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7 Infantry Brigade
January - February 1944

WAR DIARY
OF
7 AUSTINF BDE

From 0900 Hrs 1 Jan 44

To 0900 Hrs 1 Feb 44.

(VOL 3 PART 1)

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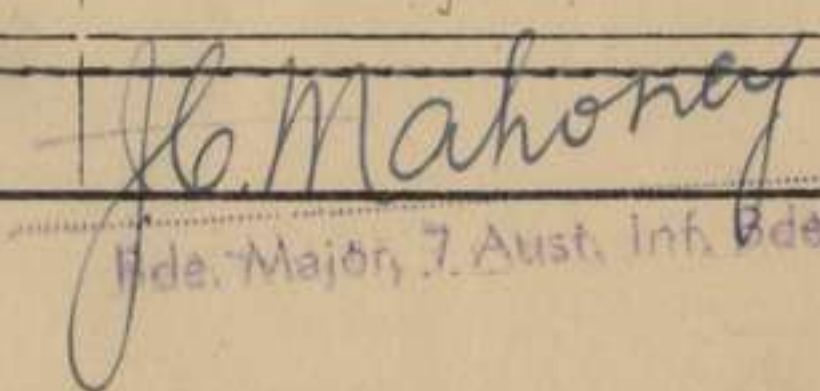
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KAIRI	1 Jan	0900	Message to all units 7 Bde gp - Brig J. FIELD extends to all ranks his best wishes for 1944.	
		0900	Rear details only 7 Bde now at PORT MORESBY.	
		0900	Message to units - normal duties will be carried out today until lunch time. Afternoon periods will be treated as rest and recreation.	
		0920	3 Div message - 350 Qld personnel 7 Bde will proceed on 24 days leave. Departing from TOLGA 2 Jan 44.	
		1100	7 Bde Movement order No 101.	Appx 1.
		1200	APW 3008 and 3009	Appx 2.
		1600	Request to 3 Div to provide air movt Brig J. FIELD to MELBOURNE and return on completion of 24 days leave - Permission was granted for air movt on 8 Jan. Brig FIELD to report CAIRNS 7 Jan 44.	
		2200	7 Bde Movement order No 102.	Appx 3.
		0745	Convoy 26 vehs, 350 personnel of 25 Bn departed for INNISFAIL at 0730 hrs.	
		0830	7 Bde students for 3 Div Int Course No 1 left area. They will be transported daily to and from School by 3 Div tpt.	


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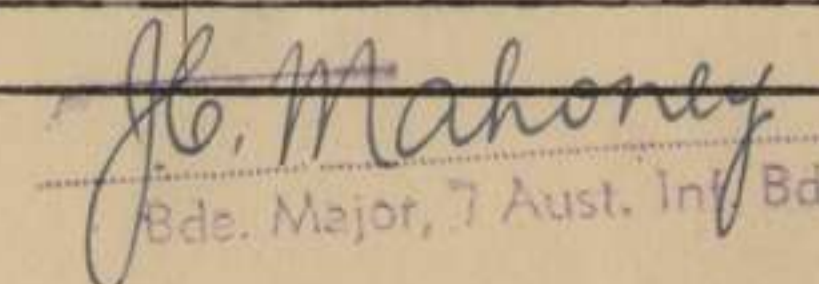
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KAIRI	23 Jan	1240	Convoy 31 vehs arrived INNISFAIL 1220 hrs. Expected to entrain tps at 1345 hrs and depart 1415 hrs. Convoy will depart for return journey to KAIRI at 1330 hrs.	
		1400	Message to units - Personnel available for leave after departure of second draft 2 Jan will be despatched 350 E.T.D. INNISFAIL 041415L. 219 E.T.D. TOLGA 5 Jan. In order that as far as possible complete units may be moved, units will submit by 021800L number all ranks available for leave after departure of second draft 2 Jan.	
		1530	Leave draft departed INNISFAIL 021415L. OC Train, Maj WEPPNER, 25 Bn	
	3 Jan	0105	351 all ranks 7 Bde gp departed TOLGA 022330L proceeding on leave. OC Train, Lieut HATTON, 7 Bde Sigs.	
		0600	Message to Units - vehs attd to Units will report to this HQ 031500L for maintenance in preparation movt of leave personnel to INNISFAIL 4 Jan.	
		1230	Movement of personnel on leave via TOLGA confirmed E.T.D. 041730L.	
		1630	3 Div approval given for Lt-Col BLAIR, CO 11 Fd Amb to proceed on leave.	
		1700	7 Bde Movement order No 103.	Appx 4.
		1720	Message to Units - Advance all times Movt Order No 103 by 30 minutes.	

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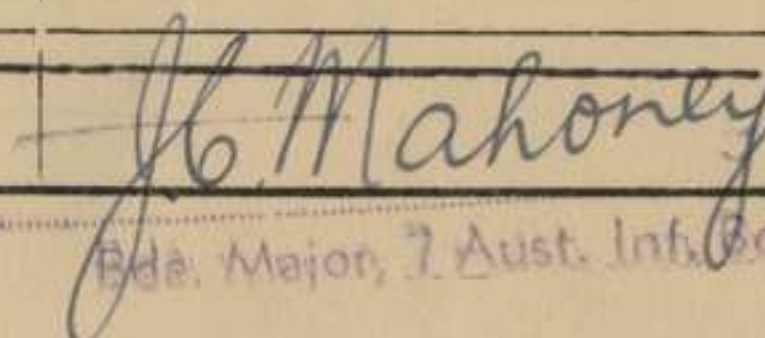
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KAIRI	3 Jan	1925	Message to units - Fd Arty demonstration at WALSH River Arty Range 8 Jan. Each Bn will nominate one observer. Bde will provide tpt calling unit HQ's at 080700L. - 9 Bn nomination Maj FRY. 25 Bn, Maj JACKSON. 61 Bn, Maj BICKS.		
		1930	7 Bde HQ Guard - one NCO and four o.p.'s provided by 9 Bn, 25 Bn and 61 Bn in rotation.		
		2330	7 Bde Movement Order No 104	Appx 5.	
	4 Jan	0730	Convoy left for INNISFAIL		
		1200	7 Bde R.O. Ser 1/44.	Appx 6.	
		1325	Convoy arrived INNISFAIL 041050L. Return to KAIRI for second lift E.T.A. KAIRI 041530L.		
		1420	350 all ranks departed INNISFAIL. OC Train Capt BAVISTER, 227 Sup Depot Pl.		
		1840	216 all ranks departed TOLGA 041825L. OC Train Capt FROWARD, 61 Bn.		
		5 Jan	1000	Fourth flight 7 Bde left PORT MORESBY.	
			1200	7 Bde Instn - Use of Telephones.	Appx 7.
6 Jan	0700	7 Bde observer party, Maj FRY, JACKSON and BICKS left for WALSH River Arty Shoot.			


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KAIRI	6 Jan	1414	Message from 3 Div - 560 all ranks 7 Bde E.T.A. TOLGA ry sta as follows:- 071615L Jan 280 all ranks 071630L Jan 280 " "	
		1922	7 Bde will arrange reception and tpt. Vehs to be clear of TOLGA ry sta by 071645L Jan. Message to units - Unit vehs will report this HQ not later than 071400L required for tpt movt from TOLGA.	
		2030	Following personnel arrived unit lines 072000L :- 25 Aust Inf Bn 3 offrs 87 or's 61 " " " 15 " 408 or's 9 " " " 2 or's 24 " Pd Coy 1 " 12 or's HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde 2 " 3 or's	
		2359	Location Statement	Appx 8.
	8 Jan	1200	R.O. ser No 2/44	Appx 9.
		1200	APW 3008 and 3009	Appx 10.
		1400	Fifth flight of 7 Bde gp left PORT MORESBY.	
		1925	Message to Units - 3 Div School of Jungle Warfare No 3 begins 121000L.	
		2000	61 Bn may send 40 all ranks to LAKE EACHAM on 9 Jan.	

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KAIRI	9 Jan	1125	Message to units - in view possibility calls to provide NCO instructors for LHQ Schools, bns will each maintain a panel of 3 suitable NCO's available at short notice. Qualifications, operational experience, medically A1.	
		1200	7 Bde Instn procedure for sending tps on recreational leave	Appx 11
		1715	3 Div message - 7 Bde will supply to 3 Div jungle Warfare School 1 NCO cook 3 kitchen assistants to report 101000L Jan - also 12 machetes.	
	10 Jan	0900	Message from 3 Div - 33 offrs 851 ORs 7 Bde E.T.A. TOLGA rly sta 10 Jan arriving in four trains. 2115 hrs, 2135 hrs, 2300 hrs, 2320 hrs. 7 Bde responsible for reception and movement.	
		1345	Rear details 7 Bde disembarked CAIRNS.	
		1653	Message from 3 Div - A Sub-Depot of 1 Aust Cash Office estab 3 Div H.Q. as from 0900 hrs. All units will deal through this sub-depot.	
	11 Jan	0900	Following personnel marched into unit lines 10 Jan. HQ 7 Bde 2 - 33 24 Fd Coy 4 - 183 9 Bn - 15 - 555. 61 Bn 9 - 152. 7 Bde Sig Sec 1 - 13. 20 Pl E Coy 2/1 Gd Regt 1 - 11. 5 Div Postal Det 3 ORs. 25 Bn 40 ORs.. Movement complete by 11 1200 hrs.	
		1638	Message to 3 Div - Authority for air travel is requested for the following officers on their way to and from recreational leave. SX Lt-Col MATTHEWS G.R. CO 9 Bn CAIRNS TO ADELAIDE 17 Jan 44. QX54945 Lt-Col WILES H.J. 61 Bn CAIRNS TO BRISBANE.	
		1640	Units instructed to return to HQ 7 Bde by 12 1000L all Bed boards and bearers not in use. Every effort will be made to release as many boards and bearers as possible.	
	12 Jan 0830	07 Bde students for 3 Div jungle Warfare School No 3 left area.		
		0900	Lieut DEUBLE 9 Bn left to attend GAS SCHOOL course 27 CARBATAH.	
		1200	3 Div trg Instn No 1	

Appx 12.
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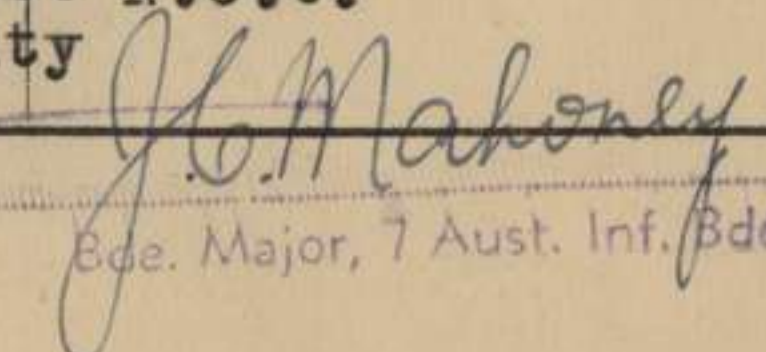
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KAIRI.	12 Jan	1530	3 Div requested to approve construction jungle snap shooting range in rifle range area.	
		2100	Message from 3 Div - 7 Bde Gp personnel will depart INNISFAIL on ARL as follows. ETD 151415L 372. 151900L 350. RTO INNISFAIL will provide meals, 7 Bde to arrange move by rd.	
		2313	3 Div approval given for movt by air: Lt-Col WILES to report MLO CAIRNS PLANE ETD 171030L. Lt-Col MATTHEWS to report MLO CAIRNS 171900L. Plane ETD 180600L.	
	13 Jan	1200	7 Bde Movt Order No 104	Appx 13
		1200	7 Bde Movt Order No 105.	Appx 14.
		2250	Message from 3 Div - 350 personnel 7 Bde Gp allotted train No 3 ETD INNISFAIL 161415L. 7 Bde responsible movt by rd to INNISFAIL. Midday meal supplied INNISFAIL.	
	14 Jan	1000	A/S.C. Capt DUGGAN, T.O. and C.Q.M.S. arrived from NEW GUINEA yesterday at 1000 hrs.	
	15 Jan	0800	372 personnel departed on ARL 0745 hrs to entrain INNISFAIL.	
		1200	7 Bde Movt Order No 106	Appx 15.
		1200	A.F.W 3008 and 3009	Appx 16.
		1300	350 Personnel departed on ARL INNISFAIL.	
		1730	Convoy arrival INNISFAIL 151233L. Train departed. OC train Capt CRAIG 61 Bn.	
		1800	Leave personnel train departed INNISFAIL 151800L. O.C. train Capt GRAHAM 61 Bn.	
		2100	Message from 3 Div - 350 personnel 7 Bde Gp will leave INNISFAIL 171415L Jan. 7 Bde will arrange rd movt to INNISFAIL.	
	16 Jan	0730	Personnel departed ARL	
		1020	Message from 3 Div - 145 all ranks 7 Bde Gp will entrain TOLGA 171000L Jan. 7 Bde to arrange movement to rly sta.	
		1200	7 Bde Movt Order No 107	Appx 17
		1225	Message from 3 Div - 7 Bde will post security guard at location 8 Bde Units from 161600L Jan. Guard to be under control Provost N.C.O. No entrance to sites or removal stores without written authority camp staff offr or 3 Div HQ.	

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KAIRI	16 Jan	1500	7 Bde Movt Order No 108.	Appx 18.
	17 Jan	0750	Personnel ARL left area to entrain INNISFAIL	
		0850	Personnel on ARL left area to entrain TOLGA.	
		1050	Leave personnel left TOLGA. OOC train Lieut STENLAKE 11 Fd Amb.	
		1400	Lt-Col MILES E.S. Aam Comd 7 Bde Gp attended Trg Scheme conference at 3 Div.	
		1433	Leave personnel left INNISFAIL. OC train Capt PEAKE 7 Bde HQ.	
	18 Jan	0900	Lt-Col E.S. MILES Aam Comd 7 Bde Gp admitted to Hospital yesterday.	
		1700	10 Naval Ratings from CAIRNS arrived as guests of 7 Bde Gp under 1 Aust Corps Hospitality Scheme, billeted with 9 and 61 Bns.	
	19 Jan	0900	Amen Officer 7 Bde arranged an outing to LAKE EACHAM for the visiting Naval Ratings.	
		1925	Message from 3 Div - QX25561 Capt J.E. CORFE HQ 7 Bde will report 3 Div Reception Camp 220845L Jan for movt by rail to 16 Aust Pers Staging Camp REDLYNCH to be included in leave draft ex CAIRNS am 23 Jan.	
	20 Jan	1200	7 Bde R.O. Serial 3/44	Appx 19
	21 Jan	1600	7 Bde Students 3 Div Jungle Warfare School arrived back in unit lines.	
	22 Jan	1200	A.F.W 5008 and 5009.	Appx 20.
		2100	Message from 3 Div - 500 personnel, 3 Bde Gp will arrive KAIRI early date. 7 Bde will arrange reception and quarters within 7 Bde area, as temporary measure all personnel to be concentrated in one area. Provisions to be made for further 500 under similar conditions.	
		2559	Location statement 7 Bde Gp.	Appx 21.
	23 Jan	1245	Message from 3 Div - L.H.Q. proposes following repostings of RAE Offrs NX8734 Lt temp/Maj J.W. MAYNES M.M. from 24 Fd Coy to O.C. 2/8 Aust Fd Coy. NX59373 Capt J.D. PICKEN from 2/4 Fd Sqn to O.C. 24 Fd Coy - 7 Bde concurred.	
	24 Jan	1240	Nominations for L.H.Q. school of M.I. - Lieut D.S. DIND NX104272 9 Aust Inf Bn and Q99192 Cpl S.E. EDDOWES, HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde.	

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KAIRI	24 Jan	1430	Message from 3 Div - Land Forces M.S. 4280 of 22 Jan proposes NX77274 Lt D.F. JONES, 2/8 Aust Inf Bn be appointed Education Offr HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde - 7 Bde concurs.	
		2015	Volunteers for provost Corps to be interviewed by D.A.P.M. 3 Div, Col FARNINGTON at 251000L Jan.- 9 Bn 3, 25 Bn 4, 61 Bn 4.	
	25 Jan	1200	HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde Instn - Visual Trg	Appx 22.
		1430	Q21975 Capt T.W. MATHISON 25 Bn returned from leave and assumes duties Adm Comd 25 Aust Inf Bn - QX33835 Capt F.J. O'NEILL resumes duties as Q.M. 25 Aust Inf Bn.	
	26 Jan	1200	7 Aust Inf Bde Routine Order Serial No 4/44	Appx 23.
		1610	Message from 3 Div - Total 78 all Ranks 7 Bde will depart INNISFAIL 291415L - HQ 7 Bde will arrange road movement - convoy to arrive INNISFAIL by 291250L for midday meal for leave personnel and drivers.	
		2215	Message from 3 Div - Approval given detachment QX40823 Capt J.L. KELLY 9 Bn to 1 Aust Army Junior Staff School pending secondment - Capt KELLY at present on recreational leave - 9 Bn telegraphed informing him to report to school for instructions.	
	27 Jan	1150	7 Bde Movement Order No 109	Appx 24.
		1355	Message to Units - Arrangements for Trg of Inf Offrs as Observers of Arty fire for 29 and 30 Jan are cancelled - provision for 7 Bde Offrs will be made later.	
		1510	Message to Units.- Ref 7 Bde Movement Order No 109 - Amend para 5 b to read "4 personnel 9 Bn to be picked up at 9 Bn HQ by 25 Bn vehicle at 290715L".	
	28 Jan	1455	Message to 3 Div - Ref relief of Staff Trg Units - Request authority be sent L.T.D. BRISBANE for onward movement end of leave approx 25 Feb for QX58996 Lieut J. LAWSON 61 Bn to 30 Aust Inf Trg Bn. - QX50118 Lt S.J.G. PLATZ and QX43139 Lt M.R. TAYLOR both 9 Bn to 1 Aust Recruit Trg Bn.	
		1635	Message to Units - Leave draft entraining 291415L - O.C. draft Capt C.J.K. SMITH 9 Bn - O.C. train Lt D.R. WILLMOTT 25 Bn - Officers concerned to be informed.	

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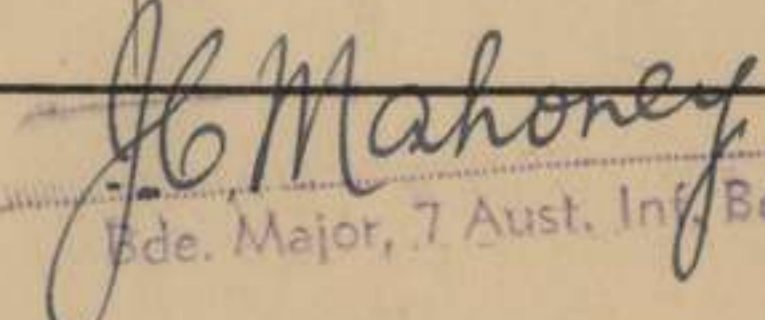
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KAIRI	29 Jan	1130	Request to 3 Div to send immediately on 24 days leave NX11453 Capt N.A. BERRIMAN 2IC Adm Comd 24 Fd Coy - permission granted.	
		1200 1305	A.F.W 3008 and 3009 7 Bde Gp rear party arrived CAIRNS - party consists of 1 offr and 22 ORs 9 Bn and 2 offrs 3 ORs 24 fd coy - A request has been received by 3 Div to grant permission to disembark these troops at CAIRNS in lieu of at TOWNSVILLE - 3 Div decided that troops would proceed to TOWNSVILLE and thence on leave - Units advised accordingly.	Appx 25.
	30 Jan	1200	QX 33835 capt F.J. O'NEILL 25 Bn will report to 3 Div Reception Sec 310845L for movement to TOWNSVILLE - He will report there to A.Q.M.G. 2/1 Aust M and Tn Gp.	
		1650	Message from 3 Div - Relief of staff trg units - movement will be arranged by 1 Aust Corps - ref BONNEY, GRAHAM and HOLMES. On return these offrs from leave please arrange their movement to 2 Army Junior Leaders School SEYMOUR for course of Instn prior to reporting trg unit.	
		2120	Message to 3 Div - Ref relief of staff trg units - 7 Bde will advise when Q21947 lt C.F. LEADBETTER QX34428 lt E.L. SCHLYDER 25 Bn ready movement - SCHLYDER in hospital - will advise when QX40824 capt A.J. BONNEY QX 40832 lt R.H. HOLMES 9 Bn QX48860 Capt J.T. GRAHAM 61 Bn return to units from leave.	
		1650	QX40880 Capt A.A. KREBS Staff Capt HQ 7 Bde returned from course 7 1 Aust Army Junior Staff School - NX127324 lt K.G. MORE Hyg Offr returned from O.C.T.U. WOODSIDE special course 4 E wing.	
	31 Jan	1700	Message to 3 Div - Request authority to send on 24 days recreational leave not before 2 Feb 44 QX47482 Maj C.H. BICKS 2IC 61 Bn discharged from hospital 31 Jan and QX40870 Capt C.M. HORNIBROOK T.O. HQ 7 Bde who has been released by return of Staff Capt.	
		2010	All available personnel 7 Bde Gp attended screening of trg films - "prelude to War" and "Nazi Strikes".	


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7 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BDE MOVEMENT ORDER No 101

Ref maps GORDONVALE one inch to one ml
BARTLE FRERE " " " " "

INFM

1. Authority has been given for 350 pers of 25 Aust Inf Bn to proceed on 24 days' Recreational Leave.

INTENTION

2. 350 pers of 25 Aust Inf Bn will move by rd to INNISFAIL and entrain for onward movement to home towns.

METHOD

3. (a) 24 3 ton vehs (plus 2 spares) will assemble map ref 484386 020600L.
(b) Tps will embark map ref 485384 020615L.
(c) As tps embark vehs will move to start point map ref 479353.
(d) START TIME 020700L
(e) Tps will disembark at INNISFAIL 021215L.
(f) Vehs will then move to SHOWGROUND for refuelling and assembling for return journey.

4. Route Via KAIRI - TOLGA - AHERTON - MALANDA - MILLAA MILLAA - INNISFAIL.

5. Speed M.I.H. 20
V.T.M. 17

6. Halts 2 halts of 30 mins duration at suitable areas. Tps will not disembark until signal is given by convoy comd.

ADM

7. Pro Det 4 mtg Pro 3 Aust Div Pro Sec will assist O.C. Convoy. Pro det will report Bde HQ 020545L.
8. Repair & Rec 2/3 Aust Coy ASC will supply recovery veh to join convoy at map ref BARTLE FRERE 1" = 1 486228, and move in rear throughout.
9. Pet. Sufficient POL will be carried in 1 3 ton veh.
10. Medical 11 Aust Pd Amb will supply 2 medical orderlies with kits to report to SC at Bde HQ 020600L.

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Method of issue L.O.

Signed at 1100 hrs.

J. G. Bouff Capt
for Staff Capt 7 Aust Inf Bde.

DISTRIBUTION

Copy No 1 25 Aust Inf Bn
2 O.C. Draft
3 11 Aust Pd Amb
4 3 Aust Div Pro Sec
5 2/3 Aust Coy ASC
6 3 Aust Div (for infm)
7 S.C.
8 File
9 - 10 War Diary.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde

1/44 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 22/Jan/1944 (Unit)

APPX 2

W.E. II / 8 / 3 OFFRS. 13 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 NR	1		1	Majors					
2 (1 NR)	2	2	9	Captains	N I L				
3 (1 NR)	3	1	4	Lieutenants					
				Quarter-masters					
				A.A.N.S and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.					
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.					
6 (3 NR)	6	5	15						

DETAIL.	A.I.P.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
A. Class	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.
QX13362	Lieut	BLACKMORE B.K.	2/1 A.G.H.	31/12	
QX36565	Capt	PATERSON J.S.	113 Aust Gen Depot	25/12	

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
DX 399	Chap	DWYER J.	1 Aust ASD	27/12	

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 1 Jan /1944 (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.
XXXXXX							
Lt-Col Brig	TX 2002	PISID	J	Comd	No	Special Duties	31/12
Capt Maj	Q 15602	HARONEY	JO	BN	No	" "	30/11
Lieut Capt	MX70799	LOWDES	AO	BN(L)	No	Staff Sq (Aust) No 6 Junior Course	7/12
"	QX40690	BRESS	AA	SG	No	First Aust Army Staff Sq (X List)	10/10
"	QX35561	COFFE	JE	SG(L)	No	Special Duties	30/11
"	QX40670	HORNIBROOK	GM	S.O.	Yes		
"	QX36151	POSTER	J.H.	LOI	Yes		
"	QX36365	PATERSON	JS	LOII	Yes		
"	QX40685	WILGANY	ER	LOIII	No	Special Duties	30/11
"	QX13552	BLACKMORE	ER	IO	Yes		
"	NY127324	MOSE	KG	BYE O	No	Special Course No 4 OCTO Woodside	30/11
"	QX45277	PEAKE	WA	BASCO	Yes		
"	QX38334	WOOD	LA	Amen 6	No	24 days recreational leave	15/11
Chaplain	VX114013	CARLY	DA	9 Bn	No		
"	NY142882	McCOLLAUGH	M	25 Bn	"		

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
Lieut Capt	QX36184	DUGGAN H.E.	25 Aust Inf Bn	6/10/43	A/SG

1 Jan 44

Date of Despatch

Truth—7/43.

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

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 1 JAN /1944 (Unit)

W.E. ^{II} 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 W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				5		6 ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.	DETAIL.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required
		1	1	W.Os. Class I.						
			2	W.Os. Class II.						
				Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.						
			2	Staff Sergeants		NIL				
1	1		4	Sergeants						
1	1		7	Corporals						
2(INR)	2	3	53	Troopers, Privates, etc.						
				Civilians counting as O.R.						
4(INR) *	4	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, 16 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	9 Aust Inf Bn			1	9 Aust Inf Bn		
3	A.A.E.S.			1	61 Aust Inf Bn		
1	AA Amenities (YMCA)			23	HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde (Special Duties)		
1	241 Aust L.A.D.						

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 / /194 .

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners	1		1	Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, E.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitches			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangetakers			
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radlographers				Stevadores			
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 Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				By. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheeler				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	7	1	Tpd Sgo	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							
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders							
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				XXXXXXXXXXE.			
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				Hyg Duties	1	1	
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics		1		Water Dut's	1	1	
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant				Signal Orderlies	6	6	
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.	1	1		Engine Hands, I.C.				Motor Cyclist	1	1	
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers				Medical Orderly	1	1	
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD	4	2	2	CARRIED FORWARD	13	11	2	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	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.

Date of Despatch

John Duggan
Staff Capt 7 Aust Inf Bde
Signature of Commander

7 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTAL MOVEMENT ORDER NO 102

Ref map GORDONVALE one inch to 1 ml.

INFORM

1. Authority has been given for 350 Q'LAND pers of 7 Aust Inf Bde Op to proceed on 24 days' Recreational Leave. Personnel have been allotted as follows:-

HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde	3	
20 Pl 2 Coy 2/1 Aust Cd Regt	7	
7 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	20	
9 Aust Inf Bn	50	
25 Aust Inf Bn	27	
61 Aust Inf Bn	50	
B Pl 158 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	1	
224 Aust Sup Dep Pl	21	
227 " " " "	9	
113 Bde Workshop (ARMW)	5	
241 Aust LAD	7	
11 Aust Pd Amb	151	

Total	-351	351
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INTENTION

2. 350 Q'LAND pers of 7 Aust Inf Bde Op will move by rd to TOLGA and entrain for onward movement to home towns.

