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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
KANZARUA	1		New Years Day. The CO and Adjt paid a visit to coys in order to convey seasonal greetings. C Coy, in their posn at KARAKO, were too far away to be visited. C Coy carried out patrols toward GERUP to make contact with PIB patrols operating further inland. B Coy provided a small protective party to accompany the native porter team carrying resupply to C Coy. When 2/15 Bn moved out, the defence of the KANZARUA beach locality became the responsibility of this unit. 26 Bde commenced a 4 day course in aerial photograph interpretation, the intention being to repeat the course so as to give as many as possible the opportunity to become familiar with the uses of aerial photographs. At least 5 of our offrs attended. Capt T H MATTHEWS marched in and assumed A/Comd D Coy in the absence of Maj BROWN at the aerial photo course.	
	2		The country through which we were now passing was quite open - patches of jungle were the exception rather than the rule. In consequence of this, instrs were received to conduct trg during our advance in the tactical use of such open country. Warning order to move on 3 Jan to KANOM 1, thence by barge to HARDENBERG pt. This order was later cancelled but the bn moved on foot to KANOM 1. On arrival there tps moved into the areas selected by the unit recce party, and bivouaced the night. C Coy rejoined unit, having marched from KARAKO to KANOM 1 - a much less arduous journey than the outward move to KARAKO. Orders were again received for movement on 3 Jan. These were passed to coys at a conference called by CO for 1700L.	
KILASAIRO R.	3		Recce party moved fwd by jeep while the remainder of the bn embarked in barges for NUZEN beach. From there they marched 2500 yds to the def posns chosen by the recce party in the vicinity of KILASAIRO river. From here, the 2/15 Bn had moved earlier the same day	

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KILASAIRO R.	4		Bn remained in same area and took full advantage of the bathing facilities—fresh and salt water. D Coy moved on foot to a small coconut grove inland from SIALUM island, with the task of protection of extensive supply dumps close to the landing beach. D Coy remained in this area until relieved by 2/48 Bn on 6 Jan. New maps on issue, representing a complete revision of the earlier series, were brought into use. Late in the evening, further orders for move next day to CAPE KING WILLIAM were received. Coys were warned immediately.	
HARDENBERG Pt.	5		The Adjt, Lt R ROW was evacuated sick and his duties were temporarily carried on by the IO. The bn again moved fwd on foot, crossed the SANGA river and went into bivouac astride the rd, not far from an evil smelling and mosquito infested lagoon. Water had to be carried from the SANGA river, 1200 yds to the rear. During these final stages of our move along the coast, every effort was made to lessen the burden of carrying packs and eqpt. The few jeeps which the unit had available worked overtime and drivers toiled exceedingly long hours to render assistance to the unit as a whole. Unit strength was falling even more quickly, mainly owing to prevalence of fever, and the continual tramping in tropical heat. Capt MATTHEWS assumed duties of adjt. D Coy cmd passed to Lt S HIPSLEY. Orders for movement on 6 Jan were welcomed because the present bivouac was not at all suitable.	
SAPARO R.	6		The bn was early on the move on what proved the final march for the NG campaign. The destination—SAPARO river—was found to be a convenient area with a swiftly flowing river and good bathing beach. Almost as soon as the bn moved into posn, Capt MORTON had established his refreshment service, and continued to dispense coffee, morning and afternoon throughout our stay there. When tps finally settled into quickly constructed doovers few were more than 50 yds from sea or river. Maj BROWN rejoined bn, and again assumed cmd of D Coy.	

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SAPARO R.	7		Tps took full advantage of opportunity for swimming and sun bathing, and generally enjoyed a day or two of complete relaxation. It was intended that the bn move closer to the area where 26 Bde was now concentrated but fortunately no further change was made. Occupation of the SAPARO continued until the return to FINSCH area took place on 20 Jan. Maj McRAE, together with the LOB gp, rejoined the unit. Capt McMASTER marched out to the 26 Bde photography school. Comd B Coy assumed by Capt SEDGLEY.	
	8		By this time, average coy strength had fallen to about 40/50 — lowest on record since the unit returned from ME. Malarial precautions were checked each evening by offrs and NCOs. Regular reports were furnished to 26 Bde regarding the completion of anti malarial measures. Tps continued to indulge in swimming and bathing.	
	9		It had been noticed that on the hillside some 1000 yds inland, herds of wild goats grazed. The immediate result of this observation was that tps in all coys provided themselves with fresh meat. Roast kid was a welcome addition to the menu which for many weeks had not included fresh meat. Occasionally, too, fish were caught and consumed with great relish.	
	10		Arrangements were made for a series of educational talks to be given to tps. A wide variety of subjects were discussed, details of which appear as appx . B and C Coys formed one gp, A and D another, while BnHQ and HQ Coy pers were distributed amongst both gps. Daily parades were recommenced in order to check adm matters and carry out inspections of wpas; in preparation for the return to the normal routine of camp life.	Appx 9
	11		Routine coy parades and continuation of educational discussions in the 2-coy gps, morning and afternoon. Lt ROW marched in and resumed duties as adjt.	

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SAPARO R.	12		Talks to tps continued, morning and afternoon. Lt GILMOUR was evacuated sick, comd of A Coy being taken over by Capt MATTHEWS and comd C Coy assumed by Capt McMASTER, replacing Lt GRAY who M/C to a photographic school in MORESBY.	
	13		Orders were received for an adv party of 6 offrs 30 ORs to be prepared to move to KELANOA in readiness for movement by barge to FINSCHAFEN area. Pers representing each sub-unit were warned accordingly. This was the final indication that the bn would shortly return to AUST, for this adv party were to take their home leave, and proceed to the new trg area in N QUEENSLAND, in order to prepare the camp for the main body of the bn.	
	14-17		Normal parades, and continuation of educational lectures to tps. The remainder of these days was spent in swimming, washing, and visiting the coffee stall established by TEX MORTON on the SAPARO river bank.	
	18		A memorial church parade was conducted by Chaplain FARMER (att 2/24 Bn) in remembrance of those of the bn who lost their lives during the N.G. ops. A brief service, yet one that will not be forgotten by those who attended. The adv party u/c Maj SPIER, moved to KELANOA, from there to FINSCH to await embarkation for the return voyage to AUST. A smaller party u/c Maj McRAE moved to the SONG river, to prepare a bivouac site for the bn until shipping became available for the voyage home. Capt LUKEY rejoined the bn, and was posted QM, in place of Lt LOVELL (evacuated sick).	
	19		Orders received from 26 Bde instructing bn to move by MT to SCARIET BEACH on 20 Jan. The day was spent packing all gear, so that an early start could be made.	

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SCARLET BEACH	20		The move by MT to SCARLET BEACH commenced at 0800L. The route led along the coast rd which had been constructed by our own engrs in rear of advancing tps. The journey was most interesting, for most of the bn had not traversed the rd between NUZEN and the SONG river. Halt for lunch was taken at the MASAWENG river, and by 1500L the 50 ml journey was completed save for a few vehicles which developed mechanical troubles. Guides met each vehicle and directed tps to the Coy areas selected by the adv party. Capt McMASTER was evacuated, and Lt LAWRIE became A/Comd C Coy.	
	21		The camp area was in need of considerable attention, therefore coys set to work to improve their lines. Paths were made, rubbish collected and burned, signs erected, and every effort made to make our final weeks in NG as pleasant as possible. Malarial precautions were redoubled, as the area was known to be malarious. The eating arrangements, for the first time since the bn camped on the BUREP river in Oct 43, were once again organized by coys. Kitchens were set up, with B ech and the Q Staff operating within the bn area. Until now this had been impossible in the FINSCH area. Lt LAWRIE marched out to a school at GUSIKA and Lt HEATON assumed comd C Coy.	
	22		Coy parades and inspection of lines. Great improvement shown in the cleanliness and arrangement of the whole camp area. A camp guard was formed, coys supplying the requisite pers in rotation. The CO and adjt visited 2/2 CCS where a number of unit pers were recovering from sickness. 70 "X" list and 35 reinft pers joined the bn.	
	23		Church parade was conducted by Chaplain KEEN (att 2/48 Bn). Mob Cinema commenced operation in the area and tps were able to attend performances. Occasional interruptions were caused when the presence of hostile A/C necessitated 'black out'. Arrangements for a swimming carnival and bridge tournament were put in hand. The bn pns erected stagings in the SONG river so that swimming events could be held.	

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SCARLET BEACH	24		Lecture to tps was given by Maj McCALLOCK (DADH 2 Aust Corps). Co inspected A Coy lines. In the evening Capt MORTON reopened his coffee stall and supplied drinks daily for unit pers. Capt McMASTER marched in, and assumed comd C Coy.	
	25		Education Sgt from HQ 26 Bde gave lecture to tps on "BEVERIDGE PLAN". A working party 2 offrs 50 ORs went to MANEBA pt in FINSCH harbour to assist in unloading stores. The CO accompanied Brig WHITEHEAD on a tour of the SATELBERG - WAREO battle area.	
	26		Work continued on improvements to coy lines. Maj Gen WOOTEN Comd 9 Aust Div and Brig WHITEHEAD Comd 26 Aust Inf Bde visited the unit. The party was met by the CO and escorted through lines. Orderly room staffs commenced preparation of embarkation rolls.	
	27		Conference with coy comds. Routine matters were discussed and further instrs given concerning the improvement and cleaning of coy lines and the maintenance of high standard in anti malarial measures. The CO again visited the SATELBERG - WAREO battle grounds with Comd 26 Bde and party. A recital of musical recordings was presented in unit area by AAES representatives in the evening. Many members of the unit attended. Aerial photographs of many places in fwd areas, mainly Jap occupied territory, were received from HQ 26 Bde. These were displayed in all coy areas so that tps could become more accustomed to the use of air photos. Tps also took the opportunity to learn the uses of a stereoscope.	
	28		Routine inspections carried out, and display of aerial photographs continued. A unit guide accompanied an offr from the Graves Registration Unit to the graves of those members of the bn who were killed during the FINSCH op. Owing to the changes in current maps some difficulty had been experienced in locating graves, but in our own case the use of a guide solved that problem.	

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SCARLET BEACH	28(contd)		In the afternoon the bn swimming carnival was held in the SONG river, under ideal conditions. Much interest was shown by the many spectators and keen competition displayed by contestants. Capt MORTON arranged for the use of an amplifier and results were broadcast as the carnival proceeded. Novelty event caused considerable amusement. Final scores placed the coys in this order : D Coy first, A and B coys equal second, then BnHQ, C and HQ Coys, Working party from the unit assisted in the cutting of firewood for use of CCS, in the FINSCH area.	
	29		Routine parades followed by instrs in wpn trg carried out by all coys. This to be daily trg. Short route marches to nearby trg areas were necessary, as the bn camp area was congested.	
	30		Bn church parade conducted by Chaplain FARMER from 2/24 Bn, followed by communion service. Maj SPIER i/c bn adv party was evacuated sick from 9 Div Reception camp. Maj McRAE marched out to take over cmd adv party, which sailed from FINSCHAFEN later in the day. Maj BROWN took over the dual appointments of Bn 2 i/c and OC HQ Coy. Capt LUKEY posted to cmd D Coy.	
	31		Normal coy parades and trg. Pers of D Coy carried out range practice on the miniature range previously used by 2/32 Bn. Every member of the unit was now eagerly looking fwd to the prospect of home leave. Trg was completed each morning and the remainder of the days during the stay at SCARLET BEACH were spent in swimming, sunbathing or washing. Pictures at night had become so popular that it was necessary to restrict the numbers permitted to attend.	


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			<u>LIST OF APPENDICES FOR JAN 44</u>	
			1. CO's report.	
			2. RMO's report.	
			3. QM's report.	
			4. 2/23 Aust Inf Bn Notes on ops Nov-Dec (FLEETFOOT)	
			5. " " " " Adm (Duties 2/2 CCS)	
			6. Confirmation of Notes from Agenda 26 Dec 43	
			7. Xmas and New Year Greetings.	
			8. Action Diary	
			9. List of Educational talks	
			10. Field Returns of offrs and ORs	
			11. Traces and maps	
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			<u>CO's REPORT</u>	
		COMPLETION OF OPS	On 6 Jan, the bn completed its operational task of adv along the N.G coast, in sp of 20 Bde tps. The march from WAREO to the SAPARO river had proved arduous, and during that time considerable numbers of men had to be evacuated owing to sickness. The bn strength at SAPARO fell to approx 250, but it improved gradually toward the end of the month.	
		SAPARO RIVER	The period from 6 - 19 Jan was spent mainly in recuperation, polishing up gear and eqpt, and in the sorting of kit returned from the Bn dumps est in areas from FINSCH to KELANOA. Some of the personal kit belonging to tps had suffered from the effects of storage in the humid climate. In some cases, bn records were also damaged by dampness. The need for careful packing in suitable boxes of such essential gear is strongly emphasized.	
		SCARLET BEACH	The thought of coming leave was predominant in everyone's mind, but the bn in this area changed a filthy litter into a pleasant living area. Close to the mouth of the SONG river (which the bn has had good cause to remember) the situation was a most convenient one in which to spend the last days in NG. Particular attention was given to dress and to general adm in preparation for future trg days in NORTH QUEENSLAND.	
		AMENITIES	Swimming was the popular sport, in which all indulged. Frequent pictures shows, provision of refreshments by our Salvation Army rep, and reasonable issues of canteen goods, helped to keep tps most cheerful and contented.	
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			<p><u>R.M.O's REPORT</u></p> <p>During the month of January the unit moved along the coastal strip for the first six days, then rested with very little work to do for the remainder of the month.</p> <p>The sickness rate during the month was very heavy, the majority of the Bn suffered from Dengue Fever. Owing to the above many men were evacuated and numbers remaining on duty were far from well. Minor skin and ear infections steadily increased in number.</p> <p>The weather was dry and very hot and most of the tps were in very poor physical condition generally they found the climate very trying. Hygiene was good throughout and as there was plenty of fresh water available the men kept their clothes and bodies clean.</p> <p>If the Dengue Epidemic had occurred during a period of actual operations there would have been only a small percentage of the total Bn strength fit to fight.</p>	
			<p><i>J. H. L. Col.</i></p> <p><u>C.O. 2/23 Aust. Inf. Bn.</u></p>	

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			<u>QM's REPORT</u>	
			1. <u>RATIONS</u> : Good. Fresh meat supplies very satisfactory and greatly appreciated by the tps.	
			2. <u>CLOTHING AND PERSONAL EQUIPMENT</u> : The Bn was well treated - most requirements being fulfilled by Ordnance.	
			3. <u>ORDNANCE SUPPLIES</u> : Very little required. Necessaries supplied in most cases.	
			4. <u>AMN</u> : Ops during the month demanded very little amn.	
			5. <u>CANTEEN SUPPLIES</u> : Generally good. Tobacco issue still not sufficient to cover tps requirements.	
			6. <u>COMFORTS</u> : Y.M.C.A as in the past did everything possible to help the Bn and their efforts have been greatly appreciated.	
			7. <u>SALVAGE</u> : Collected and returned to Salvage dump.	
			8. <u>GENERAL</u> : <u>Ground Sheets</u> ; This item of equipment has proved unsatisfactory for use in Jungle Warfare. <u>Reasons</u> (i) They perish very quickly. (ii) Not suitable for erection as overhead cover.	
			<i>J. G. Sucka Lt Col</i>	
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NOTES ON OPERATIONS - NOV) - DEC 43 " Operation FLEETFOOT"1. PLANNING FOR THE OFFENSIVE :

- (a) Early infm of INTENTION and OBJECTIVES is necessary to enable the collation on infm to form detailed plan.
- (b) Patrolling programme arranged to gather infm :
- (i) Recce Patrols - to "see and not be seen" and collect
- (a) Topographical infm - ground, vegetation, obstacles lines of approach, routes for encirclement etc.
- (b) Infm re enemy - Dispositions, strengths, fire-power, outposts, main defences, type and depths, sup routes, possible routes for withdrawal.
- (ii) Standing Patrols :
- (a) Protective - to deny enemy opportunity of learning our movements and intentions.
- (b) Recce - to observe enemy, over periods and so learn details of his habits, routine etc.
- (iii) Fighting patrols - Only as ordered by the Comd :
- (a) To get vital last minute infm (a last resource)
- (b) To test re-actions of enemy in certain sectors.
- (c) To sieze some vital ground from which the offensive proper may be launched.
- (c) Infm downwards ;
On pre-arranged date, time etc, all comds MUST ensure that ALL ranks are put fully in the picture. Most important for troops to be told INTENTION and OBJECTIVES, and to be permitted to study maps and aerial photos in keeping with SECURITY.
Co-operation, and whole-hearted effort can only be expected in ops when ALL RANKS know the plan.

2. COY and Pl TACTICS

- (a) On fixed defences, great value is obtained from heavy fire programme. Softens up defences, covers up movement, diverts attention and clears areas to some degree.
- (b) Frontal Attck - Pressure must NOT be relaxed. Recce for encirclement i.e. feeling flanks, MUST be an automatic drill by all sub-Units.
Frequently it is noticed that Pl Comds will hold up their automatic drill upon contact with enemy until Coy Comd has arrived fwd. It is the duty of every Pl Comd to have the infm ready for the Coy Comd on the arrival of the latter. All Comders must "Fight their own Cpmnd."
- (c) Encirclements - although one, two or even three Coys are often used for encircling moves Pl Comds must NOT lose sight of the fact that a Pl can very often carry out a quick and effective encirclement.
Remember - Speed is the essence of success within the jungle and a small swift action will often produce the same or better results than a slow strong force and the enemy is more likely to be thrown off balance by a quick decisive action.
Two-~~flank~~ encirclements while providing better opportunities of surprise have their limitations in that :
- (i) Must be more carefully co-ordinated.
- (ii) Different ^{depths} of penetration must be nominated for each encircling body.
- (iii) Separate tasks of encircling bodies must be clearly defined.

3. PL and SEC TACTICS :

- (a) Speed of fwd movement is determined by the leading scout. A scout must be given time to carry out his task thoroughly if casualties are to be kept to a minimum. Experience, confidence and trg will make efficient scouts - every man should be thoroughly trained in scouting.
- (b) Fwd movement must be by bounds. Silence in the column, whether halted or on the move MUST be maintained to allow listening by leading scouts.
"Blocking up" must be checked on narrow trails. "Piqueting of flanks" and by-tracks must be given more attention when at halt and on the move.
- (c) Section Comds must NOT act as leading scouts. All Comds from Sec Comd upwards are responsible for the leading and fighting of their sub-units. No Comds should move in front of their leading sub-unit or group, unless for purpose of recce when the column is stationary or in contact.
- (d) Firm Base Drill - the automatic closing up of the column when contact has been made must be emphasised. This drill is essential for saving time in preparation of further moves and providing adequate security for the remainder of the force not engaged in carrying out the Contact Drill.
- (e) Encircling Moves - other than the normal Pl contact drill, encirclements will not often be carried out on two flanks simultaneously. The possibilities of a two flank encirclement, however, must not be overlooked.
- (f) Frontal attacks - unless delivered rapidly are often costly, and generally not as effective as encircling moves.
- (g) Leading Scouts should always be in possession of sharp knife to cut vines etc, thereby facilitating rapid silent movement. Pl and Sec Comds adm problem. X

4. PATROLS

- (a) Briefing of Comds must be more complete. Comds must be more clear as to their "tasks".
- (b) All men of patrol must be fully in the picture and understand the task of the patrol, - Comds preparation.
- (c) Greater use of Stereos and Aerial Photos is desirable.
- (d) Care should be exercised in use of "Ho - Ho" etc as a recognition sign. Too frequent use of this sign will nullify its usefulness.
- (e) Dress and equipment should be cut down to minimum, sleeves rolled down.
- (f) Morphine synettes should be carried with all patrols.
- (g) P. I. B. Boys are useful for locating posns of enemy occupation only. Cannot be used offensively.

5. MANLOADS

- (a) Leading Coy will often have to move stripped of all but their fighting essentials. Coy dumps should be made to which Coy all carrying parties return on completion of task. Men cannot fight efficiently with full kit. Frequent "leap-frogging" is necessary to alternate the roles of leading scouts, point sec, vanguard pl and advance guard or flank guards ; otherwise uneven state of fatigue will occur among units and sub-units.
- (b) Pl comds must check man-loads to ensure that correct stores are carried. Difficulties which occur through sickness and casualties must be allowed for by the early adjustment of loads. Pl adm. Failure of Pl comds and Sgts to re-adjust man-loads frequently invariably leads to the "dumping" and "dicing" of much essential equipment.

6. WEAPONS.

- (a) 2 in Mortar - two per coy and 36 bombs will generally be sufficient. Third mortar, if not carried, should be at "B" Ech.
- (b) Discharger Cup - more use should and could to advantage be made of this weapon. Pl comds must develop the skill and confidence of all Tps in this valuable weapon.
- (c) 3 in Mortar - two x 3" mortars and 60 to 90 rounds of amm ^{maximum} have been found to be the ~~maximum~~ which can be carried on the man. More mortars mean less amm. The "Shuftiscope" has been found most useful and is suggested to be included as part of standard 3" mortar equipment.
- (d) Brens - have given excellent service. Thin issue oil found to be unsuitable for rust prevention on exterior of gun.
- (e) Owen S.M.G's - very satisfactory results have been obtained throughout the ops. Faults which have occurred chiefly due to :
 - (i) Loose change lever.
 - (ii) Faulty amm.
 Stoppages and faults have not been prevalent and are considered reasonable.
- (f) General - "Anxiety has been noticed in reporting of defective and US weapons to Bn HQ by coys. CSM's must make daily check of amm and weapons in order that efficient maintenance and re-supply may be carried out.

7. AMN

- (a) 2" Mortar bombs - most liable to ~~deterioration~~ ^{deterioration} by weather (water). Owing to danger of "drop-shorts" from faulty amm, the mortar should not be fired from behind tps. Cut fire lanes or fire from flank of perimeter. Cartridges for bombs should be carried separately in waterproof containers.
- (b) S.A.A. .303 - carrying fwd in sand bags caused serious waste of amm. Q.M. and staff should see that suitable containers are obtained to provide convenient man-loads ^{for re-supply} of SAA. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~
 Suggestion :- stripless belt boxes form excellent containers for .303 ctn and bdrs - QM to exploit possibilities.
- (c) 36 M Grenades : require frequent checking. Rusty and tight pins frequently cause mis-fire. Wide#split-pins cause delay to the thrower. Some faults have been caused by wet fuses. Adm check.

8. SUPPLIES :

(a) Rations:-

- (i) F.O.R. is an excellent ~~and~~ ^{AND} popular ration. It is most sustaining and very convenient when in contact or on the move. It is NOT recommended when out of contact and the good balanced ration and bread are available and practicable.
- (ii) Hard scale rations should be classed under two categories :
 - (a) Cooking Scale.
 - (b) Non-cooking scale.The former are only suitable when NOT in contact with enemy, as items such as flour, oatmeal, dehydrated potatoes cannot be cooked when in contact. These commodities should be substituted for good whole wheat biscuits etc to form non-cooking scale.
- (iii) Bread, although difficult to carry is greatly appreciated and worth-while.
- (iv) Canned meat is essential when in contact.
- (v) 6 meals is maximum which can be carried "on the man".
- (vi) ~~Q~~ and staff must exploit all possibilities of providing hot meals for troops when in difficult posns. Sausage rolls, pasties etc i.e. display constant initiative and ingenuity.

(b) Ord. Stores :-

- (i) Controlled stores - immediate attention by 'Q' for replacements.
- (ii) Expense Stores - 'B' Ech reserve MUST be carried. QM's must requisition in advance. Sub-units will never be "out" of stores if 'Q' Staff is sufficiently far-sighted.

(c) Tools :-

- (i) Light shovels desirable - scale, 1 per 2 men.
- (ii) Three entrenching tools, or light picks, per pl are considered sufficient.
- (iii) Tomahawks more appropriate than axes for rifle coys. Pioneer Pl only requires axes.

(d) General - All 'Q' staffs must fully exploit facilities for re-supply in the field.

Much more can be done than has been in the past by little thought and initiative on part of C Q's and RQ Staff. The chief failure has been the entirely unsatisfactory containers used for re-supply of many commodities and expense stores.

N.B. Initiative, improvisation, exploitation.

9. INFM and INT.

- (a) Pl and Coy Comds must appreciate necessity for regular reports. Negative infm often very useful.
- (b) Training of Coy and Pl runners has been sadly neglected. Comds must give special attention. training
- (c) Message passing has been poor considerable/required. Insistence upon the prefacing all messages with (to and from) Always demand acknowledgement of messages. Runners should be trained to report "message delivered Sir".

9. INFM and INT (Cont)

- (d) Maps were not highly accurate but most useful to ascertain general lay of country. Should be read in conjunction with aerial photos. Greater use can be made of photo maps and areial photos together with stereos. It has been recommended that stereos be increased to permit the use down to coy comds
- (e) All ranks should be encouraged in the use and reading of maps, photos and stereos. Familiarity increases confidence. Sitreps of other Bn and Bde sectors should be promulgated to tps daily if possible. Outside news also beneficial.

10. COMNS:

- (a) Line Laying :-
As in pervious ops the work was made very gruelling by the use of ~~xxx~~ 1 mile cable drums. Requests have been made on numerous occasions for reels No 1. (1/3 ml) but "none available" has been the result. Special efforts to ^{through} Sigs 9 Aust Div may produce this eqpt. The pysical efficiency of the men is definitely being lowered by continued carrying and line laying from 1 ml drums. All tps MUST ~~xx~~ salvage 1/3 ml drums - Experience MUST teach us to improvise.
- (b) 10 Line LIC Switchboard :
Has given excellent service despite adverse conditions. It with-stood the rain storms and proved invaluable in perimeter defences.
- (c) Telephone D5 :
As in the LAE campaign proved a sturdy, reliable instrument.
- (d) Wireless Sets SC 536A :
Were only used once with the usual good results. A permanent supply for the Bn would be desirable although it is realised that the number available at the moment makes this impossible.
- (e) Batteries and Cells :
The supply has been well kept up but the condition of cells on arrival has nullified the efforts made to maintain supplies. It is useless sending cells forward in sand bags as rain invariably ruins them. A waterproff covered wooden box would be ideal for thej job. Alternatively it is stringly recommended that water proof metal covered cells be introduced - as used by American Army Signal Corps. ~~Dax~~ 'Q' Responsibility for forwarding stores.
- (f) General :
All instruments should be equipped with water-proof covers. Far sightedness before ops or during prep stages would eliminate many faults.
- (g) Lines :
Much more can be done in the way of "building up" of lines by coys and it MUST be done.

