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39 INDEPENDENT TRANSPORT  
PLATOON - & RELIEF DRIVER  
INCREMENT



# WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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ORIGINAL

13 SEP 1944

Army Form C. 2118.  
(adapted.)

Unit 39 Aust. Ind. Tpt. Pl. & RDI

Date and Time.—From 1st July 1944 To 3rd July 1944

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
dear Plantation AG Maj. Ref. 1.25000 Badang Airbase 704298	1 July 1944		Weather - Dull with occasional showers Operations - Jeeps & trailers transporting supplies from barge point D'Loe. Conditions of roads - impassable. All vehicles forced to make tracks through jungle.	AFW. 3008, 3009 A
ditto	2 July 1944	0900	Weather - Heavy rains, very sultry. Church parade held at B2 AGT Coy area. - Rest day. Increase in morale of all personnel very noticeable due to gift of portable radio from ACF	A
ditto	3 July 1944		Weather - Very warm, dull with occasional showers Jeeps & trailers operating from D'Loe barge point on supplies - Jungle tracks still being used because road from D'Loe to dear Plantation under repair. Seven jeeps and three trailers awaiting barge transport from Badang.	A

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Unit *39 Aust. Inf. Bn. & RDI (AIF)* Date and Time. — From *4 July 1944* To *6th July 1944*

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
<i>New Guinea - Loe</i>	<i>4 July 1944</i>		<i>Weather - Hot &amp; Sultry</i>	
<i>Plantation - reference</i>			<i>Jeeps &amp; trailers operating from barge point at D'LOLE to</i>	
<i>Mading Airplane 1.2000</i>			<i>DID STAR Plantation - Road still under repair, all</i>	<i>P</i>
<i>ref 704298</i>			<i>vehicles using jungle track.</i>	
<i>ditto</i>	<i>5 July 1944</i>		<i>Weather - Hot &amp; Sultry with heavy storms during night.</i>	
			<i>Jeeps &amp; trailers operating from D'LOLE barge point to STAR</i>	
			<i>DID, also engaged on transport duties for 15 Aust Inf Bde</i>	<i>P</i>
			<i>Due to very bad road conditions frequent repairs necessary</i>	
			<i>to Jeeps &amp; trailers. Difficulty experienced obtaining spare parts</i>	
<i>ditto</i>	<i>6th July 1944</i>		<i>Weather - Heavy rain - strong wind.</i>	
			<i>Vehicles transporting supplies and engaged on duties with</i>	
			<i>15 Aust Inf Bde. Owing to heavy rains jungle tracks became</i>	<i>P</i>
			<i>impassable and it was found necessary to make detours</i>	
			<i>in many places.</i>	

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Unit *39 Aust. Ind. Bde Lt Col & RD1 (AIF)* Date and Time.—From *7th July 1944* To *9th July 1944*

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
<i>Deer Plantation New Guinea - maps Madang Airframe 1:25000 ref. 704298</i>	<i>7 July 1944</i>		<i>Weather - Fine &amp; hot. Several personnel affected with prickly heat and a small number with dermatitis - malaria &amp; dengue fever nil. Jeps &amp; trailers on supply duties and duties with 15 Aust Inf Bde. Road still closed between D'LOVE and SIAR.</i>	<i>X</i>
<i>ditto</i>	<i>8 July 1944</i>		<i>Weather - Fine &amp; hot. Mail for platoon personnel arriving frequently. Mobile picture unit provided entertainment for troops in SIAR area. Vehicles on 15 Aust Inf Bde duties &amp; supplies.</i>	<i>AFW 3008 and 3009. C</i>
<i>ditto</i>	<i>9 July 1944</i>		<i>Weather - Heavy rain, very warm Rest day. - Church parades held in morning - Platoon engaged in sporting activities eg. circles table tennis and quoits.</i>	<i>C</i>

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Unit *39 Aust. Ind. Inf Bde (AIF)* Date and Time.—From *10th July 1944* To *12th July 1944*

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
<i>See Plantations New Guinea - maps Madang Airfield nf. 704298</i>	<i>10 July 1944</i>		<i>Weather - Hot &amp; sultry. Jeeps &amp; trailers on supplies from D'Loke barge head to SIAR DID. Still using jungle tracks. Road expected to be opened from <sup>58/59</sup> hrs area to SIAR DID on 11th.</i>	<i>A</i>
<i>ditto.</i>	<i>11th July 1944</i>		<i>Weather - Hot &amp; sultry. Road opened between <sup>58/59</sup> hrs area and SIAR DID. Vehicles on duties for 15 Aust Inf Bde. Trouble experienced on majority of jeeps with pinions oil seals due to jungle undergrowth being caught on the drive shaft and forcing back on to the seals.</i>	<i>A</i>
<i>ditto</i>	<i>12th July 1944</i>		<i>Weather - Hot &amp; sultry, cloudy in afternoon. Vehicles on duties for 15 Aust Inf Bde - boxing contests held at 58/59 hrs area open to personnel in SIAR area.</i>	<i>A</i>

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Unit 39 Aust Ind Lt Pl & RD1 (AIF) Date and Time.—From 13th July 1944 To 15th July 1944

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
near Plantation New Guinea - maps Madang Airbase 125000 ref 704298	13th July 1944		Weather - cool change, light rain Vehicles on routine Rde duties. Condition of vehicles improving due to improved road conditions - morale of troops good.	
ditto.	14th July 1944		Weather - Warm with light rains Vehicles on routine duties. Improvements made to camp area. Picture show at 58/59 km area 1930 hours.	
ditto	15th July 1944		Weather - Hot & sultry. V.O.L.'s of all vehicles were checked to day & any vehicles which had not been on maintenance Ramp having previous work, received a thorough check. Remainder of vehicles all engaged on routine duties for 15 & 4 Bde's, Supplies to Saw D.I.D etc	AFW 3008, 3009

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Unit 39 Aust Ind. Tpt. Pl & R.D.I. Date and Time.—From 16th July, 44 To 20th July, 44

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Siar Plantation New Guinea - map Madang Airdrome 1:25000 ref 704298	16 July 44		Weather hot and sultry Rest day All personnel not on duty engaged in washing Swim parade to Nagada in afternoon.	<i>A</i>
ditto	17 July 44		Weather continuing hot and sultry Jeeps and trailers used for supply & En. duties. Det. 3 ton vehicles operating with 15 Fd. Coy. R.A.E. 8 Bde Det. now being used on general duties for Bde. Mail position very satisfactory. Lecture by A.E.S. NCO in afternoon.	<i>A</i>
ditto	18th July 44		Weather dull and overcast Tpt. as for 17/7/44. Spare personnel engaged in improvements to area.	<i>A</i>
ditto	19 July 44		Weather overcast with occasional showers Jeeps and Trailers carrying supplies from Barge point to D.I.D Siar. Spare personnel working with two Jeeps and Trailers carting gravel for unit road circuit and car park. Area showing big improvement over last fortnight.	<i>A</i>
ditto	20 July 44		Weather fine and sultry No mail for three days Lack of mail making troops anxious and disgruntled Tpt. as for 19 July, 44.	<i>A</i>

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Unit 39 Aust. Ind. Tpt. Pl. & R.D. Date and Time.—From 21st July, 44 To 25th July 44.

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Siar Plantation New Guinea - map Madang Airdrome 1:25000 ref.704298	21 July 44		Weather hot and sultry Jeeps and trailers used for Bn. duties. Spare Jeeps and trailers carting gravel for area Worst parts of circuit gravelled and now has hard surface. Picture show at 58/59 Bn. area 1930 hrs.	<i>P</i>
ditto	22 July 44		Weather hot & sultry Big mail arrives morale improved Improvements to area being carried out Gravelling of circuit nearing completion. Tpt. Duties as for 21st July, 44.	<i>P</i>
ditto	23 July 44		Weather continuing hot and sultry from all appearances a dry spell can be expected. Rest day all personnel not on duty engaged in washing Sports etc. Swim parade to Nagada in afternoon. 2 Jeeps and trailers detached to 22 Bn.	<i>P</i>
ditto	24 July 44		Weather hot and sultry Gravelling of circuit completed. 2 Jeeps and trailers engaged in area picking up fallen coronants etc. Engineers constructing road from Madang nearing Siar D.I.D. Lecture by A.E.S. MCO in afternoon.	<i>P</i>
ditto	25 July 44		Weather fine drying up of ground lowering humidity. Wells show signs of drying up. Tpt. duties as for 24th July 44.	<i>P</i>

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Unit 39 Aust. Ind. Tpt. Pl. & R.D. Date and Time.—From 26th July 44.....To 31st July 44.....

