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WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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VOLUME No. 4

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Unit 4 Aust Amph Veh Incr (T/S). Date and Time.—From 2400 1 Jan 45 To 2359 31 Jan 45

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Redcliffe	10 Jan 45	0930	of all Platoons and AVL, and found all correct.	<i>Amberley</i>
		1330	AVL Dukw's washed at Petrie.	
		1530	Mosquitoes very prevalent, nets issued by "Q" to all personnel.	
"	11 Jan 45	1100	Sports meeting held Inter-unit cricket, soft-ball, and tennis fixtures arranged. Lt. Lambert elected Sports Officer.	<i>Amberley</i>
		0600	Capt Dalziel appointed OC as from 0600 hrs replacing Major Tinkham who is being marched out.	
"	12 Jan 45	0900	OC Conference held. Redcliffe Area leave cards introduced.	<i>Amberley</i>
"	13 Jan 45	0830	Rehearsal held Sandgate for General Moreshead's Inspection.	
		1000	Two Sig reinforcements marched in.	
		1330	Sports afternoon.	<i>Amberley</i>
"	14 Jan 45	1000	Five hours was spent testing Wireless Sets No. 108 Mk11 - as to efficiency - range etc. Results were disappointing	
			but further tests are being arranged.	

Amberley Lt.
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Redcliffe	15 Jan 45	0500	Reveille. Preparation for General Morsehead's Inspection.	<i>Morsehead</i>
		1400	Inspection held Sandgate. March was ver satisfactory.	
"	16 Jan 45	0600	Lt Lambert proceeded to Harristown to take delivery of 16 new	<i>A</i>
			vehicles. On return journey a slight accident occurred when	
			a driver hit a telegraph post.	<i>A</i>
"	17 Jan 45	1600	Heavy thunderstorm with continuous rain all night.	<i>A</i>
"		0830	Camp Area very wet, drains dug round Q Store, Orderly Room etc	<i>A</i>
			Tents raised.	<i>A</i>
"	18 Jan 45	1330	Lt Lambert proceeded CASC Sports Meeting. New draw for sports	<i>A</i>
			Competition was made.	<i>A</i>
			One Driver MT marched in.	<i>A</i>
"	19 Jan 45	0830	General cleaning up of camp lines.	<i>A</i>
"	20 Jan 45	1000	Company muster parade. Troops warned for draft - be ready to	<i>A</i>
			move by 16 Feb 45. One soldier arrived back from leave.	<i>A</i>

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Redcliffe	21 Jan 45	0830	Rest day to all personnel not on duty.	<i>Hamberly</i>
"	22 Jan 45	1330	TG 2 Cook proceeded to School, Cooking & Catering Course 3	<i>Hamberly</i>
			2/102 A.G.T. Coy.	<i>Hamberly</i>
			Lt. Lambert visited Amenities Services. Sporting equipment	<i>Hamberly</i>
			was obtained.	<i>Hamberly</i>
"	23 Jan 45	0900	Three personnel returned ex leave.	<i>Hamberly</i>
		1000	Q Store issues, 1 pair of Trousers KD issued to all personnel	<i>Hamberly</i>
"	24 Jan 45	0830	Coy cricket match.	<i>Hamberly</i>
"	25 Jan 45	1000	Acetylene Generator taken on strength.	<i>Hamberly</i>
			Two personnel marched out to No. 7 Dukw Workshop Course,	<i>Hamberly</i>
			Trinity Bay.	<i>Hamberly</i>
		1400	Personnel marked all clothing etc in their possession.	<i>Hamberly</i>
"	26 Jan 45	0930	OC instructed test to be carried out on 108 Mk 11 sets on	<i>Hamberly</i>
			WE. Night reconnaissance made. Alone Lamps at 1000 yards.	<i>Hamberly</i>

