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Commonwealth Military Forces unit war
diaries, 1939-45 War

Item number: 8/3/55

16 Infantry Battalion
January - February 1946

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

Army Form C.2118.
(Adapted.)

(Erase heading not required.)

Unit 16 Inf Bn (AIF) Date and Time.—From 1 Jan 46 To 4 Jan 46

| Place. | Date. | Hour. | Summary of Events and Information. | Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c. |
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| RABAU area (780337 Rabaul 1/63360) | 1 Jan | | Rest day | |
| | 2 Jan | | Movement of 428 low points personnel to 20 different units in Rabaul area commenced today. Majority of today's transfers were to 29/46 and 22 Bns | |
| | 3 Jan | | Movement of low pointers continued. Most of today's transfers were to 55/53 bn. Those personnel transferred to 37/52 bn are to remain in this area pending the arrival of that unit, which will take over the campsite. | |
| | 4 Jan | | Movement continued. Packing of bn stores still in progress. | |

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Unit 16 Inf Bn (A.I.F) Date and Time.—From 5 Jan 46 To 8 Jan 46

| Place. | Date. | Hour. | Summary of Events and Information. | Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c. |
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| Rabaul Area | 5 Jan | | Packing of unit stores continued. | |
| | 6 Jan | | Adv. party of 37/52 bn arrived in bn area at Kappallo. 37/52 bn will occupy campsite when vacated by 16 bn. | |
| | 7 Jan | | T.S.M.V. DUNTROON arrived Simpsons Harbour. During night 7-8 unit stores were loaded on to ship. | |
| | 8 Jan | | 15 offrs and 159 ORs of whom 5 Offrs and 31 ORs are to form a cadre, boarded DUNTROON this afternoon. Except for several special releases these personnel had points priority of 150 and over. | |
| | 9 Jan | | On Ship departed for mainland at 1700hrs | |

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Unit 16 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) Date and Time.—From 8 Jan '46 To 15 Jan '46

| Place. | Date. | Hour. | Summary of Events and Information. | Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c. |
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| At sea. | 9 Jan | | On board DUNTROON sailing south. | |
| | 10 Jan | } | On board DUNTROON | |
| | 11 Jan | | | |
| | 12 Jan | | | |
| | 13 Jan | | | |
| CHERMSIDE (Queensland) | 14 Jan | | DUNTROON draft personnel arrived BRISBANE and moved from wharf by motor transport to CHERMSIDE Camp. 10 Offs and 128 ORs moved to YEERONGPILLY camp for movt to respective states of demob. Cadre personnel remain CHERMSIDE. Unloading of stores from ship commenced. | |
| | 15 Jan | | Unloading of stores completed | |
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Unit 16 Inf Bn (AIF) Date and Time.—From 16 Jan To 22 Jan 46

| Place. | Date. | Hour. | Summary of Events and Information. | Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c. |
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| CHERMESIDE (Queensland) | 16 Jan | | Unit vehicles examined | |
| | 18 Jan | | Regimental property was forwarded to Drill Hall in West Aust per M.F.O. | |
| | 19 Jan | | Stores vouchers examined and completed with exception of vehicles and TK/A guns. Seven members of cadre were marched out for discharge. | |
| | 20 Jan | | Pte Watson E.D. join Ech + Rec Q L of C Area as assistant unit clerk. | |
| | 21 Jan | | All stores except vehicles and TK/A guns returned | |
| | 22 Jan | | Received clearance for all stores | |

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Unit 16 Inf Bn (AIF) Date and Time.—From 22 Jan 46 To 23 Jan 46

| Place. | Date. | Hour. | Summary of Events and Information. | Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c. |
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| CHERMSIDE QUEENSLAND. | 22 Jan 46 | | <p>handed in and also for salvageable articles, engineers stores and S + T items, from Q L of C.</p> <p>Arrangements made for 'A' Cadre to move to PUCKAPUNYAL for final disbandment of unit.</p> <p>Fourteen members of Cadre marched out for discharged</p> | |
| | 23 Jan 46 | 1430. | <p>Five trailers moved by 102 Ord Fd Park to WARRANGALLA. Ord Depot.</p> <p>'A' Cadre entrained for PUCKAPUNYAL. Cadre consisted of Major Graham and 3 ofrs and 7 OR's.</p> <p>3 vehicles and 2 trailers were</p> | <p>Movement Order App. B.</p> |

