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7 Infantry Battalion
January - March 1946

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Army Form C.2118.
(Adap ed.)

Unit 7 AUST INF BN (AIF) Date and Time.—From 1 JAN 46 To 31 JAN 46

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
FAURO IS.			<p>THE SEVENTH AUST INF BN (AIF) IS THE NORTH-WEST MURRAY BORDERS REGIMENT WITH ITS HEADQUARTERS IN PEACE TIME AT MILDURA VIC.</p> <p>IT IS COMMANDED BY LT-COL P.G. WEBSTER AND ITS CHIEF OFFICERS ARE -</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">2 i/c - MAJ G.R. MACONACHIE Adjt - CAPT W.G. FOSTER</p> <p>Island Adjt - LT W.A. KUHNE SIG O - LT C.F. CAMERON</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>COY COMDS</u></p> <p>HQ Coy - LT GRWINCHESTER A Coy - LT J.B. BOYLE</p> <p>B Coy - CAPT M.A. ANDERSEN C Coy - MAJ W.H. SCOTT</p> <p>D Coy - CAPT A.H. BROWN</p>	

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FAURO IS.	Tuesday 1 JAN		<p>The New Year arrived with a bang, one lb of TNT (in close proximity of the Offrs Mess) and sirens created quite a noise.</p> <p>New Year's Day was another Rest Day. Church service held in morning New Year. Dinner of turkey enjoyed by all.</p> <p>Weather fine.</p>	<p>Appx 1 Weekly Report</p>
	Wednesday 2 JAN		<p>Lt Ball inspected P.W. areas 6,16 Fauro Is. Weather fine.</p> <p>Pictures screened at Ballale Is.</p>	
	Thursday 3 JAN		<p>Lt Kitney inspected P.W. areas 7,8,9 Fauro Is.</p> <p>Double feature screened at Poyana Bay. Weather fine.</p>	<p>Appx 2 Weekly Report Appx 3 RO 1/46</p>
	Friday 4 JAN		<p>Capt Scott inspected P.W. Areas 10,11,12 PIEDU Is.</p>	<p>Appx 4 Location Statement 15</p>
	Saturday 5 JAN		<p>Capt Brown inspected P.W. areas 13,14,15. A Jap ex-Major; reduced to the ranks by the Japanese for stealing a watch last Nov today escaped from the Jap prison compound and gave himself up to the authorities at Central Bay. This PW has considerable evidence regards war atrocities and will be heard by the War Crimes Commission during the next week.</p> <p>Weather fine.</p>	

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FAURO IS	Sunday 6 JAN		Church Services held in the morning. Pictures screened at night. Weather fine. War Crimes Commission arrived to investigate and question known war criminals.	
	Monday 7 JAN		Lt Boyle inspected P.W. areas 1,2,3. 6 Ocean Islanders arrived to identify war criminals. Weather fine.	
	Tuesday 8 JAN		Lt Ball inspected P.W. areas 4,5. Mil History War Photographer arrived Fauro Is to record War Criminals and War Crimes Commission hearings. Pictures screened at night.	
	Wednesday 9 JAN		CO inspected all Coy areas and later held an Offrs conference followed by Coy Comd conference. ALL matters affecting the Bn at the present time discussed means of ensuring that troops are fully occupied by sports or duties decided upon.	
	Thursday 10 JAN		CO inspected BALLALE Is.	

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FAURO IS	Friday 11 JAN		Jap morale rose considerably when told that a hospital ship was arriving shortly to repatriate them to Japan.	
	Saturday 12 JAN		Swimming carnival was held in perfect weather in the afternoon. Pictures screened at night.	
	Sunday 13 JAN		Rest Day. Church service held in the morning. At night a concert and and quiz session by the Boomerang Concert Party was enjoyed by all.	
	Monday 14 JAN		183 personnel with over 140 points left for TOROKINA on their first stage towards discharge. Lt Boyle inspected PW areas 1,2,3.	
	Tuesday 15 JAN		Lt Ball inspected PW areas 4,5.	
	Wednesday 16 JAN		Brig N.W. SIMPSON 23 Bde Comd, Maj OLIVER BM 23 Bde, Capt COCHRAN S/Capt and Lt-Col ELLIOT-SMITH CO PIB arrived Central Bay by Catalina. Inspected Bn Area. Returned to TOROKINA in the afternoon. Pictures screened at night.	

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FAURO IS.	Thursday 17 JAN		3 Japanese found guilty of murdering their officer were executed by a Jap firing squad on nearby deserted island.	
	Friday 18 JAN		A police boy arrived Central Bay from MUNIA IS with two Jap deserters. Later CO, Capt Hunt PIB and 3 PIB visited MUNIA IS returning with 2 more Japanese. These Japs were fishing from areas 16 in Dec and were blown off their course during a storm to RELU Is where they were found by natives and taken to MUNAI IS. With the marching out for discharge of S/Sgt Nicholas R.L. today Lt D.M.W. EDWARDS is the only member of the 7 INF BN who came into camp on April 30 1941 remaining with the unit. A doubtful honour no doubt, but one which had to fall to someone. Pictures screened at night.	Appx 5 Weekly Report
	Saturday 19 JAN		Capt Brown inspected areas 13,14,15.	

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FAURO IS	Sunday 20 JAN		Rest Day. Japanese Aircraft Carrier HOSHO arrived Central Bay from WEWAK. Pictures screened at night.	Appx 6 Location Statement 16
	Monday 21 JAN		HOSHO sailed for JAPAN with 800 Naval personnel. War Criminals, witnesses and Officers suspected of forming an underground movement in Japan on their return xxxxx were removed under escort to TOROKINA.	
	Tuesday 22 JAN		Lt Ball inspected PW areas 4,5.	Appx 7 Weekly Report
	Wednesday 23 JAN		Double feature screened at night.	
	Thursday 24 JAN		Bn Parade.	
	Friday 25 JAN		Japanese Aircraft Carrier KATSURARI arrived Central Bay to take 5,000 Japs from areas 13,14,15 back to Japan. A storm during the night caused many trees to crash in the bn area. Damage slight. Casualties nil.	
	Saturday 26 JAN		Swimming carnival postponed due to bad weather.	

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FAURO IS	Sunday 27 JAN		Aircraft Carrier KATSURARI departed for Japan via TOROKINA.	
			Capt G.R. Maconachie and Capt W.H. Scott received word about their promotion to Major tonight.	
	Monday 28 JAN		Pictures screened at night.	
	Wednesday 30 JAN		A swimming carnival postponed from previous SAT was held.	Appx 8 Swimming Carnival Programme.
			A heavy shower of rain during the afternoon made conditions unpleasant. Pictures screened at night.	Appx 9 Weekly Report.
	Thursday 31 JAN		Weather Fine. Pictures screened at night.	

D. Foster Capt.
adj.
Lt. Col.
Commanding 7 Aust. Inf. Bn. (A.I.F.)

War Diary

APPX I

SUBJECT : WEEKLY REPORT

7 Inf Bn (AIF)
1 Jan 46
A21/1

23 INF BDE

1. During the week Xmas was celebrated, and all troops agreed that a very good time was had by all.
2. Work was continued throughout the week and Bn HQ Adm buildings were completed, and in addition B Coy have been able to build adm buildings. Lack of timber prevents further development.
3. A purge is still on regarding administration of atabrin etc and as a result 2 officers have been paraded before me for minor breaches of Standing Orders.
4. The Malaria Control Sgt's report is noted, and as far as this area is concerned I can state that 200 Japanese were used for a few days and this party was reduced to 100 which is quite adequate to supervise. The out drains are revetted and a daily squad clears the sand away. It is interesting to note that at NO time has this NCO reported his presence in the battalion area. These methods have been stopped.
5. Att please find requests by Japanese to shoot 3 men for killing a Japanese offr. Your direction and/or approval is desired; in the meantime the men are held in close custody.
6. Att is report by Japanese on food position for information of the commander.
7. Ballale strip will be finished to target date, and the mechanical equipment will be able to be used for a sports area.
8. The morale of the troops is good, and they are maintaining a high standard of discipline in Jap working parties.

P. Webster

Lt col
Comd 7 INF BN (AIF)
(P O WEBSTER)

APPENDIX "A" TO WEEKLY REPORT OF 30.12.45

FAUNG

JAPANESE STRENGTH RETURN

27 DEC 45

ARMY

<u>AREA</u>	<u>OFFRS</u>	<u>WOs</u>	<u>ORs</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
1	21	36	1394	1451
2	14	35	915	964
3	19	40	1150	1209
4	24	71	1426	1521
5	16	33	1040	1089
6	14	69	948	1031
7	18	51	1130	1199
8	23	47	1304	1374
9	21	38	1343	1402
Army Compound	3	3	225	231
TAUNG	798	1	226	1025
SAMANSO	13		22	35
Jap Water Tpt	5	1	70	76
A G H	67	14	891	972
Liason HQ	9		15	24
TOTAL	1065	439	12099	13603
10	12	81	848	941
11	19	61	1094	1174
12	20	66	1399	1485
13	30	152	2064	2246
14	30	111	1975	2116
15	26	58	1801	1885
16	19	47	1228	1294
SAMANSO	4	-	9	13
W T U	5	1	38	44
TAUNO	393	-	103	496
Liason HQ	13	2	24	39
N G H	38	21	674	733
TOTAL	609	600	11257	12466
TOTAL:				26069
<u>OWN TPS</u>	7 Inf Bn (AIF)	<u>Offrs</u> 30	<u>ORs</u> 818	848

APPENDIX "B" TO WEEKLY REPORT OF 20 DEC 45

SUBMISSIONS JAPANESE DEATH RATHERS WERE MISSING
BY DEC 45

ARMY.

<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>NAME</u>
281408	L/Cpl	KIYOSI	ITO
290093	"	TAKAHASHI	FUKUSIMA
287567	"	TAKAHOSHI	TAKAYOSHI
288166	Cpl	SEIKI	YOSHIDA
287889	Sgt	SHIMAZU	ISHIKAWA
287845	Cpl	KASHIWA	SABURO
300429	Sgt/Cpl	YASUDA	SHIGEKI
289723	Pte	FURAI	AKIHA
289989	Pte	HIYANUMA	KAZUO
289447	P.O.	FURUKO	ASAHUMA
281866	Cpl	YONETARO	HISIMURA
281910	P.O.	ESSAKURA	TANAKA
282638	Civil.	HYOSI	CHURA
281893	Cpl	MASATO	KENGO
287472	Sgt	YOSHINOE	OTURO
<u>NAVY</u>			
283548	u/class P.O.	TANAKA	KINIKI
283691	" " "	HASHIMOTO	YOKIJI
283268	" " "	TAMBE	SHO
283356	" " "	KODAMA	KOJIRO
283446	P.O.	KINURA	SHIKIJI
280428	S/class P.O.	HISIKAWA	KOBUO
283785	u/class P.O.	KOIKE	HISOSI
283630	l/class P.O.	KOJIMA	ICHIRO
283647	S/class P.O.	KAYABAKI	NAGASHi
283594	u/class P.O.	MIYA	SHOJI
284883	" " "	KAKASIMA	SHIJI
283635	" " "	UTIYAMA	HISAO
284587	" " "	HARA	TAKASHI
283677	" " "	OHYAMA	SHOJI
283547	" " "	ABE	SANSHO
286062	" " "	HIGUCHI	KENJI
284516	" " "	ASAKURA	KOJIRO
283528	" " "	TOMIYOSHI	TOSIYASU
284348	" " "	KIYOSHI	ITINATSU
282606	" " "	ITO	TOSIRO
282144	" " "	ISHIMOTO	KASABURO
282123	" " "	KINURA	YOSHIZAKI
282164	" " "	JISAKI	YOSHIZAKI
282831	Civilian	HIGUCHI	HIYOTAKA
282711	"	HUME	SUKIYUKI
283196	"	YAKAMURA	YOKIJI
282343	u/class P.O.	SUGI	HISOSI
284939	" " "	HAYASHI	SHIRO
289884	Civilian	HARASHIMA	SHIJI
283020	"	HORI	ITITARO
282794	"	YAMAGUCHI	KOJI
286454	u/class SGP	HAYASHI	SHIRO
286671	Civilian	YAMAMOTO	TOSI
286570	"	TAKATA	MOTOJI
285939	"	YAMAKAWA	TOTOMU
287726	"	ASAJI	SHIMIZU
286338	"	YOSHIMURA	SHIRO
282577	S/Lt. S/class	HAYASHI	SUNSHO
282903	Civilian	UTA	KENJI
289291	"	ADATE	KURASHI
287961	u/class P.O.	HIKITA	YUKIO
282931	" " "	HUKAMURA	SHIJI
283326	l/class P.O.	HAYASHI	SHIJI
280634	u/class P.O.	HOSOKAWA	SHOJI
283377	" " "	KASAHARA	SHIRO
287039	l/Lt. (Pay)	YAMADA	HISAO

APPENDIX " C " TO WEEKLY REPORT

17 Fd Amb (AIF)

MEDICAL REPORT ON JAPANESE ; FAURO IS.
FOR WEEK ENDING 29Dec 45

PLACE	BED STATE	ADMISSIONS	DISCHARGES
Army Gen Hosp.	644	44	26
Navy Gen Hosp	480	82	76
Area Hospitals	1310	399	376
<u>Totals</u>	2434	525	478

Number of patients off duty and in lines 7367

Number of patients in hospital and off duty in lines 9801

Blipshaw
.....MAJ.
SMO 17 Fd Amb (AIF)

Signed In The Field

29 Dec 45

APPENDIX "D" TO WEEKLY REPORT OF 30/12/45

WORK COMPLETED IN JAPANESE AREAS - FAURO - WEEK ENDING 27 DEC 45

1. GARDENS
Seeds and plants collected from SADI during last week have brought planting up to date in most areas. The average acreage planted is 5.2 acres. Further supplies of plants are required during January. There are no further supplies of plants available at BUIN. Gardening progress has been satisfactory during week.
2. HYGIENE
A high standard is insisted upon by Aust Inspecting Officers and constant maintenance and replacement is carried out.
3. BUILDINGS
Army compound in area 9 is under construction. Court Martial building on TAUNO is almost complete. Essential buildings except in Army Gen Hospital and area 16 are complete. Small buildings and necessary stores are now being constructed.
4. SAWMILL
Sawmill in area 14 requires repairing. Fd Coy is inspecting and it is anticipated necessary parts will be obtained from Buin. Permission has been granted to set aside Sundays for maintenance of sawmill engines.
5. JETTIES
Jetties at areas 14 and 16 are being altered and repaired. Other jetties are fairly satisfactory.
6. CLEARING
Clearing of timber and rubbish around huts continued in all areas.
7. JAP WATER TPT
Is Now operating from area 3.
8. RATIONS
Permission was granted to use condemned rations as fertiliser instead of dumping into the sea as has been the practice.

