

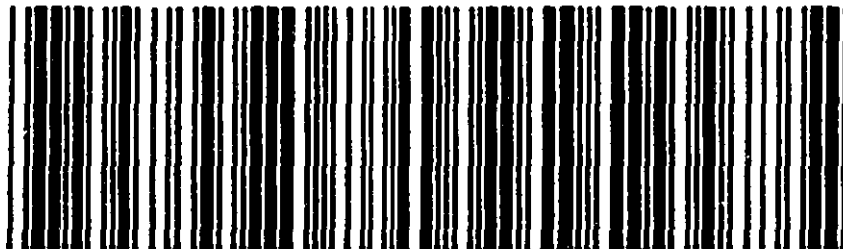
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1/13/6 UK UNITS

2 AIF Reception Camp UK

June - December 1944



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Sheet 2

WAR DIARY

OR

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Army Form C. 2118.

Unit 2 Reception Camp, ...
AIF Reception Group.

Commanding Officer Capt. J. H. Beare

Month and Year September 1944.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
Hazelmere Pk., via High Wycombe, Bucks	1		The unit is quartered at Hazelmere Park, Bucks., England, Map ref. - Watford 1/65360, 335167. New quarters are excellent. No training is being carried out as yet; administrative work is plentiful. Considerable air activity was noticed - large numbers of planes passing to and from the continent. Weather was fine in morning, scattered clouds appearing in the afternoon.	
	2		Surroundings of this camp are very good and typical of the English countryside - beautiful oak, beech and elm trees with green grass in abundance. There was heavy rain during this 24-hour period.	
		11.00	Leave granted. Cricket match versus Holmer Green abandoned owing to heavy rain.	
	3		Fine morning. Unit marched to Hazelmere Parish Church to attend a special service called by His Majesty the King for thanksgiving for the excellent progress of the war in Europe on its 5th anniversary. The service was conducted by Chaplain Norman. Heavy rain in afternoon.	

W.D. & H.O. WOOD, 211 W. H. & S. 413071

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Adj 2 AIF Reception Camp UK

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WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

Army Form C. 2118.

2 Reception Camp,
Unit... AIF Reception Group.

Month and Year. September 1944

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Commanding Officer. Capt. J. H. Beare.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
Hazelmore Pt., Bucks.	4		Heavy rain. The first personnel proceeded on their 6 days disembarkation leave. Priority given to those with next of kin in England.	
	5		Improved weather. Fine and clear by 1500 hours and this brought about an inc ease in air activity - medium bombers passed over in large numbers. A rumour was circulated throughout this country this afternoon that "Germany had capitulated". This was contradicted in the press of Sept 6.	See appendix 2
	6		Unit cricket team played a match against a Bucks County Team. AIF Reception Group 143. Bucks 7 for 144.	
	7		Very wet day. Lt. Gen. Rowell dined at Transit Officers' Mess at 1930 and was introduced to all officers. He delivered a very interesting and instructive talk on his experiences in handling repatriated P's O's recently received in Egypt.	
	8		Improved weather conditions. Intense air activity since 0430.	
	2030		Lecture to unit by Mr Hamman Swaffer on general political matters.	
			W. 1255/1102 Gen. 210 W. H. & S. 415071	

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WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Unit... 2 Reception Camp,
AIF Reception Group.

Month and Year... September 1944

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Commanding Officer... Capt. J.H. Beare

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
Hazelmere Pk., Bucks., England	9		Unit strength 3 Officers and 4 Sgts plus 1 Sgt detached to CPM, AIF, UK. Weather very fine - great air activity during the afternoon.	
	10		Church Parade at Hazelmere Parish Church. Sunny day. Unit cricket team played the Essex Services team. Drawn game.	
	11		Heavy rain in morning followed by sunny day.	
	12		Fine weather continued. Restriction on London leave lifted. It is anticipated that approx 147 P.O.W.'s repatriated from Germany will be arriving during the week end.	
	13		Heavy fog in early morning followed by clear day.	
	14		Foggy morning, cloudy day.	
	15		Windy morning. Advance party of 8 Officers and 43 P.O.'s from Transit Camp for new camp sites at Eastbourne. No members of 2 Reception Camp are effected.	
	16		Fine cloudless day. First repatriates (1 Officer and 7 P.O.'s) received by Transit Camp.	

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[Signature]
Capt.
Adj: 2 AIF Reception Camp UK

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Army Form C. 2118.

Unit... 2 Reception Camp,
AIF Reception Group.

