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2nd Australian Imperial Force and Citizen
Military Forces unit war diaries, 1939-45 War

Item number: 8/2/8

8 Infantry Brigade

November - December 1942

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY
(Erase heading not required.)

Unit. H.Q. 8. AUST. INF. BDE...

Date and Time.--From 1. Nov. 42.....To.....

Remarks and references to
Appendices, Diaries, &c.

Place

Date

Hour

Summary of Events and Information

GINGIN WA.

1. Nov. 42

Adv. party departed GINGIN for BELLEVUE.

2 Nov. 42

Relief of 8 Bde by 5 Bde. 8 Bde moved by M.T. to BELLEVUE/BUSHMEAD camp area, Bde. H.Q. being installed there by 1630 hrs.

BELLEVUE, WA.

3 Nov. 42

8 Aust. Inf. Bde. ~~Co.~~ led by Bde H.Q. marched through city of PERTH, the salute being taken by His Excellency The Governor General,

5 Nov. 42

Refresher course of Inf. training commenced for Bde HQ personnel

9 Nov. 42

His Excellency The Governor General, and the Corps Commander visited Bellevue/Bushmead area, and carried out an inspection of the camps

10 Nov. 42/

Bde Comd. attended arty. shoot ROCKINGHAM area.

11 Nov. 42

11. Nov. 42

Issue of instructions re X-ray and Dental Boarding of 8 Bde personnel

See Appx. 1

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Conference of unit C.Os. at Bde H.Q. in connection with movement to GERALDTON area.

12 Nov. 42

Bde Comd. & unit recce parties left for GERALDTON Area

Issue of confirmation of verbal orders ~~issued~~ given at C.O.s' conference

" " 2

13 Nov. 42

Unit recce parties reached bivouac area MORESBY RANGE area vicinity GERALDTON.

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY
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Unit... H.Q. 8 Aust. Inf. Bde. Date and Time.--From... 14 Nov. 42 ...To.....

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BELLEVUE WA.	15 Nov. 42		Bde Comd. returned to BELLEVUE area	
			Message received from recce party re suitability railway stations for unloading of carriers	Appx. 3
	16 Nov. 42		Issue of orders for march through MIDLAND JUNCTION	" 4
			Conference CO's at Bde H.Q.	
	17 Nov. 42		8 Bde Gp. marched through MIDLAND JUNCTION, salute being taken by Div. Comd. Maj.-Gen. H.W. Lloyd, CB, CMG, CVO, DSO.	
	18 Nov. 42		Issue of Admn. Inst. No. 13, re movement to GERALDTON area	" 5
	19 Nov. 42		Issue of Amendment No. 1 to Admn. Inst. No. 13	" 6
	20 Nov. 42		Movement of 8 Bde Gp. by M.T. and rail to GERALDTON area. Bns. and	
	to 22 Nov. 42		other units occupied bivouac areas.	
	22 Nov. 42	1550	Message to 2 Div re location of Bns.	" 7
	23 Nov. 42	0905	Message to 2 Div and all units of movement of 8 Bde H.Q. to camp area vicinity MOUNT FAIRFAX	" 8
		1300	Bde H.Q. moved from bivouac area to MOUNT FAIRFAX camp	
	24 Nov. 42	0800	Message received from 4 Bn re occupation of CUPS	" 9
		1000	Message received from H.Q. 2 Div re location	" 10

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APPX 1

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES
ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION NO. 9.

11 Nov. 42.

X-RAY OF PERSONNEL.

8 AUST. INF. BDE. GROUP.

1. Personnel of Bde. Gp. not previously X-rayed, Blood Grouped and Dentally Boarded will proceed to Claremont in accordance with under-mentioned instructions for purpose of X-rays etc.
2. O.C. Train will be responsible for conduct of troops during journey. Troops will entrain in order of names as appearing on D.12. It is imperative so as to minimise delay that troops entrain in numerical order.
3. Attached A.A.F. D.12's will be completed in accordance with following pro forma and carried by O.C. of each unit group. D.12's will be completed in quadruplicate and handed to O.C. Medical Boards Section, C.D.D. Claremont on arrival:-

Spool No.	Name	Army No.	Rank	Unit	Report
Blank.	Surname, initials.	No.	Rank.	Unit	Blank.

List officers names first then N.C.O's.

Last three lines to be left blank.

NOT more than 33 names will appear on any one sheet.

4. Units whose parties do NOT exceed 15 will not complete A.A.F. D.12, but will insert names by mutual agreement on another unit's D.12.
5. Immediately on receipt of this instruction unit representative will obtain from D.R.O. A.A.F. D.1 (Photostat Copy) which will accompany soldier when boarded.
6. As no necessary facilities are available at Claremont, it will be necessary for each soldier to carry water bottle (filled), eat lunch and 1/3 tea ration (in bulk).
7. Units will ensure each soldier is in possession of paybook.
8. DRESS: As for leave.
9. Units will furnish report to this H.Q. not later than 1600 hours 21 Nov. 42 showing number of personnel who will still require X-rays or dental boards after completion on Nov. 28. Accuracy in this information is imperative so as train arrangements made be finalized.
10. MOVEMENT: See Appendix "A" attached.
11. Unit transport may be used to transport personnel to and from railway.

R. J. Lawrence
(R. J. Lawrence) Lieut.
A/Staff Capt. 8 Aust. Inf. Bde.

APPENDIX "A".

Serial.	Date	Unit.	Number of personnel.	Depart	Time depart.	Time of arrival Claremont.	Depart Claremont	Arrival.	O.C. Train	Staff Offr. Entraining.
	16 Nov	8 Aust Fd Amb.	120)	Bellevue	0845	0928	1555	Bellevue 1638.	Capt Pilgrim 18 Coy AASC.	Lieut. Lawrence.
		18 Coy AASC	170)							
		3 Gp W/Shops	60)							
	17 Nov	8 Aust Fd Amb	100)	Bellevue	0845	0928	1555	Midland 1633	Capt. Oliver 8 Fd. Coy.	Lieut. Wright.
		13 Bty A/Tk	80)	"				Bellevue 1638		
		8 Aust Inf Bde	70)	Midland	0849					
		8 Fd. Coy.	100)	"						
	18 Nov	8 Aust Inf Bde	70)	Midland	0849	0928	1555	Midland 1633	To be detailed by 4 Bn.	Lieut. Simpson.
		4 Bn.	280)							
	19 Nov	3 Gp W/Shops	60)	Midland	0849	0928	1555	Midland 1633	"	Capt. Butler.
		4 Bn.	290)							
	20 Nov	13 Bty A/Tk	80)	Midland	0849	0928	1555	Midland 1633	"	Capt. Wolpert.
		4 Bn.	270)							
	21 Nov	8 Fd Coy.	120)	Midland	0854	0933	1600	Midland 1638	To be detailed by 8 Fd Coy.	Capt. Nicholls.
		30 Bn.	80)							
	23 Nov	18 Coy AASC	180)	Midland	0849	0928	1555	Midland 1633	To be detailed by 30 Bn.	Lieut. Snelling.
		30 Bn.	170)							
	24 Nov	30 Bn.	350	Midland	0849	0928	1555	Midland 1633	"	Lieut. Wright.
	25 Nov	30 Bn.	200	Midland	0849	0928	1555	Midland 1633	"	Lieut. Simpson.
	26 Nov	35 Bn.	350	Midland	0849	0928	1555	Midland 1633	To be detailed by 35 Bn.	Capt. Butler.
	27 Nov	35 Bn.	350	Midland	0849	0928	1555	Midland 1633	"	Capt. Wolpert.
	28 Nov.	35 Bn.	100)	Midland	0854	0933	1600	Midland 1638	"	Lieut. Snelling.
		7 Fd Coy	100)							

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8 AUST. INF. BDE. GP.

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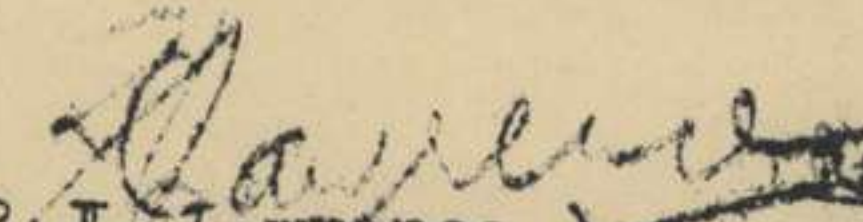
12 Nov. 42.

CONFIRMATION OF VERBAL ORDERS ISSUED AT CO's
CONFERENCE 11 NOV. 42.

1. Recce parties will move to new areas on 12 Nov. 42. Composition as arranged by Bde. Comd. at above conference. All recce parties will move under Comd. 8 Aust. Inf. Bde.
R.A.A. personnel for Bde. Gp. Recce parties will move independently on 13 Nov. and report to respective staging camps.
2. Staging Camp will be established proximity 2/11 Aust. Inf. Bn. area vicinity Moresby Flat Top Range.
O.C. Bde. Gp. Recce Party will advise R.T.O. Mingenew exact location of Staging Camp and personnel moving independently will obtain such information from that officer.
3. Staff Officers 2 Aust. Div. and personnel R.A.E. and Sigs. 2 Aust. Div. will bivouac and be rationed at these camps.
4. Recce Parties will be rationed:-
 - (a) Carry unconsumed portion for 12 and full ration for 13 Nov. 42.
 - (b) O.C. Staging Camp will lodge indents for succeeding days immediately after arrival at D.I.D. Northern Gully.Dry ration will be issued at D.I.D. until fresh are available.
5. Recce Parties will carry tentage, cooks utensils etc.
6. Duties of recce parties are:-
 - (a) Inspect new areas.
 - (b) Contact respective unit being replaced.
 - (c) Inspect unit areas and prepare precise statement of material and amenities as under which outgoing units will be leaving in area.Engr. Services, including permanent and semi-permanent structures, portable meathouses etc.
Incinerators.
Water storage tanks.
Latrine covers.
Lids and fittings for Otway Pits.
Ablution benches etc.
 - (d) Where new areas are to be occupied, will peg camp sites, in accordance with plans for standard layout of camps previously issued. Engr. Officer will be attached for advice.
 - (e) R.A.E. Recce Party will carry out a water recce, also ascertain location of pole and scrub cutting areas.
7. Details of materials and amenities as above which outgoing units are leaving in areas will be handed to O.C. Recce Party to enable them to be forwarded to this H.Q. by 14 Nov. 42.
8. Bde. Gp. Recce Parties will remain in area until arrival of main body and will concentrate on improving areas without interfering with outgoing units.
9. Strict track discipline will be insisted on at all times and use of existing tracks where possible will be made.

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10. O.C's Recce Parties will report H.Q. 4 Aust. Div. Moora on entering area.
11. Location of unit areas will be as in attached Appendix "A".
12. It is anticipated that units of 4 Aust. Div. will send recce parties to areas of this Div. for similar purposes and all units will co-operate with such parties, to make available any information desired.
13. Water waggon from 8 Aust. Inf. Bde. H.Q. will move with Recce Group.


 (R.J. Lawrence)
 A/Staff Capt. 8 Aust. Inf. Bde.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

APPENDIX "A".

8 AUST. INF. BDE. GP.

Serial.	Unit.	New Location.	Map Ref.
1.	H.Q. 8 Aust. Inf. Bde.	THE TWINS	261442.
2.	Bde. Gp. W/Shop	To be notified later.	
3.	" " Ord. Fd. Park		
4.	K Sec. Sigs.	THE TWINS	261442.
5.	251 L.A.D.	"	"
6.	4 Aust. Inf. Bn.	MORESBY RANGE	257442.
7.	30 Aust. Inf. Bn.	MOONYOONCOKA	265432.
8.	35 Aust. Inf. Bn.	NARINGULA	257424.
9.	7 Aust. Fd. Regt.	BOOTENAL	262425.
10.	E Sec. Sigs.	"	"
11.	206 L.A.D.	"	"
12.	"F" Sec. 2/5 Dental Unit	"	"
13.	13 Bty. 104 A/Tk. Regt.	"	"
14.	8 Aust. Fd. Coy.	GREENOUGH RIVER	287423.
15.	18 Coy. A.A.S.C.	BRIN GO	276436.
16.	8 Aust. Fd. Amb.	To be notified later.	
17.	5 Fd. Salvage Unit	NORTHERN GULLY.	

MESSAGE FORM

APX 3

Serial No.

CALL
AND
INSTRUC-
TIONS.

IN

OUT

No. of Groups
GR.

OFFICE DATE STAMP

(ABOVE THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

TO

8 Bde

FROM

8 Bde Gp Recce Gp

Originator's Number

RP 3

Date

15

In Reply to Number

Suitable	facilities	available	GERALDTON	and	NARNGULU
for	unloading	carriers	D	Easy	access
to	unit	areas	D	Ack	

This message may be sent **AS WRITTEN**
by any means:

If liable to be intercepted or fall
into enemy hands, this message must
be sent **IN CYPHER**

Originator's instructions
Degree of priority

Time of Origin

1800

Signed

Signed

(BELOW THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

System In	Time In	Reader	Sender	System Out	Time Out	Reader	Sender	System Out	Time Out	Reader	Sender

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T.O.R. 0930

H.Q. 8 Aust. Inf. Bde,
AUSTRALIA.
16 Nov. 42.

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION NO. 11.

MARCH PAST - MIDLAND JUNCTION

1. 8 Aust. Inf. Bde. Gp. will march through Midland Junction on Tuesday 17 Nov. 42.
2. Comd. Brig. C.E. Cameron, M.C., E.D., will command the parade.
3. Salute. Comd. 2 Aust. Div., Maj.-Gen. H.W. Lloyd, C.B., C.M.G., C.V.O., D.S.O., is taking the salute.
4. Order of March. As per Appendix "A".
5. March Formation. Column of Route in Sixes.
6. Bands (a) Bands of 5 and 8 Aust. Inf. Bdes. will form part of the column as indicated in order of march.
 (b) M.T. Will be provided by units as under to transport bands from Melville Camp to Assembly area and from Recreation Ground, Midland Junction back to Melville Camp.

4 Aust. Inf. Bn.	will provide transport for	4 Bn. Band and	44 Bn. Band.
30 Aust. Inf. Bn.	" " " "	30 Bn. Band and	56 Bn. Band.
35 Aust. Inf. Bn.	" " " "	35 Bn. Band and	54 Bn. Band.

 (c) Unit transport will report to Camp No. 1. Melville at 1630 hours and will arrive at Assembly area at 1815 hours 17 Nov. 42.
7. Evening meal will be taken prior to move to assembly area.
8. Dress. Khaki S.D., Anklets, Hats turned up, rifles, belt and side-arms.
9. Assembly Area. Camp No. 6, Toodyay Road, ref. 015581.
10. Time at Assembly Area. All units must be in position at Assembly area by 1835 hours, 17 Nov. 42.
11. Markers: One marker from each unit will report to B.S.M. at 1800 hours, 17 Nov. 42 at assembly area.
12. Presentation of Prizes - Bde. Athletic Meeting: While at assembly areas opportunity will be taken to present prizes. Units will ensure that all prize winners are present and report to Lt. Wright, Bde. L.O. on arrival.
13. Starting Time: Starting time from assembly area 1912 hours.
14. Checking Point: Rd. Junc. Toodyay - Newcastle Rds. Bde. Staff Officer will control movement past checking point, halting column if necessary.
15. Route: Toodyay Rd, Newcastle Road, York Road, Sayer St., Morrison Road, New Bond St., Recreation Ground.

