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18 Infantry Brigade

April - May 1943

18 Inf Bde

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

Army Form C. 218
(adapted)

(Erase heading not required).

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Unit 18 Inf Bde Date and Time.—From 13 MAY 1943 To _____

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
RAVENSHOE	1 Apr 43		Bulk of Bde on leave. Remainder settling into camp area. Divisional working parties.	
	3 Apr	0500	No 31 leave train departed RAVENSHOE with 190 from Bde Gp.	
	7 Apr		Lieut H.A. MCCOLM acting SC(L) went on leave. Lieut G. LOVELESS took over duties of S.C.	
	16 Apr		Capt D.C. COOMBE (ASC Offr), Lieut D.W. REA (AO), Lieut D. JONES (Hyg Offr), Lieut J MANLEY (J Sec Sigs 7 Aust Div) with other Bde HQ personnel returned from leave.	
	17 Apr		Lieut G. LOVELESS went on leave. Lieut D.W. REA took over duties of S.C.	
	18 Apr		Brig F.O. CHILTON DSO arrived and assumed command of 18 Aust Inf Bde. Lieut P.D. CONNOLLY (IO) returned from leave.	
	19 Apr		Major General G.A. VASEY CBE DSO, GOC 7 Aust Div called on Bde Comd who later had dinner with him and attended 7 Aust Div Concert Party in RAVENSHOE.	
	20 Apr		Jungle training team (Capt C.B. PARBURY, 2/9 Aust Inf Bn and three ORs) sent to 9 Aust Cav for indefinite period. Capt O.D. JACKSON, formerly BM(L) 25 Aust Inf Bde taken on strength as BM. Bde Comd Brig F.O. CHILTON DSO and BM Capt O.D. JACKSON carried out recce of tng area.	
	21 Apr		Bde Comd Brig F.O. CHILTON DSO and Acting BM(L) Lieut D.F. SAUNDERS visited GOC 9 Aust Div, Maj-Gen G.F. WOOTTEN DSO.	

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Army Form C. 3118
(adapted,)

H. 100M 2/42

Unit _____

Date and Time.—From _____ To _____

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	24 Apr		BM Capt O.D. JACKSON, A/SC Lieut D.W. REA and acting COs of Bns discussed possible amendments to W.E.T. at a conference at HQ 18 Aust Inf Bde.	
	25 Apr		Composite recce party from 2/9, 2/10 and 2/12 Aust Inf Bns started five days' recce of Bde tng area. 69 personnel of Bde Gp returned from 14 days special leave. Acting BM(L) Lieut D.F. SAUNDERS left to take up appointment of GSO III (L) 7 Aust Div.	
	26 Apr		55 personnel returned from leave. BM Capt O.D. JACKSON attended conference at HQ 7 Aust Div for suggested amendments to W.E.T. for jungle warfare.	
	27 Apr		Bde Comd Brig F.O. CHILTON DSO went to ROCKHAMPTON to attend a demonstration of amphibious ops.	
	28 Apr		War Training film "Next of Kin" shown in 2/9 Aust Inf Bn lines. All 18 Bde attended.	
	30 Apr		Lieut P.D. CONNOLLY (IO) accompanied 2/9 Aust Inf Bn recce party across CARDWELL RANGE.	

0630 Hours 14 April 43.

SUMMARY DAILY STRENGTH RETURN.

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UNIT.	AX	AY	AZ	B	C	D	E	F	G	OTHER DETACHED.
HQ 18 Aust Inf Bde.	-	0-1	-	-	1-16	-	-	1-2	7-53	5-3
J Sec Sigs.	-	-	-	-	0-6	-	-	0-1	2-32	-
2/47 LAD.	-	-	-	-	1-15	-	-	-	-	-
Defence & Employment Pl.	-	-	-	0-1	0-1	-	-	-	0-9	-
11 Pl C. Coy HQ Gd Bn.	-	-	-	-	0-4	-	-	-	1-20	-
2/ 9 Aust Inf Bn	-	0-1	-	-	3-150	-	-	1-1	30-543	4-3
2/10 Aust Inf Bn	-	0-1	0-1	-	4-107	-	0-2	0-2	17-486	9-3
2/12 Aust Inf Bn.	-	0-1	-	-	4-137	-	0-2	0-2	18-509	1-1
TOTAL.	-	0-4	0-1	0-1	13- 436	-	0-4	2-7	75-1652	19-15

G. Howley
 Capt.
 SG 18 Aust Inf Bde.

COMBAT EFFICIENCY REPORT OF 2/12 AUST INF BN.
for Month Ended 20 APR 43.

(a) Serial No.	(b) Formations etc. (down to Div HQs and Bdes).	Approx percentages available with Units.											Prestant employment (e.g. assembly, training, preparations for operations)				
		Weapons.											Strength of Personnel	Role.	(r)		
		(c) Rifles	(d) LMGs	(e) MMGs	(f) TSMGs	(g) 2" Mortars	(h) 3" Mortars	(i) 2 prs	(j) 6 prs	(k) 25 prs	(l) 40 mm weapons	(m) MT				(n) Carriers	(o) Tanks
		58	33	100	125	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	$\frac{4}{192}$	Assembly

J. Swan
Adjutant General 2/12 Bn

(Sheet 2.)

Serial No.

Formation etc.

Gen standard of
offrs & NCOs

Phase of training
covering during
the month

Type of warfare
formations considered
capable of.

Remarks.

(a)

(b)

(s)

(t)

(u)

(v)

FAIR

Elementary Weapon

~~Strength of Personnel on leave~~
Approx 60%

Officer Capt
Detachment 2/2 Bn

14 April 43.

for month ending 30/4/43.SHEET 1

<u>Serial number</u> (a)	I
<u>Unit</u> (b)	2/10 Aust Inf Bn.
<u>Rifles</u> (c)	87%
<u>IMGs</u> (d)	33%
<u>MMGs</u> (e)	100%
<u>TSMGs</u> (f)	81%
<u>2" Mortars</u>	-
<u>3" Mortars</u>	-
<u>Strength of Personnel</u> (p)	28 30 Offrs. 604 Ors.
<u>Role</u>	-
<u>Present employment.</u>	Assembly

SHEET 2

<u>Serial No.</u>	I
<u>Unit</u>	2/10 Aust Inf Bn.
<u>Gen. standard of Offrs & N.C.Os</u>	Good
<u>Phase of training</u>	Weapon training
<u>Type of warfare Unit considered capable of</u>	F.
<u>Remarks :-</u>	As this Unit is at present undergoing leave, it is impossible to make a time forecast of completion of training. Sickness is also preventing reassembly of Unit.

R. Anderson Capt.
Adm Comd 2/10 Aust Inf Bn.

COMBAT EFFICIENCY REPORT OF 2/12 AUST INF BN.
for Month Ended 20 APR 43.

(a) Serial No.	(b) Formations etc. (down to Div HQs and Bdes).	Approx percentages available with Units. Weapons.											Prestant employment (e.g. assembly, training, preparations for operations)				
		(c) Rifles	(d) LMGs	(e) MMGs	(f) TSMGs <i>incl gun</i>	(g) 2" Mortars	(h) 3" Mortars	(i) 2 prs	(j) 6 prs	(k) 25 prs	(l) 40 mm weapons	(m) MT	(n) Carriers	(o) Tanks	(p) Strength of Personnel	(q) Role.	(r)
		58	33	100	125	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4 192	Assembly.	

J. Swan Capt
Admin/Comm 2/12 Bn

(Sheet 2.)

Serial No.
(a)

Formation etc.
(b)

Gen standard of
offrs & NCOs
(s)

Phase of training
covering during
the month
(t)

Type of warfare
formations considered
capable of.
(u)

Remarks.
(v)

FAIR

Elementary Weapon

*Strength of Personnel on leave.
Approx 60%*

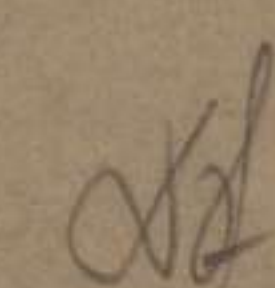
*J. Swan left
October/Nov 2/12 Bn*

COMBAT EFFICIENCY REPORT OF 18 Aust Inf Bde.

For Month Ending, 20 April 43.

MOST SECRET

		Approx percentage available with Unit.											Strength of Personnel			Present Employment (e.g assembly, training, preparation for operations.)		
		WEAPONS																
		RIFLES	L.M.Gs.	M.M.Gs.	T.S.M.Gs	2 ⁿ Mortars.	3 ⁿ Mortars	2 prs	6 prs.	25 prs.	40 mm Weapons. Mt.	Carriers	Tanks	in lines ofrs OR	leave Ofrs OR	tatal Ors		
666																		
1	2/9 Aust Inf Bn	93 %	33%	100%	117% (incl. 40 TSMG)									3-150	34-546	39-696	Assembly	
2	2/10 Aust Inf Bn	87%	33%	100%	81%									4-107	24-494	28-621	"	
3	2/12 Aust Inf Bn	58%	33%	100%	125%									4-137	19-510	23-647	"	


 Major.
 Adm Comd 18 Aust. Inf Bde.

COMBAT EFFICIENCY REPORT
SERIAL 2

MOST SECRET

(a) (b) (c) (t) (u) (v)

1. 2/9 Aust Inf Bn BAIR Elementary weapon trg. F

2/10

F

2/12

F

Owing to the majority of this Bde being at present on leave it is considered that the immediate classification for serial (u) is Category "F".

As the Bde has recently returned from battle stations and active ops in New Guinea it is further considered that with the return to units of personnel on leave the Bde would be fit to fight in Jungle Warfare ops. This would be dependent on the full scale of WFF. Further trg is, however, required for any other type of ops.

Owing to the high incidence of sickness and large number of officers on RSL and other ranks on X List, and the uncertainty of the date of their return no estimate of time as to the preparedness of the Bde can be given.

(Sgd) CS/Bensusue

Major.
Ain Comd 18 Aust Inf Bde.

SHEET 1.

COMBAT EFFICIENCY REPORT of 18 AUST BDE GP
for Month ended 20 Apr 43. (Cont)

Approximate percentages available with units
Weapons.

Present emp.
(e.g. Assembly,
trg, prepar-
ations for ops.

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)	(m)	(n)	(o)	(p) Offr	Or	Offr	(q) OR	(r)
4	HQ 18 Aust Inf Bde	100%	100%	-	100%	-	-	-	-	-	-	5%	-	-	In lines	On Leave & det			
															1	16	12	56	Assembly
5	2/47 LAD	100%	100%	-	Nil	-	-	-	-	-	-	Nil	-	-	1	15	-	-	Assembl

[Signature]
Maj.
Adm Comd 18 Aust Inf Bde.

SHEET 2 (cont)

COMBAT EFFICIENCY REPORT OF 18 AUST INF BDE GP
for month ending 20 Apr 43.

(a)	(b)	(s)	(t)	(u)	(v)
4	HQ 18 Aust Inf Bde	Good	Normal routine	A	Category "A" has been included on the assumption that the full strength of this Bde HQ with existing trained Offrs and ORs re-assembles. Unit fully trained but devoid of all equipment absolutely.
5	2/47 LAD	Good	Nil	A	

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

COMBAT EFFICIENCY REPORT OF 13 AUST INF BDE (AIF)

MOST SECRET
HQ 13 AUST INF BDE (AIF)
20 Apr 43

FOR MONTH ENDED 20 APR 43

13 SEP 1943

Serial	Unit	Approx Percentage with Units													Pers	Role	Present Employment	
		Weapons										Tpt						
		Rifles	LMGs	MMGs	TSMGs	2" Mortar	5" Mortar	2 Pr	6 Pr	25 Pr or 4.5" How 18 Pr	40 MM Lt AA	MT	Cars	Tice Armd C				
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)	(m)	(n)	(o)	(p)	(q)	(r)	
1	Bde HQ	100	100	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	136	-	-	92%	Comd & Adm of Bde Gp	Comd & Adm of Bde
2	"J" Sec Sigs	100	-	-	NIL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	92	-	-	98%	Maintenance of Comms	Comms, specialist & Individual Trg
3	11 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	100	95	100	91	NIL	100	100	-	-	-	-	41	95	NIL	92.5%	Defence of area as set out in Bde Op Instrs No's 1 - 8	Recce for ops, individual and Coy. building up physical standard
4	16 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	100	90	100	91	NIL	100	100	-	-	-	-	42	105	NIL	89%	do	do
5	28 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	100	94	100	94	NIL	100	100	-	-	-	-	46	100	NIL	97%	do	do
6	13 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)	100	95	100	85	NIL	100	100	-	-	-	-	73	100	NIL	95%	do	do

X NOTE:- Holding of MT is % to WE but all units are 100% in accordance with Op Scale set out in **WE FORCE GS** Instrn No. 29 plus additional vehs at present held for Adm purposes but soon to be returned.

*append to diary
April 43*

E.G.H. McKenzie
BRIG
(E.G.H. MCKENZIE)
Comd 13 Aust Inf Bde

FOR MONTH ENDED 20 APR 1943

SERIAL NO.	UNIT	GENERAL STANDARD OF OFFRS & NCO'S	PHASE OF TRG COVERED DURING THE MONTH	TYPE OF WARFARE FORMATIONS CONSIDERED CAPABLE OF	REMARKS
1.	BDE HQ	Good	Adm., recce for op roles and individual trg	B	
2.	"J" SEC SIGS	Good	Adm., recce for op roles and individual trg - specialist trg	B	
3.	11 AUST INF BN (AIF)	Fair to Good	Individual Trg, range practices, jungle blitz course and BI exercises	B	Physical fitness is reaching a high standard.
4.	16 AUST INF BN (AIF)	Good	Individual trg, PT and Weapon trg	B	do
5.	28 AUST INF BN (AIF)	Good	Completion of "GAMBLER", route marches, PT, blitz course and weapon trg	B	do
6.	13 AUST INF BDE (AIF)	Good	Recce for op roles, individual and physical trg	B	Tps becoming acclimatised and are physically fit.

E.G.H. McKenzie Brig
 (E.G.H. MCKENZIE)
 Comd 13 Aust Inf Bde

Serial No. 6

W.E. Reference A.I.F. II/2/3

A.M.F. _____

W.E. 17 X 69

Date 3 Apr 43

Attached _____
Allowed by W.E. -X-

AIR 18 Unit 1st Base Unit

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

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

* Insert detail of higher rank as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name	Unit or Corps.	Date.	Cause.
	<u>Quartermaster D.A.</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1 Apr 43</u>	<u>Required to attend joint school</u>

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Unit or Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit or 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.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Major	2248	Dennis T. Gray	AM	No	at home
Major	22143	Brookhoff J.C.	BM(L)	No	at home
Capt	22214	Hunt A.K.	SC	No	at home
Capt	224877	Combs D.B.	AM(L)	No	at home
Lieut	224500	Connolly P.B.	TO	No	at home
Lieut	22519	Stewart J.G.	TO	No	at home
Lieut	222101	Shawin W.J.	LCW	No	at home
Lieut	2217544	de Klerk H.A.	LCW	No	at home
Lieut	221702	Langford J.H.	LCW	No	at home
Lieut	221934	de F.W.	AM(L)	No	at home
Lieut	222692	John D.D.	AM(L)	No	at home
Adjutant	222444	Phillips E.A.	Adjutant	No	at home
Adjutant	224024	Wain H.	Adjutant	No	at home
Adjutant		Wain R.A.	Adjutant	No	at home

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit or Corps.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of attachment.	Allowed by W.E. (Insert Yes or No.)
Lieut	VX 36857	London A.G.	2/10 Bn		AILO	No
Lieut	N 36615	Atkinson J.C.	1st AMF	11.1.43	acting, Baling	No
Lieut	7217264	Wain J.H.	1st AMF	11.1.43	"	No

AG 14 unit of Base
(Unit.)

Paul Colman
(Signature of Commander.)

3 Apr 43
(Date of Despatch.)

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

HIF II/2/3
17x69

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

(Adapted)

48th and 2nd Bn (Unit) 3 April 1943 (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.	3	1	
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants			
Staff Serjeants	2	1	
Serjeants	4		1
Corporals	6		1
Troopers, Privates, &c.	52		1
TOTALS	67	* 2	* 4

*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.
		16 Pl 2 Pter	2/7 Postal Unit
		2 Pter 1 Sgt	2/10 Bn

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

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts if known).
8X 3533	PA	Alb Linnam	-	
VX 22134	Pl	Stevens AV	AAMC	Mechanical Orderly.