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Redcliffe	27 Jan 45	0830	Sig Training. Aldis Lamps at 2000 yards .Semaphore exercises carried out. Indent submitted for 100% spares, valves, batteries	<i>Amberbett</i>
"	28 Jan 45	0800	Rest day for all personnel not on duty.	<i>H</i>
"		1330	Open camp for visitors, concert party held at night.	<i>H</i>
"	29 Jan 45	1000	Aldis lamps tested at 2000 yards, results excellent. Night exercise Aldis Lamp range 2 miles. Results satisfactory.	<i>H</i>
		1530	Parade of all NCO's. Address by 2 i/c re general matters.	<i>H</i>
"	30 Jan 45	0830	Sig Training, Dukw exercises, 2 108 wireless sets tested at 8 miles on water, results very good. Aldis lamps tested 2 miles on water, results fair.	<i>H</i>
		1900	Closed camp. Army Education Lecture held in camp area.	<i>H</i>
"	31 Jan 45		Exercises testing of 108 Wireless sets, shore to ship. Results fair. Five personnel for dental inspection. Parade of all NCO's.	<i>H</i> APPENDICES No. 1 Field returns W 3008 and W 3009.

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday / / 194 4 Aust. Amph. Inc. (T/S) (AIE)

W.E. 111 738 1 OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 24 OFFRS. O.R's. 1 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., 30 U.S. Forces; 10 N.Z. Forces.

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

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OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK

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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 7-2 /1941. (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

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

[illegible]

27 JAN 1945
Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

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(Adapted) (Page 2)
(Revised Jan., 1943)
AV 125 Serial No.

Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 27 / 1 / 1945.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return To _____ (Unit) is Particularly Requested. ____/____/194[illegible]

(c) Where replacement not desired take accordingly on return by instrument of M.R. in col. "Waiver, Required?"

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(Adapted) (Page 2)
(Revised Jan., 1942)
AV 24 Serial No

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 20/1/1945

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

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____[illegible]

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AV 23 (Serial No.)

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

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 13 / 1 / 1965 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

* * Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col. Particulars will be shown, e.g., 30 U.S. Forces; 10 M.S. Forces.

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK

PARTICULARLY REQUESTED. ____/____/194____[illegible]

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

13 Jan 45
Date of Despatch.

D. J. Lambert Lt
~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ OC
(D. J. Lambert).

AY-23 (Serial No.)

W.E. III / 75 / 1 OFFRS. 1 O.R.'s 24 + OFFRS. - O.R.'s 1 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 3 / 1 / 1945

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NOTES.—(a) If tank other than private is involved give details on back.
(b) Authorized leaders or specialists not included in list will be added as required in spaces provided.
(c) Where a W. A. C. and/or a L. A. C. command are listed their duties are listed.

Q.C. 4 Aust. Amph. Veh. Inc. (T/S) (AIF)

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4 Aust Amph Veh ^{AV} / ²²⁸Serial No.)
(Info) ¹⁷⁸Inc

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 6 / 1 / 1945 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.S. INCLUDING ATTACHED.					ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.S.				
Base for Regiment.	Infantry W.S.	Artillery W.S.	Postal Strength.	DETAIL.	Art. or Corps.	Postal Strength.	Artillery W.S.	Infantry W.S.	Base for Regiment.
			1	Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. CIVILIANS Counting as OCS.					
			1						
	DETAIL.	A.P.	C.M.P.	A.A.W.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	S.A.N.	S.A.A.P.
	A.	1							
	E.(1)								
	E.(2)								

Analysis of Part A to be made by the unit and submitted to the Adjutant General's Office. Only units verified in Part B of preliminary for completion of form will override Part E(1) & E(2).

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

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OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

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

[illegible]

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

[illegible]

6 Jan 45

Signature of Commander
 (D.J.Lambert).

AV- / 22 (Serial No.)

W.E. 11/11/11 OFFRS. O.R's. 11 + OFFRS. O.R's. 11 ATT. BY W.E.

