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**18 Infantry Brigade**

**June - July 1943**

17 JUL 1943

## WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Unit HQ 18 AUST INF BDE

Date and Time.—From 1 Jun 43 To 30 Jun 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
RAVENSHOE	2 Jun		18 Aust Inf Bde less unit rear parties marched to bivouac area 1789 (ref map MT GARNET) one sec 53 Aust Fd Pk Coy with assault and rubber recce boats attached. Sup P established by AASC at Biv area.	
	3 Jun		Units practiced improvised river crossings. Demonstration by 2/9 Aust Inf Bn of assault boat crossings.	
	4 Jun		Inter unit swimming and rowing carnival. 2/12 Aust Inf Bn 21 pts; 2/9 Aust Inf Bn 15 pts; 2/10m Aust Inf Bn 14½ pts. Bde Comd Brig F.O. CHILTON DSO, A/BM Capt R.G. SWAN, SC Lieut R.J. SEDDON returned in the evening by car.	
	5 Jun		18 Aust Inf Bde less dets marched in from Biv area. Staff to relieve present staff 18 Aust Inf Trg Bn marched out.	
	6 Jun		BM Capt O.D. JACKSON, Sig Offr Capt F.E. QUILTY, LO1 Capt N.J.C. SHERWIN, Lieut PATTERSON 2/47 Aust LAD returned	

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			to duty from 2/6 AGH. Lt-Col C.J. CUMMINGS resumed command	
			2/9 Aust Inf Bn and Lt Col C.J. GEARD of 2/10 Aust Inf Bn.	
			Lieut D.F. SAUNDERS A/BM(L) returned to 7 Aust Div. Capt R.G.	
			SWAN 2/12 Aust Inf Bn posted as BM(L).	
	7 Jun		Lieut LACK Sigs LHQ att to J Sec Sigs 7 Aust Div for	
			experience. Bde Comd Brig F.O. CHILTON DSO held a conference	
			at Bde HQ attended by BM Capt O.D. JACKSON, BM(L) Capt R.G.	
			SWAN, Sig Offr Capt F.E. QUILTY, LO1 Capt N.J.C. SHERWIN, LO2	
			Lieut G. LOVELESS, I.O. Lieut P.D. CONNOLLY, CO's 2/9, 2/10 and	
			2/12 Aust Inf Bns - Lt Cols CUMMINGS, GEARD and ARNOLD. SC(L)	
			Lieut H.A. MCCORMACK evacuated with malaria to 2/2 AGH.	
	8 Jun		Lieut D.D. POWER 2/9 Aust Inf Bn posted as LO3.	
	9 Jun		Capt D.C. COOMBE, BASCO, returned from hospital.	
			One officer per bn participated in miniature ranging	
			exercise at 2/4 Aust Fd Regt. Bde Comd, BM and IO attended.	

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	10 Jun		Tactical Discussion No 1 By Bde Comd Brig F.O. CHILTON DSO, attended by unit and sub-unit comds and Bde and unit staffs.	
			Subject - Principles of War. Bde and Unit Comds attended cooking demonstration at HQ 7 Aust Div. Gd Pl Comd Lieut S. ABBOTT returned from hospital. BM Capt O.D. JACKSON conducted a discussion on staff duties attendee by Bde and Unit staffs.	
	11 Jun		Minister for the Army accompanied by Maj Gen LLOYD, Adjt Gen inspected and addressed 18 Aust Inf Bde at 1145 hrs.	
	12 Jun		Bde Pl Comds School (No 3 Course) opened EAST EVELYN area.	
	13 Jun		Bde Church Parade.	
	14 Jun		Bde Int School (No 2 Course) opened EAST EVELYN area.	
			Bde Sig School opened. Demonstration by three-day Catering School commenced.	
	15 Jun		Tactical Discussion no 2 (see 10 Jun). Subject - The Adv and First Contact.	

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	16 Jun		Recce by BM(L) Capt R.G. SWAN and IO Lieut P.D. CONNOLLY of exercise for Bde Int Sch ol.	
	17 Jun		TEWT in EAST EVELYN area attended by unit and sub-unit comds, bde and unit staffs and three offrs from 7 Bty 2/4 Aust Fd Regt: Subject - Adv anf First Contact.	
	18 Jun		IO Lieut P.D. CONNOLLY det to attend Phtotgraphic Interpretation Wing, LHQ School of M.I.	
	19 Jun		No 2 Course Bde Int School completed with an exercise directed by BM(L) Capt R.G. SWAN.	
	20 Jun		Bde Comd Brig F.O. CHILTON DSO, BM Capt O.D. JACKSON and unit comds attended 7 Aust Div TEWT on Mountain Warfare in ATHERTON area. Performance by Mobile Cinema for Bde Gp in 2/10 Aust Inf Bn lines.	
	21 Jun		Comds conference attended by COs and Bde Staff to discuss (i) visit of C in C; (ii) Staff tables for loading of jeeps;	

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			Staff tables for A/C loading. No 3 Course Bde Pl Comds School concluded. Gun team from 7 Bty 2/4 Aust Fd Regt gave deminstration at 2/9 Aust Inf Bn.	
	22 Jun		Tactical Discussion No 4. Subjects (a) Adv & First Contact; (b) The Attack. 7 Bty gun team with 2/10 Aust Inf Bn.	
	23 Jun		No 1 Course Bde Sig School concluded. 7 Bty gun team with 2/12 Aust Inf Bn. C in C Gen Sir Thomas BLAMEY, GOC 2 Aust Corps Lt Gen L.J. MORESHEAD, DCGS Maj Gen BERRYMAN and GOC 7 Aust Div Maj Gen G.A. VASEY, visited 18 Aust Inf Bde. SC(L) Lieut H.A. MCCOLM resumed duties.	
	24 Jun		No 5 Tactical Discussion and STE. Subject - the Attack.	
	26 Jun		Comds conference. Subject (a) Jeep loading; (b) Training. BM Capt O.D. JACKSON visited 5 AC Sqn to discuss details of Army Coop for exercises early in August. Members of 18 Aust Inf	

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			Bde attended <del>races</del> at TUMOULIN.	
	29 Jun		Bde TEWT on The Attack (jungle).	
	30 Jun		Conference at HQ 7 Aust Div on Air Movements attended by Comd Brig F.O. CHILTON DSO, BM Capt O.D. JACKSON. SC Lieut R.J. SEDDON. No 2 Course Bde Sig School started.	
			Int conference at HQ 7 Aust Div attended by Maj ROGERS GSOII(I) 2 Aust Corps, Capt CUNEEN GSOIII(I) 7 Aust Div, IO's 6 and 9 Aust Divs, CC PSS 7 Aust Div, Int Sgts 18 Aust Inf Bde and 2/10 Aust Inf Bn. Capt N.J. SHERWIN LO1 carried out Tac/R flight with 5 AC Sqn. Lieut ABBOTT Gd Pl Comd evacuated with malaria to 106 Aust CCS.	
			(REMARKS - Ref 18 Aust Inf Bde Combat Efficiency Report for month ending 20 Jun - (i) average effective fighting strength 44% of WE; (ii) weapons held were approx 100% of authorised scale with the exception of 2" mortars (81%), 3" mortars (12 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>8</sub> %)	

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2-pcs (66<sup>2</sup>/<sub>8</sub>%). The role of the Bde Gp for Jun was trg and owing to deficiencies in personnel due to sickness and battle casualties the Bde was considered unfit for service without further trg and reorganisation).

Appx # to HQ 18 Bde. W.D. Fuller, v.3

WD  
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 6041 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)



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- 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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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 EFFECTING 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 Coms". The terrain is characterised by lack of coms, 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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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 <sup>then</sup> be discussed with CO's before it is put into operation.

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

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**T.O.R.**

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TO *7 Aust Div*

FROM *18 Bde*

Originator's Number

Date

In Reply to Number

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*23*

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I Sgt.*

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T.O.R.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

Subject : Equipment -  
Intelligence Section.

HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde  
Ref : I9/10/-155  
26 Jun 43.

HQ 18 Aust Inf Bde.

Ref your I/59/100 of 24 Jun 43.

1. Receipt of Notes on Equipment carried by I Sec 18 Bde is acknowledged with thanks.

*W. J. V. W. W. W. W. W.*  
Brig  
Comd 20 Aust Inf Bde.

Appx 'D' to HQ 18 Aust Inf Bde W.D. for  
TRAINING WITH TANKS SECURITY  
JUNE 4

HQ 18 Aust Inf Bde  
1 Jul 43

2/9 Aust Inf Bn  
2/10 Aust Inf Bn  
2/12 Aust Inf Bn  
J Sec Sigs  
Comd  
SG  
War Diary (2)

Ref MT GARNET 1" to 1 mile.

1. A series of demonstrations involving cooperation between inf and tks has been arranged in area 320955.

2. The following tps are participating

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- One coy 2/9 Aust Inf Bn
- One coy 2/13 Aust Inf Bn
- One sec Fd Coy

3. The following personnel will attend demonstrations.

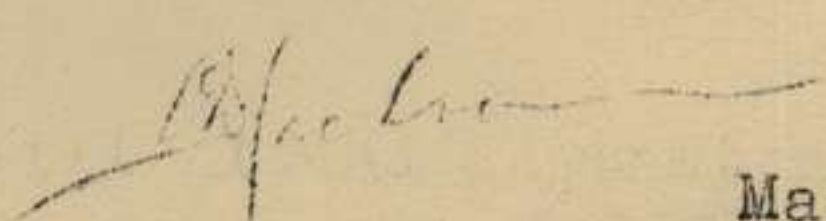
HQ 18 Aust Inf Bde	6
J Sec Sigs	1
2/9 Aust Inf Bn	10
2/10 Aust Inf Bn	9
2/12 Aust Inf Bn	9

4. Demonstrations will commence at 1100 hrs and finish at approximately 1600 hrs 2 Jul 43. Personnel will provide own lunch.

5. One 15-cwt van will report to bns at 0945 hrs and one 3-ton truck will go round bns at same time to pick up remainder of personnel.

6. Attached as Appx "A" is an outline of events.

7. ACK.

  
Major.  
B.M. 18 Aust Inf Bde.

TRAINING WITH TANKS

SECURITY

HQ 18 Aust Inf Bde  
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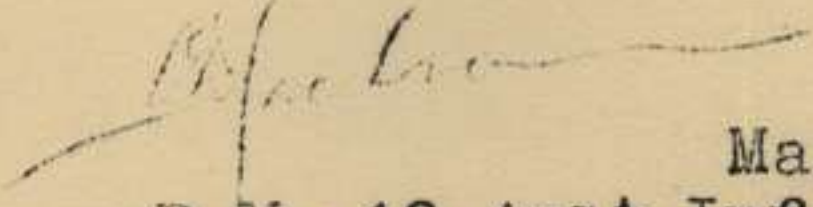
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Appx 'A' to 18 Aust Inf Bde W.D.  
for JUNIE 43.

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No 18-19

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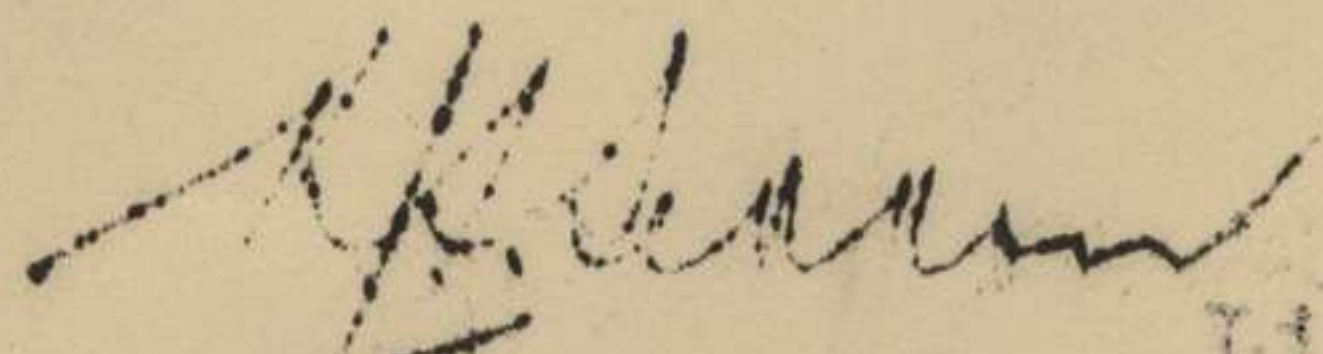
8 Jun 43

18. DUTIES

Field Officer of the Day	- Capt E. BARNES - 2/9 Aust Inf Bn
Next for Duty	- Capt C.L. DURANT 2/10 "
Duty Unit	- 2/9 Aust Inf Bn - 8 Jun 43
Next for Duty	- 2/10 Aust Inf Bn

19. WORKING PARTIES

Will be supplied by Duty Unit as required by this HQ.

  
Lieut.  
S.C. 18 Aust Inf Bde.

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9 Jun 43

20. DUTIES

Field Officer of the Day	- Capt C.L. DURANT	- 2/10 Aust Inf Bn
Next for Duty	- Capt O.A. CURTISS	- 2/22 Aust Inf Bn
Duty Unit	- 2/9 Aust Inf Bn	
Next for Duty	- 2/12 Aust Inf Bn	

*M. J. ...*  
Licut.  
S.C. 18 Aust Inf Bde.

NOTICE

CHURCH SERVICES

1. A Bde Church Parade will be held in 2/9 Aust Inf Bn lines 0930 hrs SUNDAY 13 Jun 43. Same arrangements as for last SUNDAY.
2. Methodist Church RAVENSHOE - Evening Service 1930 hrs.
3. Church of England RAVENSHOE - Evensong 1930 hrs.

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Nos 21-23

Part 1

10 Jun 43

21. DUTIES

Field Officer of the Day - Capt O.A. CURTISS - 2/12 Aust Inf Bn  
Next for Duty - Capt A. MARSHALL - 2/9 Aust Inf Bn  
Duty Unit - 2/12 Aust Inf Bn  
Next for Duty - 2/9 Aust Inf Bn

22. TROOPS ATTEMPTING TO TRAVEL IN GUARDS VANS OF TRAINS

7 Aust Div RO No 37 of 30 May 43 is republished:-

" Complaints have been received that members of the forces have endeavoured to travel in Guards' Vans of trains. This constitutes a breach of Queensland Government Railways By-laws (to which members of the forces remain subject) and will cease.

Offrs and NCOs will report any instances of this nature coming to their knowledge and will take particulars of any personnel involved.

Disciplinary action will be taken against offenders.

(To be republished in unit ROs)

23. LEAVE WITHOUT PAY

GRO No A367 of 7 May 43 is republished:-

"1. In order to remove any misunderstanding by members concerning the effect of a grant of leave without pay, irrespective of the authority under which such leave is granted, attention is directed to the provisions of War Financial (Military Forces) Regulations, which provide, in effect, that all pay (including allotments) and pay allowances cease in respect of any period for which a member is granted leave without pay.

2. When leave without pay is granted, the following will not be payable during the period of such leave:-

- (a) Pay (including deferred pay)
- (b) field allowance
- (c) command allowance
- (d) special allowance
- (e) exchange allowance
- (f) dependants allowance
- (g) travelling allowance
- (h) subsistence allowance
- (i) any allowance payable under regulation 9 of the abovementioned regulations.

3. Leave without pay will not be imposed on a member compulsorily and consequently will always be covered by written application from the member, specifying that leave is desired without pay.

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*F. O. Chilton*  
Licut.  
S.C. 18 Aust Inf Bde.

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COMMANDING 18 AUST INT BDE

NO. 24

Part 1

11 Jun 43

24. DUTIES

Field Officer of the Day	=	Capt A. MARSHALL	=	2/9 AUST INT BN
Next for Duty	=	Capt H.R. MATHEWSON	=	2/10 AUST INT BN
Duty Unit	=		=	2/9 AUST INT BN
Next for Duty	=		=	2/10 AUST INT BN

Lieut.  
S.O. 18 Aust Int Bde.

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No 25

Part 1

13 Jun 43

25. DUTIES

Field Officer of the Day	- Capt T.G.A. HARVIE	- 2/12 Aust Inf Bn
Next for Duty	- Capt R. TAYLOR	- 2/9 Aust Inf Bn
Duty Unit	- 2/12 Aust Inf Bn	
Next for Duty	- 2/9 Aust Inf Bn	

*F. O. Chilton*  
Lieut.  
S.C. 18 Aust Inf Bde.

NOTICE

RC MASS - SUNDAY JUN 13, 43

Will be celebrated at Bde HQ Sgts' Mess at 0930 hrs.

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No 26

Part 1

14 Jun 43.

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26. DUTIES.

Field officer of the Day - Capt. F.P. WILSON 2/10 Aust Inf Bn  
Next for Duty - Capt. J.L.B. Stephenson 2/12 Aust Inf  
Bn

Duty Unit - 2/9 Aust Inf Bn.  
Next for Duty - 2/10 Aust Inf Bn.

Lieut.  
SC 18 Aust Inf Bde.

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Part 1

15 Jun 43

27. DUTIES

Field Officer of the Day	- Capt J.L.B STEPHENSON	- 2/12 Aust Inf B
Next for Duty	- Maj E.J.F. PEEK	- 2/9 Aust Inf Bn
Duty Unit	- 2/10 Aust Inf Bn	
Next for Duty	- 2/12 Aust Inf Bn	

*[Handwritten Signature]*  
Lieut.  
S.C. 18 Aust Inf Bde.

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No 28

Part 1

16 Jun 43

28. DUTIES

Fd Officer of the Day	-	Maj E. J. F. PEEK	-	2/9 Aust Inf Bn
Next for Duty	-	Capt H. R. MATHESON	-	2/10 Aust Inf Bn
Duty Unit	-	2/12 Aust Inf Bn		
Next for Duty	-	2/9 Aust Inf Bn		

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S.C. 18 Aust Inf Bde.



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No 29

Part 1

17 Jun 42

29. DUTIES

Ed Officer of The Day	- Capt R.W. SANDERSON	- 2/10	Aust Inf Bn
Next for Duty	- Capt A.M. BENSON	- 2/9	Aust Inf Bn
Duty Unit	-	2/9	Aust Inf Bn
Next for Duty	-	2/10	Aust Inf Bn

*M. J. Anderson*  
Lieut.  
S.C. 18 Aust Inf Bde.

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No 30

Part 1

18 Jun 43

30. DUTIES

Fd Officer of the Day	-	Capt A.M. BENSON	-	2/9 Aust Inf Bn
Next for Duty	-	Capt T.J. SCHMEDJE	-	2/10 Aust Inf Bn
Duty Unit	-	2/10	-	Aust Inf Bn
Next for Duty	-	2/12	-	Aust Inf Bn

*F.O. Chilton*  
Lieut.  
S.C. 18 Aust Inf Bde.

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COMMANDING 18 AUST INF BDE

No 31-35

Part 1

19 Jun 43

31. DUTIES

Fd Officer of the Day - Capt T.J. SCHIEDJE - 2/10 Aust Inf Bn  
Next for Duty - Capt A. MARSHALL - 2/9 Aust Inf Bn  
Duty Unit - 2/12 Aust Inf Bn  
Next for Duty 2/9 Aust Inf Bn

32. PRE-SELECTION OF OFFICERS

Ref 7 Aust Div RO No 71 - return due this HQ 1200 hrs 24th of each month.

33. PROTECTION UNDER GENEVA CONVENTION

Ref 7 Aust Div RO No 74 - return to reach this HQ 1200 hrs 29 Jun 43.

34. REPORT OF AN INJURY

Ref 7 Aust Div RO No 75 - units will forward one copy direct to Records Office Q'land L of C and one copy to this HQ.

35. LEAVE

- (a) All local leave except to towns on the TABLELAND is cancelled.
- (b) Leave will not be approved for personnel attending schools and courses.

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S.C. 18 Aust Inf Bde.

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No. 36 - 37.

Part 1

20 Jun 43.

36. DUTIES.

Fd Officer of the Day	- Capt. A. Marshall	- 2/9 Aust Inf Bn.
Next for Duty	- Capt. E.H.D. Lines	- 2/10 Aust Inf Bn.
Duty Unit	- 2/9 Aust Inf Bn.	
Next for Duty	- 2/10 Aust Inf Bn.	

37. PICTURE THEATRE & RAVENSHOE.

2 - 3 ton veh will leave from outside Theatre RAVENSHOE each night at 2300 hrs to return personnel to camps commencing from Sunday 20 Jun 43.

*[Handwritten signature]*  
Lieut.  
SC 18 Aust Inf Bde.

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COMMANDING 18 AUST INF BDE

No 38

Part 1

21 Jun 41

38. DUTIES

Ed Officer of the Day	- Capt E.H.D. LINES	- 2/10	Aust Inf Bn
Next for Duty	- Capt J.L.B. STEPHENSON	- 2/12	Aust Inf Bn
Duty Unit	- 2/10	Aust Inf Bn	
Next for Duty	- 2/12	Aust Inf Bn	

*[Signature]*  
Lieut.  
S.C. 18 Aust Inf Bde.

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Nos 39-40

Part 1

22 Jun 43

39. DUTIES

Fd Officer of the Day	- Capt J.L.B. STEPHENSON	- 2/12	Aust Inf Bn
Next for Duty	- Capt E. BARNES	- 2/9	Aust Inf Bn
Duty Unit	- 2/12	Aust Inf Bn	
Next for Duty	- 2/9	Aust Inf Bn	

40. LOSS OF WARLIKE STORES

Losses of Warlike and Expense Stores will not be shown as a reduction on monthly census until instructed by "Q" 7 Aust Div through this HQ that article is to be written off.

Lieut.  
S.C. 18 Aust Inf Bde.

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COMMANDING 18 AUST INF BDE

Nos 41-42

Part 1

23 Jun 43

41. DUTIES

Fd Officer of the Day - Capt E. BARNES - 2/9 Aust Inf Bn  
Next for Duty - Capt C.L. DURANT - 2/10 Aust Inf Bn  
Duty Unit - 2/9 Aust Inf Bn  
Next for Duty - 2/10 Aust Inf Bn

42. TRANSPORT

- (a) All unit demands for transport for local work will be made by QM or his representative direct to Bde TO. Demands by officers and personnel other than through QM Office will not be accepted.
- (b) Requests to send vehicles out of Div area will be made by QM or his representative direct to S.C.
- (c) Under no circumstances will orders of drivers be countermanded by units without reference to Bde TC or SC. Disciplinary action will be taken against offenders.

Lieut.  
S.C. 18 Aust Inf Bde.

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COMMANDING 18 AUST INF BDE

Nos 44-45

Part 1

25 Jun 43

44. DUTIES

Fd Officer of the Day - Maj K.A.J. GATEGOOD - 2/12 Aust Inf Bn  
Next for Duty - Capt A.M. BENSON - 2/9 Aust Inf Bn  
Duty Unit - 2/12 Aust Inf Bn  
Next for Duty - 2/9 Aust Inf Bn

45. FROST PRECAUTIONS - MT

In order to safeguard against damage to vehicle engines by frost, water will be drained from vehicle engines each night.

Method of Draining

Ford - The opening of the radiator drain cock will drain engine block and radiator.

Cvt & Willys "Jeep"

The opening of the radiator drain cocks will NOT completely drain engine blocks on these vehicles.

A drain for this purpose is provided on left side rear of Cvt vehicles and right side front of Willys "Jeep." These cocks MUST be opened.

On draining engines drivers will place warning notice on steering wheels to prevent engine being started without first being filled with water. Warning notice to consist of metal plate, painted RED, reading - "NO WATER."