11. ENEMY METHODS :

- (a) Makes excellent use of ground and cover, approaches from front and flanks, but rarely sites posn to give good defence from attack in rear.
- (b) Posts are usually well dug with head cover, sited in depth and mutually supporting. He often neglects to defend precipitous flanks.
- (c) Concealment is excellent - uses bamboo ridges extensively and to full advantage.
- (d) On occasion showed good fire discipline, though in early stages controlled fire by us was usually followed by enemy firing.
- (e) Very active and offensive from 1800 - 2000 hrs. Counter-attacks quickly and vigorously. NB. Importance of rapid and complete reorganisation upon gaining objective.
- (f) When pressed, will hold tenaciously until last light and use cover of darkness to withdraw.
 - (i) Harassing fire and fire on fixed lines during night is likely to be effective.
 - (ii) At first light it MUST be ascertained whether an overnight withdrawal has been effected.
Suggestions :- Harassing Fire, Patrols, "Hat on Stick"
- (g) Snipers are accurate shots and well concealed and camflgd. One sniper found with camflg net covering head and body.
- (h) Evacuated areas contain few signs of his habitations. It is known that he buries most of his eqpt etc. which he is unable to take with him. On one occasion two Bren Guns captured by the enemy during ~~the~~ a counter-attack, were dug up some distance from the incident.

12. MEDICAL :

- (a) Conditions for evacuations were most difficult yet experienced, but it is considered the methods employed and efficiency of the RAP and ADS were the best possible under the existing circumstances.

Lt-Col
Comd, 2/23 Aust Inf Bn.
(F A G TUCKER)

CO ✓
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Date received 29 Jan 44
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HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde
In the Field
28 Jan 44

DUTIES

1. This Bde is at present responsible for the following local duties, details of which are shown in att Appx "A".

- a. Gd in 2/2 Aust CCS lines.
- b. Sup of fuel for 2/2 and 2/3 Aust CCSs.

2. These duties are allotted to units as under:

a. CCS Guard

2/48 Aust Inf Bn	-	27-31 Jan	
2/24 "	-	31 Jan-5 Feb	
X 2/23 "	-	5-10 Feb	- 'A' Coy.

thereafter as further directed.

Reliefs will take place at 1400 hrs on 31 Jan and 5 Feb.

b. Sup of Wood to CCSs

2/23 Aust Inf Bn	-	28 Jan	3	9	15	21
2/48 "	-	30 "	5	11	17	23
2/24 "	-	1 Feb	7	13	19	25

thereafter every second day in rotation in the same order.

3. Bns will report to this HQ the satisfactory completion of each duty and in the case of (b) above, will state the number of 3 ton loads of wood delivered.

W J Vines
(W J-Vines) Capt
for SC 26 Aust Inf Bde

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- ✓ 2/23 Aust Inf Bn
- 2/24 Aust Inf Bn
- 2/48 Aust Inf Bn
- File

Signal A259. 24/1

to ABCD HQ BTR

working party 10 off or wo 10 ore with 5 axes bent wood pieces

A Coy	3 Feb	off i/c party to report woodst
C	9 Feb	1200 hrs on day prior to duty
D	15 Feb	3 ton trucks to be used
HQ	21 Feb	1500.

Order Room

B/F 2 Feb 43

Order Room ✓ My A 314 of 1 Feb withdrawing 'A' Coy re guard
B/F 5 Feb 43

Guard at 2/2 Aust CCS

1. Strength 1 Offr, 1 Sgt, 3 Cpls 21 Ptes incl 1 Cook.
2. Duties
 - a. Traffic control in CCS area.
 - b. Protection of living quarters of AANS personnel.
3. Posts
 - a. There are 4 posts.
 - b. Duties of each post will be handed over by dismounting Gd Comds on relief.
4. Accomodation
Tentage is provided by 2/2 Aust CCS.
5. Rations
Units are responsible for delivering rations daily to the gd.
6. Dress
 - a. JGs, hats, boots, gaiters, drill order, rifles and bayonets.
 - b. Gd Comds are responsible that a high standard of smartness and cleanliness is maintained by all pers of the gd.
7. Discipline
 - a. Strict attention must be given to compliments by sentries, correct gd procedure and behaviour whilst off duty.
 - b. All sentries will be correctly posted and relieved by a NCO.

Sup of Wood for CCSs

1. Working Party - Strength: 1 Offr or WO and 10 OR equipped with 5 axes.
2. Tpt - the 3-ton veh at present allotted to each bn will be used.
3. Quantities Required -
No quantities have been prescribed by higher formation. Parties will work from 0830 to 1630 hrs and will deliver maximum quantity possible in the time. Deliveries will be equally apportioned between 2/2 and 2/3 Aust CCSs in HELDSBACH PLANTATION area.
4. General - The wood must be of good solid quality in any length. It may be cut in any area EXCEPT along the SATELBURG track.

All guards to be inspected by their respective Coy Comds before proceeding to their duties. Special attention will be paid to

- a. General turnout
- b. Dress - Hats with puggances, clean equipment
- c. Compliments etc. to clean clothing
- d. 100% results only are required.

[Signature]

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HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde
In the Field.

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26 Dec 43

CONFIRMATION OF NOTES FROM AGENDA 26 DEC 43

1. Information - role of bde.

At present no contact with enemy and it is possible after present delay that the next main contact will be with fresh tps.

20 bde is to move tomorrow 27 Dec to the following bn objectives :

2/13 Aust Inf Bn	-	line 496942	-	475937
2/15 Aust Inf Bn	-	line 501923	-	490914
2/17 Aust Inf Bn	-	line 523903	-	515896

26 bde will become responsible for the following sector as 20 bde moves :

WANDOKAI beachhead as far south as east-west spur in sq 5486, and rear of 20 Aust Inf Bde.

2/23 bn will move 27 Dec by LCVs as arranged and will take over the area with one coy at southern limit, small force on left flank (pl suggested) balance of bn WANDOKAI area with possibility of one coy to continue further north. Intercomm and sups as arranged verbally. Personnel must be conserved - minimum to do a good job. Kunai to be avoided where possible - edge of kunai and timber a possible mite danger. Possible to use cover by day and sleep out by night remembering possibility of air attack. Avoid Jap or native occupied areas.

Next bn to move will be 2/48. In all moves deeper patrolling will be required further inland. Little has been done by coastal units to date.

2. Reports on ops - main lessons.

Reports from 2/23 and 2/24 bns required as soon as possible.

Main pts :

- a. The enemy was in prepared and organised posns until capture of SATELBERG and was beaten by inf assault with tks. His defeat became easier the faster the follow up, which reduced his time to reorganise and prepare posns. Separate memo on the employment of tks in jungle warfare is now being prepared.
- b. Movement - Essential for us to get ahead of the enemy's planned withdrawal schedule. Particularly in razorback country with the limitations of encirclement and direct assault, the decision to commence an encirclement must be made early. Then, if the direct assault is successful, the former may be recalled or stopped. Similarly, early decisions re encirclement on a bde level are necessary as they affect another bn. One essential is a first light move - rotation system as previously outlined - quick early information. Frequent appreciations of the time factor are essential.
- c. Patrolling - Generally requires more detailed planning and execution. Detail in many cases is overlooked and information is incomplete. Patrols must be capable of forming a base from which a recce can be made and must be strong enough to hold ground.
The question of patrol boots was raised and will be taken up with Div.

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3. a. Trg Staff

Higher Authority will probably require 1 Major, 2 Captains, 3 Lieuts from this bde for a trg coy or part of a trg bn organisation. Names required as soon as possible, giving complete record of service, personal details and comments.

1 Major, 1 Lieut - 2/23 Aust Inf Bn.
 1 Captain, 1 Lieut - 2/24 Aust Inf Bn.
 1 Captain, 1 Lieut - 2/48 Aust Inf Bn.

b. Schools and Courses - 6 months survey.

As per notes taken by COs on own screeds.
~~Details as discussed will be fwded to Div.~~

/to It is considered that LHQ Schools are of most value immediately prior/or while in a trg area. While in ops, such personnel on return to their units have little opportunity to pass on knowledge and may become casualties or sick.

c. Staffs.

Unit lists of postings and potential replacements will be kept up to date. Each bn will submit the names of 4 potential LOs to bde from which panel subsequent LOs will be considered.

4. LOB personnel.

LOB personnel will be changed and reconstituted as soon as possible. BM will notify units in order 2/24, 2/48 and 2/23 when unit LOB may be recalled and changed.

On present strength LOB figures will be 2/23 50, 2/24 45, 2/48 50. 2/24 will build up to 50 as strength increases. Basis of LOB will remain as per LOB screed.

In the area each bn will maintain an active LOB of a minimum of 3 offr (incl one Major and one Capt) and 25 ORs. The balance to the total LOB required may be made up of sick within the Div area. As LOB gps are reconstituted, details will be submitted to bde.

5. Sig Cable.

General shortage of DIII - economy and salvage stressed. Care will be taken to prevent damage to sig cable in kunai fires. The following enamelled assault wire will be issued: 2/23 bn 5 miles, 2/24 and 2/48 bns 10 miles, bde res 5 miles. Will be used only when necessary on patrols.

6. A and B Ech Stores.

Tendency to increase - must be reduced and kept within limits as detailed in Appendix "A" att.

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7. Hygiene and Malaria control.

Unit comds will list tests which can be carried out and apply them to improve and maintain the highest possible standards. D.A.D.H. will lecture to all offrs on the Freon bomb and will be asked to carry out tests in unit areas.

Written reports will be submitted by all units when any move is completed certifying that all malaria precautions have been taken.

K. Mackay
(K. MACKAY) Major,
BM 26 Aust Inf Bde.

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"A" "B" ECH STORES

Unit A and B Ech stores as listed below by categories will be carried on moves as ordered depending on tpt and facilities available.

A Ech Stores

Category A1 - On the man scales of weapons and amm to incl 2 3" mortars, 2 MMGs, 2 Boyes Tk A Rifles as ordered, 3 miles sig wire, sig and pnr eqpt which can be carried on the man, Office and I gear as necessary on the move. The unconsumed portion plus 1 days ration.

Category A2 To accompany if possible by jeep or craft or carrier. 2 3" mortars (incl box cleaning and spare parts). 2 MMGs (incl spare parts box). 4 Boyes Tk/A rifles as ordered. 1 box office. 1 " I records etc. Balance operational sig eqpt incl No 11 set and up to 3 miles DIII cable. 1 box pnr stores. 1 " armourer. 1 tent roll for comd post etc (3 tents 2 man). 1 medical pannier. 1 roll stretcher. 1 roll blankets. Malarial stores as required and available. 1 box lamps and kerosene. Res rations as may be ordered.

Amm In category 1, bn comds will carry mortar and MMG amm depending on strength of dets. In category 2, small bn res of amm will be carried as under and may be modified as ordered.

.303 ctn (5boxes) bandolier (1 box)	7240
9 mm (3 boxes)	9600
Grenades (12 boxes incl 2 boxes 7 sec)	144
2" mortar incl proportion smoke	150
3" " " " " "	150
Stripless belts (20)	5000
.55 (1box)	160

Total 130 carrier loads or 5 jeep loads.

Category A3 - 2 3" mortars. (or 4 mortars if full WE is held by unit) 1 tent roll. 1 box office or I as required. Malarial stores. Amm as ordered up to 10 jeep loads.

B Ech Stores

Category B1

- This category is based on an allotment of 4 jeeps to each bn and the complete move of Bn B Ech's to be completed in any one full day. The total number of jeeps held by this bde does NOT permit of an allotment of any jeeps to units for the move of B Ech's over a longer period than one complete day. B Ech's must be maintained as a mobile installation capable of moving as quickly as the bns themselves. The following stores and eqpt will be carried:-

1. Cooking gear for B Ech personnel only.
2. Rations - one days maintenance and one days res total two days to be carried (may be Fd Op or full scale dependent on availability and bn comd wishes.
3. 5% Clothing and Boots (to incl all items) available.
4. 5% anti-malarial stores.
5. 10% blankets for emergency - to be carried only with authority of this HQ
6. Boxes of unit records NOT carried in A Ech and to incl box of Q records.
7. All water containers in charge to units NOT carried A Ech's.
8. Armourer and pnr Kits as applicable.

This figure will NOT be increased without reference to this HQ.

Category B2

- This category is the Bde dump of surplus stores (i.e. COCONUT BEACH DUMP) consisting of surplus stores and eqpt NOT immediately required by bns. The dump to remain static and to be moved on orders issued by this HQ and as circumstances permit. The following will be dumped:-

1. All blankets less 1 roll of medical blankets allowed for in A Ech, and 10% carried in B Ech when allowed by this HQ.
2. Surplus hy cooking gear.
3. Surplus Pnr eqpt.
4. All packs or haversacks whichever is applicable.
5. 10% clothing and boots (Scale as for B Ech).
6. 10% anti-malarial stores.
7. Surplus medical stores.
8. Any other eqpt and or stores held by units in present areas.

NOTE : There will be no bulk amm carried by Bn B Ech's.

Co. HQ
Comd. of
AC. HQ.
To be promulgated to all ranks
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HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde.
In the Field.

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24 Dec 43

- ✓ 2/23 Aust Inf Bn.
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 - 2/48 Aust Inf Bn.
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XMAS AND NEW YEAR GREETINGS

1. The Bde Comd extends his sincerest Xmas Greetings to all offrs, WOs, NCOs and Other Ranks and hopes that so far as circumstances permit all Ranks will spend the most enjoyable XMAS DAY.
2. 9 Aust Div will no doubt be called upon to perform in 1944 even greater deeds than in 1943. In both the LAE and FINSCHHAFEN campaigns, 26 Aust Inf Bde has added new laurels to an already famous name by fighting with grim determination, dash, and a thoroughness second to none. The Brigadier thanks all Ranks for their great cooperation without which these successes could never have been achieved.
3. Finally, the Bde Comd hopes that 1944 will see the end of this war in sight and that it will not be too long before all Ranks are granted a period of Home Leave to enjoy those comforts which they all so richly deserve.

G.E. Nathan
(G.E. NATHAN) Capt.
SC 26 Aust Inf Bde.

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Serial	Time	To	From	EVENT	Action
	0830		26 Bde	sitrep to	C.O.
	0830		"	projected patrols for 30 DEC 43.	C.O.
V3	1330		D	17 pl arrived @ Coy now completely in posn	C.O.
V4	1400		26 Bde	Infm from Gen Cpt Order captured BLUCHER Pt.	C.O.
V5	1405		"	Infm movts of 13 Bn.	C.O.
1218	1530		"	sitrep 23 to 30 0700 L.	
V6	1530			Thru British Officers from Indian Army attached to unit. Capt Cowan attached to B Coy - Capt Webb to D Coy Capt Bowman to C Coy.	
V7	1545		D	17 pl arrived @ Coy now complete & in posn.	C.O.
V8	1830		C	Arrived KARAKO village. no water in immediate vicinity. Ips very exhausted after strenuous march.	C.O.
1319	2100		26 Bde	sitrep 141 to 30 1900 L.	C.O. 2 1/2 adjt 1.0.
0140	2140		26 Bde.	Moves 31 Dec @ 20 Bde is to continue adv 2/15 Bn to pass through 2/13 Bn followed by 2/17 Bn towards NANDA @ Adv Div HQ moving to KANOM I area @ A Coy 2/45 Bn from WONDOKAI to rejoin bno HQ 26 Bde closes present area 1200 hrs 31 DEC re-open same time RUA area @ Patrols @ Coy 2/23 Bn KARAKO continuing GERUPO A Coy 2/24 remain 4693 depending on progress P.I.B. patrol.	C.O. 2 1/2 adjt 1.0.

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Serial	Time	To	From	Event	Action
V1	0600			Sitnar overnight 30/31 DEC.	
V2	0730		A	Re-supply party to C Coy moved out.	
V3	1500		26 Bde	2/15 Bn have adv 1500 ^x through 2/13 Bn without opposition. Expect to reach NANDA by last light.	Co.
V4	1830			Re-supply party from C Coy returned.	
I321	2000		26 Bde	sitrep 143 to 310900L.	

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V1	0600			sitnar overnight.	
V2	0730			Re-supply from B Coy to C Coy moved out Ho of Lieut Lync.	
V3	1000			Cos goodwill rounds to bays extended New Years Greetings.	
V4	1000			C Coy patrol to GERUP to contact P.I.B.	
I323	1030		26 Bde	sitrep D24 to 010700Lhrs.	
A82	1100	all bays to.	Adj.	inform 2/15 Bn has moved to NANDA. Intention 2/23 Bn is responsible for defense of beach in sqs 4796. Method B Coy less one pl will move to 474965 and is responsible for beach defense NORTH of river mouth. D Coy will move approx 476960 and is responsible for beach defense SOUTH of river mouth. One sec MMG	

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Serial	Time	To	From	Event	Action
A 82 (Cont)				and one det Mortars with each B & D Coy. Boys will be in new posns by 1630 hrs today. otherwise no change.	
V5	1130			Capt Matthews posted as 2/c D Coy after marching in from 26 Bde on 28 th Dec. Lieut Hipsley posted as 2/c A Coy.	
V6	1730	B		Re-supply party returned from C Coy.	
I326	2140	26 Bde		sitrep 145 to 011900 L. Major Brown and Lt J Barrard attending Bde school on interpretation of aerial photographs. Duration of school 3/4 days.	Co 2/c adj 10.
V7	2100				
<u>2 JAN 44</u>					
V1	0600			sitrep overnight 1/2 Jan.	
01470700		26 Bde		as opportunity permits during adv along coast units will carry out following training. Refresher for recruits and specialist and Tactical Formation in open country. This Hq will be advised of sites selected for 30' range before firing is commenced.	Co.
V2	0800	26 Bde		Warning Order. 2/23 Bn will move from present location on 3 Jan to KANOM 1 thence by barge to HARDENBERG Pt.	Co.
V3	1130	26 Bde		WO cancelled. Bn move 1430 L.	

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Serial	Time	To	From	Event	Action
V3	1130		26 Bde	Order of march B Coy Bn HQ, HQ Coy. D Coy A Coy. Boy dumps of packs or haversacks by 1230 hrs. Bed rolls to be carried. Packs will be jipped to KANOM I. <u>Salvation Army</u>	
I228	1200		26 Bde	Order D 25 to 020700L. on foot.	co.
V4	1430			Bn moved to KANOM I as per V3. Dispos at last light were B.H.Q. 473992 A.470995 B 474995 C 472991 D.471996.	
V5	1630	26 Bde		Notifying Bn dispos	I.O.
V6	1830			C O's conference.	
V7	2100	26 Bde		Warning Order for Bn-move to on 3 Jan 43.	

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V1	0600			Adjt notified Bn would move by LCV to NUZEN landing beach and march to Bn area approx 423059. Recce party to move by jeep at 0800 hrs.	
V2	0700			Bn.H.Q. will now move by jeep to new location. Boys to be ready to embark at 1100 hrs.	
V3	0815			B.H.Q. located 423059. Boys posns allotted as follows:- A 422062. B 424057 C 423061. D 421059. One sec MGs with each B & C Coys.	
V4	1300				

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Serial	Time	To	From	Event.	Action
V5	1500	26 Bde		Notifying Dispersal of Bn as at 1500 hrs.	
1334	2000	26 Bde		Sitrep 149 to 031900 L.	CO 21/24 1.0.

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V1	0600			sit now overnight.	
0155	0800	26 Bde		moves 4 Jan @ 20 Bde is continuing ad @ 2/17 Bn to pass through 2/15 Bn to line SAZOMU river @ 2/15 Bn line SAPARO or SANBARO river @ 2/13 Bn SHEDS 1234 @ TAC DIV to SANGA river @ 2/48 Bn continues present role @ 2/23 + 2/24 Bns remain present posns HQ 26 Bde closes present location 1400 hrs re-opens same time SANGA river @	CO 2/10
V2	1200	D Co		D Coy to move to 388090 with role of inland def in locality. Move to be commenced at 1230 hrs.	Co.
V3	1400	26 Bde		2/17 Bn have reached MANGU river. Objective tomorrow will be DALLMAN river.	Co. 1.0
V4	1800	26 Bde		Notes on "FLEETFOOT" operations 17 NOV - 8 DEC	by summary
V5	1515			visit by Brig Whitehead to unit.	

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Serial	Time	To	From	Event	Action
1336	2000		26 Bde.	sitrep 151 to 041900 L	Co.
0158	2100		26 Bde	moves 5 JAN @ 20 Bde no moves except patrols fwd @ 26 Bde @ 2/24 Bn no move @ 2/23 will move to creek ⁵⁹ 3711 @ 2/48 Bn as released from present task. as stores are cleared and craft are available per hour @ 318 will move to SIALUM - SANGA river area @ D boy 2/23 Bn with role of inland protection SIALUM dump area will not move until relieved by 1 boy 2/48 Bn @ Rear Bde and B Ech are moving SANGA river are @ all informed	Co 2/c adjt all boy RMO QM.
<u>5 JAN 44.</u>					
V1	0600			sitrep overnight 4/5 JAN.	
V2	0800			lieut Rowe (adjutant) awarded and lieut Menborn appointed A/Adjt.	
G159/50/2	0900		9 DIV.	Passwords 5 JAN to 11 JAN 44 - 5 LAMP SHADE 6 LOLLIPOP 7 ELEVATOR 8 LATERAL 9 CAULIFLOWER 10 CHILLY 11 DOLEFULL	

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Serial	Time	To	From	Event	Action
V3	0800			co with recce party moved fwd to sq. 3711.	
V4	0900			Bn moved fwd. Order of march being A Coys B HQ B Coy. D Coy to move when relieved.	
V5	1200			A Coy arrived 369114. C Coy arrived 368111.	
V6	1300			B HQ and B Coy arrived area.	
I260	1400	26 Bde		Bn disposes now B HQ 367115 A Coy 369114 B Coy 366113 C Coy 368111 D Coy 365116.	
I338	1430		26 Bde	sitrep D28 to 050700 L.	co.
I339	2000		"	sitrep 153 to 051900 L.	co.
V7	2130		"	verbal orders for move 6 JAN 44. Bn will move to SAMBORA ^{SAPARO} river sq 3213.	
V8	2200	all boys.		Bn move 0900 hrs 6 JAN. order of march D Coy, B, Bn HQ, HQ Coy A Coy C Coy. Recce party of 1 NCO per rifle coy 1 Int per to accompany co. Adm as for move 5 JAN.	

6 JAN 44 ACTION DIARY

Serial	Time	To	From	Event	Action
V1	0600			sitrep overnight 5/6 Jan.	
V2	0900			Bn moved off as per orders issued.	
V3	1015			Recce party arrived ^{SAPARO} SANBORO river	
V4	1050			D Coy B HQ arrived area	
V5	1115			B and C Coys arrived area.	
I262	1135	26 Bde		in posn 1130 hrs disposn B HQ 324135 A 322135 B 327133 C 325132 D 323137.	
I341	1300	26 Bde		sitrep D 29 to 060700 L ⊙	Co odg/ No.
V6	1300	26 Bde		JAPANESE TACTICS Bulletin No 7 to be read and passed to 2/48 Bn by 8 Jan	
V7	1300	26 Bde		Following maps received. Strat GAZELLE Pt. - 1 copy " CENTRAL NEW BRITAIN - 1 " WESTERN " " - 1 1:25000 KALASSA - 5 " CAPE KING WILLIAM - 5 " S10 - 48	
V8	1300	26 Bde		Terrain Handbook No 13 New Guinea - S10.	
V9	1300	"		Interrogation of PWs.	Co
O163	0600	"		moves 6 Jan ⊙ 20 Bde adv to DALLMAN river 2/17 Bn KELANOVA 2/15 area 275170 2/13 SAZOMUR ⊙ 26 Bde ⊙ 2/23 Bn will move to SANBORO RO 2/24 No move 2/48 as released from role at anchorage will move to SIALUM - SANGA river area.	Co

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Serial	Time	To	From	Events	Action
V10	1500			Distribution of maps as follows:- S10 1:25000 - 6 each ABCD boys, 2 HQ boy, CO 2/c adjt I.O. Sig Offr. QM.	
V11	1500	all boys		Copy of sitreps received today and preliminary interrogation of PW report.	
V12	1500			Major Brown and Lieut Barrand returned from Bde school.	
O167	2000		26 Bde	Moves 7 Jan @ 20 Bde no general adv @ 26 Bde no move except one coy 2/48 Bn moving to SANGA R area @ all informed.	Co.
I342	2000		26 Bde	sitreps 155 to 061900 L.	Co 2/c adjt I.O.

7 JAN 44

V1	0600			sitnor overnight 6/7 Jan 44.	
V2	0900			CO and Adjt visited coys.	
I263	0900	26 Bde		captured Jap diary and 4 Postcards.	Sigs
V3	1000		26 Bde	Interrogation of PWs captured KWAM KWAM area 2 JAN 44.	
I26	1100	all boys		extracts from interrogation ref V3	
V4	1200			CO to 26 Bde for conference.	

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Serial	Time	To	From	Events	Action
1343	1500		26 Bde	sitrep D30 to 070700 L.	CO 2/48 Bn
V5	1630			CO returned from Bde conference.	
1345	1930		26 Bde.	sitrep 156 to 071900 L.	
1264	1800	2/48 Bn		copy of JAPANESE TACTICS No 7.	
0170	2100		26 Bde	projected moves @ info @ 9 DIV now relieved of responsibility for area S of MASEWANG R @ certain units that area now under direct comd 2 Aust Corps. @ when notified 20 Bde is to secure line R BUREO SIALUM is to be held and divided into beach head dump area and ESB fwd dump area @ 9 DIV barrier boy on arrival SIALUM 8 Jan is to relieve P Coy 2/48 Bn @ 2/3 Pm Bn is to arrive SIALUM 9 JAN to provide labour for Q and be responsible for seaward def SIALUM area @ 26 Bde @ no change in role @ 2/48 Bn to concentrate SANGA R area 2/23 & 2/24 no change @ Bde LOB Gp on arrival SIALUM will be met by Bde LO and directed to rejoin units LOB list will be submitted this HQ when reconstituted @.	

