G R O 372/42)

1. There is a general shortage of spare parts, tyres and accessories for bicycles and the existing limited stocks of these items must be conserved.

2. Platoon commanders will ensure that proper care and maintenance is given to bicycles with the object of prolonging their life.

H. Woodhouse Major
Comd 31 Aust Coy A S C

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STRENGTH STATE

APPENDIX "B"

Unit

Week ending 18 Sep 42.
0600 hrs.

Information to be compiled, and will be rendered WEEKLY attached to A.F.W. 3008

(1)		(2)		(3)		(4)		(5)								(6)	
W.E. Including Attached Allowed by W.E.		Posted Strength including attached allowed by W.E.		Surplus		Deficiency		Included in Posted Strength								REMARKS	
								A. L. F.		A. M. P.		A. W. A. S.		V. A. D.			
Off.	O/Rs	Off.	O/Rs	Off.	O/Rs	Off.	O/Rs	Off.	O/Rs	Off.	O/Rs	Off.	O/Rs	Off.	O/Rs		
13	485	18	486	3	1	-	32	1	32	17	402	-	-	-	-		
10	485	18	486	5	1		52	1	32	17	404						

STRENGTH STATE

APPENDIX "B"

Unit

Week ending

0600 hrs.

Information to be compiled, and will be rendered WEEKLY attached to A.F.W. 3008

(1)		(2)		(3)		(4)		(5)								(6)
W.E. Including Attached Allowed by W.E.		Posted Strength including attached allowed by W.E.		Surplus		Deficiency		Included in Posted Strength								REMARKS
A. L. F.		A. M. F.		A. W. A. S.		V. A. D.										
Off.	O/Rs	Off.	O/Rs	Off.	O/Rs	Off.	O/Rs	Off.	O/Rs	Off.	O/Rs	Off.	O/Rs	Off.	O/Rs	
13	425	18	422	5	1	-	63	1	48	17	39	-	-	-	-	

STRENGTH STATE

APPENDIX "B"

Unit ~~1st Coy 400~~

Week ending

0600 hrs.

A.F.W. 3008

Information to be compiled, and will be rendered WEEKLY attached to

(1)		(2)		(3)		(4)		(5)								(6)	
W.E. Including Attached Allowed by W.E.		Posted Strength including attached allowed by W.E.		Surplus		Deficiency		Included in Posted Strength								REMARKS	
								A. I. F.		A. M. F.		A. W. A. S.		V. A. D.			
Off.	O/Rs	Off.	O/Rs	Off.	O/Rs	Off.	O/Rs	Off.	O/Rs	Off.	O/Rs	Off.	O/Rs	Off.	O/Rs		
13	48	17	416	4	1	-	69	1	102	16	314	-	-	-	-		

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STRENGTH STATE

APPENDIX "B"

Unit ~~31 Aust Coy. A.C.~~

Week ending

0600 hrs.

A.F.W. 3008

5 Sep 42.

Information to be compiled, and will be rendered WEEKLY attached to A.F.W. 3008

(1)		(2)		(3)		(4)		(5)								(6)
W.E. Including Attached Allowed by W.E.		Posted Strength including attached allowed by W.E.		Surplus		Deficiency		Included in Posted Strength								REMARKS
								A. L. F.		A. M. F.		A. W. A. S.		V. A. D.		
Off.	O/Rs	Off.	O/Rs	Off.	O/Rs	Off.	O/Rs	Off.	O/Rs	Off.	O/Rs	Off.	O/Rs	Off.	O/Rs	
13	405	18	439	5	1	-	51	1	32	17	407	-	-	-	-	

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

(Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels ...			
Majors ...	1	2	
Captains ...	8	3	
Lieutenants ...			
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...			
TOTALS ...	17	5	

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lieut	James W 12	4056	29.03	Transferred to 4056 Reg Coy