Month and Year September 1944

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Commanding Officer Capt. J.H. Beare

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
Hazelmere Pl., Bucks.	17		Very fine warm day. Church Parade at Hazelmere Parish Church. Thanks-giving Service conducted by Chaplain Parks. Approx 20 repatriated personnel attended. About 60 repatriates have arrived and are being administered by A & Q, Transit Camp.	
	17	14.50	A Garden Party was held in the camp area for all ranks including the repatriated personnel. Civilians were invited and afternoon tea was served in the respective messes. Hazelmere Home Guard Band provided music and there was a Cinema Show and an EMI Concert. Large numbers of troop-carrying planes and gliders were noticed passing overhead for at least two hours. This proved to be the air invasion of Holland.	
	18		Fine day. Great numbers of troop transports passed over in the direction of the continent.	
	19		Dull day	

W.R. 254/100 G.O.M. 2/4 W.H.S.S. 11/4/71

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Adj 2 AIF Reception Camp UK

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WAR DIARY

or

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

Army Form C. 2118.

Unit 2 Reception Camp,.....
AIF Reception Group.

Commanding Officer Capt. J. H. Beare.....

Month and Year..... September 1944

(Delete heading not required).

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
Hazelmere Pk., Bucks.	20		Dull cloudy day.	
	1230		Parade held for the Duke of Gloucester. All units of the Reception Group including attached British personnel and AIF Repatriates (2 Officers and 17 O.C.'s) and a Band supplied by RAF Bomber Command were on parade. The Duke drove his Rolls Royce onto the Parade Ground and made a very thorough inspection of the units. Later he lunched at HQ Reception Coy. Mess and left the area at 1430 hours. Mr Stanley Bruce and Lt. Gen. Rowell were present. A cricket match was held on High Wycombe Ground against the local team. Scores Unit team 152 (Capt. Whittington 71) High Wycombe 78.	
	21		Fine day with slight mist.	
	22		Fine with heavy morning mists.	
	23		Fine - clear skies. Cricket match - Unit team versus High Wycombe. Scores Unit 146. High Wycombe 8 for 160 (Declared closed)	
	24		Raining, windy and cold.	

Beare
Capt
Adj 2 AIF Reception Camp Unit

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WAR DIARY

or

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Unit...2. Reception Camp...
 AIF Reception Group.

Month and Year September 1944

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Commanding Officer ...Capt. J. H. Beare.....

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
Haselmere Hk., Bucks.	25		Fine morning, misty rain in late afternoon and night.	
	26		Fine day	
	27		Clear and cool.	
	28		Fine morning. Sgt. Burnett detached for liaison duty to move with party of repatriates to point of embarkation. Capt Beare notified of his detachment to a party moving to Middle East to receive repatriated P.O.'s from Switzerland.	
		2000	Draft of repatriated P.O.'s moved out for Greenwich to embark for Aust.	
	29		Cold and wet	
	30	0900	This unit moved out with other branches of the Reception Group for Eastbourne where it is expected that the Reception camp will be set up.	
		1400	Arrived Eastbourne and moved into billets prepared by the advance party.	
			Sgt. Tussey remained at High Wycombe with the Rear party.	

Beare
 Adj 2 AIF Reception Camp US

Serial No. 1274
(REPEAT AT PART 1)

10th May

(Unit). Week ending 7 OCT 19

A.F. 14, 3000 (R.A.)

Part C. Description of other Ranks whose return to the Unit is particularly requested.

Part B. Other ranks attached in ¹⁵⁷extension of W.E. less 1st Reinforcements.

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~~2 AIF Reception Camp UK (Unit).~~

For week ending.

Army Form W.3000 (I.A.)

Serial No. 6421

Part D. Detail of Trades and Duties of Surplus or Reinforcements required as shown in Part A.