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

Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 6 / 1 / 1943

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reinforcements Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reinforcements Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reinforcements Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reinforcements Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, R.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammormen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.T.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Menial			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Rods				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangefinders			
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wiremen								Panel Beaters				Saddlers			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographic, Dry Plate				Saddletree makers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Shoemakers and Boot Repairers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Stevarders			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stokers, Staty, Engine			
Computers								Riggers				Storemen, Technical			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Tailors			
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signalers				Textile Refitters			
Dispensers				Armour				Signwriters				Tinmiths			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identia. Numbers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bdr. Comd's Asst.				Well Bowers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheeler				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters				Winchman							
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics											
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)											
Fitters				Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Cyclic)				Drummers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators											
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				GROUP III.							
Fitters, Railway				Hatchman				Battery Surveyors							
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Butchers							
Grinder, Precision				Hells Operator				Clocks							
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Supply							
Mechanics, Instrument (Signal)				Intelligence Duties				Clerks, Technical							
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Cock Trimmers							
Mechanics, Radio				Linsman				Concretors							
Mechanics, Typewriter				Linsman, Signals				Cooks							
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Dental Clerk Orderlies							
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Despatch Riders							
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Draughtsmen, Signals							
Pattern Maker				Massena				Drivers, M.T.							
Pharmacist				Massena				Driver Mechanics							
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Driver Typist, Plans							
Photowriter				Mineers				Engine Hand, I.C.							
Painter				Molders				Equipment Repairs							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Farmers							
Surveyors				Observation Post Asst.				Fitters' Mates							
								Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD	1	2		CARRIED FORWARD	6	6	1	CARRIED FORWARD	1	19	3	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A, respectively.	45	43	3

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

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

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

(d) Where replacement not desired note accordingly on letters by insertion of M.R. in col. "Reinforcements Required."

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

Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

DETAILS ON NCO's

Trade	Rank	WE	PS	Surp	Def
Mech S/sjt	s/sjt	1	1		
Sjt Ops	Sjt	1	1		
Cpl Sigs	Cpl	1	1		
Cpl Fitter Mech	Cpl	1	1		
		4	4		

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4 Aust. Amph. Veh. Inc. (T/S) (AIF)

Unit

Date and Time.—From 2400 hrs 30/4/45 To 2359 31/5/45

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Kalinga	1 May 45	0600	Entire Unit staging at Kalinga Staging Camp, moved in 29 Apr 45.	HEA
			Final checking of embarkation issues - dubbin applied to boots.	HEA
			Anti miting of blankets and clothing. Troops granted leave till 2359.	HEA
"	2 May	0600	As for May 1. Troops quarters quite good.	HEA
"	3 May		Unit still staging Kalinga. Advance parties embarked at 1330 hrs this day. Capt	HEA
			Wales and Capt Solomon also.embarked. No leave allowed to	HEA
			1 Aust Base Sub Area troops. Troops packed gear in preparation	HEA
			for early morning departure, arrived at No 2 Hamilton Wharf	HEA
"			0800 hrs. All troops embarked by 0900 hrs aboard USAT "Sea Cat	HEA
			which pulled out at 1100 hrs. Settling troops into lobbies	HEA
			took some time through lack of control of troops embarking	HEA
			early who were permitted to select their bunks. Meals served	HEA
			today were excellent. Sea smooth with an easy swell.	HEA
At Sea	4 May		Lt Lambert duty officer for 2/106 AGT Coy for all calls over	HEA