*M. G. Benson*  
Lieut.  
S.C. 18 Aust Inf Bde.



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COMMANDING 18 AUST INF BDE

Nos 46-47

Part 1

26 Jun 43

46. DUTIES

Fd Officer of the Day - Capt A.M. BENSON - 2/9 Aust Inf Bn  
Next for Duty - Capt F.P. WILSON - 2/10 Aust Inf Bn  
Duty Unit - 2/9 Aust Inf Bn

46. CHURCH SERVICES - Sunday 27 Jun 43

RC Mass 0700 YMCA Tent 2/12 Aust Inf Bn  
0900 Sgt Mess HQ 18 Aust Inf Bde

Church of England.

0930 2/9 Aust Inf Bn lines . Same procedure as last  
Sunday

Guards.

Will not turn out during Church Parade.

for Wm. Colson Liout.  
SO 18 Aust Inf Bde.

WB  
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COMMANDING 18 AUST INF BDE

Nos 48-49

Part 1

27 Jun 43

48. DUTIES

Fd Officer of the Day	-	Capt F.P. WILSON	-	2/10 Aust Inf Bn
Next for Duty	-	Capt A.G. SUTHERS	-	2/12 Aust Inf Bn
Duty Unit	-	2/10 Aust Inf Bn		
Next for Duty	-	2/12 Aust Inf Bn		

49. SECURITY OF ARMS

- (a) Owing to the recent losses of arms and equipment in this area the following precautions will be taken to safeguard pistols, binoculars and compasses.
- (b) ORs issued with pistols, binoculars and compasses will return them forthwith to Q Store; the CQMS will keep these articles in a locked box and will issue them as required.
- (c) Officers will keep the above articles in a locked box or locked kit bag when not in use.

*R. Brown* *May*  
Capt.  
S.C. 18 Aust Inf Bde.

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COMMANDING 18 AUST INF BDE

Nos 52

Part 1

29 Jun 43

52. DUTIES

Fd Officer of the Day	- Maj E. PEEK	- 2/9 Aust Inf Bn
Next for Duty	- Capt T.J. SCHMEDJE	- 2/10 Aust Inf Bn
Duty Unit	- 2/9	Aust Inf Bn
Next for Duty	- 2/10	Aust Inf Bn

*H.M. Colman* Lieut for  
Capt.  
SC 18 Aust Inf Bde.

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COMMANDING 18 AUST INF BDE

Nos 53 - 54

Part 1

30 Jun 43

53.

DUTIES

Fd Officer of the Day - Capt T.J. SCHMEDJE - 2/10 Aust Inf Bn  
Next for Duty - Maj K.A.J. GATEGOOD - 2/12 Aust Inf Bn  
Duty Unit - 2/10 Aust Inf Bn  
Next for Duty - 2/12 Aust Inf Bn

54.

NOTICES

CHURCH SERVICES - Sunday 4 Jul 43

C of E 0900 hrs 2/12 Aust Inf Bn lines for 2/10 & 2/12 Aust Inf Bns.

0945 hrs 2/9 Aust Inf Bn lines for 2/9 Aust Inf Bn & Bde HQs

*Wm. J. Colman*  
Cap.  
SC 18 Aust Inf Bn

2/9 Aust Inf Bn  
2/10 Aust Inf Bn  
2/12 Aust Inf Bn  
J Sec Sigs  
2/47 Aust LAD  
2/1 Aust HQ Gd Pl  
HQ 18 Aust Inf Bde  
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WD  
Appx 'C' to HQ 18 Aust Inf Bde  
W.D. for JUNE 43.

1. Ref GRO's A45, A153 and A783.
2. It has come to the notice of this HQ that some personnel are wearing more service chevrons than entitlement.
3. The following, in conjunction with information contained in above GRO's is for guidance in calculating length of active service in a theatre of operations.

(a) Only one chevron for embarkation in AUSTRALIA no matter how many times an individual may embark to different zones.

(b) One chevron for each completed 365 DAYS of service overseas.

(c) Any personnel wounded in action or evacuated sick for any reason whatsoever back to AUSTRALIA cease to accrue service abroad on the date they disembarked from the hospital ship or other such vehicle.

4. A typical instance for this Bde is given for example

Embarked for ME	5 May 40	- 1 chevron for embarkation
Disembarked from ME	28 Mar 42	

692 days - 1 chevron (cf 327 days)

Embarked for NEW GUINEA	7 Aug 42
Disembarked from NG	12 Mar 43

217 days

bf ME

327

544 days - 1 chevron (cf 179 days)

TOTAL - THREE CHEVRONS

and 179 days towards the fourth chevron.

5. All units will investigate cases of personnel wearing four and five chevrons and where necessary take immediate action to rectify the matter.

*for* *MacLennan* Licut.  
S.C. 18 Aust Inf Bde.

WD

2/9 Aust Inf Bn  
2/10 Aust Inf Bn  
2/12 Aust Inf Bn  
J Sec Sigs  
2/47 Aust LAD  
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Appx 'C' to HQ 18 Aust  
Inf Bde W.D. for JUNE 43

1. Ref GRO's A45, A153 and A783.
2. It has come to the notice of this HQ that some personnel are wearing more service chevrons than entitlement.
3. The following, in conjunction with information contained in above GRO's is for guidance in calculating length of active service in a theatre of operations.

(a) Only one chevron for embarkation in AUSTRALIA no matter how many times an individual may embark to different zones.

(b) One chevron for each completed 365 DAYS of service overseas.

(c) Any personnel wounded in action or evacuated sick for any reason whatsoever back to AUSTRALIA cease to accrue service abroad on the date they disembarked from the hospital ship or other such vehicle.

4. A typical instance for this Bde is given for example

Embarked for ME	5 May 40	- 1 chevron for embarkation
Disembarked from ME	28 Mar 42	

692 days - 1 chevron (of 327 days)

Embarked for NEW GUINEA	7 Aug 42
Disembarked from NG	12 Mar 43

217 days

bf ME

327

544 days - 1 chevron (of 179 days)

TOTAL - THREE CHEVRONS

and 179 days towards the fourth chevron.

5. All units will investigate cases of personnel wearing four and five chevrons and where necessary take immediate action to rectify the matter.

for *W. McCallum* Licut.  
S.C. 18 Aust Inf Bde.

Appx E 18 Ba - W.D. - [Signature]

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MESSAGE FORM

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS.

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GR.

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TO 2/9, 2/10, 2/12 Aust Inf Bns, 2/4 Aust Fd Regt, 2/6 Aust Fd Coy,  
2/5 Aust Fd Amb, ~~2/1 Aust Inf Bde~~, 7 Aust Div, Umpires (2)

FROM 18 Aust Inf Bde *Copies*      Originator's Number 01      Date 25      In Reply to Number

<i>(Write horizontally)</i>					5
EXERCISE	ONLY	(.)	WARNING	ORDER	10
(.)	ref	route	map	ATHERTON	15
TABLELANDS	(.)	18 Aust	Inf Bde	and	20
att	tps	move	to	area	25
X rds	342798	26	May	route	30
RAVENSHOE -	CHILVERTON	(.)	2/12 Bn	Adv	35
Gd	(.)	No	move	before	40
0800 hrs	(.)	0 Gp	RV	this	45
HQ	2100 hrs	to-night	(.)	Ack	50
					55
					60
					65
					70
					75
					80
(File War Diary	1) 2) ✓				85
					90
					95
					100
					105
					110
					115
					120
					125
					130

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T.H.I.  
T.O.R.

*Appx F to HQ 18 Bde W.D. J. Falgout, civ*

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FROM 18 Aust Inf Bde *Copies*      Originator's Number 02      Date 25      In Reply to Number

<i>(Write horizontally)</i> EXERCISES	ONLY	(.)	Ref	route	
map	ATHERTON	TABLELANDS	(.)	No	10
change	from	verbal	orders	(.)	15
1	(.)	Enemy	situation	as	20
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	junc	342798	incl	45
KABAN	332796	(.)	Objectives	18	50
Bde	rd	junc	342798	21	55
Bde	KABAN	(.)	Routes	18 B	60
Bde	RAVENSHOE	CHILVERTON	21	Bde	65
RAVENSHOE	TUMOULIN	(.) <sup>(3)</sup>	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 (.)	<del>2/12</del>	100
<del>Box</del> Tps	(.)	2/12	Bn	with	105
u/c	3	rifle	coys	2/10	110
Bn	recce	party	and	1	115
sub-sec	2/6	Fd	Coy	and	120
det	2/5	Fd	Amb	(.)	125
Bounds	(.)	RAVENSHOE	rd	junc	130

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TO

FROM

Originator's Number

Date

In Reply to Number

(Write horizontally)					
346787	CHILVERTON	(.)	rd	june	5
342798	(.)	5	(.)	right	10
flank	protection	(.)	one	rifle	15
coy	2/10	bn	to	picquet	20
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	comd	gp	HQ	65
18	Bde	2/9	bn	HQ	70
18	bde	less	comd	gp	75
2/10	bn	less	three	rifle	80
coys	2/6	fd	coy	less	85
dets	A	coy	2/5	fd	90
amb	less	dets <sup>b</sup>	(.)	7	95
(.)	SP	entrance	present	HQ	100
18	bde	(.)	<del>starting</del> Starting	times	105
(.)	leading	tps	adv	gd	110
0800	hrs	(.)	main	body	115
(.)	2/9	bn	0837	(.)	120
bde	HQ	and	2/10	bn	125
less	three	coys	0847	(.)	130

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<b>TO</b>	<b>Originator's Number</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>In Reply to Number</b>
<b>FROM</b>			

2/6 (Write horizontally)	fd	coy	0900	(.)	5
A	coy	2/5	fd	amb	10
0904	(.)	arty	(.)	one	15
bty	2/4	fd	regt	in	20
support	(.)	F.O.O.	with	adv	25
gd	(.)	8	(.)	Adm	30
(.)	medical	(.)	MDS	at	35
present	bivouac	area	(.)	supplies	40
(.)	three	days	emergency	rations	45
carried	on	man	(.)	amm	50
tpt	tools	as	for	today's	55
advance	(.)	9	(.)	intercomm	60
(.)	one	208	set	with	65
bag	bn	(.)	no	wireless	70
silence	(.)	one	DR	with	75
each	adv	gd	and	coy	80
at	rd	junc	map	ref	85
346787	(.)	report	lines	for	90
adv	gd	as	for	bounds	95
(.)	report	centre	at	head	100
of	main	body	(.)	ACK	105
					110
					115
					120
					125
					130

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AMENDMENTS TO WAR ESTABLISHMENTS

Ref 9495

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 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 <sup>than</sup> on the supposition that sub-units will always be at or near the WE figure.

Lamilton  
Brig.  
Comd 18 Aust Inf Bde.

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

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*Serial No 15*

*71F 11/2/3*

**FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS**

*17x 68 (Tropical Seal)*

*118 18 Dec 7 / 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>BAIQUERIE</i> *	<i>1</i>		
Lieut.-Colonels ...			
Majors ...			<i>2</i>
Captains ...	<i>3</i>		<i>3</i>
Lieutenants ...	<i>6</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>4</i>
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...			
<i>CHAMPLAINS</i>	<i>3</i>		
Totals ...	<i>13</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>5</i>

\* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

**Officers JOINED during week.**

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

**Officers QUITTED during week.**

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

**PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.**

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Private	1231	SMITH J. D.	Infantry	Yes	
Private	12343	THOMAS E. J.	B.M.	No	Hospital
Private	2161	WELSH J. T.	L.C.I.	No	Hospital
Private	4277	SMITH J. P.	S.P.C.	No	Hospital
Private	1741	SEXTON A. T. S.	S.P.C.	Yes	
Private	1754	MCCOY J. H.	S.P.C.	Yes	
Private	7550	WILSON J. A.	L.C.	Yes	
Private	11344	REED J. W.	A.F.	Yes	
Private	8645	TOMES J. B.	Infantry	Yes	
Private	514	ALLEN J. A.	T.C.	No	Hospital
Private	2344	MILLER J. E.	T.C.	No	Hospital
Private	41254	WILSON J. H.	Infantry	No	Hospital
Private	1111	HOTCHESON J. R.	Infantry	No	Hospital

(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.
Captain	TX 2017	SWAN R. G.	2nd Div	11/5/45	A/A.M.
Lieut	SX 1102	SANDERS D. F.	1st Div	11/5/45	A/B.M. (L)
Lieut	UX 38857	LOVELESS J. C.	3rd Div	11/5/45	A/L.C.
Lieut	UX 2158	ABBOTT S. F.	4th Div	11/5/45	A/L.C.

HC 18th Div / Bde  
(Unit.)

5 Jun 43  
(Date of Despatch.)

*[Signature]*  
(Signature of Commander.)  
2nd Div

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







*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		1WOB 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	1SGT	1PTE	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		
Farriers			Painters					
						R.O.W.O		1WOB 1WOJ
						EDUC SGT		1SGT
						GEN DUTIES CPL		1CPL
						" " PTES		4PTES
						ORDERLIES		2
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)	CH 4		CH 17				2	16

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.

Date of Despatch *5 Jun 43*

*[Signature]*  
Signature of Commander.  
*7 Aust Div*  
Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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

16 / (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 12/6/1943. 4th Div/14th Bde (Unit)

W.E. 11 / 3 / 3. OFFRS. 12 O.R.'s. 56 + OFFRS. 5 O.R.'s. 12 ATT. BY W.E.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10				
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.								
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.				
			1	Lieut.-Colonels *									
				Majors									
2	2		2	Captains	1								
4	4	1	3	Lieutenants	1								
3	3	4	85	Quarter-masters									
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.									
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.	3								
7	7	5	28			5							
Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).		DETAIL		A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.P.	**	TOTAL.
		A.		12	1								13
		E.(1)											
		E.(2)											

\* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

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

### OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.
400000	Lieut	John Smith J.S.	4th Div/14th Bde	11/43	Returned from overseas
400001	Lieut	James White J.W.	4th Div/14th Bde	"	do
400002	Lieut	Robert Brown R.B.	4th Div/14th Bde	"	do
400003	Lieut	William Green W.G.	4th Div/14th Bde	11/43	do
400004	Lieut	Thomas Black T.B.	4th Div/14th Bde	11/43	do

### OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
400005	Lieut	Michael Lee M.L.	4th Div/14th Bde	11/43	Left for home

## PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO \_\_\_\_\_ (Unit) IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED. \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / 1943.

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

**PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH**

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 12/6/1943 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
	218 221	WILSON	W.W.	...	Yes		
	218 243	...	...	...	Yes		
	218 244	...	...	...	Yes		
	218 245	...	...	...	Yes		
	218 246	...	...	...	Yes		
	218 247	...	...	...	Yes		
	218 248	...	...	...	Yes		
	218 249	...	...	...	Yes		
	218 250	...	...	...	Yes		
	218 251	...	...	...	Yes		
	218 252	...	...	...	Yes		
	218 253	...	...	...	Yes		
	218 254	...	...	...	Yes		
	218 255	...	...	...	Yes		
	218 256	...	...	...	Yes		
	218 257	...	...	...	Yes		
	218 258	...	...	...	Yes		
	218 259	...	...	...	Yes		
	218 260	...	...	...	Yes		
	218 261	...	...	...	Yes		
	218 262	...	...	...	Yes		
	218 263	...	...	...	Yes		
	218 264	...	...	...	Yes		
	218 265	...	...	...	Yes		
	218 266	...	...	...	Yes		
	218 267	...	...	...	Yes		
	218 268	...	...	...	Yes		
	218 269	...	...	...	Yes		
	218 270	...	...	...	Yes		
	218 271	...	...	...	Yes		
	218 272	...	...	...	Yes		
	218 273	...	...	...	Yes		
	218 274	...	...	...	Yes		
	218 275	...	...	...	Yes		
	218 276	...	...	...	Yes		
	218 277	...	...	...	Yes		
	218 278	...	...	...	Yes		
	218 279	...	...	...	Yes		
	218 280	...	...	...	Yes		
	218 281	...	...	...	Yes		
	218 282	...	...	...	Yes		
	218 283	...	...	...	Yes		
	218 284	...	...	...	Yes		
	218 285	...	...	...	Yes		
	218 286	...	...	...	Yes		
	218 287	...	...	...	Yes		
	218 288	...	...	...	Yes		
	218 289	...	...	...	Yes		
	218 290	...	...	...	Yes		
	218 291	...	...	...	Yes		
	218 292	...	...	...	Yes		
	218 293	...	...	...	Yes		
	218 294	...	...	...	Yes		
	218 295	...	...	...	Yes		
	218 296	...	...	...	Yes		
	218 297	...	...	...	Yes		
	218 298	...	...	...	Yes		
	218 299	...	...	...	Yes		
	218 300	...	...	...	Yes		

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
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	218 300	...	...	...	...

Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander



HQ 18 Aust Inf Div

Unit

Serial No.

**PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday / / 194 .**

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, E.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangetakers			
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevedores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers				Tailors			
Dispensers	1	-	1	Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters				Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics											
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)											
Fitters				Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.	2	1	1
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				3	2	1	
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers				3	2	2	
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks				6	4	2	
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply				4	3	1	
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator	2	1	1	Clerks, Technical				4	3	1	
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties				Coach Trimmers				3	3	1	
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors	2	1	1				
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks							
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies							
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders							
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals							
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.							
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics							
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant							
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.							
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers							
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD	1	-	1	CARRIED FORWARD	3	1	2	CARRIED FORWARD	5	2	3	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	68	53	15

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

Date of Despatch

a.w. 6m bks 3/43

Signature of Commander

# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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

17 / (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 19/6/1943 HQ BAST W/BDE (Unit)

W.E. 11/2/3 OFFRS. 12 O.R's. 56 + OFFRS. 5 O.R's. 12 ATT. BY W.E.  
(Tropical Scale)

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

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

DETAIL	A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
A.	12	1								13
E.(1)										
E.(2)										

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

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

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

### OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

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

### OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
QX8695	Lieut	JONES D.B.	2/6 C.C.S.	16.6.43	Evac suspected malaria
QX2158	Lieut	ABBOTT J.S.F.	2/1 HQ Gd Bn	17.6.43	Transferred as OC. Gd Pl

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

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

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 19/6/1943 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Brigadier	NX 321	CHILTON F.O.		Bde Comd	Yes		
Captain	NX 13243	JACKSON D.D.		B.M.	Yes		
Lieut	SX 1741	SEDDON	R.T.S.	S.C.	Yes		
Lieut	QX 17549	MCCOLM	H.A.	S.C.(L)	No	Hospital	8.6.43
Lieut	QX 9500	CONNOLLY	P.D.	I.O.	Yes		
Captain	QX 2101	SHERWIN	N.J.C.	L.O.1	Yes		
Captain	VX 14877	COOMBE	D.C.	Sup.O.	Yes		
Lieut	QX 8695	JONES	D.B.	1440 D. No	No	Hospital	16.6.43
Lieut	QX 19346	REA	D.W.	M.O.	Yes		
Lieut	QX 519	AITKEN	J.G.	T.O.	No	Hospital (from leave)	
Chaplain	SX 5944	PHILLIPS	E.B.	Chaplain	No	2/9 Aust Inf Bn	
Chaplain	SX 40254	NORRIS	H.C.	Chaplain	No	2/10 Aust Inf Bn	
Chaplain	N 0160	WOTTON	R.H.W.	Chaplain	No	2/12 Aust Inf Bn	

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
Captain	TX 2017	SWAN R.G.	2/12 Bn	21.5.43	A./B.M.(L)
Lieut	VX 38857	LOVELESS G.C.	2/10 "	11.1.43	A./L.O.
Lieut	QX 336	POWER D.D.	2/19 "	8.6.43	A./L.O.

19.6.43

Date of Despatch

*[Signature]*  
Signature of Commander

# FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 14/1/1943 (Unit)

W.E. 14/1/1943 OFFRS. 13 O.R's. 56 + OFFRS. 5 O.R's. 12 ATT. BY W.E.

## Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1 W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				5	6 ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.	DETAIL.	Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.
				W.Os. Class I.					
	2	-	-	W.Os. Class II.				1	1
				Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
1	1	1	3	Staff Sergeants		1			
2	2	1	3	Sergeants			1		
2	2		4	Corporals				1	1
9	9		34	Troopers, Privates, etc.		7			
				Civilians counting as O.R.				1	1
16	16	2	42	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.		11*	2	3	3*

Detail	A.I.F.	C.M.F.		A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
		Under 19 Years.	19 Years and over.							
A	53									53
B(1)										
B(2)										

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

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

## Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

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

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.
1				1			
4				1			
3				1			
5							

## Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return To (Unit) is Particularly Requested. / / 194

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



Unit

Serial No. 17

**PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 11/6/1943.**

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.		
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants					
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, E.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen					
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers					
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing					
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental					
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers					
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangetakers					
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Rivetters					
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders					
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers					
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers					
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer					
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevadores					
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine					
Cooks, Hospital				<b>GROUP II.</b>				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical					
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers				Tailors					
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters					
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths					
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers					
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors					
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters				Winchman				Whitesmiths					
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman									
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners									
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics													
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)													
Fitters				Driver-Operator													
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers													
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians													
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)													
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				<b>GROUP III.</b>				<b>DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.</b>					
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors									
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers									
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks									
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply									
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical									
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties				Coach Trimmers									
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors									
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks									
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies									
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders									
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals									
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.									
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics									
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant									
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.									
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers									
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers									
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates									
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers									
CARRIED FORWARD		1	1	CARRIED FORWARD		3	1	2	CARRIED FORWARD		5	2	3	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	68	53	19

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

Date of Despatch 19-6-43

Signature of Commander

# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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

(Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 26/6/1943. *3. 11.18.43 Unit* (Unit)

W.E. *1/13* OFFRS. *19* O.R's. *56* + OFFRS. *5* O.R's. *12* ATT. BY W.E.

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

W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.								
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.				
			1	*									
				*									
				1	Lieut.-Colonels								
					Majors								
NR 2	2	-	-		Captains				-				
NR 4	4	1	2		Lieutenants	AASC	1	-	-				
NR 3	3	4	5		Quarter-masters	AAMC	1	-	-				
					A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.								
					Civilians Counting as Offrs.								
					A. Chaplains		3						
9	7	5	8				5						
		DETAIL		A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
		A.		12	1								13
		E.(1)											
		E.(2)											

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

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

### OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.
OX17549	Lieut	McCORMAN H.A.	2/67 Aust C.C.S.	24/6/43	RTU from Hospital

### OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
OX7500	Lieut	CONNELL P.D.	WAG School/M.I.	22/6/43	Attached Air Photography in support of the Army - General &

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

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

**PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH**

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 31/1/1943 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Brigadier	MX 321	CHILTON	F. G.	Adj. Gen.	Yes		
Captain	MX 15243	JACKSON	O. D.	B.M.	Yes		
Lieut.	SX 1141	SEEDON	R. T. S.	S. C.	Yes		
Lieut.	QX 17544	MCCOY	H. A.	S. P. (G)	Yes		
Lieut.	QX 4520	CANNOLLY	P. J.	T. O.	Yes	Attending UNQ Sub of M.I.	22/10/43
Captain	QX 2101	SHEKWIN	N. T. O.	T. O. 1	Yes		
Captain	VX 11877	COMBE	D. C.	Supd.	Yes		
Lieut.	QX 8695	JONES	F. B.	UNQ O.	No	Hospital	16/1/43
Lieut.	QX 19346	HEA	B. W.	T. O.	Yes		
Lieut.	QX 519	AITKEN	T. G.	T. O.	Yes	Hospital (dormitory)	
Captain	SX 8444	PHILLIPS	E. B.	Captain	Yes	UNQ Sub of M.I.	
Captain	SX 60854	NORRIS	M. C.	Captain	Yes	UNQ Sub of M.I.	
Captain	M 0160	WOTTON	R. A. W.	Captain	Yes	UNQ Sub of M.I.	