METHOD

3. (a) 24 3 ton vehs (plus 2 spares) will assemble map ref 494386.
(b) Tps will embus in unit areas and vehs will be allotted as follows:-

9 Bn	3	3 ton vehs
25 Bn	2	" "
61 Bn	3	" "
11 Pd Amb	10	" "
224 Sup Dep Pl	2	" "
227 " " "		
B Pl 158 Gen Tpt Coy	1	" "
113 Bde W/Shop		
Bde HQ	3	" "
241 L.A.D.		
20 Pl 2/1 Cd Regt		
Bde Sig Sec		

(c) Tps will embus by 022115L. As tps embus vehs will move to START POINT map ref 479353.

(d) START TIME 022145L. 022230L

(e) Tps will debus at TOLGA ~~022245L~~.

(f) Vehs will then be released for return to units on insens from S.C. (L).

(g) Tps will entrain TOLGA 022245L.

4. Route Via KAIRI.

5. Speed M.I.E. 20
V.F.M. 17

6. Pro Det 4 mtd pro 3 Aust Div Pro Sec

(a) will assist S.C. Convoy to guide vehs to unit lines for embussing and move of convoy to TOLGA.

(2)

Pro (cont)

- (b) Det will be released from duty at TOLGA on
instn from S.C. (L).
- (c) Det will report assembly pt map ref 484386 to
Sgt McNAUGHT, Bde Tpt Sgt.

7. Medical

11 Aust Fd Amb will have available in their tps
proceeding on leave 2 medical orderlies with kits in case of
emergency.

ACK

Method of Issue L.O.

A. Boyf Capt
for Staff Capt 7 Aust Inf Bde

Signed at 22.00 hrs

DISTRIBUTION

List "B"

less 24 Fd Coy
113 Ord Fd Pk

plus Copy No 15. O.C. Draft
16. 3 Aust Div Pro Sec
17. 2/3 Aust Coy ASC
(Cpl McTaggart)
18. 3 Aust Div (for infm)
19. S.C.
20 - 21 War Diary.

JEG/KTC (S/L)

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Copy No 21
4 Jan 44

7 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTAL MOVEMENT ORDER No 103

Ref map GORDONVALE one inch to one ml.

INFANTRY

1. Authority has been given for 350 pers of 7 Aust Inf Bde op to proceed on 24 days' Recreational Leave. Personnel have been allotted as follows:-

<u>Unit</u>	<u>NSW</u>	<u>VIC.</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde	1		1
7 Bde sig Sec	2		2
20 Pl 2/1 Aust Cd Regt		3	3
241 Aust LAD		1	1
9 Aust Inf Bn	21	1	22
25 Aust Inf Bn	66	14	80
61 Aust Inf Bn	26		26
224 Sup Dep Pl	5		5
227 Sup Dep Pl	10	2	12
B Pl 158 Gen Tpt Coy	59		59
113 Gen Pd Pk		15	15
113 Bde Workshop	16	75	91
11 Pd Amb	25	8	33
Totals	231	119	350

INTENTION

2. 350 pers of 7 Aust Inf Bde op will move by rd to INNISFAIL and entrain for onward movement to home towns.

METHOD

3. (a) 24 3 ton vans (plus 2 spares) will assemble map ref 684386 040630L.
(b) Tps will embark in unit areas and vans will be allotted as follows:-

	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Pers</u>	<u>Vans</u>
HQ 7 Bde	HQ 1) Sigs 2) Pl 3) LAD 1)	7	1 3 ton van
9 Bn		22	2 " "
25 Bn		80	5 " "
61 Bn		26	2 " "
224 Sup Pl	5)		
227 " "	12)	75	5 " "
158 Tpt Coy	59)		
113 Pd Pk	15)	105	7 " "
113 Workshop	91)		
11 Pd Amb		33	3 " "
		<u>350</u>	<u>24</u> " "

- (c) vans will report to unit HQs by 040630L.
- (d) Tps will be embussed by 040630L.
- (e) Vans will be at start point map ref 479553 by 040720L.
- (f) START TIME 040730L.
- (g) Tps will disembark INNISFAIL 041230L.
- (h) Vans will then move to BROWNSWOOD for refuelling and assembling for return journey.

4. Route VIA KAIRI - BOIGA - ATRERTON - BALANDA - MILLAA MILLAA - INNISFAIL.

5. Speed M. I.E. 20
V.T.E. 17

(2)

6. Halts 3 halts of 20 mins duration suitable areas.

7. Pro

ADH

Det 4 mtd pro 3 Aust Div Pro Sec will assist O.C. Convoy.
Pro Sec will report Hde HQ 040600L.

8. Repair & Rec 2/3 Aust Coy ASC will supply recovery veh to join
convoy & t map ref BATTLE PRERE 1"- 1 ml and move in rear throughout.

9. pet sufficient POL will be carried in 1 3 ton veh.

10 Medical 11 Aust Pd Amb will supply 2 medical orderlies who will
travel in vshs allotted to 11 Pd Amb.

ACK

Method of Issue I.O.

Signed at 1700 hrs.

capt
for Staff Capt 7 Aust Inf Hde

DISTRIBUTION

list B
less 21 Aust Pd Coy
plus Copy No 15 S.S. Draft
16 3 Aust Div pro Sec
17 2/3 Aust Coy ASC
(Cpl McTaggart)
18 3 Aust Div (for info)
19 S.S.
20 - 21 War Diary

7 AUSTRALIAN INF BDE MOVEMENT ORDER NO 104

Ref Map GORDONVALE one inch to one ml.

INPM

1. Authority has been given for 219 personnel of 7 Aust Inf Bde Gp to proceed on 24 days recreational leave.

Personnel have been allotted as follows:-

HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde	9
30 Pl 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	11
241 Aust L.A.D.	2
9 Aust Inf Bn	58
25 Aust Inf Bn	62
61 Aust Inf Bn	61
227 Aust Sup Dep Pl	5
B Pl 158 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	2
113 Bde Wkshop	2
11 Aust Pd Amb	212 7

Total	219

INTENTION

2. 219 personnel of 7 Aust Inf Bde Gp will move by rd to TOLGA and entrain for onward movement to home towns.

METHOD

3. (a) 15 3 ton vehicles (plus 2 spares) will assemble map ref 484336.
(b) Tps will embus in unit areas and vehs will be allotted as follows:-

7 Bde HQ	}	2	3 ton vehs
30 Pl 2/1 Gd Regt			
241 L.A.D.			
9 Bn	}	4	" "
113 Wkshop			
25 Bn	}	4	" "
61 Bn			
B Pl 158 Gen Tpt	}	1	" "
227 Sup Pl			

		15	" "

(c) Tps will embus by 041630L. As tps embus vehs will move to start point map ref 479336.
(d) START TIME 041700L.
(e) Tps will debus TOLGA 041730L.
(f) Vehs will then be released for return to units on instrs from S.C. (L).
(g) Tps will entrain TOLGA 041745L.

4. Route Via KAIRI
5. Speed M.I.E. 20
V.T.E. 17

(2)

6. Pro Det 4 mtd pro 3 Aust Div Pro sec

(a) will assist O.C. Conway to guide vans to unit lines for embussing and movement of convoy to POLGA.

(b) Det will be released from duty at POLGA on instans from S.C. (L).

(c) Det will report Rde HQ to Cpl McTaggart, 2/3 Aust Coy ASC.

7. Medical 11 Aust Pd Amb will have available in their tps proceeding on leave 2 medical orderlies with kits in case of emergency.

ACK

Boy
for Staff Capt 7 Aust Inf Rde Capt

Method of Issue L.O.

Signed at 2330 hrs

DISTRIBUTION

List B

less 24 Aust Pd Coy

115 ord Pd Pk

224 sup Pl

Rde Sigs

plus Copy No 15 O.C. Draft

16 3 Aust Div Pro sec

17 2/3 Aust Coy ASC (Cpl McTaggart)

18 3 Aust Div (for info)

19 S.C.

20 - 21 War Diary.

APPX 6

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I.

by

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Serial No 1/44

Nos 1 - 3

BRIGADIER JOHN FIELD DSO ED COMMANDING

7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

4th January 1944.

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NIL

'A & Q'

1. CORRECT USE OF LIGHTS WHEN APPROACHING ONCOMING TRAFFIC GRO 824/43

1. Accidents involving army vehicles have occurred due to lack of road courtesy of drivers who fail to dim their headlamps when approaching oncoming traffic.

2. In order that personnel in control of vehicles may appreciate their responsibility in this regard, the action to be taken is set out hereunder :-

(a) When approaching oncoming traffic, the driver of a vehicle will ensure that his headlamps are dipped and will keep as near as practicable, having regard to all the circumstances, to the left-hand edge of the roadway.

(b) If the headlamps cannot be dipped, they will be dimmed. If they cannot be dipped or dimmed, the driver will switch to his parking lights. In either case, he will reduce the speed of the vehicle so that he can stop within his lessened limits of vision.

3. The driver is responsible for checking the correct operation of all lights and for reporting immediately (on AAF G17) all defects which he is not permitted to rectify.

(To be repeated in unit routine orders)

2. TRAIN TRAVELLING -- INTOXICATING LIQUOR. (GRO A789/43)

1. No member of the forces, when in uniform, will carry, or cause to be carried, on any train on which he is travelling or about to travel, or have in his possession or control or consume whilst travelling in any train, any intoxicating liquor, unless it is consumed by him as part of a meal supplied in a dining car in the train in which he is travelling.

2. MBI A103/1941 is cancelled.

(To be republished in unit routine orders).

3. GRO's

The attention of all units is directed to the following GRO's :-

- GRO F819/43 - Control of Unit Trust Funds.
- GRO 0808/43 - Issues of Clothing and Blankets to Personnel - Record of.
- GRO A790/43 - Recording of Leave.

DISTRIBUTION : LIST A.

John E. Duggan Capt
Staff Capt 7 Aust Inf Bde

Subject : TELEPHONES

H.Q. 7 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)

Australia

5 Jan. 44

Ref : 44/G/7a

To All Units 7 Aust Inf Bde Gp.

The following instns are issued to obtain efficiency and economy in the use of available telephonic intercomm within the bde gp:-

1. Manning instruments. Telephones will be manned continuously 24 hrs a day by competent operators and at all times units will have a properly appointed orderly offr or duty offr within call.
2. Writing of messages. Telephone operators will be trained in sig procedure, especially the taking of written messages and the use of authorized abbvns. Message blocks (with carbon paper for making the required no. of copies) will be kept at each telephone. All offrs will be trained in message-writing (see F.S.P.B. Pam II Appx "A").
3. Telephone conversations.
 - (a) Telephone conversations must be kept brief, and unnecessary chatter avoided. "Hello" will NOT be used as a method of answering a telephone call : it merely wastes time by requiring other questions ("Is that 'X' bn?") - "Who's speaking?" and answers. - Where security is NOT a factor, the person called will answer thus, e.g. "X bn - adjutant", or "Y bn - orderly room sgt".
 - (b) A record will be kept of all telephone conversations made on behalf of a third person. Two copies will be made - one given to the person concerned, the other kept at the telephone - thus:-

Duty Officer's Log

Serial	Date	Time	From	To	Précis of message	Action taken	Initials

4. Switchboard operators.

- (a) No attempt will be made to enter into conversation with the switchboard operator or to use him as an infm bureau. It is his duty only to connect subscribers.
- (b) Complaints about the telephone service will NOT be made to the switchboard operator but to the Signal Master or Signal Superintendent.
- (c) The switchboard operator will NOT be asked to "call back". The person originating a call will remain at the instrument until the connection is made or the operator reports "Engaged". (Only offrs of the rank of Lieut-Col or above will have the privilege of making a call through a subordinate who asks the person called to "hold the line". This procedure should NOT normally be used even by senior offrs.)

5. Use of D.R.L.S. At present most written messages within the bde gp are transmitted by I/T. To avoid clogging the lines, therefore, messages for transmission by I/T must be kept as few as possible and long messages must be avoided. D.R.L.S. must be used to the fullest extent both for memos and for written messages where they will arrive in time by that means. There are three D.R.L.S. services each day.

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

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APPX at Dicuty

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LOCATION STATEMENT

7 AUST INF BDE GP
as at
072359 JAN 1944
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ref map GORDONVALE 1"

Serial No	War Office Serial No	Veh No	Unit	Location	Map Ref	Remarks and projected move
1	46101	88	HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde(AIF)	KAIRI	485381	Rear party still in N G
2	49113	88	7 Aust Inf Bde sig Sec	"	485381	"
3	46102	88	20 Pl E Coy 2/1 Gd Regt	"	485381	"
4	46103	88	241 Aust L A D	"	485381	"
5	46104	53	9 Aust Inf Bn	"	476386	Adv party only
6	46105	50	25 Aust Inf Bn	"	484 383	Movt complete
7	46106	99	61 Aust Inf Bn	"	482380	Rear party still in N G
8	46122	52	11 Aust Fd Amb	"	503384	"
9	48827	97 72	B Pl 158 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	"	504388	Movt complete
10	49028	97 64	224 Aust Sup Depot Pl	"	504388	"
11	49030	97 64	227 Aust Sup Depot Pl	"	504388	"
12	46241	-	113 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk	"	476385	"
13	46240	114	113 Aust bde W/shop(AEME)	"	476385	"
14	46094	86	24 Aust Fd Coy	"	506379	Adv party only

R. O. D.

Lieut for
Bde Maj 7 Aust Inf Bde
8 Jan 1944

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

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ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

Serial No. 2/44

by

Nos 4 - 20

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

7th. INFANTRY BRIGADE

8th January 1944

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4. SECURITY OF WHARVES - CAIRNS (1 Aust Corps RO 86/43)

Entry to the wharf area at CAIRNS is permissible only in the course of duty and on production of an official pass. Passes may be obtained from the Intelligence Officer, Abbot St., Cairns.

5. USE OF BAD LANGUAGE OVER TELEPHONES (1 Aust Corps RO 99/43)

- 1. Reports have been received of bad language being used during telephone conversations.
- 2. This conduct is to cease forthwith.

J. Mahony
Maj.
Bde Maj. 7 Aust Inf Bde.

"A" & "Q"

6. LEAVE : ACCRUED ANNUAL RECREATION LEAVE (A M R & O Part VI and GRO A598/43 Part X) AND OTHER MATTERS. (1 Aust Corps RO 87/43)

Correspondence received at L H Q indicates that difficulties are being experienced in the application of Part X of GRO A598/43. The following rulings by LHQ are promulgated to assist in clarifying the position :-

- (a) Up to 10 Dec 41 Annual Recreation Leave under A M R & O Part VI was granted to members of the P M F and to members of the C M F on continuous full-time duty.
- (b) Such leave was originally at the rate of 18 days for each completed year of service in ordinary localities (with longer periods for certain tropical and remote localities). Later authority was given for one-third of the year's entitlement to be credited at the end of each four months, without varying the effective annual rate.
- (c) On 10 Dec 41, in consequence of the entry of Japan into the war, the granting of Annual Recreation Leave was suspended, but at that stage it could still continue to accrue to the member's credit.
- (d) From 14 Apr 42, all members of the A M F have been "on active service", and as the provisions of A M R & O authorising Annual Recreation Leave do not apply to members on active service, credits of such leave ceased to accrue from that date.
- (e) As members were debarred after 10 Dec 41 from taking Annual Recreation Leave which they had accumulated, provision was made (now embodied in Part X of GRO 598) for those credits to be carried forward. If such provision had not been made, the accrued leave would have lapsed in accordance with A M R & O.
- (f) It is pointed out that the provision of Part X of GRO 598/43 authorise the carrying forward of such leave only in cases where it has not already been taken. Attention is directed to paragraphs 76 and 77 of GRO 598/43 regarding the inquiries to be made before credit is allowed for any of the above leave claimed by a member. It is pointed out that, in most units, leave was being made available at week-ends and other times during the material period. In many cases the amount of leave so made available was considerably in excess of the six days per month allowable as Annual Recreation Leave. Where members received the leave in this way no credit is to be carried forward under Part X of GRO 598/43. A member of a unit which was receiving regular leave at that time should not now be credited with any annual recreation leave for that period unless it is clear that for some special reason he did not have leave.

(g) From 14 Apr 42 to 30 Jul 42, week-end leave only was available. It could not be accumulated, but certain travelling time was allowable for personnel whose homes were distant and this could be accumulated for two months. No credit is now allowable for any such week-end leave or travelling time.

(h) Regular leave at the rate of two days per month was introduced from 1 Jul 42. Credits for leave accruing from that date onwards may be carried forward subject to the provisions of Part II of GRO 598/43.

(i) With reference to paragraph 75 of GRO 598/43, attention is directed to the fact that the carrying forward of holidays applies only to those members of the P M F appointed prior to 6 Oct 39 and graduates of the R M C appointed since that date who were so entitled under A M R & O 869.

2. The following further rulings have been given:-

(a) A I F who served "abroad" receive no leave credit under GRO A598/43 Part X for the period of their service in Australia from date of enlistment in the A I F until their embarkation for service abroad.

(b) The period of service "abroad" of such personnel up to the date of their disembarkation in Australia does not qualify them for leave under Part X. This is distinguished from leave to which they may be entitled under Parts IV and XIII.

7. OCCUPATIONAL LEAVE FOR SEASONAL AND OTHER PURPOSES (1 Aust Corps RO 88/43)

Advice has been received that Para 88, Part 12, GRO A598/43, relative to inter-state travel, has been rescinded. In general, seasonal releases may be approved subject to the conditions laid down in GRO A736/43, paras 4, 5 and 6.

8. WITHDRAWAL OF PERS FROM FIELD PUNISHMENT CENTRES ON MOVEMENT OF UNITS (Corps 89)

1. Attention is directed to the fact that Field Punishment is essentially a unit punishment to be served in the field. In suitable areas, Field Punishment is organised to relieve units of an administrative burden, but soldiers committed to a Field Punishment Centre are still members of the unit and are not placed on "X" List.

2. In the event of a unit being ordered to move, it will withdraw its personnel under sentence in a Field Punishment Centre. The punishment may be continued during movement if the unit commander so orders.

9. OUT OF BOUNDS (1 Aust Corps RO 90/43)

Swan's Barber Shop, Main St., Atherton, is out of bounds to all troops.

10. EDUCATION - CORRESPONDENCE COURSES - UNIVERSITY TUITION (1 Aust Corps RO 92/43)

1. The University of Melbourne is prepared to make available by external study to Service personnel, through the Army Education Service, certain subjects in the facilities of Arts, Law, Commerce, Education and Science.

2. The enrolment of students is subject to acceptance by the University. The University reserves the right to reject, after consultation with the Army Education Service, any student whom for any reason it does not wish to accept.

3. Service personnel who were undergraduates of the University prior to enlistment or who are qualified for matriculation to a University and have passed the necessary pre-requisites of the Faculty they wish to enter, shall be eligible for enrolment as students in the subjects through the University of Melbourne and shall be exempt from attendance at lectures. In general, candidates should enrol in the University at which they ultimately desire to qualify.

4. No fees for tuition, examination or admission to degree or diploma will be charged. The matriculation fee of £2/2/0 is charged, but may be deferred until the Matriculation Roll is signed.

5. Students who wish to enrol for correspondence tuition in 1944 must enrol not later than the last day of February 1944. Late entries may, however, be received up to 31 Mar 44. Applications received after the later date will only be considered as special cases.

6. For fuller information application should be made to any Education Officer.

11. MOVEMENT - ROLLS (1 Aust Corps RO 95/43)

All formations and units, when preparing nominal rolls of personnel for movement, will ensure that:-

- (a) All personnel for one destination are recorded upon the same sheet or set of sheets; and
- (b) That the nominal rolls are made out according to L of C Areas of destination, a separate sheet or sheets being used for each L of C Area.

12. HAM TINNED BONELESS (1 Aust Corps RO 104/43)

1. New stocks of ham tinned boneless will be shortly available. The following precautions will be strictly adhered to:-

- (a) Tins must be kept continuously in cool storage below fifty degrees Fahrenheit.
- (b) Period between removal from cool stores and consumption must NOT exceed forty eight hours.
- (c) Tins must be carefully examined for swelling and contents for any abnormal colour and/or odour.

2. Tins rejected will be returned to nearest Canteen Issuing Point when credit will be given.

13. CAMOUFLAGE GARNISHINGS (1 Aust Corps RO 105/43)

1. Units moving to NEW GUINEA will not indent on 13 A O D for requirements, units can obtain the following garnishings on arrival in NEW GUINEA:-

Khaki Green, Light Green and hessian strips in assorted colours.

14. EVACUATION OF ARMY VEHICLES (1 Aust Corps RO 108/43)

GRO 288 of 9 Apr 43 directs that the driver of any Army vehicle will normally accompany and remain with it during repairs as far back as 3rd Echelon.

Cases have recently occurred where this procedure has NOT been adopted, and vehicles without drivers have arrived in workshops.

Units will ensure that correct method of evacuation of Army vehicles is adhered to.

15. MALARIA - MEASURES FOR CONTROL (1 Aust Corps RO 110/43)

1. Attention is drawn to the fact that Cairns, Innisfail, Babinda, Mossman, etc., and surrounding districts are potentially malarious areas as defined by GRO A404 of 24 May 43, para 3 (d).

2. There is grave danger that these areas will become fully malarious by the passage of infection to the mosquito from members who have served in malarious areas.

3. In consequence, the precautions outlined in the abovenamed GRO will be rigidly observed, and particular attention will be paid to the provisions of para 8.

4. Numerous cases of non-compliance with ordered malarial precautions in these areas have been referred to this H.Q., and units are warned that disciplinary action will be taken in respect of any future disregard of GRO A404/43.

16. SALUTING (1 Aust Corps RO 111/43)

Appropriate courtesies are not being paid, in this area, to Comd car flags. Troops will be educated in the meaning of these flags, and instructed as to the courtesies they should pay.

2. Saluting, generally, in this area, is lax, and especially so in the vicinity of permanent installations.

3. Comds will give these matters their immediate attention.

17. 3 AUST DIV R.O.'s

Attention is directed to 3 Aust Div R.O.'s for info and action where necessary:-

425, 427/43,

18. BOOKS OF VIEWS (1 Aust Corps RO 2/44)

Many instances have been detected recently of troops forwarding books of views through the post.

All formations and units under command 1 Aust Corps are warned that this practice is contrary to Censorship Regulations and will cease forthwith.

19. HEADDRESS, Offrs

At all times while on duty offrs will wear hats K.F. and NOT caps. When off duty (e.g. in the evening) caps may be worn.

20. HEADDRESS, C.R.'s

Caps will be worn by drs and M.C. orderlies to whom they are issued, only when engaged in their duties as drs or M.C. orderlies. At all other times hats K.F. correctly worn, will be the headdress for other ranks. Cloth fatigue hats may be worn within unit lines by order of C.O.

R. E. Corp. Capt.
for Staff Capt. 7 Aust Inf Bde.

DISTRIBUTION

List "A" plus 3 Aust Div

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Jan HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde (AIF) / / (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 8 / 1944 (Unit)

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

War Diary

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

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

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

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

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK.

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

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 8/Dec/1944 (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	TX 2002	FIELD	J	Comd	No	Special Duties	31/12
apt Maj	Q15602	MAHONEY	J C	B.M.	No	" "	30/11
ieut Capt	NX70799	LOWNDES	A.G	BM(L)	No	Staff Sc (Aust) No6 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	G M	T.O.	Yes		
"	QX36181	FOSTER	J H	LOI	Yes		
"	QX36365	PATERSON	J S	LOII	No	Special Duties	5/12
"	QX40835	MULCANY	E R	LOIII	No	Special Duties	30/11
"	QX13552	BLACKMORE	E R	IO	Yes		
"	NX127324	MORE	K G	Byg 0	No	Special Course No 4 OCTU Woodside	20/11
"	QX 45277	PEAKE	W A	BASCO	No	Special Duties	5/12
"	QX 38334	WOOD	L A	Amen 0	No	24 days recreational leave	18/11
haplain	VX114018	GANLY	D A	9 Bn	No		
"	NX142882	McCULLOUGH	M	25 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.
ieut Capt	QX36184	DUGGAN J.E.	25 Aust Inf Bn	6.10.43	A/SC

8 Jan 44

Date of Despatch

Truth—7/43.

John Duggan
Staff Capt 7 Aust Inf Bde
Signature of Commander

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

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners	1		1	Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, R.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitches			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangetakers			
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				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				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)				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											
Fitters (M.V.)	1	1		Gun Operator				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Battery Surveyors				C.S.M.	1	1	
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Butchers				C.Q.M.S.	1	1	
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks	7	7	1	Tpt Sgt	1	1	
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Supply				Drs MT	6	6	
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	4	4		Clerks, Technical				"Orderlies	9	10	
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Coach Trimmers				Batmen	15	15	
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Concretors				" Drs	3	2	1
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Cooks				General			
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Dental Clerk Orderlies				Duties	3	4	
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Despatch Riders				XXXXXXXXXX			
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Draughtsmen, Signals				Hyg Duties	1	1	
Pattern Maker				Masons				Drivers, H.T.				Water Dut's	1	1	
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Mechanics	1	1		Signal			
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.	1	1		Driver Tptn. Plant				Orderlies	6	3	
Photewriter				Miners				Engine Hands, I.C.				Motor			
Plumber				Moulders				Equipment Repairers				Cyclist	1	1	
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Farriers				Medical			
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Fitters' Mates				Orderly	1	1	
								Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD	4	2	2	CARRIED FORWARD	13	11	2	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	4

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.

8 Jan 44.
Date of Despatch

John Duggan
Staff Capt 7 Aust Inf Bde
Signature of Commander

War Diary
Appx 11

JEC/WEM (9/1)

Subject : PROCEDURE FOR SENDING TROOPS ON RECREATIONAL LEAVE

HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)
Australia

4 Jan 44

Ref : 200/1a

Ref this H.Q. Adm Instn No 101 of 31 Dec 43.

1. This is to be read in conjunction with the above Adm Instn and the necessary amendments made.

2. Documents

Combined Rail and Leave Passes H L 1 and H L 2 (Para 2 b Adm Instn No 101) GRO 596 Part 11 Para 10 states;

Units will prepare combined rail and leave passes which will be att to Nominal Rolls. Rail and Leave passes will not be completed by units with the actual dates of commencement and termination of leave nor will they be signed in the unit. An endorsement will be placed on the face of the rail and leave pass and signed and dated in the unit over the unit stamp showing the period of leave (in days) authorised.

DRESS - Clothing Para 7 Adm Instn No 101.

1 Aust Corps Routine Order Serial 1/44 4 Jan 1944 para 7 states:-

"L.T.D's will not issue clothing to personnel proceeding on leave from this area. Units will ensure that personnel are suitably clad and have sufficient clothing bearing in mind the climate of the area to which they are going."

This instruction will not apply to units of the Bde Gp as they are considered to be staging in this area before proceeding on leave and clothing WILL be issued by L.T.D's.