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Unit 16 Inf Bn (AIF) Date and Time.—From 23 Jan 46 To 25 Jan 46

| Place. | Date. | Hour. | Summary of Events and Information. | Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c. |
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| CHERMSIDE QUEENSLAND. | 23 Jan 46. | | returned to Q'land Ordnance Depot at HEDLEY PARK. | |
| | 24 Jan 46 | | 'A' Cadre in transit to PUCKAPUNYA. Capt Nathan, acting as Q.M. arranged movement of 1 Jeep and 1 Trailer to WARRANGALLA. Ord. Depot. | |
| PUCKAPUNYA | 25 Jan 46 | 1145. | 'A' Cadre arrived at PUCKAPUNYA. WO ^{II} HILL acting RQMS left CHERMSIDE for PUCKAPUNYA. Capt Nathan unable to move jeep and trailer to WARRANGALLA because of floods. Two drivers on Cadre marched out for discharge. | |

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Unit 16 Inf Bn (A/C) Date and Time.—From 25 Jan 46 To 31 Jan 46

| Place. | Date. | Hour. | Summary of Events and Information. | Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c. |
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| PUCKAPUNYAL | 25 Jan 46 | | Signals received from 4 Bde and 11 Div that acquaintance vouchers for T4/A guns was forwarded by air mail on 24 Jan 46. | |
| | 28 Jan 46 | | Capt Nathan delivered one jeep and trailer to WALLANGARRA. | |
| | 29 Jan 46 | | Capt Nathan marched out for discharge direct from WALLANGARRA. A Cadre received instruction for final disbandment. | |
| | 30 Jan 46 | | Final accounts of Mess and Regt funds prepared and audited. | |
| | 31 Jan 46 | | Certificate that all financial matters have been finalised received from representative of D.F.O. at PUCKAPUNYAL. | |

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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

1 / 46 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 3 / 1 / 1946 15 Inf Bn (Unit)

W.E. 11 120 / 3 OFFRS. 33 O.R.'s. 769 + OFFRS. 1 O.R.'s. 32 ATT. BY W.E.

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

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| W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED. | | | | DETAIL. | ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E. | | | | |
| Rein'fts Required. | Deficient W.E. | Surplus to W.E. | Posted Strength. | | Arm or Corps. | Posted Strength. | Surplus to W.E. | Deficient W.E. | Rein'fts Required. |
| 1 3 9 20 | 1 4 9 | | 1 2 5 11 | * * Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs. | 1 AABC | 1 | | | |
| 33 | 14 | | 19 | | 1 | 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. | | | | 20 officers class 'A' | | | | | | 20 |
| E.(1) | | | | | | | | | | |
| E.(2) | | | | | | | | | | |

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

* 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. |
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| 7X49 | Lt Col | MCDONALD H.H. | 15 Inf Bn | 31/12/45 | Transferred as CO |
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OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

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

| Army No. | Rank. | Name and Initials. | REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known). |
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16 INF BN (AIF) Unit

Army Form W.3008
(Adapted) (Page 2)
(Revised Jan., 1943)

1/46 (Serial No.)

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 3/1/1946 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
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| Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held. | Army Number. | Surname. | Initials. | Posting. | Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No) | If not present with Unit, state how employed. | Date of Detachment. |
| Lt Col | VX 19 | MCDONALD | H.H. | CO | YES | | V-284 |
| Maj | WX 31893 | GRAHAM | H.H.A. | 2ic | YES | | V-2400 |
| Lt | WX 32975 | HUMPHRY | L.C. | Asst/Adjt | YES | | V-138 |
| Maj | HX 126017 | ALLMAN | K.C. | OC HQ | YES | | V-1780 |
| Capt | WX 32989 | ROBINSON | O.T. | OC A | YES | | V-2080 |
| " | WX 32976 | PAULKS | R.P. | OC B | YES | | V-1840 |
| " | WX 32990 | MYLES | H.H.S. | OC D | YES | | V-2040 |
| T/Capt | WX 29788 | NATHAN | G.S. | OM | YES | | V-156 |
| Lt | WX 29792 | MEDCALF | L.G. | TO | YES | | V-1900 |
| " | HX 115705 | WOODS | A.J. | OC 2P | YES | | V-1820 |
| " | WX 32965 | LONGSON | G.C. | OC 8P | YES | | V-1930 |
| " | WX 32977 | BOYD | R.P. | OC 9P | YES | | V-1820 |
| " | VX 27012 | ROSTRON | D.S. | OC 11P | YES | | V-168 |
| " | VX 23916 | WATSON | A.R.V. | OC 12P | NO | LEAVE | V-170 |
| " | WX 29769 | FERGUSON | L.H. | OC 13P | YES | | V-1860 |
| " | TX 9009 | HAWSON | E. | OC 14P | NO | LEAVE | T-159 |
| " | WX 29755 | HOWARD | D.A. | OC 16P | YES | | V-1860 |
| " | WX 33185 | GLANSON | T.A. | OC 17P | YES | | V-1900 |
| Capt | WX 32982 | MURDOCH | R.L. | N/POST | NO | LEAVE | V-190 |
| Capt | HX 201731 | PAIPMAN | R.V. | RMO | NO | Det 'River Fitzroy' as RID | V-104 |

