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Item number: 8/2/7

7 Infantry Brigade

November - December 1943

ORIGINAL

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

24 JAN 1944

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(adapted.)

Unit HQ 7 AUSTR INF BDE (AIF).....

Date and Time.—From.....0900..1..Nov.....To.....0900..1..Dec..43...

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DONADABU	1 Nov	0900	Location Statement.	Appx 1
		0900	3 Div Warning Order of 7 Bde move to MORESBY	Appx 2
		1200	Instn 7 Aust Inf Bde Gymkhana	Appx 3
	2 Nov	0900	Trg Locations 9 Bn A Coy 176406 B Coy 176404 C Coy (Range Practice) 176403 D Coy 179407 HQ Coy 173403	
			25 Bn A Coy 172395 B Coy Tk/A Range C Coy Long Hill Range 189387 D Coy Tk/A Range HQ Coy 171399	
		1740	3 Div advise (further to Appx 2 of 1 Nov) 11 Fd Amb less details and 15 Fd Amb less details will each move with respective Bde Gps. Details 11 Aust Fd Amb remain DONADABU area and will be relieved at earliest possible date under arrangements ADMS 3 Div.	
	3 Nov	0900	Trg Locations 9 Bn A & B Coy Westy Range 178402 C Coy 172395 D Coy Long Hill Range 189387. HQ Coy Long Hill Range	
			25 Bn A Coy 183312 B Coy 175415 C Coy 174404 D Coy Exercise EILOGO Road sq 1940.	
		0900	Bn recce of new biv sites JUNE VALLEY.	
		1010	3 Div advise vacancies 13 School of MI Bde and Unit Wing - 7 Bde 1 Offr and 3 NCOs	
		1200	Amend. to RO 304 of 29 Oct	Appx 4
	4 Nov	0900	Trg Locations 9 Bn A, C & D Coys Exercise tk going maps B Coy 171394 HQ Coy 1,2&3 Pls Westy Range 4 Pl Tk/A shoot BOERA	
			25 Bn A Coy 188392 B Coy 176402 C Coy 174406 D Coy 180395 and 174394 HQ Coy 1,2, & 3 Pls 174403 5 & 6 Pls 174403 4 Pl BOERA.	
		0800	61 Bn 4 Pl Tk/A shoot BOERA Tk/A pls of 9, 25, & 61 Bns commence shoot BOERA Range	
	5 Nov	0900	Trg Locations 9 Bn A Coy 1739 B Coy 171394 C Coy 170395 D Coy 172397 HQ Coy 171399 4 Pl BOERA Range.	
			25 Bn A Coy 178407 B Coy 188392 C Coy 188392 D Coy 177403 HQ Coy 1,2, 5 & 6 Pls 174403. 3 Pl 190330 4 Pl BOERA Range 61 Bn 4 Pl BOERA Range	

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G. Mahoney
Major

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DONADABU	5 Nov	0900	25 Bn conducting mortar practice from posn 190380 (notification to units)	Appx 5
		1200	7 Aust Inf Bde RO	
		1800	Bde Maj (Maj J.C. Mahoney) returned from recreational leave	
	6 Nov	0900	7 Aust Inf Bde Gymkhana (as per appx 3)	Appx 6
		1200	W 3008 and W 3009	
		1650	Advice re reorganisation of 7 Aust Inf Bde Def & Emp Pl.	
			20 Pl E Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt will be formed from AIF pers from 7 Aust Inf Bde Def and Emp Pl	
		1000	AES activities	
	8 Nov	1000	9 and 25 Bn pers on rest recreation and essential duties	
		1000	Recce of 7 Bde HQ Area by SC Hyg Offr Sig Offr 15 Bde.	
	8 Nov	1000	7 Bde I Summary No 38	Appx 7
		1145	3 Div advise (further to appx 2 of 1 Nov) ref Map MORESBY 1"	
			HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde and Sig Sec will now move to camp site at 897367. 241 LAD will move to 895372 Detail 5 Aust Div Postal Unit att 7 Aust Inf Bde will take over camp site 888376	
	9 Nov	0900	9 Bn inter Coy shoot Long Hill Range - lectures, sport and recreation.	
		1135	25 Bn lectures, sport and recreation.	
			Units advised of visit GOC in C NGF for inspection trg 7 Bde 11 Nov. COs to arrange days trg programme in accessible areas near camp. Detailed programmes and Coy Trg Locations to be at HQ 7 Bde by 1800 hrs L10	
		1200	Instn visit GOC in C NGF Lt-Gen Moreshead KCB KBE CMG DSO ED	Appx 8
	10	0900	9 Bn pers at Bn carnival on Bde Sports Ground	
			25 Bn competitive shooting, rest and recreation.	
		1000	SC recce of new HQ area MORESBY/	Appx 9
		1200	7 Bde Trg Instn No 33	
	11 Nov	0800	Trg Location 9 Bn A Coy 172395 (9 Pl Long Hill Range) B Coy 171394 C Coy 170395 D Coy 172397 (16 Pl Long Hill Range) HQ Coy 171399 3ePl Mortar Range.	

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(2 Pls) 177403 D Coy 173405 HQ Coy 1 Pl and part 2 & 3 Pls 174404
4 Pl 175393 5 Pl 173464 and 174404

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Unit HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)..... Date and Time.—From 0900 1 Nov..... To 1 Dec 43.....

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DONADABU	11 Nov	0840	Units informed of Armistice Day celebrations. Observation of 2 mins silence and the sounding of Last Post at 1100 hrs. Signal will be 2" Mortar flare Red fired from Bde HQ	
		1000	Arrival of GOC in C NGF and party Lt-Gen Moreshead KCB KBE CMG DSO ED Lt-Col PEAVERIL G I and Capt THOMAS, ADC to GOC.	
		1450	Town Maj MORESBY informed by Amen Offr of 7 Bde entries in Sports Carnival.	
	12 Nov	0900	9 Bn conducting Swimming Carnival and 25 Bn rest and recreation	
	13 Nov	0830	Unit is advised of conference of COs Adjts and QMs at 7 Bde HQ 1200 L/13 re 3 Div Adm Instn No 29. Precis of Conf att.	Appx 10
0900		9 Bn rest and recreation. 25 Bn rest and recreation.		
0930		Units informed of correction and addition to 7 Bde Trg Instn No 33 Para 1 Owing to later date move, 9 Bn resumed trg DONADABU 15 Nov. Para 5 Plane loading dates confirmed, 0800 to 1600 hrs daily. Location Ref Map MORESBY 1" 917395 Each party must be under comd offr. 3 US instrs continually available. 24 hrs notice to Bde TO of additional tpt requirements - for practice loading only. Tps will march		
		1200	W 3008 & W 3009	Appx 11 Appx 12
		1200	7 Bde RO	
		1000	APS activities	
	14 Nov	0900	13 Pers on 24 days Recreational Leave marched out from 7 Bde HQ and Def Pl	
		1200	7 Aust Inf Bde I Summary No 39	Appx 13
	15 Nov	0900	Trg location 9 Bn A Coy 172395 B Coy 171396 C Coy 170395 D Coy 17297 ⁴ HQ Coy 171399	
			25 Bn A Coy 176406 B Coy 175403 C Coy 174405v D Coy Duties HQ Coy 173403	
		1100	HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde closed DONADABU (movt as 3 Div Adm Instn No 29)	

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Major
HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde

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Unit HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde (AIF) Date and Time.—From 0900 1 Nov To 0900 1 Dec 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
PORT MORESBY	15 Nov	1300	HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde opened JUNE VALLEY 897367 (ref PORT MORESBY 1")	
		1545	B Ech 895372. Rear HQ remains DONADABU until completion of move Advice received from 3 Div of conference at NCF 1430 16 Nov. Subject Discipline. Lt-Col MILES Adm Comd 7 Bde to attend.	
	16 Nov	0900	Trg Locations 9 Bn A Coy 172395 B Coy 171394 C Coy 170395 D Coy 172397 HQ Coy 171399.	
		1130	25 Bn convoy moved out DONADABU 1115 hrs (movt at 3 Adm Instn No 29)	
		1200	7 Aust Inf Bde ROs	
		1440	HQ 25 Aust Inf Bn opened JUNE VALLEY 883396 at 1355 hrs (ref map PORT MORESBY)	Appx 14
		1800	25 Bn dispositions Bn HQ 883396 A Coy 884395 B Coy 883397 C Coy 882398 D Coy 882399 Ref Map PORT MORESBY 1" HQ Coy DONADABU	
	17 Nov	1200	Instns 7 Aust Inf Bde Guard	
		1717	25 Bn dispositions HQ Coy now in posn JUNE VALLEY 885396 Bn move complete 1430 hrs.	Appx 15
	18 Nov	1212	9 Bn convoy left DONADABU 1130 hrs (as per 3 Div Adm Instn No 29)	
		1423	9 Bn HQ established 876402 ref map PORT MORESBY 1"	
		1600	9 Bn dispositions A Coy 875403 B Coy 876403 C Coy 877403 HQ Coy 875402 D Coy DONADABU	
	19 Nov	0830	61 Bn HQ closed at 915365 and reopened 886383 at 0830 hrs	
		1230	7 Aust Inf Bde Adm C No 8	
		1400	2/107 Mobile Bath Unit operating in Bde Area	
		1952	D Coy 9 Bn in position 874404 ref map PORT MORESBY 1" 9 Bn movt complete	Appx 16
	20 Nov	0915	7 Bde Units commence plane loading trg (as per 7 Aust Inf Bde Instn No 33)	
		1200	W 3008 & W 3009	
		1400	Conference of units, COs+Adjts at this HQ subject dress and discipline	Appx 17
		1620	Locations 11 Fd Amb. HQ est 887386 (PORT MORESBY 1") HQ Coy MDS 145415 (UBERI 1")	

J. Mahoney Major
Comd 7 Aust Inf Bde.

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Unit.....HQ...7...AUST...INF...BDE...(A.I.F.).....

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
PORT MORESBY	20 Nov	1800	A.E.S. Activities.	Appx 18.
	21 Nov	1130	25 Bn move complete as per 7 Bde Adm. Order No 8	
		1145	61 Bn " " " " " " " " " "	
		1630	Message to Units - 2/107 Mobile Bath Unit will serve units as follows : 9 Bn Mondays 1400 hrs : 7 Bde HQ and 11 Fd Amb Wednesdays 1400 hrs and 1500 hrs respectively : 61 Bn Fridays 1400 hrs.	
	22 Nov	0900	7 Aust Inf Bde and units now under comd MORESBY BASE SUB- AREA.	
		1200	7 Aust Inf Bde Intelligence Summary No 40	Appx 19.
	23 Nov	1200	7 Bde R.O.	Appx 20.
		1200	Sketch showing layout of 7 Bde HQ	Appx 21.
		1245	Message to 3 Div - request leave all wall maps. 7 Bde will arrange security guard. Advise time of vacation of 3 Div HQ.	
	24 Nov	1225	TX 2002, Brig J. FIELD resumed comd 7 Bde 241100L. Same hour QX 36371, Lt-Col E.S. MILES ceased comd 7 Bde resumed comd 25 Bn.	
		1440	Units advised of amendment to 6 W.E. II/12c/2 increase mortar pl by 16 ptes. Trg of additional men to begin.	
		1605	Message to Bns - owing additional administration work necessary present biv sites one more week is allotted to complete requirements trg instn No 33.	
	25 Nov	1845	Message to MORESBY BASE SUB- AREA - - request application be made First Air Freight Forwarding Sqn for use two practice loading planes WARDS Drome by 61 Bn 0800 to 1630 hrs 2 Dec.	
	26 Nov	1605	Ref map MORESBY 1" to 1 mile - HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde closed 897367 at 261600L opened same hour 904367.	

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Sgt. 7 Aust Inf Bde.

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Unit HQ 7 AUST INF BDE (AIF)

Date and Time.—From 1 Nov

To 0900 1 Dec 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
PORT MORESBY	27 Nov	1000	Conference CO's and ADJTs at Bde HQ	
		1150	Message to MORESBY BASE SUB-AREA -- practice loading planes WARDS D Drome. Request allotment both planes for 25 Bn 0800 to 1630 hrs	
		1200	6 and 7 Dec. 7 Bde R.O.	Appx 22.
		1200	Instn - Tutorial Discussions	Appx 23.
		1200	AFW 3008 and 3009	Appx 24.
		28 Nov	1200	Instn - Bde Guard
	29 Nov	0900	Instn - Strength of Adv Parties	Appx 26.
0900		Warning Order - 7 Bde Gp Movement	Appx 27.	
1959		7 Bde Adm Instn No 9	Appx 28.	
	30 Nov	1315	Adv party left 7 Bde area as per Adm Order No 9	

J. Mahoney
..... Major
HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde

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LOCATION STATEMENT.

7 Aust Inf Bde.

As at 2359 hrs 31 Oct 43.

Ref Map UBERI 1" to 1 mile.

UNIT	NO	LOCATION	COOR	REMARKS.
HC 7 Aust Inf Bde	88	174396	L/T	Base Switch
7 Aust Inf Bde Def Fl	"	"	-	"
7 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	"	"	-	"
241 L.A.P.	"	176396	-	"
9 Aust Inf Bn H.Q.	83	173398	L/T	Bde Switch
25 Aust Inf Bn H.Q.	50	174405	"	"
61 Aust Inf Bn Rear H.Q.	99	175398	"	"
11 Aust Pd Amb H.Q.	52	175393	"	"
Part 'A' Coy 11 Aust Pd Amb	52	167428	-	-
'B' Coy 11 Aust Pd Amb	52	145415	"	Base Switch

Ref Map PERT MONSIEY 1" to 1 mile.

61 Aust Inf Bn	99	915365	L/T	3 Div Switch
Part 'A' Coy 11 Aust Pd Amb	52	038434	-	-

Kacjan Lieut.,
I.C. 7 Aust Inf Bde.

MESSAGE FORM

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To 7 Aust Inf Bde
From 3 Aust Div.

Orig No A2631

Date 1.

SECRET. WARNING ORDER. 7 Aust Inf Bde will move to MORESEY. 15 Aust Inf Bde will move to DONADABU. No move before 15 Nov. Bde HQ incl sigsec and LAD and Inf Bn only will move pending further instns. existing sites DONADABU area will be exchanged as follows. HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde to HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde and Sig Sec and 266 LAD. 25 Aust Inf Bn to 57/60 Aust Inf Bn. 9 Aust Inf Bn to 24 Aust Inf Bn. 61 Aust Inf Bn to 58/59 Aust Inf Bn. Sites MORESEY AREA allotted as follows. 3 Aust Div RECEPTION (SEC) to HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde and Sig Sec and 241 LAD. 9 Aust Inf Bn to 58/59 Bn. 25 Inf Bn to 57/60 Inf Bn. 61 Inf Bn to 24 Inf Bn. Recce party will move am 3 Nov. Bde will deal direct to co-ordinate taking over of camp site. pending arrival 15 Aust Inf Bde HQ 57/60 Inf Bn will co-ordinate 15 Aust Inf Bde Bns. Order of march and movement instn will be issued by HQ 3 Aust Div. Unit will move with all unit ~~stores~~ eqpt and ord accom stores. all tentage engr accom stores and fixtures remain on present camp site. ADOS will arrange any adjustments tentage necessary for relative strengths. Tpt will be made provided by HQ Comd AASC 5 Aust Div instn this HQ. Ack all informed.

LAW/WEM (1/11)

Subject : 7 AUST INF BDE GYMKHANA

Ref : 43/Amen/13

HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)
Australia
/ Nov 43

1. A Gymkhana will be held at DONADABU, Saturday
6 Nov 43.

2. COMMITTEE

- President - Capt P.J. STEEL
- Secretary - Lieut L.A. WOOD
- Members - Lieut J. LAWSON
Lieut E. HAMMOND
Lieut H. GREEN

3. PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

- 1. 0900 Auctioning of Horses
- 2. 0900 Underhand woodchop - Heats
- 3. 0930 100 yds Sprint - Heats
- 4. 1000 220 yds Sprint - Heats
- 5. 1030 Broad Jump
- 6. 1100 High Jump
- 7. 1115 Bending Race (Horse) 1st Heat
- 8. 1125 Bending Race (Horse) 2nd Heat
- 9. 1130 Final 100 yds Sprint
- 10. 1140 Flag Race (Horse) 1st Heat
- 11. 1145 Flag Race (Horse) 2nd Heat
- 12. 1155 Final 220 yds Sprint
- 1200 - 1300 Lunch
- 13. 1300 Bareback Race (Offr Riders)
- 14. 1310 Pegging the Ring (Horse) 1st Heat
- 15. 1315 Pegging the Ring (Horse) 2nd Heat
- 16. 1320 Final Woodchop
- 17. 1330 DONADABU Cup (3 furls)
- 18. 1345 Mule Race
- 19. 1400 Rescue Race (Horse)
- 20. 1415 Jungle Cart Chariot Race (1 Charioteer in
Jungle Cart pulled by team of 6)
- 21. 1430 Final Bending Race
- 22. 1445 Musical Chairs (Horse)
- 23. 1500 Final Flag Race
- 24. 1515 Slicing Potato Race
- 25. 1530 Final Pegging the Ring

4. Money received from auctioning of horses will be added to £200 prize money allocated.

5. Entries for events 2,3,4,5,6 are due at this H.Q. by 1200 hrs, Thursday 4 Nov 43.

6. Any enquiries regarding events will be made to Amen Offr 7 Aust Inf Bde.

L.A. Wood Lieut.
Amen Offr. 7 Aust Inf Bde.
(Sec Gymkhana Committee)

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1 Aust A.R.D.
1 Aust Pack Tpt

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES—NEW GUINEA FORCE

Subject: AMENDMENTS TO 7 AUST INF BDE R.O.s

Headquarters

7 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)

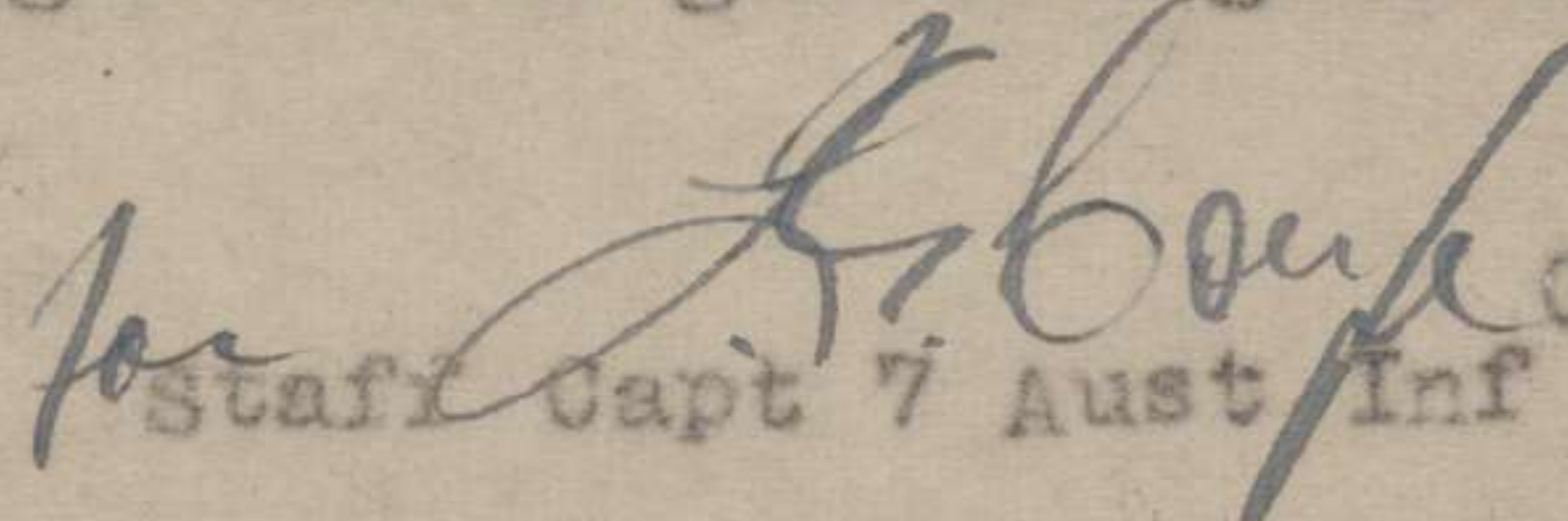
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3 NOV 43

1. 7 Aust Inf Bde R.O. 304 of 29 Oct is amended by substituting for 0630 hrs 0700 hrs wherever occurring and deleting para 5.
2. 7 Aust Inf Bde R.O. 269 of 30 Sep is amended as follows:

REVEILLE	0700	hrs
BREAKFAST	0745	"
1st TRG PARADE	0830	"
3. All pers such as cooks, obliged to rise before 0700 hrs will comply strictly with malarial regulations governing dress.

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Staff Capt 7 Aust Inf Bde

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES
ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

Copy No. 19.....

by
Lt-Col E.S. MILES D.S.O., ADM COMD
7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

5 Nov 43.

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308. USE OF GRENADES, HAND, JAPANESE, TYPE 91. (GRO G724/43.)

1. This grenade is in common use by the Japanese and quantities have been captured and used by our troops. Tests indicate that the grenade has certain characteristics which may lead to injury in the hands of inexperienced personnel. These characteristics are :-

- (a) The delay fuse, marked 4/5 seconds, has been known to burn in much less time. Some tested fuses burned in three seconds.
- (b) While the delay fuse is burning, a considerable quantity of black smoke is emitted through the escape hole at the base of the fuse tube, and small fragments of the delay fuse are sometimes forced out. At night or even at dusk or dawn, a definite glow from this hole can be seen.

2. The following precautions will be taken if the grenade is used :-

- (a) It will be thrown immediately after the head has been struck;
- (b) When striking the grenade, the hand will be kept well clear of the escape hole at the side of the fuse tube.

(To be republished in Unit Routine Orders)

G.R.O's. Attention of units is directed to the following orders:-

- G.R.O. G.723 - EQUIPMENT - EAR PROTECTION.
- G.R.O. G.725 - GRENADES, NO36M - DESTRUCTION OF BLINDS.

[Signature]
Major,
Bde Maj, 7 Aust Inf Bde.

309. NUDE SWIMMING. 'A & Q'

Swimming in the nude is prohibited in DONADABU area between 0900 hrs and 1800 hrs, Saturday 6 Nov 43.

310. PERSONNEL ON LEAVE (NGF Order A 419/43)

A member on leave will, in matters of dress conform to the relative instructions issued by the HQ L of C Area in which he is spending his leave.

311. COURTS OF INQUIRY ON ILLEGAL ABSENTEES (NGF Order A420/43)

1. By Statutory Rule 245, dated 29 Sep 43, Australian Military Regulation 278A was made, providing for an alternative method of investigation into illegal absence for 21 days or more, to that of holding courts of inquiry under A M R 276.

2. As dependents' allowance and allotment payable in respect of a member absent without leave can only be suspended under War Financial (Military Forces) Regulation 54 after a Court of Inquiry has declared an illegal absentee, Courts of Inquiry will continue notwithstanding the making of A M R 278A, to be held until further notice under A M R 276 in all cases in respect of members absent without leave for 21 days or more.

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312. LOSSES AND THEFTS (3 AUST DIV RO 363/43.)

1. As a large number of losses are occurring, all ranks are directed to exercise the highest possible standard of care of stores and equipment.
2. COs will be responsible for the promulgation and enforcement of satisfactory orders and arrangements in this regard.
3. Officers and NCOs in particular, will ensure that adequate steps are taken in regard to stores in their care or the equipment of parties under their charge.
4. The active co-operation of all ranks in the safe-guarding of unit stores and the suppression of theft is sought. It should be pointed out that it is the duty of anyone having any information or suspicion concerning a theft or the fact that anyone is in improper possession of property, to report it immediately to his superior officer. Failure to do so can and should be punished as a military offence.
5. As a check on stealing as well as a means of revealing losses, kit and stores inspections will be held at frequent though irregular intervals. A minimum of warning will be given of such inspections.
6. Members found in possession of any article suspected to have been stolen will be called on for an explanation and, in the absence of a satisfactory explanation, will be charged with stealing or improper possession. The assistance of the Provost should be sought.
7. Active measures will be taken to prevent the purchasing or acquiring from unauthorised sources of articles of Australian or American Government property. Personnel found hawking or otherwise disposing of Government property should be detained and handed over to the proper authorities. Members should be warned that by so acquiring articles, they render themselves liable to a criminal charge.
8. This order is to be republished once a month for three successive months in all unit routine orders.

313. DRESS (GYMKHANA)

Attention of Units is drawn to the necessity for all troops appearing at the Gymkhana cleanly and correctly attired ; wearing of shorts is optional but shirts will be worn by all pers except those engaged in athletic events who will wear singlets.

314. CHURCH PARADES - Sunday, 7 Nov.

- C.E. 0715 9 Bn YMCA, 0830 7 Bde YMCA, 0930 25 Bn.
- R.C. Holy Mass 0830 7 Bde, 0930 25 Bn, 1030 ARD.
Confessions Sat 1800 25 Bn, 1900 7 Bde.
- U.P.D. Service 0930 25 Bn.

[Signature] Capt.
A/Staff Capt. 7 Aust Inf Bde.

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NOTICES

Port Moresby Football Championship : A Grade Finals 31 Oct 43.
11 Fd Amb defeated 2/5 Fd Regt (2 - NIL).

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

War diary

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 6 Nov /1943 **HQ 7 AUST INF BDE (AIF)** 45 / 43 (Serial No.) (Unit)

W.E. 11 / 2 / 3 OFFRS. 18 O.R.'s. 69 + OFFRS. • O.R.'s. • ATT. BY W.E.

(Tropical)

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	Brigadiers *						
			1	Lieut.-Colonels						
1 NR	1		1	Majors						
2 NR	2	1	8	Captains						
2 (1 NR)	2	1	5	Lieutenants						
				Quarter-masters					N I L	
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.						
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.						
5 (4NR)	5	2	15							

DETAIL	A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
A. A Class 14		1								15
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.
VX114018	Chaplain	GANLY D.A.	AA Ch D	21/10/43	from NGF Chaplains' Reinforcement Pool (1ARD)
	4th class				

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
QX36365	Capt.	PATERSON J.S.	HQ-5 47 ACH	4/11/43	8 days' in hosp.

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde (AIF) PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.

6 Nov /1943

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).
QX36181	Capt.	FOSTER J.H.A.	(since expired) on leave after attending LHQ Tactical School, Beenleigh.

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 6 Nov /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.
t.col Brig	TX2002	FIELD	J.	Comd No		adm comd 3 Aust Div	29/9/43
Capt Maj	Q15602	MAHONEY	J.C.	B.M.	Yes		
Lieut Capt	WX70799	LOWNDES	A.G.	B.M.(L)	"		
" "	QX36184	DUGGAN	J.E.	A/S.C.	"		
" "	QX35561	CORPE	J.E.	S.C.(L)	"		
" "	QX40870	HORNIBROOK	C.M.	T.O.	"		
" "	QX40835	MULCAHY	E.R.	L.O.III	"		
" "	WX127324	MORE	K.G.	Hyg.O.	"		
" "	WX36327	JACKSON	J.A.	Educ.O.	"		
" "	QX38334	WOOD	L.A.	Amen.O.	"		
" "	QX45277	PEAKE	W.A.	BASCO	"		
" "	QX13552	BLACKMORE	E.R.W.	I.O.	"		
Chaplain	WX114018	GANLY	D.A.	9 Bn	No		
"	DX899	DWYER	J.	25 Bn	"		
"	WX142882	McCULLOUGH	M.	61 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.

6 Nov 43.
Date of Despatch

John Edgeman
A/Staff Capt. 7 Aust Inf Bde. Capt.
Signature of Commander

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

45 43 / (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 6 Nov 1943 HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde (AIF) (Unit)

W.E. 11 / 2 / 3 OFFRS. 18 O.R's. 69 + OFFRS. - O.R's. - ATT. BY W.E.
(Tropical)

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.					
1 NR	1		1	Staff Sergeants					
2	3		2	Sergeants			N I L		
1 NR	1	1	8	Corporals					
1	1	2	53	Troopers, Privates, etc.					
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
5 (2NR)*	6	4	67 *	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	51		16	all A Class						67
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
2	AA Amenities Service (YMCA)			1	9 Aust Inf Bn		
1	9 Aust Inf Bn			1	25 Aust Inf Bn		
1	3 Aust Div Rear Details (24 Bn)			1	61 Aust Inf Bn		
14	5 Aust Div Pro Coy			2	HQ 3 Aust Div,		
4	" Postal						

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

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

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 6 / Nov / 194 3.