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
Captain	TX 2017	SWAN A. G.	2/10 Bn	21.5.43	17/RCM (G)
Lieut.	VX 38857	LOVELESS G. E.	2/10 Bn	11.1.43	17/RC
Lieut.	QX 376	POWER J. D.	4/11 Bn	8.6.43	17/RC

31/1/43  
Date of Despatch

*[Signature]*  
Signature of Commander  
S.C. 18 (Capt) Inf Bde  
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Unit

**PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 26/6/1943.**

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, E.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangetakers			
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevedores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers				Tailors			
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Befitters			
Draughtsmen	1	-	1	Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Bollermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters				Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics											
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)											
Fitters				Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors							
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers					86	33	3
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	2	2			6	5	1
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply					3	3	1
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical					2	2	1
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	2	2	-	Coach Trimmers					2	-	2
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors							
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks	2	1	1				
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies							
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders							
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals					8	8	-
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.					2	2	-
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics					1	-	1
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant					-	1	-
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.					-	1	-
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers					1	-	1
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD	1	-	1	CARRIED FORWARD	3	2	1	CARRIED FORWARD	7	5	2	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	68	60	12

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

26.6.43  
Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander  
SC 18

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COMBAT EFFICIENCY REPORT  
18 AUST INF BDE GP  
MONTH ENDING 20 JUN 43

HQ 18 Aust Inf Bde  
20 Jun 43

G1/43/1

7 AUST DIV

1. Herewith Serial 2 of above reports as under
  - (a) Consolidated Report for Bde Gp
  - (b) Unit Reports

HQ 18 Aust Inf Bde (incl defence pl)  
J Sec 7 Aust Div Sigs  
2/47 Aust LAD  
2/9 Aust Inf Bn  
2/10 Aust Inf Bn  
2/12 Aust Inf Bn

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Brig.  
Comd 18 Aust Inf Bde.

COMBAT EFFICIENCY REPORT OF 18 Aust Inf Bde

For Month Ended 20 JUN 43

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(a) Serial No	(b) Formation	Approx percentages available with units												(p) Percentage of WE personnel with unit	(q) Role	(r) Present Employment	
		Weapons															
		(c) Rifles	(d) LMGs	(e) MMGs	(f) TcMGs	(g) 3" Mortars	(h) 3" Mortars	(i) 2 prs	(j) 6 prs	(k) 25 prs	(l) 40 mm weapons	(m) AT	(n) Carriers				(o) Tanks
2	18 Aust Inf Bde Gp	53	100	100	99	81	12½	66½	-	-	-	40	-	-	44	Training	Training

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Sheet 2)

Serial No	Formation	Gen Standard of Officers & NCOs	Phase of training covered during the month	Type of Warfare formations considered capable of	Remarks
(a)	(b)	(s)	(t)	(u)	(v)
2	18 Aust Inf Bde Gp	Officers - Satisfactory NCO's - Fair  All require further training	Individual Specialist Specialist NCO Cadres Senior Officers Tactical Training	F	Scope of training is restricted by small numbers of personnel due to sickness, battle casualties and loss hence date of completion of training is uncertain.

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COMBAT EFFICIENCY REPORT OF 18 Aust Inf Bde

For Month Ended 30 JUN 45

(a) Serial No	(b) Formation	Approx percentages available with units												(p) Percentage of WE personnel with unit	(q) Role	(r) Present Employment	
		Weapons															
		(c) Rifles	(d) LMGs	(e) MMGs	(f) TMMGs	(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
2	HQ 18 Aust Inf Bde (incl defence pl)	70	50	-	71	-	-	-	-	-	-	20	-	-	44	Training	Training

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Sheet 2)

Serial No	Formation	Gen Standard of Offrs & NCOs	Phase of training covered during the month	Type of Warfare formations considered capable of	Remarks
(a)	(b)	(s)	(t)	(u)	(v)
2	HQ 18 Aust Inf Bde Gp	Satisfactory but require further training	Individual, Specialist and Staff training.	F	Scope of training restricted owing to small numbers due to sickness and battle casualties.

COMBAT EFFICIENCY REPORT OF 18 Aust Inf Bde

For Month Ended 30 JUN 43

(a) Serial No	(b) Formation	Approx percentages available with units												(p) Percentage of WE personnel with unit	(q) Role	(r) Present Employment		
		Weapons																
		(c) Rifles	(d) LMGs	(e) MMGs	(f) TEMGs	(g) 2" Mortars	(h) 3" Mortars	(i) 3 prs	(j) 6 prs	(k) 25 prs	(l) 40 mm weapons	(m) IT	(n) G rifles				(o) Pinks	
2	J Sec 7 Aust Div Sigs	63	-	-	100	-	-	-	-	-	-	82	-	-	Offrs 100	ORs 73	Training	Training



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Serial No	Formation	Gen Standard of Offrs & NCOs	Phase of training covered during the month	Type of Warfare formations considered capable of	Remarks
(a)	(b)	(s)	(t)	(u)	(v)
2	J Sec 7 Aust Div Sigs	Fair	General individual sig training.	F	Scale of training is restricted owing to lack of trained operating personnel. Date of completion of training is uncertain.



COMBAT EFFICIENCY REPORT OF 18 Aust Inf Bde  
 For Month Ended 30 JUN 43

(a) Serial No	(b) Formation	Approx percentages available with units												(p) Percentage of WE personnel with unit	(q) Role	(r) Present Employment			
		Weapons																	
		(c) Rifles	(d) LMGs	(e) LMGs	(f) TLMGs	(g) 2" Mortars	(h) 3" Mortars	(i) 2 prs	(j) 6 prs	(k) 35 prs	(l) 40 mm weapons	(m) MT	(n) C Pliers				(o) Tank		
2	2/47 Aust LAD	100	100	-	100	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Offrs 100 ORs 50	Training and routine work	Training and routine work



Sheet 2)					
Serial No	Formation	Gen Standard of Offrs & NCOs	Phase of training covered during the month	Type of Warfare formations considered capable of	Remarks
(a)	(b)	(s)	(t)	(u)	(v)
2	2/47 Aust LAD	Good	Individual weapon training, compass and map reading	F	Owing to changes in WE and transfers of tradesmen the date of completion of training is uncertain



COMBAT EFFICIENCY REPORT OF 2/9 AUST INF BN

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FOR MONTH ENDED 20 JUN 43

Serial N°

Unit

2

2/9 Aust Inf Bn

Approximate percentages available with units

WEAPONS												
RIFLES	L M G S	M M G	O S M G 9mm	2" MORTAR	3" MORTAR	2 Pps	6 Pps	40 mm	M T	Carriers	Tanks	
42	100	100	100	92	13	100	-	-	-	-	-	

% of WE Personnel with Unit

53 %

Role

Training

Present Employment

Employment

Training

*L. C. Spence Maj*  
 .....Lt-Col  
 Comd 2/9 Aust Inf Bn

FOR MONTH ENDED 20 JUNE 43

Serial N°	Unit	General Standard of Officers and NCOs	Phase of Training Covered during month	Type of Warfare formations considered capable of	REMARKS
2	2/9 Aust Inf Bn	Captains and Majors all experienced in battle. Standard "Good" Lieuts:- All have been in action. Mostly reinforcements and newly promoted NCOs require a good deal more training as Officers Standard "Fair"	Individual and Weapon Training. Hardening Exercises	F	On present figures personnel returning from Hospital and the continued relapses of Malaria it will be 6 months before the unit is up to strength.

*L. C. Ferguson Maj*  
 .....Lt Col  
 Comd 2/9 Aust Inf Bn



COMBAT EFFICIENCY REPORT OF 2/10 AUST INF BN

For Month Ended 15 / 6 / 43

Serial No (a)	Unit (b)	Approx percentages available with units											Strength of Personnel (o)	Strength of Personnel (p)	Role (q)	Present employment (e.g. assembly, tng preparation for operations) (r)	
		Weapons															
		Rifles (c)	LMGs (d)	MMGs (e)	2" Mortar (g)	3" Mortar (h)	2-pdrs (i)	6-pdrs (j)	25-pdrs (k)	40 mm weapons (l)	MT (m)	Carriers (n)					Tanks (p)
3	2/10 Aust Inf Bn	75%	100%	100%	100%	12½%	100%		OSMG (f) 100%						36 Off 322 OR		Assembly

Serial No (b)	General standard of Offrs & NCOs (b)	Phase of training covered during the month (t)	Type of warfare formations considered capable of (u)	Remarks (v)
3	Good	Hardening and Weepen Tng	F	As this unit is at present undergoing leave, it is impossible to make a time forecast of completion of tng. sickness is also preventing reassembly of Unit.

*[Handwritten Signature]*  
 Lt-Col  
 Comd 2/10 Aust Inf Bn  
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Sheet 1.

COMBAT EFFICIENCY REPORT OF 2/12 AUST INF BN  
for month ending 20 Jun 43

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Approx percentages available with units  
WEAPONS

Serial No (a)	Unit. (b)	<u>WEAPONS</u>													Strength of Personnel (p)	Role (q)	Present Employment (r)		
		(c) Rifles	(d) LMGs	(e) MMGs	(f) TSMGs	(g) 2" Mor	(h) 3" Mor	(i) 2 Prs	(j) 6 Prs	(k) 25 Prs	(l) 40mm weapons	(m) MT	(n) Carriers	(o) Tanks					
1	2/12 Aust Inf Bn	33 3/5	100	100	100	50	12 1/2	50	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	57 3/4%	OR 43%	Training	Training

*W. W. Arnold*

Lt-Col.  
Comd 2/12 Aust Inf Bn.

COMBAT EFFICIENCY REPORT

For month ending 30 Jun 43

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HQ 2/12 Aust Inf Bn  
21 Jun 43

<u>Serial No</u> (a)	<u>Formation Etc</u> (b)	<u>General Standard of Offrs &amp; NCOs</u> (s)	<u>Phase of Training Covered during month</u> (t)	<u>Type of Warfare Unit Con- sidered Capable of</u> (u)	<u>Remarks</u>
1	2/12 Aust Inf Bn	Fair	(a) Individual (b) Musketry (c) Bivouacs (d) Swimming	F	(a) Scope of training is still restricted by the few personnel in camp. Working parties prove a big drain on the effective strength of the unit.  (b) There have been 137 evacuations to hospital since the last return was furnished. A hundred of these were malarial cases  (c) Owing to the high percentage of personnel on leave and in hospitals etc the date of completion of training is uncertain.

*RW Anderson*  
Lt-Col.  
Comd 2/12 Aust Inf Bn.

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COMBAT EFFICIENCY REPORT ON 15 AUST INF BDE AIF

HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde AIF

FOR MONTH ENDING 20 JUN 43

20 Jun 43

QUOTE : 1/7/10

13 SEP 1943

Serial	Unit	Approx Percentage with Units												Pers	Role	Present Employment	
		Weapons															
		Rifles	LMG's	MG's	TSMG's	2" Mortar	3" Mortar	2 Pt	6 Pt	18 Pt, 25 Pt, 4.5 How	40 MM Lt	AA	MM				MGs
a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i	j	k	l	m	n	o	p	q	r
1	HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde AIF	100	100	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	95	-	-	92	Comd and Adm of Bde Cp	Comd and Adm of Bde
2	"J" Sec Sigs	100	-	-	N11	-	-	-	-	-	-	100	-	-	98	Maintenance of Comms, Specialist and Individual TRG	Comms, Specialist and Individual TRG
3	11 Aust Inf Bn AIF	100	100	100	100	-	100	100	100	-	-	48	100	-	90	Defence of Area as set out in Bde Op Instns Nos 1-8	TRG for War
4	16 Aust Inf Bn AIF	100	100	100	100	-	100	100	100	-	-	48	100	-	86	- do -	- do -
5	28 Aust Inf Bn AIF	100	100	100	94	-	100	100	100	-	-	48	100	-	89	- do -	- do -
6	13 Aust Inf Bde AIF	100	100	100	92	-	100	100	100	-	-	55	100	-	89	- do -	- do -
					111							111					

Note 1 - Though shown as 100%, Bren Guns are actually below WET as 12 single guns 44 per Unit) are held in lieu of 12 Twin Brens.  
 11 - In addition to Thompson SMG's shown, all Units hold 5 Austen SMG's supernumary to establishment  
 111 - Holding of MT is % to WE but all Units are 100% in accordance with Op scale set in NT Force GS Instn No. 29.

*Approved to beary  
 20 June 43*

Quote: 1/7/10

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## COMBAT EFFICIENCY REPORT OF 13 AUST INF BDE AIF

FOR MONTH ENDING 20 JUN 43

Serial	Unit	General Standard of Offrs and NCOs	Phase of Trg covered during the Month	Type of Warfare Formation considered capable of	Remarks
a	b	s	t	u	v
1	HQ 13 Aust Inf Bde AIF	Good	Adm, recee for Op roles. Bde Exercise. Range Practices, Route Marches and individual trg.	B	Personnel physically fit. All HQ personnel average two complete days of trg per week, incl individual trg and route marches
2	"J" Sec Sigs	Good	Adm, maintenance of comms, specialist and individual trg and as above	B	
3	11 Aust Inf Bn AIF	Good	Route Marches, Range Practices, Bn Exercise / Sec Trg, Weapon Trg incl fd firing	B	Physical efficiency high standard. Morale very high.
4	16 Aust Inf Bn AIF	Good	Individual, Physical, Weapon and Night trg. Pl, Coy and Bn Exercises, Bde Exercise incl Fd Firing. Range Practices, Mortar Shoots	B	-- do --
5	28 Aust Inf Bn AIF	Good	Pt, Bt and hardening exercises, Route marches, Weapon trg, Range practices, Bn Exercises, Bde Exercise incl Fd Firing.	B	-- do --
6	13 Aust Inf Bde AIF	Good	Reece for Op roles, Bn and Bde Exercises.	B	Tps physically fit. Morale high

1071  
 Brig.  
 Commanding 13 Aust. Inf. Bde. G.P.

# WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

Army Form C.2118  
(adapted)

11 AUG. 1943

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Unit HQ 18 AUST INF BDE

Date and Time.—From 1 Jul 43 To 31 Jul 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
RAVENSHOE	1 Jul		Air raid warning RED 1320 hrs from HQ 7th Aust Div. U/i A/c later identified as Avro Anson. L.O. 3 Lieut POWER and Hyg. Offr. Lieut. JONES returned from hospital and resumed duties. Lecture all senior offrs of the bde by Lt-Col CUMMINGS O.B.E. on defence. Brig. F.O. CHILTON D.S.O. attended.	
	2 Jul		Tng flights over the area were carried out by bde and 2/12 Bn staff offrs in A/c of 5 A.C. Sqn. Demonstration of M3 med tks by 2/9 Aust Armd Regt attended by Comd. Brig. F.O. CHILTON D.S.O. and Bde staff at KAZAN area.	
	3 Jul		Comd's conference with C.Os.  Comd Brig. F.O. CHILTON D.S.O. attended Tk/A shoot on 2/2 Aust Pnr Bn Tk/a range. Subsequent to invitation from INNISFAIL Chamber of Commerce, rugby match was played in INNISFAIL between 2/9 and 2/12 Aust Inf Bns. Teams were entertained by local people of INNISFAIL and members of bde staff spent the week-end there. 5 and 11 Aust Mot Regts were disbanded to reinforce 18 Aust Inf Bde. Reinforcements as follows marched in. 2/9 Aust Inf Bn - 9 x 204; 2/10 Aust Inf Bn - 10 x 360; 2/12 Aust Inf Bn - 9 x 198.	See 18 Aust Inf Bde Tng Instn No 29 of 7 Jul Att as Appx 'B'.
	4 Jul		Bde I.O. Capt P.D. CONNOLLY resumed duties after attending Photo Interpretation Wing LHQ School of M.I., YUNGABURRA.	
	6 Jul		Photo Interpretation Cadre started at Bde HQ. Sand table discussion for senior offrs held by Comd Brig. F.O. CHILTON D.S.O.	

# WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Unit..... Date and Time.—From..... To.....

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			Further reinforcements received from 1 Aust Mot Bde. 2/9 Aust Inf Bn - 2 x 23; 2/10 Aust Inf Bn - 5 x 120; 2/12 Aust Inf Bn - 0 x 52.	
	7 Jul		Hyg. Offr. Lieut. JONES evacuated to hospital. One tp M3 med tks from C Sqn 2/9 Aust Arm'd Regt att to each bn 7-11 Jul for tng and demonstration.	
	8 Jul		Further reinforcements from 1 Aust Mot Bde. 2/9 Aust Inf Bn - 38; 2/10 Aust Inf Bn - 5 x 47; 2/12 Aust Inf Bn - 18. Bde I.O. Capt P.D. CONNOLLY arranged for compasses of bde HQ and units to be checked for compass error by Svy Sec 2/4 Aust Fd Regt. One Coy 2/9 Aust Inf Bn with two tps of tks carried out demonstration of Inf-tk co-operation attended by remainder of unit.	
	9 Jul		G.O.C. 7 Aust Div Maj-Gen. G.A. VASEY C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O. visited Comd Brig. F.C. CHILTON D.S.O. to discuss forthcoming divisional exercises. Tk-Inf Co-op exercises carried out by 2/10 and 2/12 Aust Inf Bns. BM's conference attended by bde staff and unit coms. Div exercise at MT GARNETT and demonstration of tk fire-power for 10 Jul discussed.	
	10 Jul		Further reinforcements received from 1 Aust Mot Bde. 2/9 Aust Inf Bn - 3 x 77; 2/10 Aust Inf Bn - 1 x 53; 2/12 Aust Inf Bn - 49, bringing total of personnel absorbed within 18 Aust Inf Bde to 51 and 1259. Comd and Bde staff attended a demonstration of fire-power of the M3 med (General Grant) tk by C Sqn 2/9 Aust Arm'd Regt. BM (I) Maj R.G. SWAN had constructed a Jap type pill-box and which was effectively demolished by .37 AP followed by 5 rounds of .75 HE and two .175 AP. Unit offrs and NCOs attended the demonstration and were greatly impressed by the possibilities of this tk against fixed defences.	



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Army Form C. 2128  
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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.
	11 Jul		Order Gp at 2000 hrs for Div exercise (Mt. GARNETT area.)	See 0241 of 11 Jul Att as Appx 'A'. Original only.
			Warning Order for movement to tropical theatre of operations, not before 2 Aug, received from HQ 7 Aust Div. Div Exercise MT GARNETT continued.	
	12 Jul		18 Aust Inf Bde Gp moved along rd. RAVENSHOE-MT. GARNETT as adv gd to 7 Aust Div, securing the WILD RIVER CROSSING where a defensive posn was taken up for the night 12/13 Jul. Provisions of GRO G318 complied with.	See Appx 'Q' att. original only.
	13 Jul		The Bde was to resume the advance at 1400 hrs, but owing to the landing of 2 Coys of US Parachute Tps, acting as enemy, and a simultaneous ground attack by 16 Aust Inf Bde the order was cancelled and the bde with under comd 2/2 Aust Pnr Bn spent 13 Jul and the night 13/14 in occupation of WILD RIVER crossing.	
	14 Jul		A dawn attack by the 2/12 Bn was forestalled by the conclusion of the exercise and the bde gp resumed the advance, arriving at MT GARNETT late in the afternoon.	
	15 Jul		Comd Brig F.O. CHILTON D.S.O. with staff and unit Comds attended G.O.C.'s discussion on div exercise. In the afternoon the Comd took a Bde practice for the div review.	
	16 Jul		Full dress divisional rehearsal for C-in-C's inspection. Return of vehicles ref GRO 318/43 fwded.	See Appx 'R' att. original only.
	17 Jul		Inspection by C-in-C, Sir Thomas BLAMEY of 7 Aust Div. In the afternoon tps were free to attend the MT GARNETT races.	

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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.
	18 Jul		7 Aust Div rodeo at MT GARNETT racecourse. Comd Brig. F.O.CHILTON D.S.O. participated in senior offrs race.	
	19 Jul		The Bde Gp commenced the return march, reaching WILD RIVER where they were met by tpt and returned to lines in RAVENSHOE area. B.M. Maj. O.D. JACKSON with a staff offr from 503 Inf Parachute Regt (US) carried out recce for parachute cooperation exercise in KABAN area. 7 Aust Div Adm Order 4 received and gave composition of 18 Aust Inf Bde as follows:- HQ : HQ 18 Aust Inf Bde Sigs : 6 Pl 2/1 Aust HQ Gd Bn 'J' Sec Sigs 7 Aust Div. Inf : Det 7 Aust Div Cipher Sec. (2 O.R's) 2/9 Aust Inf Bn 2/10 Aust Inf Bn. 2/12 Aust Inf Bn. AASC : One pl 2/2 Aust Sup Depot Coy. Med : 2/5 Aust Fd Amb. Det ARCS. Ord : 2/125 Aust Bde Ord Fd.Pk. AEME : 2/125 Aust Bde Wkshop. 315 Aust LAD (Type 'J') Misc : One sec 7 Aust Div Pro Coy. Det 7 Aust Div Fd Cash Office. (2 OR's) Det 7 Aust Div Postal Unit. (4 OR's) 7 Aust Div Reception Camp.	
	20 Jul		Comd Brig F.O.CHILTON D.S.O. with BM and CO's attended discussion on completed exercise by Sir Leslie MORSHEAD GOC 2 Aust Corps.	

# WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			10 Bty 2/3 Aust Tk/A Regt, 2/4 Aust Fd Coy and rear party 2/153 Aust Gen Tpt Coy added to Bde Gp. 2/47 Aust LAD substituted for 315 Aust LAD.	
	21 Jul		BM (L) Maj R.G.SWAN and LO 1 Capt N J C SHERWIN carried out recce for two-sided jungle exercise in tng area, together with Chief Umpires. In the afternoon the BM (L) held an Umpires conference to coordinate the exercise. Lieut C.D.ANNAND, 2/10 Aust Inf Bn taken on strength as A.O.	
	22 Jul		BM held an order gp for Parachute co-op exercise, attended by C.O. 2/9 Aust Inf Bn, Lt-Col C.J.CUMMINGS O.B.E., CO and staff of 3Bn 503 Inf Parachute Regt, CO 5 A.C. Sqn, Sqn.Ldr. MUNRO RAAF and A.L.O. and Bde staff. HQ 7 Aust Div closed 1800 hrs. 18 Aust Inf Bde Gp came under comd Brig I.N.DOUGHERTY D.S.O., Comd 21 Aust Inf Bde. During the morning at a Bde ceremonial parade GOC 7 Aust Div Maj-Gen G.A.VASEY, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O. presented ribbons won during the Papuan campaign. Brig I.N. DSO and Lt-Col W.T.ROBERTSON, MC GSOL 7 Aust Div attended. DOUGHERTY During the afternoon 2/10 and 2/12 Aust Inf Bns marched out to bivouac areas for jungle exercise directed by Maj R.G.SWAN BM (L). Lieut A.B. TILLERMAN O.C. 'J' Sec Sigs 7 Aust Div evacuated with malaria.	See Appces 'B' to 'F'. Appx 'F' was issued as a result of this conference. For composition of bde gp see Location Statement att as Appx 'O'. See Appx 'G' att.
	23 Jul		Comd Brig F.O. CHILTON DSO, BM(L), Maj R.G.SWAN and LO 1 Capt N.J.C. SHERWIN SPENT THE MORNING DIRECTING the two jungle exercises. BM Maj. O.D.JACKSON visited HQ 2 Aust Corps to arrange sufficient tpt (35 x 3 ton vehs) for the parachute coop exercise, tpt in 7 Aust Div being unprocurable owing to preparation for embarkation.	