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. |
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| Ch of IV | VX 97787 | McKITTRICK S.A. | Ch D | 11/12/45 | Chaplain |
| Capt | HX 204045 | LOVERIDGE G.B. | 2nd Amb | 11/12/45 | Att for duty |

3 Jan 46
Date of Despatch

H.H. McDonald
Signature of Commander
Lt Col
Comd

H. H. McDONALD

REDUNDANT UNIT

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday **17/1/1946** ... **16 Inf. Bn. (A.I.U)**

3/46 (Serial No.)

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

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

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| W.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 | Lieut.-Colonels | | | | | |
| | | | 3 | Majors | | | | | |
| | | | 3 | Captains | AACG | | 1 | | |
| | | | | Lieutenants | | | | | |
| | | | | Quarter-masters | | | | | |
| | | | | A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offs. | | | | | |
| | | | | Civilians Counting as Offs. | | | | | |
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| Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) and E(2). | DETAIL | A.I.F. | C.M.F. | A.W.A.S. | A.A.N.S. | A.A.M.W.S | CIVIL | R.A.N. | R.A.A.F. | * * * | TOTAL |
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| | A. | | | | | | | | | | |
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** 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 |
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OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

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| VX23916 | LT. | WATSON A.R.V. | R of O. | 19.10.45 | DISCHARGE. |
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PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO..... (Unit) IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED. / / 194.....

| Army No. | Rank | Name and Initials. | REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known). |
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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 17/1/1946 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

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| 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. |
| MAJOR | WX 31893 | GRAHAM | E.H.A. | OC CADRE | YES | | W/ 240 D |
| CAPT | WX 32989 | ROBINSON | O.T. | AUDER. | YES | | W/ 208 D |
| T/CAPT | WX 29788 | NATHAN | G.S. | ADJT | YES | | W/ 156 |
| LT | WX 32975 | HUMPHRY | L.C. | A/ADJT | YES | | W/ 138 |
| LT | WX 29755 | HOWARD | D.A.H. | DEMOB | YES | | W/ 186 D |
| LT | TX 9009 | HAWSON | H. | | NO | Leave | T/ 159 |
| CAPT | WX 32982 | MURDOCH | H.L.A. | | NO | Leave | W/ 190 |
| CAPT | WX 201731 | PREPMAN | E.V. | Detached to River Fitzroy as RMO | | | N/ 104. |

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 |
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29 JAN 46
Date of Despatch

E.H.A. GRAHAM Major.
Signature of Commander Adn. Comd.

REUNDANT UNIT

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 24.../1.../1946... 16 INF. BN (AIF) (Unit)

4.../46 (Serial No.)

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

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

Table with 10 columns: 1 W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED, 2 Deficient W.E., 3 Surplus to W.E., 4 Posted Strength, 5 DETAIL, 6 Arm or Corps, 7 Posted Strength, 8 Surplus to W.E., 9 Deficient W.E., 10 Reinfts Required. Includes handwritten 'UNIT REUNDANT' and 'AAMC'.

Summary table with columns: 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. Includes handwritten '8 Officers Class "A".'

* 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.

Table with columns: Army No., Rank, Name and Initials, Unit From, Date, CAUSE.

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Table with columns: Army No., Rank, Name and Initials, Unit To, Date, CAUSE.