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 Assis.				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				Rangefakers			
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								Biggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers	1	1		Signallers				Tailors			
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen	2	1	1	Bakers				Telescope Identifn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Bollermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters				Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks	3	3		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				C.S.M.	1	1	
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers				C.Q.M.S.	1	1	
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	7	8		Tpt Sgt	1	1	
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply				Drs MT	6	6	
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				Drs Orderlies	9	9	
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	4	2	2NR	Coach Trimmers				Batmen	15	16	
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors				" - Drs	3	3	
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks				Gen Duties	3	3	
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				Hyg Duties	1	1	
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				Signal	6	6	
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				Orderlies			
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics		1		Water Duties	1	1	
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant				Motor	1	1	
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.	1	1		Engine Hands, I.C.				Cyclist			
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers				Medical	1	1	
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers				Orderly			
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD	4	2	2	CARRIED FORWARD	13	8	5	CARRIED FORWARD	20	17	5	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	69	67	5

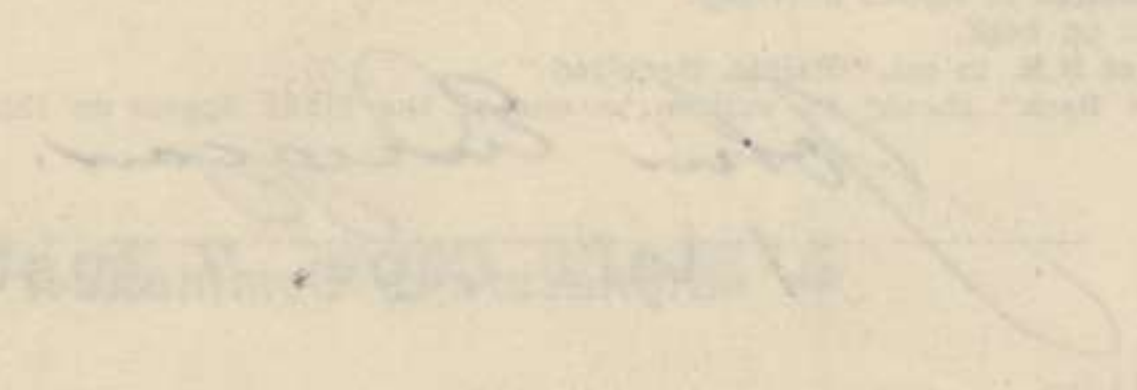
NOTES.—(a) If rank other than private is involved give details on back.
(b) Authorised trades or specialists not included in list will be added as required in spaces provided.
(c) Where A.W.A.S. and/or A.A.M.W.S. personnel are desired show details on back.
(d) Where replacement not desired note accordingly 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

John Duggan
A/Staff Capt. 7 Aust Inf Bde
Capt. Signature of Commander

PARTICULARS OF RANKS OTHER THAN PRIVATE

<u>GROUP I</u>	<u>Posted strength</u>						
Draughtsmen	1						includes 1 Cpl.
<u>GROUP II</u>							
Cooks	3						" 1 Cpl.
<u>GROUP III</u>							
Clerks	8						" 1 W.O.I, 1 W.O.II, 1 Sgt, 3 C.
<u>NON-SPECIALISTS</u>							
C.S.M.	1						" 1 W.O.II
C.Q.M.S.	1						" 1 s/sgt.
Tpt Sgt	1						" 1 Sgt.
Drs MT	6						" 1 Cpl.
General Duties	3						" 1 Cpl.
Medical Orderly	1						" 1 Cpl.



Compiled from information contained in N.G.F. Summary No 146.

From 1200 Hrs 27 Oct 43 to 1200m Hrs 3 Nov 43.

SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS.

LAND.

Whilst activity in the RAMU VALLEY is confined to active patrolling, it is of interest that the enemy appears to be covering his right flank and developing defences near KISA about three miles North of KESAWAI.

At FINSCHHAFEN the enemy has been relatively inactive and our forces have considerably improved their positions. A number of our patrols, which have been very active, have had clashes with small groups of the enemy. Enemy, astride the track East of JIVEVANENG are surrounded. Their counter attacks have been ineffective and our forces are closing in on them.

In the SOLOMONS the enemy strongholds centred around BUIN, FAISI and BALLALE are threatened by successful Allied landings made during the week. These landings were made at TREASURY ISLAND on 27 Oct, at VOZA on the NW coast of CHOISEUL ISLAND on 28 Oct, and at EMPRESS AUGUSTA BAY on the West coast of BOUGAINVILLE on 1 Nov.

AIR.

Enemy air activity has been slight in all areas. Reports from the SOLOMONS indicate that air attacks against Allied forces carrying out landings were negligible.

OPERATIONS.

LAND - OWN AND ENEMY.

The situation in both the FINSCHHAFEN and RAMU VALLEY areas has become relatively quiet whilst regrouping and consolidation of lines of communication proceeds. Australian patrol activities in both areas have, however, been extensive.

On the SATELBERG Track, two Australian battalions gradually encircled the main enemy position East of JIVEVANENG and enemy counter attacks have been unsuccessful. Late reports indicate an increasing pressure on the position against stiff resistance.

SONG RIVER - KATIKA.

The situation in this area has become largely static, except for active patrolling. Following the enemy withdrawal on night 25/26 Oct from positions just SW of KATIKA, our perimeter was extended westward from KATIKA some 600 - 800 yds. Our forward line in this area is now through points $\frac{1}{2}$ mile West of KATIKA along the track, and $\frac{5}{8}$ mile SW of KATIKA.

Extensive patrolling by our troops during the week under review has been the main activity. Numerous enemy positions between SIKI and SONG RIVERS were discovered earlier in the week and several patrol clashes occurred. Later, our patrols met with no enemy in areas two miles West from the coast on the North bank of the SONG RIVER; $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles West of SCARLET BEACH; $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles SW of KATIKA along the southern branch of the SIKI RIVER. Despite this, enemy pockets no doubt still exist concealed in the general area covered by these patrols. On 2 Nov a strong enemy position was found dug in just south of the KATIKA track about $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles West of KATIKA. Strong enemy positions remain on the high ground astride the KATIKA track approx $\frac{3}{4}$ mile West of the village.

Our artillery has been active against FIOR, PALANKO and other known enemy bases and positions.

North of the SONG RIVER, the track to BONGA is well covered by our troops to a point two miles South of BONGA, with patrols towards BONGA and NE towards the well used BONGA - WAREO track. A patrol clash occurred approx 1 mile South of BONGA, but no enemy are reported on the track between that point and the mouth of the SONG RIVER. A Japanese position, however, exists in the high ground

approx two miles SSW of BONGA, where digging has been heard. This position has been engaged by artillery and MG fire

JIVENANENG - KUMAWA.

An encircling move by our troops was carried out against the main enemy position on the SATELBERG track East of JIVEMANENG. Enemy counter-attacks failed to prevent this movement, and our troops are maintaining close contact and continual pressure on the position. Two enemy positions were occupied on 30 Oct and 12 enemy killed. Late reports say that on 2 Nov the enemy was pressed from both East and West but offered stiff resistance from well concealed dug in positions.

Slight advances were made by our troops from the East.

In the KUMAWA area, the enemy still holds strong positions approx 3/4 mile West of the village, also across the northern tracks approx 1300 yards North of KUMAWA.

KWEMBUNG AREA.

Patrols to TIRIMORO, GURUNKOR and KWEMBUNG on 28 Oct and to SURUNKOR on 2 Nov, reported no enemy seen, but on 29 Oct another patrol encountered enemy established as one Coy at KWEMBUNG.

A small enemy party was ambushed on 28 Oct 3/4 mile West of QUEMBUNG (SW of KWEMBUNG) and casualties inflicted.

COASTAL ACTIVITY NORTH OF FINSCHHAFEN AND SUPPLY LINES.

Guns believed to be 3", 20 mm and 16 mm are located on NE side of VINCKE POINT. Unspecified types of guns were seen on 28 Oct under huts at FORTIFICATION POINT.

Tracks inland to the main KALASA - WAREO track from SIALUM (a landing beach), NUZEN, BLUCHER POINT, AGO (near WALINGAI), and WANOKAI, all show evidence of use.

RAMU VALLEY.

In this area too, a static situation has arisen, but for patrol activity.

The enemy is active along his main L of C, the BOGADJIM ROAD, and also in the area KISA - ORGORUNA. KISA appears to be used as a supply base. Defensive positions have been reported there by Tac R, and at MATALOI. At ORGORUNA, three gun positions and ground defences have been observed. Well used tracks have been noted between KISA - MATALOI, and KISA - SANA. All these villages are 2 - 3 miles North of KESAWAI. The track from ORGORUNA - KETOBA is also much used.

The fact that there are also well worn tracks in the vicinity of and North of JAPPA, suggests that the southwards track through KISA from the NURU RIVER to the RAMU RIVER is being developed. It certainly appears that the track from KWATO on the BOGADJIM ROAD across KISA is being extensively used.

Enemy defensive positions have been located by our patrols approx 1200 yds SW of YOKOPI on the BOGADJIM ROAD, and the track SE from YOKOPI to GURUMBU No 2 shows signs of recent use. Despite the penetration of our patrols without contact up the track to within 3 1/2 miles of PAIPA, it is believed that the enemy still holds his extensive positions sq 6864 (5 miles NW of KUMBARUM). A patrol clash West of GURUMBU No 2 occurred on 2 Nov. The enemy suffered casualties.

On 30 Oct enemy artillery, estimated as four regimental guns in the area YOKOPI - KANKIRYO, shelled one of our battalion areas, causing slight casualties.

Long range Commando patrols on 30 Oct reported no signs of enemy occupation on the villages on the track from NAWAR (5898) to PUKTABLO (3600) (6 - 7 miles NW of JAPPA).

SEA - ENEMY.

RABAUL.

Photographs taken on 28 Oct showed 17 Merchant vessels in port totalling 102,000 tons and 16 naval and auxiliary vessels. Several ships were under way in the near vicinity of the port.

port. Merchant tonnage present during the Allied attack on 2 Nov is estimated at 118,000. Recent Allied air attacks have made the enemy apprehensive regarding the safety of ships in RABAUL HARBOUR and it appears from sightings that the time taken for turn-round of vessels has been reduced to a minimum. The heavy traffic passing through the port reflects a determined attempt by the enemy to halt the steady deterioration of his position in the SWPA by reinforcements and regrouping of his forces.

NEW BRITAIN.

The movement of stores and reinforcements by warship and barge continues along both the North and South coasts of NEW BRITAIN. Considerable activity was noted in the VITU ISLAND Group including three warships and numerous small boats near MUNDUA ISLAND. The unprecedented number of ships seen along both coasts in recent weeks undoubtedly points to rapid reinforcement and development of enemy defence areas throughout NEW BRITAIN.

NEW GUINEA.

It is apparent that further tonnage reached NEW GUINEA, probably from the northwest, during the week. Two merchant vessels with escort were sighted 285 miles North by East of HOLLANDIA on 26 Oct. No further sighting of this convoy was made but on 29 Oct a 7,500 ton transport was seen at WEWAK and two 1,500 ton freighters at HANSA BAY.

Reference was made last week to the presence of freighters in the HANSA BAY area at 1430L/25. It was thought possible that they were only part of a convoy that had beached the harbour. An interpretation report of photographs taken on 23 Oct which reached this HQ on 30 Oct, showed 21 barges and 15 larger harbour craft (80 to 90 ft long) at HANSA BAY. Similar concentrations of barges have in the past provided reliable indications of the imminent arrival of a convoy. The lighterage capacity of the vessels mentioned would have made possible the unloading of a quite considerable tonnage of cargo during the time which elapsed between the sighting of the barges and 1430L/25, when what may have been the last departing ships of the convoy were sighted some forty miles out from HANSA BAY.

The concentration of AA guns in the HANSA BAY area increases and it is probably the enemy's intention to make continued use of the port.

On 28 Oct a camouflaged warship, either a destroyer or submarine chaser, was reported off SEK ISLAND, ALEXISHAFEN. Float planes were also seen in the area. These indications, whilst inconclusive indicate the possible limited development of ALEXISHAFEN as a naval port. The warship may be the same vessel that was sighted off BORAM on 22 Oct and may be engaged in supply carrying from WEWAK forward.

SIO - FINSCHHAFEN.

On 29 Oct two barges, loaded with troops, were seen near BLUCHER POINT on course SE. A further nine barges were on the beaches between BLUCHER POINT and MASAWENG RIVER. On 30 Oct a 100 foot stack aft freighter was anchored near the SW coast of LONG ISLAND. At 0300L/2 three empty barges on a southerly course were attacked off WALINGAI.

It is considered that the landing of adequate supplies for the enemy force in the FINSCHHAFEN - SATELBERG area at beachheads, is well within the enemy's capability. 50 barges engaged in supply between MADANG and his forward beachheads are considered ample for the task, and in addition there are indications that submarine supply continues. The possibility that supplies are also brought forward to the beachheads by small coastal vessels similar to the one seen at LONG ISLAND, cannot be ruled out.

AIR - OWN.

Weather hampered operations during the week, but one daylight and one night attack were carried out at RABAUL. 15 A/C were destroyed, or probably destroyed, on the ground and 25 destroyed and 20 probably destroyed in combat.

Other Allied bombing attacks were made in the GOGOL RIVER area and at GASMATA.

FINSCHHAFEN AREA.

Enemy bombers and fighters, probably on a supply

dropping mission were intercepted over FINSCHHAFEN on 27 Oct. Six bombers and six fighters were destroyed and three A/C probably destroyed.

BARGE SEARCHES.

Three barges were destroyed by A/C along the RAI coast and a number of others along the NEW BRITAIN coast.

AIR - ENEMY.

Reports received to date do not indicate a ny serious attempt by enemy air forces to interfere with Allied landings at BOUGAINVILLE during the early stages of this operation. However a partial coverage of RABAU airfields on 2 Nov revealed 259 A/C present and it must be assumed that the intervention on a considerable scale remains within enemy capabilities. The apparent lack of enemy air effort to date indicates his reluctance to commit his air forces in attacks against even the most important targets, when the probability of an alert Allied defence exists.

ENEMY RAIDS.

Enemy air activity has been negligible during the past week.

Forces of 10 machines were over ORO BAY - CAPE NELSON and BUNA - PORLOCK HARBOUR area on 27 and 28 Oct respectively, but no attack was made. On 28 Oct one A/C dropped bombs at HARVEY BAY. A single bomb was dropped at BUNA, by a fighter, on 28 Oct. Enemy A/C were reported over the FINSCHHAFEN AREA on several occasions during the past week but appear to have been on reconnaissance or supply-dropping missions.

ENEMY OOB - LAND.

3 AND 4 DIVS.

Two isolated references in a captured diary stated that, according to the writer's unit commander, these divisions had landed at HANSA BAY in Aug 43. These references should be treated with considerable reserve.

Macquay Lieut.,
I.O. 7 Aust Inf Bde.
7 Nov 43.

DISTRIBUTION.

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JCM/EMP (9/11)

VISIT OF G.O.C. in C., N. G. F.

Lieut-Gen Sir Leslie Morshead, KCB KBE CMG DSO ED.
to 7 Aust Inf Bde - DONADABU.
11 Nov 43.

PROPOSED ITINERARY FOR INSPECTION OF TRG
(ref Map UBERI one inch to 1 mile)

Time	Event
0930	G.O.C. in C leaves MORESBY
1045	L.O. H.Q. 7 Aust Inf Bde (veh sign '88') awaits G.O.C. in C's car at junc SUBITANA Rd and UBERI Rd (142414)
1100	Lieut.-Col E.S.MILES, Adm Comd 7 Aust Inf Bde, meets G.O.C. in C at junc EILOGO RD and DONADABU CAMP RD (173409)
1115	B Coy, 25 Aust Inf Bn: Attack through jungle on prepared 'JAP' posns (180411)
1200	D Coy 25 Aust Inf Bn: River crossing exercise (173405)
1235	Inspection of 11 Aust Fd Amb: (C.O.Lieut.-Col J.M.BLAIR)
1255	Offrs of H.Q. 7 Aust Inf Bde introduced to G.O.C. in C.
1300	Luncheon : H.Q. 7 Aust Inf Bde Offrs' Mess.
1345	C.O. 9 Aust Inf Bn (Lieut.-Col G.R.MATTHEWS) at H.Q. 7 Aust Inf Bde to conduct G.O.C. in C on inspection of 9 Bn trg.
1400	Sec battle practice, LONG HILL range (A Coy 9 Aust Inf Bn)
1430	Sec fd firing exercise (D Coy 9 Aust Inf Bn)
1500	Mortar shoot ; area ref 184388
1530	G.O.C. in C leaves DONADABU

2. OFFRS OF 7 AUST INF BDE

<u>Bde Comd</u>	Brigadier John FIELD DSO ED (Adm Comd 3 Aust Div)
<u>Adm Comd</u>	Lieut.-Col E.S. MILES DSO (25 Aust Inf Bn)
<u>Bde Maj</u>	Maj J.C. MAHONEY
<u>A/S.C.</u>	Capt J.E.DUGGAN

9 Bn	25 Bn	61 Bn (in MORESBY area)
C.O. Lieut.-Col G.R.MATTHEWS	(Lieut.-Col E.S.MILES DSO) Adm Comd Maj R. WEPPNER	Lieut.-Col H.J.WILES DSO.
Adjnt Capt G.A.COCHRANE	Capt E.G. WHITE	Lieut J.J.S.HOBBS

3. DRESS FOR 11 NOV

Dress for all ranks 7 Aust Inf Bde will be:-
boots, gaiters or puttees short (uniform within units), trousers and shirts green, helmets steel, battle order (haversack on back).

J.C. Mahoney Maj,
Bde Maj, 7 Aust Inf Bde.

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15 61 Aust Inf Bn	26 - 28 3 Aust Div (2 for P.A.to G.O.C. in C.)
16 11 Aust Fd Amb	29 Comd Corps Area, DONADABU
17 Comd	30 24 Aust Fd Coy
18 - 19 B.M.	31 B Coy 2/1 Aust MG Bn
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7 AUST INF BDE TRG INSTN No 33

TRG PERIOD

1. Fortnight ending 28 Nov. Trg recommences 18 Nov. 25 Bn relieves 61 Bn 22 Nov. (It is expected that, beginning 22 Nov, tour of duty as "works bn" will be two weeks)

NATURE OF TRG

2. (a) Particular attention will be given to close order drill, with the object of smartening bearing, dress and discipline. Paying of correct compliments at all times will be insisted upon.

(b) Weapon trg will be continued, with especial attention to rapid indication and recognition of targets (for which the new trg areas are especially suitable). Para 20 (Machine Gun Quick Aiming) of A.T.M. Aust No 25 may be adapted to add interest.

(c) Long marches, with hill climbing, will be carried out by all ranks, incl adm pers.

ALLOCATION OF TIME

3. (a) Trg will be on the basis of 6 days per week of 7 hrs per day (incl 6 hrs' night trg and 3 hrs' organized sport). Trg on one day per week will be at C.Os discretion.

(b) The following subjects will be covered:-

Type of trg	Hrs allotted	
	1st Week	2nd Week
Drill	3	6
Marching	6	6
Weapon trg	6	12
Night trg	3	6
Plane Loading	-	3 (25 Bn in 1st week)
Organized Sport	3	3
C.O's discretion	-	6
TOTAL	21	42

TRG AREAS

4. Units will train in vicinity of own biv areas. By night care must be taken not to alarm sentries on dumps or other military installations.

PLANE LOADING

5. (a) Application has been made for use of two practice loading planes at WARD'S AIRDROME as follows:-

25 Bn	19, 20 Nov
9 Bn	22, 23 Nov
61 Bn	24, 25 Nov
Bde H.Q.	26 Nov

(b) Units will practise assembling of plane loads according to emplaning tables, and rapid emplaning and deplaning. Methods outlined in 7 Bde 43/G/56 of 4 Jun 43 (Movt by Air - Inf bn) will be followed. Loading of all types of inf weapons will be practise. Not more than one coy at a time will be at the practice planes.

DISCUSSIONS

6. C.O's will ensure that observers recently returned from MARKHAM and FINSCHHAFEN pass on observations and lessons throughout the unit.

ACK.

[Signature] Maj.
Bde Maj. 7 Aust Inf Bde.

Signed at hrs.
Issued by L.O. to DONADABU addressees only;
to others, by D.R.L.S.

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Precis of Conference held 7 Aust Inf Bde Hq

1800 hrs 13 Nov 43

(To be read in conjunction with 3 Aust Div Adm Instrn 29)

1. PRESENT

Lt-Col M.S. WILES D.S.O. (Adm Comd)	9 Bn -	C.O.
S.M.		AdjT.
S.M.(L)		S.M.
S.C.		
S.C.(L)	25 Bn -	C.O.
T.O.		AdjT.
Eng O.		S.M.
Sig O.	11 Pz Amb -	C.O.
R.A.S.C.O.		S.M.
C.O.S.S.		

2. MOVEMENT

To discuss move of units 7 Aust Inf Bde to 13 Aust Inf Bde area commencing 13 Nov and points arising from 3 Aust Div Adm Instrn 29.

3. POINTS REQUIRING ATTENTION

Lt-Col Wiles directed attention to the following matters.

4. HOUSE STORES

Necessity of leaving all eng^g accommodation stores and fixtures on existing sites.

5. ARM

All arm to be physically checked and transfer effected on offr's signature. All unserviceable arm to be returned AASC.

6. TENTAGE

(a) Unit tentage accommodation satisfactorily adjusted by S.C. Return of unit tentage to be submitted to S.C. after completion of move.

(b) Tents left standing to be uniformly rolled or closed within unit lines.

7. TRAFFIC

(a) Bde T.O. and Bn T.Os. to meet AASC vehs allotted and direct to marshalling area. Guides or PRO to be prepared for earlier than scheduled arr. STD to be adhered to, to conform to DAPS instrns.

(b) T.Os. and S.C. Convoys to familiarise themselves with routes and PRO control pts.

(c) Drs of AASC vehs to be quartered and rationed by units to whom reporting.

(d) Veh discipline to be maintained.

8. CLEANLINESS OF CAMP AREAS

(a) This of especial importance. Brig Field directed that COS accept personal responsibility that unit areas are vacated in a clean and tidy condition.

(b) That progressive cleaning be effected between now and departure.

(c) That pro forma certificates already distributed be signed in accordance with instrns (3 copies).

9. PROGRESSIVE REPORTS

Progressive reports to be furnished to Bde Hq of completion of various stages of move.

10. REAR PARTY

Bde Hq Rear Party comprising Bn(L), S.C. and T.O. with 3 Aust Inf Bn (1/3 through Bde switch).

11. TRY

- (a) Try programme to be carried out in accordance with 7 Aust Inf Bde Try Instn 33.
- (b) Units to ensure that fullest advantage is taken of services and facilities provided by U.S. Offr when practice explaining exercises are being carried out.

12. LEAVE DRAFT

COs to address tps proceeding on leave 14/11/43 on the necessity of maintaining a correct and soldierly attitude during their absence.

John E. Duggan Capt.
A/Staff Capt. 7 Aust Inf Bde.

Distribution :

9 HQ
25 HQ
61 HQ (for info)
11. Hd Amb
Lt-Col S.S. Miles
S.S.
T.O.
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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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

HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)

46/43 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 13 Nov /194 3 (Unit)

W.E. 11/2/3 OFFRS. 18 O.R's. 69 + OFFRS. - O.R's. - ATT. BY W.E.
(Tropical)

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

W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.											
Rein'fts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'fts Required.							
1 NR	1		1	Brigadiers Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs.												
1 NR	1	2	10													
2 (1NR)	2	1	5			N I L										
4 (3NR)	4	3	17													
				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.		
Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 10 of instructions for completion of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).				A.	A class 16	1								17		
				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.
OX36181	Capt	FOSTER J.H.A.	HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde	7/11/43	from LHQ Tac School - ex "X" List

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 13 Nov 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	Brig TX2002	FIELD	J.	Comd	No	Adm Comd 3 Aust Div but at present inmate of 2/9 AGH and on "X" List	29/9/43
Capt Maj	015602	MAHONEY	J.C.	B.M.	Yes		
Lieut Capt	TX70799	LOWDES	A.G.	B.M. (L)	"		
"	QX40980	KREBS	A.A.	S.C.	No	First Aust Army Junior Staff School ("X" List)	10/10/43
"	QX35561	CORPE	J.R.	S.C. (L)	Yes		
"	QX40870	HORNIBROOK	C.M.	T.O.	"		
"	QX36181	FOSTER	J.H.A.	L.O.I	"		
"	QX36365	PATERSON	J.S.	L.O.II	No	inmate 47 AGH ("X" List)	3/11/43
"	QX40835	MULCAHY	E.R.	L.O.III	Yes		
"	QX13552	BLACKMORE	E.R.W.	I.O.	"		
"	WX127324	MORE	K.G.	Hyg.O.	"		
"	QX38334	WOOD	L.A.	Amen.O.	"		
"	QX45277	PEAKE	W.A.	MASCO	"		
"	WX36327	JACKSON	J.A.	Educ.O.	"		
Chaplain	VX114018	GANLY	D.A.	9 Bn	No		
"	DX899	DWYER	J.	25 "	"		
"	WX142882	McCULLOUGH	M.	61 "	"		

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 Capt	QX36184	DUGGAN J.E.	25 Aust Inf Bn	6/10/43	A/S.C.

13 Nov 43.
Date of Despatch

John Duggan
Capt.
A/Staff Capt. 7 Aust Inf Bde/
Signature of Commander

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 13/Nov 1943 **HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)** (Unit)

W.E. 11/2/3 OFFRS. 18 O.R's. 69 + OFFRS. - O.R's. - ATT. BY W.E.
 (Tropical)

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.					
1 NR	1		1	Staff Sergeants					
2	2		3	Sergeants					
			8	Corporals					
1	2	3	53	Troopers, Privates, etc.					
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
4	5	4	68	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	C.M.F.		A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N	R.A.A.F	**	TOTAL
	A.I.F.	Under 19 Years							
A	52	16	all A Class						68
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
2	AA Amenities Service (YMCA)			1	9 Aust Inf Bn		
1	" (Salv Army)			1	25 " " "		
1	9 Aust Inf Bn			1	61 " " "		
1	3 Aust Div Rear Details (24 Bn)			2	3 Aust Div		
14	5 Aust Div Pro Coy						
3	" Postal						
1	AAMC (11 Fd Amb)						
22	15 Aust Inf Bde						

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

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

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 15/Nov/1943 .

Table with columns for Details of Tradesmen (GROUP I, II, III), W.E., Posted Strength, and Reints. Required. Includes rows for Ammunition Examiners, Artificers, Electricians, Fitters, etc., and a summary row at the bottom.

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.

13 Nov 43. Date of Despatch

Capt A/Staff Capt. 7 Aust Inf Bde/ Signature of Commander

PART I. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements reported as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0800 Hours Saturday 14th May 1945

PARTICULARS OF RANKS OTHER THAN PRIVATE

<u>GROUP I</u>	<u>Posted Strength</u>		
Draughtsmen	1		includes 1 Cpl.
<u>GROUP II</u>			
Intelligence Duties	3	"	1 Cpl.
Cooks	3	"	1 Cpl.
<u>GROUP III</u>			
Clerks	8	"	1 W.O.I., 1 W.O.II, 2 Sgts, 2 Cpls.
<u>NON-SPECIALISTS</u>			
C.S.M.	1	"	1 W.O.II
C.Q.M.S.	1	"	1 S/Sgt.
Tpt Sgt	1	"	1 Sgt
Drs MT	6	"	1 Cpl.
General Duties	3	"	1 Cpl.
Medical Orderly	1	"	1 Cpl.

Signature of Commander _____
 Date of Report _____
 (L.H.) Form 10-1-45

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

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ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

by

Lt-Col E.S. MILES D.S.O., ADM COMD
7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

13 Nov 43.

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315. BRIGADE GUARD

Beginning at Retreat 18 Nov, Bns will furnish a gd at Bde H.Q. Orders for Bde gd and duty roster will be issued. Tour of duty will be from Retreat to Retreat. 25 Bn will mount gd 18 Nov and 9 Bn 19 Nov. Gd will be composed of one subaltern, one sgt, two cpls, 16 ptes plus one waiting man (all provided from one pl). During tour of duty gd will be rationed by Bde H.Q.

316. OFFRS DRIVING VEHS.

Attention is called to N.G.F. Order A 391 para 6 (a) on this subject. An offr driving under instn or to maintain his efficiency as a dr will have a Work Ticket signed by his C.O. and suitably endorsed, he will be accompanied by the authorized dr of the veh and will NOT carry passengers.

John E. ... Maj.
Bde Maj. 7 Aust Inf Bde.

'A & Q'

317. KIT INSPECTION

(i) Before leaving DONADABU all units will hold a careful kit inspection to ensure that

- (a) All ranks are fully equipped;
- (b) surplus unit and personal kit and impedimenta are disposed of.

(ii) It is important that units and men should rid themselves of all unnecessary encumbrances.

318. UNIT BIV AREAS, CLEANING OF

Unit areas at DONADABU must be handed over clean and tidy. Thorough and systematic cleaning must be carried out this week. Commanding Offr's certificate (on pro forma supplied by Bde) countersigned by incoming C.O., will be submitted to this H.Q. on completion of hand over.

319. CHURCH PARADES - Sunday, 14 Nov 43.

- C of E. 0715 9 Bn YMCA, 0830 D Coy 9 Bn, 0930 25 Bn.
- R.C. Holy Mass 0845 7 Bde, 0930 25 Bn, 1030 1 AARD.
Confessions Sat. 1800 Chaplains Tent 25 Bn, 1900 7 Bde.
- U.P D. Service 0930 25 Bn.

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John E. ... Capt
Staff Capt 7 Aust Inf Bde

NOTICE.

Lost by QX41724 Pte A.V. Mann near 9 Bn swimming pool, a wallet containing personal valuables. Finder please return to 7 Bde Orderly Room.

7 AUST INF BDE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 39.Compiled from information contained in N.G.F. Summary No 147From 1200 hrs 3 Nov 43 To 1200 hrs 10 Nov 43.SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS.LAND.

In the RAMU VALLEY, ground activity has been slight. Patrolling has been further extended west of BOGADJIM to KULAU, about six air miles NW of PUKTABLO, the previous limit of our penetration.

At FINSCHAPEN the enemy position east of JIVEVANENG was taken on 3 Nov and held despite counter-attacks on the following day. Throughout the area our forces have gradually extended their control westward. The enemy remains relatively inactive, though the track from WARRO to BONGA is the scene of considerable movement in both directions. The movement eastwards appears to be for reinforcement of that flank since the main enemy force was previously centred around SATELBERG. The carrying forward of supplies inland from BONGA appears to account for the bulk of the movement westward.

SEA.

The enemy has had heavy losses as a result of a naval battle off the west coast of BOUGAINVILLE, and a concentrated dive bombing and torpedo attack on naval units in RABAUH HARBOUR. The damage to his cruiser strength was particularly heavy, involving the loss of two cruisers sunk and possibly as many as ten damaged.

AIR.