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16. Saluting Base: Ascension Park, Newcastle Road, Midland Junction

17. 2 Aust. Div. Prov. Coy. will provide traffic control at the under-mentioned points:-

Corner Newcastle and York Roads.
 " York Rd. and Sayer St.
 " Railway Crossing and Sayer St.
 Entrance to Recreation Ground.

18. M.T. Debussing Area: areas will be allotted by Bde. Staff Officer in the northern portion of Camp No. 6. Any unit using M.T. will ensure that sufficient time is provided to permit debussing and arrival at assembly area as per para. 18.

19. March to Assembly Area: Units will arrive at Assembly area at the undermentioned times:-

7 Aust. Fd. Regt.....1810 hours.
 13 Bty/ A/Tk.....1815 hours.
 8 Aust. Fd. Coy.....1817 hours.
 18 Coy. A.A.S.C.....1820 hours.
 8 Aust. Fd. Amb.....1822 hours.
 H.Q. 8 Aust. Inf. Bde.....1824 hours.
 30 Aust. Inf. Bn.;.....1825 hours.
 35 Aust. Inf. Bn.....1830 hours.
 4 Aust. Inf. Bn.....1835 hours.

20. Dispersal area: Recreation Park, Midland Junction.

21. Concert: At the conclusion of the march a concert has been arranged by Boan's Ltd Concert Party on arrival at Recreation Park. Units will assemble on Oval. Bde. Staff Officer in attendance to supervise. Those members desiring to attend any other function, dances, pictures etc., may do so on obtaining leave from O.C. Coys.

22. Unit M.T: Any unit M.T. necessary for return journey from Midland to Unit lines will be parked in the undermentioned areas:-

A/Tk:	West of Sampson Rd from cnr. Sampson and Sayer Sts.
8 Fd Coy.	East of Sampson Rd. from cnr Sampson and Sayer Sts.
4 Bn:	North Rly. line Sayer St to corner Sayer St. and Morrison Rd.
30 Bn.	Morrison Rd. East from Junc. Morrison Rd - Sayer St.
35 Bn:	North St. West from Junc. North and Sayer Sts.
A.A.S.C.	North St East from Junc. North and Sayer Sts.
Bde. H.Q.	Sayer St between North St. and Charles St.
8 Fd. Amb.	Charles St from Sayer St to New Bond St.

(E.W. Gregory)
 B.M. 8 Aust. Inf. Bde.

Major.

APPENDIX "A".

ORDER OF MARCH.

56 Bn. Band.
H.Q. 8 Aust. Inf. Bde.
13 Bty. A/Tk.
One Coy 4 Bn.
" " 4 Bn.
4 Bn. Band.
One Coy. 4 Bn.
" " 4 Bn.
" " 4 Bn.
" " 30 Bn.
" " 30 Bn.
30 Bn. Band.
One Coy. 30 Bn.
" " 30 Bn.
" " 30 Bn.
One Coy. 35 Bn.
" " 35 Bn.
44 Bn. Band.
One Sec. 8 Fd. Coy.
One Sec. 8 Fd. Coy.
One Pl. A.A.S.C.
One Pl. A.A.S.C.
One Coy. 8 Fd. Amb.
One Coy. 8 Fd. Amb.

Bands of 35 and 54 Bns will be at Saluting Base and play troops past. Such bands will play alternatively.

Remainder of bands will cease playing at the Avenue and commence playing after passing Helena St.

Distances: 50 yards between units, 10 yards between Coys.

DISTRIBUTION LIST.

2 Aust. Div. H.Q.
Bde. Comd.
B.M.
S.C.
I.O.
T.O.
L.2.
L.3
4 Bn.
30 Bn.

1-3
4.
5.
6.
7.
8.
9.
10.
11.
12.

35 Bn. 13.
13 Bty. A/Tk. 14.
A.A.S.C. 15.
8 Fd. Coy. 16.
8 Fd. Amb. 17.
File. 18.
Spare. 19-20.
5 Aust. Inf. Bde. 21.
2 Div. Prov. Coy. 22.
Camp Staff Officer 23.

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3	-	35 Aust. Inf. Bn.
4	-	7 Aust. Fd. Regt.
5	-	8 Aust. Fd. Amb.
6	-	8 Aust. Fd. Coy.
7	-	13 Bty. 104 A/Tk. Regt.
8	-	Bde. Gp. W/Shops.
9	-	Bde. Gp. Ord. Fd. Pk.
10	-	18 Coy. A.A.S.C.
11	-	Bde. Comd.
12	-	B.M.
13	-	S.C.
14	-	I.O.
15	-	T.O.
16	-	BASCO
17-19	-	L.Os
20	-	Hygiene Officer.
21	-	Amenities Officer.
22	-	Educa tion Officer
23-24	-	2 Aust. Div.
25-35	-	Recce Gp.
36-37	-	File.
✓ 38-39	-	War Diary.
40	-	Spare.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

8 AUST. INF. BDE. GP.

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18 NOV. 42.

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION NO. 13

1. 8 Aust. Inf. Bde. Gp. will move to GERALDTON area on 20 and 22 Nov. 42. Movement will be by rail and M.T. as per Appendices "A", "B" and "C" attached.

2. EQUIPMENT:

Units will move with camp equipment and tentage as set out in Scale "A". Equipment required to increase unit holdings to W.E.T. and Scale "A" will be taken on transfer from camp Q.M. immediately. Excess equipment will be returned to Ordnance immediately.

3. PALLIASSES AND BLANKETS:

Units will move with 3 blankets per man (1 with man) the remainder rolled in section bundles will be carried on train or M.T. as desired.

Palliasses will be carried empty.

Straw will be placed in unit dumps and arrangements made for Salvage to collect same.

BASCO will ensure new straw is made available on arrival at new area.

4. RATIONS:

Train personnel will carry midday and evening meals. Tea will be supplied at stations en route. as shown in Appendix "A".

M.T. personnel will carry cut lunches on days 1 and 2. Units will arrange evening meal and breakfast en route at bivouac area.

Delivery of rations to coincide with these arrangements will be supervised by BASCO.

BASCO will ensure indents for rations for periods on and after 21st in new area are placed by units prior to movement.

5. CLEANLINESS OF AREA:

All areas will be left thoroughly clean and tidy.

6. MEDICAL:

One ambulance from 8 Aust. Fd. Amb. will accompany each of 4, and 35 Bns. on 20 Nov. 42 and 30 Bn. on 22 Nov. 42. This vehicle to report to unit lines at 0500 hours on day of movement. Unit MOs and Medical Orderlies will travel on trains. 8 Aust. Fd. Amb. will arrange for an MO to travel by ambulance on 20 Nov. 42.

7. MOVEMENT OF CARRIERS:

Carriers will move by rail in accordance with Appendix "A" attached. 2 personnel will travel with each carrier. Loading will be completed at least one hour before time of departure of train. One MC if necessary may be loaded in each carrier truck.

All loading will be under supervision and direction of R.T.O. Midland.

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8. STORES AND EQUIPMENT:

Portion of unit stores and equipment will be carried by rail as per Appendix "A" attached.

Loading will be completed 1 hour before scheduled time of departure of train.

Units will furnish to this H.Q. by 2000 hours evening prior to movement A.A.F. TSl(a) Entraining Strength Returns and complete list of stores and equipment being forwarded by rail, showing approx. tonnage of the various stores. Rail Warrants and Consignment Notes will be furnished by this H.Q.

9. LOADING AND ENTRAINING POINTS:

Personnel :- Midland Station.

Carriers :- Midland Junction Marshalling Yard (east End)

Equipment)
and } :- " " " " "
Stores }

10. DISCIPLINE:

Strict M.T. and Train discipline will be carried out at all times. Special attention is directed to loading of vehicles and seating of troops. Personnel accompanying vehicles will on no account move from truck in which their particular vehicle is being carried while the train is in motion.

11. DEFENCE OF TRAINS:

O.C. Train will be responsible for A.A. defences throughout the journey.

12. WATER:

Train personnel will move with full water bottles, which may be replenished at stations en route.

M.T. personnel will move with full water bottles.

Units will ensure all water carrying facilities are filled prior to departure from area.

13. PETROL:

18 Coy. A.A.S.C. will attach to each group as per Appendix "A" attached, one petrol vehicle.

Vehicles will move with all tanks filled. Tanks will be replenished at halts as necessary.

14. DISPOSAL OF PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT AT DESTINATION:

Arrangements for disposal of Personnel and stores on arrival of trains at destination will be advised later.

15. DRESS:

Working dress or shorts at CO's discretion. Hats K.F. - Packs - one blanket - W.P. Sheet - messing utensils - change of underclothes. Helmets steel will be strapped outside pack. Kit bags and remainder of personal gear will be carried on unit M.T.

Surplus personal gear will be forwarded to Kit Bag Store, Section 9, 91 James St., Perth - Telephone, HQ L of C Ext. 303.

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16. TRAFFIC CONTROL:

Traffic Control will be provided by H.Q. 104 A/Tk. Regt.

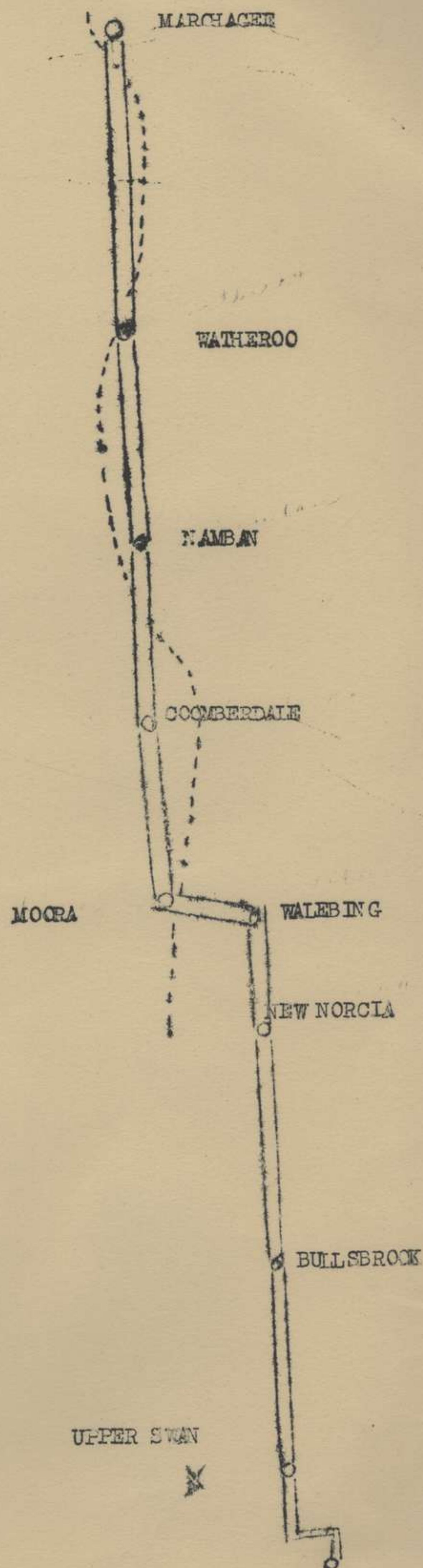
17. 8 Aust. Inf. Bde. H.Q. Will close down present location 0700 hours, 20 Nov. 42 and reopen at new location 0700 hours, 20 Nov. 42.

18. Monthly Sensus Warlike Stores return will reach this H.Q. NOT later than 2000 hours, 19 Nov. 42.

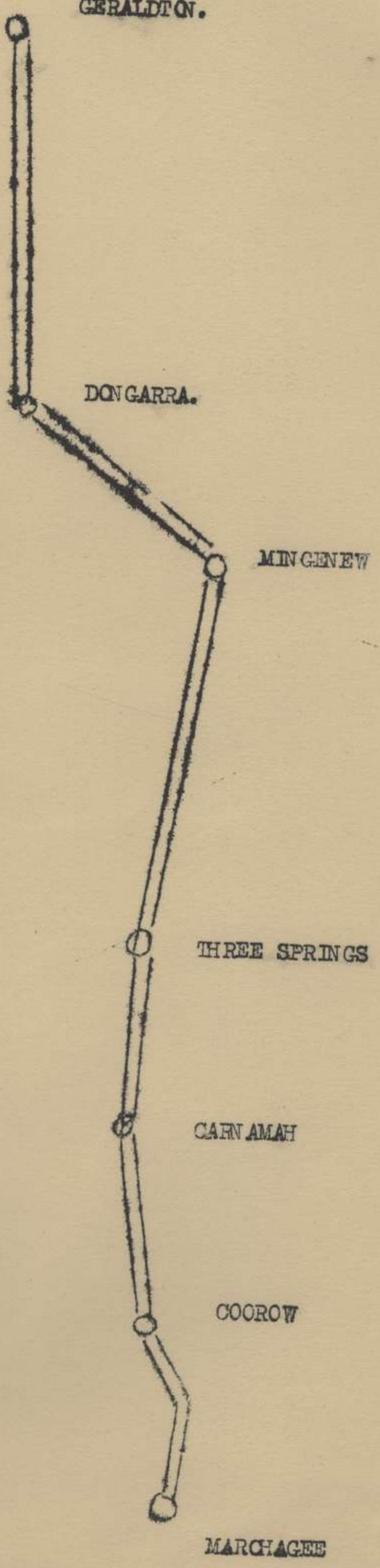
19. O.C. Unit Reece Gp. parties will arrange for guides to meet respective trains at destination. O.Cs parties will also arrange for Unit M.T. to be at appropriate stations to transport Unit stores etc.

R. J. Lawrence
(R.J. Lawrence)
A/Staff Capt. 8 Aust. Inf. Bde. Lieut.

NO.	MILEAGE	TIMINGS
6.	131	Z 1 453
5.	89	Z 1 327
4.	75	Z 1 225
3.	59	Z 1 177
2.	8	Z 1 24
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NO.	MILEAGE.	TIMINGS.	Read from bottom up.
13	284	Z 495	GERALDTON.
12	251	Z 336	DONGARRA.
11	218	Z 237	MINGENEW
10	185	Z 138	THREE SPRINGS
9	171	Z 96	CARN AMAH
8	154	Z 45	COOROW
7.	139	Z	MARCHAGEE



8 Aust. Inf. Bde. Gp.

APPENDIX "A"

RAIL MOVEMENT.