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

Table with columns: 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 24/1/1946 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
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| 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. |
| MAJOR | WX31893 | GRAHAM | E.H.A. | OC CADRE | YES | W/ 240 | D. |
| CAPT | WX 32989 | ROBINSON | O.T. | AUDTR | YES | W/ 208 | D. |
| T/CAPT | WX 29788 | NATHAN | G.S. | ADJT | YES | W/ 156 | |
| LT. | WX 32975 | HUMPHRY | L.C. | A/ADJT | YES | W/ 138 | |
| LT. | WX 29755 | HOWARD | D.A.H. | DEMOB | YES | W/ 186 | D. |
| LT. | TX 9009 | HAWSON | E. | | NO | Leave | T/ 159 |
| CAPT | WX 32982 | MURDOCH | R.L.A. | | NO | Leave | W/ 190 |

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

| Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held. | Army Number | Name and Initials | Unit | Date of Attachment | Nature of Attachment |
|--|-------------|-------------------|------|--------------------|---|
| CAPT | NX201731 | PEIPMAN E.V. | AAMC | | Detached to River Fitzroy as BMO N/ 104 |

29 JAN 46

Date of Despatch

E.H.A. GRAHAM Signature of Commanding Major. ADM COMD.

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Unit Date and Time.—From.....To.....

| Place. | Date. | Hour. | Summary of Events and Information. | Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c. |
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| | | | WAR DIARY | |
| | | | 16 Inf Bn (AIF) | |
| | | | ORIGINAL COPY. | |
| | | | 1 Feb 46 - 16 Feb 46. (date of disbandment) | |

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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(Adapted.)

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Unit 16 Inf Bn (AIF)

Date and Time.—From 1 Feb 46 To 4 Feb 46

| Place. | Date. | Hour. | Summary of Events and Information. | Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c. |
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| PUCKAPUNYAL (VICTORIA) | 1 Feb 46. | | 4 OR's including Pay Sgt marched out for discharge reducing Cadre to 4 offs and 4 OR's. Major GRAHAM and A/Adjt Lt HUMPHRY visited MELBOURNE and obtained final clearances from Vic L of C for all financial matters and property of Officers and Sqts Messes, Regimental property, Amenities and Educational Stores. | |
| | 2 Feb 46 | | RQMS WOL ^{LD} HILL arrived from SYDNEY. | |
| | 4 Feb 46. | | Capt ROBINSON and Lt HOWARD and H/SGT GREEN R.M. (orderly room. cpl) marched out for discharge | |

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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(Adapted.)

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Unit 16 Inf Bn (AIF) Date and Time.—From 4 Feb 46 To 6 Feb 46

| Place. | Date. | Hour. | Summary of Events and Information. | Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c. |
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| PUCKAPUNYAL (VICTORIA) | 4 Feb 46 | | Received notification that receipts for equipment would be checked against unit copy of WET at 1600 hrs. Instructions was cancelled by 1700hrs as ADOS copy of WET was located in WESTERN COMMAND. | |
| | 5 Feb 46 | | Typewriters and other stationery was packed and loaded onto vehicle for delivery to Stationery Depot MELBOURNE on 6 Feb 46 | |
| | 6 Feb 46 | | Major GRAHAM and Lt HUMPHRY again visited MELBOURNE and obtained final clearance for Stationery from Stationery Depot MELBOURNE. They were unable to | |

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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(Adap'ed.)

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Unit 16 Lf Bn (AIF)

Date and Time.—From 6 Feb 46 To 13 Feb 46

| Place. | Date. | Hour. | Summary of Events and Information. | Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c. |
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| POCKAPUNYAL (VICTORIA) | 6 Feb 46 | | obtain clearance from Ech + Records before 9 Feb 46. | |
| | 6-9 Feb 46 | | CO and A/Adjt remained in MELBOURNE and made several visits to HQ Vic LofC in endeavours to definitely locate ADOS copy of WET and to speed up disbandment of unit affairs still outstanding. Result was nil. | |
| | 9 Feb 46 | | Final clearance obtained from Ech + Rec Vic LofC. 'Q' and Postal affairs only outstanding. | |
| | 11 Feb 46 | | Appointment made for checking of ADOS WET on 14 Feb 46. at 0930 hrs. | |
| | 13 Feb 46 | | Final clearance obtained from Base | |

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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(Adapted.)