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	24 Jul		Comd Brig F.O. CHILTON DSO, BM(L) Maj R.G. SWAN continued direction of two sided jungle exercise in BEATRICE RIVER area, which concluded in the late afternoon, the units arriving back in camp lines approx. 1900 hrs. BM Maj O.D. JACKSON conducted a conference for umpires and enemy for Parachute coop exercise.	See map from air photos att as Appx 'H'.  See Appx 'J' att.
	25 Jul		BM (L) Maj R.G. SWAN conducted a final umpires conference on the two-sided jungle exercise. Comd Brig F.O. CHILTON DSO held a discussion on the lessons learnt from the exercise.	
	26 Jul		Comd. Brig. F.O. CHILTON D.S.O. directed parachute co-op exercise in KABAN area. 3 Bn 503 Inf Parachute and 2/9 Aust Inf Bn took part I.O. Capt P.D. CONNOLLY evacuated with malaria to HQ Aust C.C.S.	See map from air photos att as Appx 'K'.
	27 Jul		Capt. G.S. REICHENBACH att from HQ 7 Aust Div as L.S.O. Demonstration Coy defence posn (jungle warfare) compiled by Capt. KENDALL 2/9 Aust Inf Bn on Comd's order.	See Appx 'L' att.
	28 Jul		Lieut. A.B. TILLERMAN O.C. 'J' Sec Sigs 7 Aust Div resumed duty. Following several amendments to the composition of the bde gp, grouping for embarkation of units of 18 Aust Inf Bde Gp issued. Rear party 2/5 Aust Fd Coy added to bde gp.	See Appx 'P' att.
	29 Jul		Fd firing exercise of 2/9 Aust Inf Bn using MMG, 2 prs and all bn weapons: attended by Comd. Brig. F.O. CHILTON D.S.O. and Bde staff. 5 A.C. Sqn co-operated doing bombing and strafing. Lieut. H. McCOLM posted as T.O. Lieut. A.R. St.V. MALLYON, 2/10 Aust Inf Bn, posted as S.C.(L). Lieut. R.J. CUTLER, 2/12 Aust Inf Bn att as L.O.4. On departure of Brig. I.N. DOUGHERTY D.S.O., Comd. Brig. F.O. CHILTON D.S.O. assumed comd of remainder units of 7 Aust Div incl bulk of 21 Aust Inf Bde.	





*War diary* Appx 'A' to 18 Aust Inf Bde War Diary for July 43.  
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18 AUST INF BDE TRAINING INSTN NO 29

Period 6 Jul - 28 Aug 43

1. Review of Tng to date:- Although numbers have precluded collective tng and the adoption of the programme outlined in Training Instn No. 28 useful ground work has been achieved in the following directions:-
  - (a) Specialists. Bn HQ and HQ Coys have been built up to approx full strength and personnel have received some tng. Schools have been held for tng of sigs, 'I' personnel and Tk/A gunners.
  - (b) Junior Offrs and NCO's. Over 60 Pl Comds and Pl Sgts have completed the Bde 7-day Pl Comds Course. Units have conducted their own Junior NCO cadre courses.
  - (c) Senior Offrs. A series of bi-weekly tactical discussions, TEWTs etc have been attended by Bn and Coy Comds and specialist offrs. This should ensure a common approach to subsequent collective tng.
  - (d) Individual Tng. Basic tng e.g. in musketry, jungle assault courses etc have been carried out.
  
2. With the absorption of 5 and 11 Motor Regts, the following tng considerations arise:-
  - (a) Offrs. A special ten-days school is being organised under Bde arrangements for all attached offrs. This will commence approximately 10 Jul.
  - (b) NCO's. Special courses for Motor Regt NCO's should be organised under unit arrangements.
  - (c) OR's. Units will conduct TOETs. Those below required standard should, it is suggested, be segregated for special tng.
  
3. Unit strengths now permit of the adoption of Part II of 18 Aust Inf Bde Tng Instn No. 28. Unit programmes as from the conclusion of 7 Aust Div exercise on 21 Jul will be framed accordingly.
  
4. Outline Bde programme is attached as Appx "A". It will be noted that no more than two Bde controlled exercises are possible in the period. Units should however endeavour to conduct at least two additional Bn exercises to include an attack with tanks in semi-enclosed country against "Bunker" defences and a night river crossing exercise. Details of proposed Bn exercises will be submitted to this HQ not less than one week prior to commencement.
  
5. Tactical tng will be along the lines indicated at the senior offrs discussions. Whilst the greater part of pl & coy tng will be in jungle conditions, attention must also be given to operations in "plantation" type of country (e.g. as at CAPE ENDAIDERS). This is well represented by the comparatively open timbered country in our camp area. The importance of clearings, and the tactical value of the timbered edges thereof, must be emphasised. The value of sand table models for elementary, tactical instn- e.g. in conduct of a patrol etc. - is to be noted, especially as it is possible for O.R.'s to take part in the discussion on such problems.

- 6. The Bde Comd particularly wishes every opportunity to be taken during tactical tng to ensure that all ranks are "put in the picture", and especially that any "battle procedures" - e.g. closing up a coln on first contact - is fully explained to them.
- 7. It is desired that 7th Fd Bty should cooperate as far as possible in all larger exercises. Requests for arty cooperation should be submitted through this HQ. In appropriate exercises 2/4 Fd Coy will also be available for cooperation.
- 8. Physical conditioning must now receive increased attention. All ranks should average two half days marching, with full load, per week. Cross country movement, especially hill climbing, must be included. As far as possible such marching will be combined with other tng - or movement to tng areas.
- 9. Finally, it is emphasised that the time has arrived for our maximum tng effort.

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Maj.  
BM 18 Aust Inf Bde.

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OUTLINE TRAINING PROGRAMME

Serial	Period	Details
1	Week ending 10 Jul	Reorganization, TOET of Reinforcements, Individual Trg
2	Week ending 17 Jul	Div Exercise, Review, etc
3	Week ending 24 Jul	Return from Div Exercise, Individual Trg
4	Week ending 31 Jul	Pl and Coy Exercises, Individual Trg
5	Week ending 7 Aug	Sub-unit and Individual Trg Bn Exercise No 1 2-3 Aug 2/9 Aust Inf Bn 5-6 Aug 2/12 Aust Inf Bn
6	Week ending 14 Aug	Coy and Bn exercises, Individual Trg Bn Exercise No 1 9-10 Aug 2/10 Aust Inf Bn Bn Exercise No 2 12-13 Aug 2/9 Aust Inf Bn
7	Week ending 21 Aug	Coy and Bn Exercises, Individual Trg Bn Exercise No 2 16-17 Aug 2/10 Aust Inf Bn 19-20 Aug 2/12 Aust Inf Bn
8	Week ending 28 Aug 43	General Training Bn Exercise No 3 25 Aug 2/9 Aust Inf Bn 26 Aug 2/10 Aust Inf Bn 27 Aug 2/12 Aust Inf Bn
<del>1</del>	<del>Week ending 10 Jul</del>	<del>Reorganization, TOET of Reinforcements, Individual Trg</del>
<del>2</del>	<del>Week ending 17 Jul</del>	<del>Div Exercise, Review, etc</del>
<del>3</del>	<del>Week ending 24 Jul</del>	<del>Return from Div Exercise, Individual Trg</del>
<del>4</del>	<del>Week ending 31 Jul</del>	<del>Pl and Coy Exercises, Individual Trg</del>
<del>5</del>	<del>Week ending 7 Aug</del>	<del>Sub-unit and Individual Trg Bn Exercise No 1 2-3 Aug 2/9 Aust Inf Bn 5-6 Aug 2/12 Aust Inf Bn</del>
<del>6</del>	<del>Week ending 14 Aug</del>	<del>Coy and Bn exercises, Individual Trg Bn Exercise No 1 9-10 Aug 2/10 Aust Inf Bn Bn Exercise No 2 12-13 Aug 2/9 Aust Inf Bn</del>
<del>7</del>	<del>Week ending 21 Aug</del>	<del>Coy and Bn Exercises, Individual Trg Bn Exercise No 2 16-17 Aug 2/10 Aust Inf Bn 19-20 Aug 2/12 Aust Inf Bn</del>
<del>8</del>	<del>Week ending 28 Aug 43</del>	<del>General Training Bn Exercise No 3 25 Aug 2/9 Aust Inf Bn 26 Aug 2/10 Aust Inf Bn 27 Aug 2/12 Aust Inf Bn</del>

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Appx C to HQ 11 Aust Inf Bde  
was being for July 43.

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24 Jul 43

EXERCISE BATTLEAXE

Instructions for the Exercise.

Ref Maps: MT GARNET Sheet 1-in to 1 mile  
ATHERTON Sheet 4-miles to 1-in.

OBJECT.

1. To examine the problems of -
  - (a) Cooperation between airborne inf and paratroops.
  - (b) Movement by air of an inf bde to a theatre of operations.
  - (c) Securing and operating of an advanced airfield.

TROOPS.

2. The following will take part:-

5 AC Sqn RAAF  
3 Bn 105 Inf Parachute Regt  
Dets HQ 18 Aust Inf Bde  
2/9 Aust Inf Bn (Personnel to be moved by air  
28 Offrs 721 ORs).  
Dets 2/12 Austv Inf Bn  
One Sec 7 Aust Div Pro Coy  
Tpt under arrangements of S.C.

AIRCRAFT.

3. Aircraft will NOT be used to move inf but will be replaced by 3-ton trucks which will be employed according to instructions in Appx "A".

ENEMY.

4. Will be represented on the ground by dets from 2/12 Aust Inf Bn. See Forecast of Events Instructions to Enemy and Umpires.

GROUND.

5. Cleared areas represent kunai patches, timbered areas represent jungle, tracks are suitable for jeep traffic only. Airfields will be indicated by flags along sides of landing strips.

DIRECTING STAFF.

6. Directors:-

Brig. CHILTON.  
Col. KINGSTON. KINSLER.

Assistant Directors:-

Maj. JACKSON  
Capt. PAGET.

UMPIRES

7. See Forecast of Events, Instructions for Umpires and Enemy. Vehicles will fly a white flag.

Serial.	Sub-unit.	Umpires.	Provided By	Transport.
1.	Parachute Bn	One with Bn HQ & one with each Coy.	105 Inf Parachute Regt.	-
2.	Inf Bn HQ	1 Maj. 1 Licut.	2/12 Aust Inf Bn.	1 vch.
3.	Rifle Coys (each)	1 Capt or Licut.	2/10 Aust Inf Bn	4 vchs
4.	HQ Coy	1 Capt 2 Licuts	2/10 Aust Inf Bn	1 vch.
5.	Enemy	1 Capt 2 Licuts	2/12 Aust Inf Bn	1 vch.

OBSERVERS.

8. Officers, W.O's and N.C.O's from 2/10 and 2/12 Aust Inf Bns will be attached to 2/9 Aust Inf Bn to gain experience in problems of the exercise.

CONFERENCES.

9.

Serial.	To Attend.	Place.	Time.	Remarks.
1.	Unit Commanders and Staffs.	HQ 18 Bde	1330 hrs 22 Jul.	Initial conference on cooperation and the operation in general.
2.	Umpires	HQ 18 Bde	1330 hrs 24 Jul.	Initial Umpires' conference and viewing of ground.
3.	Umpires	In the Field	As required during Exercise.	
4.	Umpires	HQ 18 Bde	1330 hrs 27 Jul	Directors conference on the exercise.
5.	All Offrs participating in Exercise.	HQ 18 Bde	1430 hrs 27 Jul	Final conference on the exercise.

Nominations for Inf umpires to reach this HQ by 1000 hrs 24 Jul.

COMMUNICATIONS.

10. (a) Inf Parachute Bn - wireless.  
 (b) Inf Bn and Bde (Force) HQ - wireless  
 (c) Base to Adv Airfield - wireless.  
 (d) Inf Parachute Bn to Bde HQ - wireless  
 (e) Ground to Air - wireless Panel code and message dropping.  
 (f) Neutral Signals - wireless (Inf Rifle Coy & Bn HQ umpires will be accompanied by wireless sets).  
 (g) All messages will be preceded by -  
 "EXERCISE BATTLEAXE".



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EXERCISE BATTLEAXE  
Appx "A" to Instructions  
for the Exercise.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR EMPLOYMENT OF INF  
TROOP CARRYING VEHICLES.

1. Vehicles will be used to -
  - (a) Move plane loads from camp lines to Bde Control Point and Emplaning Field.
  - (b) Represent flights of aircraft.
2. Plane loads will be transferred from vehicles (a) to vehicles (b) at emplaning airfield.
3. Vehicles representing aircraft will act on the ground precisely as aircraft would on emplaning and deplaning airfields.
4. On emplaning airfield aircraft will be restricted to landing strip and dispersal bays which will be indicated by flags. At time of take-off vehicles will proceed in convoy to deplaning field where they will circle the field to the North and approach and "land" on the strip from the NW.
5. On deplaning field vehicles will also be limited to flagged landing strip and dispersal bays. Vehicles after unloading will proceed to NW end of strip and "take off" in a SE direction and return to emplaning airfield.
6. Movement will be in accordance with Force Operation Order for the Exercise.

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APPX "B" to 18 AUST INF BDE  
TACTICAL EXERCISE WITH TROOPS NO. 4  
INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE EXERCISE.

DISTRIBUTION LIST.

<u>SERIAL.</u>	<u>DOCUMENT.</u>	<u>7 Div.</u>	<u>5 AC Sqn R. A. A. F.</u>	<u>503 Inf Parachute Regt-incl Umpires</u>	<u>HQ 18 Bde</u>	<u>Inf Bns (each)</u>	<u>Inf Umpires.</u>	<u>Enemy.</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
1.	Instructions for the Exercise & Appendices	2	1	8	13	1	10	1	38
2.	Opening Situation	2	1	8	13	1	10	1	38
3.	Force Operation Order	2	1	8	13	1	10	1	38
4.	Forecast of Events Instructions to Umpires and Enemy	2	1	1	13	--	10	4	31
5.	Notes on Exercise	2	1	1	7	1			14



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EXERCISE BATTLEAXE

OPENING SITUATION.

Ref Maps: AHERTON and INNISFAIL Sheets 4-in to 1 ml.

1. Late in June 43 Japanese forces landed in the GULF area and advanced Eastwards. Air reconnaissance reports Japanese forces moving eastwards on two routes.
  - (a) MUNGANA 0206 - PENFORD 0604 - IRVINEBANK 0703 - HERBERTON 0904.
  - (b) MUNGANA - WOEPEN 0603 - MT GARNET 0702 - RAVENSHOE 0902.
2. By 23 Jul the Japanese forces -
  - (a) were in contact with Australian troops holding passes through the GREAT DIVIDE to the West of AHERTON 0905. The Japanese forces have had heavy casualties and are digging in;
  - (b) had had success in the HERBERTON area and had captured HERBERTON but their exploitation was partly successful only and Australian tps are holding the crossings over the HERBERTON RANGE 0904, and HUGH NELSON RANGE 0903.
  - (c) To the South the enemy is digging in on the general line of the N. BEATRICE and BEATRICE RIVERS 0003 and the high ground through 2360 in Square 0102 to the South.
3. Commander Allied Land Forces intends to hold enemy in the North and attack in the South. As part of this plan 7 Aust Div with under command 3 Bn 105 Inf Parachute Regt and 2/2 Aust Pioneer Bn was given the role of securing the airfield at KABAN and cutting the enemy L of C between RAVENSHOE and MT GARNET. The Division is at present in INNISFAIL area.
4. Airfields in the area are located as follows:-
  - (a) Own

CAIRNS  
INNISFAIL (RAVENSHOE for purposes of exercise)  
MAREEBA  
TOWNSVILLE.
  - (b) Enemy

KUBAN  
MUNGANA  
Two in GULF area.

Appx 'E' to HQ 18 Bde War Diary  
for July 43.

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EXERCISE BATTLEAXE.

18 AUST INF BDE GP O.O. No. 1.

Ref Maps: HERBERTON Sheet 1-in to 1 ml.  
MT GARNET Sheet 1-in to 1 ml.  
Air Photographs CLARK SWAMP area 3194.

INFORMATION

- As per Sitrep No. 1 to 1200 hrs 24 Jul attached as Appx "A".
- Intention of GOC 7 Aust Div is to secure the KABAN AIRFIELD with 18 Aust Inf Bde Gp consisting of the undermentioned units and employ the remainder of the Division to cut the enemy L of C between RAVENSHOE and MT GARNET.
  - HQ 18 Aust Inf Bde
  - 3 Bn 503 Inf Parachute Regt
  - 7 Bty 2/4 Aust Fd Regt.
  - 2/4 Aust Fd Coy
  - 2/9, 2/10, 2/12 Aust Inf Bns.
  - 2/5 Aust Fd Amb
  - Det 7 Aust Div Pro Coy
  - No. 6 Aerodrome Control Unit.
  - One Pl 5 Supply Depot Coy
  - One Pl 7 Aust Div Transport Pool.
- 3 Fighter Sqn, 12 Dive Bomber Sqn, 5 AC Sqn RAAF are in support 18 Aust Inf Bde Gp from 1200 hrs 25 Jul.
- Met reports 25-30 Jul issued separately.

ATTENTION

- <sup>9</sup> 18 Aust Inf Bn Gp with 3 Fighter Sqn, 12 Bomber Sqn and 5 AC Sqn in support will secure KABAN AIRFIELD with a view to protecting the landing of the remainder of 18 Aust Inf Bde Gp.

METHOD

General Outline.

5 Bn 503 Inf Parachute Regt will drop in the vicinity of KABAN AIRFIELD on morning 26 Jul and secure the airfield when 2/9 Aust Inf Bn with attd tps will be flown in to relieve them and cover the landing of the remainder of the Bde Gp.

Parachute Bn.

- Roles
- (i) To secure KABAN AIRFIELD by 1000 hrs 26 Jul and protect the landing of the 2/9 Aust Inf Bn Gp.
  - (ii) To withdraw into reserve in vicinity of landing strip when relieved by 2/9 Aust Inf Bn Gp and return by air to CAIRNS.

Airborne Troops.

- (a) Comd. Lt-Col G. J. CUMMINGS - 2/9 Aust Inf Bn.

- 2/9 Aust Inf Bn
- + one tp 7 Bty 2/4 Aust Fd Regt.
- + Det 2/5 Aust Fd Amb
- Det No. 6 Aerodrome Control Unit
- Det 7 Aust Div Pro Coy.

(+ denotes NOT represented in the exercise)

- (b) Role. To move by air to relieve 3 Bn 503 Inf Parachute Regt and secure KABAN AIRFIELD with a view to protecting the loading of the remainder of 18 Aust Inf Bde Gp.
- (c) Emplaning Airfield - INNISFAIL (For purposes of Exercise)  
(RAVENSHOE SPORTS GROUND)
- (d) Deplaning Airfield - K/BAN
- (e) Air Movement - Vide Emplaning Table attd as Appx "B".
- (f) Movement to Emplaning Airfield - Vide 18 Aust Inf Bde Standing Orders for Battle.
- (g) Loading Areas - Present Camp Lines.

9. Troop Carrying Aircraft.

- (a) Availability - Three (3) flights each of seven (7) DC3 Transport aircraft. Eight (8) flights first day, ten (10) flights second day.
- (b) Timings. (i) - First three flights will be prepared to leave by 0900 hrs 26 Jul.  
(ii) - Remaining flights will take off at 30-minute intervals unless otherwise ordered.
- (c) Deplaning Staff and Aerodrome Staff - See Appx (c).

10. AIR.

For purposes of exercise general Fighter and Bomber policy have NOT been laid down. 5 AC Sqn will carry out all air support roles.

- (a) Reconnaissance
  - (i) After 1600 hrs 25 Jul along KABAN-MT GARNET RD. Task to observe any tp or MT movement.
  - (ii) 0630 hrs 26 Jul to locate any enemy forces in vicinity cleared area 900 yds west of KABAN AIRFIELD or changes in enemy airfield defences. If required urgent message to be dropped on CAIRNS AIRFIELD to 3 Parachute Bn.
  - (iii) Every 15 minutes from 0930 hrs to observe 3 Parachute Bn Success Signal. Message to be dropped on RAVENSHOE AIRFIELD to HQ 18 Aust Inf Bde.
- (b) Bombing.

Task to neutralise enemy AA Bty located at west end KABAN AIRFIELD during times aircraft carrying 3 Parachute Bn are over the area.
- (c) Straffing.

From time aircraft carrying 3 Parachute Bn are over area until first flight is assembled on ground.  
Task - To prevent enemy tps moving from KABAN AIRFIELD during parachute operations.

Regulating Station - INNISFAIL GOLF LINKS (for purposes of exercise MT GARNET SHOWGROUND 3985).  
Control Station - Western end of AIRFIELD.  
Emplaning Staff - See Appx "B".

Para 8(g)

11. Command.

In the event of serious enemy action during period of relief by 2/9 Aust Inf Bn Gp, CO 3 Parachute Bn will command the whole force in the area until relief is completed when CO 2/9 Aust Inf Bn Gp will assume command.

ADMINISTRATION.

12. Admin Order issued separately.

INTERCOMMUNICATION

13. HQ 18 Aust Inf Bde located present site until phase of operation covered by this order is completed.

14. Wireless Communications.

Frequencies will be issued together with call signs and map ref and R/T codes separately.

(a) 5 AC Sqn aircraft to (i) HQ 18 Aust Inf Bde.  
(ii) 3 Bn 503 Inf Parachute Regt.  
(iii) 2/9 Aust Inf Bn.

(b) 3 Bn 503 Inf Parachute Regt to  
(i) HQ 18 Aust Inf Bde  
(ii) 2/9 Aust Inf Bn.

(c) Normal within units.

15. No wireless silence after 0700 hrs 26 Jul.

16. Line Communications.

Loading areas to Regulating Station to Control Station.

17. Success Signals.

(a) 3 Bn 503 Inf Parachute Regt will display an "H panel" on the airstrip to indicate it has secured the airfield and is prepared to cover the landing of 2/9 Aust Inf Bn Gp.

(b) Panels will be observed by recce aircraft from 5 AC Sqn which will then drop a message advising HQ 18 Aust Inf Bde on the emplaning airfield.

(c) Above information will also be passed by wireless.

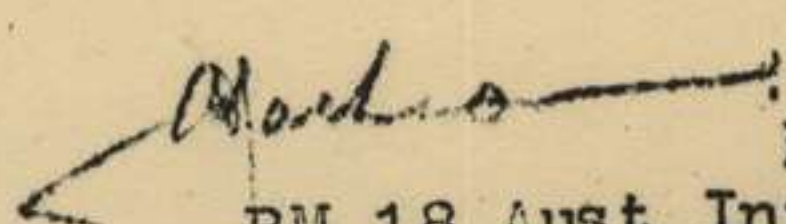
18. Report Centres.