SECRET

Date	Time	Train No.	Unit.	Personnel	Carriers	Stores	Time of Arrival.	Destination.	O.C. Train.	Tea served at
20 Nov.	0800	1.	4 Aust. Inf. Bn.	357	10	10 tons	0050 21 Nov.	Geraldton	Detailed by 4 Bn.	Watheroo 1415 hrs Mingenew 2000 "
"	1215	2.	4 Aust. Inf. Bn. 35 " " "	168 189	10 -	" 10 "	0450 " 0430 "	Geraldton Narngulu	" " 35 Bn	Watheroo 1825 "
"	1500	3.	35 Aust. Inf. Bn. 30 " " "	311 46	10 -	5 " 5 "	0800 "	Narngulu	" " "	Gin Gin 1800 Hrs
"	1900	Back Train.	30 Aust. Inf. Bn.	-	6	-	1200 "	Narngulu		
22 Nov.	0730	1.	30 Aust. Inf. Bn.	357	10	10	2340 23 Nov.	Narngulu	Detailed by 50 Bn.	Watheroo 1345 Mingenew 1950
"	1215	2.	30 Aust. Inf. Bn. 8 Aust. Fd. Coy. 8 Aust. Fd. Amb. 35 Aust. Inf. Bn. 7 Aust. Fd. Regt. 8 Aust. Inf. Bde. H.Q.	257 45 50 - - -	- 7 3 -	- 5 5	0420 "	"	" "	Watheroo 1825

APPENDIX "B"

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

8 AUST. INF. BDE GP.

SECRET

MARCH TABLE.

MARCH TABLE.														
Ser. No.	Date	Unit	No. of Vechs.	PLACE from To	SP	Check Point	Time past Check Point	Time past S.P.	Route	Speed to S.P.	Speed & Lane during march VEH MPH	T.O. per Halts.	Dispersal points	Remarks.
20 pv.		4 Aust Inf Bn. A.A.S.C.	80 1	Bellevue - Bushmead. Geraldton.	Railway crossing Upper Swan - Mundaring 1" 025698	Bridge Middle Swan - Ref. Mundaring 1" 014593.	0657	0700	As per route Card attached.	18 mph	88 yards between vehicles - 440 yards between blocks.	24	As per Route Card attached.	Start time 21st from bivouac area 0600 hours. 6-12 vehs to the block.
		35 Aust Inf Bn. A.A.S.C.	80 1				0731	0740						
		8 Aust. Inf.) Bde. H.Q. 1 Sec Sigs. L.A.D. 251. A.A.S.C.	28 1				0811	0820						

APPENDIX "C".

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

8 AUSTR. INF. BDE. GP.

SECRET

MARCH TABLE.

Ser No.	Date	Unit	No of vehs.	PLACE		S.P.	Check Pt.	Time past	Time past	Route.	Speed to S.P.	Speed & Dens during march		TG Pts	Halts	Dispersal Points	Remarks.
				From	To			check Point	past S.P.			VIM	MPH				
	22 Nov	30 Bn. A.A.S.C.	80) 1)81		Geraldton		Bridge Middle Swan - Ref. Mundaring 1" 014593.	0651	0700	As per Route Card attached.	18nph	88 yards between vehicles - 440 yards between blocks.	24	As per Route Card attached.	22nd. 0840 20 mins 0950 10 " 1100 60 " 1350 10 " 1450 Bivouac Area Marchagee.		Start time 23rd from Bivouac Area 0600 hours. 6-12 vehicles to block.
"	"	18 Coy. A.A.S.C.	66					0731	0740								
"	"	8 Aust. Fd Coy A.A.S.C.	29) 1)30					0759	0810							23rd. 0750 10 mins. 0950 10 " 1150 60 " 1350 10 "	
"	"	8 Aust Fd Amb. A.A.S.C.	37) 1)38					0816	0825							1450 Destination.	
"	"	Ede. Gp. W/Shops.	15					0831	0840								

MOST SECRET

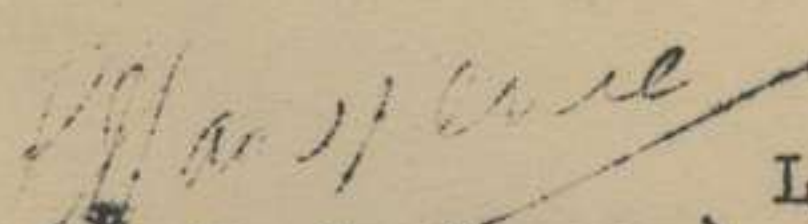
19 Nov. 42.

AMENDMENT NO. 1.

TO ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION NO. 13.

1. Ref. Admin. Instn. No. 13 Appendix "A": Time of arrival No. 1. Train 22 Nov: Delete 23 Nov. - should read 22 Nov.
2. Ref. Admin. Instn. No. 13 para. 13: Petrol Point will be established at Bivouac Area. Petrol vehicles will NOT move with columns.
3. Traffic Control Points will be established at:-

<u>Day 1.</u>	<u>Day 2.</u>
Z + 103	Ref. Perth Strat 415127.
Z + 225	Ref. Moora Strat 422201.
	Z + 45 Ref. Perenjonie Strat 402299.
	Z + 168 Ref. Perenjonie Strat 360353.
	Z + 306 Ref. Dongarra Strat 303379.
	Z + 460 Ref. Geraldton Strat 256423.
4. Bde. Sec. Ord. Fd. Pk. will travel with column in rear of Bde. Gp. W/Shops on 22 Nov. 42.
5. Ref. Admin. Instn. No. 13, Appendices "B" and "C": Start time 21 Nov. and 23 Nov. from Bivouac Area: Delete 0600 - should read 0700 hours. Delete halt at 0750 hours on 21 Nov. and 23 Nov.
6. A Bde. Rep. will guide units into Bivouac Areas, on 20 Nov. A rep. from 30 Aust. Inf. Bn. will guide units into Bivouac areas on 22 Nov. 42.


 (R.J. Lawrence) Lieut.
 A/Staff Capt. 8 Aust. Inf. Bde.

MESSAGE FORM

APPY 7

CALL
AND
INSTRUC-
TIONS.

IN

OUT

No. of Groups
GR.

Serial No.
OFFICE DATE STAMP

(ABOVE THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

TO

2 Aust Div

FROM

8 Aust Inf Bde

Originator's Number

II

Date

22

In Reply to Number

Bms

located

as

follows

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4

Bm

5841

30

Bm

6431

35

Bm

6023

all

refs

GERALDTON

one

ench

training

sheet

This message may be sent **AS WRITTEN**
by any means:

If liable to be intercepted or fall
into enemy hands, this message must
be sent **IN CYPHER**

Originator's instructions
Degree of priority

Time of Origin

1550

Signed

Signed

(BELOW THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

T.H.I.

T.O.R.

System In	Time In	Reader	Sender	System Out	Time Out	Reader	Sender	System Out	Time Out	Reader	Sender

MESSAGE FORM

APPX 8

**CALL
AND
INSTRUC-
TIONS.**

IN

OUT

No. of Groups
GR.

Serial No.
OFFICE DATE STAMP

(ABOVE THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)
TO 2 AUST DIV 4 BN
30 BN, 35 BN, 7 FD REGT, 8 FD COY, 8 FD AMB, 13 A/TK BTY, 18 COY ASC, No 3 GP, 51 DOW

FROM HQ 8 AUST INF BDE

Originator's Number

I 3

Date

23

In Reply to Number

Bde	HQ	closing	present	location	reopening
ref	GERALTON	1"	map	600360	1300
hms					

This message may be sent **AS WRITTEN**
by any means:

If liable to be intercepted or fall
into enemy hands, this message must
be sent **IN CYPHER**

Originator's instructions
Degree of priority

Time of Origin

Signed

Signed

(BELOW THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

System In	Time In	Reader	Sender	System Out	Time Out	Reader	Sender	System Out	Time Out	Reader	Sender

T.H.I.

T.O.R.

MESSAGE FORM

APPY 9

CALL
AND
INSTRUC-
TIONS.

IN

OUT

No. of Groups
GR.

Serial No.

OFFICE DATE STAMP

(ABOVE THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

TO

8 Aust Inf Bde

FROM

4 Aust Inf Bn

Originator's Number

03/174

Date

23

In Reply to Number

Relief
3
Completed

of
4
1500

6 Aust Inf Bn
5
hrs

on
and

CWPS
7

This message may be sent **AS WRITTEN**
by any means:

If liable to be intercepted or fall
into enemy hands, this message must
be sent **IN CYPHER**

Originator's instructions
Degree of priority

Time of Origin

1700

Signed

Signed

(BELOW THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

T.H.I.

T.O.R.

0800/24

System In	Time In	Reader	Sender	System Out	Time Out	Reader	Sender	System Out	Time Out	Reader	Sender

MESSAGE FORM

APPX 10

Serial No.

OFFICE DATE STAMP

CALL
AND
INSTRUC-
TIONS.

IN

OUT

No. of Groups
GR.

(ABOVE THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

TO

8 Bde 5 Bde

FROM

2 Aust Div

Originator's Number

I 343

Date

24

In Reply to Number

This

HQ

est.

ref

map

GERALDTON

STRAT

ref

270 433

MOONYDOONOOKA

HOMESTEAD

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NO

GERALDTON

49

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HQ

RAA

RAE

AASC

Sigs

same

ref

This message may be sent **AS WRITTEN**
by any means:

If liable to be intercepted or fall
into enemy hands, this message must
be sent **IN CYPHER**

Originator's instructions
Degree of priority

Time of Origin

0845

Signed

Signed

(BELOW THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

T.H.I.

0853

T.O.R.

1000

System In	Time In	Reader	Sender	System Out	Time Out	Reader	Sender	System Out	Time Out	Reader	Sender

MESSAGE FORM

APPX 11

**CALL
AND
INSTRUC-
TIONS.**

IN

OUT

No. of Groups
GR. 1

Serial No.
OFFICE DATE STAMP

TO *HQ 8 Aust Inf Bde* (ABOVE THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

FROM *2 Aust Div D.G.F.P. 1 Bde Letcher*

Originator's Number
EFL 1

Date
25

In Reply to Number

<i>ORDNANCE</i>	<i>FIELD</i>	<i>PK</i>	<i>NOW</i>	<i>LOCATED</i>	<i>AND</i>
<i>IN</i>	<i>OPERATION</i>	<i>⊙</i>	<i>REF</i>	<i>GERALDTON</i>	<i>4 miles</i>
<i>to 1 inch</i>	<i>263433</i>				

This message may be sent **AS WRITTEN**
by any means:

If liable to be intercepted or fall
into enemy hands, this message must
be sent **IN CYPHER**

Originator's instructions
Degree of priority

Time of Origin

Signed

Signed

(BELOW THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

T.H.I.

T.O.R.

1200

System In	Time In	Reader	Sender	System Out	Time Out	Reader	Sender	System Out	Time Out	Reader	Sender

MESSAGE FORM

APPX. 12

Serial No.

CALL
AND
INSTRUC-
TIONS.

IN

OUT

No. of Groups
GR.

OFFICE DATE STAMP

(ABOVE THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

TO 8 AUST INF BDE

FROM 8 BDE SEC. 2 AUST DOW.

Originator's Number

W 16

Date

25

In Reply to Number

This	unit	closed	location	277446	GERALDTON
sheet	4 miles	to	1"	at	0900
has	⊙	Reopened	at	new	location
262433	at	1010	has		

This message may be sent **AS WRITTEN**
by any means:

If liable to be intercepted or fall
into enemy hands, this message must
be sent **IN CYPHER**

Originator's instructions
Degree of priority

Time of Origin

1130

Signed

Signed

(BELOW THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

System In	Time In	Reader	Sender	System Out	Time Out	Reader	Sender	System Out	Time Out	Reader	Sender

T.H.I.

T.O.R. 1200

MESSAGE FORM

APPX 13

Serial No.
 OFFICE DATE STAMP

CALL
AND
INSTRUC-
TIONS.

IN

OUT

No. of Groups
GR.

(ABOVE THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

TO 4, 30, 35 BNS, 7 FD REGT, 8 FD AMB, 18 COY AASC, 13 A/TK BTY, 8 FD COY, No 3 GP 51 DOW

FROM 8 Aust INF BDE

Originator's Number

I19

Date

28

In Reply to Number

In	the	event	of	this	Bde
being	called	upon	for	action	in
operational	role	all	personnel	detached	for
duties	will	be	withdrawn	immediately	excepting
those	personnel	engaged	for	protective	measures
at	2 Aust	Div HQ	and 8 Aust	Inf Bde	HQ

This message may be sent **AS WRITTEN**
by any means:

If liable to be intercepted or fall
into enemy hands, this message must
be sent **IN CYPHER**

Originator's instructions
Degree of priority

Time of Origin

1430

Signed

Signed

(BELOW THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

System In	Time In	Reader	Sender	System Out	Time Out	Reader	Sender	System Out	Time Out	Reader	Sender

T.H.I.

T.O.R.

MESSAGE FORM

APPY 14

Serial No.

OFFICE DATE STAMP

**CALL
AND
INSTRUC-
TIONS.**

IN

OUT

No. of Groups
GR.

(ABOVE THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

TO

8 AUST INF BDE

FROM

5 AUST INF BDE

Originator's Number

SIGS 3/1 50

Date

28

In Reply to Number

—

5	FD	AMB	located	your	area
GERALTON	shat	map	reference	268456	D
A Coy	8	FD	amb	our	area

This message may be sent **AS WRITTEN**
by any means :

If liable to be intercepted or fall
into enemy hands, this message must
be sent **IN CYPHER**

Originator's instructions
Degree of priority

Time of Origin

1545

Signed

Signed

(BELOW THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

System In	Time In	Reader	Sender	System Out	Time Out	Reader	Sender	System Out	Time Out	Reader	Sender

T.H.I. 1546

T.O.R. 1555

MESSAGE FORM

APPY 15

Serial No.

CALL
AND
INSTRUC-
TIONS.

IN

OUT

No. of Groups
GR.

OFFICE DATE STAMP

(ABOVE THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

TO

8 Aust Inf Bde

FROM

4 Aust Inf Bn

Originator's Number

270115

Date

29

In Reply to Number

Ref	4	Aust	Inf	Bn	Op
Order	NO.	9	D	A	boy
relieving	D	boy	CWPs	30	Nov.
1600	Relief	to	be	completed	by
	hub				

This message may be sent **AS WRITTEN**
by any means:

If liable to be intercepted or fall
into enemy hands, this message must
be sent **IN CYPHER**

Originator's instructions
Degree of priority

Time of Origin

1400

Signed

Signed

(BELOW THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

System In	Time In	Reader	Sender	System Out	Time Out	Reader	Sender	System Out	Time Out	Reader	Sender

T.H.I.

T.O.R.

(Adapted)

No. 17.
 AIF 11/2/2 WB
 17 x 67
 Attached H11 x 8

..... (Unit) 7 Nov. 42. 19 (Date)

(To be furnished by all units and all Headquarter units.)

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	1		
W.Os. Class II.	2		2
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants			
Staff Serjeants	1		
Serjeants	5		
Corporals	6	1	
Troopers, Privates, &c.	52		4
TOTALS		*	*

*These totals should agree with the details shown in Part D on page 2 of Army Form W.3009.

Personnel attached against W.S.

others attached.

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
1st MUNRO V.L. (A.I.C)	Filling position of Cpl. in accordance with W.E. Since posted 2 List. Sgt. to be promoted to fill vacancy will Clerk. Cpl. Armourer to be promoted Sgt. to fill vacancy W.E. Cpl. Education to be promoted Sgt. to fill vacancy W.E. Sgt. to be promoted to fill vacancy S/Sgt.	5 ORS 2 Aust. 1 OR 2 Aust. 1 OR 35 Aust. 1 OR 3 Aust.	Miv. Postal Unit. Miv. H.Q. Inf. Bn. Corps.