PROJECTED WORK FOR JAP AREAS - WEEK ENDING 3 DEC 45

1. GARDENS:
Clearing and cultivation will be continued. Little planting is likely.
2. BUILDING
Army Prison compound to be completed. Court Martial building to be completed. Several latrines to be rebuilt, and some small buildings, toolsheds, mess racks and ablution benches to be constructed.
3. HYGIENE
Swamp clearing and malarial control to continue. Area 11 has large swamp to be cleared.
4. JAP WATER TPT
Continue construction of camp site.

A. W. Schibol

APPENDIX "E" TO WEEKLY REPORT OF 30/12/45

JAP WORK PARTIES IN AUST AREAS

AVERAGE DAILY STRENGTH - WEEK ENDING 27 DEC 45

KARIKI

Hygiene	25
Wood Cutting	15
Sawmill	25
Building	100
Engineer Stores	40
Pontoon Jetty	30
Clearing Bde Area	75
Road - Kariki to Bde Area	100
Jetty Aust Water Tpt	25
Road Kariki - Poyana	75
Aust Water Tpt	50
Fd Amb	15
Malaria Control	100
Wharf duties	100
Clearing and Cleaning	50
Building dam	<u>15</u>
	<u>840</u>

POYANA

Clearing & Cleaning	200
Builders	90
Bn Area	160
Hygiene	30
Maritime Leads	50
Road to PIB area	200
Road to Kariki	100
PIB area and clearing	100
Pipe Line	25
Malaria Control	<u>100</u>
	<u>1055</u>

BALLALE Air Strip

200
2095

War diary

APPENDIX "A" TO WEEKLY REPORT OF 5.1.46.

APPX II

FAUR

JAPANESE STRENGTH RETURN

W/E 3 Jan 46

ARMY

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1	21	36	1389	1446
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9	21	38	1340	1399
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TAUNO	799	1	226	1026
SAMANSO	13		22	35
Jap Water Tpt	7		70	77
A G H	65	14	898	977
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TAUNO	393		102	495
Liasion HQ	13	2	25	40
N G H	37	23	667	727
TOTAL	608	600	11205	12419

TOTAL: 25989

OWN TROOPS

7 Inf Bn (AIF)

offrs

25

ORs

868

APPENDIX " C " TO WEEKLY REPORT

17 Fd Amb (AIF)

MEDICAL REPORT ON JAPANESE : FAURO IS. FOR
WEEK ENDING 5 JAN 46

<u>PLACE</u>	<u>BED STATE</u>	<u>ADMISSIONS</u>	<u>DISCHARGES</u>
Army Gen Hosp	644	38	29
Navy Gen Hosp	473	59	55
Area Hospital	1361	492	342
Totals	2478	589	426

Number of patients off duty and in lines 7353
Number of patients in hospital and off duty in lines 9831

(Sgd) Maj Clipsham
SMO 17 Fd Amb (AIF)

SIGNED IN THE FIELD
6 Jan 46

APPENDIX "D" TO WEEKLY REPORT OF 6 JAN 46.

WORK COMPLETED IN JAP. AREAS - FAURO - WEEK ENDING 3 JAN 46.

1. GARDENS
Only a little planting was done during the week due to shortage of plants and seeds. The possibility of obtaining further supplies from Buin and other garden areas is being investigated. Insect pests are beginning to be troublesome and spraying is becoming necessary. A Japanese request for spray materials has been forwarded to you.
2. HYGIENE
This is being carefully supervised by inspecting Officers and the standard now is generally good.
3. BUILDING
Most areas has completed major buildings. Area 16 which was the last to be established has a good deal of construction work to be done. Living huts, new kitchen and hospital should be completed within 3 weeks.
4. SAWMILL
Sawmill in area 14 is not operating yet. The mill in area one is working satisfactorily.
5. JAP WATER TPT
Considerable work is necessary before this area will be up to standard. The Unit is operating satisfactorily from its new area.
6. JETTIES
Jetty at Fauro is unsatisfactory and arrangements are being made to have another constructed in a more suitable place. Area 12 now has a jetty. Maintenance is being carried out on jetties and all are serviceable.
7. RATIONS
Permission has been granted for extra officers to supervise the distribution of rations on ration issue days.

PROJECTED WORK

1. GARDENS
Clearing and cultivation. Little planting will be possible.
2. BUILDINGS
Work to continue on Hospital, huts and new kitchen in area 16. New Jetty at Fauro to be commenced. Further work necessary to complete Prison compound. Minor construction work in areas.
3. HYGIENE
Swamp clearing and malarial control, particularly in area 11.
4. JAP WATER TPT
Continue camp construction particularly latrines, mess huts and living quarters.

APPENDIX "E" TO WEEKLY REPORT OF 6 JAN 46.

JAP WORK PARTIES IN AUST AREAS.

AVERAGE DAILY STRENGTH - WEEK ENDING 3 JAN 46.

KARIKI:

Hygiene & Clearing	75
Wood Cutting	15
Sawmill	25
Building	130
Engineer Stores	50
Pontoon Jetty	30
Clearing Bde Area	100
Road Kariki:- Bde Area	100
Road Kariki:- Poyana	100
Pt Ldg Cft clearing	75
Wharf Duties	100
Malaria Control	100
Fd Amb	15
F S D Carrying	50
Bridge Building	40
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	<u>1005</u>

POYANA:

Poyana Road	100
Road to PIB Area	275
PIB Bridge	60
Maritime leads	20
PIB Area clearing	200
Malarial	100
Pipeline.	20
Building	100
Clearing - En	100
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	<u>975</u>

BALLALE: Air Strip

200

TOTAL 2180

1. Sickness Rate

(a) The following cases have occurred during the week:-

QX61648	PTE SMITH, P.D.	A Coy	Malaria M.T.
V503761	" McERLAIN, L.	C "	NOT Malaria.
W36729	" MARSLAND, K.E.	D "	Malaria M.T. (Evac as URTI)
H200944	" SOLLEY, F.G.	D "	Malaria M.T.
VX66760	" WOODFORD, L.A.	C "	Malaria M.T.
HX200758	" WYATT, H.E.	B "	Malaria M.T.
Q273026	" DALRY	D "	Malaria M.T.
S47692	" ZEITSE, W.	C "	Malaria M.T.
HX140223	" McGREGOR, S.C.	C "	Malaria M.T.

In addition the following have been reported as malaria:-

VX135084	PTE HUTCHINSON, I.J.	C Coy	Malaria M.T. (reported last week as unconfirmed)
W36731	" MARSLAND, D.J.		Malaria unclassified.

(b) Other Diseases. NO marked incidence of any other disease is noted.

2. Malaria Control

The measures inaugurated are proceeding satisfactorily. Mefrin parades are satisfactory. The increased rainfall has provided new potential breeding sites. Vigilance on part of the Coys is essential to keep these drained or oiled.

3. Hygiene

Generally good. The worst area is HQ Coy where there is still far too much debris of all sorts in close proximity, to the lines. No diminution in the number of flies present can be expected till this is rectified.

4. Kitchens

All Coys except HQ Coy have adequate kitchen and mess huts. HQ Coy is still not completed. The completion of this kitchen and the construction of an adequate mess hut which can be kept properly clean is a matter of the greatest urgency. The present conditions are very favourable to the development of an epidemic of dysentery.

John G. ... Capt
RMO 7 INF BN (AIF)

APPENDIX TO RMO'S REPORT

MALARIA.

For the week there have been 8 cases. All of these were MT. Atebrin parades have been inspected and I am satisfied that the chance of any man evading taking atebrin is very small. In my opinion only a very small number of the cases could be accounted for in this way.

Under brigade instruction 2 tablets of atebrin are to be given daily for 1 week, commencing 7 Jan. It would be appreciated if some indication could be given of the reasons on which this is based. From my point of view it is difficult to impress on the unit that atebrin is 100% effective when taken 1 daily if instruction is given to take 2 daily. This inevitably raises in the minds of the troops the suspicion that 1 atebrin is not adequate.

Also is there any reason to suggest that the atebrin at present being supplied is in any way defective. Random samples of the tablets in use show considerable variation and very often are not homogeneous. This raises the possibility of some error in manufacture.

 Capt
RMO 7 INF BN (AIF)

War Diary
APPX III

RESTRICTED

The information contained in this document is not to be communicated either directly or indirectly to the Press or to any person not authorised to receive it.

Serial 1/46
Paras 1-5

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

by

LT-COL P.G. WEBSTER - COMD 7 INF BN (AIF)

3 Jan 46

1. RADIOGRAM SERVICE TO AUSTRALIA AND OTHER PLACES (Ref FAA RO Q160 of 1 Dec 45)

Reference First Army Routine Order Q129 of 4 Aug 45.

A reduction in cost may be obtained by addressing radiograms to phone numbers, and by use of weekend messages.

Radiograms addressed to phone numbers will be set out as follows:-

- JONES Phone JA4278 SYDNEY (5 words)
- SMITH Phone Windsor 1234 MELBOURNE (5 words)
- JACKSON Phone M 3241 BRISBANE (4 words)

Weekend messages are delivered on the Monday after lodgment.

Cost is 4½d per word with a minimum charge of 7/6 per message.

2. RADIO GIFT SERVICE (Ref FAA RO Q161/45)

Amalgamated Wireless (Australia) Ltd. are now operating a radio gift service to each of the capital cities of Australia.

The service provides delivery of gifts of flowers or books to Addressees in Australia. A suitably inscribed card indicating the senders name and any personal message is sent out with the gift.

Full details of available gifts and cost can be obtained from the Army Postal Service.

3. WAR SOUVENIRS (Ref 23 Bde Q16/8 of 23 Dec 45)

All troops will be notified of the provisions of GRO 209/45 in respect to souvenirs and trophies of war particularly regarding items such as rifles, which personnel are NOT permitted to possess.

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A14. SOCIAL SERVICE CONTRIBUTIONS AND INCOME TAX - REDUCTION OF CONTRIBUTIONS BY INSTALMENTS (Ref GRO 329/45)

In consequence of the introduction of social service contributions and the recent reduction of the rates of income tax to be imposed on incomes for the year ending 30 Jun 46, the existing rates of deductions from the military incomes of members of the AMF will be reduced, with effect on and from 1 Jan 46.

Schedules setting out the new rates of tax deductions are in course of preparation and will be distributed to unit pay representatives.

Under the revised legislation, the contributions made by a member will be apportioned as follows:-

- (i) Where a member's annual income is such that it does not attract a rate of deduction in excess of 1s 6d in the £, the deductions will be wholly in respect of the member's social service contributions;
- (ii) Where a member's annual income is such that it attracts a rate of deduction in excess of 1s 6d in the £, the first 1s 6d in the £ will be in respect of the member's social service contributions and the excess over 1s 6d in the £ will be in respect of the member's income tax.

5. The following Regimental Appointments are made as from date of this order:-

<u>Canteen Offr</u>	-	VX115588	Lt	A.B.	BALL
<u>Unit Audit Board</u>	-	QX35749	Capt	A.R.	BROWN
		VX88990	Lt	W.A.	KUHNE

W. J. J. J.
 Capt
Adit 7 INF BN (AIF)

NOTICESICE CREAM ISSUES

Through the courtesy of Maj GAMB ACF commissioner for the Solomon Islands an Ice Cream plant and 1700 lb of mix have been transferred to Fauro Island.

It is requested that troops be advised that the issue is a gift from ACF and NOT an Army Issue, this procedure will apply until the present stocks (1700 lbs) are depleted and then the issue will be an AASC Supply.

Basis of Issue

100 lb mix will make 12 cans (4 gals each)
1 can 4 gals will feed 100-120 men.

Issues will be made twice weekly.