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT								REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED								REMARKS	
	W.O.'s Class I	W.O.'s Class II	B.Q.M. Sergeants	Staff Sergeants	Sergeants	Band Leaders	Cannons	Transporters	TOTAL	W.O.'s Class I	W.O.'s Class II	B.Q.M. Sergeants	Staff Sergeants	Sergeants	Band Leaders	Cannons		Transporters
Specialists and Tradesmen—																		
A.A. Sight Takers ...																		
A.A. Predictor Numbers ...																		
A.I.C. ...																		
A.J.S.L. ...																		
A.A. L.M. Gunners																		
Artificers, R.A. ...																		
B.C.As ...																		
Battery Surveyors																		
Butchery Duties ...																		
Carpenters ...																		
Clerks (R.A. Clerks Section)																		
Clerks (Unit) ...																		
Clerks (For Pay Duties)...																		
Cooks ...																		
C.P.O.As ...																		
C.A.S.L. Personnel ...																		
Drivers (I.C.) ...																		
S/L																		
Driver Mechanics ...																		
Operators ...																		
Electrical Fitters ...																		
Engine Attendants ...																		
Equipment Repairers ...																		
Farriers ...																		
First Aid and Stretcher Bearers ...																		
Fitters (Gun) ...																		
(M.V.) ...																		
(Engine Room) ...																		
Generator Numbers ...																		
G.P.O.As ...																		
Gunners ...																		
(Line and Wireless) ...																		
(Sen. Duties) ...																		
(Water Duties) ...																		
Listeners ...																		
Master Gunners ...																		
Motor Cyclists ...																		
Mechanics ...																		
N.C.O.s i/c S/L ...																		
Totals carried forward ...																		

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT								REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED								REMARKS	
	W.O.'s Class I	W.O.'s Class II	B.Q.M. Sergeants	Staff Sergeants	Sergeants	Band Leaders	Cannons	Transporters	TOTAL	W.O.'s Class I	W.O.'s Class II	B.Q.M. Sergeants	Staff Sergeants	Sergeants	Band Leaders	Cannons		Transporters
Totals brought forward																		
N.C.O.s i/c Sets (O's F.C.) ...																		
Operators (Fire Control)...																		
O.P.As. ...																		
Projector Controllers ...																		
Range Takers ...																		
Relief Section Cmdra. ...																		
Saddlers ...																		
Signallers ...																		
S.L. Commanders (C.A.)...																		
S.L. Det. Cmdra. ...																		
S.L. Operators ...																		
Spotters ...																		
Storeroom (Tech.) ...																		
Surveyors (R.A.) ...																		
(F. Sp.) ...																		
(S. Rg.) ...																		
Telephonists ...																		
Telephonist Linesmen ...																		
Telescopic Identification Nos. ...																		
T.I.'s (F.C.) ...																		
Vehicle Mechanics ...																		
Visual Plotters ...																		
Wiremen (R.A.) ...																		
Specialists & Tradesmen not specified above																		
Non-Specialists and Non-Tradesmen																		
TOTALS (to agree with Cols. 4 and 5 of Part A) ...																		

Adjutant General's Office

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

2 AIF Reception Camp UK (Unit.) For Week Ending 7544

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4	5	
Ranks	W.E. less 1st Rfts.	Strength counting against W.E. less 1st Rfts.	Surplus to W.E. less 1st Rfts.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on W.E. less 1st Rfts.)	
				No.	Any Specific Qualifications
Lieut.-Colonels	1	-	1		
Majors	5	-	5		
Captains	7	3	4		
Lieutenants	1	-	1		
2nd Lieutenants					
Quartermasters					
District Officers					
TOTALS	14	3	11		

* Insert details of higher ranks as necessary (e.g., Major-General, Brigadier, etc.).

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

(i) **Officers JOINED during week.**

[illegible]

(ii) **Officers QUITTED** during week.

[illegible]

UNIT, week-ending _____ A.F.W. 3008 (Revised)

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

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Unit 2 ALE Reception Camp UK

For Week Ending 7/9/44

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS.

(1) OFFICERS ON STRENGTH COUNTING AGAINST W.E. LESS 1st RFTS. (Total to agree with column 3 of Part A).

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(11) OFFICERS ATTACHED IN EXCESS OF W.E. LESS 1st RFTS.

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7-8-44
(Date of Despatch.)

Adj 2 AIF Reception Camp, US

HQ AIF Reception

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

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

Army Form C.211A.
(Adapted.)

(Erase heading not required.)