HQ 18 Aust Inf Bde 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	<i>1 S/Sgt</i>	<i>1 Sgt</i>	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		<i>1 Sgt</i>	Height Takers			Riveters		
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 Duties			Shoemakers		
Concretors			Joiners			Signallers		
Cooks			Leather Stitchers			Signwriters		
Cooks, Hospital			Linesmen			Stokers, Stationary Engine		
Coppersmiths			Linesmen, Signals			Storemen, Technical		
Dental Clerk Orderlies			Lithographers			Surveyors		
Despatch Riders			Machinists			Surveyors, Engineering		
Dispensers			Masons			Tailors		
Draughtsmen			Masseurs			Telescope Identification Numbers		
Draughtsmen, Architectural			Mechanics, Dental			Textile Refitters		
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					
<i>Gas machine lead-acid</i>	<i>1 W/O</i>	<i>1 W/O</i>						
<i>AAAC motor by hand</i>		<i>1</i>						
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)	<i>2</i>	<i>4</i>						

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.

HQ 18 Aust Inf Bde Unit.

Frank Colman Capt
Signature of Commander.
AAAC 18 Aust Inf Bde

Date of Despatch *3 April 43*

7 Aust Div
Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

TO BE MADE UP TO AND FOR SATURDAY IN EACH WEEK.

Army Form W.3008
(Page 1.)
(Adapted.)

Serial No. 7

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

W.E. Reference A.I.F.

A.M.F.

W.E. X

Date 10/19/45

Attached
Allowed by W.E. X

Unit

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

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

* Insert detail of higher rank as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name	Unit or Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Unit or Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

(Adapted)

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

Serial No 7
AIF IV/2/3
17x69

(Unit) 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
W.Os. Class II.	3	1	
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants			
Staff Serjeants	2	1	
Serjeants	4		1
Corporals	6		1
Troopers, Privates, &c.	53		1
TOTALS		* 2	* 3

*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.

Other attached

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
		1 bpl 2 Ptes	2/11 Aust Postal Unit
		1 Sgt 2 Ptes	2/10 Aust Luffar

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

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts if known).
OX 3533	Pte	McC Lennan H	-	117 AGH
VX 22139	bpl	Stevens AN	AAMIC	-

AHQ 18 Aust Inf Bde 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	15/5g	15g	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		16H	Height Takers			Riveters		
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 Duties			Shoemakers		
Concretors			Joiners			Signallers		
Cooks			Leather Stitchers			Signwriters		
Cooks, Hospital			Linesmen			Stokers, Stationary Engine		
Coppersmiths			Linesmen, Signals			Storemen, Technical		
Dental Clerk Orderlies			Lithographers			Surveyors		
Despatch Riders			Machinists			Surveyors, Engineering		
Dispensers			Masons			Tailors		
Draughtsmen			Masseurs			Telescope Identification Numbers		
Draughtsmen, Architectural			Mechanics, Dental			Textile Refitters		
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					
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)								
	2	3						

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.

AHQ 18 Aust Inf Bde
Unit.

SS Tomlinson Lieut
Signature of Commander.
7 Aust Div AHQ 18 Aust Inf Bde
Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

Date of Despatch 10 Apr 43

Serial No. 8

W.E. Reference A.I.F. 11/13

A.M.F. _____

W.E. 17 X 47

Attached Allowed by W.E. X

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Date 17 April 43

408 18 Aust Ld Bn Unit

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks and W.E.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels	1		
Majors	2		
Captains	5		3
Lieutenants	6		
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters	3		
Totals	17	14	3

* Insert detail of higher rank as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name	Unit or Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Unit or Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit or 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.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Regimental Sergeant Major	NX 231	H. Hutton G.O.	Regt. S.M.	Yes	Regt. S.M.
Lieut.	NX 423	William D.G.	Lt.	Yes	Lieut.
Lieut.	SX 1431	Burke G.O.	Lt.	Yes	Lieut.
Lieut.	SX 214	H. G.	Lt.	Yes	Lieut.
Lieut.	NX 19311	H. G.	Lt.	Yes	Lieut.
Lieut.	SX 9200	H. G.	Lt.	Yes	Lieut.
Lieut.	SX 314	H. G.	Lt.	Yes	Lieut.
Lieut.	SX 2101	H. G.	Lt.	Yes	Lieut.
Lieut.	SX 92304	H. G.	Lt.	Yes	Lieut.
Lieut.	SX 1426	H. G.	Lt.	Yes	Lieut.
Lieut.	SX 3142	H. G.	Lt.	Yes	Lieut.
Platoon Sergeant	SX 204	H. G.	Lt.	Yes	Lieut.
Platoon Sergeant	SX 4123	H. G.	Lt.	Yes	Lieut.
Platoon Sergeant	N 210	H. G.	Lt.	Yes	Lieut.

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit or Corps.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of attachment.	Allowed by W.E. (Insert Yes or No.)
Lieut.	SX 2104	H. G.	1st Bn.	-	3	Yes
Lieut.	SX 11012	H. G.	1st Bn.	-	-	Yes

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(Unit.)

17 April 1918
(Date of Despatch.)

G. S. Louder
(Signature of Commander.)

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

(Adapted)

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

Serial No 8
AIF II/2/3
17X64

189th Aust Lf Bn (Unit) 17 Apr 1943 (Date).

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

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

*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.
		16th 2 Pln	2/7 Aust Postal Bn
		18th 2 Pln	2/10 Bn

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

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts if known).
OX 3533	Pte	Ally Leman	-	117 AGH
VX 22134	Spl	Stevens A J	AAME	-

AR 18 Aust Inf Bde 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	14/15/1	14/1	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		14/1	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 Duties			Shoemakers		
Concretors			Joiners			Signallers		
Cooks			Leather Stitchers			Signwriters		
Cooks, Hospital			Linesmen			Stokers, Stationary Engine		
Coppersmiths			Linesmen, Signals			Storemen, Technical		
Dental Clerk Orderlies			Lithographers			Surveyors		
Despatch Riders			Machinists			Surveyors, Engineering		
Dispensers			Masons			Tailors		
Draughtsmen			Masseurs			Telescope Identification Numbers		
Draughtsmen, Architectural			Mechanics, Dental			Textile Refitters		
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					
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)	3	3						

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.

AR 18 Aust Inf Bde Unit.

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 Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch 17 Apr 43

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

TO BE MADE UP TO AND FOR SATURDAY IN EACH WEEK.

Army Form W.3008
(Page 1.)
(Adapted.)

Serial No. _____

W.E. Reference A.I.F. _____

A.M.F. _____

W.E. _____ X _____

Attached Allowed by W.E. _____ X _____

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Date _____

Unit _____

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

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

* Insert detail of higher rank as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name	Unit or Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Unit or Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

(Adapted)

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

Serial No 9
AIF II/2/3
17X 69

49 18 Amst of Base (Unit) 24 Apr 1943 (Date).

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1 Detail.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.			1
W.Os. Class II.	3	1	
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants			
Staff Serjeants	2	1	
Serjeants	4		1
Corporals	5		2
Troopers, Privates, &c.	53		
TOTALS	67	2	4

*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.
		1 Sgt 2 Pte	2/7 Amst Postal Unit
		1 Sgt 2 Pte	2/10 Base
		1 Pte	49 25 Amst of Base

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

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts if known).
OX 3533	Pl	Mr. [unclear]	-	117 AGH
VX 22134	RPL	[unclear]	AAMC	-

42 18 Aust Inf Bde 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	15/54	15/54	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		16/11	Height Takers			Riveters		
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 Duties		16/11	Shoemakers		
Concretors			Joiners			Signallers		
Cooks			Leather Stitchers			Signwriters		
Cooks, Hospital			Linesmen			Stokers, Stationary Engine		
Coppersmiths			Linesmen, Signals			Storemen, Technical		
Dental Clerk Orderlies			Lithographers			Surveyors		
Despatch Riders			Machinists			Surveyors, Engineering		
Dispensers			Masons			Tailors		
Draughtsmen			Masseurs			Telescope Identification Numbers		
Draughtsmen, Architectural			Mechanics, Dental			Textile Refitters		
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					
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)	2	3			1			

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.

42 18 Aust Inf Bde Unit. Signature of Commander: [Signature]
 Date of Despatch: 24 Sep 43 Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving: 7th Aust Divn. 11/50. 18 Aust Inf Bde

SECRET

W.D.

H.Q. 18 Aust. Inf. Bde. Location Statement No 3

(as at 2400 hrs. 24 April 43)

Ref map MT. GARNET 1 inch to 1 mile.

	UNIT	AREA	MAP REF.
1	H.Q. 18 Aust Inf Bde	RAVENSHOE	386836
2	11 Pl.H.Q. Gd. Bn. (6 Coy.)	"	386836
3	'J' Sec. Sigs.	"	386836
4	2/47 Aust. L.A.D.	"	386836
5	2/9 Aust. Inf. Bn.	"	390835
6	2/10 Aust. Inf. Bn.	"	386832
7	2/12 Aust. Inf. Bn.	"	388827

Distribution:-

7 Aust. Div.	Comd.	War Diary (2)
2/9 Aust. Inf. Bn.	B.M.	'J' Sec. Sigs.
2/10 " " "	S.C.	File
2/12 " " "	I.O.	

W.D

H.Q. 18 Aust. Inf. Bde. Location Statement. No 2

(As at 2400 hrs 9 April 43)

Unit.	Area.	Map Ref.
1. H.Q. 18 Aust. Inf. Bde.	Ravenshoe.	356836
2. II PL 6 Coy H.Q. G.D. Bn.	"	386836
3. JSec Sigs	"	386836
4. 2/47 Aust. L.A.D.	"	386836
5. 2/9 Aust. Inf. Bn.	"	390835
6. 2/10 Aust. Inf. Bn.	"	386832
7. 2/12 Aust. Inf. Bn.	"	388827

W.D.

18 AUST INF BDE TRAINING INSTRUCTION NO 27

W.D.

GENERAL

1. It is realised that many factors at present make resumption of training by units difficult, however, every effort must be made to commence preliminary individual training as soon as possible. Units will devote set periods daily to individual training when all personnel will participate. This can be carried out in vicinity of camp areas.

INDIVIDUAL TRAINING

2. The following subjects will be stressed during this preliminary period.

(a) Physical Condition

The development of hard physical condition by a process of progression from short marches to long arduous marches with full equipment, physical and bayonet training, digging etc.

(b) Personal Equipment

Equipment carried on the man and methods of carrying.

(c) Weapon Training

(i) Thorough knowledge of bn weapons.

(ii) Miniature range practices involving snap shooting and firing from the hip.

(d) Field Works

(i) Construction and siting of weapon pits. (small single man pits are suitable for first stage of development)

(ii) Camouflage of weapons pits etc.

(iii) Intensive training in rapid digging.

(e) Passing of Verbal Messages

This is particularly necessary in order that messages may be passed with corruption down a column when proceeding along a jungle track.

(f) Swimming

In view of possibility of combined operations training every opportunity should be taken to teach all personnel to swim.

REORGANISATION

3. Units will reorganize on Inf Bn Establishment. (Tropical Scale) II/12c/2. A/Tk instructors will be made available by this HQ on request.

FUTURE TRAINING

4. A training instruction will be issued at a later date to cover proposed stages and periods of training, training areas etc.

[Signature]
..... Capt.
A/EM 18 Aust Inf Bde.

DISTRIBUTION

2/9 Bn	Copy No. 1	SC	Copy No. 6
2/10 Bn	" " 2	IO	" " 7
2/12 Bn	" " 3	7 Aust Div	" " 8
Comd	" " 4	File	" " 9-10
EM	" " 5	War Diary	" " 12-12

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

(Erase heading not required).

Army Form C. 2118
(adopted)

H. 100M 2/42

Unit _____

Date and Time.—From _____ To _____

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			- Att are following appendices:	
			Appx "G" - Suggested amendments to WE	
			Appx "H" - 18 Aust Inf Bde ROs 14-17	
			AAF W3008 and 3009 for May 43)	

15 JUN 1943

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

(Erase heading not required).

Army Form C. 2118
(adapted,)

H. 100M 2/42

Unit _____

Date and Time.—From _____ To _____

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
RAVENSHOE	1 May		Bde Comd Brig F.O. CHILTON returned from a demonstration of amphibious ops at ROCKHAMPTON.	
			121 personnel of Bde Gp returned from 14 days special leave.	
			Conference held at HQ 18 Aust Inf Bde on suggested first line transport attended by B.M. Capt O.D. JACKSON, Maj PEEK and Capt HAMILTON 2/9 Aust Inf Bn, Capt SANDERSON 2/10 Aust Inf Bn, Capt HAUPT, Capt THOMAS 2/12 Aust Inf Bn (Remarks - see reports attached as Appces "A" & "B,")	
	2 May		Lt Col A.S.W. ARNOLD Comd 2/12 Aust Inf Bn, Capt W.R. KENT S.C. Maj J. BROCKSOPE B.M.(L) returned from 14 days special leave.	
	3 May		74 personnel returned to Bde Gp from leave.	
			Conference on training attended by comd Brig F.O. CHILTON DSO, Bn Comds, B.M. Capt O.D. JACKSON, B.M.(L) Maj J. BROCKSOPE	

15 JUN 1943

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

(Erase heading not required).

Army Form C. 2118
(adapted,)

H. 1COM 2/42

Unit _____ Date and Time.—From _____ To _____

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			and I.O. Lieut P.D. CONNOLLY (Remarks - see 18 Aust Inf Bde	
			Trg Instn No 28 of 11 May 43 att as Appx "C.")	
	4 May		Recce parties from 2/10 and 2/12 Aust Inf Bns completed	
			recce of trg area started 25 Apr 43.	
	5 May		Third anniversary of embarkation of 18 Aust Inf Bde for	
			ENGLAND. Barbecue to celebrate the occasion attended by	
			Maj Gen G.A. VASEY CB CBE DSO GOC 7 Aust Div, Brig K.W. EATHER	
			DSO, Comd 25 Aust Inf Bde, Brig N. DOUGHERTY DSO Comd 21 Aust	
			Inf Bde, Lt Col W.T. ROBERTSON MC GSOL 7 Aust Div, Col NORRIS	
			DSO ADMS 7 Aust Div, Lieut H.A. MCCOIM-	
			Lieut H.A. MCCOIM returned from leave.	
	6 May		61 personnel returned from leave.	
	7 May		Capt W.R. KENT posted as DAQMG 9 Aust Div, Lieut MCCOIM	
			carrying out duties of S.C.	

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

(Erase heading not required).

Army Form C. 2118
(adapted.)

H. 1COM 2/42

Unit _____ Date and Time.—From _____ To _____

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	8 May		Race Meeting at TUMOULIN attended by all ranks of Bde.	
			22 personnel returned from leave to Bde.	
	9 May		24 personnel returned from leave.	
			Practice air raid warnings passed from 7 Aust Div at 0211	
			0229 and 0240 hrs in connection with Civil defences test.	
	11 May		Capt N.J.C SHERWIN LO1 returned from leave. B.M. (L) Maj	
			J.E. BROCKSOPP resumed regtl duties. 22 personnel returned	
			from leave. Bde Comd Brig F.O. CHILTON DSO attended demonstration	
			by US Parachute Regt at GORDONVALE with GOC 2 Aust Corps, Div	
			and Bde Comds.	
TUMOULIN	12 May		Adv HQ 18 Aust Inf Bde marched out on bivouac across	
			country to TUMOULIN area at 1400 hrs.	
	13 May		Adv HQ returned to present location 0745 hrs	
RAVENSHOE	15 May		5 and 68 returned from leave to Bde. Race Meeting at	

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

(Erase heading not required).

Army Form C. 2118
(adapted.)

H. 100M 2/42

Unit _____

Date and Time.—From _____

To _____

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			MT GARNET attended by members of the Bde.	
	16 May		Jungle Trg School for pl comds (C.I. Capt DAUNT 2/9 Aust Inf Bn) and a school for intelligence personnel conducted by Bde I.O. Lieut P.D. CONNOLLY set up at ref map PALMERSTON 1/63360 455878.	
	17 May		Capt F.E. QUILTY OC "J" Sec Sigs 7 Aust Div with 40 personnel of Bde returned from leave.	
			Trg conference held by B.M. Capt O.D. JACKSON attended by Bn Comds.	
			Conference held by S.C.(L) Lieut H.A. MCCOIM attended by BASCO Capt D.C. COOMBE and QMs of Bns to discuss cooking of emergency ration.	
	18 May		A conference was held at HQ 18 Aust Inf Bde - subject - carriage of war eqpt in jungle ops (Remarks - see report att	

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

(Erase heading not required).