Part C. Description of other ranks whose return to the unit is particularly requested.

[illegible]

[illegible]

(b) Authorised Trades or Specialists not included in list above will be added as required in spaces provided.

3 Aust. Inf. Bde. H.Q.

Unit.

141 Melting Point

Signature of Commander.

1701

Date of Despatch..... 7 Nov. 42.

Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

Unit.

PART D. Detail of Surplus or Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W. 3009.

Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)
Ammunition Examiners			Fire Control Operators			Panel Beaters		
Armament Artificers			Fitters			Pattern Makers		
Armourers			Fitters and Turners			Pharmacists		
Artificers, Artillery			Fitters, Cycle			Photographers, dry plate		
Axemen			Fitters, Drivers			Photographers, wet plate		
Bakers			Fitter's Mates			Photo-Writers		
Battery Surveyors			Fitters, M.V.		/	Plate Layers		
Battery Comdrs. Asst.			Fitters, Railway Signal			Plumbers		
Blacksmiths			Fitters, Signal			Predictor Numbers		
Boilermakers			Grinders			Printers		
Bricklayers			Gun Layers			Radiator Mechanics		
Butchers			G.P.O. Assistants			Radiographers		
Camouflage Modeller			Gun Operators			Range Takers		
Carpenter and Joiner			Hammermen			Riggers		
			Height Takers			Riveters		
Engineering			Helio Operators			Saddlers		
Supply			Instrument Mechanics			Saddle Tree Makers		
Technical			Instrument Mechanics, Surgical			Saw Doctors		
Makers			Instrument Operators			Sawyers		
Ers			Intelligence Duties			Shoemakers		
Ers			Joiners			Signallers		
			Leather Stitchers			Signwriters		
Hospital			Linesmen			Stokers, Stationary Engine		
Niths			Linesmen, Signals			Storemen, Technical		
Lerk Orderlies			Lithographers			Surveyors		
Riders			Machinists			Surveyors, Engineering		
s			Masons			Tailors		
men			Masseurs			Telescope Identification Numbers		
men, Architectural			Mechanics, Dental			Textile Refitters		
men, Mechanical			Mechanics, M.T.		/	Tinsmiths		
men, Signal			Mechanics, Typewriter			Toolmakers		
men, Topographical			Mechanics, Wireless			Turners		
chanics			Millwrights			Vulcanizers		
rators			Miners			Wagon Erectors		
ansportation Plant			Moulders			Watchmakers		
Fitters			Nursing Orderlies			Watermen		
s			Nursing Orderlies (Mental)			Welders		
, Eng. Units			Nurses, Trained			Well Borers		
, Signal			Observation Post Assistants			Wheelers		
ficers			Operating Room Assistants			Whitesmiths		
ands I/C			Operators, Signal			Wiremen		
Equipment Repairers			Opticians			Woodturners		
Farriers			Painters					
		/						
		/						
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)		2			2			

Notes—(a) If rank other than Private is involved give details on back.

(b) Authorised Trades or Specialists not included in list above will be added as required in spaces provided.

Signature of Commander.

170 D

Date of Despatch..... 7 Nov. 42.

Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

No. 17.
AIF 11/2/2 WB
17 x 67
Attached H11 x 8

H.Q. 8 Aust. Inf. Bde. (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
Brigadiers. 1 *	1.		
Lieut.-Colonels ...			
Majors ... 1	1.		
Captains ... 4	4.		
Lieutenants ... 6	5.		
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters 2	2.		
Chaplains 3	3.		
TOTALS ... 17.	16.		

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

(i) Officers posted to Unit (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A).

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
			Appointment		
Lt.Col.					
T/Col.					
T/Brig.	NX110380	C.E. CAMERON MC ED	Bde Cond	Yes	
Lt. T/Capt.					
T/Maj	NX112720	R.W. GREGORY	B.M.	Yes.	
Lt.					
T/Capt.	NX112719	H.T.E. MALONEY	BM Learner	No	Det. 2 Aust. Div.
Lt.					
T/Capt.	NX112721	H.E. WOLPERT	T.O.	Yes.	
Lt.					
T/Capt.	NX112699	J.F. BUTLER	L.1.	Yes	Sec. Pending.
Lt.					
T/Capt.	NX112722	D. BOWLES	BASCO	Yes	
Lt.					
T/Capt.	NX112724	G.H. NICHOLLS	I.O.	Yes.	
Lieut.	N17204	R.J. LAWRENCE	S.C.	Yes	Sec. Pending.
Lieut.	N170975	J.A. WRIGHT	L.2.	Yes	Sec. Pending.
Lieut.	N37504	R.E. SIMPSON	L.3	Yes	Sec. Pending.
Lieut.	NX112713	K.V. SNELLING	Learner SC	Yes	Sec. Pending.
Lieut.	N172217	C.F. WATSON	Education Officer	Yes	
Lieut.	N58006	H. MARSHALL	Hygiene Officer	Yes	
Chaplain	N130772	P.J. KELLY	Chaplain	No	Det. 4 Bn.
Chaplain	NX112729	H.A. PRINTER	"	No	Det. 30 Bn.
Chaplain	NX112727	E.H. PARSONS	"	No	Det. 35 Bn.

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.

H.Q. 8 Aust. Inf. Bde (Unit.)

7 Nov. 42. (Date of Despatch.)

W. Snelling
(Signature of Commander.)
for C.E. Cameron / Brig. 200

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

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

No. 18.
AIF 11/2/2 WE
17 x 67
Att. Nil x 10

H.Q. 8 Aust. Inf. Bde. (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
Brigadiers 1 *	1.		
Lieut.-Colonels ...			
Majors ... 1 ...	1.		
Captains ... 4 ...	4.		
Lieutenants ... 6 ...	5.		
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Learners 2	2.		
Quartermasters ...			
Chaplains 3	3.		
TOTALS ... 17 ...	16.		

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

(i) Officers posted to Unit (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A).

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lt. Col. T/Col. T/Brig.	NX110380	C.E. CAMERON MC ED	Bde Comd	Yes	
Lt. T/Capt T/Maj.	NX112720	E.W. GREGORY	H.M.	Yes.	
Lt. T/Capt	NX112719	H.T.E. MALONEY	BM Learner	No	Det. 2 Aust. Div.
Lt. T/Capt	NX112721	H.E. WOLPERT.	T.O.	Yes	
Lt. T/Capt	NX112699	J.F. BUTLER	L.1.	Yes	Sec. Pending.
Lt. T/Capt	NX112722	B. BOWLES	BASGO	Yes	
Lt. T/Capt	NX112724	G.H. NICHOLIS	I.O.	Yes	
Lieut.	N17204	R.J. LAWRENCE	S.C.	Yes	Sec. Pending.
Lieut.	N170975	J.A. WRIGHT	L.2.	Yes	Sec. Pending.
Lieut.	N37504	E.E. SIMPSON	L.3	Yes	Sec. Pending.
Lieut.	NX112713	K.V. SNELLING	Learner SC	Yes	Sec. Pending.
Lieut.	N172217	C.F. WATSON	Education Officer	Yes	
Lieut.	N58006	H. MARSHALL	Hygiene Officer	Yes	
Chaplain	N130772	P.J. KELLY	Chaplain	No	Det. 4 Bn.
Chaplain	NX112729	H.A. PRENTER	"	No.	Det. 30 Bn.
Chaplain	NX112727	E.H. PARSONS	"	No.	Det. 35 Bn.

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.

H.Q. 8 Aust. Inf. Bde.

(Unit.)

14 Nov. 42.

(Date of Despatch.)

Ed. Thompson Lieut
for (C.E. Cameron) Brig. *AOD.*
(Signature of Commander.)

2 Aust. Div.

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

(Adapted

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

No. 18.
AIF 11/2/2 WE
17 x 67
Attached Nil

H.Q. 8 Aust. Inf. Bde. (Unit) 14 Nov. 42. 19 (Date)

(To be furnished by all units and all Headquarter units.)

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I. 1	1.		
W.Os. Class II. 2	1.		
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants			
Staff Serjeants 1			
Serjeants 5	5		
Corporals 6	9	1) detached	
Troopers, Privates, &c. 52	51	1) 1 2 Div.	2
TOTALS 67	67	2 *	* 2.

*These totals should agree with the details shown in Part D on page 2 of Army Form W.3009.

Personnel attached against WE
Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Others attached.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
	Sgt to be promoted to fill vacancy WO11	5 ORs 2 Aust. Div. postal Un	
	Clerk. Sgt. to be promoted to fill vacancy S/Sgt. Cpl.	1 OR 2 Aust. Div. H.Q.	
	Armourer to be promoted to fill vacancy Sgt. Cpl. Education to be promoted to fill vacancy Sgt.	2 O.R 35 Bn.	
		1 OR 4 Bn.	
		1 OR 3 Aust. Corps.	

Part C. Description of other ranks whose return to the unit is particularly requested.

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51 X99A

Certified that the figures in red show the number of Specialists and Tradesmen actually required in this unit.

for *Ed Sampson* Lt. Col.
(C.E. CAMERON) BRIG.
COMD. 8 AUST. INF. BDE. AOD

Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)					2		

H.Q. 8 Aust. Inf. Bde.

Unit.

14 Nov. 42.

Date of Despatch.

give details on back.
cluded in list above will be added as required in spaces provided.

For (C.E. Cameron) Brig. *AOD*
Signature of Commander.

2 Aust. Div.

Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

51 X99A

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H.Q. 8 Aust. Inf. Bde.

ive details on back.
cluded in list above will be added as required in spaces provided.

For (C.E. Gervon) Brle
Signature of Commander. AOD

2 Aust. Div.

Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

No 19

AVE 11/2 IVE

17 x 17

ATT. NW x 10

HQ 8 Aust Inf Bde (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
* *			
<i>Bugadias</i> 1 *	1		
Lieut.-Colonels ...			
Majors ... 1	1		
Captains ... 4	4		
Lieutenants ... 6	5		
2nd Lieutenants ... 2	2		
Quartermasters ... 3	3		
TOTALS ... 17	16		

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

PART B.—PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEK.**Officers JOINED during week.**

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

(i) Officers posted to Unit (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A).

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
LT/COI T/COI T/BRIG	NX 110380	C. E. CAMERON M.A. ED.	Bde Command	Yes	
LT. T/CAPT T/MAJ	NX 112720	E. W. GREGORY	B.M.	Yes	
LT T/CAPT	NX 112729	H. F. DUNLOP	B.M. Liaison	No	Det. 2 Aust. Div.
LT T/CAPT	NX 112721	H. F. WILBERT	T.O.	Yes	
LT T/CAPT	NX 112699	T. F. BUTLER	L.I.	Yes	See Pending.
LT T/CAPT	NX 112724	G. H. NICHOLS	L.O.	Yes	
LIEUT	NX 11204	R. J. LAWRENCE	S.C.	Yes	See Pending.
LIEUT	NX 1120975	J. H. WRIGHT	L.2	Yes	See Pending.
LIEUT	NX 112504	E. E. SIMPSON	L.3	Yes	See Pending.
LIEUT	NX 112713	K. V. SNELLING	S.C. LEARNER	Yes	See Pending.
LIEUT	NX 112217	C. F. WATSON	Education Officer	Yes	
LIEUT	NX 1128006	N. MARSHALL	Hygiene Officer	Yes	
Chaplain	NX 112072	P. J. KELLY	Chaplain	No	Det. 4 Bde.
"	NX 112729	H. A. PRENTER	"	"	" 30 Bde.
"	NX 112727	E. H. PARSONS	"	"	" 35 Bde.

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.

8 Aust Inf Bde HQ
(Unit.)

21st Nov 42
(Date of Despatch.)

K. V. Snelling Bde
(C. E. CAMERON) BRIG
(Signature of Commander.)

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

PART D. Detail of Surplus or Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W. 3009.

Certified that the figures in red show the number of Specialists & Tradesmen actually required in this unit.

12th Infantry Regt
(C. E. CAMERON) BRIG.
COMD. 8. AUST. INF. BDE AdD

(b) Authorised Trades or Specialists not included in list above will be added as required in spaces provided.

list above will be added as required in spaces provided.

W. D. Snelling, Lieut
(C. C. Cameron) 2nd
for Signature of Commander.
2nd Div *AD*
Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

Just In/ Bde Lp Unit.

SIG. ORDERLY

(b) Authorised Trades or Specialists not included in list above will be added as required in spaces provided.

Unit.

Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

No. 20.

AIF

11/2/3

WE 17X69

8 Aust Inf Bde H.Q. (Unit)

Attached 1X14

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
Brigadier 1 *	1		
Lieut.-Colonels ...			
Majors ...	1		
Captains ...	4		
Lieutenants ...	5		
2nd Lieutenants ...	1		
Quartermasters ...	3		
TOTALS ...	15		

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.
(i) Officers posted to Unit (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A).

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	APPOINTMENT Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lt. Col. 1/1 Brig	NX 110380	Cameron. G.E.	Bde. Comd.	Yes	
Lt. 1/1 Bappt 1/1 Major	NX 112720	Gregory. G.W.	B. No.	Yes.	
Lt. 1/1 Bappt.	NX 112721	Wolpert. G.E.	T.O.	Yes.	
Lt. 1/1 Bappt.	NX 112699	Butler. J.F.	L1	Yes.	
Lt. 1/1 Bappt	NX 112724	Nicholls. G.B.	I.O.	Yes.	
Lt. 1/1 Bappt	NX 112722	Bowles. B.	BASCO	Yes.	
Lieut.	N 17204	Lawrence. R.J.	S.C.	Yes.	
/	N 170975	Wright. J.A.	L2	Yes.	
/	N 37508	Simpson. G.E.	L3	Yes.	Sec. spending
/	NX 112713	Snelling. H.N.	S.C. LEARNER	Yes.	
/	N 172217	Watson. G.F.	Educ. Officer	Yes.	
/	N 58006	Marshall. N.	Hygiene "	Yes.	
Chaplain	N 130772	Kelly. P.J.	Chaplain	No.	Det. 4 BN.
/	NX 112729	Prenter. G.A.	/	No	/ 30 /
/	NX 112727	Parsons. G.W.	/	No.	/ 35 /

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.

8 Aust. Inf. Bde. H.Q.
(Unit.)

28 Nov. 42

(Date of Despatch.)

H. Snelling Secy
(C.E. CAMERON) BRIG HOD
(Signature of Commander.)

2 Aust. Div.

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

8 Aust. Inf. Bde. H.Q. Unit.

PART D. Detail of Surplus or Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W. 3009.

Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)
Ammunition Examiners			Fire Control Operators			Panel Beaters		
Armament Artificers			Fitters			Pattern Makers		
Armourers			Fitters and Turners			Pharmacists		
Artificers, Artillery			Fitters, Cycle			Photographers, dry plate		
Axemen			Fitters, Drivers			Photographers, wet plate		
Bakers			Fitter's Mates			Photo-Writers		
Battery Surveyors			Fitters, M.V.		/	Plate Layers		
Battery Comdrs. Asst.			Fitters, Railway Signal			Plumbers		
Blacksmiths			Fitters, Signal			Predictor Numbers		
Boilermakers			Grinders			Printers		
Bricklayers			Gun Layers			Radiator Mechanics		
Butchers			G.P.O. Assistants			Radiographers		
Camouflage Modeller			Gun Operators			Range Takers		
Carpenter and Joiner			Hammermen			Riggers		
Clerks			Height Takers			Riveters		

Certified that the figures in red show the number of Specialists and Tradesmen actually required in this unit.