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Siar Plantation New Guinea - map Madang Airdrome 1:25000 ref 704298	26 July 44		Weather continuing fine Cases of skin rashes now showing signs of diminishing General health good Mail arriving regularly. Routine Tpt. duties.	<i>P</i>
ditto	27 July 44		Weather fine 8 Bde Det. engaged on D.I.D., postal and canteen duties. All Jeeps and trailers being used to clear extra supply barges. Spare personnel engaged in improvements to area.	<i>P</i>
ditto	28 July 44		Weather fine Jeeps and trailers on routine supply duties. 15 Bde. Det. being used in clearing Bn. areas. Picture show at 58/59 Bn. area 1930 hrs.	<i>P</i>
ditto	29 July 44		Weather fine Spare personnel engaged in clearing area. Tpt. duties as for 28/7/44.	<i>P</i>
ditto	30 July 44		Weather fine Rest day washing and swim parade. Handicap Table tennis tournament played in Recreation Hut at night creating considerable interest among troops.	<i>P</i>
ditto	31 July 44		Weather continuing fine. Wells nearly dry Routine transport duties. Lecture by A.E.S. NCO in afternoon.	<i>P</i>

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AMST IND 172 PL

Serial 4  
Form 22-32

22. MAINTENANCE OF VEHICLES

(a) From recent inspections of vehicles it would appear that maintenance of vehicles has been neglected to a certain extent. It is realized that conditions are very adverse, but this does not exonerate any one from the responsibility of any neglect of maintenance. Particular attention must be paid to batteries, bow hooks (both jeep and tir) tools, and excess rusting of the body. The use of sludge pump oil would prevent excess rusting of some of the above parts. Greasing must be done at every opportunity. The wet conditions soon forces the grease out of shackles, universal joints, wheel bearing etc, resulting in the deterioration of these components unless adequate greasing is carried out.

(b) Several cases of incorrect towing have been noticed lately. The tow chain must be attached to the 'towed' vehicle by first passing through the front chassis member and then locking around the bumper bar. Under no circumstances will a tow be taken on the bumper bar only.

23. ACCIDENTS

Detachment 804 is reminded that the movement of vehicles and personnel (i.e. Workshops in case of vehicles, and hospital etc in case of personnel) MUST be notified immediately to Pl HQ.

24. MOSQUITO NETS

(a) Anti-malarial instructions provide that when shirts, jackets etc are worn, the top button ONLY will be left undone. Under no circumstances will shirts be left open at the front or sleeves rolled.

(b) In future any mosquito nets found requiring repairs will result in disciplinary action against the person to whom the net has been issued.

25. TYRES - METHOD OF IDENTIFICATION AND REPAIRS (GPO 2/157/44)

1. Advice received from overseas indicates that certain new vehicles allotted for shipment are equipped with synthetic tyres and tubes.

2. In order that all personnel may be familiar with the means of identification of these items and the conditions governing their operation, the information and instructions set out hereunder will be noted and strictly adhered to.

3. Tyres (a) Method of Identification:- All synthetic tyres will be identified by the letters SHPS, embossed in a red medallion on the tyre sidewall.

(b) Conditions governing operation: Same as for crude rubber tyres, consequently the inflation pressures prescribed in current instructions will apply.

(c) Treatment of worn or damaged tyres:- Worn or damaged tyres of synthetic rubber will be forwarded through normal channels to Retained Stores Depot where they will be examined by an inspector of rubber who will arrange for further action as may be necessary.

4. Tubes: (a) Method of Identification:- Synthetic tubes are at present being manufactured from Buna rubber only, which product is known as CR-3. The synthetic tubes will be identified by a red stripe on the rim area.

(b) Treatment of damaged tubes:- Repair of damaged tubes of synthetic rubber will not be attempted in the field. Any tube that has suffered damage will be replaced and the damaged tube will be forwarded through normal channels to a Retained Stores Depot when it will be examined by an inspector of rubber who will arrange for further action as may be necessary.

26. MISUSE OF ARMY TPT - THEFT OF PETROL GNS 2123/44.

1. Whenever it appears that a member has used a Government vehicle for an unauthorized purpose, he will be charged with the unauthorized use of the vehicle.

MISUSE OF ARMY TPT ETC (Cont.)

2. When it appears warranted by the circumstances of the case, a charge under A.A.18 (4) of stealing public property will also be laid in respect of any unauthorised use or taking of any government petrol in the course of an unauthorised use of a Govt. vehicle.
3. The charges laid concerning the one incident should all be on the one charge sheet and may be heard together.

27. PRESERVATION OF WOODWORK OF RIFLES. GRC.Q.174/44.

1. Raw linseed oil will be used to preserve the wood work of rifles in accordance with this order.
2. Once a month, each member each member will apply the oil to the outside of the fore end, butt and handguards of his rifle in the following manner:
  - (a) Remove all dust and dirt by wiping with a dry rag.
  - (b) Apply a small quantity of raw linseed oil to the woodwork and rub it well into the wood, care being taken to keep the oil away from the metal parts.
  - (c) Allow the rifle to stand for approx. three hours and then wipe off all superfluous oil with a clean, dry, rag.
3. Each stock, fore-end, butt and handguard held as a spare on unit charge will be similarly treated by an ARMB Armourer.
4. Raw Linseed Oil will be demanded by each unit on the scale of 10 pints for every 1000 rifles.

28. ISSUE OF TOBACCO AND CIGARETTES (5 AUST DIV RO Q.125 of 19 Jun 44)

1. The previous issue of Tobacco by AACGS was only instituted to meet the exceptionally arduous conditions of certain of the early campaigns in N.GUINNA, when AACGS was unable to supply.
2. The same principle will be observed in future, and, by instructions from NGF, an emergency issue to forward troops of 5 AUST DIV will only be made at the discretion of the Divisional Commander when normal canteen supplies cannot be arranged by units.

29. PRESERVATION OF TEAK PLANTATION (5 AUST DIV RO Q.126 of 19 Jun 44)

1. A teak plantation is located at ref map ALEXISHAPEN 1:25000 V12382.
2. All troops will be warned that this plantation is not to be destroyed or damaged, as the trees are the only ones in the North of N.G. and are required for seed purposes.
3. The area will be marked by notices and will be out of bounds to all ranks.

30. PAY - CONSERVATION OF CURRENCY

1. To conserve currency in the area, members returning to the Mainland will not, except for special reasons, be paid more than £5 each.
2. Such members may draw the full amounts credited in their respective paybooks on arrival at the unit or depot on the mainland to which they are moved, or at the Mainland LTD from which they are released on leave, as the case may be.

31. NATIVE VILLAGES

1. All native villages and including Chinese settlements and gardens are out of bounds to all ranks, with the exception of those members who, on account of their special duties, require to visit or pass through such areas.
2. In this regard the appropriate ANGAU Office will, on receipt of applications from HQ Formations, Australian and American, issue to the specified members such passes as may be required.
3. ANGAU will erect suitable signs at the places referred to.

32. FELLING COCONUT TREES (HQ COMD RO Para 97 of 20 Jun 44)

1. No coconut trees will be felled unless authority is given by CASC and then only in special circumstances, such as when trees have been previously damaged by shell fire etc.

..... Lieut.  
O.C. 39 AUST INF BPT PL & RDI.

39 AUST IND GRN TPT PL & RDI (AIP)

CANTEEN ACCOUNT

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT AS AT 28 JUN 44

Purchases	57 9 7	Sales	84 8 7
Sundry Expenses	2 4 2	Discounts	3 7 5
Stock Carried f/sard28	17 4	Sundry receipts	15 6
Profit for month	4 12 1	Stock on hand	12 11 8
	<u>£101 3 2</u>		<u>£101 3 2</u>

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 28 JUN 1944

LIABILITIES

Capital A/C	74 14 7
Profit for month	4 12 1
Less	79 6 8
Canteen Distribut.	<u>24 5 0</u>
	<u>£55 1 8</u>

ASSETS

Cash on hand	42 10 0
Stock on hand	12 11 8
	<u>£55 1 8</u>

We certify that we have examined the Cash Book vouchers, Regt. Trust Book, relating to the Unit canteen and Regt. Fund A/Cs of 39 AUST IND TPT PL & RDI and that in our opinion the state correctly sets out the position of the Fund as at 28 Jun 44.