A heavy raid on 2 Nov against shipping in RABAUH HARBOUR resulted in 48,200 tons of enemy merchant shipping being damaged or sunk. Further raids causing heavy damage have been carried out though bad weather has hampered operations.

A recrudescence of enemy air activity in NEW GUINEA took place on 6 and 7 Nov with two damaging raids on MADZAB as well as a raid each on DUMPU - GUSAP and BENA BENA.

OPERATIONS. LAND - OWN AND ENEMY.

North of FINSCHAPEN the enemy have been cleared from the SATELBERG road just east of JIVEVANENG, and the route is now controlled by us up to 900 yds west of JIVEVANENG. In other areas patrolling has continued practically with out contact. The enemy has been observed to be making extensive use of the BONGA - WARRO track for bringing supplies forward and evacuating wounded.

The situation is unchanged in the RAMU VALLEY. The limit of our commando patrols has now been extended northwards to KULAU. The enemy continues to be active along his L of C.

FINSCHAPEN SECTOR.COASTAL AREA.

Extensive patrolling in the general area east of the 60 Easting grid between the SATELBERG track and the SONG RIVER, has not resulted in contact with the enemy except at approx 1 1/2 miles west of KATIKA where a Japanese listening post was found. This position which had earlier been reported as a strong post, as well as an enemy patrol found in the vicinity, were successfully attacked on 9 Nov.

There is no indication that the enemy has abandoned his strong post 1200 yds west of KATIKA.

There has been little change in our perimeter positions along the coast from approx 2 miles south of BONGA to HEIDRACH PLANTATION, but reliefs and re-grouping have proceeded.

North of the SONG RIVER our patrols intercepted an enemy patrol near diggings approx 1 1/2 miles west of the mouth of the river and a Japanese patrol 1 1/2 miles SSW of BONGA was engaged by arty on 9 Nov.

Apart from this, patrols have made no contact North of the River,

The enemy is, however, making extensive use of the BONGA - WAREO track for bringing up supplies and evacuating wounded. Some 600 enemy have moved East to BONGA, and some 400 West to WAREO during the week. The movement eastwards appears to involve reinforcement for the coastal area, whilst movement westward is thought to be due to supplies being moved inland from the beachheads. A number of wounded proceeding East have also been seen. An enemy Adv Dressing Station exists approx 900 yds SSW of BONGA and staging camps have been observed from the air at points $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles SW and $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles SSW of BONGA. Much general activity is reported in the area between BONGA and the lake $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles SW. Our arty has been brought to bear on the route.

It is reported by Tac R that there is much track activity in the KIARI area (on 1:63,360 sheet shown as WASU) on the RAI coast. A staging camp probably exists there.

JIVEVANENG - KUMAWA.

This area is now under our control. The enemy strong post just to the East of JIVEVANENG fell on 3 Nov. The enemy counter-attacked on the following day in the same area, but after a heavy engagement was beaten back and his positions were found abandoned. On 8 Nov a strong attack was made on the enemy forward posts approx 900 yds west of JIVEVANENG, as a result of which we hold the track to SATILBERG up to that point. In the last attack 9 enemy were killed, five wounded, and the remaining twenty dispersed.

Enemy posts 800 yds NW and $\frac{1}{2}$ mile North of JIVEVANENG were engaged and eliminated. Our arty and mortars have been used successfully in this area, and also against PALANKO.

The enemy still holds a number of strong posts in the general area West of our forward positions on the SATILBERG track, and covering the track leading NW from KUMAWA. The track JIVEVANENG - SATILBERG is extensively used. Enemy posts are being regularly engaged by arty and MG fire. SISI is unoccupied.

From KUMAWA strong patrols are being maintained by our troops down the main spur to GURUNKOR where no enemy have been found.

RAMU VALLEY.

Deep penetration by our commando patrols have been the feature of activity during the week. They have penetrated as far North as KULAU, approx 6 air miles NW of PURTABLO, the former limit of patrolling. At KULAU (3107) 50 Japs were found, but no enemy was found at ULILAI (3407), KEPSAU (3005) or JOBSO (2802).

In other areas there is nothing exceptional to report other than the success of a patrol in reaching a position less than two miles SE of KANKIRYO overlooking the main ^{enemy} line of C. The patrol remained in observation for some days before being withdrawn. Casualties were inflicted on a small enemy force at BERRINGGE (1 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles North of GURUMBU) on 6 Nov.

Regrouping and relief of forward units has been the main Allied preoccupation during the week, but active patrolling has continued.

SEA ENEMY.

RABAUL.

Large scale movements of warships and merchant vessels to RABAUL continues. The cruiser and destroyer forces based at RABAUL have been strongly reinforced.

On 4 Nov, a 19 ship convoy which comprised 4 merchant and 15 naval vessels was sighted en-route to RABAUL. Photographs taken during a strike on the day following showed 3 heavy cruisers, 3 light cruisers and 14 destroyers in port. One of the destroyers was seen to be heavily damaged, the damage in all probability having been sustained in an earlier Allied air strike.

Convoys en-route were harassed by Allied A/C and heavy attacks were made on vessels in port at RABAUL. Damage to both merchant and naval vessels resulted. In addition, a Japanese naval task force was severely handled in waters adjacent to the area of the Allied landing at BOUGAINVILLE. The considerable damage which has been sustained by Japanese naval vessels when en-route to RABAUL, since

concentration at that port, and in operations, does not appear to be off-set either by commensurate damage to Allied units or by disruption of Allied movements and dislocation of our current offensive.

NEW BRITAIN.

Further evidence of regular movement of enemy vessels along the North coast of NEW BRITAIN comes from a reliable source whence it is stated that an average of two small ships pass UBILI nightly going westwards. In this manner, 17 ships moved between 23 and 31 Oct. On 30 Oct a large vessel moved westward. A small freighter or sea-truck and a barge were seen off UNKA ISLAND at 2330L/4. A further report states that BAYA village in OPEN BAY is a staging point for regular barge traffic which is in present operation. Barges were also reported moving off CAPE HOSKINS and CAPE RAOULT on 8 Nov.

NEW GUINEA.

On 3 Nov a visual sighting was made of three merchant vessels of 3/4,000 tons in WEWAK HARBOUR. At 1700L/7 a 1,000 ton merchant vessel crowded with 150/200 Japs was sighted approaching HANSA BAY from the NE. It is not possible to say with certainty whether this vessel was engaged in the redistribution of NEW GUINEA forces or in the carriage of reinforcements from outside this theatre. It may be noted, however, that the process of transferring forces from WEWAK for the reinforcement of NA ANH appears to have been temporarily concluded.

Barge traffic from SIO eastwards continues for the supply, and possibly, the reinforcement, of enemy troops in the SATLEBERG area. PT Boats have caused extensive damage to barges engaged in this traffic and on 4 Nov attacked six barges 12 miles North of BLUCHER POINT sinking 4 'A' type and severely damaging a smaller barge.

Reports from this source indicate that Japanese barges are increasingly heavily armed and in some cases have a degree of armour protection on the hull. This is more often encountered on large type barges than on type 'A' vessels. Type 'A' barges when attacked have proved to be armed with 13mm guns, shoulder control, magazine filled and air cooled. The arm used included an explosive or incendiary type bullet.

SUBMARINE SUPPLY.

Supply by submarine apparently continues to the NEW GUINEA coast and in the absence of regular sightings along the South coast of NEW BRITAIN, it seems possible that these vessels are now proceeding from RABAU by way of waters to the North of NEW BRITAIN. This would be a logical course having regard to their probable destination (the NE portion of HUGH PENINSULA) and the Allied control of VITIAZ STRAIT.

Torpedo attacks were made by our surface units on two submarines in the BLUCHER POINT area on 5 Nov and it is possible that a beach in this vicinity is used for unloading stores from supply submarines. At least one submarine appears to have been damaged or sunk in these attacks.

AIR - OWN.

On 2 Nov a heavy attack from low level was made on shipping in RABAU HARBOUR, by medium bombers with fighter cover. A total of 48,200 tons of merchant shipping was sunk or damaged and hits were made on two destroyers and one heavy cruiser. Heavy enemy interception was encountered and 67 enemy fighters were destroyed. Our losses in this raid were nine bombers and ten fighters.

RABAU was attacked by our heavy bombers in daylight on two occasions, and two night bombing attacks and a torpedo attack were made by medium bombers. Considerable damage resulted from these raids.

ALEXISHAFEN.

Following the burst of enemy activity in the RAMU VALLEY area, our medium bombers attacked grounded A/C and installations at ALEXISHAFEN. Nine A/C were destroyed on the ground and covering fighters destroyed a further fourteen machines. Other attacks were made on villages and barge hideouts

along the coast between ALEXISHAPEN and MADANG. NAMBARIWA was also attacked.

SAIDOR - MADZAB.

Twenty-six enemy A/C were shot down by our fighters during sweeps and interceptions in the past week in these two localities.

UPPER FARIA VALLEY.

In support of ground troops on 5 Nov, a strong force of medium bombers carried out a strike on enemy positions which were identified by smoke. The mission was considered successful.

SHIPPING.

During attacks on shipping in the approaches to RABAU, a merchant vessel was sunk and a destroyer hit.

In the REIN BAY area two luggers were sunk off KATENGA and seven barges were destroyed.

AIR - ENEMY.

Most noteworthy feature of enemy air effort in NEW GUINEA during the week was a series of sharp attacks during 6 and 7 Nov on airfields in the MARKHAM VALLEY and the BENA BENA area. Some damage to A/C on the ground and loss of personnel was sustained.

It is possible that the enemy regarded the busy forward airfields at MADZAB, GUSAP and DUMFU, and to a lesser extent BENA BENA, SIGOIYA and GAROKA, as likely to afford lucrative targets of opportunity. In addition there existed the added probability that successful attacks would temporarily divert a portion of Allied strength from the steady pounding of airfields and shipping in the RABAU area.

However, it is perhaps significant that the airfields chosen for this series of attacks are those from which Allied forces operating in the MARKHAM VALLEY are supplied, and the attacks may mark the commencement of an attempt to impede the maintenance of our forces in that area.

Evidence is yet inconclusive and insufficient to give a reliable pointer to the enemy's intention, but, it is noteworthy that the series of attacks mentioned above represents the first enemy attempt for some time past to seize even a limited initiative in the air over NEW GUINEA.

FINSCHAPEN AREA.

Enemy air effort in support of his ground troops at FINSCHAPEN has been on a limited scale and the only raids recently reported were by single A/C on 4 and 5 Nov and by four A/C on 6 Nov. No damage or casualties are reported from these raids.

ALEXISHAPEN.

The enemy is making increasing use of airfields at ALEXISHAPEN where considerable recent development work has been carried out, and more than 50 A/C were photographed on 7 Nov. It is unlikely that the enemy will attempt permanently to base such a large number of A/C at ALEXISHAPEN but indications are that A/C may stage in the area and come temporarily under local operational control.

SOLOMONS.

In spite of heavy losses on the ground and in combat, the enemy retains a formidable striking force at RABAU. This fact was emphasized on 8 Nov when approx 100 A/C consisting of dive-bombers, torpedo-bombers and fighters attacked Allied shipping in EMPRESS AUGUSTA BAY. The raiders were intercepted and a quarter of the attacking force was definitely destroyed.

ENEMY OOB $\frac{1}{2}$ LAND.

SIO - SATIIBERG.

The identification of 4 rd Hosp 51 Div and elements of three engineer units, less a further 51 enemy reported killed, has increased the estimate of strength in this area to 10,443. On 17 Oct, at least 7,000 of these troops were forward of WANEO with elements as far south as TIRIMORO.

The present tactical situation indicates that the bulk

of these troops are still in this forward area. The strength of main combat units from which known killed allotted on an arbitrary basis have been deducted is 6235.

In arriving at these figures no allowance was made for probable^{un} reported killed and ineffectives due to wounds and sickness. For this type of fighting an allowance on the basis of one wounded for every reported enemy killed is considered reasonable and in addition to a constant 20% suffering from malaria etc. would reduce the effective strength of these units to 4,160.

The reduction due to malaria, etc is based on documentary evidence which provided details of illness during the movement of 80 Inf Regt from BOGADJIM to the PINNACHAFEN area.

EQUIPMENT.

HANDLING OF JAPANESE AMMUNITION.

Many injuries have been received by individuals tampering with complete rounds of Japanese High Explosive or incendiary amm in recent weeks.

In the majority of these cases, the detonation could have been avoided if unauthorized personnel had not tried to investigate the shells. However, there are at least two types of Japanese amm which require such a small amount of heat to ignite their incendiary compositions that they have been known to explode and ignite in their magazines or when lying in the open.

These two types of amm are:-

- (a) 20 mm A/C Cannon, HE - incendiary.
- (b) 7.9 mm A/C machine gun incendiary .

20 mm HE is easily recognised by the greenish yellow body and brass nose fuze. The body may be plain yellow, or may have either one or two white bands. It may be found in the 20mm drum magazine which is used with the cannon, lying around loose in captured areas, or in its original packing cases.

The 7.9 mm incendiary will be found either loose in packing boxes or in the saddle type drum magazine.

In captured areas this amm is a serious hazard. It must be kept clear of all other amm prior to shipment or disposal. It should be kept in the shade, and not exposed to any heat, as it will readily ignite and explode.

If some of the amm starts to smoke or explode, the remainder should be drowned in the deepest water available without delay.

Individuals holding complete rounds of this type of amm in their possession will dispose of them immediately in the interests of safety.

SECURITY.

LOOSE TALK.

A recently captured enemy document discloses that an Allied PW stated during an interrogation by the Japanese :-

" Two or three weeks ago, I heard the Medical Colonel of a Hospital in northern Australia tell a patient that it appeared as if the 'X' Division were in BUNA. "

Here is direct example of how the information disclosed in careless talk by a senior, did in fact reach the enemy.

PSW IN THE MARKHAM VALLEY OPERATIONS.

Some few examples of the work done are condensed below:

At HEATHS, three haversacks of enemy notebooks and fuses were carried back for five miles to Bde HQ. Here, the opportunity was taken of sending back some equipment with the G III (I) and Adjt Div sigs but large quantities of papers and equipment were found; and much more, including a Jap W/T set complete, had to be carried back. At LAE, from the houses, officers quarters and workshops, enormous quantities of equipment and documents were found, among which were maps of the MARKHAM VALLEY reproduced from Allied maps.

On 10 Oct an FS NCO made a long trip over difficult

country to DUMFU at the same time carrying a large sack of captured documents and a complete W/T set as well as escorting a PW who proved a source of valuable information.

During the advance to the GUSAP RIVER, battalions were usually five to six miles ahead of pde and it was impossible for section members to take documents to pde and return to battalions on the same day. Battalion intelligence personnel assisted here by carrying back documents.

One outstanding feature was the excellent co-operation of the forward troops in searching areas and sending in documents and equipment. An example was the operation order for the evacuation of LAE found on a dead Jap and passed back through the FS Sec. A note taken from a dying Jap offr at WARANPOR who wrote "approximate strength of enemy four to five hundred, three mortars" was translated within four hours of its capture.

IMPORTANCE OF IDENTIFICATIONS.

(a) If anyone should ask what is the object of risking men's lives for the sake of gaining identifications, the final offensive which broke through to TONIS should provide the answer for all time. The selection of the point for the main thrust was based largely on our knowledge:-

(i) That the two battalions opposing us were weak and not of the first quantity;

(ii) That the main TONIS road was an inter-divisional boundary, and

(iii) that the immediate reserves had just been transferred to another part of the front.

The casualties saved to our forces by this knowledge which was gained entirely by identifications and by familiarity with German units, cannot be over-estimated.

(b) Information concerning forthcoming operations was withheld from the men until about two days before D Day. Our projects were less liable to leak out through indiscreet talking (for there were few people outside their own ranks with whom guardsmen could converse) than through intelligent observation of our movements by the enemy, and information taken to him by Arab spies. Vast harbours of dummy tanks were devised to mislead the enemy, and divisions were concentrated for an assault as far back as possible. The success of these measures may be judged from the fact that after our break through by two Inf Divisions, followed by two Armoured Divisions, on a front of 4000 yds, the enemy admitted that he had expected the blow to fall several miles to the South.

Macquarie Lieut.,
I.O. 7 Aust Inf Bde
Nov 43.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

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ROUTINE ORDERS PART I.

by

Lt-Col E.S. MILES D.S.O., ADM COMD
7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

16 Nov 43.

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320. GUARDS AND DUTIES. (See 7 Bde R.O. G315 of 13 Nov)

Orders for Field Officer of the Day, Bde Gd and duties will be issued. Unit lines will be inspected daily by Fd Offr, Bn Orderly Offr and R.M.O. in company.

ROSTER

Mounting at Retreat 1830 hrs
Tour of duty from Retreat to Retreat

Bde Guard and Duty Bugler		Fd Offr of the Day	
Nov 18	25 Bn	Capt B. RYAN	25 Bn
19	9 Bn	" A.T. BEECH	9 Bn
20	20 Pl E Coy 2/1 Gd Regt (25 Bn Bugler)	" J.H. FOSTER	HQ 7 Bde
21	9 Bn	" J.L. KELLY	9 Bn
22	61 Bn	" K.C. CAMPBELL	61 Bn
23	9 Bn	" C.J.K. SMITH	9 Bn
24	61 Bn	" A.N. LAWSON	61 Bn
25	9 Bn	" A.J.F. GAUL	9 Bn
26	61 Bn	" E.McK. TWEMLOW	61 Bn
27	9 Bn	" D.G. HENDERSON	9 Bn
28	61 Bn	" N. CAIRNS	61 Bn
29	HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde (9 Bn bugler)	" W.A. PEAKE	HQ 7 Bde
30	61 Bn	" R.U.P. TODHUNTER	61 Bn.

321. Attention of units is directed to the following order :-

3 Aust Div RO G379 - CONTROLLED STORES - CHARGING SETS
GENERATING SETS.

[Signature]
Bde Maj 7 Aust Inf Bde.

322. GAMBLING.

'A & Q'

Gambling is forbidden at all times. Units will take disciplinary action against promoters of "two-up" and participants in this and other games of chance.

323. TIMETABLE.

Reveille	0700
Breakfast	0745
First trg period	0830 - 1200
Midday Meal	1230
Second Trg period	1400 - 1630
Evening Meal	1800
Retreat	1830
Last Post	2215
Lights Out	2230

((Attention is called to NGF Orders A 407 (Dress) and A 408 (Time for Reveille). Anti-malarial regulations must be fully observed. Shorts (if permitted as dress for the day) may NOT be worn before 0730 hrs; Evening meal must NOT be served to men who are NOT correctly dressed in boots, socks, gaiters, long trousers and long-sleeved shirts))

324. WORKS BN, RELIEF OF.

25 Bn will relieve 61 Bn by 1800 hrs 21 Nov.

325. REMITTANCES FROM MEMBERS. (GRO F 747)

1. The attention of all ranks is drawn to the arrangements which exist for a member to send a remittance of cash or undrawn pay to any person resident in Australia or to another member (wherever serving).
2. These arrangements provide that remittances may be made through Army channels by members who are serving in localities where money order or banking facilities for remittances are not available with reasonable convenience.
3. Remittances through Army channels are effected by the member completing a remittance form (WF 131 or WF 131a) and handing the form to the pay sergeant or paymaster, together with the cash (in the case of remittance of cash) or the member's pay book (for entry of the debit in the case of a remittance of undrawn-pay).
4. A member sending a remittance should take particular care to see that full details are clearly and legibly set out on the remittance form. This applies especially to the name and address of the person to whom the remittance is to be sent.
5. The member will ensure that he obtains a receipt from the pay sergeant or paymaster for any cash handed over.

(to be republished in unit routine orders.)

326. AA EDUCATION SERVICE - PUBLIC EXAMINATIONS. (NGF O. A 436)

1. Attention is drawn to the fact that members of the AMF who are pursuing courses of study by correspondence may wish to present themselves for public examination, the majority of which are held in November and December each year.
2. Such members should be instructed to consult a full time Education Officer, who will assist in arranging examinations and supervision.
3. Commanding Officers and officers in charge of units will facilitate the holding of examinations so far as conditions of service permit.

(to be republished in all unit routine orders.)

327. REMITTANCES OF UNDRAWN PAY AND CASH. (NGF O. A 438)

1. It is anticipated that there will be a heavy demand by members to avail themselves of the opportunity of sending Remittances to residents in Australia, as Xmas gifts, and members are therefore requested to remit early.
2. Remittances forwarded through paymasters and received by District Accounts Office NEW GUINEA on or before 12 December 1943 will be paid by 25 December 1943.

(to be republished in Unit routine orders)

328. VEHICLE THEFTS. (3 Aust Div R.O. 318)

Owing to the increasing theft of vehicles, due in almost every instance to vehicles being left unattended, the following action will now be taken by all units under Comd 3 Aust Div.

1. No vehicle will be permitted to leave unit lines from the hours of 1800 to daylight, without sanction of unit CO.
2. Vehicles absent from unit lines during this period will NOT be left unattended at any time.

3. One driver will be allotted to each vehicle and will be held responsible for its security and maintenance. Where more vehicles held than drivers available, immediate steps should be taken to train additional drivers to enable compliance with foregoing para. Where this cannot be accomplished, consideration will be given to withdrawal of vehicles.

Unit commanders are requested to ensure prevention of theft by a strict adherence to this order.

This instruction will be repeated in Unit R.O.s and brought to the notice of all ranks.

329. Attention of units is directed to the following R.O.s

- GRO A739 - Record of Service Book AAB 83
- GRO A734 - Discipline; Prevalence of Theft of Military Stores and Supplies.
- GRO A736 - Discharge of Pers to Industry.
- 3 Aust Div 382 - AAOC Pers. (Return to be fwd to reach this HQ by 0900 hrs 19 Nov 43.)

L. Boyle Capt
Staff Capt 7 Aust Inf Bde

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NOTICE

The Australian Red Cross Society wish to record their sincere thanks and appreciation for the generous gesture of the officers and men of the 7 Aust Inf Bde who made possible the donation of Sixty-Nine (£69) from Gynkhana held at Donadabu 6 Nov 43, to the P.O.W. Fund.

FOUND Wallet; owner may have same by applying at Bde HQ Orderly Room.

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330. PRISONER OF WAR COMPOUNDS

(to be repeated in unit orders)

Tps will NOT approach P.W. compounds or loiter nearby either for the purpose of gazing at P.Ws or attempting to talk to them.

L. Boyle Maj
Bde Maj 7 Aust Inf Bde

7 ANST INF BDE
ORDERS FOR BRIGADE GUARD
JUNE VALLEY

(see AMR & O Division 11 - Guards and Pickets)

1. TOUR OF DUTY :- Retreat to Retreat (1830 hrs)
2. COMPOSITION OF GUARD :-
 - (a) One subaltern, one sgt, two cpls, 16 ptes, plus one waiting man.
 - (b) Each gd will be provided from one pl.
 - (c) Stick orderly will remain with gd throughout its tour of duty.
3. DRESS FOR GUARD :- Boots, gaiters or puttees short (uniform within gd), trousers and shirts green, hats KF, marching order. (Packs will be removed from sentries). Twenty rounds SAA ball will be carried by each man but rifles will NOT be loaded NOR magazines charged.
4. POSTS AND DUTIES :-
 - (a) There will be four (4) posts, namely
 - No 1 Post: Guard tent (entrance to Bde HQ).
 - No 2 Post: Comd hut (Offices, Offrs' Mess, Sgts' Mess, Sig Store, Canteen).
 - No 3 Post: QM Store (Store, Mens' Mess and Showers.)
 - No 4 Post: North gate (Bde Comd's hut and offrs' lines).
 - (b) When NOT halted at his post, a sentry will patrol his beat in a brisk and soldierly manner.
 - (c) Sentries will prevent the entry of unauthorised persons into Bde HQ area and will protect buildings and the military and personal property of soldiers.
5. RELIEFS:- Sentries will be relieved every two hours.
6. COMPLIMENTS :-
 - (a) The gd will turn out once a day to the Bde Comd and will turn out to all visiting General offrs.
 - (b) Sentries will pay the prescribed compliments to armed parties and to all offrs. (N.B. Present arms to offrs of the rank of Maj and above.)
7. TURNING OUT :- The Gd will turn out at Reveille and Tattoo (Last Post) and on the alarm being sounded. It will turn out for inspection when ordered by the fd offr of the day.
8. REPORTS :- The gd comd will render his report immediately the gd is dismissed and during his tour of duty will send to the fd offr of the day (or duty staff offr) an immediate report of any unusual occurrence near his gd.
9. TPT FOR GUARD :- Unit furnishing the new gd will provide one 3-ton veh to bring the new gd to bde HQ and to take the old gd back to its unit.
10. MEALS FOR GUARD :- Bde HQ will provide three meals for each gd and hot drink at Tattoo. New gd will have evening meal in own lines before reporting for duty. Old gd will have evening meal at 1730 hrs. Stick orderly will carry meals from Bde HQ kitchen to gd tent.
11. STORES :- Gd tent and stores will be handed over complete and in good condition from one gd comd to the next. Inventory of stores will be kept in the gd tent.
12. CHANGING OF GUARD :-
 - (a) Gd mounting parade will take place on the square at Bde HQ.
 - (b) Old gd (less sentries on posts) will be drawn up on the square by 1810 hrs.
 - (c) New gd will march up from entrance to Bde HQ and will be drawn up on the square by 1815 hrs.

(d) New gd will be inspected by duty staff offr and old gd by old fd offr of the day.

(e) After inspection, gds will hand over their duties and, when Retreat has been sounded, will march to guard tent. Sentries will then be relieved, after which old gd will return by M.T. to its unit.

J. B. Mahoney Maj
Bde Maj 7 Aust Inf Bde

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7 AUST INF BDE
DUTIES OF DUTY BUGLER
JUNE VALLEY

1. parade. Duty bugler will assume duties at bde guard mounting.
2. Staff Offr. He will sound retreat on that parade when ordered by Duty Staff Offr.
3. He will be dismissed after that parade and will return to his unit in the veh provided for the gd. He will NOT be required to hand over his duties at gd mounting on the following day.
4. Dress for duty bugler will be as for gd, but side arms only will be worn.

H. Mahoney
 Bde. Maj. 7 Aust Inf Bde. Maj.

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7 AUST INF BDE
DUTIES OF FIELD OFFICER OF THE DAY
JUNE VALLEY

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1. TOUR OF DUTY :- Retreat to Retreat
2. HANDING OVER DUTIES :- Duties will be handed over on bde gd mounting parade.
3. DRESS :- Boots, gaiters or puttees short, trousers and shirt green, hat KF, web eqpt.
4. DUTIES OF FIELD OFFICER :-
 Fd offr is responsible for the cleanliness, punctuality, good order and discipline of the camp life of tps of 7 Aust Inf Bde Gp.
 He will -
 - (a) be present and hand over his duties on bde gd mounting parade;
 - (b) inspect the old guard on this parade;
 - (c) read and initial his predecessor's report at Bde HQ by 1900 hrs, and take any action required by it.
 - (d) inspect the gd once by day and once by night;
 - (e) inspect the lines of at least one unit daily in company with unit orderly offr and RMO;
 - (f) visit the messes of at least one unit at each meal;
 - (g) ensure that bde standing and routine orders are being observed (eg timetable, anti-malarial and dress regulations)
5. REPORT :- Old fd offr will submit his report to bde HQ by 1845 hrs on day of handing over his duties. Report will specifically include matters which require attention by his successor. Reports will not contain merely a record of irregularities but will state the action taken to correct them.
6. TRANSPORT :- Bde T.O. will arrange for a veh to be provided for fd offr of the day throughout his tour of duty.

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 Bde Maj 7 Aust Inf Bde

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7 AUST INF BDE ADM O No 8.

RELIEF 61 Bn BY 25 Bn

Ref Map. PORT MORESBY 1 : 63,360

INFM

1. 61 Aust Inf Bn is supplying working parties in the MORESBY area as follows

<u>Serial</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>Number Approx</u>	<u>Nature of Task</u>
1.	901356	2 offrs 41 ORs	2/1 Ry Constn No 4 Sec Road drainage, constn of latrines, road work.
2.	853421	1 " 29 "	2/1 Ry Constn Coy No 2 Sec. Road Work.
3.	943331	1 " 28 ") 1 " 33 ")	8 Army Tps 2/1 AGH.
4.	037448	4 " 52 "	10 AOD
5.	002446	1 " 32 "	8 AAD. Cleaning, loading, stacking and unloading amn.
6.	917387	4 " 82 "	BSD. On and Off loading; sorting and stacking supplies; guarding security shed; manning control posts.
7.	955429	- " 15 "	34 Aust Supply Depot Coy Cutting and milling timber.
8.	875356	2 " 50 "	Port Comd, LAWES GAP Road construction; hut building; loading and unloading canteen goods.
9.	864354	- " 18 "	Power House.
10.	904359	- " 28 "	MFO. loading and unloading Military packages.
11.	013444	3 " 108 "	2/1 Ry Constn Coy (AMEC) Breaking metal; loading trucks; road work; traffic control.
12.	891379	7 " 95 "	BHQ Adm.

INTENTION

2. (a) 25 Bn will relieve 61 Bn by 1200 hrs 21 Nov and take over all tasks enumerated in para (1).

(b) 25 Bn HQ and rear details if any will remain at present site 885396.

METHOD

3. Tpt. (a) 40 3 ton veh (or equivalent) provided by Q 3 Aust Div will report to 25 Bn by 0600 hrs 21 Nov. 25 Bn will arrange for breakfast to be provided for drivers on arrival.

(b) 25 Bn will embuss under unit arrangements and move to locations as shown in para 1.

(c) On arrival at locations vehs will be taken over by 61 Bn and will return with personnel and stores to camp site 891379. 61 Bn will provide lunch for drivers before they return to tpt coys.

MOVT

4. Convoy will be divided into secs to meet requirements of Serials in para (1). Sec will move direct to locations as shown.

START PT

5. 25 Bn HQ lines.