K. E. Cameron
(C.E.Cameron) Brig.
for Comd. 8 Aust. Inf. Bde. AOD

Draughtsmen, Mechanical			Mechanics, M.T.		/	Tinsmiths		
Draughtsmen, Signal			Mechanics, Typewriter			Toolmakers		
Draughtsmen, Topographical			Mechanics, Wireless			Turners		
Driver Mechanics			Millwrights			Vulcanizers		
Driver Operators			Miners			Wagon Erectors		
Drivers, Transportation Plant			Moulders			Watchmakers		
Electrical Fitters			Nursing Orderlies			Watermen		
Electricians			Nursing Orderlies (Mental)			Welders		
Electricians, Eng. Units			Nurses, Trained			Well Borers		
Electricians, Signal			Observation Post Assistants			Wheelers		
Engine Artificers			Operating Room Assistants			Whitesmiths		
Engine Hands I/C			Operators, Signal			Wiremen		
Equipment Repairers			Opticians			Woodturners		
Farriers			Painters					
Sig. Orderly		2						
Batmen		1						
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)		3			2			

Notes—(a) If rank other than Private is involved give details on back.
(b) Authorised Trades or Specialists not included in list above will be added as required in spaces provided.

8 Aust. Inf. Bde. H.Q. Unit.
28 Nov. 42.
Date of Despatch

K. E. Cameron
(C.E.Cameron) Brig.
for 2 Aust. Div.
Signature of Commander. AOD
Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

Unit.

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Part A of Army Form W. 3009.

Totals (to agree with Columns
3 and 4 of Part A.)

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Unit.

28 Nov. 42.

Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY
(Erase heading not required.)

Unit H.Q. 8 AUST. INF. BDE. Date and Time.--From...1 December 42...To...11 December 42...

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
GERALDTON, W.A.	1.12.42		Attached overlay locations 8 Aust. Inf. Bde. during December 1942	Appendix 1.
	2.12.42		8 Bde marched through GERALDTON. The salute was taken by G.O.C. 2 Aust Div. Present at the saluting base were representatives of the other services operating in the Geraldton area, including R.A.A.F., U.S. Navy, R.A.N. and 19 Garrison Bn.	
	"		Report on construction of "Fourth Bridge" over MOORE RIVER forwarded to 2 Aust Div. Copy herewith.	Appendix 2
	4.12.42		Instructions issued regarding manning of Coast Watching Posts and transfer of Bde duties by 30 Aust Inf Bn. Copy herewith	Appendix 3
	"	0712	Message to 2 Aust Div regarding discovery of flotsam on beach	" 4
	"	1605 1830	Messages to 2 Aust Div re discovery of small boat on beach near WAGGRAKINE by C.W.P. personnel.	" 5
	5.12.42		Submission by Bde Comd. regarding communications on Exercise "Robber"	" 6
	7.12.42		Bde Comd. carried out aerial recce. of GERALDTON - CARNARVON area	
	8.12.42	1900	Message to 2 Div reporting relief of C.W.P.s by 30 Aust Inf Bn.	" 7
	10.12.42		8 Bde tps made available to 8 Aust Inf Bn for conduct of exercise "BEARER"	
	11.12.42		Chief Warden, ARP Geraldton notified of efficacy of blackout in district	Appendix 8
			Difficulty was experienced in controlling the blackout of the area	

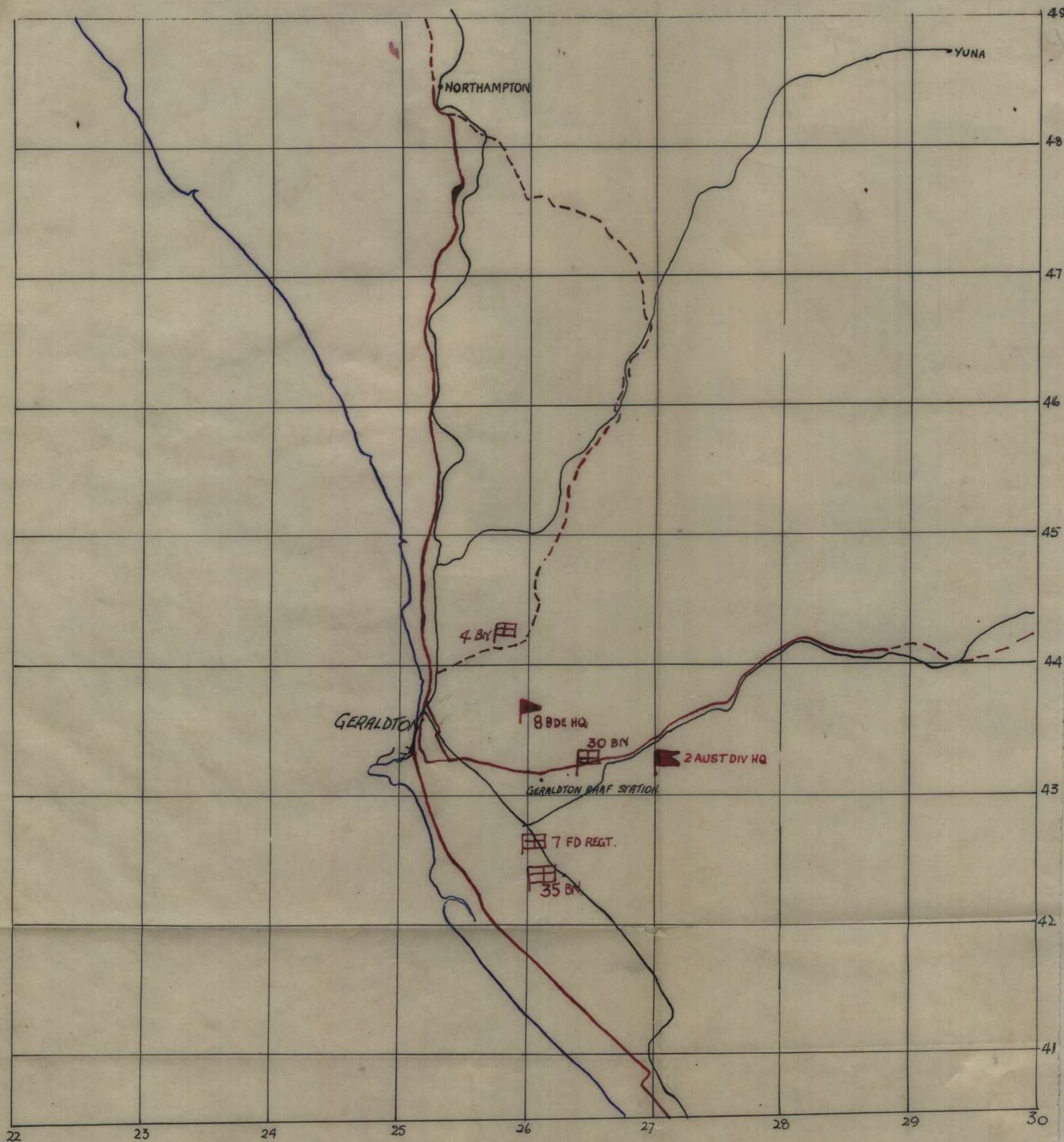
WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY
(Erase heading not required.)

Unit...H.Q. 8 Aust. Inf. Bde. Date and Time.--From. 11 Dec. 42.....To.....31 Dec. 42.....

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
GERALDTON, W.A.			satisfactorily, owing to the fact that Northampton, which was outside of the Bde area at that stage, was permitted under local security regulations, to remain illuminated.	
	14.12.42		Location of No. 3 C.W.P. altered. Communication by line with C.W.Ps Nos. 3 & 4 established through 4 Bn. switchboard	Appendix 9
	17.12.42	0945 1005	Messages reporting unusual activity by Catalina Flying Boat off coast.	Appendices 10 & 11
			Recommendation for securing additional Beach Electric Lights to facilitate landings by flying boats after nightfall submitted. Copy herewith	Appendix 12
	20.12.42	0956	Instructions issued by message for relief of 30 Bn as duty Bn. by 35 Bn.	Appendix 13
	22.12.42	2008	Enquiry received from 2 Div by message whether all units had prepared and practised plans for A/A counter measures	" 14
		2145	Reply forwarded regarding A/A defence measures	" 15
			At this period a state of alertness and blackout precautions had been imposed owing to reported proximity of enemy A/c	
			Relief of 30 Bn by 35 Bn carried out. 2 Div advised by message	" 16
	25.12.42		Observed as day of rest.	
	30.12.42		Bde. Comd's submissions regarding communications and recce groups	" 16A

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OVERLAY OF GERALDTON 1" = 4 miles map.
Shewing Location 8 Aust. Inf. Bde. - December 1942.



4 Aust Inf Bn
AUSTRALIA

2 Dec. 42.

8 Aust Inf Bde

HISTORY OF CONSTRUCTION OF FOURTH BRIDGE.

(Furnished by C.O. 4 Aust. Inf. Bn. at request of G.O.C. 2 Div)

1. Location. The site selected for the construction of the bridge was adjacent to the existing ford at ref. GINGIN-LESCHEHAULT 1:63360, 528428. This afforded a reasonable means for the frequent crossing of the MOORE RIVER during the construction of the bridge. It was however apparent that the river at this point had a tendency to swing sharply in its course and take a false bed with a natural tendency to impose a greater strain on the bridge when the river was running at any depth. It was decided that the river would be channeled and the course diverted somewhat to overcome this difficulty.
2. Reasons for Construction. The previous means of crossing MOORE RIVER was by means of a ford about 12 yds EAST of the bridge site. The ford which had a base of loose rocks provided at all times a very slow means of crossing, the approach on both sides being steep and sandy, and the base itself very bumpy. The ford was very narrow and not at all defined when the river was running at any depth of water. Frequently vehicles would run off the base with consequent bogging necessitating towing out. The ford while having a reasonably sound base was only passable at certain times. The mouth of the river has a tendency to frequently close owing to the nature of the prevailing wind and in winter months the river banks up to too great a height to allow anything but a precarious passage for military vehicles. Mainly motivating the construction of the bridge by 4 Aust. Inf. Bn personnel was the desire to allow the pioneer Pl. of the Bn. to get training in a real constructional job which at the same time would fulfil a definite purpose.
3. Dimensions.

Overall width of the bridge	10'
Overall length	105'
Side kerbs	6" x 6"
Base logs of trestles diam..	2'6"
Bearers diam..	14"
Planking	10' x 10' x 6"
4. Materials used in construction. Used in the construction of the bridge was 300 tons of limestone to provide a firm seating for the base plates. This limestone was obtained from the locality being blasted from the ground and each stone required manhandling into position. 75 tons of timber were used including that dressed for planking. Spikes used for the securing of the timber were manufactured from 1/2 of scrap metal.
5. Construction. The whole of the construction of the bridge was designed and supervised by Capt. J.G. Myers, C.O. H.Q. Coy. The only personnel employed on the task were the 16 C.Rs. comprising the Pioneer Pl. of the Bn. To carry out the task the only tools available were the three sets of tools as issued to the Pl; and the blacksmiths forge. The dressing of the timber for the planking was done by the Pl. (in the period when work was suspended owing to transport being unavailable) at a timber mill at ref. GINGIN-LESCHEHAULT 1" 952322. Difficulties met with were numerous but on each occasion were overcome by what appeared to be impossible feats. The laying into correct position of the bearers, each of which weighed as much as 1 ton, was accomplished by the use of a 3 yon 4x4 vehicle and tow ropes joined together and a jinny wheel attached to tree on the bank and so shifting the logs a foot at a time.

The water at the commencement of construction was deep and running fairly fast thus adding to difficulties. The logs were fallen by members of the Pl. and had to be hewn into shape with cross cut saws and adzes.

The spikes and anchor pins were made from scrap iron turned and then cut and hammered into shape on a steel rail for an anvil. The forge was fed with charcoal which was prepared and burnt in a pit dug by the Pl. on the site.

The river bed itself when the bridge ~~itself~~ was completed had then to be channeled and the course diverted.

6. Time taken in construction. The bridge was commenced on 14/9/42 and took 25 days for completion. Of these 25 days there were only 18 days on which constructional work was done. This was due to the unavoidable delay caused by the waiting for transport to allow for the carriage of timber from the timber cutting area which was some 35-40 miles away from the bridge site.
7. Sketches and photographs. Accompanying this report are progress sketches executed by Pte. L.A. Ives of "I" Section during the construction of the bridge. Photographs of the completed bridge from different positions are also attached.
8. General. The construction was undoubtedly a success from all viewpoints. The experience gained for the Pioneer Pl. was invaluable and the result must be in their confidence in ability to do constructional work with the tools at their disposal. Likewise the bridge itself will perform a much needed job.

Sgd. P.W. Crosky, Lt-Col.
Comd. 4 Bn.

2 Aust Div.

Forwarded. This bridge is a monument to the enthusiasm and efficiency of the Pioneer Platoon.

Sgd. C.E. Cameron, Brig.
Comd. 8 Aust. Inf. Bde.
2 Dec. 42.

31/8 8823 EWG/LOS.

H.Q. 8 Aust. Inf. Bde.
AUSTRALIA.
4 Dec. 42.8 AUST. INF. BDE. OPERATIONAL INSTRUCTION NO.

1. 30 Aust. Inf. Bn. will be duty Bn. from 8 Dec. 42 to 21 Dec. 42 and will relieve 4 Aust. Inf. Bn. of duties by 1600 hours, 8 Dec. 42.

2. The following CWPs will be taken over by 30 Aust. Inf. Bn:-

Post No.	Locality.	Map Ref.	No of Personnel.	Comments.
1.	Three Mile Beach	23214790	1 NCO, 7 GIs	W/T.
2.	Woolawar R.	24304662	1 NCO, 7 GIs	W/T.
3.	Buller R.	25024500	1 Sec not less than 1 NCO, 6 GIs.	D.R.
4.	Chapman R.	25284390	"	Veroy & Phone
5.	Beach	25314261	"	"
6.	Feature 227	26014141	"	W/T & Phone.
7.	High Ground	26894058	"	Phone.

30 Aust. Inf. Bn. will take over Posts Nos 3-7 and will be prepared to man posts Nos 1-2 at short notice. An early recon should be made of these two posts.

3. The following Instructions, Orders, etc. will be taken over by 30 Aust. Inf. Bn.

(a) Orders for posts including instructions regarding -

Watchfulness.
Reporting.
Action on alarm.
Communications.
Priority Calls.

(b) Instructions regarding fishing craft.

(c) List of licensed fishing boats.

In addition to the above list of licensed fishing boats, attached hereto are additional copies.