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Unit Auditor  
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39 AUST IND GRN TPT PL & RDI (AIP)

REGIMENTAL TRUST FUND ACCOUNT

June 1 44. Bal. B/P from 27 May 44 £68/18/6  
" 28 44. WP.191 F61277 C.P. for Apr 6/ 3/4

Expenditure  
NIL

Balance as per WF.145

£72/ 2/-  
£72/ 2/-

NOTICES

The Canteen Hours will be :

1200 hrs - 1400 hrs  
1600 hrs - 1800 hrs

Distribution

1. War Diary ✓
1. HQ COMD AGC
1. 154 AGT COY
1. 4 BDE DET.
1. 8 BDE DET.
1. 15 BDE DET.
2. FILE.

At 0000 Hrs. Saturday 9/194 (Unit) & RDI  
W.E. 14/1/194 OFFRS. O.R's + OFFRS. O.R's ATT. BY W.E.

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

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\* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

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

#### OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK.

[illegible]

### OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank	No and Initials	Unit To	Dish	CATER
			NIL		

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

[illegible]

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

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

[illegible]

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

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Date of Despatch

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Signature of Commander

Signature of Commander  
D.C. 89 Ant. [Signature] M. C. RD





Part E Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3008 at 0800 Hours Saturday 1944

Unit

Deficiencies NCOs

NX176432 Gp Stewart S.E. Marched out 8/5/44 to attend AAFC Gen. Duties School, Carbalah Queensland Hence on 24 days ARL





Army Form W.3022  
(Adapted) (Page 2)  
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Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return To \_\_\_\_\_ (Unit) is Particularly Requested. 157/194

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Signature of Commander \_\_\_\_\_



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PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 22/7/1944

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NOTE.—(a) If rank other than captain is desired, see details on back.

(b) Authorized trades or specialists not included in list will be added as required in spaces provided.

(d) Where A.W.A.R. and/or A.A.M.W.S. personnel are desired show details on back.

(c) Where any request or notation is made on back of form, the words "See Back" should be written in one of the blank spaces on this page.

Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander:

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59 Aust. Ind. Tpt. *30/1/1941* (Serial No.)  
(Unit)

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PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 29/1/1944.

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.			Part C. Other Ranks Included in Part A Detached to Other Units.			
Number of O.R.s.	Unit to which they belong O.R.s.	Unit to which they belong O.R.s.	Number of O.R.s.	Unit to which detached. O.R.s.	Number of O.R.s.	Unit to which detached. O.R.s.
7	5 Aust Div Regt		10	Mor Co Aust 2nd A/c		
1	14 n. 46 Regt		3	" " Aust 2nd A/c		
			3	" 7 Aust 2nd A/c		
			8	15 Aust Div Regt.		
			4	3rd Aust Div Regt / Pl		
			2	Aust 2nd A/c		
			2	" "		
			8	" "		
			2	" "		
			61	" "		

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

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NOTES.—(a) If rank other than private is indicated give details on head

(c) Where A.W.A.S. and/or A.A.M.W.S. personnel are desired show details on back.

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*Date of Despatch*

Signature of Commander

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12 SEP 1944

Unit 39 Aust Ind. Tpt. Fl. & R.D.L.

Date and Time.—From 1st August 1944 To 4th Aug. 44

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Siar Plantation New Guinea - near Madang	1st Aug 44		Weather hot - very little rain Work progressing on Madang - Alexishafen road - anticipated Madang to Nagada will be open to Jeep traffic shortly. Morale of troops excellent - Recreation Hut, wireless and pictures are an important factor in this regard. Skin rashes still prevalent. Duties as for previous day.	<i>A</i>
Airdrome 1:25000 ref 704258.				
ditto	2nd Aug 44		Weather hot - No rain Condition of Dukws improving greatly due to work carried out by 154 A.G.L. Coy. W/Shops. New engines have been fitted - bilge pumps modified - hold flooring supports strengthened - brakes repaired etc. and the Dukws are now in better condition than when taken over at Kelanca in Jan 44.	
ditto	3rd Aug 44		Weather hot & No rain 2nd & 3rd Echelon repairs to vehicles in Siar area very difficult to obtain. 7 Bde & 4 Bde LAD's not functioning. Some vehicles being sent to Madang for attention by 154 AGT Coy W/Shops when permission to use road can be obtained. Duties - Jeeps & Trailers working with En's & Carrying supplies etc. from Barge to D.L.R. Dukws at Alexishafen and Siar still busy carrying personnel, Stores supplies etc. 3 ton vehicles on Road Construction.	<i>A</i>
ditto	4th Aug 44		Weather hot - No rain Condition of roads improving greatly in Siar area due to fine weather. Operations as for 3/8/44	<i>A</i>

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Unit 39. AUST. IND. TPT. FL. & R.D.I. Date and Time.—From 5th Aug. 44 To 9th Aug. 44

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Siar Plantation New Guinea—map Madang Airdrome 1:25000 ref 704298	5th Aug 44		Weather hot - No rain <del>Summit</del> despite lack of W/Shops attention to vehicles in Siar area general condition is improving. Each vehicle reports once weekly to Fl. H.Q. where Fl Fitter and 3 Drvs Mchcs inspect same thoroughly and carry out corrective maintenance. At the same time the driver of vehicle completely greases, cleans and maintains his vehicle. Six vehicles are handled in this fashion daily.	<i>A</i>
ditto	6th Aug 44		Weather hot & dry All transport very busy moving stores and personnel of 4 Bde proceeding on leave. Church Fde. and Rest Day for spare personnel.	<i>A</i>
ditto	7th Aug 44		Weather cloudy - No rain 6 X 3 ton vehicles attached to 15 Fld. Coy have now returned and are attached to 9 Bn. where they are assisting to clear area, make roads etc. Jeeps used as follows :- 17 Bde Duties 6 Supplies 2 Detached to 22Bn 5 Maintenance 6 Awaiting W/Shops attention	<i>A</i>
ditto	8th Aug 44		Dukws as for 3/8/44 3 ton water vehicles used supplying the 7 Bde. Sky overcast - very humid - No rain Ops. as for 7/8/44 6 Jeeps and trailers att. 15 Bde now att. 7 Bde also 1 Dukw.	<i>A</i>
ditto	9th Aug 44		Weather sunny and hot To-day 6 Jeeps punctured tyres & due to lack of spare wheels in a few cases transport duties were delayed D.I.D. were requested to clean up nails etc. lying around D.I.D. area. Ops. as for 7/8/44	<i>A</i>

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





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Unit 39 Aust. Ind. Tpt. Fl. A.R.D.I. Date and Time.—From 10th Aug. 44 To 15th Aug. 44

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Siar Plantation New Guinea - map Madang Airdrome 1:25000 ref 704298	10th Aug 44		Weather hot and dry Permission has been granted to use Madang - Siar road for special cases, such as urgent spare parts from 154 AGT. or Jeeps requiring attention urgently. This partly solves the present lack of adequate W/shops in Siar area.	
ditto	11th Aug. 44		Weather very hot - overcast but no rain. Reco made for 7 Bde of old Mission track to Nob Nob which is being used as M.Q. for Fl. patrolling hills N.W. of Siar. Track suitable for Jeep traffic after minor improvements.	
ditto	12th Aug 44		Weather hot - light showers of rain. Vehicles to-day used as follows:- 10 Jeeps on 7 Bde Duties 6 " " " " " 6X3 ton vehicles 9 Bn road work 8 Jeeps Supplies for D.I.D. Siar 2 Jeeps Det. 22 Bn. 4 Jeeps Maintenance 5 Awaiting W/Shops Attention	
ditto	13th Aug 44		Weather overcast with some showers Church Pde - Rest Day- Sports - Washing pds. Cricket match played against 29 Bn. Scores 29 Bn all out 150 39 Bn all out for 48. Personnel all keen for these matches to continue.	
ditto	14th Aug 44		Weather fine and hot Ops. same as for 12/8/44	
ditto	15th Aug 44		Cool change, some rain. Condition of vehicles improving due to better road conditions and regular inspection and maintenance. Morale of troops good - entertainment one night weekly, usually picture show.	

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Unit 39 Aust. Ind. Tpt. Fl. & R. D.I. Date and Time.—From 16th Aug 44 To 21st Aug 44.

