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Unit *HQ 4 Aust Inf Bde*Date and Time.—From *1 Nov 43* To.....

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information <i>Ref Maps. FINSCHHAFFEN 1 inch to 1 mile LANGEMAK BAY 1/25000</i>	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
LAE	1 Nov	0200	Main body Bde HQ. departed from present site for VOCO Pt for embarkation on L.C.V.'s.	RHK
		0245	Arrived VOCO Pt.	RHK
		0430	Embarked on L.C.V.'s	RHK
		0530	Convoy was assembled and departed for FINSCHHAFFEN. RHK	
FINSCHHAFFEN		1400	Convoy arrived at KEDAM beach (ref map LANGEMAK BAY 1/25000) 641598, picked up Capt Lloyd (SCL) who guided the boats to LANGEMAK BAY vicinity SIMBANG. 621559.	RHK
SIMBANG.		1445	Disembarked at beach 620558 and moved to Bde H.Q. site at 619560. Pitched tents and settled into area.	RHK
		1500	Bde Comd and B.M. departed to report in at 9 Aust Div.	RHK
		1700	Bde Comd and B.M. returned from 9 Aust Div.	RHK

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Unit *H.Q. 4 Aust Inf Bde*

Date and Time.—From *2 Nov '43* To.....

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
<i>SIMBANG</i>	<i>2 Nov.</i>	<i>1000</i>	<i>Received message 0126 from 9 Aust Div for information TILLEY FORCE to move to BEACH HEAD at mouth of MONGI river and to rejoin 29/46 Aust Inf Bn at FINSCHHAFFEN.</i>	
			<i>29/46 Aust Inf Bn is concentrated in area 633597 (LANGEMAK BAY 1/25000).</i>	
			<i>Hq Bde H.Q. settling in continued.</i>	<i>RAK</i>

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Unit *4th Aust Inf Bde* Date and Time.—From *3 Nov 43* To.....

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	<i>3 Nov</i>	<i>1230</i>	<i>Bde Comd called to 9 Aust Div for conference with G.I. re Operational role of Bde. Appointment made for 1430 hrs.</i>	<i>OK</i>
		<i>1430</i>	<i>Conference Bde Comd, B.M. (Maj W.D. Jones) and G.I. (Lt Col Barham). 9 Aust Div message 055 of 3 Nov handed to Bde Comd by G.I. (attached as Appendix) and message read and explained. In addition 4 Aust Inf Bde was made responsible for coordinating local defence of other units occupying Fortress area. The Coy of 2/2 Aust M.G. Bn occupying SNELL'S KNOLL (ref map LANGEMIAK BAY 1/25000) 629594 were to be replaced if necessary by a Coy of 29/46 Aust Inf Bn, if M.G. Coy was withdrawn. SNELL'S KNOLL is vital ground and must be held. In addition C.O 29/46 Aust Inf Bn (Lt Col Bushworth) and C.O 37/52 Aust Inf Bn (Lt Col Rowan) were to</i>	<i>OK</i>

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	<i>3 Nov</i>	<i>1430</i>	<i>recce tracks to the North in case either Bn was induced North for action. Vital Gnd to be held at all cost is that area South bank from mouth BUMI river - KOLEM - SIMBANG - KREUTBERG RA - SNELL'S KNOLL (629594).</i>	<i>PK</i>
		<i>1900</i>	<i>C.O. 37/53 Aust Inf Bn and 2/c (Maj J.E. Wright) called ^{to} Bde for Conference at 0900 hrs 4 Nov. Very heavy rain experienced during night.</i>	<i>PK</i>

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Date and Time.—From 4 Nov '43 To

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	4 Nov	0900	Role of Bde explained to C.O. 37/52 Aust Inf Bn and 2 i/c. 2 i/c. appointed by Bde Comd to coordinate local defence of units occupying Fortress Area (other than units of this Bde) and in addition was made responsible for Beach Defence in conjunction with O/C 11 Bty 2/ TKA Regt (Maj J. Thomas) and an outline of Maj Wright's tasks were given to him.	PKK
		1000	C.O. 22 Aust Inf Bn (Lt Col O'Connor) called to conference at Bde	PKK
		1015	Bde Comd delivered orders to C.O. 22 Aust Inf Bn. 4 Bde responsible for seaward and landward defence of FINSCHHAFFEN and LANGEMAR BAY which will be held at all costs. Right Bde boundary all inclusive track junction 5259 (ref. map 1" series FINSCHHAFFEN) to KINEMBUNG.	PKK

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Unit *Hq. 22 Aust Inf Bde*Date and Time.—From *4 Nov 43* To

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	<i>4 Nov</i>	<i>1015</i>	<i>village 5559 - TIRIMORO. track and ek junc. 615595 (ref map LANGEMAR BAY 1/25000) - Coast at 636609. Left boundary - LOGAWENG plateau - GAGIDU point. Vital ground to be held at all costs area south bank river BUMI - KOLEM - SIMBANG. KREUTBERG RA - SNELL'S KNOLL. Instructions for Coastal defence to be issued separately. 22 Aust Inf Bn will continue to hold present dispositions and will patrol each of not less than full strength first in general area between MORENG to GURANKOR and MAPE river, coordinated with 20 Bde patrols to discover any threat to FINSCHHAFFEN from the West. These patrols also to inflict casualties and to prevent foraging parties of the Japs from raiding native gardens. Secondly 22 Aust Inf Bn</i>	<i>OK</i>

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Unit... *A.G. H Aust Inf Bde*

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	<i>4 Nov.</i>	<i>1015</i>	<p><i>mile patrol along tracks in vicinity BUTAWENG-LOGAWENG plateau to WASUTIENG to LOGAWENG to prevent foraging to inflict casualties and to deny enemy use of O.P's. Patrols will visit GURANKOR every second day and WASUTIENG-LOGAWENG daily. Additional task 22 Aust Inf Bn piece for defensive positions east of river running north from SIMBANG and along western slopes of KREUTBERG RA. 37/53 Aust Inf Bn (Bde reserve) will piece areas allotted to 22 Aust Inf Bn and 29/46 Aust Inf and will be prepared to occupy these areas to facilitate withdrawal of 22 Aust Inf Bn into Bde reserve. 37/52 Aust Inf Bn to be located vicinity road and track junction 639569 and 640573. They are also to be prepared to counter attack.</i></p>	<p><i>PK</i></p>

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Unit HQ. 4 Aust Inf Bde

Date and Time.—From Nov 23 To.....

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	4 Nov	1015 1200 1300	along the coast if so ordered. message 097 originated and despatched Bde Comd ordered BM and I.O. (Capt R.H. Kent) to proceed to 29/46 Aust Inf Bn and deliver his orders to the C.O.	RHK RHK
		1445	Bde Comd's orders delivered to C.O. 29/46 Aust Inf Bn by B.M. - Orders were as follows - 29/46 Aust Inf Bn will recc defensive position & from incl mouth BOMI river west to sq 6259 (ref map 1/25000) and will hold high ground south of the river. This high ground to include SNELLS KNOLL. 29/46 Aust Inf Bn, in the event of the Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn now occupying SNELLS KNOLL being withdrawn will occupy the KNOLL with one Coy.	RHK
		1545	G.C. D Coy 2/2 ^{Aust} MG Bn (Capt Goldsmith) contacted by BM at his A.Q. and requested to recc Fortress Area	RHK

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Date and Time.—From 4 Nov '43 To 5 Nov '43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	4 Nov	1545	with a view to siting M.G. pls under comb or in support this Bde. Particular attention was to be paid to fire plan along the general line of the BUMI river. Plan to be submitted to this H.Q. by 6 Nov. <i>RAK</i>	
	5 Nov	1245	G.I. pang. G.O.C. enquired ^{to what extent} as to the effect the withdrawal of D Coy 2/5 M.G. Bn would affect the defence of the area. Suggested that 4 extra guns could be provided. (D Coy 2/5 M.G. Bn is under command 22 Aust Inf Bn). Bde Comd decided that the withdrawal of the pls was feasible if the 4 extra guns were obtained. <i>RAK</i>	
		1300	A composite MMG Pl is to be formed with Capt Kitley, 37/53 Aust Inf Bn as OC. 29/46 Aust Inf to take over task of MMG Bn Pl at KEDAM POINT SALANKAUA <i>RAK</i>	

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Date and Time.—From 5 Nov To.....

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
SIMBANG area	5 Nov	1430	<p>Capt Kinney reported in to Bde. was informed that MMG are to be disposed as follows:- Pl 29/46 Aust Inf Bn at KEDAM POINT-SALANKAVA - 37/52 Aust Inf Bn at KOLEM POINT and Composite Pl at SIMBANG. 22 Aust Inf Bn one sec and one sec using JAP HMG's to be with 22 Aust Inf Bn two Coy.</p>	RHK
		1525	<p>Maj Smith, OC. 12 Bty 2/6 Aust Pd Regt called for orders. 12 Bty will support this Bde.</p>	RHK
	6 Nov	1030	<p>Bde Comd discussed the following with G.I. 9 Aust Div :- @ Labour. Three Coys to move to Godown A beach to provide labour, these Coys to be relieved to resume normal role as Bde Res, as and when 9 Aust Div LOB arrive. G.I. stated G.O.C required one Bn to be held in Bde Res. Upon discussion it</p>	RHK

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
SIMBANG area	6 Nov	1030	<p>was decided that, as Tilley Force, was due in 8 Nov this puling could be departed from and the three Coys move.</p>	RHK
			<p>① Comd Beach Defs Southern Shore LANGEMAK BAY to be selected to coordinate defensive role of the abovementioned three Coys, present tps in area and LOB, subsequently to arrive & replace the 37/52 Aust Div Bn Coys.</p>	
			<p>② Question of moving one Coy to LOGAWENG discussed and deferred pending peace and appreciation by Aust Div. Bde Comd considered that in view of Jap Id Works and tracks in area, it would be preferable if Coy moved to that area.</p>	
			<p>③ Frontier defence scheme discussed. H Aust Div Bde to discuss submit scheme, digging of prepared positions to be started when approved.</p>	RHK

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Unit HQ 4 Aust Inf Bde

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
SIMBANG area	6 Nov	1030	<p>① Southern boundary of Bde area of defence discussed, and stated by Gt to be general line BOTAWENG-SAWANIL WASUTIENG-LOGAWENG PLATEAU and GAGIDU POINT. Method of defence of Southern boundary. Bde Comd stated it could only be done by active patrolling in view of strength available plus by holding LOGAWENG PLATEAU.</p> <p>② Defence of QUOTA river. Recce and preparation of these defences for one Bn will be next task after preparation of perimeter defence. Approved scheme and trace to be forwarded to 4 Bde by 9 Aust Div.</p> <p>③ Intercomm. recce for perimeter defence scheme FINSCHAFEN area to be carried out by Bde Sig Bty and plan to be submitted.</p> <p>④ General Coast watching and challenging and Coast arty defence scheme discussed. Plan and trace to be forwarded by 9 Aust Div to 4 Bde. 16 A Guns 4 Bde less those considered required by Bns not included in plan.</p>	

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SIMBANG area	6 Nov	1030	but to be available to 4 Bde for thickening up, particularly south shore LANGEMAK BAY.	RAK
		1300	B.M. rang 37/5, Aust Inf Bn to march three Coy's to SIMBANG to arrive by 1730 hrs. piece party to proceed ahead and select bivouac sites. Fps to be ferried from SIMBANG to GODOWA.	RAK
		1315	DAQMG, 9 Aust Div will arrange for ferrying.	RAK
		1400	Bde Comd Conference with C.O's 22, 37/5, Aust Inf Bn. Difficulties of a defensive perimeter discussed KREUTBERG RA area from North to South to have five Coy locations. Lt. Col O'Connor's report on LOGAWENG. Best JAP defence area seen during Poses. on north and south east tip of Italian extension and well sited. Appreciated that Coy located there with vigorous patrolling policy necessary for protection of installations south of LANGEMAK BAY. C.O's 22 and 37/5, Aust Inf Bn. to recon KREUTBERG RA together 7 Nov.	RAK

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Unit *HQ 4 Coast Def Bde*

Date and Time.—From *6 Nov* To

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
<i>SIMBANG area</i>	<i>6 Nov</i>		<i>to be accompanied by Sig Offr 4 Bde. 2/c 29/86 Bn (Maj Loughey) appointed Coordinating Offr Coastal defence South Shore LANGEMAK BAY. Capt</i>	<i>RHK</i>
		<i>1500</i>	<i>Capt KITNEY, 37/52 Bn appointed MGO for Coast defence LANGEMAK BAY reported in with pl. 4 M.G.S to come from ADOS. Capt Kitney instructed to recon SIMBANG area for gun sites.</i>	<i>RHK</i>
		<i>1530</i>	<i>Bde Comd put Sig Offr "in the picture" and told him to accompany C.O's on recon and to submit sig plan for fortress area, preliminary means of comm, L/T to Bns + Coy to be connected laterally as well as from lower to higher HQ. Tentative site for Bde Battle HQ. (ref arab 135000) 634575.</i>	<i>RHK</i>
		<i>1545</i>	<i>Bde Comd rang Lt and told him Lt Col O'Connell's appreciation of posn re LOGAWENG.</i>	<i>RHK</i>

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Unit *Hq Aust Inf Bde*Date and Time.—From *7 Nov* To