ACTION DIARY

Serial	Time	To	From	Event	Action
0172	2100		26 Bde	Bde L O B & P arrives SIALUM 1200 hrs and sixty Bde 'X' list personnel 1230 hrs 8 JAN @ Bde LO will meet both parties and directed to rejoin units where possible by M T @ no split up X list personnel available.	Co 2/c adjt i.o.
<u>8 JAN 44.</u>					
	VI 0600			sitrep overnight 7/8 Jan 44	
0173	0930		26 Bde	ref our 0170 20 Bde continues adv today @ 2/17 Bn line R BURE @ 2/13 Bn moves up to square 2916.	Co 2/c adjt i.o.
1347	1100		26 Bde	sitrep D 31 to 080700L @	Co
1348	1100			New series 1:25000 maps fwd @ WALINGAI KALASSA CAPE KING WILLIAM SCHARNHORST P6 @ These sheets will not be taken into use before 0001 hrs 10 Jan @	
0174	1130		26 Bde	moves 9 Jan @ 2/24 Bn will move from NUZEN to KELANOA area @	Co
0175	1700		26 Bde	2/17 Bn met opposition 1 missing believed killed 3 wounded. withdrew slightly to let arty concentrate on area @ 2/24 Bn will not move tomorrow 9 JAN.	Co 2/c adjt i.o.

9 JAN 44 ACTION DIARY.

Serial	Time	To	From	Event	Action
V 1	0600			sitnor overnight 8/9 Jan.	
V 2	1100		26Bde	2/17 Bn now approx 600 ^x short of BURI R. adv without opposition.	
Q321	1100		26Bde	as from 10 Jan 44 ferry boat will operate on following schedule departs KEDAM 0800 LAUNCH JETTY 0830 GUSIKA 0930 arrive SIALUM 1230 hrs departs SIALUM 1400 GUSIKA 1700 LAUNCH JETTY 1745 arrives KEDAM 1815.	
I349	1100		26Bde	sitep 159 Aq 081900 L.	Co.
I352	2000		26Bde	sitep 161 Aq 091900 L	

10 JAN 43

V 1	0600			sitnor overnight 9/10 Jan.	
V 2	0930			First of series of Educational Talks given in B Coy area. "How the Higher Formation of Army works" by Capt Sedgley.	Co attended
V 3	0930			Maj McRae and remainder of LOB gp rejoined unit.	
V 4	0915			Pl parades each morning at 0915 hrs commenced.	

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10 JAN 44.

Serial	Time	To	From	Event	Action
1354	1700		26 Bde	sitrep D 33 to 100700 L.	CO 21/10 adjt
1355	1700			510 photomaps will be superseded by new series NAM BARIWA 0372 and 510 mission 0373 which will come into use 0001 hrs 12 JAN.	

11 JAN 44

V1	0600			sitrep overnight 10/11 JAN.	
1265	0900	26 Bde		1 bottle blue drawing ink on exchange	Sigs
1266	0900	26 Bde		Bundle of out of date maps to be passed to salvage.	Sigs
1213	1045	9014		Ref G.R.D. 0825 Nil return.	Sigs
V2	1200		26 Bde	Maps as follows received.	
1358	1300		26 Bde	sitrep D 34 to 110700 L.	CO 21/10 adjt
V3	1430		26 Bde	Infm @ 2/17 Bn D Coy at 511409 B Coy at 523416. no opposition yet but at 530415 found vacated posns which were believed to have been occupied up till 2 hrs previously. 1 Ak struck a mine and had a track blown off.	

11 JAN 44. ACTION DIARY

Serial	Time	To	From	Events	Action
G 180/50/12	1400		9 DIV.	Passwords 12 to 18 Jan.	
				12 BELIEVING. 13 CALLOUS	
				14 MELODY 15 SILVER	
				16 LINGERING 17 LAUGHABLE	
				18 SELDOM.	
G 181/50/12	1400		9 DIV.	Ship to Shore Signals. 12-18 Jan.	passed to Sig Offr.
V4	1430		26 Bde.	Projected Lrg Programme.	CO
V5	1430		"	2/24 Bn dispoorn BHQ	
				A B	
				C D.	
V6	1530	all boys		latest infm from sitreps.	
V7	1530		26 Bde	Photomap. KAIRI - 25	Dist to boys!
				SIO MIS - 50	
				" NAMBARINA - 45	
				SIO PROV - 1	
I359	1945		26 bde	sitreps 1650 to 111900 @ Situar	
0185			26 Bde	confm moves 12 JAN @ no details yet of 20 Bde @ 26 Bde @ 2/23 and 2/24 Bns no change @ 2/48 Bn will move to KELANOA area @ 26 Bde H.Q. moves to KELANOA	

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12 JAN 44.

Serial	Time	To	From	Events
V1	0600			sifnor overnight 11/12 JAN.
V2	0900			hunt Gilmour evacuated.
V3	0900			Postings: Capt. T. Mathews as o.c. A Coy N. McMaster as C.
I360	1000		26Bde	sitrep D35 to 12 0700 L. Co 2/c adjt
I361	1450		26Bde	Two booby traps found 591382 by 2/15 Bn & 2/3 fd coy is investigating Co adjt all coys
I362	1530		26Bde	Please advise steps taken to recover censor stamp which was in eqpt of Bn Int Sgt who adjt was evacuated through an American MDS
I465	1930		26Bde	sitrep 167 to 12 1900 L.

13 JAN 44

V1	0600			sifnor overnight 12/13 Jan.
O1033	1230		9DIV.	sitrep 123 to 11 2000 L. Co 2/c adjt
			9DIV.	(ref I 213 of 11 Jan) return required by 17 Jan re G.R.O. 0825.
I367	1230		26Bde	sitrep D35 to 13 0900 L. Co 2/c adjt
V2	1500		26Bde	A Coy 2/17 Bn reached GOALING river at 1330 hrs found three collapsible boats and report that the river is favourable for 'ducks'.

13 JAN 44 — ACTION DIARY

Serial	Time	To	From	Event
V3	1830			Adv Party of 6 offrs 30 ORs warned to move 15 JAN.

I368	1945		26 Bde	sitrep 169 to 131900 L.
V4	2000		"	2/17 Bn less 2 Coy's moved to sq 4742. Killed 3 Japs 2 PWs. Considerable no of dead on beach thought to have died of starvation.

14 JAN 44.

V1	0600			sitrep overnight 13/14 Jan.
91088	1500		9 DIV	sitrep 124 to 122000 L.
A151	1730		adjt	movement of adv party NOT before 20 Jan.
1370	2000		26 Bde	sitrep 171 to 141900 L.

15 JAN 44.

V1	0600			sitrep overnight 14/15 Jan.
1099	1000		9 DIV.	sitrep 125 to 132000 L.
1268	1000	26 Bde.		Ref G R O. 0825/43 Return submitted from this HQ 111045 L Repeat sent NIL return.
V2	1300			C O visited 26 Bde HQ.
A	1730		adjt.	All Aps will at all times wear shirts and gaiters.
I372	2000		26 Bde	sitrep 173 to 151900 L.

16 JAN 44 ACTION DIARY.

Serial	Time	To	From	Event
V1	0600			sitrep overnight 15/16 Jan.
1102	1000		9DIV	sitrep 126 to 142000L.
V2	1500		26Bde	Verbal. - 2/17 Bn © B Coy moved to S10 MISSION on way killed 5 Japs and found 2 dead. Natives in area say Jap party including many sick left area 2 days ago. Natives report Jap evacuated area commencing first moon (Jan 10). Some overland but most by sea. 6 remained behind. Many natives who refused to work for Japs were shot. They were paid in coin and invasion notes NOT food.
I374	2000		26Bde	sitrep 195 to 161900L.

17 JAN 44

V1	0600			sitrep overnight 16/17 Jan.
V2	0900			Recce party of 2/10, 1 left BHQ and 1 NCO per coy to be ready to move to KELANOA area at 1400hrs for recce.
G/6128/SD	1000		H.Q. N.G.F.	cover to document C W Summary Nos. Document not received.
1110	1500		9Div	sitrep 127 to 152000L.

17 JAN 44 ACTION DIARY

Serial	Time	To	From	Event	Adm
9117	1500	9 Div	9 Div	sitref 128 to 162000 L.	CO.
V2	1500	26 Bde		Interrogation of PWs	CO.
V3	1300	26 Bde		16 Jan. One 75 mm gun found in sea near SIO MISSION. 250 natives camped in area. Extracts from 2 Aust Corps Int Summary.	
A 172	1615	BHQ		Adv party to KELANOA to move 18 0730 L @ 3 off with NCO & 2 ORs each from ABCD BHQ. 1 NCO & 4 ORs HQ Coy. Party upc May McKee.	
A 173	1615	BHQ		WARNING ORDER @ Adv party for embarkation (ref V3 of 13 Jan 44) will be prepared to move as from 180800 L.	
V4	1630	26 Bde		Tac R. 17 Jan @ MALASANGA I @ SIMBIE R crossing area 6 Japs with packs on facing NW 9 apparently dead in the same area possibly due to strafing 16 Jan @ 3 Japs under packs 205460 @ 4 Japs with packs on facing NW 207453 @ Single Japs at 978594 and at 864565 @ six Japs strafed at 982560 - 1 killed @ considerable track activity SIMBIE R MALASANGA area @ 20 supply chuds were seen at NEMAU 9 chuds at 975465. Supply chuds at 857603 have been collected.	

17 JAN 44 Action Diary

Serial	Time	To	From	Event	Adm
[377]	2000	26 Bde		sitref 177 to 171900 L. sitref	CO.
18 JAN 44.					
V1	0600			sitref overnight.	
V2	0900			Capt. G. Luking rejoined unit from hospital.	
V3	0730			Adv Party to FINSCHHAFEN area moved off.	
V4	1030			Memorial Service held BHR area.	
V5	1100			adv Party for leave moved to KELANOA area prior to embarking on L.C.Ms.	
0	1132	9 Div		sitref 129 to 172000 L.	CO.
202/50/12/1300	1300	9 DIV		Passwords for period 19 Jan to 25 Jan:	
				19. ECLIPSE 20 SALAD	
				21 FELLOWSHIP 22 TELLTALE	
				23 ALASKA 24 LEGAL	
				25 LOLLIPOP.	
6	105/50/12/1300	9 DIV		Ship to shore signals.	Passed to sig off.
V6	1800			CO's conference. Warning Order for move to FINSCHHAFEN area on 20 Jan	
[381]	2000	26 Bde		sitref 179 to 181900 L. N.T.R.	CO.
19 JAN 44					
V1	0600			sitref overnight.	
V2	1100	all bay, Adj		Warning order. Arrives etc for move by MT on 20 Jan 44.	

19 JAN 44

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Serial	Time	To	From	Event	Action
V 3	1100		26 Bde	Verbal sidrep	cc all boys
<u>20 Jan</u>					
0209	0700		26 Bde	Confirmation moves 20 Jan	all
T 383	0700		26 Bde	Sidrep 181 to 19/900 L @ 3rd Bde	act
				moved to FINSCH area	
c 43/446			9 Bde	DT kept for Feb 44 and res key Feb 44	sig off
V 1	0840			Bn moved by MT from SAPORA R	
V 2	1300			Bn lunched for 1 hr at MASEWANG R	
V 3	1510			Bn HQ arrived SCARLET BEACH area	
				boys allotted areas immediate vicinity Bn HQ at mouth of SONG R	
				Area in dirty condition	
				Facilities for water consumption and washing, good.	
				Full malarial prev taken as area reported bad.	
V 4	1700			Capt N McMASTER escorted to 405	
				9 comd to Lt Col LAWRIE	
V 5	?			11 X best prev. report received	

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21 JAN 44

Serial	Time	To	From	Event	Action
V 1	0900			Attended conf to Lt Col HEATON, Lt Col HARRIS school	
V 2	1000			Coys pdc inspection of arms.	
				C.O. + adpt. Tour of lines resulting in order to improve and clean all lines.	
V 3	1230			Coys locking. First time since Bn was at BUREP R 20 OCT	
V 4	1500			Brig. WHITEHEAD visits Bn Area	
V 5	1900			Coys lends conference.	
V 6				2 X best prev report Unit.	
<u>22 JAN</u>					
V 1	0900			Coys pdc + inspection	
V 2				General improv. of area	
V 3	1000			C.O. + adpt. visit 2/2 C.C.S	
V 4				Grounds and duties by Coys	
V 5	1300			35 Reinfts and 70 X best prev report Unit. Reinfts allotted to Coys.	
V 6	1700	26 Bde		Pams. Part II - Pam 5 - Part I - Pam 9. Duty log - A	all offrs.
<u>23 JAN</u>					
V 1	1000			Bn Church Parade in Bn Area. C.O. attended.	
				2/45 Padre CHAPLAIN KEEN. officiated.	

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Serial	Time	To	From	Event	Action
V2				Rest of day free for washing and swimming by Yps.	
V3	2000			Mobile cinema shows in area "SARATOGA" large attendance.	
V4	2100			RED alert. Bombs dropped in FINSCHAFEN area.	
V5				Meeting of 1 off from each Coy to arrange Amenities.	
				Budget, and swimming carnival arranged. Piers constructed for swimming contests.	
				Duty Coy B for swimming contests.	
				<u>24 JAN.</u>	
V1	0900			Coy pdr. C.O. Amos lines and inspects pdr of A Coy.	
V2	0915			Cleaning of lines and improving continues.	
V3	0930			Lecture by Maj McCulloch K. (DADH) "Hygiene and Tropical diseases" attended by all coys.	
V4	1040			Sit up to 232100h.	
	1830			45 A.T. VOL 1. PAM 4 - 8 copies	
				" " " 14-10 "	
				1 copy to CO, 1 copy to each Coy. 2 copies to pdr on to all coys.	

Serial	Time	To	From	Event	Action
V5	1400			Duty Coy - C Bridge Tournament. 2 rounds played in all Coy areas.	
V6	1930			Mobile cinema shows in 2/48 Bn area. Coffee served by Salvo. Hq area.	
V7	2000			"RED ALERT" No bombs dropped.	
V8				Capt. McMASTER R.T.V. Planning and C Coy 25 Jan	
V1	0900			Coy pdr Gen improvement	
	1120	2680h		G.R.O. 1 Jan 44. Duty Coy - D	File
				Written balance Exam. Signals	"
				Sec. 9 Series 2.	
V2				Lecture by Bde Educ. Sgt on the "Burrage Plan"	
	1630	2680h		SITREP contracts from 5 Dist Div No 102 to 0930	CO. 2/48 Bn 10/20 1944
				21 Jan	
V3	1930			Coffee served by SALVATION Army at H.Q. Cookhouse.	
V4	1930			Mobile cinema shows in area	
				"RED ALERT" No bombs.	
V5	2030			2 off and 50 ORs on working party to MANEBA PT. Return 0300. Visit to SATELBERG battle area by C.O. with Bde G WHITEHEAD	
V6					

26 Jan

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Serial	Time	To	From	Event	Action
V1	0900			Coy pds inspection	
V2	0930			Working on improvement of area and lines	
V3	1500			Visit to Bn area by MAJOR GEN WOOTEN. BRIG. WHITEHEAD. Welcomed by C.O. Left at 1630	
V4	1700	26 Bde		Copy 2 Dist Cps SITREP 55 and 4B P.18. 50 DIV HQ dropsons.	C.O. 26 Bde + Coy
V5	1700	26 Bde		Lochack 2 Dist Cps Int Summary to 250930 @ Duty Coy HQ	
	1900	26 Bde		Censor Stamp 1594 27 JAN	
V1	0830			Conference Coy comds (see below)	
V2	0900			Coy pds and inspections.	
V3	1000			C.O. again visits SATELBERG area with BRIG. WHITEHEAD and party from 26 Bde.	
				Please conference. Attention to Coy areas - pers. cleanliness, material Coy log - report inf. grill etc.	
	1600	26 Bde		Lochack from 2 Dist Cps Int Report 107 to 260930 L.	C.O. 26 Bde + Coy
	1900			Gramophone session for an (AAES all 26 Bde)	

ACTION DIARY

Serial	Time	To	From	Event	Action
				hour, beside the SALVO coffee stall.	
				Air photos with stereoscope - coys in spect in rotation. A B 27	
				Duty Coy A	
				28 JAN	
				Air photos - Bn HQ, Bde, HQ Coy	
				C.O. inspects Coy morning parade	
				B Coy. Duty	
				Rep from Graves Registration Unit taken to battle area SATELBERG WARFO for identification of unit graves.	
				B Coy duty	
				SITREP 1 to 270900.	C.O. 26 Bde + Coy
				SAT Vol I Pam A. (SA Practices) etc	
				Distribution CO, 2/c, adjt, A B C D HQ RSM (9) etc	
				SAT Vol Pam A (Brew) Distribution: etc	
				CO, 2/c, adjt, A B C D HQ M/RSM 1 each	
				16 per rifle Coy & HQ Coy held for later d.	
				SAT Vol I Pam B (Gumade) Distribution etc	
				CO, 2/c, adjt, A B C D HQ RSM File	
				A ca Coy for distribution when required.	
				Bn swimming carnival run under good conditions. Large and enthusiastic attendance. Valid swimming & novelty	

ACTION DIARY

SERIAL TIME TO FROM EVENT ACTION

events. Results 1st D Coy 21pk.
~~A~~ B Coy in front 2nd with 11 pk B49
 mesel with 7pk.

V2

Coffe served again at Lookhouse.
 C Coy Duty

29 Jan

V1

Coy pdes + inspection
 Burma will be shown as follows: -

A281 1215 Col Coy

Monday 2/48 Bur area.

Tuesday North Hill.

Wednesday BUSIKA

Thursday CHRISTMAS HILL

Friday WAREO.

Sat. 9 Div. Rest Camp.

Same programme each night.

Programme for next week NOT yet

known further info later

V2

1000

A Coy on route march along
 SCARLET BEACH.

1200

9 DIV SITREP TO 28 0900 L.

Extracts from 2nd and 3rd Div

Report 109 to 28 0930 L

CO 2K
 adjt
 temp.

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SERIAL TIME TO FROM EVENT ACTION

V3 1830

Coffe served by Salvation Army again
 D duty Coy

V4

H4 Reinfo for unit. Attached to Coy
30 Jan

V1 1800

Bn Church Pde. CHAPLAIN FARMER
 from took service. Communion
 taken by CHAPLAIN KEEN
 after Church Service. HQ Coy

V2 1830

Coffe by Salvation Army.
 Maj. SPIER evac from adv ply at 9 DIV Rec
 Camp. Maj. McLEANE takes his place. Maj.
 Brown assumes command HQ Coy and HQ 2/10
 Capt. LURRY takes over command D Coy.
31 Jan

V1

Coy pdes and inspection. C.O
 inspected C. Coy pde and lines
 D Coy proceed by HT to Rifle range
 in 2/32 Bn area to give new recruits a
 better idea of the use of their
 weapons.

V3 1300

26 Bde Maps and Trace 26 Bde Operations SATELBERG - CO.
 WAREO. Nov-DEC 1943.

I388 1400

26 Bde. Census of Unit census Stamps.

I221 1625 26 Bde

Complying request of I 388

V4

HQ Coy Duty.

CO
 adjt
 10/10
 attend

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ACTION DIARY.

SERIAL	TIME	TO	FROM	EVENT	REMARKS	ACTION
V5	1800			C.O addresses new Nt units on Bn pde ground. All who have not seen action with Bn will be exchanged with 20 + 24 Bde for VX men. Those who have seen action have their choice of staying with Bn or transferring.		
V6	1830			coffee by SALVATION ARMY		
V7	1950			Mobile cinema shows in 2/48 Bn Area. "The Nestor"		
V8	2030			"RED ALERT"		
				<u>1 Feb</u>		
V1	0900			Coy pds and inspection		
				Pl Coy Duty. Co inspected B Coy.		
V2	0930			General improvement of area for visit of Corps Commander in afternoon.		
V3				26 Bde Swimming Carnival held in 2/23 Bn pool. Maj Gen Beuymann attended with staff offrs. Good attendance and programme. Regatta won by 2/48. 56 pts. 26 Bde 2nd 30 pts. 2/23 was 3rd with 15 pts.		

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4/83 Aunt Prof Br

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Training Cadet Syllabus

Date	0900 - 1130	1400 - 1630
Tues 18 Jan 44	Opening address Man management Discipline Track cutting	Man loads Discussion and demo
	Maj SPER Lieut BARRAND	Maj BROWN
Wed 19 Jan 44	Sh arms - bu contact Drill Discussion	contact Drill Demo
	Maj McRAE Capt McMASTER	Capt McMASTER
Thurs 20 Jan 44	Fire power Discussion & demo of pl fire power	bookings Discussion and demo
	Maj BROWN	Sgt BIRRIEN
Fri 21 Jan 44	Bivouac drill camouflage } discussion	Bivouac drill } demo camouflage } demo
	Capt MATTHEWS	Lieut GILMOUR Capt MATTHEWS
Sat 22 Jan 44	Track discipline River crossings discussion and demo	Pe adm discussion appreciations
	Maj Brown Maj McRAE	Capt McMASTER Maj SPER
Mon 24 Jan 44	Messages and Orders discussion & demo	Sh arms - general Air cooperation
	Lieut WENBORN	Capt MATTHEWS Maj McRAE
Tues 25 Jan 44	Inspection of feet General health First Aid	Map reading Compass work Discussion & demo
	Capt SPRING	Lieut WENBORN

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~~2/23 Capt Prof Br~~

Wed 26 Jan

Kit inspection
Discuss & Demo
(Lovell)

Care of Arms
(Gilmour)
Bale Staff duties
(Matthews)

Thurs 27 Jan

ambushes
Discuss & demo
(May McBae)

E. S. B. Organ
(Matthews)
Sigs
(Sgt O. or Lovell)

Fri 28 Jan

Psychology
~~Psychology~~
of individual
(Capt Spring)
Air Photo
(Capt Matthews)

Intelligence
(Wentborn)
Gen Discussion
on Cause
Maj Spence, McBae

cadre to be organized as a Pl. (W.E.)
Pl & Sec squads to be changed round daily.
First period each day to be spent in Pl check
& inspection in detail, sec 2/cs & Pl sqts to be
responsible for checking all dress & equipment.
prior to each half-day period.

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EDUCATIONAL TALKS - Jan 44

Jan	10	0930	Higher Formation Functions	Capt	SEDGLEY
		1430	Art of Salemanship	Lt	BARRAND
	11	0930	Motion Picture Industry	"	GRAY
		1430	Human Eye and Tricks of Light	"	HIPSLEY
	12	0930	Coastal Fishing	"	BATESON
		1430	British Army in India	Capt	COWAN
	13	0930	Cattle Raising in Qld	Lt	LAWRIE
		1430	Internal Combustion Engine	"	HEATON
	14	0930	Story of a Cheque	"	ENDERBY
		1430	More about India	Capt	BOWMAN
	15	0930	Textile Designing	Lt	DENING
		1430	Diseases Preventable	Capt	SPRING
	17	0930	Intellegence in Infantry	Lt	WENBORN
		1430	Banking	"	FOSTER
	18	0930	Pottery and Tile Industry	"	McLEOD
		1430	Sport Generally	"	HOLT

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 1/1/1944 2/23 Aust 4/18 (Unit)

37/10 (Serial No.)

W.E. 11/12/2 OFFRS. 32 O.R's 712 + OFFRS. 1 O.R's 24 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.				
NR	3	3	22	* * Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs.	20 Aust 4/18 99 MG	1	1						
NR	1					1							
NR	4	3	31			2	1						
		DETAIL		A.I.P.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.P.	**	TOTAL.
		A.		33									33
		E.(1)											
		E.(2)											

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* 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.
252046	1st Lt	MATTHEWS R. H.	26 Aust 4/18	20/1/44	By joint unit and census to be recorded on 20/1/44 26 Aust 4/18.

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 1/1/1943 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Lt	10310	TUCKER	F.A.G.	CO	YES		
Lt	10311	SPUR	P.P.	2nd	"		
Lt	10312	MCNEIL	E.H.		NO	LOB	16 Oct 43
Lt	10313	BROWN	H.F.	100th	YES		
Lt	10314	SEDSLEY	T.G.	1st	"		
Lt	10315	WIMASTER	N.E.	100th	"		
Lt	10316	DUDLEY	T.		NO	SEMPER	1 Nov 43
Lt	10317	GRAY	H.	100th	YES		
Lt	10318	MATTHEWS	T.H.	1st	"		
Lt	10319	VINES	W.T.		NO	DET 3rd Lt / 1st Lt (1) 13 Dec 43	
Lt	10320	LOVELL	P.K.	1st	YES		
Lt	10321	ROW	R.P.R.	1st	"		
Lt	10322	GILMOUR	H.B.	1st	"		
Lt	10323	HIPSLBY	T.W.	1st	"		
Lt	10324	MILBURN	A.P.K.		NO	LOB	16 Oct 43
Lt	10325	LYNE	A.	1st	YES		
Lt	10326	GIBBS	E.H.		NO	LOB	16 Oct 43
Lt	10327	BATELON	A.	1st	YES		
Lt	10328	BARRAND	R.S.	1st	"		
Lt	10329	WELBURN	L.R.	1st	"		
Lt	10330	ROSTER	K.A.	1st	"		
Lt	10331	STEPHENSON	H.W.	1st	"		
Lt	10332	HUGH	P.R.	1st	"		
Lt	10333	LAWRIE	D.C.	1st	"		
Lt	10334	MERTON	E.T.	1st	"		
Lt	10335	STEVENSON	L.N.D.	1st	"		
Lt	10336	HARLEN	S.W.	1st	"		
Lt	10337	HARPER	H.P.G.	1st	"		
Lt	10338	SHERRY	C.A.	1st	"		
Lt	10339	BEANS	H.S.	1st	"		
Lt	10340	MOAT	C.C.	1st	"		

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
Lt	10341	SPRING E.E.	1st	13/1/43	R.M.O.
Chap	10342	KELLY T.K.	1st	13/1/43	CHAPLAIN

Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 1 / 1 / 1944 3rd Battalion 8th (Unit)

W.E. 11 / 12 / 2. OFFRS. 32 O.R's. 738 + OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 34 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.								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	W.Os. Class I.								
			5	W.Os. Class II.								
				Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.								
			4	Staff Sergeants				AS DETAILED PART B.				
			28	Sergeants								
			59	Corporals							15	
			354	Troopers, Privates, etc.								
				Civilians counting as O.R.								
287 *	287		451 *	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.					19 *		15	NR *

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 7 of instructions for compilation of this return will complete analysis of Part B(1) and B(2). * * Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col. Particulars will be shown, e.g., 20 U.K. Forces, 10 N.Z. Forces.	Detail	A.I.F.	C.M.F.		A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N	R.A.A.F	* *	TOTAL
			Under 19 Years.	19 Years and over.							
			A								
B(1)											
B(2)											1

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

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

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.
2 Sgts	AAAC				COLUMN 4		
1 Sgts	AAAC			1	FD PUN		
1 Pte	AAAC			1	LEAVE		
3 Sgts	AAAL			2	26 BDE		
1 WO	AAAL			6	SCHOOLS		
3 Ptes	AAAL			41	LOB 3rd OF INSCHRAFEN 1 Bn		
1 SGT	AE ME			31	TOTAL		
1 Cpl	AE ME				COLUMN 7		
1 SGT	AA PS						
1 SGT	AA PC				1 WO AAAL LOB FINSCHRAFEN		
4 Ptes	AAAL						
					52 GRAND TOTAL		

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

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

Unit
PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 15/1/1944.