Will be established at SE corner KABAN AIRFIELD as follows:-

(a) By 3 Bn 503 Inf Parachute Regt as soon as it has occupied the airfield.

(b) By 2/9 Aust Inf Bn as soon as it lands.

ACK.

  
Major,  
BM 18 Aust Inf Bde.

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DISTRIBUTION.

<u>Unit.</u>		<u>Copy Nos.</u>
3 Bn 503 Inf Parachute Regt		1-8
2/9 Aust Inf Bn	..	9
2/10 Aust Inf Bn	..	10-17
2/12 Aust Inf Bn	..	18-23
Comd	..	24
B.M.	..	25
S.C.	..	26
Sig Offr	..	27
5 AC Sqn RAAF	..	28
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NOTE:

1. Only units taking part in exercise are included.
2. Distribution includes copies for umpires and enemy.

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EXERCISE BATTLEAXE

Appx "A" to 18 Aust Inf Bde Gp  
O.O. No. 1.

SITREP No. 1.

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18 AUST INF BDE GP SITREP NO. 1  
to 1200 hrs 24 JUL.

LAND.

1. Unsuccessful attempt at 0630 hrs 24 Jul by enemy to secure crossing over HERBERTON RANGE 0904 repulsed by 16 Aust Inf Bde with heavy losses.
2. Following our successful attack 23 Jul the MILLAA MILLAA Rd junc and railhead was secured and the enemy driven from the high ground 006033.
3. Tac/R 24 Jul indicated the Div res approx one regt strong located RAVENSHOE to be moving to N. BEATRICE RIVER area.
4. No other reserve is known of closer than a force of approx 2000 reported at LAPPA JUNC pm 22 Jul and thought to consist of elements of 20 I.M.B..

ENEMY AIR

- ~~5.~~ ~~14 M.I.B.~~
5. 14 M/B attacked TOLGA ry junc at 0815 hrs. PL/R 21 Jul indicated KABAN ALG in good condition and being stocked with fuel. Annotated mosaic attached (2/9 Aust Inf Bn 3 Bn ~~105~~ Inf Parachute Regt, 5 AC Sqn RAAF ONLY). Own locations unchanged. All informed.

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EXERCISE BATTLE XE

Appx B to 18 Aust Inf Bde  
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2/9 AUST INF BN  
EXPLAINING TABLE

Plane Ser. No	Day	Unit	Personnel		Remarks
			Offrs	ORs	
1-48	26 Jul	2/9 Aust Inf Bn Det Aerodrome Staff R.M.F Ground Crew Det 7 Aust Div Pro	28 2	721 4 4 10	Incl Bde L.O.
49-51	26 Jul	Det 2/5 Aust Fd Amb Incl Surgical Team	5	32	NOT Participating in exercise
52-58	26-27 Jul	Tp 7 Fd Bty	3	55	NOT partic- ipating in exercise

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REGULATING STATION STAFF.

<u>APPOINTMENT</u>	<u>PERSONNEL</u>	<u>PROVIDED BY.</u>
Station Comd	one Capt	2/10 Aust Inf Bn
A/Station Comd	one Lieut	2/10 Aust Inf Bn
Telephone Operators	two O.Rs.	2/10 Aust Inf Bn
Clerk	one O.R.	2/10 Aust Inf Bn
Orderlies	two O.Rs.	2/10 Aust Inf Bn.

Staff to be on Station by 0730 hrs 26 Jul.

CONTROL STATION STAFF.

Station Comd	One Capt	HQ 18 Aust Inf Bde
A/Station Comd	One Lieut	2/12 Aust Inf Bn
Telephone Operators	Two O.Rs.	HQ 18 Aust Inf Bde
Clerk	One O.R.	HQ 18 Aust Inf Bde
Orderlies	Two O.Rs	HQ 18 Aust Inf Bde

Staff to be on Station by 0730 hrs 26 Jul

KABAN AIRFIELD STAFF DET

Station Comd	One Maj	2/12 Aust Inf Bn
L.O.	One Lieut	HQ 18 Aust Inf Bde
Clerks	One O.R.	2/12 Aust Inf Bn
Orderlies	Two O.Rs.	2/12 Aust Inf Bn

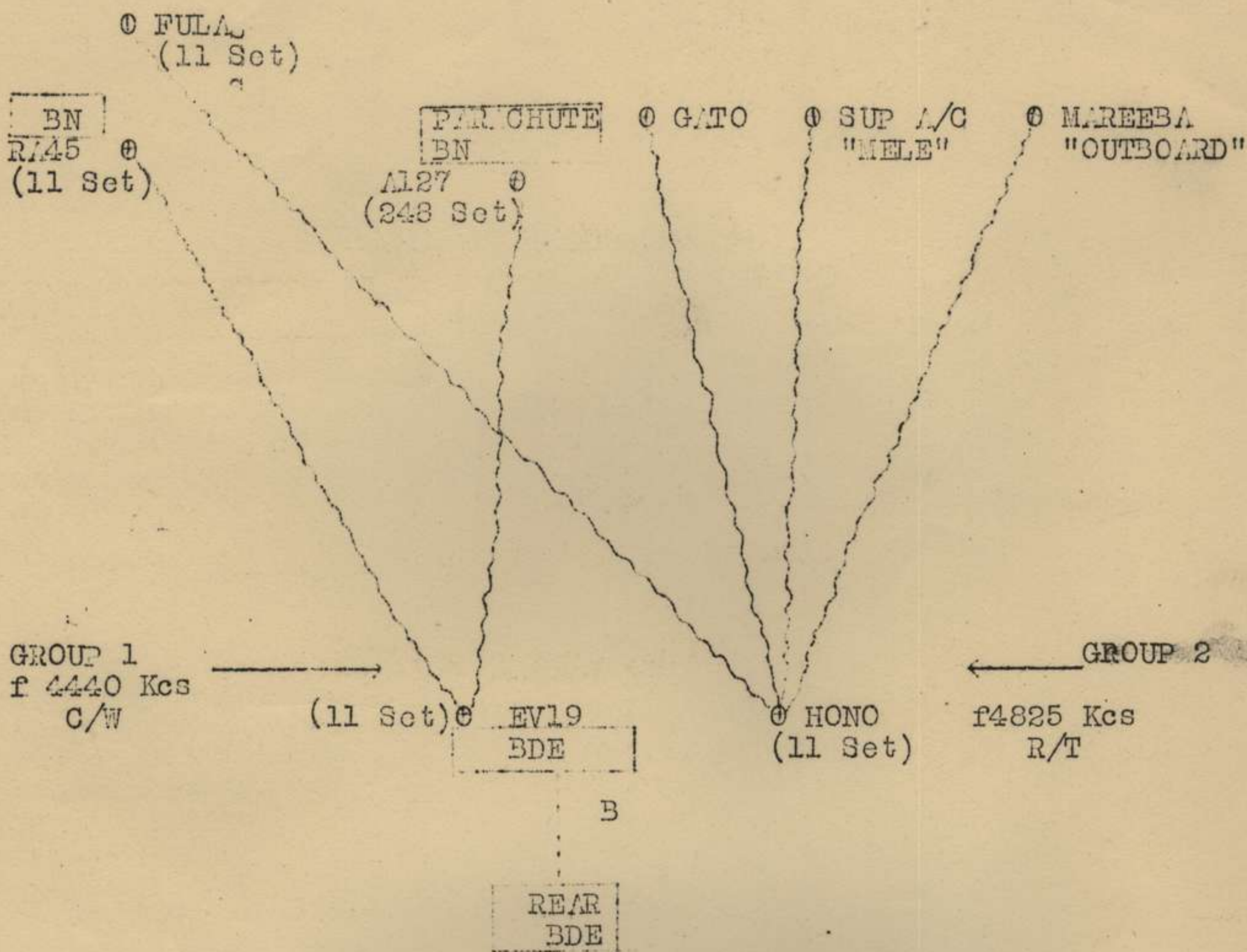
Staff to emplane with 2/9 Aust Inf Bn



EXERCISE SIGNAL DIAGRAM

JULY 43

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NOTES

1. Code names of Coys :-
 

HQ Coy	-	FULA.H
A	"	" A
B	"	" B
C	"	" C
D	"	" D
2. R/T code will be used.
3. All clear messages will be prefixed with "EXERCISE BATTLEFIELD"
4. 'NET' at 0545 hrs 26 Jul.
5. Maintain continuous listening watch as from time of "NETTING"
6. Line to be laid by 1800 hrs 25 Jul 43.

Appx '7' to HQ 18 Bde War Scans  
for July 43

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22 Jul 43

EXERCISE BATTLEAXE

Conference 51 - 22 Jul 43

Ref Instructions for the Exercise, para 9.

A. The following additional orders were issued.

METHOD

4. PARACHUTE BN

Dropping to be made at 0730 hrs. 26 Jul. In the event of insufficient aircraft being available two droppings will be carried out; the first prior to 0730 hrs and to be disregarded for the purposes of the exercise.

10. (b) Bombing

(i) Preliminary neutralisation of AA Bty from 0730-0735 hrs.

(ii) Bomber support on call over the objectives from 0730 hrs until 3rd Parachute Bn success signal.

INTERCOMMUNICATION

14. Wireless intercommunication system vide attached signal diagram.

15. No wireless silence after 0630 hrs 26 Jul 43.

19. Ground to Air Recognition Signals

(a) Aircraft Attracting Attention

Aircraft fires green star  
Ground tps reply with white star  
Aircraft reply with red star  
Ground troops display panels

(b) Ground troops attracting attention

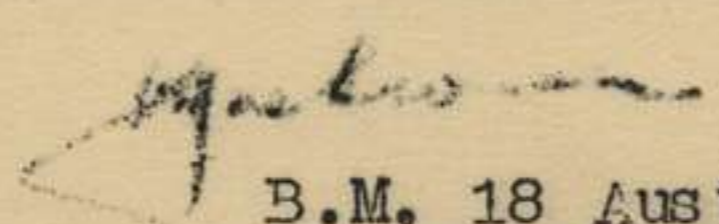
Ground troops fire white star  
Aircraft reply with red star  
Ground troops display panels

20. Indication of Fwd Tps

Aircraft establishes identity  
Fwd tps display white triangles to indicate their positions

B. Arrangements were made to postpone timings or cancel the exercise after 1200 hrs in the event of bad weather. 5 AC Sqn to carry out recces prior to 0700 hrs and advise all concerned.

c. Map reference system standardised by production of photo maps and use of thrust line map reference system.

 Major.  
B.M. 18 Aust Inf Bde.

War Diary Appx 'G' of HQ 18 Aust Inf Bde War Diary for July 43.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PARADE FOR PRESENTATION OF RIBBONS FOR AWARDS EARNED IN NEW GUINEA.

PARADE

1. Parade in formation vide Appx "A" will be held on Thursday 22 Jul on Bde Sports Ground. Ribbons will be presented by G.O.C. 7 Aust Div who arrives at 1000 hrs.

PERSONNEL

2. Maximum number of personnel from following units will attend:-

- HQ 18 Aust Inf Bde
- J. Sec 7 Aust Div Sigs
- 2/9 Aust Inf Bn
- 2/10 Aust Inf Bn
- 2/12 Aust Inf Bn

ASSEMBLY

3. Units will be on parade with bayonets fixed by 0945 hrs.
4. Routes to parade ground as already arranged
5. Unit markers (4 per unit, 2 Bde HQ) will report to B.M.(L) on parade ground at 0900 hrs.
6. Flanks of units will be marked by flags to facilitate dressing.

DRESS

7. As for 7 Aust Div Review. Cloth will be carried to clean boots on parade ground.

PERSONNEL TO RECEIVE RIBBONS

8. Personnel will NOT carry arms and will NOT be included in unit parades. They will report to B.M.(L) on parade ground at 0930 hrs and will assemble in front of dais.
9. After receiving awards personnel will return to position in front of dais.
10. Ribbons of personnel who <sup>are</sup> NOT present on parade will be received by C.O's. who will NOT take pos<sup>n</sup> in front of dais.

ORDERS.

11. Sequence of orders vide Appx "B". Flag system may be used or orders may be given by Bde Comd only.

BANDS

12. Unit bands will be massed to form a Bde band and will report to parade ground at 0900 hrs.

LOUD SPEAKER

13. Loud Speaking System will be provided on parade ground by 2/9 Aust Inf Bn by 0900 hrs.

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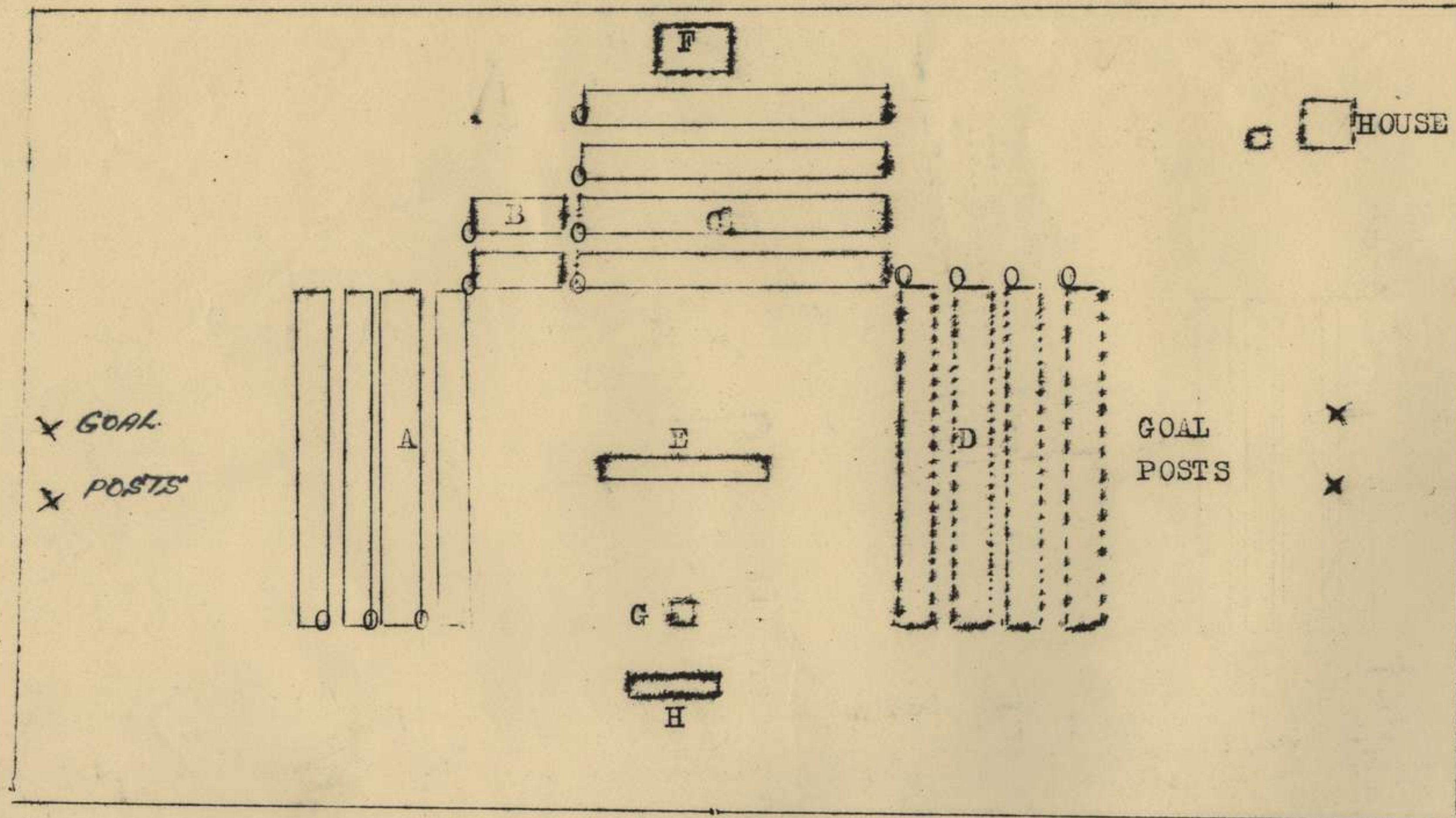
- 2/9 Aust Inf Bn
- 2/10 Aust Inf Bn
- 2/12 Aust Inf Bn
- HQ 18 Aust Inf Bde

- Comd.
- B.M.
- S.C.
- 7 Aust Div

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*P. J. Morgan*  
Major  
BM 18 Aust Inf Bde.

PARADE FORMATION



KEY

- A. 2/9 Aust Inf Bn
- B. HC 18 Aust Inf Bde incl J. Sec Sigs
- C. 2/10 Aust Inf Bn
- D. 2/12 Aust Inf Bn
- E. Personnel to Receive Ribbons.
- F. Bde Comd.
- G. Dais.
- H. Visitors.
- O Markers posted on ground at 0900 hrs.

NOTES.

- (a) Unit frontages 60-62 files. Bde HQ 16-18 files.
- (b) Formation - Coys in column with reduced distances between coys. A fifth coy may be introduced if numbers exceed 770.
- (c) Officers in review order in front of units.
- (d) W.O's and N.C.O's with exception of R.S.M. to be included in coys.

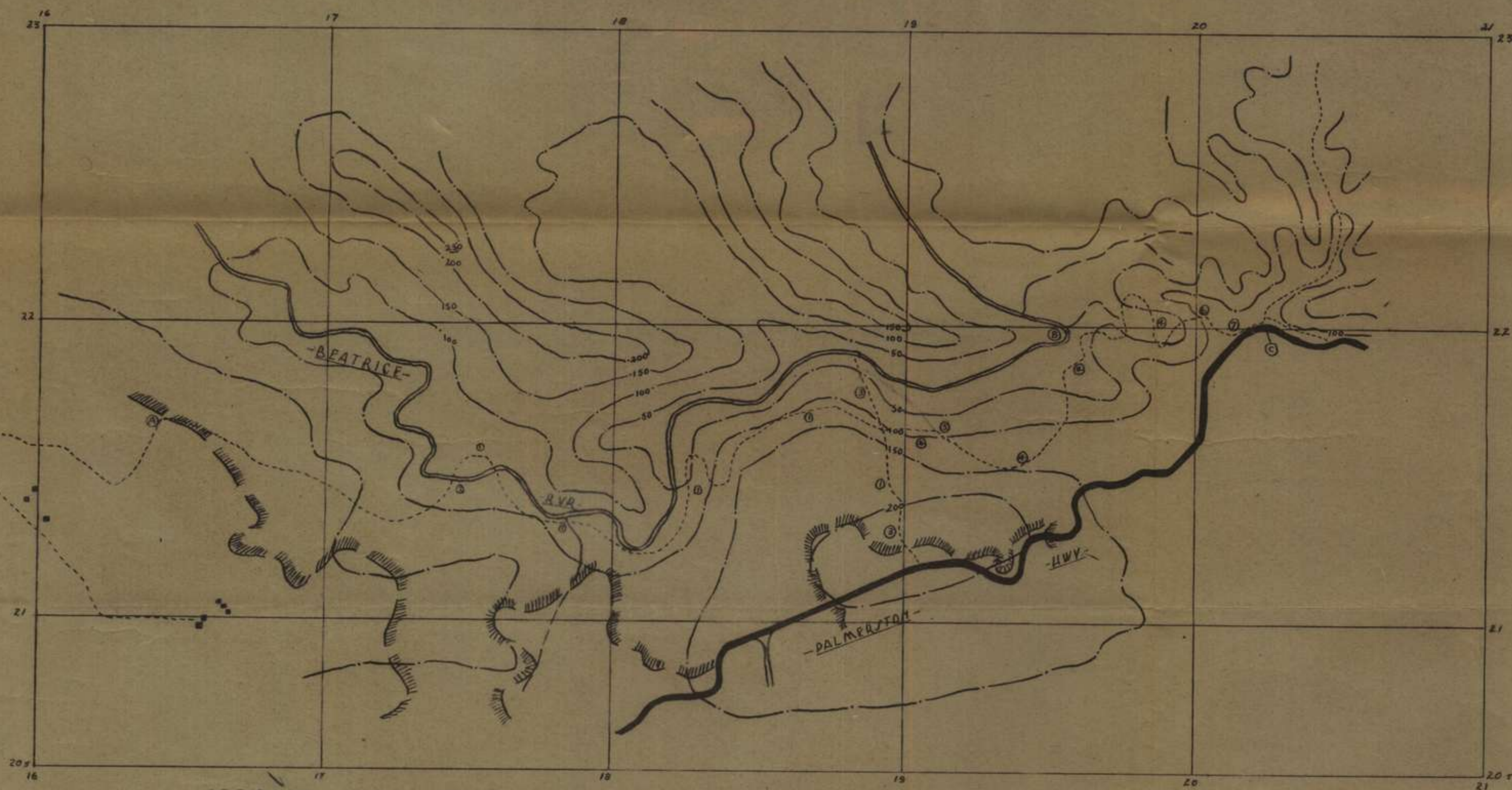
APPX "B" to 18 AUST INT BDE  
INSTRUCTIONS FOR PARADE FOR  
PRESENTATION OF N.C. RIBBONS.

SEQUENCE OF ORDERS

SERIAL.	EVENT.	ORDERS BY BDE COMD.	ORDERS BY UNIT COMDS.
1.	Arrival of Bde Comd	Bde	----- Bn
2.		The Bde will come to attention.	-----Bn Attention
3.		The Bde will stand easy	-----Bn Stand at-----ease.  -----Bn Stand-----easy
4.	Approach GOC 7 Aust Div	Bde	-----Bn
5.		The Bde will come to attention and slope arms.	-----Bn Attention -----Bn Slope ---Arms.
6.	Arrival GOC 7 Aust Div	General Salute	-----Bn Present -----Arms
7.		The Bde will slope arms.	-----Bn Slope -----Arms
8.		The Bde will order arms and stand at ease.	-----Bn Order-----Arms -----Bn Stand at -----Ease
9.	Presentation of Ribbons by GOC 7 Aust Div		
10.	Departure of GOC 7 Aust Div.	The Bde will come to attention	-----Bn Attention
11.		The Bde will stand at ease.	-----Bn Stand at-----Ease
12.		Unit Parades.	

Appx H to HQ 18 Bde War  
 Beans for July 43

- BEATRICE RIVER AREA -  
 - REF MAP PALMERSTON 1/63360 -



- ① TRACK BLAZED, FAIRLY GOOD GOING. UNDERGROWTH AND JUNGLE VERY THICK.
- ② 15 CWT USED TO THIS POINT.
- ③ JEEP TRACK, GENTLE SLOPE BUT GREASY.
- ④ TRACK 2' TO 3' WIDE, GOING OFF TRACK VERY DIFFICULT - TRACK ROUGH AND SLIPPERY.
- ⑤ GOING 3 IN 6 UP AND DOWN.
- ⑥ REASONABLY FLAT AREA.
- ⑦ TRACK 1 IN 2 UP AND DOWN.

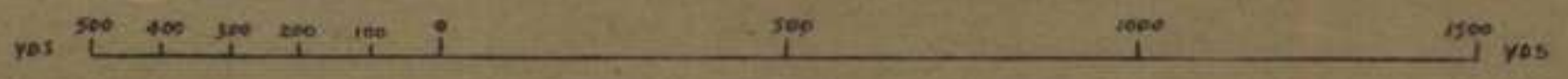
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FOR PURPOSE OF THE EXERCISE,  
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 H.Q. 18 AUST INF BDE

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- B 512878
- C 516880

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Appx J to HQ 18 Bde War Diary for July 43.