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
<i>SIMBANG area</i>	<i>7 Nov</i>	<i>0945</i>	<i>Maj Tomoy (2/c 29/46 Bn) reported to Bde Comd. Bde Comd appts him OC Defence South shore LANGEMAK BAY. To contact MHO at GADOWA and ascertain numbers of armaments and locations of units on South shore. Particular attention to be paid to that portion of beach between BOTAWENG SAWMILL and KELLINGANG Pt. at present has C Coy 22 Bn and three Coy 27/52 Bn there. Three Coy of 27/52 Bn later to be replaced by 1000 LDB of Aust Div. Comm to be set up later between this HQ and OC South shore defence.</i>	<i>RHK</i>
		<i>1030</i>	<i>Bde Comd attended Conference at GAUST DIV re LOGAWENG. Result B Coy 22 Bn to go to LOGAWENG.</i>	<i>RHK</i>
		<i>1545</i>	<i>Bde Comd Rang C.O. 22 Bn (Lt Col O'Connor) asked if he thought one Coy would be sufficient reply in the affirmative. Order by Bde Comd: @ B Coy to move to LOGAWENG and occupy JAP posns. There on 8 Nov and hold at all cost. @ 10 days rations and water to be taken @ Active patrolling policy to South and west to be worked out on 8 Nov by Bde Comd in conjunction with CO.</i>	<i>RHK</i>

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Unit HQ 9 Aust Div Bde Date and Time.—From 8 Nov To 18 Nov

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
SIMBANG area	8 Nov	1030	D.C. 12 Bn, 26 Aust 2d Regt (Maj Smith) reported with recce party. Discussion re F.O.'s - one to go to LOGAWENG-WASITTENG area, one to TIRIMORO and one to go possibly with D Coy 37 Bn. Necessary to recce before final decision. Was told to liaise with C.O. 37/52 Bn re arty task on KREUTBERG RA.	RHK
		1100	C.O. 37/52 Bn requested permission to put Maj Green in charge of three Coys at GODOWA and withdraw Coy Cornick for recce of KREUTBERG RA. Permission granted. Informed.	RHK
		1130	C.O. 72 Bn called re patrols - patrol from LOGAWENG south to the coast, also patrol to the west ordered. Patrols also arranged to cover TIRIMORA - CHURUNKOR - MORENG - QUEMBUNG - 50 guid from LOGAWENG - NASINGALATI	RHK
	9 Nov	1100	G2 9 Aust Div rang, three Coys required by G at Godowa continuously until the end of the month. Suggested by Div that further rifle Coy be sent over to effect relief & further stated at times more than three rifle Coys will be required.	RHK
1115		Orders issued for further rifle Coy 37/52 Bn to move to Godowa forthwith. All Coys were to be supplied by 37/52 Bn as Div ordered that 29/46 Bn be kept intact.	RHK	
	18 Nov	1650	G1 9 Aust Div rang - 29/46 Bn to recce QUOSA river defences as planned by 2/2 MG Bn. Bn to be prepared to move to QUOSA river on further instructions from 9 Aust Div.	RHK

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Unit *HQ 4 Aust Inf Bde.*

Date and Time.—From *13 Nov.* To *14 Nov.*

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
<i>SIMBANG area</i>	<i>13 Nov</i>	<i>1650</i>	<i>In this event 29/46 Bn will come into Div reserve. Instructions also to place routes fwd areas with a view to quick movement. C.O. 29/46 Bn advised.</i>	<i>RAR</i>
	<i>14 Nov</i>	<i>1200</i>	<i>Bde H.Q. established in new location 633567 (ref map LANGEMAR BAY 1/55000)</i>	<i>RAR</i>
		<i>0830</i>	<i>Ring from G7 9 Aust Div that Bde Comd may be required for conference with G.O.C during day.</i>	<i>RAR</i>
		<i>1100</i>	<i>G7 rang Bde Comd, B.M. CO 29/46 Bn with his O G's to go to Div for conference with G.O.C. at 1400 hrs 14 Nov.</i>	<i>RAR</i>
		<i>1115</i>	<i>C.O. 29/46 Bn advised of conference.</i>	<i>RAR</i>
		<i>1400</i>	<i>Conference at Div H.Q. attended by Comd + B.M. 4 Aust Inf Bde, C.O. 29/46 Bn, Adm Comd + B.M. 20 Aust Inf Bde, G7 + G.M. (C). When the G.O.C. gave an outline of the forthcoming attack on SATELBERG by 26 Bde. 20 Bde may be required to capture high ground to north and NW of JIVEVANENG in which case 29/46 Bn may be required to take over dispositions of 2/15 Bn. These dispositions to be reced in 15 Nov in the event of 29/46 Bn relieving 2/15 Bn, G.O.C suggested Bde Comd may establish Battle H.Q. somewhere in vicinity HELSBACH. G.O.C. further suggested Bde Comd, his staff and C.O.'s reced fwd areas incl high ground sq 6368, feature 6470 (LONG HILL) and 2/15 Bn area. Such reced to be undertaken during the next two days.</i>	<i>RAR</i>

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Unit *HQ 2d Aust Inf Bde*

Date and Time.—From *15 Nov* To

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
<i>LANGEMAK BAY 633567</i>	<i>15 Nov</i>	<i>0800</i>	<i>Bde Comd, B.M. 1.0, C.O. 22 Bn, C.O. 29/46 Bn and four rifle Coy Comds, Capt's Peterson, Fletcher, Evans and James commenced recce of aforementioned grid areas.</i>	<i>RAK</i>
		<i>1015</i>	<i>Arrived at HQ 2/15 Bn 635671 where Coy Comds departed to recce Bn area. Comd and party were conducted to two view points in the 2/15 Bn area.</i>	<i>RAK</i>
		<i>1400</i>	<i>Arrived at 20 Bde HQ where Bde Comd discussed topography with Lt Col Simpson, Adm Comd 20 Bde. Lt Col Simpson suggest that no advantage would be gained by going further over the 20 Bde sector, but advised Bde Comd to view the topography towards SATKBERG from further north in the 24 Bde area.</i>	<i>RAK</i>
		<i>1430</i>	<i>Departed 20 Bde HQ for 24 Bde HQ where a guide was provided to conduct party to OP on LONG HILL approx 648704. Dispositions of 24 Bde pointed out on ground by Lt Col Joshua C.O. 2/43 Bn after which party returned to respective HQ's.</i>	<i>RAK</i>
		<i>1930</i>	<i>G.I. lang Bn - 29/46 Bn to move to GUOTA ping earliest possible on 16 Nov - LCV's to be available to lift stores from KIDANI point to LAUNCH JETTY Cove (Sq 6304). Confirmed later by message. Received message from 9 Aust Div nominating D day for SATKBERG attack on 17 Nov.</i>	<i>RAK Appendix</i>

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
LANGEMAK BAY 633567	15 Nov	1930	C.O. 22 Bn informed of D day and instructed by Bde Comd to put into operation patrol plan to locate and harass enemy's night flank, north and west of GURUNKOR and MORENG area.	RHK
	16 Nov	0800	29/46 Bn commenced move to QUORA river, then to come into Div Reserve.	RHK
	18 Nov	1030	BM pang C.O. 22 Bn — 2 dets mortars are to be sited to Coun SOMBANG spit. One sec MMG's to move to GODOWA and take over task of sec of composite MMG's. The sec of composite pl is to move to KEDAM point area to take over task of 29/46 Bn sec, which has moved with Bn to QUORA river. One sec 87/52 Bn MMG's in KEDAM area is also to move to KEDAM point area.	RHK
	19 Nov	1420	Advised by LOZ 9 Aust Div that three Coy 87/52 Bn at GODOWA will be moved shortly to the KEDAM-KAKAGEG area, 87/52 Bn to ultimately relieve 29/46 Bn on the QUORA river, 29/46 Bn to relieve 2/115 Bn. 87/52 Bn to receive KAKAGEG area for a possible Bn concentration site. Also receive 29/46 Bn present orders. Stated that G.O.C. considers withdrawing moving LOGAWKINE Coy of 22 Bn, but does think it can be done unless there are sufficient U.S. troops in area to provide adequate warning.	RHK

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
LANGEMAK BAY 633567	20 Nov	2000	GI (I) nang advising that an enemy map had been captured disclosing the enemy OOB in the MORENG area which is to be rigorously patrolled by one Coy of 22 Bn.	RHK
		1630	Bde Comd nang GI q act Div re redistribution of 22 Bn. Courses open: - @ move ^{up} from LOGAWENG to BUTAWENG and move this Coy to 521605 @ LOGAWENG Coy to move to 521605 and C Coy to 5453 C.O.C. requires that GURUNKOR be covered. Bde Comd advised that even so enemy can still move south from MORENG to MAPK hills.	RHK
	21 Nov	1500	GI nang re proposals for MORENG. Should Coy be located in sq 5557 instead of 5453 to cover track fine? Bde Comd stated he would have piece of area alone. GI stated that it would mean both B and C Coys of 22 Bn would have to be withdrawn from LOGAWENG and BUTAWENG respectively.	RHK
	22 Nov	1445	C.O. 22 Bn advised that the best tactical posn for one Coy would be in sq 5458 - on high ground commanding track fine GURUNKOR - QUEMBUNG - KANGARUA.	RHK
		1500	Infm was passed on to GI of Aust Div who will notify Bde Comd of C.O.C.'s decision.	RHK

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Unit HQ 4 Aust Inf BdeDate and Time.—From 23 Nov To 29 Nov '43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
LANGEMAK BAY	23 Nov.		9 Aust Div 0341. Ref one inch. Localities to be held by 4 Bde each with one Coy are QUEMBUNG 3, (5259) and track junction on main track SIMBANG - KANGORA (5458) and TIRIMORO and track about 590567. Coys of 4 Bde at LOGAWENG and BUTAWENG and patrols south from river MAPE will be withdrawn.	RHK
	24 Nov.		One Coy 22 Bn moved FINSCHAVEN under command 9 Div B for labour.	RHK
	25 Nov	0915	9 Aust Div 0367. Ref one inch. Ref my 0341. From 25 Nov 4 Bde will hold following localities each with one Coy. QUEMBUNG 3 5259 and TIRIMORO and track on 590567. Commencing 25 Nov Company at QUEMBUNG 3 will move from there to high ground about 1000 yds north of MORENG and control all tracks in that area also arranged by 4 Bde with 26 Bde patrol to KUATHWA and towards MARAKUO.	RHK
HELOS BACH KATKA Area	27 Nov		Bde HQ moved and established at 615653	RHK
	29 Nov.		9 Aust Div 0450. Secret. Warning Order. On a date	RHK

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

(Erase heading not required).

Unit HQ 4 Aust Inf Bde Date and Time.—From 29/30 Nov 53 To.....

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
HELDSBACH	29 Nov.		<p>to be notified by 9 Aust Div 4 Bde will adv by coast route to first objective mouth of MASAWENG river. Ops under Comd 4 Bde up to one 9d Regt after op from present focus impracticable. Dets RAE for development of Comms. and beaches and for mine clearance, A Coy 7th MG Bn, dets C & H Sqn, one pl. PIB, dets AHMG, AHSC 532 Regt ESB and ANGAU. Adv will be by bounds from and to beach maintenance areas. Only two of which will be used concurrently and which until relinquished will be protected by 4 Bde. 4 Bde will be responsible for own flank protection. Preliminary moves on date to be notified by 9 Div. 2/17 and 22 Bns will relieve 37/52 and 29/46 Bns respectively. 37/52 and 29/46 Bns on relief will move under Comd 4 Bde to assembly areas vicinity GUSIKA 22 Bn will remain in present 29/46 Bn sector until Regd by Comd 4 Bde. Following will attend Conference at HQ 9 Div 0900 hrs 30 Nov. Bde Coynd, B.M., S.C. and OC C & H Sqn.</p>	<p>PHK</p>
	30 Nov.		<p>9 Aust Div 0400z. Further to 0450z. On 1 Bde. 22 Bn will move in Div reserve to assembly posn. in general area South and SW BONGA. HQ 4 Bde will move same area earliest practicable. Subject to confirmation remainder of Bde will assemble same area as above. On 2 Bde 37/52 Bn under Comd 4 Bde and on relief by 2/17 Bn. Moves of remaining units under Comd and in 25 later. 9th assembly posns. of 4 Bde protected by dispositions 24 Bde. all moves will be concealed from enemy observation. In assembly posns.</p>	<p>PHK</p>

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

(Erase heading not required).

Army Form 1118
(adapted.)