GENERAL COURT-MARTIAL

A GCM was held in the field on 18 Dec 45 for the trial of :-

VX101703 Lt LANGTRY, J.A. - 7 INF BN (AIF)

Charge: AA Sec 40: WONS NEGLECT TO THE PREJUDICE OF GOOD ORDER AND MILITARY DISCIPLINE in that he in the field on 16 Nov 45 when he was concerned in the care of public money amounting to £1900 so negligently performed his duties as to be unable to account for the said money.

Finding: Guilty, of the charge.

Sentence: To be reprimanded and put under stoppages of pay until he has made good the sum of twenty pounds (£20), which is a just and valid sentence.

The following amounts received for Regimental Funds are hereby acknowledged:-

57/60 Inf Bn (AIF) -	£3.	14.	8
2/8 Commando Sqn -	£5.	17.	0
8 INF BN (AIF) -	£ 108.	0.	0.

NOTICES

CHARGE REPORTS

Name: N441111 PTE STIMSON, A.L.
Offence: WOAS - AWL from 1730 hrs on the 16 Dec 45
until 1045 hrs on the 18 Dec 45. AA 15 (1).
Punishment
Awarded: Fined £3.
By whom
Awarded: LT-COL P.G. WEBSTER - Comd 7 INF BN(AIF), 19 Dec 45

Name: NX153543 PTE LEE, W.C.
Offence: WOAS - AWL from 1730 hrs on 16 Dec 45
until 1045 hrs on 18 Dec 45. AA 15 (1)
Punishment
Awarded: Fined £3.
By whom
awarded: LT-COL P.G. WEBSTER-Comd 7 INF BN(AIF), 19 Dec 45.

Name: N201492 PTE LAMPE, F.J.
Offence: WOAS DISOBEYING A LAWFUL COMMAND GIVEN BY HIS
SUPERIOR OFFICER. AA 9 (2).
Punishment
Awarded: Fined 15/-
By whom
awarded: LT-COL P.G. WEBSTER-Comd 7 INF BN(AIF), 28 Dec 45.

Name: N465300 PTE BROAD, C.
Offence: 1st Charge. WOAS USING INSUBORDINATE LANGUAGE TO
HIS SUPERIOR OFFICER. AA 8 (2)
2nd Charge. WOAS DISOBEYING A LAWFUL COMMAND GIVEN
BY HIS SUPERIOR OFFICER. AA 9 (2)
Punishment
Awarded: Fined £2. 14 days CB. 2 Jan 46
By whom
awarded: LT-COL P.G. WEBSTER-Comd 7 INF BN(AIF), ~~30 Dec 45~~

7 INF BN (AIF) LOCATION STATEMENT No. 15
as at 2359 hrs 7 JAN 46

Ref Maps FAURO IS)
 SHORTLAND IS) 1" - 1 mile

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Serial	Arm of Service	War Office Serial No.	Unit	Ref Map	Location	Remarks
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)
1.	Inf	46175	7 Inf Bn (AIF) Less 10 Pl B Coy	FAURO IS SHORTLAND IS (Special)	742140 498058	BALLALE

P.G. Webster
 Lt-Col
 Comd 7 INF BN (AIF)
 (P.G. WEBSTER)

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APPX V

Subject: REPORT FOR MESS BUILDING 18 JAN 46

HQ 7 INF BN (AIF)
18 Jan 46
A 21/97

23 INF BDA

1. Many points were discussed during Comds visit thus eliminating the need to mention them in this report.
2. It is understood from officers who have just marched in here, that there is a glut of crockery, and GOOD mess furniture, some of which has apparently been taken by the natives and/or dumped. It would be appreciated if this material could be collected and forwarded at the earliest. The last mess furniture sent was not as good as could have been obtained.
3. Rations are poor as usual and it is requested that custard powder, dripping, baking powder, and general pastry cooking ingredients be made available to assist the cooks in their difficult task of making meals satisfactory.
4. There has been no building operations completed owing to the lack of cut timber.


HQ 7 INF BN (AIF)
(P.G. WEBSTER)

APPENDIX "A" TO WEEKLY REPORT OF 12.1.45.

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JAPANESE STRENGTH RETURN

W/E 10 Jan 46

ARMY

AREA	OFFRS	WOB	ORs	TOTAL
1	21	36	1382	1439
2	14	35	913	962
3	19	41	1133	1193
4	24	70	1402	1496
5	16	33	1030	1079
6	15	69	938	1022
7	18	51	1126	1195
8	22	47	1301	1370
9	21	38	1335	1394
APC	3	3	221	227
TAUNO	796	1	228	1025
SAMANSO	13		22	35
WATER TP UNIT	7		77	84
LIASION HQ	8		15	23
A G H	66	13	917	996
TOTAL	1063	437	1204 1240	13540

NAVY

10	12	82	826	920
11	21	61	1008	1090
12	20	67	1392	1479
13	30	152	2062	2244
14	29	111	1365	2105
15	26	57	1798	1881
16	19	46	1208	1273
SAMANSO	4		9	13
WATER TPT	5	2	37	44
TAUNO	386		101	487
LIASION HQ	13	2	25	40
N G H	41	20	673	734
TOTAL	606	600	11104	12310

TOTAL: RETURN 25850

OFFRS

ORs

OWN TROOPS 7 INF BN (AIF)

APPENDIX "C" TO WEEKLY REPORT OF 12 JAN 46

WORK COMPLETED JAP AREA WEEK ENDING 10 JAN 46

1. GARDENS
Total area planted is approx 115 acres. Gardens are well cultivated and showing good progress. Insect pests are troublesome in some areas.
A reply to our request for a suitable spray would be appreciated.
2. HYGIENE
This has now reached a fairly high standard. It is closely supervised by Aust inspecting Officers.
3. BUILDINGS
Most areas excluding Army Hospital Area 16 and New Water Tpt area have completed buildings. Considerable work is necessary in area 16 and Water Tpt area. Four huts were completed in area 16 during the week and considerable progress in construction of mess hut, Latrines and mens quarters in Water Tpt area.
4. Aust saw-mill and mill in area 1 are working satisfactorily. Repairs to the benches reduced production for two days during the week.
5. JETTIES
Area 4 requires repairing. Jetty at Tauno is being rebuilt. General maintenance is being carried out.
6. Clearing of timber for gardens continued. Considerable clearing is necessary in area 11. Area 11 is a difficult area and progress is slower than in other areas.
7. JAP WATER TPT
Good progress is being made in the construction of new camp at area 3.
8. RATIONS.
Quite a number of small boats have been completed and about 300 men are employed as permanent fishermen. This supplements the normal rations.

PROJECTED WORK FOR JAP AREAS WEEK ENDING 17 JAN.

1. GARDENS
Clearing and cultivation.
2. BUILDINGS
Continue building programme in Navy Hospital area, Water transport and areas 16 and 3.
3. HYGIENE
Swamp clearing to continue with particular attention to area 1.
4. JAP WATER TPT
Continue camp construction.

APPENDIX "D" TO WEEKLY REPORT OF 12 JAN 46

JAP WORK PARTIES IN AUST AREAS.

AVERAGE DAILY STRENGTH - WEEK ENDING 10 JAN 46

KARIKI

Hygiene	110
Wood cutting	20
Sawmill	35
Building	200
Engineer stores	30
Clearing Bde area	200
Bde Road	75
Fd Amb	40
Malarial control	200
Wharf duties and carrying	160
Clearing and cleaning	50
Installing refrigerator	15
Corduroying	20
Port Ldg Cft area	150
Fd Amb	40
Bde Sigs	<u>25</u>
	7
	<u>1360</u>

POYANA

PIB area clearing	200
PIB Road	400
PIB Road Bridges	60
Maritime Leads	20
Poyana Road	200
Bn Clearing	150
Hygiene	30
Building	100
Malarial Control	<u>200</u>
	1360
	<u>200</u>
<u>Ballale Air strip</u>	<u>200</u>
	2930
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>8878</u>

APPX VI

7 INF BN (AIF) LOCATION STATEMENT NO.16 AS AT 2359 HRS 21 JAN 46

Ref Maps

FAURO IS }
SHORTLAND IS } 1st - 1 mile

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SERIAL	ARM OF SERVICE	WAR OFFICE SERIAL NO.	UNIT	REF MAP	LOCATION	REMARKS
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)
1	INF	46175	7 INF BN (AIF) Less 10 P1 B Coy	FAURO IS SHORTLAND IS (Special)	742148 498058	BALLALE

P.G. Webster LT-COL
COMD 7 INF BN (AIF)
(P.G. WEBSTER)

APPX VI

W/D APPX VII

Subject: REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING 19 JAN 46

HQ 7 INF BR (AIF)
22 Jan 46
A /

23 INF BDE.

1. Once again there is no building material available, therefore camp construction apart from make shift bush timber is at a stand-still.
2. Two PBEs and 4 outboards were sent down from Teroking. The motors were in a disgusting state and showed nothing less than carelessness in their care. Efforts are being made to fix some of them. It is understood that Ordnance have a large quantity of outboards in Teroking.
3. Plans are complete for the embarkation of 5,000 Japanese on the aircraft carrier.

P. G. Webster
 LT-COL.
 HQ 7 INF BR (AIF)
 (P.G. WEBSTER)

APPENDIX "A" TO WEEKLY REPORT WEEK ENDING 19 JAN 46
JAPANESE STRENGTH - FAUNO - WEEK ENDING 17 JAN 46

AREA	OFFRS	BOs	GRs	TOTAL
ARMY				
1	21	36	1380	1437
2	14	35	914	963
3	18	41	1126	1185
4	22	69	1395	1486
5	16	33	1027	1076
6	15	69	937	1021
7	20	51	1121	1192
8	23	47	1307	1377
9	21	38	1329	1388
Army Compound	3	3	220	226
Tauno	794	1	226	1021
SAMANSO	13		22	35
Water Tpt Unit	7		77	84
Liaison HQ	9		15	24
Army G.H.	67	14	921	1002
	<u>1063</u>	<u>437</u>	<u>12040</u>	<u>13540</u> <u>13540</u>

NAVY				
10	12	81	818	911
11	18	56	855	1029
12	20	66	1386	1472
13	30	152	2064	2246
14	29	111	1961	2101
15	26	57	1796	1879
16	20	44	1215	1279
Samanso	4	-	9	13
Water Tpt Unit	5	2	37	44
Tauno	385	2	107	494
Liaison HQ	13	2	25	40
Navy G.H.	43	25	675	743
	<u>605</u>	<u>598</u>	<u>11048</u>	<u>12251</u> <u>12251</u>

TOTAL 25768

OWN TPG

7 INF BN(AIF)

Offrs
31

GRs
760

APPENDIX "B" TO WEEKLY REPORT W/S 19 JAN 46
STRENGTH JAP WORK PARTIES WEEK ENDING 17 JAN

KARIEI

BUILDING	200
BDE AREA CLEARING	100
BDE ROAD	65
CORDUROY PARTY	50
SHARP - CARRYING	200
CLEARING	150
WOODCUTTING	20
SAWHILL	54
MALARIAL CONTROL	200
FD AMBULANCE	30
BDE SIGS	25
OWN DUTIES	40
ENGINEER STORES	50
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FOYANA AREA

FOYANA ROAD	50
FIB ROAD	100
FIB BRIDGES	60
FIB CLEARING	100
FIB HUTS	40
FIB DAM	15
MALARIAL CONTROL	200
BN BUILDING	200
BN CLEARING	200
HYGIENE	40
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BALLALE

AIRSTRIP	200
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TOTAL

2389

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From Force Maintenance H.Q.

APPENDIX "C" TO WEEKLY REPORT

2 AUST FD AMB (AIF).

MEDICAL REPORT ON JAPANESE ; FAURO IS.
FOR WEEK ENDING 18 JAN 46.

<u>PLACE</u>	<u>BEDSTATE</u>	<u>ADMISSIONS</u>	<u>DISCHARGES</u>
Army Gen Hosp.	668	31	17
Navy Gen Hosp.	492	68	41
Area Hospital	1413	395	378
Totals.	2573	494	436
Number of patients off duty and in lines.			8041
Number of patients in hospital and off duty in lines			10614

(s) Maj f Lt-Col
for Comd 2 AUST FD AMB (AIF)

APPENDIX "D" TO WEEKLY REPORT 19 JAN 46
WORK COMPLETED IN JAP AREAS-TAUNO- WEEK ENDING 17 JAN 46.

1. Gardens. No further planting has been done. In view of the approaching movement of troops back to Japan instructions have been given to concentrate on cultivation and maintenance of gardens. Good progress has been made and returns are gradually increasing.
2. Hygiene. This is fairly satisfactory both in Japanese areas and Australian areas occupied by Japanese working parties.
3. Building. Navy Court Martial building has been shifted to Tauno and will be completed shortly. Fair progress is being made in the construction of the new Jap Water Transport site.
4. Sawmill. Parts for Navy sawmill were obtained from Buia and the mill should be working very shortly. Other sawmills are working satisfactorily.
5. Jetties. Tauno Jetty is being rebuilt. Others are in a fair state of repair.
6. Clearing. Good progress has been made. ~~xxxxxxxx~~

PROJECTED WORKS FOR JAP AREAS - WEEK ENDING 24 JAN 46.