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
At Sea	4 May		PA system.	
		1100	Amenities and Education meeting held, playing cards distributed	<i>HB</i>
			to all units, our issue 5 packs. Tobacco and cigarettes	<i>HB</i>
			for voyage drawn.	<i>HB</i>
		1500	Tobacco issued to troops, issue 8 ozs or 50 cigarettes or	<i>HB</i>
			6 ozs and 100 cigarettes.	<i>HB</i>
			Boat drill, our abandon ship station atop No. 3 hatch.	<i>HB</i>
			Pictures for troops. Ships library available to personnel.	<i>HB</i>
	6 May		Weather moderate, little sea sickness apparent amongst troops.	<i>HB</i>
		0930	R.C. Church parade and service for other denominations held.	<i>HB</i>
	7 May	0600	Saw land early this morning, have been passing through group	<i>HB</i>
			of small islands since dawn. Sea Cat overtaken during forenoon	<i>HB</i>
			watch by a British cruiser of the Southampton class.	<i>HB</i>
			Applications for "crossing the line" Certificate were called	<i>HB</i>

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
At Sea	7 May		for by ships Padre. Padre undertakes to mail the certificates	AB3
			to the applicant's home address. Hot night.	AB3
	8 May		Northern NG coast off port beam of Sea Cat at dawn today,	AB3
			with Southern tip of New Britain on starboard side. A Convoy	AB3
			of 20 ships appeared over the port horizon. We overtook and	AB3
			passed it at 1030 hrs. Official confirmation of the uncondit-	AB3
			ional surrender of Germany was announced at 0800 hrs. Today is	AB3
			V Day. A Thanksgiving Service was held at 1430 hrs. ANEI Officer	AB3
			gave talk about Borneo, customs, people industry etc.	AB3
			Weather calm.	AB3
	9 May		Weather very calm, hot, meals still excellent.	AB3
	10 May	0830	Off Biak Island, anchored at approx 1100 hrs amongst a large	AB3
			number of vessels carrying every variety of cargo. Intense air	AB3
			activity on the Island. Departed Biak in convoy of 6 ships and	AB3

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At Sea	10 May		2 escorts.	<i>163</i>
	11 May		Cool night, calm weather, speed 8 to 10 knots.	<i>163</i>
	12 May		As for 11 May 45.	<i>163</i>
	13 May		Disembarked Morotai 1430 hrs ship anchored 0730 hrs, troops	<i>163</i>
			went ashore by landing barge, trucks conveyed troops to	<i>163</i>
			Staging Camp.	<i>163</i>
	14 May		Weather muggy, troops spent day cleaning up tent areas and	<i>163</i>
			washing, heavy storm at night.	<i>163</i>
	15 May		Rifle inspection carried out. Lt Lambert visited new camp area.	<i>163</i>
	16 May		Showery, Working party journeyed to new camp site, troops	<i>163</i>
			money changed into Dutch Currency.	<i>163</i>
	17 May	0900	Arrived camp site, personnel engaged in cleaning up the area,	<i>163</i>
			latrines dug, tents pitched etc, heavy storm at night, Issue	<i>163</i>
			from Comforts Fund to all personnel.	<i>163</i>

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Morotai	18 May		Cleaning up of camp area continuing. 1 Sig personnel returned	<i>H.B.</i>
			from Hospital, 1 Sig marched out to 2/2 AVI.	<i>H.B.</i>
	19 May		Muggy, Lt Lambert collected canteen supplies for Platoon and	<i>H.B.</i>
			AVI. 2 bottles of beer issued to troops.	<i>H.B.</i>
	20 May		Rest day. Unit Canteen opened, heavy rain falling.	<i>H.B.</i>
	21 May		Rifle inspection held, very hot, cleaning up of camp area	<i>H.B.</i>
			continuing.	<i>H.B.</i>
	22 May		Meeting of all NCO's to discuss plans and preparations for	<i>H.B.</i>
			unloading of Dukws when they arrive.	<i>H.B.</i>
	24 May		Signal training for AVI personnel, conference held 1400 hrs.	<i>H.B.</i>
			Weather hot and muggy.	<i>H.B.</i>
	25 May		More signal training carried out, AVI NCO's instructing Pl	<i>H.B.</i>
			personnel. All personnel inspected Buffalo Amph Tractor at an	<i>H.B.</i>
			American camp nearby. Suggested list of vocabulary for Slidex	code submitted to Hq. <i>H.B.</i>