EXERCISE BATTLEAXE

Forecast of Events - Instructions to Umpires and Enemy.

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SERIAL	APPROX TIME	EVENT.	INSTRUCTIONS TO ENEMY and UMPIRES.	NOTES FOR UMPIRES.	REMARKS.
1.	1600 hrs 25 Jul	Enemy occupy defensive localities. Airfields marked by flags.	Localities will be in accordance with those shown on air photographs. Full scale digging will be carried out and wire communications established between Coy HQ and Pl HQ. Tk/A guns will be used to represent AA guns on the ground.		Strength of enemy 100  Strength of Parachute Bn dropped will be approx 300 representing approx 500.
2.	1700 hrs 25 Jul	Umpires & Sig details report to their respective units & sub-units.	Wireless sets for comm between umpires netted. See Appx 'A' for Sig diagram.		
3.	0630 hrs 26 Jul	Recco by aircraft over KABAN AIRFIELD and rd to RAVENSHOE			
4.	0700 hrs	First 3 flights leave loading areas, pass through Regulating Station and are loaded on to aircraft ready to move by 0900 hrs	Vehs representing aircraft must NOT be permitted to move outside landing strip & dispersal bays	Note composition of loads and functions of Regulating Sta Staff and Control Sta Staff	
5	0730	Parachute Bn drops on field 900 yds SW of KABAN AIRFIELD	Enemy tps must NOT be permitted to move from airfield if air attacks on these posns are effective	Note all orders and timings, speed of assembly of paratps Note effectiveness of comms & air attacks	In strafing and bombing one aircraft represents nine
6	0800	Parachute Bn attack on KABAN AIRFIELD defences	Will be allowed to succeed	Note orders, timings, comms, speed of attack	

SERIAL	APPROX TIME.	EVENT	INSTRUCTIONS TO ENEMY & UMPIRES	NOTES FOR UMPIRES	REMARKS.
7.	1000	Parachute Bn displays success signal on KABAN AIRFIELD.		Note speed of passing information to airborne troops.	
8.	1015	First flight leaves RAVENSHOE AIRFIELD.	Enemy assemble North of rd & track junc 400 yds NE of AIRFIELD	Note movement of aircraft and timings; Control exercised by Control Station Staff, Speed of loading following flights.	Flights leave at intervals of 30 minutes.
9.	1045	First flight lands KABAN AIRFIELD. Relief of 3 Parachute Bn by 2/9 Aust Inf Bn commences.		Note speed of assembly of flight on ground. Liaison between Bns and method of carrying out relief.	
0.	1415	Last flight lands.			
1.	1600	Exercise ends.			

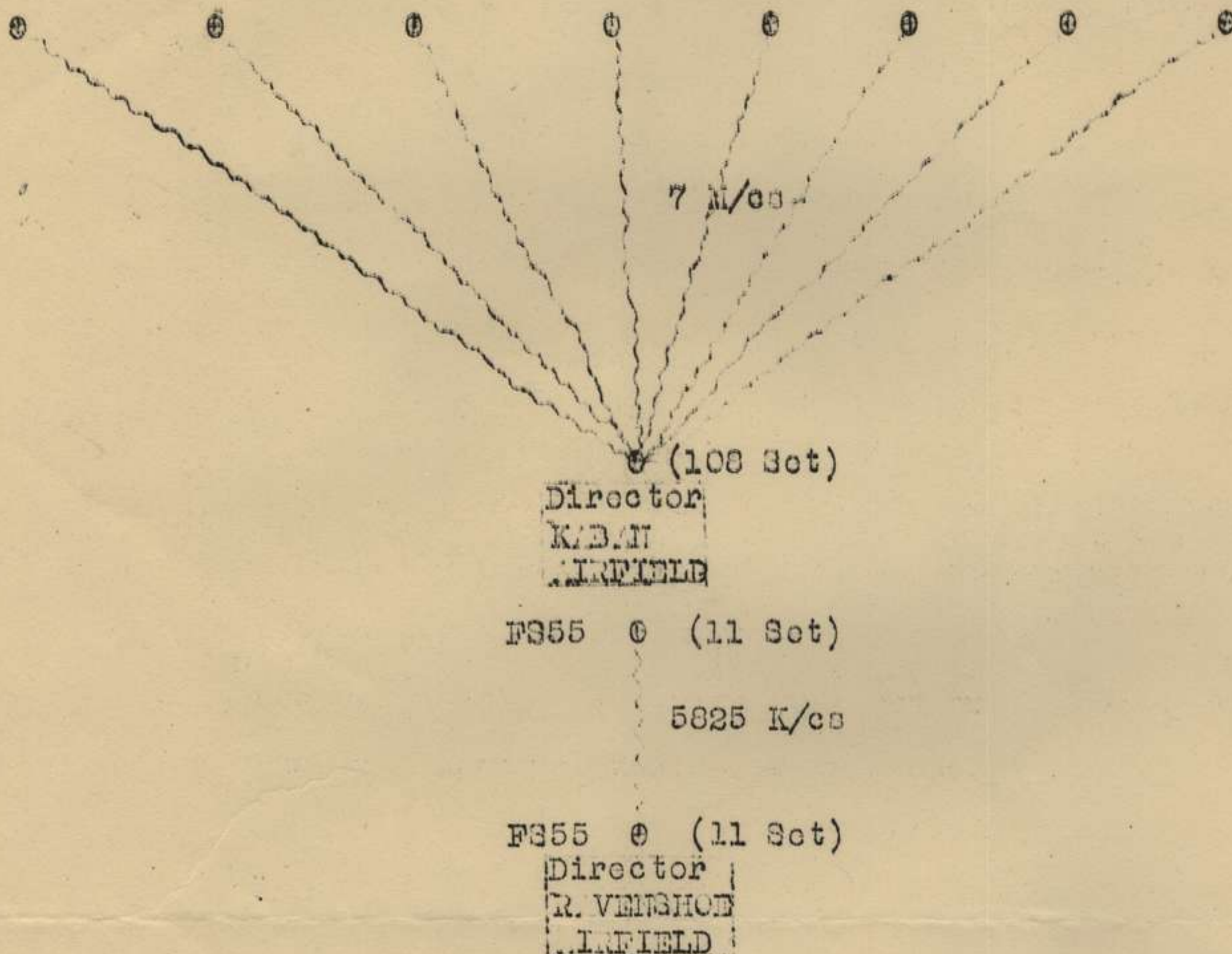


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 Events Instructions to  
 Umpires & Enemy.

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NEUTRAL SIG DIAGRAM

Parachute Parachute Parachute Parachute Enemy Enemy Enemy Enemy  
 Bn HQ Bn Coy Bn Coy Bn Coy Coy HQ No 1 Pl No 2 -1 No 3 Pl



NOTES

- (a) Sets and operators will be provided as follows :-
- |                  |                  |
|------------------|------------------|
| Parachute Bn (4) | 2/12 Aust Inf Bn |
| Enemy (4)        | 2/12 Aust Inf Bn |
| Director (2)     | 2/10 Aust Inf Bn |
- (b) Sets and operators allotted to Parachute Bn Umpires will move with enemy tps on 25 Jul and will RV at RED HOUSE 400 yds SW of KABAN AIRFIELD at 0720 hrs 26 Jul where they will be met by Parachute Bn Umpires after parachute drop.
- (c) One of sets allotted to KABAN AIRFIELD director is merely a reserve set.  
 Directors sets will report to Bde HQ at 0630 hrs 26 Jul.
- (d) No call signs are allotted Umpires may call each other in clear.

Appx 'K' to HQ 18 Bde  
War diary for July 43

# KABAN AREA

MADE FROM UNCORRECTED AIR PHOTO ✓

REF MAP MT GARNET 1/63360 ✓ KABAN RLWY STA. 320960  
" " ATHERTON 1/253440 ✓ " " " 093033

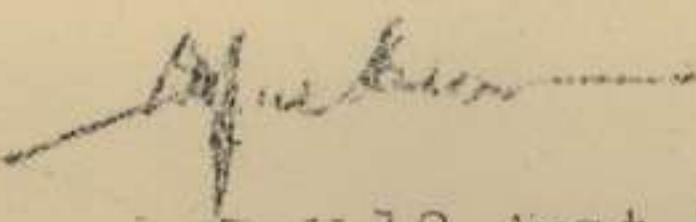


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HQ 18 Aust Inf Bde

DEMONSTRATION COY - DEFENDED LOCALITY (JUNGLE)

1. The object in preparing of this position was :-
  - (a) To demonstrate the need for complete all round defence.
  - (b) To illustrate that the general organisation of Pl and Sec posts is as in open country, except that gaps between Secs and Pls must be smaller.
  - (c) To illustrate different types of weapon pits and section posts.
  - (d) To demonstrate methods of clearing fields of fire and lanes of fire for LMGs.
  - (e) To illustrate methods of concealment and camouflage.
2. The general layout of the position is shown in the attached sketch.
3. It is desired that all rifle coys of the Bde should have this position shown and explained to them. A useful exercise would be for portion of the positions to be manned whilst the remaining tps attack that sector.

  
Maj  
B.H 18 Aust Inf Bde.

## NOTES ON SEC POSTS

### NO 1 SEC

Type of Pit - Keyhole 2 men

Dimensions - 3 ft diam 3ft 6 ins deep. Shelters 2 ft wide  
5 ft high 2 ft 6 ins deep.

Capacity - 2 men

Time to construct - 2 hrs - 3 hrs. 2 men.

Advantages - Simple and quick to construct, easy to conceal.  
Two men together, morale.

Disadvantages - No berm, parapet or paraos, therefore personnel  
exposed when firing. If grenade fell in pit it would  
cause two casualties.

Note : If pits are close together infiltration  
by night is difficult. Alternative posns can be  
constructed between secs and occupied by reserve  
personnel at night.

### NO 2 SEC

Type of Pit - One man pits sited in pairs and joined by  
sleeping bays.

Dimensions - 2 Ft diam 3 ft 6 ins deep. Sleeping bays  
2 ft x 2 ft x 6 ft long.

Capacity - 2 men.

Time to Construct - 1 day for 2 men.

Advantages - Well concealed and inconspicuous. Men separated,  
therefore grenade in pit would only cause one  
casualty. Spoil disposed in rear therefore  
personnel defiladed if pits behind open fire.  
Men can communicate with each other, morale at  
night.

Disadvantages - Time taken to construct. Only one man with Bren  
suggest this should be two man pit.

Note : Compare thinning of undergrowth and  
clearing with No 1 Sec. Discuss possibilities  
of throwing grenades forward from right hand pit  
also from pit on left flank. Note use of vines  
and wait-awhile for obstacles, also tunnelled  
clear lane from Bren pit.

### NO 3 SEC

Type of Pit - Single man pits in pairs.

Dimensions - 2 ft diam 3 ft 6 ins deep. Berm inset, paraos  
in rear.

Time to Construct - 2 hrs 1 man.

Advantages - Simple and quick to construct, easy to conceal.  
Men defiladed from rear.

Disadvantages - Possibility of morale being lowered with men on  
their own.

Note : This posn is undeveloped and undergrowth  
has not been cleared. It is a possible hasty  
type of sec post but would not be of much use  
unless undergrowth and lanes of fire were cleared.

### NO 4 SEC

Type of Pit - Standard weapon pit with berm inset and slight  
paraos.

Time to Construct - 4 hrs 2 men.

Advantages - Men in pairs, morale. Defiladed from rear.

Disadvantages - More soil to shift than in circular pits. Harder to  
conceal. Larger target for grenades. No head  
protection from mortars bursting in trees.  
Note : Compare clearing of scrub with No 1 & 2 Secs.

NO 5 SEC

Type -- Tobruk pattern sec post.  
Time to construct - 1½ days Sec of 10 men.  
Advantages - Pits defiladed from rear. LMG can be switched to any pit whilst under fire. Sec comd can move to any pit. Control and communication good morale high. Good for all round defence.  
Disadvantages - Time to construct.

NO 6 SEC

Type -- Tow man circular pits.  
Time to construct - 2 hrs 2 men.  
Dimensions - 3 ft diam 3 ft 6 ins deep.  
Advantages - Quick to construct easy to conceal.  
Disadvantages - Exposed when firing, no head cover from Mortars.  
Note : No clearing of undergrowth has been done in this area.

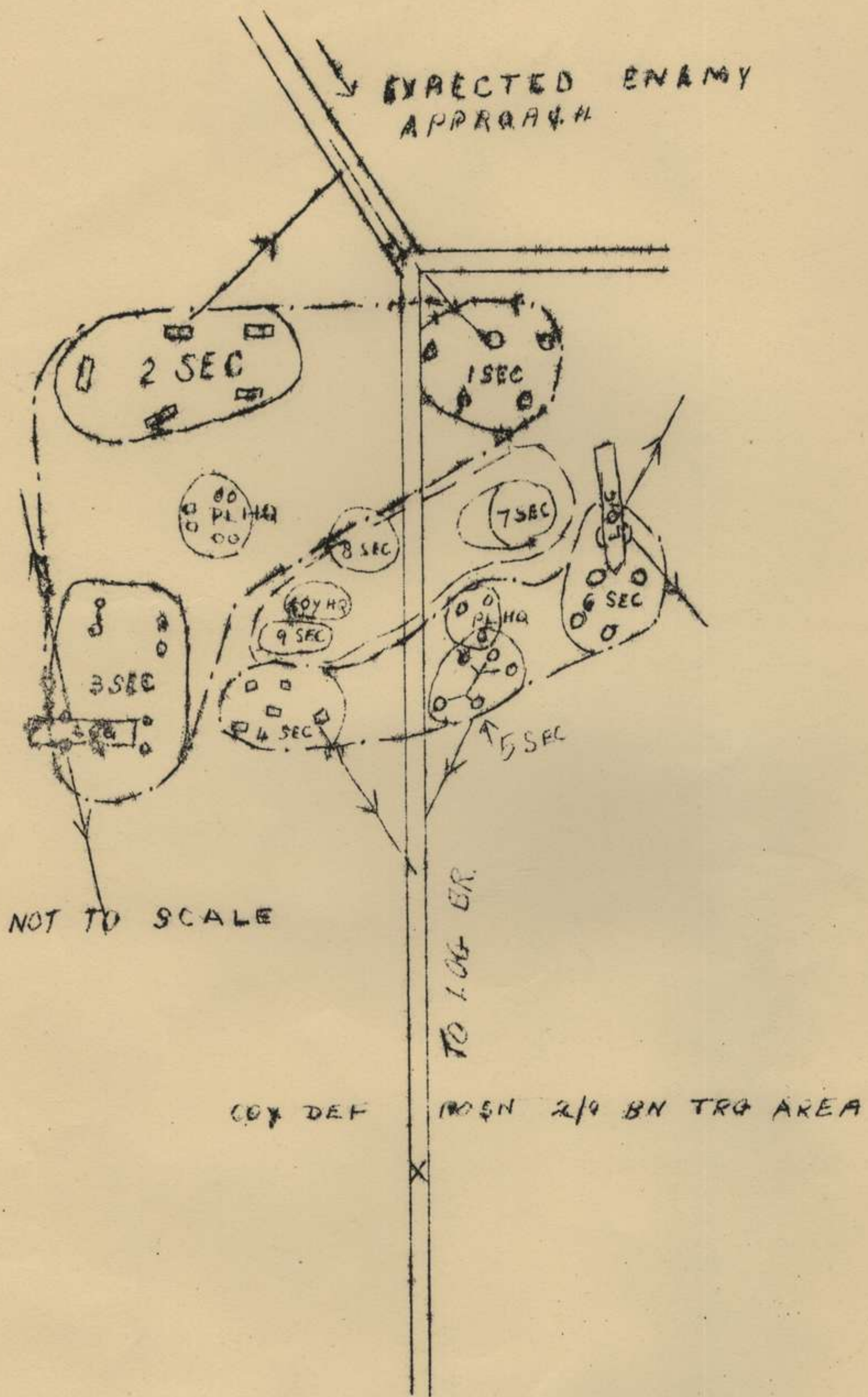
RES PL. COY HQ & PL HQ.

These types of pits previously discussed. Coy and Pl control would be simplified if undergrowth was cleared. Mutual support would be possible over whole coy area.

Communications within coy would be improved if vine hand rails were tied to saplings from Coy HQ to Pl HQ and from Pl HQ to Secs.

GENERAL

In normal jungle country these posns can be constructed without picks or shovels. A crowbar can be made from a 10 ft sapling 3 ins thick with chisel edge cut on one end. A tin hat can be used to remove the loosened soil. Machetes will cut any roots encountered.



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ROUTINE ORDERS  
BY  
BRIGADIER F.O. CHILTON  
COMMANDING 18 AUST INF BDE

No 55

Part 1

1 Jul 43

55. DUTIES

Fd Officer of the Day	- Maj K.A.J. GATEGOOD	- 2/12	Aust Inf Bn
Next for Duty	- Capt A. MARSHALL	- 2/9	Aust Inf Bn
Duty Unit	- 2/12	Aust Inf Bn	
Next for Duty	- 2/9	Aust Inf Bn	

*Ampted to be for* Capt.  
S.C. 18 Aust Inf Bde.

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No 56

Part 1

2 Jul 43

56. DUTIES

Fd Officer of the Day	- Capt A. MARSHALL	- 2/9 Aust Inf Bn
Next for Duty	- Capt C.L. DURANT	- 2/10 Aust Inf Bn
Duty Unit	- 2/9 Aust Inf Bn	
Next for Duty	- 2/10 Aust Inf Bn	

*F.O. Chilton*  
Capt.  
S.C. 18 Aust Inf Bde.



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3 Jul 43

57. DUTIES

Fd Officer of the Day - Capt C.L. DURANT -2/10 Aust Inf Bn  
Next for Duty - Capt C.W. KENDALL -2/9 Aust Inf Bn  
Duty Unit - 2/10 Aust Inf Bn  
Next for Duty - 2/12 Aust Inf Bn

58. NOTICES.

Church Services - Sunday 5 Jul 43

This cancels previous notice on 30 Jun 43.

C of E 2/12 Aust Inf Bn lines for 2/10 and 2/12 Aust Inf  
Bns at 1000 hrs - Chaplain HARTLEY RAE, YMCA to  
provide Amplifier.

2/9 Aust Inf Bn lines for 2/9 Aust Inf Bn and  
Bde Hq at 0930 hrs.- Mr PEARSON.

There will be no band at either services.

59. RAVENSHOE PICTURE THEATRE

1. Commencing Saturday 3 Jul 43 two sessions will  
now be held on Saturday and Sunday each week. The first  
session will commence at 1730 hrs and the second session  
at 2015 hrs.

2. Vehicles transporting troops to second session will  
return personnel from first session to unit lines immedi-  
ately. Troops will NOT be allowed to remain in RAVENSHOE.

*H.M. Chilton*  
Capt.

SG 18 Aust Inf Bde.

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

No 60

Part 1

4 Jul 43

60. DUTIES

Fd Officer of the Day	- Capt C.W. KENDALL	- 2/9 Aust Inf Bn
Next for Duty	- Capt R.W. SANDERSON	- 2/10 Aust Inf Bn
Duty Unit	- 2/12 Aust Inf Bn	
Next for Duty	- 2/9 Aust Inf Bn	

*Wm E. Robinson*  
Capt.  
S.C. 18 Aust Inf Bde.

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No 61

Part 1

5 Jul 43

61.

DUTIES

Fd Officer of the Day - Capt R.W. SANDERSON - 2/10 Aust Inf Bn  
Next for Duty - Capt W.W.D. DAUNT - 2/9 Aust Inf Bn  
Duty Unit - 2/9 Aust Inf Bn  
Next for Duty - 2/10 Aust Inf Bn

*W.W.D. Daunt* Capt.  
SC 18 Aust Inf Bde.

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No 62

Part 1

6 Jul 43

62. DUTIES

Fd Officer of the Day	- Capt W.W.D. DAUNT	- 2/9 Aust Inf Bn
Next for Duty	- Capt H.R. MATHESON	2/10 Aust Inf Bn
Duty Unit	- 2/10 Aust Inf Bn	
Next for Duty	- 2/12 Aust Inf Bn	

*Handwritten signature*  
Capt.  
S.C. 18 Aust Inf Bde.

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COMMANDING 18 AUST INF BDE

No 63

Part 1

8 Jul 43

63. DUTIES

Fd Officer of the Day	-	Capt K.R. WILLS
Next for Duty	-	Capt. F.P. WILSON
Duty Unit	-	2/9 Aust Inf Bn
Next for Duty	-	2/10 Aust Inf Bn

*F.O. Chilton*  
Capt.  
S.C. 18 Aust Inf Bde.

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No 64

Part 1

9 Jul 45

64. DUTIES

Fd Officer of the Day	-	Capt J.L.B. STEPHENSON	-	2/12	Aust Inf Bn
Next for Duty	-	Capt C.L. DURANT	-	2/10	Aust Inf Bn
Duty Unit	-	2/10	Aust Inf Bn		
Next for Duty	-	2/12	Aust Inf Bn		

*F.O. Chilton*  
Capt.  
S.C. 18 Aust Inf Bde.

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

Nos 65-67

Part 1

10 Jul 43

65. DUTIES

Fd Officer of the Day - Capt C.L. DURANT - 2/10 Aust Inf Bn  
Next for Duty - Capt E. BARNES - 2/9 Aust Inf Bn  
Duty Unit - 2/12 Aust Inf Bn  
Next for Duty - 2/9 Aust Inf Bn

66. DAMAGE TO TIMBER

2 Aust Corps RO No 171 of 2 Jul 43 is repeated:-

" Many instances of needless ringbarking and felling of timber causing unnecessary damage have been observed in the area.

This practice will cease forthwith, and the provision of GRO Q134/43 as set out hereunder will apply:-

1. Members will not, except for operational purposes, cut or authorise or direct the cutting of timber growing on private or public property (including forestry reserves) without first obtaining the consent of a person having power to agree to such cutting.

2. Attention is directed to GRO's A232/1942 (as amended by A266/1942) and G600/1942."

(to be republished in unit routine orders)

67. CHURCH PARADES

0715 = Communion - 2/10 and 2/12 Aust Inf Bns in 2/10 YMCA tent  
0900 - 2/12 Aust Inf Bn Church Parade  
0935 - Bde HQ and 2/9 Bn in 2/9 Aust Inf Bn lines  
1015 - 2/10 Aust Inf Bn Church Parade  
1915 - Evening Service - 2/10 Aust Inf Bn YMCA tent

*F.O. Chilton*  
Capt.  
S.C. 18 Aust Inf Bde.

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

Nos 68-69

Part 1

21 Jul 43

68. DUTIES

Fd Officer of the Day - Capt SUTHERS - 2/12 Aust Inf Bn  
Next for Duty - Capt DAUM - 2/9 Aust Inf Bn  
Duty Unit - 2/12 Aust Inf Bn  
Next for Duty - 2/9 Aust Inf Bn

69. DAMAGE TO PROPERTY - CUTTING OF TIMBER

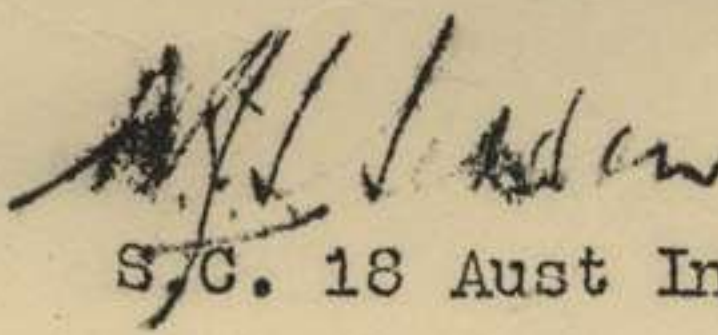
7 Aust Div RO No 103 of 10 Jul 43 is repeated

"(a) Numerous complaints have been received at this HQ recently of troops entering private property and felling timber. In some instances, timber has been felled within a few yards of the home occupied by the owner of the property.