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Siar Plantation New Guinea - map Madang Airdrome 1:25000 ref 704298	16th Aug 44		Weather hot - No rain 5 Div. R/Q rec'd stating that road between Siar & Nagada is officially open to all traffic. Remainder of road still closed.	<i>P</i>
ditto	17th Aug 44		Weather very hot - No rain V.O.L.'s of all vehicles checked to-day. Only minor losses but all vehicles urgently require tools and equipment. Dukw att. to 7 Bds recalled to H.Q. for thorough check maintenance and repainting. Ops. as for 12/8/44	<i>P</i>
ditto	18th Aug 44		Weather hot Rifle Range (30 yds.) at Siar inspected to-day in preparation for Platoon Rifle shoot. All vehicles busy on Rn. and supply duties.	<i>P</i>
ditto	19th Aug 44		Weather overcast- light showers - very humid Ops. as for 18/8/44	<i>P</i>
ditto	20th Aug 44		Church Pde. - Rest Day - Sports - Swimming	<i>P</i>
ditto	21st Aug 44		Weather fine and hot Platoon disposition:- H.Q. El. Madang Airdrome Ref 704298- 1 Off. 61 O/R's, 21 Jeeps 18 Trailers 7 X 3 ton, 1 Dukw, Det 154 AGF Coy Madang 5 O/R's 4 Dukws Det H.Q. 8 Bde. Madang East Ref 757393 16 O/R's 6 Jeeps 6 Trailers Det H.Q. 7 Bde. Madang Airdrome 727291 6 O/R's 2 Jeeps 1 Trailer 3 X 3 Ton Water Trucks. Det. 25 Bn. " " 732296 4 O/R's 2 Jeeps 2 Trailers Det 61 Bn. " " 720292 3 O/R's 2 " 2 "	<i>P</i>

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Unit 39 Aust. Ind. Tpt. Fl. A.R.D.I. Date and Time.—From 22nd Aug. 44.....To 28th Aug 44.....

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Siar Plantation New Guinea - map Madang Airdrome 1:25000 ref 704298	22nd Aug 44		Weather cool, heavy rain 1 Jeep 1 Trailer transferred to 7 Bde Sig. Section. Health of troops good except for prevalence of skin rashes. Mail continues to arrive O.K. but with Movt. of Bdes. to and from Mainland some delay was experienced over past three weeks.	<i>Ch</i>
ditto	23rd Aug 44		Weather humid- some rain 1 Jeep transferred to 9 Aust Inf Bn. Normal transport duties for Bn's supplies etc. Dukw at H.Q. returned to 7 Bde. for duty- thorough Maintenance carried out.	<i>Ch</i>
ditto	24th Aug 44		Weather fine and hot. Work has been proceeding during past month on the repair of Aust type Jeep trailers. Wheel bearings in these vehicles have been unprocureable for months but due to discovery that front wheel bearings from Jap Staff cars are suitable most of the trailers are now serviceable.	<i>Ch</i>
ditto	25th Aug 44		Weather hot - heavy rain during night 2 X 3 ton vehicles grounded for top overhaul all other vehicles used for barge clearance, roadwork, for Bn's supplies to patrolling Platoons of 9 and 61 Bn's etc.	<i>Ch</i>
ditto	26th Aug 44		Weather fine and hot Road between Sth. Alexishafen and Madang almost completed, some Jeeps of this Platoon have been using Siar-Madang portion with permission of Engrs. This facilitates repairs and speeds up the procuring of spare parts.	<i>Ch</i>
ditto	27th Aug. 44		Weather cool Rest Day - washing- swim parade etc. Message rec'd to select 15 personnel for 21 days home leave.	<i>Ch</i>
ditto	28th Aug 44		Weather hot - rain fell during night. Message from received stating road from Sth. Alexishafen to Madang now open to traffic - Mililat road still closed. Normal Transport duties.	<i>Ch</i>

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Unit 39 Aust. Ind. Tpt. Fl. &amp; R.D.I. Date and Time.—From 29th Aug. 44 To 31st Aug. 44

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ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

By

Lieut. K.W. CHAPPLE,  
O.C., 39 AUST INF TPT PL & NDI (AIF)

Serial 5

Paras 33 - 44

4 Aug 44.

33. BATTERIES, CARE & CONSERVATION (GRO 0204/44)

1. It is apparent that all ranks have not been impressed with the seriousness of the present shortages of batteries for MT and wireless requirements. Every effort will be made to preserve and prolong the working life of this equipment.
2. Replacement parts are in very short supply and new cases unobtainable, which situation is further aggravated by the return of batteries from units with all covers broken and cases smashed. It is the direct responsibility of all units to prevent this wastage.
3. Cleanliness, regular maintenance, correct storage and use will ensure that units obtain the maximum service from batteries, and that sound, well preserved stores are returned for reconditioning.
4. EECs, specialists, and drivers of this PL will give this matter their personal attention.

34. HANDLING AND USE OF NATIVE LABOUR

1. The manner of handling natives to achieve the best results is as follows:
  - (a) A group of natives will normally be accompanied by a white overseer who is responsible for seeing that the natives carry out the duties allotted them in a proper manner as expeditiously as possible, all orders to the <sup>natives</sup> being given through the overseer.
  - (b) Australian or Allied personnel will NOT be permitted to fraternize with the natives at any time, nor engage them in conversation, nor shall they offer them presents of any kind, including tobacco or cigarettes. The practice of bartering will not be permitted.
2. It is to be impressed on all concerned that the prestige of the white man in the eyes of the natives must be maintained at all costs, only by so doing can the best results be obtained.

35. NUDE BATHING

1. No person shall, after the date of this order, bathe in the nude in any river, creek, lagoon, or waterhole, or in harbour or coastal waters adjacent to or visible from any main road, wharf, or public thoroughfare.

36. IDEAS FOR IMPROVEMENT TO EQPT.

1. The soldier and Regtl. Offr, being the actual users of army eqpt., can often see the need for improvement, and think of means for effecting them.
2. Recently, a soldier, irritated by his boot laces when tied around the ankle constantly slipping up over the top of the boot, suggested that a loop be incorporated in the back of the boot. HQ adopted the idea, and now all boots, universal, are being made with this loop. Actually, the soldier's own design was not perfect, and has been modified, but his idea is good and he will receive monetary reward for it. Where an idea ~~xxxxxx~~ can be patented, the Army Inventions Dept will give the soldier professional advice in safeguarding his interest.
3. Personnel desirous of submitting ideas will do so through normal channels to HQ 5 AUST DIV for forwarding to HQ.

37. MAXIMUM ALLOTMENT

1. It is advised that proficiency pay is part of a member's daily rate of pay, and accordingly the maximum allotment which can be made by a private soldier in receipt of Proficiency Pay is 6/- per day.

38. CLOTHES RATIONING (Amend. to GPO FL84/44)

1. A member claiming special clothing ration coupons in order to purchase an initial supply of household linen on the occasion of setting up a new house will apply direct to the DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF RATIONING in the state of residence.

39. TELEGRAMS - DATES OF LODGMENT

1. Cases have occurred in which telegrams lodged by personnel in N.G. have reached mainland addresses at dates SUBSEQUENT to Army advices to next of kin of the death in action of the soldier concerned. These occurrences have been the cause of great distress of mind, recipients of the delayed messages being given misplaced hope that in the circumstances the casualty telegram is in error.
2. To make clear to recipients the actual date of origin of telegrams from soldiers in N.G., it has accordingly been decided to require that the date e.g. 30 Jun be inserted after the signature in telegrams lodged by personnel. The date detail will be regarded as chargeable addition, and this is to be taken into account in assessing amounts to be collected from senders.

40. RESULT OF SCHOOL

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41. DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS

1. No member shall discharge any firearms or detonate or cause to discharge any ammunition, grenade, or other explosive, otherwise than in the course of his duty.

42. CENSORSHIP - WOF GSI/5934 of 21 JUL 44.

1. Field troops may mention that they have visited any BASE SUB AREA south of and including MADANG. Mention of places under the status of a BASE SUB AREA or any place North of MADANG is NOT permitted. First person, singular must be used e.g. 'I visited Madang' not 'We visited Madang'.

43. FUEL - INCORRECT USAGE WHEN STARTING ENGINE

1. It has been found that personnel have been removing air cleaners on vehs., and pouring petrol through the carburettor air horn in an endeavour to facilitate starting.
2. With the advent of high octane fuel, fire hazards have been increased and to date eight severe casualties have occurred as a result of burns and shock following backfiring, at least one case being fatal.
3. This practice will cease forthwith, and all drivers are warned of the danger of such practice.