Army Form C. 2118
(adapted,)

H. 100M 2/42

Unit _____

Date and Time.—From _____

To _____

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			as Appx "D.")	
	19 May		Malarial blood smears taken. B.M. Capt O.D. JACKSON, LO1 Capt N.J.C. SHERWIN, Sig Offr Capt F.E. QUILTY - positive.	
	20 May		Practice move Bde HQ 0730 - 1730 hrs. Capt N.J.C. SHERWIN LO1 evacuated to 6 Aust C.C.S.	
	21 May		Capt R.G. SWAN 2/12 Aust Inf Bn and Lieut D.F. SAUNDERS 7 Aust Div att HQ 18 Aust Inf Bde as A/BM and A/BM(L) respectively in absence of Capt O.D. JACKSON. Lieut PATTERSON OC 2/47 Aust LAD returned from leave.	
	22 May		Capt C.B. PARBURY returned to 2/9 Aust Inf Bn from duties with 2/9 Aust Cav Regt as OC Jungle Trg Team.	
	23 May		B.M. Capt O.D. JACKSON, Sig Offr Capt F.E. QUILTY and Lieut PATTERSON 2/47 Aust LAD evacuated to 6 Aust C.C.S. Bde church parade in 2/9 Aust Inf Bn lines. Bde marched	

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

(Erase heading not required).

Army Form C. 2118
(adapted.)

H. 1COM 2/42

Unit _____

Date and Time.—From _____

To _____

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			past. Bde Comd Brig F.O. CHILTON DSO took salute.	
			Lieut R.J.S. SEDDON returned to take up duties of S.C.	
			Lieut G. LOVELESS LO2 returned from leave.	
	24 May		Bde Comds' conference for 7 Aust Div exercise No 1. Lieut TONKIN Sigs 7 Aust Div reported to act as OC J Sec Sigs for Div exercise.	
	25 May		Order Gp at HQ 18 Aust Inf Bde for exercise, attended by Bde Staff, unit comds and umpires. Warning Order and Exercise 00 No 1 (see Appces "E" and "F.") issued.	
	26 May	0830	Bde HQ moved on foot with limited tpt on div exercise. HQ established night 26/27 vicinity EAST EVELYN.	
	27 May		Exercise continued. Bde HQ night 27/28 5 miles north of EAST EVELYN.	
	28 May		Div exercise completed 1200 hrs. BASCO Capt D.C. COOMBE	

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

(Erase heading not required).

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(adapted.)

H. 1COM 2/42

Unit _____

Date and Time.—From _____ To _____

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			evacuated with malaria to 6 Aust CCS.	
	29 May		Capt W.H. HALL AASC 7 Aust Div att to act as BASCO.	
	30 May		Conference at RAVENSHOE attended by all offrs of 7 Aust	
			Div who participated in Div exercise . Bde Comd Brig F.O. CHILTON	
			DSO had dinner at YUNGABURRA with GOC 2 Aust Corps.	
	31 May		Conference at HQ 18 Aust Inf Bde attended by Bde Comd Brig	
			F.O. CHILTON DSO, CO 2/12 Aust Inf Bn Lt Col A.S.W. ARNOLD,	
			CO 2/9 Aust Inf Bn Maj C.C.F. BOURNE, CO 2/10 Aust Inf Bn Maj	
			J.E. BROCKSOPP. A/B.M. Capt R.G. SWAN, S.C. Lieut R.J. SEDDON,	
			A/B.M.(L) Lieut D.F. SAUNDERS, I.O. Lieut P.D. CONNOLLY. Orders	
			issued for three day bivouac area confluence MILLSTREAM and	
			WILD R. 2-5 Jun. Improvised crossing of water obstacles to be	
			practiced. Engr pl to accompany Bde and give instn in use of	
			assault boats.	

Serial No. 10

W.E. Reference A.I.F. 71213

A.M.F. _____

W.E. 17 X 68 (Special Duty)

Date 1 May 43

Attached _____
Allowed by W.E. _____ X _____

Unit 41878 Aust Inf Bn

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks and W.E.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels			
Majors	1		1
Captains	5	4	1
Lieutenants	6	5	1
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters	2	3	
Totals	17	14	3

* Insert detail of higher rank as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name	Unit or Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Unit or Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit or 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.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Major	NA 231	W. H. ...	...	Yes	
Major	NA 12146	...	...	Yes	
Major	NA 1430	...	...	Yes	
Major	NA 214	...	...	Yes	
Major	NA 14577	...	...	Yes	
Major	NA 2300	...	...	Yes	
Major	NA 514	...	...	Yes	
Major	NA 2101	...	...	Yes	
Major	NA 97249	...	...	Yes	
Major	NA 14231	...	...	Yes	
Major	NA 2695	...	...	Yes	
Major	NA 2902	...	...	Yes	
Major	NA 40254	...	...	Yes	
Major	NA 2110	...	...	Yes	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit or Corps.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of attachment.	Allowed by W.E. (Insert Yes or No.)
Major	NA 33637	...	...	...	...	Yes

413 18 Aust Inf Bde
 (Unit.)
 1 Albany 403
 (Date of Despatch.)

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

(Adapted)

Serial 10
AIF 11/2/13
17A 68 (2nd Inf Bn)

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

H.Q. 18 Aust Inf Bde (Unit) 1 May 1943 (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.	3	1	
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants			
Staff Serjeants	2		
Serjeants	4		1
Corporals	5		3
Troopers, Privates, &c.	5.5	5	
TOTALS	64	6	5

*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.
		1 CPL 2 Ptes	2/7 Aust Postal Unit
		1 Sgt 2 Ptes	2/10 Aust Inf Bn

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

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

HQ 18 Aust Inf Bde 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		1847	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		1848	Height Takers			Riveters		
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 Duties		1848	Shoemakers		
Concretors			Joiners			Signallers		
Cooks			Leather Stitchers			Signwriters		
Cooks, Hospital			Linesmen			Stokers, Stationary Engine		
Coppersmiths			Linesmen, Signals			Storemen, Technical		
Dental Clerk Orderlies			Lithographers			Surveyors		
Despatch Riders			Machinists			Surveyors, Engineering		
Dispensers			Masons			Tailors		
Draughtsmen		1848	Masseurs			Telescope Identification Numbers		
Draughtsmen, Architectural			Mechanics, Dental			Textile Refitters		
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					
<i>Commander's Bandmaster</i>	<i>1848</i>	<i>1848</i>						
<i>General Duties</i>	<i>5</i>							
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)	<i>6</i>	<i>4</i>			<i>1</i>			

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.

HQ 18 Aust Inf Bde
Unit.

[Signature]
Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch *1 May 43*

7 Aust Div
Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

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AIF 11/2/3
17 x 68 (Tropical Seal)

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

DYE Pbn. (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).
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels ...	/	/	/
Majors ...	/	/	/
Captains ...	/	/	/
Lieutenants ...	/	/	/
2nd Lieutenants ...	/	/	/
Quartermasters ...	/	/	/
Totals ...	/	/	/

* 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).

(Adapted)

Serial 11

AIF 11/2/3

17/68 (Tropical Scale)

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

D9E Pln

(Unit) *8-5 -* 19*43* (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.	<i>/</i>	<i>/</i>	<i>/</i>
W.Os. Class II.	<i>/</i>	<i>/</i>	<i>1</i>
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	<i>/</i>	<i>/</i>	<i>/</i>
Staff Serjeants	<i>/</i>	<i>/</i>	<i>/</i>
Serjeants	<i>1</i>	<i>/</i>	<i>/</i>
Corporals	<i>4</i>	<i>/</i>	<i>1</i>
Troopers, Privates, &c.	<i>5</i>	<i>/</i>	<i>26</i>
TOTALS	<i>10</i>	<i>*</i> <i>/</i>	<i>* 28</i>

*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.

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

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

DYE Pln 18th Inf Bde 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		
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 Duties			Shoemakers		
Concretors			Joiners			Signallers		
Cooks		1 Cpl	Leather Stitchers			Signwriters		
Cooks, Hospital			Linesmen			Stokers, Stationary Engine		
Coppersmiths			Linesmen, Signals			Storemen, Technical		
Dental Clerk Orderlies			Lithographers			Surveyors		
Despatch Riders			Machinists			Surveyors, Engineering		
Dispensers			Masons			Tailors		
Draughtsmen			Masseurs			Telescope Identification Numbers		
Draughtsmen, Architectural			Mechanics, Dental			Textile Refitters		
Draughtsmen, Mechanical			Mechanics, M.T.			Tinsmiths		
Draughtsmen, Signal			Mechanics, Typewriter			Toolmakers		
Draughtsmen, Topographical			Mechanics, Wireless			Turners		
Driver Mechanics		1 Plt	Millwrights			Vulcanizers		
Driver Operators		4 Plts	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					
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)		6						

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.

DYE Pln
Unit.
Date of Despatch *8-5-43*

E Phillips Capt
Signature of Commander.
18 Aust Inf Bde
Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

TO BE MADE UP TO AND FOR SATURDAY IN EACH WEEK.

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Serial No. _____

W.E. Reference A.I.F. _____

A.M.F. _____

W.E. _____ X _____

Attached Allowed by W.E. _____ X _____

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Date _____

Unit _____

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks and W.E.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels			
Majors	1		1
Captains	4		4
Lieutenants	2		2
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
Totals	14		3

* Insert detail of higher rank as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name	Unit or Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Unit or Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

(Adapted)

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

Serial 11
AIF 11/2/30
17 x 68 (Original Book) 11/18/48 (Unit) 19 49 (Date).
To be furnished by all units and all Headquarter units.)

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

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

*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.
		1 Corp 2 Ptes	2/7 Aust Postal Unit
		1 Sgt 2 Ptes	2/10 Aust Inf Bn

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

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

HO 18th Aust Inf Bde 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		147	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		192	Height Takers			Riveters		
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 Duties		192	Shoemakers		
Concretors			Joiners			Signallers		
Cooks			Leather Stitchers			Signwriters		
Cooks, Hospital			Linesmen			Stokers, Stationary Engine		
Coppersmiths			Linesmen, Signals			Storemen, Technical		
Dental Clerk Orderlies			Lithographers			Surveyors		
Despatch Riders			Machinists			Surveyors, Engineering		
Dispensers			Masons			Tailors		
Draughtsmen		196	Masseurs			Telescope Identification Numbers		
Draughtsmen, Architectural			Mechanics, Dental			Textile Refitters		
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					
Orderlies, Bandage		W01						
General Duties		4						
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)	5	4			1			

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.

HO 18th Aust Inf Bde Unit.

Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch 8 May 43

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

Serial 12

AIF 11/2/3

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

17 x 68 (Tropical Scale)

4015 ~~Det~~ 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>Regiment</i> *	1		
Lieut.-Colonels ...			
Majors ...			2
Captains ...	3		1
Lieutenants ...	5		
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...			
Totals ...	9		5

* 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	Albatt S		9 May 43	Returned from hospital

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Maj	BRICKSOP		12 May 43	Returned to parent Reg Bn
Capt	KENTW. R		9 May 43	Transferred to 9 Aost Bn

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		
Brigadier	NX 231	Chilton F. C.	Bde Comd	Yes	
Captain	NX 12242	Jackson O. D.	A/B. H.	Yes	
Captain	QX 2101	Spencer N. J. C.	Lt	Yes	
Captain	VX 14371	Coombes D.	Rtd. O.	Yes	
Lieut	QX 17347	McGowan H. H.	A/S. C.	Yes	
Lieut	QX 4300	Kennedy A. D.	Lt	Yes	
Lieut	QX 14346	Rea D. W.	A. O.	Yes	
Lieut	QX 3675	Jones J. B.	Hyg. O.	Yes	
Lieut	QX 2158	Abbott S.	Lt	Yes	
Lieut	VX 38857	Lovell G. C.	Lt	No	14 days leave
Lieut	QX 319	Silber J. G.	Lt	No	14 days leave
Captain	SX 8944	Phillips E. B.	Chaplain	No	2/11/10
Captain	SX 40234	Hornby A. E.	Captain	No	2/11/10
Captain	N 0160	Walter K. A. W.	Captain	No	2/11/10

(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	QX 2158	Abbott S.			A/Lt
Lieut	VX 38857	Lovell G. C.			A/Lt

H. 18 Lt Col of Regt
(Unit.)

Amr L. Colman Lieut
(Signature of Commander.)

15 May 43
(Date of Despatch.)

7th Div
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

Serial No. 12
W.E. Reference A.I.F. 11/2/3
A.M.F. _____

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

HQ 18 Aust Inf Bde (Unit) 15 MAY 43 (Date).

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

W.E. 17 X 68 (Tropical Area) Attached Allowed by W.E. _____ X _____

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail and W.E.	Posted Strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I. <u>1</u>			<u>1</u>
W.Os. Class II. <u>2</u>	<u>2</u>		
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants			
Staff Serjeants <u>2</u>	<u>2</u>		
Serjeants <u>4</u>	<u>4</u>		
Corporals <u>8</u>	<u>6</u>		<u>2</u>
Troopers, Privates, &c. <u>51</u>	<u>48</u>		<u>3</u>
TOTALS <u>68</u>	<u>62</u>	*	<u>6</u>

* 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.

Personnel Attached Against W.E.

Other Attachments Not Allowed by W.E.

Detail and W.E.	Unit or Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit or Corps to which they belong.
<u>Sgt Ammer</u> <u>1</u>	<u>AEME</u>	<u>Cpl Clark</u> <u>1</u>	<u>2/10 Aust Inf Bn</u>
<u>Pvt MT</u> <u>1</u>	<u>AEME</u>	<u>1 Cpl 2 Ptes</u>	<u>2/7 Postal Unit</u>
		1 Sgt 1 Pte	

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

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit or Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts if known).

HQ 18 Aust G of Bde Unit.

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

Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	W.E.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	W.E.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	W.E.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)
Ammunition Examiners				B/F				B/F			
Armament, Artificers				Fitters, Railway Signal				Riggers			
Armourers				Fitters, Signal				Riveters			
Artificers, Artillery				Grinders				Saddlers			
Axemen				Gun Layers				Saddle Tree Makers			
Bakers				G.P.O. Assistants				Saw Doctors			
Battery Surveyors				Gun Operators				Sawyers			
Battery Comdrs. Asst.				Hammermen				Shoemakers			
Blacksmiths				Height Takers				Signallers			
Boilermakers				Helio Operators				Signwriters			
Bricklayers				Instrument Mechanics				Stokers, Stationery Engine			
Butchers				Instrument Mechanics, Surgical				Storemen, Technical			
Camouflage Modeller				Instrument Operators				Surveyors			
Carpenter and Joiner				Intelligence Duties	1/4pl		1/4pl	Surveyors, Engineering			
Clerks	1/4pl		1/4pl	Joiners				Tailors			
Clerks, Engineering				Leather Stitchers				Telescope Identification Numbers			
Clerks, Supply				Linesmen				Textile Refitters			
Clerks, Technical				Linesmen, Signals				Tinsmiths			
Coachmakers				Lithographers				Toolmakers			
Computers				Machinists				Turners			
Concretors				Masons				Vulcanizers			
Cooks				Masseurs				Wagon Erectors			
Cooks, Hospital				Mechanics, Dental				Watchmakers			
Coppersmiths				Mechanics, M.T.				Watermen			
Dental Clerk Orderlies				Mechanics, Typewriter				Welders			
Despatch Riders				Mechanics, Wireless				Well Borers			
Dispensers				Millwrights				Wheelers			
Draughtsmen				Miners				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen, Architectural				Moulders				Wiremen			
Draughtsmen, Mechanical				Nursing Orderlies				Woodturners			
Draughtsmen, Signal				Nursing Orderlies (Mental)				(b)			
Draughtsmen, Topographical				Nurses, Trained				General Duties			
Driver Mechanics				Observation Post Assistants							
Driver Operators				Operating Room Assistants							
Drivers, Transportation Plant				Operators, Signal				(c) Non-Specialists			
Electrical Fitters				Opticians							
Electricians				Painters							
Electricians, Eng. Units				Panel Beaters							
Electricians, Signal				Pattern Makers							
Engine Artificers				Pharmacists							
Engine Hands I/C				Photographers, dry plate							
Equipment Repairers				Photographers, wet plate							
Farriers				Photo-Writers							
Fire Control Operators				Plate Layers							
Fitters				Plumbers							
Fitters and Turners				Predictor Numbers							
Fitters, Cycle				Printers							
Fitters, Drivers				Radiator Mechanics							
Fitter's Mates				Radiographers							
Fitters, M.V.				Range Takers							
C/P	1		1	C/F	2		2	TOTAL			

Deficiency in ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E. 3

Totals to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A. 6

Notes--- (a) If rank other than Private is involved give details on back.
(b) Authorized Trades or Specialists not included in list above will be added as required in spaces provided.
(c) Non-Specialists required to be shown in their respective trades or duties in accordance with W.E.