Unit HQ 4 Aust Inf Bde Date and Time.—From 30 Nov '43 To

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
HELDSBACH	30 Nov		<p>units will be dispersed and sited tactically for defence. During all moves units will remain in comm with HQ 4 Bde & HQ 4 Bde with HQ 9 Div. 4 Bde will submit outline plan for commencement of offensive ops. to start earliest practicable after 2 Dec.</p> <p>9 Aust Div 0464. Reallotment of 7d arty in Sp Bdes from incl 1 Dec. 24 Bty in Sp 20 Bde, 62 Bty in Sp 26 Bde, 96 7d Regt in Sp 4 Bde. In addition to arty in Sp. five of following number of Blys will be able to bear in prod Bde sectors. 24 Bde 5 Blys, 20 Bde 5 Blys, 26 Bde 5 Blys.</p> <p>4 Bde 0425. Warning Order. 22 Bn less 1KA pl will be prepared to move to assembly area vicinity BONGA 1 Dec. 1KA pl will be prepared to move to SCARLET BEACH.</p> <p>4 Aust Inf Bde Op Instr No 5 AFW's 3008, 3009.</p>	<p>RHK</p> <p style="text-align: center;">1</p> <p>RHK</p> <p>Appendix A RHK Appendix B RHK</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>W. Keble</i></p>

9 Nov 43

4 AUST INF BDE OPERATION INSTRUCTION NO 5

DEFENCE OF FINSCHHAFEN - LANGEMAK BAY AREA

4 INF. BDE.
SECRET
No 01/103

Ref Maps : LANGEMAK BAY 1/25000
FINSCHHAFEN 1 inch

INFORMATION

ENEMY

1. As per Intelligence Summaries and Sitreps to date.
2. Enemy forces now in occupation of the BONGA - SATLEBERG Area may attempt to secure the area FINSCHHAFEN - LANGEMAK BAY, by an encircling move from the enemy's right flank.

OWN

3. HQ 9 Aust Div has ordered 4 Aust Inf Bde to secure the area FINSCHHAFEN - LANGEMAK BAY, from seaward, or landward attack by the enemy.

BDE BOUNDARIES

4. (a) RIGHT :- All incl track junc 5259 (1 in ref) - KWEMBUNG village 5559 (ref 1 in) - TIRIMORO - track and creek junc 615595 - coast at 636609.
- (b) LEFT :- All incl LOGAWENG PLATEAU - GAGIDU PT.

COAST DEFENCE

5. HQ RAA 9 Aust Div have arranged :-
 - (a) Comd 2/11 Aust Tk A Bty to comd all guns of the bty, co-ordinate all Tk A weapons sited for beach defence (see Trace Appx A) and establish challenging points as ordered by HQ 9 Aust Div.
 - (b) As far as landward tasks permit, 12 Aust Fd Bty, 2/6 Aust Fd Regt is to support 4 Aust Inf Bde.

TROOPS IN SUPPORT

6. Tps allotted in support of this bde are :-
 - (a) 12 Fd Bty, 2/6 Aust Fd Regt
 - (b) Tk A guns sited within the bde area are in support of the bde for coast defence.
 - (c) AA guns on the coast within the sector have been allotted a secondary role to beach defence.
 - (d) Three tps of C Sqn, 1 Army Tk Bn.

INTENTION

7. 4 Aust Inf Bde will deny, at all costs, access to the FINSCHHAFEN - LANGEMAK BAY Area, particularly that area bounded by BUMI RIVER (incl SNELL'S KNOLL 627594) - KREUTBERG RANGE - BUTAWENG SAWMILL AREA (incl GODOWA) - NORTH SHORE OF LANGEMAK BAY.

METHOD

8. The area will be defended by coy outposts and a perimeter which is divided into four sectors :-

- (a) BUMI SECTOR - all incl mouth of BUMI RIVER - BUMI RIVER - SNELL'S KNOLL (627594) - CREEK JUNG 621599 - KAKAKOG - POLA.
- (b) KREUTBERG SECTOR - excl creek jung 621599 - incl 620574 - track jung 634581 - track - KAKAKOG.
- (c) SIMBANG SECTOR - excl 620574 - incl NORTH BANK MAPE RIVER at 618558 - to incl high ground sqs 6256 ; 6257.
- (d) COASTAL SECTOR - all that protion of the coast within the Bde sector.

9. In BUMI, KREUTBERG, and SIMBANG SECTORS, coy localities as indicated in appx A will be sited..

RESPONSIBILITY FOR PREPARATION OF SECTORS

10. (a) Units will recce site, and prepare defences. Work to be put in hand immediately, incl weapons pits and lanes of fire, within sectors allotted as follows :-

- BUMI SECTOR - 29/46 Aust Inf Bn
- KREUTBERG SECTOR - 37/52 Aust Inf Bn
- SIMBANG SECTOR - 37/52 Aust Inf Bn

(b) Units will ensure that all junction points are adequately covered.

OCCUPATION OF SECTORS

11. Occupation of sectors will be ordered by this HQ. Until so ordered, units as ordered in Para 10, will be responsible, once defences are completed. for maintaining a skeleton garrison for the purpose of maintenance of field works, and denying the enemy knowledged of their existence.

12. Strict camouflage will be undertaken, and knowledge of the existence of the defences denied to the enemy, from sea, land and air.

RESPONSIBILITY FOR RECCE

13. During the preparation, and on completion of the defensive areas, units will recce and familiarise themselves with sectors as follows :-

- BUMI SECTOR - 37/52 Aust Inf Bn
- KRETUBERG SECTOR - (29/46 Aust Inf Bn
 (22 Aust Inf Bn
- SIMBANG SECTOR - (22 Aust Inf Bn
 (37/52 Aust Inf Bn

COY OUTPOSTS

14. 22 Aust Inf Bn will provide one coy outpost at :-

- (a) TIMIMORO
- (b) 586565
- (c) LOGAWENG
- (d) BUTAWENG SAWMILL

PATROLS

- 15. (a) 22 Aust Inf Bn will continue its present patrol tasks.
- (b) In case of alarm, and occupation of Defence Sectors by units of the bde, a vigorous patrol policy will be undertaken, and particular attention paid to likely lines of enemy approach.

ARTY

- 16. 12 Bty, 2/6 Aust Fd Regt will support this Bde. Initially FOO's are allotted one each with the coys occupying :-

- (a) TIMIMORO
- (b) 586565
- (c) LOGAWENG

- 17. COs will liaise with comd 12 Bty, 2/6 Aust Fd Regt, and indicate on the ground, defensive fire tasks. These will be registered by shooting.

TANKS

- 18. Three troops of C Sqn, 1 Aust Army Tk Bn will be prepared to -
 - (a) Counter-attack in co-operation with Reserve Bn, an enemy penetration along the coast.
 - (b) Counter-attack in co-operation with Reserve Bn any sea-borne enemy who may succeed in landing within the bde Area.

BEACH DEFENCE

CO-ORDINATING OFFICERS

- 19. Responsibility for north of and incl north shore of LANGEMAK BAY, within the Bde sector -

Second in comd 37/52 Aust Inf Bn

- 20. Responsibility for south of and incl south shore of LANGEMAK BAY, with in the bde sector -

Second in comd 29/46 Aust Inf Bn

DUTIES OF CO-ORDINATING OFFICERS

- 21. (a) Co-ordinate and advise on matter of local defence and all units other than those of the bde, within the bde sector.
- (b) Liaise with comd 2/11 Aust Tk A Bty for siting, and roles of Bde Tk A Guns. For this purpose the following are available at present :-

29/46 Aust Inf Bn - one section
 37/52 Aust Inf Bn - one section

for beach defence of NORTH shore of LANGEMAK BAY.

37/52 Aust Inf Bn - one section

for beach defence of SOUTH of LANGEMAK BAY.

- (c) Co-ordinate with beach defence Arty Plan, MMG sections allotted for Beach Defence.
MMGs allotted are :-
- (i) MG Pl 29/46 Aust Inf Bn - beach defence area KEDAM PT.
 - (ii) MG Pl 37/52 Aust Inf Bn - beach defence area KOLEM
 - (iii) Composite MG Pl - beach defence. WEST end of LANGEMAK BAY.
 - (iv) Site and co-ordinate battle positions for all small units in their particular sector

BRIGADE RESERVE

22. Bde Reserve will be located in area sq 6357 and will be nominated from time to time by this HQ. At present 37/52 Aust Inf Bn will fill this role for operations.

ROLES

- (a) Recce and become familiar with all defences and routes thereto within the bde area.
- (b) Co-operate with Troops of C Sqn, 1 Aust Army Tk Bn and be prepared to counter-attack any enemy penetration within the bde area.

ADMINISTRATION

23. SUPPLIES

- (a) All ~~units~~ units and sub-units occupying defensive positions will carry at least 3 days rations on the man.
- (b) Units will be responsible for supplying garrison tps.

AMMUNITION

24. Scale A will be carried on the man. Resupply of ammunition will be under unit arrangements and will be drawn from the nearest DID.

MEDICAL

25. 4 Aust Fd ~~Amn~~ will make available two light sections, one to evacuate from BUMI sector, and one from both KREUTBERG and SIMBANG sectors. MDS will be located area KOLEM.

INTERCOMMUNICATION

BDE HQ

- 26. Bde HQ ill move to area 637567 and will operate from that location.
- 27. OC 4 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec will plan L/T comm and will ensure that the plan is ready to put into immediate operation when ordered.
- 28. All Bn HQs will be connected laterally, as well as direct to Bde HQs. The same principle will be employed within Bn areas.

ALARM SIGNALS

- 29 Coast watching stations and challenging Pts (see Appx A) are to give the alarm signal indicating the approach of hostile craft, by quickest possible means to this HQ.
- 30 ~~xxxxxxlightxxx~~
A Verrey Light signal will also be given - this will be RED - RED - RED.
- 31 Calls for defensive fire from fd Arty will be primarily by L/T and secondarily by Verrey light signal, with the exception of US Forces, south of LANGEMAK BAY.

Calls are:-

- 24 Aust Inf Bde Sector - RED - GREEN
- 20 Aust Inf Bde Sector - WHITE - RED
- 4 Aust Inf Bde Sector - GREEN - WHITE

US Forces South of LANGEMAK BAY - L/T

ACKNOWLEDGE

TIME OF SIGNATURE.....1130.....hrs 11 Nov. 43

METHOD OF ISSUE.....

Maj
BM 4 Aust Inf Bde

DISTRIBUTION

Copy No

- 22 Aust Inf Bn 1
- 29/46 Aust Inf Bn 2
- 37/52 Aust Inf Bn 3
- Comd C Sqn, 1 Aust Army Tk Bn 4
- Comd 12 Bty, 2/6 Aust Fd Regt 5
- Comd 2/11 Aust Tk A Bty 6
- OC 4 Bde Sig Sec 7
- 4 Aust Fd Amb 8
- HQ 9 Aust Div (for infm) 9-10
- Comd 11
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- SC 13
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War Diary

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

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Appendix B

Serial No. 4372

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

A.I.F. Reference

A.M.F. Reference

Date 6 Nov 43

W.E. 18 X 69

Attached Allowed by W.E. X Unit

PART A. — STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED

1	2	3	4
Ranks and W.E.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached)	Surplus to Establishment	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment)
Lieut.-Colonels			
Majors			
Captains		1	2
Lieutenants			
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
Totals	18	1	6

* Insert detail of higher rank as necessary

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

Officers JOINED during week

Rank	Name	Unit or Corps	Date	Cause

Officers QUITTED during week

Rank	Name	Unit or Corps	Date	Cause

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

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

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 6 / 11 / 194 3 H. A. Aust Inf (Unit)

W.E. 11 / 2 / 3 OFFRS. 18 O.R.'s. 69 + OFFRS. O.R.'s. 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.																															
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.					Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.																											
		1	1	W.Os. Class I.																																			
			2	W.Os. Class II.																																			
				Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.																																			
NR 1	1		1	Staff Sergeants																																			
NR 1	1	1	5	Sergeants																																			
NR 4	5	1	7	Corporals																																			
			48	Troopers, Privates, etc.																																			
				Civilians counting as O.R.																																			
5	8	3	64	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 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.

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	52		12				█	█		64
B(1)										
B(2)							█			

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	29/46 Bn		
				1	37/52 Bn		
				1	NO23		

Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return To this (Unit) is Particularly Requested. 6/11/1943

Army No	Rank.	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).
VX106299	S/sgt	LARKIN H.A.	Int Sgt; X List - Home Leave

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

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.	
1		1	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			
			GROUP II.			Sawyers			Storemen, Technical			
			Armourers	1	1	Signallers			Tailors			
			Axemen			Signwriters			Textile Refitters			
	2	2	Bakers			Telescope Identfn. Numbers			Tinsmiths			
			Bty. Comd's. Asst.			Well Borers			Vulcanizers			
			Boilermakers			Wheelsers			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.			
	2	2	Gun Operator			Battery Surveyors			ordr	6	6	
			Hatchman			Butchers			ordr	1	1	
			Height Taker			Clerks	7	7	ordr	1	1	
			Helio Operator			Clerks, Supply			ordr	1	1	
			Instrument Operator			Clerks, Technical			ordr	12	12	
			Intelligence Duties	4	3	Coach Trimmers			ordr	3	3	
			Joiners			Concretors			ordr	6	7	
			Lineman			Cooks	3	3	ordr	10	9	
			Lineman, Signals			Dental Clerk Orderlies			ordr	3	3	
			Lithographers			Despatch Riders			ATTACHED BY W.E.			
			Machinists, Metal			Draughtsmen, Signals						
			Machinists, Wood			Drivers, H.T.						
			Masons			Driver Mechanics						
			Masseurs			Driver Tpin. Plant						
			Mechanics, M.T.	1	1	Engine Hands, I.C.						
			Miners			Equipment Repairers						
			Moulders			Farriers						
			Nurses, Trained			Fitters' Mates						
			Observation Post Assts.			Gun Layers						
				4	3		10	8		Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	20	18
CARRIED FORWARD	4	3	1	CARRIED FORWARD	10	8	1	CARRIED FORWARD	20	18	1	

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.