NOMINAL ROLLS Para 2 Adm Instn No 101

Units will, when forwarding figures of personnel proceeding on leave, prepare such statements under the following headings:

- (i) Queensland
 - (a) North of BRISBANE
 - (b) BRISBANE Area
 - (c) West of TOOWOOMBA
- (ii) N S W
 - (a) via KYOGLE to NEWCASTLE inclusive
 - (b) via KYOGLE to SYDNEY including NSW personnel proceeding past SYDNEY
 - (c) via WALLANGARRA
- (iii) Victoria
- (iv) Tasmania
- (v) South Australia
- (vi) Western Australia

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

Distribution : List "A"

JCM/FNH (12/1)

Subject:- 3 AUST DIV TRG INSTN NO 1
(ref 7 Bde 43/G/32 of 8 Dec 43)

To All Units 7 Aust Inf Bde Gp

HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)
AUSTRALIA
12 Jan 44
Quote 44/G5/1

1. General The trg programme outlined in this instn can not be followed until units have again been concentrated after a period of leave. In order that, once units have reassembled, fullest attention may be given to trg, Comd 7 Aust Inf Bde has left the following instns for Comd offrs of units to carry out during the period when the main body is on leave.
2. Camp preparation Completion of authorized building and drainage schemes; improvement of working sites (eg Workshop, IAD).
3. Trg aids Preparation of eqpt for trg - eg bayonet dummies, assault and obstacle courses, sand-tables. (Sketches of some types of obstacle suggested for inclusion in courses will be circulated among units by Bde.)
NOTE It is important for all pers of all units (whatever the arm or service) to reach a high standard of weapon trg, physical fitness and junglecraft, and to have a sound grasp of inf minor tactics. Preparation for this instn must be made.
4. Rifle Ranges (a) Inf Bns will complete and equip 30 yd ranges already approved. Other units wishing to build 30 yd ranges near own camp areas will obtain bde approval of site and layout before beginning work.
(b) Jungle snap-shooting range will be laid out in Rifle Range area under bde arrangements.
(c) Grenade range will be constructed under bde arrangements.
(d) Mortar ranges to be declared by 3 Aust Div.
5. Cadre Courses To improve the standard of junior leaders, units will conduct a series of cadre courses, beginning as soon as enough NCOs for the first course have returned from leave. For offrs and NCOs practical classes will be held in map reading and fd sketching and preparation of patrol reports incl track-going maps (3 Div Trg Instn No 1 para 5 b(i)). This work may be combined with recce of trg area "B".
6. Physical Fitness As tps return from leave, all units will set them on a graduated course of P and R.T., progressively longer marches with loads increasing up to marching order, and hill climbing.
7. Drill, Discipline, Turnout At all times a high standard of drill, discipline and turnout must be maintained in all units, incl security parties remaining while rest of unit is on leave.

DISTRIBUTION : List "B"

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

7 AUST INF BDE MOVEMENT ORDER NO 104

14 Jan 44

ref maps

GORDONVALE 1" to 1 ml
BARTLE FRERE " "

INFM

1. Authority has been given for 372 pers of 7 Aust Inf Bde Gp to proceed on 24 days recreational leave.

INTENTION

2. 372 pers of 7 Aust Inf Bde Gp will move by rd to INNISFAIL and entrain for onward movement to home towns.

METHOD

3. (a) 28 3-ton veh (incl 3 spares (1 for petrol) will assemble map ref 484386. 150645

(b) Tps will embuss in unit areas and vehs will be allotted as follows.

HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde)	1	3-ton veh
20 Pl E Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt)		
24 Aust Fd Coy RAE		3	" "
9 Aust Inf Bn		8	" "
25 Aust Inf Bn		1	" "
61 Aust Inf Bn		13	" "
11 Aust Fd Amb		nil	1 pers to be picked up by 24 Aust Fd Coy

(c) Tps will embuss by 150730. As tps embuss vehs will move to start point, map ref 479353

(d) start time 150800

(e) Tps will debuss INNISFAIL 151230

(f) Vehs will then move to SHOWGROUND for refuelling and assembling for return journey.

4. Route Via KAIRI - TOLGA - ATHERTON - MALANDA - MILLAA MILLAA INNISFAIL.

5. Speed M.I.H. 20
V.T.M. 17

6. Halts 2 halts of 15 mins duration at suitable areas.

ADM

7. Pro Det 4 mtd Pro 3 Aust Div Pro Sec will assist OC Convoy. Pro Det will report Bde HQ 150645L.

8. Pet Sufficient POL will be carried in 1 3-ton veh.

9. Discipline Tps will be instructed NOT to debuss at any stage of the journey unless ordered to do so by OC Tps (Signal to debuss - 1 long whistle blast and that standing up in vehs or sitting on top of cabins will not be allowed.

10. Medical 11 Aust Fd Amb will supply 2 Medical Orderlies (with kits) who will travel with Convoy and return to unit on completion of move.

Distributed by L.O.

K. Boyle Capt
for Staff Capt 7 Aust Inf Bde

<u>Distribution</u>	Copy No		
	1	24 Aust Fd Coy RAE	6 3 Aust Div (for infm)
	2	20 Pl E Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	7 3 Aust Div Pro Sec
	3	9 Aust Inf Bn	8 CC Draft
	4	25 Aust Inf Bn	9 11 Aust Fd Amb
	5	61 Aust Inf Bn	10 S.C. 12 Spare
			11 File 13-14 War Diary

14 Jan 44

7 AUST INF BDE MOVEMENT ORDER NO 105Ref Maps GORDONVALE 1" to 1 ml
BARTLE FREREL" to 1 ml

INFM

1. Authority has been given for 350 pers of 7 Aust Inf Bde Gp to proceed on 24 days recreational leave.

INTENTION

2. 350 pers of 7 Aust Inf Bde Gp will move by road to INNISFAIL and entrain for onward movement to home towns.

METHOD

3. (a) 27 3-ton veh incl 3 spares (1 for petrol) will assemble at Map Ref 484386 151245L.

(b) Tps will embuss in unit areas and veh will be allotted as follows :

HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde)	
20 Pl E Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt)	1 3-ton veh
7 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec)	
5 Aust Div Postal att 7 Bde)	
24 Aust Fd Coy RAE		9 " "
9 Aust Inf Bn		3 " "
25 Aust Inf Bn		7 " "
61 Aust Inf Bn		4 " "

(c) Tps will embuss by 151300L. As tps embuss veh will move to START POINT map ref 479353.

(d) START TIME 151330L.

(e) Tps will debuss INNISFAIL 151745L

(f) Veh will then move to Showground for refuelling and assembling for return journey.

4. Route Via KAIRI - TOLGA - ATHERTON - MALANDA - MILLAA MILLAA - INNISFAIL.

5. Speed M.I.H. 20
V.T.M. 17

6. Halts 2 halts of 15 mins duration at suitable areas.

7. Pro Det 4 mtd pro 3 Aust Div Pro Sec will assist OC tps. P. det will report Bde HQ 151215L.

8. Pet Sufficient POL will be carried in 1 3-ton veh.

9. Discipline Tps will be instructed NOT to debuss at any stage of the journey unless ordered to do so by OC Tps (Signal to debuss - 1 long whistle blast) and that standing up in veh or sitting on top of cabin will not be allowed.

10. Medical 11 Aust Fd Amb will supply 2 Medical orderlies (with kits) who will travel with convoy and return to unit on completion of move.

Distributed by L.O.

R. Coup Capt
for Staff Capt 7 Aust Inf Bde

DISTRIBUTION

Copy No 1	24 Aust Fd Coy	7	3 Aust Div (for infm)
2	20 Pl E Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	8	3 Aust Div Pro Sec
3	7 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	9	OC Draft
4	9 Aust Inf Bn	10	11 Aust Fd Amb
5	25 Aust Inf Bn	11	S.C.
6	61 Aust Inf Bn	12	File
		13	Spare
		14-15	War Diary

15 Jan 44

7 AUST INF BDE MOVEMENT ORDER NO 106

Ref Maps GORDONVALE 1" to 1 ml
BARTLEFRERE 1" to 1 ml

INFM

1. Authority has been given for 350 pers of 7 Aust Inf Bde Gp to proceed on 24 days' recreational leave.

INTENTION

2. 350 pers of 7 Aust Inf Bde Gp will move by road to INNISFAIL and entrain for onward movement to home towns.

METHOD

3. (a) 27 3-ton veh incl 3 spares (1 for petrol) will assemble unit lines 160700L.

(b) Tps will embuss in unit areas and veh will be allotted as follows:

24 Aust Fd Coy RAE	2 3-ton veh
9 Aust Inf Bn	3 " "
61 Aust Inf Bn	19 " "

(c) Tps will embuss by 160730L. As tps embuss veh will move to START POINT map ref 479353.

(d) START TIME 160800L.

(e) Tps will debuss INNISFAIL 161230L.

(f) Veh will then move to Showground for refuelling and assembling for return journey.

4. Route Via KAIRI - TOLGA - ATHERTON - MALANDA - MILLAA MILLAA - INNISFAIL.

5. Speed M.I.H. 20
V.T.M. 17

6. Halts 2 halts of 15 mins duration at suitable areas.

7. Pro Det mtd Pro 5 Aust Div Pro Sec will assist OC Tps. Pro det will report Bde HQ 160715L

8. Pet Sufficient POL will be carried in 1 3-ton veh.

9. Discipline Tps will be instructed NOT to debuss at any stage of the journey unless ordered to do so by OC Tps (Signal to debuss — 1 long whistle blast) and that standing up in veh or sitting on top of cabin will not be allowed.

10. Medical 11 Aust Fd Amb will supply 2 Medical Orderlies (with kits) who will travel with convoy and return to unit on completion of move.
24 Aust Fd Coy RAE will pick up Medical Orderlies.

Distributed by L.O.

L. G. Bourke Capt
for Staff Capt 7 Aust Inf Bde

DISTRIBUTION

Copy No	1	24 Aust Fd Coy	6	OC Draft
	2	9 Aust Inf Bn	7	11 Aust Fd Amb
	3	61 Aust Inf Bn	8	S.C.
	4	3 Aust Div (for infm)	9	File
	5	3 Aust Div Pro Sec	10	Spare
			11-12	War Diary

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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

HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde
At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 15 Jan /1944 (Unit)

3.44 (Serial No.)

W.E. 1/2/3 OFFRS. 18 O.R's. 59 + 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.				
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(1NR)	2	2	9	Captains					
3(1NR)	3	1	4	Lieutenants					
				Quarter-masters					
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.					
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.					
6(3NR)	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.
A. class	14									15
E.(1)										
E.(2)										

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

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

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK.

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

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 Unit

3.../44 (Serial No.)

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 15 Jan/1944 (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	TX 2002	FIELD	J	Comd	No	24 days recreational leave	16/1
Capt Maj	Q 15602	MAHONEY	J C	BM	Yes		
Lieut capt	NX 70799	LOWDES	A G	BM(L)	No	staff sc (Aust) No 6 Junior course	7/12
"	QX 40880	KREBS	A A	SC	No	First Aust Army staff sc (X List)	10/10
"	QX 35561	CORPH	J E	SC(L)	Yes		
"	QX 40870	HORNIBROOK	E M	TO	Yes		
"	QX 36181	FOSTER	J H	LOI	Yes		
"	QX 36365	PATERSON	J S	LOII	Yes		
"	QX 40835	MULCAHY	E R	LOIII	No	24 days recreational leave	5/1
"	QX 13552	BLACKMORE	E R	IO	Yes		
"	NX 127324	MORE	K G	HYG O	No	Special Course No 4 OCTU Woodside	20/11
"	QX 45277	PEAKE	W A	RASCO	Yes		
"	QX 38334	WOOD	L A	AMEN O	Yes		
Chaplain	VX 114018	GANLY	D A	9 BN	No		
"	NX 142882	McCULLOUGH	M	25 BN	No		

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 36184	DUGGAN J.E.	25 Aust Inf Bn	6/10/43	A/S.C.

15 Jan 44
Date of Despatch

[Signature] Capt
Commander

HC 7 Aust Inf Bde (AIF) Unit

Serial No. 344

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 15 Jan / 1944.

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				Eivettors			
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)				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				CSM	1	1	
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers				COMS	1	1	
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	7	7	1	1st Sgt	1	1	
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply				DRS MP	6	6	
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				Orderlies	9	10	
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	4	4		Coach Trimmers				Ratmen	15	15	
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors				DRS	3	2	1
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	13	11	2	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	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.

15 Jan 44.
Date of Despatch

[Signature]
Staff Capt 7 Aust Inf Bde
Signature of Commander

Appx 17

7 AUST INF BDE MOVEMENT ORDER NO 107

Ref Maps GORDONVALE 1" to 1 ml
BARTLEFRERE 1" to 1 ml

INFM

1. Authority has been given for 350 pers of 7 Aust Inf Bde Gp to proceed on 24 days' recreational leave.

INTENTION

2. 350 pers of 7 Aust Inf Bde Gp will move by road to INNISFAIL and entrain for onward movement to home towns.

METHOD

3. (a) 27 3-ton veh incl 3 spares (1 for petrol) will assemble unit lines 170700L.

(b) Tps will embuss in unit areas and veh will be allotted as follows :

HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde)		
7 Bde Sig Sec)	3	3-ton veh
20 Pl E Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt)		
241 Aust L.A.D.)		
9 Aust Inf Bn)	20	" "
25 Aust Inf Bn)		" "

(c) Tps will embuss by 170730L. As tps embuss veh will move to START POINT map ref 479353.

(d) START TIME 170800L.

(e) Tps will debuss INNISFAIL 171230L.

(f) Tps will then move to Showground for refuelling and assembling for return journey.

4. Route Via KAIRI - TOLGA - ATHERTON - MALANDA - MILLAA MILLAA - INNISFAIL.

5. Speed M.I.H. 20
V.T.M. 17

6. Halts 2 halts of 15 mins duration at suitable areas.

7. Pro Det mtd Pro 3 Aust Div Pro Sec will assist OC Tps. Pro det will report Bde HQ 170715L.

8. Pet Sufficient POL will be carried in 1 3-ton veh.

9. Discipline Tps will be instructed NOT to debuss at any stage of the journey unless ordered to do so by OC Tps (Signal to debuss — 1 long whistle blast) and that standing up in veh or sitting on top of cabin will not be allowed.

10. Medical 11 Aust Fd Amb will supply 2 Medical orderlies (with kits) who will travel with convoy and return to unit on completion of move.

Bde will arrange to pick up Medical Orderlies.

Distributed by *[Signature]*

[Signature] Capt
for Staff Capt 7 Aust Inf Bde

DISTRIBUTION

Copy No 1	9 Aust Inf Bn	7	3 Aust Div Pro Sec
2	25 Aust Inf Bn	8	S.C.
3	241 Aust L.A.D.	9	T.O.
4	7 Bde Sig Sec	10	O.C. Draft
5	20 Pl E Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	11	11 Aust Fd Amb
6	3 Aust Div (for infm)	12	File
	14-15 War Diary.	13	Spare

16 Jan 44

7 AUST INF BDE MOVEMENT ORDER NO 108Ref Maps GORDONVALE 1" to 1 ml
BARTLEFRERE 1" to 1 ml

INFM

1. Authority has been given for 145 pers of 7 Aust Inf Bde Gp to proceed on 24 days recreational leave.

INTENTION

2. 145 pers of 7 Aust Inf Bde Gp will move by road to TOLGA and entrain for onward movement to home towns.

METHOD

3. (a) 12 3-ton veh incl 1 spare will assemble unit lines 170800L.

(b) Tps will embuss in unit areas and veh will be allotted as follows :

24 Aust Fd Coy	2 3-ton veh
9 Aust Inf Bn	5 " "
25 Aust Inf Bn)	1 " "
HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde)	
61 Aust Inf Bn	2 " "
11 Aust Fd Amb	
20 Pl E Coy 2/1 Gd)	1 " "
Regt)	

(c) Tps will embuss by 170830L. As tps embuss veh will move to START POINT map ref 479353.

(d) START TIME 170900L.

(e) Tps will debuss TOLGA 0930 hrs 17 Jan.

(f) Veh will then be dismissed and return to units.

4. Route Via KAIRI - TOLGA.

5. Speed M.I.H. 20
V.C.M. 17

6. Discipline Tps will be instructed NOT to debuss at any stage of the journey unless ordered to do so by OC Tps (Signal to debuss - 1 long whistle blast) and that standing up in veh or sitting on top of cabin will not be allowed.

Distributed by L.O.

L. Couper Capt
for Staff Capt 7 Aust Inf Bde

DISTRIBUTION

Copy No 1	9 Aust Inf Bn	6	3 Aust Div (for infm)
2	25 Aust Inf Bn	7	S.C.
3	20 Pl E Coy 2/1	8	T.O.
	Aust Gd Regt	9	OC Draft
4	24 Aust Fd Coy	10	11 Aust Fd Amb
5	61 Aust Inf Bn	11	File
		12	Spare
	13-14 War Diary.		

8/11/44
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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES
ROUTINE ORDERS PART I
by

Copy No 20
Serial No 3/44
Nos 21 - 29

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

20th January 1944.

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21. UNIT CENSORSHIP

The recent GRO (G835/43) which relaxed unit censorship regulations in certain areas does NOT affect units of 7 Aust Inf Bde Gp.

Commanders should make it quite clear to their officers that their responsibilities regarding censorship are unchanged.

All ranks must be warned that all mail must pass through army postal channels. The use of civil letter-boxes or other unauthorized means of sending mail is not only an offence but may cause dangerous breaches of security.

(To be repeated in all unit orders)

22. ESCAPES OF AUSTRALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR FROM ENEMY HANDS

1. It is the duty of any soldier, if captured by the enemy, to effect his escape at the earliest possible moment.

2. It is also his duty --- any breach of which is a serious offence --- not to communicate to unauthorised persons any information about the means employed by him or his companions to escape from enemy hands.

3. The disclosure of such information

(a) prejudices the chances of other escapees

(b) prevents other members of Australian or Allied forces from using the same or similar means of escape

(c) endangers the lives of those who may have assisted the escapees at any stage of their escape;

therefore, except as provided in paras 4 and 5 below, an escaped prisoner of war is forbidden to disclose particulars of his escape directly or indirectly to any person whatever, either by word of mouth or in writing.

4. An escaped prisoner of war will disclose full particulars of his escape only to officers authorised by the Director of Military Intelligence to interrogate such an escapee. No officers except those authorised by the DMI, are permitted to interrogate any escapee on the circumstances of his escape.

5. Should it be considered desirable for an escaped prisoner of war to lecture on his experiences, the script of the proposed lecture will be submitted to the DMI for approval. No lecture will be arranged until approval of the DMI has been obtained.

6. GRO G.192/1943 is cancelled.

(To be repeated in Unit Routine Orders)

23. BOOKS OF VIEWS

Many instances have been detected recently of troops forwarding books of views through the post.

All formations and units under command 3 Aust Div are warned that this practice is contrary to Censorship Regulations and will cease forthwith.

(To be repeated in Unit Routine Orders)

J. Mahoney Maj
Bde Maj 7 Aust Inf Bde

24. PROFICIENCY PAY

1. GRO 660/43 and 769/43 authorises payment of proficiency pay of six-pence per day to AMF personnel who hold either the appointment of L/Cpl or the rank of Pte provided they are not in receipt of pay prescriber for a qualified tradesman or specialist subject to the conditions set out hereunder.
2. Entitlement Proficiency pay will be paid as on and from 1st Jul 1943 to a soldier who —
 - (a) at that date had completed at least six months service
 - (b) for six months immediately prior to that date had been of good conduct, and
 - (c) on the first occasion subsequent to that date on which he is examined, passes the prescribed examination (described in para 5)
3. If a soldier who is in receipt of proficiency pay commits a breach of good conduct, he shall automatically forfeit his proficiency pay on and from the date of his conviction or the award against him. "Breach of good conduct" will occur —
 - (a) when an award has been made by a military authority imposing upon the soldier a penalty higher in the scale set out in AMR & O 414 (b) than confinement to barracks for seven days, providing that no fine of less than £1/-/- shall be deemed to be a breach of good conduct.
 - (b) when the soldier has been convicted by a civil court and fined £5/-/- or more or sentenced to imprisonment.
4. Proficiency pay is in addition to the increased rate of pay notified in GRO 659/43
5. Qualifying Examination A soldier will be deemed to have passed the prescribed examination when he —
 - (a) has been certified by his CO as being in all respects proficient in performing the duties of his appointment, and
 - (b) has passed the tests applicable to soldiers of the category to which he belongs.
 - (c) Categories of Bde HQ personnel will be promulgated separately
 - (d) The examination will include the Tests of Elementary Training for Gas and Small Arms Test with the rifle or LMG or sub-machine gun or pistol. Instructions will be issued separately for the examination of Bde HQ personnel. Units will conduct examinations under own arrangements in accordance with GRO 769/43.
6. The opportunity of qualifying for proficiency pay is provided under certain circumstances to pers not fulfilling the abovementioned requirements. All such cases should be referred to the Orderly Room for advice and decision regarding eligibility.

25. PRESELECTION OF OFFICERS.

1. Pre-selection of Officers is a continuous process and the following details are published for information.
 - (i) It is a fundamental principle of the scheme that every soldier who wishes to do so should be given the opportunity of appearing before a Divisional Pre-Selection of Officers Board.
 - (ii) Such a board will be set up in the near future, for the purpose of interviewing and classifying candidates.
 - (iii) Classification comprises :-
 - Group "A". Those recommended to appear before LHQ Pre-selection Board.
 - Group "B". Those recommended to appear before LHQ Board at a later date, after further regimental experience.
 - Group "C". Not recommended.
2. Units will advise as soon as possible
 - (a) Those already classified "A" by a Pre-selection Board and available to appear before the LHQ Board.
 - (b) Those who have not yet appeared before any Board and wish to do so.

3. All candidates appearing before Pre-Selection Boards should be in charge of an officer or NCO, who will be in possession of nominal roll of draft, together with lists showing statement of service and CO's confidential report.
4. Dates of sitting of Divisional, and LHQ Pre-selection Boards, will be advised later.
5. Returns requested vide para 2 will reach this HQ by 240900L.

(To be repeated in Unit Routine Orders)

26. CONTROL OF UNIT TRUST FUNDS (GRO F.819/43)

Attention is directed to 3 Aust Div RO 18/43.
Copy of this Routine Order will be forwarded to reach this HQ ^{by} the 4th day of each month.

27. 3 AUST DIV ROs

The attention of units is directed to 3 Aust Div ROs 5, 20, 21, 22, 24.

Return requested vide 3 Aust Div RO 22 will be forwarded to reach this HQ by 20th day of each month. Att is Pro Forma issued as Appendix "A" Part (i) and Part (ii) to 1 Aust Corps ROs dated 11 Jan 44.

28. GROs

Attention is directed to the following GROs for information and action where necessary :

A3, Q4, O.5, O.6, O.8, F9 and F10.

29. 1 AUST CORPS ROs

Attention is directed to the following 1 Aust Corps ROs for information and action where necessary.

12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 32, 33, and 34.

DISTRIBUTION

List A plus 3 Aust Div.

John E. Duggan Capt
Staff Capt 7 Aust Inf Bde

NOTICE

Rifles Nos D78775 and C40469 have been found on the Railway Line between CAIRNS and TOLGA.

Rifle No D78775 is marked "NX88119 Pte LEGGATT".

Units will advise this HQ forthwith if either of these rifles is on charge.

MONTHLY TENTAGE RETURN

As at 20 _____ 194 _____

PART (1)

UNIT OR FORMATION _____

Serial	TYPE OF TENT	TENTS COMPLETE					TENTS INCOMPLETE					TOTAL TENTS ON CHARGE
		Service -able	Require Repair	U S	Total	REMARKS	Service -able	Require Repair	U S	Total	REMARKS	
	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)
1	12 x 14 oblong											
2	US Pat Pyramid											
3	R D											
4	R D Small											
5	160 lbs											
6	180 lbs											
7	EPIP											
8	Auto Imp											
9	S D A											
10	US Small Ridge											
11	Marquee Single											
12	" Double											
13	Store											
14	Other Types											
15	TOTAL											

NOTES: (I) TENTS COMPLETE denotes tents with flys (where such form part of the complete tent), ridgings & poles.
 (II) Columns (b) and (g) represent serviceable tents as regards condition of canvas.
 (III) Column (k) to include a summary of the deficient component parts by types of tents.
 (IV) Column (l) represents the total of Column (e) plus column (j).

MONTHLY TENTAGE RETURN

APPENDIX A to 1 Aust Corps RO 17

SECRET

As at 20..... 19..

Part (ii)

UNIT OF FORMATION

Posted Strength: Offrs
 (and attached) WOs & Sgts
 ORs
 Total

Serial	(a)	TENTS											MARQUEES ETC				
		12x14 oblong	US Pat Pyr	R D Large	R D Small	160 lbs	180 lbs	EPIP	Auto Imp	SDA	US Small Ridge	Others	Total Tents	Marque Single	Marque Double	Store	Total Marquee Etc
	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)	(m)	(n)	(o)	(p)	(q)
1	ENTITLEMENT;																
2	Sleeping																
3	Messes																
4	Office																
5	Storage																
6	RAP																
7	Guard																
8	Other purposes																
9	TOTAL (Ser 2-8)																
10	ON CHARGE;																
11	Sleeping																
12	Messes																
13	Office																
14	Storage																
15	RAP																
16	Guard																
17	Other purposes																
18	Total (Ser 11-17)																
19	SURPLUS																
20	DEFICIENCY																

NOTES: (i) ENTITLEMENT Entitlement vide Standing Orders (Provisional) for Eqpt of the AMF Part 1 App. So
 (ii) Serial 18 will agree with the Totals shown PART (i) column (1).
 (iii) Serials 19 & 20 represent the differences between serial 9 & 18.
 (iv) Serials 8 & 17 show purposes for which used.
 (v) Column (1) Type of tent to be shown.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday **22** / **Jan** / 194**4** HQ 7 AUST INF BDE (AIF) (Unit)

4 / 44 (Serial No.)

W.E. **11** / **2** / **3** OFFRS. **13** O.R.'s. **69** + OFFRS. • O.R.'s. • ATT. BY W.E.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Rein'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					
				Lieut.-Colonels					
1 (NR)	1		1	Majors					
2 (1NR)	2	2	9	Captains		NIL			
3 (1NR)	3	1	4	Lieutenants					
				Quarter-masters					
				A.A.N.S and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.					
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.					
6 (3NR)	6	3	15						

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

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

• Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.
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PART B.—PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEK.

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK.

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

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

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

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 22 / JAN 44 (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	BRIGTX2002	FIELD	J.	Comd	No	24 days rec leave	6/1
Capt Maj	Q15602	MAHONEY	J.C.	B.M.	Yes		
Lieut Capt	NX70799	LOWMEES	A.G.	B.M.(L)	No	staff sch (Aust) No. 6 Junior course (X list)	7/12
"	QX40880	KREBS	A.A.	S.C.	"	First Aust Army Jun Staff Sch (X List)	10/10
"	QX35561	CORFE	J.E.	S.C.(L)	Yes		
"	QX40870	HORNIBROOK	C.M.	P.O.	"		
"	QX36181	POSTER	J.H.A.	L.O.I	No	24 days rec leave	15/1
"	QX36365	PATERSON	J.S.	L.O.II	Yes		
"	QX40835	MULCANY	E.R.	L.O.III	No	24 days rec leave	5/1
"	QX13552	BLACKMORE	E.R.W.	I.O.	"	24 days rec leave	15/1
"	NX127324	MORE	K.G.	HYG.O.	"	Special course No.4 OCTU, Woodside	20/11
"	QX45277	PEAKE	W.A.	BASCO	"	24 days rec leave	17/1
"	QX58334	WOOD	L.A.	Amn.O.	Yes		
Chaplain	VX114018	GARLY	D.A.	9 Bn	No		
"	NX142882	MCCULLOUGH	M.	25 Bn	"		

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
Lieut Capt	QX36184	DUGGAN J.E.	25 Aust Inf Bn	6/10/43	A/S.C.