44. MEDICAL - SUPPRESSIVE ATBRIN IN NEW GUINEA

1. As from 12 JUL 44, the dosage of atebirin for all members serving in N.G. will be one tablet per man per day i.e. seven tablets weekly.
2. If any member fails to take atebirin any day, he will take two tablets on the following day. If two successive days are missed, three tablets will be taken on the following day.
3. All previous orders and instns relative to dosage of atebirin in N.G. are cancelled.

..... Lieut.  
O.C. 39 AUST IND TPT PL & RDI (AIF)

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1. The first group of people, the "old guard," were the ones who had been in the country for a long time. They were the ones who had built the country up from nothing. They were the ones who had made the country what it was today. They were the ones who had made the country a great place to live. They were the ones who had made the country a great place to work. They were the ones who had made the country a great place to be.

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W.E. 14981 OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 90 + OFFRS. - O.R's. 2 ATT. BY W.E.

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 5 / 8 / 1944

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.	Part C. Other Ranks Included in Part A Detached to Other Units.
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Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return To \_\_\_\_\_ (Unit) is Particularly Requested. \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/1944[illegible]

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(e) Where a request of notations is made on back of form, the words "See Back" should be written in one of the blank spaces on this page.

Signature of Commander \_\_\_\_\_

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W.E. 1/28/71 OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 10 + OFFRS. - O.R's. 2 ATT. BY W.E.

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 12/8/1944

Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return To \_\_\_\_\_ (Unit) is Particularly Requested. \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/194\_\_\_\_[illegible]

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Signature of Commander



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W.E. 7/31/14 OFFRS. O.R's. 76 + OFFRS. O.R's. 2 ATT. BY W.E.

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 19/8/1944

Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return To \_\_\_\_\_ (Unit) is Particularly Requested. 19 / 8 / 1994

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NOTE:—(a) If rank other than private is involved give details on back.  
(b) Authorized tracks or specialties not included in Bat will be added as required in spaces provided.  
(c) Where A.W.A.R. and/or A.A.M.W.S. personnel are desired show details on back.  
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**PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 26/8/1944.**

Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return To \_\_\_\_\_ (Unit) Is Particularly Requested. AUG 2 1944[illegible]

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Signature of Commander \_\_\_\_\_

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Unit 39 Aust Ind Tpt Fl & R.D.I.

Date and Time.—From 1st Sept 44

To 4th Sept. 44

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Siar Plantation New Guinea - Map Madang Airdrome 1:25000 ref 704258.	1st Sept		Weather :- Sky overcast - light showers - very humid. All Tpt Siar area busy. Supply barges arrived at 0815 K. 1000 K& 1600 K kept six Jeeps and Trailers on the job from 0815 until 1730 K. All other Tpt used on Bn. duties. 3 ton water vehicles now saved considerable time and labour by the establishment of a pump at the Nagada River. Dukws at Alex. and Siar working on supplies, dumping rubbish, stores and personnel. Road Alex. - Madang cutting up slightly due to rain in the past week. Platoon area is also becoming slightly muddy.	<i>N happy kind</i>
ditto	2nd Sept		Weather very sultry - heavy rain during night. Instruction received from 154 A.G.T. Coy. R.Q. that in future Pl. Comdr. will personally administer atebirin on the evening mess parade and check names against a special roll. All vehicles in Siar area were to-day G4'd in preparation for future ops. Tpt. used on Bde. & Bn. duties, supplies etc.	<i>B</i>
ditto	3rd Sept		Weather fine and hot. Rest Day, swim parade. 2 X 3 ton and 6 Jeeps and Trailers, 3 X 3 ton water vehicles used on 7 Bde. duties. 15% of Platoon attended native Sing-Sing in Madang. The celebration was held in honour of three natives decorated for valour in New Guinea.	<i>B</i>
ditto	4th Sept		Weather very humid and cloudy. Vehicles used to-day as follows:- 3 Jeeps & Trailers, 2 X 3 ton 9 Bn. 1 X 3 ton D.I.D. duties do do do 81 Bn. 5 Jeeps & Trls. Supplies 2 X 3 ton 82 Bn. Beer issue to-day, all personnel appear to appreciate two bottles per week.	<i>B</i>

Capt. Prisoner Discharge

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Unit 39 Aust Ind Tpt Pl & R.D.I.

Date and Time.—From 5th Sept. 44 To 9th Sept. 44

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Siar Plantation New Guinea - Map Madang Airdrome 1:25000 ref 704258	5th Sept		Weather very humid. Duties as for 4th Sept. All vehicles C4'd by 154 A.G.T. Coy. with a view to replacing those considered unsuitable for operations.	<i>A</i>
ditto	6th Sept		Weather hot and sunny. Vehicles used for supplies, Bn. duties etc. Kit inspection of all personnel held to-day. Dukw at 7 Bde. withdrawn for repairs and replaced by Dukw from 154 A.G.T. Coy. W/Shops. Last night 7 Bde. YMCA Officer provided musical entertainment with gramophone and pick up. This was greatly appreciated by all personnel. Also received some tables, games etc. for the Recreation Hut.	<i>M</i>
ditto	7th Sept		Weather fine and hot. Inspection Pde. and training carried out this morning. All available Tpt. on duties for 7 Bde. 8 Bde., and Siar D.I.D.	<i>B</i>
ditto	8th Sept		7 Bde. Armourer has commenced to zero all weapons. Sports committee elected to-day with a view to organising football competition matches against 7 Bde. units. Weather very humid. Jeeps and Trailers and 3 ton vehicles used for 7 Bde. Duties. 6 Jeeps and Trailers moved ammunition from Barge Point to Siar D.I.D. Zeroing of rifles continues.	<i>B</i>
ditto	9th Sept		Weather cool and dull. Tpt. as for 8th Sept. Health & morale of troops good. Rec. Hut has just been refurbished by 7 Bde. YMCA Officer. Football & Baseball teams are in training & should play next Sunday or Sunday week.	<i>A</i>

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Siar Plantation New Guinea - Map Madang Airdrome 1:25000 ref 704258.	10th Sept		Weather very humid. Rest Day. Swim parade and washing. 10 Jeeps and Trailers used on 7 Bde. Duties.	<i>A</i>
ditto	11th Sept		No change in weather. All vehicles transporting fresh supplies, Bde. duties etc. Capt Maxtid from N.G.F. to-day commenced an inspection of all vehicles.	<i>A</i>
ditto	12th Sept		Weather very humid. Vehicles used as follows:- 5 Jeeps and trailers - 61 Bn. 4 Jeeps & Trls. - Supplies 3 do do - 9 Bn. 4 do do - Maint. 3 do do - 25 Bn. 6 X 3 ton - 7 Bde. Duties 1 do do - ADOS Nagada. 1 X 3 ton - D.I.D. 3 Supply barges arrived unexpectedly. O.C. Pl's vehicle pressed into service to assist. N.G.F. inspection of vehicles proceeding.	<i>A</i>
ditto	13th Sept		Weather still extremely humid. Duties as for 12th. Morale good. Skin rashes and some Dengue Fever are still problems.	<i>A</i>
ditto	14th Sept		Weather-no change. All tpt. busily engaged. N.G.F. inspection almost completed. Mail arriving more regularly now and with added interest of afternoon sports, training for football and baseball, morale of troops is high.	<i>A</i>
ditto	15th Sept		Weather hot and sunny, slight breeze. Last night 3 ton vehicles worked until 2000 hrs moving 25 Bn. stores and personnel into Siar Area and also transporting Malaria Control Unit to Madang. All vehicles out on duty to-day with the exception of 4 on maint.	<i>A</i>

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Unit 39 Aust Ind Tpt Pl & R.D.I.

Date and Time.—From 16th Sept 44 To 20th Sept. 44.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Siar Plantation New Guinea - Map Madang	16th Sept		Weather no change. Duties same as for 15th Sept.	
Airdrome 1:25000 ref 704358.			Rece made of Mob-Mob track, repairs and improvements recommended to 7 Bde. H.Q. in order to avoid future excessive spring breakages.	<i>B</i>
ditto	17th Sept		Pl. League team played 61 Bn. Seconds - scores 61 Bn 5; 39 Pl 2. Baseball team played 25 Bn scores - 25 Bn. 15; 39 Pl. 9. Other personnel went on swim parade etc.	<i>B</i>
ditto	18th Sept		All personnel inspected by M.O. for skin diseases which are very prevalent. all tpt. engaged on tpt. of Bn. personnel, stores and supplies for D.I.D. Some vehicles last night went to Madang airstrip to light up same to assist some Thunderbolts to land.	<i>B</i>
ditto	19th Sept		Message rec'd to-day reads "Secret. 5 Aust Div O1128. 7 & 8 Bdes and units originally under Comd. will be re-constituted as 7 & 8 Bde. Groups as from 190600 I. Op. inst. detailing O.O.B. follows. This Pl. is now back under command 8 Bde. H.Q. All vehicles busy to-day carrying ammunition from Siar D.I.D. and Bn. duties.	<i>B</i>
ditto	20th Sept		All tpt. busy. Advance parties of 8 Bde. now arriving in Siar area. 7 X 3 ton vehicles worked late last night moving 4 Bn. into area. Information received from 154 A.G.T. Coy. that a new W.E. of vehicles had been approved viz:- 7 M/Cycles; 2 X 15 cwt vehicles; 14 Jeeps; 13 Trailers; 1 X 3 ton; 21 X 3 ton load carriers.	<i>B</i>

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Unit 39 Aust Ind Tpt Pl & R.D.I.