1. Gardens. Cultivation and general maintenance.
2. Building. Completion of jetty at Tauno and general maintenance.
3. Hygiene. Area Malarial control to continue particularly in area 11.
4. Jetties. Complete jetty at Tauno and repair others where necessary.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL AND REGATTA

TO COMMENCE 1230 HRS SAT 26 JAN 46

Postponed held
30 JAN

1. Swimming Carnival and Regatta to be run on a Coy Points Basis will be allotted to each Coy for Coy winners of each event. The Coy gaining the majority of points will be given £4, which will be donated to Coy Funds. This prize will be granted over and above the prizes allotted to winners of the various events. Nominations from Coys are required for the undermentioned Carnival. Carnival Day will include the following events:-

- (i) Competitive Swim.
- (ii) Plain & Fancy Dive.
- (iii) Relay Team.
- (iv) Novelty Events.
- (v) Lakatoi Race.

2. Sports Committee and Events:-

SPORTS OFFICIALS

Starter	-	Capt Scott
Umpire	-	Lt-Col Webster
Judges	-	Lt Martin
		" Pender
		" Satori
Judge (Diving)	-	Capt MacConachie
Scorer	-	Lt Gravell
Announcer	-	REP Foster YMCA

Coy Sports Reps will act as Marshalls for their respective Coys.

EVENTS - Nominations Required

Each Coy is to submit at least 2 entrants for each event.

				Points		
				Win	2nd	3rd
50 metres Freestyle	-	15/-	1st	5	3	1
		5/-	2nd			
100 metres Freestyle	-	15/-	1st	5	3	1
		5/-	2nd			
50 metres Backstroke	-	15/-	1st	5	3	1
		5/-	2nd			
25 metres Medley (Breast)	-	15/-	1st	5	3	1
		5/-	2nd			

PLAIN & FANCY DIVE

		Win	2nd	3rd
Plain Dive, best of 3.	Winner £1 Canteen	5	3	1
Order, 2nd	10/- Canteen Order.			

RELAY

		Win	2nd	3rd
6 teams of 8 men (1 team per Coy)		7	4	3
and plus 1 Offrs Team.				
Winning Team	£1 Canteen Order			

NOVELTY

Pillow Fight	-	10/- Canteen Order
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3.

LAKATOI RACE - PART 1

EVENT - OPEN

Any type of canoe, lakatoi etc may be used and any number may comprise the crew.

2 Events - 1 or more crews per Coy
Prize - 10/- per member of winning crew.

EVENT - RESTRICTED

Any type of canoe, lakatoi etc may be entered, but ONLY two (2) men will comprise the crew.

2 Events - 1 or more crews per Coy
Prize - 10/- per member of winning crew.

NB. Craft may be inter changed by Coys in Nos. 1 and 2 Events in the OPEN & RESTRICTED Races.

LAKATOI RACE - PART 2

OPEN EVENT

Any type of canoe, lakatoi etc may be used and any number may comprise the crew.

This event will be raced over a straight course. Course to be 400 yds from start to finish.

1 Crew per Coy.
Prize - 10/- per member, of each winning crew.

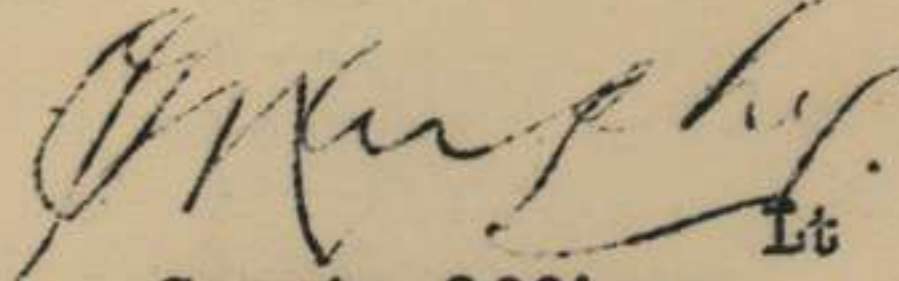
4.

FINAL EVENT

Points

220 Metres Freestyle	- 21 Canteen Order-Winner	7
	10/- " " - 2nd	4
		2

5. Entrants for various events, to hand their names into Coy Sports Reps by 1200 hrs 25 Jan, so as to enable Sports Committee to complete and publish entrants position in the Sports Draw.
6. Refreshments will be served by YMCA Rep.
7. Aust Races will be broadcast during the afternoon/
8. Contestants and Sports Officials only will be allowed on the jetty. Spectators will be seated along the beach in front of D Coy,


 Lt
Sports Officer

Subject: REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING 26 JAN 46

7 Inf Bn (AIF)
30 Jan 46
A21/151

23 INF BDE

1. This report has been delayed owing to the late arrival of Jap returns. During the embarkation, the Liaison office was kept extremely busy.
2. Building programme is at present awaiting timber. The Naval mill will not be ready for some time and only 2 mills can barely supply adm building materials.
3. Extensive rain flooded the HQ Coy area, and Q and cookhouse buildings were 1 foot under water. This area is unsatisfactory and a complete revisal of their site is required.
4. A chapel is being built on the tennis court site owing to the court not being a success.
5. Trees falling in the area have caused damage and it has been necessary to fell many more by axe. Troops would not sleep in their huts during the storms.
6. Owing to the prevalence of watch makers (Jap) in the area a Bn watchmaker's tent has been set up and the watchmaking is under Bn control. This eliminates a certain amount of fraternisation.
7. Regarding the Comd's remarks re internal economy it would appear that my last report is not clear, the detail is as follows:-
 - (a) The meat at present does not provide enough cooking fat, and as butter is the only issue, after being used by troops very little is left for cooks to use in cooking. There is NO tropical spread and the tinned dripping is approximately a 2 day issue. It can be made to last four days by going without baking pastries. As we supplement with fish, the fat issue lasts for 2 meals and is all used up. This cannot be used again. Margarine has not been issued for 3 weeks in fact margarine and tinned butter have been cut in lieu of fresh butter. When fresh butter was not a daily commodity the other substitutes were issued in lieu and as margarine etc is not popular, there was always ample to supplement the fat required in cookhouses. The present scale of fat is $\frac{1}{2}$ oz per man, and it is felt that in view of the desirability of feeding troops in the best possible way, it is suggested that an increase in fat be made. The suggested increase is to $1\frac{1}{2}$ ozs per man. This would enable cooks to provide a good variety and enable the fish to be fried without prejudicing the future use of fats. Fish that is boiled in company issues is not very satisfactory owing to its breaking up completely.
 - (b) The request for custard powder was made because there has been no issue for past fortnight. There is no custard powder at D.I.D. FAURO.
 - (c) Baking powder is a very light issue and extra is purchased from canteens.

(s) P.G. WEBSTER Lt-Col
Comd 7 INF BN (AIF)

APPENDIX "A" TO WEEKLY REPORT - WEEK ENDING 26 JAN 46
STRENGTH JAP AREAS AT 24 JAN 46

<u>AREA</u>	<u>OFFRS</u>	<u>NOs</u>	<u>GRs</u>	<u>T^otal</u>
1	21	31	1366	1418
2	14	35	910	959
3	18	41	1124	1183
4	25	69	1370	1464
5	16	33	1026	1075
6	14	68	934	1016
7	19	51	1110	1187
8	22	47	1307	1376
9	20	38	1312	1370
Army Compound	4	3	233	240
TAUNO	766	2	225	991
SANANGO	12		22	34
Water Tpt Unit	7		77	84
Liaison Hq	10		19	29
A.G.H.	<u>166</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>906</u>	<u>986</u>
	<u>1032</u>	<u>432</u>	<u>11948</u>	<u>13412</u>
10	12	31	806	899
11	5	23	204	232
12	19	64	1393	1475
13	22	151	2061	2234
14	30	111	1931	2122
15	26	57	1811	1994
16	18	45	1236	1299
SANANSO	4		9	13
Water Tpt Unit	5	2	38	45
TAUNO	348	2	100	450
Liaison Hq	10	2	24	36
H.G.H.	<u>35</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>606</u>	<u>665</u>
	<u>534</u>	<u>562</u>	<u>10268</u>	<u>11364</u>

TOTAL - 24,776

7 INF BN (AIF) Offrs 35 GRs 737

APPENDIX "B" TO WEEKLY REPORT - WERE SPRING 26 JAN 46

Average daily strength Jap work parties
AUST areas - week ending 26 Jan 46 .

CENTRAL BAY

Building	-	250
Clearing	-	100
Carrying	-	200
Road making	-	150
Sawmill	-	50
Gen Duties	-	200
Hygiene	-	30
Plumbing	-	20
Material Control	-	150
Doc Sign	-	25
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		1220
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RYANA

PID Huts	-	40
PID Dam	-	15
Maritime Leads	-	20
Poyasa Road	-	100
Material Control	-	150
Bn Building	-	240
Hygiene	-	70
Clearing	-	120
Gen Duties	-	30
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		835
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BALLAL

Airstrip	-	200
TOTAL	-	<hr/>
		2264
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APPENDIX "C" TO WEEKLY REPORT 26 JAN 46
WORK COMPLETED IN JAP AREAS - WEEK ENDING 24 JAN 46

1. Gardens. Planting has now ceased but cultivation and maintenance continues. Gardens have made good progress. Japs have been instructed to expect to use their gardens up to the middle of May.
2. Hygiene. This is generally satisfactory in all areas.
3. Building. In view of the movement of the Japanese troops building activity has almost ceased.
4. Sawmills. Navy mill is not yet working. Parts obtained from Buin were not suitable. 23 Fd Coy is to inspect. Army mill in area 1 requires repairs and ceased production during the week. It is not known when it will recommence operations.
5. Jetties. Fairly satisfactory. Maintenance has been carried out where necessary.
6. Clearing. Most areas have made good progress.

PROJECTED WORK FOR JAP AREAS - WEEK ENDING 31 JAN 46

1. Gardens. Cultivation and general maintenance.
2. Buildings. Completion of water transport area. Little further construction likely.
3. Hygiene. Malarial control to continue.
4. Jetties. General maintenance.

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required.)

Army Form C.2118.
(Adapted.)

Unit 7 INF BN (AIF) Date and Time.—From 1 Feb 46 To 28 Feb 46

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
FAURO ISLAND	Feb 1		23 Bde HQs arrived Fauro Is during the day.	
		2	Capt BROWN inspected P.W. areas.	Appx 1 Field Returns
		3	15 Pl C Coy moved to BALLALE 10 Pl returned to Bn.	Location " 2 Statement 17
		4	Brigadier SIMPSON accompanied by CO inspected SAMANSO IS.	" 3 BROs 3/46
		5	Lt KITNEY appointed Island Adj. and moved to 23 Bde HQs from where the Japanese will be controlled. Pictures screened at night	" 4 Weekly Report
		6	Brigadier SIMPSON inspected Bn area. Lt KUHNE marched out for discharge to resume studies at Melbourne University. Another party of Japs left Fauro Is. for Japan to-day	
		7	CO's orderly room.	
		8	A Japanese hospital ship arrived Central Bay. Later departed for Japan with stretcher cases.	
		9	CO's orderly room.	

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

Army Form C.2118.
(Adapted.)

(Erase heading not required.)

Unit 7 AUST INF BN (AIF) Date and Time.—From 1 Feb 46 To 28 Feb 46

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
FAURO ISLAND.	Feb 10		Rest day. Pictures screened at night.	
	11		Lt MARTIN and 20 ORs D Coy relieved Lt TIERNAN and 30 ORs at BALLALE ISLAND.	
	12		MAJ.G.R.MACONACHIE assumed duties as Comd Force Maintenance Area MAJ.W.H.SCOTT takes over as 2i/c unit.	
	14		CO held Coy Comds conference and discussed plans to re - arrange Coys into high and low point coys. Picture show ended abruptly when a strong wind blew down the screen.	
	16		During tha day Coys were rearranged with the result that all personnel below 125 are in HQ,C,D coys and all high pointers in A and B coys. Picture show screened at night.	
	17		Rest day Dedication service on opening of the chapel by Padre Pilkington. Two more boats left today loaded with Japs for their homeland.No of Japs now remaining on Fauro approx 4000	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
FAURO ISLAND	Feb 18		Lt MARTIN and 20 ORs returned from BALLALE.	
	19		76 Low pointers marched in from TOROKINA. Pictures screened at night.	
	20		Maj Gen. MORRIS G.O.C. 8 MD arrived Fauro Is..CO visited Bde to meet G.O.C. and Mess at 23 Bde Officer's mess. The Fauro Training Center officially opened this afternoon. Capt JONES (AAMC) arrived Fauro Is. to relieve the RMO Capt GRAVES who has been posted to the mainland.	
	21		Free beer issue to troops.	Location Appx 5 Statement 18
	22		BSIP party arrived Poyana Bay and were guests of the Bn over the weekend. The presence of the nurse in the party created much interest. Pictures screened at night.	
	24		Rest day. Voluntary church parade held in the chapel during day. At night Offrs played ORs in billiards & table tennis	

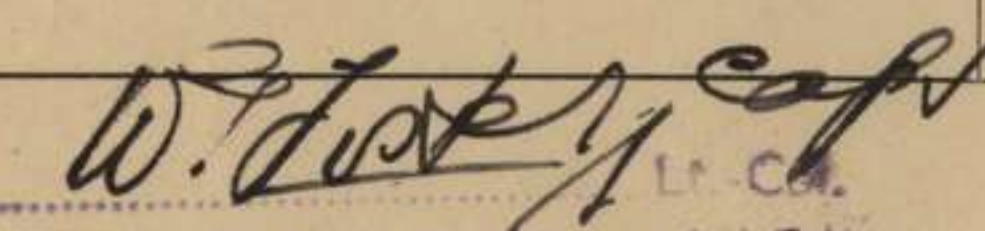
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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
FAURO ISLAND	Feb 24		in the YMCA hut. The ORs being victorious in both sports. A return match is being arranged. The week week has been uneventful, there has been a drought in mail, fresh vegetables and any good information all the week.	
	25		Offrs made final inspections of vacated Jap areas. Remaining Japs left for home today. Free tobacco issue. Pictures screened at night.	
	27		Bn parade CO addressed troops in theatre area and gave them the latest information available on future happenings. At night a table tennis tournament and quiz session conducted by Rep Foster was held in the YMCA hut.	
	28		2 Jap deserters reported back in area. Ptes defeated NCOs in table tennis tournament in YMCA. An issue of tobacco to all troops by ACF was made today.	