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Morotai	26 May	0800	Training exercises for signal personnel. 19 and 20 Pls commence	McS
			loading stores etc in preparation for embarkation, AVI and Pl	McS
			personnel assisting.	McS
	27 May		Rest day for personnel not on duty.	McS
	28 May		Capt Ladd and Mr Lambert attended conference 7 ABSA, details	McS
			of strength of personnel and vehicles were the items discussed.	McS
			AVI Workshop personnel still assisting 19/20 Pls in their	McS
			preparation.	McS
	29 May		Normal signal training and general cleaning up of area.	McS
	30 May		First pay day made on Island, personnel paid in guilders.	McS
				McS.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Morotai	1 Jun	0800	Normal signal training. Weather hot and muggy.	AB
	2 Jun	0800	AVI personnel ferrying vehicles for 7 Aust Div - from boat to wharf. 18 personnel detailed to drop supplies from "Biscuit Bombers" over Tarakan.	AB
	3 Jun		Lt Lambert l/c unloading of 7 Aust Div vehicles.	AB
	5 Jun		Signal training conducted by Sig NCO. Replacements issued at "Q" Store, razor blades and soap issued to personnel.	AB
	7 Jun		1 Sig personnel evacuated to 2/5 AGH, dermatitis on hands. Lt Lambert submitted report to HQ 1 Aust Base Sub Area re ferrying of 7 Div vehicles.	AB
	8 June		Signal exercise conducted. AVI personnel ferrying vehicles for 7 Aust Div. Weather hot.	AB
	10 Jun		Rest day for personnel not on duty.	AB
	11 Jun		Capt Ladd and Lt Lambert visited 7 Div HQ to discuss maps etc	AB

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4 Aust. Amph. Veh. Inc. (T/S) (AIF)

Unit.....

Date and Time.—From 2400 31/5/45 To 2359 30/6/45

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Morotai	11 Jun		for coming operation. AVI personnel still ferrying vehicles.	HEB
	12 Jun		Lt Lambert with four Dukws spent several hours practicing	HEB
			drivers in manoeuvring Dukws onto LOTS. Considerable	HEB
			valuable information was gained in regard to stowage of the vehicles	HEB
			on the LOT. It was found that by removing fenders from the	HEB
			Dukws manoeuvring was simplified. The experiment was a	HEB
			remarkable success. Bow first the vehicles drove out of the	HEB
			water ascending the ramp without difficulty. Backing up the	HEB
			ramp was also tried. This method was later abandoned due to	HEB
			poor steerage way in reverse, accurate backing was difficult	HEB
			even in calm water. Some time was spent in determining the	HEB
			most advantageous downward angle of slope of the LOT Ramp, to	HEB
			enable the Dukws to enter the water without inflicting damage	HEB
			to the hulls. That part of the hull directly beneath the	HEB

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Unit.....

Date and Time.—From 2400 31/5/45 To 2359 30/6/45

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Morotai	12 Jun		ruddercompartment scraped the ramp cross-members in all cases	H6/3
			of bow entry - this scraping was more noticeable when the	H6/3
			vehicles were loaded. Backing into the water was tried. This	H6/3
			method was very successful. Ample hull clearance in both loaded	H6/3
			and unloaded vehicles was gained. In no case did the hull get	H6/3
			closer than about 9 inches to the LCT ramp. Throughout the	H6/3
			exercise the value of visual signalling was apparent.	H6/3
	13 Jun		Trial loading of 25 pdr Artillery Short Guns into Dukws, and	H6/3
			off-loading with "A" Frames, lashing of guns, results were	H6/10
			very satisfactory. Modifications decided upon on "A" Frame	H6/3
			to allow the use of snatch block.	H6/3
	14 Jun		Pay day. Heavy rain falling.	H6/3
	15 Jun		Test of time of unloading of guns, 3 minutes 20 seconds for	H6/3
			gun and ammunition, first trial, time could have been bettered.	H6/3