6 Nov 43

Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0800 Hours Saturday 11/194 2

Table with multiple columns containing names, ranks, and other military-related information. The text is mirrored and difficult to read due to bleed-through from the reverse side of the page.

Order of precedence - 1st - 2nd - 3rd - 4th - 5th - 6th - 7th - 8th - 9th - 10th - 11th - 12th

Handwritten signatures and notes at the bottom of the page, including a large signature on the left and smaller text on the right.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Army Form W3008
(Adapted) (Page 1)
(Revised Jan 1943)

43 / 43 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 13/11/1943 HQ 4 Aust (Unit)

W.E. 11 / 2 / 3 OFFRS. 18 O.R's. 69 + OFFRS. O.R's. 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	Brigadier *										
			3	Chaplains *										
				Lieut.-Colonels										
	1		2	Majors										
	2		4	Captains										
	2	1	5	Lieutenants										
				Quarter-masters										
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.										
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.										
	5	1	14											
				DETAIL	A.I.P.	C.M.P.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.P.	**	TOTAL.
				A.	13	1								14
				E.(1)										
				E.(2)										

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in pars. 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.
VX39725	Capt	G.R.B. WIGG	To "K" List	9 Nov 43	Evacuated to 4 Aust Pd Amb 31 Oct 43.

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 13/11/1943 (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.
Lt-Colt	VX10010	EDGAR	G.R.V.	Comd	YES		
Lieut	VX112178	W.D. JONES	W.D.	BN	YES		
Lieut	VX100222	CURTIS	H.W.O.	BN	YES		
"	VX100223	LEWIS	J.R.	BN(2)	YES		
"	VX100113	KENT	R.H.V.	BN	YES		
"	VX100120	HUNTER	R.A.C.	BASE	YES		
Lieut	VX104185	HUGHES	P.A.	103	YES		
"	VX100223	STEWART	J.P.	TO	YES		
"	VX109090	GINN	H.W.P.	BN	NO	Duty MINE BAY PORT	6 sep 43
"	VX10002	HENSHALL	H.D.	BN	YES		
"	VX100120	A.W. WALKER	J.W.	BN	YES		
Chaplain	VX117238	R.T. FABIAN	R.T.	BN	NO	not 31/52 BN	
"	VX100119	C.V. REIS	C.V.	"	NO	not 29/46 BN	
"	VX104951	BRIDGES	H.V.	"	NO	not 22 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	VX3621	R.W. IRWIN	51/52 BN	6/9/43	1/c Det P1
"	VX226	J.H. GLADSTONE	22 BN	17/9/43	duty as LO

13 Nov 43

Date of Despatch

J. K. Knight
Staff Capt
Signature of Commander

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

43 / 43 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 13/11/1943 HQ 4 Aust Inf (Unit)

Bde (AIF)

W.E. 11 / 2 / 3 OFFRS. 18 O.R's. 69 + OFFRS. O.R's. 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.
		1	1	W.Os. Class I.					
			2	W.Os. Class II.					
				Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
NR	1		1	Staff Sergeants					
1	1	1	5	Sergeants					
NR	2		6	Corporals					
3	4		48	Troopers, Privates, etc.					
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
4 *	8	2	63 *	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.		*			*

Detail	A.I.F.	C.M.F.		A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N	R.A.A.F	**	TOTAL
		Under 19 Years.	19 Years and over.							
A	51		12							63
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	22 Bn		
				1	29/46 Bn		
				1	37/52 Bn		
				1	NOTE		

Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return To this (Unit) is Particularly Requested. 13/11/1943

Army No	Rank.	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).
Vx106299	s/sgt	LORBACK E.A.	Int sgt; X List - Home Leave

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 13/ 11/1943.

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	1		1	Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter		See back		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	1	1		Signallers				Tailors			
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen	2	2		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											
Fitters (M.V.)	1	1		Gun Operator				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Battery Surveyors				Sig Ords	6	6	-
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Butchers				Med Ord	1	1	
Grinder, Precision				Hello Operator				Clerks	7	7		Hygiene	1	1	
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Supply				Water	1	1	
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	4	3	NR	Clerks, Technical				Batmen	18	16	2
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Coach Trimmers				MOOs	3	3	
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Concretors				Dvrs MT	6	5	NR
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lithographers				Cooks	3	3		Ords MT	10	9	1
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Dental Clerk Orderlies				Gen Ints	3	3	
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Despatch Elders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Draughtsmen, Signals							
Pattern Maker				Masons				Drivers, H.T.							
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Mechanics							
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.	1	1		Driver Tpin. Plant							
Photowriter				Miners				Engine Hands, L.C.							
Plumber				Moulders				Equipment Repairers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Farriers							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Fitters' Mates							
								Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD	4	3	1	CARRIED FORWARD	4	3	1	CARRIED FORWARD	10	8	1	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	20	18	1
					10	8	1		20	18	1		69	63	4

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.

13 Nov 43

Date of Despatch

Staff Capt. J. K. Lloyd [Signature] Capt
Signature of Commander de

Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 12/11/1943

Serial	Grade	Position	Remarks	Serial	Grade	Position	Remarks
1	SGT	Ammunition Examiner	Required				
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Ammunition Examiner - sgt - required
 Orderly MT - DVT - required to be BASCO for BASCO

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Army Form W3008
(Adapted) (Page 1)
(Revised Jan., 1943)

43/44 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 20/11/1943 HQ 4 Aust Inf (Unit)

Bde (AIF)

W.E. II/2/3 OFFRS. 18 O.R's. 69 + OFFRS. O.R's. 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 2 2	1	1 3 1 4 5	Brigadier * Chaplains * Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs.												
	5	1	14													
				DETAIL	A.I.P.	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.		
Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in pars. 10 of instructions for completion of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).				A.	13	1								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).

Unit

HQ 4 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)

43 / 44 (Serial No.)

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 20 11 / 194.3 (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.
Lt-Colt/Brig	NX140	EDGAR	GRV	Comd	YES		
Lieut T/Maj	VX112178	JONES	WD	EM	YES		
Lieut T/Capt	VX108222	CURTIS	NWC	SC	YES		
"	VX108225	LLOYD	JK	SC(L)	YES		
"	VX108113	KENT	RH V	IO	YES		
"	VX108120	HUNTER	RAC	BASCO	YES		
Lieut	VX104185	HOUGHTON	FA	LO3	YES		
"	VX108255	STEWART	JF	TO	YES		
"	VX109090	GINN	SWP	Amen	NO	Duty MILNE BAY Fort Comd	6 Sep 43
"	V133002	HENSHALL	HCB	Hyg	YES		
"	8X16426	WHALAN	LW	Educ	YES		
Chaplain	VX117238	FABIAN	RT	Chap	NO	Det 37/52 Bn	
"	VX108119	REIS	CW	"	"	Det 29/46 Bn	
2	VX114951	SHOTTON	HT	"	"	Det 22 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	WX3694	R.W. INNES	37/52 Bn	6/9/43	1/c Def Pl
"	V4226	J.H. GLADSTONE	22 Bn	17/9/43	duty as LO

20 Nov 43
Date of Despatch

J. K. Lloyd
Signature of Commander
Staff Capt 4 Aust Inf Bde Capt

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 20 11 / 1943 HQ 4 Aust Inf (Unit)

W.E. II / 2 / 3 OFFRS. 18 O.R.'s. 69 + OFFRS. Bde (AIF) O.R.'s. ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.
		1	1	W.Os. Class I.					
			2	W.Os. Class II.					
				Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
NR	1		1	Staff Sergeants					
1	1	1	1	Sergeants					
NR	1		7	Corporals					
3	4	1	49	Troopers, Privates, etc.					
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
4 *	7	3	65 *	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 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).

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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		12							65
B(1)										
B(2)										

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	22 Bn		
				1	29/46 Bn		
				1	37/52 Bn		
				1	NOIC		

Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return To this (Unit) is Particularly Requested. 20 11 / 1943

Army No	Rank.	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).
VX106299	s/sgt	LORBACK M.A.	Int Sgt; X-List - Home Leave

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 20 / 11 / 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	1		1	Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter	see back			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	1	1		Signallers				Tailors			
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Befitters			
Draughtsmen	2	2		Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				By. 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											
Fitters (M.V.)	1	1		Gun Operator											
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman											
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker											
Grinder, Precision				Hello Operator											
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator											
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	4	3	NR								
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners											
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman											
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals											
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers											
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal											
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood											
Pattern Maker				Masons											
Pharmacist				Masseurs											
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.	1	1									
Photewriter				Miners											
Plumber				Moulders											
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained											
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.											
CARRIED FORWARD	4	3	1	CARRIED FORWARD	4	3	1	CARRIED FORWARD	10	8	1	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	20	18	1
					10	8	1		20	18	1		69	65	4

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.
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20 Nov 43
Date of Despatch

[Signature]
Staff Capt 4 Aust Inf Bde

Army Form W.3009
Part A
1943

Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 20 / 11 / 1943

PART B. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in

Group	Detail of Present Strength	Detail of Reinforcements Required	Remarks
GROUP I	1	1	
GROUP II	1	1	
GROUP III	1	1	
GROUP IV	1	1	
GROUP V	1	1	
GROUP VI	1	1	
GROUP VII	1	1	
GROUP VIII	1	1	
GROUP IX	1	1	
GROUP X	1	1	
GROUP XI	1	1	
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GROUP LXXXXXXX	1	1	

Ammunition Examiner - sgt - required
Orderlies NT - DVP - required to be BASCO for BASCO

NOTE: (a) If any unit has more than 100 men, it should be divided into two units of 50 men each.
(b) The number of men in each unit should be shown in the 'Present Strength' column.
(c) The number of men in each unit should be shown in the 'Reinforcements Required' column.
(d) The number of men in each unit should be shown in the 'Remarks' column.
(e) The number of men in each unit should be shown in the 'Total' column.
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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 27/11/1943 HQ 4 Aust Inf (Unit)

Bde (AIF)

W.E. II / 2 / 3. OFFRS. 18 O.R's. 69 + OFFRS. O.R's. 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.																															
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.					Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.																											
		1	1	W.Os. Class I.																																			
			2	W.Os. Class II.																																			
				Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.																																			
NR	1		1	Staff Sergeants																																			
1	1	1	5	Sergeants																																			
NR	1		7	Corporals																																			
5	7	-	45	Troopers, Privates, etc.																																			
				Civilians counting as O.R.																																			
6 *	10	2	61 *	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 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.	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	B(1)							
		49		12							61

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	22 Bn		
				1	29/46 Bn		
				1	37/52 Bn		
				1	NOIC		

Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return to this (Unit) is Particularly Requested. 27/11/1943

Army No	Rank.	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).
VX106299	s/sgt	LORBACK M.A.	Int Sgt: X-List - home leave

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 27 / 11 / 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	1		1	Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter	see back			Surveyors, E.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitches			
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								Etchers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers	1	1		Signallers				Tailors			
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Reftters			
Draughtsmen	2	2		Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Big. 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.)	1	1		Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				Sig Ords	6	5	1
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers				Med Ord	1	1	
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	7	7		Hygiene	1	1	
Grinder, Precision				Hello Operator				Clerks, Supply				Water	1	1	
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				Batmen	18	15	3
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	4	3	NR	Coach Trimmers				NOOs	3	3	
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors				Dvrs MT	6	6	
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks	3	2	NR	Ords MT	10	9	1
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies				Gen Duts	3	3	
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals							
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.							
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics							
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tpin. Plant							
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.	1	1		Engine Hands, I.C.							
Photewriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers							
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD	4	3	1	CARRIED FORWARD	4	3	1	CARRIED FORWARD	10	8	1	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	20	17	1
					10	8	1		20	17	1		69	61	6

NOTES.—(a) If rank other than private is involved give details on back.
(b) Authorized 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.

27 Nov 43
Date of Despatch

Staff Capt. J. Aust Inf Bde
Signature of Commanding Officer

Capt

Form W. 3003
11/1943

UNIT (11) (11)

Part A of Army Form W. 3003 at 0800 Hours Saturday 27/11/1943

Serial	Quantity	Unit	Remarks	Serial	Quantity	Unit	Remarks
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Orderlies MT - Letter required for BAGO (AASO) - Ammunition Examiner - sgt - required

27 Nov 43
Date of Report
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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Army Form W.3008
(Adapted) (Page 1)
(Revised Jan., 1943)
43,45 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday **27 / 11 / 1943**, **HQ 4 Aust Inf** (Unit)
Bde (AIF)
W.E. **11 / 2 / 3**, OFFRS. **18** O.R's. **69** + OFFRS. O.R's. 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 2 2	1	1 3 1 4 5	Brigadier* Chaplains* Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs.										
	5	1	14											
		DETAIL		A.I.P.	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.	
Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in pars. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).		A.		31	1								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).