Date and Time.—From 21st Sept. 44. To 27th Sept. 44

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
S iar Plantation New Guinea - Map Madang Airdrome 1:2500 ref 704258.	21st Sept.		Weather humid and cloudy. Efforts being made to-day to concentrate all Tpt. which will be transferred out to conform with new W.B.. Advance elements of Alex. Detachment arrive back to-day. Remainder should return by Sunday next.	<i>a</i>
ditto	22nd Sept		Same as for 21st Sept.. All tpt. engaged on supply & Bn duties.	<i>a</i>
ditto	23rd Sept		No change in weather. Hot showers were to-day completed for use of troops following a suggestion by an M.O. that this may reduce the skin rashes which are so prevalent. Improvements to Mess Hut have been carried out in preparation for rainy season which should start soon. Other preparations are the building of a firm circuit and car park for vehicles. Most of 8 Bde. now concentrated in Siar area.	<i>a</i>
ditto	24th Sept		Rest Day. Pl. soccer team played 25 Bn. 5 X 3 ton vehicles working to-day moving a company of 9 Bn. from Amron Mission to 9 Bn. area. Other tpt. being used for teams and supporters of both 7 & 8 Bdes. for League Matches between 61 Bn. and 30 Bn.. 35 Bn. and 25 Bn..	<i>a</i>
ditto	25th Sept		Weather hot and overcast. All tpt. busily engaged. Hot showers have proved popular. C heck on skin diseases will be made shortly to ascertain improvement or otherwise following use of hot water.	<i>a</i>
ditto	26th Sept		Heavy rain during night. 1 Dukw to-day ret'd from 7 Bde.. 1 Dukw ret'd from 8 Bde. Both these Dukws will in future operate from Pl. H.Q.	<i>a</i>
ditto	27th Sept		Weather dull and humid Ops same as for previous week.	<i>a</i>

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# WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

Army Form 02118

(adapted.)

(Erase heading not required)

Unit 39 AUST. IND. TPT. PL. & R.D.I.

Date and Time.—From 28th Sept. 44 To 30th Sept. 44

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Siar Plantation New Guinea - Map Madang Airdrome 1:25000 ref 704258	28th Sept		Heavy Rain during night. 3X 3 ton Water Trucks to-day returned from 7 Bde. Units and are now attached to following :- 1 8 Bde. H.Q. 1 35 Bn. 1 4 Bn. 6 Jeeps and Trailers working to-day for new Siar D.I.D. 8 do do do do do 7 Bde. Units. 6 X 3 ton vehicles do do do 8 Bde. Units. 4 Jeeps and Trls & 1 DUKW working for 8 Bde. Units.	
ditto	29th Sept		Weather cool and wet. Operations:- Normal Transport duties.	
ditto	30th Sept		No change in weather. Disposition of Platoon now as follows:- Unit Location Personnel Vehicles Off. O/R'S Jeeps Trls 3 ton 4x4W Platoon H.Q. Madang Airdrome 704258 1 62 21 21 7 4 H.Q. 8 Bde. 1 1 H.Q. 7 Bde. 3 2 1 61st Bn. 3 2 2 25th Bn. 4 2 2 4th Bn. 3 1 1 1 35th Bn. 3 1 1 1 154 A.G.T. Coy. W/Shops. 4 1 Leave 16 1 95 33 29 7 3 5	Dukwa.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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(Revised Jan., 1943)  
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Army Form W3003  
(Adapted) (Page 2)  
(Revised Jan., 1943)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 2/4/1949 Aust. Ind. Trn. (Unit) RDI

W.E. 1/19/19 OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 1 + OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 1 ATT. BY W.E.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. ENCLOSED ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Edu't'n Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Paid Strength.		Aids or Corps.	Paid Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Edu't'n Required.
				Lieut.-Colonels Major Captains Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.B. Offrs. Civiliana Counting as Offrs.					

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units modified in para. 30 of instructions for completion of form will complete Part B(1) & B(2).

\* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

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

### OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

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#### OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

[illegible]

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

Army No.	Race	Name and Initials	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).
		N/L	

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

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 2/4/194. (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

[illegible]

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

[illegible]

Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

A.W., 2000, 144, 18/03



At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 2/9/1945 89 Aust. Ind. Tro. (Unit) RD

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

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

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W. R. ENROLLMENT ATTACHED:																ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W. R.																							
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																W.O. Class I. W.O. Class II. Squads or Company Quartermaster Sgts. Staff Sergeants Sergeants Corporals Troopers, Privates, etc. Civilians counting as O.R. * Totals of cols. marked * should agree with totals shown in Part E on Page 3																							
Analysis of Part A is to be shown here by ALL units. Only when detailed in para. 1 of instructions for completion of this return will complete contents of Part B(1) and B(2).																G.M.P.																							
* * Personnel belonging to a company not provided for in the schedule will be shown in this Col. Particulars will be shown, e.g., in U.S. Forces, in U.S. Force.																A.W.A.S. A.A.M.W.S. C.T.S. B.A.N. S.A.A.P. * * TOTAL 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55 56 57 58 59 60 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 70 71 72 73 74 75 76 77 78 79 80 81 82 83 84 85 86 87 88 89 90 91 92 93 94 95 96 97 98 99 100																							
Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.																Part C. Other Ranks Included in Part A Detached to Other Units.																							
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## Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return To \_\_\_\_\_ (Unit) Is Particularly Requested. \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/194\_\_\_\_

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PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 1/9/194

[illegible]

NOTES.—(a) If rank other than article is involved, give details on the

(b) Authorized trades or specialties not included in (a) will be added as required to ensure coverage.

(d) Where employment not desired note accordingly on return by insertion of "Return Required" in column 10.

(a) Where any request or notation is made on back of form, the words "Get Back" should be written in one of the blank spaces on this page.

Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

Deficiencies NCOs  
NX176432 Cpl Stewart 76  
X Leaded - Now on leave  
following APSC Gen Duties School  
Cabrera

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 9/9/1941. 39 Aust. Ind. T (Unit)

W.E. / / OFFRS. O.R's. + OFFRS. - O.R's. 2 ATT. BY W.E

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

1234				5	678910						
W.8. KEYCLOSING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.8.						
Details Required	Indefinite W.8.	Replies to W.8.	Pinpoint Strength		Ann. or Corps.	Pinpoint Strength.	Replies to W.8.	Indefinite W.8.	Replies/Ann.		
				W.O. Class I.							
				W.O. Class II.							
				Squadron or Company Quartermaster Serg.							
				Staff Sergeants							
				Sergeants							
				Corporals							
				Troopers, Privates, etc.							
				Civilians (including ex-C.B.)							
				* Totals of cols. marked should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.							
Analysis of Part A to be shown here by A.C. only. Only cols marked in para. 1 of this sample analysis of Part B(1) and B(2).				Detail	C.O.P.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.V.S.	CIVIL	B.A.N.	B.A.A.P.	** TOTAL.
				A	Under 15 Years and over.						
				B(1)							
				B(2)							

\* Personal belonging to a casualty not provided for in the analysis will be shown in the C.B. (including) will be shown, e.g., 30 U.S. Forces, 13 P.O. Forces.

## Part B. Other Banks Attached from Other Units

[illegible]

Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return To (Unit) is Particularly Requested. 2/2/196

[illegible]

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

[illegible]

NOTES:—(a) If race other than private is involved give details on back.  
(b) Authorized trader or specialist not included in list will be added as required in spaces provided.  
(c) Where A.W.A.B. and/or A.A.M.W.B. personnel are desired show details on back.  
(d) Where replacement not desired see accordingly on return by insertion of N.B. in col. "Reints. Required".  
(e) Where any request or notation is made on back of form, the words "for back" should be written in space.

Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander \_\_\_\_\_







### FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 16/7/1944 Aust. Ind. Tpt. Co. (Unit)

W.E. / / OFFRS. 1 O.R's 90 + OFFRS. - O.R's 2 ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

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W.E. EXCLUSIONS ATTACHED				DETAIL	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Paid to Recipient	Paid to W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Paid to Recipient		Arm or Corps	Paid to Recipient	Surplus to W.E.	Paid to W.E.	Paid to Recipient
				W.O. Class I.					
				W.O. Class II.					
				Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgt.					
				Staff Sergeants					
				Sergeants					
				Corporals					
				Troopers, Privates, etc.					
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
				Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2					

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL											
Details	A.S.P.	O.M.F.									
		Under 18 Years.	18 Years and over.	A.W.A.R.	S.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.I.A.P.	%	TOTAL	
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## Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

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## Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return To \_\_\_\_\_ (Unit) is Particularly Requested. 16 / 9 / 1954

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Unit

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**PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in**

Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 16/9/1941

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NOTES.—(a) If bank other than private is involved give details on back.  
(b) Authorized trader or specialists not included in list will be added as required in spaces provided.  
(c) Where A.W.S.B. and/or S.A.M.W.B. possessed are desired show details on back.  
(d) Where replacement not desired note accordingly on return by insertion of M.R. in col. "Wanted, Required."  
(e) Where not desired as condition of trade on back of front.

Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

N.C.O. Deficient

NX 1442 Cpl Stewart #6

X Listed In a yet following School  
(AASG Gen Duties Course) + Leave.





Army Form W3009 (Adapted)  
(Page 1)  
(Revised Jan., 1962.)  
29644 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 30/9/1944. (Unit)

W.E. 11/11 OFFRS. 1 O.R.'s 90 + OFFRS. - O.R.'s 2 ATT. BY W.E.

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

1234				5	6	7	8	9	10			
W.8. EXCLUDED ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.8.							
Notes Required	Defunct W.8.	Reverts to W.8.	Point Strength		Point Strength	Reverts to W.8.	Defunct W.8.	Notes Required				
				W.C. Class I.								
				W.C. Class II.								
				Squadron or Company Quartermaster Staff.								
				Staff Sergeants								
				Berginians								
				Corporals								
				Troopers, Privates, etc.								
				Civilians counting as O.R.								
				Total of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2								
Analysis of Part A to be shown here by detail. Only units verified in item 7 of the Appendix are operational. Units with no company account of Part A and B11.				A.I.P.	Under 21 to 25 years, and emp.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	D.A.M.	S.A.S.P.	**	TOTAL
* is Personnel inhering in a company and pro- vider for in the working list be shown in the Person. 10 R.2. Person				B11								
				B12								

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

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Part C. Other Ranks Included in Part A Detached to Other Units	
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Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return To \_\_\_\_\_ (Unit) is Particularly Requested. 309 / 1944

[illegible]

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 20/9/1941.

[illegible]

NOTES.—(a) If bank other than private is involved give details on bank.

(b) Authorized Under no speciality not included in list will be added as required in space provided below.

(d) Where replacement not desired note accordingly on return by insertion of "N/A".

(c) Where any request or notation is made on back of check, the words "See Back" should be written.

Date of Despatch:

L.H.Q. Price—516—10/45—416m

Signature of Commander



X Left-In 4 ACH following School  
MASC Gen. Dist. Course & leave.

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ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1.

by

Lieut. K.W. CHAPPLE.

O.C. 39 AUST. IND. TPT. PL. & R.D.I. (AIF).

Serial 6  
Paras 45-54.  
1st Sept:44

45. PERSONNEL - PROMOTIONS - WO's and NCO's. (5 Aust Div R/O 13/8/44).  
The appointment or promotion of a WO or NCO takes effect from the date notified in the Routine Order Part 11 authorizing the appointment or promotion or, if no date is so notified, from the date of the order. In cases of operational necessity or emergency, if the promotion of a member has been approved by a formation commander pursuant to GRC A187/44, the CO may approve of the member wearing the badges of the higher rank forthwith, pending promulgation of the promotion in Routine Orders Part 11. Notwithstanding this approval, the wearing of such badges will not entitle the member to the pay and allowances of such higher rank unless and until the promotion is so promulgated.
46. LOSSES OF EQUIPMENT. (5 Aust Div. R/O 13/8/44)  
1. Recently many applications for write off of equipment lost while crossing rivers etc. have been received by this Headquarters.  
2. Unless the crossing is made in the face of enemy opposition, this will not be accepted as an explanation, and disciplinary action will be taken against the soldier concerned.
47. DISCIPLINE - MEMBERS TRAVELLING IN ARMY VEHICLES. (NGF R/O Pt. 1.1/8/44)  
1. Para 10 of Standing Orders for Drivers of Mechanical Vehicles states "Personnel being carried on Army vehicles will not be permitted to sit on the sides or the tailboard or to stand on the running boards or guards. Except where the tactical situation makes departure from this Order necessary, troops will sit on the floor of the vehicle with their backs against the sides."  
2. The senior Officer or NCO travelling in a vehicle is responsible for ensuring that all members in the vehicle comply with this Order. To assist him in the execution of this responsibility, the senior Officer or NCO will, if travelling in the cabin of a truck or van, direct a member travelling in the back of the vehicle to be responsible for ensuring that this Order is carried out."
48. GRAVES - DESECRATION (NGF R/O Pt. 1. 1/8/44)  
1. Article 4 of the Red Cross Convention places an obligation on belligerent parties to the Convention (including Australia and Japan) to ensure that the dead are honourably interred and that their graves are respected and marked so that they may always be found.  
2. Unauthorized interference with human remains is a criminal offence under the laws of New Guinea, punishable by imprisonment with hard labour.  
3. No member of the Forces will, except in the course of his duty, in any way interfere with any grave, or any dead human body of whatever nationality, or any human remains; or without authority be in possession of any such remains including the ashes of a cremated soldier.
49. POSTAL & AIRMAIL SERVICE. (NGF R/O/Pt 1 1/8/44)  
An airmail Service is functioning from Ceylon to the United Kingdom via Egypt and Gibraltar. The service is also available to countries of Europe, Africa and Asia (west of India) with which postal communications have not been discontinued.  
The charge for correspondence from Australia over this route will be 1/6 per half ounce for letters, and 9d for post cards. The limit of 2 ounces in respect of airmail to England via America will not apply over this new route. All correspondence must be clearly marked "BY AIRMAIL."  
Until facilities for air service across the Indian Ocean are available mail from Australia will be forwarded by sea to connect it with the service at India or Egypt according to the suitability of existing shipping schedules.  
Air conveyance cannot be guaranteed over the Gibraltar-England section, but it is anticipated that sea transmission over this section will seldom be necessary.

32. INST. IND. TPT. IL & R.D.I. R/O's Pt 1. Contd.POSTAL - AIRMAIL SERVICE. Contd.

A reserve service from the United Kingdom to Ceylon is NOT at present functioning. The service to the United Kingdom via America continues to function. Sea transmission to America and thence by air to the United Kingdom. Correspondence over this route must be clearly marked "BY AIRMAIL via UNITED STATES". The fee is 2/1 per half ounce and is limited to 2 oss.

Detailed information in respect of the Ceylon-United Kingdom service is available at Base and Field Post Offices.

50. CONSERVATION OF RUBBER - SYNTHETIC TYRES. (GRO.0302 18/8/44).

1. This order will be read in conjunction with GRO 0167/1944.

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

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

- (a) exercise the utmost care to avoid -
    - overloading,
    - underinflation,
    - hard braking and fierce acceleration,
    - high speeds,
    - bumps and other causes of severe impact;
  - (b) check wheel alignment frequently and correct irregularities promptly;
  - (c) rotate tyres regularly;
  - (d) remove stones and flint from tyres during unit maintenance;
  - (e) submit tyres for replacement at the correct stages for reapplying; and
  - (f) submit damaged tyres for repair without delay.
4. Formation and units will ensure that prompt disciplinary action is taken where breaches of this order occur.

51. APPLICATION OF CLOTHES RATIONING to the ARMY.

The following is an Amendment to GRO 184/44.

MEMBERS WHO SET UP NEW HOMES.

A member claiming special Clothing Ration Coupons in order to purchase an initial supply of household linen on the occasion of setting up a home will apply direct to the Deputy Director of Rationing in the state of residence.