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				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, R.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammormen			
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	4	1	NR
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	3	1	NR
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers	24	17	9	Tailors	1		NR
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters	6	6		Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics											
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)											
Fitters				Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors							
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers	1		NR	SEA DUTIES 580 300 2 71			
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	4	1	NR	TRAINERS			
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply				NS. HOS.			
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical							
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	7	6	NR	Coach Trimmers				NGOs	10797	NR	
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors							
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks							
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies							
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.	34	17	NR
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals							
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.							
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics		10					
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant							
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.							
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers	1	1					
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers		9					
CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD	13	12	NR	CARRIED FORWARD	43	52	5	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	172	470	287

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(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.

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NCOs as per NOTE "A" PART "E"

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1 WO II CSM RIFLE COY (NR)

1 S/SGT COMS (NR)

1 SGT SIG PL (NR)

2 PL SGTs (NR)

5 CPLs (SECTION LEADERS) (NR)

TO BE FILLED
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PERSONNEL
AT PRESENT
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REINFT. NOT
REQUIRED.

2/23 Aust Inf. Bn

38 A.

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Dr. Sgt	SX 10310	TUCKER	F.H.G.	C.O.	YES		
Sgt	VX 45395	SPIDR.	P.B.	2 1/2			
"	VX 45791	M'RHG	B.M.	-	NO	LOB	21-1-41
"	VX 45529	BROWN	W.F.	O.C. Dec	YES		
Capt.	VX 61576	SODOLBY	J.G.	2 1/2			
"	VX 46024	M'MASTER	H.F.	O.C. B.			
"	VX 1087	DUDLEY	J.	-	NO	SCHOOL	3-1-43
Lieut	VX 50364	GRAY	H.	O.C. W.	YES		
T/Capt.	VX 36046	MATTHEWS	T.H.	A/ADT.			
"	VX 50341	VINES	W.J.	-	NO	DET. 26 Aust Lfy Bde BM(4)	13-2-43
Lieut	VX 23475	LOVELL	F.K.	A/JGM.	YES		
"	VX 8944	GILMOUR.	N.B.	O.C. W/107			
"	VX 57872	HIPSLBY	J.W.	2 1/2			
"	VX 52554	M'LEOD	H.F.K.	-	NO	LOB	3-1-43
"	VX 41643	LYNE	A.	12 PL	YES		
"	VX 54532	CRIBBS	B.H.	-	NO	LOB	21-1-43
"	VX 26715	BATESON	A.	3 PL	YES		
"	VX 35125	BARRARD	R.S.	7 "			
"	VX 40152	WIEM BORN	L.P.	20			
"	VX 46395	POSTER	K.G.	17 PL			
"	VX 41937	STEPHENSON	H.W.	15 "			
"	VX 42081	HOOK	P.R.	15 "			
"	VX 7410	LAWRIE	D.C.	13 "			
"	VX 136034	HEATON	B.T.	11 "			
"	QX 34264	STEVENSON	G.M.	9 "			
"	VX 25921	HANSEN	S.W.	11 "			
"	VX 61094	HARPER	H.P.C.	16 "			
"	VX 58699	ENDERBY	E.A.	9 "			
"	VX 5031	DENING.	K.S.	2 "			
"	VX 103460	HORT.	C.G.	1 "			

Capt. VX 64241 SPRING. B.E. NAME 13-1-43 R.M.O.
 Chap. QX 57201 KELLY J.K. AA. CH. 3 23-1-43 CHAPLAIN.

8 Jan 44.

11 12^c 2 32 8 1 44 2/23 Aust. Inf. Bn 38 A
738 1 34

NR 3 1 3
2 5
NR 1 21
(Capt)
4 2 30 2 1

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QX 34264 Lieut. STEVENSON. G.M. 2/2 Aust. C.C.S. 5 Jan 44 Rejoined Unit

QX 34264 Lieut. STEVENSON. G.M. 2/2 Aust. C.C.S. 2 Jan 44 Unit Address
VX 5062 .. Row. R.F.H. 2/8 Aust. MDS. 5 Jan 44 P.O. NYD.

Matthews Capt for

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

35/A (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 8/1/1944. 2/23 Aust Inf Bn (Unit)

W.E. 11/120/2 OFFRS. 32 O.R.'s 734 + OFFRS. 1 O.R.'s 34 ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.
NR	1			W.Os. Class I.					
NR	5		1	W.Os. Class II.					
				Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.	AS DETACHED IN PART 'B'				
NR	4		1	Staff Sergeants					
NR	12		19	Sergeants		15		19	NR
NR	17		47	Corporals					
286	247		384	Troopers, Privates, etc.					
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
286 *	286		452 *	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.		15 *		19	NR *

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

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Detail	A.I.F.	C.M.F.		A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL
		Under 19 Years.	19 Years and over.							
A	467									467
B(1)										
B(2)	(2)	1								1

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 Sgt	ARMC				COLUMN	4	
1 Plt	ARMC			1	FD PUN		
1 Plt	ARMC			2	DET 260de		
2 Sgt	ARCC			6	SCHOOLS		
1 WO II	ARCC			156	M.D.S.		
3 Plt	ARCC			35	LOB. PINSCHAFFEN (34)		
4 Plt	ARCC			1	LEAVE		BUNA
1 Sgt	ARPS			201	TOTAL		
1 Sgt	ARPC				COLUMN 7		
					1 WO II ARCC LOB. PINSCHAFFEN		

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).

740 44089 Inf Bn Unit

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 8/1/1944.

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.			Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)			Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)			Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)			
W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	
			Surveyors, Engineering			Operating Room Assts.			G.P.O. Assistants			
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	11	NR	
Armament Artificer Signals			Welders			Painters			Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless						Panel Beaters			Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery						Photographer, Dry Plate			Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine						Predictor Numbers			Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths						Printers			Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers						Radiographers			Stevadores			
Computers						Riggers			Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital			GROUP II.			Sawyers			Storemen, Technical	3	NR	
Coppersmiths			Armourers			Signallers	24	13	Tailors	1	NR	
Dispensers			Axemen			Signwriters			Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen			Bakers			Telescope Identfn. Numbers			Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)			Bty. Comd's. Asst.			Well Borers			Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)			Boilermakers			Wheelers			Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)			Carpenters	6	6	Winchman			Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)			Carpenters and Joiners			Wireman						
Electricians			Cooks			Woodturners						
Electricians (M.V.)			Dental Mechanics									
Electricians (Signals)			Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)									
Fitters			Driver-Operator									
Fitters (Cycle)			Drainers									
Fitters (Electrical)			Electricians									
Fitters (Gun)			Electricians (Engineers)									
Fitters (Instrument)			Fire Control Operators			GROUP III.			DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (M.V.)			Gun Operator			Battery Surveyors						
Fitters, Railway Signal			Hatchman			Butchers	1	NR	GEN DUTIES	580	337	
Fitters, Signals			Height Taker			Clerks	4	1			275	
Grinder, Precision			Hello Operator			Clerks, Supply						
Mechanics, Instrument			Instrument Operator			Clerks, Technical			NCO'S.	107	16	
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)			Intelligence Duties	7	5	Coach Trimmers					NR	
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)			Joiners			Concretors			TRAINED			
Mechanics, Radio			Lineman			Cooks			M.M.G.			
Mechanics, Typewriter			Lineman, Signals			Dental Clerk Orderlies			N.O.I.		6	
Mechanics, Wireless			Lithographers			Despatch Riders			ATTACHED BY W.E.	24	15	
Millwrights			Machinists, Metal			Draughtsmen, Signals					NR	
Operators, Excavator			Machinists, Wood			Drivers, H.T.						
Pattern Maker			Masons			Driver Mechanics	10					
Pharmacist			Masseurs			Driver Tpin. Plant						
Photographer, Wet Plate			Mechanics, M.T.			Engine Hands, I.C.						
Photowriter			Miners			Equipment Repairers	1	1				
Plumber			Moulders			Farriers						
Saw Doctors			Nurses, Trained			Fitters' Mates						
Surveyors			Observation Post Assts.			Gun Layers		9				
CARRIED FORWARD			CARRIED FORWARD	13	11	CARRIED FORWARD	43	45	5	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	772	467

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

Matthews last far
Signature of Commander

DEFICIENCY

Statement of Command

(a) Areas not covered on Report of Deficiency or other at date of this report, shall, unless otherwise stated, be reported in this report. (b) Areas covered on Report of Deficiency or other at date of this report, shall, unless otherwise stated, be reported in this report. (c) Areas not covered on Report of Deficiency or other at date of this report, shall, unless otherwise stated, be reported in this report. (d) Areas covered on Report of Deficiency or other at date of this report, shall, unless otherwise stated, be reported in this report. (e) Areas not covered on Report of Deficiency or other at date of this report, shall, unless otherwise stated, be reported in this report.

CURRENT MONTHLY	PREVIOUS MONTHLY	DEFICIENCY	STATUS	REASON
1	1	WO I		
5	5	WO II		
4	4	S/SGTS		
12	12	PL SGTS		
17	17	PL CPLs		
39. TOTAL				

NCOs as per NOTE 'A' PART 'E.'

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To be filled by X list personnel as present in MDS. Drafts NOT required

STATE DEPT OF DEFENSE
UNITED STATES ARMY
FORM 888 (REV. 1961)
DEFICIENCY REPORT
STATE DEPT OF DEFENSE

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 15 / 1 / 1944 *2/23 A.M.L.F. (Unit)*

W.E. 11 / 12 / 2 OFFRS. 32 O.R's. 734 + OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 34 ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1 W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				5 DETAIL.		6 ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.	Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.		
NR	1			W.Os. Class I.						
NR	2		4	W.Os. Class II.	<i>AS DETAILLED IN PART B</i>					
				Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.		18		16	NR	
NR	4		1	Staff Sergeants						
NR	11		20	Sergeants						
NR	9		55	Corporals						
373	346		255	Troopers, Privates, etc.						
				Civilians counting as O.R.						
373 *	373		365 *	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.				16	NR*	

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	383									383
B(1)										
B(2) (4)	1									1

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Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

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

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached
2 Sgts	AAMC				COLUMN	4	
1 Plt	AAMC			1	FD-PUNISHMENT		
2 Plts	AAMC			1	LEAVE		
3 Sgts	AACC			27	SCHOOLS		
1 Plt	AACC			2	DPT 26 Bde		
7 Plts	AACC			1	DPT 9 AUST. DIV. LABOUR DETAILS		
1 Sgt	AAPS			4	LOB. BUNA		
1 Sgt	AAPC			60	MDS		
				96			

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).

223 Aust Inf Bn Unit

39/A Serial No.

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 15/1/1944.

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				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, E.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Bangetakers	11		NR
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevedores			
Computers								Biggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical	3	1	NR
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers	24	13	5	Tailors	1		NR
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters	6	5	NR	Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics											
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)											
Fitters				Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				GEN DUTIES	580	245	362
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers	1		NR				
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	4	1	NR				
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply				NEO'S	107	80	NR
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical							
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	7	4	NR	Coach Trimmers							
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors				TRAINED MMG			
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks				NO'S			6
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies				ATTACHED BY W.E.	34	18	NR
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders							
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals							
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.							
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics			7				
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tpin. Plant							
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.							
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers	1	1					
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers			8				
CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD	13	9	NR	CARRIED FORWARD	43	39	5	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	772	383	*373

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]
Signature of Commander

NCO'S as per NOTE "A" PART "E"

DEFICIENT.

1	WO-I.
2	WO-II.
4	S/SGTS.
11	PL. SGTs
9	PL. CPLs.
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27	TOTAL.

To be filled by
 X list personnel
 at present in MDS.
Reinfts NOT required

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TABLE DETAILED BY COMPANY 21st BATTAL AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

12 Jan 51

39 A

11 12C 2 15 1 44 2/23 Aust Inf Bn
 32 738 1 34

NR	3		1				
			3		AA Ch D	1	1
			5		AAMC	1	
NR	1	1	20				
					(Capt)		
NR	4	1	29			2	1

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VX43791	Maj	McRae	E H	LOB Det	10 Jan 44	Rejoined Unit
VX52884	Lieut	McLeod	H F K	"	10 Jan 44	"
VX5062	"	Row	R F H	2/2 Aust CCS	11 Jan 44	"
TX890	"	Beecroft	W R	"	12 Jan 44	"
VX41643	"	Lyne	A	4 Fd Amb	13 Jan 44	"
VX61904	"	Harper	H P B	2/2 Aust CCS	14 Jan 44	"

VX41643	Lieut	Lyne	A	4 Fd Amb	9 Jan 44	P.U.O.
VX61904	"	Harper	H P B	"	9 Jan 44	"
VX52382	"	Gibbs	E H	9 Aust Div Lab	24 Dec 43	Det for Dut
VX8944	"	Gilmour	N B	4 Fd Amb	12 Jan 44	P.U.O.
VX51872	"	Hipsley	J	"	12 Jan 44	"
VX50364	"	Gray	H	NGF Sch Photo	Inter 12 Jan 44	
QX34264	"	Stevenson	G M	4 Fd Amb	13 Jan 44	P.U.O.

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Lt-Col	SX10310	Tucker	F A G	CO	Yes		
Major	VX48398	Spier	P E	2i/c	"		
"	VX48791	McRae	E H	OC HQ	Coy "		
"	VX48589	Brown	W F	" D	" "		
Capt	VX61536	Sedgley	J G	2i/c B	" "		
"	VX40314	McMaster	N E	OC B	" "		
"	VX5087	Dudley	J	-	No	School	3 Nov 43
Lieut	VX50364	Gray	H	-	No	School	12 Jan 44
T/Capt	VX36046	Matthews	T H	OC A	Coy Yes		
"	VX50341	Vines	W J	-	No	Det 26 Bde EM (L)	13 Dec 43
Lieut	VX23475	Lovell	F K	A/OM	Yes		
"	VX5062	Row	R F	H Adj	"		
"	VX52884	McLeod	H F	W 5 Pl	"		
"	VX41643	Lyne	A	12"	"		
"	VX52832	Gibbs	E H	-	No	9 Aust Div Lab Details	24 Dec
"	VX28713	Bateson	A	3 Pl	Yes		
"	VX25125	Barrand	R S	7 "	"		
"	VX40152	Wenborn	L P	10	"		
"	VX46373	Foster	K G	17 Pl	"		
"	VX41937	Stephenson	H W	15 "	"		
"	VX42081	Hook	P R	18 "	"		
"	VX7410	Lawrie	D C	13 "	"		
"	VX136034	Heaton	E T	14 "	"		
"	VX890	Beecroft	W R	10 "	"		
"	VX28921	Hansen	S H	11 "	"		
"	VX61094	Harper	H P	G 16 "	"		
"	VX88699	Enderby	E A	8 "	"		
"	VX5031	Denning	K S	2 "	"		
"	VX103460	Holt	C G	1 "	"		

Capt	VX64241	Spring	E E	A A M C	13 Sep 43	RMO
Chap	QX59201	Kelly	J R	AA ch D	23 Oct 43	Chaplain

John L. ...

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

40/11... (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 22/1/1944. 2/23 Aust Inf Bn (Unit)

W.E. 11/12/2 OFFRS. 32 O.R's. 738 + OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 34 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.
NR	4	2	21	1 Lieut.-Colonels 3 Majors 4 Captains 21 Lieutenants 21 Quarter-masters Capt. A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs.	ARCH D RAMC	1 1	1		
NR	4	2	30			2	1		

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.	32									32
E.(1)										
E.(2)										

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

* 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.
125283	LIEUT	GIBBS E.R.	9 Div Det Labour Det	15 Jan 44	Rejoined unit
1242701	LT CAPT	LUKEY G.W.	112 Coy Depot	17 Jan 44	Rejoined unit
1234264	LIEUT	STEVENSON G.M.	4th Aust F.D. Bn	19 Jan 44	

PART B PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS QUITTED

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
41937	LIEUT	STEPHENSON H.W.	Det PANSF	20/1/44	
125185	"	BARRAND R.S.		20/1/44	
34264	"	STEVENSON G.M.	MOBILE WEAPON	20/1/44	DETACHED
17410	"	LAWRIE D.C.		20/1/44	
241901	"	HAYTER H.P.R.	TRC CADRE	20/1/44	

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
123475	LIEUT	LOVELL F.R.	4th Aust F.D. Bn	17/1/44	EVACUATED SICK
149278	MAJOR	SPIER P.E.	SPECIAL DUTY	18/1/44	DETACHED
120115	LIEUT.	BATHSON H.	"	"	"
101643	"	LYNE A.	"	"	"
146373	"	FOSTER K.G.	"	"	"
152824	"	MELLED H.F.K.	"	"	"
152832	"	GIBBS E.H.	"	"	"
120372	CAPT.	MUMFISTER W.E.	2/5 A.D.S.	20/1/44	EVACUATED SICK.
12890	LIEUT	BEECROFT A.W.	"	20/1/44	"

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).

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

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40 / 8 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 22/1/1944 2/22 Aust Inf B (Unit)

W.E. 11/12/2 OFFRS. 32 O.R's. 738 OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 34 ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.
NR	1			W.Os. Class I.	As Detailed in Part B				
NR	3		3	W.Os. Class II.					
				Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.		18		16	NR
NR	4		1	Staff Sergeants					
NR	13		18	Sergeants					
NR	12		52	Corporals					
403	370		261	Troopers, Privates, etc.					
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
403 *	403		335 *	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2		18 *		16	NR

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Detail	A.I.F.	C.M.F.		A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N	R.A.A.F	* *	TOTAL
		Under 19 Years.	19 Years and over.							
A	353									353
B(1)										
B(2)	(1)	1								1

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

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

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached
2 Sgts	AAMC				COLUMN	4	
1 Lt	AAMC						
1 Pte	AAMC			1	LEAVE		
4 Sgts	AACC			34	SCHOOLS		
2 Lt	AACC			28	SPECIAL DUTY		
6 Pte	AACC			3	LOB BUNN		
1 Sgt	ARPS			26	M.DS		
1 Sgt	AAPC			96			
					COLUMN	7	
				2	AACC DET		
					SPECIAL DUTY		

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).

2/23 Aust Inf Bn Unit

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 22/1/1944

Table with 15 columns: Details of Tradesmen (GROUP I, II, III), W.E., Posted Strength, Reints. Required. Includes rows for Ammunition Examiners, Surveyors, Engineering, Operating Room Assts., G.P.O. Assistants, etc.

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.

SEE OVER

22 Jan 44 Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

NCOs as per NOTE "H" PART "E"

DEFICIENT

- 1 WO I
- 3 WO II
- 4 S/SGTS
- 13 PL SGTS
- 12 PL CPLS

To be filled by
X List personnel
at present in MDS.
Reinfts NOT required.

33 TOTAL

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

414 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 29/1/1944. 2/23 Aust Inf B (Unit)

W.E. 11/12/2 OFFRS. 32 O.R's. 738+ OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 34 ATT. BY W.E.

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

W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.									
1	2	3	4		5	6	7	8	9	10				
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.					
NR	4	3	22	Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants Quartermasters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs.	HACH D HMMC	1 1	1							
NR	4	3	31			2	1							
				DETAIL.	A.I.F.	O.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.	33									33
				E. (1)										
				E. (2)										

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* 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.
VX40314	CAPT	MCMASTER NE	2/2 CCS	23 Jan 44	Rejoined Unit
VX23475	LIEUT	LOVELL FK	4 MDS	26 Jan 44	"
TX890	LIEUT	BEECROFT RW	2/15 FD AmB	27 Jan 44	"
NX132875	CAPT	BRYSON HW	HACH D (26 BDE)	22 Jan 44	Attached Chaplain
QX14795	LIEUT	BOARD JL	NG DETAILS DEPOT	22 Jan 44	Rejoined Unit

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
VX47081	LIEUT	HOOK PR	2/3 ADS	24 Jan 44	Evacuated Sick
VX23475	LIEUT	LOVELL FK	2/3 ADS	28 Jan 44	"
VX136034	LIEUT	HEATON FT	NGF PHOTO INTERPRETATION COURSE NO 3		} DETACHED SCHOOL
QX53201	CAPT	KELLY JK	HACH D (26 BDE)	22 JAN 44	Ceased to be attached

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).

213 HUNT INF BN Unit

...H...H... (Serial No.)

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 29/1/1944 (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	SX10310	TICKER	F.H.G.	CO	Yes		
MAJOR	VX48398	SPIER	P.E.	—	NO	DET SPECIAL DUTY	18 JAN 44
"	VX48791	MCKE	E.H.	OC 10 Coy	Yes		
"	VX48589	BROWN	W.F.	OC 3 Coy	"		
CAPT	VX48536	SPEGLEY	J.C.	OC 2 Coy	"		
"	VX40314	PFISTER	N.E.	OC 1 Coy	"		
"	VX 5087	DUDLEY	J.	—	NO	SCHOOL	3 NOV 43
T/CAPT	VX47101	LUKEY	G.W.	QM	Yes		
LIEUT	VX50364	GRAY	H.	—	NO	SCHOOL	12 JAN 44
T/CAPT	VX50341	VINES	W.J.	—	"	DET 26 BDE B.M. (L)	13 DEC 43
LIEUT	VX23475	LOVELL	F.K.	—	"	MDS	28 JAN 44
"	VX 50402	KOW	R.F.	HQJT	Yes		
"	VX31224	MLEOD	H.E.K.	—	NO	DET SPECIAL DUTY	18 JAN 44
"	VX41643	LYNE	A.	—	"	"	"
"	VX52832	GIBBS	E.H.	—	"	"	"
"	VX28713	BATESON	H.	—	"	"	"
"	VX25125	BARKHAD	R.S.	—	"	SCHOOL	20 JAN 44
"	VX40152	WENBORN	L.P.	10	Yes		
"	VX46373	FOSTER	K.G.	—	NO	DET SPECIAL DUTY	12 JAN 44
"	VX41957	STEPHENSON	H.W.	—	"	SCHOOL	20 JAN 44
"	VX47081	HOOK	P.R.	—	"	MDS	14 JAN 44
"	VX 7110	LAWRIE	D.C.	—	"	SCHOOL	21 JAN 44
"	VX136034	HEATON	E.T.	—	"	SCHOOL	27 JAN 44
"	QX 34264	STEVENSON	C.M.	—	"	SCHOOL	21 JAN 44
"	TA 390	BEECROFT	W.R.	10 PL	Yes		
"	VX 22921	HANSEN	S.H.	11 PL	"		
"	VX 14704	HARPER	H.P.G.	—	NO	SCHOOL	21 JAN 44
"	VX 82699	ENDERBY	E.A.	2 PL	Yes		
"	QX 14995	BOHND	J.L.	14 PL	"		
"	VX 5031	DENING	K.B.	11 MG PL	"		
"	VX103460	HOLT	C.G.	1 PL	"		

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
CAPT	VX64241	SPRING E.E.	AMMC	13 SEPT 43	R.M.D.
CHAP	NX132275	BRYSON H.W.	ARCH DEPT.	22 JAN 44	CHAPLAIN.

29 JAN 44
Date of Despatch

[Signature]
Signature of Commander

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

41/A (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 29/1/1944 2/3 Aust. Inv. Bn (Unit)

W.E. 11/125/2 OFFRS. 32 O.R's. 738 + OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 34 ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

Table with 10 columns for W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED and ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E., and a central DETAIL section. Rows include categories like W.Os. Class I, Staff Sergeants, Sergeants, Corporals, etc., with handwritten values for Reinforcements Required, Deficient W.E., Surplus to W.E., and Posted Strength.

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

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Summary table with columns: Detail, A.I.F., C.M.F. (Under 19 Years, 19 Years and over), A.W.A.S., A.A.M.W.S., CIVIL, R.A.N, R.A.A.F, ** (Personnel not provided for), TOTAL. Handwritten values are present for A.I.F. (506) and TOTAL (506).

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

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

Table with 8 columns: Number of O.Rs., Unit to which they belong, and Number of O.Rs., Unit to which detached. Part B includes units like R.A.M.C. and R.A.C.C. Part C includes Column 4 (SCHOOLS, LEAVE, SPECIAL DUTY, BUNA FOR DUTY) and Column 7 ((RACC) MDS).

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

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

2/23 HUNT INF BN Unit

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 29/1/1944.

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				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants				
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, R.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen				
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers				
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing				
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental				
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers				
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangefinders	4		2	
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Riveters				
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Songriders				
Artificer, Artillery		1						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	3	2	NR	
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers	24	13	5	Tailors	1		1	
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Reciters				
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths				
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers				
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Bollermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors				
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters	6	5	NR	Winchman				Whitesmiths				
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman				MASON		1		
Electricians				Cooks		1		Woodturners								
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics												
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)												
Fitters				Driver-Operator		2										
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers												
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians												
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)												
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators												
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator												
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman												
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker												
Grinder, Precision				Hello Operator												
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator												
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	7	5	NR									
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners												
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman												
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals												
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers												
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal												
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood												
Pattern Maker				Masons												
Pharmacist				Masseurs												
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.												
Photewriter				Miners												
Plumber				Moulders												
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained												
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.												
CARRIED FORWARD		1		CARRIED FORWARD		13	14	NR	CARRIED FORWARD	43	48	5				Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 8 and 10 of Part A, respectively.