 Lt. Col.
 Commanding 7 Aust. Inf. Bn. (A.I.F.)

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Army Form W.3008
(Adapted) (Page 1)
(Revised Jan., 1943)

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At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 2 2 / 6 7 / 1946 **INF BN(AIF)** (Unit)

W.E. 11 12c 3 OFFRS. 33 O.R.'s. 769 + OFFRS. 1 O.R.'s. 32 ATT. BY W.E.

APPX I

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.
1			1	*					
3	1		2	*					
8	5		3	Lieut.-Colonels					
20			27	Majors	AANC				
1	1	7	-	Captains		1			
				Lieutenants					
				Quarter-masters					
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.					
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.					
33	7	7	33			1			

DETAIL	A.I.P.	C.M.P.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
A.										34
E.(1)										
E.(2)										

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

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

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.
VX94301	CHAP	PILKINGTON, CHD	HQ 4 Base SA	26/1/46	Attachment as Chaplain
VX108720	LT	STEVENS, W.G.	23 Inf Bde	27/1/46	Ceases attachment
QX53505	T/Capt	ANDERSEN, M.A.	6 Port Op Co	27/1/46	Transferred
VX83223	Lt	DAVIES, T.J.	do	27/1/46	do
VX108364	"	DOWLING, N.	do	27/1/46	do
VX87819	"	REID, R.T.	do	27/1/46	do

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
VX114210	CAPT	TREVENEN, J.L.	23 Inf Bde	1/2/46	Ceases attachment.

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 2/2/1946 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Lt-Col	WX266	WEBSTER	P.G.C.	CO	Yes	S/N/100	
T/Maj	VX117140	MACONACHIE	G.R.	2 1/c	Yes	V/N/206	
T/Maj	VX81075	SCOTT	W.H.	OC C	Yes	V/N/146	
Capt	OX35749	BROWN	A.R.	OC D	Yes	S/N/142	
T/Capt	OX34214	FOSTER	W.S.	Adjt	Yes	S/N/152	
T/Capt	OX33505	ANDERSEN	H.A.	OC B	Yes	S/N/146	
Lt	VX108364	DOWLING	H.	21/cD	Yes	V/N/140	
"	OX35765	MULLALLY	A.E.	21/cB	Yes	S/N/154	
"	OX12112	WINCHESTER	W.R.	OC HQ	Yes	S/N/152	
"	OX35819	CASSERA	P.E.	-	No	S/N/142 Det 23 Bde	1/1/46
"	VX102602	TIBBMAN	J.A.	14 P1	Yes	V/N/146	
"	OX110439	BOYLE	J.B.	OC A	Yes	S/N/150	
"	OX35727	HORNE	G.C.	-	No	Det Force Maintenance	9/12/45
"	OX55362	MARTIN	W.	16 P1	Yes	S/N/148	
"	VX87819	REID	R.T.	17 P1	Yes	V/T/142	
"	OX31393	KITNEY	R.W.	11 P1	Yes	S/N/144	
"	VX89359	EDWARDS	D.N.V.	A/Adjt	Yes	V/N/144	
"	VX104452	HOGAN	D.A.	8 P1	Yes	V/N/140	
"	VX114488	BALL	A.B.	2 P1	Yes	V/N/156	
"	VX58109	RUSH	G.	-	No	14 days Comp Leave	1/10/45
"	VX33223	DAVIES	T.J.	13 P1	Yes	V/N/140	
"	OX123187	BALZER	R.C.	22 P1	Yes	S/N/140	
"	OX125837	AXTILL	S.J.	7 P1	Yes	S/N/140	
"	VX88990	KUNKE	H.A.	1s Adjt	Yes	V/N/140	
"	VX88032	SANTORI	R.C.	9 P1	Yes	V/-/142	
"	OX42060	FRATTON	L.P.	10 P1	Yes	S/N/138	
"	VX147941	GRAVELL	K.	18 P1	Yes	V/N/134	
"	VX88365	PENDER	I.H.	5 P1	Yes	V/N/148	
"	OX37436	CAMERON	C.F.	1 P1	Yes	S/N/152	
"	OX42977	MURPHY	J.	15 P1	Yes	S/N/144	
"	VX108720	STEVENS	E.B.	OH	Yes	V/N/140	
"	OX161557	O'BRIEN	B.J.	-	No	7days comp 617 ARL	5/1/46
XX	OX35888	SHAW	L.G.	TC	Yes	S/-/140	
ATTACHED							
Capt	VX94457	GRAVES	J.E.	HQ	Yes	V/N/100	

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
Major	OX33387	LACK, H.L.	Force	23/10/45	OC Force Maint Area
Chaplain	VX154089	MAHER G.	AA GND	4/12/45	Chaplain Class IV
Chaplain	VX94301	PILKINGTON, G.D.H.	do	26/1/46	do
Dr	B2/493	FOSTER B.G.	YMCA	2/10/45	YMCA Representative

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Date of Despatch

[Signature]
Signature of Commander
(P.G.WEBSTER)

Lt-Col

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 2 / 2 / 1946 .

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering	17	11		Operating Room Assts.	66	50		G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, E.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangetakers			
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Rivetters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths	1	-						Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevadores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical	4	4	
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers	27	24		Tailors	2	2	
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Bollermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters	6	4		Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman				Tech Sgt	1	-	
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners				RSN	1	1	
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics								RONS	1	1	
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)								QNS	5	2	
Fitters				Driver-Operator								QNSs	5	2	
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers								MMG Nos	18	31	
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians								Mortar Nos	73	27	
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)								Pioneers	32	25	
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				Tk/A Nos	14	25	
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers	1	1		Canteen Sgt	1	-	
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	12	11		RP Sgt	1	1	
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply				RFs	6	5	
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				SBs	21	13	
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	10	6		Coach Trimmers				Dvrs NT	12	14	
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors				Batmen	35	22	
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks				Gen Duties	3	3	
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies				Hygiene	4	4	
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				Orderlies	32	32	
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				Storemen	6	6	
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics				S/Duties	2	2	
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant				Mon&LNG	408	517	
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.				Pl Sgts	12	24	
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers	1	1					
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD	1	-		CARRIED FORWARD	17	11		CARRIED FORWARD	66	50		Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	769	316	* *

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

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Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

(P.O. WEBSTER)

Lt-Col

Trade	Rank	W/E	Pres str in army area	Priority Class - Demob Scheme				
				Under 125	125- 129	130- 139	140- 149	Over 149
TRADE GP 1								
Blacksmith	Pte	1	-					
Bricklayer	Pte	-	1				1	
TRADE GP 2								
Carpenters	Pte	6	4		2		2	
Int Duties	Sgt	1	-					
"	Cpl	2	1				1	
"	Pte	7	5		2		3	
Signallers	Sgt	1	-					
"	Cpl	4	3	1			2	
"	Pte	22	17	5	6		6	
TRADE GP 3								
Butcher	Pte	1	1				1	
Clerks	Sgt	2	-					
"	Cpl	6	5	2			3	
"	Pte	4	6	3			3	
Eqpt Repairer	Pte	1	1	1				
Gun layers	Pte	8	2	1			1	
Rangefinders	Pte	4	1				1	
Storemen Tech	Sgt	1	-					
"	Pte	4	3	1	1		1	
Tailor	Sgt	1	-					
"	Cpl	1	-					
"	Pte	-	1		1			
NON SPEC								
RSM	WO1	1	1					1
RQMS	WO2	1	1					1
CSMs	WO2	5	1				1	
CQMSs	S/Sgt	5	-					
MHC Nos	Sgt	3	-					
"	Cpl	2	2				2	
"	Pte	13	24	9	5		10	
Mortar Nos	Sgt	5	2				2	
"	Cpl	5	3	1			2	
"	Pte	63	9	4	4		1	
Pioneers	Sgt	1	1		1			
"	Cpl	4	2		1		1	
"	Pte	27	19	6	5		8	
Tk/A Nos.	Sgt	3	1				1	
"	Cpl	4	4	1			3	
"	Pte	7	17	12	2		3	
Canteen Sgt	Sgt	1	-					
TRTC Sgts	Sgt	-	3		1		2	
RMen & LMG	Sgt	12	16	3	3		10	
"	Cpl	36	31	6	11		14	
"	Pte	372	408	197	64		148	
RP Sgt	Sgt	1	1				1	
RP	Pte	6	4	2			2	
SBs	Sgt	1	-					
"	Cpl	2	1				1	
"	Pte	18	10	2	2		6	
Dvrs MT	Cpl	1	1				1	
"	Pte	11	13	6	1		6	
Batmen	Pte	35	22	8	7		7	
Gen Duties	Pte	3	3	1	1		1	
Hygiene	Pte	4	4		1		3	
Orderlies	Pte	32	32	15	7		10	
Storemen	Pte	6	5	1	2		2	
W/Duties	Pte	2	2	1	1			
TOTALS		769	695	289	131	273	1	1

Appendix "A" (cont'd)
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DEMOBILIZATION STATISTICS
 7 INF BN (AIF)
 Formation - 23 INF BDE

Week ending 26 Jan 46

Trade	Rank	W/E	Pres str in army area	Priority Class - Demob Scheme				
				Under 125	125- 129	130- 139	140- 149	Over 149
Carried Fwd		769	695	289	131	273	1	1
<u>ATTACHED BY W/E</u>								
<u>AANC</u>								
Hygiene Sgt	Sgt	1	-					
Sgt	Sgt	1	1				1	
Chiropodist	Cpl	1	-					
Medical Ord.	Pte	1	1				1	
<u>AAOC</u>								
Shoemaker	Cpl	1	-					
<u>AAPC</u>								
Sgt	Sgt	1	1			1		
Cpl	Cpl	1	1	1				
<u>AAPS</u>								
Sgt	Sgt	1	-					
	Pte	-	1	1				
<u>AAGC</u>								
Caterer	WO2	1	1					1
Sgt Cooks	Sgt	5	4				2	2
Cpl "	Cpl	5	4			1	2	1
TC2 "	Pte	13	15	8	1		6	
TOTALS		801	724	299	134	285	5	1

7 INF BN(AIF) LOCATION STATEMENT NO.17 AS AT 2359 HRS 3 FEB 46

APPX II
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Ref Map-

FAURO IS)
SHORTLAND IS) 1" - 1 mile

SECRET
COPY NO 2

SERIAL	ARM OF SERVICE	WAR OFFICE SERIAL NO.	UNIT	REF MAP	LOCATION	REMARKS
A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1.	INF	46175	7 INF BN(AIF) Less 15 Pl C Coy	FAURO IS SHORTLAND IS (Special)	742148 498058	BALLALE

P.G. Webster
LT-COL
COMD 7 INF BN (AIF)
(P.G. WEBSTER)

APPX II

RESTRICTED

The information contained in this document is not to be communicated either directly or indirectly to the Press or to any person not authorised to receive it.

Serial 3/46
Paras 11- 13

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

by

LT-COL P.G. WEBSTER - COMD 7 INF BN (AIF)

4 Feb 46

11. WEARING OF UNIFORM AFTER DISCHARGE (Ref FA)

1. It is desired that a person granted such approval be encouraged to wear an appropriate official or ex-serviceman's organization badge indicating he is a discharged serviceman.
2. Such badge to be worn on the left breast in the same position as service ribbons.
3. If worn in conjunction with service ribbons badge is to be worn above such ribbons and in a central position.

12. OUTBOARD MOTORS AND OTHER CRAFT - RESTRICTED AREAS

1. Outboard motors and other craft are restricted to POYANA and CENTRAL BAY areas and fishing areas in vicinity of FAUROS.
2. On no account will troops using crafts of any description land at Japanese areas or have contact with these areas in any way.
3. The provisions of this order will be promulgated to troops who normally use outboards immediately and to all ranks on first parade.