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Unit 16 Inf Bn (AIF) Date and Time.—From 13 Feb 46 To 15 Feb 46

| Place. | Date. | Hour. | Summary of Events and Information. | Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c. |
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| PUCKAPUNYAL (VICTORIA) | 13 Feb 46 | | Postal Service PUCKAPUNYAL for all postal records. RQMS marched out to MELBOURNE in order to keep appointment with ADOS. | |
| | 14 Feb 46 | | ADOS copy of WET checked and found correct with exception of deficiencies of 8 Mortar springs and associate stores of 2 Pt guns left in RABAH. RQMS returned to PUCKAPUNYAL where necessary returns were compiled re above deficiencies. Postal Sgt Sgt HURLEY marched out for discharge. | |
| | 15 Feb 46 15 Feb 46 | | WET produced to Staff Capt 'Q' and clearance obtained from Ordnance | |

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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(Adapted)

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Unit 16 Inf Bn (AIF)

Date and Time.—From 15 Feb 46

To 15 Feb 46

| Place. | Date. | Hour. | Summary of Events and Information. | Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c. |
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| PUCKAPUNYAL. | 15 Feb 46 | | <p>Maj GRAHAM Lt HUMPHRY and WO^{II} HILL proceeded to MELBOURNE to obtain final disbandment certificate — certificate obtained, and unit disbanded. — Maj GRAHAM and Lt HUMPHRY marched out for movement to Western Australia WO^{II} HILL reporting to Staff Capt 'Q' reference appointment in VICTORIA.</p> <p>Thus on the sixteenth day of Feb. 1946 the 16 Inf Bn (AIF) ceased to be a unit of the A.M.F.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">R.I.P.</p> | |

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 1.../2.../1946... 16. Inf. Bn. (AIF) (Unit)

5.../46. (Serial No.)

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

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

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| W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED | | | | DETAIL | | | | ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Rein'fts Required | Deficient W.E. | Surplus to W.E. | Posted Strength | DETAIL | | | | Arm or Corps | Posted Strength | Surplus to W.E. | Deficient W.E. | Rein'fts Required | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| UNIT REDUNDANT | | | | 1 | Lieut.-Colonels | | | | AAMC | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | 3 | Majors | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | 3 | Captains | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | 2 | Lieutenants | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | Quarter-masters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offs. Civilians Counting as Offs. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) and E(2). | DETAIL | A.I.F. | C.M.F. | A.W.A.S. | A.A.N.S. | A.A.M.W.S. | CIVIL | R.A.N. | R.A.A.F. | * * | TOTAL |
|---|--------|-----------------------|--------|----------|----------|------------|-------|--------|----------|-----|-------|
| | A. | 6 Officers Class "A". | | | | | | | | | |
| | 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 |
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OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

| Army No. | Rank | Name and Initials | Unit To. | Date. | CAUSE. |
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| TX9009 | LT | HAWSON E. | GDD TAS | 30.1.46 | For Discharge. |
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PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO..... (Unit) IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED./...../194.....

| Army No. | Rank | Name and Initials. | REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known). |
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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 1/...2/ 194.6... (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

Table with 8 columns: 1 Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held, 2 Army Number, 3 Surname, 4 Initials, 5 Posting, 6 Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No), 7 If not present with Unit, state how employed., 8 Date of Detachment.

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

Table with 6 columns: Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held, Army Number, Name and Initials, Unit, Date of Attachment, Nature of Attachment.

1. 2. 46 Date of Despatch

E.H.A. GRAHAM Adm Signature of Command Major (AIF)