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.

29 Jan 44
Date of Despatch

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NCO'S AS PER NOTE 'A' PART 'E'

DEFICIENT:-

1 WO I (RSM)
2 WO II (CSM)
3 S/SCTS (CQMS)
14 SGTS (PL)
13 CPLS (PL)

To be filled by X LIST
personnel at present
in Hospital. Reinfects
NOT required.

33 TOTAL

2123 AVST INF BN Unit

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 22/1/1944 (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	SX 10310	TUCKER	FAG	C.O	YES		
MAJOR	VX 48398	SPITER	PE	-	NO	DET SPECIAL DUTY	18 JAN 44
"	VX 48791	MURRAY	EH	OC HQ Coy	YES		
"	VX 48589	BROWN	WF	OC D Coy	"		
CAPT	VX 61536	SEDMLEY	JC	OC B Coy	"		
"	VX 40314	MCMASTER	NE	-	NO	MDS	20 JAN 44
"	VX 5087	DUDLEY	J	-	"	SCHOOL	3 NOV 43
T/CAPT	VX 42701	LUKEY	GW	QM	YES		
LIEUT	VX 50364	GRAY	H	-	NO	SCHOOL	12 JAN 44
T/CAPT	VX 50341	VINES	WJ	-	"	DET 26 BDE BM(L)	12 DEC 43
LIEUT	VX 23475	LOVELL	EK	-	"	MDS	17 JAN 44
"	VX 5062	ROW	R FH	ADJT	YES		
"	VX 52884	MCLEOD	HFK	-	NO	DET SPEC DUTY	18 JAN 44
"	VX 41643	LYNEA	A	-	"	"	18 JAN 44
"	VX 52832	GIBBS	EH	-	"	"	18 JAN 44
"	VX 25113	BATESON	A	-	"	"	18 JAN 44
"	VX 25125	BARRAND	RS	1 PL	NO	SCHOOL	20 JAN 44
"	VX 40152	WENBORN	LP	1 O	YES		
"	VX 46373	FOSTER	KG	-	NO	DET SPEC DUTY	18 JAN 44
"	VX 41937	STEPHENSON	HW	-	"	SCHOOL	20 JAN 44
"	VX 42081	HOOK	PK	12 PL	YES		
"	VX 7410	LAWRIE	DC	-	NO	SCHOOL	21 JAN 44
"	VX 136034	HEATON	ET	14 PL	YES		
"	VX 34264	STEVENSON	GM	-	NO	SCHOOL	21 JAN 44
"	VX 890	BEECROFT	WR	-	"	MDS	20 JAN 44
"	VX 28921	HANSEN	SH	11 PL	YES		
"	VX 61904	HARPER	HPG	-	NO	SCHOOL	21 JAN 44
"	VX 88699	ENDERBY	EA	8 PL	YES		
"	VX 5031	DEMINS	KB	2 PL	"		
"	VX 103460	HOLT	CG	1 PL	"		

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
CAPT	VX 64241	SPRING EE	RAMC	13 SEP 43	RMO
CHAP	VX 59201	KELLY JR	HA CH DEPT	23 OCT 43	CHAPLAIN

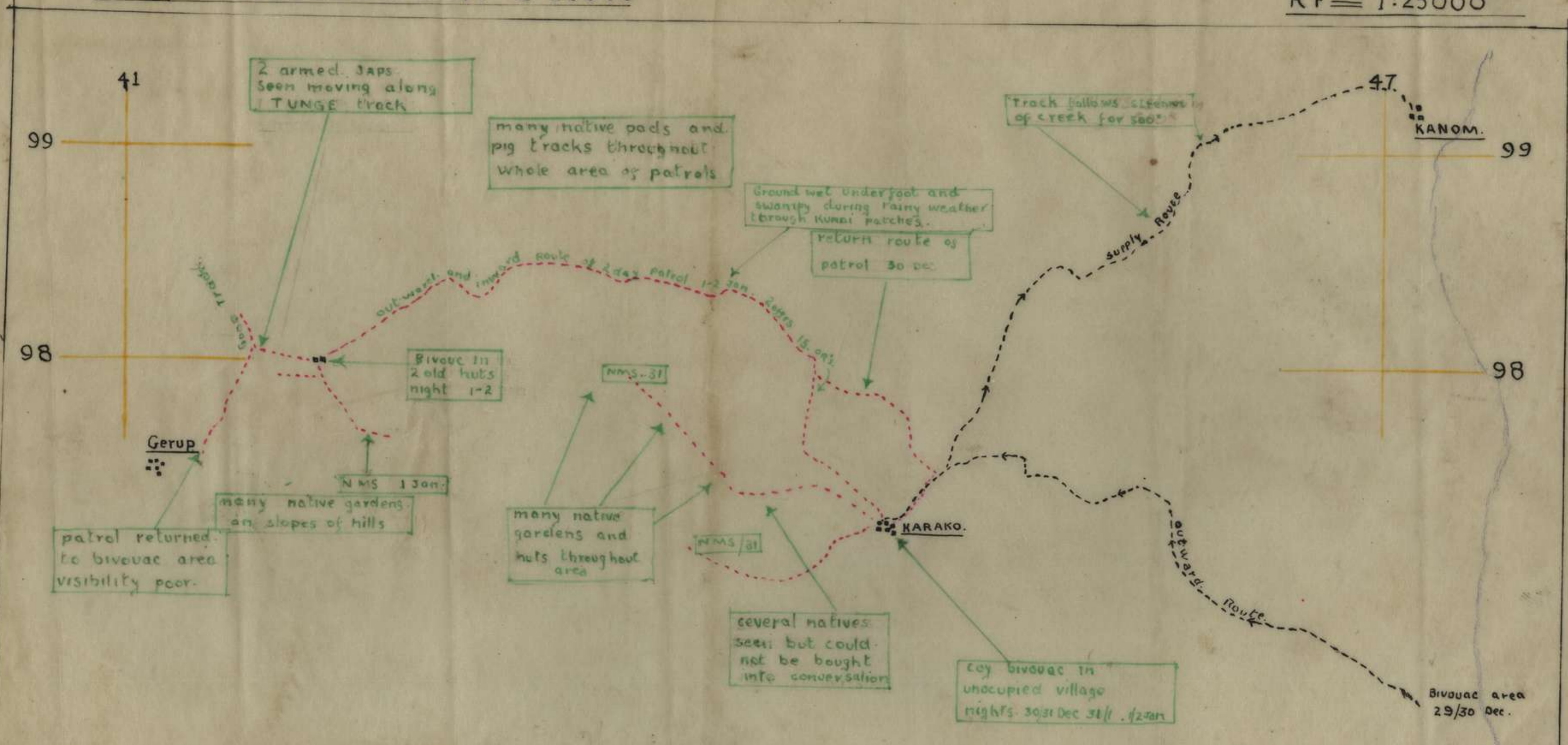
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IO 2/23 Aust Inf Bn*

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Unit 2nd 3rd Aust Inf Bn Date and Time.—From 1 Feb 44 To 29 Feb 44

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
SONG RIVER SCARLET BEACH	1		Normal coy parades and trg. The CO made an inspection of B Coy parade, and coy lines. Work on the improvements to camp area continued and the unit area was in good order when, in the afternoon, Lt Gen BERRIMAN, comd 2 Aust Corps, accompanied by Brig WHITEHEAD and Lt Col GILLESPIE were present at the swimming carnival organized by 26 Bde. 2/43 Bn won the competition with 26 Bde and 2/23 Bn second and third. CO discussed camp adm matters with coy conds at a conference held in the evening. 'Red' alert signalled to the bn at 2000L indicated the presence of hostile A/C.	
	2		At this time 26 Bde were preparing a series of signboards for erection in the KATIKA - SATELBERG - WAREO battle areas, with the intention of setting up a permanent record of the actions which had been fought there. Other bdes carried out a similar plan, so that the story of the entire FINSCH battle, together with the names of the units which had taken part, is now told by a complete series of attractive notices. members of the unit, in coy gps, were given the opportunity of viewing the signboards before they were set up in the battle area. Arrangements for a bn parade on 3 Feb, were explained to offrns by the CO. The parade was to be held on NORTH HILL about 1/2 ml from the camp.	
	3		The bn assembled on NORTH HILL, to the strains of band music provided by 35 Aust Inf Bn, and formed up in readiness for inspection by the CO. When this had been completed the CO addressed the bn as a whole for the first time since he assumed comd in Oct 43. A saluting base was established, and as the tps marched back to camp, Lt Col TUCKER accepted the first official salute offered him by the bn. Until now, ops had made such a gesture impossible. Working parties continued to cut firewood for CCS. Notes on 'FLEETFOOT' op were distributed to coys. At 2000L, enemy A/C were again over the area.	

*Johnathan Col
2/23 Aust Inf Bn*

J.P. Tucker
D.O. 2/23 Aust. Inf. Bn.

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
SONG RIVER SCARLET BEACH	4		Normal routine - parades and coy trg. instns were received that the bn provide a gd of 1 offr 25 ORs for duty at 2/2 CCS, from 5 - 10 Feb. A Coy supplied the required pers, who M/O at 1230L (appx).	
	5		Coy parades. Arrangements for a unit gala day were brought to completion during the day. Pnrs erected a boxing ring, a small stage, and a dining table for guests of the unit. The services of a small band of American tps had been obtained, and they, together with Brig WHITEHEAD and other offr were entertained at dinner. At 1630L boxing contests were commenced, and many lively bouts were witnessed. Padre BRYSON was referee. After the evening meal, a concert was presented to a large audience, under the direction of Capt G W LUKEY. Items by the visiting US pers, and those by members of the unit provided a most enjoyable night - probably the most successful entertainment of the kind ever held by the bn.	
	6		Church parade again conducted by Chap FARMER. After the parade, the CO passed on to the tps the infm concerning the impending move to Aust, and he explained the conditions under which the award of Africa Star and clasp would be made. Coys prepared nominal rolls of pers eligible for this decoration. 'Red' alert was signalled, and AIA fire was observed toward FINSCH HARBOUR and LANGEMAK BAY.	
			<i>J. G. Tucker</i>	
			C.O. 2/23 Aust. Bn.	

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SONG RIVER SCARLET BEACH	7		<p>instns from 26 Bde that a parade of all available tps under comd will be held at 1600L on NORTH HILL. The purpose of the parade was for the investiture of decorations by the comd of 2 Aust Corps, to pers who had received awards in the LAE campaign. Recipients were Lt D C LAWRIE DCM, and Cpl FAIRLIE M, both of this unit. Capt N E McMASTER of 2/23 Bn was appointed to comd the gd of honour, drawn from 2/23 and 2/24 Bns, strength 3 offrs 21 ORs. Trg by the gd was carried out during the morning.</p> <p>At 1330L the bn marched to NORTH HILL under comd Maj W P BROWN, and with the other tps formed a hollow square.</p> <p>At 1600L the gd marched on, followed shortly afterwards by the official party consisting of Lt Gen BERRIMAN, Maj Gen WOOLLEN and Brig WHITEHEAD. After the inspection of the gd, Lt Gen BERRIMAN read the citations for each award and personally fastened the respective ribbon on the breast of each recipient.</p> <p>At 1615L the official party moved off, and the parade marched to respective camp areas (appx).</p>	APPX 4
	8		<p>Routine parades.</p> <p>Infm received that the bn would embark on 10 Feb.</p> <p>Details of the move, and order of embarkation were passed to coy comds.</p> <p>Embarkation rolls were closed, with a total bn strength of 463.</p> <p>A supply of firewood had been obtained by the bn, as fuel for cooking, should the voyage be made by Liberty Ship. The wood was not used, for the ship " S S 'ANHUI'" had sufficient kitchen appointments to allow for feeding 8/900 tps.</p> <p>Preparations for the move were continued throughout the day.</p> <p>Lt Col TUCKER, OC tps, appointed Capt MATTHEWS Ship's adjt, Capt LUKEY Ship's QM.</p>	
	9		<p>Further preparations for departure, and final checking of rolls, occupied the whole day.</p> <p>The camp area was thoroughly inspected, and put in first class order.</p>	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
LANGEMAK BAY	10		All pers paraded in coy lines, with gear, at 1000L, ready to move. An early lunch was taken, and the first tps moved off by MT at 1410L. By 1515L the whole bn had cleared the area, and by 1600L embarkation was completed. Maj W F BROWN assumed A/comd of the bn, since Lt Col F A G TUCKER now became OC tps aboard "ANHUI". A/comd D coy passed to Lt HOOK.	
AT SEA			at 1700L, the ship weighed anchor, and sailed out of LANGEMAK BAY (where the bn had landed in Oct 43).	
			Ships Standing Orders and Routine Orders were promulgated to all tps. (Appx) 5-6	
			Emergency drill was carried out as soon as life-jackets had been issued to all ranks. At dusk, a strict blackout was observed.	
	11		Adm details for organization of bn on board ship were promulgated to all ranks. Copies of all orders are att as appx.	Appx 7
BUNA			Boat drill and ship's inspection at 1100L. The bn occupied the 'shelter deck' and portion of the 'Holds'. Accomodation was reasonably comfortable; much better than on some previous voyages.	
			At 1645L, SS "ANHUI" came alongside the wharf at BUNA, where rations for 14 days were taken on board. The ship remained at BUNA overnight, and tps appreciated the removal of blackout restrictions. Capt MORTON procured records and amplifier, and commenced daily sessions of musical entertainment, incl resume of wireless news.	
	12		Weather became showery during the morning. At 1200L, "ANHUI" sailed from BUNA on an easterly course. Blackout restrictions observed.	
MILNE BAY	13		The circuitous entrance passage to MILNE BAY was reached by 0730L and the ship anchored in the bay at 1000L. A large canteen ^{issue} was procured by Maj BROWN, and these stores were loaded on the following day. 1400L. Ship's Church parade and address was conducted by the master Captain Archibald COOK. Blackout restrictions were unnecessary during night 13/14	

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	14		A bridge tourney was organized with cash prizes donated by 2/23 Bn. At 1700L, SS "ANHUI" sailed from MILNE BAY via CHINA STRAIT.	
	15-16		At sea - normal routine.	
TOWNSVILLE	17		At 0800L, the ship anchored off TOWNSVILLE, where Lt Col TUCKER and Capt MATTHEWS went ashore. The voyage south was continued at 1700L.	
	18		At sea - normal routine.	
GLADSTONE	19		The ship anchored off GLADSTONE at 0600L, but did not tie up at the wharf until 1400L. Oil and water were taken aboard, and "ANHUI" remained in port overnight. Blackout restrictions lifted for the night.	
	20		Ship departed from GLADSTONE at 0900L, and proceeded south toward BRISBANE. Preparations for disembarkation were completed, and instns promulgated throughout the unit.	
BRISBANE	21		By midday, "ANHUI" approached the entrance to BRISBANE river, and sailed slowly to the NEWTOWN wharf, where disembarkation took place. Brig WHITEHEAD, comd 26 Bde, was on the wharf awaiting the arrival of the tps under his comd. Disembarked pers moved into waiting tpt and were taken to 1 APSC YERONGPILLY. Some 30 odd pers were evacuated from the ship to local military hospitals, bringing unit strength down to 429.	
	22		Tps were paid subsistence during the morning and personal gear arrived from kit store in the afternoon. Clothing issues were made and tps prepared for rail journey to LIDs in their home states. QX pers proceeded to LTD BRISBANE VX pers entrained at CLAPHAM JUNC, moving off at 2112L.	

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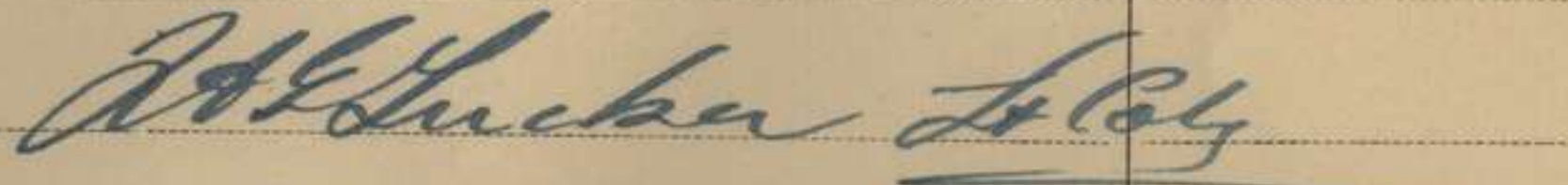
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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MELBOURNE	23-24		Main body of unit (VX pers) on train bound for MELBOURNE where they arrived at 1930L. The details of adm were quickly attended to at LTD CAMP PELL, and by 2300L, all VX were on leave. TX, NX and SX pers moved from CLAPHAM JUNC by rail to respective states during 23 Feb.	
	25-29		A baggage party i/c Capt SEDGLEY, remained at YERONGPILLY until the end of the month. Stores were unloaded from SS "ANHUI" and taken to RAVENSHOE by this party.	


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			<u>C O's REPORT</u>	
			<p><u>SCARLET BEACH</u> For the first ten days of the month, the bn camped at the mouth of the SONG river. The bn area was somewhat congested but many improvements were effected to make the camp habitable and reasonably comfortable.</p> <p>Elementary trg in inf wpns was carried on mainly for the benefit of reinforcements. Some range practice was given.</p> <p>Lt Gen BERRIMAN, comd 2 Aust Corps, twice visited the area. On 7 Feb, he presented ribbons to two of the 4 pers who had won decorations in the LAE campaign. Lt D C LAWRIE received the DCM, Cpl FAIRLIE the MM. The other 2 who had gained awards were absent through sickness. On 1 Feb, the General attended a swimming carnival organized by 26 Bde and held in the pool constructed by the unit pns. Mob pictures, concerts, and swimming facilities all contributed to make the last weeks in NG a pleasant relaxation after the strain of recent ops.</p>	
			<p><u>EMBARKATION</u> On 10 Feb the unit embarked on the SS "ANHUI" bound for home and leave. Living conditions for the men on board were reasonably good and at MILNE BAY an excellent canteen issue was obtained. After 11 days at sea the bn disembarked at NEWTOWN wharf in the BRISBANE river, and proceeded to the staging camp at YERONGPILLY.</p>	
			<p><u>LEAVE</u> Arrangements for issues of new clothing and the movement of pers to the various states were efficiently organized, and all members of the unit (excepting adv party and stores party) were on leave in their own states, within a few days of landing at BRISBANE.</p>	

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Unit..... 2/23 Aust Inf Bn Date and Time.—From 1 Feb 44 To 24 Feb 44

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			<u>Q M'S REPORT</u>	
		1.	<u>RATIONS</u> Good. received fresh meat in issues.	
		2.	<u>WATER SUPPLY</u> Good	
		3.	<u>CLOTHING AND PERSONAL EQPT</u> Satisfactory. most requirements fulfilled. The Bn was equipped at BRISBANE for leave.	
		4.	<u>ORDNANCE SUPPLIES</u> Very little required - fulfilled. When the Bn marched into SCARLET BEACH a good supply of COOKING GEAR was available for camp use. ADOS supplied with extract of Bn requirements on return from leave.	
		5.	<u>AMN</u> Nil required. All surplus amn was returned to AOD prior to leaving SCARLET BEACH.	
		6.	<u>CANTEEN</u> (i) General supplies good (ii) tobacco and cigarette issue still inadequate.	
		7.	<u>COMFORTS</u> Amenities Services gave usual good service to the Bn. They installed a microphone and amplifying system for a concert held at SCARLET BEACH; also for entertainment on board the ship transporting the Bn back to Australia.	
		8.	<u>SALVAGE</u> Bn area at SCARLET BEACH was thoroughly salvaged prior to move and salvage suitably disposed.	
		9.	<u>GENERAL</u> <u>REPORT ON MOVE FROM NG</u> (i) <u>RATIONS</u> aboard ship - good. Movement Control were instrumental in procuring 700 lbs of fresh meat and 2 days bread supply at MILNE BAY. Surplus rations handed over to ASC at BRISBANE	

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			<u>Q M'S REPORT (contd)</u>	
			(ii) <u>movement of Bn Stores.</u> All stores were suitably crated and packed for shipment, and reached BRISBANE in good order.	
			(iii) <u>Canteen Supplies</u> were purchased at MILNE BAY and sold to the tps.	

			<u>LIST OF APPENDICES FOR FEB 1944</u>	
			1. C O's Report	
			2. QM's Report	
			3. RMO's Report	
			4. 2/23 Aust inf Bn Adm (Honours and Awards)	
			5. 2/23 " " " Orders for Voyage	
			6. 2/23 " " " Routine orders (at sea)	
			7. Ships Routine orders - SS "ANHUI"	
			8. Swimming carnival	
			9. Trg instrs	
			10. Traces	
			<i>[Signature]</i>	
			<u>C.O. 2/23 Aust. Inf. Bn.</u>	

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HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde
 In the Field
 7 Feb 44

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HONOURS AND AWARDS

PRESENTATION of ribbons by Corps Commander

1. 26 Aust Inf Bde less 2/48 Aust Inf Bn will provide a guard of honour for the presentation of ribbons by the Corp Comd to personnel who have received awards in the NG theatre of operations.

2. Recipients : Lieut D LAWRIE DCM 2/23 Aust Inf Bn
 Cp1 FAIRLIE MM 2/23 Aust Inf Bn

3. Details of parade

- a. Location NORTH HILL cinema site.
- b. Time 1600 hrs 7 Feb 44.
- c. Spectators Bde HQ 2/23 and 2/24 Aust Inf Bns will parade the largest strength of spectators compatible with detachments and duties.
- d. Dress Hats KF (down with chin straps inside hat)
 Shirts JG
 Slacks JG
 Gaiters American pattern
 Boots
 Belt and side arms
 Offrs - belts web no pistol

4. Guard of Honour

Comd Capt N E McMASTER 2/23 Aust Inf Bn
 Offrs Lieut A GREATOREX MC 2/24 Aust Inf Bn
 Lieut E HEWITT 2/24 Aust Inf Bn

Strength - 7 files 2/23 and 2/24 Aust Inf Bns with right marker covered.

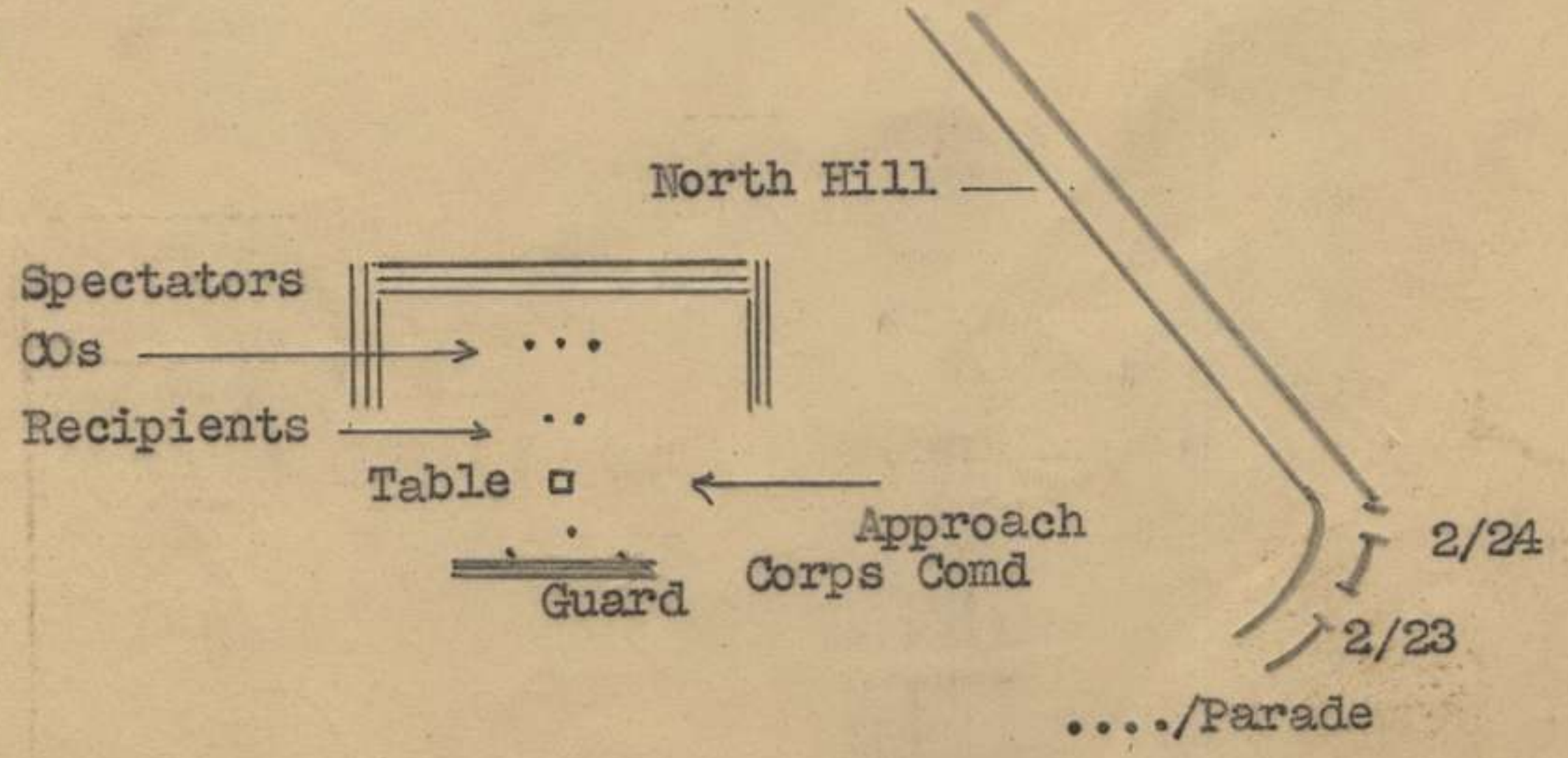
Dress Hats KF (down chin straps worn)
 Shirts JG
 Slacks JG
 Anklets Web
 Boots
 Eqpt (incl basic pouches)
 Rifle and bayonet

Offrs wear web belt, braces web and pistol on left side.