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 27/11/1943 (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.
Lt-Colt/Brig	NX140	EDGAR	GRV	Comd	YES		
Lieut T/Maj	VX112178	JONES	WD	BM	"		
Lieut T/Capt	VX108222	CURTIS	NWC	SC	"		
"	VX108225	LLOYD	JK	SC(L)	"		
"	VX108113	KENT	RHY	IO	"		
"	VX108120	HUNTER	RAG	BASCO	"		
Lieut	VX104185	HOUGHTON	FA	LO3	"		
"	VX108255	STEWART	JF	TO	"		
"	VX109090	GINN	SWP	Amen	NO	Detached MILNE BAY For Comd	6 sept 43
"	V133002	HENSHALL	HJB	Hvg	YES		
"	SK16426	WHALAN	LW	Educ	YES		
Chaplain	VX117238	FABIAN	RT	Chap	NO	Det 37/52 Bn	
"	VX108119	REIS	GW	"	"	Det 29/46 Bn	
"	VX114951	SHOTTON	HT	"	"	Det 22 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	VX88142	D.G. BROWN	37/52 Bn	22/11/43	1/e Def pl
"	V4226	J. H. GLADSTONE	22 Bn	17/9/43	duty as LO

27 Nov 43
Date of Despatch

J. H. Gladstone
Staff Captain A.I.F. Comd Bde Capt

26 JAN 1944

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Unit 4. Aust. Inf. Bde

Date and Time.—From 1. Dec 43 To _____

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
<u>HELDSBACH PLANT.</u>	<u>1. Dec</u>		<p><u>9 Aust Div 0469 Scout Following will be affected 2. Dec. 2/17. Bn will relieve 37/52 Bn. On completion above relief 20 Bde will relieve 24 Bde of responsibility for holding SCARLET BEACH and will assume operational command L.O.B. 24 Bde. 24 Bde will remain responsible for defence of NORTH HILL. Boundaries between 24 and 20 Bdes will be in 24 Bde track from 518717 creek from 585709 to exclusive creek and river from 607684 fence east along exclusive SONG RIVER R.A.A. or coastal defence SCARLET BEACH and SIKI COVE will be in support 24 Bde. C Agn IKA less 11 tanks, 29/46 Bn</u></p>	<u>A.I.S.</u>

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WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Unit 4. Aust. Inf. Bde.

Date and Time.—From 1. Dec. 43 To _____

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			<p>A. Coy. 2/2 M.G. Bn 9. pl. P.I.B. and on relief 37/52 Bn will come under command 4. Bde who will be responsible for their move same day to assembly positions north and SW of BORCO. One pl. 2 bay 2/2 M.G. Bn at present in support 20 Bde will revert command of and report 2/2 M.G. Bn. One to C. Sgt JKS now at TINEJANG ceases to be in support 26 Bde and will support 2/2 M.G. Bn. 2/2 M.G. Bn will adjust its dispositions preparatory to projected move on short notice of 9 Div. Can Coy to come under command R.A.E. 9. div. at 20 Bde at earliest possible.</p>	

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WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Unit No. 4. Aust Inf. Bde. Date and Time.—From 1. Dec 43 To 2. Dec 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			after 2. Dec. to give protection to Enge road construction parties. Allocation C. Coy P.I.B. from 2. Dec: - 9. pl under command 4. Bde, 10 pl in support 26 Bde, 11 pl in support both 24 and 20 Bdes.	
	1. Dec		By 1700 hrs 22 hrs concentrated in area 632725.	
	2. Dec.		4. Bde 0126. Following units come under A.I.F command 2 Dec and will move to previously received assembly areas SW. BONGA 29/46 Bn, 37/52 Bn on relief by 2/17 Bn. A Coy 2/217 G Bn, 9. pl P.I.B. comes under command 2 Dec and will move to assembly area SW of BONGA on 30 Dec. Bde HQ. close present position	

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Unit *N.G. Sub. Inf. Bde.*

Date and Time.—From *2. Dec 43.* To

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	<i>2 Dec</i>		<i>and reports at 633723 at 1100 hrs 2 Dec</i>	
	<i>2 Dec</i>		<i>A Bde 0127. Warning Order 22 B. will be prepared to move and name CUSIKA and creek immediately to west early 3 Dec to cover engineer preparations for crossing KAWERGA RIVER.</i>	
	<i>2 Dec</i>		<i>By 1900 hrs 20/46 Bn completed move in assembly area 633721 37/52 hrs in assembly area 629721 and A Coy 2/2 N.G. Bn at 632723.</i>	
	<i>2 Dec</i>		<i>Bde Comd Draft Outline Plan and A Bde Operations Order No. 1.</i>	<i>See Appendix 1.</i>
	<i>2 Dec</i>		<i>Bde O.O. No. 2 22 B. with in support 12. Bty 2/6 Fd Regt and one pl A Coy 2/2 N.G.</i>	

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Unit *MG. 4. Aust. Inf. Bde.*

Date and Time.—From *2 Dec 43.* To *3 Dec 43.*

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	<i>2 Dec.</i>		<i>Br unit advance on 2 Dec and secure CAUSIKA beachhead.</i>	
	<i>3 Dec.</i>		<i>22 Br moved north of KALUENG RIVER and at 1230 hours leaving base (D base) encountered strong enemy opposition with M.M.G. and mortar from 623738. With Arty support a successful attack was made. Enemy withdrawn leaving 200 dead. Further enemy positions estimated one pl located at 619737. 1915 hrs 75mm gun shelled CAUSIKA area firing 30 rounds. Last light dispositions: - D.M.G. 626733 A base less pl 624734. one pl 622732. C base 609737 B base 604732 D base 632725. 300 rds Arty concentration now put down on suspected 75mm gun pos at 621752.</i>	<i>N.G.S.</i>

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Unit *MC 4 Aust. Inf Bde.* Date and Time.—From *4 Dec 43* To *5 Dec 43*

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	4 Dec		<p>22 Bn D. Coy during day unsuccessfully attacked enemy strongly held positions 623741 and 623743. B. Coy moved to high ground at 619737 without opposition, but patrol SM encountered 1 MG fire from 619737. Estimated strength of enemy in area one Coy. Also 4 rows anti-tank mines laid by enemy across track in creek at 623741. B. Coy 37/52 Bn with under command 9 pl. P/B. moved to 615732.</p>	M.I.P
	5 Dec		<p>29/52 Bn by 0700 hrs had moved to assembly area vicinity KALUENG RIVER. Order of march D. Coy B.A. B. P/B and C. Bn moved to start line and at 0740 hrs tanks opened</p>	M.I.P

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WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Unit 10. 4 Sub. Inf. Bde.

Date and Time.—From 5 Dec 43. To _____

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	5 Dec.		fire on enemy post.	
	5 Dec.		By 0830 hrs B Coy 37/52 Bz had moved into position on high ground 607704. D Coy 29/46 Bz with tank support successfully cleared enemy positions along track and advanced to 619704 where further enemy positions with L.M.C. encountered at 619715. B Coy moved to left flank and successfully attacked enemy positions 619737. Last left dispositions of the Bz were: D Coy 619744, B Coy 619738, A Coy 619742, S.F.C. with C Coy and tanks at 622738. B Coy 37/52 Bz moved to 606739 and patrolled to 608740 without making contact.	

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Unit NO 4 Aust Inf Bde Date and Time.—From 5 Dec 43 To 6 Dec 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	5 Dec		22 Bn D. bay moved to 624738. Bn carried out vigorous patrolling during the day but made no further contact with enemy.	
	6 Dec		29/46 Bn D & A bays with Stry support suc- cessfully attacked enemy posn at 619745 and advanced. One Tomm gun packed ready for carrying was found abandoned at 619749. C bay encountered further enemy position with L.M.G's at 616747. Enemy withdrew on contact. Last light disposition:- D. bay 621752, B. bay 617746, C. bay 614746, A. 617754, B.M.B. 618745. B. bay 37/52 Bn at 1100 hrs successfully ambushed without loss 20 enemy at 600742.	M.L.

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Unit 116.4. Inf Bde Date and Time.—From 6 Dec 43 To.....

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	6 Dec.		<p>On a well used track 6 Japs incl two officers were killed. documents and some engineer equipment taken off bodies bay is now in position at 600742.</p> <p>22. Bn continued role of securing COSIKA beachhead and carried out active patrolling during the day 37/52 Bn less B. Coy moved unopposed to high ground covering left flank with following last night dispositions:</p> <p>S.P. 621740 A Coy 619744 D Coy less pl 621741 one pl 615741 B. Coy less pl 622739 one pl 617729. 3 Tanks at 618745.</p> <p>The following are bombs intentions for 1. Dec:- 29/46 Bn. One bay with F.O.O.</p>	

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Unit *Reg. 4 Dist. Inf. Bde.* Date and Time.—From *6 Dec 43* To.....

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	6 Dec.		<p>will move to high ground from 614752 to 612752. One Coy with F.O.O. will advance and secure beach at 615763. One Coy will move to 617758. I. Coy will remain present position 37/52 Br. One Coy with one M.M.G. and F.O.O. will move to 607449 and patrol north to <u>TUNANG</u> river. B. Coy will remain in present position and patrol north. 22 Br. will hold beachhead and protect supply train to B. Coy 37/52 Br.</p> <p>Request has been made for air strike on dumps at <u>KILIGIA</u> and <u>LAKOMA</u> - beach line. Storm will not later than 0900 hrs.</p> <p>7. Dec.</p>	

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Unit HQ. 4. Aust Inf Bde. Date and Time.—From 7 Dec 43. To.....

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	7 Dec.		<p>29/11/43 Bn continued advance along the coast B. bay encountered opposition at 619755 from L.M.G's - position was maintained and opposition quickly overcome. Further opposition was encountered at 616759 where D. bay attacked and passed through B. bay D. bay continued advance against opposition. Final dispositions for the day: B. & D. 621751 D. bay 615762 B. bay 616759 A. bay less one pl 616758. one pl 617453. C. bay less one pl 609751 one pl with one pl 2/2 M.M.G. Bn 617453.</p>	<p>29/11</p>
			<p>30/11/43 Bn continued advance over difficult country. Dispositions: - B. & D. 619749 C. bay 621752. D. bay 606745 A. bay less one pl 618747</p>	

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(adapted.)Unit W.P. 4. 7. 1st Inf Bde Date and Time.—From 7 Dec 43 To.....

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	7 Dec.		<p>One pl 618749 B. Coy from 599738 reported considerable enemy movement north during the night 22 Br Relief of B1 by 2/13 Br commenced when A. Coy was relieved by b. Coy 2/13 br. Present dispositions: B1/B2 621741 D. Coy 618746. A. Coy 615741. B4/B. Coys unchanged. Bde Commander intentions for 8 Dec are as follows:— 29/46 br will advance on right to secure river TONOM, coconuts and beaches at 616764 and 613767. 37/52 br will secure high ground on track 599761 to 603763. Inter Br boundaries:— Inclusion to 29/46 br river 603764. to 610756. 22 Br on relief by 2/13 br will</p>	

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Unit *AP 4 Aust Inf Bde*

Date and Time.—From *7 Dec 43* To *8 Dec 43*

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	<i>7 Dec.</i>		<p><i>come into Bde Reserve and will move to north of LA GOON. Southern limit line creek at 618745. B. Coy 3¹/₂ Bn with under cord 9. B. P.B. will move to track junction 599751. On consolidation of this ground, the first Bde bound, the next line bound will be line from coast at 600788 to high ground at 590743.</i></p>	
	<i>8 Dec.</i>		<p><i>2946 Bn continued advance during afternoon. D. Coy with mortar support successfully attacked a strong enemy post at 615759. Enemy casualties inflicted were heavy and one N.M.G. was captured. The bay moving through area also found.</i></p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	8 Dec.		<p>one destroyed 75 mm gun. — a number of new graves and reported several enemy dead. B. Coy sent out patrols of pl strength along creek 608752 to 612758, 610752 to 613757 and 611752 to 613757 — one party surprised large body of enemy on creek bed at 613758 attacked with S.M. fire and grenades and considered at least 25 casualties were inflicted. One pl became involved and was cut off suffering several casualties. Heavy artillery fire was brought down on this area and subsequently 70 enemy dead were counted. Last light disposition: — of the Bn.</p>	

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Unit *M. 4. Sub. Coy. Bde.*

Date and Time.—From *8 Dec. 43.* To *9 Dec 43.*

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	8 Dec.		<p>D. Coy 616759 A Coy 616758 B. Coy 616759 C. Coy and Bn HQ unchanged. Dispositions 37/52 Bn: Bn HQ 607748 D. Coy 607751 A Coy 606749 C. Coy 605747 B. Coy 603745. Dispositions 2nd Bn: Bn HQ 619749 C. Coy 617754 A Coy 613752 D. Coy 617749 B. Coy 618745. Bde HQ moved to 619748.</p>	
	9 Dec.		<p>29/46 hrs. D and A Coys advanced against M.F. opposition to 613763 and secured beachhead inclusive TUNONG. wire north of 616763 9 Japs were killed. B. Coy moved a long creek and continued attack against enemy pocket at 613758. The cog was subsequently relieved by B. Coy.</p>	

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Unit 1st Div Inf Bde Date and Time.—From 9 Dec 43 To _____

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	9 Dec.		<p>22 left and moved to 65759. C. bay was relieved by B. bay 22 Bn and moved forward. Final dispositions:—</p> <p>B. bay 65759 D and A bays 613763 B. bay 65759 and C. bay 616759 22 Bn A bay with Coy HQ established at 611751 moved its HQ to 60756 612755 and 614755</p> <p>Enemy still in position at 613758 was harassed during the day with mortar and S.A. fire B. bay 616759</p> <p>37/22 Bn:— B. bay assumed command D. bay crossed the river at 602751 but the terrain and enemy fire prevented further movement.</p>	