13. SALE OF SURPLUS ARMY STORES AND EQPT BY COMMONWEALTH DISPOSALS COMMISSION TO SERVING MEMBERS OF AMF IN MOROTAI FORCE, FIRST ARMY AND NORFORCE AREAS (Ref Bde RO 20)

1. The following procedure will be adopted in the sale of surplus stores equipment, etc, to serving members of AMF.
2. A. GENERAL
 - (i) Serving members of the AMF returning to the Mainland for demobilization are permitted to purchase stores, provided that the articles are such as can be carried on the person.
 - (ii) It must be clearly understood that no transport facilities can be made available from Army resources for movement to the Mainland or intra-Territorially.
 - (iii) In the event of purchases being made by serving members vide para 2A(i) above, all ranks should be warned to ensure that they obtain a receipt for the stores purchased, and that they retain such receipts for production as proof of ownership, if necessary.
 - (iv) On NO account will any Army storage facilities be made available for the housing of stores purchased by members of the AMF.

MT AND SMALLCRAFT

- (i) The purchase of MT and Smallcraft by serving members of the AMF for use only whilst the purchaser is serving in the area will not be permitted.
- (ii) Purchases may be made, however, by members on draft to the mainland for demobilization, provided that it is clearly understood that the vehicle or vehicles and/or smallcraft are removed from Army Parks, stored under private arrangement, and that it is the purchaser's responsibility to arrange subsequent shipment to desired destination.
- (iii) Members who elect to take their discharge vide para 3 below may also be permitted to purchase under the terms specified in 2B (ii) above, provided that their application for discharge has been submitted.

DISCHARGE IN PAPUA OR NEW GUINEA.

3. As discharge is permissible in PAPUA or NEW GUINEA, personnel intending to avail themselves of this opportunity are permitted to purchase property and plant, etc (NOTMT and Watercraft) whilst still serving, provided that no expense is incurred by Army and that the purchaser makes his own arrangements in regard to storage and care of such plant, etc, (see para 2A (iv) above.
4. MT and Watercraft may only be purchased under terms of paras 2B (ii) and (iii) above.

METHOD OF APPLICATION FOR PURCHASE

5. Application for purchase of stores, MT, Watercraft, etc, as governed by the above direction will be submitted direct to

Regional Manager
Commonwealth Disposals Commission
LAE.

6. The application will be endorsed by Unit CO that the soldier is on draft for movement to Mainland or has elected to take his discharge locally.
7. The number of items available for purchase by personnel returning to the Mainland is very limited and this order will be mainly of assistance to personnel taking their discharge locally.

W. J. Foster
CAPT
ADJT 7 INF BN (AIF)

N O T I C E S

7 AUST INF BN (AIF) REGIMENTAL FUND
STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT FOR MONTH ENDING 31 JAN 46

Trust A/c balance 31 Dec 45	-	Dr	£125. 13. 10
Cash received during month	-		£534. 11. 4
Cash expended during month	-		£263. 2. 8
Trust A/c balance 31 Jan 46	-	Cr	£145. 14. 10

STATEMENT OF POSITION AS AT 31 JAN 46

Cr as per Trust A/c	-	£145. 14. 10
Refund due for Xmas Fare	-	£279. 15. 0
Adv to Postal Sgt	-	£ 10. 0. 0
Adv to Unit Canteen	-	£200. 0. 0
Petty Cash	-	8. 7
		<u>£ 635. 18. 5</u>

Less amount paid into		
Trust A/c for sale of		
Amenities stores-A/cNOT paid	£ 168. 11. 0	
	<u>£ 467. 7. 5</u>	

W.A. Kuhne
We certify that we have examined the cash book, the unit trust book and vouchers relating to 7 AUST INF BN (AIF) trust accounts, and that in our opinion this statement correctly sets out the position of the funds as at 31 JAN 46. "

(sgd) W.A. Kuhne Lt
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(sgd) A.R. BrownCapt

War Diary

APPX IV

Subject: WEEKLY REPORT ENDING 31 JAN 46

HQ 7 INF BR (AIF)
6 Feb 46
A 21/175

23 INF BDE

1. Attached herewith Japanese figures for the week.
2. A discussion at some length with the Comd eliminates any other points of note from this unit.

P. G. Webster LT-COL
COMD 7 INF BR (AIF)
(P.G. WEBSTER)

APPENDIX "A" TO WEEKLY REPORT
WEEK ENDING 2 FEB 46 -

STRENGTH JAPANESE AREAS WEEK ENDING 31 JAN 46.

<u>Area</u>	<u>Offrs</u>	<u>WOB</u>	<u>ORs</u>	<u>Total</u>	
1	20	31	1364	1415	
2	15	35	912	962	
3	18	42	1135	1185	
4	25	69	1365	1459	
5	17	33	1027	1077	
6	13	68	940	1021	
7	16	51	1125	1192	
8	22	47	1307	1376	
9	20	38	1304	1362	
Army Prison Compound	5	3	228	236	
Tauno	767	1	223	991	
Samase	11	-	22	33	
Water Tpt Unit	7	-	78	85	
Liaison HQ	10	-	19	29	
A.G.H.	<u>66</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>873</u>	<u>953</u>	
	<u>1032</u>	<u>432</u>	<u>11912</u>	<u>13376</u>	- 13376
<u>Navv</u>					
10	12	81	797	890	
11	5	23	199	227	
12	20	64	1383	1467	
13	-	-	-	-	
14	17	57	1428	1502	
15	-	-	-	-	
16	18	45	1234	1297	
Samase	4	-	9	13	
Water Tpt Unit	5	2	38	45	
Tauno	134	2	50	188	
Liaison HQ	12	2	25	39	
N.G.H.	<u>35</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>602</u>	<u>661</u>	
	<u>264</u>	<u>300</u>	<u>5765</u>	<u>6329</u>	- <u>6329</u>
					<u>Total - 19785</u>
<u>Own Tps</u>	35 Offrs		707 ORs	-	742

APPENDIX "B" TO WEEKLY REPORT
WEEK ENDING 2 FEB 46 -

AVERAGE DAILY STRENGTH JAP WORKING PARTIES IN AUST AREAS W/E 31 JAN 46

CENTRAL

Building	-	350
Clearing	-	100
Malarial Control	-	200
Roadmaking	-	75
Engineer Stores	-	40
Refrigerator installation	-	40
Carrying duties	-	200
Pt Ldg Cft	-	200
Sawmill	-	54
Fd Ambulance	-	40
Hygiene and general Duties	-	120
Bde Sigs	-	25
		<u>1444</u>

POYANA

P I B Roadmaking	-	300
P I B Clearing	-	100
" Building	-	100
Poyana Road	-	150
P I B Dam	-	40
Malarial Control	-	200
Bn Building	-	150
Hygiene and Gen duties	-	80
Bn Clearing	-	220
		<u>1340</u>

BALLALE

Airstrip	-	150
		<u>150</u>
Total	-	<u>2934</u>

APPENDIX "G" TO WEEKLY REPORT - WEEK ENDING 2 FEB 46

WORK COMPLETED JAP AREAS - WEEK ENDING 31 JAN 46

1. Gardens.

Planting has now ceased and areas are concentrating on cultivation and maintenance.

2. Building

Building operations have ceased. All salvagable materials in vacated areas are being stored and will be used in other areas as required.

3. Hygiene

A satisfactory standard has been reached in all areas.

4. Sawmills

Repairs to the Navy mill have proved unsatisfactory, and so it has been decided to move useful parts from the Navy mill to area one. This will be completed during the coming week and a considerable increase in output from the area 1 mill should result.

5. Jetties

In a fair state of repair.

6. Clearing

Where it assists malarial control this is still being carried out.

PROJECTED WORKS FOR JAP AREAS

This will consist mainly of general maintenance and collection of salvagable materials in vacated areas.

APPX V

7 INF BN (AIF) LOCATION STATEMENT NO.18 AS AT 2359 21 FEB 46

Ref Map

FAURO IS.

1" = 1 mile

SECRET
COPY NO. 2

Serial	Arm of Service	War Office Serial No.	UNIT	Ref Map	Location	Remarks
A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1	INF	46175	7 INF BN (AIF)	FAURO IS.	742146	

P. Webster
 ET-COL
 COMD 7 INF BN (AIF)
 (P.G. WEBSTER)

APPX V

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required.)

Army Form C.2118.
(Adapted.)

Unit 7 INF BN (AIF) Date and Time.—From 1 March 46 To 31 March 46

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
FAURO IS.	1 Mar		CO's orderly room	
	2 "		Information received that personnel with 125 points and under who had served an aggregate of at least 15 months overseas, would be sent back to the mainland for re-posting. Unit cadre reduced to a minimum - 3 Offrs and 25 ORs	
	3 "		Rest day. Voluntary church service,	
	4 "		A return match in table tennis and billiards between the Offrs and ORs was played in the YMCA hut. Offrs won the table tennis, ORs the billiards.	
	5 "		Pictures screened at night.	
	6 "		During the afternoon a swimming carnival and regatta was held.	Appendix 1.
	7 "		American troopship "Winchester Victory" arrived Central Bay to load stores and low point personnel for Rabaul.	
	8 - 11 "		Personnel engaged in working party loading Winchester Victory.	<i>W. Foster Capt</i>

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

Army Form C.2118.
(Adapted.)

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Unit 7 INF BN (AIF) Date and Time.—From 1 March 46 To 31 March 46

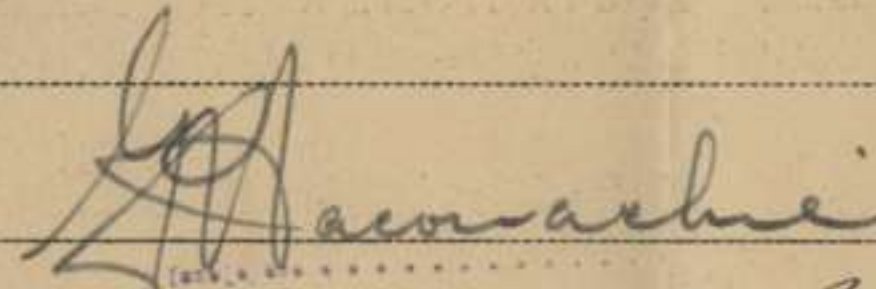
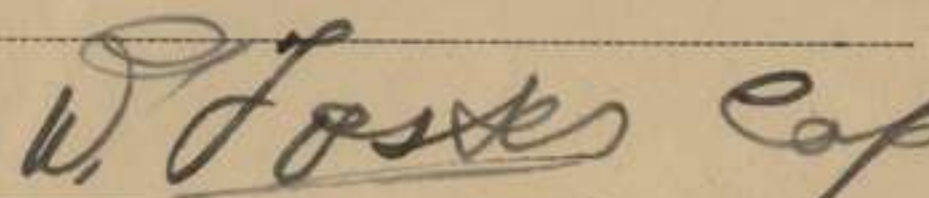
Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
FAURO ISLAND	9 Mar		CO's orderly room. Pictures screened at night.	Appendix 2
	10 "		Rest day. Voluntary church parade. Same pictures as screened on previous night to allow personnel who were working on Sat. night to see the show.	Appendix 3
	11 "		Bn parade. Lt Col WEBSTER handed over command of the Bn to Maj SCOTT prior to his departure for Rabaul. 13 Offrs 136 ORs embarked on Winchester Victory for Rabaul. Pictures screened at night.	
	13 "		Winchester Victory sailed for Rabaul during the morning.	
	14 "		Pictures screened at night.	
	15 "		Pictures screened at night.	
	17 "		Rest day.	
	18 "		Maj MACONACHIE took over command of the Bn from Maj Scott prior to his departure for Rabaul. Pictures screened at night.	<i>W. Foster Capt.</i>

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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(Adapted.)

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Unit 7 INF BN (AIF) Date and Time.—From 1 March 46 To 31 Mar 46

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
FAURO ISLAND.	20 Mar		7 Offrs 5 ORs marched out for Rabaul.	
	24 "		Rest day . Pictures screened at night.	
	26 "		Pictures screened at night.	
	28 "		Pictures screened at night.	Appendix 4.
			 MAJ Comd 7 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	
				 Capt

WAR DIARY
R. S. M.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL AND REGATTA

Commencing 1300 hrs 6 Mar 46

APPX I

1. Entrants are called for, to compete in the following events:-

1. Swimming
2. Lakatoi and Canoe Races.
3. Sailing.

2. Nominations to be handed into respective Coy Ord Rooms by 051800K.

3. All prizes will be paid in Canteen Orders.

Sports Officials

Judges	1st	Lt MARTIN
	2nd	Lt SARTORI
	3rd	Lt REID
Starters	Maj	SCOTT
	Lt	GRAVELL
Umpire	Lt-Col	WEBSTER
Time Keeper) Announcer)	Lt	TIERNAN
	Lt	DOWLING

SWIMMING - EVENTS

50 Metres Freestyle	1st	15/- Canteen Order
	2nd	5/- Canteen Order
50 Metres Backstroke	1st	15/- Canteen Order
	2nd	5/- Canteen Order
100 Metres Freestyle	1st	£1. Canteen Order
	2nd	10/- Canteen Order
220 Metres Freestyle	1st	£1. Canteen Order
	2nd	10/- Canteen Order

RELAY Teams of 6 men per Coy.
Winning Team £2.2.0 for a win

LAKATOI AND CANOE EVENTS

All Lakatoi and Canoe Races will be raced over a straight Course. The start line will be a point arranged out from the beach by the Starting Officers.

N.B. All these events are to be individual efforts and will not be run on an inter Coy basis.