52. SICK PARADES.

In future personnel desiring to go on sick parade will be fallen out from the 0645 hrs. Roll Call parade and will immediately report to Platoon R.A.P. for the purpose of completing M6's.

Duty NCO will fall in the sick parade at 0830 hrs. and arrange transport to nearest M.O..

53. RESPONSIBILITIES OF DUTY NCO.

One Duty NCO will be appointed weekly.

His duties briefly, will comprise the following:-

- (a) Roll Call Parade 0645 hrs.
- (b) Inspection of tents 0820 hrs.
- (c) Sick Parade 0830 hrs.
- (d) Accompany O.C. on tour of inspection, 0900 hrs.
- (e) Call all Mess Parades.
- (f) Assist Platoon O.C. with Evening Atobrin Parade.
- (g) Post Guard at 1900 hrs.

54. IRREG.

The following points have been noticed in the past few weeks:-

- (a) Failure by some personnel to preserve their boots either by use of Dubbin or Boot Polish.
- (b) Failure by some personnel to wear gaiters AT ALL TIMES.

No further warnings will be issued and in future such members will be subject to disciplinary action.

*R. Chapp* Lieut.

O.C. 39 INST. IND. TPT. IL & R.D.I. (AIF).

# NOTICES.

## 39 AUSTRALIAN T.F. & R.D.I. COMPANY.

### PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT AS AT 31st August, 1944.

Stock	£16-18- 2	Sales	163- 3- 7
Purchases	141-16- 9	Discount	7- 1-11
do Deer	42- 0- 0	do Deer	2- 2- 0
Sundry Expenses	11- 4	Stock on hand	38-15- 3
Profit	9-16- 6		
	<u>£211- 2- 9</u>		<u>£211- 2- 9</u>

### BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st August, 1944.

Capital A/c	£72- 4- 0	Cash on hand	£43- 5- 3
Profit B/d from P & L A/c	9-16- 6	Stock on hand	38-15- 3
	<u>£82- 0- 6</u>		<u>£82- 0- 6</u>

## REGT. TRUST FUND.

### Statement of Account as at 31st August, 1944.

#### Receipts.

Aug. 1. Balance B/f from 27/7/44	£62- 2- 0
WF 191 34119 C.F. May	7- 1-10
WF 191 10393 Dist.	
10 Coy AASC	1- 0- 0
WF 191 F36267 C.F. June	7-15- 0
Balance as per WF 132	<u>£77-18-10</u>

#### Expenditure.

NIL

We certify that we have examined the Cash Book, Unit Trust Book and vouchers relating to 39 AUSTRALIAN T.F. & R.D.I. Regt. Trust A/c and Company A/c, and that, in our opinion, these statements correctly set out the position of the funds as at 31st August, 1944.

*W. H. R. C. O. D.*

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AND FORS.

### PARCELS DESTROYED BY FIRE.

Name of Addressee	Address.
NSW WALLA CE	HARRICKVILLE
RUFFORD	BECKLEY
JONES (two Parcels)	VAUGLUSE
COOMES	LANE COVE
ROBERTSON	BONDI
EGGS	BENTON
SEILARS	WILSON
DEERY	BEILMOSE
WITTE	LANE COVE
MITCHELL	WALLY
WILDS	CUNNA MULLA
VIC GIBBS	HAYFIELD
KILBURN	FRANKSTON
CONNOLLY	GEELONG
INGRAM	ALPHINGTON

### DISTRIBUTIONS:-

- 1 War Diary
- 1 H.Q. Comd. AASC.
- 1 154 A.G. P. Coy.
- 1 Det. 8 Bde.
- 1 Det. 7 Bde.
- 2 File.



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ROUTINE ORDERS PART I.

by

Lieut. K. W. CHAFFIN.

O.C. 39 AUST. INF. TPT. PL. & R.D.I. (AIF).

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Paras 55-59

29th Sept. 44.

55. ROAD DISCIPLINE - Speed Limit.

HADAM - AMERICAN ROAD.

1. The maximum speed permissible on the above road is 20 m.p.h. This limit will be strictly enforced and severe disciplinary action will be taken against drivers exceeding this speed limit.

56. WASTAGE OF AXES.

The following is a copy of R/O Pt.1 Q 286 5 Aust. Div.

1. Advice has been received that difficulty is being experienced in meeting the already drastically rationed civilian demand for Axes.

2. The usage rate of axes by units is too high. In order to reduce this, units will:-

(a) Have axes repaired before they become unserviceable. If no repair facilities exist, return the axes to RSD, where arrangements will be made to have the axes repaired.

(b) Return unserviceable axes to RSD.

3. This is to be treated as a matter of importance and units will take all necessary action to prevent any waste of axes issued from both Ord. Depots and Engineer Dumps.

57. AIRGRAPH SERVICE.

The following is a copy R/O Pt.1 Q 289 5 Aust Div.

1. As from 11 Sept 44 the charge for Airgraphs will be reduced to a flat rate of Fourpence in substitution of the current rates of 5d and 10d per letter for Services and Civilians respectively.

58. NOTIFICATION OF CHANGES IN RESPECT OF NEXT OF KIN. (G.R.O. A.330 15th Sept 44)

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

2. It is the function of the 2nd Echelon organization to notify fatal and certain other casualties sustained by a member to the person recorded in army records as the member's next of kin, or to any other person nominated by such next of kin to receive casualty advices.

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

4. Each member will, therefore, be instructed that, on the occurrence of any event (such as his marriage or the death of his next of kin) which renders a change of the record of next of kin desirable or necessary, he will promptly notify his unit of the change he desires to make. Similar prompt notification should be given of any change of address of his next of kin.

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

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

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

Routine Orders Pt. 1. 39 Aust. Ind. Tpt. Fl. & R.D.I. Contd.

59. SECOND VICTORY LOAN. (C.R.O. W. 34 15th Sept. 44.)

1. The Second Victory Loan of £120,000,000 cash will open for subscription on 26th September, 1944, and close not later than 31st October, 1944.
2. Arrangements have been made for paymasters to accept applications for Commonwealth Government Inscribed Stock or Treasury Bonds from members of the forces serving in Australia or New Guinea who desire to invest their savings in the loan.
3. For further particulars see Dyr. Wheaton.

*N. Chapp*

C.O. 39 Aust. Ind. Tpt. Fl. & R.D.I. **Lieut.**

DISTRIBUTION:-

1. 8 Aust. Inf. Bde.
1. War Diary.
2. File.

NOTICES.

Attention of all ranks is directed to the present neglect in maintaining the Rec. Hut in a tidy condition. Games are strewn on tables, mixed together, and in general no care taken. The Rec. Hut is established for the benefit of all ranks and it rests with all personnel to do their share towards keeping same tidy, returning games to correct places etc.. Should this not be done in future, disciplinary action will be taken. The Rec. Hut is OUT OF BOUNDS during parade hours. LIGHTS OUT will be at 2130 hrs. and will be the responsibility of Sports Committee.

39 AUSTRALIAN TPT. FL. & R.D.I. (AIF) CANTEN ACCOUNT.  
PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT AS AT 28th SEPTEMBER, 1944.

Stock	230-15-3	Sales	£114-13-6
Purchases	51-11-2	Discount	4-2-6
do Bear	30-0-0	do Bear	1-10-0
Sundry Expenses	15-0-0	Stock on hand	33-6-0
Profit	2-10-7		
	<u>£153-12-0</u>		<u>£153-12-0</u>

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 28th SEPTEMBER, 1944.

Capital A/c	2-0-6	Cash on hand	£51-5-1
Profit Tpt. from P. & I.	2-10-7	Stock on hand	33-6-0
Loan from Regt. Fund	80-0-0		
	<u>£84-11-1</u>		<u>£84-11-1</u>

REGT. TRUST FUND ACCOUNT.

1944 Receipts.

1st Sept. Balance B/f. £77-18-10

Expenditure.

18 Sept. Purchase of Milley spare parts WF 132 - 843312 24-0-0  
19 Sept. DAD. Amenities etc. Purchase of library books WF 132 - 843313 30-0-0  
28 Sept. Balance c/f. 43-18-1

£77-18-10

£77-18-10

We certify that we have examined the Cash Book, Unit Trust Book and vouchers relating to 39 AUSTRALIAN TPT. FL. & R.D.I. Regt Trust A/c. and Canteen A/c. and that in our opinion these statements correctly set out the position of the funds as at 28th September, 1944.

*W. H. Chapp*  
**AUDITOR**