START TIME

6. 0745 hrs 21 Nov

PRO

7. Unit Provost will be used to assist with traffic control. Pde TO will assist unit TO wherever possible.

RATIONS

8. Rations will be arranged by BASCO and units.

ACCOMMODATION STORES

9. Each Bn will take its own accommodation stores.

TENTAGE

10. Tents will NOT be exchanged by units.

REPORTS ON AREAS

11. COs 25 Bn and 61 Bn will submit to HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde certificate that areas vacated have been left in a clean and hygienic condition.

12. Attention is drawn to 7 Aust Inf Bde memo 43/All/117 and requirements therein.

COMD

13. Upon arrival at locations as set out in para (1), 25 Bn will come under direction of 2 Aust Base Sub-Area but all returns and correspondence will be fwd direct to HQ 7 Bde.

25 and 61 Bns will advise 7 Aust Inf Bde, 2 Aust Base Sub-Area and Q 3 Aust Div upon completion of move.

[Handwritten Signature]
A/Staff Capt 7 Aust Inf Bde

Signed at 1200 hrs.
Issued to Bns by LO
All others through Sigs.

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 20 / Nov / 1943 (Unit)

47 / 45 (Serial No.)

W.E. 11 / 2 / 3 OFFRS. 18 O.R.'s. 69 + OFFRS. - O.R.'s. - ATT. BY W.E.
(Tropical)

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

W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY V.E.				
Rein'fts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'fts Required.
			1	Brigadiers *					
			1	Lieut.-Colonels					
			1	Majors					
1 NR	1		10	Captains					
1 NR	1	2	5	Lieutenants		N I L			
2 (1NR)	2	1		Quarter-masters					
				A.A.N.S and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.					
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.					
4 (3NR)	4	3	17						

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. Class	16	1								17
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).

HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde (AIF) Unit

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 20/Nov 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 brig	TX2002	FIELD	J.	Comd	NO	Adm comd 3 Aust div but at present inmate of 2/9 AGH and on "X" list	29/9/43
Capt Maj	Q15602	MAHONEY	J.C.	B.M.	Yes		
Lieut Capt	NX70799	LOWNDES	A.G.	B.M. (L)	"		
"	QX40880	KREBS	A.A.	S.C.	NO	First Aust Army Junior Staff School ("X" List)	10/10/43
"	QX35561	CORPE	J.E.	S.C. (L)	Yes		
"	QX40870	HORNIBROOK	C.M.	T.O.	"		
Bx	QX36181	FOSTER	J.H.A.	L.O.I	"		
"	QX36365	PATERSON	J.S.	L.O.II	NO	inmate 47 AGH ("X" List)	3/11/43
"	QX40835	MULCAHY	E.R.	L.O.III	Yes		
"	QX13552	BLACKMORE	E.R.W.	I.O.	"		
"	NX127324	MORE	K.G.	HVE.O.	"		
"	QX38334	WOOD	L.A.	Amen.O.	NO	Rec Leave in Aust	14/11/43
"	QX45277	PEAKE	W.A.	BASCO	Yes		
"	WY36327	JACKSON	J.A.	Ed.O.	"		
Cha plain	VX114018	GANLY	D.A.	9 bn	NO		
"	DX899	DWYER	J.	25 "	"		
"	NX142882	McCULLOUGH	M.	61 "	"		

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 Capt	QX36184	DUGGAN J.E.	25 Aust Inf Bn	6/10/43	A/S.C.
Hon Capt	B287	REES I.S.	AA Amenities Service (YMCA)		

20 Nov 43.
Date of Despatch

John Duggan
A/staff Capt. 7 Aust Inf Bde. ca pt.
Signature of Commander

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 20/ Nov 1943 HQ 7 AUST INF BDE (AIF) (Unit)

W.E. 11 2 / 3 OFFRS. 18 O.R's. 69 + OFFRS. - O.R's. - ATT. BY W.E.
(Tropica 1)

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.					
			2	Staff Sergeants					
2	2		3	Sergeants					
			8	Corporals			N I L		
1	2	3	53	Troopers, Privates, etc.					
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
3	*	4	69 *	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	17	all	A	CLASS					69
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	AA Amenities service (YMCA)			1	9 Aust Inf Bn		
1	8 Army Tp			1	61 "		
3	9 Aust Inf Bn			1	25 "		
				1	HQ 3 Aust Div		

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

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

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 20 / Nov / 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				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				Range-takers			
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Rivetters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevadores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers	1	1		Signallers				Tailors			
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen	2	1	1	Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				By. 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	3	3		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				C.S.M.	1	1	
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers				C.Q.M.S.	1	1	
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	7	8		Tpt Sgt	1	1	
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply				Drs Mt	6	6	
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				"Orderlies	9	9	
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	4	4		Coach Trimmers				Batmen	15	16	
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors				" Drs	3	3	
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks				General	3	3	
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies				Duties			
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				Hyg duties	1	1	
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				Water duties	1	1	
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics		1		signal	6	6	
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant				orderlies			
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.	1	1		Engine Hands, I.C.				motor	1	1	
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers				cyclist			
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers				Medical			
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates				orderly	1	1	
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD	4	2	2	CARRIED FORWARD	13	10	3	CARRIED FORWARD	20	19	3	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	69	69	3

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

Capt.
A/Staff Capt. 7 Aust Inf Bde.
Signature of Commander

PARTICULARS OF RANKS OTHER THAN PRIVATE

GROUP I

posted strength

Draughtsmen

1 includes 1/2 1 cpl.

GROUP II

Intelligence duties
cooks

4 " 1 s/sgt, 1 cpl.
3 " 1 cpl.

GROUP III

Clerks

8 " 1 W.O.I, 1 W.O.II, 2 sgts 2 cpls

NON-SPECIALISTS

C.S.M.
C.Q.M.S.
Tpt Sgt
Drs MT
General duties
Medical orderly

1 " 1 W.O.II
1 " 1 s/sgt
1 " 1 sgt
6 " 1 cpl.
3 " 1 cpl
1 " 1 cpl.

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Signature of Commandant

Date of Report

AUSTRALIAN ARMY EDUCATION SERVICE

7 AUST INF BDE

DIARY TO 20 NOV 43

Most activities during the week were allowed to lapse owing to Bde movements.

Current Affairs Bulletin discussions were held where possible. Five were held.

Distribution of library books was continued. Returns show 127 books were borrowed.

K. J. Gallaway Lt. *Sgt.*
Lieut
Educ Offr 7 Aust Inf Bde

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7 AUST INF BDE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 49.

Compiled from information contained in M.C.F. Summary No 148
From 1200 hrs 10 Nov 43 to 1200 hrs 17 Nov 43.

SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS.

LAND.

In the FINSCHHAPEN area, following a period of aggressive patrol activity, our troops on 16 Nov made important advances to the west and northwest. A strong Japanese position on the lower slopes of GREEN RIDGE, 1500 yards west of JIVEVANENG, was captured, and our troops reached the junction of the SISI - SATLEBERG track.

Numerous enemy positions have been located by our patrols south of the BONGA - WARNO track. The enemy appears to be regrouping his forces in order to achieve greater strength in the coastal sector.

Indications persist of further troop movement down the RAI coast.

In the SOLOMONS, elements of 17 Div have been identified for the first time.

SEA.

At RABAU, no doubt as a result of Allied raids, both naval and merchant shipping tonnage is now much below recent levels.

Barge and shipping movement along the north coast of NEW BRITAIN continues and is indicative of further building up of strength in the western end of the island.

AIR.

In NEW GUINEA a period of desultory small-scale action by the enemy was broken on 15 Nov, when approx 80 aircraft attacked airfields in SADEAB and GUSAP areas. A further 80/70 aircraft were encountered next day over WIKAK.

The enemy appears to be making every effort to maintain his air strength in the SWPA, despite losses sustained both on the ground and in aerial combat.

OPERATIONS

LAND - OWN AND ENEMY

Important moves have begun in the JIVEVANENG - KUHARA area on the approaches to SATLEBERG. Forward moves on 16 Nov NE from JIVEVANENG have resulted in our troops occupying the lower slopes of enemy-held high ground approx one mile east of SATLEBERG, and a move westward along the SATLEBERG road has brought our forward positions to the junction of the SISI track. Enemy positions immediately menacing our right flank were cleared.

In the KATIKA area, our troops have also moved westward along the track to positions some 2700 yds west of the village. Otherwise in the coastal area the position remains unchanged.

Native reports indicate that 1000 convalescent and resting Japanese are at KULUNOTUPU and that the enemy is using KULUNOTUPU, the principal village of the HUBE district (west of WARNO) as a native food supply depot for forward areas. It is stated that 1000 natives are engaged in the carrying of this food.

In the RAMU VALLEY our patrols have now penetrated to BAGASIN 5 miles NE of KULAU (the previous limit of patrolling). The enemy maintains his passive role, but continues work along the BOGADJIE ROAD and on his defensive positions in the ORGORUNA - KISA area.

PINSCHKEPUN SECTOR
Coastal Area.

Our patrols have continued to probe the general area between the SATLBERG road and SONG RIVER without any contact of consequence. A party of 30 Japanese was seen in a coconut grove just north of the river approx two miles from its mouth. Artillery fire was brought to bear on an enemy position astride the track approx 2 1/2 miles WSW of KATIKA.

In the centreour troops have made a move westward from KATIKA. They were last reported on the track approx 2700 yards west of the village.

North of the SONG RIVER small enemy patrols have been contacted by our patrols near the BONGA track approx 1 1/2 miles north of the river mouth, one enemy party being successfully ambushed. An ~~estimated~~ estimated enemy force of two platoons was seen on 16 Nov approx two miles north of the river mouth.

From further north, natives report that the following routes southwards are being used by the enemy.

Ref MASAWENG RIVER 1" Provisional :-

- (a) AGO - EONGIPIPI (445888) - ZAGAHMI (432652 - TUBAKO (472781) - MERIKO (500740) - BAZULUO (538732).
- (b) LAKONA - AINOLAU (570804) - BAZULUO.
- (c) KANLAGIDU POINT - thence SW along unmarked river - WARRO.

(NOTE : All above references are approximate only)

Camps are reported from the same source to exist at EONGIPIPI, ZAGAHMI, TUBAKO, MERIKO, BAZULUO, 200 yards north of AGO, and on north bank of MASAWENG RIVER near its mouth.

Tac/R information confirms the use of tracks inland from AGO and LAKONA, but the use of a track direct from KANLAGIDU POINT has not previously been reported, although Tac/R has referred to the use of the track just south of the SOWI RIVER. All three of the above places are known to be barge off-loading points.

The enemy continues to stage troops through BONGA. On 16 Nov, 341 Japanese carrying rifles and 35 LMGs were observed moving south in small groups towards BONGA along the coastal track. There were no doubt reinforcements en route from LAKONA for the SATLBERG area. On the same day 32 troops moved north from BONGA.

A 3" coastal gun has been reported sited near BONGA. Our artillery has brought fire to bear in the BONGA area and along the track to WARRO where further movement continues.

JIVEVANENG - KUMAWA

Patrols during the week have reported that the enemy held positions on GREEN RIDGE (just north of the main SATLBERG track due north of SISI) and were also in a number of positions in the area bounded by the main SATLBERG road and the SISI - KUMAWA and SATLBERG road - KUMAWA tracks. On 16 Nov our forward troops attacked westward from JIVEVANENG after artillery, MG and mortar preparation, and, following the capture of EAST KNOLL on GREEN RIDGE (576663), were last reported at 2100 hrs occupying the junction of SATLBERG road - SISI track. Patrols were immediately sent out SW into the enemy held area seeking out their positions south of the main road. A number of known enemy positions were shelled.

Other troops advanced north from JIVEVANENG and occupied positions on the slopes south and SE of the 2600 feature (sq 5767) approx 1 mile east of SATLBERG. Enemy are believed to hold this feature in some strength, and are also in the high ground approx 800 yards SSW of ARABOX.

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The KUMAWA area has been reinforced. Patrols along the river to GURUNGER have made no contacts, but a small party of enemy approx one mile south of the village was ambushed by our troops on 16 Nov.

KULUNGTUFU

Following previous native information of the presence of large parties of enemy in the villages around KULUNGTUFU (15 air miles west of WARRO), further reports from native sources now state that an estimated number of 100 Japanese are in the area, including convalescents from SATELBUNG. The village of KULUNGTUFU, the principal village of the HUBE district is reported as an enemy collecting point for native foodstuffs. Photographs of new huts in the village are consistent with this. A further report of an alleged carrier line of 100 natives from KULUNGTUFU - WARRO suggests that the former village is being used as an ancillary supply depot for the enemy forward area. The exploitation of native fresh food resources in this area is to be expected.

RAMU VALLEY

This front remained quiescent. Patrolling has continued but few contacts with the enemy have been made. A small enemy patrol was dispersed in the KESAWAI No 2 area and another party encircled and dispersed about 3 1/2 miles NE KESAWAI.

Our commando troops inflicted casualties on a strong enemy patrol at AMINIK (401022). Photographs indicate the continued maintenance of enemy defensive positions ORGORUKA - NISA. Commando patrols have penetrated to BAGASIN (3909) which is occupied by the enemy, as also is KULAU. The same patrol reported ORLSOP (3408) clear of enemy.

In the GUSAP - TUNOKCAT RIVER area, our patrols are investigating reports of the presence of enemy in the GOMUMU - WAKUMTI - SHIRINE area.

SEA - ENEMY

The large concentration of enemy warships earlier reported in RABAUL HARBOUR has not been seen recently and appears to have been dispersed to more rearward bases. On the morning of 10 Nov there were three cruisers (one damaged), fourteen destroyers (one damaged) and 69,000 tons of merchant shipping in harbour, of which only 24,000 tons had escaped damage. It will be recalled that on 5 Nov eight heavy and three light cruisers and fourteen destroyers were seen.

The most recent sighting was on 12 Nov when there were present only one destroyer and 94,000 tons of merchant shipping, some of which was damaged. From these sightings it is reasonable to conclude that successful Allied air attacks have convinced the enemy that his warships cannot safely be based at RABAUL.

NEW BRITAIN

Sightings of barges along the north coast of NEW BRITAIN reached a new high level during the past week and in the three days 8-10 Nov some 35 were seen between CAPE HOBKINS and BORGHEM BAY. A further concentration of 30/40 barges was reported near NATANO on 10 Nov. It is impossible to assess accurately how many of this group were serviceable.

In the past months the sightings of merchant vessels and barges in the WITU Group have been on a scale larger than could be explained by the tonnage required for the maintenance of that area alone. A captured document relates activity in the area with developments in CAPE GLOUCESTER. The evacuation of a group of hospital patients from TSURIBU to RABAUL, the document shows, was carried out by barge to KARAI-AI, and thence in fishing boats to GANOVE. From this point the patients were probably taken to RABAUL by merchant vessel. The logical assumption is that this method of transport is not confined to the particular instance revealed by the documents and that merchant vessels regularly run from RABAUL to GANOVE delivering stores for onward carriage, rather than attempt the risky procedure of regular direct carriage to western NEW BRITAIN.

NEW GUINEA

The large number of barge sightings made along the RAI Coast during the past week point to the following :-

- (a) That the enemy is pressing forward with the building up of sups for a considerable force in the SIO-SATELBUNG area.
- (b) That in order to achieve his aim he is, perhaps, sacrificing to some degree the usually perfect concealment of his barge movement.

On 12 Nov 25-30 barges were sighted in daylight along the BAI Coast and a 2,000 ton vessel off SCHANNHORST POINT. A day later 35 barges (many laden) and luggers were seen in MADANG HARBOUR. The barges were poorly concealed, an unusual circumstance which may even mean that normal hide-out areas were fully occupied.

Heavy toll of barges moving from SIO forward has been taken by MTBs and the apprehension already noted from Japanese documents regarding the activities of these units will no doubt be increased. Japanese coastal defences have been strengthened to combat the growing threat offered to the barge traffic by Allied MTBs, which sank 17 and probably sank seven barges between 1 and 14 Nov.

AIR - GSN

ALEXISHAFEN

Enemy activity in this area in recent weeks was countered by sharp Allied attacks. On 10 Nov medium bombers bombed and strafed the town, dumps and airfields. A similar strike was cancelled, due to bad weather on 11 Nov, but fighters strafed the strip and destroyed one bomber. On 13 Nov a strong force of heavy and medium bombers bombed and strafed airfields, dumps and AA positions. The targets were well covered and many fires were started. On 15 Nov heavies bombed ALEXISHAFEN due to dislocation of the planned strike on WHWAK. Fighters covering the mission became engaged with enemy units in the RAMU VALLEY.

MADANG

On 13 Nov 50 medium bombers bombed and strafed the airfield and AA positions, destroying three grounded aircraft.

BAI COAST - PINSCHNAPEN

Medium bombers attacked NIARI Village on 12 Nov, starting fires. Mediums on a barge search from SIO to PORTIFICATION POINT attacked the secondary target of shore installations from KELANOA HARBOUR to NANONI. Results were unobserved.

RAHAU

Attacks during darkness were made on 9, 10, 11 and 13 Nov. Fires were started at LANUKAI and VUNAKANAU airfields and a hit was claimed on a light cruiser. On 15 Nov a force of medium bombers attacked shipping in harbour, causing some damage. A daylight strike of heavy bombers took off on 11 Nov but was forced to return due to bad weather. A collision caused the loss of one bomber and crew.

GABATA

The airfield and dump areas were attacked by fighter-bombers and medium bombers on 10 and 13 Nov. Results were generally unobserved.

INTERCEPTION

On 15 Nov fighters over WHWAK shot down five enemy aircraft and on 16 Nov 60-70 enemy were intercepted in the same area. Six were shot down and our losses were two fighters.

On the same day enemy aircraft attacking our airfields in the RAMU VALLEY were intercepted and twenty were definitely destroyed. We lost one fighter.

AIR - KENNY

In the NEW GUINEA theatre there has been little enemy air activity

On 14 Nov 13 bombers dropped 30 bombs in the entrance to PINSCHNAPEN HARBOUR at 1050L. There was no damage and only one casualty. A single plane raided the LANGENAK BAY area at 0230L on 16 Nov.

On 15 Nov the enemy returned again to bomb our forward airfields in the BARKHAM and RAMU VALLEYS. No reports have been received to date from ground forces but reports from intercepting aircraft state that GUSAP and HADMAN were bombed with some apparent damage to grounded aircraft. Approximately 60 aircraft, half of which were bombers, appear to have been involved. These raids, it will be recalled, follow a number of others directed against airfields from which the supply of our forces in the RAMU - BARKHAM area is conducted.

On 15 Nov SOPUTA and a strip at BOBODURA were bombed by six to seven bombers. There was no damage or casualties. Bombs were also dropped in the GRO BAY area without result

ALBUKIRK

No serviceable aircraft were sighted in this area during heavy Allied strikes this week. It is improbable that the enemy will be able permanently to maintain aircraft at this forward base.

RABAU

A number of aircraft photographed at RABAU airfields on 10 Nov were thought at first phase interpretation to be fighters. It is now believed that many of these machines were torpedo and dive bombers flown from carriers to RABAU to participate in attacks against Allied surface vessels on 11 Nov. Those which survived the attacks appear to have returned to their carriers. The fact that the enemy is prepared temporarily to concede his carriers in this way is a pointer to the shortage of land-based aircraft available to the enemy in the area.

TACTICS

BOOBY TRAPS

A further device, similar in principle to those already reported, has now been recovered from FINSCHHAPEN. It consists of a Type 97 Japanese grenade and a fused 50mm mortar shell wired together in such a way that the grenade fuse projects from one end of the assembly. The percussion fuse of the 50 mm shell rests against the upper end of the grenade and the assembly is suspended by a string with the grenade fuse pointing downward.

Drawing a pull or trip wire attached to the suspension string allows the assembly to fall on the grenade striker. Explosion of the grenade depresses the mortar fuse striker thereby causing detonation. The delay train was not removed from the grenade to give instantaneous action.

While well constructed, the booby trap appears to be impracticable due to the probable time involved in assembly.

Disposal may be accomplished by carefully replacing both safety pins.

SECURITY

ENGLISH SPEAKING PW

An educated Japanese taken prisoner by a patrol was escorted back through several staging camps by an FB NCO. At each post, as soon as troops found that he could speak English, they began to question him until they were restrained by the NCO who explained the dangers of this course. An equally serious danger exists in the case of Japanese PW who understand English but conceal their knowledge. If careless conversations take place in the hearing of such a prisoner, he obtains knowledge that might be of great value in the event of his escape. Troops should be reminded that they must not discuss military information in the hearing of PW nor converse with them. It is particularly desirable that whenever possible, PW should be escorted by FB NCOs until they can be handed over to Provost or delivered to PW cage.

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Backus
Lieut
I.O. 7 Aust Inf Bde.
Nov 43.

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ROUTINE ORDERS PART I.

by

Lt-Col E.S. MILES D.S.O., ADM COMD
7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

23 Nov 43.

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331.

Attention of units is drawn to -
GRO G752 SERVICE AMN FAILURES - SAFETY PRECAUTIONS.

J. Mahony
Maj
Bde Maj, 7 Aust Inf Bde

'A & Q'

332. LEAVE

On nights when no trg is laid down units may grant leave up to 50% of unit strength.

Leave roster will be kept by all sub-units.

Pers granted leave will be inspected before leaving unit areas and a high standard of dress insisted upon.

333. DRESS

1. The GOC in C N.G.F. has directed attention to the present most unsatisfactory standard of dress prevailing in PORT MORESBY area.

2. Brig, Adm Comd 3 Aust Div has directed that all CO's and OC's will forthwith give their personal attention to this matter of dress within their respective units. NGF RO 407/43 will be republished in unit RO's forthwith; and one copy of the unit RO will be forwarded to this HQ by all subordinate units.

3. It is the duty of all officers to ensure that a good standard of dress is maintained in their unit and the co-operation of all officers is requested to ensure an immediate improvement.

4. Attention is drawn to the fact that shirts may only be removed during participation in working parties and with the express approval of the CO in each instance. In this respect any working party which is not immediately in charge of an officer and who have been given permission to remove their shirts etc, must be given such approval in writing when their duties take them outside their own unit area.

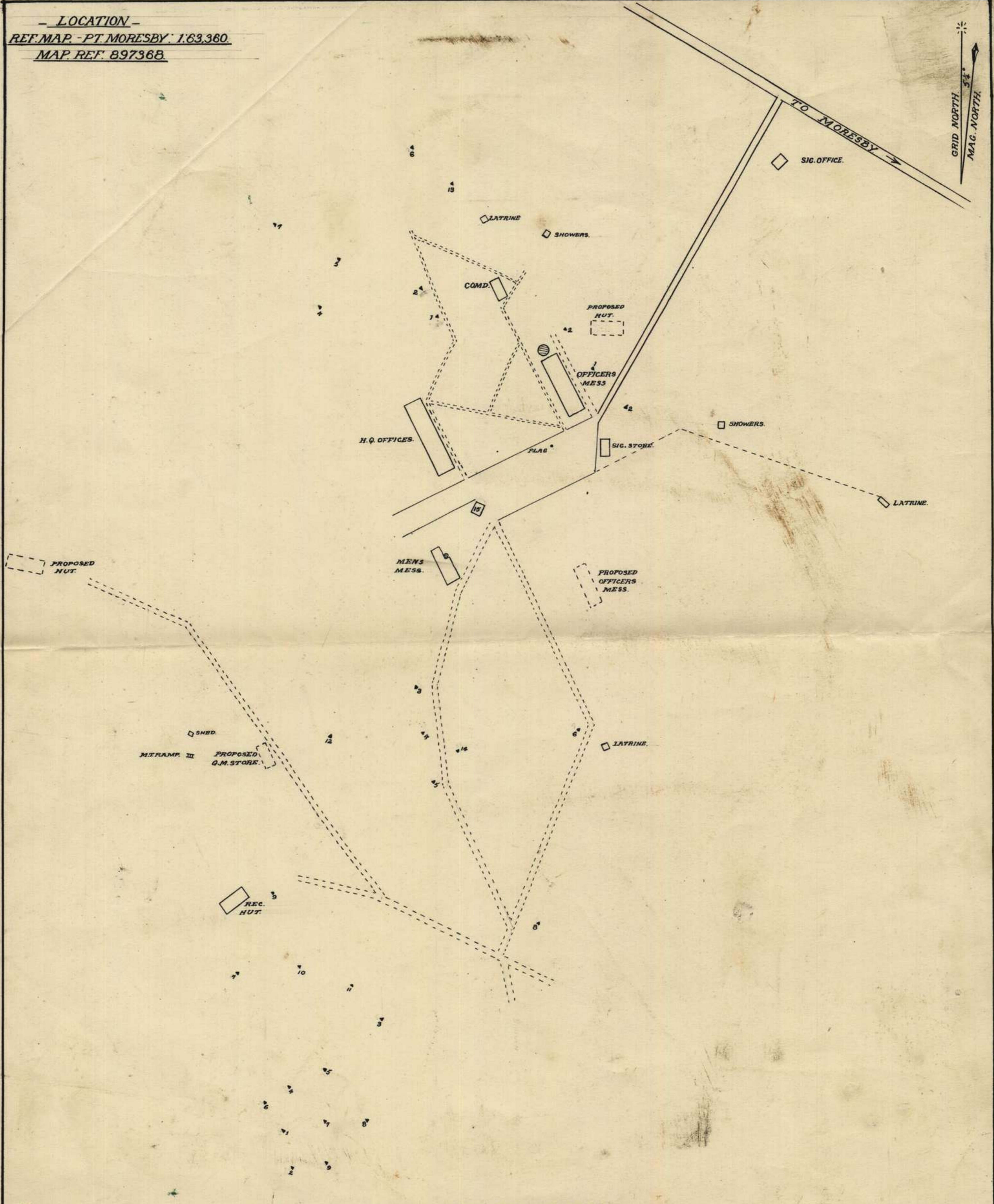
5. Any breaches of the present instructions by personnel of units of 7 Aust Inf Bde Gp will in future require a personal explanation from the CO or OC of the unit direct to C of 7 Aust Inf Bde.

John E. Duggan Capt
Staff Capt 7 Aust Inf Bde

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MAG. NORTH



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27 Nov 43.

by

BRIGADIER JOHN FIELD DSO ED COMMANDING
7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

'G'

334. CHANGE OF COMD.

At 1100 hrs 24 Nov 43
TX 2002 Brig J. FIELD resumed Comd 7 Aust Inf Bde.
QX36371 Lt-Col E.S. MILES ceased Adm Comd 7 Aust Inf Bde and resumed Comd 25 Aust Inf Bn.
QX40879 Maj R. WEPPNER ceased Adm Comd 25 Aust Inf Bn.

335. GUARDS AND DUTIES - ROSTER

Mounting at Retreat (1830 hrs)
Tour of Duty from Retreat to Retreat

Bde	Gd and Duty Bugler	Fd Offr of the Day
Dec 1	9 Bn	Capt A.J. BONNEY 9 Bn
2	61 Bn	Capt J.T. GRAHAM 61 Bn
3	20 Pl E Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt (61 Bn bugler)	Capt J.E. CORPE HQ 7 Bde
4	61 Bn	Capt L.W. STANLEY 61 Bn
5	25 Bn	Capt P.J. STEEL 25 Bn
6	61 Bn	Capt D.P. CRAIG 61 Bn
7	25 Bn	Capt T.W. MATHISON 25 Bn
8	61 Bn	Capt K.C. CAMPBELL 61 Bn
9	25 Bn	Capt D. McKINNON 25 Bn
10	61 Bn	Capt A.N. LAWSON 61 Bn
11	25 Bn	Capt M.E. JUST 25 Bn
12	61 Bn	Capt E.McK. TWEMLOW 61 Bn
13	25 Bn	Capt R.D. McINNES 25 Bn
14	61 Bn	Capt N. CAIRNS 61 Bn
15	25 Bn	Capt W. ROBINSON 25 Bn
16	61 Bn	Capt R.U.P. TODHUNTER 61 Bn
17	25 Bn	Maj W.J.E. JACKSON 25 Bn

J. Mahoney Maj
Bde Maj 7 Aust Inf Bde

'A & Q'

336. DRESS AND EQPT : GDS AND DUTIES

One purpose of the mounting of Bde Gds and Duties is to allow Bde Comd to see general standard of drill and turnout in the Bde.

Therefore no attempt will be made to supply special clothing or eqpt for Gds.

Web eqpt must NOT be bleached white or blanched, but should be cleaned by washing in soap and water.

Units will pay particular attention to cleanliness and fitting of eqpt.

337. CHURCH PARADES - Sunday 28 Nov 43

C.E.	0715	Bde HQ
	0900	YMCA Bardia Rd
C.E. &	0900	9 Bn
P.D.	0900	61 Bn
(combined)	1000	11 Fd Amb
R.C.	0900	9 Bn
	0930	YMCA Murray Barracks
	1000	YMCA Bardia Rd
	1000	61 Bn
	1900	Ch of Rosary - MORIESBY.

John E. Duggan Capt
Staff Capt 7 Aust Inf Bde

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War Diary

JCM/WEM (27/11)

Subject : TUTORIAL DISCUSSIONS No 6

H.Q. 7 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)
Australia
27 Nov 43.