Selected personnel for guard will be approx 5' 10" in height. New slacks and shirts for Guard and recipients will be delivered by BOWO morning 7 Feb.

First practice 1000 hrs 7 Feb when unit dets will report to Capt McMASTER on parade site.

5. Parade layout



Parade will be assembled by Bde Maj as under :

- a. Spectators 2/23 and 2/24 Aust Inf Bns will be commanded by a major who will report to BM 1530 hrs on parade site. Spectators will be marched to area 2/23 to be followed by 2/24 Bn and Bde HQ to arrive 1540 hrs.
 - b. Guard will be formed up 1550 hrs
 - c. Receipts on parade 1555 hrs.
 - d. COs on parade 1556 hrs
 - e. BM to report to Bde Comd who is to accompany Corps Comd and GOC.
6. Parade procedure will be advised verbally later.

K. Mackay

(K MACKAY) Maj
BM 26 Aust Inf Bde

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2/23 Aust Inf Bn
2/24 Aust Inf Bn
Bde HQ Circulation
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War Diary (2)

2/23 AUSTRALIAN INF BN - ORDERS FOR VOYAGE

" ANHILL "

11 Feb 44

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1. Bn Orderly Offrs will mount 0900 hrs daily as follows :-

10 Feb	Lieut	ENDERBY E A	16 Feb	Lieut	BOARD J L
11 "	"	HANSEN S H	17 "	"	WENBORN L P
12 "	"	LAWRIE D C	18 "	"	DENING K S
13 "	"	HOOK P R	19 "	"	HOLT S G
14 "	"	HARPER H P B	20 "	"	HARPER H P B
15 "	"	BEECROFT W R	21 "	"	LAWRIE D C

Duties

- To report to Adj 0900 hrs.
- To ensure that Bn area is ready for inspection by 2IC at 1000 hrs.
- To ensure that all tps are NOT in sleeping quarters between 0950 and 1130 hrs.
- To police smoking regulations.
- To supervise Deck Discipline.

2. DUTIES

The Coys will mount duties at 1700 hrs daily in the following order :-

Feb 10	15	20	A Coy
" 11	16	21	B "
" 12	17	22	C "
" 13	18	23	D "
" 14	19	24	HQ Coy

Coy Duties

- (a) Maintain Coy report centre where at least one person knows whereabouts Coy OC.
- (b) Maintain picquet on gear of coy personnel.
- (c) Supply picquet of 3 NCOs and 30 Ors to mount 1700 hrs under Bn Picquet Offr, detailed in roster below :
- (d) Wash Shelter deck before inspection at 1000 hrs daily.
- (e) Supply Orderly NCO and 2 runners to report to Adj 1700 hrs.
- (f) Each Coy is responsible for cleanliness of own area at ALL times.

3. PICQUET ON SHELTER DECK

(1) Following Offrs will be Picquet Offrs :- Mounting at 1700 hrs.

10 Feb	Lieut	BEECROFT W R	16 Feb	Lieut	HOOK P R
11 "	"	BOARD J L	17 "	"	LAWRIE D C
12 "	"	HARPER H P B	18 "	"	HANSEN S H
13 "	"	DENING K S	19 "	"	ENDERBY E A
14 "	"	HOLT C G	20 "	"	BEECROFT W R
15 "	"	WENBORN L P	21 "	"	BOARD J L

(2) Strength 3 NCOs 30 Ors

(3) Duties and Posts

- Post 1. Ice Water tank. Water for drinking only NOT Water Bottles. 1 Or .
- Post 2. Hold No 4 Tween Deck Ration Dump. 2 Ors .

Post 3. Roving picquet :- 1 Or fwd hatch and fwd incl.
1 Or port side from hatch to stern
1 Or Starboard Side " " "

Post 4. Ship's Crew Latrines on fwd shelter deck NOT to be used by tps. 2 Ors.

Post 5. Offr's and Crew's quarters aft. OUT OF BOUNDS TO ORS. 2 Ors.

4. BOAT STATIONS

Short BLASTS on KLAXTON

Beat stations are allotted as follows :-

<u>Beat Station</u>		<u>Beat Station</u>	
8	HQ & BHQ	12	D Coy
10	HQ & BHQ	13	B Coy
9	A Coy	11	(C Coy
			(7 BHQ
			(9 D Coy

5. ACTION STATIONS

One LONG BLAST ON KLAXON

Clear Decks.

6. MEDICAL

(a) Sick Parade 0845 hrs at RAP with Coy Sick Reports.
" " 1600 " " " " " " " "

(b) Aid post for treatment of Timea - Rear Hatch upper deck 0845 hrs daily.

(c) Stretchers placed in Coy Areas will NOT be removed.

7. SHIP'S DUTIES

Feb 13	Lieut	HARPER H P B	Duty Offr
Feb 15	Capt	SEDGLEY J G.	Capt of the Day
Feb 16	Lieut	HANSEN S H	Duty Offr
Feb 17	Capt	McMASTER N E	Capt of the Day.

8. MAIL

Censored Mail to Lieut WENBORN L P before 0800 hrs daily. Lieut WENBORN will frank and pass to Ship's Orderly Room.

9. HATCH COVERS

C Coy is responsible for removing hatch covers above fwd held ^{at daylight and replacing} before blackout at night on upper deck.
B Coy is responsible for similar action with aft held.
Top hatch cover will be removed during the hours of daylight except for one row of covers as a safety precaution.
Lower hatch cover will be removed at ALL times.

10. MESSING

Tps on shelter deck will parade in Coy areas at the following times :-

Breakfast	0815 hrs
Dinner	1245n "
Tea	1745 "

ALL tps will proceed up fwd companionways, obtain meals and descend aft companionways.
To wash dixies move up fwd companion-way again.
RPs will POLICE companionways.

11. HUBBISH

11. RUBBISH

DRUMS are provided on decks. These will be emptied only during blackouts. They are NOT receptacles for feed.

12. BOUNDS

Peep and Gun turrets are OUT OF BOUNDS to ALL ranks.
Ship's Crew quarters are OUT OF BOUNDS to ALL ranks.
Saloon Deck is OUT OF BOUNDS to ORS.
Beat Deck is OUT OF BOUNDS to ALL ranks.

13. BAGGAGE

Cpl BAKER C Coy is baggage NCO . ALL enquiries to be made through Coys to this NCO.

14. DRESS

- (1) Gaiters need NOT be worn .
- (2) When sunbaking men may strip.
- (3) When moving around ship men MUST be dressed.

15. TORCHES

The use of torches at night is PROHIBITED.

16. WATER

ALL Offrs and NCOs will supervise water discipline.
Shaving at wash basins is PROHIBITED.

Rms
Adit. 2/23 *Must* Lieut Inf Bn.

(R F ROW)

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

by

Major W F BROWN Adm Comd. 2/23 AUST INF BN

No2

At Sea 12 Feb 44

17. DRESS

Ref RO, 14 of 11 Feb 44.

Hats and shirts will be worn whilst tps are at BOAT STATIONS

18. LIFEBOATS

Lifeboats are out of BOUNDS to all tps.

19. PICQUET

Ref RO3 of 11 Feb 44.

Post 2. Delete instructions. Insert :-

Holds 1, 3, 4 on the "Tween Deck"

1 Or to picquet each hatch. NO hatch will be opened unless at order of QM or Ship's Offrs.

Picquet strength is amended to :-

1 Offr 3 NCOs 33 Ors.

20. COY DUTIES

Between 1000 hrs and 1115 hrs coy picquets on personal gear will also picquet companionways. NO Ors unless on duty will be permitted to descend to Shelter Deck during these periods.

21. HATCH COVERS

Ref RO 9 of 11 Feb 44.

Lower hatch refers to cover over hatch on Shelter Deck.

22. AMENITIES

Capt MORTON will be present near BHQ report centre on Shelter Deck to exchange magazines and games between 1400 hrs and 1630 hrs.

RW
Lieut
Adit. 2/23 Aust Inf Bn.
(R F ROW)

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE
2/23 AUST INF BN ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

BY

Major W. F. BROWN, Adm Comd 2/23 Aust Inf Bn

No 3.

13 Feb 44.

23. MESSING

(a) As from today the time for evening meal will be 1730 hrs. Coys will amend mess parades accordingly.

(b) As from 16 Feb the order of mess parade times will be :

No 1	Tween Decks	Breakfast	0820	Lunch	1250	Dinner	1720
"	2	"	0830	"	1300	"	1730
"	3	"	0835	"	1305	"	1735
"	4	"	0840	"	1310	"	1740
	Shelter Deck	"	0845	"	1315	"	1745

24. LIGHTING

On no account will tps interfere with electric light fittings or temporary lights placed in decks for their convenience.

25. DRESS

Tps will NOT remove trousers when sunbathing. Shorts or trunks may be worn.


26. COY REPORT CENTRES

(a) Coys will display at their report centres a sign indicating the coy.

(b) Each Coy report centre will be manned by an NCO at all times.

27. HATCH COVERS

C and B Coys are responsible for covering upper hatches when the weather is inclement during the daytime.


Lieut Adjt
2/23 Aust Inf Bn.
(R ROW)

NOTICES

- FOUND - (a) One tobacco pouch
(b) One pair of garters, Australian pattern.
- LOST - (a) QX42561 Pte DOWNEY J L has lost a wallet containing notes. Finder please return to Ship's Orderly Room.
(b) Blanket, Mosquito net and groundsheet from B Coy 2/23 Aust Inf Bn area.
Finders please return to Adjt.

DISTRIBUTION @

CO
All Coys.

AT SEA
20 FEB 44

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-----BALANCE SHEET-----

CANTEEN PURCHASES 14 FEB 44 : £565-9-3.

DEBITS

CREDITS

Payable to ADCS	537-3 - 9	Debited in Pay Books £4 79-7- 9	
<u>FREE DISTRIBUTION :</u>		Cash Sales	57-16-0
2/1 Ord Beach Det	1-18-10	Discount	28- 5-6
2/8 Aust Fd Amb	4- 2- 7		
HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde	5-10- 0		
2/23 Aust Inf Bn	12-17- 4		
Damaged Goods etc	2- 2- 1		
2/23 Aust Inf Bn	1-14- 8		
<i>REQD. FUNDS</i>			
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W. Brown Maj.

SHIP'S ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

by

Lt-Col F A G TUCKER OC Troops - "ANDHUI"

No 1

Date 10 Feb 44

To be read in conjunction with ship's standing orders.

1. SHIP'S STAFF

OC ship	:	Lt-Col F A G TUCKER
SMO	:	Maj I W HOLT
Adjnt	:	Capt T H MATTHEWS
QM	:	Capt G W LUKEY
Baggage Offr	:	Capt J SENGLEY
Ship's SM	:	WO ii REILLY E J
Orderly Room Sjt:		Sjt WILCOX B

Ships orderly room is located on Upper deck amidships port side.

2. SHIP'S INSPECTION

Ships inspection will be carried out at 1100 hrs daily :

Inspecting Party : Ships Captain or Chief Offr
Troop Officer
OC Ship or Captain of the Day
SMO
Ships Adjnt

Troop decks will be in inspection order by 1000 hrs daily at which time Unit Orderly Officers will make their inspections. Bed boards will be raised and stacked against side of ship. Personal eqpt to be neatly stacked in line. During ships inspection all personnel will be at Group Stations. *1100*

Troop gear

Orderly Officer or representative from each unit will remain on troop decks whilst ships inspection is taking place.

Cleaning materials are available from ship's QM.

3. MESSING

Meal Times

Offrs and ORS	:	Breakfast	0830 hrs
		Lunch	1300 hrs
		Dinner	1800 hrs

All personnel including officers will supply own messing gear.

Mess Parades

Mess parades will fall in on the UPPER DECK at the following times :-

	<u>Breakfast</u>	<u>Lunch</u>	<u>Dinner</u>
Shelter Deck	0820	1250	1750
No 1 Tween Deck	0830	1300	1800
No 2 " "	0835	1305	1805
No 3 " "	0840	1310	1810
No 4 " "	0845	1315	1815

Hot water for washing messing gear will be available on MAIN DECK Officers Mess located on ~~UPPER DECK~~. *Shelter Deck Starboard Aft.* Mess will accommodate only 20 offrs at one sitting.

4. WATER

Water will be available at the following times :-

Salt - Showers	All day
Fresh - Wash basins	(0700 hrs to 0800 hrs daily)
Fresh - Iced	(1700 - 1800 hrs daily)
	All day

...../Iced

Iced water will be used only for drinking.
Water bottles will be filled at wash basins.

5. DRESS

JG's Boots, Gaiters, Hats

Shirts may be removed whilst on deck (UPPER) only at the discretion of unit comds but hats must be worn at all times.

6. SMOKING

Tween Decks No 1)	smoking prohibited AT ALL TIMES
No 2)	
No 3)	
No 4)	
Shelter Deck)	No smoking between BLACKOUT and DAYLIGHT.
Main Deck)	

7. MAIL

Mail will be censored by Unit offrs and passed in to SHIPS orderly room at 0900 hrs daily.

Units not in possession of franking stamp will submit list of specimen signatures of censoring offrs to ships orderly Room before mail will be accepted.

8. MEDICAL

Sick parades will be held as follows :-

Morning ⁰⁸⁴⁵ 0730 hrs to 0830 hrs

Afternoon ⁰⁹⁴⁵ 1600 hrs to 1700 hrs

"tinea treatment"
at ~~shelter~~ ^{upper} deck aft
0845
Med cases RMP

RAP - UPPER DECK - Amidships - Port Side.

Sick reports will accompany all personnel reporting for sick parade. All possible malarial precautions will be observed whilst ship is in port.

9. DUTIES

The following duties will be supplied daily :-

<u>Duty</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Strength</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
Picquet	2/23 Bn	1 offr 3 NCOs 24 ORS	1700 hrs	UPPER DECK
Kitchen Fatigue	2/8 Fd Amb	1 Cpl 12 ORS	0800 hrs	GALLEY
Deck Cleaning	26 Bde Gp	1 NCO 10 ORS	1700 hrs	UPPER DECK
Hygiene Party	1 Aust Beach Det	1 Cpl 6 ORS	0930 hrs	SHELTER DECK

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In addition to the above duties all units will mount picquets on troop decks for protection of personal gear and policing of smoking.

10. DUTY OFFICERS

As per following roster

	<u>Capt of the Day</u>	<u>Duty Offr</u>
11 Feb 44	Capt ST JOHN	Lieut NULE
12 Feb 44	Capt GARNSEY	Lieut ROME
13 Feb 44	Capt MARR	Lieut HARPER
14 Feb 44	Capt COLEMAN	Lieut JUNOR
15 Feb 44	Capt SIDDELEY	Lieut MARSHALL
16 Feb 44	Capt MCHSEL	Lieut HANGEN
17 Feb 44	Capt McMASTER	Lieut CHARLES

...../TOUR

Tour of duty - 24 hours mounting 0900 hrs daily.

Duty officers will report to ship's Adjut at 0900 hrs for list of duties.

T H Matthews

(T H Matthews) Capt
Ship's Adjutant

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- Ship's Captain
- Ship's Troop Officer
- CC Ship
- 26 Bde Gp
- 2/123 Aust Wkshops
- 2/8 Aust Pd Amb
- 2/23 Aust Inf Bn
- 1 Aust Beach det
- File (2)

7/22/42

Please initial

Major Brown *MB* 1915 hrs

Capt McMaster

Lieut Wenton

" Holt

Denny

Brady

Beecraft

Hansen

Lamie

Hook *HL*

Bond

Harper *HP*

S. M. ...

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2/22
2/23

Ship's Orderly Room "ANDHUI"
11 Feb 44

REPORT CENTRES

- | | | | |
|----|----------------------|---|--------------------------------|
| 1. | 26 Aust Inf Bde Gp | (26 Bde HQ
(2/123 Bde Wkshops
(2/1 Aust Beach Sig Sec | Ship's Hospital
UPPER DECK |
| 2. | 1 Aust Ord Beach Det | | NCO No 4
TWEEN DECK |
| 3. | 2/8 Aust Fd Amb | | NCO No 3
TWEEN DECK |
| 4. | 2/23 Aust Inf Bn | | Adjt, Hospital
SHELTER DECK |

T W Matthews

(T W Matthews) Capt
Ship's Adjutant

Co-
Adjt

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SHIP'S ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

by

Lt-Col F A G TUCKER OC TROOPS - "ANHUI"

No 2

Date 11 Feb 44

11. DRESS

A 407

Hats and shirts will be worn whilst troops are at Boat Stations.

12. TROOP DECKS

A 407

a. Personnel will stack personal gear in line at least 4 ft in from the side of the ship.

b. No gear will be left hanging but will be neatly stacked on the deck.

13. HATCHES

Hatches on SHELTER DECK will remain open at all times.

14. DISCIPLINE

A 407

Troops will be warned that the practice of throwing matches and cigarette butts down the hatches is most dangerous and will cease forthwith.

15. LIFE BOATS

Life boats are OUT OF BOUNDS to all troops.

16. MESS PARADES

a. Personnel from TWEEN DECKS will be clear of UPPER DECK 10 minutes before meal times.

b. Personnel will NOT eat on other Unit Troop Decks.

17. MEDICAL

Two medical posts are located for and aft on the UPPER DECK.

T H Matthews

(T H MATTHEWS) Capt
Ship's Adjutant

NOTICE :

LOST : silver wristlet watch with white band, makers name T D'ARCY. Finder please return to Ship's Orderly room.

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SHIP'S ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

by

Lt-Col F A G TUCKER OC TROOPS - "ANHUI"

No 3

Date 13 Feb 44

18. MESSING

- a. As from today the time for the evening meal will be 1730 hrs. Units will amend mess parade times accordingly.
- b. As from 16 Feb the order of mess parades will be as under :-

	<u>Breakfast</u>	<u>Lunch</u>	<u>Dinner</u>
No 1 TWEEN DECK	0820	1250	1720
No 2 " "	0830	1300	1730
No 3 " "	0835	1305	1735
No 4 " "	0840	1310	1740
SHELTER DECK	0845	1315	1745

19. LIGHTING

On NO account will troops interfere with electric light fittings or temporary lights placed on the decks for their convenience.

20. DRESS

Troops will NOT remove trousers when sub bathing. Shorts or trunks may be worn.

T H Matthews
(T H Matthews) Capt
Ship's Adjutant

NOTICES :

- 1. FOUND : One tobacco pouch.
- 2. LOST : QX 42561 Pte DOWNEY J L has lost a wallet containing notes. Finder please return to Ship's Orderly Room.
Blanket, Mosquito Net and Groundsheet has been lost from B Coy 2/23 Aust Inf Bn area SHELTER DECK.
- 3. BBC NEWS The daily BBC NEWS will be posted at various points on the Ship for information.

DISTRIBUTION : As per RO No 2.

SHIP'S ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

by

Lt-Col P A G TUCKER OC TROOPS - "ANHUT"

No 4

Date 16 Feb 44

21. DISSEMBARKATION

- a. Although no specific orders have as yet been received it is assumed that Troops will disembark at CAIRNS.
- b. The following instructions will be adhered to when the order for disembarkation is received.
 - ✓ i. Troops will assemble on troop decks with all personal gear.
 - ✓ ii. Each Unit will send a guide to disembarkation offr at the gang plank at least 15 minutes prior to the commencement of disembarkation. *Al-Mogay BHR*
 - iii. Order of disembarkation will be as for embarkation, as follows :-

2/123 Aust Bde Wkshops
 HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde
 4 Pl 2/1 Aust Gd Regt
 26 Bde Sig Sec
 3 Sec 9 Aust Div Pro Coy
 Det 9 Aust Div Cash Office
 Det 9 Aust Div Postal Unit
 2/78 Aust LAD
 Det HQ 9 Aust Div
 Det 2/3 Aust Fd Coy
 Det 2/17 Aust Inf Bn
 2/1 Beach Sig Sec
 2/1 Ord Beach Det
 X 2/23 Aust Inf Bn
 2/8 Aust Fd Amb

- iv. Guides will remain with disembarkation offr until ordered to report to Units for the purpose of leading them off the ship.
- ✓ c. All WOV stores will be returned to No 4 hold by 1700 hrs today.
- X d. Troops areas will be in inspection order 1 hour prior to the commencement of disembarkation.
- e. Life jackets will be neatly stacked as follows - time to be notified later :

<u>Deck</u>	<u>Location</u>
No 1 TWEEN DECK	} SHELTER DECK FWD
No 2 " "	
X SHELTER DECK (C & D Coys) 2/23 Bn	
No 3 TWEEN DECK	} SHELTER DECK AFT
No 4 " "	
X SHELTER DECK (BHQ A & B Coys) 2/23 Bn	

22. DUTIES

The following duties will be supplied :-

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Strength</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
26 Bde Cp	1 offr 9 ORs	1400 hrs	No 1 Hold
2/23 Bn	1 offr 9 ORs	1700 hrs	No 4 Hold

T H Matthews
 (T H Matthews) Capt
Ship's Adjutant

NOTICE :

FOUND : wallet belonging to QX 47701 Pte HILL R H.
Owner report ship's orderly room.

DISTRIBUTION :

AS for NO NO 2

N.B. Count "Bedboards" in Shelter Deck & No 1 Hold
 give result to QM before disembarkation

SHIP'S ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

by

Lt-Col F A G TUCKER OC TROOPS - "ANHUI"

No 5

Date 17 Feb 44

23. DUTY OFFICERS :

As per following roster

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17/2*

	<u>CAPT OF THE DAY</u>	<u>DUTY OFFICER</u>
18 FEB 44	: Capt GARNSEY	Lieut QUICKFALL
19 FEB 44	: Capt MARR	X Lieut WENBORN
20 FEB 44	: Capt COLEMAN	X Lieut LAURIE
21 FEB 44	: X Capt SEDGLEY	Lieut DOUGLAS
22 FEB 44	: X Capt McMASTER	X Lieut BEACROFT

T H Matthews
(T H Matthews) Capt
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IMPORTANT:- SMOKING ON DECK AND THE EXPOSURE OF LIGHTS TO SEAWARD IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED BETWEEN SUNSET AND SUNRISE.

- (1) TROOPS ON BOARDING SHIP SHOULD PROCEED IMMEDIATELY TO BERTH OR HAMMOCK NO. ALLOTTED.
- (2) COLLECT LIFEJACKET AND ASCERTAIN CORRECT METHOD OF DONNING SAME. LIFEJACKETS TO BE KEPT AT HAND AT ALL TIMES WHILE ON BOARD SHIP.
- (3) CHANGE INTO RUBBER-SOLED OR LIGHT SHOES. THESE SHOULD BE WORN AT ALL TIMES FOR INDIVIDUAL COMFORT AND OUT OF CONSIDERATION FOR PERSONNEL WHO MAY BE KEEPING NIGHT WATCHES.
- (4) PROCEED TO YOUR GROUP STATION. NOTE AND MEMORIZE THE MOST DIRECT WAY THERETO.
- (5) SCUTTLE PORTS AND VENTS IN LOWER TWEEN-DECKS MUST NOT ON ANY ACCOUNT BE OPENED OR TAMPERED WITH.
- (6) BATHROOMS, W.CS. AND OTHER CONVENIENCES MUST BE KEPT CLEAN AND WELL FLUSHED. ANY STOPPAGES SHOULD BE REPORTED IMMEDIATELY TO YOUR SUPERIOR OFFICER WHO WILL NOTIFY THE SHIP'S TROOP OFFICER.
- (7) FRESHWATER MUST BE USED SPARINGLY. EXTRAVAGANCE IN USE OF SAME WILL ENTAIL STRICT RATIONING.
- (8) PLEASE READ AND REMEMBER NOTICES RE "ACTION TO BE TAKEN IN EMERGENCY," BLACK-OUT, SMOKING, ETC.

EMERGENCY SIGNALS.

- (A) ACTION STATIONS. ONE CONTINUOUS BLAST ON KLAXONS.
INSTRUCTIONS WILL BE RELAYED BY LOUDSPEAKER AS REQUIRED.
- (B) BOAT STATIONS. SERIES OF SHORT BLASTS ON KLAXONS.
THESE TO BE FOLLOWED BY VOCAL INSTRUCTIONS.

ALTERNATIVE SIGNALS. SIMILAR BLASTS ON SHIP'S WHISTLE.

BY ORDER

MASTER.

Feb. 1.

VI 0900

Boy parades and inspection

A coy duty to Inspected B Coy

- V2 0930

General improvement of area for
visit of Corps commander in
afternoon.

V3

26 Bde swimming carnival held
in 2/23 Bn pool Maj Gen Berryman
attended with staff offrs Good

attendance and programme

Aggregate won by 2/48 56 pts

26 Bde (2nd) 30 pts.

(3rd) 2/23 with 15 pts

ACTION DIARY

Serial	Time	To	From	EVENT	Action
V4	1830			Coffee served by SALVATION ARMY.	
V5	1930			Mobile Cinema shows on NORTH HILL	
V6	1900			Coys Commanders Conference.	
V7	2000			RED ALERT - Adm matters only	
<u>2 Feb.</u>					
V1	0820			Pde of Bn by Coys to Bde for purpose of Coys viewing battle signs to be erected.	
V2	0900			Personnel of Coys attend lecture by A.A.F.S. at 26 Bde on HQ pde ground	
V3	0915			1 Int Sec with Bde party to erect signs in SATELBERG area.	
V4	1000			1 Coys hold pde to accustom Coys to guard drill.	
V5	1400			Impromptu teams from Coys hold water polo matches in Bn pool.	
V6	1830			All offs conference with C.O for purpose of making arrangements of details for Bn pde on 3 Feb.	
V7	1830			Coffee served by SALVATION ARMY.	

ACTION DIARY

3 Feb.

SERIAL TIME TO FROM	TEAM	EVENT	ACTION
V1 0900		Coy pdes in readiness for march to Bn pde ground at NORTH HILL. C.O. inspects whole Bn and then brings them into group and congratulates men on good performance. ^{then gave} General talk on Ammunition, leave and varied items. March past salute taken by C.O. Band of 35 Bn supplies band music for inspection and march past.	
12700900		Notes on Cops "FLEETFOOT" copy No 1 HQ 2 A Coy 3 B Coy 4 C Coy 5 D Coy. Working party from A Coy to cut wood for 2 1/2 C.C.S.	Sigs
1000		Coy pde to RAP for ammunition, as needed, re dates in pay books.	
V2 1100		ATI No 2 4 copies.	
		CO 2 1/2 air HQ Coy / AB 1 } return to CD 1 } int sec C. Coy Rmt.	Sigs

ACTION DIARY.