(b) Units are requested to use discretion when obtaining timber for building purposes, and the following will, at all times, be observed:-

- (i) Where possible owners consent will first be obtained before troops enter property and cut timber
- (ii) When above is not possible care will be taken to ensure that only timber that has no resale value is felled.

(To be repeated in unit ROs)

  
Capt.  
S/C. 18 Aust Inf Bde.



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Nos 70-71

Part 1

23 Jul 43

70. DUTIES

F5 Officer of the Day - Major CAMERON - 2/10 Aust Inf Bn  
Next for Duty - Major HOUGHTON - 2/12 Aust Inf Bn  
Duty Unit - 2/10 Aust Inf Bn  
Next for Duty - 2/12 Aust Inf Bn

71. CHURCH SERVICES - SUNDAY 26 JUL 43

0700 hrs - C of E Holy Communion - YMCA tent 2/10 Aust Inf Bn  
0900 hrs - 2/12 Aust Inf Bn  
0935 hrs - Bde HQ and 2/9 Aust Inf Bn - 2/9 Aust Inf Bn lines  
1000 hrs - C of E Holy Communion - 2/9 Aust Inf Bn lines

*H.M.C. Calmley for* Capt.  
S.C. 18 Aust Inf Bde.

W. J.

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ROUTINE ORDERS

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COMMANDING 18 AUST INF BDE

Nos 72-

Part 1

24 Jul 43

72. DUTIES

Fd Officer of the Day	- Major STREAM	- 2/9	Aust Inf Bn
Next for Duty	- Major CAMERON	- 2/10	Aust Inf Bn
Duty Unit	-	2/12	Aust Inf Bn
Next for Duty	-	2/9	Aust Inf Bn

*Paul John Hunt for*  
Capt.  
S.C. 18 Aust Inf Bde

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W.D.

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ROUTINE ORDERS  
BY  
BRIGADIER F.O. CHILTON  
COMMANDING 18 AUST INF BDE

29 Jul 43

Part 1

74

DUTIES

Fd Officer of the Day	- Capt C.L. DURANT	- 2/10 Aust Inf Bn
Next for Duty	- Capt GUNN W.K.	- 2/10 Aust Inf Bn
Duty Unit	- 2/12 Aust Inf Bn	
Next for Duty	- 2/10 Aust Inf Bn	

*[Signature]*  
Capt.  
S.C. 18 Aust Inf Bde.

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ROUTINE ORDERS  
BY  
BRIGADIER F.O. CHILTON  
COMMANDING 18 AUST INF BDE

No 77

Part 1

31 Jul 43

77. DUTIES

Fd Officer of the Day	- Capt F.K. HAUPT	- 2/12	Aust Inf Bn
Next for Duty	- Capt A. MARSHALL	- 2/9	Aust
Duty Unit	-	2/9	Aust Inf Bn
Next for Duty	-	2/12	Aust Inf Bn

*[Signature]*  
Capt.  
S.C. 18 Aust Inf Bde.

# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

19 / (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 3/7/1943 1018th Inf 2/8 Div (Unit)

*AIF*  
W.E. 1/2/3 OFFRS. 12 O.R.'s 56 + OFFRS. 5 O.R.'s 12 ATT. BY W.E.

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

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

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).	DETAIL	A.I.F.	C.M.P.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.	
	A.	12	1									13
	E.(1)											
	E.(2)											

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

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

### OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.
QX 8695	Lieut	JONES D.B.	109th Inf C.C.S.	1.7.43	Returned to Unit
QX 336	Lieut	POWER D.J.	109th Inf C.C.S.	1.7.43	Returned to Unit

### OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

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

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

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

HQ 18 Aust Inf Bde Unit

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 3/7/1943 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Col (T/Bat)	NX 231	CHILTON	F. O.	Col Comd	Yes		
Capt (T/Maj)	NX 13243	JACKSON	O. J.	B. M.	Yes		
Lieut (T/Capt)	SX 1741	SEDDON	R. T. S.	S. C.	Yes		
Lieut	QX 17549	MCCOLM	H. A.	S. C. (L)	Yes		
Lieut	QX 9560	CONNOLLY	P. J.	I. O.	No	LHM School of M.I.	22.6.43
Lieut (T/Capt)	QX 2101	SHERWIN	N. J. C.	L. O. I.	Yes		
Captain	VX 14877	COOMBE	D. C.	Sup. O.	Yes		
Lieut	QX 8695	JONES	D. B.	H. G. O.	Yes		
Lieut	QX 19346	REA	D. W.	H. G. O.	Yes		
Lieut	QX 519	RITKEN	J. S.	TO	No	Hospital	
Chaplain	SX 8944	PHILLIPS	E. B.	Captain	No	2/9/43 Aust Inf Bde	
Chaplain	SX 40254	NORRIS	H. G.	Chaplain	No	2/10 Aust Inf Bde	
Chaplain	N 0160	WOTTON	R. A. W.	Chaplain	No	2/12 Aust Inf Bde	

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
Capt (T/Maj)	TX 2017	SWAN R. G.	2/12 Bn	21.5.43	H. B. M. (L)
Lieut	VX 38857	LOVELESS G. C.	2/10 Bn	11.1.43	A. J. L. O.
Lieut	QX 386	POWER D. J.	2/14 Bn	8.6.43	P. J. L. O.

Date of Despatch

Am Colm Comd for Capt  
S.C. 18 Aust Inf Bde  
Signature of Commander  
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HO 18 Aust Inf Bde Unit

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(Adapted) (Page 2)  
(Revised Jan., 1943)  
19 / Serial No.

**PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 3 / 7 / 1943.**

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.			Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)			Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)			Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)					
W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.			
			Surveyors, Engineering			Operating Room Assts.			G.P.O. Assistants					
			Surveyors, E.A.A.			Operator, Keyboard			Hammermen					
			Surveyors, Topographical			Operator, Line			Leather Stitchers					
			Surveyors, Trigonometrical			Operator, Signal			Orderlies, Nursing					
			Toolmakers			Operator, Switchboard			Orderlies, Nursing Mental					
			Turners			Operator, Wireless			Plate Layers					
			Watchmakers			Opticians			Rangetakers					
			Welders			Painters			Riveters					
						Panel Beaters			Roughriders					
						Photographer, Dry Plate			Saddlers					
						Predictor Numbers			Saddletree makers					
						Printers			Shoemaker and Boot Repairer					
						Radiographers			Stevadores					
						Riggers			Stokers, Staty. Engine					
			<b>GROUP II.</b>			Sawyers			Storemen, Technical					
			Armourers			Signallers			Tailors					
			Axemen			Signwriters			Textile Refitters					
	1	1	Bakers			Telescope Identfn. Numbers			Tinsmiths					
			Bty. Comd's. Asst.			Well Borers			Vulcanizers					
			Boilermakers			Wheelers			Wagon Erectors					
			Carpenters			Winchman			Whitesmiths					
			Carpenters and Joiners			Wireman								
			Cooks			Woodturners								
			Dental Mechanics											
			Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)											
			Driver-Operator											
			Drainers											
			Electricians											
			Electricians (Engineers)											
			Fire Control Operators			<b>GROUP III.</b>			<b>DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.</b>					
			Gun Operator			Battery Surveyors			Ptes	36	33	3		
			Hatchman			Butchers			Lpls	6	5	1		
			Height Taker			Clerks	2	1	1	3	2	1		
			Helio Operator			Clerks, Supply				2	3			
			Instrument Operator			Clerks, Technical				2	1	1		
			Intelligence Duties	2	1	Coach Trimmers								
			Joiners			Concretors								
			Lineman			Cooks	2	1	1					
			Lineman, Signals			Dental Clerk Orderlies								
			Lithographers			Despatch Riders			ATTACHED BY W.E.					
			Machinists, Metal			Draughtsmen, Signals			Pte	8	8	-		
			Machinists, Wood			Drivers, H.T.			Cpls	2	2	-		
			Masons			Driver Mechanics			Syts	1	-	1		
			Masseurs			Driver Tptn. Plant			S/Bato	-	1	-		
			Mechanics, M.T.	1	1	Engine Hands, I.C.			WO II	-	1	-		
			Miners			Equipment Repairers			WO I	1	-	1		
			Moulders			Farriers								
			Nurses, Trained			Fitters' Mates								
			Observation Post Assts.			Gun Layers								
CARRIED FORWARD	1	1	CARRIED FORWARD	3	1	2	CARRIED FORWARD	7	3	4	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	68	59	12

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

3.7.43  
Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander  
S.C. 18 Aust Inf Bde

# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

20 / (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 10 / 7 / 1943 *3 H.R. 4/11/54* (Unit)

W.E. *11/2/3* OFFRS. *12* O.R.'s *56* + OFFRS. *5* O.R.'s *12* ATT. BY W.E.

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

W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.									
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10					
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.	Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.						
			1	* Brigadier * Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs.	<i>AAAC</i> <i>AAAC</i>	1	-	-	-					
<i>NR 2</i> <i>NR 4</i> <i>NR 3</i>	<i>2</i> <i>4</i> <i>3</i>	<i>-</i> <i>1</i> <i>4</i>	<i>-</i> <i>2</i> <i>5</i>		<i>Physicians</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>					
9	9	5	8			5	-	-	-					
				DETAIL	A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
				A.	12	1								13
				E.(1)										
				E.(2)										

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

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

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

### OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.
<i>624500</i>	<i>(Lieut)</i>	<i>Comstock P.D.</i>	<i>4th Sq of M.I.</i>	<i>4/7/43</i>	<i>Returned to Unit</i>

### OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
<i>624115</i>	<i>Lieut</i>	<i>JONES D.B.</i>	<i>1st Ad Co. S.</i>	<i>5/7/43</i>	<i>Conv. to camp malaria</i>

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

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

15th Aust. Inf. Bde Unit

20 / (Serial No.)

**PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH**

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 10/7/1943 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Col (T/BK)	MX 231	CHILTON	F.O.	Bd Comd	Yes		
Col (T/BK)	MX 13243	JACKSON	D.D.	B.M.	Yes		
Lt Col (T/BK)	MX 1741	SEDDON	R.J.S.	S.C.	Yes		
Lt Col	MX 17547	MCCORM	H.A.	S.C.	Yes		
Lt Col	MX 1506	KENNELLY	P.D.	I.C.	Yes		
Lt Col (T/BK)	MX 2101	SHERWIN	N.T.C.	W.C.1	Yes		
Captain	MX 44577	COOMBS	D.C.	Adj. Q.	Yes		
Lt Col	MX 8615	JONES	D.B.	Adj. Q.	No	Part 10765.	8.7.43
Lt Col	MX 17346	REA	D.W.	Adj. Q.	Yes		
Lt Col	MX 519	MITCHELL	J.C.	T.C.	No	Adj. Q.	
Captain	MX 8704	PHILLIPS	E.C.	Adj. Q.	No	Adj. Q.	
Captain	MX 40754	NORRIS	H.C.	Adj. Q.	No	Adj. Q.	
Captain	MX 610	MOTTEN	R.A.W.	Adj. Q.	No	Adj. Q.	

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
Lt Col (T/BK)	MX 2017	SWAN R.C.	2/2 Bn	2.13.43	A/P/M/2
Lt Col	MX 38157	WHEELS G.C.	2/4 Bn	11.1.43	A/P/M/2
Lt Col	MX 334	POWER B.D.	2/1 Bn	5.6.43	A/P/M/2

10-7-43  
Date of Despatch

*S.J.C.*  
Signature of Commander  
S.J.C. 18 Aust. Inf. Bde



HC R. Aust Inf Bde Unit

**PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 10/7/1943.**

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.			Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)			Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)			Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)		
W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
			Surveyors, Engineering			Operating Room Assts.			G.P.O. Assistants		
			Surveyors, R.A.A.			Operator, Keyboard			Hammermen		
			Surveyors, Topographical			Operator, Line			Leather Stitchers		
			Surveyors, Trigonometrical			Operator, Signal			Orderlies, Nursing		
			Toolmakers			Operator, Switchboard			Orderlies, Nursing Mental		
			Turners			Operator, Wireless			Plate Layers		
			Watchmakers			Opticians			Rangetakers		
			Welders			Painters			Riveters		
						Panel Beaters			Roughriders		
						Photographer, Dry Plate			Saddlers		
						Predictor Numbers			Saddletree makers		
						Printers			Shoemaker and Boot Repairer		
						Radiographers			Stevedores		
						Riggers			Stokers, Staty. Engine		
			GROUP II.			Sawyers			Storemen, Technical		
			Armourers			Signallers			Tailors		
			Axemen			Signwriters			Textile Befitters		
			Bakers			Telescope Identfn. Numbers			Tinsmiths		
			Bty. Comd's. Asst.			Well Borers			Vulcanizers		
			Boilermakers			Wheelers			Wagon Erectors		
			Carpenters			Winchman			Whitesmiths		
			Carpenters and Joiners			Wireman					
			Cooks			Woodturners					
			Dental Mechanics								
			Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)								
			Driver-Operator								
			Drainers								
			Electricians								
			Electricians (Engineers)								
			Fire Control Operators			GROUP III.			DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.		
			Gun Operator			Battery Surveyors			ptc. 36 32 4		
			Hatchman			Butchers			Calc 6 5 1		
			Height Taker			Clerks	2 2		hpts 3 2 1		
			Helo Operator			Clerks, Supply			copy to 2 3		
			Instrument Operator			Clerks, Technical			NO II 2 1 1		
			Intelligence Duties	2 1 1		Coach Trimmers					
			Joiners			Concretors					
			Lineman			Cooks					
			Lineman, Signals			Dental Clerk Orderlies	1 1				
			Lithographers			Despatch Riders			ATTACHED BY W.E.		
			Machinists, Metal			Draughtsmen, Signals			ptc 8 8 -		
			Machinists, Wood			Drivers, H.T.			signs 2 1 1		
			Masons			Driver Mechanics			hpts 1 - 1		
			Masseurs			Driver Tptn. Plant			copy to - 1 -		
			Mechanics, M.T.			Engine Hands, I.C.			NO D - 1 -		
			Miners			Equipment Repairers			NO J 1 - 1		
			Moulders			Farriers					
			Nurses, Trained			Fitters' Mates					
			Observation Post Assts.			Gun Layers					
CARRIED FORWARD	1	- 1	CARRIED FORWARD	3	1 2	CARRIED FORWARD	7	4 3	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	68	58 13

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

10.7.43  
Date of Despatch  
a.w. 6m bks 3/43

*[Signature]*  
Signature of Commander  
S. C. 18 Aust. Inf. Bde

# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Army Form W.3008

(Adapted) (Page 1)

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At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 24/7/1943 3 HQ 18 Aust Inf Bde 22 (Serial No.)  
 (Unit)

W.E. 11/2/3 OFFRS. 12 O.R.'s. 56 plus OFFRS. 5 O.R.'s. 12 ATT. BY W.E.

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

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

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E[1] & E[2].	DETAIL	A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
	A.		14								
E.[1]											
E.[2]											

\* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

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

### OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK.

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

### OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

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

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

Army No.	Rank	Name and Initials	REMARKS [e.g. present whereabouts if known].

HQ 18 Aust Inf Bde Unit

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 24/7/1943 (Total to Agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A).

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit [insert Yes or No]	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
COL (T/BRIG)	NI 231	CHILTON	F.O.	Brig/Comd	YES		
CAPT (T/MAJ)	NX 13243	JACKSON	D.D.	B.M.	YES		
CAPT (T/MAJ)	TX 2017	SWAN	R.G.	BM(6)	YES		
LIEUT (T/CAPT)	SX 1741	SEDDON	R.T.S.	S.C.	YES		
LIEUT	GX 17549	McCOLM	M.A.	SC(2)	YES		
LIEUT (T/CAPT)	GX 9560	CONNOLLY	P.D.	I.O.	YES		
LIEUT (T/CAPT)	GX 2101	SHEARWIN	M.J.C.	LO(1)	YES		
CAPTAIN	VX 14877	COOMBE	D.C.	Sup.O.	YES		
LIEUT	GX 8695	JONES	D.B.	Hys.C.	NO	EVAC TO HQ (YES)	8.7.43
LIEUT	GX 19346	REA	D.W.	A.O.	NO	ATTENDING LOCAL STAFF SCHOOL	12.7.43
LIEUT	GX 519	AITKEN	J.G.	T.O.	NO	HOSPITAL	
CHAPLAIN	SX 8744	PHILLIPS	E.B.	CHAPLAIN	NO	2/10 AUST INF BN	
CHAPLAIN	VX 91064	HOPKINS	J.F.	CHAPLAIN	NO	2/10 AUST INF BN	
CHAPLAIN	NX 139919	WITTON	R.A.W.	CHAPLAIN	NO	2/12 AUST INF BN	

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
LIEUT	VX 38857	LOVELESS G.G.	2/10 Bn	11.1.43	A/10
LIEUT	GX 336	POWER J.D.	2/19 Bn	5.6.43	A/10
LIEUT	VX 14367	PETTITT M.L.	at 18/10/43	15.6.43	18/10/43 R.A.S. 1006
LIEUT	GX 10362	ANNAND C.B.	2/10 Bn	21.7.43	A/10.

24.7.43  
Date of Despatch

*Hubert Colman*  
Signature of Commander





Unit

**PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 24/7/1943.**

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.F.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, R.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangefakers			
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wirelss								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevadores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				<b>GROUP II.</b>				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers				Tailors			
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters				Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics											
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)											
Fitters				Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				<b>GROUP III.</b>				<b>DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.</b>			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				PC	41	36	5
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers				Cpls	6	8	1
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks				Plts	3	3	-
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply				Plts	3	3	-
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				NO 2	2	2	-
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties				Coach Trimmers							
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors							
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks	2	1	1				
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies							
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				<b>ATTACHED BY W.E.</b>			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				PC	8	8	-
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				Cpls	2	2	-
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics				Plts	1	-	1
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant				Plts	-	1	-
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.				NO 3	1	1	-
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers							
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assis.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD	2	1	1	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A respectively	68	65	8

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

Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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21 / (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 17 / 7 / 1943. *16 18 24 28* (Unit)

W.E. *11* / *2* / *3* OFFRS. *10* O.R's. *56* + OFFRS. *5* O.R's. *12* ATT. BY W.E.

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

1				2				3				4				5				6				7				8				9				10			
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.								DETAIL.								ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.																							
Rein'ts Required.		Deficient W.E.		Surplus to W.E.		Posted Strength.		DETAIL.								Arm or Corps.		Posted Strength.		Surplus to W.E.		Deficient W.E.		Rein'ts Required.															
						1		<i>Brigade</i> * Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains <i>9ASC</i> Lieutenants <i>8AMC</i> Quarter-masters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs. <i>3 Captains</i>																															
<i>NR 2</i>		<i>2</i>																																					
<i>NR 4</i>		<i>4</i>		<i>1</i>		<i>2</i>																																	
<i>NR 5</i>		<i>3</i>		<i>4</i>		<i>5</i>																																	
<i>7</i>		<i>7</i>		<i>5</i>		<i>8</i>												<i>5</i>																					
								DETAIL		A.I.F.		C.M.F.		A.W.A.S.		A.A.N.S.		A.A.M.W.S.		CIVIL.		R.A.N.		R.A.A.F.		**		TOTAL.											
								A.		<i>12</i>		<i>1</i>																<i>13</i>											
								E.(1)																															
								E.(2)																															

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

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

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

### OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

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

### OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
<i>NR 46</i>	<i>Lieut</i>	<i>REA D.W.</i>	<i>2nd Army Signals</i>	<i>12-7-43</i>	<i>Posting Legal Counsel</i>

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

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

21 / (Serial No.)

**PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH**

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 17/7/1943 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Col (T/Brig)	NX 231	WATSON	F.C.	Adm.	Yes		
Col (T/Brig)	NX 13343	JACKSON	F.D.	B.M.	Yes		
Col (T/Brig)	NX 1741	SEEDON	A.T.S.	S.P.	Yes		
Col	QX 17547	MULLEN	H.P.	S.P.M.	Yes		
Col (T/Brig)	NX 7560	CENNELLY	P.D.	T.C.	Yes		
Col (T/Brig)	NX 2151	SHEPHERD	M.L.C.	L.V.L.	Yes		
Col	NX 14877	CLIMIE	D.C.	Adm.	Yes		
Col	NX 8645	TONE	D.D.	Adm.	No	Col 114 Coy.	27.4.43
Col	NX 14746	HEAT	D.W.	Adm.	No	Col 114 Coy.	18.7.43
Col	NX 519	ALLEN	T.C.	T.C.	No	Col 114 Coy.	
Col	NX 2744	PHILLIPS	E.D.	Adm.	No	Col 114 Coy.	
Col	NX 14250	MORRIS	H.P.	Adm.	No	Col 114 Coy.	
Col	NX 2100	BUTTEN	A.W.	Adm.	No	Col 114 Coy.	

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
Col (T/Brig)	NX 2011	SMITH A.C.	114 Coy	21.4.43	Adm.
Col	NX 3857	HIVELAND G.C.	114 Coy	11.4.43	Adm.
Col	NX 536	POWER D.D.	114 Coy	20.4.43	Adm.
Col	NX 14117	PETTIT H.L.	114 Coy	25.4.43	Adm.

17.7.43  
Date of Despatch

*[Handwritten Signature]*  
Signature of Commander



HQ 18 Aust Inf Bde Unit

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**PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 17/7/1943.**

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, B.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangetakers			
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radlographers				Stevedores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers				Tailors			
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen	1	-	1	Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters				Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics											
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)											
Fitters				Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				Pts	36	32	4
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers				Cpls	6	5	1
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	2	2	-	Sgts	2	2	-
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply				Sgts	2	2	-
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				WO II	2	2	-
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	2	1	1	Coach Trimmers							
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors							
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks	2	1	1				
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies							
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				Pts	8	8	-
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				Cpls	2	1	1
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics				Sgts	1	-	1
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant				Sgts	-	1	-
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.				WO II	-	1	-
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers				WO I	1	-	1
P plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD	1	-	1	CARRIED FORWARD	3	1	2	CARRIED FORWARD	7	4	3	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	68	60	11

NOTES.—(a) If rank other than private is involved give details on back.  
(b) Authorised trades or specialists not included in list will be added as required in spaces provided.  
(c) Where A.W.A.S. and/or A.A.M.W.S. personnel are desired show details on back.  
(d) Where replacement not desired note accordingly on return by insertion of N.R. in col. "Reints. Required."  
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17.7.43  
Date of Despatch

*Howard James Kent*  
Signature of Commander

# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Army Form W.3008

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At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 31 / 7 / 1943 HQ 18 Ant Inf Bde 23 (Unit)

W.E. 11 / 2 / 3 OFFRS. 12 O.R.'s 56 plus OFFRS. 5 O.R.'s 12 ATT. BY W.E.