1. OPEN Any type of canoe, Lakatoi may be entered and any number may comprise the crew.

- | | |
|-----|---------------------|
| 1st | £1. Canteen Order. |
| 2nd | 10/- Canteen Order. |

2. RESTRICTED. Any type of canoe, Lakatoi etc, may be used, but ONLY 2 men will comprise the crew.

- | | |
|-----|---------------------|
| 1st | £1. Canteen Order |
| 2nd | 10/- Canteen Order. |

3. LARGE Any type of Canoe Lakatoi etc, may be used, but crew must consist of 4 or more members.

1st £1.5.- Canteen Order
2nd 15/- Canteen Order.

4. SINGLE Any type of canoe Lakatoi etc, may be used, but ONLY 1 man will comprise the crew.

1st £1. Canteen Order.
2nd 10/- Canteen Order.

SAILING Any type of sailing craft may be entered.

1st 30/- Canteen Order.
2nd 25/- Canteen Order.

Murphy
Sports Officer.

4 Mar 46

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Serial 4/45
Paras 14 - 19

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES
ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

by

LT-COL P.G. WEBSTER-COMD 7 INF BN (AIF)

8 Mar 46

14. TREATMENT OF TINEA (23 Bde RO 25)

Recently the treatment of skin diseases has been rendered more difficult as the result of the improper use of remedies. The following rules will be adopted :-

1. All rashes will be reported on sick parade.
2. R&P orderlies will apply only calomine lotion or zinc cream to any case of suspected dermatitis or tinea, and if this does not result in immediate improvement the case will be referred to the Medical Officer.
3. The treatment of tinea with Fungicides, such as mycozol etc will be initiated by the medical officer only.
4. All cases in which fungicide has been ordered will be referred to the medical officer not less frequently than every third day.

15. RECOVERY OF COMMONWEALTH AND AMERICAN EQUIPMENT (23 Bde RO 26)

1. No person shall, except in the course of duty, have in his possession or convey in any way arms, stores, vehicles or equipment of the Commonwealth or USA Naval Military or Air Forces unless he has purchased such arms, stores, vehicles or equipment from the Commonwealth Disposals Commission and holds the Commission's receipt for payment.
2. Attention is drawn to the fact that no Commonwealth or USA arms, stores, vehicles or equipment have been abandoned in First Army Area and subsequently no one can acquire rights in such property except by purchase from the Commonwealth Disposals Commission.

16. CLOTHING - DEFACING OF UNSERVICEABLE ITEMS (23 Bde RO 28)

1. A recent H. AIF inspection of unserviceable clothing received from units reveals that quantities have been deliberately slashed or otherwise defaced.
2. The reconditioning of unserviceable clothing has resulted in a considerable saving of Commonwealth Funds, but the deliberate slashing is seriously jeopardising this economy.
3. It is desired to impress upon units that garments condemned as unserviceable do not require further defacement.

17. ENTITLEMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE AMF TO CIVILIAN CLOTHING ON TERMINATION OF SERVICE. GRO 51/46

Preliminary

1. This order sets out the entitlement of male and female members of the AMF, appointed, enlisted or called up for full time duty, to payment of allowances, on termination of service, for the purchase of civilian clothing. The entitlement is subject to the conditions set out in this order.
2. A member on termination of service will be issued with clothing coupons in accordance with the provisions of GRO 130/45, and will not be entitled to any additional coupons by reason of this order.

Entitlement of male members

3. A male member who has had not less than three months service, and whose service is not being terminated for any of the reasons set out in GRO 46/45 will, at the time of such termination, be paid an allowance of £11-10-0, and will be issued with a "Discharged Serviceman's Clothing Priority Form", which will assist to establish his right to priority in the purchase of civilian clothing.
4. A male member who has had less than three months service, or whose service is being terminated for any of the reasons set out in GRO 46/45, will, on request at the time of such termination be supplied with:-
 - i. a suit, at a cost not exceeding £6-10-0;
 - ii. a hat, at a cost not exceeding £1-0-0;
 - iii. a pair of boots or shoes, at a cost not exceeding £1-0-0and
iv. mercery, at a cost not exceeding £2-10-0, subject to debits for the actual amounts involved being raised against the pay account of such member, by the completion of a stoppage sheet (WF22), whether or not sufficient funds remain due for the collection of such amounts. The member, accompanied by a purchasing officer will select these items from civilian sources.

General provisions

5. The purchasing vouchers, which were formally issued to male members who had had not less than three months service and who were not discharged for any of the reasons set out in GRO 46/45, will be permitted to purchase the items enumerated in para 4 of this order.
6. Where a member's service is to be terminated for any of the reasons set out in GRO 46/45, the coupons necessary for the purchase of the items enumerated in para 4 of this order, will, at the member's request, be provided from any coupons to which he may be entitled on termination and he will, when his service is terminated, receive only the balance of such entitlement.

7. The CO of each AMF discharge depot will prepare and forward to the paymaster of that depot Clothing allowance Credit Rolls (WF 241 suitably amended) covered by a serially numbered certificate (in the form hereunder) in respect of members entitled to payment of the allowance for the purpose of purchasing clothing on termination of service in accordance with the provisions of this order.

"I certify that the members recorded on the attached forms WF 241 numbered from.....to..... inclusive, are entitled to payment of the allowance as shown for purpose of clothing upon termination of service in accordance with the provisions of this GRO 61/46

8. The paymaster of the discharge depot will credit the amount of the allowance authorised in the paybook of each member concerned and will pay such amount if required by the member.
9. GRO 181/45 is cancelled.

17. ACQUITTANCES FOR STORES AND SUPPLIES RECEIVED (GRO 62/46)

1. Considerable difficulty has been experienced in obtaining satisfactory acquittances for stores consigned from depots and in accounting for stores purchased by units direct from civilian sources, by reason of the vouchers thereof in respect bearing an unknown signature:-
2. In order to overcome these difficulties, the following procedure will be adopted in future:-
 1. Consignors copies of issue vouchers will, if practicable be signed by an officer, preferably the unit CO (or in the case of medical units for medical equipment or supplies the pharmacist or the CO where the pharmacist is not an officer) over the unit stamp or file.
 - ii. Where this action is impracticable (e.g. when delivery is taken at the issuing depot or store) the member signing for the consignment will include under his signature, his rank and number and unit.
 - iii. Whenever goods are acquired from civilian sources (e.g. companies or private individuals) the member signing for such goods will include under his signature his rank, number and unit and, if practicable, an imprint of the unit stamp.
3. The provisions of this order will not apply to acquittances for ordnance stores, which will continue to be given in the manner prescribed by GRO 55 / 45 or 232 / 44 as applicable.

18. PRECAUTIONS TO BE OBSERVED IN CONNECTION WITH ISSUES AND CONSUMPTION OF TINNED RATION COMMODITIES GRO 52/46

1. All personnel, especially cooks and caterers, will be warned against eating or even tasting any tinned commodities which appear abnormal in appearance or smell, as an apparently perfect tin may have developed a pin hole puncture or other defect which would render the contents unfit for human consumption, and perhaps fatally poisonous.
2. It is essential that, as far as possible, tinned commodities shall be protected from direct exposure to-
 1. sun and heat,
 - ii. rain and moisture,and that storage places shall be, as far as possible, well ventilated and dry.

19. LOSS OR DAMAGE TO GOVERNMENT PROPERTY BY FIRE (GRO 53/46)

1. OCs will take immediate steps to overhaul for precautions within their own establishment on the lines laid down in Standing Orders for Army Fire Service (Australia) 1944.
2. Particular attention will be paid to the following:--
 - I. In buildings etc., in which smoking is prohibited, notices to that effect will be displayed prominently and the prohibition will be rigidly enforced.
 - II. In no circumstances, will authority be given for smoking in magazines, forage barns or dumps, stables, magazines, in the vicinity of petrol or oil stores or in any other building in which inflammable materials are stored.
 - III. Grass will be kept short in barrack areas, hutments and camps.
 - IV. Special arrangements will always be made for the storage of petrol oil or grease. Tins of sand will be kept available in such places, in addition to tins for oily waste etc.
 - V. Naked lights in tents will be kept carefully shielded; candles will be placed in approved holders.
 - VI. Great care will be exercised when the tanks of vehicles are being replenished. Engines will be stopped and any petrol spilled will be immediately wiped up or liberally sprinkled with sand.
 - VII. Naked lights or hurricane type lamps will on no account be taken into or used in the vicinity of an inflammable liquid or material store or power house, nor will the use of such lamps be permitted when filling petrol tanks of vehicles at night or where there are loose inflammable liquids.
 - VIII. Existing and future heating facilities will comply with Standing Orders for Army Fire Services, Sections IV and XI. Particular attention will be paid to the proximity of all heating facilities to such material as sisalcraft, fibreen etc.
 - IX. The Co-operation of all ranks will be obtained to prevent the careless throwing away of cigarette ends, pipe ashes or glowing matches from moving vehicles or in the vicinity of tents or in any place where there is a danger of fire.
 - X. Fires will not be lit for any purpose whatsoever in proximity of tents or huts, except with the authority of a commissioned officer. That officer will ensure that such fires are subsequently extinguished. The possibility of change of wind and wind borne sparks will not be overlooked.
 - XI. The proper maintenance of all fire appliances, vide paras 19 and 137 to 160 (inclusive) of Standing Orders for Army Fire Services (Australia) 1944.

A. G. Jones
CAPT
ADJT 7 INF BATT (AIF)

NOTICE

7 ARST INF BN (AIF) REGIMENTAL FUND

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT FOR MONTH ENDING 28 Feb 46

Trust A/c balance	31 Jan 46	-	£145-14-10
Cash received during Feb.		-	£582- 5- 0
Cash expended during Feb		-	£660-10- 2
Trust A/c balance	28 Feb 46	-	£ 67- 9- 8

STATEMENT OF POSITION AS AT 28 FEB 46

Dr	Cr as per Trust A/c	£ 67- 9- 8
	Adv to Postal Sgt	£ 10- 0- 0
	Petty Cash	8- 7
		<hr/>
		£ 77-18- 3

"We certify that we have examined the cash book, the unit trust book and vouchers relating to 7 INF BN (AIF) trust accounts, and that in our opinion this statement correctly sets out the position of the funds as at 28 Feb 46.

Sgd. A.R. Brown Capt
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Sgd. K. Gravell Lt
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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

War Diary Army Form W.3008
(Adapted) (Page 1)
(Revised Jan., 1943)

10 / 46 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 9 / 3 / 1946. 7 INF BN (AIF) (Unit)

W.E. 11 / 12c / 3 OFFRS. 33 O.R.'s. 769 + OFFRS. 1 O.R.'s. 32 ATT. BY W.E. APPR III

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
W/E Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.
1			1	*					
3	1		2	*					
8	5		3	Lieut.-Colonels					
20		6	26	Majors					
1			-	Captains		1			
				Lieutenants					
				Quarter-masters					
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.					
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.					
33	7	6	32			1			

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

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

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

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

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

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

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

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

War Diary

A.F. W.3006

(Pads of 100) (Adapted) (Revised, Aug., '44)

MESSAGE FORM

REGISTER NO.

CALL	SER. NO.	PRIORITY	TRANSMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

FROM (A)	ORIGINATOR 7 INF BN (AIF)	DATE—TIME OF ORIGIN 090600K	OFFICE DATE STAMP
	FOR ACTION 23 INF BDE QLD ECH & RECORDS		MESSAGE INSTRUCTIONS GR
TO	(W) FOR INFORMATION (INFO)		

ORIGINATOR'S NO.	CONFIDENTIAL	STRENGTH	STATE	AX	NIL
and	NIL	AY	NIL	and	NIL
NIL	and	7	B	NIL	and
C	28	and	763	D	-
	E	1	and	34	F
and	1	G	4	and	163

THIS MESSAGE IS TO BE TRANSMITTED BY FASTEST MEANS AVAILABLE.

W. Webster for
 Lt-Col
 Comd 7 Inf Bn (AIF)
 (P.G. WEBSTER)

IF LIABLE TO BE INTERCEPTED OR FALL INTO ENEMY HANDS, THIS MESSAGE MUST BE SENT IN CIPHER.

SIGNED

ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS DEGREE OF PRIORITY.

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Time Cleared		

REGISTER NO.

MESSAGE FORM

A.F. W. 3006

(1'ada of 100) (Adapted) (Revised Aug. '44)

TRANSMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

DETAILS OF F.

PRIORITY

SER. NO.

CALL.

OFFICE DATE STAMP

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WX134089
B/2/493
V155558

Chap **PILKINGTON** G.D.H. Chaplain
Chap **MAHER** G. Chaplain
Mr. **FOSTER** B.G. YMCA Rep
Sgt **DUGGAN** A.J. SAAS

FROM
(A)

FOR ACTION

OLD REC & RECORDS

TO

(W) FOR INFORMATION (INFO)

MESSAGE INSTRUCTIONS

GR

ORIGINATOR'S NO.

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and	and	B	and	and	and	and	C
and	D	and	and	and	and	and	and
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THIS MESSAGE IS TO BE TRANSMITTED BY

FASTEST MEANS AVAILABLE

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ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS DEGREE OF PRIORITY.