Serial	TIME TO	FROM	EVENT	ACTION
V3	1830		Coffee served again.	
V4	1900		Coy by syllabus received for 4 Feb.	Prom to C.O.
V5	2000		"REO ALERT"	
		26Bde	Extracts Coy Int Report No 114 to 020930L	Prom to all
<u>4 Feb</u>				
V1	0900		Coy pdcs and trg as per syllabus C.O. inspects HQ Coy pdc. D Coy Aulby.	trpg
Ob1	1000	9DIV	SITREP 7 to 020900L	Prom to all.
	1000		A.T.1 No 2 1 copy	
	1000	26Bde	Standard times Sunrise Moonrise + set. for 6 months ending 30 June 44 Anshaha + N Guinea areas. 5 copies	C.O. all Coy HQ ABC D Coy
V2	1800		Cid, strength 25 from A Coy, to learn area 1230 ^{ga} at 2 1/2 C.C.S area	
V3	1830		Coffee served again.	
V4	1830	26Bde	Extracts from 2 First Corps Int Summary No 115 to 030930L.	Prom to all

ACTION DIARY.

5 FEB

SERIAL	TIME	TO	FROM	EVENT	Notes
V1	0900			by inspection and sig	Appx
V2				Preparation of ring and seats for boxing contests. Tables made for dinner of Bn offrs and visiting American tps.	
V3	1630			Boxing contests start. Attended by Brig Whitehead, C.O. ^{2/24} & offrs from bde. Also 2 American offrs and 7 ors. Contests run by Padu. 10 bouts. Good entertainment by fast fights.	
V4	1730			American ois taken to evening meal by Bn kyp.	
V5	1930			Concert of varied items including American items.	
V6	2000		26800	MTP NO 40 Part 1. 1946 copies. 1 copy to C.O. remainder held.	
V6	2100			Coffee served by Capt MORTON after concert.	
				HQ Duty.	
				<u>6 Feb.</u>	
V1	1800			Church pdt on 1st pdt ground. Chaplain FARMER officiates. C.O gives short talk to Bn. Subjects. Movement salvage. AFRICA STAR.	

ACTION DIARY

SERIAL	TIME TO	FROM	EVENT	ACTION
	1000	gdn	orders received for Bn to compile rolls of personnel eligible for service ribbons AFRICA STAR 8 1939 - 43 STAR.	copy return rolls to I.O
V2	1830		Coffin sewed again.	
V3	2000		Plans heard. AFA fire observed. NO 'RED ALERT' given officially Alley Duty.	
<u>7 FEB.</u>				
V1	0900		Coy pdms + inspection B Coy duty.	
V2	0930		Gd of Capt MCMMASTER + 21 ord to train at NTH HILL for investiture at 1600 hrs 7 Feb.	
V3	1300		Reps from all Coy + BNQ - B.H.Q 15 HQ 35 rifle Coy 25 fall in on HQ Coy polo ground. Inspected by Adjt.	
V3	1330		Sign off and marched to NTH HILL Hollow square formed with 2/24. 2/25 2/23 forming 3 sides 26 Bde in rear 2/24. L ^T /GEN BERRIMAN GEN WOOTEN BRIG WHITEHEAD arrive 1600. Corps Comd takes general salute	

ACTION DIARY

SERIAL	TIME TO	FROM	EVENT	ACTION
			from gd. LT LAURIE presented with D.C.M. CPL FAIRLIE with M.M. Both of 2 p3 Bns. Citations read by B.M. Corps comd. leaves with staff. Bns march back to areas.	
V4	1615			
V5			all salvagable material placed on dump by 1200 hrs.	
V6				pay visit
<u>8 Feb.</u>				
V1	0900		roy pds and inspection	
V2	0900		roy comd conference. No decisions	
V3	1100		Notification from Postal Sgt (that mail outwards cease at 1430 8 Feb.	
		26Bde	List Suggested Lectures	
Q348	1715	36Bde	Order of embarkation 10 Feb	adit
V4	1930		coffee again served	
V5	2000		"RED ALERT"	

9 Feb. ACTION DIARY

SERIAL	TIME TO	FROM	EVENT	ACTION
V1	0900		<p>by pds and inspection. Remainder of day to general cleaning Bn area, salvage and crating of gear not finished.</p>	
V2	1000		<p>Pms manufacture crate for WAREHO MISSION bell. (now past. needed).</p>	
V3	1400		<p>Bn pde in loop areas for checking embarkation rolls.</p>	
V4	2000		<p>Mobile cinema shows at NTH HILL "DESTROYER" & shorts</p>	
<p><u>10 Feb.</u></p>				
V1	0630		<p>General reveille</p>	
V2	0730		<p>Breakfast.</p>	
V3	1000		<p>Pde for Bn with all gear. Emb numbers issued. Ado party leaves for docks.</p>	
V3	1130		<p>Lunch by sections in loop areas</p>	
V4	1410		<p>transport arrives. Bn begins loading as per rolls</p>	
V5	1450		<p>Trist of Bn arrives at dock area. Remainder follow on as transport permits. Camp area cleared by 1515 hrs</p>	

ACTION DIARY

SERIAL	TIME	FROM	EVENT	ACTION
V6	1530		Bo starts to embark. Loading finished by 1415 onto S.S. ANHUI. ? details.	
V7	1700		Ship weighs anchor and sails. 2 small sloops? give escort. Boat drill.	
V8	1800		Tea served. Adequate arrangements for pdc to be carried out later.	
V9	1900		Blackout. Many tps sleep on deck.	
V10			Preques arranged for safety of tps-gear. Mess pdc 0845 - 1245 - 1745	
<u>11 Feb.</u>				
V1	0830		Breakfast served. Much better arrangements. Washing and shower facilities on board good. Latines in good order and sufficient quantity.	
V2	1030		Boat drill. Ships inspection carried out while tps at boat stations.	
V3	1600		BUNH in sight. Boat pulls into wharf at 1645. Preparations for loading of rations and outward mail.	
V4	1830		Loading starts from wharf. Working parties supplied by personnel on ship.	

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ACTION DIARY

SERIAL	TIME TO	FROM	EVENT	ACTION
			No blackout.	
			<u>12 Feb.</u>	
V1			Weather showing.	
V2			Messpdr better disciplined.	
V3	0800		2/23 Br ships Ros passed on to Hps.	Appe
	1200		ANHUI moved from BUNA	
			<u>13 Feb</u>	
	0730		Negotiating circuitous passage into MILNE BAY	
	1000		MILNE BAY HARBOUR for water & stores	
			Large issue Cancer Stores.	
	1400		Church pdr to address given by Ships Master ARCHIBALD COOK.	
			<u>14 Feb.</u>	
			Ships Bridge Tournament arranged	
			Prize £ 3.0.0 30/- 10/- trophy prize	
			Donated by Br.	
	1700		Left Harbour through CHINA STRAIT.	

14 Feb.

ACTION DIARY.

SERIAL TIME	TO	FROM	EVENT	REMARKS
1830			Music supplied by Capt MERTON of S.F. News repeated to Lpo.	
<u>15 Feb.</u>				
1830			Preliminary games of Bridge. Dinner music again. C.O. Conference Inmate to Coy Com.	
<u>16 Feb.</u>				
			C.O. conference. Preliminary arrangements for disembark. Bridge tournament continues. No halt CAIRNS, but south to TOWNSVILLE Music news	
<u>17 Feb</u>				
0800			TOWNSVILLE Harbour. CO + ship's adjt went ashore with master.	
1700			Proceeded south along coast Music news	

ACTION DIARY

18 Feb.

Start Time	To	From	EVENT	Place
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			Nothing unusual during day. Bridge tournament nearing final stages.	
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19 Feb

0600

0600			Anchored in bay some distance from CITADSTONE.	
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1100

1100			Pilot comes aboard and ship proceeds down bay to manouver into wharf. Completed at 1500 hrs lines connected for Oil and water	
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1400

20 Feb.

0900

0900			Leave wharf and proceed down bay.	
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1000

1000			Drop piles.	
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26 AUST INF BDE SWIMMING CARNIVAL
TUESDAY 1 FEB 44 - Commencing 1500 hrs

PROGRAMME

EVENT 1 CHAMPIONSHIP FREESTYLE 30 yds

<u>Position</u>	1. Cpl SANDERS C H	(Bde HQ)
	2. Pte BELL O C	(2/48 Bn)
	3. Lieut S H HANSEN	(2/23 Bn)
	4. Cpl CARRUCAN D	(Bde HQ)
	5. Pte REES E	(2/24 Bn)
	6. Pte BRANDER H	(2/24 Bn)
	7. Sjt POLKINGHORN W	(2/48 Bn)
	8. Pte EGAN J	(2/23 Bn)

First..... Second..... Third.....

EVENT 2 CHAMPIONSHIP BACKSTROKE 30 yds

<u>Position</u>	1. Pte HUTTON M	(2/24 Bn)	5. Pte STEWART L C	(2/48 Bn)
	2. Pte JOHANNSEN	(2/24 Bn)	6. WOII REILLY E J	(Bde HQ)
	3. Pte LUCAS	(2/48 Bn)	7. Lieut E ENDERBY	(2/23 Bn)
	4. Cpl MONKERUD F	(Bde HQ)	8. Lieut R F ROW	(2/23 Bn)

First..... Second..... Third.....

EVENT 3 CHAMPIONSHIP BREASTSTROKE 30 yds

<u>Position</u>	1. Pte MANEA T	(2/24 Bn)	5. Lieut C G HOLT	(2/23 Bn)
	2. Pte FREEMAN K A	(2/48 Bn)	6. Cpl SMITH S J B	(2/48 Bn)
	3. Sjt TAVERNER J L	(Bde HQ)	7. Pte CRITCH	(2/23 Bn)
	4. Pte IGBERG J	(2/24 Bn)	8. Sigm REED A	(Bde HQ)

First..... Second..... Third.....

EVENT 4 PLUNGE FROM STARTING BOARD

1. Cpl NOBLE	(Bde HQ)	5. Sigm ANDERSON	(Bde HQ)
2. Cpl FROUD S L	(2/23 Bn)	6. Pte PERSO W C	(2/23 Bn)
3. Pte NICHOL W J	(2/24 Bn)	7. Pte REES E	(2/24 Bn)
4. Pte AGARS R I	(2/48 Bn)	8. Pte POWYER C H	(2/48 Bn)

First..... Second..... Third.....

EVENT 5 CHAMPIONSHIP MEDLEY 90 yds

- a. Breaststroke 30 yds
- b. Backstroke 30 yds
- c. Freestyle 30 yds

<u>Position</u>	1. Sjt WATERMAN J	(Bde HQ)	5. Sjt DEBRICK T C	(2/48 Bn)
	2. Pte	(2/23 Bn)	6. Sigm BARKER	(Bde HQ)
	3. Cpl FROUD S L	(2/23 Bn)	7. Pte FRANCIS R	(2/24 Bn)
	4. Pte McDONALD J	(2/24 Bn)	8. Pte APLIN C D	(2/48 Bn)

First..... Second..... Third.....

EVENT 6 CHAMPIONSHIP FREESTYLE OFFICERS - 60 yds

<u>Position</u>	1. Maj WEBSTER P	(2/48 Bn)	5. Lieut TEMPLETON	(2/24 Bn)
	2. Capt J K T BLERI	(2/24 Bn)	6. Lieut J L BOARD	(2/23 Bn)
	3. Lieut S H HANSEN	(2/23 Bn)	7. Capt A BROCKSOFF	(2/48 Bn)
	4. Maj K MACKAY	(Bde HQ)	8. Lieut V NELSON	(Bde HQ)

First..... Second..... Third.....

I N T E R V A L - 10 minutes

MUSIC and COFFEE (Bring your own mugs)

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EVENT 7 CHAMPIONSHIP FREESTYLE - 120 yds

Position

- | | | | |
|-------------------|----------|--------------------|----------|
| 1. Pte THOMPSON D | (2/24) | 5. Pte KUCHEL D G | (2/48) |
| 2. Pte NORTHROP L | (2/24) | 6. Pte BIRRELL H J | (2/23) |
| 3. Cpl NOBLE | (Bde HQ) | 7. Pte APLIN C R | (2/48) |
| 4. Pte BYERS W | (2/23) | 8. Cpl SHAW W | (Bde HQ) |

First..... Second..... Third.....

EVENT 8 GREASY POLE

- | | | | | |
|------------------------|--------|---|---------------------|--------|
| a. Sjt O'BRIEN J | (2/23) | v | Pte JENNETTE P | (2/24) |
| b. Pte WOOD | (2/48) | v | Cpl WILSON O | (Bde) |
| c. Pte EVANS L | (2/23) | v | Pte CHURCHILL R | (2/48) |
| d. Pte DRAFFEN T | (2/24) | v | Sjt MEYN E | (Bde) |
| e. Winner of event (a) | | v | Winner of event (b) | |
| etc | | | etc | |

First..... Second.....

EVENT 9 WADING RACE - 60 yds

- | | | | |
|--------------------|--------|-----------------|--------|
| 1. Cpl SMITH B J B | (2/48) | 5. Cpl KNIGHT A | (Bde) |
| 2. Pte HURT A | (2/24) | 6. Sjt MEYN E | (Bde) |
| 3. Cpl HALDEN | (2/23) | 7. Pte GRAY F H | (2/23) |
| 4. Pte SIMPSON J P | (2/48) | 8. Sjt CLARKE R | (2/24) |

First..... Second..... Third.....

EVENT 10 NOVELTY - PUSHING 44 GAL DRUM - 60 yds

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|-------------------|----------|
| 1. Sjt HUNT B H | (2/48) |
| 3. Cpl WILSON O | (Bde HQ) |
| 5. Pte OXLADE A G | (2/23) |
| 7. Pte KNIGHT J | (2/24) |

First..... Second..... Third.....

EVENT 11 OFFICERS RELAY - 240 yds 4 officers per team

- Position :
- | | |
|----|---------|
| 1. | Bde HQ |
| 3. | 2/23 Bn |
| 5. | 2/24 Bn |
| 7. | 2/48 Bn |

First..... Second..... Third.....

EVENT 12 RELAY 600 yds - 10 per team

- Position :
- | | |
|----|---------|
| 1. | 2/23 Bn |
| 3. | Bde HQ |
| 5. | 2/24 Bn |
| 7. | 2/48 Bn |

CONDITIONS :

Events 1, 2, 3, 5 and 7 - NO competitor may enter more than one of these events.

<u>Points</u> :	First.....5 points)	All events except event No 8.
	Second.....3 points)	
	Third.....1 point)	

Event No 8 :	First.....6 points
	Second.....3 points

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25 AUST INF BDE SWIMMING CARNIVAL
TUESDAY 1 FEB 44 - Commencing 1500 hrs

PROGRAMME

EVENT 1 CHAMPIONSHIP FREESTYLE 30 yds

- Position
- | | |
|----------------------|-----------|
| 1. Cpl SANDERS C H | (Bde HQ) |
| 2. Pte BELL C C | (2/43 Bn) |
| 3. Lieut S H HANSEN | (2/23 Bn) |
| 4. Cfn CARRICAN D | (Bde HQ) |
| 5. Pte REES E | (2/24 Bn) |
| 6. Pte BRANDER H | (2/24 Bn) |
| 7. Sjt POLKINGHORN W | (2/43 Bn) |
| 8. Pte EGAN J | (2/23 Bn) |

First..... Second..... Third.....

EVENT 2 CHAMPIONSHIP BACKSTROKE 30 yds

- Position
- | | | | |
|-------------------|-----------|--------------------|----------|
| 1. Pte HUTTON M | (2/24 Bn) | 5. Pte STEWART L C | (2/43) |
| 2. Pte JOHANNSEN | (2/24 Bn) | 6. WO1 REILLY E J | (Bde HQ) |
| 3. Pte LUCAS | (2/43 Bn) | 7. Lieut E ENDERBY | (2/23) |
| 4. Cpl MONKRUUD F | (Bde HQ) | 8. Lieut R F ROW | (2/23) |

First..... Second..... Third.....

EVENT 3 CHAMPIONSHIP BREASTSTROKE 30 yds

- Position
- | | | | |
|---------------------|-----------|--------------------|----------|
| 1. Pte MANEA T | (2/24 Bn) | 5. Lieut C G HOLT | (2/23) |
| 2. Pte FREEMAN K A | (2/43 Bn) | 6. Cpl SMITH S J B | (2/43) |
| 3. Sjt TAVERNER J L | (Bde HQ) | 7. Pte CRITCH | (2/23) |
| 4. Pte IGBERG J | (2/24 Bn) | 8. Signl REED A | (Bde HQ) |

First..... Second..... Third.....

EVENT 4 PLUNGE FROM STARTING BOARD

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|-------------------|----------|-------------------|----------|
| 1. Cpl HOBLE | (Bde HQ) | 5. Signl ANDERSON | (Bde HQ) |
| 2. Cpl FROUD S L | (2/23) | 6. Pte PERRO W C | (2/23) |
| 3. Pte NICHOL W J | (2/24) | 7. Pte REES E | (2/24) |
| 4. Pte AGARD R I | (2/43) | 8. Pte POWYER C H | (2/43) |

First..... Second..... Third.....

EVENT 5 CHAMPIONSHIP MEDLEY 90 yds

- | | |
|-----------------|--------|
| a. Breaststroke | 30 yds |
| b. Backstroke | 30 yds |
| c. Freestyle | 30 yds |

- Position
- | | | | |
|-------------------|----------|--------------------|----------|
| 1. Sjt WATERMAN J | (Bde HQ) | 5. Sjt DERRICK T C | (2/43) |
| 2. Cpl FROUD S L | (2/23) | 6. Signl BARKER | (Bde HQ) |
| 3. Pte McDONALD J | (2/23) | 7. Pte FRANCIS R | (2/24) |
| | (2/24) | 8. Pte APLIN C D | (2/43) |

First..... Second..... Third.....

EVENT 6 CHAMPIONSHIP FREESTYLE OFFICERS - 60 yds

- Position
- | | | | |
|---------------------|----------|---------------------|----------|
| 1. Maj WEBSTER P | (2/43) | 5. Lieut TEMPLETON | (2/24) |
| 2. Capt J K T BIRPI | (2/24) | 6. Lieut J L BOARD | (2/23) |
| 3. Lieut S H HANSEN | (2/23) | 7. Capt A BROCKSOPP | (2/43) |
| 4. Maj K MACKAY | (Bde HQ) | 8. Lieut V NELSON | (Bde HQ) |

First..... Second..... Third.....

INTERVAL - 10 minutes

MUSIC and COFFEE (Bring your own mugs)

EVENT 7 CHAMPIONSHIP FREESTYLE - 120 yds

Position

- | | | | |
|-------------------|----------|--------------------|----------|
| 1. Pte THOMPSON D | (2/24) | 5. Pte KUCHEL D O | (2/48) |
| 2. Pte NORTHROP L | (2/24) | 6. Pte BIRRELL H J | (2/24) |
| 3. Cpl NOBLE | (Bde HQ) | 7. Pte APLIN C R | (2/24) |
| 4. Pte BYERS W | (2/23) | 8. Cpl SPAW W | (Bde HQ) |

First..... Second..... Third.....

EVENT 8 GREASY POLE

- | | | | | |
|------------------------|--------|---|---------------------|--------|
| a. Sjt O'BRIEN J | (2/23) | v | Pte JENNETTE P | (2/24) |
| b. Pte WOOD | (2/48) | v | Cpl WILSON O | (Bde) |
| c. Pte EVANS L | (2/23) | v | Pte CHURCHILL R | (2/48) |
| d. Pte DRAFFEN T | (2/24) | v | Sjt MEYN H | (Bde) |
| e. Winner of event (a) | | v | Winner of event (b) | |
| etc | | | etc | |

First..... Second.....

EVENT 9 WADING RACE - 60 yds

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|--------------------|--------|-----------------|--------|
| 1. Cpl SMITH S J B | (2/48) | 5. Cpl KNIGHT A | (Bde) |
| 2. Pte HORT A | (2/24) | 6. Sjt MEYN H | (Bde) |
| 3. Cpl HALDEN | (2/23) | 7. Pte GRAY F H | (2/23) |
| 4. Pte SIMPSON J F | (2/48) | 8. Sjt CLARKE R | (2/24) |

First..... Second..... Third.....

EVENT 10 NOVELTY - PUSHING 44 GAL DRUM - 60 yds

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|-------------------|----------|
| 1. Sjt HUNT B H | (2/48) |
| 3. Cpl WILSON O | (Bde HQ) |
| 5. Pte OXLADE A G | (2/23) |
| 7. Pte KNIGHT J | (2/24) |

First..... Second..... Third.....

EVENT 11 OFFICERS RELAY - 240 yds 4 officers per team

- Position :
- | | |
|----|---------|
| 1. | Bde HQ |
| 3. | 2/23 Bn |
| 5. | 2/24 Bn |
| 7. | 2/48 Bn |

First..... Second..... Third.....

EVENT 12 RELAY 600 yds - 10 per team

- Position :
- | | |
|----|---------|
| 1. | 2/23 Bn |
| 3. | Bde HQ |
| 5. | 2/24 Bn |
| 7. | 2/48 Bn |

CONDITIONS :

Events 1, 2, 3, 5 and 7 - NO competitor may enter more than one of these events.

<u>Points</u> :	First.....5 points	} All events except event No 8.
	Second.....3 points	
	Third.....1 point	

Event No 8 :	First.....6 points
	Second.....3 points

RAP.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

Hq, 2/23 Aust Inf Bn
In the Fd
4 Feb 44

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TRAINING INSTRUCTIONS - RANGE PRACTICE

1. A range practice will be carried out on 5 Feb 44 at 2/2 Aust MG bn range.
2. Lieut HOLT will be range officer and responsible for safety precautions being carried out.
Lieut BOARD will be i/c mortar shoot.
Sgt WHYTE will be i/c MMG shoot.
3. Mortar pl will commence moving out at 0700 hours from 'Q' store area. A ferry system using 15cwt trucks will be run until all personnel have been transported to range.
4. Two mortars and all available MMGs will be carried. Weapons and ammunition to be checked 4 Feb 44.
5. Ammunition

.303	16 belts
3" 10lb	100 bombs
3" 7 1/2 lb	10 bombs.
6. A full report on practice will be made by MMG and Mortar comds. Mortars will report at length on new 3" mortar bomb. Results will be indicated.
7. Personnel will return to coy lines by 1300 hours 5 Feb 44.
8. Arrangements will be made by pl comds for early breakfast and late lunch.
9. An RAP orderly will accompany Mortar pl.
10. Mortars will be prepared to mark spots of all "blinds" and report location to Bn Int Sec who will inform bde immediately.
11. Distribution :-

Copy 1.	CO, 2i/c, Adjnt.
" 2.	Range Comd.
" 3.	HQ Coy.
" 4.	QM, Int Sec, RAP.

 Lieut HOLT to hold, and return evening 5 Feb 44.

Please initial and pass on.

RAP.

J. J. Turner Sgt.

QM

Int Sec

*20 lines for
war diary.*

R. F. Row

Lieut.
Adjutant, 2/23 Aust Inf Bn.
(R F ROW)

2/25 MUST IN BN
TRAINING LOCATIONS

A Coy

4 FEB 44

TIME	TRAINING	LOCATION	TIME	TRAINING	LOCATION
0900-0915	Coy pdr + inspection	Red ground	1000-1100	Snuff	Coy area
0915-0945	Coy and rifle drill	"	1100-1200	BREN 125 Pm 4 1 Pl	"
0945-1000	March	To [unclear]	1100-1150	Maintenance up to 2 Pl	"
1000-1115	Break	To [unclear]	1100-1200	Cumbersome stepping	"
1115-1200	OSMG	To [unclear]	1200-1200	Maintenance up to 3 Pl	"
				54 Plon Coy + Bn duties	Bn area
	<u>E Coy</u>			<u>B Coy</u>	
0900-0915	Coy pdr + inspection	Coy area	0900	Coy pdr	Coy area
Remainder of day	Chem adm	"	0930	10 Pl Rifle drill	South of North Hill
		"	"	11 - Foot drill	"
		"	0935-1000	Foot drill 10 pl.	"
		"		11 + 12 Rifle drill	"
	<u>D Coy</u>				
0900-0930	Coy pdr + inspection	Coy area	1000-1100	Lecture on C.A.B	Coy area
0930-1000	Rifle + Squad drill	"	1115-1215	BREN trg.	Coy area
1000-1100	New personnel. OSMG	"			
1100-1200	" BREN	"			
1200-1200	Old personnel. March	Down North Hill			
	<u>HQ Coy</u>				
0900-0930	Coy pdr + inspection	Coy area			
0930-1000	Pl. Drill 1 2 + 3 Pls.	"			

A. Allen Cpl
for I.O.

2/23 BN

TRAINING

LOCATIONS

5 Feb 44

C	Times	Training	Location
A	0900 - 0945	Coy parade and gd drill	Coy area
	0945 - 1015	Application anti mite lotion to clothing	
	1030 - 1045	Pay parade	
	1045 - 1115	Brew Lard. trg	
	1115 - 1200	Cleaning area (less gd strength 25, ref att slip)	

2/23 BN

TRAINING & LOCATIONS

5 Feb 43

Coy	Time	Training	Location
A	0900 - 0945	Coy parade and guard drill	Coy area
	0945 - 1015	Application of anti-mite lotion to clothes	" "
	1030 - 1045	Pay parade	" "
	1045 - 1115	Bren LMG parade	" "
	1115 - 1200	Cleaning area (less gd strength 25, ref att slip)	" "
B	0900 - 0930	Coy parade	Coy area
	0930 - 1000	Foot drill	South slope
	1000 - 1100	Knots and lashing	NORTH HILL
	1100 - 1200	Lecture	Coy area
C	0900 - 0930	Coy parade and squad drill	Coy area
	0930 - 1030	0.5 MG	A "
	0930 - 1030	Bren TOET	B "
	1030 - 1100	Lecture - Bn history	A "
	1100 - 1200	2" Mortar	A "
	1030 - 1200	Route March	B North Hill track
D	0900 - 0930	Coy parade	Coy area
	0930 - 1000	Pay parade	" "
	1000 - 1050	0.5 MG	A "
	1050 - 1145	Bren LMG try	A "
	1000 - 1145	Route march	B NORTH HILL
HQ	0700 - 1300	Nº 2. and 3 pl range practice	1/2 Aust MG Bn range
	0900 - 0930	Coy parade	Coy area
	0930 - 1200	Nº 5 and 6 pl Bn and pm duties	Bn area
	0930 - 1000	Nº 1 pl pl drill	Coy area
	1000 - 1100	BUZZER practice	" "
	1100 - 1200	Bren - recap. Less 1, 2, 3	" "
		A Reinforcements B All others	

L.P. Wetherburn Lieut
I.O. 2/23 Aust Inf B.