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Unit A. F. Sub Inf Bde. Date and Time.—From 9 Dec 43 To _____

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	9 Dec.		<p>Enemy was estimated at two pl at 601750 strongly dug in with at least 1 N.M.G. and several L.M.G. Artillery was brought to bear on this position.</p> <p>D. Bay withdrew to 604749. Landing claimed 9 enemy killed. C Bay moved to 601746 encountering opposition. Precipitous country here also prevented river crossing. A Bay moved to 605749.</p> <p>B. Bay at 603744</p> <p>Bde Commander's Intentions for 6 Dec:-</p> <p>Bde will continue advance northwards along coast. 29/46 on right - 22 Bn in centre - and 37/58 on left</p>	

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Unit RQ 4th Aust Inf Bde Date and Time.—From 9 Dec 46 To B

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	9 Dec		<p>left 29/46 less well secure beachhead from 65°43' to 613°48' and will exploit north to KILIGIA with tank support. 22 Bn will clear enemy pocket 613°58' and will protect rear of 29/46 less.</p> <p>27/54 Bn will secure left flank and will patrol in strength NE along TORON. will locate a suitable crossing place and will be prepared to hold high ground area 605°48'. The Bn will also patrol to west and south to gain information re tanks and enemy tanks. 3 tanks at present 615°59' will support 29/46 as immediately crossing is made over TORON. will</p>	

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Date and Time.—From

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	9 Dec		A Bay 2/2 M.G. bn. Two pls come in sub- port 29/46 bn and one pl in support 22/46 9. pl. P.I. B. units comd Bde and will pat- rol near area	
	10 Dec		20/46 bn - Advance continued with tanks pl. f without opposition 5 enemy stragglers killed, one pl base found unoccupied at 610711. Last night dispositions: B Bay and C Bay 605764 A Bay 610711 B Bay 608768 D Bay 613767 37/52 Bn - Enemy positions located at 604750, 601746, and 600745 montained during day Active patrolling carried out during day without contact Dispositions: - A Bay 606758 D Bay 611758	

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Unit *1st. 4th Aust Inf Bde.*

Date and Time.—From *10 Dec 43* To

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	<i>10 Dec</i>		<i>Pl 605748 one pl 605747 En A.P. 607747 22 Bn. Enemy pocket 613758 now clear of enemy—further 7 enemy dead found and one A.P.G. captured. A bay nowd to 606760. Other dispositions unchanged. Warning Order 22 Bn will be prepared to move through 2906 hrs and continue advance at first light 12 Dec P.I.B. will patrol and watch of 75 nothing good to Turvorn since until 20 Bde assumes responsibility. 37/53 Bn will be prepared to retain control of tracks approx 607753 and 603763 and continue advance on left flank earliest 12 Dec</i>	

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Unit *MG 4 Aust Inf Bde.*

Date and Time.—From *11 Dec 43* To

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	<i>11 Dec</i>		<p><i>22 Br. Active patrolling only. Dispositions: -</i></p> <p><i>Br. MG 612768 A Coy 608774 D Coy 612763</i></p> <p><i>B & C Coy no change. 29/46 km. 13 enemy</i></p> <p><i>stragglers killed and further 13 enemy</i></p> <p><i>dead found at 613758. Dispositions</i></p> <p><i>unchanged — 37/52 km — 18 enemy now</i></p> <p><i>eng SW ambushed at 607757. 5 killed</i></p> <p><i>1 enemy killed at 602755. Dispositions:</i></p> <p><i>Br. MG 607758 B Coy 609761 D Coy 605760</i></p> <p><i>A Coy 607754 C Coy 604755 - O.O. N° 6:</i></p> <p><i>20 Bde is responsible for area north</i></p> <p><i>of Tuyen river. 22 Br. with no sup</i></p> <p><i>port one to C. Sgt Tanks 2 Sec A</i></p> <p><i>Coy 2/2 MG. Br will advance 12 Dec</i></p>	

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Unit 2d. Inf. Bn. Date and Time From 11 Dec 43 To 12 Dec 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	11 Dec.		<p>along coast to near LAKONA 37/52 hrs units retain control tracks approx 607758 and 603763. patrol for crossing over LOMI river and keep two boys at 30 minutes notice 29/46 hrs with in support 2d. pl 22 hrs will defend beach head from 607777 to exclusive TORONTO river on whelley 20-300. P.S. to patrol tracks area 588 447 and report enemy move- ment.</p>	
	12 Dec.		<p>22d Bn - A bay continue advance encountered L.M.C. fire 608778 after exchange of fire enemy withdrawn. A bay then moved via left flank</p>	Ref.

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23. Unit No. 7 Aust. Inf Bde.

From 12 Dec 43 to 13 Dec 43

Place.	Date Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks.
	12 Dec	<p>to 603782. D. bay advanced along track to 606784 where strong enemy positions estimated one bay with 2 L.M.C.'s and 4 M.G.'s encountered along creek from 608784. Track from 608784 blocked by fallen timber so tanks moved through Kunai to left to 606783. Disposition: Br HQ. 609779 D. bay 606784 A bay 603782 B bay 606783 C bay 608779</p> <p>27/52 Br. - Without contact the line adjusted its dispositions during the day as follows: Br HQ. 607758 A bay 603766 B bay 600763 C bay 607757 D bay 605760</p> <p>29/46 Br. Dispositions - Br HQ. 609772 A bay 607746 B bay 608768 C bay 613767 D bay 608774</p>	
	13 Dec	<p>22 Br - It was found that the enemy had withdrawn overnight from his point 605784 to 604783. D bay advanced and located further enemy positions with L.M.C. at 601785 which was bypassed. At 1600 hrs the bay was last reported at 596785 moving to track at 593785.</p>	M.S.

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Place.	Date	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks
	13 Dec		B. Coy successfully attacked enemy 598783 killing 8. One pl then attacked enemy pocket at 601785 enemy withdrew leaving 5 dead. Dispositions: - Bn MC, 602784. D. Coy 597787. C. Coy 596787. A. Coy 596785. B. Coy 600786. 31/52 Bn - Active patrolling was carried out during day. 1 enemy being killed at 600786. Dispositions Bn MC, 606781. B. Coy 606782. D. Coy 607779. A. and C. Coys 600772. 29/46 Bn - Active patrolling during day without contact. Dispositions unchanged.	
	13 Dec		O. O. No. 7 On 14 Dec 20 Bde is taking over responsibility for defence KILICIA beach. 22 Bn with in support tanks and two pls. 2/2 M. C. Bn will secure bridge head over SANCA river 29/46 Bn on relief by 20 Bde will come Bde name and relieve 22 Bn.	
	14 Dec		Enemy position at 590787 was attacked by D. Coy - this was successful and enemy estimated 30/40 withdrew leaving 5 dead. The coy continued advance without further contact along coast to 595789. At 0915 hrs approx 30 mortar bombs fell in C. Coy area.	AC.S

Unit Br. 4 Sub. Inf. Bde.From 17 Dec 43. To 18 Dec 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks -
	17 Dec		at 596 787 without inflicting any casualties A. Coy successfully attacked 30 enemy dug in at 595 786. - posn. was overrun and 5 enemy dead were counted. B. Coy reported abandoned 37 mm gun also two further enemy dead at 600 785. Final dispositions - Br. HQ. and one pl tanks 598 787 D. Coy 595 789 C. Coy 596 788 A. Coy 590 784 B. Coy 597 782 37/52 Br. - A. Coy located enemy estimated one pl with two L. M. G.'s at 598 722. Enemy was finally forced to withdraw leaving 9 dead. Coy advanced to 598 772 where enemy located at 598 773. Patrol north reported enemy position of unknown strength at 595 777. C. Coy attempted to patrol west and SW but precipitous nature of country prevented movement south of strong enemy position at 594 772. Dispositions: Br. HQ. 599 774 D. Coy 598 748 B. Coy less pl 592 777 one pl 592 775 A. Coy 598 772 C. Coy 600 742 29/46 Br. 15 mortar bombs landed D. Coy area 597 774 from suspected posn 593 767 - this position shelled. Dispositions: Br. HQ. 606 779 A. Coy 604 782 D. Coy 605 779.	Nil.

Unit. HQ. 4 Aust. Inf. Bde.

From 14 Dec 43. to 15 Dec 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks
	14 Dec.		C. Bay 609777. B. Bay 607778	
	15 Dec.		22. Br. With arty support A and D bay attacked the enemy position at 595789 estimated to contain 60/70 Japs. A. Bay advanced down creek from 590784 against light opposition, killing 4 enemy. During the day pressure was maintained and by 1700 hrs had reached coast at mouth of creek 593791 and one pl B bay had moved around enemy flank to coast at 593791. The enemy at CAPE SABIEDA has been completely surrounded several having unsuccessfully attempted to cross the river mouth. The tanks are unable to cross the creek at 596787 and have returned to harbour with 22 lvs HQ. and MMG 37/52 Br - A. Bay with mortar pl strength at 595773 and by 1000 hrs the pocket was reported clear. A. Bay then moved to 589771. D. Bay moved to position astride track at 592778. Patrol from B bay to garden 584768 observed movement 584770. On return, encountered small party enemy 558774 inflicting 1 casualty. One pl C. Bay moved to high ground 600772. Enemy positions 595777 and 594772 have been vacated. 12 enemy dead found. 29/46 Br - Relief by 2/15 lvs has been completed. Present dispositions Br HQ, with C and D	ACI.

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Unit MG. 4 Aust Inf BdeWAR DIARYFrom 15 Dec 43SECRET
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks
	15 Dec		Bays 599786. B. Bay 602784. A. Bay 604782. At 2010 hrs. D. Bay shelled - approx 12 rounds fell in area	
	16 Dec		22 Bn - A. Bay patrolling west located enemy position with at least two L.M.G.'s at 591791. Position engaged but results unobserved. Patrol maintained contact until bay with M.M.G. support attacked at 1225 hrs. Some ground gained and bay still in contact at 1900 hrs. D. Bay maintained pressure on contained enemy positions on CAPE SABIÉON during day while C. Bay prepared to attack with tank support. B. Bay on relief attempt to 29/46. B. at 1500 hrs moved NW in at 1800 hrs to flank enemy post at 591791 fire and at last light fighting was still in progress with B. Bay at 592790. Owing to difficulty in creek crossing at 596787 tanks were line until 1730 hrs when attack was started against heavy enemy fire. By 1900 hrs by fighting was still in progress with several enemy posts eliminated with success. At 1600 hrs B. Bn. moved to 587787. 37/52 Bn C. Bay at 599772 was relieved by D. Bay 2/13 Bn and dispositions of bn commenced	AM!

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Unit NO. 4 Aust Inf Bde.WAR DIARYFrom 16. Dec 43. To 17. Dec 43.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks
	16 Dec		<p>with object of cutting track in squares 5877, 5878 and to prepare to move northward over SANGA river. C. bay moved to relieve D. bay at 592778 and killed one enemy straggler at 597774. D. bay then moved north to cut track at 587774 and were in posn by 1400 hrs. B. bay moved to point above track at 589777. D. bay saw two enemy stretcher parties each of 8 men moving west along bed of SANGA river at 582785. It is believed that the island there contains medical post. Qua not shelled but a patrol is investigating. Bn HQ moved to 593780. One pl P.B. patrolled deeply west and SW and at 577758 successfully ambushed 12 Japs. Whole enemy party was wiped out without loss. 2 L.M.G.s and several rifles were captured.</p> <p>Method for 17 Dec: - 29/40 hrs with in support one pl tanks, two pl A bay 2/2 M.G. hrs will pass through 22 Bn and secure bridgehead over mouth of MASANENG river.</p> <p>37/52 hrs with in support one pl A bay 2/2 M.M.G. Bn will first retain control high ground 593776, 587684, and 584777 until relieved and secondly will cut track at</p>	

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Unit. A. 4. Aust. Inf. Bde.

From 16 Dec 43. to 17 Dec 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks
	16 Dec.		578788 and exploit NW to area HOTS 571804. 22 Bn will secure LAKONA beach and bridge-head 3 pl. P.I.B will use tracks and Squads 5679, 5477, and report enemy movement.	
	17 Dec		29/16. Bn - By 0800 hrs we was in position for river crossing with A Coy at 590792 D. Coy 587791 B and C. Coys 596787 following very heavy City concentrations for one hour on right bank. SAHGA river. A Coy launched attack over river. Enemy had been completely disorganized by City concentrations and no opposition to crossing was encountered. Some opposition was encountered however once across the river. One H.M.G. post was captured. After further 4 L.M.G.'s were captured the enemy fled in disorder. D. Coy encountered difficult terrain in their crossing at 597792 once over however, quickly advanced to left flank. A Coy advance 1515 hrs when enemy 75 mm gun fire fell among Coys at 588800. City concentrations were then laid on the suspected gun post also on enemy positions 586803 and 585803 following which Coys attacked.	M.S.