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Unit 4 Aust. Amph. Veh. Inc. (T/S) (AIF)Date and Time.—From 2400 31/5/45 To 2359 30/6/45

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Morotai	15 Jun		Dukws and guns loaded on to LCT and unloaded while water borne.	<i>H63</i>
			results good. Trim of loaded Dukws found satisfactory when	<i>H63</i>
			vehicle load carried well forward on tray.	<i>H63</i>
	16 Jun		First trial of loading Austerplane in Dukws with winch, trial	<i>H63</i>
			very good. Fire in petrol dump approx 0500 hrs - 30/40 gallons	<i>H63</i>
			of petrol destroyed- also 40 empty 4 gallon containers. No	<i>H63</i>
			stores damaged- approx 100 gallons of petrol rescued from fire.	<i>H63</i>
		1800	Received official advice tonight that 49 P1 and 4 AVI were off	<i>H63</i>
			OBOE 2 operation, replaced by 2/21 P1.	<i>H63</i>
	18 Jun		AVI and P1 personnel ferrying personnel and vehicles from other	<i>H63</i>
			Units embarking for OBOE 2 operation. S/Sjt AVI took delivery	<i>H63</i>
			of 6 x 3 ton trucks 4x4 for 49 P1 from 1st Aust Veh Park. 50 P1	<i>H63</i>
			moved into area.	<i>H63</i>
	19 Jun		AVI Cpl took delivery of a further 8 vehicles for P1 use.	<i>H63</i>

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3 Aust. Amph. Veh. Inc. (T/S) (AIF).

Unit.....

Date and Time.—From 2400 31/5/45 To 2359 30/6/45.....

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Morotai	Jun 19		Major Dalziel arrived 1900 hrs from Brunei.	HEB
	Jun 20		AVI Workshops set up in HQ 2/106 Lines, working 12 hour shifts on vehicles.	HEB
	Jun 21		Address given by Major Dalziel on the Invasion of Brunei, and the success of the Dukws in the operation.	HEB
	Jun 23		Air raid at approx 0415 hrs, one plane dropped 5 bombs in close proximity to camp area, no damage or casualties. All clear sounded about $\frac{1}{2}$ an hour later.	HEB
	Jun 24		Major Dalziel left 0500 hrs by plane, rest day.	HEB
	Jun 26		Rifle inspection held. Sig exercises conducted, AVI personnel doing maintenance on dukws. AVI came under command 1 Aust Base sub area as from 2359 hrs 28 Jun 45.	HEB
	Jun 27		Weather hot. TAB parade held, 6 from 4 AVI.	HEB
	Jun 28		Heavy rain falling.	HEB

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4 Aust. Amph. Veh. Inc. (T/S) (AIF).

Unit.

Date and Time.—From 2400 31/5/45 To 2359 30/6/45

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AV 43 Serial No

W.E. 11/7/5 OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 24 + OFFRS. - O.R's. 1 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 2 / 6 / 1945

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

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(f) 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.

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Segnatura di Comando

5 Aust. Emph. Full. **49 MB** (A)

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(Adapted) (Page 1)
(Revised Jan., 1943)
AV-13 (Serial No.)
Inc. (T/S) (AIF)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 2/6/1945 4 Aust. Amph. Veh. Inc. (T/ST (AIF))

W.E. III, 7/15, 1. OFFRS. 1 O.R.'s 24 + OFFRS. - O.R.'s 1 ATT. BY W.E.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
W.E. REGISTRATION ATTACHED.					ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.					
Births Barred.	Deceased W.E.	Deaths to W.E.	Period Stricken.	DETAIL.	Ats or Corps.	Period Stricken.	Deceased W.E.	Deaths to W.E.	Deaths to Barred.	
			/	Land-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilian Counting as O.R.S.						
			/							
DETAIL.	A.T.F.	C.M.P.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	D.A.N.	S.A.A.F.S.	==	TOTAL.
Analysis of Part A to be done later by this group only units entitled to issue, in of subsections for distribution of form will complete Part B(1) & B(2).	B(1)									/
	B(2)									

* From detail of higher grade as necessary.
 ** Personnel receiving in a category are provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col. Particulars will be shown, e.g., 20 U.S. Marine, 30 N.E. Marine.