Ref : 43/G/5

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1930 hrs. Beginning 30 Nov 43, Tuesdays and Thursdays

Serial	Subject	Leader	Remarks
1	Message writing	B.M.	ATM 25 sec 22 (Message forms needed)
2	29 Bde lessons from ops: SALAMAUA I Tactics	B.M. (L)	Copy with B.M.
3	II Adm	A/S.C.	
4	JAP night ops	I.O.	ATM 23 sec 17
5	(a) Food —an operational consideration (b) Arty and inf coöperation	B.A.S.C.O.	ATM 24 sec 9
6	Ops in NEW GUINEA	L.O.III	ATM 24 sec 14
7	Trg the shift for jungle warfare	T.O. Educ O.	ATM 21 sec 6 ATM 21 sec 9-10
8	Notes on a conference	B.M.	Writing material needed
9	Minefields	S.C. (L)	ATM 25 sec 17, & Appxs B, C, D.
10	Combined ops: trg at home stas	B.M. (L)	1943 pam
11	Jungle Warfare — notes on minor tactics	L.O.II	ATM 24 sec 18
12	(a) Relations between bde sig offrs and units (b) Aide-memoire for staff and L.Os	Sig Offr L.O.I	Sec 10) ATM 23 Sec 11)

J. Mahoney
Maj.
Bde Maj. 7 Aust Inf Bde.

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

HQ 7 AUST INF BDE (AIF)

46 / 43 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 27 NOV / 1943 (Unit)

W.E. 112 / 3 OFFRS. 18 O.R's. 69 + OFFRS. - O.R's. - ATT. BY W.E.
(Tropical)

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

W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY V.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	Brigadiers.					
			1	Lieut.-Colonels					
1 NR	1		1	Majors					
1 NR	1	2	10	Captains					
2 (1NR)	2	1	5	Lieutenants					
				Quarter-masters					
				A.A.N.S and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.		N I L			
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.					
4 (3NR)	4	3	17						

DETAIL.	A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
A. class	16	1								17
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).

HQ 7 AUST INF BDE (A.P.) Unit

48 A3 (Serial No.)

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 27/NOV/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 Brig	TX2002	FIELD	J.	COMD	Yes		
Capt Maj	Q15602	MAHONEY	J.C.	B.M.	"		
Lieut capt	TX70799	LOWNDES	A.G.	B.M.(L)	"		
"	QX40880	KREBS	A.A.	S.C.	NO	First Aust Army junior staff school ("X" List)	10/10/43
"	QX35561	CORPE	J.E.	S.C.(L)	Yes		
"	QX40870	HORNIBROOK	C.M.	T.O.	"		
"	QX36181	FOSTER	J.H.A.	L.O.I	NO	inmate 113 Aust con Depot ("X" List)	21/11/43
"	QX36365	PATERSON	J.S.	L.O.II	"	inmate 113 Aust con Depot ("X" List)	3/11/43
"	QX40835	MULCANY	E.R.	L.O.III	Yes		
"	QX13552	BLACKMORE	H.R.W.	I.O.	"		
"	HX127324	MORR	K.G.	HYG.O	NO	special course No.420 OCTU - WOODSIDE S.A.	20/11/43
"	QX45277	PEAKE	W.A.	BASCO	Yes		
"	WX36327	JACKSON	J.A.	educ.O.	"		
cha plain	TX114018	GANNY	D.A.	9 bn	NO		
"	QX899	DWYER	J.	25 "	"		
"	HX142832	MCCULLOUGH	H.	61 "	"		
Lieutcapt	QX38334	WOOD	L.A.	Amen.O.	"	24 days Rec Leave	14/11/43

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 capt	QX36184	DUGGAN J.E.	25 Aust Inf Bn	6/10/43	A/S.C.
"	QX40823	KELLY J.L.	9 Aust Inf Bn	22/11/43	A/S.C. A/L.O.I Special duties

J. E. Duggan
A/staff capt. 7 Aust Inf Bde
Signature of Commander

27 NOV 43
Date of Despatch

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

HQ 7 AUST INF BDE (AIF)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 27/NOV/1943 (Unit)

W.E. 11/2/3 OFFRS. 18 O.R's. 69 + OFFRS. - O.R's. - ATT. BY W.E.
(Tropica 1)

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.					
			2	Staff Sergeants					
2	2		3	Sergeants					
			3	Corporals			NIL		
2(1NR)	3	3	52	Troopers, Privates, etc.					
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
4 (1NR)	5	4	68 *	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	51	17	all	A class						68
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	AA Amenities Service (YMCA)			1	9 Aust Inf Bn		
4	9 Aust Inf Bn			1	25 "		
1	8 Army Tp			1	61 "		
1	152 Aust Gen Tpt Coy						
2	25 Aust Inf Bn						

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

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

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 27/Nov/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				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				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								Radlographers				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	1	Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters				Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks	3		3	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				C.S.M.	1	1	
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers				C.Q.M.S.	1	1	
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	7	8		Cpt Sgt	1	1	
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply				Prs MT	6	6	
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				" orderlies	9	9	
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	4		4	Coach Trimmers				Batmen	15	14	1
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors				" prs	3	3	
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks				General	3	4	
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies				duties			
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				Hyg duties	1	1	
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				Water	1	1	
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics		1		Duties			
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant				signal	6	6	
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.	1		1	Engine Hands, I.C.				orderlies			
Photewriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers				motor	1	1	
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers				cyclist			
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates				medical	1	1	
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers				orderly			
CARRIED FORWARD	4	2	2	CARRIED FORWARD	13	10	3	CARRIED FORWARD	20	19	3	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	69	68	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.P. 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

A/Staff Capt. 7 Aust Inf Bde.
Signature of Commander

PARTICULARS OF RANKS OTHER THAN PRIVATE

DUP I

Posted Strength

draughtsmen

1 includes 1 cpl.

DUP II

**Intelligence duties
books**

**4 " 1 s/sgt, 1 cpl,
3 " 1 cpl**

DUP III

clerks

8 " 1 W.O.I, 1 W.O.II, 2 sgts, 2 cpls.

DIS-SPECIALISTS

I.S.M.

1 " 1 W.O.II

I.Q.M.S.

1 " 1 s/sgt.

apt Sgt

1 " 1 Sgt

rs MT


6 " 1 cpl.

General duties

4 " 1 cpl.

Medical orderly

1 " 1 cpl.


 Signature of Commanding Officer
 Date of Report

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7 AUST INF BDE
ORDERS FOR BRIGADE GUARD
BARDIA ROAD

Orders issued for bde gd, JUNE VALLEY will apply, except as herein amended :-

Amendment No.1

In para 4. POSTS AND DUTIES, substitute the following posts

- "No.1 Post : Gd tent (entrance to comd area)
- No.2 Post : North gate (entrance to biv area; Men's Mess and Showers)
- No.3 Post : QM Store (Store and Recreation Hut)
- No.4 Post : South gate (entrance to biv area; lighting plant; Sgts' Mess and Showers)"

Amendment No.2

In para 4. POSTS AND DUTIES., add (d)

- "(d) (i) On noticing an outbreak of fire by day or by night a sentry will at once raise the alarm, and sentry at No.3 Post will sound the alarm on the gong at bde HQ parade ground.
- (ii) Sentry at No.1 Post will allow only these vehs to go up the hill into comd area - cars DS, jeeps, 6-str utilities, offrs' mess ration truck and water cart.
- (iii) Sentries at Nos.2 and 4 Posts will allow only bde HQ vehs or vehs on duty (e.g. carrying sups, ord stores etc) to drive into biv area.
- (iv) Sentries at Nos.2 and 4 Posts will NOT allow showers to be used between 1800 and 0730 hrs".

John E. Duggan Capt
Bde Maj. 7 Aust Inf Bde.

Distribution :

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1-7	9 Aust Inf Bn	28	T.O.
8-14	25 Aust Inf Bn	29	B.A.S.C.O.
15-21	61 Aust Inf Bn	30	Staff
22	Bde HQ	31	C.S.M.
23	20 Pl E Coy 2/1 Gd	32	C.Q.M.S.
	Regt	33	Guard Tent
24	Comd	34-35	War Diary
25-26	B.M.	36-37	File
27	S.C.	38-45	Spare

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MOST SECRET

HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)
Australia

28 Nov 43.

STRENGTH OF ADV PARTIES

ref 7 Bde message 0.748

Ser.	Unit	Offrs	O.R's	Total
1	HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde	4	16	20
2	7 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	1	12	13
3	20 Pl E Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	-	10	10
4	24 Aust Fd Coy	-	-	-
5	9 Aust Inf Bn	5	142	147
6	25 Aust Inf Bn	5	142	147
7	61 Aust Inf Bn	5	142	147
8	B Pl 158 Gen Tpt Coy	-	10	10
9	224 Sup Depot Pl	1	5	6
10	227 Sup Depot Pl	1	5	6
11	113 Bde Gp Ord Workshop	1	16	17
12	113 Bde Gp Ord Fd Park	-	3	3
13	241 Aust L.A.D.	-	2	2
14	11 Aust Fd Amb	2	50	52
		25	555	580

NOTES

1 (a) Serials 8,9,10 will be grouped under senior A.A.S.C. Offr for discipline.

(b) Serials 11,12 will be grouped under A.A.O.C. Offr for discipline.

2. Units for whom no offr is included in adv party will send a senior W or N.C.O.

Signed at 282040/L hrs.
Issued by S.D.R. to all addressees except 24 Aust Fd Coy (D.R.L.S.)

J. Mahoney Maj.
Bde Maj. 7 Aust Inf Bde.

DISTRIBUTION

Copy No.	Copy No.
1. 24 Aust Fd Coy	11. 11 Aust Fd Amb
2. 9 Aust Inf Bn	12. 7 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec
3. 25 Aust Inf Bn	13. 20 Pl E Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt
4. 61 Aust Inf Bn	14. Comd
5. 'B' Pl 158 Gen Tpt Coy	15 -16. P.M.
6. 224 Sup Depot Pl	17 -18. S.C.
7. 227 Sup Depot Pl	19. I.O.
8. 113 Bde Gp Ord Workshop	20 -21. MORESBY Base Sub Area (for infm)
9. 113 Bde Gp Ord Fd Park	22 -23. War Diary
10. 241 Aust L.A.D.	24 -25. File.

TC: 9 Bn 25 Bn 61 Bn 11 Fd Amb 113 Bde Wk'shop 113 Ord Fd Pk
 224 Sup Pl 227 Sup Pl B Pl 158 Gen Tpt Coy 24 Fd Coy

From: 7 Aust Inf Bde.

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MOST SECRET . WARNING ORDER . 7 Bde gp will move . adv parties as
 per schedule at six hours notice from 291200L . TWO . All CO's and
 OC's only conference 7 Bde HQ BARDIA Rd veh sign 88 291100L .
 THREE . units will submit to SC 7 Bde by 291000L infm required by
 para 2 GRO G318 location date personnel only . FOUR . No move 24
 Fd Coy until further orders . ack all informed.

sgd

J.C. MAHONEY Maj

SDR to all except

24 Fd Coy

DRLS to 24 Fd Coy

282048L

APPY 28

MOST SECRET

Copy No.....²⁴

7 AUST INF BDE ADM INSTN NO 9

HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde
AUSTRALIA
²⁹ Nov 43
Ref 43/200/91

1. INFM.

7 Aust Inf Bde Gp (adv party) will embark at PORT MORESBY at time and date to be advised by message.

2. AUTHORITY FOR MOVT.

NGF SD6891 of 28 Nov 43 and MORESBY BASE SUB AREA AQL1175

3. SERIALS TO EMBARK.

Sub Units will embark in the following order.

Serial No	Unit	Strength			Remarks
		Offrs	ORs	Total	
1.	HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde	4	16	20	
2.	61 Aust Inf Bn	5	142	147	
3.	B Pl 158vAust Gen Tpt Coy	-	10	10	
4.	224 Sup Depot Pl	1	5	6	
5.	227 Sup Depot Pl	-	8	6	
6.	25 Aust Inf Bn	5	142	147	
7.	ANGAU	-	23	23	
8.	113 Bde Gp Ord W/shop.	1	16	17	
9.	113 Bde Gp Ord Fd Pk.	-	3	3	
10.	241 Aust L.A.D.	-	2	2	
11.	11 Aust Fd Amb	2	50	52	
12.	9 Aust Inf Bn	5	142	147	
13.	7 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	1	12	13	
14.	20 Pl E Coy 2/1 Gd Regt	-	10	10	

O.C. TROOPS

Major W.J.E. Jackson, 25 Aust Inf Bn will be OC tps and will be responsible for provision of Ships Staff.

DOCUMENTS

(a) For this and subsequent sea moves from this area units will forward 8 copies of nominal rolls and T 51's and 6 copies G964 (where applicable) to HQ 8 AUST MOVT CONTROL.

(b) Provisions of GRO 318/43 will be adhered to and infm submitted to 8 Aust Movt Control rptd MORESBY BASE SUB-AREA and 7 Aust Inf Bde.

4. DRESS

Long trousers, shirts, gaiters or anklets web, hats KF, marching order (steel helmet strapped to pack).

5. SERIAL IDENTIFICATION

Tps will wear in their hat band a distinguishing number corresponding to the number shown opposite their names in unit embarkation nominal rolls. Serial sequence will NOT be broken.

6. TPT.

Bde TO will be responsible for tpt and their marshalling when loaded.

Signed at 291959L
Issued by S.D.R. to all addressees except 24 Aust Fd Coy(DRLS).

John Duggan Capt
Staff Capt 7 Aust Inf Bde

DISTRIBUTION

Copy No	Unit	Copy No	Unit
1.	9 Aust Inf Bn	11.	224 Sup Depot Pl
2.	25 Aust Inf Bn	12.	227 Sup Depot Pl
3.	61 Aust Inf Bn	13.	24 Aust Fd Coy
4.	20 Pl E Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	14.	Comd
5.	241 Aust L.A.D.	15.-16.	B.M.
6.	11 Aust Fd Amb	17.-18.	S.C.
7.	7 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	19	I.O.
8.	113 Bde Gp Ord Wkshop	20.-21.	Moresby Base Sub Area
9.	113 Bde Gp Ord Fd Park	22	8 Aust Movt Control
10.	B Pl 158 Gen Tpt Coy	23.-24	War Diary
		25.-26.	File
		27.	T.O.



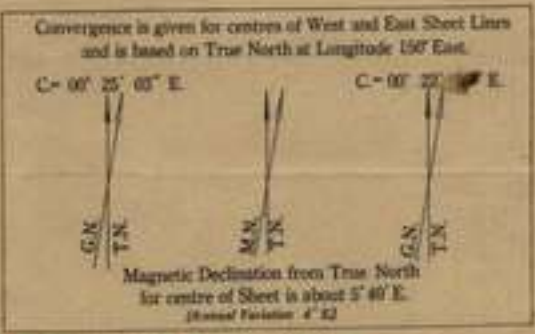
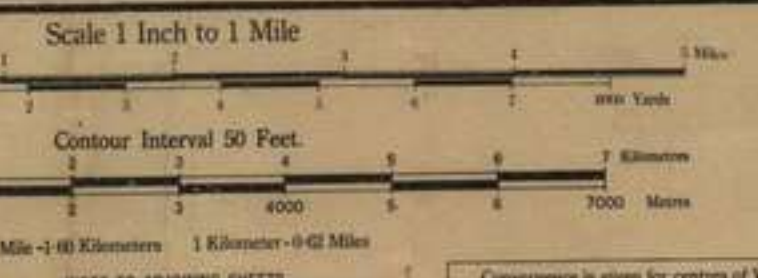
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Origin of Geog. Co-ords. ELA Trig. Station
Latitude 9° 29' 00"-31"
Longitude 147° 08' 21"-66"

- House
- Garage
- School
- Hotel
- Blacksmith Shop (large)
- Church
- Mission
- Village
- Lighthouse
- Post Office
- Post & Telegraph Office
- Telegraph or Telephone Line
- Concealed
- Military Cemetery
- Native Gardens
- Road
- Water Hole
- Savanna or Marsh
- River or Creek
- Watercourse (non-perennial)
- Water Channel
- Wind Pump
- Fathom Lines
- Contours

- Full Cover or Dense Timber
 - Camouflage Cover or Medium Timber
 - Scattered Timber
 - Low Scrub
 - Rubber Plantations
 - Cocoa Plantations
 - Grassland
 - Mangroves
- First Class A. 200'
- Second. 4. 542'
- Third. 4. 202'
- Fourth. 4. 202'



- Bridge (Wind swept where shown in manner or else with last capital in text)
- Culvert
- Main Roads
- Subsidiary Roads
- Foot Tracks
- Walls sufficient for one traffic stream with occasional passing
- Walls sufficient for one traffic stream
- Suitable for Heavy M. T. up to 3 ton lorries
- Flack transport only
- Note: Brackets denote wet weather classification
- Roads impassable to M. T. in wet weather
- Embarkment
- Cutting
- Aerodrome A or A1 Class
- Aerodrome B Class
- Aerodrome C Class or Emergency
- Scoplane Base
- Landing Ground
- Scoplane Moving Area

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POINT KABIKA (TRIG.)

Year	1943
Scale	1:63,360
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WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

(Erase heading not required).

Army Form C. 2318
(adapted.)

H. 100M

Unit HQ 7 AUST INF BDE

Date and Time.—From 0900 hrs 1 Dec 43 to 0900 hrs 1 Jan 44

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
PORT MORESBY	1 Dec	1400	11 Fd amb MDS's relieved. TABERI closed 1120 hrs. BOGORA Head closed 1200 hrs	
		1400	7 Bde Adm Order No 10	Appx 1.
		1715	Message to units - following allocation for ARL drafts. 7 Bde Sig Sec one. 9 Bn 28. 25 Bn 35. 61 Bn 39. Personnel report to NGDD 090845L.	
	2 Dec	0900	Message to units - Bde Guards and Duties will be discontinued from 021800L.	
	3 Dec	1120	11 Fd Amb dental services close 1500 hrs.	
	4 Dec	1200	AFW 3008 and 3009	Appx 2.
		1200	7 Bde Adm Order No 11	Appx 3.
	5 Dec	1200	7 Bde Intelligence Summary No 41	Appx 4.
	7 Dec	1300	Relief of 25 Bn working details complete by 1300 hrs. Relieved by 9 Bn.	
		1330	Location Statement - 25 Bn - ref map PORT MORESBY 1" - A Coy 884395. B Coy 883397. C Coy 882398. D Coy rear details 882398. HQ Coy 885396. Bn HQ 883396.	
		1330	Second flight of 7 Bde personnel left MORESBY.	
	11 Dec	0400	Bde Comd, Brig J FIELD and I.O., Lieut BLACKMORE left for inspection of fwd aress.	

J. Mahoney Major
B M 7 Aust Inf Bde.

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

Army Form C. 2118
(adapted.)

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H. 100M

Unit HQ 7 AUST INF BDE

Date and Time.—From 0900 hrs 1 Dec 43

To 0900 hrs 1 Jan 44.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
PORT MORESBY	11 Dec	1200	AFW 3008 and 3009	Appx 5.
	16 Dec	1200	7 Bde R.O.	Appx 6.
		1835	Working parties discontinued. 9 Bn party at 2/1 AGH relieved at 1800 hrs.	
	17 Dec	1030	7 Bde Adm Order No 12.	Appx 7.
	18 Dec	1200	AFW 3008 and 3009	Appx 8.
	19 Dec	1230	Message to 24 Fd Coy re movement to mainland.	Appx 9.
	20 Dec	1000	7 Bde Security Instn No 1	Appx 10.
	22 Dec	0800	Third flight of 600 personnel 7 Bde gp left MORESBY	
	24 Dec	1100	Bde Comd returned from inspection of fwd areas.	
	25 Dec	1200	AFW 3008 and 3009	Appx 11.
	27 Dec	1200	7 Bde Adm Order No 13.	Appx 12.
	28 Dec	0900	Location Statement - 24 Fd Coy - HQ, 1, 2 and 3 Secs ref 967295. ref map PORT MORESBY 1".	
	31, Dec	0300	Bde Comd left by air for mainland.	

J. Mahoney Major
B.M. 7 Aust Inf. Bde.

7 AUST INF BDE ADM O No 10Relief 25 Bn by 9 Bn

Ref Map. PORT MORESBY 1 : 63,360.

INFM

1. 25 Aust Inf Bn is supplying working parties in the MORESBY area as follows :-

<u>Serial</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Approx</u>	<u>Nature of Task</u>
1.	901356	2 offrs	41 ORs	2/1 Ry Constn No 4 Sec Road drainage, constn of latrines, road work.
2.	853421	1 "	29 "	2/1 Ry Constn Coy No 2 Sec. Road work.
3.	943331	1 "	28 ")	8 Army Tps 2/1 AGH
		1 "	33 ")	
4.	037448	4 "	52 "	10 A O D
5.	002446	1 "	32 "	8 AAD. Cleaning, loading, stacking and unloading amn.
6.	917387	4 "	82 "	BSD. On and off loading; sorting & stacking sups; guarding security shed; manning control posts.
7.	955429	- "	15 "	34 Aust Supply Depot Coy Cutting & milling timber.
8.	875356	2 "	50 "	Port Comd, LAWES GAP. Road Constn; hut building; loading & unloading canteen goods
9.	864354	- "	18 "	Power House.
10.	904359	- "	28	MFO. loading and unloading Military packages.
11.	013444	3 "	108 "	2/1 Ry Constn Coy (ANEC) Breaking metal; loading trucks; road work; traffic control.

INTENTION

2. (a) 9 Bn will relieve 25 Bn by 1200 hrs 4 Dec and take over all tasks enumerated in para (1), less serials where change already effected.

(b) 9 Bn HQ and rear details, if any, will remain at present HQ site.

METHOD

3. Tpt (a) Tpt requirements to be submitted by 9 Bn to Bde T.O. who will arrange for vehs to report to 9 Bn by 0600 hrs 4 Dec. 9 Bn will arrange for breakfast to be provided for drivers on arrival.

(b) 9 Bn will embuss under unit arrangements and move to locations as shown in para 1.

(c) On arrival at locations vehs will be taken over by 25 Bn and will return with personnel and stores to HQ camp site. 25 Bn will provide lunch for drivers before they return to tpt coys.

MOVT

4. Convoy will be divided into secs to meet requirements of serials in para (1). Sec will move direct to locations as shown.

START PT

5. 9 Bn HQ lines.

START TIME

6. 0745 hrs 4 Dec

PRO

7. Unit Provost will be used to assist with traffic control Bde T.O. will assist unit TO where-ever possible.

RATIONS

8. Rations will be arranged by BASCO and Units.

ACCOMMODATION STORES

9. Each Bn will take its own accommodation stores.

TENTAGE

10. Tentage requirements adjusted by mutual arrangement, Adjts 9 and 25 Bns.

REPORTS ON AREAS

11. CO 25 Bn will submit to HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde certificate that area vacated have been left in a clean and hygienic condition.

12. Attention is drawn to 7 Aust Inf Bde memo 43/All/117 and requirements therein.

COMD

13. Upon arrival at locations as set out in para (1), 9 Bn will come under direction of Moresby Base Sub-Area but all returns and correspondence will be fwd direct to HQ 7 Bde.

9 and 25 Bns will advise 7 Aust Inf Bde, Moresby Base Sub-Area upon completion of move.

John E. Duggan Capt
A/Staff Capt 7 Aust Inf Bde

Signed at 114504 hrs

Issued through Sigs

DISTRIBUTION

1 -	3	9 Aust Inf Bn
4 -	6	25 Aust Inf Bn
	7	Comd
	8	B.M.
	9	S.C.
	10	T.O.
	11	61 Aust Inf Bn (for infm)
	12	Moresby Base Sub-Area (for infm)
13 -	14	War Diary
15 -	16	File
17 -	20	Spare

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

40.../43 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 4 / Dec / 1943 (Unit) HQ 7 AUST INF BDE (AIF)

W.E. 11 / 3 / 3 OFFRS. 18 O.R.'s. 69 + OFFRS. - O.R.'s. - ATT. BY W.E.
(Tropical)

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 V.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	Brigadiers					
			1	Lieut.-Colonels					
			1	Majors					
1 NR	1		1	Captains					
2 NR	2	2	9	Lieutenants					
3 (1NR)	3	1	4	Quarter-masters					
				A.A.N.S and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.					
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.					
					F I L				
6 (4NR)	6	3	15						

	DETAIL.	A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
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).	A.	14	1								15
	E. (1)										
	E. (2)										
	A class										

* 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.
DX899	chapla	in DWYER J.	1 AARD	27/11/43	chaplain's transfer
		4th class			
WX36327	Lieut	JACKSON J.A.	28 Aust Inf Bde	29/11/43	education offr's transfer

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 7 Aust Inf Bde (AIF) Unit

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 4 / Dec 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.
St-col. Eric	TX2002	FIELD	J.	Comd	Yes		
Capt Maj	015602	MAHONEY	J.O.	B.M.	No	Special duties	30/11/43
Lieut capt	HX70799	LEHNER	A.O.	B.H.(L)	Yes		
"	OX40880	KREBS	A.A.	S.O.	No	First Aust Army Junior Staff School ("X" list)	10/10/43
"	OX33361	CORFE	J.E.	S.O.(L)	No	Special duties	30/11/43
"	OX40870	HORNIBROOK	C.M.	P.O.	Yes		
"	OX3 6181	FUSTER	J.H.A.	L.O.I	No	113 Aust Con Depot ("X" list)	21/11/43
"	OX30355	PATERSON	J.S.	L.O.II	"	"	3/11/43
"	OX40835	MULCAHY	M.R.	L.O.III	"	Special duties	30/11/43
"	OX13852	BLACKMORE	E.R.	L.O.	Yes		
"	HX127324	MORE	R.O.	HYG O.	No	Special course No.4	20/11/43
"	OX42277	PEAKE	W.A.	BARCO	Yes	OCTU, Woodside	
"	OX38334	WOOD	L.R.	ANON.O.	No	28 days resereation leave	14/11/43
Chaplain	YX114018	GAWLY	D.A.	2 Bn	No		
"	YX142882	MCCULLOUGH	H.	25	"		

number of names marked X in accordance with 5th Echelon
HQ memo 030601 of 10 Nov 43.

NIL
John Duggan Capt.
A/Staff Capt. 7 Aust Inf Bde.

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
Lieut capt	OX38184	DUGGAN J.E.	25 Aust Inf Bn	6/10/43	A/S.C.

4 Dec 43.

Date of Despatch

John Duggan Capt.
A/Staff Capt. 7 Aust Inf Bde
Signature of Commander

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

HQ 7 AUSTRALIAN INF BDE (AIF)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 4 / Dec 1943 (Unit)

W.E. 11 / 2 / 3 OFFRS. 18 O.R.'s. 69 + OFFRS. - O.R.'s. - ATT. BY W.E.
(tropical)

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.					
		1	3	W.Os. Class II.					
				Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
1 NR	1		1	Staff Sergeants					
2	2		3	Sergeants					
			8	Corporals		NIL			
2	2	8 3	53	Troopers, Privates, etc.					
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
5 (1NR)	5	5	69 *	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.P.		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	17	all A class							69
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	9 Aust Inf Bn			1	9 Aust Inf Bn		
3	A.A.R.S.			1	25 "		
8	5 Aust Div Postal			1	61 "		
				17	HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde (special duties)		

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

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

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 4 / Dec / 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				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				Rivettiers			
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								Biggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers	1		1	Signallers				Tailors			
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen	2	1	1	Bakers				Telescope Identifn. 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	3	3	3	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				C.S.M.	1	1	
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers				C.Q.M.S.	1	1	1NR
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	7	9		Tpt Sgt	1	1	
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply				Drs MT	6	6	
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				"Orderlies	9	19	
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	4	4		Coach Trimmers				patmen	15	14	1
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors				" Drs	3	3	
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks				General Duties	3	4	
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				NVE Duties	1	1	
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				Water	1	1	
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				Duties			
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics	-	1		signal	6	6	
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant				Orderlies			
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.	1	1		Engine Hands, I.C.				Motor	1	1	
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers				cyclist			
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers				Medical	1	1	
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates				Orderly			
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD	4	2	2	CARRIED FORWARD	13	10	3	CARRIED FORWARD	20	20	3	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	69	69	5

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.

4 Dec 43.
Date of Despatch

Capt.
A/STA Lt Capt 7 Aust Inf Bde
Signature of Commander

PARTICULARS OF RANKS OTHER THAN PRIVATE

GROUP I

posted strength

Draughtsmen

1

includes 1 cpl.

GROUP II

Intelligence duties
cooks

4
3

"

1 s/sgt, 1 cpl.
1 cpl

GROUP III

Clerks

9

"

1 W.O.I, 2 W.O.II, 2 sgts, 2 cpls.

NON-SPECIALISTS

C.S.M.

1

"

1 W.O.II

~~Sgt~~

~~1~~

~~"~~

~~1 s/sgt~~

TPT Sgt

1

"

1 Sgt

Drs MT

6

"

1 cpl

General 1 duties

4

"

1 cpl

Medical 1 orderly

1

"

1 cpl

[Signature]
Signature of Commandant

Date of Report

Appx 3
SECRET

Copy No _____

7 AUST INF BDE ADM ORDER NO 11
MOVEMENT BY SEA 7 AUST INF BDE GP.

HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)
AUSTRALIA
3 Dec 43
Ref 43/200/91

1. 7 Aust Inf Bde Gp will move by sea from PORT MORESBY to AUSTRALIA.

2. MOVEMENT

Details will be furnished when available.

3. DISPOSAL OF TENTAGE, STORES etc.

- (a) Tentage and Accommodation Stores (incl accom stores in WET) will be returned to RSD, 10 AAOD prior to movt.
- (b) Amn. Amn surplus to 50 rds per rifle and 2 magazines per LMG will be returned to 8 AAOD.
- (c) Return Vouchers. AF G1033 in triplicate will be lodged with DADOS by 4 Dec 43.
- (d) Vehs. Vehs will remain with units pending re-allocation by MORESBY BASE SUB-AREA. A return showing vehs by types and mechanical condition will be fwd to reach MORESBY BASE SUB-AREA by 4 Dec 43. Returns for 9,25,61 Aust Inf Bns, 7 Aust Inf Bde HQ, 241 Aust L.A.D., 7 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec are being consolidated by Bde T.O. and will be submitted by him.

4. Units, on vacating sites now occupied, will, unless advised that the accommodation is immediately to be taken over by another unit, make arrangements forthwith with 12 CRE (Wks) for the removal and storage at an appropriate time before the move, of such water and electric light fittings and other materials, as 12 CRE (Wks) may direct.