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

1      2      3      4				5	6      7      8      9      10								
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.								
Rein'fts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.	DETAIL.	Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'fts Required.				
-	-	-	1	Bn									
NR 2	2	-	2	Lieut.-Colonels									
NR 3	3	-	3	Majors									
				Captains	AASC	1							
				Lieutenants	NAME	1							
				Quarter-masters									
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.									
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.	Captains	3							
5	5	3	10			5							
				DETAIL	A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	TOTAL.
				A.	15								15
				E.[1]									
				E.[2]									

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

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

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

### OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.
OX 8695	Lieut	JONES D.B.	109 Ant C.C.S.	30.7.43	Returned from hospital
SX 4461	Lieut	MALLON D.R.	2/10 Ant Inf Bde	30.7.43	Transferred 1st from 2/10 Bn
OX 2069	Lieut	CUTLER R.S.R.	2/12 Ant Inf Bde	30.7.43	Attached from 2/12 Ant Inf Bde
NX 57139	Lieut	QUILTY H.W.	2/19 Ant Inf Bde	29.7.43	Attached from 2/19 Ant Inf Bde

### OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
OX 9560	T/Capt	CONNOLLY P.D.	109 Ant C.C.S.	26.7.43	Evacuated camp malaria

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

Army No.	Rank	Name and Initials	REMARKS [e.g. present whereabouts if known].

18 Aust Inf Bde Unit

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 31/7/1943 (Total to Agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A).

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit [insert Yes or No]	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
COL (T/BRIG)	NX 231	CHILTON F.C.	F.D.	Belmond	Yes		
MAJ (T/MAT)	NX 13443	JACKSON	O.D.	B.M.	Yes		
MAJ (T/MAT)	TX 2017	SWAN	R.C.	B.M.	Yes		
LIEUT (T/MAJ)	SX 1741	SEDDON	R.T.S.	S.C.	Yes		
LIEUT	SX 461	MALLYON	A.R.	SrV SC(A)	Yes		
LIEUT (T/MAJ)	QX 9560	CONNOLLY	P.D.	I.O.	No	109 Aust C.C.S.	26.7.43
LIEUT (T/MAJ)	QX 2101	SHERWIN	N.T.C.	LO(M)	Yes		
LIEUT	QX 17549	MICLIM	H.A.	T.O.	Yes		
CAPTAIN	VX 14877	COOMBE	D.C.	Sup O.	Yes		
LIEUT	QX 8695	JONES	D.B.	11/10	Yes		
LIEUT	QX 19344	REAF	D.W.	11/10	No	LEGAL STAFF SCHOOL	12.7.43
LIEUT	QX 519	AITKEN	T.C.	T.O.	No	Hospital	
CHAPLAIN	SX 5744	PHILLIPS	E.B.	CHAPL	No	2/19 Aust Inf Bde	
CHAPLAIN	VX 91064	HOPKINS	J.F.	"	No	2/10 Aust Inf Bde	
CHAPLAIN	NX 139919	WOTTON	R.A.W.	"	No	2/12 Aust Inf Bde	

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
LIEUT	VX 38857	LOVELESS G.C.	2/10 Bn	11.1.43	A/10
LIEUT	QX 336	POWER D.B.	2/9 Bn	8.6.43	A/10
LIEUT	QX 10712	BANNARD C.B.	2/10 Bn	21.7.43	A/10
LIEUT	QX 2069	CUTLER J.R.	2/12 Bn	30.7.43	A/10
LIEUT	VX 37129	QUILTY H.W.	2/9 Bn	29.7.43	A/10

31.7.43  
Date of Despatch

*[Signature]*  
Capt.  
Signature of Commanding Officer, 18 Aust. Inf. Bde.  
First Aust Army Mob Print Unit—A72—62M—5/43.





110 18 Aust 2/ Bk Unit

**PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 31/7/1943.**

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.			Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)			Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)			Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)		
W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
			Surveyors, Engineering			Operating Room Assis.			G.F.O. Assistants		
			Surveyors, R.A.A.			Operator, Keyboard			Hammermen		
			Surveyors, Topographical			Operator, Line			Leather Stitchers		
			Surveyors, Trigonometrical			Operator, Signal			Orderlies, Nursing		
			Toolmakers			Operator, Switchboard			Orderlies, Nursing Mental		
			Turners			Operator, Wireless			Plate Layers		
			Watchmakers			Opticians			Rangefinders		
			Welders			Painters			Riveters		
						Panel Beaters			Roughriders		
						Photographer, Dry Plate			Saddlers		
						Predictor Numbers			Saddletree makers		
						Printers			Shoemaker and Boot Repairer		
						Radlographers			Stevadores		
						Riggers			Stokers, Staty. Engine		
			GROUP II.			Sawyers			Storemen, Technical		
			Armourers			Signallers			Tailors		
			Axemen			Signwriters			Textile Refitters		
			Bakers			Telescope Identifa Numbers			Tinsmiths		
	11-		Bty. Comd's. Asst.			Well Borers			Vulcanizers		
			Bollermakers			Wheelers			Wagon Erectors		
			Carpenters			Winchman			Whitesmiths		
			Carpenters and Joiners			Wiveman					
			Cooks			Woodturners					
			Dental Mechanics								
			Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)								
			Driver-Operator								
			Drainers								
			Electricians								
			Electricians (Engineers)								
			Fire Control Operators			GROUP III.			DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.		
			Gun Operator			Battery Surveyors			PT.	36	36
			Hatchman			Butchers			Subs	6	10
			Height Taker			Clerks	2	2	Signs	3	2
			Helio Operator			Clerks, Supply			Reports	3	2
			Instrument Operator			Clerks, Technical			Notes	2	2
			Intelligence Duties	2	2	Coach Trimmers					
			Joiners			Concretors					
			Lineman			Cooks	2	2			
			Lineman, Signals			Dental Clerk Orderlies					
			Lithographers			Despatch Riders			ATTACHED BY W.E.		
			Machinists, Metal			Draughtsmen, Signals			PTs	8	8
			Machinists, Wood			Drivers, H.T.			Subs	2	2
			Masons			Driver Mechanics			Signs	1	1
			Masseurs			Driver Tpin. Plant			Reports	1	1
			Mechanics, M.T.			Engine Hands, I.C.			Notes	1	1
			Miners			Equipment Repairers					
			Moulders			Farriers					
			Nurses, Trained			Fitters' Mates					
			Observation Post Assis.			Gun Layers					
CARRIED FORWARD	1	1	CARRIED FORWARD	3	3	CARRIED FORWARD	7	7	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A respectively	68	71

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

31.7.43  
Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander  
S. C. 18 Aust. Inf. Bde.  
Capt.

# MESSAGE FORM

**CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS.**

IN

OUT

Appx 'O' to HQ 18 Bde War Diary for July 43.

No. of Groups  
**GR.**

Serial No.  
OFFICE DATE STAMP

(ABOVE THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

TO

Janetaw

FROM

18 Aust Wf Bde

Originator's Number

I 86

Date

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In Reply to Number

ref		aust	div	location	Sttment
no	10	0	Serials	16	20
21	22	23	24	48	unchanged
0	15	bde	Sig	school	391 811
(MT G)	0	ref	serial	5	9 tp
with	2/10	10 tp	with	2/10	12 tp
with	2/9	bn	11	11	142

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TIME OF ORIGIN

1535

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T.H.I.

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

T.O.R.

18 AUST INF BDE GP LOCATION STATEMENT NO 1  
AS AT 2400 HRS 22 JUL 43

Ref Map MF GARNET 1 inch to 1 mile

Serial No	Unit	Location
1	HQ 18 Aust Inf Bde	386836
2	J Sec Sigs 7 Aust Div (Incl cypher Det)	386836
3	6 Pl 2/1 Aust HQ Gd Bn	386836
4	2/47 Aust LID	388834
5	Sec 7 Aust Div Pro Coy	386836
6	Det 7 Aust Div Postal Unit	386836
7	2/4 Aust Fd Coy	340808
8	2/9 Aust Inf Bn	390835
9	2/10 Aust Inf Bn	386832
10	2/12 Aust Inf Bn	388827
11	8 Pl 2/2 Aust Sup Depot Coy	335814
12	Det 2/153 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	335814
13	2/5 Aust Amb (incl Det ARCS)	324813
14	2/125 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk	338812
15	2/125 Aust Bde WkShops	338812
16	Det 7 Aust Div Cash Office	PALMERSTON 431813
17	7 Aust Div Reception Camp	368912
18	Included in Gp 4 but under orders 2 Aust Corps 10 Bty 2/3 Aust Tkn A Regt	G'VILLE 1 inch 476377

*W. J. ...*  
*...*

**MESSAGE FORM**

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No. of Groups  
**GR.**

OFFICE DATE STAMP

**CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS.**

**IN**

**OUT**

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**TO** *all units (W.D copy).*

**FROM** *18 Bde*

Originator's Number

*I104*

Date

*25*

In Reply to Number.

<i>Further</i>	<i>to</i>	<i>18 Bde</i>	<i>Lo. Stat.</i>	<i>N01</i>	<i>as at</i>
<i>1400 hrs</i>	<i>22 JUL</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>Dst</i>	<i>7 Garnet Div</i>	<i>Fd base</i>
<i>- Office</i>	<i>now</i>	<i>situatrd</i>	<i>MTGARNET</i>	<i>386836</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>all</i>	<i>informed</i>				

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*R. Mahon-Butter  
Sgt.*

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DEGREE OF PRIORITY.

*D.R.L.S.*

TIME OF ORIGIN.

*1300*

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**T.O.R.**

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War Office Appx 'P' to HQ 18 Aust Inf Bde War Diary for July 43

MOST SECRET

GROUPING OF UNITS FOR EMBARKATION - 18 AUST INF BDE GP

Flight	Unit	Personnel			Stores Cubic Tons
		Offrs	ORs	Total	
D Flight 4	2/9 Aust Inf Bn	46	757	803	248
	HQ 18 Aust Inf Bde	12	85		
	6 Pl B Coy 2/1 Gd Bn	1	41		
	J Sec Sigs 7 Aust Div	2	47		
	2/47 Aust LAD	-	15		
	Sec 7 Aust Div Cash Office	-	3		
	Sec 7 Aust Div Postal Unit	-	4		
	Sec 7 Aust Div Pro Coy	-	15	225	
	7 Pl 2/2 Aust Sup Dep Coy	2	30	32	
	Sec Fd Survey Bty	1	19	20	
	Sec 7 Aust Div Pro Coy	-	15	15	
	2/5 Aust Fd Coy Rear Party	-	27	27	
	18 Aust A.M.C.U.	-	12	12	
TOTAL		64	1070	1134	
T Flight 4	2/6 Aust Fd Amb	12	170	182	69
	2/10 Aust Inf Bn	23	410	433	124
TOTAL		35	580	615	193
C Flight 4	2/10 Aust Inf Bn	21	369	390	124
	2/4 Aust Fd Coy	5	251	256	23
TOTAL		26	620	646	147
K Flight 4	2/12 Aust Inf Bn	34	740	774	248
	2/5 Aust Fd Amb	13	200	213	63
	Pl 7 Div Tpt Pool	5	167	172	19
	7 Aust Div Rec Camp	2	15	17	88
TOTAL		54	1122	1176	425
Next Flight	Rear Party HQ 18 Aust Inf Bde	1	12	13	
	2/125 Ord Fd Park	1	17	18	10
	2/125 Ord Fd Workshop	3	148	151	250
	8 Pl 2/2 Aust Sup Dep Coy	1	28	29	7
TOTAL		6	205	211	267

Appx Q to HQ 18 Bde War Diary for July 43.

MOST SECRET

TO 7 Aust Div

HQ 18 Aust Inf Bde

DETAILS FOR MOVEMENT

12 Jul 43.

UNIT		HQ 18 Aust Inf Bde incl J Sec 7 Aust Div Sigs, 2/47 LAD, 6 Pl B Coy 2/1 Aust HQ 21 Bn			Stores etc which cannot be carried in vehicles	Adv Party	Main Body	Rear Party	TOTAL
AUTHORITY FOR MOVEMENT		Adv Party	Main Body	Rear Party	Stores and Equipment				
(a) Location			RAVENSHOE		(a) Deadweight -		18 tons		18 tons
(b) Destination					(b) Cubic feet		1200		30 tons
Earliest Date Unit can move					Cased Ammunition				
					(a) Deadweight		1740 lbs		1 ton
					(b) Cubic Feet		32		1 ton
COMPOSITION		Strength			Maximum Weight to be Lifted by Ship's gear	Adv Party	Main Body	Rear Party	
		Adv Party	Main Body	Rear Party					
(a) Officers			15		15				
(b) Warrant Officers			3		3				
(c) Sergeants			12		12				
(d) Rank and File			145		145				
(e) AANS									
(f) AWAS									
(g)									
(h)									
TOTAL ALL RANKS			175		175				

Signature

*W. Gordon*  
S.C. 18 Aust. Inf. Bde.

SECRET 7204

Appx 2 to HQ Aust Inf Bde for 13

VIC 1945

HQ 18 Aust Inf Bde

UNIT

OFFICERS

WO's

SGTS

RANK & FILE

TOTALS

HQ 18 Aust Inf Bde

12

2

7

65

86

J Sec Sigs

3

3

37

43

2/47 Aust LAD

-

1

10

12

6 Pl B Coy 2/1 Gd Pl

-

1

33

34

TOTALS

15

3

12

145

175

UNIT

STORES ETC

AMN

HQ 18 Aust Inf Bde

11000 lbs

480 lbs

2/47 Aust LAD

7260

460

2/1 Aust Hq Gd Pl

4000

560

J Sec Sigs

12600

240

34860

1740

(a) Location  
(b) Destination

Earliest Date  
Unit can move

COMPOSITION

(a) Officers  
(b) Warrant Officers  
(c) Sergeants  
(d) Rank and File  
(e) AMN  
(f) AMN  
(g)  
(h)

TOTAL ALL RANKS

Signature  
J.C. 18 Aust Inf Bde

Most SECRET

TO 7 Aust Div

HQ 18 Aust Inf Bde

DETAILS FOR MOVEMENT

12 Jul 43.

UNIT		HQ 18 Aust Inf Bde incl J Sec 7 Aust Div Sigs, 2/47 LAD, 6 Pl B Coy 2/1 Aust HQ			Stores etc which cannot be carried in vehicles	Adv Party	Main Body	Rear Party	TOTAL
AUTHORITY FOR MOVEMENT		Adv Party	Main Body	Rear Party	Stores and Equipment				
(a) Location			RAVENHOLE		(a) Deadweight -		18 tons		18 tons
(b) Destination					(b) Cubic feet		1200		30 tons
Earliest Date Unit can move					Cased Ammunition				
					(a) Deadweight		1740 lbs		1 ton
					(b) Cubic Feet		32		1 ton
COMPOSITION		Strength			Maximum Weight to be Lifted by Ship's gear	Adv Party	Main Body	Rear Party	TOTAL
		Adv Party	Main Body	Rear Party					
(a) Officers			15		1 tent marquee		360 lbs		
(b) Warrant Officers			3						
(c) Sergeants			12						
(d) Rank and File			145						
(e) AANS									
(f) AWAS									
(g)									
(h)									
TOTAL ALL RANKS			175						175

Signature *[Handwritten Signature]*  
 J.S.C. 18 Aust. Inf. Bde.





TO MUST MVT CONTROL GP

Most SECRET

HQ 2/9 Aust Inf Bn

11 July

1943

DETAILS FOR MOVEMENT

UNIT	2/9 Aust Inf Bn			Stores etc which cannot be carried in vehicles	Adv Party	Main Body	Rear Party	TOTAL
AUTHORITY FOR MVT	Adv Party	Main Body	Rear Party	Stores and Equipment				
(a) Location	RAVENSHORE			(a) Deadweight		41 lbs		41
(b) Destination				(b) Cubic feet		74		74
Earliest Date Unit can move	AT 2359 Hrs 13 Jul 43			Cased Ammunition				
				(a) Deadweight		2563 lbs		2563
				(b) Cubic feet		18		18
COMPOSITION	Adv Party	Main Body	Rear Party	Total	Maximum weight to be lifted by ship's gear	Adv Party	Main Body	Rear Party
(a) Officers		29		29				
(b) Warrant Officers		8		8				
(c) Sergeants		46		46				
(d) Rank and File		677		677				
(e) AANS								
(f) AWAS								
(g)								
(h)								
Total All Ranks		760		760				

102 cwt. (3 Pr Tk/A)  
Total Weight  
6 1/2 Tons

Signature

LT COL

Qty Pieces and Trailers		Adv Party	Main Body	Rear Party	TOTAL	Overall Length	Width	Height	Weight Each Type			
Make	Type								Tons	Cwts	Lbs	
Ord	QE		4		4	12 Ft	5 Ft	5 Ft		18		
	2 Pr Mk X											

*[Handwritten Signature]*

Signature

LT COL

TO AUSE MVTCONTROL GP.

MOST SECRET.  
 2/10 Aust Inf Bn  
 HQ 18 Aust Inf Bde

11 JUL 1953

DETAILS FOR MOVEMENT.

UNIT	2/10 AUST INF BN			Stores etc which cannot be carried in vehicles <u>Stores and Equipment</u>	Adv Party	Main Body	Rear Party	TOTAL
	Adv Party	Main Body	Rear Party					
AUTHORITY FOR MVT	-	-	-					
(a) Location	-	Ravenshoe	-	(a) Deadweight	-	694100	-	694100
(b) Destination	-	-	-	(b) Cubic feet	-	67400	-	67400
Earliest Date Unit can move	-	18 JUL	-	Cased Ammunition				
				(a) Deadweight	-	23 tns	-	23 tns
				(b) Cubic feet	-	1800	-	1800
COMPOSITION	Strength				Maximum Weight to be Lifted by Ship's gear	Adv Party	Main Body	Rear Party
	Adv Party	Main Body	Rear Party	Total				
(a) Officers	-	46	-	46				
(b) Warrant Officers	-	8	-	8				
(c) Sergeants	-	71	-	71				
(d) Rank and File	-	796	-	796				
(e) AANS	-	-	-	-				
(f) AVAS	-	-	-	-				
(g)								
(h)								
TOTAL ALL RANKS	-	921	-	921				

Q. F. 2 pdr Mks IX & X on Mk III Carriages  
 18 cwt  
 Total Weight 64 tons.

J. Seard.  
 LT-COL.  
 S COMD 2/10 AUST INF BN

MOST

SECRET

Arty Pieces and Trailers		Adv Party	Main Body	Rear Party	TOTAL	Overall length	WIDTH	HEIGHT	Weight each type		
Make	Type								Tons	Cwt	Qrs
English	Q.F. 2 pdr Mk IX & X on Mk III Carriage					12"	5"	5"	-	8	-
Austrian	Q.F. 2 pdr Mk IX & X on Mk IIIA Carriage		4		4	12"	5"	5"	-	8	-

*b. J. Gault.*  
 LT-COL.  
 COMD 2/10 AUST INF BN

TO AUST MVT CONTROL GP

*MOST* SECRET

HQ 2/12 Aust. Inf. Bn.

12 July 1943

DETAILS FOR MOVEMENT

UNIT AUTHORITY FOR MVT	2/12 AUST INF BN			Stores etc which cannot be carried in vehicles	Adv Party	Main Body	Rear Party	TOTAL
	Adv Party	Main Body	Rear Party	Stores and Equipment				
(a) Location		RAVENSHOE		(a) Deadweight		41 Tns		41
(b) Destination				(b) Cubic feet		74		74
Earliest Date Unit can move		14/7/43		Cased Ammunition				
				(a) Deadweight		23 Tns		23
				(b) Cubic feet		18		18
COMPOSITION	Strength				Maximum Weight to be Lifted by Ship's gear	Adv Party	Main Body	Rear Party
	Adv Party	Main Body	Rear Party	Total				
(a) Officers		17		17	( Heaviest single lift 18 Cwt)		Total Weight 64 Tons	
(b) Warrant Officers		6		6				
(c) Sergeants		47		47				
(d) Rank and File		608		608				
(e) AANS								
(f) AWAS								
(g)								
(h)								
TOTAL ALL RANKS		678		678				

Signature *Macfarlane* Lieutenant  
for C. O. 2/12 Aust. Inf. Bn.

Most SECRET

Arty Pieces and Trailers		Adv Party	Main Body	Rear Party	TOTAL	Overall length	WIDTH	HEIGHT	Weight each type	
Make	Type								Tons	cwt lbs
Ordnance Q.F.2 2 pdr Tank Attack Gun.	Mks IXa Xa		2		2	18 ft	5 ft	5 ft	-	18 -

*Macfarlane* Lieut  
 C.O. 4th Aust. Inf. Bn.

VEHICLES

Appx 'R' to HQ 18 Bde

S. A. R. B.

HQ 18 Aust Inf Bde  
16 Jul 43

G140/143.

7 Aust Div

1. Ref your signal Q2010 of 15 Jul 43.
2. Herewith returns as requested
  - (a) MT Table
  - (b) Trailers Table
  - (c) WE Table

*Hamilton*  
Brig.  
Comd 18 Aust Inf Bde.



VEHICLES

WE/22 B2/22

Hq 16 Aust Inf Bde

2 trucks 1/4 ton 4x4 (Jeep)  
1 Car 6-str Utility  
9 x 15-cwt 4 x 4  
1 x 3-ton 4 x 4  
7 M/C cycles Solo

J. Section Sigs.

2 trucks 1/4 ton 4x4 (Jeep)  
7 WT 15-cwt Trucks  
1 x 1.5-c-wt BGS  
1 x 3-ton Sig Office  
5 M/C cycles Solo

2/47 LA D

8 Trucks 1/4 ton 4x4 (Jeep)  
4 Trailers (Jeep)

6 Pl B. Coy HQ Cd Bn  
3-ton

3 x ~~3-ton~~ Truck 4x4  
1 x 15-cwt Truck 4 x 4

Det 7 Aust Div Postal Unit.

1 x 15-cwt Truck 4x4

*B. Season*  
Capt.  
30 16 Aust Inf Bde

Serial No.	MT		Adv Party	Main Body	Rear Party	Total	Overall Length	Width	Height (cut down)	Number Loaded and Empty	If empty weight empty each type	If loaded Weight Loaded each type
	Make	Type										
<u>HO 18 Aust Inf Bde</u>												
1	Willys Jeep	Trucks 1-ton 4 X 4	-	1	-	1	11'6"	5'6"	5'6"	1 loaded	-	3000 lbs
2	Cvt	Van Office 15-cwt	-	1	-	1	14'2"	7'6"	8'1"	1 loaded	-	8500 lbs
<u>M/Cycles</u>												
3	BSA	Sole	-	6	-	6	7'1"	2'5"	3'5"	1	390 lbs	-
<u>J Sec Sign</u>												
4	Cvt	Wireless Van 4X4	-	7	-	7	15'3"	7'	9'3"	7 loaded	-	8500 lbs
	Cvt	15-cwt	-	1	-	1	14'4"	7'6"	7'4"	1 loaded	-	8500 lbs
<u>SURPLUS TO ME - NOT 4 X 4</u>												
<u>HO 18 Aust Inf Bde</u>												
5	Ford	Truck 4X2 6-seater utility	-	1	-	1	14'10"	7'	7'11"	-	-	-
	Water Carts			2		2						
	Cans 25.			2		2						

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Arty Pieces and Trailers		Adv Party	Main Body	Rear Party	TOTAL	Overall Length	WIDTH	HEIGHT	Weight Each Type		
Make	Type								Tons	Cwts	Qrs
<u>H/O 18 Aust Inf Bde.</u>											
Jeep Trailer			1	-	1	9'10"	5'3"	4'0"	-	5	-

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