HQ 18 Aust G of Bde Unit.

Signature of Commander.
7 Aust Div

Date of Despatch 15 May 43

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

SERIAL 13
AIF 4/13

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

17 X 68 (TROPICAL SCALE)

HQ 18 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).
*			
* KILPATRICK	1		
Lieut.-Colonels ...			
Majors ...			2
Captains ...	X 2 5		5 4
Lieutenants ...			
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...			
Totals ...	X 10 11		X 6

* 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.
CAPT	SWANBY	18 Aust Inf Bde	24/43	17/2/44
LIEUT	SAUNDERS	18 Aust Inf Bde	24/43	17/2/44

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
CAPT	SWANBY	18 Aust Inf Bde	24/43	17/2/44

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.
	42 251	SMITH, J. H.	1st Div.	Yes	
	42 252	SMITH, J. H.	1st Div.	Yes	
	42 253	SMITH, J. H.	1st Div.	Yes	
	42 254	SMITH, J. H.	1st Div.	Yes	
	42 255	SMITH, J. H.	1st Div.	Yes	
	42 256	SMITH, J. H.	1st Div.	Yes	
	42 257	SMITH, J. H.	1st Div.	Yes	
	42 258	SMITH, J. H.	1st Div.	Yes	
	42 259	SMITH, J. H.	1st Div.	Yes	
	42 260	SMITH, J. H.	1st Div.	Yes	
	42 261	SMITH, J. H.	1st Div.	Yes	
	42 262	SMITH, J. H.	1st Div.	Yes	
	42 263	SMITH, J. H.	1st Div.	Yes	
	42 264	SMITH, J. H.	1st Div.	Yes	
	42 265	SMITH, J. H.	1st Div.	Yes	
	42 266	SMITH, J. H.	1st Div.	Yes	
	42 267	SMITH, J. H.	1st Div.	Yes	
	42 268	SMITH, J. H.	1st Div.	Yes	
	42 269	SMITH, J. H.	1st Div.	Yes	
	42 270	SMITH, J. H.	1st Div.	Yes	
	42 271	SMITH, J. H.	1st Div.	Yes	
	42 272	SMITH, J. H.	1st Div.	Yes	
	42 273	SMITH, J. H.	1st Div.	Yes	
	42 274	SMITH, J. H.	1st Div.	Yes	
	42 275	SMITH, J. H.	1st Div.	Yes	
	42 276	SMITH, J. H.	1st Div.	Yes	
	42 277	SMITH, J. H.	1st Div.	Yes	
	42 278	SMITH, J. H.	1st Div.	Yes	
	42 279	SMITH, J. H.	1st Div.	Yes	
	42 280	SMITH, J. H.	1st Div.	Yes	
	42 281	SMITH, J. H.	1st Div.	Yes	
	42 282	SMITH, J. H.	1st Div.	Yes	
	42 283	SMITH, J. H.	1st Div.	Yes	
	42 284	SMITH, J. H.	1st Div.	Yes	
	42 285	SMITH, J. H.	1st Div.	Yes	
	42 286	SMITH, J. H.	1st Div.	Yes	
	42 287	SMITH, J. H.	1st Div.	Yes	
	42 288	SMITH, J. H.	1st Div.	Yes	
	42 289	SMITH, J. H.	1st Div.	Yes	
	42 290	SMITH, J. H.	1st Div.	Yes	
	42 291	SMITH, J. H.	1st Div.	Yes	
	42 292	SMITH, J. H.	1st Div.	Yes	
	42 293	SMITH, J. H.	1st Div.	Yes	
	42 294	SMITH, J. H.	1st Div.	Yes	
	42 295	SMITH, J. H.	1st Div.	Yes	
	42 296	SMITH, J. H.	1st Div.	Yes	
	42 297	SMITH, J. H.	1st Div.	Yes	
	42 298	SMITH, J. H.	1st Div.	Yes	
	42 299	SMITH, J. H.	1st Div.	Yes	
	42 300	SMITH, J. H.	1st Div.	Yes	

(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.
	42 251	SMITH, J. H.	1st Div.	1/15/43	Attached to 1st Div.
	42 252	SMITH, J. H.	1st Div.	1/15/43	Attached to 1st Div.
	42 253	SMITH, J. H.	1st Div.	1/15/43	Attached to 1st Div.

116 15th Div. (Unit.)

[Signature] Capt. Bde.

22 11/43 (Date of Despatch.)

7th Div. (Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

TO BE MADE UP TO AND FOR SATURDAY IN EACH WEEK.

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Serial No. 13

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

W.E. Reference
A.I.F. 11/13
A.M.F. _____

HQ 18 Aust Inf Bde (Unit)

22 MAY 43 (Date)

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

W.E. X Attached Allowed by W.E. X

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

Detail and W.E.	1	2	3	4
		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			2
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants				
Staff Serjeants	2	1		1
Serjeants	4	2		2
Corporals	8	6		2
Troopers, Privates, &c.	515	43		8
TOTALS	68	52	.	16

* 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.

Personnel Attached Against W.E.

Other Attachments Not Allowed by W.E.

Detail and W.E.	Unit or Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit or Corps to which they belong.
1 FITTER MT	AEME	1 COL 1 PTE	2/7 Aust Postal Unit
		1 COL 2 PTEs	3/10 Aust Inf Bn
		1 Sgt 2 PTEs	2/12 Aust Inf Bn
		1 Sgt	(Education Sgt)

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

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit or Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts if known).

HQ 18 AUST INF BDE Unit.

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

Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	W.E.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	W.E.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	W.E.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)
Ammunition Examiners				B/F				B/F			
Armament, Artificers				Fitters, Railway Signal				Riggers			
Armourers	1		1	Fitters, Signal				Riveters			
Artificers, Artillery				Grinders				Saddlers			
Axemen				Gun Layers				Saddle Tree Makers			
Bakers				G.P.O. Assistants				Saw Doctors			
Battery Surveyors				Gun Operators				Sawyers			
Battery Comdrs. Asst.				Hammermen				Shoemakers			
Blacksmiths				Height Takers				Signallers			
Boilermakers				Helio Operators				Signwriters			
Bricklayers				Instrument Mechanics				Stokers, Stationery Engine			
Butchers				Instrument Mechanics, Surgical				Storemen, Technical			
Camouflage Modeller				Instrument Operators				Surveyors			
Carpenter and Joiner				Intelligence Duties	48		43	Surveyors, Engineering			
Clerks	6		3	Joiners				Tailors			
Clerks, Engineering				Leather Stitchers				Telescope Identification Numbers			
Clerks, Supply				Linesmen				Textile Refitters			
Clerks, Technical				Linesmen, Signals				Tinsmiths			
Coachmakers				Lithographers				Toolmakers			
Computers				Machinists				Turners			
Concretors				Masons				Vulcanizers			
Cooks				Masseurs				Wagon Erectors			
Cooks, Hospital				Mechanics, Dental				Watchmakers			
Coppersmiths				Mechanics, M.T.	X		X	Watermen			
Dental Clerk Orderlies				Mechanics, Typewriter				Welders			
Despatch Riders				Mechanics, Wireless				Well Borers			
Dispensers				Millwrights				Wheelers			
Draughtsmen	2		1	Miners				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen, Architectural				Moulders				Wiremen			
Draughtsmen, Mechanical				Nursing Orderlies				Woodturners			
Draughtsmen, Signal				Nursing Orderlies (Mental)				(b) GENERAL DUTIES	3		X2
Draughtsmen, Topographical				Nurses, Trained				C.S.M.	1		1
Driver Mechanics				Observation Post Assistants				B.O.W.O.	1		1
Driver Operators				Operating Room Assistants							
Drivers, Transportation Plant				Operators, Signal				(c) Non-Specialists			
Electrical Fitters				Opticians				SIG ORDERLIES	6		3
Electricians				Painters							
Electricians, Eng. Units				Panel Beaters							
Electricians, Signal				Pattern Makers							
Engine Artificers				Pharmacists							
Engine Hands I/C				Photographers, dry plate							
Equipment Repairers				Photographers, wet plate							
Farriers				Photo-Writers							
Fire Control Operators				Plate Layers							
Fitters				Plumbers							
Fitters and Turners				Predictor Numbers							
Fitters, Cycle				Printers							
Fitters, Drivers				Radiator Mechanics							
Fitter's Mates				Radiographers							
Fitters, M.V.	1		1	Range Takers							
	C/P	40	46		C/F	14	19				
								TOTAL			1

Notes-- (a) If rank other than Private is involved give details on back.
(b) Authorized Trades or Specialists not included in list above will be added as required in spaces provided.
(c) Non-Specialists required to be shown in their respective trades or duties in accordance with W.E.

HQ 18 AUST INF BDE Unit.

Signature of Commander Capt
7 AUST INF DIV 18 Aust. Inf. Div.

Date of Despatch 22 MAY 43

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

SERIAL 14

AIF 11/2/3

17x68 (TERRACAL SCALE)

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

HQ 18AUST 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).
* BRIEFER *	1		
Lieut.-Colonels ...			
Majors ...	23		23
Captains ...	6	1	43
Lieutenants ...			
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...	3		
CHAPLAINS			
Totals ...	12 13	1	25

* 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	SEDDON R.T.S.	2nd Lt 18/1st	25.5.43	Returned from X list
Lieut	LOVELESS G.C.	2nd Lt 18/1st	25.5.43	Returned from leave
Capt	HALL W.S.	HQ AASC	21.5.43	Returned from leave

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lieut	ABBOTT S.	2nd Lt 18/1st	24.5.43	Transferred to hospital camp
Capt	COMBE D.C.	HQ 18A 18/1st	25.5.43	Transferred to hospital camp
Capt	JACKSON O.J.	HQ 18A 18/1st	25.5.43	Transferred to hospital camp

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.
Company Quartermaster	MX 231	CHILTON F.C.	Bde Cavalry	Yes	
Captain	MX 12343	JACKSON C.D.	A.P.M.	No	Hospital
Captain	GX 2101	SHERWIN N.W.C.	Lt Col	No	Hospital
Captain	VX 14877	CCHESE D.C.	Supt.	No	Hospital
Lieut	SX 1741	SEEDON A.J.S.	S.C.	Yes	
Lieut	MX 17347	MCCOLM H.A.	S.C.(2)	Yes	
Lieut	GX 1501	CONNELLY P.D.	I.C.	Yes	
Lieut	GX 14346	KEA D.W.	A.C.	Yes	
Lieut	GX 3573	JONES D.B.	High C.	Yes	
Lieut	GX 514	HATHEN T.Y.	T.O.	No	At home on leave
Adjutant	SX 5144	PHILLIPS E.C.	Captain	No	2/11/43
Captain	SX 10054	NEAKES H.C.	Captain	No	2/11/43
Company Quartermaster	N 110	HUTTON R.M.W.	Company Quartermaster	No	2/11/43

(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	TX 2017	SWAN R.G.	4th Div	20/5/43	A.P.M.
Lieut	SX 11002	SALUNDERS D.F.	HR. 7th Div	20/5/43	A.P.M.(2)
Lieut	VX 38857	LOVELLSS G.B.	4th Div	11/1/43	A.P.C.
Lieut	GX 2158	ABDOU S.	4th Div		A.P.C.

AG 18 Aust Inf Bde

(Unit.)

[Signature]
S. C. 18 (Signature of Commander.)

7 Aust Div

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

(Date of Despatch.)

29 MAY 43

Serial No 14

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

(Adapted)

AIF 11/2/3

HK18 1st INF BDE (Unit)

27 MAY

19 43 (Date)

17 x 68 (TROPICAL SCALE)

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1 Detail.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 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		1
Serjeants	2	4	2
Corporals	6		2
Troopers, Privates, &c.	41		10
TOTALS	50	*	* 18

*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.
1 Fitter MT	AEME	1 gpl 1 pte	2/7 Aust Postal Unit
		1 gpl 2 ptes	2/40 Aust Inf Bn
		1 ssgt 2 ptes	2/42 Aust Inf Bn
		1 sgt	AEME AES

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

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

HQ 18 Aust Inf Bde 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		1sgt	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.		1pte	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		1WO 1CPL	Height Takers			Riveters		
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 Duties		1WO 1CPL	Shoemakers		
Concretors			Joiners			Signallers		
Cooks			Leather Stitchers			Signwriters		
Cooks, Hospital			Linesmen			Stokers, Stationary Engine		
Coppersmiths			Linesmen, Signals			Storemen, Technical		
Dental Clerk Orderlies			Lithographers			Surveyors		
Despatch Riders			Machinists			Surveyors, Engineering		
Dispensers			Masons			Tailors		
Draughtsmen		1pte	Masseurs			Telescope Identification Numbers		
Draughtsmen, Architectural			Mechanics, Dental			Textile Refitters		
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		
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						ORDERLIES		4
						EDUC SGT		1
						GEN DUTIES CPL		1
						GEN DUTIES PTE		3
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)		4		14				18

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.

HQ 18 Aust Inf Bde

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FROM **HONO**

Originator's Number **0 15** Date **27** In Reply to Number

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EXERCISE	ONLY	(.)	OPERATION	ENK ORDER (.) ⁵	
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PROVO (3)	(.) FOO	to move	with van	guard coy	30
and OPO	with Adv	guard (.)	Main Body (.)	HONO Comd	35
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less one	coy (.) FUPO	(.) one coy	HEVA less	det (.)	45
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at FBURJC	and will	come under	comd HONO (.)	Bounds (.)	55
rd junc	PCQUJF	upper BARRON	PCMUKP and	rd junc	60
PCBUKR (.)	report lines	will be as	for bounds (.)	XXXXXXXXXX	65
SP rd junc	PCRUJT (.)	Adv Guard	leading tps	pass S P	70
at 0715 hrs	(.) head	of main	body pass	S P at 0750 hrs	75
(.) Admin (.)	rations one	day hard	two days	emergency	80
carried on	man (.)	Ann reserve	on xxxxx	immediate	85
demand this	HQ (.)	water POL	unchanged (.)	Medical	90
one det	BCoy HEVA	to move	with FULA (.)	B & Coy	95
HEVA less	det to move	with HONO (.)	A Coy HEVA	to remain	100
as ADS	in present	location (.)	Inter Com (.)	FULA ROPO	105
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to move in	bounds to	afford	comtinuous	support	115
to advance (.)	Synchronisation	watches	at 0700	28 May (.)	120
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Appx 'A' to HQ 18 Bde W.D. for May 43

SUGGESTED SCALE IN TRANSPORT

SC

HQ 18 Aust Inf Bde
2 May 43

7 Aust Div

1. The following notes are submitted in response to DAONG's verbal request for a suggested minimum scale of jeep transport for an inf bn.
2. It is submitted that such a scale depends in part on factors NOT at present within the knowledge of this HQ; e.g. nature of terrain in area of operations, nature and scale of operations, distance from base area to be covered, number of roads and tracks available, etc.
3. Subject to para 2 above the attached minimum scale is submitted for consideration. It is based on the following factors:-
 - (a) Troops carry all possible equipment and ammunition
 - (b) No provision is made for gas stores or heavy cooking gear.
 - (c) Provision has been made for a reduced amount of first line ammunition to be carried. If, as it is strongly recommended, full first line ammunition is to accompany the unit, five additional jeeps and trailers would be required.
 - (d) No provision has been made for water carrying.
 - (e) It has been assumed that the capacity of a jeep is 600 lbs and of a trailer 1000 lbs.

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Comd 18 Aust Inf Bde.