2 Reception Camp,
Unit AIF Reception Group UK Date and Time.—From 1 Oct 1944 To 31 Oct 1944

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Eastbourne, Sussex	1		Mild weather	
	2		Sunny and windy	
	3		Fine day	
	4-6		Fine weather	
	7		Steady rain, cold.	
	8-9		Cold and dull.	
	10		Clear and cool.	
	11		Reception Group Cricket team began a match at Hove against an RAAF team from Brighton. Rain stopped play and match was abandoned.	
	14	1415	Field Marshall Lord Birdwood visited and inspected the unit. He stayed for afternoon tea at the Officers' Mess, Stavelly Court.	
	15	2145	Flying bomb passed over the area and exploded about 6 miles west of Eastbourne.	
	16-18		Weather dull and showery.	
	19		Fine morning. During the last two weeks billets have been allotted to 2 Reception Camp. These have been inspected for repairs and cleaning purposes. Plans have been submitted to HQ regarding the general allotment of accommodation and messing.	
	20		Squally with driving rain. During this comparatively slack period most members of the unit have been encouraged to take their accumulation of leave, in most cases about ten days.	
	21		Showery and cool. The first fatal casualty in HQ AIF Reception Group occurred during the night. S/Sgt F. Boyd fell out of the window of his room to the pavement below with fatal results.	
	22		Fine day but visibility poor across the sea owing to mist.	
	23		Overcast in morning. All Reception Camps moved their Orderly Rooms to St John's Lodge in St John's Road.	

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Capt
Adj 2 AIF Reception Camp UK

2 Reception Camp,
Unit AIF Reception Group UK Date and Time.—From 1 Oct 1944 To 31 Oct 1944

Adjutant Reception Camp UK

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required.)

Army Form C.2/18.
(Adapted.)

Unit No. 2 Reception Camp

Date and Time.—From 1 Nov. 44

To 30 Nov 44

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Eastbourne	1		Weather fine and frosty. Flights of heavy bombers headed for Europe.	
	2		Special Guard of Honour for Lord Birdwood proceeded to London for Mayoral function.	
			Cold with rainy squalls.	
	3			
	4		Weather clear but cold. A soccer team from the group played a team from H.M.S. MARLBOROUGH -2 goals each.	
	5		Cold and foggy again. Air raid warning at night and four buzz bombs fell in the district.	
	6		Australian canteens commenced operation	
	7			
			Wet weather continues. Russian prisoners continue the cleaning of Billets.	
	8		3 members of this unit were among those volunteering to take on sugar beet and potato digging, owing to the shortage of rural labour in the district.	
	9		Cold, wet weather continues.	
	10		" " "	
	11		Australian Rules Football played against RAAF Team from Brighton Reception Gp. won by nine points.	
	12		Cold. Twenty representatives of the Gp. joined in Civic Parade at St. Marys Church Eastbourne.	
	13		Cold and fine. Work on Billets nearing completion.	

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required.)

Army Form C.2/18.
(Adapted.)

Unit No. 2 Reception Camp

Date and Time.—From

To

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Eastbourne	14		Weather continues cold but fine.	
	15		Farming continues for members of this unit. Weather remaining fine.	
	16		Weather continues fine. The Gp team were defeated in a soccer match against the navy.	
	17		Wet and cold with very heavy rain.	
	18		Cold, rainy and blustery weather continues.	
	19/20		" " " "	
	21		Weather clears and once again becomes fine. intense air activity recommences.	
	23		Party of Officers and ORs visited the Turkish Legation in London.	
	24		Once again the cold, wet weather returns.	
	25		AIF Club opened in Hartfield Rd Eastbourne. Amenities provided leave little to be required.	
	28		Dance held at the AIF Club which is proving very popular.	
	30		Weather again cold, rainy and blustery.	

M. H. H.
Adj 2 AIF Reception Camp UK

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Details of Tradesman. GROUP I.	W.E.	Pooled Strength.	Ranks Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Pooled Strength.	Ranks Required.	Details of Tradesman. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Pooled Strength.	Ranks Required.	Details of Tradesman. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Pooled Strength.	Ranks Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer				Surveyors, M.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Artillery Filler (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stickers			
Armament Artificer Filler (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Filler (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangekeepers			
Armament Artificer Signal				Welders				Painters				Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireman								Panel Drafters				Saddlery			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographers, Dry Plate				Saddlery makers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Silverworkers			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stokers, Steam Engines			
Campers								Riggers				Storemen, Technical			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Tailors			
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers				Trailer Builders			
Dugouts				Armen				Signwriters				Transmitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identif. Numbers				Valmans			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd'r Asst.				Well Rovers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Bellarmakers				Wheelers				Whitewashers			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters				Winchman							
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics											
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)											
Fitters				Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gas)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.							
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors							
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers							
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	13	2	11				
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply							
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical							
Mechanics, Instrument (Signal)				Intelligence Duties				Coach Trimmers							
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors							
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks							
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signal				Dental Clerk Orderlies							
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Dispatch Riders							
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signal							
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, M.T.							
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanic							
Pharmacist				Motormen				Driver Typ. Plant							
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, L.C.							
Photozetter				Misers				Equipment Repairs							

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NOV 11 1944 2 AIF Reception Camp UK
ay / / 194 (Unit)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 1/10/1941 (Unit)

W.E. 10/20/1. OFFRS. 13 O.R's. 68 + OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 33 ATT. BY W.E.