* 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.S. Forces; 10 N.E. Forces.

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(Revised Jan., 1943)
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At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 2/6/1945 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

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Date of Dispatch

Signature of Commander
(D. J. LAMBERT)
Aust. Amph. Veh. Inc. (T/S), (AIF).

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

A.A.F. T.51—Sheet 1
 (Revised July, 1943)
 (To be prepared in sextuple)
 (a)

1. STRENGTH RETURN on Embarkation and Disembarkation of 4 Aust. Amph. Veh. Inc. (Complete unit, portion of unit or draft) (b)

(Serial No. (c) 92420) on moving from BRISBANE on 19 to

To be rendered by Officers Commanding Units for complete Units, Portions of a Unit, or drafts (of a strength of 5 or over (d)) for Embarkation. A separate form to be rendered for all Parties. If Advanced Party this should be stated.

DETAIL	Personnel (of which a complete nominal roll must be rendered with this Form).							Animals		Tons, d.w. (e)				REMARKS (including Full Particulars of any Casualties)
	Officers	Warrant Officers	S/Sgt. and Sgts.	Corporals	Privates	Total Other Ranks	Nurses (A.A.N.S.)			S.A.A.	A.A.F.F.2 Equipment	Baggage		
Strength Authorised to be Embarked	1		2	2	26	30								
Strength as Entrained for Port of Embarkation	1		2	2	25	29								
Casualties en route for Port of Embarkation														
Strength actually Embarked														
Casualties during the Sea Voyage														
Strength actually Disembarked for Service														

Extreme accuracy is to be observed in the compilation and amendment of this return.

It will be signed as follows:—

- (i) By O.C. furnishing return. (ii) By Embarkation Staff Officer at the Port of Embarkation. (iii) On Disembarkation by O.C. Unit or by O.C. Troops on Board.
 (iv) By Embarkation Staff Officer at Port of Disembarkation.

The particulars required below will be entered by the Embarkation Staff Officers.

EMBARKED at BRISBANE per USAT 'SEACAT' on 19

DISEMBARKED at on 19

(a) To be disposed of as set out overleaf. (b) Delete as necessary.

(c) On Embarkation from Australia, if Unit is allotted to Expeditionary Force this number (as laid down in Order of Battle) should be given.

(d) For Parties of less than Five, A.A.F. T.50 Embarkation Card will be used.

(e) In these Columns will be entered the weights of accompanied stores, Equipments, etc., which are not shipped loaded in vehicles, and which will, therefore, require transport on landing.

NOTE.—THIS FORM IS IN A SET OF THREE SHEETS AND IS TO BE SUBMITTED AS A COMPLETE SET.

SIGNATURES:

Handwritten Signature
 4 Aust. Amph. Veh. Inc. (T/51) (AIF)

E.S.O. (Port of Embarkation)

O.C. Troops (for Signature on Disembarkation)

E.S.O. (Port of Disembarkation)

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 5/5/194

4 Aust. Amph. (Unit) Inc. (T/S) (AIF)

W.E. 11/25/1. OFFRS. 1 O.Rs. 24 + OFFRS. 1 O.Rs. 1 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.Z. Forces

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK.

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OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

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

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At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 5/5/1945. (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

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

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Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander:

(Revised Jan., 1943.)

AV 29 (Serial No.)

4 Aust. Amph. Veh. Inc. (T/S) (AIF)
(Unit)

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

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20
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Part C. Other Ranks Included in Part A Detached to Other Units.

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(Unit) is Particularly Requested. ____/____/194

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DETAILS OF NCO

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