Unit 4. Aust Inf Bde.WAR DIARYfrom 17 Dec 43

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks
	17 Dec		<p>some ground was gained. Estimated enemy strength 150. B. Bay moved forward in rear of A. Bay and took up perimeter at 588799. B. Bay remained at 588795 with Bn No. 17. enemy dead were counted during day, but heavy casualties are thought to have been inflicted on enemy 22 Bn - B. Bay moved west along south bank SANGA river to clear start line for 29/46 Bn. By 0900 hrs area to 587788 had been cleared meeting only slight opposition - one Jap firing killed. C. Bay cleared enemy positions on CAPE SABIEDO 34 enemy dead being counted while others were seen to fall over cliffs into the sea. Preliminary count of enemy equipment captured - 1 M.G. 7. by mortars, 6 small arms and many rifles. A. Bay moved up successfully ambushed and killed at 582792 and several M.G.'s were encountered. The coy was joined by D. 37/52 Bn and both Bay engaged position. By 1900 hrs fighting was still in progress with both Bay in perimeter at 583794. D. Bay advanced along track to relieve C. Bay 29/46 Bn and took up defensive position at 588797. C. Bay remained LAKONA area. Bn No. new location</p>	

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Unit. MG. 4 Aust Inf Bde.From 17 Dec 43. to 18 Dec 43.

Place.	Date	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks —
	17 Dec.		<p>586792. 37/52 Br. —. B. Coy established standing patrol overlooking garden at 581778. Further patrol was sent out along river to reach suitable crossing place. B. Coy on relief by 2/17 by at 1500 hrs moved to 588784 over valley difficult terrain. H. Coy moved to concentration area 587779. MG. remained 592780. 3pl A. Coy 2/2 MG. by on completion of support tasks moved down diff face at CAPE SABIECA and with pistols and SMC's in a sharp dash killed a further 13 Japs in caves without loss to themselves.</p>	
	18 Dec.		<p>29/46 hrs — Following arty concentration on enemy positions along creek at 585803. B. & C. Coys at action at Hook's Hair Jap resistance was disorganized except at 586804 where approx 40 enemy resisted stubbornly until B. Coy closed with bayonet and drove enemy from positions. Enemy fled northward in disorder followed by B. & C. Coys. D. Coy remained at ck jure 585801. By 1330 hrs B. Coy captured parts bank MASAWENG river at mouth and B. Coy moving over rough country cut track at 580806. then moved to position on river at 580807. Preliminary count of enemy equipment captured 2 flame throwers 2 75mm guns one 37mm gun one 81mm mortar one ANGA. one portable wireless & two small mortars.</p>	P.G.S

Unit. 1st. F. Aust. Inf. BdeWAR DIARYFrom 18 Dec 43.

to

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks.
	18 Dec.		<p>Br commenced river crossing at 1500 hrs and by 1630 hrs B. Bay was in position astride track at 584 810. B. Bay moved to HOTS 575 810. By 1900 hrs Br was disposed for defence of beach area with B. Bay at 584 810. B. Bay 575 810. Br HQ. 583 807. D. Bay 584 806. and A. Bay 578 806. 22 Br. — A. Bay with D. Bay 3/50 hrs occupied enemy positions vacated overnight at 580 792. Positions estimated to have been held by 40/50 enemy. Dispositions at 1900 hrs to Bay and 8 tanks 585 800. B. Bay 589 796. Br HQ. 588 792. A. Bay 580 792. 3/50 hrs continued move over extremely difficult country to take up positions on left flank 29/46 hrs. At 1900 hrs following were dispositions: — D. Bay 583 800. B. Bay 579 797. A. Bay 576 796. B. Bay 583 797. Br HQ. 585 794. Method. 19 Dec: — 22 Br. with in support one pl A. Bay 2/2. Br will secure LAKONA beach head from exclusive SANCHA river to inclusive creek line from 586 804 to 578 795. 29/46 hrs with in support one pl A. Sgt Tanks and two pls A. Bay 2/2 N.G. Br will secure MASAWENG beach head and clear coastal strip to 825 north. ing gun 3/50 hrs will secure area HOTS 571 804. High ground 565 807 and exploit.</p>	

Unit. No. 4. Aust. Inf. Bde. WAR. DIARY - From 18 Dec 43. To 20 Dec 43.

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks.
	18 Dec.		north to 800 contour 569 823.	
	19 Dec.		29/46 Br - D. & A. Bays moved forward across new to positions astride track at 578809 and 580808. C. Bay advanced along coast and en- countered strong enemy position along creek at 584818. B. Bay moved through timber to some high ground 582821. and reported and positioned by 1800 hrs. Following very concen- tration with M.M.G. and tank support C. Bay pushed determined attack against very stubborn resistance under direct fire from 37mm gun which was subsequently put out of action and captured. By 1800 hrs. Bay had advanced to 586823 with enemy cleared from positions. 18 enemy dead were counted. Our casualties very light. D. & A. Bays moved to 586819. C. Bay now at 581809. One 75mm. gun captured at 582815. 37/54 ant. D. & C. Bays moved to high ground on left flank at 573809 and 563809 respectively. B. Bay and C. Bay at 571804 A. Bay at 570800. 22 ant. reports further enemy equipment captured 1 L.M.G., 1 small mortar, 2 rifles.	847
	20 Dec.		By 1600 hrs the Bde captured objective FORT- IFICATION HILL and secured MASAWENG well 29/46 Br - D Bay at 586822 followed north to swamp at 586830 without contact.	848

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ORIGINALUnit. MG. 4 Aust. Inf Bde.From. 20 Dec 43.24. Dec 43

Place.	Date	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks
	20 Dec		A bay moved to 584 816. C bay moved to 583 809 reported 5 additional dead Japs. 37/52 B. One pl C. bay moved to timber 569 821. A bay moved north through difficult country to feature 800 and by 1600 hrs reported in position at 572 824. B. bay moved through timber to high ground at 583 824. No opposition was encountered. During the day considerable enemy movement northward reported at 544 810. - enemy heavily laden and carrying stretcher cases. Patrols belatedly successfully engaged by Artillery, mortar and M.A.G.	
	21. Dec		37/55 anti-patrol reported quantity hummed equipment incl 30 rifles at 543 810. Observed patrol activity only during the day during which no contact was made. 0800 hrs. 20 Bde passed through our forward elements.	AS
	22 Dec		Patrol activity only. - No contact.	AS
	23 Dec		29/46 anti - Dispositions :- A. bay 563 809 B. bay 573 807, C. bay less pl. 565 880 one pl 568 823. D. bay 569 804. Patrols - no contact.	AS
	24. Dec		Op Order B. <u>Information</u> Enemy hold	AS

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Unit. R. 4. Aust Inf Bde.

From. 24 Dec 43.

To. _____

Page

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks
	24 Dec		<p>WANDOKAI and ZAGAHENI. <u>Intention</u>. 4 bde will control northern and western approaches to Bde area. <u>Method</u>. One bay 22 bn with under command one sec P.I.B. will move to HOMPORA 524 840. One bay 29/46 bn with under command one pl P.I.B. less one pl bay 37/52 bn will move to ZAGAHENI 471866. One 524 840. Bays will patrol tracks in areas and destroy any enemy located (Ref 1st sec).</p> <p>The following bays commenced move west along MASAWENG river. B bay 22 bn. D bay 29/46 bn and A bay 37/54 bn. B bay 37/54 bn moved to 563 809.</p>	
	25 Dec.		<p>A bay 37/54 bn reported 2 dead Japs at 543 822. one with OWEN S.M.C. bay at 1800 hrs at 534 838. No reports from B bay 22 bn or D bay 29/46 bn.</p>	M.I.P.
	26 Dec		<p>Bays continuing westward move along MASAWENG river over very difficult terrain. No contact with enemy.</p>	M.I.P.

WAR DIARY

UN 15 HQ 4 Aust Inf Bde.

FROM 28 Dec To 31 Dec 43.

28 Dec

B coy 22 bn and D coy 29/46 patrol reached huts 498819 and unsuccessfully searched for tracks to HOMPVA

PLS

29 Dec

A coy 37/52 bn patrolled to ultimate objective feature 495083 and reported it unsuitable as permanent base.

PLS

30 Dec

B coy 22 bn and D coy 29/46 bn patrol reached HOMPVA ONE 492824 and report no contact with enemy.

PLS

31 Dec

Bcoys 22 bn and D coy 29/46 bn patrol departed HOMPVA ONE at 1200 hrs to rejoin lens.
4 lde Op Order No 1 and Bde Comd Outline Plan
AFW'S 3008 3009

PLS
Appx I.
Appx II.

M. L. ...
Lieut

DRAFT OUTLINE PLAN

4 AUST INF REG OPERATION ORDER No. 1

SECRET
2 Dec 43.
Copy No.....

Net Maps: PORTIFICATION PT 1/25000
SATURBING 1/25000

INFORMATION

ARMY

1. Separately

OWN TRO UNDER COMD

for 2/6 2/7
 2/6 Aust Rd Regt - after s) from present posns impracticable
 2/7 Aust Rd Coy
 A Coy 2/2 HQ Bn
 C Sqn Tks less 11 tks
 9 PL PIB
 Det 2/4 Aust Rd Amb less one coy
 Lt Sec 2/3 Aust Rd Amb
 Det AASO 9 Aust Div
 Det 532 HB & S Regt, 2 ~~ESB~~ *Beaufort's head party*
 Det AWDIV
for 9 Div par Coy (8 men under command)

AIR

3. Tac R - one sortie daily on coastal strip and tracks leading to coast. *from outbase*

IDENTIFICATION

4. 4 Aust Inf Bde will clear coast to high ground area PORTIFICATION PT. *by request*

METHOD

ROUNDS

5. (a) First bound:
 Coastal force - high ground approx 613752
 Flank gd - high ground 609745
 (b) Second Bound:
 Coastal force - high ground 610772
 Flank gd - across to approx 595757

GROUPINGS

6. Adv Gd: 29/46 Bn with in sp.
 One TO C Sqn Tks
 A Coy 2/2 HQ Bn less one pl
 Det RAH
 56 Bty 2/6 rd Regt
 Lt sec C 4 Aust Rd Amb

GROUPINGS (ctd)

6. (a) Adv Gd (ctd)

TASKS:

Patrol fwd

- (i) Secure first bound until 22 Bn move up and secure def beachhead.
- (ii) *(iii)* Resume adv/on orders Bde HQ

to second bound.

ROUTE - Coastal track

Start point - 28 Bn FDLs at 630730

(b) FLANK PROTECTION

Coy 37/52 Bn with under comd 9 Pl PIB

TASKS

- (i) Secure first bound
- (ii) Flank protection to adv Gd and main body
- (iii) Early info regarding tracks and enemy movements from WEST.
- (iv) Contact 29/46 Bn on occupation first bound.

Start Pt: 618722

Route: covered approaches inland

Timings: Flank gd will adjust rate of adv to and move echeloned with 29/46 Bn

(c) MAIN BODY

37/52 Bn less Coy with in sp 11 Bty 2/6 Fd Regt
Lt Sec 4 Fd Amb

22 Bn with in sp 12 Bty 2/6 Fd Regt
Pl A Coy MG
Lt Sec 2/3 Fd Amb

Bde HQ

C Sqn Tks less 11 tks and one tp.

- 7. 22 Bn will be prepared to move fwd and occupy beachhead after it has been secured by leading Bn.

TANKS

- 8. One tp C Sqn in sp 29/46 Bn
C Sqn less four tps (and 2 tks) in Bde Res

ARTY

- 9. (a) Allotment FOOs - one to each of
 - 29/46 Bn ✓
 - Coy 37/52 Bn - flank gd ✓
 - 37/52 Bn less Coy ✓
 - 22 Bn ✓

- (b) ~~Identify~~ register zone and engage targets observed in area. ✓

- (c) Allotment Btys in sp
 - 11 Bty in sp 37/52 Bn ✓
 - 12 Bty *(right)* 22 Bn ✓
 - 56 Bty 29/46 Bn ✓

*Major Thwaiter
Smith
Richard*

ENGINE RS

10. TASKS:

- (a) Assisting tks forward over obstacles
- (b) Clear Tk A and anti-personnel obstacles
- (c) Lay anti-pers onnel minefields as required
- (d) Construct jeep track along coast and access rds to landing beaches
- (e) Maintain L of C Sup route.

(f) Resist/avoid arty when required.
 (g) Develop water.

MGs

11. Allotment:

A Coy MG less one pl in sp 29/46 Bn ✓
 One Pl A Coy MG in sp 22 Bn ✓

DBE RES

12. C Sqn Tks less four tps ✓
 37/52 Bn less one Coy ✓

ADMINISTRATION

Separately

INTERCOMM

13. Locns Bde HQ 633723 ✓

14. COMMS

(a) L/T to 29/46 Bn
 Coy 37/52 Bn
 22 Bn

Map force

(b) 37/52 Bn less coy will tee in on line laid by 29/46 Bn ✓

(c) W/T: 208 sets at Bde
 29/46 Bn

*by 29 Bn
 22 Bn*

GOR 536 sets - two with 29/46 Bn 22 Bn
 one with Flank Gd one with..

No. 11 Set - 3 coming by barge (one for Q near link)

109 set: Near link to Div 11 set Q link div.

(d) Frequencies

15. H Hour 0630 hrs 4 Dec 43
0630

16. Synchronise through sigs at 0530 hrs *D minus 1*

ACKNOWLEDGE

Method of Issue.....

Maj
 for BN 4 Aust Inf Bde

Time of Signature.....

3 officers ✓
 9 NCO ✓
 9 ORG ✓
 1 marker
 1 MG
 1 Coy G OR

AIF each Bn.