4. Watchfulness. CWPs will be manned continuously and constant watch will be maintained.

5. Reporting. The following will be reported immediately:-

- (a) Enemy or unidentified aircraft.
- (b) Enemy bombing.
- (c) Any ships (tps or Warships) seen from CWPs, giving approx. size, place, direction, place from which seen, time and bearing.
- (d) Light signals.
- (e) Any suspicious tp mvt seen from posts.

- (f) Presence of small sailing vessels will NOT be reported unless acting in a suspicious manner or hostile manner, or attempting to land.

6. Action or alarm on enemy attack.

- (a) One member of patrol will give the alarm or fire very sig. and report exact details to other members of CWP. This very signal will be taken up by each CWP in turn in direction of GERALDTON until it reaches CWP nearest GERALDTON on NORTH or SOUTH side as case may be, when it will be reported by VAOC observation post to RAAF Station thence to Bde. H.Q.
- (b) D.R. will report back to unit H.Q.
- (c) Remainder will keep in contact with enemy by watching and engaging as opportunity offers.

7. Comms. Very light sigs. are allotted as follows:-

No.1 Post.	White over Red.
No.2 Post.	Green over White.
No.3 Post.	Red over Red.
No.4 Post.	White over White.
No.5 Post.	Red over Green.
No.6 Post.	Red over White.
No.7 Post.	Green over Green.

8. 30 Aust. Inf. B n. will provide the undermentioned equipment for each post:-

Binoculars	1.
Pistols Sig.	1.
Cartridge Illum.	1.
" Sig Greenl.	1.
" " Red	1.
Maps	1.
Axes felling	1.
Shovels G.S.	1.
Tins water 2 gall.	6
or one 100 Gall.	
tank.	
Cooking utensils (as required)	
First Aid Outfit	1.
Tents.	1.

9. For additional duties see separate list.

E. W. Gregory
(E.W. Gregory) Major.
B.M. 8 Aust. Inf. Bde.

DUTIES.

The undermentioned list of duties will be taken over by 30 Aust. Inf. Bn.

Serial No.	Place	Duty	No of personnel	Rations	Quarters.
1.	Post Office, Geraldton.	To stop any soldiers posting letters, using telephones or entering the Post Office. 1 OR posted in rear of premises from 1800 to 0600 to guard telephone switchboard.	1 NCO, 6 ORs.	Under unit arrangements.	Old Provost HQ, Post Office Lane.
2.	Roadwork as required.	Roadwork. Personnel will report to 8 Aust Fd. Coy. for duty on roadwork at 1400 hours, 8 Dec. 42 at HQ 8 Aust. Fd. Coy.	1 Coy.	Under unit arrangements.	Tents, cooking utensils to be provided by 30 Bn.
3.	HQ 2 Aust Div.	Protective duties or as required. This Pl. 1 Pl. will remain for 1 week when it will be relieved by another Pl. of 30 Bn. each Tuesday. No leave will be given to this Pl. whilst at HQ 2 Aust. Div.	1 Pl.	By 2 Aust. Div.	Tents, cooking utensils to be provided by 30 Bn.
4.	DID Northern Gully.	Protective Duties: 24 hours.	1 NCO, 6 ORs.	By DID Northern Gully.	DID Northern Gully.
5.	HQ 8 Aust. Inf. Bde.	Protective or as required.	1 Pl.	Under unit arrangements.	Tents, cooking utensils will be provided by 30 Bn.
6.	Geraldton Town Picquet	As per attached instruction.			
7.	Northampton Petrol Dump	Protective.	1 NCO, 6 ORs.	Under Unit arrangements.	Tents, cooking utensils will be provided by 30 Bn.
8.	1 Officer each day will be provided as O.C. Pack Train from Geraldton to Perth, such Officer will report to R.T.O. Geraldton 1 hour prior to departure of train.				

Regarding vehicles for roadwork, these will be provided as under:-

4 Bn. 4 3 Ton 4 x 4.
30 Bn. "
35 Bn. "

Ref. Serial 7: Small tank (if available) together with utility, will remain.

(E.W. Gregory)
B.M. 8 Aust. Inf. Bde.

OFFICE DATE STAMP

OUT

GR.

2

No. 2

0712

T.H.I.

T.O.R.

[illegible]

MESSAGE FORM

APPX 5

Serial No.

CALL
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No. of Groups
GR.

OFFICE DATE STAMP

(ABOVE THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

TO 2 Aust Div

FROM 8 Aust Inf Bde

Originator's Number
I 44

Date
4

In Reply to Number

No. 4	CVE	reports	discovery	small	dinghy
m	beach	1530	hrs	(.)	mo
identification	markings	(.)	I 0	4	Bn
proceeding	to	spot	to	inspect	

This message may be sent **AS WRITTEN**
by any means:

If liable to be intercepted or fall
into enemy hands, this message must
be sent **IN CYPHER**

Originator's instructions
Degree of priority

Time of Origin

1605

Signed

Signed

(BELOW THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

System In	Time In	Reader	Sender	System Out	Time Out	Reader	Sender	System Out	Time Out	Reader	Sender

T.H.I.

T.O.R.

MESSAGE FORM

APPX 5

Serial No.

CALL
AND
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TIONS.

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OUT

No. of Groups
GR.

OFFICE DATE STAMP

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TO 2 Aust Div

FROM 8 Aust Inf Bde

Originator's Number

I 45

Date

4

In Reply to Number

Ref	our	I 44	(.)	vessel	NOT
dinghy	but	12-ft	cockpit	sailing	boat
(.)	appears	to	have	been	washed
up	and	is	unserviceable		

This message may be sent **AS WRITTEN**
by any means:

If liable to be intercepted or fall
into enemy hands, this message must
be sent **IN CYPHER**

Originator's instructions
Degree of priority

Time of Origin

1830

Signed

Signed

(BELOW THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

System In	Time In	Reader	Sender	System Out	Time Out	Reader	Sender	System Out	Time Out	Reader	Sender

T.H.I.

T.O.R.

31/8 8813 CEC/LCS

H.Q. 8 Aust. Inf. Bde.
Australia
5 Dec. 42.REF LETTER OF 16 NOV. 42 and MEMO of 30 NOV. 42. INFORMATION - SECURITY.2 Aust. Div.

After discussing this matter with Commanding Officers, the following submissions are made. In the recent exercise, which involved the employment of units on wide out-flanking movements, communications failed for various reasons. Some of the contributing factors were: Difficulty of moving M.T. over sandy terrain. Numerous vehicles including Sig trucks became bogged. Lack of imagination and initiative on the part of Bn IOs, Div. Sigs. attached to units and Regtl Sigs. The use of wireless was practically negated by the restrictions on its use. No message is permitted unless it is in cipher.

In fast moving warfare, situations change rapidly, and any system that does not permit of information being passed either back or forward immediately, is valueless.

In actual operations cipher ceases on contact. In exercises, it is submitted, the same conditions should prevail. Unless this is adopted units will not become used to acting quickly, with the consequent result that when in action the unit might not be capable of adapting itself to the changed circumstances, thereby possibly contributing to a failure or only partial success.

Signallers, including all ranks, have become too used to static positions. They devote too much time to messing about with their instruments, and slavish adherence to the procedure so necessary in the early stages of signaller's training. Qualified signallers should be capable of adapting themselves to changing conditions. Shortly this means that procedure is only a means to an end - the actual receipt or transmission of a message, quickly and correctly, is the hall-mark of an efficient signalling organisation.

Signal officers must not only be kept, but keep themselves in the tactical picture so that they can arrange their communications accordingly. It should not be necessary to instruct a Signal Officer in his duties or tell him where he should establish a signal link. On the other hand the Signal Officer, knowing the tactical situation must be quick to make decisions and move his equipment and personnel as required to maintain the most efficient communications.

The fact that wireless failed for some reason or other does not absolve a unit from endeavouring to make some other arrangement for passing information back. A system of flares is impracticable, first on account of distance and secondly because it gives away the position. DRs are the obvious means. In some cases though it is impossible to get motor cycles through the sandy country. DRs also are particularly vulnerable to ambush.

Runners on foot are too slow. Visual signals might work in certain cases. However, since the detached unit itself is not always aware of the actual course it will follow, it is difficult to arrange a visual system to adequately cope with the changing situations. Distance and consequent number of ~~relay~~ relay stations required is beyond the capacity of Sig Secs.

Intelligence officers do not seem to be seized with the importance of getting messages through. In some instances they are quite satisfied to receive the messages, log them and do all the necessary ~~procedure~~ procedure, then allow them to pile up until someone thinks of some means of getting them away.

Air recce is the obvious means of keeping touch with detached columns. However, the paucity of sorties normally available to a Bde Gp limits its use for keeping touch with any particular column. Apart from this, frequent visits of aircraft to a unit might result in that unit's position being given away. To work effectively the aircraft must be in wireless communication with the ground. The effectiveness of the present air recce code is distinctly limited.

When detached columns are sent out on practically independent roles, it is submitted that aircraft should be made available for close contact. Further that a better code system be made available. The old figure code book of the last war, with modifications and additions, should prove effective.

The employment of liaison officers is a most effective means of keeping close contact with units. This applies only however when lines of communication are open. When units are detached on encircling roles, deep on a flank, over difficult country, with other means of communication denied to them, the presence of a liaison officer, for the purpose of bringing back information is of doubtful value. If a liaison officer is able to get through with information, similar action could more easily be taken by the unit itself.

Liaison officers to be of the greatest value must be in touch preferably personally with the Bde H.Q. They must know the entire tactical picture. All information concerning our own troops and the enemy must be available, together with a general idea of the commander's intentions. My deductions from the above pros and cons are:-

Wireless must be used more boldly. Signaller personnel must be prepared to take risks

over/

(whether Bde or Bn Sigs) to establish a forward link.

They must cut out all unnecessary procedure and tinkering with their wireless sets. They must realise that they are only a means to an end. The only thing that matters is the message and that must be put through.

Cipher must be discontinued, on first contact.

If not discontinued then, it must be relegated to a certain type of message only.

In exercises 101 and 111 sets should be permitted to operate in clear R/T after first contact.

108 and 208 sets with their limited range, should be permitted to operate in clear at any time.

In no other way can units become accustomed to or able to act quickly in operations.

In regard to the possibility of Brigades being unaware of enemy movements. This could easily occur where the country is close or so open that units are compelled to go far afield for security.

The scope of a Bn. reconce patrol is definitely limited. Such patrols are not normally employed on a "floating" role. Instead, they are usually given instructions to obtain some definite information. Having obtained the information or failed to obtain it, the reconce patrol returns and reports as quickly as possible. This restricts its movements far afield.

In order that a Bde might have "small self-contained mobile" forces it would be necessary to draw a platoon from a Bn. This would provide either a fighting patrol, or three reconce patrols of a section each or numbers of reconce patrols of two or more men. Mobility of these patrols provides difficulties. The platoon would have its own truck, a 15 cwt utility (but preferably Jeeps), which would carry say, one section. Any additional M.T. necessary for providing mobility for the other sections or smaller bodies would have to be found, either from the Bde. Tpt. or from B Ech. of a Bn.

In accepting this principle of small reconce groups as above, the first reaction is to train a platoon in each Bn. for this purpose. On second thoughts however, such a proposal would tend to limit the effectiveness of one ~~regt.~~ coy. in each Bn., since the Bn. would be prone to assume that in action, as it was likely to lose this platoon then the Coy. to which it belonged would not be of much value. Apart from this the value of this platoon might well be nullified by heavy casualties.

To achieve the desired object of having small force trained for independent reconce and at the same time not hamper the C.Os. of units disposal of their forces, the only system is that all platoons be specially trained for such a task. If this were done any platoon could be withdrawn from any Bn. at any time and sent on a special mission.

Visibility for such a force is limited. Use of M.T. as long as possible is obvious, but at the same time the indiscriminate use of M.T. and consequent loss of the whole force by ambush must be avoided. Hence the scope of operation of such a force is always limited.

The most useful ways that reconce groups could be utilized are:-

Gps should be lightly clad and armed with T.S.MG, Grenades and rifles. At least two days rations should be carried to provide against the possibility of the force being cut off.

Work as far forward as deemed safe with M.T. then all movement on foot.

Seek out the high ground. Observe enemy movement.

Gps should be instructed to avoid combat if possible. Try and obtain information without being observed.

Speed is essential. As soon as definite information is gained word should be sent back. The leader of the party, provided more than 4 men might decide to stay out and seek further information in which event he should send two men back to H.Q. with the information already in hand.

Information should be definite, number of troops seen, in what direction they are moving, from what direction they have come, number of tanks and M.T., type of dress etc., formation adopted.

Messages should not be ambiguous or liable to misconstruction. Avoid mentioning "large numbers", "deep", "wide", "a long way" etc. Make a definite statement. A good guess is better than nothing.

Any information concerning our own troops should also be sent back. A Bn Comd may be waiting for reports of such parties. Location, strength and where troops last seen and what they were doing should be advised.

It is generally agreed that information of large enemy forces moving forward or to a flank should definitely be obtainable from aircraft and that Div., who decide on the priority of tasks allotted to aircraft should at all times bear this in mind.

On completion of the recent exercise all Bns were instructed to immediately commence training all platoons etc. in "modified commando or reconce group" work.

Sgd. C.E. Cameron, Brig
Comd. 8 Aust. Inf. Bde.

MESSAGE FORM

APPX 7

Serial No.

CALL
AND
INSTRUC-
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IN

OUT

No. of Groups
GR.

OFFICE DATE STAMP

(ABOVE THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

TO 2 Aust Div

FROM 8 Aust Inf Bde

Originator's Number
I 63

Date
8

In Reply to Number

Reliefs

of

all

CWPS

and

duties

by

30

Aust

Inf

Bn

completed

1600

hrs

8

Dec

42

This message may be sent **AS WRITTEN**
by any means:

If liable to be intercepted or fall
into enemy hands, this message must
be sent **IN CYPHER**

Originator's instructions
Degree of priority

Time of Origin

1900

Signed

Signed

(BELOW THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

System In	Time In	Reader	Sender	System Out	Time Out	Reader	Sender	System Out	Time Out	Reader	Sender

T.H.I.

T.O.R.

H.Q. 8 Aust. Inf. Bde.
AUSTRALIA.
11 Dec. 42

AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE - BLACKOUT - GERALDTON AND SURROUNDING DISTRICTS.

The Chief Warden,
A.R.P. Headquarters,
GERALDTON.

The following observations were made between the hours of 2200 and 2300 on the night of Wednesday 9 Dec. 42, from an aeroplane approaching Geraldton from a north-westerly direction.

The approach to GERALDTON direct was facilitated by a distinct soft glow of light in a certain area. From a distance this appeared to be a reflection of lights upon the water but on investigation proved to be the result of the ground floodlit from approximately 12 or more apparently strong lights arranged in two separate lines. These appeared to indicate railway yards and upon reference to a map of GERALDTON this has been found to be correct.

The town of GERALDTON itself (business area) was completely blacked out and would have been impossible to pin point only for the above.

In the surrounding residential area there were approximately 12 isolated lights, the lights indicated streets, there being about six at various intervals running from the main point of land on which GERALDTON is built, eastwards. The other lights being in a circular formation from the aforementioned point leading towards the township of GERALDTON.

From the above report it will be seen that the residents co-operated extraordinarily well in the test. Lighting at the Railway Yards is requiring special attention.