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Capt (D)	1200	Woodward L	60	Yes	
Capt (D)	72	Under L	69	Yes	
Capt (D)	1203	Price L	69	No	Attached to duties
Capt (D)	126045	Under L	—	No	Detached to 15th Div
Capt (D)	1449	Sturman R	—	No	Detached to 15th Div
Capt (D)	125371	Under L	—	Yes	Detached to 15th Div
Capt (D)	1195	Under L	60	Yes	Detached to 15th Div
Capt (D)	117503	Under L	60	Yes	Detached to 15th Div
Capt (D)	1209	Under L	60	Yes	Detached to 15th Div
Capt (D)	14582	Under L	60	Yes	Detached to 15th Div
Capt (D)	17511	Under L	60	Yes	Detached to 15th Div
Capt (D)	1211	Under L	60	Yes	Detached to 15th Div
Capt (D)	117507	Under L	60	Yes	Detached to 15th Div
Capt (D)	125135	Under L	60	No	Detached to 15th Div
Capt (D)	115004	Under L	60	No	Detached to 15th Div
Capt (D)	13604	Under L	60	Yes	Detached to 15th Div
Capt (D)	14517	Under L	60	Yes	Detached to 15th Div

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt	15911	Robertson R	60	15.11.42	Detached to 15th Div
Major	1466	Wharton A	60	15.11.42	Detached to 15th Div

11 Aust Coy A 56
(Unit.)
5 Sep 42
(Date of Despatch.)

11 Aust Coy A 56
(Signature of Commander.)
In the field
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

21 (Unit) 5042 (Date)

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	1		
W.Os. Class II.	3	1	
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	1		
Staff Serjeants	3		
Serjeants	17		23
Corporals	35	1	
Troopers, Privates, &c.	374		48
TOTALS	434	1	51

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
Smith D S	a a P6	1 OR	2d Lof to Salvage
Smith D S		1 OR	a a Postal Service
Smart H	a a Postal Service	OR	Amc Def Com Team
C Long J P	a a B6		

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

Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)
Ammunition Examiners			Fire Control Operators			Panel Beaters		
Armament Artificers			Fitters	-	6	Pattern Makers		
Armourers			Fitters and Turners			Pharmacists		
Artificers, Artillery			Fitters, Cycle			Photographers, dry plate		
Axemen			Fitters, Drivers			Photographers, wet plate		
Bakers			Fitter's Mates			Photo-Writers		
Battery Surveyors			Fitters, M.V.			Plate Layers		
Battery Comdrs. Asst.			Fitters, Railway Signal			Plumbers		
Blacksmiths	-	2	Fitters, Signal			Predictor Numbers		
Bollermakers			Grinders			Printers		
Bricklayers			Gun Layers			Radiator Mechanics		
Butchers			G.P.O. Assistants			Radiographers		
Camouflage Modeller			Gun Operators			Range Takers		
Carpenter and Joiner	1		Hammermen			Riggers		
Clerks			Height Takers			Riveters		
Clerks, Engineering			Helio Operators			Saddlers		
Clerks, Supply			Instrument Mechanics			Saddle Tree Makers		
Clerks, Technical			Instrument Mechanics, Surgical			Saw Doctors		
Coachmakers			Instrument Operators			Sawyers		
Computers			Intelligence Duties			Shoemakers		
Concretors			Joiners			Signallers		
Cooks			Leather Stitchers			Signwriters		
Cooks, Hospital			Linesmen			Stokers, Stationary Engine		
Coppersmiths			Linesmen, Signals			Storemen, Technical	-	2
Dental Clerk Orderlies			Lithographers			Surveyors		
Despatch Riders			Machinists			Surveyors, Engineering		
Dispensers			Masons			Tailors		
Draughtsmen			Masseurs			Telescope Identification Numbers		
Draughtsmen, Architectural			Mechanics, Dental			Textile Refitters		
Draughtsmen, Mechanical			Mechanics, M.T.	-	4	Tinsmiths		
Draughtsmen, Signal			Mechanics, Typewriter			Toolmakers		
Draughtsmen, Topographical			Mechanics, Wireless			Turners		
Driver Mechanics (P.D.)	-	10	Millwrights			Vulcanizers		
Driver Operators			Miners			Wagon Erectors		
Drivers, Transportation Plant			Moulders			Watchmakers		
Electrical Fitters			Nursing Orderlies			Watermen		
Electricians	-	3	Nursing Orderlies (Mental)			Welders	-	1
Electricians, Eng. Units			Nurses, Trained			Well Borers		
Electricians, Signal			Observation Post Assistants			Wheelers		
Engine Artificers			Operating Room Assistants			Whitesmiths		
Engine Hands I/C			Operators, Signal			Wiremen		
Equipment Repairers			Opticians			Woodturners		
Farriers			Painters	-	1			
Coach Drivers	-	3						
Non-Specialists (Arms etc)		16						
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)	1	34		-	11		-	6

Notes—(a) If rank other than Private is involved give details on back.