22 Jan 44

Date of Despatch

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

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 22/Jan/1944.

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				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)				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	7	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							
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					
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant				Signal Orderlies	6	6	
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.	1	1		Engine Hands, I.C.				Motor Cyclist	1	1	
Photewriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers				Medical orderly	1	1	
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD	4	2	2	CARRIED FORWARD	13	11	2	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	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.

22 Jan 44

Date of Despatch

Capt. Staff Capt. 7 Aust Inf Bde.

Signature of Commander

PARTICULARS OF RANKS OTHER THAN PRIVATE

GROUP	Rank	Number	Notes
GROUP I	Draughtsmen	1	incl 1 cpl
GROUP II	Intelligence Duties	4	" 1 s/sgt, 1 cpl.
	Cooks	3	" 1 cpl
GROUP III	Clerks	7	" 1 W.O.I, 1 W.O.II, 2 sgts, 1 cpl.
NON-SPECIALISTS			
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	4	"	1 cpl
Medical orderly	1	"	1 cpl

NOTE—(1) If rank other than private is involved give details in last column.
 (2) Attached ranks or specialties not included in this table as required in column provided.
 (3) When A.M.A. rank is given, give details in last column.
 (4) When rank is given, give details in last column.
 (5) When rank is given, give details in last column.
 (6) When rank is given, give details in last column.

Date of Report: _____
 Signature of Commanding Officer: _____

SECRET.

LOCATION STATEMENT

7 Aust Inf Bde Op.

as at

222359L Jan 1944.

Ref Map GORDONVALE 1" to 1 Mile.

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Serial No.	War office Serial No.	Veh No.	Unit	Location	Map Ref	Remarks as Projected Moves.
1.	46101	88	HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)	KAIRI	485381	Main body on Leave.
2.	49113	88	7 Aust Inf Bde sig Sec	"	485381	"
3.	46102	88	20 Pl E Coy 2/1 Gd Regt (AIF)	"	485381	"
4.	46103	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 Pd Amb	"	503384	"
9.	48827	97	B Pl 158 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	"	504388	"
10.	49028	97	224 Aust Sup Depot Pl	"	504388	"
11.	49030	97	227 Aust Sup Depot Pl	"	504388	"
12.	46241	-	113 Aust Bde Ord Pd Pa rk (AIF)	"	476385	"
13.	46240	144	113 Aust Bde ord W/shop (ARME) (AIF)	"	476385	"
14.	46094	86	24 Aust Pd Coy	"	506379	"

J. Mahoney Maj.,
Bde Maj., 7 Aust Inf Bde.
23 Jan 44.

JCM/FNH (25/1)

Subject - VISUAL TRG

To All Units 7 Aust Inf Bde Gp
(Distribution list 'A' plus
1 copy for operator
3 spare)

APX 22
HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)
AUSTRALIA
25 Jan 44
Ref 44/G5/1

One projector 16 mm sound together with a no of trg films is available to 7 Aust Inf Bde from both incl 29 Jan to 5 Feb 44. Operator reports to HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde at 1000 hrs 29 Jan and will be att to this HQ for rations and quarters.

2. Hints on the use of visual trg eqpt have already been circulated among inf bns. It is essential that the showing of trg films be treated as a parade; that the films be introduced and commented on by an offr who has already seen them and prepared his commentary; and that they be followed by general discussion.

3. Programme is set out as Appx "A". Particular attention is called to the instns it contains, incl those in remarks column. In all cases audience will assemble by 2010 hrs and showing begin at 2015 hrs.

4. Attendance at the general programmes for all units on 31 Jan, 1 and 4 Feb and the particular programmes within units will be treated as a trg parade for all ranks (less minimum duty pers) and NOT as a voluntary entertainment. Tps will be dressed (with hats) as laid down in ROs and will move to the sites as formed bodies under their own offr and NCOs. Senior offr with each party on 31 Jan, 1 and 4 Feb will hand parade state to BM at the site by 2010 hrs.

5. It is hoped that this eqpt will be available later for wider use of trg films within units.

J. Mahony Maj
Bde Maj 7 Aust Inf Bde

Issued with Appx 'A' : Trg Films : Programme.

APPX 22

Training Films : Programme

7 East Inf Bde
Appx 'A' to 44/G5/1 of 25 Jan 44.

Serial	Date	Place	Film	Reels	Min-utes	Attended by	Remarks
1	Jan 29	Bde HQ	C.358 "X Marks the Spot" C.359 "Know Your Way" C.165 "Aircraft Recognition : Boston and Spitfire" "Ten Ways to Knock out a Tank" C.115 "Camouflage" C.431 "Pl Flanking Attack"	2 2 1	20 20 10	4 offr (incl OC and Adj) per inf bn; 1 offr each other unit.	To allow offr to see films before using them for instn in own units. Offrs will bring flashlamps and writing materials to make notcs.
2	30	9 bn	One hr's programme selected from serial 1	-	60	9 bn	Unit will inform operator at Bde HQ, by 1200 hrs on day of screening, what films have been selected. Operator will report to unit at 1500 hrs for instns.
3	31	No.2 Theatre site between 25 and 61 bns (map ref 485385 GORDON-VALE sheet one inch)	USC 2 "Prelude to War" USC 3 "Nazi Strikes"	6 2	55 44	All available pers all units	Unit orderly offr will report to 3de L.O. at site at 2000 hrs. Tps will assemble by 2010 hrs under own offr and NCOs in areas indicated by L.O. Use of unit tpt by 24 fd coy, AASC units and 11 fd amb is authorized. 61 bn will set up separate public address system at site by 2000 hrs.
4	Feb 1	ditto	C.83 "Name, Rank and Number" USC 4 "Divide and Conquer"	4 2	36 90	ditto	As for serial 3. Lieut D.R.WILMOT, 25 bn will make introductory commentary on C.83.
5	2	11 fd amb	AC 2 "Jungle Warfare" C.209 "Mosquito and Malaria" AC 3 "The Silent Battle" USC 1 "Sex Hygiene"	1 2 2	10 18 22		Maj.T.K.DURBRIDGE will make notes on USC 1 and submit to this HQ recommendations for suitable commentary by R.M.O. when it is shown in units.
6	3	61 bn	One hr's programme selected from serial 1	-	60	25 bn 61 bn	As for serial 2. 25 and 61 bns will co-operate in selecting programme and providing commentary.

(OVER)

Serial	Date	Place	Film	Reels	Min-utes	Attended by	Remarks
7	Feb 4	No.2 Theatre site	C.184 "Combined Operations	3	30	All available pers all units	As for serial 3.
			USC 5 "Battle for Britain"	2	90		
8	5	Bde HQ	C.110 "Observation and Recording"	2	18	As for serial 1	As for serial 1.
			C.19 "Shoot to Kill"	3	37		
			C.323 "Fd Arty against Tanks"				
			AC 1 "Jungle Warfare"	4	42		
			C.99 "On Parade"	2	18		

H. Mahoney
 Bde Maj. 7 Aust Inf Bde.

PMX 23

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES
ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

Copy No. 2145
Serial No. 4/44
Nos. 30 - 31
26 Jan 44

by

Lt-col E.S. MILES D.S.O., Adm Comd
7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

"G"

NIL

"A & Q"

30. RECORD OF SERVICE BOOK - A.A.B.83 (GRO 739/43 paras 21,22.)

1. Every member should be in possession of an A.A.B.83. Any member who has not been issued with an A.A.B.83 will report that fact immediately to ~~unit orderly room~~
2. The loss, destruction or defacement of an A.A.B.83 by a wilful act or by negligence or the unauthorised alteration of any information contained therein is an offence in respect of which a charge will lie under A.A.40.

(Substance of above paras to be republished in unit routine orders).

31. DISTRICT COURT-MARTIAL

Minute of Publication

A DCM convened by Comd 3 Aust Div was held in the Field on 17th January 1944 for the trial of

TX3186 Pte John Edward Hinch, HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde (AIF).

The accused was charged with:-

- | | |
|-------------------------------|--|
| <u>1st charge</u> | When on Active Service stealing property belonging to a regimental mess in that he in the Field on 8 Jan 44 stole one bottle of Old Angus whisky the property of HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde Officers' Mess. |
| AA 18(4) | |
| <u>2nd charge</u> | When on active service conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline in that he in the field on 8 Jan 44 was improperly in possession of a bottle of Old Angus whisky the property of HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde Officers' Mess. |
| (Alternative to first charge) | |
| AA 40 | |

FINDING :- NOT GUILTY of both charges.

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

DISTRIBUTION

List A
Copy to 3 Aust Div (for infm)

27 Jan 44

7 AUST INF BDE MOVEMENT ORDER NO 109

Ref Maps GORDONVALE 1" to 1 ml
BARTLEFRERE 1" to 1 ml

INFM

1. Authority has been given for 78 pers of 7 Aust Inf Bde Gp to proceed on 24 days' recreational leave.
2. Pers proceeding on leave are shown in Appendix "A"

INTENTION

3. 78 pers of 7 Aust Inf Bde will move by rd to INNISFAIL and entrain for onward movt to home towns.

METHOD

4. Tpt Required 6 — 3 ton vehs (AASC), incl 1 spare for incl petrol will be provided as follows :-

<u>Vehs</u>	<u>Unit Providing</u>	<u>Required to Report</u>
2 x 3 ton	HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde	HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde
1 x 3 ton	9 Aust Inf Bn	9 Aust Inf Bn
1 x 3 ton	25 Aust Inf Bn	25 Aust Inf Bn
2 x 3 ton	61 Aust Inf Bn	61 Aust Inf Bn

EMBUSSING

5. Troops will embuss in unit lines excepting —
 - (a) 1 pers from 11 Aust Fd Amb) who will report to HQ 7 Aust Inf
2 pers from 24 Aust Fd Coy) Bde at 290705L.
 - (b) 4 pers from 9 Aust Inf Bn who will be picked up at HQ 61
Aust Inf Bn by Bde veh at
290715L
 - (c) 5 pers from 61 Aust Inf Bn who will be picked up at HQ 61
Aust Inf Bn by Bde veh at
290715L.
 - (d) Tps will embuss by 290720L. As tps complete embussing vehs
will move to S.P.

START POINT

6. 479353.

START TIME

7. 290745L.

DEBUSSING

8.
 - (a) Tps will debuss INNISFAIL 291250L.
 - (b) Vehs will then move to Showground for refuelling and assembling for return journey.

ROUTE

9. via KAIRI - TOLGA - ATEERTON - MALANDA - MILLAA MILLAA -
INNISFAIL.

SPEED

10. M.I.H. 20
V.T.M. 17.

HALTS

11. 3 halts of 10 mins duration at suitable areas.

PET

12. Sufficient petrol will be carried in 1-3 ton (spare) veh provided by HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde.

DISCIPLINE

13. Tps will be instructed NOT to debuss at any stage of the journey unless ordered to do so by OC Tps (Signal to debuss - 1 long whistle blast) and that standing up in veh or sitting on top of cabin will NOT be allowed.

MEDICAL

14. 11 Aust Fd Amb will supply one medical orderly, with kit, who will report with 11 Aust Fd Amb pers to Bde HQ and travel with convoy and return on completion of move.

ACK

Method of Issue L.O.

Signed at 27/1/50

John E. Duggan Capt
Staff Capt 7 Aust Inf Bde

DISTRIBUTION

Copy No

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|---|------------------------|-------|-----------------------|
| 1 | 9 Aust Inf Bn | 7 | 3 Aust Div (for infm) |
| 2 | 25 Aust Inf Bn | 8 | S.C. |
| 3 | 61 Aust Inf Bn | 9 | T.O. |
| 4 | 7 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec | 10 | O.C. Draft |
| 5 | 24 Aust Fd Coy | 11 | File |
| 6 | 11 Aust Fd Amb | 12-13 | War Diary |
| | 14-15 | | Spares. |

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

HQ 7 AUST INF BDE (AIF)

5/44 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 29/Jan/1944 (Unit)

APPX 25

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

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.
			1	Brigadiers					
				Lieut.-Colonels					
1 NR	1		1	Majors					
2 (1 NR)	2	2	9	Captains					
3 "	3	1	4	Lieutenants	NIL				
				Quarter-masters					
				A.A.N.S and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.					
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.					
6 (3NR)	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.
A. Class	14	1								15
E.(1)										
E.(2)										

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

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

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK.

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

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).

Inf Bde (AIF) Unit

5/44 (Serial No.)

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 29 Jan 44 (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	24 days rec leave	8/1
Maj	Q15602	MAHONEY	J.C.	B.M.	Yes		
Lieut Capt	NX70799	LOWNDES	A.G.	BN(L)	No	Staff Sch (Aust) No 6 Jun Course (X List)	7/12
"	QX40880	KREBS	A.A.	S.C.	"	First Aust Army Jun Staff Sch (X List)	10/10
"	QX35561	CORPE	J.E.	SC(L)	"	24 days rec leave	22/1
"	QX40970	HORNIBROOK	C.M.	T.O.	Yes		
"	QX36181	FOSTER	J.E.A.	LOI	No	"	15/1
"	QX36365	PATERSON	J.S.	LOII	Yes		
"	QX40835	MULCANY	E.R.	LOIII	No	"	5/1
"	QX13552	BLACKMORE	E.R.W.	L.O.	"	"	15/1
"	NX127324	MORE	K.G.	Hyg.O.	"	Spec Course No 4 OCTO, Woodside	20/11
"	QX45277	PEAKE	W.A.	BASCO	"	24 days rec leave	17/1
"	QX38334	WOOD	L.A.	Asst O	Yes		
Chaplain	VX114018	GANLY	D.A.	9 Bn	No	24 days rec leave	15/1
"	NX142862	MCCULLOUGH	M.	25 "	"		

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/3.C.

29 Jan 44

Date of Despatch

Truth—7/43.

Philip Duggan Capt.
Staff Capt. 7 Aust Inf Bde.
Signature of Commander

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

HQ 7 AUST INF BDE (AIF)

5/.../44 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 29/Jan/1944 (Unit)

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

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
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					
				Lieut.-Colonels					
1 NR	1		1	Majors					
2 (1 NR)	2	2	9	Captains					
3 "	3	1	4	Lieutenants					
				Quarter-masters					
				A.A.N.S and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.					
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.					
6 (3NR)	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.
A. Class 14	14	1								15
E.(1)										
E.(2)										

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OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK.

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

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

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

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 29 Jan 4 / 194 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Lt-col Brig	TA2008	Field	J.	Comd	No	24 days rec leave	8/1
Maj	Q16608	MAHONEY	J.C.	B.H.	Yes		
Lieut Capt	BX70799	LOWNDES	A.G.	BH(L)	No	staff sch (Aust) No 6 Jun Course (X List)	7/12
"	QX40890	KRESS	A.A.	S.C.	"	First Aust Army Jun Staff Sch (X List)	10/10
"	QX35561	CORFE	J.E.	SC(L)	"	24 days rec leave	22/1
"	QX40870	HORNIBROOK	C.M.	T.O.	Yes		
"	QX56161	FOSTER	J.H.A.	LOI	No	"	15/1
"	QX36365	PATERSON	J.S.	LOII	Yes		
"	QX40835	MULCAHY	S.R.	LOIII	No	"	5/1
"	QX13552	BLACKMORE	S.R.W.	I.O.	"	"	15/1
"	BX127324	MORE	K.G.	Hyg.O.	"	Spec Course No 4 OCTU, Woodside	20/11
"	QX45277	PEAKE	W.A.	BASCO	"	24 days rec leave	17/1
"	QX36334	WOOD	L.A.	Amen O	Yes		
Chaplain	VX114018	GANLY	D.A.	9 Bn	No	24 days rec leave	15/1
"	BX142862	MCCULLOUGH	M.	25 "	"		

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.

29 Jan 44

Date of Despatch

Philip Duggan Capt.
Staff Capt. 7 Aust Inf Bde.
Signature of Commander

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OF

7 AUST INF BDE.

FROM 0900 Hrs 1 Feb 1944

TO 0900 Hrs 1 Mar 1944

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Date and Time.—From 0900 Hrs 1 Feb 44 to 0900 Hrs 1 Mar 44.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
KAIRI	1 Feb	0920	Message to Units - Visual Trg Films will be shown in No 2 theatre from 1 to 4 Feb 44.	
		1625	3 Div Message - Adv party 1 Sqn 2/7 Cav Commando Regt will arrive area site 'CA' KAIRI 2 Feb - 7 Bde to arrange tpt.	
	2 Feb	1943	Capt CAIRNS 61 Bn to report to 3 Div Reception Section at 030845 L feb - proceeding on 24 days recreational leave.	
		1045	Message from 3 Div - 7 Bde will attach to Camp S.O. KAIRI one van 15 cwt with driver for approx 1 week.	
		1550	Message to units - Working party of 8 ORs will report each Saturday night 2145 hrs Table Tops Office for approx 6 hrs duty.	
		1600	Party provided as follows - 9 Bn 5 Feb - 25 Bn 12 Feb - 61 Bn 19 Feb. 24 days leave approved QX47482 Maj C.H. BICKS 61 Bn - QX40870 Capt C.M. HORNIBROOK 7 Bde HQ - Offrs to report to 3 Div reception section 040845L Feb.	
		1630	Message from 3 Div - 19A Pl 2/1 Gd Regt strength 50 all ranks will arrive TOLGA 031730L Feb - 7 Bde will arrange reception and fostering into site 'H' Bde - 119 all ranks 11 Aust Fd Amb ex leave E.T.A. TOLGA 031730L Feb - 7 Bde will arrange reception.	
	3 Feb	1752	Message from 3 Div - 7 Bde will deliver to 3 Div Jungle Warfare School 1 Jeep with driver until further notice.	
		1800	3 Div advise 24 Aust Fd Coy now under their comd.	
	4 Feb	0800	109 ORs 11 Fd Amb returned to Unit 031930L from recreational leave.	
		0810	14 ORs 25 Bn returned to unit 032359L from recreational leave.	
		0845	Message from 3 Div - From 031800L 19a Pl 2/1 Gd Regt is redesignated as 29 Pl 2/1 Gd Regt and on arrival 5 Bde Gp will be allotted to that Bde.	
		1200	R.O. Serial No 5/44	Appx 1
		1225	Lt-Col E.S. MILES Adm Comd 7 Bde Gp discharged from 2/6 A.G.H. and resumed duty 4 Feb.	
		1745	Message from 3 Div - Working party of 50 ORs required 050830L and 051700 feb TOLGA rly sta. Tpt and midday meal under unit arrangements.	
2120		Message from 3 Div - Following instrs to report 3 Div Jungle Warfare School Course 5 071400L feb - Lt STEELE, Sgt ELDRIDGE 25 Bn - Sgt TIPLER 9 Bn - WOII RIDLEY 61 Bn.		

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KAIRI	Feb 4	2325	3 Div message - 350 pers incl 80 pers 5 Bde Gp arrive KAIRI rly sta 050430L feb - 7 Bde will arrange reception all pers - Capt	
	5.	0630	PETERS 3 Div reception section will represent division. 23 Bde HQ pers - 35 pers 9 Bn - 122 pers 25 Bn - 40 pers 61 Bn - returned to units from recreational leave. 5 offrs 50 ORs 5 Bde Gp arrived - billeted in 9 Bn area.	
		1200	A.F.W 3008 and 3009.	Appx 2.
		1610	Request to 3 Div for allotment BANBULLA RIFLE RANGE for Feb 14, 15, 16 - 20, 21, 22 - 27, 28, 29 - Mar 1, 2, 3, 4. - Range allotted as follows - 14 to 16 Feb, 20 to 22 Feb, 27 to 4 Mar.	
		1643	Message from 3 Div - 65 pers 25 Bn - Miscellaneous pers 40 - 5 Bde Gp 60 pers arriving TOLGA 060300L feb - 7 Bde will arrange reception and fostering 5 Bde and 7 Bde pers - 3 Div reception section will arrange reception miscellaneous pers - please advise accurate details of arrivals.	
	6.	0830	61 Bn advise - 1 NCO 7 ORs marched in from 2/1 Con Camp returning from working party 051830L feb - Capt LAWSON, Lt TOMLINSON Lt HENDERSON marched in from 24 days recreational leave.	
		0900	Message to 3 Div - Pers for whom 7 Bde arranged reception 6 Feb - 7 Bde HQ 1 offr 20 ORs - 9 Bn Nil and 1 - 25 Bn 6 and 62 - 61 Bn 3 and 2 - 5 Bde Gp Nil and 44 - 23 Bde Nil and 10 - 11 Fd Amb Nil and 7 - Total 10 offrs 128 ORs.	
		1020	Copy message from 3 Div	Appx 3
		1715	Copy Message to 11 Aust Fd Amb	Appx 4
	7.	0830	Maj WEPPNER assumed ^{Adm} Comd 25 Bn on return from recreational leave 060600L feb.	
		0915	Message to 3 Div - QX40823 Capt KELLY J.L. began duty as Instr 1 Aust Army Junior Staff School 30 Jan.	
		1800	1 offr 24 ORs 61 Bn - 6 ORs Bde HQ - 30 ORs 25 Bn marched in from 24 days recreational leave.	
	8.	0900	7 Bde Location statement.	Appx 5.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
KAIRI	8 Feb	1430	Message from 3 Div - Units will advise by 091800L feb No. of persons eligible to wear the ribbon of the ARRICA STAR in order that provision and action can be taken to requisition for medal ribbon.- 9 Bn 2 - 61 Bn 3 - 113 Bde Wksp 17- HQ 7 Bde 5.	
		1800	18 ORs 25 Bn marched in from 24 days leave.	
	9 Feb	1600	Message from 3 Div - One medical orderly from 11 Aust Fd Amb will report 3 Div reception section to set up R.A.P.	
		1620	61 Bn advise 11 pers marched in from redreational leave.	
		2030	Message from 3 Div - 7 Bde will arrange collection and delivery of 50 X 3 ton loads of firewood. Wood to not greater diameter than 2 ft and collected from nearby properties where owner/ consents. Pers 5 Bde less 29 pl 2/1 Cd Regt will be used for this purpose.	
		1715	Message from MILBASE MELBOURNE - Brig FIELD will arrive CAIRNS 170900L feb.	
	10 Feb	1200	R.O. Serial No 6/44.	Appx 6.
		1650	Message to 3 Div - Movt 11 Aust Fd Amb completed.	
	11 Feb	0910	25 Bn advise 1 offr and 9 ORs returned from 24 days recreational leave.	
		1720	25 Bn advise 1 offr and 42 ORs returned from 24 days recreational leave.	
		1755	61 Bn advise 14 ORs returned from 24 days recreational leave 111730L feb.	
	12 Feb	1035	Message to 3 Div - Advise leave party proceeding to LEAVE HOUSE CAIRNS as roster for Feb - party leaves 130630L Feb.	
		1200	A.F.W 3008 and 3009.	Appx 7.
		2015	Message from 3 Div - 7 Bde will increase guard on sites CA, CB, CC, CV, CN to 3 men each site.	
	13 Feb	0815	61 Bn advise - Lt-Col H.J. WILES marched in at 122055L from 24 days recreational leave - 1 offr and 19 ORs marched out in at 130600L from leave House CAIRNS.	
	14 Feb	0900	Weather report from 3 Div - Forecast next six days- light showers - wind 15 mph - cloud base 1,000/ - 2,000 ft.	

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KAIRI	14 Feb	0900	25 Bn advise 'A' Coy preparing DANBULLA RANGE.	
	15 Feb	0900	'A' Coy 25 Bn Range practice DANBULLA Range from 0800 to 1630 hrs.	
		0900	Layout of KAIRI CAMP AREA.	Appx 8.
		0900	25 Bn will provide one 3" Mortar det with Mortar complete and 27 bombs HE - To report 3 Div Jungle Warfare School 171400L feb -	
			Unit tpt report School 191430L feb to return det to unit.	
		1040	Message to 9, 25 and 61 Bns - Cipher trg - Following bde courses will be held - One 5 day refresher course unit trained cipher pers - two 5 day courses reserve unit cipher pers 4 per Bn - 3 series of classes for grade cipher all offr and NCOs.	
		1100	Message from 3 Div - 7 Bde will arrange movt from 9 Bn site to site CC of advance party 54 Bn - Move to be completed by 17 Feb. - 7 Bde responsible for fostering advance party until arrival main body.	
		2215	7 Bde Mov. Order No 110	Appx 9
		2225	Message from 3 Div - Pers from following units proceed on leave by train departing INNISFAIL 161900L feb - 7 Bde Gp 61 - 29 Pl 2/1 Gd Regt 26 - 7 Bde to arrange tpt - Convoy to arrive INNISFAIL 161800L feb.	
	16 Feb	1200	7 Bde Cipher trg Instn.	Appx 10.
	1625	1625	Message to 7 Bde Sig Sec, 9, 25 and 61 Bns, 11 Fd Amb, B Pl 158 A.G.T. Coy - 3 Div Jungle Warfare School next course begins 21 Feb - anticipated vacancies offr and NCOs - 7 Bde Sig Sec Nil and 1 9 Bn 2 and 3, 25 Bn 3 and 4, 61 Bn 2 and 3, 11 Fd Amb nil and 1 B Pl 158 A.G.T. Coy nil and 1.	
		2300	Message to 3 Div - Brig J. FIELD returned 161830L feb and resumed Comd.	
	17 Feb	0900	Observer Party Amphibious Exercise 6 Aust Div held CAIRNS - 7 Bde Party (Maj J.C. MAHONEY Bde HQ, Lt-Col H.J. WILES 61 Bn, Maj WEPPNER 25 Bn) departed this morning -, returning 18 Feb.	
	18 Feb	2000	Following instrs return to unit from 3 Div Jungle Warfare School end Course 5 - Q22003 Lt STEELE 25 Bn, QX49636 WOII RIDLEY 61 Bn, Q21968 Cpl H GARLAND 25 Bn - Following additional instrs will report school by 201800L feb - QX 51714 Lt HILL 25 Bn ,	

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KAIRI	18 Feb	contd	QX35054 lt WATTS 61 Bn , Sgt L.G. SAUL 9 Bn, Q21764 Cpl STUART 25 Bn, Q28680 Cpl TRACEY 61 Bn.	
	18 Feb	1000	Message to 3 Div - Ref O.C.T.U. WOODSIDE Course 11 para 4 - Nil preselection category A pers available. Request approval nominate commissioned offr Not yet qualified O.C.T.U.	
		1035	Message to 9, 25 and 61 Bns - Relief of Staff Trg Units - No movt of offr to trg unit J.L. School SEYMOER pending further instructions.	
		1140	Message to 3 Div - 3 Div Jungle School replacements and additional instructors nominated QX51714 lt F.V. HILL 25 Bn, Sgt L.G. SAUL 9 Bn , Q21764 Cpl C.H. STUART 25 Bn Q 28680 Cpl H TRACEY 61 Bn, Q28702 L/cpl G. WHITE 61 Bn. Two. As most bde still on leave and few have passed through school as students restricted selection of pers with both active service and school experience at present available - Would prefer replace Cpls with Sgts when possible.	
		1200 1200 1800	A.F.W 3008 and 3009 visual trg instr The following offr visited 3 Div jungle Warfare School today, to inspect trg-	Appx 11 Appx 12
			Lt-Col H.J. WILES, Capt GOWLAND 61 Bn, Maj WEPPNER, Capt R.D. McINNES 25 Bn.	
		2100	The following pers returned to Units to day from 24 days recreational leave - 25 Bn 3 offr and 12 ORS - 61 Bn 1 offr and 152 ORS.	
	20 Feb	1230	Message from 3 Div - All southward movt is cancelled owing floods south of TOWNSVILLE. No pers will be moved to 3 Div reception depot for onward movt pending further instrs from HQ 3 Div .	
		1859 2110	61 Bn advise 30 ORS marched in from 24 days recreational leave. Message from 3 Div - Release approved for sufficient malthoid for roofing hut 10 ft x 10ft at boxing ring area.	
	21 Feb	0900	Message to 9, 25 and 61 Bns - CO's and Adjts will attend trg conference this HQ 220900L - Study in advance 3 Div trg instr No 4 and bring copy to conference.	
		0900 0945	B and D Coys 61 Bn range practice. Message to 9, 25 and 61 Bns - New Eqpt for trg - Permission obtained to keep eqpt until 21 Mar 44 - units will return eqpt this HQ by 1800 hrs 20 Mar.	