Sgd. E.W. Gregory, Major,
B.M. 8 Aust. Inf. Bde.

MESSAGE FORM

Appx 9

Serial No.

CALL
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IN

OUT

No. of Groups
GR.

OFFICE DATE STAMP

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TO

HQ 2 Aust Div

FROM

HQ 8 Aust Inf Bde

Originator's Number

Date

In Reply to Number

14

For

the

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of

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visibility

it

has

been

found

necessary

to

move

CWP

No.

3

from

its

present

position

mouth

BULLER

river

south

to

ref

514439

GERALDTON

tnng.

sheet

This message may be sent **AS WRITTEN**
by any means:

If liable to be intercepted or fall
into enemy hands, this message must
be sent **IN CYPHER**

Originator's instructions
Degree of priority

Time of Origin

2030

Signed

Signed

(BELOW THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

T.H.I.

T.O.R.

System In	Time In	Reader	Sender	System Out	Time Out	Reader	Sender	System Out	Time Out	Reader	Sender

MESSAGE FORM

APPX 10

Serial No.

CALL
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TIONS.

IN

OUT

No. of Groups
GR.

OFFICE DATE STAMP

(ABOVE THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

TO 2 Aust Div. 30 Bn

FROM 8 Aust Inf Bde

Originator's Number

I 97

Date

17

In Reply to Number

No. 4	CWP	reports	CATALINA	flying	over
bay	opposite	post	dropped	white	verey flare
light	and	circled	over	spot	at
0940	hrs				

This message may be sent **AS WRITTEN**
by any means:

If liable to be intercepted or fall
into enemy hands, this message must
be sent **IN CYPHER**

Originator's instructions
Degree of priority

Time of Origin

0945

Signed

Signed

(BELOW THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

System In	Time In	Reader	Sender	System Out	Time Out	Reader	Sender	System Out	Time Out	Reader	Sender

T.H.I.

T.O.R.

MESSAGE FORM

APPX 11

Serial No.

CALL
AND
INSTRUC-
TIONS.

IN

OUT

No. of Groups
GR.

OFFICE DATE STAMP

(ABOVE THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

TO 2 Aust Div, 30 Bn.

FROM 8 Aust Inf Bde

Originator's Number

I 98

Date

17

In Reply to Number

Further report

from

No.

4

CWP

CATALINA still

circling

over

bay

opposite

post (.)

Post

suggest

CATALINA

investigating

lugger

on

horizon

(.)

Another

white

flare dropped

This message may be sent **AS WRITTEN**
by any means:

If liable to be intercepted or fall
into enemy hands, this message must
be sent **IN CYPHER**

Originator's instructions
Degree of priority

Time of Origin

1005

Signed

Signed

(BELOW THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

System In	Time In	Reader	Sender	System Out	Time Out	Reader	Sender	System Out	Time Out	Reader	Sender

T.H.I.

T.O.R.

H.Q. 8 Aust. Inf. Bde.
AUSTRALIA.
17 Dec. 42

PROPOSED INSTALLATION OF LIGHTS - CHAMPION BAY GERALDTON -
AID TO FLYING BOATS.

2 AUST. DIV.

On Sunday 13 Dec. 42, a Catalina Patrol was sent to sea with a special mission.

Return to base during the hours of darkness was unavoidable

To assist aircraft, four beach lights were provided by 19 Garrison Bn, and placed in position as indicated by U.S.N.

These lights permitted the safe landing of the aircraft in question.

While such night "landings" are normally unusual for this type of aircraft, it is felt that facilities should at all times be available to permit of flying boats being employed in the dark, without having to rely on the problematic availability of lighting from the Army.

An inspection by an officer of this Bde., in company with the Officer in Charge of U.S.N. at Geraldton, was carried out and certain sites for erection of lights were selected.

In order to avoid the necessity of providing permanent lights from the town electric current, it is suggested that normal beach lights complete with 6 volt batteries, be used. U.S.N. have adequate plant for charging batteries.

The number of lights required is five, of which four are placed in predetermined positions, the fifth being employed from a boat as and when required.

The prevailing wind - south west - enables aircraft to "land" into the wind through the entrance to the harbour and taxi to mooring buoys.

Should the wind be from another direction, the placing of the lights would be suitable for all cases.

Attached hereto is 12" enlargement of the area, illustrating suggested positions for the beach lights. It will be observed that illumination is thus provided for the entrance to the harbour, the breakwater and mooring buoys.

This matter was mentioned to Brig. Cleland by the writer on 14 Dec. 42.

The suggestions included herein are strongly recommended. Co-operation between Army and U.S.N. in the area is the highest standard, and it is possible that the requisite beach lights might be found without interfering with army requirements.

Sgd. C.E. Cameron, Brig.
Comd. 8 Aust. Inf. Bde.

Copies to-
U.S. NAVY.
R.A.N. GERALDTON.

MESSAGE FORM

APPX 13

Serial No.
OFFICE DATE STAMP

**CALL
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TIONS.**

IN

OUT

No. of Groups
GR.

(ABOVE THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

TO 35 Aust Inf Bn 30 Aust Inf Bn.

FROM 8 Aust Inf Bde

Originator's Number
0. 34

Date
20

In Reply to Number

35 Aust	Inf	Bn	will	take	over
from	30 Aust	Inf	Bn	the	duties
of	duty	Bn	on	Tuesday	22 Dec.
(.)	Such	relief	to	be	completed
by	1600	hrs	22 Dec		

This message may be sent **AS WRITTEN**
by any means:

If liable to be intercepted or fall
into enemy hands, this message must
be sent **IN CYPHER**

Originator's instructions
Degree of priority

Time of Origin

0956

Signed

Signed

(BELOW THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

System In	Time In	Reader	Sender	System Out	Time Out	Reader	Sender	System Out	Time Out	Reader	Sender

T.H.I.

T.O.R.

MESSAGE FORM

APPX 14

Serial No.

OFFICE DATE STAMP

**CALL
AND
INSTRUC-
TIONS.**

IN

OUT

No. of Groups
GR.

(ABOVE THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

TO 8 Aust Inf Bde

FROM 2 Aust Div

Originator's Number

0.185

Date

22

In Reply to Number

Advise

if

all

units

have

prepared

and

practiced

plans

for

A/A

counter

measures

All

informed

This message may be sent **AS WRITTEN**
by any means :

If liable to be intercepted or fall
into enemy hands, this message must
be sent **IN CYPHER**

Originator's instructions
Degree of priority

Time of Origin

1445

Signed

Signed

(BELOW THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

T.H.I.

1541

T.O.R.

2008

System In	Time In	Reader	Sender	System Out	Time Out	Reader	Sender	System Out	Time Out	Reader	Sender

MESSAGE FORM

APRX 15

Serial No.

OFFICE DATE STAMP

**CALL
AND
INSTRUC-
TIONS.**

IN

OUT

No. of Groups

GR.

(ABOVE THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

TO

HQ 2 Aust Div

FROM

HQ 8 Aust Inf Bde

Originator's Number

0.42

Date

22

In Reply to Number

0.185

All

units

plans

prepared

and

practised

This message may be sent **AS WRITTEN**
by any means:

If liable to be intercepted or fall
into enemy hands, this message must
be sent **IN CYPHER**

Originator's instructions
Degree of priority

Time of Origin
2145

Signed

Signed

(BELOW THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

System In	Time In	Reader	Sender	System Out	Time Out	Reader	Sender	System Out	Time Out	Reader	Sender

T.H.I.

T.O.R.

MESSAGE FORM

APPX 16

Serial No.

CALL
AND
INSTRUC-
TIONS.

IN

OUT

No. of Groups

GR.

OFFICE DATE STAMP

(ABOVE THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

TO 2 Aust Div H.Q

FROM 8 Aust Inf Bde

Originator's Number

I 124

Date

23

In Reply to Number

SITREP

to

0900

hrs

23 Dec. 42

(.)

of

CWPs

by

35

Aust

Inf

In

completed

by

1940

hrs

22

Dec

42

THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT **AS WRITTEN**
BY ANY MEANS:

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

ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS
DEGREE OF PRIORITY

TIME OF ORIGIN

0920

SIGNED

SIGNED

(BELOW THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

SYSTEM IN	TIME IN	READER	SENDER	SYSTEM OUT	TIME OUT	READER	SENDER	SYSTEM OUT	TIME OUT	READER	SENDER

T.H.I.

T.O.R.

H.Q. 8 Aust. Inf. Bde.
AUSTRALIA.
30 Dec. 42.

31/8 9014 CEC/LCS

INFORMATION-SECURITY

Ref 2 Aust Div memos 16 Nov., 30 Nov. and 18 Dec. 42.
8 Aust Inf Bde memo 31/8/8813 of 5 Dec. 42.

1. My letter of 5 Dec. 42 sets out the pros and cons for the establishment of some form of "small self-contained mobile Force" This is contained on page 3.
2. It is realised that any such force must come from within the Bde.
3. In order not to transfer units or coys., this force must be such that it can be grouped at any time, and form one or more units as desired.
4. Assuming that all sections are trained along the same lines and are capable of forming effective "small recce groups" increase in strength to Pl. or Coy. is a simple matter.
5. Carrying the Sec. Pl. and Coy. Recce Groups a step further, it is possible to raise a composite Bn. by this means. This then becomes in effect a "Recce in Force Group".
6. It is doubtful whether such a grouping is sound. In the first instance it depletes the strength of each Bn. by one Coy. Secondly, unless the composite Bn. is made into a Bn. Gp. it lacks supporting weapons and communications.
7. Bns. cannot afford to reduce communications for this purpose.
8. For a "Recce in Force" it has been found that a complete Bn. Gp provides the best answer.
9. Small self-contained recce gps can ensure that information is obtained and passed back to a Bn. on the move, that is, to the immediate rear and flank.
10. This small group, unless provided for by reduction of Bn resources, lacks any additional means (other than normal Bn. communications) of conveying essential information back to Bde.
11. To my mind the whole matter revolves round the present system and equipment of Sig Secs.
 - (a) Either the equipment and organisation is suitable -
 - (b) Or the equipment is unsuitable for the changed conditions of mobile warfare.
 If (a) is accepted, then the personnel have not yet reached the standard of training to obtain the maximum results.
12. In October, 1941, this Bde. arranged for a Mr. Alberti, of the Zenith Radio Coy. Sydney to experiment with a portable wireless set that would have a range up to 15 miles and would replace the 108.

Two sets were constructed and tested. Results were satisfactory. This could only be attained by using a very low wave length, between 5 and 9 metres.

The inventor was also prepared to make a set to replace the 101 with a guaranteed range of 25 miles.

Application to the Naval Dept - who apparently control all wireless - for permission to manufacture this set was refused, as far as I know, grounds for refusal were not stated.
13. Sir Ernest Fisk is reported to have said that he could build sets to meet all requirements, provided he was allowed to select the wave length. It is understood that this could have been round about 5 metres.
14. Having regard to all the difficulties, and equipment obviously not designed for the type of warfare one might expect, does it not seem that some steps should be initiated with the object of endeavouring to devise some better means.
15. It is possible that some new types of sets are already being constructed which would improve matters, in which case this suggestion would not be necessary.
16. If, however, there is no intention at present for the improvement of wireless, it is suggested, for consideration, that a conference of all Bde. Comds. etc. C. Cs, B. Ms, I. Cs and Sig. Offrs in the Division, together with equivalent appointments in all Div Tps., be arranged, for the purpose of trying to find some way of overcoming the present trouble.
17. These suggestions concerning signal communication are not intended to reflect in any way on any individual or unit, but are submitted solely for the purpose of seeking some means of overcoming a disability patent to all.

Sgt. C. E. Cameron, Brig.
Comd. 8 Aust. Inf. Bde.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

No. 21

AIF 11/2/3 WE 8 Aust. Inf. Bde HQ (Unit)
17X69. ATTACHED 1X12

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
Brigadier 1 *	1		
Lieut.-Colonels	1		
Majors	4		
Captains	6	5	
Lieutenants	2		
2nd Lieutenants	3	3	
Quartermasters			
Totals	17	15	

*Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lieut.	Byrne, E.L.	18 Coy. AFSC	3/12/42	Marched in Taken on strength

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lt. Capt	Bowles, B.	8 Aust. Inf. Bde HQ	3/12/42	Transferred 18 Coy. AFSC.

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

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

(i) Officers posted to Unit (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A).

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lt. Col.					
Lt. Col. 7/Brig.	NX 110380	Cameron	b. E	bde command	yes
Lt. Capt. 7/Major	NX 112720	Gregory	b. W	B. No.	yes
Lt. 7/Capt	NX 112721	Wolfput	b. E	T. O	yes
Lt. 7/Capt	NX 112699	Butler	J. J.	L. 1	yes
Lt. 7/Capt	NX 112724	Nicholls	G. W.	I. O	yes
Lieut	NX 120317	Byrne	b. L.	base	yes
✓	N 17204	Lawrence	L. J.	A. G.	yes
✓	N 37508	Simpson	b. E	L. 3	yes
✓	N. 170975	Wright	J. A.	L. 2	yes
✓	NX 112713	Smelling	K. T.	Sgt. Learner	yes
✓	N 172217	Watson	b. J.	educ. officer	yes
✓	N 58006	Marshall	H.	Hygiene	yes
Chaplain	N 130772	Kelly	P. J.	Chaplain	No
✓	NX 112729	Greuter	b. A	/	No
✓	NX 112727	Parsons	b. W.	/	No

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Lieut	WX29260	McKissock	44 Aust Inf BN.	30/11/42	P. Y. Officer

8 Aust. Inf. Bde HQ.
(Unit.)

5 Dec 42

(Date of Despatch.)

W. Smelling
for (CE. CAMERON) BRIC
(Signature of Commander.)

2 Aust. Div.

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

(Adapted)

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

No. 21

A1-F 11/23 WE

8 Aust. Inf. Bde HQ (Unit)

5 Dec

1942 (Date).

To be furnished by all units and all Headquarter units.)

17x69

Attached 1x12

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	1		
W.Os. Class II.	2		
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants			
Staff Serjeants	1		
Serjeants	5		
Corporals	6	1 Det. 2	
Troopers, Privates, &c.	54	1 Aust. Div.	7
TOTALS	69	2	7

*These totals should agree with the details shown in Part D on page 2 of Army Form W.3009.

PERSONNEL ATTACHED

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

OTHERS ATTACHED

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
Sgt. to be promoted to fill vacancy. WO II Clerk.		5 2 Aust. Div.	Postal Unit
		1	H.Q.
		1 4 BN	
Sgt. to be promoted to fill vacancy S/Sgt.		1 30	
		1 35	
S/Sgt. from 2 Aust. Div. filling position		1 3 Aust Corps	
		1 W.A. L of C AREA	
		1 5.1 BN	

Education Dept.

Part C. Description of other ranks whose return to the unit is particularly requested.