(b) Authorised Trades or Specialists not included in list above will be added as required in spaces provided.

Unit.

Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch 5 Sep 42

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

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(Unit)

12 Sep

1945

*(Date).

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

14	39	10
15	39	10
16	39	10
17	39	10
18	39	10

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	1	-	-
W.Os. Class II.	3	1	-
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	1	-	-
Staff Serjeants	3	-	-
Serjeants	11	-	3
Corporals	35	1	-
Troopers, Privates, &c.	313	-	49
TOTALS	433	1	52

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other C
Personnel attached against W F

Other Attachments

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
Smith D. S.	aaPb	1 OR	24 Lofb Salvage
Smart H.	aaPostal service	1 OR	aaPostal service
Long I. P.	aa/bb	1 OR	Ant. Defence Cartier service

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

Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinforce Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinforce Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinforce Required (a)
Ammunition Examiners			Fire Control Operators			Panel Beaters		
Armament Artificers			Fitters	-	6	Pattern Makers		
Armourers			Fitters and Turners			Pharmacists		
Artificers, Artillery			Fitters, Cycle			Photographers, dry plate		
Axemen			Fitters, Drivers			Photographers, wet plate		
Bakers			Fitter's Mates			Photo-Writers		
Battery Surveyors			Fitters, M.V.			Plate Layers		
Battery Comdrs. Asst.			Fitters, Railway Signal			Plumbers		
Blacksmiths	-	2	Fitters, Signal			Predictor Numbers		
Bollermakers			Grinders			Printers		
Bricklayers			Gun Layers			Radiator Mechanics		
Butchers			G.P.O. Assistants			Radiographers		
Camouflage Modeller			Gun Operators			Range Takers		
Carpenter and Joiner	1		Hammermen			Riggers		
Clerks			Height Takers			Riveters		
Clerks, Engineering			Heli Operators			Saddlers		
Clerks, Supply			Instrument Mechanics			Saddle Tree Makers		
Clerks, Technical			Instrument Mechanics, Surgical			Saw Doctors		
Coachmakers			Instrument Operators			Sawyers		
Computers			Intelligence Duties			Shoemakers		
Concretors			Joiners			Signalers		
Cooks			Leather Stitchers			Signwriters		
Cooks, Hospital			Linesmen			Stokers, Stationary Engine		
Coppersmiths			Linesmen, Signals			Storemen, Technical	-	2
Dental Clerk Orderlies			Lithographers			Surveyors		
Despatch Riders			Machinists			Surveyors, Engineering		
Dispensers			Masons			Tallers		
Draughtsmen			Masseurs			Telescope Identification Numbers		
Draughtsmen, Architectural			Mechanics, Dental			Textile Refitters		
Draughtsmen, Mechanical			Mechanics, M.T. <i>21</i>	-	4	Tinsmiths		
Draughtsmen, Signal			Mechanics, Typewriter			Toolmakers		
Draughtsmen, Topographical			Mechanics, Wireless			Turners		
Driver Mechanics <i>11</i>	-	13	Millwrights			Vulcanizers		
Driver Operators			Miners			Wagon Erectors		
Drivers, Transportation Plant			Moulders			Watchmakers		
Electrical Fitters			Nursing Orderlies			Watermen		
Electricians	-	3	Nursing Orderlies (Mental)			Welders	-	1
Electricians, Eng. Units			Nurses, Trained			Well Borers		
Electricians, Signal			Observation Post Assistants			Wheelers		
Engine Artificers			Operating Room Assistants			Whitesmiths		
Engine Hands I/C			Operators, Signal			Wiremen		
Equipment Repairers			Opticians			Woodturners		
Farriers			Painters	-	1			
<i>6000 Drimmers</i>	-	3						
<i>non specialists (Drs etc)</i>	-	14						
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)	1	35		-	11		-	6

Notes:—(a) If rank other than Private is involved give details on back.