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KAIRI	21 Feb	0950	Message to 9, 25 and 61 Bns - Ref pack boards - Expect allotment 20 pack boards per bn for experiment.		
		1030	Message to 3 Div - Ref LHQ Tactical School BEENLEIGH course 10- SX1442 Lt-Col G.R. MATTHEWS 9 Bn returned from leave 201900L - due report school 26 Feb - owing interruption rail services and matters needing attention unit request authority air travel CAIRNS BRISBANE.- Lt-Col MATTHEWS departed 23 Feb by rail from INNISFAIL.		
		1040	Request to 9, 25 and 61 Bns to bring 2 copies unit list posting of offrs by pls to conference.		
	22 Feb	1225	3 Div advise - combat efficiency reports no longer required.		
		1105	Message to 9 and 25 Bns - Visual trg eqpt allotted 26 Feb 9 Bn 27 Feb 25 Bn.		
		1135	Message from 3 Div - All pers of 243 and 244 Aust Sup Depot pls at present att DID KAIRI will be relieved on 27 Feb by pers from 224 and 227 Aust Sup Depot pls under arrangements CASC 3 Div.		
		1602	Message from 3 Div - please effect following temporary postings - 2 Medical offrs from 11 Fd Amb to 7 and 8 Bns respectively.-		
		1900	Message to 224 and 227 Sup Depot Pls, 158 A.G.T. Coy, 113 Bde Wksp and 113 Fd Pk - offrs Comd will attend trg conference this HQ 231400L.		
		1900	61 Bn advise 44 ORs marched in from 24 days recreational leave 221810L Feb/		
		23 Feb	2154	Message to 25 Bn - B allotment DANBULLA Range 4 mar cancelled.	
			0900	7 Bde location statement	Appx 13.
			1000	Request to 3 Div for allotment DANBULLA Range 6 to 22 Mar both incl. - Approved by 3 Div.	
		1010	Message to 9, 25 and 61 Bns - Advise by 231800L Feb number of 2 man tents complete required for trg - 9 Bn 200 - 25 Bn 338 - 61 Bn 200.		
		1510	Message from 25 Bn - QX36182 Capt E.G. WHITE has returned ex leave and resumes duties as AdjT as from today.		

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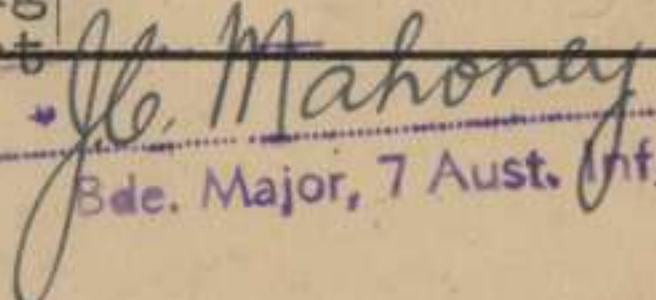
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KAIRI	23 Feb	1915	25 Bn advise 1 offr and 56 ORs returned to unit from 24 days recreational leave.	
		1915	15 pers 7 Bde HQ returned from 24 days recreational leave.	
		1945	1 offr and 46 ORs returned to unit from 24 days recreational leave.	
	24 Feb	1945	1 offr and 116 ORs returned to unit from 24 days recreational leave.	
		1015	Request to 3 Div for allotment DANBULLA Fd Firing Range nine days Apr - Approved by 3 Div - 1 to 9 Apr.	
		1015	Message to 3 Div - Leave party from 7 Bde for CAIRNS LEAVE HOUSE departs 250630L feb.	
	25 Feb	1600	7 Bde Trg Instr No 34	Appx 14.
		0930	Message to all units - visual trg- projector required by 1 Aust Corps evening 25 Feb - 7 Bde programme amended 25 Feb NO SHOWING - 26 Feb 9 Bn, 27 Feb 25 Bn.	
		1130	Message to Bns and 20 Pl 2/1 Gd Regt - guards provided by bns for bde HQ not required after 260630L feb - guard will be provided by 20 Pl 2/1 Gd Regt.	
		1210	Message to bns - reinforcement offr approval received to carry unit reinforcement offr - LHQ has issued instrs to 2 ech draft fwd these offr.	
	26 Feb	0905	5 aust inf bde gp marched out 9 bn area at 251830L feb.	
	27 Feb	1325	Message to 9 bn - MILBASE BRISBANE advise Q15601 Maj A.J. SUTCH, 9 bn, tentatively classified 'D' - have recommended transfer to P.S.L..	
		1625	61 Bn advise that 1 offr and 22 ORs marched in from 24 days recreational leave at 271605L. 51 ORs returned to 9 bn . 18 ORs returned to 25 bn.	
		1700	Allotment of sports grounds	Appx 15
		1700	A.F.W 3008 and 3009	Appx 16
		1700	7 Bde Trg Syllabus for week ending 12 Mar.	Appx 17
		2035	Message to 9, 25 and 61 Bns - Bns are responsible for cleanliness of open air theatre site No 2 as follows - 9 Bn 28 Feb to 5 Mar - 25 Bn 6 to 12 Mar - 61 Bn 13 to 19 Mar - Preliminary cleaning to be shared by bns each will supply 1 NCO and 8 ORs to report to offr 9 Bn at site 2 at 281400L Feb.	


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KAIRI	28 Feb	0920	Message from 3 Div - 113 Bde Wk sp are temporarily placed under comd CEME 3 Div until further notice as from 281200L feb.		
		1030	Message to units - 3 Div Jungle Warfare School course 7 both incl 4 to 13 Mar - Following vacancies allotted for offr and NCOs - 9 Bn 5 and 11, 25 Bn 5 and 11, 61 Bn 6 and 11, 224 Sup Dep pl Nil and 1, 227 Sup Dep Pl Nil and 1, BPl 158 A.G.T. Coy Nil and 1, 113 ord Wk sp Dne and Nil, 11 Fd Amb 1 and 1, Bde Sig Sec Nil and 1, Bde HQ 1 and 1. Batmen accompany offr.		
		1200	7 Bde R.O. Serial 7/44	Appx 18	
		1225	Message to 9, 25 and 61 Bns - Beginning monday 6 Mar 0900 hrs weekly trg conference Adjts with B.M. will be held this HQ.		
		1600	Message from 3 Div - LHQ require offr of Fd Rank as Liaison offr with loans direction and supervision unit. Offr with organising ability and drive necessary. Tour of duty not known but understood to be NOT less than two months. please advise urgently if any such offr can be recommended - No suitable officer available this Bde.		
		1825	Message from 3 Div - Approval given attachment Q21941 lt T.J. COLLINS 25 Bn to 1 Aust Corps from 1 Mar to Apr 44. Please arrange lt COLLINS report capt RICH DAD AMENITIES for duty 1 Mar.		
		29 Feb	0905	Message to 3 Div - Request authority move in Arty and Mortar Range area two coys at a time in pl"free for all" exercises. Period both incl 27 Mar to 16 Apr. - Approved by 3 Div.	
			1200	Notes on Observations made at FINSCHHAFEN and RAMU VALLEY By Brig J FIELD. Comd 7 Aust Inf Bde.	Appx 19.
			1220	Message to 25 Bn - lt T.D. BAKER will report this HQ with batman prepared remain duty as L.O. 010900L Mar. Offr will be attached this HQ until notification received about disposal Capt J.H. FOSTER when recommendation for secondment lt BAKER will be made.	
			1445 1935	Message from 3 Div - Mov southward may now be arranged 25 Bn advise - 4 offr and 33 ORs returned from 24 days recreational leave 1700L.	
		2000	Message to 3 Div - Staffing of Trg Units - In view altered Instrs request urgent action be taken arrange return to units of offr		

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7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

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32. CENSORSHIP - WOMEN'S SERVICES (GRO G.13/44)

1. Correspondence from a member of the Women's Services subject to Unit censorship will be liable, in future, to franking by a male officer in the same way as correspondence from male soldiers of the unit, unless action is taken in accordance with para 2 hereof.
2. Where a member of the Women's Services desires her correspondence to be franked only by a female officer, she shall either -
 - (a) enclose the addressed unsealed envelope containing her correspondence in an outer sealed envelope unaddressed and marked "Mail for female only censorship"; or
 - (b) hand it personally to a female officer with a request that it be franked by a female officer only.

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33. RECORD OF SERVICE BOOK - A.A.B. 83 (GRO 739/45 paras 21, 22)

1. Every member should be in possession of an A.A.B. 83. Any member who has not been issued with an A.A.B. 83 will report that fact immediately to unit orderly room.
2. The loss, destruction or defacement of an A.A.B. 83 by a wilful act or by negligence or the unauthorised alteration of any information contained therein is an offence in respect of which a charge will lie under A.A.40.

(Substance of above paras to be republished in unit routine orders)

34. PRE-SELECTION OF OFFICERS

HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde R.O. 25/43 is amended as follows :-

Particulars required vide para 3 will include

- (a) Medical classification
- (b) Arm of the Service to which applicant desires to be commissioned.

35. QUEENSLAND STATE ELECTIONS

Units will advise this HQ by 11 Feb 44, number of personnel over 18 years of age who enlisted in Queensland.

36. DECLARATION OF INVESTIGATING OFFICER AS TO ILLEGAL ABSENCE (3 Aust Div R.O. 34/44)

1. The Declaration of the Investigating Officer as to the Illegal Absence of a soldier, pursuant to A M R & O 445A (see GRO 813/43) must be made before an officer of the rank of Captain or over (or equivalent rank in Navy or Air Force).
2. Declarations purporting to be made before an officer below the rank of Captain, will NOT be effective, and any so made should be re-declared before an officer of the required rank.
3. Attention is directed to GRO 169/42 and 540/43. The officer taking the declaration should print, type or stamp legibly below his signature :

- (i) His name and rank, and
- (ii) The words "Australian Military Forces"

but NOT his unit or place at which the declaration was taken.

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37. CANTEEN STORES (3 Aust Div R.O. 46/44)

The supply or posting of any articles sold by Aust Army Canteen Service to civilians is NOT permitted. The attention of unit censoring officers is drawn to this restriction. A close check will be kept on all parcels posted.

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38. MILITARY INVESTIGATIONS - NEED FOR EXPEDITION (1 Aust Corps R.O. 40/44)

1. It is essential that investigations required to be made by GRO A.392/43 should be undertaken promptly. Delay may render an investigation valueless owing to the movement of witnesses, or because property which should be inspected by the investigating officer is no longer available. Witnesses are less likely to remember a matter fully and accurately if the investigation is delayed. Delay also obstructs the taking of necessary administrative action.

2. Investigations will be undertaken promptly and the investigating officer's report and relevant papers forwarded to the proper authority without delay. No investigation will be held over merely because a witness is on leave or otherwise not available, unless the evidence of such witness constitutes the pith of the investigation. The investigation will proceed, and all available evidence obtained. If it is believed that other evidence could be given by persons not then available, a paragraph to that effect will be inserted in the investigating officer's report.

39. AMENITIES - SPORTING COMPETITIONS (1 Aust Corps R.O. 42/44)

1. The Commander-in-Chief has given consideration to the incidence of organised inter-unit sporting competitions, and directs that the following matters be brought to the notice of those concerned and given effect to.

2. Organised inter-unit competitions in sports provide healthy exercise and entertainment for a large number of personnel, who otherwise would have no occupation and tend to bind together the personnel in the various formations concerned, and to form a point of friendly association not only for the teams but for other members of the unit.

3. There is no objection to organised sporting matches being held on the day of rest of units concerned including Sundays.

4. In conducting such competitions, there are certain principles which are to be enforced as follows:-

(a) The competitions should be solely for the purpose of providing exercise and entertainment for units, and should not usually be made the basis of amusement for the general public.

(b) Care should be taken to see that preparation for such games is not allowed to interfere with the normal work of personnel.

(c) Units should be carefully supervised to see that they do not endeavour to obtain or retain personnel skilled in the particular sport so as to interfere with the military duties of the personnel concerned.

(d) It is desirable in conducting these competitions to avoid press publicity or making the same the basis of advertisement for individuals.

(e) Games at which the general public are encouraged to attend and whereat collections are made for philanthropic bodies in accordance with GRO 399/42 should be permitted sparingly, and such games, whether against civilian teams or as inter-service competitions, should be restricted to one or two in a season.

(f) Competitions should be carefully and systematically organised by the officers concerned so as to prevent any undesirable features of a character which may give the appearance of any departure from war-time austerity.

40. INCOME TAX - LIABILITY OF MEMBERS RELEASED ON LEAVE FOR SEASONAL OCCUPATIONS (GRO F.16)

1. A member holding a rank not higher than that of sergeant, who has been granted leave without pay for the purpose of enabling him to engage in seasonal occupations, will be issued, on behalf of the Commissioner of Taxation, with a certificate, signed by his Commanding

Officer, which will exempt him from liabilities for Tax deduction on wages earned by him during the period of such leave.

2. The certificate will be prepared in duplicate.

(To be republished in unit routine orders)

41. DISPOSAL OF REFUSE (Ref 3 Aust Div R.O. 36/44)

1. As the wet refuse referred to is being used as pig food it is necessary that certain types of food such as - onion peelings, tea leaves, coffee grounds, be segregated and disposed of with the dry refuse within unit areas.

2. To enable this segregation to be carried out it is recommended that notices be printed, such notices to be placed behind bins in a conspicuous position as a guide to the troops. The notices should be printed as follows :-

- (a) Wet Refuse (excluding onion peelings, tea-leaves, coffee-grounds)
- (b) Onion peelings, tea-leaves, coffee grounds.
- (c) Dry Refuse.

42. 3 AUST DIV R.Os.

Attention is directed to 3 Aust Div R.Os. 33, 40, 41, 47 & 49/44.

43. HQ 7 AUST INF BDE REGIMENTAL TRUST FUND

Financial Statement for Period 1 Jan 44 to 31 Jan 44.

Balance 31 Dec 43 £28 0 3

(a) Receipts during Month

Canteen profit distribution WF/191/F13415 6 11 0

34 11 3

(b) Expenditure during Month

Nil

Balance 31 Jan 44 34 11 3

HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde Canteen A/c (as at 1 Feb 44)

Sales for month of Jan 44 201 16 4

Stock 1 Jan 33 3 10

Purchases 177 2 8

" (milk) 1 13 4

211 19 10

Less stock 21 4 2

190 15 8

1 Feb

Profit for month 11 0 8

" per advance party 16 6

Milk unpaid for 1 13 4

Cr Balance as per previous statement 89 1 2

Cr bal 102 11 8

This balance represents :-

Stock on hand 21 4 2

Cash on hand 40 8 5

Balance of Trust A/c 79 19 1

141 11 8

Less amount owing to officers 39 0 0

102 11 8

We certify that we have examined the Cash book, Unit Trust Book and vouchers relating to HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde Regimental Trust Fund and HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde Canteen A/c and that in our opinion these statements correctly set out the position of the Funds as at 31 Jan 44.

..... John E. Duggan Capt.)
 K. J. ... Lt.) Auditors

Distribution

List A less 24 Fd Coy
 Copy to 3 Aust Div.

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

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 5 / Feb / 1944 (Unit)

5.../44 (Serial No.)

W.E. 11 / 2 / 3 OFFRS. 13 O.R's. 49 + OFFRS. - O.R's. - ATT. BY W.E.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Rein'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					
				Lieut.-Colonels					
				Majors					
2 BR	2			Captains					
2 (1MR)	2	1	8	Lieutenants		NIL			
3 (")	3	1	4	Quarter-masters					
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.					
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.					
7 (RMR)	7	2	13						

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

DETAIL.	A.I.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	13	-								13
E.(1)										
E.(2)										

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

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.
440389	Capt	KRUSE			

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
70799	Capt	LOWNDRE A.G.		12/1/44	Attending No.5 Course (Junior Wing) Staff school (Aust). see AMF Appointments, Promotions etc (List No.14)
59770	Maj.	MAHONEY J.C.	9 Aust Inf Bn	15/1/44	Resumes regimental duties

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

Serial No.

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 5 / Feb / 1944 (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	TZ3002	FIELD	J.	Comd	No	24 days rec leave	8/1
Lieut Capt	QX40880	KREBS	A.A.	B.C.	Yes		
"	QX35561	CORFE	J.E.	SG(L)	No	24 days rec leave	22/1
"	QX40870	HORNIBROOK	C.M.	T.O.	"	"	4/2
"	QX38181	FOSTER	J.H.A.	LO I	"	"	15/1
"	QX38365	PATERSON	J.S.	LO II	"	"	29/1
"	QX40835	MULCAHY	B.R.	LO III	"	"	5/1
"	QX13552	BLACKMORE	E.R.W.	I.O.	"	"	15/1
"	EX12732	MORE	K.G.	Hyg.O.	Yes		
"	QX45277	PEAKE	W.A.	BASCO	No	"	17/1
"	QX38334	HOOD	L.A.	AMB.O	Yes		
Chaplain	VX114018	GANLY	D.A.	9 Bn	No	24 days rec leave	15/1
"	EX142882	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.
Maj	QX59770	MAHONEY J.C.	9 Aust Inf Bn	15/1/44	performing duties of B.M. until appointment made
Lieut Capt	QX36184	DUGGAN J.E.	25 Aust Inf Bn	6/10/43	temporary general duties
Capt Lt-Col	QX38371	HILLS B.B.	25 Aust Inf Bn	4/2/44	Adm Comd.

5 Feb 44.

Date of Despatch

Truth—7/44.

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

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 5 Feb /1944.

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, E.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangetakers			
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevedores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers	1	1		Signallers				Tailors			
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen	2	1	1	Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Bollermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters				Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks	3	3		Woodturners							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics											
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)											
Fitters				Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Cycle)				Drummers											
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	7	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							
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 Orderlies	6	3	
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant				Motor Cyclist	1	1	
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.	1	1		Engine Hands, I.C.				Medical Orderly	1	1	
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers							
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assis.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD	4	2	2	CARRIED FORWARD	13	11	2	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	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.

5 Feb 44.
Date of Despatch

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

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

PARTICULARS OF RANKS OTHER THAN PRIVATE

Posted Strength

Group	Rank	Number	Remarks
Group I			
Draughtsmen		1	includes 1 Cpl.
GROUP II			
Intelligence Duties		4	" 1 S sgt, 1 Cpl.
Armourers		1	" 1 Sgt.
Cooks		3	" 1 Cpl.
GROUP III			
Clerks		7	" 1 W.O.I, 1 W.O.II, 2 Sgts, 1 Cpl.
NON-SPECIALISTS			
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		4	" 1 Cpl.
Medical Orderly		1	" 1 Cpl.

Signature of Commandant: *[Signature]*
 Date of Report: 2 Sep 44
 4.H.O. Form W 3009-11-44

Appx 3

To. 7 Aust Inf Bde

FROM 3 Aust Div

Ordg No Q441 Date 6

11 aust fd amb will move from site CQ to site CS move to be completed by 101200L feb. site CQ is available for 5 aust fd amb. camp SO KAIRI will arrange withdrawal of camp stores site CQ which are to be held in ~~site~~ site for 5 aust fd amb and issue of stores for site CS. beds at present in use by 11 aust fd amb will be moved to site CS and camp SO KAIRI will arrange transfer of bed boards from site CS to CQ. no buildings fittings or portions of buildings will be removed from site CQ and 11 fd amb will obtain a clearance from camp SO KAIRI for correctness of stores and cleanliness of camp site before completion of movt ACK.

T.O.O. 061020L

74 741
Appx 4
To. ~~7 Aust Inf Bde~~ 11 aust fd amb.

FROM 7 Aust Inf Bde

Orig No Q219

Date 6

11 aust fd amb will move from site CQ to site CS move to be completed by 191200L feb. site CQ is available for 5 aust fd amb. camp SO KAIRI will arrange withdrawal of camp stores site CQ which are to be held in site for 5 aust fd amb and issue of stores for site CS. beds at present in use by 11 aust fd amb will be moved to site CS and camp SO KAIRI will arrange transfer of bed boards from site CS to CQ. no buildings fittings or portions of buildings will be removed from site CQ and 11 fd amb will obtain a clearance from camp SO KAIRI for correctness of stores and cleanliness of camp site before completion of movt ACK.

T.O.O. 061715L

Appx 5

SECRET.

LOCATION STATEMENT

7 Aust Inf Bde Gp.

as at

072359 L Feb 1944

Ref Map GORDONVALE 1" to 1 mile.

Serial No.	War office Serial No.	Veh No	Unit	Location	Map ref	Remarks and projected moves.
1.	46101	38	HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde AIF	KAIRI	485381	Main body on leave.
2.	49113	"	7 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	"	"	"
3.	46102	"	20 Pl E Coy 2/1 Aust gd Regt AIF	"	"	"
4.	46103	"	241 Aust L.A.D. AIF	"	"	-
5.	46104	53	9 Aust Inf Bn	"	476386	Main body on leave.
6.	46105	50	25 Aust Inf Bn	"	484383	"
7.	46106	99	61 Aust Inf Bn	"	482386	"
8.	46122	52	11 Aust Fd Amb	"	503384	Part on leave
9.	48827	97	B Pl 158 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	"	504388	Main body on leave
10.	49028	"	224 Aust Sup Depot Pl AIF	"	"	"
11.	49030	"	227 Aust Sup Depot Pl AIF	"	"	"
12.	46241	92	113 Aust Bde ord Fd Pk AIF	"	476385	"
13.	46240	144	113 Aust Bde Wksp (AEME) AIF	"	"	"

J. B. Mahoney
 Maj.,
 Bde Maj., 7 Aust Inf Bde.
 8 Feb 44.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

by

Lt.-Col E.S. MILES D.S.O., Adm Comd

7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

"G"

Copy No.
Serial No 6/44
Nos 44 - 47

10 Feb 44.

44. INCLUSION OF CENSORABLE MATTER IN CORRESPONDENCE (GRO G,27/44)

1. All units will publish in their routine orders:-

"All ranks are forbidden to include in their correspondence information classed as censorable matter under current Field Censorship Instructions, notwithstanding that such correspondence is to be submitted to a franking officer or a censorship authority."

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

" A & Q"

45. RECORD OF SERVICE BOOK - A.A.B.83 (GRO 739/43 paras 21, 22)

1. Every member should be in possession of an AAB 83. Any member who has not been issued with an AAB 83 will report that fact immediately to unit orderly room.
2. The loss, destruction or defacement of an AAB 83 by a wilful act or by negligence or the unauthorised alteration of any information contained therein is an offence in respect of which a charge will lie under A.A.40.

(Substance of above paras to be republished in unit routine orders)

46. S.A.A. .303 BALL M Q MANUFACTURE

1. This amn dated 10 Aug 43 marked PRACTICE will NOT be used with bren guns. Units holding amn of this manufacture will submit G 1033 through B.O.W.O. to A.D.O.S. 3 Aust Div for return to 73 F.A.D. of all M Q practice amn of 10 Aug.
2. Indent for replacement issues will be lodged at same time.
3. M Q Amn of other dates may be fired but whenever it is used, units will submit to this HQ a report on its performance and its effect on the weapon.

47. VENEREAL DISEASE - EFFECT ON PAY (GRO F.33/44)

Preliminary

1. Approval has been given for the amendment of War Financial (Military Forces) Regulation 25 to provide that no forfeiture of pay will be incurred by a member -

- (a) for the first thirty-five days of his absence after the 31st January, 1944, as the result of venereal disease acquired by him on the first occasion as defined in para 3 hereof and including any days of absence as a result of a relapse from a disease acquired on any such first occasion, provided that the total number of days of absence as a result of such first occasion and any such relapse does not exceed thirty-five days;
- (b) acquiring venereal disease while acting in the course of his duty; or
- (c) who is suffering from a congenital form of venereal disease.

Commencement

2. The approval so far as it relates to sub-para (a) of para 1 of this order will take effect on and from the 1st February, 1944, and so far as it relates to sub-paras (b) and (c) of that paragraph will operate as from 6th October, 1939.

Interpretation

3. For the purpose of this order, the term "first occasion" when used in connection with venereal disease will mean -

- (a) the first occasion on which a venereal disease is diagnosed after 31st January, 1944;

Interpretation (contd)

- (b) in the case of a member who was on 1st February, 1944, on duty by reason of the disease diagnosed prior to that date, venereal disease for which he is being treated; or
- (c) in the case of a member who, subsequent to the 31st January, 1944, is absent from duty through a relapse from the venereal disease diagnosed prior to the 1st February, 1944 - the relapse from which he is then suffering

whichever first occurs.

Transfers and Re-enlistment. -

4. No account will be taken of any absence through venereal disease of a member -

- (a) whilst serving with the Royal Australian Navy or the Royal Australian Air Force, or
- (b) during any previous period of service with the AMF under an earlier appointment or enlistment.

Records

5. Directions regarding casualty advice to be submitted by medical units will be included in an amendment to "Instruction to Medical Officers", Instructions regarding method of promulgation in routine orders, Part II, will be issued by the Officer-in-Charge, 2nd Echelon, L.H.Q.

(To be republished in unit routine orders.)

A.A. Krebs Capt.
Staff Capt. Aust Inf Bde.

DISTRIBUTION

List 'A' Less 24 Aust Fd Coy

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

HQ 7 AUST INF BDE (AIF) 7/.../... (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 12/ Feb/1944 (Unit)

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

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

W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.								
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.				
			1	Brigadiers									
				Lieut.-Colonels									
2	2			Majors									
2 (1BR)	2	1	8	Captains		N I L							
3 (")	3	1	4	Lieutenants									
				Quarter-masters									
				A.A.N.S and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.									
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.									
7 (2BR)	7	2	13										
		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 13	-									13
		E.(1)											
		E.(2)											

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

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

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK.

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

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

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

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).

7 Aust Inf Bde (AIF) Unit

7 44
...../.....(Serial No.)