5. RATIONS.

- (a) One day's *reserve* emergency rations will be carried on the man.
- (b) Unit res rations will NOT be taken.

6. ANTI-MALARIAL PRECAUTIONS.

Suppressive Atebrin treatment will be carried out vide GRO 404/43, para 7c, 1 and 2.

7. NGF ORDERS.

Unit copies will be withdrawn and returned direct to MORESBY BASE SUB-AREA.

8. CERTIFICATES.

The prescribed certificates required by NGF Orders from COs and OCs of units proceeding to the mainland will be submitted as directed by those orders.

9. CONTROL

It is to be understood that during Embarkation and loading of stores the paramount authority at the wharf is the ESO. At the same time, officers will assist the ESO wherever possible.

10. 7 AUST INF BDE ADM INSTN NO 9.

The provisions of paras relating to Documents, Dress, Serial Identification, and Tpt of the abo Instn will apply.

11. SECURITY.

The necessity for maintaining the strictest secrecy in connection with all movts must be impressed upon all concerned.

Signed at 031120Lhrs
Issued by DRLS,

John E. Duggan Capt
Staff Capt 7 Aust Inf Bde

DISTRIBUTION

Copy No	Unit		
1.	9 Aust Inf Bn	12.	224 Sup Depot Pl
2.	25 Aust Inf Bn	13.	227 Sup Depot Pl
3.	61 Aust Inf Bn	14.	Comd
4.	20 Pl E Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	15.	B.M.
5.	241 Aust L.A.D.	16.-17.	S.C.
6.	7 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	18.	I.O.
7.	11 Aust Fd Amb	19.	T.O.
8.	24 Aust Fd Coy	20.	BASCO
9.	113Bde Gp Ord Wkshop	21.	Moresby Base Sub-Area
10.	113 Bde Gp Ord Fd Pk	22.	8 Aust Movt Control
11.	B Pl 158 Gen Tpt Coy	23.	12 CRE (Wks)
		24.-25.	War Diary
		26.-27.	File.

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7 AUST INF BDE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 41.

Compiled from information contained in NGF Summary No 149.

From 1200 hrs 17 Nov 43 to 1200 hrs 24 Nov 43.

SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

LAND

In the FINSCHHAFEN area, our troops assisted by tanks have successfully continued their offensive and are now closing in on SATELBERG. Another force is firmly established astride the BONGA-WAREO track. On 22 Nov the enemy attacked our positions in the SONG RIVER area. All attacks were repulsed and some 50 enemy killed.

Evidence from documents and a PW indicate that there has been a rearrangement of enemy dispositions between SATELBERG and the coast. The main forces previously in the vicinity of SATELBERG have been more evenly spread by movement to the vicinity of NONGARA (609717) where 20 Div HQ may now be located. 1 and 2 Bns 79 Regt are reliably placed SE of NONGARA, part at least of 238 Regt at BONGA and 3 Bn 79 Regt on the coast between KANOMI and LAKONA. Of the principal remaining identified units, it is thought that 2 and 3 Bns 80 Regt are at SATELBERG with a Bn of 26 Arty Regt, and that a Bn of 26 Arty Regt is on the coast near BONGA.

There is evidence from several sources that 4 Div may shortly be moving to NEW GUINEA, or that portion may even now be located there.

SEA

Under cover of adverse weather, a substantial convoy reached HANSA BAY on 16 Nov, and it is believed that troops as well as supplies were landed. Numerous additional sightings indicate that a considerable tonnage of enemy shipping arrived in NE NEW GUINEA waters during the past week.

AIR

Although in NEW GUINEA the enemy scale of effort in the air has been weak, the enemy appears to be continuing his policy of bringing in additional aircraft and holding them on rear airfields. On 19 Nov, 94 aircraft were photographed at HOLLANDIA. Enemy air strength in NEW GUINEA is now higher than at any time since mid-August, with an estimated total of 208 planes.

Extensive development continues at HOLLANDIA, where two new airfields are under construction and powerful AA defences are being installed. It is evident that this base will be an increasingly important link in the enemy's lines of communication.

Blackmore

I.O. 7 Aust Inf Bde. Lieut

5 Dec

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

HQ 7 AUST INF BDE (AIF)

80 43 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 11 Dec /1943 (Unit)

W.E. ¹¹ / ² / ³ (Tropical) 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 V.E.									
Rein'fts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'fts Required.					
			1	Brigadiers*										
			1	Lieut.-Colonels										
1 NR	1		1	Majors										
1 NR	1	2	10	Captains										
3 (1 NR)	3	1	4	Lieutenants										
				Quarter-masters										
				A.A.N.S and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.										
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.										
5 (3 NR)	5	3	16											
				DETAIL.	A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
				A. Class	15	1								16
				E.(1)										
				E.(2)										

N I L

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.
QX36181	Capt	FOSTER J.H.A.	113 Aust Con Depot	5/12 43	ex 'X' List.

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
Corrigendum to W3008 Serial 49 of 4 Dec 43. Delete entry relative to DX 899 Chaplain DWYER. 899					

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

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

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.....(Serial No.)

HQ 7 AUSTRALIAN BRIG (AIF) Unit

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 11 / Dec / 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 Brig	TK2002	FIELD	J	Comd	Yes		
Capt Maj	Q 15602	MAHONEY	J.C.	B.M.	No	Special Duties	30/11/43
Lieut Capt	RX70799	LOWNDES	A.G.	BM (L)	No	Staff Sc (Aust) No 6 Junior course	7/12/
"	QX40880	KREBS	A.A.	S.C.	No	First Aust Army Junior Staff School ("X" List)	10/10/43
"	QX35561	CORPE	J.E.	SC(L)	No	Special Duties	30/11/
"	QX40870	HORNIBROOK	C.M.	T.C.	Yes		
"	QX36181	FOSTER	J.H.A.	LOI	Yes		
"	QX36365	PATERSON	J.S.	LO II	No	113 Aust Con Depot (X List)	3/11
"	QX 40835	MULCAHY	E.R.	LO III	No	Special Duties	30/11
"	QX13552	BLACKMORE	E.R.	I.O.	Yes		
"	RX 127324	MORE	K.G.	Hyg 0	No	Special Course No 4 OCTU WOODSIDE	20/11/43
"	QX 45277	PRAKE	W.A.	BASCO	Yes		
"	QX38334	WOOD	L.A.	Amen 0	No	24 days recreational leave	
Chaplain	VX114018	GANLY	D.A.	9 Bn	No		
"	RX142882	McCULLOUGH	M	25 Bn	"		
"	BX 899	DWYER	J.	1 AARD	"	(Authy NGF AMS 4051 of 26 Nov 43)	29/11/43

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 Capt	QX36184	DUGGAN J.E.	25 Aust Inf Bn	6/10/43	A/ S.C.

11 Dec 43

Date of Despatch

Truth—7/43.

John Dezza
Capt
Staff Capt 7 Aust Inf Bde
Signature of Commander

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

50/45 (Serial No.)

HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday **11 Dec** /194**3** (Unit)

W.E. **11** / **8** / **3** OFFRS. **18** O.R.'s. **69** + OFFRS. **-** O.R.'s. **-** ATT. BY W.E.
(Tropical)

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.					
		1	3	W.Os. Class II.					
				Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
1 NR	1		1	Staff Sergeants		NIL			
1	1		4	Sergeants					
1	1	-	7	Corporals					
1	1	3	54	Troopers, Privates, etc.					
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
4 (1 NR)	4	5	70 *	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	C.M.F.			A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL
	A.I.F.	Under 19 Years.	19 Years and over.							
A	53	17	all	A Class			[]	[]		70
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	9 Aust Inf Bn		
1	9 Aust Inf Bn			1	25 Aust Inf Bn		
3	A.A.E.S			1	61 Aust Inf Bn		
8	5 Aust Div Postal			20	HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde (special Duties)		

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

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

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 11 / Dec / 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				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				Stevadores			
Computers								Biggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers	1	1		Signallers				Tailors			
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen	2	1	1	Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters				Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks	3	3		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				C.S.M.	1	1	
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers				C.Q.M.S.	1	-	1 NR
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	7	8	1	Tpt Sgt	1	1	
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply				Drs MT	6	6	
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				"Orderlies	9	10	
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	4	4		Coach Trimmers				Batmen	15	15	
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors				" Drs	3	3	
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks				General			
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies				Duties	3	4	
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				Hyg Duties	1	1	
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				Water Dut's	1	1	
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics	-	1		Signal			
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant				Orderlies	6	6	
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.	1	1		Engine Hands, I.C.				Motor			
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers				Cyclist	1	1	
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers				Medical			
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates				Orderly	1	1	
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD	4	2	2	CARRIED FORWARD	10	13	11	CARRIED FORWARD	20	20	3	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	69	70	4
							2								1(NR)

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.

11 Dec 43
Date of Despatch

John Duggan Capt
Signature of Commander
Staff Capt 7 Aust Inf Bde

PART I. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0800 Hours Saturday 11 Dec 1945

PARTICULARS OF RANKS OTHER THAN PRIVATES

GROUP I	Posted strength				
Draughtsman	1		incls 1 Cpl	I	I
<u>GROUP II</u>					
Intelligence Duties	4		" 1 s/sgt, 1 Cpl		
Cooks	3		" 1 Cpl		
<u>GROUP III</u>					
Clerks	9		" 1 WO1, 2 WOII, 2 Sgts, 1 Cpl		
<u>NON-SPECIALISTS</u>					
C.S.M.	1		" 1 WOII		
Tpt Sgt	1		" 1 Sgt		
Drs MT	6		" 1 Cpl		
General Duties	4		" 1 Cpl		
Medical Orderly	1		" 1 Cpl	I	I

C.S.M. 1
 Tpt Sgt 1
 Drs MT 6
 " Orderlies 9
 18 18
 " 3
 3
 General
 Duties 4
 4
 1
 1
 Signal
 Orderlies 8
 Motor
 Cycle 1
 Medical
 Orderly 1

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

16 Dec 43.

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I.

by

Lt-Col E.S. MILES D.S.O., ADM COMD

7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

'G'

338. USE OF CENSORED COVERS (NGF O G474)

LHQ Field Censorship Instruction No 7 is published for general information :-

- "1. A censored cover is an envelope, a green envelope or a wrapping showing any censorship markings including all or any of the following - Unit Censor Stamp, "Opened by Censor" Label or "Passed by Censor" Stamp.
- 2. Censored covers may only be used again for transmission through the post if the previous censorship markings are NOT discernible.
- 3. If a censored cover is or appears to be used by any member of the AMF in breach of this instruction -
 - (a) the Unit Censor will forward the censored cover to the OC unit for action; or
 - (b) if the censored cover is not intercepted in the unit, any censorship authority signing it will arrange to forward the censored cover to the appropriate Formation or L of C Area for action."

(To be published in Unit Routine Orders)

John E. Duggan Capt
Maj
Bde Maj 7 Aust Inf Bde

'A & Q'

339. DRESS (NGF O A 475)

- 1. NGF Order A456/43 is cancelled.
- 2. (a) The following dress will be worn :-
 - (i) slacks and shirt or safari jacket. Shirt or safari jacket will be worn with long sleeves fastened at the wrists and buttoned in all respects except at the collar where the button may be left undone;
 - (ii) boots and socks, with anklets web or gaiters SD or puttees short.

PROVIDED THAT -

- (A) in respect of the period between the hours of sunrise and sunset (which hours will be fixed by Formation Commanders and published in Routine Orders) Formation Commanders may, in their discretion, empower COs to permit :
 - (i) members to wear sleeves rolled up;
 - (ii) members of authorised working parties, whilst actually engaged in strenuous work, to work with the upper portion of the body bare;

- (B) Formation Commanders may also authorize COs to permit personnel to work with upper portion of the body bare when actually working in ships' holds between sunset and sunrise.
- 2 (b) Members granted permission to work with upper portion of the body bare will wear shirts when proceeding to and returning from the actual place of work.
 - 2 (c) No general permission will be given by COs pursuant to the above proviso. A specific direction must be given by COs on each occasion.
3. A member issued with American gaiters may wear same in lieu of gaiters SD.
 4. (a) Officers and WOs Class I may wear Sam Browne belts or belts web.
(b) WOs Class II may wear belts, waist, brown, leather or belts web.
(c) All other ranks may wear belts web.
 5. Hats will be worn by all ranks except that, at their option:
(a) officers and warrant officers may wear, in lieu, caps, officer pattern;
(b) drivers MT may wear, in lieu, caps SD.
 6. Safari jackets may be worn only by those other ranks who:
(a) have returned from service with the AIF out of Australia or are now serving in NEW GUINEA as members of the AIF;
or
(b) have had such articles issued to them by Ordnance.
 7. Personnel will wear the right arm colour patch of their unit on the RIGHT hand side of, and in the centre of the hat band, unless ordered not to wear colour patches for security reasons.
 8. Notwithstanding that personnel wear other types of identity discs, all ranks will wear the identity discs issued to them.
 9. COs will be responsible for ensuring that members of their units are made fully conversant with the requirements of this order and will take necessary measures to bring about strict compliance therewith.
 10. This order will take effect on and from 15 Dec 43.
(This order will be repeated in Unit Routine Orders).

340. WITHDRAWAL OF SHORTS (NGF O A 476)

1. Shorts will not be issued to personnel in NEW GUINEA.
2. Shorts now on issue will be withdrawn immediately from all personnel in NEW GUINEA. Shorts which are the personal property of individuals will be handed in to the Kit Store.
3. Unit commanders will ensure that para 2 of this Order is fully complied with and will render to their respective Formation Commanders not later than 27 Dec '43 a certificate to that effect.
4. Action will be taken by all concerned to ensure that shorts in the possession of personnel subsequently arriving in NEW GUINEA are withdrawn on such arrival.
5. Necessary issues will be made to enable each member to have in his possession three pairs of slacks.
6. The wearing of shorts will be treated as an offence, on and from 15 Dec 43.
(The certificate, vide para 3 above, will be fwd to reach this HQ by 25 Dec 43.)

341. STERILISING OUTFITS FOR USE WITH WATER BOTTLES (NGF O Q479)

1. (a) The sterilising tablets in outfits for use with water bottles are subject to deterioration and loss of strength on prolonged storage.
Provision has been made for replacement of outfits by AASC on the elapse of six months from the date of manufacture or if they are found to be unserviceable.
 - (b) Unit medical officers will inspect samples from each batch on issue to the unit and supervise a test for free chlorine with local water supply. This test will be repeated if any outfits remain unopened one month after issue. If outfits are found to be unserviceable they will, on the recommendation of the unit medical officer, be returned to AASC for replacement.
 - (c) Tablets will be protected from deterioration by keeping the bottles tightly corked. One outfit will be used completely before the next is opened in order to avoid deterioration by exposure to the air. For the same reason, no bottle of sterilising tablets will be kept for more than seven days after it has first been opened, as the efficiency of its contents cannot be guaranteed for a longer period after the first opening.
2. It is believed that the problem of crumbling has been overcome in tablets of recent manufacture. Certain tablets manufactured by Tromax Ltd in Aug, Sep and Oct of 1943 will show signs of crumbling but not sufficient to warrant return of unused stocks without test.
 3. Progress reports as to the suitability of tablets of the latest manufacture are desired. These will be forwarded through the usual channels.

(To be repeated in Unit Routine Orders).

John E. Duggan Capt
Staff Capt 7 Aust Inf Bde

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27	20 Pl E Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	41 42	C.S.M. C.Q.M.S.
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33	113 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk	46 - 47	Spare.
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7 AUST INF BDE ADM ORDER NO 12

ref map PORT MORESBY
1 : 63360

HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)
AUSTRALIA
/7 Dec 43
Ref 43/200/91

*Amended
18 Dec*

THIRD

1. Second flight of 7 Aust Inf Bde Gp will move by sea from PORT MORESBY to AUSTRALIA.

2. MOVEMENT.

Details will be furnished when available.

3. SERIALS TO EMBARK.

The following serials will embark at PORT MORESBY at time and date to be advised.

Serial No	Unit	Strength		
		Offrs	ORs	Total
1.	HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde	-	3	3
2.	25 Aust Inf Bn			356
3.	20 Pl E Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	-	15	15
4.	7 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	-	12	12
5.	113 Aust Bde Gp Ord W/Shop	2	80	82
6.	113 " " " Fd Park	1	11	12
7.	241 Aust L.A.D.	1	10	11
8.	11 Aust Fd Amb	3	92	95
9.	61 Aust Inf Bn			14
				600

4. DOCUMENTS

- (a) 8 copies of Nominal Roll)
 8 " " T 51) to 8 Aust Movt Control
 6 " " G964)
 1 " " G964) Moresby Base Sub-Area
 1 " " G964) HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde

(b) G964 to show dead weight and cubic capacity of stores.

5. O.C. TROOPS

Maj R. Weppner 25 Aust Inf Bn will be OC tps and will be responsible for provision of Ship's Staff.

6. TPT

- (a) Bde T.O. will be responsible for tpt and their marshalling when loaded.
 (b) Units will submit requirements to Bde T.O. as early as possible.

7. GENERAL

All relevant paras of 7 Aust Inf Bde Adm Instn 9 and 7 Aust Inf Bde Adm Order 11 will be observed.

Signed at 1710304 hrs.

Issued by D.R.L.S.

John E. Duggan Capt
Staff Capt 7 Aust Inf Bde

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	25 Aust Inf Bn	61 Aust Inf Bn	20 Pl E Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	241 Aust L.A.D.	7 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	11 Aust Fd Amb	113 Bde Gp Ord Fd Pk	113 Bde Gp Ord Wkshops	Comd	S.C.	I.O.	T.O.	PASCO	Moresby Base Sub-Area	8 Aust Movt Control	War Diary	File.		

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday **18 Dec 1943** (Unit)

51 / .. 43 (Serial No.)

W.E. **II / 2 / 5** OFFRS. **18** O.R's. **69** + OFFRS. **..** O.R's. **..** ATT. BY W.E.

(Tropical)

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 V.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	Brigadiers					
				Lieut.-Colonels					
			1	Majors					
1 NR	1			Captains	N I L				
1 NR	1	2	10	Lieutenants					
3(1 NR)	3	1	4	Quarter-masters					
				A.A.N.S and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.					
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.					
5 (3 NR)	5	3	16						

DETAIL.	A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	..	TOTAL.
A. Class 15		1								16
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).

1ST INF BDE

Unit

51 43 (Serial No.)

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 18 Dec /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-Ccl Brig	TK2002	FIELD	J	Comd	Yes		
Capt Maj	15602	MAHONEY	J C	B.M.	No	Special Duties	30/11/43
Lieut Capt	NX70799	LOWDES	A L	BM(L)	No	Staff So(Aust) No 6	7/12/
"	QX 40880	KREBS	A A	S.C.	No	Junior course	
"	QX 40880	KREBS	A A	S.C.	No	First Aust Army Jun	10/10
"	QX 35561	CORFE	J R	SC(L)	No	Staff So (K List)	
"	QX 40870	HORNIBROOK	C M	T.O.	Yes	Special Duties	30/11
"	QX 36181	POSTER	J H A	L O I	Yes		
"	QX 36385	PATTERSON	J S	LO II	No	113 Aust Con Depot	3/11
"	QX 40835	MULCANY	E.R.	LO III	No	Special Duties	30/11
"	QX 13562	BLACKMORE	E.R.	I.O.	Yes		
"	NX127324	MORE	K.S.	Hyg O	No	Special Course No 4	
"	QX 45277	PEAKE	W.A.	BASCO	Yes	OCTU WOODSIDE	20/11
"	QX 38334	WOOD	L.A.	Amen O	No	Leave(24 days rec.)	
Chaplain	VX114018	GANLY	D.A.	9 Bn	No		
"	NX142222	McCULLOUGH	M	25 Bn	"		
"	DX 899	DWYER	J	1 AARD	"	(Authy NGP AMS 4051 of 26 Nov 43)	29/11

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 Capt	QX 36134	DUGGAN J.E.	25 Aust Inf Bn	6/10/43	A/S.C.

18 Dec 43

Date of Despatch

Truth—7/43.

John Duggan Capt
Staff Capt 7 Aust Inf Bde
Signature of Commander

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

51/45 Ser ai No.

Hq 7 Aust Inf Bde

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 18 / Dec 1943 (Unit)

W.E. 11 / 2 / 3 OFFRS. 18 O.R's. 69 + OFFRS. - O.R's. - ATT. BY W.E. (Tropical)

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

Table with 10 columns: 1-4 W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED, 5 DETAIL, 6-10 ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E. Rows include W.Os. Class I, W.Os. Class II, Staff Sergeants, Sergeants, Corporals, Troopers, Privates, etc., and a Totals row.

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.

Summary table with columns: Detail, A.I.F., C.M.F. (Under 19 Years, 19 Years and over), A.W.A.S., A.A.M.W.S., CIVIL, R.A.N, R.A.A.P, **, TOTAL. Row A shows 53 A.I.F., 17 C.M.F., all A Class, and a total of 70.

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

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

Two tables side-by-side. Part B table with columns: Number of O.Rs., Unit to which they belong. Part C table with columns: Number of O.Rs., Unit to which detached. Entries include 9 Aust Inf Bn, A.A.S.S., 5 Aust Div Postal, AA Amenities (YMCA), 9 Aust Inf Bn, 63 Aust Inf Bn, and Hq 7 Aust Inf Bde (special Duties).

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

Table with 4 columns: Army No, Rank, Name and Initials, REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known). The table is currently empty.

**PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in
Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 18 / Dec / 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				Surveyors, B.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				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								Biggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers	1	1		Signallers				Tailors			
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen	8	1	1	Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters				Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks	3	3		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				C.S.M.	3	1	
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers				C.Q.M.S.	1	1	
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	7	0	1	Tpt Sgt	1	1	
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply				Drs MT	6	6	
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				Orderlies	9	10	
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	4	4		Coach Trimmers				Batmen	15	15	
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors				" Drs	3	2	1
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks				General Duties	3	4	
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				Hyg Duties	1	1	
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				Water Duties	1	1	
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				Signal Orderlies	6	6	
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics		1		Motor Cyclist	1	1	
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant				Medical Orderly	1	1	
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	2	CARRIED FORWARD	15	11	2	CARRIED FORWARD	20	20	3	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	69	70	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.

18 Dec 43
Date of Despatch

John Duggan
Signature of Commander Inf Bde Capt

PARTICULARS OF RANKS OTHER THAN PRIVATES

GROUP I

Draughtsman

1

incls 1 Cpl

GROUP II

**Intelligence Duties
Cooks**

4

3

"

"

**1 Sgt, 1 Cpl.
1 Cpl**

GROUP III

Clerks

8

"

**1 WO1, 2 WOII, 2
SCTS, 1 CPL.**

NON-SPECIALISTS

C.S.M.

Tpt Sgt

Drs MT

General Duties

Medical Orderly

1

1

6

4

1

"

"

"

"

"

1 WOII

1 SGT

1 CPL

1 CPL

1 CPL

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Serial No.

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS.

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TO **24 aust fd coy**

FROM **7 aust inf bde**

Originator's Number

Q 525

Date

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In Reply to Number

(Write horizontally)					
SECRET	.	NGF	SD 7507	of	5
17 dec	reads	.	M B S A	will	10
prepare	24	fd coy	for	return	15
AUSTRALIA	with	7 aust	inf bde	under	20
arrangements	NGF (Q) MVTs	.	move	with	25
personal	arms	and	eqpt	unit	30
eqpt	less	vehs	tentage	and	35
accom	stores	.	vehs	tentage	40
and	accom	stores	will	be	45
at	disposal	M B S A	.	ENDS	50
.	similar	arrangements	vide	M B S A	55
adm	order	no 1	of	2 dec	60
.	return	vouchers	lodged	with	65
D A D O S	by	27	dec	advise	70
GRO 318	particulars	as	follows	4	75
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NGF	1 copy	M B S A	1 copy	HQ	85
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earliest	.	ACK			95
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					125
					130

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TIME OF ORIGIN

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7 AUST INF BDE SECURITY INSTN No 1

SECRET
Copy No. 43

HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)
AUSTRALIA
20 Dec 43
Ref 43/G75/69.

1. It has come to notice that some pers of 7 Aust Inf Pde Gp (Advance Party) ^{party sent to Aust by air} have made known their arrival in AUSTRALIA.
2. All remaining tps will be warned before departure, that no letters or telegrams will be sent concerning their return to the mainland - nor will local or trunk line calls be permitted unless in the performance of military duties.
3. The above restrictions will continue to apply until lifted by Adv HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde.

ACK

Signed at 201000L hrs

J. E. Duggan Capt
Staff Capt 7 Aust Inf Bde

Issued by DRIS.

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22	-	25	11 Aust Fd Amb	36	Comd
26			7 Aust Inf Bde	37	B.M.
			Sig Sec	38	S.C.
27			20 Pl E Coy 2/1	39	T.O.
			Aust Gd Regt	40	Staff
28			241 Aust L.A.D.	41	C.S.M.
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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Army Form W.3008
(Adapted) (Page 1)
(Revised 1.1.1943)

52/43 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday ^{HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde} 25/Dec/1943 (Unit)

W.E. 11 / 2 / 3 OFFRS. 18 O.R's. 69 + OFFRS. - O.R's. - ATT. BY W.E.

(Tropical)

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 V.E.				
Rein'fts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'fts Required.
			1	Brigadier					
			1	Lieut.-Colonels					
1 NR	1		1	Majors					
1 NR	1	2	10	Captains	NIL				
4 (2NR)	4	X -	3	Lieutenants					
				Quarter-masters					
				A.A.N.S and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.					
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.					
6 (4NR)	6	2	15						

DETAIL.	A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
A. ^A Class 14	14	1								15
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.
0X13552	Lieut	BLACKMORE E.R.	2/1 Aust Gen Hosp	22/12	P.U.O.

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 Dec/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 Brig	TX2002	FIELD	J	Comd	Yes		
Capt Maj	Q 15602	MAHONEY	J C	B.M.	No	Special Duties	30/11
Lieut Capt	NX70799	LOWIDES	A.G.	BM(L)	No	Staff Sc(Aust) No 6 Junior Course	7/12
"	QX40880	KREBS	A.A.	S.C.	No	First Aust Army Staff Sc (X List)	10/10
"	QX35561	CORPE	J.E.	SC(L)	No	Special Duties	30/11
"	QX40870	HORNIBROOK	C.M.	T.O.	Yes		
"	QX36181	FOSTER	J.H.	LO I	Yes		
"	QX36365	PATERSON	J.S.	LO LI	No	113 Aust. Con Depot X List	3/11
"	QX40835b	MULCANY	B.R.	LO III	No	Special Duties	30/11
"	QX13552	BLACKMORE	B.R.	I.C.	No	2/1 A.G.H.	22/12
"	NX127324	MORE	K.S.	Rye O	No	Special Course No 4c OCTU WOODSIDE	20/11
"	QX45277	PEAKE	W.A.	BASCO	Yes		
"	QX38334	WOOD	L.A.	Amen O	No	24 days recreational leave	10/11
Chaplain	VX114018	GANLY	D.A.	9 Bn	No		
"	NX142082	McCULLOUGH	M.	25 Bn	"		
"	DX 899	DWYER	J.	1 AARD	"	(Authy HQF AMS 4051 of 26 Nov 43.)	29/11

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 Capt	QX36184	DUGGAN J.R.	25 Aust Inf Bn	6/10/43	A/ S.C.

25 Dec 43.
Date of Despatch

John Duggan
Staff Capt 7 Aust Inf Bde
Signature of Commander

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

52 / 45 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 18 Dec 1943 HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde (Unit)

W.E. II/2/3 OFFRS. 10 O.R's 69 + OFFRS. O.R's. - ATT. BY W.E. (Tropical)

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

Table with 10 columns (1-10) and rows detailing personnel counts for 'W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED' and 'ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.' with sub-headers for Reinfsts. Required, Deficient W.E., Surplus to W.E., Posted Strength, and Detail.

Summary table with columns for Detail, A.I.F., C.M.F. (Under 19 Years, 19 Years and over), A.W.A.S., A.A.M.W.S., CIVIL, R.A.N, R.A.A.F, **, and TOTAL. Total count is 70.

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

Table with 4 columns: Number of O.Rs., Unit to which they belong, Number of O.Rs., Unit to which they belong. Includes entries like '9 Aust Inf Bn', 'A.A.E.S.', 'AA Amenities (YMCA)', and '241 Aust LAD'.

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

Table with 4 columns: Number of O.Rs., Unit to which detached, Number of O.Rs., Unit to which detached. Includes entries like '9 Aust Inf Bn', '61 Aust Inf Bn', 'HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde (Special Duties)', and a crossed-out entry '241 Aust L.A.D.'.

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

Table with 4 columns: Army No, Rank, Name and Initials, REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known). The table is currently empty.

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 25 Dec /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				Surveyors, B.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				Eangetakers			
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Bivettors			
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	1	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	3	3		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				Helio Operator											
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator											
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	4	4									
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									
Photowriter				Miners											
Plumber				Moulders											
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained											
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.											
CARRIED FORWARD	4	2	2	CARRIED FORWARD	13	11	2	CARRIED FORWARD	20	20	3	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	69	70	4

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25 Dec 43

Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

Capt
Staff Capt 7 Aust Inf Bde

PARTICULARS OF RANKS OTHER THAN PRIVATES

GROUP I

Draughtsman

Posted Strength

1

incls

1 Cpl

GROUP II

Intelligence Duties
Cooks

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1 Cpl

3

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GROUP III

Clerks

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1 WO1, 2 WOII
2 SGTs, 1 CPL

NON-SPECIALISTS

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7 AUST INF BDE ADM ORDER No 13

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HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)
AUSTRALIA
27 Dec 43
Ref 43/200/91

1. Fourth flight of 7 Aust Inf Bde Gp will move by sea from PORT MORESBY to AUSTRALIA.

2. MOVEMENT
Details will be furnished when available.

3. SERIALS TO EMBARK
The following serials will embark at PORT MORESBY at time and date to be advised.

Serial No.	Unit	Strength		
		Offrs	OR	Total
1.	25 Aust Inf Bn	3	82	85
2.	24 Aust Fd Coy	1	12	13
3.	61 Aust Inf Bn	16	426	442
		20	520	540

4. DOCUMENTS

(a) Requirements of GRO 318 to be signalled to following addressees NOT later than 280900L
8 Aust Movt Control rptd
NGF
Moresby Base Sub Area
HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde

(b) 8 Copies of Nominal Roll) to 8 Aust Movt Control
8 " " T 51) NOT later than 281200L
6 " " G964)
1 " " G964) Moresby Base Sub Area (as per
1 " " G964) HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde (as per above)

(c) G964 to show dead weight and cubic capacity of stores.