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2 AIF Reception Camp UK *Unit*

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday NOV 11 1944 /154. (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by A.I. 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

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OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

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

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

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NOV 11 1944

Date of Despatch

U.S. 1955-56 10/63

W. H. H. H.
Sergeant Major US

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required.)

Army Form 0.2118.
(Adap ed.)

Unit No. 2 Reception Camp Date and Time.—From 1st Dec 1944 To 31st Dec 1944

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Eastbourne	1		Unit strength at the first of the month 3 Officers 5 O.Rs. Capt Gove. R.M.O. detached to St. James Hospital London.	
	2		The opening match of the newly formed Australian Football League against the R.A.A.F. resulted in a defeat for the Rec.Gp. team.	
	3		More repatriates arrived from Switzerland. Weather fine.	
	4		Weather remained fine but very cold.	
	5		Further inspection of billets carried out. Weather still fine.	
	6		Intense air activity throughout day & night. Full advantage being taken of the continued good flying weather.	
	7		AIF Club entertained members of the ENSA cast.	
	8		Weather still fine but very cold.	
	9		Field day at Ashburnham. Ploughing matches & general stock exhibits.	
	10		Capt. J.H. Beare & Capt S.C. Carter both left on their respective lecture tours. Capt Beare to Orkney & Shetland, & Capt Carter to Portsmouth.	
	11		Weather fine during day and at night frost & ice.	
	12		Some of staff assisted in packing Red Cross parcels.	
	13		After a fine day the weather broke and the evening was wet and cold.	
	14		Heavy bombers increasingly active throughout the night.	

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required.)

Army Form C.2118.
(Adapted.)

Unit _____ Date and Time.—From _____ To _____

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Eastbourne	15		Very heavy rain, said to be the wettest day at Eastbourne for seven yrs.	
	16		Another loss at football for our team, played against Aust Fighter Sqn.	
	17		Weather continues wet and cold. Little air activity.	
	18		Capt Carter returns from his lecture tour to Navel Units at Portsmouth	
	19		Cold and wet. Travel ban notified between 22 Dec & 27 Dec.	
	20		Capt. Gove R.M.O. returns from his detachment at St James Hosp.	
	21.		Comforts Fund Christmas parcels issued.	
	22		Weather once fine again fine with heavy frosts at night.	
	23		Christmas celebrations commenced by inter-mess visits.	
	24		Weather promises fine but cold for Xmas. Prospects of the coldest for many years.	
	25		Capt Beare returns from his lecture tour of units at Orkney & Shetland.	
	26		Thick fogs and thick heads prevented both air and ground activity.	
	27		The year closes with fine weather and preparations for the celebration of New Years Eve. a Dance held in HIGHMEAD and also at the club were both very successful affairs.	

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Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Ratio Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Ratio Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Ratio Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Ratio Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Asst.				O.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, R.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stickers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.P.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Reamers			
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wiremen								Paste Brakers				Soughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographers, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddlery makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stereos			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Stdy. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers				Tailors			
Dispensers				Assmen				Signwriters				Textile Builders			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identif. Number				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				By. Comd's Asst.				Well Borers				Valentines			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters				Wickman				Whitewashers			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics											
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)											
Fitters				Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.							
Fitters (M.V.)				Gas Operator				Battery Sweepers							
Fitters, Railway Signal				Haichman				Bathers							
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	13	2	11				
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply							
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical							
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties				Couch Trimmers							
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors							
Mechanics, Radio				Linemen				Cooks							
Mechanics, Typewriter				Linemen, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies							
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders							
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals							
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, M.T.							
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics							
Pharmacist				Masons				Driver Tynd. Plant							
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, L.C.							
Photographer				Miners				Equipment Repairers							

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0000 Hrs. Saturday **DEC 2 - 1944** (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

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

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

VA3733	Capt	GOVE	W	Sr Lt Col - Hon		
				Location	1944	1944

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

DATE	NAME	NAME AND INITIAL	REMARKS (i.e. reason for absence if known)
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PART E.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER UNITS.

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
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Date of Despatch

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