*20 24hrs 3 bet 43?
 76 hrs
 Provok 1/2 sec*

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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

43 / 47 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 11/12/1943. Hq. 4 Aust. Inf. (Unit)

Bde (AIF)

W.E. 11 / 2 / 313 OFFRS 18 O.R's 69 + OFFRS. O.R's. 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 *									
			3	Chaplains *									
				Lieut.-Colonels									
	2		-	Majors									
	2		4	Captains									
	3	1	4	Lieutenants									
				Quarter-masters									
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.									
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.									
	7	1	12										
		DETAIL		A.I.P.	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.		11	1								12
		E.(1)											
		E.(2)											

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in pars. 10 of instructions for completion 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.
VK112178	Maj	S.D. JONES	"X" List	6 Dec 43	evacuated to 4 Aust Inf Bde 27 Nov 43, now transferred to "X" List

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).

4 Aust Inf Bde (AIF) Unit

43 / 47 (Serial No.)

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 11/12/1943 (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.
Lt-Col T/Bright	VX140	EDGAR	CRV	Comd	YES		
Lieut T/Capt	VX108222	CURTIS	NWC	SG	YES		
"	VX108225	LLOYD	JK	SG(L)	YES		
"	VX108115	KENT	RDV	IO	YES		
"	VX108120	HUSTER	RAC	BASCO	YES		
Lieut	VX104185	MOUGHTON	PA	LO2	YES		
"	VX108255	STEWART	JF	IO	YES		
"	V133002	MENSHALL	HOB	Nvg	YES		
"	SX16426	WALAN	LW	Maie	YES		
Chaplain	VX117258	FABIAN	RT	CHAP	No	Det 37/52 Aust Inf Bn	
"	VX108119	REIS	CW	"	No	Det 29/46 Aust Inf Bn	
"	VX114951	SMYTON	HT	"	No	Det 22 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.
Lt-Col	WX33719	KYLE BW	4 Aust	6/12/43	SNO
Major	WX472	TRAINER TO	9 Div	1/12/43	Attached for duty
Lieut	WX4213	FERRY CU	29/46 Bn	27/11/43	Duty as IO I
"	WX169409	SPICER JO	37/52 Bn	1/12/43	Duty as IO III
"	VX88142	BROWN DO	"	22/11/43	i/c Def P1

11 Dec 43
Date of Despatch

[Signature]
Capt
Signature of Commander

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	1		1	Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter	See Back			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				Rangefinders			
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	1	1		Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen	2	1	NR	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				Sig Ord	6	4	2
Fitters, Railway Signal	1	1		Hatchman				Butchers				Med Ord	1	1	
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	7	7		Hygiene	1	1	
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply				Water	1	1	
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				Batmen	13	15	3
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties				Coach Trimmers				ICOs	3	2	
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners	4	4		Concretors				Dvrs MT	6	7	
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks	3	2	NR	Ords MT	10	9	1
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies				Gen Dat	3	3	
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
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	1	1	NR	Equipment Repairers							
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD	4	2	1	CARRIED FORWARD	4	2	1	CARRIED FORWARD	10	8	1	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	20	17	1
					10	8	1		20	17	1		69	60	7

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.

Dec 43
Date of Despatch

Capt
Staff Capt 4 Aust Inf Bde
Signature of Commander

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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

43 / 48 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 18 / 12 / 1943 HQ 4 Aust Inf Bde (Unit)

W.E. 3 / 318. OFFRS. 8 O.R's. 69 + OFFRS. O.R's. 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 *									
			3	Chaplains *									
	2			Lieut.-Colonels									
	3		3	Majors									
				Captains									
				Lieutenants									
				Quarter-masters									
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.									
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.									
	6		12										
		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.		11	1								12
		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.

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).

4 Aust Inf Bde (AIF) Unit

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 18/12/1943 (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.
Lt-Col T/Brig	NX140	EDGAR	CRV	Comd	YES		
Lieut T/Capt	VX108222	CURTIS	NWC	SC	YES		
"	VX108225	LLOYD	JK	SC(L)	YES		
"	VX108113	KENT	RHV	IO	YES		
"	VX108120	HUNTER	RAC	BASCO	YES		
"	VX108255	STEWART	JF	TO	YES		
Lieut	V 133002	HENSHALL	NCB	Nyg	YES		
"	SX16426	WHALEN	LW	Educ	yes		
Chaplain	VX112238	FABAIN	RT	Chap	No	Det 37/52 Bn	
"	VX108119	REIS	CW	"	"	Det 29/46 Bn	
"	VX114951	SHOTTON	HT	"	"	Det 22 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.
Lt-Col	WX33719	KYLE EW	4 Aust Fd Amb	6/12/43	SMO
Major	NX472	TRAINER TG	9 Aust Div	1/12/43	Attached for duty
Lieut	NX4213	TERRY CG	29/46 Bn	27/11/43	Duty as LO I
"	NX169409	SPICER JO	37/52 Bn	1/12/43	Duty as LO 5
"	VX88142	BROWN DG	"	22/12/43	1/e Def P1

18 Dec 43

Date of Despatch

Capt
Staff Capt 4 Aust Inf Bde

Signature of Commander

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 18 / 12 / 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	1		1	Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter	See Back			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				Stevadores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers	1	1		Signallers				Tailors			
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen	2	1	NR	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.)	1		1	Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				Sig Ord	6	4	2
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers				Med Ord	1	1	
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	7	7		Hygiene	1	1	
Grinder, Precision				Hello Operator				Clerks, Supply				Water	1	1	
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				Fatmen	18	14	3
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	4	4		Coach Trimmers				HOOS	3	2	
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors				DRS MT	6	7	
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks	3	2	NR	Ords MT	10	9	1
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies				Gen Det	3	3	
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
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.	1	1	NR	Engine Hands, I.C.							
Photewriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers							
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD	4	2	1	CARRIED FORWARD	10	8	1	CARRIED FORWARD	10	8	1	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	20	17	1
									20	17	1		69	* 59	7

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.

18 Dec 43
Date of Despatch

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Capt
Signature of Commander

Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturdays 12/19/17
PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in

Table with columns for Unit, Details of Troop, and various personnel roles. Includes handwritten notes: 'Ammunition Examiner - Sgt - Required' and 'Ords MT - 1 - Required to be AASC for BASCO'. A large stamp reads 'ATTACHED BY W.E. ...'.

NOTE: (a) If rank other than private is involved give details on back. (b) Authorized labels or specialties not included in list will be added as requested in space provided. (c) Where A.W.A.S. number or A.A.M.W.B. personnel are desired show details on back. (d) Where reinforcement not desired note accordingly on return by number of M.K. in col. "Reinforcements". (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 Commanding Officer

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Army Form W.3008
(Adapted) (Page 1)
(Revised Jan., 1943)
43 / 49 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 25/12/1943 3 EQ 4 Aust Inf (Unit)

W.E. 11 / 2 JTS OFFRS. 18 O.R's. 69 + OFFRS. 346 (AIP) O.R's. 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 3	Brigadier* Chaplain*									
	1 1 3	1	1 3 4	Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs.									
	5	1	14										
		DETAIL		A.I.P.	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.		13	1								14
		E.(1)											
		E.(2)											

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in pars. 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.
WX70221	Capt 2/13	G.M. WALSON	2/13 Aust Inf Bn	18 Dec 43	seconded from 2/13 Bn and posted Bn Authority AMS 9580
WX4213	Lieut	G.O. TERRY	29/46 Aust Inf Bn	26 Nov 43	Seconded from 29/46 Bn for duty as 101

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).

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 25 / 12 / 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.
Lt Col T/Brig	NX140	EDGAR	GHV	Comd	YES		
Capt T/Maj	NX70221	WALSH	OH		"		
Lieut T/Capt	VX108222	CURTIS	NWC	SC	"		
"	VX108223	LLOYD	JK	SC(L)	"		
"	VX108113	KENT	NKV	TO	"		
"	VX108123	MURPHY	RAC	TO	"		
"	VX108255	STEWART	JF	TO	"		
Lieut	NX4213	KENT	GO	TO	"		
"	VX104189	BOUGHTON	KA	TO	"		
"	V133002	BENWALL	HUB	Wyg	"		
"	NX16426	WALAN	LT	Wyg	"		
Chaplain	VX117238	PABIAN	RT	Chap	NO	Det 37/52 Bn	
"	VX108119	HEIS	GV	"	"	Det 29/46 Bn	
"	VX114951	SMITTON	HT	"	"	Det 22 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.
Lt-Col	NX33719	KYLE BS	4th FA	26/12/43	SMO
Lieut	NX169409	SPICER JO	37/52 Bn	1/12/43	Duty as 1st
"	V103142	BROWN D.G.	37/52 Bn	22/11/43	1/c Det PI

25 Dec 43
Date of Despatch

[Signature]
Staff Capt 4 Aust Inf Bde
Signature of Commander

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 25/ 12/1943 .

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	1		1	Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter		See back		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				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	1	1		Signallers				Tailors			
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen	2	1	NR	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.)	1	1		Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				Sig Ord	6	4	2
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers				Med Ord	1	1	
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	7	7		Hygiene	1	1	
Grinder, Precision				Hello Operator				Clerks, Supply				Water	1	1	
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				Batmen	10	17	5
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	4	4		Coach Trimmers				NCOs	3	3	
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors				Dvrs MT	6	6	
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks	3	2	NR	Ords MT	10	9	1
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies				Gen Dut	7	7	
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals							
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.							
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics							
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tpin. Plant							
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.	1	1		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	4	2	1	CARRIED FORWARD	4	2	1	CARRIED FORWARD	10	8	1	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	20	17	1
					10	8	1		20	17	1		69	58	9

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25 Dec 43

Date of Despatch

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Staff Capt 4 Aust Inf Bde
Signature of Commander

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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

43 / 46 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 4 / 12 / 1943. HQ 4th Aust INF BDE (HIF) (Unit)

W.E. 11 / 2 / 3. OFFRS. 18 O.R's. 69 + OFFRS. O.R's. 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 *										
			3	CHAPLAINS *										
				Lieut.-Colonels										
	1		1	Majors										
	2		4	Captains										
	3	1	4	Lieutenants										
				Quarter-masters										
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.										
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.										
	6	1	13											
				DETAIL	A.I.P.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	B.A.N.	R.A.A.P.	**	TOTAL.
				A.	12	1								13
				E.(1)										
				E.(2)										

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in pers. 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.
VX109090	LIEUT	GINN S.W.P	3 Aust Div	1 DEC 43	TRANSFERRED TO AMENITIES 3 AUST DIV.

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 4th Aust Inf Bde (AIF) Unit

43 / 12 / 1943 (Serial No.)

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 4/12/194. (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.
LT-COLT/BRIG	NX1440	EDGAR	F.R.V.	COMD	YES		
LIEUT 4/MHS	VX112178	JONES	W.D.	BM	NO	SICK	28 NOV 43
"	VX108222	CURTIS	N.W.C.	SC.	YES		
"	VX108225	LLOYD	J.K.	SC(L)	"		
"	VX108113	KENT	R.H.V.	ID	"		
"	VX108120	HUNTER	R.H.C.	BASCO	NO	SICK	1 DEC 43
LIEUT	VX108185	Houghton	F.H.	LO2	YES		
"	VX108255	STEWART	J.F.	TO	"		
"	V133002	HENSHALL	H.C.B.	HYG	NO	SICK	1 DEC 43
"	VX16426	WHALLEN	L.W.	EDUC	YES		
CHAPLAIN	VX117238	FABIAN	R.T.	CHAP	NO	DET: 37/52 BN	
"	VX108119	REIS	C.VV	"	"	" 29/46 BN	
"	VX114951	SHOTTON	H.T.	"	"	" 22 BN	
<p>1. Ref 2nd Schedule HQ.030861 dated 10 Nov 43</p> <p>2. No officers with active service on this H.O. from 3 Sept 39.</p>							
<p>STAFF CAPT 4th Aust Inf Bde ^{CAPT}</p>							

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	VX88142	D.G. BROWN	37/52 BN	22/11/43	i/c DEF PL
"	NX4213	C.G. TERRY	29/46 BN	27/11/43	DUTY HS LO.1.
MAJOR	NX472	T.G. TRAINER	4th Aust Div	1/12/43	FOR DUTY
LIEUT	NX169409	J.O. SPICER	37/52 BN	"	DUTY HS LO.3.

4 DEC 43
Date of Despatch

J.H. Kelly
STAFF CAPT 4th Aust Inf Bde
Signature of Commander

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 4/12/1943.

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, 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				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			
Computors								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers				Tailors			
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen	2	2		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.)	1	1		Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				SIG ORD	6	5	1
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers				MED ORD	1	1	
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	7	7		HYGIENIC WATER	1	1	
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply					1	1	
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				BATTMEN	18	15	3
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	4	4		Coach Trimmers				NCOS	3	2	
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors				DURS MI	6	6	
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks	3	2	NR	ORDS MT	10	9	1
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies				GEN DLT	3	3	
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
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.	1		NR	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	4	3	1	CARRIED FORWARD	4	3	1	CARRIED FORWARD	10	8	1	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	20	17	1
					10	8	1		20	17	1		69	60	*

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Date of Despatch

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Signature of Commander

STAFF CAPT 4 17 35 INF BDE