5. OC TROOPS
Capt K.C. Campbell, 61 Aust Inf Bn, will be OC tps and will be responsible for provision of Ship's Staff

6. TPT
(a) Bde T.O. will be responsible for tpt and their marshalling when loaded.
(b) Units will submit requirements to Bde T.O. as early as possible.

7. GENERAL
All relevant paras of 7 Aust Inf Bde Adm Instn 9 and 7 Aust Inf Bde Adm Order 11 will be observe

Signed at 271200L hrs
Issued by DRLS.

John B. Duggan Capt
Staff Capt 7 Aust Inf Bde

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1	25 Aust Inf Bn	9	T.O.
2	61 Aust Inf Bn	10	BASCO
3	24 Aust Fd Coy	11	Capt K.C. Campbell
4	Comd	12-13	Moresby Base Sub Area
5	B.M. (for infm)	14	8 Aust Movt Control
6-7	S.C.	15-16	War Diary
8	I.O.	17-18	File

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WAR DIARY

OF

ADV 7 AUST INF BDE.

From 0900 Hrs 1 Dec 43

To 0900 Hrs 1 Jan 44.

(VOL 2 PART 12)

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Date and Time.—From 0900 hrs 1 DEC To 0900 hrs 1 JAN 44

UADV. HQ 7 AUST INF BDE (AIF)

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
At SEA	1 Dec	1100	Special Order read to all ranks of 7 Bde gp adv parties	Appx 1.
CAIRNS	2 Dec	1330	Adv parties disembarked at CAIRNS and entrained for TOLGA	
		2105	Adv parties arrived KAIRI Camp and were guided to respective biv areas by personnel of 7 MG Bn. <i>Aust Inf</i>	
		2155	Message to 3 Div re arrival of adv parties	Appx 2.
	3 Dec	1830	Adv HQ 7 Bde opened at 031500L at ref 485381 ref map GORDONVALE 1 inch	
	4 Dec	0930	Location Statement - Adv HQ 25 Bn ref 484383 Adv HQ 61 Bn 482386 Adv HQ 9 Bn 478385 ref map GORDONVALE 1 inch to 1 mile.	
		1200	Location Statement and Map	Appx 3.
	5 Dec	0900	Sketch Map HQ 7 Bde area	Appx 4.
		1320	Message to Bns - Bde will supply one Jeep for one day as from 070845L for Bn 2 1/c's to make preliminary recce of trg area RV this HQ 070845. - Overlay of 7 Bde Trg area attached	Appx 5.
		1630	Message to Units - vehs will be made available to transport a party of personnel to ATHERTON for evening leave.	
	6 Dec	1050	Message from 3 Div - 7 Bde will make available FPO building for Dental centre. On arrival Bde Postal staff suitable arrangements will be made by this HQ for accomodation of FPO.	

J. Mahoney Major
RM, 7 Aust Inf. Bde.

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Unit ADV HQ 7 AUST INF BDE (AIF) Date and Time.—From 0900 hrs 1 DEC To 0900 hrs 1 JAN 44

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KAIRI	7 Dec	2359	Location Statement 7 Bde gp	Appx 6.												
	8 Dec	1925	Units warned of expected arrival second flight 7 Bde gp													
	9 Dec	1020	Message from 3 Div - 137 all ranks 7 Bde expected to disembark CAIRNS 9 Dec. Composition as follows:- <table style="margin-left: 40px; width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td>HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde</td> <td style="text-align: right;">3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>" 7 " " " Sigs</td> <td style="text-align: right;">5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>227 Supply Depot Pl</td> <td style="text-align: right;">2 2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>158 Gen Tpt Coy</td> <td style="text-align: right;">5 2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>11 Fd Amb</td> <td style="text-align: right;">5 5</td> </tr> </table>	HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde	3	" 7 " " " Sigs	5	227 Supply Depot Pl	2 2	158 Gen Tpt Coy	5 2	11 Fd Amb	5 5			
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			Time of arrival at MAREEBA 100005L. 7 Bde will arrange tpt from sta to camp site.													
		1200	3 Div Trg Instn No 1	Appx 7.												
	10 Dec	0345	Message to 3 Div - arrival in unit lines at 100335L of 7 Bde personnel as follows:- <table style="margin-left: 40px; width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td>HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde</td> <td style="text-align: right;">3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>" 7 " " " "</td> <td style="text-align: right;">5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>11 Fd Amb</td> <td style="text-align: right;">52</td> </tr> <tr> <td>224 Supply Depot Pl</td> <td style="text-align: right;">192</td> </tr> <tr> <td>227 " " " "</td> <td style="text-align: right;">222</td> </tr> <tr> <td>158 Gen Tpt Coy</td> <td style="text-align: right;">50</td> </tr> </table>	HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde	3	" 7 " " " "	5	11 Fd Amb	52	224 Supply Depot Pl	192	227 " " " "	222	158 Gen Tpt Coy	50	
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			Two o.r.'s left in charge of stores at CAIRNS.													
		0830	B.M. and L.O.3 made recce of "B" trg area.													
	11 Dec	1200	Extracts from 1 Aust Corps R.O. ser No 16/43 of 7 Dec	Appx 8.												

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 B.M. 7 Aust Inf. Bde.

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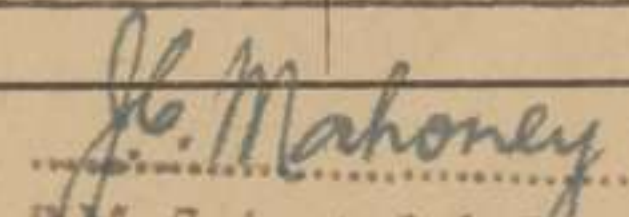
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Unit... ADV HQ 7 AUST INF BDE.....

Date and Time.—From 0900 hrs 1 Dec 43 to 0900 hrs 1 Jan 44

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.									
KAIRI	12 Dec	0910	Units requested to submit by 131200L map ref of existing or proposed 30 yd Rifle Ranges in Unit areas.										
		1200	Instn to Units - 3 Aust Div Jungle Warfare School	Appx 9.									
	13 Dec	1200	<p>Locations of 30 yd Rifle Ranges:-</p> <table style="margin-left: 40px; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="padding-right: 20px;">9 Aust Inf Bn</td> <td style="padding-right: 20px;">ref</td> <td>479384</td> </tr> <tr> <td>25 " " "</td> <td>"</td> <td>483383</td> </tr> <tr> <td>61 " " "</td> <td>"</td> <td>482385</td> </tr> </table> <p>A request was sent to 3 Div for permission to use these Ranges. Permission was granted.</p>	9 Aust Inf Bn	ref	479384	25 " " "	"	483383	61 " " "	"	482385	
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	14 Dec	0830	B.M., Maj MAHONEY, with 21/c's of Bns left for a one day recce of trg area "B". 9 Bn 21/c, Maj FRY. 25 Bn 21/c, Maj JACKSON. 61 Bn 21/c, Maj BICKS.										
		1000	1 Aust Corps message advised that 50 personnel of 25 Bn were emplaning at MORESBY for movt to mainland.										
	17 Dec	1200	3 Div Trg Instn No 2	Appx 10.									
		1430	Units 7 Bde gp advised that leave to ATHERTON may be granted on nights 18 and 19 Dec. Visits to LAKE EACHAM have been arranged for 18 and 19 Dec.										
		2100	3 Div advise that 2 Offrs and 44 o.r's 7 Bde expected to arrive MAREEBA by rail 180800L. 7 Bde will arrange tpt to camp areas.										
	18 Dec	1130	Message to 3 Div - 2 Offrs and 45 o.r's arrived 25 Bn lines 181100L.										


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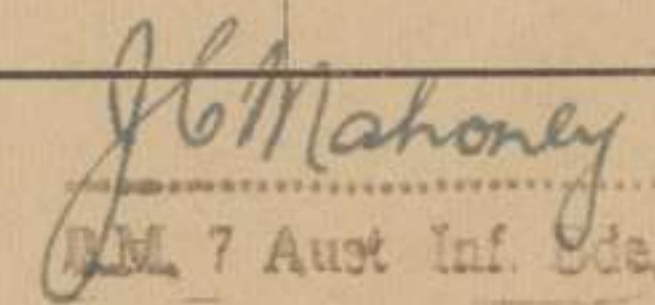
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.															
KAIRI	18 Dec	1200	3 Aust Div Intelligence Course No 1	Appx 11.															
	19 Dec	1630	* Message from 3 Div - 50 all ranks 7 Bde expected to arrive TOLGA 201645L. 7 Bde will arrange tpt to camp areas.																
	20 Dec	1800	2 Offrs and 37 o.r's arrived 25 Bn lines.																
	21 Dec	0830	B.M. and L.O.3 commenced 2-day recce of "B" trg area.																
	22 Dec	1050	Message from 3 Div - 7 Offrs and 76 o.r's for 7 Bde expected to arrive KAIRI 221755L. 7 Bde will arrange tpt.																
		2000	7 Bde personnel returning from Home Leave arrived in Unit lines 221900L as follows:- <div style="margin-left: 40px;"> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 40%;">9 Bn</td> <td style="width: 20%;">4 offrs</td> <td style="width: 40%;">25 o.r's</td> </tr> <tr> <td>25 Bn</td> <td>-</td> <td>12 "</td> </tr> <tr> <td>61 Bn</td> <td>2 "</td> <td>43 "</td> </tr> <tr> <td>HQ 7 Bde</td> <td>1 "</td> <td>5 "</td> </tr> <tr> <td>7 Bde Sigs</td> <td>-</td> <td>2 "</td> </tr> </table> </div>	9 Bn	4 offrs	25 o.r's	25 Bn	-	12 "	61 Bn	2 "	43 "	HQ 7 Bde	1 "	5 "	7 Bde Sigs	-	2 "	
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		2145	Units instructed to concentrate as from 23 Dec on erection of standard design of paliasse beds. Bed boards at present held will be withdrawn to a Bde pool for accommodation of future arrivals of bde gp.																
	23 Dec	0900	Location Statement of 7 Bde Gp	Appx 12.															
		0900	B.M. with 21/c's of Bns departed for visit to 3 Div Jungle Warfare School.																

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 RM. 7 Aust Inf Bde.

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Unit. ADV. HQ. 7. Aust. Inf. Bde. (AIF) Date and Time. — From 0900 hrs. 1. Dec. To 0900 hrs. 1. Jan. 44.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
KAIRI	23 Dec	1300	Message from 3 Div - 611 all ranks 7 Bde arriving KAIRI as follows :- E.T.A. 241700L 400 all ranks E.T.A. 241820L 211 all ranks 7 Bde will arrange tpt to camp areas.	
	24 Dec	1900	Lt-Col E.S.MILES, D.S.O., CO 25 Bn assumed comd adv parties 7 Bde gp.	
		1900	Personnel of 7 Bde gp arrived in Unit lines as follows:- HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde 3 o.r's 7 Aust Inf Bde Sigs 12 " 20 Pl 2/1 Gd Regt 15 " 25 Aust Inf Bn 17 offrs 339 " 61 " " " 14 " 11 Fd Amb 3 " 92 " 113 Bde Wk'shop 2 " 80 " 5 Aust Div Postal Unit 1 "	
	25 Dec	0920	Message received from 3 Div conveying X'mas Greetings from C in C and GOC 3 Aust Div to all ranks	Appx 13.
		1300	B.M., Maj MAHONEY conveyed X'mas greetings on behalf of the Bde Comd to all ranks of HQ personnel.	
	26 Dec	1200	Lt-Col MILES, Adm Comd 7 Bde, with B.M. visited Maj-Gen SAVIGE, GOC 3 Aust Div.	
		1330	Units advised of conference of CO's or OC's units or dets at HQ 7 Bde 271400L. SC will arrange tpt.	

J. Mahoney Major
B.M. 7 Aust Inf. Bde.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
KAIRI	27 Dec	0830	Personnel from 7 Bde gp left for 3 Div School of Jungle Warfare No 2.	
		2220	Following personnel returning from leave arrived in unit lines 9 Aust Inf Bn 15 o.r's 25 " 14 " 61 " 16 "	
	28 Dec	1200	7 Bde Dist Lists 'A' and 'B'	Appx 14
		1200	Staff Table Pro formas	Appx 15
	29 Dec	1140	3 Div request services of Lieuts McDonald R.N. and Willmott D.R. as instructors 3 Div Int School No 1. 30 Dec to 16 Jan.	
	30 Dec	0930	Party of 6 Offrs from 7 Bde left to observe trg at 3 Div School Jungle Warfare.	
	31 Dec	1100	Message from 3 Div - 350 Q'LAND personnel of 7 Bde Gp proceeding on leave will report R.T.O. INNISFAIL 021230L Jan ETD 021415L. Road movement KAIRI - INNISFAIL under arrangement 7 Bde with assistance 3 Div Provost Sec.	
		1200	7 Bde Adm Instn No 101	Appx 16
		1645	Message to 3 Div and Bns - Warning of expected arrival of personnel ex NEW GUINEA	Appx 17
		1930	Bde Comd, Brig J. FIELD arrived KAIRI. Lt-Col E.S. MILES ceased Adm Comd 7 Bde Gp and resumed Comd 25 Bn.	
		2240	Message from 3 Div - 350 Q'LAND personnel 7 Bde Gp proceeding on leave will depart TOLGA 022400L. 7 Bde will arrange movement.	
	27 Dec	1400	Notes for Conference	Appx 18

J. Mahoney
Major
Adv. 7 Aust Inf Bde

Adv HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)
 AS Sec.
 / Dec 43.

SPECIAL ORDER

(To be read to all ranks of adv parties before disembarkation)

(Offrs and NCO's i/e adv parties will keep this order and read it to later parties of the unit as they arrive.)

After a long period of service in NEW GUINEA 7 Aust Inf Bde Gp is returning to AUSTRALIA. It is the task of the adv parties to prepare for the arrival of the main body. You will be watched and judged as soldiers by many (both inside and outside the army). Therefore, it is the duty of each man to see that everything he does adds to the good reputation of the bde, and that he does nothing to take away from that reputation. This requires a high standard of discipline, turn-out, soldierly bearing and good conduct at all times. For the disembarkation offrs and NCO's i/e adv parties will ensure that all ranks are cleanly shaved and uniformly dressed; boots, gaiters, green trousers and shirts, if issued, (sleeves rolled up), hats, marching order, with kitbags.

It is probable that when the concentration of the bde gp is completed, home leave will be granted. Meanwhile, any attempted absence without leave will only bring punishment on the soldier and discredit on his unit. During the move of adv parties from the port of disembarkation to camps, no leave will be granted. Thereafter, bde HQ will lay down the scale of local leave and will inform units when it may be granted.

Security calls for the active and intelligent cooperation of every man. During the movement of the bde from AUSTRALIA to MILNE BAY, and after arrival there, security was excellent. One valuable result was that the JAP completely underestimated the strength of our MILNE BAY force and made a disastrous attempt to seize that base with inadequate forces of his own.

The same high standard of security is needed now. The sea journey is behind you: thousands of your comrades have still to make it. Therefore no indication of any kind must be given that the bde is returning to AUSTRALIA or that part of it has already arrived. Telegrams, telephone or other messages to relatives or friends must NOT be sent until permission is given by bde HQ. There must be no indication in letters that you yourself have made a sea voyage or are back in AUSTRALIA. Tps are reminded that it is forbidden to use civil post offices; all mail must pass through army channels.

In the wider fd of security, remember that through your service in NEW GUINEA you have gained a good deal of info of military value. Do NOT pass it on by careless or foolish talk.

The same rigid anti-malarial precautions as enforced in NEW GUINEA are necessary at your destination. Between 1800 hrs and 0730 hrs daily (until other local orders are issued) dress will be: boots and socks, gaiters, long trousers and shirts (sleeves rolled down). Units will check this order of dress at the evening meal. Atabrin will be taken on the same scale as in NEW GUINEA. Mosquito nets and repellent will be used.

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11 Aust Fd Amb
8 -9 War Diary
10 File. |
| 2. 9 Bn | | |

J. B. Mahoney
 Bde Maj. 7 Aust Inf Bde. Maj.

MESSAGE FORM

APPX 2

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS.	IN	I see	No. of Groups	Serial No.
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MESSAGE FORM

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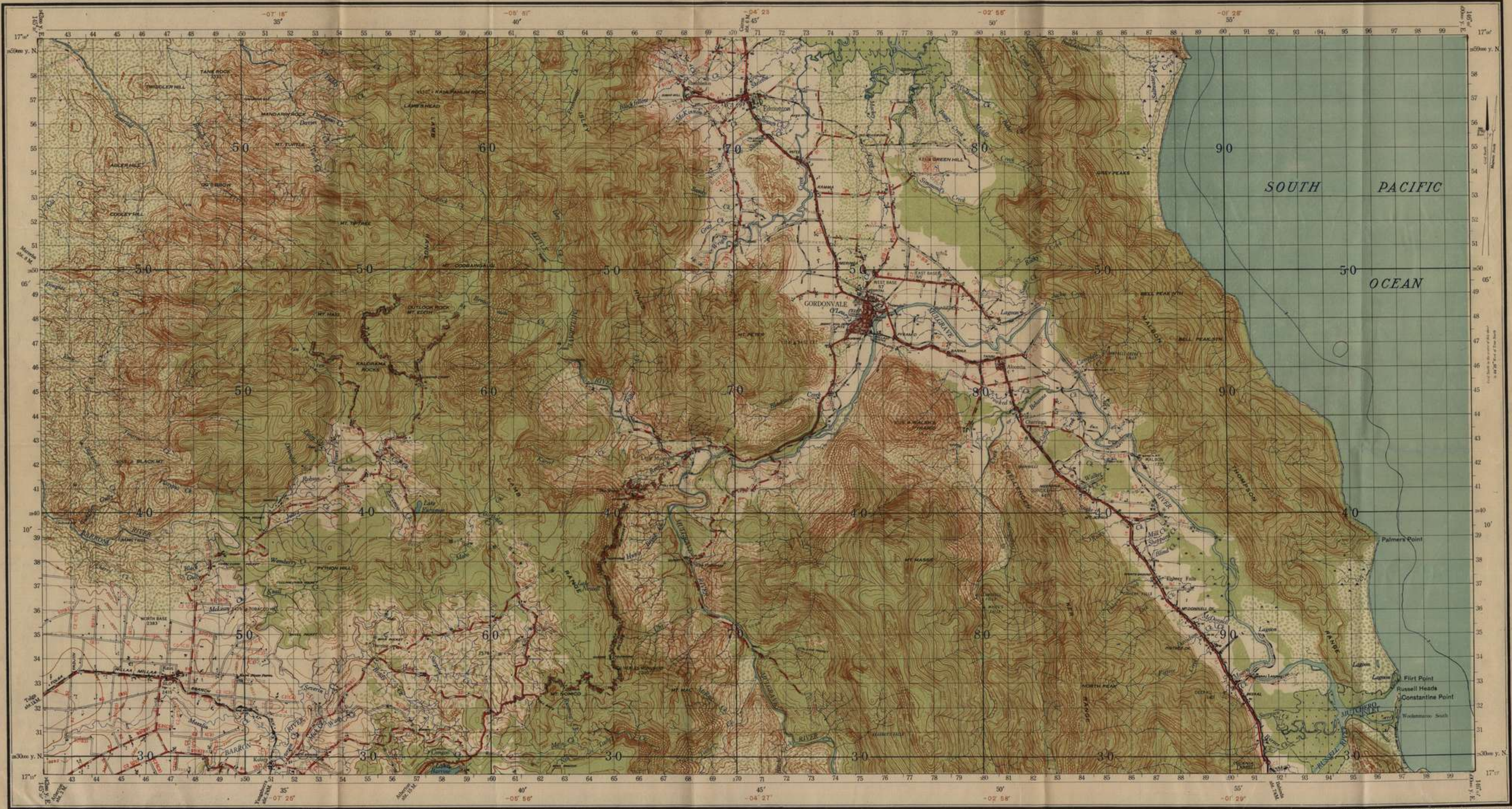
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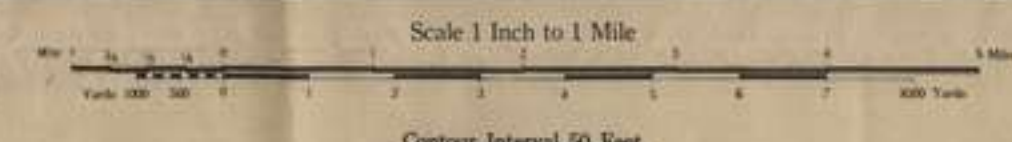
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Elevations in feet. Mean Sea Level Brisbane.
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Full Cover or Dense Timber.	Green
Canouffage Cover or Medium Timber.	Light Green
Scattered Timber.	Yellow Green
Low Scrub.	Yellow
Orchards.	Light Yellow
Mangroves.	Dark Green
Trig Stations (First Class)	Black Triangle
Trig Stations (Second Class)	White Triangle
Trig Stations (Third Class)	Black Circle
Trig Stations (Fourth Class)	White Circle
Aerodrome A or A1 Class.	Red Circle
Aerodrome B Class.	Black Circle
Aerodrome C Class or Emergency.	White Circle
Landing Ground.	Black Square
Seaplane Base.	Black Circle
Seaplane Mooring Area.	Black Circle

Bridge (Road across stream shown as broken)	Red line with cross-ticks
Culvert.	Red line with cross-ticks
Roads Sealed.	Red line
Roads Metal or Gravel.	Red line with cross-ticks
Roads Earth.	Red line with cross-ticks
Width sufficient for occasional passing.	Red line with cross-ticks
one traffic stream.	Red line with cross-ticks
Heavy MT.	Red line with cross-ticks
Suitable for Light MT up to 3 ton lorries.	Red line with cross-ticks
Horse transport only.	Red line with cross-ticks
Pack transport only.	Red line with cross-ticks
Note: Brackets denote wet weather classification.	
Roads impassable to MT in wet weather.	Red line with cross-ticks
Tracks.	Red line with cross-ticks



Fathom Lines.	Blue line
Contours (numbers and fathoms omitted).	Brown line
Cliffs & Steep Slopes.	Red line with cross-ticks
Spring Well or Waterhole.	Blue line with cross-ticks
Sewer or Marsh.	Blue line with cross-ticks
River or Perennial Stream.	Blue line with cross-ticks
Non-perennial Stream.	Blue line with cross-ticks
Water Channel.	Blue line with cross-ticks
Railway (double line).	Black line with cross-ticks
Railway Station with siding.	Black line with cross-ticks
Railway Siding.	Black line with cross-ticks
Light Railway (single line).	Black line with cross-ticks
Embankment.	Black line with cross-ticks
Cutting.	Black line with cross-ticks
Post Office.	Black circle
Post & Telegraph Office (in villages).	Black circle

Wind Pump.	Black circle
Cemetery.	Black circle
House.	Black circle
Garage.	Black circle
School.	Black circle
Hotel.	Black circle
Blacksmith's Shop (large).	Black circle
Church.	Black circle
Mill or factory.	Black circle
Lighthouse.	Black circle
Telegraph or Telephone line.	Black line
Electric Transmission Line.	Black line
Electric Power Station (Main).	Black circle
Electric Power Station (Terminal Sub-station).	Black circle
Stone Wall.	Black line

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7 AUST INF BDE LOCATION STATEMENTAs at 032350LsDec 43Ref Map GORDONVALE 1 inch to 1 Mile.

UNIT	LOCATION	MAP REF	REMARKS.
H.Q. 7 Aust Inf Bde	KAIRI	485381	Adv Party Only
7 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	"	485381	"
20 Pl E Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	"	485381	"
241 Aust L.A.D.	"	485381	"
9 Aust Inf Bn	"	478386	"
25 Aust Inf Bn	"	484383	"
61 Aust Inf Bn	"	482386	"
11 Aust Fd Amb	"	503384	"
B Pl 158 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	"	504388	"
224 Aust Sup Depot Pl	"	504388	"
227 Aust Sup Depot Pl	"	504388	b "
113 Bde Gp Ord W/Shop	"	476385	"
113 Bde Gp Ord Fd Park	"	476385	"
24 Aust Fd Coy	-	-	In NEW GUINEA.

(Sgd) J.C. MAHONEY. Maj
Bde Maj. 7 Aust Inf Bde

APPX 4



Scale 1" - 50'

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Trg Area.

7 Aust Inf Bde

Ref map

GORDONVALE 1"

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LOCATION STATEMENT

7 AUST INF BDE GP.

as at 2359 hrs 7 Dec 43.

ref map GORDON VALE 1"

Serial No	War Office Serial No	Veh No	Unit	Location	Map Ref	Remarks and projected moves
1	46101	88	Hq 7 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)	KAIRI	485381	Adv party only
2	49113	88	7 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	"	485381	" " "
3	46102	88	20 Pl B Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	"	485381	" " "
4	46103	88	241 Aust L.A.D.	"	485381	" " "
5	46104	58	9 Aust Inf Bn	"	478386	" " "
6	46105	50	25 Aust Inf Bn	"	484383	" " "
7	46106	99	61 Aust Inf Bn	"	482386	" " "
8	46122	52	11 Aust Fd Ass	"	503384	" " "
9	48827	72	B Pl 158 Aust Gen Tpt Coy.	"	504388	" " "
10	49028	64	224 Aust Sup Depot Pl	"	504388	" " "
11	49030	64	227 Aust Sup Depot Pl	"	504388	" " "
12	46240	144	113 Bde Gp Ord Workshop	"	476385	" " "
13	46241	-	113 Bde Gp Ord Fd Pk	"	476385	" " "
14	46094	86	24 Aust Fd Coy	"	-	Still in New Guinea

J.G. Mahoney

Maj.
Bde Maj. 7 Aust Inf Bde.
7 Dec 43.

JCM/WEM (8/12)

Ref : 43/G/32

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Dec 43.

Subject : 3 AUST DIV TRG INSTN No 1

To all Units 7 Aust Inf Bde Gp.

This instn is reproduced in full for infm of all units. Aust Inf Bde Trg Instn will be issued to bring about the action required by the instn.

1. "INTRODUCTION"

The various units which have been concentrated in this area to form 3 Aust Div have had varying opportunities for training and operational activities. Every endeavour will be made to use the experiences of each for the benefit of the formation as a whole

2. OBJECT

Every unit in the formation will be trained so that, by the end of March 1944, the formation will be fitted for participation in any operational role in the South West Pacific area.

3. PERIODS OF TRAINING

- (a) December. Recapitulation of individual and collective training up to platoon or equivalent sub-unit exercises. Special attention will be given to the instruction of ALL ranks in subjects mentioned in Para 5 sub-joined.

TEWTS will be conducted during this period in preparation for company or equivalent sub-unit exercises.

- (b) January. A continuation of the training carried out in December together with company or equivalent sub-unit exercises.

At least two of these exercises (with troops) will be carried out during this period.

These exercises will be prepared and conducted by Bn HQ. TEWTS will be conducted under Brigade arrangements in preparation for Battalion exercises.

- (c) February and March. Recapitulation as required; with particular attention to specialist training, - embracing at least 100% reserve in excess of the numbers laid down in War Establishments.

At least two battalion exercises with troops will be carried out by each battalion during this period.

These exercises will be prepared and conducted by Brigade HQ. At least one exercise for each Brigade group will be prepared and conducted by Div HQ during the month of MARCH.

4. TRAINING AREAS

Attached as Appx A is a trace showing the allocation of training areas. Where it is desired to train in areas other than those allotted - application will be made to this HQ first.

5. TYPES OF TRAINING.

Units will carry out all types of training necessary for the attainment of the object vide Para 2 above.

Special attention will be given to the following subjects:-

(a) General

- (i) Musketry - complete normal practices - special course at opportunity - targets in the jungle - training in shooting from the hip, using tracer ammunition.
- (ii) Hand and rifle grenades - most important.
- (iii) Bayonet fighting.
- (iv) Mortars.
- (v) Selection and preparation of areas for night halts - perimeter defence - fire lanes - shelters - development of a drill for the carrying out of all the tasks involved.

(b) Junglecraft.

(i) Patrolling in the jungle - method - reports. (Reports will be accompanied by track going maps See Appx B).

(ii) Ambushes - setting and springing.

(iii) Booby traps - in defence - on tracks - delousing.

(iv) Sanitation - water treatment - anti-malarial precautions.

(v) Platoon and Company treks - duration up to 7 days not less than 4 - route to be defined by Brigade Comd or C.O. - halts for night to be made in areas laid down, and preparation of perimeter defence, fire lanes, shelters rigorously enforced.

(NOTE. Use field ops and emergency rations only. Arrange periods without cooking fires. Use of canned heat - Tommy Cooker.

Arrange for two parties to be out at same time and working from opposite directions.

Adequate umpiring essential.)

(c) Supply in the jungle.

Selection and marking of dropping ground. Organization on the dropping ground.

Preparation of loads - organization of carrying parties and/or boy lines - protection of carrier and/or boy lines.

Provision of hot meals for front line troops - Platoon and company cooking.