UNITS: 16 Inf Bn (AIF) REDUNDANT

SERIAL 5/46
1 FEB 46

IN LIEU OF PART "B" AFN 3009

| TRADE | RANK | POSTED STRENGTH |
|------------------------|-------|-----------------|
| <u>TRADE GROUP 2.</u> | | |
| Int Duties | Pte | 1 |
| Signallers | Cpls | 2 |
| " | Ptes | 1 |
| <u>TRADE GROUP 3.</u> | | |
| Butcher | Pte | 1 |
| Clerks | Sgt | 2 |
| " | Cpl | 1 |
| " | Pte | 1 |
| Dvr Mech | " | 1 |
| Tailors | Cpl | 1 |
| <u>NON-TRADESMEN.</u> | | |
| ROMS | WO 11 | 1 |
| CSMs | " | 1 |
| Sgts Rfn | Sgt | 1 |
| Batmen Ptes | Pte | 2 |
| Hyg. Duties | " | 1 |
| Pioneers | Sgt | 1 |
| " | Cpl | 1 |
| SBs | Pte | 3 |
| MMG Nos | " | 1 |
| Mort Nos | " | 2 |
| Drivers MT | " | - |
| LMG AND R/MEN | CPL | 1 |
| " | Pte | 30 |
| <u>ATTACHED BY WE.</u> | | |
| AACC | - | - |
| AAPC | - | - |
| AA Postal Service | Sgt | 1 |
| TOTAL POSTED STRENGTH. | | <u>57</u> |

1 FEB 46.

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Major.
E.R.A. GRAHAM ADM COMD.
16 Inf Bn (AIF)

REDUNDANT UNIT **FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS**

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

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 18/...2/1946...16. Inf. Bn. (AIF) (Unit)

..6./46 (Serial No.)

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

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

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| W.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 | Lieut.-Colonels | | | | | |
| | | | 1 | Majors | | | | | |
| | | | | Captains | | | | | |
| | | | | Lieutenants | | | | | |
| | | | | Quarter-masters | | | | | |
| | | | | A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offs. | | | | | |
| | | | | Civilians Counting as Offs. | | | | | |
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| 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 |
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| A. | 2 | Officers Class "A" | | | | | | | | |
| E.(1) | | | | | | | | | | |
| E.(2) | | | | | | | | | | |

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

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OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

| Army No. | Rank | Name and Initials | Unit To. | Date. | CAUSE. |
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| X 32989 | CAPT | ROBINSON O.T. | GDD WA | 4.2.46 | For Discharge. |
| X 29755 | LT | HOWARD D.A. | " | 28.1.46 | |
| X 32982 | CAPT | MURDOCH R.L. | " | 4.2.46 | " ex leave |
| WX 29788 | 1/CAPT | NATHAN G.S. | " | 28.1.46 | " |

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

| Army No. | Rank | Name and Initials. | REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known). |
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UNIT: 16 INF BN (AIF) REDUNDANT.

SERIAL 6/46
8 FEB 46.

IN LIEU OF CHART "E" AFW 3009

| TRADE | RANK | POSTED | STRENGTH |
|------------------------|-------|--------|----------|
| <u>TRADE GROUP 3.</u> | | | |
| Clerks | Sgt | | 2 |
| " | Pte | | 1 |
| <u>NOE-TRADESMEN</u> | | | |
| WOMS | WO 11 | | 1 |
| <u>ATTACHED BY</u> | | | |
| AA POSTAL SGT | Sgt | | 1 |
| TOTAL POSTED STRENGTH. | | | <u>5</u> |

8 FEB 46.

E.H.A. Graham Major.

E.H.A. GRAHAM Adm Cord 16 Inf Bn (AIF)

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

6/46 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 9 2/194 6.16 Inf Bn (AIT) (Unit) **REDUNDANT.**

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

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

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| W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED. | | | | DETAIL. | | | | ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E. | | | | | |
| Reinfts. Required. | Deficient W.E. | Surplus to W.E. | Posted Strength. | | | | | Arm or Corps. | Posted Strength. | Surplus to W.E. | Deficient W.E. | Reinfts. Required. | |
| | | | | W.Os. Class I. | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | 1 | W.Os. Class II. | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts. | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | Staff Sergeants | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | 2 | Sergeants | | | | | 1 | | | | |
| | | | | Corporals | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | 1 | Troopers, Privates, etc. | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | Civilians counting as O.R. | | | | | | | | | |
| * | | | 4 * | Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2. | | | | | 1 * | | | * | |

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

| Detail | A.I.F. | C.M.F. | | A.W.A.S. | A.A.M.W.S. | CIVIL | R.A.N. | R.A.A.F. | * * | TOTAL. |
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| B(1) | | | | | | | | | | |
| B(2) | | | | | | ■ | | | | |

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

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

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

| Number of O.Rs. | Unit to which they belong | Number of O.Rs. | Unit to which they belong | Number of O.Rs. | Unit to which detached. | Number of O.Rs. | Unit to which detached. |
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Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return To.....(Unit) is Particularly Requested.//...../194.....

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