(b) Authorised Trades or Specialists not included in list above will be added as required in spaces provided.

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Unit.

Date of Despatch

12 Sep 42

Signature of Commander.
On the Field

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

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

(Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
*	—	—	—
*	—	—	—
Lieut.-Colonels ...	—	—	—
Majors ...	1	—	—
Captains ...	6	3	—
Lieutenants ...	—	—	—
2nd Lieutenants ...	—	—	—
Quartermasters ...	—	—	—
TOTALS ...	17	5	—

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

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

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(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.31 Aust Key Ashk

(Unit.)

12 Sep 42

(Date of Despatch.)

(Signature of Commander.)

(Signature of Commander.)

In the Field

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

(Adapted)

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

(Unit)

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(Date)

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	1	-	-
W.Os. Class II.	2	1	-
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	1	-	-
Staff Serjeants	3	-	-
Serjeants	17	-	3
Corporals	25	1	-
Troopers, Privates, &c.	259	-	13
TOTALS	419	2	66

*These totals should agree with the details shown in Part D on page 2 of Army Form W3009.

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Other Attachments

[illegible]

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

[illegible]

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

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Notes—(a) If rank other than Private is involved give details on back.

(b) Authorized Trades or Specialists not included in list above will be added as required in spaces provided.

Unit.

Signature of Commander _____

Date of Despatch.

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

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

31st Aust Coy A B Co (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
Lieut.-Colonels ...			
Majors ...			
Captains ...			
Lieutenants ...			
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...			
TOTALS ...	<i>17</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>—</i>

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Capt (1)	1300	Woodward R	10	Yes	
Capt (1)	131	Wheeler L	10	Yes	
Capt (1)	132	Tiger R	10	Yes	Detached to 1st B.
Capt (1)	136095	Ward R	—	NO	Detached to 1st B.
Capt (1)	1397	Wheeler R	—	NO	Detached to 1st B.
Capt (1)	133511	Wheeler R	—	Yes	Detached to 1st B.
Capt (1)	1398	Wheeler R	10	Yes	
Capt (1)	1398	Wheeler R	10	Yes	
Capt (1)	1307	Wheeler R	10	Yes	
Capt (1)	13042	Wheeler R	10	Yes	
Capt (1)	13511	Wheeler R	10	Yes	
Capt (1)	1311	Wheeler R	10	Yes	
Capt (1)	13519	Wheeler R	10	Yes	
Capt (1)	13515	Wheeler R	—	NO	Detached to 1st B.
Capt (1)	13500	Wheeler R	—	NO	Detached to 1st B.
Capt (1)	13504	Wheeler R	10	Yes	
Capt (1)	13517	Wheeler R	10	Yes	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt	13511	Robertson R	10	1.5.12	Detached to 1st B.
Capt	1316	Wheeler R	10	1.5.12	Detached to 1st B.

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

31 August 1946 (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
*	—	—	—
*	—	—	—
Lieut.-Colonels ...	—	—	—
Majors ...	1	—	—
Captains ...	4	1	—
Lieutenants ...	3	3	—
2nd Lieutenants ...	—	—	—
Quartermasters ...	—	—	—
TOTALS ...	46	4	—

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Capt	1000	Woodward, J. L.	60	Yes	
Capt	1001	Thompson, G. R.	60	Yes	
Capt	1203	Price, L. R.	60	No	Detached for duty R. 16
Capt	16095	Grundy, L. G.	—	No	Detached for duty to R. 16
Capt	1199	Harman, R. B.	—	No	Detached for duty to R. 16
Capt	1095	Johnson, J. L.	60	Yes	
Capt	11205	Gibson, J. G.	60	Yes	
Capt	1207	Small, J. B.	60	Yes	
Capt	11000	Harman, R. B.	60	Yes	
Capt	11011	Johnson, W. R.	60	Yes	
Capt	1206	Johnson, E. W.	60	Yes	
Capt	11807	Gibson, J. G.	60	Yes	
Capt	13015	Ward, J. F.	—	No	Detached for duty to R. 16
Capt	11004	William, J. G.	—	No	Detached for duty to R. 16
Capt	11004	Hutton, J. B.	60	Yes	
Capt	11007	Small, J. B.	60	Yes	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt	11095	Johnson, J. L.	60	15/12	From R. 16
Capt	11066	Johnson, J. L.	60	15/12	From R. 16