6. SYLLABUSES AND REPORTS.

Brigade summary of unit syllabuses showing :-

DATE	UNIT	AREA	LESSONS	REFERENCES

will be forwarded to reach this HQ one clear week before the commencement of the Syllabus.

Schemes for Battalion exercises will be forwarded to this HQ three clear days prior to the commencement of the exercise. Units will be prepared to forward schemes for company or equivalent sub-unit on demand to this HQ. Bdes, Div troops, and services, will render Monthly Reports of Training to this HQ.

7. LECTURES

Tuesday night in each week will be reserved for lectures arranged by Div HQ. Details will be issued separately.

8. SCHOOLS.

The following schools will be arranged by Div HQ.

(a) Jungle Fighting School for the instruction of officers and senior NCO's.

(b) Intelligence Course.

(c) Q Course

(d) Baker's Course.

Particulars and allocation of vacancies will be advised later.

9. GOC'S MESSAGE.

"Units under command 3 Aust Div are destined to fight in the Islands.

Napoleon stated that there were three different types of terrain in which operations were difficult - desert, river country and mountains; the most difficult being the mountain country. You will be called on to fight in mountain country fiercer than any in Europe, clothed with dense jungle and against a determined foe.

Many units have had experience in New Guinea. It is the sum total of their experience which provides lessons from which we can learn the craft of jungle fighting. The purpose of our training will be to learn those lessons.

This warfare demands determined and knowledgeable leadership such as will rise above body and mind weariness brought about by jungle conditions. It demands man management in its real sense of leadership and care of troops. It necessitates improvisation to meet problems inherent in jungle fighting. All this is demanded of all leaders be he Div Commander or Section leader.

Experience has proved once again that our principles of war are sound and without a knowledge of them success cannot be achieved. You must master the principles of war as laid down in our Manuals of Training.

Every soldier must be fit and capable of using his arms to the best advantage. Men, as well as those in the specialist team, must learn their job and be ready to employ any type of weapon used by infantry. Training will be directed to this end.

The great enemies of the jungle are disease and fatigue. Much sickness and many diseases are controllable by strict regimental supervision of the methods designed to prevent them. It is only by applying these methods as a drill that desired results will be achieved.

Your success in battle will be in accordance with your success in training. Jungle fighting is hard. Your training must be conducted on hard lines. The sweat of training and the application of the leader to further his knowledge will save blood in the jungle. An old Arab proverb states : "A dead fish stinks first at its head". Let us prevent dead commands by live interest and hard work on the part of leaders."

(Signed) R. NOEL PEVERILL Lt.-Col.
CS 3 Aust Div."

R. Mahoney Maj.
Bde Maj. 7 Aust Inf Bde.

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| 4 | 61 Aust Inf Bn | 14 | Comd |
| 5 | B Pl 158 Aust Gen Tpt Coy | 15-16 | B.M. |
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| 7 | 227 Aust Sup Depot Pl | 18 | I.O. |
| 8 | 113 Bde Gp Ord Workshop | 19 | Staff |
| 9 | 113 Bde Gp Ord Fd Pk | 20-21 | War Diary |
| 10 | 241 Aust L.A.D. | 22 | File |

Appx 'A' : (Trace of Div Trg areas) held at H.Q. 7 Aust Inf Bde.

Appx 'B' : Patrol reports and track going maps : one copy to each inf bn, one to file.

War Diary APPX 8

Subject : EXTRACTS FROM 1st AUST CORPS ROUTINE ORDER PART I
SERIAL No 16/43 dated 7 Dec 43

H.Q. 7 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)
Australia
11 Dec 43

Ref : 43/Q/9a

1. Records - Returns and States - AAF W3008, W3009 and W3006

When a unit proceeds on leave as a whole, it remains necessary for the above returns to be regularly submitted. Accordingly, when no administrative cable remains, arrangements will be made, either with superior comd. or some appropriate unit, for the continued rendition of these returns and states on behalf of the unit.

2. Volunteers for Parachute Bns - Selection of Personnel

1. As provision has been made for additional pay to personnel undergoing training as parachutists and to qualified parachutists, (vide GRO 757/43) personnel who volunteer for service with a Parachute Bn will, to be eligible for selection, comply with the following conditions:-

(a) Non Commissioned Officers will voluntarily declare in writing their willingness to revert to the rank of private.

(b) Privates who are in receipt of proficiency pay and /or Specialists' and tradesmen's pay will voluntarily declare in writing their willingness to relinquish such pay.

2. Reduction in rank and relinquishment of proficiency and Specialists' and tradesmen's pay in accordance with para 1 will date from the day that personnel qualify as parachutists.

3. Non Commissioned Officers, tradesmen and personnel in receipt of proficiency pay who prior to the issue of this instruction have qualified as parachutists or are undergoing training as parachutists without having made the necessary declaration vide para 1, sub paras (a) and (b), will be requested to do so forthwith.

4. Voluntary reversion of a NCO or relinquishment of trade grouping by a tradesman or specialist will not affect the eligibility of a qualified parachutist to promotion within the WE of a Parachute Bn or to appointment within such WE in accordance with his trade or specialist qualifications. (IHQ SM 26240)

3. Care of Ammunition

1. Recent reports indicate that on occasions ammunition held by Units has been tampered with, rendering it extremely dangerous to handle or fire.

2. Ammunition must not be tampered with or dealt with in any way except as authorised in approved publications or Standing Orders.

4. Salvage - Issue of Salvage Material

1. Attention is drawn to GRO Q455/42 which provides that issue to Units of salvage material from Army Salvage dumps and depots will be made only on submission of a Requisition made out on Army Book 108 and signed by O C of unit or his representative.

2. Requisitions must state purpose for which salvage material is required.

5. Reclamation of used Lubricating Oils

1. Attention is drawn to GRO Q133/43 in connection with above.

2. Receipts of used oils in this area indicate that the instructions contained in this GRO are not being observed and Formations, Units etc will ensure that these instructions are put into effect forthwith.

6. Addressing and Consigning of Military Traffic for Movement by Rail

1. Complaints have been received from the Railway Departments of Queensland, New South Wales and Western Australia in regard to the initial incorrect addressing and consigning of Navy, Army, Air and Allied Force traffic.

2. This results in traffic after arriving at the destination to which it is addressed and consigned having to be reconsigned to its correct destination and involves delay in release of rolling stock, unnecessary work by Railway personnel and delays in delivery.

3. Attention has also been drawn to consignments being wrongly described as 'Packages' when they consist of cases, cartons, bales, crates, etc, such faulty description makes the identification of consignments difficult.
4. Particular attention must be paid by all concerned to the necessity for seeing that all Service traffic forwarded by rail is correctly addressed, consigned and described in the first place in order to overcome troubles of the nature described. (IHQ SM 26458)

7. Mobile Canteen - Lake Eacham

1. As from Saturday, 11 Dec 43, a mobile canteen will be at LAKE EACHAM on Saturdays and Sundays, at the following times:-

(a) Other Ranks' Area

Saturday - 1400 hours to 1630 hours
Sunday - 1030 hours to 1630 hours

(b) Officers' Area

Sunday - 1400 hours to 1630 hours

2. The following will be on sale at the other ranks' area:-

- (a) Tea and sandwich - 4d
- (b) Tea and 2 cakes - 3d
- (c) Tea and bun - 3d
- (d) Soft drinks (limited supply) - 6d per bottle.

Personnel will be required to bring their own drinking utensils as none will be provided.

3. Afternoon tea consisting of tea and sandwich will be available at the officers' area at the cost of 6d. A limited supply of soft drinks will be available in this area also.

[Signature] Capt.
for Staff Capt 7 Aust Inf Bde.

NOTICE

The following will be closed on Christmas Day:-

Officers' Club	ATHERTON
Officers' Shop	"
Men's Cafeteria	"

DISTRIBUTION

24 Aust Fd Coy	113 Bde Gp Ord Workshop
9 Aust Inf Bn	113 Bde Gp Ord Fd Pk
25 Aust Inf Bn	11 Aust Fd Amb
61 Aust Inf Bn	241 Aust L.A.D.
7 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	Staff
20 Pl E Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	War Diary (2)
B Pl 158 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	File
224 Sup Depot Pl	Spare (5)
227 Sup Depot Pl	

Subject : 3 AUST DIV JUNGLE WARFARE SCHOOL
Course No 1 - 13 Dec to 22 Dec 43

Adv HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)

Australia

12 Dec 43.

Ref : 43/G/12a

9 Aust Inf Bn

25 Aust Inf Bn

61 Aust Inf Bn

S.C.

War Diary (3)

File

Ref para 8(a) of 3 Aust Div Trg Instrn No 1, this is the first of a series of courses for officers and senior N.C.O's.

1. LOCATION Ref map GORONVALE 1 inch to 1 mile 590486

2. OBJECT OF COURSE Practical training in

- (a) Minor Tactics
- (b) General Routine Operations
- (c) Administration

as applicable to jungle conditions.

3. DURATION OF COURSE. 10 days from 13 Dec to 22 Dec 43.

4. VACANCIES. Vacancies are allotted thus:-

	Officers	N.C.O's or Sergeants
HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde	-	1
9 Aust Inf Bn	-	2
25 Aust Inf Bn	1	1
61 Aust Inf Bn	1	2
Total	2	6

5. TIME OF REPORTING. Students will assemble at unit H.Q. at 0930 hrs 13 Dec. S.C. will arrange tpt to School, calling at unit HQ. Students will report at School by 1000 hrs 13 Dec.

6. NOMINAL ROLLS Units will prepare three (3) copies of nominal roll -
 1 to School with students
 1 to Bde
 1 Kept by unit.

7. ACCOMMODATION

- (a) Students will bring personal gear, blankets, mosquito nets, bed-boards, individual water sterilizing outfits and field dressings.
- (b) Officers may bring stretchers and valises.
- (c) Sausen. One per officer.

8. CLOTHING.

- (a) Dress for the School will be jungle green shirts, long trousers and gaiters.
- (b) A complete change of clothing as per above paragraph will be brought.
- (c) Shorts will not be worn.

9. EQUIPMENT. Students will bring -

- (a) Full set web equipment.
- (b) Rifle and bayonet or Owen SMG (10 magazines per gun)
- (c) Map board and compass if obtainable.
- (d) Field messing gear.

NOTE. No pistols, steel helmets or respirators will be brought to the School.

10. MAIL. Students will arrange for their mail to be readdressed from parent units to 3 Aust Div School Jungle Warfare. Postal Orderly HQ 3 Aust Div will

over/

Subject: 3 DIV 102 02/12
Course No 1 - 12 Dec 12

Responsible for collecting such items from G.F.F. 2010 and delivering to the school.

12 Dec 12
Ref: 43/12

J.B. Mahoney
J.B. Mahoney
12 Dec 12

- 1. LOCATION and map available I think to I also know
- 2. SUBJECT OF COURSE: Technical training in
 - (a) Motor Section
 - (b) General Routine Operations
 - (c) Administration
- 3. DURATION OF COURSE: 10 days from 12 Dec to 22 Dec 12.
- 4. FACILITIES: Venues are attached below.

VENUE	NO. OF STUDENTS	DATE
1	-	12 Dec 12
2	-	13 Dec 12
3	1	14 Dec 12
4	1	15 Dec 12
<u>5</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>16 Dec 12</u>
Total		

- 5. TIME OF REPORTING: Students will assemble at unit H.Q. at 0830 hrs 12 Dec. S.C. will arrange for to school, ending at unit H.Q. Students will report at school by 1000 hrs 12 Dec.
- 6. GENERAL RULES:
 - (a) 1 to 100
 - (b) 1 to 100
 - (c) 1 to 100
- 7. ACCOMMODATION:
 - (a) Students will bring personal gear, blankets, mosquito nets, etc.
 - (b) Individual water sterilizing tablets and toilet dressings.
 - (c) Officers may bring stretchers and vehicles.
 - (d) Battalion. One per officer.
- 8. EQUIPMENT:
 - (a) Issues for the school will be jungle green canvas bag trousers and gaiters.
 - (b) A complete change of clothing as per above paragraph will be brought.
 - (c) Shirts will not be worn.
- 9. EQUIPMENT:
 - (a) Students will bring -
 - (b) Rifle and bayonet or over 200 (10 magazines per gun)
 - (c) The boots and compass if available.
 - (d) Field dressing gear.

10. All students will arrange for their own to be transported from parent units to 3 Div 102 02/12. Local Orderly No 3 and 4 will

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17 Dec 43.

Subject : 3 AUST DIV TRG INSTN No.2

To all Units 7 Aust Inf Bde Gp.

This instn is reproduced in full for action by all units. Indents will be submitted through Staff Capt, 7 Aust Inf Bde. Returns and certificates (NIL returns where applicable) required by paras 6 and 7 will reach H.Q. 7 Aust Inf Bde by 1200 hrs on the 2nd and 16th days of each month.

1. The storing and maintenance of ammunition under jungle conditions presents a problem to units in the field and during this period of training, attention will be paid to this subject.
2. Training ammunition for period Jan - Mar 44 for all units 3 Aust Div has been released in advance and is now available for issue.
3. All units will submit indents immediately for full entitlements of all items laid down in GRO's 504 and 505 of 5 Jul 43. In preparing indents attention is drawn to para 7 of GRO 504.
4. The object of issuing the three months ammunition in advance is
 - (a) To train units in the storing of ammunition
 - (b) To eliminate the time lag between the submission of normal indents and delivery of ammunition.
5. To aid units in storing ammunition copies of the pamphlet "Care and Maintenance of Ammunition in the Field" will be issued on the basis of one per infantry company or equivalent unit, as soon as supplies are available.
6. To enable this HQ to maintain a check on the expenditure of training ammunition, units will render a return as at the 1st and 15th of each month to reach HQ 3 Aust Div by the 3rd and 17th showing by units the amount of training ammunition on hand and the expenditure during the previous period.
7. A certificate will also be required from commanders of each unit to the effect that the ammunition has been checked and is in good condition.
8. The first return is required as at 1 Jan 44 for the period 15 Dec - 31 Dec 43.
9. Units who have not yet submitted indents for the month of Dec will do so immediately.

Signed R. NOEL PEVERILL Lt-Col.
G.S. 3 Aust Div".

J. Mahoney Maj.
Bde Maj. 7 Aust Inf Bde.

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3	25 Aust Inf Bn	13	20 Pl E Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt
4	61 Aust Inf Bn	14	Comd
5	B Pl 158 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	15-16	B.M.
6	224 Aust Sup Depot Pl	17	S.C.
7	227 Aust Sup Depot Pl	18	I.O.
8	113 Bde Gp Ord Workshop	19	Staff
9	113 Bde Gp Ord Fd Pk	20-21	War Diary
10	241 Aust L.A.D.	22	File

SUBJECT : INTELLIGENCE COURSE NO 1.
3 AUSTRALIAN DIV (A.I.F.)

Adv H.Q. 7 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)
AUSTRALIA.
18 Dec 43
Ref: 43/G/ 19a.

9 Aust Inf Bn
25 Aust Inf Bn
61 Aust Inf Bn
S.C.
Bde I Sec

Ref para 3b 3 Aust Div Trg Instn No 1 copy of 3 Div
memo G24/34 of 17 Dec is sent for action.

2. Following additional instns are promulgated for units
of 7 Aust Inf Bde:-

(a) Vacancies:

	ORs
H.Q. 7 Aust Inf Bde	2
9 Aust Inf Bn	2
25 Aust Inf Bn	2
61 Aust Inf Bn	2
Total	<u>8</u>

(b) Nominal Rolls : 2 copies to H.Q. 7 Bde by 1200 hrs 24 Dec.

(c) Tpt : S.C. 7 Bde will arrange tpt calling at unit H.Q. at
0830 hrs 2 Jan 44 and daily thereafter as required throughou
course. S.C. will also arrange tpt to return students to
unit lines daily.

(d) Dress : Boots, gaiters, trousers and shirt green, hats,
web eqpt with haversack on back, personal weapon.

(Sgd) J.C. MAHONEY MAJ.,
Bde Maj., 7 Aust Inf Bde.

APPX 12

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LOCATION STATEMENT
7 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION GP.
as at 2359 hrs 22 Dec 43

ref map GORDONVALE 1"

Serial No.	War Office Serial No	Veh No	Unit	Location	Map Ref	Remarks and projected moves
1.	46101	88	HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)	KAIRI	485381	Adv party only
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3.	46102	88	20 Pl E Coy 2/1 Gd Regt	"	485381	" " "
4.	64103	88	241 Aust L.A.D.	"	485381	" " "
5.	46104	53	9 Aust Inf Bn	"	476386	" " "
6.	46105	50	25 Aust Inf Bn	"	484383	" " "
7.	46106	99	61 Aust Inf Bn	"	482386	" " "
8.	46122	52	11 Aust Fd Amb	"	503384	" " "
9.	48627	72	B Pl 158 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	"	504388	Movement now complete.
10.	49028	64	224 Aust Sup Depot Pl	"	504388	" "
11.	49030	64	227 Aust Sup Depot Pl	"	504388	" "
12.	46240	144	113 Bde Gp Ord Workshop	"	476385	Adv party only
13.	46241		113 Bde Gp Ord Fd Pk.	"	476385	" " "
14.	46094	86	24 Aust Fd Coy	"	506379	Still in NEW GUINEA

J. Mahoney Maj.
Bde Maj. 7 Aust Inf Bde.
24 Dec 43.

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TO RAA 3 AUST DIV 7 AUST INF BDE 8 AUST INF BDE 33 AUST INF BDE 7 MG BN
2/9 AUST CAV (COM) REGT 101 AUST BDE SUPP COY 80 AUST DENTAL UNIT
FROM 202 AUST LAD D COY 2/1 AUST HQ GD REGT COMP AASC POOL CAMP
3 AUST DIV

Originator's Number

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Date

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for	XMAS	and	New	Year	to
yourself	and	all	ranks	under	your
Comd	(.)	unquote	GOC	3	Aust
Div	joins	the	C in C	in	wishing
all	ranks	the	heartiest	seasons	greetings

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Subject: DISTRIBUTION LISTS

Adv. H.Q. 7 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)

Ref: SECRET A1

AUSTRALIA

28 Dec 43.

To All units 7 Aust Inf Bde Gp
(less 24 Aust Fd Coy)

Until further notice, this will be

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7	227 Aust Sup Dep Pl
8	113 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk
9	113 Aust Bde W/Shop (AEME)
10	241 Aust L.A.D.
11	11 Aust Fd Amb
12	7 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec
13	20 Pl 'E' Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt
14	Comd
15 - 16	B.M.
17	S.C.
18	I.O.
19	Staff
20 - 21	War Diary
22	File

Distribution List 'B'

<u>Copy No</u>	<u>Issued to</u>
1	24 Aust Fd Coy
2	9 Aust Inf Bn
3	25 Aust Inf Bn
4	61 Aust Inf Bn
5	B Pl 158 Aust Gen Tpt Coy
6	224 Aust Sup Depot Pl
7	227 Aust Sup Depot Pl
8	113 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk
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Subject: STAFF TABLE

Ref: 43/G/28

Adv H.Q. 7 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)

AUSTRALIA

28 Dec 43

To All units 7 Aust Inf Bde Gp

Att is pro forma (2 copies) of a Staff Table showing pers, weapons and eqpt.

2. Each unit will return to this H.Q. by 1800 hrs 2 Jan 44 one copy filled in to show details of the War Establishment on which the unit is now organized (specify in coln c — e.g. II/12c/2) — i.e. what the unit would have at full strength, fully armed and equipped.

3. The other copy will be kept up to date in the unit to show

- (i) W.E.
- (ii) actual strength in pers, weapons and tpt.

4. From unit copies the Bde HQ master copy will be kept up to date.

Distribution: List "A"

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S T A F F T A B L E

(Showing pers, Weapons and Tpt)

Amended to _____

Serial	UNIT	Personnel (incl att, cr W.E.)				WEAPONS										TRANSPORT										REMARKS						
		W.E.	Offrs	ORS	Total	pistols	Rifles	SMGS	LMGS	MMGS	Tk A Rifles	Mortars 2"	Mortars 3"	2-pr	Tk A Guns	Grenade	Dischargers	Bicycles	MCS	Cars	6 - str	Cars DS	Trucks 1/2 ton	Trucks 15cwt GS	Trucks 15 cwt wireless		Trucks 5ton GS	Trucks 5ton Water	Ambs	Trailers Water	Trailers Jeep	Other Vehs
a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i	j	k	l	m	n	o	p	q	r	s	t	u	v	w	x	y	z	aa	bb	cc	dd	ee		

7 AUST INF BDE ADM INSTRUCTION NO 101

PROCEDURE FOR SENDING TROOPS ON ANNUAL RECREATIONAL LEAVE

1. This instn is issued as a guide to units sending drafts of tps on leave and as a means of obtaining uniformity within the Bde Gp.

2. Documents The following documents will be prepared and kept up to date so that when draft is called for, no time will be lost in completing necessary papers:-

- (a) Leave roster, soldier's record of leave and address while on leave.
- (b) HL 1 - HL 2. Leave pass and warrant (supplies held at Bde).
- (c) AAB 83 - Soldier's Record of Service.
- (d) Nominal rolls as follows:-

<u>Unit</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Destination</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
7	-	-	-	-	Proceeding 24 days recreational leave.

addsd to RTO at Rly Sta where troops are to report.

<u>No. of rolls required</u>		<u>Disposal</u>
W.A.	9	1 for unit file
S.A.	8	1 for O.C. Draft
Vic	7	1 for each main centre passed through on journey i.e. Qld - Cairns, Townsville, Brisbane.
NSW	6	
Qld	5	

Separate rolls for each state.

3. Subsistence TS5a's will be used and arrangements made by Bde for units concerned to visit 1 Aust Corps Cash Office. Supply of TS5a's available at Bde HQ.

4. Coupons Coupons are required for tea, sugar, butter and meat. These are not available in this area at present and will be issued at L & T Depots.

5. Kit Stores See this HQ memo 43/Q/5a of 5 Dec 43. Nominal rolls will be made up as follows:-

<u>Unit</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Deposited</u>	<u>Where reqd</u>
				<u>under which kit was deposited</u>				<u>at</u>	<u>to be sent</u>

Separate sheets will be used for separate destinations.

Rolls will be sent to Bde as soon as possible. Bde will fwd to Kit Store, ATHERTON, where the necessary action to fwd the soldier's kits will be taken.

6. Arms & Eqpt Arms, amm and eqpt will NOT be taken on leave, but will be securely stored in unit lines and properly cared for under unit arrangements. Each man's belongings should be labelled and all should be stored by Secs and Pls.

Certain articles of web eqpt will be taken on leave -
(See para - Dress)

7. Dress (a) Boots, gaiters or puttees short, trousers and shirts green (or khaki), hats KF, belts web, pack (on back), haversack (slung on brace at left side), water bottle (in haversack), kit bag.

(b) Every effort will be made to obtain neatness of turnout and uniformity within units, and tps will be carefully inspected before they leave.

(c) During journey men must shave daily.

Dress (cont). (d) Shirts must NOT be removed while travelling in trains.

8. Messing gear Messing gear must be carried by all ranks.

9. Discipline All drafts going on leave will be addsd by C.O. or O.C. of unit and reminded of their responsibilities while travelling and on leave, and of the importance of reporting at the end of leave at the time and place laid down. Units will designate an O.C. of each leave party. Unit to supply O.C. train will be named by Bde. Unit offrs and NCOs must exercise control throughout the journey.

10. Security Before going on leave men will be warned of the necessity of NOT revealing infm of military importance.

11. Medical Personnel who become ill whilst on leave will report to the nearest
(a) Area Medical offr; or
(b) Military medical establishment; or
(c) Civil hospital or medical officer (only if military MOs are NOT available).

12. Atebrin Twelve tablets will be carried by each man. Units when notified of leave draft will send indent to S.C. who will obtain ADM's approval and collect supply.
Atebrin will be taken by all personnel whilst on leave at the rate of 3 tablets per week.

13. Pay It should not be necessary for personnel to draw large sums of money before proceeding on leave as pay is available at L & T Depots.
All soldiers will carry paybooks at all times.

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for Staff Capt 7 Aust Inf
Bde.

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APPX 17

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MESSAGE FORM

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS.

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Serial No.
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No. of Groups
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TO 3 Aust Div rptd 9 hr 25 hr 61 hr 0

FROM 7 inf bde
Originator's Number 0 780
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In Reply to Number

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and	2	.	25	hr	35
3	and	80	.	61	40
hr	16	and	413	.	45
24	fd	cy	1	and	50
12	.	total	22	offrs	55
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request	early	allotment	exp	site	65
26	fd	cy	to	allow	70
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THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT AS WRITTEN BY ANY MEANS: () WIRELESS
SIGNATURE
* ORIGINATOR MAY DELETE "EXCEPT" AND INSERT "INCLUDING."

THIS MESSAGE MUST BE SENT IN CYPHER IF LIABLE TO INTERCEPTION OR FALL INTO ENEMY HANDS
Signature *J. Mahoney*
Maj.

ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS DEGREE OF PRIORITY
3 Aust Div S.D.R.
others D.R.L.S.

TIME OF ORIGIN
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T.H.I.

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NOTES FOR CONFERENCE

by Lt-Col E.S. MILES D.S.O.

Comd fwd elements 7 Aust Inf Bde Gp

27 Dec 43

Present Lt-Col E.S. MILES, B.N., S.C. (L)

C.Os or O.Cs:- 9 Bn, 25 Bn, 61 Bn, 11 Fd Amb; 224 Sup Depot Pl,
227 Sup Dep Pl, B Pl 158 Gen Tpt Coy; 113 Bde Gp Ord Fd Pk;
113 Bde Gp Ord W/Shop; 7 Bde Sig Sec; 241 L.A.D.

Serial	Subject	Remarks	Notes
1	<p>COMMAND</p> <p>Channel</p> <p>Cooperation</p>	<p>(a) Units of 7 bde gp are under comd HQ 7 inf bde; do NOT deal direct with higher formations. Service units may get technical advice or instns through their own branches but all <u>orders</u> come through comd, NOT service, channels.</p> <p>(b) Bde staff exists to serve units but cannot effectively do so unless units make known their wants - through bde, NOT direct to the source of supply. (e.g. All demands for engr stores pass through S.C.; all indents for ord stores pass through Bde Ord Offr (at present BOWO).</p> <p>(c) Cooperation of all units necessary for efficiency within the bde gp.</p>	
2.	<p>TRAINING</p> <p>Work</p>	<p>(a) 3 Div Trg Instns 1 and 2 issued to all units. Movement of 7 bde gp and possible leave prevent full compliance with Trg Instn 1 but the policy and the objective are clear.</p> <p>(b) Until arrival of complete units, tps already here must be fully and usefully employed - no slackness. Until 3 Jan 44 concentrate on camp construction - with one hr per day in <u>all units</u> for drill, weapon trg, marching, tests for proficiency pay. (Inf weapon trg instrs available to non-inf units.</p> <p>(c) Begin now <u>TENTS</u> for offrs, schools for <u>ICOs</u>.</p>	
3.	<p>LEAVE</p>	<p>Trg plans for next 3 months affected by leave. Object; get leave over and complete bde gp back for trg in shortest time. Requested complete bde (or, at least, complete units less pers already provided for) on leave at same time. Meanwhile, get leave documents up to date - separate men by states.</p>	
4.	<p>ADMINISTRATION</p>	<p>(a) Attention to bde instns issued since arrival of adv parties. <u>Special attention to 3 Div Adm Instn 31 of 12 Dec</u></p>	

Serial	Subject	Remarks	Notes
	Returns	(b) Bde HQ aims at being always on time with returns and correspondence only possible if units do the same. Returns called for will be kept at a minimum -- mostly those required by higher formations; <u>all</u> must be accurate and punctual.	
	Record of Service	(c) AAB 83 - complete.	
5.	CAMP ACCOMMODATION	(a) All units press ahead building and drainage and general camp improvement.	
	Engr Stores	(b) Malthodis still NOT available but other stores (e.g. tanks, showers) are being supplied.	
	Tentage	(c) Tentage cannot be issued until tps are actually arriving. Ensure that tentage held is occupied up to full scale.	
6.	TRANSPORT	(a) Some units (tropical scale) have no vehs on WE, but vehs necessary in this area. At present gen tpt coy vehs are supplied for use by units. Vehs to be taken on unit charge have been asked for and some will be issued -- but some other formations have prior claims.	
	Coordination	(b) Economy in use of available vehs requires coordination through Bde HQ.	
	Work Tickets	(c) Tpt work tickets (GIIs) must be filled in.	
7.	DISCIPLINE	(a) Bde comd expects very high standard at all times. Offr and NCO control -- know where men are. Tps must NOT go outside KAIRI camp area without leave -- leave pass necessary. Men leaving unit areas must be inspected for dress --	
	Dress	ear headdress. (b) Particular attention needed to para 6 of 3 Div Adm Instn 31: DRESS. This must be checked by an offr on evening meal parade. (Offrs must set example themselves). Rules about shirts for working parties must wear to and from work -- only remove on offr's orders. MT drs must wear shirts.	Read out
	Atabrine	(c) Atabrine -- offr check.	
	Tent Lines	(d) Hyg -- constant supervision latrines, grease traps, kitchens and messes, garbage disposal. (e) Tent lines -- uniform lay out - inspected each morning by orderly offr. Flaps rolled (or fastened, as ordered) by first parade.	

Serial	Subject	Remarks	Notes
	Inspection	(f) Inspection parade each morning in <u>all</u> units - dress, turnout, arms, eqpt.	
	Time-Table	(g) Bde time-table will be issued	Time of reveille
	Saluting	(h) Saluting — attention to this reflects spirit of unit.	
	Gambling	(i) Gambling forbidden — prevent all organized gambling.	
8.	SECURITY	Rules already issued — 7 days on mainland before disclosing the fact (use air-mail letter cards only first week).	
9.	AMENITIES	Units apply to Lieut L.A. WOOD, Amen Ofir, 7 Bde. Sporting material must be bought from unit funds.	

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