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Serial	Sub Unit	Jeeps	Trailers	Jeep Load	Trailer Load
1	bn HQ	1		60 101 set md/or 108 set	
2	Sig Pl	1	1	108 sets - 4 Fullerphones Mk IV - 4 Switchboard UC 1 Spare valves, cells, bulbs, etc.	Shelter Cable electric - 8 miles (on reels) Telephones DV 12 Apparatus aerial sig (recognition) Lamps elec - 4
3	MMG Pl	3	3	Each MMG 2 Tripods 3 Condensers, tubings 2 Set fire control instrum- ents Spare parts boxes 3	Each Boxes spare parts 1 Boxes belt filled 7 Belts 34 .505" boxes 4 Total am w/gun 3371 rpg.
4	Mortar Pl	4	4	Each Mortars 3 Mountings 3 Base plates 3 Spare parts, sets 2 Set fire control instruments Cleaning gear	Each Bombs 3" 100 Total am w/mortar 50 rds per mortar
5		3	3	Each Bombs 3" 60 Total am on am vehs 40 rds per vch	Each Bombs 3" 100
6	Tr A Pl	4	4	Each Spare parts sets 2 Cleaning gear 6 boxes am 2-pr Total am w/gun 48 rpg	Each Guns 2-pr Tr A - towed behind jeep
7		3	3	Each 10 boxes am 2-pr Total am on am vehs 120 rpg	Each Bombs 3" 100 30 boxes 2-pr am.
8	Pioneer Pl	1	1	Machetes (bn res) Wedges Mauls Bill Hooks Cordage & wire Dubbin & mineral jelly Res rifle oil Carpenters tools Tracing tapes.	Picks 68 Shovels 68 Axes felling Armourers tools

Seq No	Sub Unit	Jeeps	Trailers	Jeep Load	Trailer Load
9	Bn Amn Reserve	5	5	.303" rifle 50 rds per rifle - 51000 .303" LMG 50 rds per gun - 20500 .303" MG 1248 rds per gun - 4992 .45" SMG 200 rds per gun - 21000 .5" Tk A rifle 15 rds per rifle 210 .38 pistol 6 rds per pistol 348 3" Mortar bombs 60 rds per mortar 720 Cranes 36m - 458 Grenades 88 50	
10	RAP & Bn HQ	1	1		RAP gear Bn office shelter RAP shelter Bn office gear
11	Admin Pl	2	2	Bn cooking utensils, water cans, emergency tools.	
TOTALS		26	24 21		

Notes:-

- (a) Introduction of a lighter type of TSMG will decrease weight of SMG reserve carried but will not affect the number of vehicles required.
- (b) The loads of vehicles carrying bn SAA Reserve and of those allotted to the Admin Pl may be combined and vehicles allotted on a coy basis.

The following first line arm is NOT provided for in the above scale of tpt:-

Arm	Rounds	Boxes	Weight (lbs)
.303" rifle	52900	55	2409
" LMG	52800	26	2184
" MG	12524	10	840
.45" SMG	16800	15 8	882
.5" Tk A rifle	2060	15	728
TOTAL			6993

This would require five jeeps and five trailers.

Serial	Sub Unit	Jeeps	Trailers	Jeep Load	Trailer Load
1	En HQ	1		CC 101 set md/or 102 set	
2	sig Pl	1	1	102 sets - 4 Fullerphones Mk IV - 4 Switchboard W 1 Spare valves, cells, bulbs, etc.	Shelter Cable electric - 8 miles (on reels) Telephones DV 12 Apparatus serial sig (recognition) Lamps elec - 4
3	MMG Pl	2	2	Each MMG 2 Tripods 2 Condensers, tubings 2 Set fire control instru- ments Spare parts boxes 2	Each Boxes spare parts 1 Boxes belt filled 7 Belts 24 .303" boxes 4 Total am w/gun 5571 rpg.
4	Mortar Pl	4	4	Each Mortars 2 Mountings 2 Base plates 2 Spare parts, sets 2 Set fire control instruments Cleaning gear	Each Bombs 3" 100 Total am w/mortar 50 rds per mortar
5		8	8	Each Bombs 3" 60 Total am on am vehs 40 rds per man	Each Bombs 3" 100
6	Tk A Pl	4	4	Each Spare parts sets 2 Cleaning gear 6 boxes am 2-pr Total am w/gun 48 rpg	Each Guns 2-pr Tk A - towed behind jeep
7		2	2	Each 10 boxes am 2-pr Total am on am vehs 120 rpg	Each Bombs 3" 100 20 boxes 2-pr am
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10	RAP & Bn HQ	1	1		RAP gear Bn office/shelter RAP shelter Bn office gear
11	Admin Pl	2	2	Bn cooking utensils, <i>water cans, emergency rations</i>	
TOTALS		26	28 21		

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Amn	Rounds	Boxes	Weight (lbs)
.303" rifle	58900	35	3409
" LMG	32800	26	3184
" MKC	13524	10	640
.45" SMG	16800	23 8	832
.5" Mk A rifle	2080	15	728
TOTAL			6993

This would require five jeeps and five trailers.

Appx B to HQ 18 Ba. W.D. for May 43

SCALE OF TRANSPORT - BDE HQ

HQ 18 Aust Inf Bde
4 May 43

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7 Aust Div

1. Attached please find suggested scale of jeep and trailer transport for an inf bde HQ.
2. The suggestions have been made subject to the same conditions as those stated in the suggested scale for an inf bn.

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Serial	Detail	Jeep Trailers		Remarks
1.	Bde Comd	1	-	W/T set
2.	B.M.	1	-	W/T set (rear link)
3.	S.G.	1	1	Office Shelters Bde Office gear
4.	Bde ASC offr	1	1	
5.	I.O.	1	1	Comd HQ shelter Bde "I" office & shelter
6.	I.O.	1	-	For use of 3 LO's
7.	Bde HQ Arm Reserve	1	1	.503" 5960 BMG 7600 .5" 80 .38" 108 Grenades 36 m Grenades 68 m
An additional reserve may also be carried above WE scale.				
8.	Admin	2	2	Shelters Cooking gear Reserve rations Tools Expense stores Armourers kit
10-12	Water	5		Water trailers attached behind (for supply of water to Ens)
15	Defence Pl	1	1	Twin bren mountings and guns. Arm Reserve
TOTAL		13	7	

Note:-

Above figures do NOT provide for J Sec 7 Asst Div Sigs.

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1.	Bde Comd	1	-	W/T set
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4.	Bde ASC offr	1	1	
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6.	L.O.	1	-	For use of 3 LO's
7.	Bde HQ Arm Reserve	1	1	.303" 5960 SMG 7600 .5" 80 .58" 108 Grenades 36 m Grenades 68 m
An additional reserve may also be carried above WE scale.				
8.	Admin	8	8	Shelters Cooking gear Reserve rations Tools Expense stores Armourers kit
10-12	Water	5		Water trailers attached behind (for supply of water to Bns)
13	Defence Pl	1	1	Twin brn mountings and guns. Arm reserve
TOTAL		15	7	

Note:-

Above figures do NOT provide for J Sec 7 Asst Div Sigs.

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18 AUST INF BDE TRAINING INSTRUCTION NO 28 PART I

GENERAL NOTES ON TRAINING

1. GENERAL

The purpose of this instn is to outline the tng policy for the period 2 May - 12 Jun 43. Should the period available for tng be extended, tng will continue on the same general lines.

2. OBJECT

The object of our present tng is to prepare the Bde to meet the JAP in a tropical theatre of ops.

3. TIME AVAILABLE

(a) The time available before the Bde may be called upon for ops is not known. For purposes of organisation of tng 7 Aust Div has therefore specified that programmes will be based on the assumption that a period of six weeks from 2 May 43 is available for tng other than amphibious tng. Time devoted to the latter will be additional to this period of six weeks.

(b) In the case of 18 Aust Inf Bde an intensive individual and collective tng programme cannot commence until bns have attained a reasonable strength. It is assumed that bns will have reached this strength on or before 16 May 43. This allows a minimum period of four weeks only within which to cover all aspects of tng, other than amphibious tng. It is obvious that tng must be organised in detail in the interim, and that once commenced it must be conducted with the utmost vigor.

(c) Since the period available is one of refresher tng rather than initial tng it will not be divided into individual and collective tng periods but these two forms will be interspersed throughout the period. This will ensure that, should an emergency arise, units and formations will be able to function as such before the completion of whole tng period.

4. MORALE

It must be kept in mind that success in war requires certain mental and moral qualities in all ranks - in other words a high standard of "morale." In this connection the following extract is quoted from 2 Aust Corps Tng Instn No 1:-

" A high morale is principally dependant on the following factors:-

(a) Discipline Australian Forces have always had a high standard of battle discipline. That much loved fallacy of a section of our press, that a good battle discipline is obtainable from ill disciplined troops has been utterly exploded, and it has been proved beyond doubt that battle discipline is entirely dependant on unit discipline. As units train so will they fight.

(b) Physical Fitness Physical exhaustion and sickness lower morale. Warfare in any theatre of ops is tiring and warfare in tropical theatres is particularly exhausting. A high standard of physical fitness is essential to resist tropical diseases, as well as to reduce the effect of the physical effort that this type of warfare involves.

(c) Confidence Confidence in the weapon with which the soldier is armed, and by acquiring skill in the use of his weapons, confidence in his ability to use them effectively in action.

(d) Self Reliance . To act calmly in action, the soldier must be trained to think and act for himself, and must have complete confidence in his individual ability to defeat his opponent.

(e) Efficient Leadership and Teamwork. In addition to having confidence in himself, the soldier's morale is dependant also on the knowledge that his leaders are efficient and that he can depend on the staunchness and cooperation of the other members of his sub-unit. In the same way, confidence in the efficiency, staunchness and cooperation of the other arms within the formation is essential."

5. OTHER FACTORS AFFECTING TNG

(a) The present Standard of Training

Units include men with battle experience in the MIDDLE EAST and/or NEW GUINEA; also a proportion of reinforcements who joined during recent ops, but who have had insufficient basic tng. Units will also have to absorb additional reinforcements with no battle experience and with varying degrees of general tng. Special arrangements will be necessary to bring reinforcements up to the required standard as early as possible.

Whilst this Bde saw much fighting in NEW GUINEA its experience was largely confined to offensive ops against a static enemy in carefully prepared posns. Mob ops in jungle warfare where a force is required to operate at great distances from its base along single track, which is not capable of MT, represents the "worst case" in jungle warfare and it is therefore this type of op to which our tng should principally be directed.

(b) Special Problems of Jungle Warfare likely

The conditions under which future ops are to take place are described in 7 Aust Div "Notes on Jungle Warfare for Pl and Sec Comds". The terrain is characterised by lack of comms, swamps, rivers and other obstacles to movement; parts are rugged and mountainous; in addition to thick jungle areas of comparatively open grassland may be met, as well as coconut and other plantations. Problems arising are largely administrative, and require much study and experiment. In particular special attention to the following matters will be necessary:-

(i) Eqpt

Experiment and tng is necessary in regard to what eqpt, etc is to be carried under varying conditions, and how it is to be carried. Certain suggestions are contained in 7 Aust Div notes; other suggestions will be issued later. Signal eqpt and the heavy weapons need special consideration.

(ii) Rations

Individual cooking of both hard emergency and emergency dehydrated rations will be the subject of experiments and will be practiced during exercises. All ranks must be capable of living and maintaining morale and efficiency on emergency dehydrated rations for periods up to three days.

(iii) Mountainous Areas

The importance of high ground even in the jungle is emphasised. The necessity for securing the heights in such country will be stressed and practiced in tng.

(iv) Water Obstacles

Experiments will be conducted and tps practiced in improvised methods of crossing water obstacles.

(v) Medical

As malaria and other tropical diseases are liable to be endemic in areas of future ops, tps must be thoroughly trained in preventative measures and in tropical hygiene generally.

(vi) Enemy Characteristics.

The low animal cunning of the Jap needs no stressing to those members of the Div who were in battle in NEW GUINEA. It is essential that all personnel who have not had such experience should be instructed accordingly. From the wider point of view, tactical tng must be closely related to known enemy characteristics and tactical methods.

6. GAS TRAINING.

Anti-gas eqpt will not be issued at present, and gas tng will be deferred pending further instns.

7. TRAINING OF H.Q.

Lack of infm, and difficulties of control, are outstanding characteristics of jungle warfare. Infm obtained is usually received late, and prompt action is therefore necessary. To be able to take prompt and effective action demands that all comds have complete control of their subordinates. This can only be done if all HQ with their appropriate signal and liaison personnel are properly trained. The tng of bde and unit HQ will therefore be commenced early and continued throughout the tng period.

8. PHYSICAL HARDENING.

As a result of sickness, leave etc, tps are now out of condition and must be progressively hardened to the high standard required in jungle warfare. As far as possible marching, hill climbing etc, will be combined with tactical or other tng. Loads comparable with those which the soldier will have to carry during ops should be carried from the outset; the progressive hardening process involving longer distances and increased speed rather than increased loads.

9. NIGHT OPERATIONS.

In future ops in terrain similar to NEW GUINEA, it seems unlikely that night ops on a large scale will be possible. It is important, however, that all ranks receive night tng to fit them for patrols and other minor ops.

10. TRAINING IN COOPERATION WITH TANKS.

In suitable areas of ops it is anticipated that tks will be employed in cooperation with inf, and comds and tps must be trained accordingly. Further instns on this subject will be issued later.

11. AMPHIBIOUS OPERATIONS.

Separate instns will be issued later regarding amphibious tng, which will not form part of the tng during the period 2 May - 12 Jun 43.

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NIGHT OPERATIONS.

18 AUST INF BDE TRAINING INSTRUCTION NO. 28 - PART II.

TRAINING PROGRAMME.

POLICY

12. Training Instn No. 27 will be followed until the main tng programme covered by this instn can be put into operation. The date, which must be as early as possible, will be nominated by CO's when they consider unit strength and organisation permit and will be approved by this HQ.

PRELIMINARY WORK.

13. In confirmation of conference held on 3 May 43 the following work will be carried out prior to initiation of main tng programme:-

- (a) Completion of miniature rifle ranges, grenade ranges and jungle assault courses.
- (b) Recce of tng areas allotted and preparation of sec and pl exercises to be carried out later.
- (c) NCO cadre courses.
- (d) Preliminary tng vide Tng Instn No. 27 - concentrating on reinforcements.
- (e) Pl Comds Course (under Bde arrangements; details separately).
- (f) Tng of HQ staffs.

INDIVIDUAL TNG.

14. The "Bull Ring" system of instruction will, as far as possible be used and tng kept under centralised control. This will save time and permit the maximum number of offrs and NCOs to be made available for other tng.

15. In addition to the special matters referred to in para 5(b) and physical hardening of tps, the following subjects will be included in programmes:-

- (a) Jungle Craft.
 - (i) Acclimatization to jungle conditions, i.e. preparation of shelters, fd cooking, lighting of fires under wet conditions, personal and unit hygiene, personal anti-malarial measures, and the recognition of jungle foods.
 - (ii) Ability to recognise the unusual in the jungle, i.e. freshly made tracks, camouflaged weapon pits, snipers and snipers' posns, etc.. This can be developed by use of a strip of jungle which has been carefully prepared to bring out individual points and also the use of the jungle assault course.
 - (iii) Maintenance of direction in the jungle.
 - (iv) Intelligent use of camouflage.
 - (v) Patience to wait for a certain kill in ambush.

(b) Weapon Tng.

- (i) Basic tng to be brought up to standard with special reference to OWEN gun.
- (ii) Miniature range practices in three stages to produce - firstly accuracy, secondly accurate snap shooting and thirdly effective firing from the hip incl BREN and OWEN guns.
- (iii) Visual tng and tng in quick reaction by use of jungle assault course. This tng should be carried out in two stages. Firstly without firing; use men concealed along a course who, e.g. rattle rifle bolts or move bushes etc, also prepare ground to indicate signs of enemy. Secondly, put the man through the assault course with live amm.
- (iv) Sniper tng of specially selected personnel.

(c) Bayonet Tng.

Sufficient to maintain standard, promote physical fitness and give confidence.

(d) Field Works.

- (i) Intensive practice in rapid "digging in" under all conditions.
- (ii) Construction, siting, development and immediate camouflage of weapon pits.

(e) Passing of Verbal Messages.

This is necessary in order that messages may be quickly passed down a column on a jungle track without distortion.

SEC AND PL TNG.

16. This will be on the basis of "Inf Minor Tactics" and "7 Aust Div Notes on Jungle Warfare," and can largely be based on aggressive patrolling. Tng will NOT be limited exclusively to jungle conditions.