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Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)
Ammunition Examiners			Fire Control Operators			Panel Beaters		
Armament Artificers			Fitters			Pattern Makers		
Armourers			Fitters and Turners			Pharmacists		
Artificers, Artillery			Fitters, Cycle			Photographers, dry plate		
Axemen			Fitters, Drivers			Photographers, wet plate		
Bakers			Fitter's Mates			Photo-Writers		
Battery Surveyors			Fitters, M.V.		/	Plate Layers		
Battery Comdrs. Asst.			Fitters, Railway Signal			Plumbers		
Blacksmiths			Fitters, Signal			Predictor Numbers		
Boilermakers			Grinders			Printers		
Bricklayers			Gun Layers			Radiator Mechanics		
Butchers			G.P.O. Assistants			Radiographers		
Camouflage Modeller			Gun Operators			Range Takers		
Carpenter and Joiner			Hammermen			Riggers		
Clerks			Height Takers			Riveters		
Clerks, Engineering			Helio Operators			Saddlers		
Clerks, Veterinary								
Clerks, Fuel								
Coachmakers								
Computers								
Contactors								
Cooks								
Cook's, Hospital								
Coopersmiths								
Dental Clerk Orderlies								
Dispatch Riders								
Dispensers								
Draughtsmen								
Draughtsmen, Architectural								
Draughtsmen, Mechanical								
Draughtsmen, Mental								
Draughtsmen, Topographical								
Driver Mechanics								
Driver Operators			Miners			Wagon Erectors		
Drivers, Transportation Plant			Moulders			Watchmakers		
Electrical Fitters			Nursing Orderlies			Watermen		
Electricians			Nursing Orderlies (Mental)			Welders		
Electricians, Eng. Units			Nurses, Trained			Well Borers		
Electricians, Signal			Observation Post Assistants			Wheelers		
Engine Artificers			Operating Room Assistants			Whitesmiths		
Engine Hands I/C			Operators, Signal			Wiremen		
Equipment Repairers			Opticians			Woodturners		
Farriers			Painters					
Sig. Orderly		2						
Batmen		3						
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)		5			2			

(b) Authorised Trades or Specialists not included in list above will be added as required in spaces provided.

(b) Authorized Trades or Specialist
8 Quot. Inf. Bde HQ.
Unit.

back.
 above will be added as required in spaces provided
 for (CE-CAMERON) BRIG
 Signature of Commander.
 2 MUST. DIV.

Date of Despatch..... 5 - DEC. 42

Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)
Ammunition Examiners			Fire Control Operators			Panel Beaters		
Armament Artificers			Fitters			Pattern Makers		
Armourers			Fitters and Turners			Pharmacists		
Artificers, Artillery			Fitters, Cycle			Photographers, dry plate		
Axemen			Fitters, Drivers			Photographers, wet plate		
Bakers			Fitter's Mates			Photo-Writers		
Battery Surveyors			Fitters, M.V.		/	Plate Layers		
Battery Comdrs. Asst.			Fitters, Railway Signal			Plumbers		
Blacksmiths			Fitters, Signal			Predictor Numbers		
Boilermakers			Grinders			Printers		
Bricklayers			Gun Layers			Radiator Mechanics		
Butchers			G.P.O. Assistants			Radiographers		
Camouflage Modeller			Gun Operators			Range Takers		
Carpenter and Joiner			Hammermen			Riggers		
Clerks			Height Takers			Riveters		
Clerks, Engineering			Helio Operators			Saddlers		
, Supply			Instrument Mechanics			Saddle Tree Makers		
, Technical			Instrument Mechanics, Surgical			Saw Doctors		
makers			Instrument Operators			Sawyers		
outers			Intelligence Duties			Shoemakers		
retors			Joiners			Signallers		
s			Leather Stitchers			Signwriters		
s, Hospital			Linesmen			Stokers, Stationary Engine		
persmiths			Linesmen, Signals			Storemen, Technical		
tal Clerk Orderlies			Lithographers			Surveyors		
atch Riders			Machinists			Surveyors, Engineering		
ensers			Masons			Tailors		
ughtsmen			Masseurs			Telescope Identification Numbers		
ughtsmen, Architectural			Mechanics, Dental			Textile Refitters		
ughtsmen, Mechanical			Mechanics, M.T.		/	Tinsmiths		
ughtsmen, Signal			Mechanics, Typewriter			Toolmakers		
ughtsmen, Topographical			Mechanics, Wireless			Turners		
ver Mechanics			Millwrights			Vulcanizers		
Driver Operators			Miners			Wagon Erectors		
Drivers, Transportation Plant			Moulders			Watchmakers		
Electrical Fitters			Nursing Orderlies			Watermen		
Electricians			Nursing Orderlies (Mental)			Welders		
Electricians, Eng. Units			Nurses, Trained			Well Borers		
Electricians, Signal			Observation Post Assistants			Wheelers		
Engine Artificers			Operating Room Assistants			Whitesmiths		
Engine Hands I/C			Operators, Signal			Wiremen		
Equipment Repairers			Opticians			Woodturners		
Farriers			Painters					
<i>Sig. Orderly</i>		2						
<i>Hatmen</i>		3						
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)		5			2			

(b) Authorised Trades or Specialists not included in list above will be added as required in spaces provided.

(b) Authorised Trades or Specialists n
8 Quot. Inf. Bde HQ.
Unit.

back.
 above will be added as required in spaces provided
 for (CE. CAMERON) BRIG
 Signature of Commander.
 2 MUST. DN.

Date of Despatch..... 2 - DEC. 42

Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

No 22
AIF 11/2/3 WE 8 AVST INF BDE HQ
17X69
FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

(Unit)

Attached 1X11

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
1	1		
Lieut.-Colonels			
Majors	1		
Captains	12		
Lieutenants	6		
2nd Lieutenants	2		
Quartermasters	3		
Totals	17	15	

*Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

(i) Officers posted to Unit (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A).

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
1st Lt	NX110280	Hammon, G.E.	Artillery	Y	
1st Lt	NX112730	Harmon, E.W.	BM	Y	
1st Lt	NX112731	Welford, H.E.	TC	Y	
1st Lt	NX112699	Butler, J.F.	L.I.	Y	
1st Lt	NX112724	Richardson, S.T.B.	F.O.	Y	
1st Lt	NX112737	Fayrer, E.H.	RAFIC	Y	
1st Lt	NX112738	Johnson, P.G.	S.C.	Y	
1st Lt	NX112739	Simpson, E.E.	L.I.	No	Det to 25th Bn
1st Lt	NX112740	Wright, J.C.	L.I.	Y	
1st Lt	NX112741	Johnson, H.V.	Sp. Service	Y	
1st Lt	NX112742	Watkins, E.D.	Edue Off.	Y	
1st Lt	NX112743	Hardhouse, H.	Hygiene Off.	Y	
Chaplain	NX112744	Reay, P.G.	Chaplain	No	Det to 25th Bn
1st Lt	NX112729	Parker, T.B.	"	No	Det to 25th Bn
1st Lt	NX112730	Parker, E.T.B.	"	No	Det to 25th Bn

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
1st Lt	WX29260	McTidlock, H.	4th Arm Div	31/11/42	P.M. Officer

8 HUST INF BDR HQ
(Unit.)
12 DEC 42
(Date of Despatch.)

James Lees
(Signature of Commander.)
2 HUST DIV
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

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No 221 **FI**
A.F. 11/2/3. W.F.

8 MUST INF BDE HQ (Unit)

12/ Dec 1942 (Date)

(To be furnished by all units and all Headquarter units.)

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	1		
W.Os. Class II.	2		
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants			
Staff Serjeants	1		
Serjeants	5		
Corporals	6	1 Det 2	
Troopers, Privates, &c.	54	1 Plust DIV	6
TOTALS	69	* 2	* 6

*These totals should agree with the details shown in Part D on page 2 of Army Form W.3009.

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
Sgt to be promoted		4 2 Aust Div Postal Unit	
to fill vacancy WOI		1 " " HQ	
Clerk		1 4 Aust Bn	
Sgt to be promoted		1 30 "	
to fill vacancy 2/Sgt		1 35 "	
2/Sgt from 2 Aust Div		1 3 Aust Corps	
Filling positions		1 10a L of C Area	
Education Sgt.		1 54 Bn	

Part C. Description of other ranks whose return to the unit is particularly requested.

[illegible]

Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)
Ammunition Examiners			Fire Control Operators			Panel Beaters		
Armament Artificers			Fitters			Pattern Makers		
Armourers			Fitters and Turners			Pharmacists		
Artificers, Artillery			Fitters, Cycle			Photographers, dry plate		
Axemen			Fitters, Drivers			Photographers, wet plate		
Bakers			Fitter's Mates			Photo-Writers		
Battery Surveyors			Fitters, M.V.		/	Plate Layers		
Battery Comdrs. Asst.			Fitters, Railway Signal			Plumbers		
Blacksmiths			Fitters, Signal			Predictor Numbers		
Boilermakers			Grinders			Printers		
Bricklayers			Gun Layers			Radiator Mechanics		
Butchers			G.P.O. Assistants			Radiographers		
Camouflage Modeller			Gun Operators			Range Takers		
Carpenter and Joiner			Hammermen			Riggers		
Clerks			Height Takers			Rivetters		
Clerks, Engineering			Helio Operators			Saddlers		
Clerks, Supply			Instrument Mechanics			Saddle Tree Makers		
Clerks, Technical			Instrument Mechanics, Surgical			Saw Doctors		
Coachmakers			Instrument Operators			Sawyers		
Computers			Intelligence Officers			Scrimmer		

Verified that the figures in red show the number of specialists and tradesmen actually required in this unit

Blancmehar
(C.E. Cameron) Brig
Comd of Aust. Inf. Bde.
Ad

Farriers		
Big Ostrich		1
Bakery		3

(b) Authorised Trades or Specialists not included in list above will be added as required in spaces provided

(b) Authorized Trades or Specialists in
8 AUG 21 INF. BDE HQ

Unit.

Unit.
12 Dec 42

Signature of Commander

Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch.

Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

[illegible]

(b) Authorised Trades or Specialists

Unit.
12 Dec 42

Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving

No. 43
AIF. 11/2/3 WE
17X69
FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS
1 AUGST INF BDE HQ (Unit) Attached 1X121

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
Brigadier 1*	1		
Lieut.-Colonels			
Majors 1	1		
Captains 4	3		
Lieutenants 6	6		
2nd Lieutenants 1	1		
Quartermasters 3	3		
Totals 17	15		

*Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).

(i) **Officers posted to Unit** (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A).

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

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

8 HUST INF BDE HQ Unit.

PART D. Detail of Surplus or Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W. 3009.

Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)
Ammunition Examiners			Fire Control Operators			Panel Beaters		
Armament Artificers			Fitters			Pattern Makers		
Armourers			Fitters and Turners			Pharmacists		
Artificers, Artillery			Fitters, Cycle			Photographers, dry plate		
Axemen			Fitters, Drivers			Photographers, wet plate		
Bakers			Fitter's Mates			Photo-Writers		
Battery Surveyors			Fitters, M.V.			Plate Layers		
Battery Comdrs. Asst.			Fitters, Railway Signal			Plumbers		
Blacksmiths			Fitters, Signal			Predictor Numbers		
Boilermakers			Grinders			Printers		
Bricklayers			Gun Layers			Radiator Mechanics		
Butchers			G.P.O. Assistants			Radiographers		
Camouflage Modeller			Gun Operators			Range Takers		
Carpenter and Joiner			Hammermen			Riggers		
Clerks			Height Takers			Riveters		

Certified that the figures in red show the number of specialists and tradesmen actually required in this unit

C.E. Cameron
(C.E. Cameron) Brig.
Comd 8 Aust Inf Bde.

						watermen		
Electricians			Nursing Orderlies (Mental)			Welders		
Electricians, Eng. Units			Nurses, Trained			Well Borers		
Electricians, Signal			Observation Post Assistants			Wheelers		
Engine Artificers			Operating Room Assistants			Whitesmiths		
Engine Hands I/C			Operators, Signal			Wiremen		
Equipment Repairers			Opticians			Woodturners		
Farriers			Painters					
Sig Orderlies		1						
Batman		4						
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)		5						

Notes—(a) If rank other than Private is involved give details on back.
(b) Authorised Trades or Specialists not included in list above will be added as required in spaces provided.

8 HUST INF BDE HQ Unit.
Date of Despatch 19 Dec 42

C.E. Cameron
(C.E. Cameron) BRIG
Signature of Commander.
8 HUST INF BDE
Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

[illegible]

(a) If rank other than Private is involved give details on back.
(b) Authorised Trades or Specialists not included in list above will be added as required in spaces provided.

Signature of Commander

Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

No 24
AIF 11/21/3 WE
17X69

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

9 AUST INF BDE HQ (Unit)

Attached
1X10

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
Brigadier 1*	1		
Lieut.-Colonels			
Majors 1	1		
Captains 4	3		
Lieutenants 6	6		
2nd Lieutenants 2	1		
Quartermasters 3	3		
Totals 17	15		

*Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).

Unit.

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(Adapted) (Aug. 41)
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PART D. Detail of Surplus or Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W. 3009.

Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)
Ammunition Examiners			Fire Control Operators			Panel Beaters		
Armament Artificers			Fitters			Pattern Makers		
Armourers			Fitters and Turners			Pharmacists		
Artificers, Artillery			Fitters, Cycle			Photographers, dry plate		
Axemen			Fitters, Drivers			Photographers, wet plate		
Bakers			Fitter's Mates			Photo-Writers		
Battery Surveyors			Fitters, M.V.			Plate Layers		
Battery Comdrs. Asst.			Fitters, Railway Signal			Plumbers		
Blacksmiths			Fitters, Signal			Predictor Numbers		
Boilermakers			Grinders			Printers		
Bricklayers			Gun Layers			Radiator Mechanics		
Butchers			G.P.O. Assistants			Radiographers		
Camouflage Modeller			Gun Operators			Range Takers		
Carpenter and Joiner			Hammermen			Riggers		
Clerks			Height Takers			Rivetters		
Clerks, Engineering			Helio Operators			Saddlers		
Clerks, Supply			Instrument Mechanics			Saddle Tree Makers		

Verified that the figures in red show the number of specialists and tradesmen actually required in this unit

Candide Cameron
(C.E.Cameron) Brig.
Comd 8 Aust Inf Bde.

Travelers, Transportation Plant			Moulders			Watchmakers		
Electrical Fitters			Nursing Orderlies			Watermen		
Electricians			Nursing Orderlies (Mental)			Welders		
Electricians, Eng. Units			Nurses, Trained			Well Borers		
Electricians, Signal			Observation Post Assistants			Wheelers		
Engine Artificers			Operating Room Assistants			Whitesmiths		
Engine Hands I/C			Operators, Signal			Wiremen		
Equipment Repairers			Opticians			Woodturners		
Farriers			Painters					
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)								

Notes—(a) If rank other than Private is involved give details on back.

(b) Authorised Trades or Specialists not included in list above will be added as required in spaces provided.

(b) Authorised Trades or Specialists not

Unit.

Date of Despatch.

26 Dec 42

above will be added as required in spaces provided

Grand Canyon
(CECHERON) ORIG

Signature of Commander.

Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

Unit

(page 2)

Part A of Army Form W. 3009.

Totals (to agree with Columns
3 and 4 of Part A.)

(b) Authorised Trades or Specialists not included in list above will be added as required in spaces provided.

Unit.

26 Dec 42

Signature of Commander.

2 HUST DIV