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 12 Feb 44 (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	TX2002	FIELD	J.	Comd	No	24 days rec leave	8/1
Lt Capt	QX40030	KRESS	A.A.	S.C.	Yes		
"	QX35861	COFFE	J.E.	SG(L)	No	"	22/1
"	QX40370	HORTIBROOK	G.H.	T.O.	"	"	4/2
"	QX36161	FOSTER J.H.A.	J.H.A.	L.O.I	"	"	15/1
"	QX36365	PATERSON	J.S.	LO II	"	"	29/1
"	QX40335	MULCAHY	E.R.	LO III	"	"	5/1
"	QX13552	BLACKMORE	E.R.W.	I.O.	"	"	15/1
"	MX12732	MORE	K.G.	BYE.O.	Yes		
"	QX45277	PEAKE	W.A.	SABCO	No	"	17/1
Chaplain	QX38334	WOOD	L.A.	Amen.O.	Yes		
"	VX114018	GANLY	D.A.	9 Bn	No	"	15/1
"	MX142862	McCULLOUGH	M.	81 "	"	"	

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.
Maj	QX59770	MAHONEY J.C.	9 Aust Inf Bn	15/1/44	A/B.M.
Capt Lt-col	QX36371	MILES E.S.	R.S.L.	4/2/44	A/Bde Comd
Capt	QX38184	DUGGAN J.E.	25 Aust Inf Bn	6/10/43	temporary general duties

12 Feb 44.
Date of Despatch

A. K. Krebs Capt.
Staff Capt. 7 Aust Inf Bde.
Signature of Commander

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 12 Feb /1944.

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				Rangetakers			
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Rivettors			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevedores			
Computors								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers	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.							
Fitters (M.V.)	1	1		Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers				C.S.E.	1	1	
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	7	7	1	G.Q.M.S.	1	1	
Grinder, Precision				Hello Operator				Clerks, Supply				Tpt Sgt	1	1	
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				Drs MT	6	6	
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	4	4		Clerks, Technical				" Orderlies	9	10	
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Coach Trimmers				Batmen	15	14	
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Concretors				" Drs	3	2	1
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Cooks				General Duties	3	4	
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Dental Clerk Orderlies							
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Draughtsmen, Signals				Nyg Duties	1	1	
Pattern Maker				Masons				Drivers, H.T.				Water Duties	1	1	
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Mechanics		1					
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.	1	1		Driver Tptn. Plant				Signal	6	6	
Photowriter				Miners				Engine Hands, I.C.				Orderlies			
Plumber				Moulders				Equipment Repairers				Motor	1	1	
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Farriers				Cyclist			
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Fitters' Mates				Medical	1	1	
								Gun Layers				Orderly			
CARRIED FORWARD	4	2	2	CARRIED FORWARD	13	11	2	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.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.

12 Feb 44
Date of Despatch

[Signature]
Staff Capt. 7 Aust Inf Bde
Signature of Commander

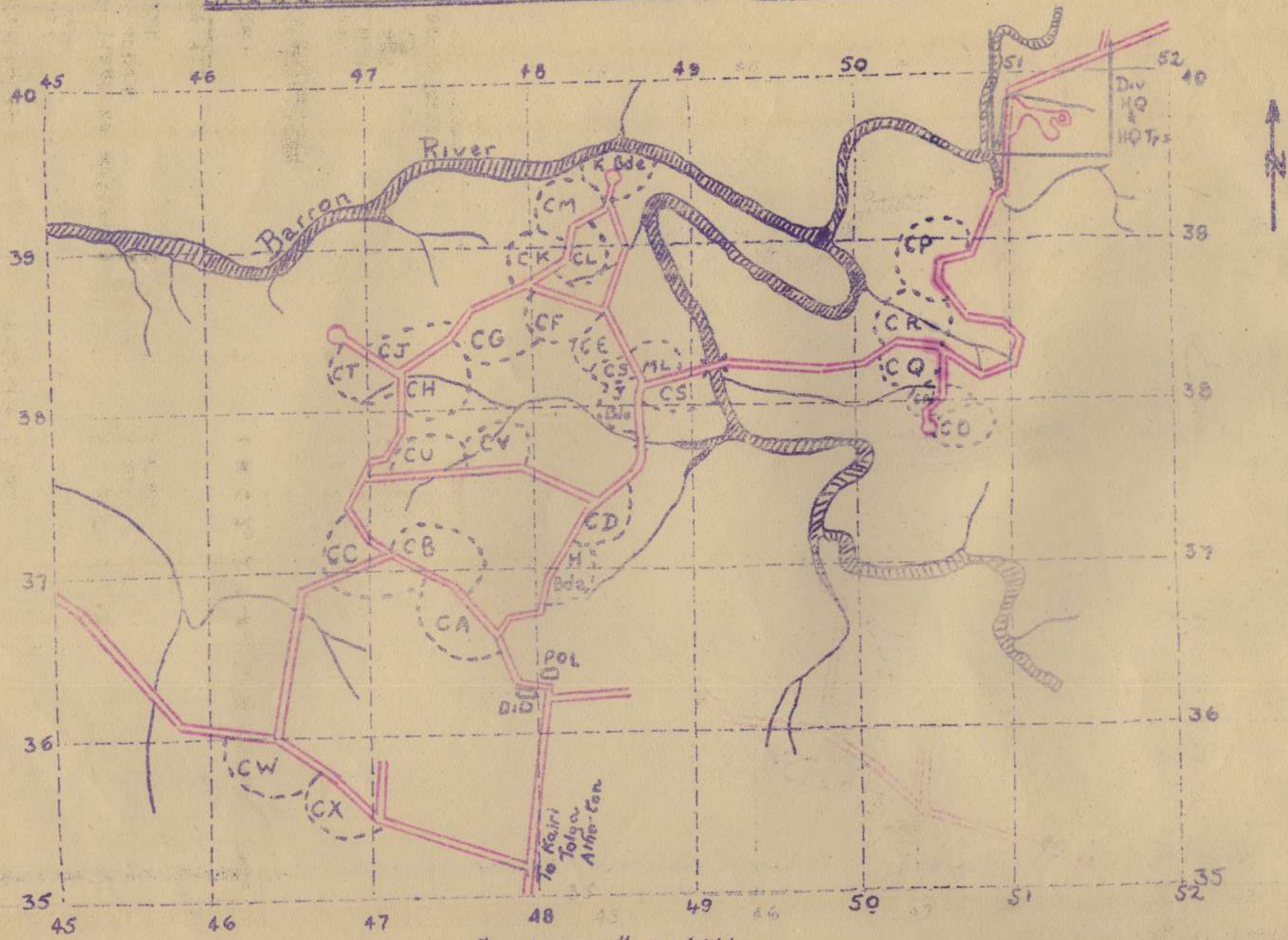
Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 12 Feb 1944
PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in

GROUP I	Detail of Strength	PARTICULARS OF RANKS OTHER THAN PRIVATE				GROUP II	Detail of Strength	GROUP III	Detail of Strength
		Posted Strength	Includes	Other	Other				
Group I									
Braughtsmen	1	includes 1 Cpl.							
GROUP II									
Intelligence duties	4	" 1 S Sgt, 1 Cpl.							
Armourers	1	" 1 Sgt.							
Cooks	3	" 1 Cpl.							
GROUP III									
Clerks	7	" 1 W.O.I, 1 W.O.II, 2 Sgts, 1 Cpl.							
NON-SPECIALISTS									
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	4	" 1 Cpl.							
Medical Orderly	1	" 1 Cpl.							

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(3) Where A.W.A.S. and/or A.A.W.S. personnel are detailed show details on back.
(4) Where A.W.A.S. and/or A.A.W.S. personnel are detailed on basis of transfer of rank in col. "Reinst. Required".
(5) Where replacement not detailed note accordingly on transfer of rank in col. "Reinst. Required".
(6) Where any request or notation is made on back of form, the words "See Back" should be written in one of the spaces provided.

Staff Capt. J. H. ...
Signature of Commander
Date of Report
12 Feb 44

LAYOUT OF KAIRI CAMP



APP. 8

APP. 8

7 AUST INF BDE MOVEMENT ORDER No 110

Ref Maps GORDONVALE 1" to 1 ml.
 BARTLEFRERE 1" to 1 ml

INFM.

1. Authority has been given for 61 pers of 7 Aust Inf Bde Gp and 26 pers of 29 Pl 2/1 Aust Gd Regt to proceed on 24 days recreation leave.

INTENTION

2. 61 pers of 7 Aust Inf Bde and 26 pers from 2/1 Aust Gd Regt will move by road to INNISFAIL and entrain for onward movt to home town as follows:-

HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde	9
7 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	1
241 Aust L.A.D.	1
9 Aust Inf Bn	6
25 Aust Inf Bn	7
61 Aust Inf Bn	25
224 Aust Sup Depot Pl	1
113 Aust Bde Wkshop	8
11 Aust Fd Amb	3
29 Pl 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	26
Total	87

NOTE : TASMANIAN personnel will NOT move on leave draft.

METHOD

3. (a) 7 x 3 ton vehs incl 1 spare will assemble at Bde HQ tpt lines at 161000L.

(b) Units will provide own tpt for leave pers to Start Point except 29 pl 2/1 Gd Regt who will embus in unit lines at 161230L and move immediately to start point.

(c) Tps will be embussed by 161255 at Start Point, (Rd junc'484385) between BHQ 25 and BHQ 61 Bns.

(d) Start time 161300L

(e) Tps will debuss INNISFAIL by 161800L.

(f) Vehs will then move to Showgrounds for refuelling and assembling for return journey.

(g) 6 vehs containing leave pers from 2/7 Aust Fd Regt will join end of convoy when 7 Bde Gp **vehs** pass 2/7 Aust Fd Regt lines at 161305L.

ROUTE

4. via KAIRI - TOLGA - ATHERTON - MALANDA - MILLAA MILLAA - INNISFAIL.

SPEED

5. M.I.H. 20
 V.T.M. 17

HALTS

6. 2 halts of 15 mins duration at suitable areas.

PET

7. Petrol will be carried in spare veh and prepared for movt by 2/3 A.S.C. Cpl attached HQ 7 Bde.

DISCIPLINE

8. Tps will be instructed NOT to debuss at any stage of the journey unless ordered to do so by OC Tps (Signal to debuss — 1 long whistle blast) and that standing up in veh or sitting on top of cabin will NOT be allowed.

MEDICAL.

9. 11 Aust Fd Amb will supply one medical orderly, with kit, who will report with 11 Aust Fd Amb pers to start point and travel with convoy and return on completion of move.

ACK.

A. A. Krebs Capt,
Staff Capt. 7 Aust Inf Bde.

Method of Issue L.O.

Signed at 152215L

DISTRIBUTION

- Copy No 1 HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde
- 2 7 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec
- 3 9 Aust Inf Bn
- 4 25 Aust Inf Bn
- 5 61 Aust Inf Bn
- 6 224 Aust Sup Depot Pl
- 7 113 Aust Bde Wkshp A.E.M.E.
- 8 241 Aust L.A.D.
- 9 11 Aust Fd Amb
- 10 29 Pl 2/1 Aust Gd Regt
- 11 2/7 Aust Fd Regt
- 12 3 Aust Div (for infm)
- 13 S.C.
- 14 T.O.
- 15 O.C. Draft
- 16 File
- 17 - 18 War Diary

Apply 10

SUBJECT : CIPHER TRG.

HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)
16 Feb 44.

ref : 44/G6/32.

9 Aust Inf Bn
25 Aust Inf Bn
61 Aust Inf Bn
7 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec (for cipher det)
File (2)

Further to our O.877 date 15, the following training courses will be conducted by cipher NCOs attached to this Bde:-

Course No 2 (to train replacement cipher personnel for Bns).
Period both incl 28 Feb - 3 Mar 44.

Place HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde.

Students 9 Aust Inf Bn 4 OR
25 Aust Inf Bn 3 "
61 Aust Inf Bn 5 "

Course No 1 (to refresh trained cipher personnel of Bns and instruct them in new methods)

Period both incl 6 Mar - 10 Mar 44.

Place HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde

Students All trained cipher personnel in Bns.

Course No 3 (to instruct offr and NCOs in field grade ciphers)

Period to be arranged with units by Bde cipher NCOs

Place Unit lines

Students all offr and NCOs (in groups of 15/20)

2. selection of cipher personnel. Bde cipher NCOs will visit units to arrange selection of students for course No 2. COs will ensure that only competent men of complete trustworthiness are nominated.

(The following paragraphs apply to courses 1 and 2).

3. Nominal Roll. One copy of a nominal roll will be brought by each unit party on the first morning of the course.

4. Hours of work. Students will report to HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde at 0825 hours daily. Hours of work will be:-

0830 - 1200
1400 - 1600.

5. Midday meal. Students will either return to unit lines for midday meal, or carry haversack lunch.

6. Dress. Boots, gaiters, trousers and shirts, hats, drill order with personal weapons

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

Appx 11
FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday *19 Feb 1944* (Unit) *HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)* *8.../44* (Serial No.)

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

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

W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.
			1	Brigadiers					
				Lieut.-Colonels					
				Majors					
2	2			Captains					
2 (1NR)	2	1	8	Captains					
3 (")	3	1	4	Lieutenants					
				Quarter-masters		N I L			
				A.A.N.S and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.					
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.					
7	7	2	13						

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

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

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

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.
<i>NX149802</i>	<i>Chaplain</i>	<i>BRATTY G.A.</i>	<i>11 Aust Inf Bde</i>	<i>8/2/44</i>	<i>to replace Chaplain McCullough (see below)</i>
	<i>4th class</i>				

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
<i>NX142882</i>	<i>Chap.</i>	<i>MCCULLOUGH M.</i>	<i>9 Aust Inf Bde</i>	<i>8/2/44</i>	<i>Transferred</i>

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

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

Hq 7 Aust Inf Bde (AIF) Unit

8/44 (Serial No.)

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 19 / Feb 1944 (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		
Lt Capt	QX40880	KREBS	A.A.	S.G.	"		
" "	QX35561	CORFE	J.E.	" (L)	No	24 days recreation leave	22/1/44
" "	QX40870	HORNIBROOK	C.M.	T.O.	"	"	4/2/44
" "	QX36181	FOSTER	J.H.A.	LO I	"	"	15/1/44
" "	QX36365	PATERSON	J.S.	" II	"	"	29/1/44
" "	QX40835	MULCAHY	E.R.	" LII	Yes		
" "	QX13552	BLACKMORE	E.R.W.	I.O.	No	"	15/1/44
" "	HX127324	MORR	K.G.	Hyg.O.	Yes		
" "	QX45277	PEAKE	W.A.	BASCO	"		
" "	QX38334	WOOD	L.A.	Amen.O.	"		
Chaplain	VX114018	GANLY	D.A.	9 Bn	No		
"	HX149802	BEATTY	G.A.	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.
Maj	QX59770	MAHONEY J.C.	9 Aust Inf Bn	15/1/44	A/B.M.

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

19 Feb 44
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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			
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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)				Bty. Comd's Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
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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.				Duties			
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics	1	1		Signal Orderlies	6	6	
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant				Motor Cyclist	1	1	
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.	1	1		Engine Hands, I.C.				Medical Orderly	1	1	
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers							
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
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19 Feb 44
Date of Despatch

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

War Diary

Apr 12

JCM/KTG (19/2)

Subject: VISUAL TRAINING

Ref: 44/G5/1

H.Q. 7 AUST INF BDE (AIF)
AUSTRALIA
19 Feb 44

To all Units 7 Aust Inf Bde Gp
(Distribution List 'A' plus
1 copy for Lt E.R. MULCAHY
1 " " Operator
3 spare

Ref our 44/G5/1 of 25 Jan 44, sound film equipment is again available to this brigade from 19 Feb to 25 Feb.

2. Films will be shown thus:-

	Feb	
(a)	19	25 Bn
(b)	20	61 Bn
(c)	21	"Prelude to War"; "The Nazis Strike".
(d)	22	9 Bn (before 1500 hrs only — equipment not available in evening).
(e)	23	Bde HQ (oficer representatives from units)
(f)	24	"Divide and Conquer"; "Battle for Britain".
(g)	25	Aircraft Recognition; "Next of Kin". (to be selected)

3. For serials (a), (b), (d), units will select programmes from films already seen by officers (who will give an introductory commentary and lead the discussion.) See para 2 of 44/G5/1 of 25 Jan.) Programmes will cover about one hour and to facilitate control of discussion should be shown to groups of about company strength. To get maximum use of the equipment one session should be held by day and two by night. Units wishing to use No 2 Theatre (which may be blacked-out for daylight screenings) must make application to this HQ 24 hrs in advance. As Appendix A (issued to infantry battalions only) is a list of suitable films for selection of programmes.

4. Serial (e) will be attended by four officers per infantry battalion and one from each other unit to preview films at 2000 hrs.

5. Serials (c), (f), (g) will be shown in No 2 Theatre and for them the following attendance quotas are allotted:-

HQ 7 Bde and att	30
9 Bn	150
25 Bn	350
61 Bn	300
224 Sup Depo + Pl	10) Unit tpt
227 " " "	10) may be
B Pl 158 Gen Tpt Coy	20) used
113 Bde Ord Fd Pk	10
113 Bde Wksp	40
11 Fd Amb	80

1000

6. The following instructions govern serials (c), (f), (g):-

(i) Battalions will in turn supply a party of platoon strength (with correct proportion of Officer and NCOs) to report to Lt E.R. MULCAHY at No 2 Theatre at 1500 hrs to prepare hall and arrange seating:-

9 Bn	21 Feb
25 Bn	24 Feb
61 Bn	25 Feb

(Over)

(2)

(ii) Orderly officer from each unit will report to Lt. E.R. MULCAHY at the hall at 1945 hrs on each evening.

(iii) Unit parties (dressed, with hats, as laid down in ROs) will move to the hall in formed bodies under their own officers and NCOs. Attendance will be treated as a training parade and not as an entertainment.

(iv) Unit parties will be seated in their allotted places by 1955 hrs. Screening will begin at 2000 hrs.

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

Issued with Appx 'A' : List of films
(To inf bns only).

W.D. Appx 13

SECRET.

LOCATION STATEMENT.

7 AUST INF BDE GP.

as at

222359L Feb 1944

Ref map GORDONVALE 1" to 1 mile.

Serial No.	War Office Serial No.	veh No	Unit	Location	map ref	Remarks & projected moves.
1.	46101	88	HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)	KAIRI	485381	part on leave.
2.	49113	"	7 Aust Inf Bde sig sec	"	"	"
3.	46102	"	20 Pl E Coy 2/1 Gd Regt (AIF)	"	"	"
4.	46103	"	241 Aust L.A.D. (AIF)	"	"	"
5.	46104	53	9 Aust Inf Bn	"	476386	part on leave
6.	46105	50	25 Aust Inf Bn	"	484383	"
7.	46106	99	61 Aust Inf Bn	"	482386	"
8.	46122	52	11 Aust Fd Amb	"	487381	"
9.	48827	97	B Pl 158 Aust Gen Tpt Coy (AIF)	"	504388	"
10.	49028	"	224 Aust Sup Depot Pl (AIF)	"	"	"
11.	49030	"	227 Aust sup Depot Pl (AIF)	"	"	"
12.	46241	92	113 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk (AIF)	"	476385	"
13.	46240	144	113 Aust Bde Wksp (AEME) (AIF)	"	"	"

J.C. Mahoney Maj.
 Bde Maj., 7 Aust Inf Bde.
 23 Feb 44.

44/G5/1

HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)
24 Feb 44.7 AUST INF BDE TRG INSTR No.34

PURPOSE

1. This is the first of a series of trg instrs which will be issued to give effect to the policy laid down in 3 Aust Div Trg Instr No.4 of 13 Jan 44. These trg instrs will be read in conjunction with the div trg instr, which will be studied by all offr.

SCOPE

2. These instrs govern the trg of :-

HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde (with Sig Sec, Gd Pl, L.A.D.)	} insofar as service tasks allow
9 Aust Inf Bn	
25 Aust Inf Bn	
61 Aust Inf Bn	
224 Aust Sup Depot Pl	
227 Aust Sup Depot Pl	
B Pl 158 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	
113 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk	
113 Aust Bde Wksp AEME	
11 Aust Fd Amb	

PERIOD AND HOURS

3. (a) 6 - 19 Mar 44
(b) 40 hrs per week, incl 4 hrs' night trg, 3 hrs' organized sport.

TYPE OF TRG

4. (a) Individual 6 days
(b) Sec 6 days

TRG AREAS

(see sketch att as Appx 'A').

5. (a) During this period inf bns may use parts of Area D thus :-

D1	25 Aust Inf Bn
D2	9 Aust Inf Bn
D3	61 Aust Inf Bn.

Bns will not interfere with trg of other units already in this area, and will warn all tps that farmyards and crops are out of bounds.

(b) As it includes danger areas of three 30 yd. ranges, area shaded on sketch (immediately SW of inf camp sites) will NOT be used for trg by day. For night trg it is allotted:-

9 Bn	Mon, Wed, Fri
61 Bn	Tue, Thu, Sat

INDIVIDUAL TRG

6. This will be recapitulation, aimed at freshening and hardening the soldier. Individual trg must continue throughout sub-unit and higher trg. The following subjects will be included (refs are to paras of 3 Div Trg Instr No 4):-

Bayonet fighting
Unarmed combat
Assault courses (twice a week) (5f)
Marching (with loads, over rough and hilly ground) (5f)
Weapon trg (incl all types grenades, booby traps)
Range practices (especially on jungle ranges, snapshooting) (5g)
Junglecraft (incl individual cooking, shelter building)
Keeping direction (day and night)
Use of ground and cover
Concealment and camflg
Digging (day and night)

Over

SEC TRG

7. Gp and sec control (5e)
 Sec in adv (deployment while moving and on contact), attack def, ambush, patrol.
 Siting and digging sec post (refer 7 Bde Specimen lay-out.)
 Clearing fds of fire.
 Track cutting.

NOTE: An active enemy must be provided in all this trg.
Section battle practice.

RANGE PRACTICES

8. (a) All weapons will be zeroed on 30 yd range. Thereafter minimum time will be given to practices on fixed ranges, and maximum to practices on jungle ranges — especially snapshooting at fleeting targets and firing from the hip (using tracer). On the classification range tps will be given an opportunity to qualify for proficiency pay.

(b) Rules governing use of ranges have already been issued —

DANBULLA Classification : 7 Bde 44/G5/4 of 8 Feb 44
 Jungle Firing Ranges : 7 Bde 44/G5/4 of 21 Feb 44.

Jungle range No 3 is especially suitable for practice in firing from the hip.

(c) DANBULLA Classification range and Jungle Ranges 2 and 3 are allotted thus:-

		March
25 Bn	both incl	6 - 9, 21
61 Bn	" "	10 - 13, 22
9 Bn	" "	14 - 17
Bde HQ		18
AASC		19
Wksp and Fd Pk		20

ORGANIZED SPORT

9. One half-day per week will be given to organised sport. Team-games, tabloid sports and cross-country runs should be competitive among sub-units and organized in such a way that all men take part. Matches between picked teams, watched by large numbers of spectators, do NOT meet the needs of organized sport and will be conducted outside the trg programme. Amenities Offr, 7 Aust Inf Bde will make allotment of Sports Grounds and will arrange inter-unit matches.

DRESS

10. Dress for trg will be: boots, gaiters, trousers and shirts green, hats, weapons and eqpt as laid down by COs. Particular care must be paid to fitting of eqpt.

DRILL

11. At all stages of trg, 15 mins at the beginning of each day will be given to close-order drill, and a high standard insisted upon. (The "little bit extra" at the end of each day's trg is also recommended — see ATM Aust No 29, sec 3, Notes from NEW GUINEA).

TRG OF OFFRS AND NCOs

12. (a) Tutorial discussions for offrs will be held twice weekly within units in preparation for later TEWTs.

(3)

(b) All units will maintain a cadre course for NCOs and potential NCOs. Fullest opportunities must be given to Offrs and NCOs recently returned from schools to pass on what they have learned.

(c) A high standard of man-management is required of all offrs and NCOs. This is more than ever important in tropical warfare.

SPECIALISTS

13. Unit "specialists" will conform to rifle coy syllabus for the first fortnight as a refresher in basic inf trg before continuing their own special trg. Particular attention is called to para 5(h) of 3 Div Trg Instr No 4.

FD OP RATIONS

14. (a) For instructional purposes a small supply of fd op rations and canned heat is available. These will be sufficient to instruct all men in their use. This type of ration will NOT be supplied for exercises.

(b) Units will submit indents through BASCO, 7 Aust Inf Bde for the following:-

Unit	Fd Op Ration	Canned Heat
HQ 7 Bde	400	200
9 Bn	2000	800
25 Bn	2000	800
61 Bn	2000	800
224 Sup Depot Pl	50	20
227 Sup Depot Pl	50	20
B Pl 158 Gen Tpt Coy	100	50
113 Fd Pk	30	15
113 Wksp	150	75
11 Fd Amb	400	200
Bde res	320	20
	<u>7500</u>	<u>3000</u>

SYLLABUS

15. (a) Each unit will submit to this HQ weekly trg syllabus (two copies) showing detail down to coys and pls of HQ Coy thus:-

Date	Sub-unit	Area (Map ref)	Subject	Lessons	References

(b) Syllabus will reach this HQ by 1200 hrs each Saturday for the week beginning eight days ahead. Any alterations later found necessary will be at once made known to this HQ through LOs.

MONTHLY TRG REPORT

16. Each unit will submit to this HQ monthly trg report (2 copies) showing work done, time spent on each subject, standard reached and CO's suggestions for further trg. Report for each month will reach this HQ by 1200 hrs on 3rd day of following month.

Over

(4)

INF INSTRS FOR SERVICE UNITS

17. Service units requiring help of inf instrs will apply to B.M. when submitting syllabus (i.e. 8 days in adv) stating nature of instr required and no. of hrs. As a general rule responsibility for providing instrs will be:-

<u>Instrs for</u>	<u>Provided by</u>
224 Sup Depot Pl)	25 Bn
227 Sup Depot Pl)	
B Pl 158 Gen Tpt Coy	61 Bn
113 Bde Fd Pk)	9 Bn
113 Bde Wksp)	
11 Fd Amb	HQ 7 Bde.

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

Signed at 1600 hrs

Issued by L.O.

Issued with Appx A : Trg Areas.