17. The following will be covered:-

- (a) Weapons, amm and eqpt, etc to be carried by the sec under varying conditions.
- (b) Maintenance of direction in the jungle.
- (c) Control of the sec throughout all phases of the jungle action.
- (d) Advancing to gain contact and maintenance of contact once established. Use of point sec and scouts.
- (e) The assault.
- (f) The defence incl fd works, booby traps and ambushes.
- (g) Ambushes.
- (h) Improvised crossing of water obstacles.
- (i) Problems of intercomm.

COY AND BN TNG.

18. Further instns will be issued concerning tactical tng for jungle warfare. Tng will be preceded by a series of TEWTS and discussions to be held by Bde for Bn and Coy Comds.

During all tactical tng Comds will ensure that the tps are fully informed as to what is going on and the lessons which are brought out.

SPECIALIST TNG

- 19. (a) Tk A instns will be provided by this HQ on request.
- (b) An int course will be held under Bde arrangements. Details later.

TRAINING HOURS

20. Tng will be carried out for a minimum of six hours daily for six days per week. One night per week will be employed in night tng.

BDE AND DIV EXERCISES

21. The following periods will be reserved for Div skeleton exercises entailing Bn and Coy HQ, Bn Sig Pls.

- 3 days during week ending 29 May
- 3 days during week ending 12 Jun

22. The following dates will be reserved for Bn exercises under Bde control.

- 2/9 Aust Inf Bn 1 and 2 Jun 43
- 2/12 Aust Inf Bn 4 and 5 Jun 43
- 2/10 Aust Inf Bn probably during week ending 12 May 43.

SYLLABI

- 23. (a) Detailed syllabi for preliminary tng period ending 16 May will be submitted by 1200 hrs 13 May 43.
- (b) Outline syllabus of tng for period 17 May - 12 Jun will be submitted by 1800 hrs 14 May 43. It will be discussed with CO's before it is put into operation.

[Signature]
 Capt.
 B.M. 18 Aust Inf Bde.

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2/9 Aust Inf Bn	1
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SECRET
18 AUST INF BDE.,

May 1943.

7 AUST DIV.,

1. As units of this bde have now been reorganised on tropical
units, I respectfully desire to comment on certain items of our
equipment in relation to tropical warfare.

2. It is accepted that future operations, like the recent
OWEN STANLEY Campaign, will probably involve operations over
considerable distances without M.T., and that therefore essential
equipment should be as light as possible to facilitate man carrying.
Much experience was gained in the recent campaign, and it is
understood that suggestions and recommendations of lower
formations as to equipment were submitted to L.H.Q. at the
request of that HQ. I submit that it would be of great assistance
to bde and Unit Comds in their planning and training, if details
could be furnished of the new or modified equipment, if any,
which it is intended to issue to the units of jungle Divs prior
to future operations.

3. Whilst many items of inf equipment are NOT entirely
suitable for jungle warfare, it has been found possible to
obtain reasonably satisfactory results, by improvisation etc.
In my opinion however this is NOT the case in regard to
the following :-

- (a) Signal equipment within the bde.
- (b) A suitable tool for quick entrenching.
- (c) Suitable types of shelter for personnel and office
accommodation in the field.

4 It is obvious that good communications, vital in any type of
warfare, are of supreme importance in the jungle where visibility
is nil and control is difficult to achieve. With existing signal
equipment, I feel very strongly that often this control will
break down within the bde with serious consequences.

The bde is at present being equipped with No 11 wireless sets, fitted in a heavy, specially designed, 2 wheel drive vehicle. Whilst it is NOT doubted that the set is technically efficient and suitable for its purpose in desert or well roaded country, it is extremely heavy and would require over 20 men (apart from reliefs) to manhandle it. Native carriers can not be relied on in forward areas, and with units usually well below strength, I am of the opinion that it will often be impossible to get such a set where and when it is needed.

Within the Bn, 108 sets, whatever their performance in open country and under good conditions, were, in the experience of this bde, unreliable and ineffectual under operational conditions in N.G. The bde is at present being reequipped with 108 sets. Both the existing D5 telephone set and the D3 wire, are far too heavy in the jungle. It is noted that both the U.S. forces and the Jap possess much lighter equipment. Furthermore, telephones and switch boards did not stand up to wet conditions satisfactorily.

5. The need for a light spade, like that carried by the Jap and U.S. Troops, is apparent. Present tools can only be carried at the expense of mobility.

6. Shelters required are :-

(a) Shelters for personnel - similar to the type carried by U.S. Troops but lighter. Perhaps a light expendable type of shelter might be made of a strong water proof paper, or of cellophane. In any case, the efficiency of troops will quickly deteriorate unless they are provided with some form of cover.

(b) Shelters for HQ's, Sigs etc. - Forward Units and Bde HQ cannot rely on Native carriers to carry heavy existing types - e.g. tent flys. It is submitted that the type needed is one that can be broken down into sections each carried by one man in addition to his normal gear. The material, therefore, must be extremely light

Louison
Brig.
COMD 13 AUST INF BDE.

Appx E to HQ 1st Bn WD for May 25

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2/5 Aust Fd Amb, ~~2/11 Aust Fd Coy~~, 7 Aust Div, Umpires (2)

FROM 18 Aust Inf Bde
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(.)	ref	route	map	15
TABLELANDS	(.)	18 Aust	Inf Bde	20
att	tps	move	to	25
X rds	342798	26	May	30
RAVENSHOE -	CHILVERTON	(.)	2/12 Bn	35
Gd	(.)	No	move	40
0800 hrs	(.)	0 Gp	RV	45
HQ	2100 hrs	to-night	(.)	50
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per		sitrep	No 1	(.)	2	25
(.)		7	Div	less	25	30
Bde		advances	on	26	May	35
to		secure	line	of	rd	40
and		rd	june	342798	incl	45
KABAN		332796	(.)	Objectives	18	50
Bde		rd	june	342798	21	55
Bde		KABAN	(.)	Routes	18 B	60
Bde		RAVENSHOE	CHILVERTON	21	Bde	65
RAVENSHOE		TUMOULIN (.) 3	(.) intention (.)	18	Bde	70
will		act	as	Adv	Gd	75
to		RAVENSHOE	thereafter	will	be	80
responsible		for	right	flank	protection	85
during		adv	to	objective	(.)	90
4		(.)	Method	(.)	Adv	95
Gd		Comd	Lt-Col	ARNOLD (.)	2/22	100
Exec Tps		(.)	2/12	Bn	with	105
u/e		3	rifle	coys	2/10	110
Bn		recee	party	and	1	115
sub-sec		2/6	Fd	Coy	and	120
det		2/5	Fd	Amb	(.)	125
Bounds		(.)	RAVENSHOE	rd	june	130

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rd	RAVENSHOE	TUMOULIN	until	relieved	25
by	21	bde	(.)	one	30
rifle	coy	2/10	bn	secure	35
rd	RAVENSHOE	MILLA-MILLA	near	rd	40
June	346787	(.)	one	rifle	45
coy	2/10	bn	secure	rd	50
MILLA-MILLA	CHILVERTON	(.)	6	(.)	55
main	body	in	following	order	60
of	march	cmd	sp	HQ	65
18	bde	2/9	bn	HQ 18	70
bde	less	cmd	sp		75
2/10	bn	less	three	rifle	80
coy	2/6	fa	coy	less	85
dets	A	coy	2/5	fa	90
and	less	dets	(.)	7	95
(.)	sp	entrance	present	HQ	100
18	bde	(.)	starting	times	105
(.)	loading	tps	adv	gd	110
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gd	(.)	8	(.)	<u>Adm</u>	30
(.)	medical	(.)	MDS	at	35
present	bivouac	area	(.)	supplies	40
(.)	three	days	emergency	rations	45
carried	on	man	(.)	ann	50
tpt	tools	as	for	today's	55
advance	(.)	9	(.)	<u>intercomm</u>	60
(.)	one	208	set	with	65
sach	bn	(.)	no	wireless	70
silence	(.)	one	DR	with	75
each	adv	gd	and	coy	80
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War Diptk G to HQ 18 Bde. Ref. 54951 for May 43.

AMENDMENTS TO WAR ESTABLISHMENTS

HQ 18 Aust Inf Bde
May 43

7 Aust Div

1. Ref your G103/1/266 of 21 May 43, it is desired to submit the following suggestions for amendments to WEs of an Inf Bn.

(a) Stretcher Bearers

Present Establishment - 1 sjt, 2 cpl, 18 ptes
Suggested Establishment - 1 sjt, 2 cpl, 22 ptes.

Owing to long and difficult carries, at least one squad is required to provide for relief and replacement of casualties.

It is also suggested that bearers be equipped with pistols instead of rifles which are extremely difficult to carry with a stretcher case.

(b) No 3 (M) Pl

Present Establishment - 1 NCO, 3 ORs (each det)
Suggested Establishment - 1 NCO, 5 ORs (each det)

The effect of the present WE is to increase the number of 3" mortars from 6 to 8 without an increase of personnel.

The present number within the det makes no provision at all for carrying bombs, let alone wastage. The result is that one battle casualty or one man sick puts a det out of action.

(c) No 5 (Pioneer) Pl

Present Establishment - 1 offr, 1 sjt, 2 cpls, 16 ORs
Suggested Establishment - 1 offr, 1 sjt, 3 cpls, 34 ORs

Experience tends to show that the present number is NOT sufficient to carry all necessary tools, stores, etc. Furthermore, Pioneers may be expected to perform many tasks normally allotted to RAE, owing to the heavy demands on the latter in areas further to the rear. This Pl will frequently have to fight, and the suggested organisation will enable it to be used, if necessary, as a rifle pl.

2. ADM PL

Under the old WE MT drivers, etc in the Adm Pl provided an essential reserve and flexibility, especially for adm purposes in jungle warfare. For example, they were used for carrying parties in forward areas where native carriers could not be used; they were also used to supervise natives, etc. The only alternative under present WE is to withdraw men from rifle coys for these essential duties, and these are usually all too weak and occupied as it is. (It is therefore suggested that 50 ORs under an officer (T.O.) be reintroduced. These men should be trained as MT drivers as in many areas of future ops MT will be possible and necessary, if only on a reduced scale, within the Bn.

3. Although the foregoing suggestions involve an increase in personnel, it is submitted that they are essential to the fighting efficiency of the Bn. In jungle warfare the emphasis is on numerical strength rather than on equipment and fire power; having regard to the inevitably high wastage due to sickness, rifle coys are liable to be reduced below effective fighting strength if they have also to provide essential adm parties. It may be claimed that the system of

reinforcements should keep sub-units up to effective fighting strength and that therefore certain of the suggestions contained above are unnecessary; but in the past it has apparently never been possible to keep units to anything approaching full strength, and similar conditions must be anticipated in future. Therefore it is respectfully submitted that the WE of a fighting unit should be based on reality and provide a small reserve and degree of flexibility, rather on the supposition that sub-units will always be at near the WE figure.

Fullerton

Brig.
Comd 18 Aust Inf Bde.

Appx 4 to HQ 18 Bde W.D. Jnl HQ 43

W.D.
AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE
ROUTINE ORDERS
BY
BRIGADIER F.O. CHILTON
COMMANDING 18 AUST INF BDE

Nos 14-17

Part 1

May 43

14 AMENITIES

Receipt is acknowledged of the undermentioned articles which have been received from the A.C.F. and which have been distributed:-

71 pieces toilet soap
71 " washing soap
71 tubes toothpaste
144 pkts PK's
44 " cigarette papers
79 ozs tobacco
87 pkts cigarettes
124 pkts biscuits

15 SECURITY

7 Aust Div RO No 1 of 2 May 43 is repeated:-

"(i) The following breaches of security have recently been noted:-

- (a) Newspapers are being ordered locally using unit names.
- (b) Letters are being addressed to members of units with "RAVENSHOE" as part of the address.

(ii) Units will ensure that any newspapers, etc which are ordered locally are ordered in the name of an individual.

(iii) The inclusion of the name of a town in the address of letters indicates the giving of an incorrect address by the recipient in the first place.

(iv) All ranks will again be informed of the only correct address (GRO 174 of 10 Jul 42), viz, Number, Rank, Name, Sub-Unit, Unit, AUSTRALIA.

(v) Men who have received letters including "RAVENSHOE" as part of the address are to be requested to inform the writers to omit place names in future correspondence.

(vi) Officers censoring mail will ensure that only the correct address is placed at the head of the letter."

16 BREAKING DOWN OF SERVICE OR ENEMY AMMUNITION

GRO No G541 of 30 Apr 43 is repeated:-

1. The breaking down of service or enemy ammunition in any way other than that authorised by training publications, hand books, regulations in existence or instructions issued from LHQ is strictly forbidden.

2. The breaking down of any service or enemy ammunition by unauthorised persons is prohibited.

3. If information is required on the internal construction of any type of service ammunition, reference can be made to inspecting Ordnance Officers posted to HQ of Corps or L of C Areas.

4. Enemy ammunition will normally be broken down or demolished by RAE units (preferably bomb disposal units) under instruction from formation, etc HQ.

(To be repeated in unit routine orders)

17 IGNITER SETS - GRENADES NO 36M - SUSCEPTIBILITY TO MOISTURE
GRO No G342 of 30 Apr 43 is repeated:-

1. The .22 RF cartridge cap, as used in the igniter sets for grenades No 36 M, is highly susceptible to moisture.
2. Personnel handling igniter set containers will observe strictly the following procedure:-

- (a) Igniter sets are always issued in soldered cylinders. Should a cylinder be opened and the whole of the contents not expended, the cylinder will be rescaled by effective adhesive tape or shellac binding.
- (b) Detonators which show signs of corrosion or verdigris on the caps will be treated as suspect as these are liable to produce blinds. Units will refer such detonators to an inspecting Ordnance Officer for determination of condition.

Units will keep the number of "ready use" grenades to a minimum, consistent with operational needs, and in tropical areas this number will not exceed four days requirements in advance.

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COMBAT EFFICIENCY REPORTS

Ref. G. 371

HQ 18 Aust Inf Bde
13 May 43

7 Aust Div

1. Ref your memo SG52/3/80 of 26 Mar 43.
2. Forwarded herewith reports for month of May for HQ 18 Aust Inf Bde, 2/9, 2/10 and 2/12 Aust Inf Bns and 2/47 Aust LAD.

Lambert
Brig.
Comd 18 Aust Inf Bde.

UNIT	General Standard of Officers and NCOs	Phase of Eng covered during the month	Type of Warfare Formations con- sidered capable of	REMARKS
HQ 18 Aust Inf Bde	Majority experienced in tropical warfare. Standard satisfactory	Individual	F	All units are numerically weak as a result of leave and sickness hence they are not yet organised Owing to large percentage of reinforcements with insufficient basic eng further eng of this nature and also collect- ive eng is required.
8/9 Aust Inf Bn	Majority experienced in tropical warfare. Standard satisfactory	Individual	F	
8/10 Aust Inf Bn	Majority experienced in jungle warfare. Standard satisfactory	Individual	F	
2/12 Aust Inf Bn	Majority experienced in jungle warfare. Standard satisfactory	Individual	F	
2/27 Aust LAD	Experienced in tropical warfare. Standard satisfactory.	Nil	F	

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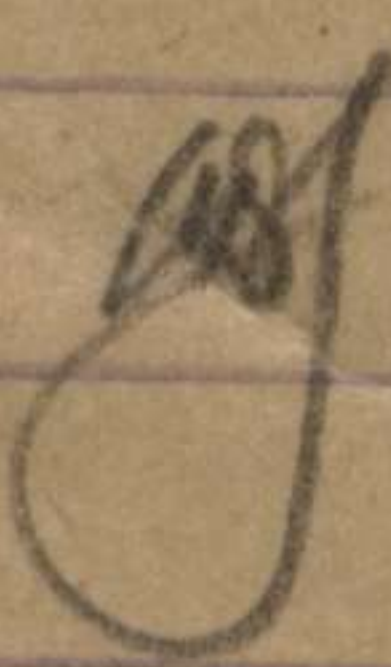
REPORT ON THE RESULTS OF THE SURVEY OF THE
 43rd and 44th Divisions

Operations etc (down to Div HQ and Bn)	With this effective strength													Strength of per- centage	etc	Remarks	
	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)	(m)				

2/9 Aust Inf Bn	44	100	100	100	50	124								9 - 127	Trailing		
3/9 Aust Inf Bn	51	100	100	100	50	124								13 - 46	Trailing		
4/12 Aust Inf Bn	3	100	100	100	50	17								15 - 170	"		
Average per cent	33	100	100	100	50	14								37 - 313			
4/13 (incl 1st & 2nd Bns)	40	100		100										9	2 - 52	"	
4/17 Aust Bn	12	50													- 1	"	

18 AUST. INF BDE.

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MOST SECRET

COMBAT EFFICIENCY REPORT OF 2/10 Aust Inf Bn.
For Month ended 15 May 45.