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Time Cleared

SIGNED

(P.G. WEBSTER)

L.H.G. Press-1850-13/4-1000m

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 9 / 3 / 1946 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Lt-Col	WA268	WEBSTER	P.G.C.	CO	Yes	N/N/190	
T/Maj	VX117140	MAGONACHIE	G.R.	-	No	Det HQ Force Maint	12.2.46.
T/Maj	VX81075	SCOTT	W.H.	2 1/c	Yes	V/N/146	
Capt	QX35749	BROWN	A.R.	OC D	Yes	Q/N/142	
T/Capt	QX54214	FOSTER	W.G.	ADJT	Yes	Q/N/152	
T/Capt	QX55505	ANDERSEN	M.A.	OC B	Yes	Q/N/146	
Lt	VX108364	DOWLING	H.R.	21/cD	Yes	V/N/140	
"	QX35765	MULLALY	A.R.	OC A	Yes	Q/N/154	
"	SX12112	VINCHESTER	W.R.	OC HQ	Yes	S/N/152	
"	QX35819	CASSERA	P.C.	1 P1	Yes	Q/N/142	
"	VX102602	TIERMAN	J.A.	21/cB	Yes	V/N/150	
"	VX110439	BOYLE	J.B.	OC C	Yes	N/N/150	
"	QX35727	HORNE	G.	-	No	Det HQ Force Maint	9.12.45
"	NX55362	MARTIN	W.	8 P1	Yes	N/N/148	
"	VX87819	REID	R.L.	9 P1	Yes	V/N/142	
"	WX31393	KITNEY	R.W.	1s. Adjt	Yes	N/N/144	
"	VX89359	EDWARDS	D.M.W.	A/Adjt	Yes	V/N/144	
"	VX104452	HOGAN	D.A.	21/cC	Yes	V/N/140	
"	VX115588	BALL	A.B.	12 P1	Yes	V/N/150	
"	VX58109	RUSH	G.	-	No	14 Days Comp Leave	1.10.45
"	NX83223	DAVIES	T.J.	13 P1	Yes	V/N/140	
"	NX123137	BALZER	R.C.	16 P1	Yes	N/N/140	
"	NX125687	ARTILL	S.J.	14 P1	Yes	N/N/142	
"	VX88032	SARTORI	R.C.	15 P1	Yes	V/-/142	
"	QX42060	PRATTEN	L.P.	17 P1	Yes	Q/N/142	
"	VX147941	GRAVELL	K.	18 P1	Yes	V/N/134	
"	VX88365	PENDER	I.M.	5 P1	Yes	V/N/148	
"	QX37486	CAMERON	C.F.	10 P1	Yes	Q/N/152	
"	QX42977	MURPHY	J.	7 P1	Yes	Q/N/144	
"	VX108720	STEVENS	W.G.	QM	Yes	V/V/140	
"	NX161557	O'BRIEN	E.J.	-	No	7 Days Comp 17 ARL	5.1.46.
"	QX35888	SHAW	L.C.	TO	Yes	Q/-/140	
ATTACHED Capt	VX94083	JONES	J.M.	RMO	Yes	V/N/86	

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
Chaplain	VX134089	MAHER G.	AA Ch D	4.12.45	Chaplain Class IV
Chaplain	VX94301	PILKINGTON CDM	do	26.1.46	do
Mr.	S/2/493	POSTER E.G.	YMCA	2/10.45	YMCA Representative

9 Mar 46.

Date of Despatch

W.P. Scott Lt-Col
Signature of Commander
COMD 7 INF BN (AIF)
(P.G. WEBSTER)

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 9 / 3 / 1946.

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, E.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitches			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Bangetakers	4	3	
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Boughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine	1							Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths		1						Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevadores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II				Sawyers	27	27		Storemen, Technical	4	4	
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers				Tailors	2	2	
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers	6	8		Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters				Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman				Tech Sgt	1		
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners				RSM	1	1	
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanies								RQMS	1		
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)								CQMS	5	2	
Fitters				Driver-Operator								CSMS	5	2	
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers								MNC Nos	18	30	
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians								Mer Nos	73	29	
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)								Pioneers	32	39	
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III				XXXXXXXXX			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors	1	2		DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN	14	25	
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers	12	20		Canteen Sgt	1		
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks				RP Sgt	1	1	
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply				RPs	6	5	
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator	10	8		Clerks, Technical				SBS	21	21	
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties				Coach Trimmers				Dvrs MT	12	38	
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors				Batmen	25	31	
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks				Gen Duties	3	3	
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies				Hygiene	4	4	
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				XXXXXXXXX			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				Orderlies	32	32	
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics				Storemen	6	10	
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant				W/Duties	2	2	
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.	1	2		Rmen LMG	408	544	
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers				Pl Sgt	12	26	
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates	3	4					
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD	1	1		CARRIED FORWARD	17	17		CARRIED FORWARD	66	72		Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	769	926	* *

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

9 Mar 46.

Date of Despatch

W. Scott May 46
Signature of Commander
(P.G. WEBSTER)

Lt-Col

DEMOBILISATION STATISTICS

WEEK ENDING 10.3.46.

7 INF BN (AIF)
FORMATION - 23 INF BDE

TRADE	RANK	WE	PRES STR IN SMD AREA	PRIORITY CLASS DEMOB SCHEME				
				Under 125	125- 129	130- 139	140- 149	Over 149
<u>TRADE GP 1</u>								
Blacksmith	Pte	1	-					
Bricklayer	Pte	-	1			1		
<u>TRADE GP 2</u>								
Carpenters	Pte	6	8	4	2	2		
Int Duties	Sgt	1	-					
"	Cpl	2	1			1		
"	Pte	7	5		2	3		
Signallers	Sgt	1	-					
"	Cpl	4	3	1		1		
	Pte	22	17	5	6	6		
<u>TRADE GROUP 3</u>								
Butcher	Pte	1	1			1		
Clerks	Sgt	2	-					
do	Cpl	6	4	1		3		
do	Pte	4	9	7		2		
Eqpt Repairer	Pte	1	1	1				
Gunlayers	Pte	8	4	3		1		
Rangetakers	Pte	4	1			1		
Storemen Tech	Sgt	1	-					
do	Pte	4	4	3		1		
Tailor	Sgt	1	-					
do	Cpl	1	-					
do	Pte	-	1		1			
<u>NON-SPECIALIST</u>								
RSM	WO1	1	1					1
RQMS	WO2	1	-					
GSM	WO2	5	1			1		
CQMS	S/Sgt	5	-					
MMG Nos	Sgt	3	1			1		
do	Cpl	2	2			2		
do	Pte	13	24	9	5	10		
Mortar Nos	Sgt	5	2			2		
do	Cpl	5	3	1		2		
do	Pte	63	9	4	4	1		
Pioneers	Sgt	1	1			1		
do	Cpl	4	2		1	1		
do	Pte	27	33	20	5	8		
Tk/A Nos	Sgt	3	1			1		
do	Cpl	4	4	1		3		
do	Pte	7	17	12	2	3		
Canteen Sgt	Sgt	1	-					
Rmen/LMG	Sgt	12	18	4	3	11		
do	Cpl	36	30	6	11	13		
do	Pte	372	418	207	67	143		1
RP Sgt	Sgt	1	1			1		
do	Pte	6	4	2		2		
SBearers	Sgt	1	-					
do	Cpl	2	1			1		
do	Pte	18	18	10	2	6		
Dvrs MT	Cpl	1	2			2		
do	Pte	11	28	21	1	6		
Batmen	Pte	35	28	13	7	8		
Gen Duties	Pte	3	3	1	1	1		
Hygiene	Pte	4	4		1	3		
Orderlies	Pte	32	32	15	7	10		
Storemen	Pte	6	10	6	2	2		
W/Duties	Pte	2	2	1	1			
		769	760	358	131	269		2

DEMOBILISATION STATISTICS
(7 INF BN AIF)
FORMATION - 23 INF BDE

WEEK ENDING 9.3.46.

TRADE	RANK	W/E	Pres Str in 8 MD Area	PRIORITY CLASS - DEMOB SCHEME				
				Under 125	125- 129	130- 139	140- 149	Over 149
Brought Fwd		769	760	358	131	269		2
<u>ATTACHED BY W/E</u>								
<u>AAHC</u>								
Hygiene Sgt	Sgt	1	1			1		
Chiropodist	Cpl	1	1			1		
Med Orderly	Pte	1	1			1		
<u>AAOC</u>								
Shoemaker	Cpl	1	-					
<u>AAPG</u>								
Pay Duties	Sgt	1	-					
do	Cpl	1	1	1				
<u>AAPS</u>								
Postal Duty	Sgt	1	1	1				
do	Cpl	1	1	1				
<u>AAGC</u>								
Caterer	WO2	1	1					
Sgt Cook	Sgt	5	2			2		
Cpl Cook	Cpl	5	5	2	1	2		
TG2 Cook	Pte	13	16	6	2	8		
<u>ATTD NOT BY WE</u>								
AAES	Sgt	-	1			1		
TOTAL		801	791	369	135	285		2

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 HQ 7 INF BN (AIF)
 26 Mar 46.

7 INF BN (AIF) ADM INSTR NO 2/46

1. GENERAL

This instruction sets out as far as possible, details of arrangements to be carried out by this unit prior to and during embarkation of troops on HMAT "KANIMBEA" date of arrival of ship at FAURO ISLAND is not yet known, but preliminary work of cleaning the Bn area will commence forthwith.

2. COY RESPONSIBILITIES.

(a) Coy Areas : All companies are responsible to ensure that their own areas are thoroughly cleaned forthwith. All articles and items not required will be collected, and where possible burned. Items not able to be burned will be neatly stacked in a central dump in coy area. It is pointed out that rubbish will not be disposed of by throwing in rear of coy areas—such areas are included in coy's responsibilities.

(b) Latrines and Sullage Pits : All latrines and sullage pits will be filled in and sealed immediately prior to embarkation.

(c) Accn Stores : All tents will be struck and, dependant on time available, will be either burned or stacked in one (1) iron-roofed building in each coy area. Exact method of disposal will be notified by this HQ prior to tents being struck. Kitchen and cooking gear will be thoroughly cleaned and stacked in kitchens.

(d) Furniture : All folding chairs will be collected at a time to be notified by BHQ and placed in a Bn dump. In this connection it is to be pointed out to troops that even though such chairs are personal property, they cannot be carried on board ship and will be sent to Rabaul for the benefit of troops there. Other furniture, mess tables etc. will be concentrated in mess huts and neatly stacked.

3. DRESS

All troops will be correctly dressed when embarking and gear will be neatly packed, plainly marked and carried in approved manner. Previous instructions concerning gear allowed to be carried up gangplank will apply. Boots with studded soles will NOT be worn when embarking. Coy comds will inspect troops for correctness of dress prior to move to assembly area.

4. WEAPONS.

When embarking from barge to ship, rifles will be slung with muzzles pointing downwards to avoid same being caught in ship's rigging.

5. EMBARKATION NUMBERS.

Coyas will be advised of each man's embarkation number in due course. It will be a company responsibility to ensure that each man is issued with a pasteboard or cardboard card, size 5 ins by 4 ins and bearing thereon his embarkation number in blue pencil in figures 2 ins high. Such numbers, on embarkation will be worn centrally in the front of each man's hat where it is plainly visible.

6. EMBARKATION.

Embarkation will take place in order of embarkation numbers. It will be impressed on all troops that it is essential that they remain in such order to facilitate and speed up embarkation.

7. ASSEMBLY POINTS

At a time to be notified later, troops will assemble in 3 ranks in serial number at points, (which will be indicated by signs) in parties as under, RSM will be responsible for erection of signs under instructions from Adjt.

Assembly Point No 1.	Cadre Personnel (Serial 1 - 28)
1	Serials 29 - 100 incl.
2	101 - 200 "
3	201 - 300 "
4	301 - 400 "
5	401 - 500 "
6	501 - 600 "
7	601 - 700 "
8	701 - 798 "

Each assembly point will be in charge of an officer (names to be
 (over))

7. ASSEMBLY POINTS (Cont)

advised later) who will ensure that troops are in correct embarkation order and carry out such instructions as required by embarkation officer.

8. EQUIPMENT

At a time to be notified, all shower roses and taps will be returned to the RQ store. Similarly all bulbs and electrical fittings, phones and batteries will be returned to the Sig office.

9. WORK PARTIES

Irrespective of other Bn work parties, which will necessarily be required after the ship arrives at Fauro, the following parties will be supplied as under, at times to be advised later:-

Coy	Strength	Task	Report To.
A	1 Sgt 20 ORs	Remove and crate water pump and load on trailer.	Pnr Sgt
B	1 Sgt 10 ORs	Crate 5 KVA light plant and load on trailer.	Sig Sgt.

In anticipation of short notice being given for embarkation, coys D will detail in advance such work parties as deemed necessary for the carrying out of coy responsibilities in the shortest time possible..

10. RATIONING & MESSING.

All ranks will be rationed by ship, but must carry messing gear for use on voyage.

11. IDENTITY DISCS, PAYBOOKS ETC.,

ALL ranks must be in possession of identity discs, paybook and AAB83. Personnel with over 130 points must also carry AAB87 as a personal document.

12. ATEBRIN

Coys will ensure that every man is issued with 8 atobrin tablets prior to embarkation.

13. DISCIPLINE.

All troops are reminded that they will be subject to such instructions and regulations as may be issued by OC troops throughout the voyage and that a high standard of discipline will be maintained.

W. G. Foster
Capt
Adjt 7 INF BN (AIF)

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