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(Adapted)

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

31 Ausc Coy A 16 (Unit) 26 Sept 1942 (Date)

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

1942 (1)

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	1	-	-
W.Os. Class II.	25	1	-
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	1	-	-
Staff Serjeants	25	-	-
Serjeants	17	-	83
Corporals	35	1	-
Troopers, Privates, &c.	253	-	69
TOTALS	413	2	72

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

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Personnel attached against W.F.

Other Attachments

[illegible]

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

[illegible]

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

Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinforcements Required (b)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinforcements Required (b)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinforcements Required (b)
Ammunition Examiners			Fire Control Operators			Panel Beaters		
Armament Artificers			Fitters	8		Pattern Makers		
Armourers			Fitters and Turners			Pharmacists		
Artificers, Artillery			Fitters, Cycle			Photographers, dry plate		
Axemen			Fitters, Drivers			Photographers, wet plate		
Bakers			Fitter's Mates			Photo-Writers		
Battery Surveyors			Fitters, M.V.			Plate Layers		
Battery Comdr. Asst.			Fitters, Railway Signal			Plumbers		
Blacksmiths	2		Fitters, Signal			Predictor Numbers		
Boilermakers			Grinders			Printers		
Bricklayers			Gun Layers			Radiator Mechanics		
Butchers			G.P.O. Assistants			Radiographers		
Camouflage Modeler			Gun Operators			Range Takers		
Carpenter and Joiner	1		Hammermen			Riggers		
Clerks			Height Takers			Riveters		
Clerks, Engineering			Heli Operators			Saddlers		
Clerks, Supply			Instrument Mechanics			Saddle Tree Makers		
Clerks, Technical M.T.		2	Instrument Mechanics, Surgical			Saw Doctors		
Coachmakers			Instrument Operators			Sawyers		
Computers			Intelligence Duties			Shoemakers		
Concretors			Joiners			Signallers		
Cooks			Leather Stitchers			Signwriters		
Cooks, Hospital			Linesmen			Stokers, Stationary Engine		
Coppersmiths			Linesmen, Signals			Storemen, Technical		
Dental Clerk Orderlies			Lithographers			Surveyors		
Despatch Riders			Machinists			Surveyors, Engineering		
Dispensers			Masons			Tailors		
Draughtsmen			Masseurs			Telescope Identification Numbers		
Draughtsmen, Architectural			Mechanics, Dental			Textile Refitters		
Draughtsmen, Mechanical			Mechanics, M.T. 2-1		2	Tinsmiths		
Draughtsmen, Signal			Mechanics, Typewriter			Toolmakers		
Draughtsmen, Topographical			Mechanics, Wireless			Turners		
Driver Mechanics 4-1		13	Millwrights			Vulcanisers		
Driver Operators			Miners			Wagon Erectors		
Drivers, Transportation Plant			Moulders			Watchmakers		
Electrical Fitters			Nursing Orderlies			Watermen		
Electricians		3	Nursing Orderlies (Mental)			Welders		
Electricians, Eng. Units			Nurses, Trained			Well Borers		
Electricians, Signal			Observation Post Assistants			Wheelers		
Engine Artificers			Operating Room Assistants			Whitesmiths		
Engine Hands I/C			Operators, Signal			Wiremen		
Equipment Repairers			Opticians			Woodturners		
Farriers			Painters		1			
Lead Drimmers		3						
Low Specialists (above etc)		31						
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)		54			11			11

Notes—(a) If rank other than Private is involved give details on back.

(b) Authorised Trades or Specialists not included in list above will be added as required in spaces provided.

Unit.

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