(a) Serial No	(b) Formations etc (Down to Div HQ and Bdes)	Approx percentages available with units										(p) Strength of personnel	Role (q)	Present Employment (eg assembly, training, prepara- tions for operations) (r)		
		Weapons														
	(c) Rifles	(d) LMGs	(e) MMGs	(f) OSMGs	(g) 2" MORTARS	(h) 3" MORTARS	(i) 3 prs	(j) 6 prs	(k) 25 prs	(l) 40 mm WEAPONS	(m) MT	(n) CARRIERS	(o) TANKS			

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Posted Strength 35 & 629
 Effective Strength 9 & 127

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[Signature]
 Adm Comd 2/10 Aust Inf Bn

18 AUSTRALIAN INF BDE.

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For the Month ended 15 MAY. 48


FORMATION		Approx percentages available with Units		ROLE	PRESENT EMPLOYMENT
(a)					
(b)		Wea pons			
(c)	RIFLES	NO	200		
		%	31%		
(d)	LMGs	NO	41		
		%	100%		
(e)	MMGs	NO	4		
		%	100%		
(f)	TSMGs	NO	105		
		%	100%		
(g)	2" MORTARS	NO	6		
		%	50%		
(h)	3" MORTARS	NO	1		
		%	12 1/4%		
(i)	2 prs		NIL.		
(j)	6 prs		NIL.		
(k)	25 prs		NIL.		
(l)	40 mm Weapons	NO	NIL.		
(m)	MT	%	NIL.		
(n)	CARRIERS		NIL.		
(o)	TANKS		NIL.		
(p)	STRENGTH OF PERSONNEL OFFS		13		
		OR'S	216		
(q)				Training	
(r)					Assembly & Training

L. L. Henne
.....Major

Adm Comd 2/9 AUT INF BN

13 AUST. INF. BDE.

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2/12 Aust. Inf. Bn.

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Sheet 1

COMBAT EFFICIENCY REPORT OF 2/12 Aust Inf Bn
for month ended 25 May 43

MOST SECRET

(a) Serial No	(b)	Approx percentages available with units											(p) Strength of personnel	Role	Present employment			
		Weapons																
		(c) Rifles	(d) LMGs	(e) MMGs	(f) TSMGs	(g) 2" Mor	(h) 3" Mor	(i) 2 prs	(j) 6 prs	(k) 25 prs	(l) 40 mm Weapons	(m) MT				(n) Carriers	(o) Tanks	
2/12 Aust Inf Bn	22 ²	100	100	100	50	163 ²	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Offrs 15	ORs 170	TRAINING	Assembly & TRAINING.

J. C. Safegood
Maj
Adm Comd 2/12 Aust Inf Bn.

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Sheet 1

COMBAT EFFICIENCY REPORT OF 2/12 Aust Inf Bn
for month ended 20 May 43

MOST SECRET

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	Weapons																
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2/12 Aust Inf Bn	22 3/4	100	100	100	50	100 1/2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Offrs 15	ORs 170	TRAINING	TRAINING.

[Signature] Maj
Adm Comd 2/12 Aust Inf Bn.

18 AUST. INF BATT

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COMBAT EFFICIENCY REPORT - MONTH ENDING
15 MAY 43.

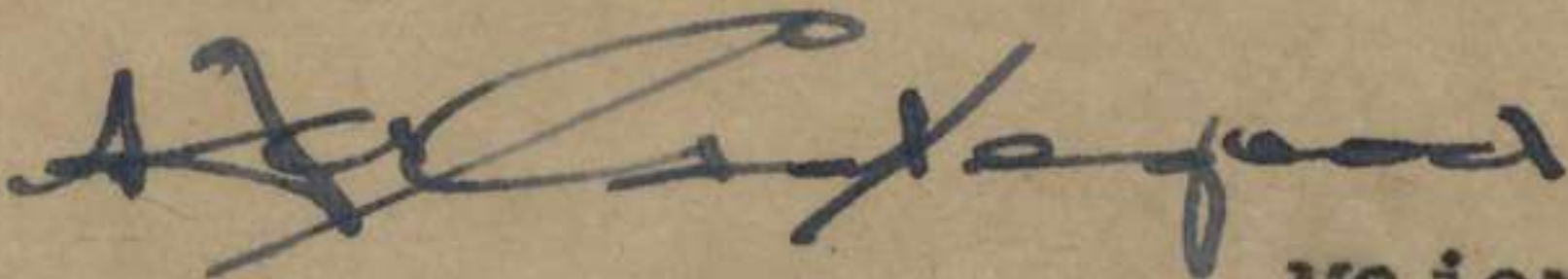
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10 May 43.

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18 Aust Inf Bde.

Forwarded herewith Combat Efficiency report, for
Month ending 15 May 43 - 2/12 Aust Inf Bn.

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Adm Comd. 2/12 Aust Inf Bn.

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COMBAT EFFICIENCY REPORT - MONTH ENDING
15 MAY 43.

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Adm Comd. 2/12 Aust Inf Bn.

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COMBAT EFFICIENCY REPORT

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For month ending ~~XXI~~ 15 May 43.

HQ
2/12 Aust Inf Bn.

Date. 10 May 43.

<u>Serial Number</u>	<u>Formation Etc.</u>	<u>Role</u>	<u>Present employment.</u>	<u>Fitness of Comd.</u>	<u>General Standard of Offrs & NCOs</u>	<u>Phase of trg covered during month</u>	<u>Type of warfare formation considered Capable of.</u>	<u>Remarks.</u>
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)
1	2/12 Bn.	NIL	Assembly		Fair.	Individual.	F.	Owing to the high proportion of the Bn still being absent on leave and the number of personnel required for working parties, only a small amount of individual trg has been done. There were 56 Evac to Hosp, mainly through Malaria, since the last report was furnished.


Major.
Adm Comd. 2/12 Aust Inf Bn.

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COMBAT EFFICIENCY REPORT

For month ending ~~XXI~~ 15 May 43.

HQ
2/12 Aust Inf Bn.

Date. 10 May 43.

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A. H. Delgado
Major.
Adm Comd. 2/12 Aust Inf Bn.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

MOST SECRET.

HQ 7 Aust Div.
SG52/3/80.
26 Mar 43.

Subject:- COMBAT EFFICIENCY REPORTS.

14 Aust Inf Bde.	3	RAE	4
18 Aust Inf Bde.	4	HQ Comd AASC	4
21 Aust Inf Bde.	4	Medical	3
25 Aust Inf Bde.	8	Ord	3
2/7 Aust Cav,	1	AEME	5
Sigs.	1	Pro, 7 Aust Div.	1

Reference our SG52/3/76 of 16 Mar 43 (NOT to all addressees).

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1. Appendix 'A' thereto will be destroyed and replaced by appendix 'A' attached to this letter.
2. Column (b) will include the following:-
 - (a) Brigade groups.
 - (b) RAE units NOT included in brigade groups.
 - (c) Sigs units NOT included in brigade groups.
 - (d) S & T units NOT included in brigade groups.
 - (e) Medical units NOT included in brigade groups.
 - (f) Ordnance units NOT included in brigade groups.
 - (g) AEME units NOT included in brigade groups.
 - (h) Provost units NOT included in brigade groups.

[Handwritten Signature]
Col.
GS, 7 Aust Div.

Encl.

- N.B.
1. A single copy of the report must reach HQ 7 Aust Div by 13th of each month, and will forecast position as at 15th of each month.
 2. Attached Appx 'A' shows the form in which the report is to be submitted.

(Sheet 1)

COMBAT EFFICIENCY REPORT OF
 For Month Ended 20 - 43.

Serial No. (a)	Approx percentages available with units.											Strength of Personnel. (p)	Role (q)	Present employment (e.g. assembly, training, preparations for operations) (r)		
	Weapons.															
	Rifles (c)	LMGs (d)	MMGs (e)	TSHGs (f)	2" Mortars (g)	3" Mortars (h)	2 prs. (i)	6 prs. (j)	25 prs. (k)	40 mm weapons. (l)	MT (m)				Carriers (n)	Tanks (o)
(b)																

(Sheet 2)

Serial No. (a)	Formation etc. (b)	Gen standard of effrs & NCOs (s)	Phase of training covering during the month (t)	Type of warfare formations considered capable of (u)	Remarks. (v)

Explanation of symbols in Coln (u).

- A - Efficient and experienced in mob offensive ops
- B - Efficient as a formation for mob offensive ops, but not experienced.
- C - Individual bdes are efficient for mob offensive ops, but higher training has NOT been completed.
- D - Individual bdes are efficient in a static role, additional bde and higher training is required.
- E - Units have completed training. A considerable amount of bde and higher training is required.
- F - Units training is NOT yet complete. (Where this applies, a statement is required as to when it is expected to be completed).

(If a formation's training allows of a certain type of operation, but lack of war equipment precludes its use, a note to this effect will be made in the remarks column).

(a) Serial No	Approx percentages available with units											(p) Strength of Personnel	(q) Role	(r) Present Employment (eg assembly, training, preparations for operations)	
	Weapons														
	(c) Rifles	(d) LMGs	(e) MGCs	(f) MGs 0-5 M.C.	(g) 2" MORTARS	(h) 5" MORTARS	(i) 3 prs	(j) 6 prs	(k) 85 prs	(l) 40 mm WEAPONS	(m) LT				(n) CARRIERS	(o) T ANKS
(b) Formations etc (Down to Div HC and Bdes)															

Bde HQs 72% 100% 100% 147%
2 sec Regts 28% - 100% 147% (147%)
D & E Pl 14% 100% 100%

Return into orderly room by 1400 hrs on 12 of each month.
 Today for May return by 1600 hrs.
 Based on as at 15 of each month.

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COMBAT EFFICIENCY REPORT OF W/A7 Aust L.A.D
 FOR MONTH ENDED 20 MAY 43

MOST SECRET

SHEET I

FORMATIONS ECT
 (DOWN TO DIV
 H.Q AND BDES.)

APPROX PERCENTAGES AVAILABLE WITH UNITS.

ROLE

PRESENT EMPLOYMENT
 (eg assembly training,
 PREPARATIONS FOR OPERATION)

(a) SERIAL NO.

(b)

(c)	RIFLES	12%
(d)	WMGS	50%
(e)	M.M.GS	—
(f)	OS.M.G 12	NIN
(g)	2" MORTARS	—
(h)	3" MORTARS	—
(i)	2 PRS	—
(j)	6 PRS.	—
(k)	25 PRS	—
(l)	40 MM WEAPONS	—
(m)	M.T. JEEPS.	NIN
(n)	CARRIERS	—
(o)	TANKS.	—

(p) STRENGTH OF PERSONNEL

FILE : 1/7/8

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

MOST SECRET

COMBAT EFFICIENCY REPORT OF 13 AUST INF BDE (AIF)

HQ 13 AUST INF BDE (AIF)

FOR MONTH ENDED 20 ~~MAY~~ 43

20 May 43

13 SEP 1943

SERIAL	UNIT	Approx Percentage with Units													PERS	ROLE	PRESENT EMPLOYMENT	
		WEAPONS										TPT						
		Rifles	LMG's	MMG's	TSMG's	2" Mortar	3" Mortar	2 pr	6 pr	25 pr or 4.5 in How 18 pr	40 mm Lt AA	MT	Carrs	Tks Armd C				
a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i	j	k	l	m	n	o	p	q	r	
1	HQ 13 Aust Inf Bde AIF	100	100	--	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	95	-	-	92	Comd & Adm of Bde Gp	Comd & Adm of Bde
2	"J" Sec Sigs	100	-	-	Nil	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100	-	-	98	Maintenance of Comms	Comms, specialist and individual trg
3	11 Aust Inf Bn AIF	100 96 x	94	100	100 99% xx	-	100	100	-	-	-	-	48	100	-	90	Defence of area as set out in Bde Op Instns No's 1 - 8	Recce for ops and Bn exercises, Pl and Coy Trg
4	16 Aust Inf Bn AIF	100	100	100	100	-	100	100	-	-	-	-	48	100	-	89	- do -	- do -
5	28 Aust Inf Bn AIF	100	94	100	94	-	100	100	-	-	-	-	48	100	-	89	- do -	- do -
6	13 AUST INF BDE (AIF)	100	97	100	92	-	100	100	-	-	-	-	x 55	100	-	91	- do -	- do -

x Note : Holdings of MT is % to WE but all units are 100% in accordance with op scale set in NT Force GS Instn No. 29.

Approved
Brig.
may 43

E.G.H. McKenzie
E.G.H. MCKENZIE
Comd 13 Aust Inf Bde

FILE : 1/7/9.

COMBAT EFFICIENCY REPORT OF 13 AUST INF BDE (AIF)

FOR MONTH ENDED 20 ~~MAY~~ 43

Serial Number	Unit	General Standard of Offrs & NCO's	Phase of Trg covered during the month	Type of Warfare formations considered capable of	Remarks
1.	HQ 13 Aust Inf Bde AIF	Good	Adm, recce for op roles and Bde Exercise, range practices and individual trg	B	Personnel physically fit. All HQ personnel average two complete days of trg per week.
2.	"J" Sec Sigs	Good	Adm, maintenance of comms, individual and specialist training and range practices	B	
3.	11 Aust Inf Bn AIF	Fair to Good	Pl and Coy Exercises incl fd firing, Route Marches, range practices, weapon trg and specialist trg	B	Physical fitness of high standard
4.	16 Aust Inf Bn AIF	Good	- do -	B	- do -
5.	28 Aust Inf Bn AIF	Good	- do -	B	- do -
6.	13 AUST INF BDE AIF	Good	Recce for op roles and Bde exercise, Coy trg and Physical trg.	B	Tps now acclimatised and physically fit. Morale is high.

E.G.H. McKenzie
 E.G.H. MCKENZIE
 Comd 13 Aust Inf Bde

Brig.

File 18 Bde May 43

EQUIPMENT

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18 AUST INF BDE.,

May 1943.

7 AUST DIV.,

1. As units of this bde have now been reorganised on tropical
units, I respectfully desire to comment on certain items of our
equipment in relation to tropical warfare.

2. It is accepted that future operations, like the recent
OWEN STANLEY Campaign, will probably involve operations over
considerable distances without M.T., and that therefore essential
equipment should be as light as possible to facilitate man carrying.
Much experience was gained in the recent campaign, and it is
understood that suggestions and recommendations of lower
formations as to equipment were submitted to L.H.Q. at the
request of that HQ. I submit that it would be of great assistance
to bde and Unit Comds in their planning and training, if details
could be furnished of the new or modified equipment, if any,
which it is intended to issue to the units of jungle Divs prior
to future operations.

3. Whilst many items of inf equipment are NOT entirely
suitable for jungle warfare, it has been found possible to
obtain reasonably satisfactory results, by improvisation etc.
In my opinion however this is NOT the case in regard to
the following :-

- (a) Signal equipment within the bde.
- (b) A suitable tool for quick entrenching.
- (c) Suitable types of shelter for personnel and office
accommodation in the field.

4 It is obvious that good communications, vital in any type of
warfare are of supreme importance in the jungle where visibility
is nil and control is difficult to achieve. With existing signal
equipment, I feel very strongly that often this control will
break down within the bde with serious consequences.

4. The bde is at present being equipped with No 11 wireless sets, fitted in a heavy, specially designed, 2 wheel drive vehicle. Whilst it is NOT doubted that the set is technically efficient and suitable for its purpose in desert or well roaded country, it is extremely heavy and would require over 20 men (apart from reliefs) to manhandle it. Native carriers can not be relied on in forward areas, and with units usually well below strength, I am of the opinion that it will often be impossible to get such a set where and when it is needed.

Within the Bn, 108 sets, whatever their performance in open country and under good conditions, were, in the experience of this bde, unreliable and ineffectual under operational conditions in N.G. The bde is at present being reequipped with 108 sets. Both the existing D5 telephone set and the D3 wire, are far too heavy in the jungle. It is noted that both the U.S. forces and the Jap possess much lighter equipment. Furthermore, telephones and switch boards did not stand up to wet conditions satisfactorily.

5. The need for a light spade, like that carried by the Jap and U.S. Troops, is apparent. Present tools can only be carried at the expense of mobility.