DISTRIBUTION

List A (less 24 Aust Fd Coy)
(plus HQ 3 Aust Div (2))

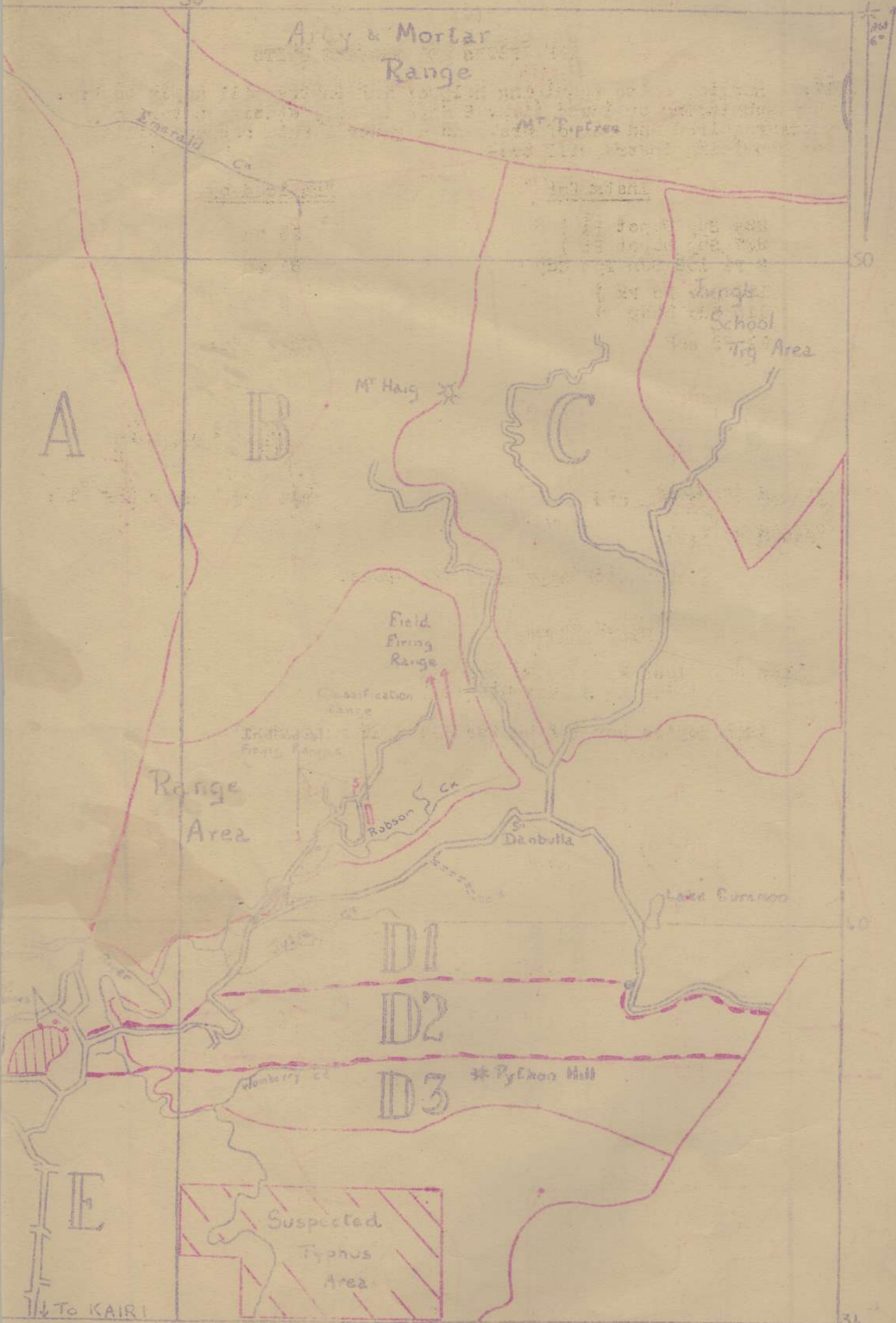
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Overlay for GORDONVALE 1' Sheet

Appx 'A'

To 7 Aust Inf Bde Trg Instr N°31

Showing Trg Areas



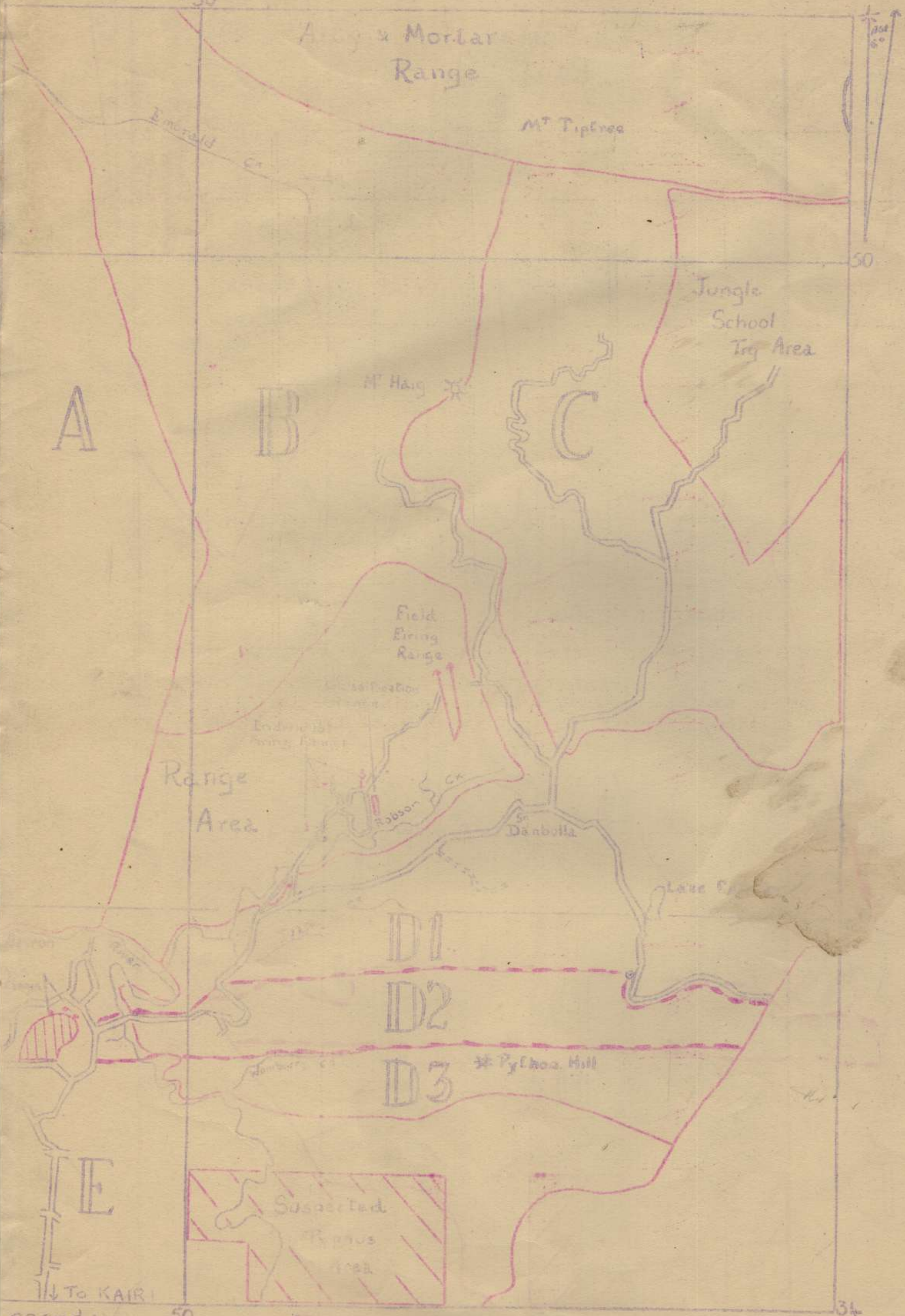
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Showing Trg Areas

To 7 Aust Inf Bde Trg Instr N°314



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LAW/CAB (25/2)

War diary *Apply*

SUBJECT : ALLOCATION OF SPORTS GROUNDS 28 FEB - 19 MAR 44

ref : 44/Amen/7

HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)
26 Feb 44

1. The following is the allocation of Sports Grounds for period stated above

UNIT	23 Bde Ground map ref 487391		7 MG Bn Gd		24 Fd Coy Gd map ref 503380		17 Fd Amb Gd map ref 474378	
	am	pm	am	pm	am	pm	am	pm
HQ 7 Bde (and att)					3, 12	1,7,15	17	
9 Bn	28				6, 16	3,4,6 8,14	18	
25 Bn	6		2,16	9	4	29,11, 13		18
61 Bn	13	6		16	28,1, 10	2,9,18		
A.A.S.C. Sub-units		28			2,7,9, 19	17		
113 Fd Pk) 113 Wksp)			9	2	5,11, 14			17
11 Fd Amb		13			29,8, 15	28,10		

2. Units to which sports grounds are allotted on dates above will be responsible that the grounds and surroundings are left in a clean and tidy condition, and that strict discipline of troops is maintained.

Distribution :-

L. Wood Lt.
Amenities Offr 7 Aust Inf Bde.

List A
Plus

3 Aust Div (2)
23 Aust Inf Bde
7 Aust MG Bn
17 Aust Fd Amb

Unit

9/14 (Serial No.)

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 26 Feb/1944 (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.
L-Col Brig	TX2002	FIELD	J.	Comd	Yes		
Capt	QX40850	KREBS *	A.A.	S.C.	"		
"	QX35561	CORPE	J.E.	SC(L)	No	24 days rec leave	22/1/44
"	QX40870	HORNIBROOK	C.M.	T.O.	"	"	4/2/44
"	QX36181	POSTER	J.H.A.	L.O.I	"	"X" List - hosp	?
"	QX36355	PATERSON	J.S.	L.O.	No	(entered hosp while on 24 days rec leave)	
"	QX40855	MULCAHY	E.R.	L.O. II	Yes	24 days rec leave	29/1/44
"	QX35526	BENDERSON	P.W.	LO III	"		
"	QX13552	BLACKMORE	E.H.W.	I.O.	No	"	15/1/44
"	MX127524	MORE	K.G.	HYG.O.	Yes		
"	QX45277	PEAKE	H.A.	BASCO	"		
"	QX38334	WOOD	L.A.	AMEN.O.	"		
Major	VX114018	CANLY	D.A.	9 BR	No		
"	QX35695	CANILL	B.	25 "	No	newly posted - not yet arrived	
"	MX149802	BEATTY	G.A.	61 "	No	"	"

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.
Major	QX59770	HARONEY J.C.	9 Aust Inf Bn	15/2/44	A/Batt

26 Feb 44

Capt

Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

Staff Capt 7 Aust Inf Bde

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 26 / Feb / 1944.

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				Rangetakers			
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevedores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers	1	1		Signallers				Tailors			
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen	2	1	1	Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Bollermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters				Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks	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.N.S.	1	1	
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	7	7	1NR	Tpt Sgt	1	1	
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply				Drs WT	6	6	
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				" Orderlies	9	9	
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	4	3	1NR	Coach Trimmers				Batmen	15	14	1NR
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors				" Drs	3	2	1NR
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks				General	3	4	
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies				Duties			
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY WE			
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			
Photowriter				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			
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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.

19 Feb 44
Date of Despatch
a.w. 6m bks 3/43

Adl Krebs
Signature of Commander
Staff Capt 7 Aust Inf Bde. Capt.

PART A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 26 / Feb / 1944
PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in

PARTICULARS OF RANKS OTHER THAN PRIVATE

Details of Task	Details of Personnel Required	Details of Personnel Present	Details of Personnel Available	Details of Personnel Required	Details of Personnel Present	Details of Personnel Available	Details of Personnel Required	Details of Personnel Present	Details of Personnel Available
GROUP I Daughtersmen	1								
GROUP II Intelligence Duties	3								
Armourers	1								
Cooks	3								
GROUP III Clerks	7								
NON-SPECIALISTS									
C.S.M.	1								
C.Q.M.S.	1								
Tpt Sgt	1								
Drs MT	6								
General Duties	4								
Medical Orderly	1								
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Summary of Training Syllabus for week ending 12 Mar 44

HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)

(3 Aust Div Trg Instr No.4 of 13 Jan 44 para6)

27 Feb 44

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Date	Unit and sub-unit	Area	Subject	Lessons	References and Remarks
1 Mar	9 Bn HQ Coy	Bn area (478386) and 520383	Individual trg: weapons and fieldcraft.	Accuracy of aim; Intro to M2"; personal camflg and concealment; shelter-building.	
	A	Bn area and 30 yd range	Weapon trg; zeroing rifles; assault course.	36M grenade mechanism; LMG bren	
	B	513384	Junglcraft.	Personal camflg; shelter-building; navigation	3 Div Trg Instr 4, Appx A para 15.
	C	503380 and Bn area	Organized sport; weapon trg.	36M grenade mechanism; LMG bren	
	D	Rd to KAIRI and Bn area	Route march; unarmed combat; weapon trg.	36M grenade mechanism; LMG bren	
	All coys	Bn area	Night trg.	Navigation by stars.	
	25 Bn HQ Coy	DANBULLA rifle ranges	Small area practices	Classification; snaphooting and firing from hip Jungle Ranges 2 and 3 as desired by Coy Comd	Duty Coy
	A Coy	Bn area	Recapitulation of individual trg		
	B	487391 4938	Organized sport Fieldcraft	Keeping direction (compass); ambushes with booby traps	
	C	4938	do	do	
	D	5539 - 5540	Tactical route march	Approach march to area suitable for night biv - use of cover, siting sec posts, digging by day and night, breaking-up of sups by CQMS, individual cooking	incl 4 hrs' night trg

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Date	Unit and Sub-unit	Area	Subject	Lessons	References and Remarks
6 Mar	61 Bn HQ Coy A	Bn area "	Weapon trg; organized sport Assault course; bayonet fighting; unarmed combat; weapon trg.	Rifle SMG Bren " " "	
	B	" and 535375	Weapon trg; junglecraft.	" " " ; use of ground and cover.	
	C	545375	" "	Rifle SMG Bren; use of ground and cover,	
	D	Camp area and 555375	" "	do	
7 Mar	9 Bn HQ Coy A	Bn area and rd to KAIRI 515384	Route March; weapon trg; unarmed combat; organized sport Junglecraft.	Bayonet; rifle; Bren Concealment; shelter-building; individual cooking; keeping direction.	
	B	Bn area and 30 yd range	Assault course; zeroing rifles; weapon trg; compass.	Bayonet; 36M grenade; Bren; compass bearings.	
	C	520383	Junglecraft.	Ground and cover; keeping direction; shelter building.	
	D	Bn area	Weapon trg.	Grenade; Rifle; Bayonet; SMG; Bren.	
25 Bn	85 Bn HQ Coy A	464383 DANBULLA ranges	Individual trg. Range practices	- Classification; snaphooting and firing from hip on Jungle Ranges 2 and 3.	Duty coy
	B	area 4938	Sec trg Assault course	Gp and sec control; deployment while moving and on contact; track cutting and pacing; sec patrol - orders, movement, observation, sketches, reports. (see detail for D Coy - 6 Mar)	3 Aust Div Trg Instr 4 para 15(d)
	C	squares 5539 - 5540	Tactical route march		
	D	4938	Route march Sec Trg Assault course	Sec patrol; keeping direction, use of compass; preparation of ambush with booby traps.	March back from exercise held night 6/7 Mar.

Date	Unit and Sub-Unit	Area	Subject	Lessons	References and Remarks
7 Mar	61 Bn HQ Coy	Bn area to DAN- BULLA 515375	Weapon trg; Approach March Junglecraft	Bren; grenade Ground and cover; camflg	
	A	Bn area	Fieldworks; Weapon trg; Organised sport	Development of sec post; Bren	Specimen design for layout of sec post issued by HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde
	B	"	Individual trg Weapon trg; Fieldworks	Assault course; bayonet fight- ing; unarmed combat; Bren; development of sec post	
	C	"	Weapon and individual trg	Bren; grenade; booby traps; assault course; bayonet fighting; unarmed combat	
	D	Bn area and 555375	Weapon trg and junglecraft	Bren; grenade; booby traps; keep- ing direction; observation; stalking	
	HQ Coy, A, B	Bn area	Night trg	Listening posts and observation, night signals, keeping direction	
8 Mar	9 Bn HQ Coy	Bn area to KAIRI and to 520383	Route march Junglecraft	(Concealment & camflg; shelters; (individual cooking rifle	
	A	Bn area and 503380	Weapon trg Weapon trg Organised sport	rifle; grenade; Bren; M2"	
	B	Bn area and rd to KAIRI	Route march Weapon trg	" " " "	
	C	Bn area and 30 yd range	Assault course; weapon trg; Zeroing rifles Compass	Rifle; grenade; booby traps; keeping direction; unarmed combat.	
	D	515384	Jungle craft	Concealment & camflg; shelters; keeping direction; unarmed combat.	
25 Mar	25 Bn HQ Coy	4938	Sec trg; Assault course.	Gp and sec control, - sec in adv; keeping direction; ambush with booby traps (see detail for D coy - 6 Mar)	
	A	Squares 5539 - 5540	Tactical route march		
	B	Bn area	Recapitulation; weapon and individual trg	as required by Coy Comd.	Duty Coy
	C	DANBULLA rifle ranges	Small arms practices	Classification; snap shooting and firing from hip on Jungle Ranges 2 and 3.	
	D	4938	Sec trg; Assault course; Fieldworks	Gp and sec controls; sec in adv; siting and digging sec post, clearing fd of fire.	

Date	Unit and Sub-unit	Area	Subject	Lessons	References and Remarks
8 Mar	61 Bn HQ Coy	Bn area	Fieldworks Individual trg and weapon trg	Development of sec post Unarmed combat; bayonet fighting; assault course; Bren; booby traps. Bren; grenade; booby traps	
	A	Bn area to DANBULLA	Weapon trg Approach march.		
	B	535375	Weapon trg; junglecraft	do Observation, stalking, keeping direction.	
	C	Bn area and 545375	Weapon trg; Junglecraft.	Bren, grenade; booby traps; Observation, stalking, keeping direction.	
	D	Bn area	Individual and Weapon trg	Assault course, bayonet, unarmed combat; M2"; Tk/A rifle.	
9 Mar	9 Bn HQ Coy	Bn area and 520383	Weapon trg Jungle craft	Bren; Rifle; rifle grenade; OSMG Booby traps	
	A	515384	Junglecraft	Concealment, booby traps, making stretchers.	
	B	Bn area	Weapon trg	Pl weapons.	
	C	Bn area and rd to KAIRI	Route march, weapon trg; compass	Bren; Rifle; unarmed combat, Assault course.	
	D	Bn area and 30 yd range	Zeroing rifles, weapon trg; compass.	do	
	25 Bn HQ Coy	487391 4938	Organized sports Sec trg; assault course	Sec patrol -- orders, movement, observation, sketches, reports	
	A	4938	Route march Sec trg; assault course	do	Return from exercise held night 8/9
	B	DANBULLA rifle ranges	Small arms practices	Keeping direction (compass); ambushes Classification; snapshooting and firing from hip on Jungle Ranges 2 and 3 as desired by Coy Comd	Duty Coy
	C	Bn area	Recapitulation		
	D	Bn 30 yd range 4938	Zeroing rifles Individual trg	Ground and cover; concealment & camflg; bayonet fighting	

Date	Unit and Sub unit	Area	Subject	Lessons	References and Remarks
9 Mar	61 Bn HQ Coy	Bn area and 515375	Individual trg; Junglecraft	Bayonet, assault course, unarmed combat; Keeping direction, judging distance, observation, stalking.	
	A	Bn area and 525375	do	Bayonet, assault course, unarmed combat; Ground & cover; concealment & camflg.	
	B	Bn area and 535375	Jungle craft	Crawling, tree-climbing, personal camflg.	
	C	545375	Organized sport Junglecraft	do	
	D	Bn area and 555375	Weapon trg Fieldworks; weapon trg Junglecraft	M2", Tk/A rifle. Development of sec post; pl weapons; Crawling, tree-climbing, personal camflg.	
	B,C,D	Bn area	Night trg	Listening posts, night signals, observation.	
10 Mar	9 Bn HQ Coy	Bn area and 520383	Zeroing rifles; individ- ual trg; junglecraft	Rifle grenade; booby traps; assault course; Concealment and camflg; keeping direction; making stretchers.	
	A	Bn area and rd to KAIRI	Route march; weapon trg; map reading.	Rifle and rifle grenade; Bran; conventional signs.	
	E	Bn area	Weapon trg; Organized sport.	Firing from hip; pl weapons; 69 grenade.	
	C	Bn area	Weapon trg	do	
	D	515384	Junglecraft	Assault course; unarmed combat, Keeping direction; booby traps; making stretchers.	
	All Coys	Bn area	Night trg	Sentries; digging by night.	
	25 Bn HQ Coy	5539-5540	Tactical route march	(see detail for D Coy - 6 Mar)	
	A	4938	Sec trg; assault course	Gp and sec control; sec in adv; track- cutting and pacing.	
	B	4938	Fieldworks; Fieldcraft; Assault course.	Siting and digging sec posts, clearing fds of fire; concealment and camflg; ground & cover.	
	C	4938	Sec trg; Fieldworks Assault course.	Sec patrol, track-cutting and pacing; siting & digging sec post, clearing fds of fire.	
	D	Bn area	Recapitulation of individual trg	as desired by Coy Comd	Duty Coy

Date	Unit and Sub unit	Area	Subject	Lessons	References and Remarks
10 Mar	61 Bn HQ Coy	Bn area and DANBULLA 524416	Weapon trg; Approach march	M2"; Tk/A rifle.	
	A		Practice on Jungle Ranges 2 & 3 and DANBULLA range.	Snapshooting, firing from hip; classification practices.	
	B	Bn area	Individual and weapon trg	Assault course, bayonet, unarmed combat. M2"; Tk/A rifle.	
	C	Bn area	Individual trg; organized sport	Assault course, bayonet, unarmed combat.	
	D	555375 and DANBULLA	Junglecraft; Approach march	Scout trg, selection of ground, individual stalks.	
	HQ Coy) A,D,C)	Bn area	Night trg	Listening posts, night signals.	
11 Mar	9 Bn HQ Coy	Bn area and 30 yd range	Zeroing rifles; weapon trg	Rifle pl weapons, incl firing from hip; 69 grenade.	
	A	Bn area	Weapon trg	do	
	B	520383	Junglecraft	Ground and cover; booby traps; stretchers; keeping direction.	
	C	515384	Junglecraft	do	
	D	Bn area	Weapon trg; Organized sport	Pl weapons	
	25 Bn HQ Coy	Bn area	Recapitulation of individual trg	as desired by Coy Comd	Duty Coy
	A	487391 4938	Organized sport Fieldworks	Siting and digging sec post, clearing fds of fire. (see detail for D Coy - 6 Mar)	
	B	5539-5540	Tactical route march	Gp and sec control; Sec in adv.	
	C	4938	Sec trg; Assault course		
	D	487391 4938	Organized sport Recapitulation automatic weapons; Fieldcraft	Track cutting and pacing.	
	61 Bn HQ Coy	515375	Junglecraft; Weapon trg	Crawling, tree-climbing, concealment; M2"; Tk/A rifle.	
	A	525375 and DANBULLA	Junglecraft; Approach march.	Keeping direction, judging distance, stalking, observation	
	B	524416	Practice on Jungle Ranges 2 and 3, and DANBULLA range,	Snapshooting, firing from hip; classification.	
	C	Bn area	Make and Mend. Recreation.		
	D	Bn area	Individual trg; Organized sport.	Assault course, bayonet. Unarmed combat.	

Date	Unit and Sub unit	Area	Subject	Lessons	References and Remarks
12 Mar	9 Bn All	Bn area	Church Parades, Make and Mend, Recreation.	-	
	25 Bn	Bn area	ditto	-	
	61 Bn (Bn less C Coy C Coy)	Bn area 524416	ditto Jungle ranges 2 and 3, and DANBULLA range.	Snapshotting, Firing from hip; Classification.	

Remainder of 7 Aust Inf Bde Gp

H.Q. Units

H.Q. 7 Bde) Normal tasks and individual training in weapons, junglecraft and inf minor tactics.
 Sig Sec)
 Gd Pl) Cipher sec conducting series of courses for cipher pers, and all offr and NCOs
 241 LAD) on Bns.

AASC

224 Sup depot pl) responsible for KAIRI D.I.D. Estimated 10 hrs per week available for trg as for H.Q. units.
 227 Sup depot pl)
 B Pl, 158 gen tpt coy -- less dvrs required for tasks -- trg as for H.Q. units.

AAOC

113 bde ord fd pk } Service tasks. One day's weapon and individual trg per fortnight planned for each man.

AEME

113 bde wksp }

AAMC

11 fd amb. Responsible for evacuations from 3 Aust Div area to 2/2 and 2/6 A.G.H's. Med trg.

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ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

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7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

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48. MEDICAL POISONS (3 Div R.O. 72/44)

1. A return is required from all units, by 1800 hrs 29 Feb 44, showing quantities held of the following medical stores. NIL returns required.

- (i) Acid ARSENIOS BP (ii) STRYCH HYDROCHLOR BP
(iii) LIQ STRYCH HYD BP

2. Any stores held will be packed ready for withdrawal.

49 GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING AMMUNITION (GRO 0.51/44)

Attention of all units is directed to the above GRO.

50 GRENADES No 36M - destruction of blinds.-

Due to the possible occurrence of hangfires, as a result of slow burning fuzes, it is essential that an interval of fifteen minutes (not five minutes, as previously published) be allowed to elapse before action is taken to destroy blind 36M grenades.

51 SUPPLY OF VEGETABLES

1. At the present time steps are being taken to expand farm production to a considerable extent in this area. Unfortunately these farms will not be in production for some months hence.

2. The local supply of vegetables is inadequate for troops in the area, and at the present time it is necessary to have supplies railed from the South. Owing to the distance these vegetables travel, a percentage reach this area in an unsatisfactory condition and upon issue to units some vegetables, particularly cabbages, may appear to be unfit for consumption. Actually, with the removal of the outer leaves it will generally be found that the heart is in good condition.

3. The co-operation of unit commanders is desired to ensure that the fullest use is made of the vegetables available in the area.

52. BOTTLED LIQUORS (3 Aust Div RO 61/44)

Members of units of 3 Aust Div or within 3 Aust Div area will NOT be permitted to have in their possession, bottled liquor, other than that purchased through Unit canteen sources.

53. INVESTIGATING OFFICERS GRO 392/43, GRO 624/43.

1. It is the duty of an officer appointed to investigate loss, damage or injury, to obtain full statements from all available witnesses and, if necessary, to question fully any witness to obtain a complete version of the occurrence and ascertain the true facts.

2. An officer is not properly investigating the occurrence, if he merely asks the witness to write out his version and hand the same to him.

3. Attention is directed to paras 25 (e) & (f) of GRO 624/43. These particulars must be reported on, as they have an important bearing on the question of Repatriation Benefits.

54. AUTHORITY FOR DRAWING PAY AT CASH OFFICES

1. Attention is drawn to GRO 802/43.

2. In all cases where a soldier applies for pay at a Cash Office, he must be in possession of an "Application to Draw Pay" (Form WF226) signed by the CO or Adjt. Telephone or verbal messages will not be recognised as authority. Forms WF226 may be obtained at 3 Aust Div Field Cash Office.

55. PUBLICATIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE AMF

1. No member of the AMF shall, save in pursuance of his military duty, write for publication in any form any matter dealing with or referring to any military subject, whether fact or fictional, unless preparation and publication thereof have been approved by the Director General of Public Relations.

2. GRO A.582/43 shall be read in conjunction with this order.

(To be republished in unit routine orders)

56. DISCIPLINE

1. Soldiers who have been released from imprisonment, detention or field punishment, under a suspended sentence, are virtually under a bond to be of good behaviour, so long as the sentence remains suspended.
2. Soldiers released under suspended sentence should realise that any misconduct on their part will be reported to the Formation etc Commander and, as a result, they may be re-committed to serve the balance of the sentence.
3. If the conduct of a soldier under a suspended sentence warrants it, whether or not an offence has been committed, the CO may commit the soldier into military custody, pending reconsideration of the suspension by the Formation etc Commander.

57. RETURN-DEFICIENCIES OF CONTROLLED STORES

1. Attention is directed to 3 Aust Div 'Q' Circular No 40/43 of 21 Dec 43.
2. Units will ensure that this return is forwarded in sufficient time to reach this HQ by 1800 hrs on the 4th and 19th day of each month.

58. Attention is directed to 3 Aust Div ROs 52, 55, 73, 75, 77, 82 and 83, for information and action where necessary.

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Notes on Observations made at FINSCHHAFEN and RAMU VALLEY

NEW GUINEA

13 - 24 Dec 43

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INTRODUCTION.

1. The observations made relate to the period when 7 Aust Div had 21 and 25 Brigades forward in the RAMU VALLEY with Div H.Q. situated at DUMPU. The whole of the troops in the area had been moved into the valley and were entirely maintained by transport aircraft operating principally from MORESBY. The only vehicles available for service of the Div were jeeps and trailers and a few larger vehicles which had been specially adapted for air transport, disassembled and flown in. Operations in progress at the time of the visit were confined to outpost work at SHAGGY RIDGE in the foothills and heights of the FINISTERRE RANGE.