6. Shelters required are :-

(a) Shelters for personnel - similar to the type carried by U.S. Troops but lighter. Perhaps a light expendable type of shelter might be made of a strong water proof paper, or of cellophane. In any case, the efficiency of troops will quickly deteriorate unless they are provided with some form of cover.

(b) Shelters for HQ's, Sigs etc. - Forward Units and Bde HQ cannot rely on Native carriers to carry heavy existing types - e.g. tent flys. It is submitted that the type needed is one that can be broken down into sections each carried by one man in addition to his normal gear. The material, therefore, must be extremely light

Louison Brig.
 COMD 18 AUSTRALIAN INF BDE.

WAR ESTABLISHMENTS - AMENDMENTS

HQ 18 Aust Inf Bde
27 Apr 43

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7 Aust Div

The following additions to WE 11/2/3 HQ of an Inf Bde (Tropical Scale) are suggested.

1. Brigade Serjeant-Major - Warrant Officer Class I in lieu of Company Serjeant-Major, Warrant Officer Class II.

The extra duties which this WO would carry out and which his present rank does not permit are as follows:-

Contact and supervision with Bn RSMs regarding

Control Bde Amn Reserves
Unit returns and office routine
Unit guards and picquets
Bde Town Picquets
Bde ceremonials
Bde working parties
Minor Bde administration of all natures.

It is also felt that at present there is little incentive for a WO or NCO to hold this appointment when compared with Bn RSMs and Coy CSMs. A Bde Serjeant-Major would also be of great general assistance to the Staff Captain and Adjutants in carrying out their duties.

2. Pay Serjeant - AAPC - At present there is no representative of the AAPC on a Bde HQ. This NCO would carry out the normal duties of a pay sgt and in addition could be of assistance to unit pay sjts.

3. Postal Corporal - AAPB^{cc} - There is nobody at present available on a Bde HQ to carry out the duties of unit postal orderly. This NCO could also assist with unit postal orderlies.

4. Corporal - General Duties - The present WE provides for one cpl and two general duty men. A further cpl is required to supervise the Bde Officers Mess. This NCO will have to handle money and goods which necessitates NCO standing and will also assist in the messing arrangements for Sjts and ORs. The existing cpl is not available for these duties.

L. Sullivan Brig.
Comd 18 Aust Inf Bde.

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H. Q. 11. Infantry Brigade

January 1943

January 1943

Feb. - March 1943

April - May 1943

June - July 1943

Aug - Sept 1943

Oct. - Nov 1943

December 1943

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18 Inf. Bde. A.I.F.		
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WAR EQUIPMENT TABLES - JUNGLE DIVISION.

HQ 7 AUST DIV
April 43

7 AUST DIV ADM CIRC Q6.

1. Attached is copy of Adv LHQ G/17443/SD of 13 March 43.
2. Bdes etc will convene a conference to review WE Tables now in operation submitting recommendations for alterations in the light of New Guinea experience.
3. Following the conference, one copy of the WE Tables amended in accordance with the decisions of the conference will be forwarded to this HQ. If amendments are not considerable, notes on suggested amendments will suffice.
4. In the case of Bdes a conference will be held at this HQ at 0900 hrs Monday 26 April and will be attended by a representative of each Bde, in order to co-ordinate suggested amendments to inf bns and bde HQ WE Tables..
5. All other units are to forward their suggestions or amended WE Tables to this HQ by 1800 hrs 25 April 43.

Approved by
for Lt-Col
AA & QMG 7 Aust Div

Distribution List 'A'

First Line
Grenades
Explosives
Amendments for WE

(Reasons)
WO
Pay Sgt
Post CM
Stonmas
NCO for offer mems.

10 Bdes.

COPY

ALLIED LAND FORCES SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

Advanced HQ
13 Mar 43

G/17443/SD

Subject: War Equipment tables - Jungle Division.
Ref 2 Aust Corps G 2406 of 5 Mar 43 and
Landops SD 1956 of 19 Feb 43.

2 Aust Corps

copy to:
LHQ (Copy 2 Aust Corps G 2406 att)
first Aust Army

1. Adv LHQ signal SD 1956 requested that conferences be held by 2 Aust Corps to consider changes in existing WET's necessary for all units of a Jungle Division.
2. In addition to additional items or substitutions recommended from experience in NEW GUINEA, it was required that amendments to WET's to conform to tropical scale War Establishments should be recommended. For instance, an infantry battalion tropical scale no longer contains any transport and consequently all transport and associated stores will require to be deleted from WET.
3. In the notes of conference attached to 2 Aust Corps G 2406 many of the recommendations (e.g. serial 11, 13, 14, 15, 18, 19, etc.) are not recommendations for alteration in WET's, but recommendations for alterations in the pattern or quality of items shown in WET.

Such recommendations should not be included in the recommended alterations in WET's but should be taken up separately.
4. Any amendments to WET's such as the deletion of transport etc., will obviously have repercussions throughout the tables. These effects must be carefully tabulated as the various changes on passing to Tropical WE's from existing WE's are each considered.
5. The question of substitute carriage of stores etc., remaining on the Tropical WET should also be considered, as the final tables will probably be affected by this factor.
6. Action will be taken therefore, to convene a committee of experienced officers and WGO's representatives at present with 2 Aust Corps, to review the WET of each unit of a Jungle Division, submitting recommendations for alterations in the light of NEW GUINEA experience and to conform with Tropical WE's and after consideration of the foregoing. The report will be submitted at the earliest practical date.

????? Maj Gen
Deputy Chief of the General Staff.

Div. Conference 23 Feb

7 Div.
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Feb 43

12e/2 not to be reduced in any degree
except when engaged in actual ops
in jungle areas the present scale
of stores is required for domestic use.
Any alterations to be additional to
enable them to fight under jungle
conditions.

WEAPONS.

Recommendation

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|------|---------------------------------------|---|
| 1. | Muzzle covers hinged for rifle & SMG. | Fitting could be done by unit armourers. |
| 2. | Pullthrough | One space for man. |
| 3. | Rifle | To be short automatic type (similar to US carbine approx weight 4 1/2 lbs)
Pl comds only offer to be armed with rifle. |
| 4. | Magazine carriers solo. | Belt attachment for 6 mags (US pattern recommended) |
| X 5. | Carrier 2" mortar bomb. | Vest type to carry 4 bombs. |
| X 6. | " 3" " | " " " " " " |
| 7. | Rifle snipers | > for sec (to be automatic) |
| 8. | Pistols | For 2" mortar pos in heavy rifles |
| 9. | Grenade discharger cups. | Increase from 24 6 to
(one piece x 4 for HQ Coy) |
| 10. | Pistols signal | Reduce from 24 to 12. |
| " | Cartridges illum. | To have damp-proof sealing (cellophane etc)
Present type become v/s under most tropical conditions |

CLOTHING & EQUIP.

- 12 jackets "windshelter" ? (vs pat. in hair sweater)
- 13 Knits for boot soles To be inserted before issue, to be made with shoulders.
- 14 Boots More than three nails in the heel required.
- 15. Brass buttons To be flaked & well worn on. Metal buttons take off.
- 16 Steel type headgear Additional for use when the move of on of wearing steel helmets. In lieu of braces (Sd.)
- X 17 Waistbelt
- 18 Khaki tin Similar to Jap tin - present tin too heavy & bulky.
- 19 Socks Woolen. Better quality, with formed heel required. Present issue rapidly wears under heel.
- 20 Cooler cover - req. One per man
- 21 Mosquito net. Small circular net for head only for use on ops
- 22 Wallis' waterproof Half-size of wallet anti-gas for holding soldier's paybook etc
- 23 Map case Celluloid - two sided 9"x6" for pl cards
- 24 " " 12"x9" for coy cards & above
- 25 Antiseptic pack. Small individual pack containing sulphamitrimide tablets, antiseptic cream, & codine - personal issue.
- 26 Ponchos utility Espora complete with one extra strap supporting - used for carrying extra left on patrol.

SIGNALS.

27. R/T set.

Waterproof set is necessary, greater range than 108. This set was not satisfactory (No 208 was satisfactory but but R/T required in addition)

28. Signal cable.

Lighter cable or a drum reel (NG pat) Some enamel type for inter-camp comm.

29. Telephone

Reduce weight & increase durability.

30. Switchboards

Two 6 line VC in here two 10 line VC

Waterproof relays wear on or plug cards.

31. Boxes sig stationery

Have small boxes for sig & HQ stationery (footlock size 2 1/2" deep)

GENERAL.

32. Cordage cotton 1/2"

3000' per lb.

33. Machets

2 per sec

34. Axes hand

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35. Axes 3/4"

30 per lb.

36. Shovel

gag type 20 per lb.

37. Kettle camp.

Additional issue of one small "billie can" type with close fitting lid, one per pl.

38. Mats waterproof

12' x 12' for construction of shelters for HQ officers on basis of 75 per lb.

39. Sharpening stone (carborundum)

Or similar instrument for sharpening machets. One per sec.

? 40. Containers medical stores

See per sec of HQ. container as recommended by medical service.

WAR EQPT TABLE - JUNGLE DIVISIONSECRETHq 18 Aust Inf Bde
25 Apr 43

P/A

7 Aust Div

1. The following are the suggested amendments to scale of issue of items in war eqpt tables.

(a) An Inf Bn (tropical scale)Section A1

1731	Straps Web Supporting	2018
1516	Pouches Utility Front	610

Section B1

0478	Pistols Revolver No 2 Mk I ^X	82
0486	Pistols signal	12
0517	Pullthroughs single Mk IVA	1304
0578	Rifles No 1 Mk III ^X	616

Section P

PA	Anvils 1½ cwt (NIV)	nil
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Section J1

0066	Axes hand	56
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Section KE

	Disinfectors spray knapsack type RIGA (NIV)	4
4850	Stones, rub, scythe	56

Section V5

VE 0121	Periscopes No 18 Mk I	4
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(b) A Bde Hq (Tropical Scale)TRANSPORT

	Trucks ½-ton	15 (incl pool available for bns)
	Trucks 15-cwt GS	6
	Trucks 3-ton GS	4
	Trailers water	3

Section A1

1731	Straps supporting web	176
1516	Pouches utility front	32

Section B1

0518	Pullthroughs Mk IV A	122
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Section C1

1500	SMS OWEN	5
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Section J1

0066	Axes hand	6
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Section V2

0640	Compasses Liquid Mk III	6
0702	Compasses prismatic Mk IX	2

(e) A Bde HQ Defence Pl

TRANSPORT

Trucks 15-cwt	nil
Trucks 1/2-ton	6

Section A1

1731	Straps supporting web	108
1516	Pouches utility front	57

Section B1

BBO478	Pullthroughs single MkIV A	68
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Section J1

0066	Axes felling	5
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2. The following are suggested additions to existing tables.

(a) An Inf Bn (tropical scale)

Muzzle covers LMG	41
Muzzle covers SMG	105
Cordage 1/2"	5000'
Shovels light Jap type	220
Map Cases 9" X 6"	6
Sheets waterproof 12' X 12'	5
Carriers for SMG box mag (US patt)	105
Waterproof covers 2" mortar bomb	
Waterproof covers 3" mortar bomb	
Carpenters kits	2
Compass cords	72
Medical kits for bn SB's	12
Clippers hair	6
Scissors barbers	6
Waterproof covers for watches	51
Light telephone for mortar OP's	24
Canned heat, tins	3200

(b) A Bde HQ (tropical scale)

Muzzle covers LMG	2
Muzzle covers SMG	5
Cordage 1/2"	150'
Shovels light Jap type	6
Sheets waterproof 12' X 12'	6
Carriers for SMG box mag	5
Medical kits for medical orderly	1
Clippers hair	1
Scissors barbers	1
Canned heat, tins	270

(c) A Bde HQ Defence Pl

Muzzle covers LMG	8
Muzzle covers SMG	2
Cordage 1/2"	100'
Shovels light Jap type	15
Carriers for SMG box mag	8

3. The following are suggested alterations in pattern of items on existing tables.

Mess tins	To be lighter and of Jap pattern
First field dressing	- To contain sulphanilimide dressing
Watches GS	To be fitted with unbreakable glass
Amn	All light amn to be packed in bandoliers
Telephones	To be waterproofed and reduced in weight
Switchboards	
UC 10 line	To be six line
R/T set	To be capable of greater range and to be waterproof
Signal cable	To be lighter type
Signal cable reels	To be one-man type and lighter.

Louilton Brig.
Comd 18 Aust Inf Bde.

WAR EQPT TABLES - JUNGLE DIVISION

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HQ 18. Aust Inf Bde
G/ 224
20 April 43

7 Aust Div.

1. In accordance with your instruction G/O2/1/147 of 14 April the attached report with recommendations is submitted.

Lochilton
.....Brig
Comd 18 Aust Inf Bde.

REPORT ON WAR EQUIPMENT-JUNGLE DIVISION

HQ 18 Aust Inf Bde
19 April 43

1. Green dyeing of Web Equipment for Jungle Division

During New Guinea operations the following points were noted in connectio with the above subject.

- (a) Web equipment was dyed under unit arrangements prior to movement to Buna. This resulted in lack of uniformity of colour within the Bde.
- (b) Equipment tended to become ragged, and such dyeing did shorten the life of the equipment.
To ensure a lasting dye it was found necessary to boil the equip-ment up to a period of 20 minutes.
- (c) Undyed, the contrast in colour between dyed uniform and khaki equipment is too noticeable, and if the issue of Jungle Green uniform is to continue, some method of ensuring uniformity in colour is required.
- (d) Although the actual value of camouflage is lost immediately the uniform and equipment become covered with mud, the equipment and uniform become obscured in the same ratio and this does not become a fault.

The following recommendations are made:-

- (1) That equipment and uniforms be dyed by Ordnance prior to issue to formations. This would ensure uniformity of colour.
- (2) That the jungle green colour be retained.

WET-Convalescent Depots

2. It is recommended that for a permanently established Convalescent Depot; 100% stretchers, camp folding, be provided.

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.....Brig.
Comd 18 Aust Inf Bde.

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WAR EQPT TABLES - JUNGLE DIVISION

HQ 18 Aust Inf Bde
G/ Joz
15 April 43

2/9 Aust Inf Bn
2/10 Aust Inf Bn
2/12 Aust Inf Bn

1. Attached hereto are copies of letters received relative to the above subject.
2. Units will be prepared to send a representative to this HQ to discuss and offer recommendations at a time and date to be notified later.

W. Saunders

.....Lieut.
A/BM 18 Aust Inf Bde.

C O P Y

HQ 7 Aust Div
14 April 43

G 102/1/147

18 Aust Inf Bde

WAR EQUIPMENT TABLES - JUNGLE DIVISION

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(Signed) A. S. Mackinnon Major
for Lt-Col GS 7 Aust Div.

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HQ NG Force
23 March 43

In reply quote Q231

Subject : WET - Convalescent Depots.

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5. May early consideration be given to this matter please.

(Sgd) Lt-Gen.
GOC NEW GUINEA FORCE

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES

2/9 Aust Inf Bn

Ref E 305/702/403

16 Apr 43

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Subject Matter

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Admin Comd, 2/9 Aust Inf Bn. Cap.
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HQ 18 Aust Inf Bde

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Assembly Room

*Bring fwd Bde report on
this subject*

[Signature]
.....Lieut.
A/EM 18 Aust Inf Bde.

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Alfred Robinson May

for Lt-Col.
GS 7 Aust Div.

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E 305/702/403

GREEN DYEING OF WEB EQUIPMENT FOR JUNGLE WARFARE

3947

CGS.

Various conflicting reports have been received by officers of my branch regarding the need, and effectiveness of colouration by dyeing or other means, of web equipment for use in jungle warfare.

2. The following points have arisen :-

- (a) The equipment quickly becomes badly soiled in use, thus possibly nullifying the effect of the colouration
- (b) Dyeing causes the equipment to become slightly soft and "raggy" A certain amount of shrinkage also takes place.
- (c) Painting of the equipment with bituminous emulsion (as used for tentage) is effective only to a certain extent as there is a tendency for the paint to wear off See also (a) above.
- (d) Available dyeing facilities are limited and great difficulty is being experienced in arranging the dyeing of the quantities of cotton drill required for the manufacture of clothing.

3. As there is no fixed policy on the subject of dyeing of this equipment I should be glad of your comments. It has been suggested that the views of unit commanders who have returned to the mainland be obtained.

(Sgd) Maj Gen.
Master-General of the Ordnance.

17/3/43

C O P Y

HQ NG Force
23 Mar 43.

In reply quote Q231

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