(a) In the FINSCHHAFEN area 9 Div were operating from a base supplied by sea and air transport, troops and stores having been initially landed from landing craft.

(b) At the time of the visit the base had been firmly established, an airstrip was in operation at DREGER HARBOUR south of FINSCHHAFEN and the leading troops under command of 9 Div had reached LAKONA VILLAGE on the coastal advance towards the mouth of the MASAWENG RIVER.

GROUND

2. The tour confirmed the conclusion, previously reached, that in NEW GUINEA and in the Islands of the S.W.P.A. generally troops must be able to fight in, and apply the correct tactics to any class of terrain. Thus, operations may be anticipated in plantation areas, flat kunai grassed valleys, grass covered hills and spurs where observation is good, rain forested mountains and ravines where visibility is limited, coastal bush or jungle, river swamp areas, mangrove, savannah country and in and around native villages and gardens. In training it is therefore essential not to lay emphasis on one particular type of country but set exercises in all - a lesson already brought out in the training of 7 Bde last year.

PHYSICAL FITNESS.

3. Observations again confirmed the fact that the highest possible standard of fitness is needed in every officer and man. Production of this entails a sound medical and mental condition as a basis, and hard training in marching, hill climbing, swimming and recreational exercises for its development. Maintenance of the standard in operations depends largely on the discipline enforced in respect to anti-malarial precautions, hygiene, sanitation and man-management.

(a) There remains as always, the first duty of officers and the sub-unit standard is a reflection of the standard of junior leadership prevailing in the unit.

(b) Despite all efforts to reduce the weight on the soldier in operations troops are being called on to carry from 60 to 70 pounds of load and equipment. Moreover they have climbed precipitous spurs and ridges where tracks are non-existent and have gone in fighting with such loads.

(c) One case came to notice where a platoon was sent out on a five day patrol with all essentials on the man. In addition to normal fighting and bivouacking order each soldier carried five Field Operational Rations (weight of each F.O.R. equals three and a half pounds).

(d) The soldier in NEW GUINEA must expect to work for long periods in a heavily perspiring condition, with clothing soaked with water from heavy rains or from wading through streams. He may often have to rest or be at the alert at night in cool altitudes on the mountains when it is not feasible to effect a dry change of gear.

(e) The maintenance of personnel in a fit condition in such circumstances depends largely on the junior commanders' energy and resourcefulness in taking whatever measures are possible to alleviate discomfort without in any way affecting the attainment of his objective. It depends also on the inculcation of an individual spirit to see a task through to the finish. The morale of the troops observed was of the highest order and undoubtedly enabled them to carry out formidable tasks in "tiger country" with a will to win under the most distressing conditions.

WEAPONS, EQUIPMENT AND TACTICS.

GENERAL

4. Most of the points of interest in respect to these have already been noted in the active experience of the 3de and in 7 Bde Observer Reports from SALAMAUA, FINSCHHAFEN and RAMU areas. Additional observations of interest are appended.

3" MORTAR.

5. The value of this weapon has been amply confirmed. The difficulty of maintaining ammunition supply to serve the whole eight mortars in action over steep and difficult country remains. In most Bns it was found possible to keep only two mortars moving and maintained with ammunition.

2" MORTAR.

6. In one Div some doubt has been current in regard to the utility of the 2" mortar in jungle country but experience had entirely eliminated this. When rifle section strengths were reduced by casualties the problem of keeping the 2" mortar in action became acute in difficult country, during an advance, because the carriage of mortar bombs forward could only be achieved by drawing on the strength of sections. There is obviously a limit to this and the problem requires consideration from the point of view of assistance feasible from Bn sub-units e.g. Tk A Pl, Pnr Pl etc.

M.M.G.

7. Although the campaign in NEW GUINEA has given few, if any, opportunities for the employment of M.M.Gs under conditions and ranges suited to their characteristics the open kunai grass patches in the FINSCHHAFEN area afforded some scope for its effective use. This was the case in 24 Bde operations in the localities near the BONGA - WAREO track at "PABU" and "EXCHANGE". Here the undulating country is covered with grass, alternating with tongues of jungle running up re-entrants and with jungle copses. From positions in such jungle good fields of fire were available along slopes of hills and tracks, and M.M.G. did good work in repelling Jap counter-attacks with enfilade fire.

(a) In most Bns only two of the four M.M.Gs could be employed because of the problem of man-handling the weapons and ammunition over difficult country. Personnel of the grounded M.M.G section were used in assisting with transport of guns, equipment and belt boxes.

INFANTRY TANKS.

8. These were observed in action in the coastal belt of the FINSCHHAFEN area on 15 Dec. The "I" Tank Mark II ("MATILDA") was employed. They were brought forward, a troop at a time, to support the advance of infantry through the light jungle bordering the coastal track. The practice appears to have been to assist the infantry in overcoming hostile machine gun posts impeding the advance by bringing up tanks to neutralize the posts as required. As the coastal country is broken by many

rivulets in which the banks have vortical or steeply sloping sides a bulldozer was brought up behind the forward elements of infantry to grade some kind of crossing on these obstacles. The tanks then passed across and advanced through the forward infantry elements to deal with the opposition. The Jap seemed unable to offer any serious resistance to the tanks either by means of mines or tank-attack weapons. Instances were reported of tracks being blown but none of tank destruction even when engaged at relatively short ranges by Jap 75mm guns.

(a) In the area north of the SONG RIVER the undulating ground with its many open grassed areas alternating with jungle copses had provided an opportunity for the use of "I" Tanks in co-operation with infantry along fairly orthodox lines. This occurred in the operations of 24 Bde in the area north of NORTH HILL.

(b) In the fighting up the JIVEVANENG - SATELBERG track "I" Tanks were employed with success although little, if any, lateral deployment from the track was possible. It is of interest to note that the tanks were employed on the track up to approximately 2,500 ft above sea level.

(c) The remarkable success of the "I" Tank in country hitherto regarded as "tank-proof" has proved an outstanding feature of the campaign, and must have an important bearing on future operations.

(d) Tank men consider that wider and more effective use could be made of tanks if it were possible to place engineers with equipment directly under command. It is realized that the many demands on heavy engineering equipment available rule this out at present. However, in the light of experience gained, it is believed that very little mountain terrain would be impassable to "I" Tanks if a bulldozer, air compressor and engineer personnel were under command of each squadron leader.

(e) This contention would appear to be borne out by the remarkable feat of pioneering a track north of the SONG RIVER and getting a troop of tanks within 600 yards of SATELBERG, with the assistance only of a pioneer detachment. The point reached involved a climb of almost 3,000 ft in an airline distance of roughly six miles.

(f) It seems that after earlier unsuccessful experiences, the Jap now retreats precipitately on the appearance of "I" Tanks. An example of this was seen at LAKONA, where our infantry sustained considerable casualties in attempting to clear a strong enemy defensive position between the village and the mouth of MASAWENG RIVER. During this period our armour was delayed by a difficult ravine and torrential rains. The enemy vacated this position immediately on its arrival, without any attempted resistance.

(g) In view of the considerable saving of infantry casualties, particularly against enemy prepared positions, the uplift to infantry morale and the virtual invulnerability of "I" Tanks to enemy action in these areas, any possibility which might lead to their more extensive use in jungle terrain would be well worth exploring.

(h) The availability of L.C.Ts during various phases of 9 Div operations and the fact that as the coastal advance progressed new beaches became available were important factors in bringing armoured action to bear in suitable localities. L.C. movement saved much difficult going over primitive and muddy trails and conserved track and engine life of tanks.

TANK ATTACK RIFLES.

9. No instance could be found of the use of these weapons though it was suggested that they might be of value against barges carrying raiding parties into forward beach-heads or against Jap pill-boxes.

ARTILLERY SUPPORT.

10. In the FINSCHHAFEN area at the time of the visit conditions were favourable to the employment of a considerable degree of artillery support. Operations were in progress in undulating country in which open grass areas alternated with jungle belts and copses. Observation was good and normal control of artillery fire was therefore possible, particularly on the track and general area of FORTIFICATION POINT to the north of MASAWENG RIVER.

(a) Two Fd Regts were available in the Div area and artillery fire took the form of night harassing fire on tracks on which Jap forces might be expected to move and concentrations on localities as called down by F.O.s to assist the advance of our forward infantry working along the jungle clad portions of the coastal track.

(b) In the RAMU area observation for artillery fire in the valley and on the foothills of the FINISTERRE RANGE was generally good. Operations in 21 Bde area were principally confined to harassing fire against the PIMPLE feature on SHAGGY RIDGE but it is of interest to note that the plan (since successfully carried out) for capture of this small objective at the end of the razor back spur entailed a concentration of fire amounting to more than 2,000 rounds of 25 pounder ammunition prior to assault.

JAP TACTICS.

11 In the coastal advance at FINSCHHAFEN many streams and rivers had to be crossed and the banks of these offered many opportunities for a well contested rear-guard action by the enemy but these were rarely availed of. The enemy showed a disinclination to use open country in defence and confined himself to the belts and patches of jungle in which he had only short fields of fire.

(a) In operations along coastal terrain the necessity for flank protection of our forces against parties of enemy moving from the hinterland by tracks joining up with the coastal track was again brought out. It should be noted that some of the larger rivers and streams provide an alternative exit for the enemy and must be provided for in the plan.

(b) One interesting feature of note in the Jap defence system of SCARLET BEACH near the mouth of the SONG RIVER was the fact that the pill-boxes, which were numerous, were mainly linear in distribution and provided for seaward or frontal fire of weapons. Very little appears to have been done by the enemy to provide defiladed fire positions.

(c) The now well known Japanese tendency to secure any ground in which we show interest was exploited most successfully by 24 Bde Command, who placed a Bn on a feature purely because of its excellence for defence, thus luring the enemy to attack under conditions most unfavourable to themselves.

LANDING OPERATIONS.

12. One Bde considered it most essential that the M.L.O. in amphibious operations be a Field Officer and that his assistant should be an Engineer Officer. The M.L.O. then has the necessary status and authority and quick technical decisions by the A.M.L.O. can be made on such subjects as quick exits from the beach, rapid application of the bulldozer, essential corduroy work on track etc.

PATROLS.

13. The following observations were made as the result of discussions with C.O.s and officers.

(a) Essential that these be of fighting strength e.g. platoon. On occasion they may be company strength.

(b) Intercomm vital. In SATELBERG-WAREO Area practice

in one Bde was to send line out with the patrol. In the RAMU VALLEY, on the foothills, where there was little forest, "walkie-talkies" have been used to direct the "navigation" of patrols from a commanding feature where their desired route could be seen. This was on the grassed foothills of the FINISTERRES and such a method is exceptional. It is quoted as an example of adapting methods and equipment to particular terrain.

(c) Importance of carefully instructing patrol in route to be taken, time out and in, information needed, periodical sitreps and all members knowing task: "Briefing" in the same sense as an air recce pilot and proper interrogation on return of patrol are essential.

(d) In SATELBERG - WAREO area all patrols were based on vertical air photographs. System of gridding or measuring of co-ordinates by service protractor employed successfully as an aid to patrol reports.

(e) When in contact with Jap it is very important at first light to send out a reconnaissance patrol for purpose of getting information and maintaining contact. In one Bn men were sent out in stockinged feet with a minimum of equipment. Unless this is done touch may be lost in the hours of darkness if the Jap is conducting a rear-guard action.

EMPLOYMENT OF TANK ATTACK PL.

14. In the coastal advance at FINSCHHAFEN the Bn fighting along the coastal sector disposed Tank Attack guns for the protection of the new beach heads as and when secured. This provides a defence against barge carried enemy raiding parties operating from points further up the coast.

(a) Inland and in the RAMU VALLEY Tank Attack Pls were put to work assisting Mortar Pl, M.M.G. Pl and in some instances provided a local reserve at Bn H.Q. Few opportunities existed for their normal employment in this locality.

(b) It is obvious that employment of Pl will entirely depend on circumstances and therefore it is essential that their training be most versatile so that Bn Commands may adapt them to various tasks and make profitable use of their manpower. In one Bn it was suggested that Tank Attack Pl be trained in 2" mortar and that they might be employed as a battery. (See note on 2" mortar para 6). There seem to be a number of objections to such a course.

PIONEER EMPLOYMENT.

15. In one Bde all Pioneer Pls were brigaded to assist Field Coy in bridging and improvement of jeep track to unit "jeep heads".

(a) Essential that they develop speed in quick erection of shelter for Bn Command and staff. Exercises are desirable to test this. Step or stair cutting on tracks will always form a large part of their work in the rugged hill country.

(b) In the FINSCHHAFEN area on one afternoon torrential rains in small creeks and rivulets washed out six temporary bridges and corduroy crossing places on the jeep track supplying the forward Bde. Pioneer Pls must become efficient in the rapid erection of jeep bridges with decks high enough to clear flood waters and thus assist the Field Coy. Speed in laying corduroy track is also essential and should be practiced. In the Coastal country at FINSCHHAFEN large rivers alternate with rivulets and small streams a feature of which is a comparatively small width and steep banks. It is considered that the girders and spars needed to provide a bridge for the passage of a jeep and trailer over such rivulets can be conveniently and quickly handled by a Pioneer Pl. Training should be principally concerned with this type, working up to time tests in their erection.

(c) In one Bn the Pioneer Pl was employed as escort to native carrier lines and in getting ammunition forward from native carrier head during the advance. It was noted that in this instance the Bde. Field Coy was working well forward with bulldozers and personnel assisting the advance of infantry tanks and improving stream crossings etc. It is clear that Pioneer Pls must be trained to fight efficiently and this consideration must not be subordinated to their technical training.

AIR MOVEMENT.

16. It is of interest to note that in the first 20 days of 7 Div operations in the MARKHAM VALLEY 2015 aircraft landed on NADZAB strip bringing in troops, equipment, ammunition, and maintenance for the Div.

(a) At DUMPU strip which was forward of the fighter cover base in the RAMU VALLEY the maximum time allowed for unloading transport aircraft is fifteen minutes. This emphasizes the importance of good emplaning and deplaning drill and good plans for the stowage of equipment and stores in the aircraft.

INTERCOMMUNICATION.

17. General dissatisfaction was expressed with the 108 pack wireless set in all areas but no information was available on the 108 Mark III.

(a) The U.S. Army hand wireless set (S.C.R. 536) was generally commended in all localities and mentioned as of particular value for sub-unit intercommunication in the advance or short range patrol work.

BDE H.Q. GUARD Pl.

18. In the light of experience of Bdes operating in the areas visited training of this Pl should include pioneer work in the rapid erection of bush shelters, command posts and battle headquarters of a type common to mobile operations in the jungle.

INTELLIGENCE.

MAPS.

19. The general experience in the areas visited is that the map affords only a general framework of the area of Bde and unit operations and detail of ground form and tracks is often much in error. This is inevitable in a country where survey has been comparatively limited and basic triangulation not been carried out. Maps of the RAMU and FINSCHHAFEN areas have been produced principally from vertical photographs and while the natural drainage system is mapped with fair accuracy by such methods ground form is often a very rough approximation. Owing to the dense foliage tracks are inaccurately mapped and some missed out altogether.

(a) A visit made by Comd and I.O. 7 Bde to Map Compilation Section 8 Photo Squadron U.S.A. and 2/1 Topo Section in NEW GUINEA, where the whole process of mapping from air photographs was examined, confirms the view that the detail of ground required for planning of Bn operations will always have to be obtained by close reconnaissance and painstaking work on the part of unit "I" sections working in the area.

(b) It is essential that the information so gained be rapidly passed round the Bde and to higher authority so that map corrections can be made. Unit "I" sections and patrols both contribute this data.

AIR PHOTOGRAPHS.

20. In the FINSCHHAFEN and RAMU areas extensive use was made of air photos and a liberal scale of issue seems to have been made. Comds of patrols frequently carried vertical air photos, and reports of progress made on the patrol and patrol sitreps were made with the aid of gridded photos. (see para 13 ref Patrols).

(a) One Bde Comd expressed the view that vertical air

photographs were absolutely essential to all operations in his area and the advance of another Bde along the coastal sector was greatly assisted by oblique photographs taken from seawards.

(b) It was also brought to notice that one of the most valuable aids to interpretation of air photographs is the Vegetation study, Eastern New Guinea published by the Allied Geographical Section S.W.P.A. Directorate of Intelligence Allied Air Forces. The texture of the various types of vegetation as it appears on air photographs is well shown in this publication. Some very useful notes on the use of air photos in planning of operations appears in section 15 Part II A.T.M. No 27 and should be read by all officers, in conjunction with Section 14 A.T.M. No 27.

LOCALITY REFERENCES.

21. In the FINSCHHAFEN area and elsewhere in NEW GUINEA there is often a great risk of confusion in reports and orders when local place names are used. Variations in spelling and pronunciation of native place names marked on the map may give rise to misunderstanding of patrol reports and operation orders, particularly when combined with prevalent map inaccuracies. In the larger and better known localities the risk of error is much reduced but both in the RAMU and FINSCHHAFEN areas it has been found of the greatest value to give certain features and localities names which are understood by all troops operating in the area. Thus at FINSCHHAFEN a certain tactical feature was named "EXCHANGE" (the name of a hotel in AD LAIDE) and on the foothills of the FINISTERRES near DUMPU features were named "SHAGGY RIDGE", "THE PIMPLE", "LAKES HILL" etc. It must be noted that this practice enables all in the area to speak a common language with reference to localities but unless the local designations and map corrections are passed back to higher formations as mentioned in Para 19 other misunderstandings will arise.

(a) The best practice seems to be that adopted in 7 Div area where names have some association with the nature and appearance of features and recognition is therefore made easier.

(b) The appearance on the map of certain clearings or boundaries will often suggest a convenient system of locality reference. Attention was drawn to this subject in para 20 Sec 15 Part II A.T.M. 27.

(c) Comd 24 Bde drew attention to one example in the area of operations north of the SONG RIVER at FINSCHHAFEN where a large kunai clearing which showed up well on both map and air photographs was named "HORACE THE HORSE" - the caricature quadraped of the comic strip. See Appendix "A" ref maps FORTIFICATION POINT and SATELBERG. Two unnamed lakes were designated "EGGS" and "BACON". These names were employed throughout the Bde area and were understood by all co-operating arms.

MISCELLANEOUS.

SANDBAGS.

22. These were found to be extremely useful for carrying rations and were used by troops and native carriers. If the bag is held at the mouth and slung over the shoulder or carried in one hand a number of food tins of varying shapes and sizes may be conveniently carried in this manner.

WALKING STAFFS.

23. When troops are moving up steep trails and ascents with the rifle slung and they are not in contact with the enemy a bush staff of the same length as an alpenstock is a great aid in climbing. The arm muscles can thus be used to assist the legs and on muddy tracks the staff will often assist footholds and save falls on steep ridges.

GAS CAPES.

24. In all areas visited the gas cape was regarded as a most useful waterproof cape in view of its lightness and adaptability. In close jungle growth it soon deteriorates because

of tears and after long use it loses its waterproof character.

(a) In one Div H.Q. all maps were bundled for transport and wrapped in unserviceable gas capes as an aid to waterproofing. Light waterproof material of the type of the gas cape would be a useful provision for this and many other purposes.

BRASS BOOT STOPS.

25. These were in use in a number of units and were found effective. One defect of the present design is that it is secured to the boot sole by two screws and if one screw works out a considerable lever action takes place on the remaining screw resulting in the loss of the stop. It is suggested that a single screw brass stop would be preferable.

THIGH PATCH POCKETS.

26. When fighting order is worn the side pockets in the green trousers are not very accessible and many men had added patch pockets on the upper legs of the trousers as in the case of Armoured Unit clothing. It is understood that trousers of this type will eventually be issued.

STEEL HELMETS.

27. The practice in the wearing of head covering varied considerably. Some units had dumped steel helmets in "B" Echelons after landing and wore felt hats in subsequent operations. In close jungle country the helmet is struck by twigs and branches when moving gives a ringing sound and is more easily dislodged than the felt hat. Better protection against sun and rain is given by the hat.

IMPROVISED CAMP EQUIPMENT.

28. The Bdes in the RAMU VALLEY were moved into the area by air and consequently all but essential equipment was eliminated. A great deal of resourcefulness was evident in the conversion of tins of all types to drinking vessels, wash basins, showers, small bake ovens etc as a substitute for normal items of accomodation stores available in rear areas.

(a) A four gallon ration drum with a hole in the bottom closed with a wooden plug and hung from a tree is a good bush shower or cut down is a good wash basin. Lids of these tins were used as traffic and Bde and Bn office indicators lettering and numerals being painted on them in white. The F.O.R. 2 ration tin when empty was used in forward posts as a flame guard for the Burnzo tin. Two pieces of wire drawn through the sides serve as firebars for a small tin of water, e.g. milk tin, to be heated, the whole set-up being enclosed by the F.O.R. tin and rendering flame invisible to the enemy. Handles for drinking tins dippers etc., were made from 25 pounder cartridge brass and take up little space or weight.

(b) Improvisation and competitive production of these ideas must be given attention in all unit training.

WATERPROOF CONTAINERS.

29. In some units personnel had been provided with small fabric rubber lined bags in which to keep commodities and amenities dry. These are invaluable for such items as tea, sugar, tobacco etc.

FIELD OPERATIONAL RATION.

30. The new F.O.R. was generally commended in all areas through the consensus of opinion was that two tins would probably be quite sufficient for one man for three days. Opinion varied as to whether the ration as a whole was too sweet or not. Components such as the pressed fruit and hut block were considered to be rather too concentrated in size, resulting in the man consuming only a portion and wasting the remainder. The ration is a balanced one and whether the individual requires the whole calorific value will depend on the amount of work he has been doing. In all circumstances it

appears to be desirable that he should consume at least some portion of all the component parts of the package provided for a meal in order to get balanced nutrition.

TEA AND SUGAR.

31. Observations showed that the soldier retains his appreciation for sweetened tea at all times and places but particularly in steep and mountainous country. Even if a man has temporarily lost appetite he can generally consume hot tea in large quantities and it is essential to maintain adequate supplies forward.

NATIVE CARRIERS.

32. These were extensively used in both the areas visited. There never appears to be enough of them and the temptation to overload the native must be restricted. His optimum load is 40 pounds and he is able to carry this up steep ascents and for long distances.

(a) Observations confirm the sound nature of the advice given on employment and treatment of native carriers in NEW GUINEA given in "The Native Carrier" published by the Allied Geographical Section S.W.P.A.

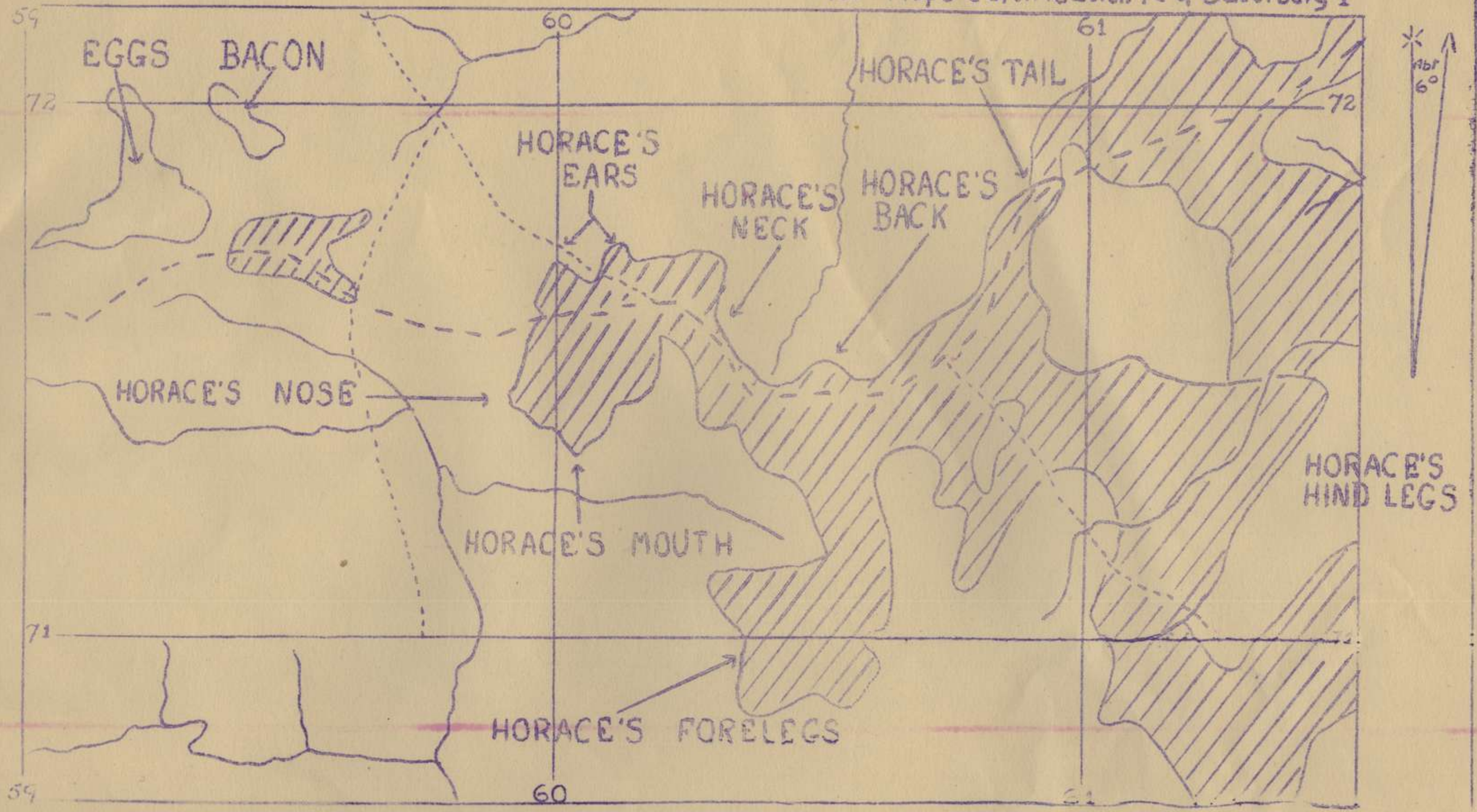
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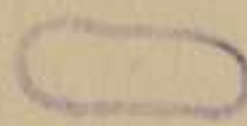
33. It was very noticeable in the FINSCHHAFEN area how the rate of advance was improved by the accession of supplementary beach heads along the coast permitting troops, stores and ammunition to be sent forward by barges. This greatly relieved the strain on the primitive track which was in the same state of development as the GILI GILI - RABI ROAD during the action at MILNE BAY - deeply rutted mud tracks, poor drainage, mud bogs and shaky bridges. The work of the 532 E.S.B. U.S. Army was undoubtedly a big factor in relieving the strain on 9 Div transport under these conditions.

(a) In the RAMU VALLEY area jeeps and trailers were virtually the only road transport vehicles available for service of 7 Div troops. Chains were an absolute necessity. Jeep trailers had been used to a considerable extent in carting river gravel for the improvement of the main road and tracks in the VALLEY.

(c) A copy of suggested Jeep Loading Tables, for an Infantry Bn and Bde H.Q., compiled by H.Q. 7 Aust Div is held in 7 Bde H.Q. and may be examined on request.

Ref Maps Fortification Pt & Sattelberg 1"



Legend :-
Clearings  Jungles 

Scale 1" = 250 yds