Subject: AUST WAR CEMETERY - FINSCHHAFEN

Time Received 1415
Date JUL 5 1944
Received by of.
1644/18

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HQ 9 Aust Div
Ref: A13/1/1641
4 Jul 44

To be read to all troops
✓ HQ - Parsh A - 1800 hrs
✓ 9th A - " B - 1200 hrs
✓ 10th B - " C - 1800 hrs
✓ 11th D - " D - 1200 hrs
return to HQ

20 AUST INF BDE	4		
24 AUST INF BDE	4	CAMP	
26 AUST INF BDE	4	AASC 9 AUST DIV	2
2/9 AUST CAV (COMMANDO) REGT		ADMS 9 AUST DIV	4
RAA 9 AUST DIV	3	ADOS 9 AUST DIV	2
RAE 9 AUST DIV	2	AEME 9 AUST DIV	2
SIGS 9 AUST DIV		9 AUST DIV PRO COY	
2/2 AUST MG BN		9 AUST DIV SAL UNIT	
2/3 AUST PNR BN		9 AUST DIV REC CAMP	

Copies to: 2/11 Aust Tk A Bty
2/6 Aust Rd Regt
2/4 Aust Lt AA ~~Regt~~ Regt
4 Aust Inf Bde 4
4 Aust Fd Amb
2/3 Aust CCS
2/2 Aust CCS

Promulgated on But & forward
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1. Forwarded herewith are copies of drawing of the proposed layout of the Australian War Cemetery FINSCHHAFEN.
2. The following work has been completed:-
 - (a) Memorial at front(east) of Cemetery, including flagstaffs
 - (b) Gravel round the memorial
 - (c) Entrance gates
 - (d) Entrance gateposts
 - (e) Shell wire mesh fence around the Cemetery.
3. The last correspondence received by this HQ stated that substantial progress had been made in transferring remains to the Cemetery from scattered graves throughout the battle area, and that the following work would be proceeded with as labour was available:-
 - (a) Planting of hedge to replace fence
 - (b) Planting of shrubs
 - (c) Gravelling paths.
4. An enlarged and detailed plan for the memorial porch which is only a suggestion has been handed over to the Graves Commission.
5. The unveiling ceremony at the memorial was performed by Lt.-Gen F.H. BERRYMAN CBE DSO on 29 Feb 44. A description of this ceremony is attached.
6. Commanders will ensure that the information contained in this memo, and the description of the unveiling ceremony, is promulgated to all ranks, and that the copy of the drawing is seen by all ranks.

2/23 Aust. Inf Bde

[Signature]
S.C. 26 AUST INF BDE
5 Jul 44

[Signature]
Lt.-Col
AA & QMG 9 Aust Div

THE FINSCHHAFEN WAR CEMETERY

A simple ceremony which is of historic interest in the story of the New Guinea campaign took place on 29 Feb 44, when Maj-Gen F H BERRYMAN, CBE, DSO, Commander of 2nd Australian Corps, unveiled the memorial at the Australian War Cemetery at FINSCHHAFEN. The memorial was erected by the 9th Australian Division Engineers and was modelled on that erected by the same unit at TOBRUK.

The cemetery is situated in a wide clearing among tree-cleared hills on the banks of the BUMI River, with the memorial inside the entrance gate flanked by the Union Jack and the Australian Flag. Later shrubs and lawns will be planted, but on the day there was nothing but the cleared earth and the graves marked by white crosses. Alongside the Australian Cemetery is the American War Cemetery, which is laid out on similar lines.

The troops taking part in the parade were mainly from 9th Australian Division, as that Division had formed the greater part of the force which fought in the FINSCHHAFEN area. Also present were troops from 4th Australian Infantry Brigade, and representatives of 2nd Australian Corps Headquarters and FINSCHHAFEN Base Sub Area. There was also a detachment of the Papuan Infantry Battalion, whose vigorous patrolling had been a feature of these operations. The 532 United States Engineers Shore and Boat Regiment were represented by fifty all ranks. This unit had worked closely with 9th Australian Division throughout the LAE and FINSCHHAFEN campaigns and had given very valuable service in landing operations, and in the subsequent carriage by sea of personnel and stores. The Australian Army Nursing Service was represented by twelve sisters from 2/2 and 2/3 Aust CCS, whose white veils and red capes were a contrast to the jungle green of the Australian troops.

The parade was in charge of Brigadier W.J.V. WINDEYER, DSO and Bar, ED, Commander 20 Australian Infantry Brigade.

The ceremony was short and simple. General BERRYMAN arrived at 1100 hrs and the parade stood to attention as he proceeded to the memorial and unveiled it.

The General then addressed the parade in the following words:

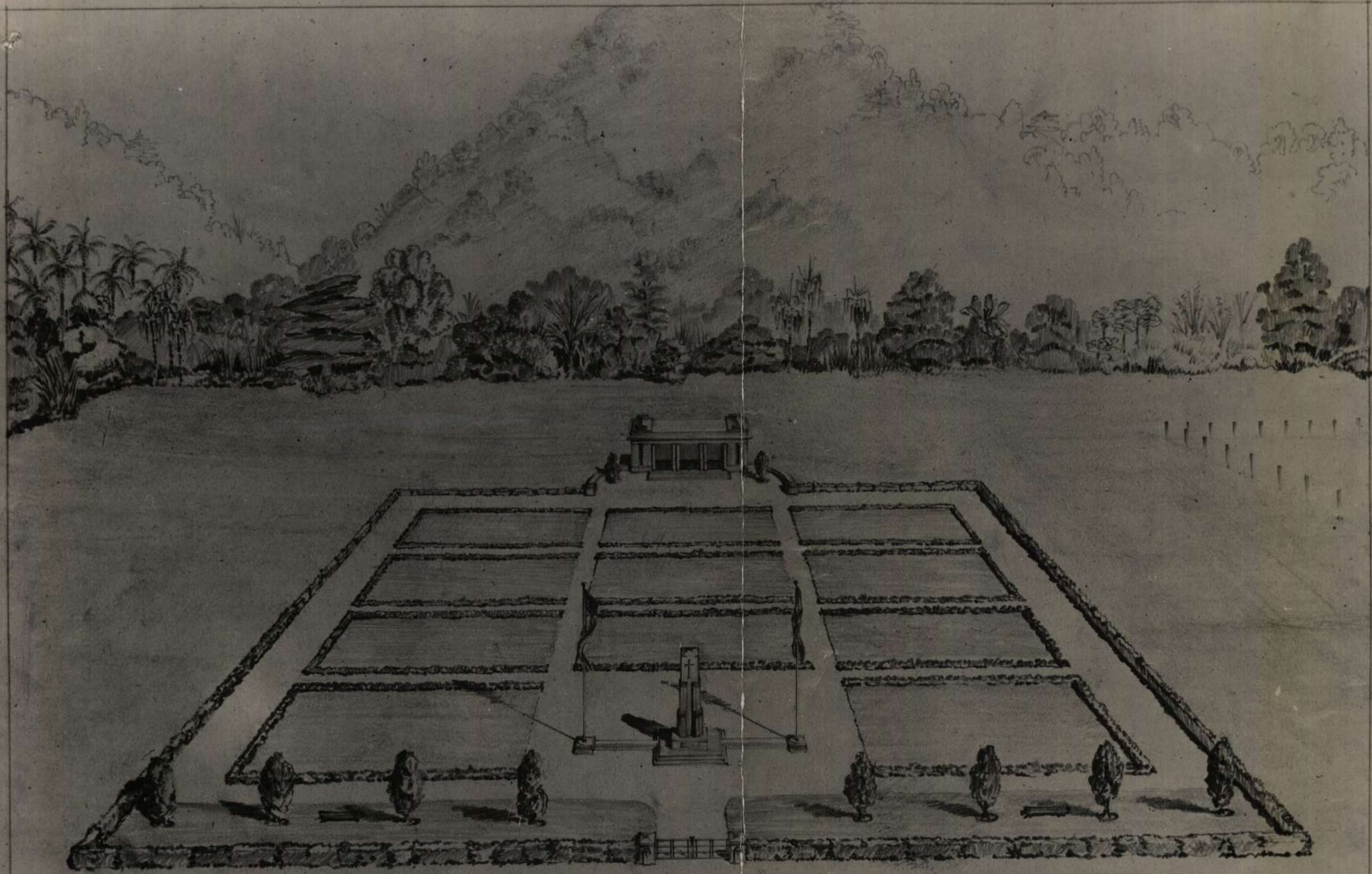
" This memorial commemorates the sacrifice of our comrades and this parade is an act of solemn remembrance. Over this very ground you passed to cross the BUMI River, defeat the enemy and capture FINSCHHAFEN. It is fitting that our comrades should be finally laid to rest on the banks of this river.

It is appropriate that they should rest alongside their American comrades who fought with them to gain a common victory. May the bonds forged on the field of battle last in the years to come to safeguard our freedom and homes. This historic spot will be an inspiration to those who make their pilgrimage here after the war.

We have a duty to the memory of our fallen comrades, to their families and to the Cross of Sacrifice which symbolizes the faith we are fighting for. The crosses you so reverently placed on graves scattered throughout the battlefields are being collected and buried in these very graves.

May we carry away a lasting memory of this act of homage, may we be inspired by their fearless examples and may we be strengthened in the resolve to complete the task for which they laid down their lives. This is hallowed ground for here lie those who died for their country. "

When the General had spoken he saluted the memorial and the parade stood in reverent silence as the Last Post was sounded. After the traditional two minutes the silence was broken by the notes of Reveille and the ceremony closed with the playing of the Recessional by the Regimental



P. Point.

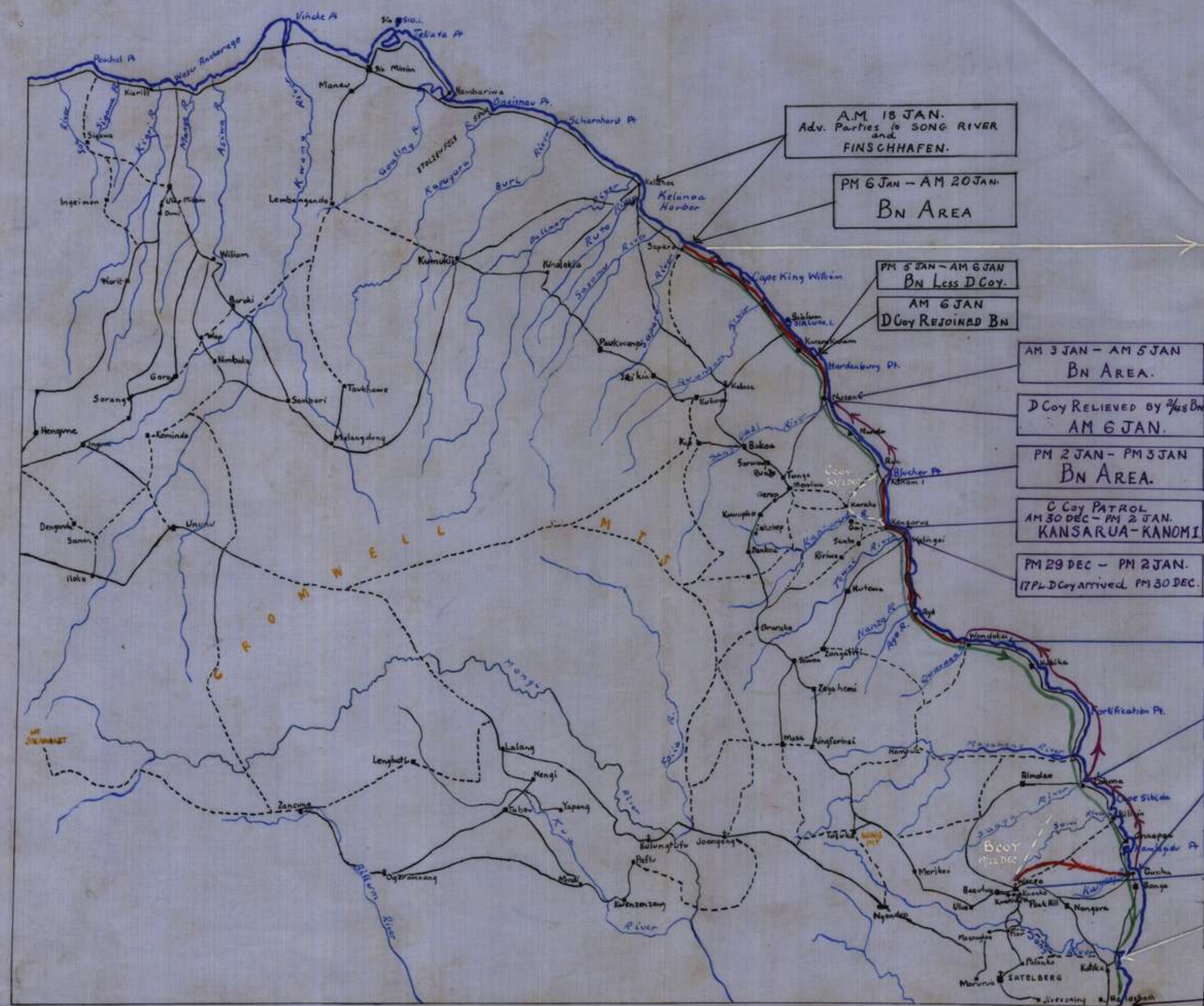
PROPOSED AUSTRALIAN WAR CEMETERY. FINSCHHAFEN.

Drawn by Lieut J.W. Pollif
2/3 Fd Coy R&E
A.I.F.
10 Feb. 44.

*G. MacArthur
Comd 9 Aust.*

HUON PENINSULA CAMPAIGN

Route of ²/₂₃ Aust Inf Bn from 8 Dec 43 to 10 Feb 44



A.M. 18 JAN.
Adv. Parties to SONG RIVER
and
FINSCHHAFEN.

PM 6 JAN - AM 20 JAN.
BN AREA

PM 5 JAN - AM 6 JAN
BN Less D Coy.
AM 6 JAN
D Coy REJOINED BN

AM 3 JAN - AM 5 JAN
BN AREA.

D Coy RELIEVED BY ²/₄₈ BN
AM 6 JAN.

PM 2 JAN - PM 3 JAN
BN AREA.

C Coy PATROL
AM 30 DEC - PM 2 JAN.
KANSARUA-KANOMI.

PM 29 DEC - PM 2 JAN.
17 PL D Coy arrived. PM 30 DEC.

Movt by Barge
KANOMI IS NOZEN
less BN HQ by MT

A Coy & Tac HQ night 27/28 DEC.
BN OCCUPIED AM 28-AM 29 DEC.
17 PL TILL AM 30 DEC.

MOVT BY BARGE
in Coy Groups.
LAKONA IS WANDOKA

PM 25 - AM 28 DEC.
B Coy Rejoined Bn. AM 27 DEC.
A Coy & Tac HQ left PM 27 DEC.

MOVT BY BARGE
in Coy Groups

WAREO TO GUSIKA
PM 22 - AM 23 DEC.
B Coy NIGHT 23/24 DEC.

B Coy PATROL.
WAREO TO LAKONA & RETURN
OUT 19 DEC. IN 22 DEC.

MOUTH OF SONG RIVER.
Adv. Party - PM 18 JAN.
BN - PM 20 JAN. to PM 10 FEB.

Embarked 1600 hrs 10 Feb at
LANCEMAK BAY en route to
Australia.

BN MOVED BY M.T.
FROM SAPORO TO
SCARLETT
BEACH
(SONG RIVER) 20 JAN.

LEGEND	
Outward Route	Red
Return	Green
Patrol	White
Barge	Purple

Int. Sec
²/₂₃ Aust Inf Bn.

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required.)

Army Form C. 2118.
(adapted.)

Unit..... 2/23 Aust Inf Bn Date and Time.—From 1 Mar 44 To 31 Apr 44

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
HOME LEAVE - VICTORIA			The main body of the unit was on leave during the month of March, and in addition to the allotment of home leave (24 days) all accumulated recreational leave was granted. This meant that leave was extended until 14 Apr, when the majority of the Victorian personnel reported to LTD Camp PELL	
CAMP PELL			MELBOURNE. Here it was found that accomodation on trains was not available, so further leave was granted until 0730K on 15 Apr. the adv party had completed leave before the grant of ARL, and had therefore already returned to the unit area at RAVENSHOE, NQ. The party IC stores, which brought the unit stores northward from BRISBANE, reached the camp area at the end of Feb, and were able to take their home leave in Apr. This party went on leave from LTD MELBOURNE on 14 Apr. The main body under comd Maj E MCRAE entrained at Spencer St Sta, for movement to RAVENSHOE, on 15 Apr. A few hours leave was granted in BRISBANE, as the unit staged night 17/18 at 1 ARSC YERONGRILLY. On 18 Apr, Maj MCRAE marched out to LHQ Tac School at BEENLEIGH, and Maj W BROWN assumed comd of the unit. The adjt (LT R ROW) had been evacuated sick at BRISBANE. T/Capt T MATTHEWS took over duties as adjt.	
RAVENSHOE			On 21 Apr the main body arrived in the camp area at RAVENSHOE, where preparations had been made by the adv party; under comd of Lt MCLEOD. Many tents had been already erected, mess huts and adm buildings commenced, and considerable improvements to the camp generally had been effected.	
	Apr 22		Draft of 83 pers marched in. Six 15 cwt vehicles were received. Tps commenced work on improvements to, and completion of buildings in the camp area.	
	23		Church parade in 2/48 Bn lines, for all pers of 36 Bde.	
	24-30		31 X 11st pers marched in, bringing the total unit strength to 222 all ranks. This period was spent entirely on works in the camp area, with the exception of 30 Apr, when a church parade was again held for all Bde pers in 2/48 Bn lines.	

J. H. Lucken Lt Col

*L.P. Warburton Lt
IO 723 Aust Inf Bn*

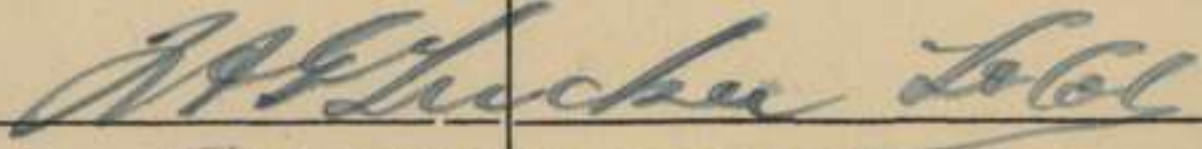
*J. Matthews
Capt
Apr 2/23*

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required.)

Army Form C. 2118.
(adapted.)

Unit 2/23 Aust Inf Bn Date and Time.—From 1 Mar 44 To 30 Apr 44

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
RAVENSHOE			<p>On 26 Apr Lt Col TUCKER marched in, and resumed comd of the bn. On 29 Apr, the CO attended a conference at HQ 26 Bde where an outline for unit trg was prepared. After the church parade on 30 Apr, tps were able to visit TULLY FALLS, one of the well-known resorts on the AHERTON TABLELAND.</p>	
			<u>C O's REPORT</u>	
			<p><u>GENERAL</u> : The majority of members of the bn was on leave for the greater portion of this period. The taking of accrued recreational leave, in addition to home leave, gave all tps a splendid break of six weeks - the longest period of leave ever allotted to members of this unit.</p>	
			<p><u>MEDICAL</u> : Owing to sickness, mainly resulting from the recent operations in N.G, the initial number of pers which returned to RAVENSHOE as the main body of the bn was relatively small, but the arrival of further X list pers and reinfts gradually increased the unit strength.</p>	
			<p><u>CAMP ARRANGEMENTS</u> : Unit adv parties did useful work in preparation of the camp area at RAVENSHOE, and although the camp was by no means complete on the arrival of the unit on 21 Apr, the necessary constructional works required for the camp of a full strength bn was well in hand.</p>	
			 C.O. 2/23 Aust Inf Bn	

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

Army Form C. 118.
(Adapted)

(Erase heading not required.)

Unit 2/23 Aust Inf Bn

Date and Time.—From 1 Mar 44

To 30 Apr 44

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			<u>Q M's REPORT</u>	
			<u>REMARKS</u> The main body of the Bn left MELBOURNE for present area. Rations during trip varied. The meals provided in VICTORIA were very good, N.S.W not quite so good, QUEENSLAND only fair.	
			<u>PRESENT AREA</u>	
			1. <u>RATIONS</u> Good. Issue regularly of fresh meat and vegetables.	
			2. <u>WATER SUPPLY</u> Good generally. Occasionally complaints are made to Camp Staff offr regarding failure of pumping system, and the repair is soon effected. No serious hold-up to date.	
			3. <u>CLOTHING & PERSONAL EQPT</u> Supplies good. Some items not available. All drafts marching in have kit inspected on arrival and deficiencies are made up.	
			4. <u>ORDNANCE SUPPLIES</u> Have received some items of CONTROLLED STORES. Quantity of W.E. received into store. Tentage: Sufficient for present strength. Still need 25 tents to bring us up to W.E. Accomodation Stores: Sufficient in area for 700 pers.	
			5. <u>CANTEEN</u> General items good supply. Tobacco and cigarettes issue very poor. Reason given - Breakdown in supply due to heavy rains.	
			6. <u>COMFORTS</u> YMCA doing usual good work. Amplifying system installed in YMCA hut.	
			7. <u>SALVAGE</u> Not much salvage in present area on arrival. What there was was collected.	
			8. <u>GENERAL</u> - - - - -	

[Signature]

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

44 / 17 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 22/4/1944 (Unit)

W.E. 11/126/2 OFFRS. 22 O.R's. 755 + OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 34 ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Posted Strength		Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.
	1			W.Os. Class I.					
	3		4	W.Os. Class II.					
				Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
	3		2	Staff Sergeants					
	25		16	Sergeants	2	15	1	1	
	27		45	Corporals		3			1 1
331	272		357	Troopers, Privates, etc.		4			
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
331 *	331		424 *	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.	2 - 1	15	1	1 *	14 1 *

* 205 ONLY REMAINING -
 126 BALANCE DRAWN FROM X LIST

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 7 of instructions for compilation of this return will complete analysis of Part B(1) and B(2).
 ** Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col. Particulars will be shown, e.g., 20 U.K. Forces, 10 N.Z. Forces.

Detail	A.I.F.	C.M.F.		A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL
		Under 19 Years.	19 Years and over.							
A	444									
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

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 22/4/1944.

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.			Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)			Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)			Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)				
W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.		
			Surveyors, Engineering			Operating Room Assts.			G.P.O. Assistants				
			Surveyors, E.A.A.			Operator, Keyboard			Hammermen				
			Surveyors, Topographical			Operator, Line			Leather Stitchers				
			Surveyors, Trigonometrical			Operator, Signal			Orderlies, Nursing				
			Toolmakers			Operator, Switchboard			Orderlies, Nursing Mental				
			Turners			Operator, Wireless			Plate Layers				
			Watchmakers			Opticians			Rangefinders	4	2		
			Welders			Painters			Riveters				
						Panel Beaters			Roughriders				
						Photographer, Dry Plate			Saddlers				
						Predictor Numbers			Saddletree makers				
						Printers			Shoemaker and Boot Repairer				
						Radlographers			Stevadores				
						Riggers			Stokers, Staty. Engine				
			GROUP II.			Sawyers			Storemen, Technical	4	2		
			Armourers			Signallers	26	13	Tailors	2	1		
			Axemen			Signwriters			Textile Restiters				
			Bakers			Telescope Identif. Numbers			Tinsmiths				
			Bty. Comd's. Asst.			Well Borers			Vulcanizers				
			Boilermakers			Wheelers			Wagon Erectors				
			Carpenters	6	5	Winchman			Whitesmiths				
			Carpenters and Joiners			Wireman			R S M	1			
			Cooks			Woodturners			R A M S	1	1		
			Dental Mechanics						C S M	5	3		
			Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)						C W M S	5	2		
			Driver-Operator						PROV SGT	1	1		
			Drainers						SGTs	24	9		
			Electricians										
			Electricians (M.V.)										
			Electricians (Signals)										
			Fitters										
			Fitters (Cycle)										
			Fitters (Electrical)										
			Fitters (Gun)										
			Fitters (Instrument)										
			Fitters (M.V.)										
			Fitters, Railway Signal										
			Fitters, Signals										
			Grinder, Precision										
			Mechanics, Instrument										
			Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)										
			Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)										
			Mechanics, Radio										
			Mechanics, Typewriter										
			Mechanics, Wireless										
			Millwrights										
			Operators, Excavator										
			Pattern Maker										
			Pharmacist										
			Photographer, Wet Plate										
			Photewriter										
			Plumber										
			Saw Doctors										
			Surveyors										
			CARRIED FORWARD	1	1	CARRIED FORWARD	17	12	4	CARRIED FORWARD	56	34	10
										Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.		755 929 205	

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 APRIL 44
Date of Despatch

W. Howard MAJOR
Signature of Commanding Officer

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 29/11/1944. 723 Aust Inf Bn (Unit) 44/18 (Serial No.)

W.E. 11/16/44 OFFRS. 22 O.R's. 73 + OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 34 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.				
NR	1		1	*									
NR	2		2	*									
NR	4		6	Lieut.-Colonels									
NR	1		13	Majors									
				Captains									
				Lieutenants									
				Quarter-masters	(UNIT)								
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.									
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.									
8	8		24										
		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.		24									24
		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.
446373	LIEUT	FOSTER K G	7/1000	27 APR 44	RETURNED UNIT
4428711		BATESON A	40 HCH V 149 DIV REC CAMP	27 APR 44	

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
446373	LIEUT	BOARD J L	1 AUST CORPS	22 APR 44	DET FOR DUTY

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO 723 Aust Inf Bn (Unit) IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED. 29/11/1944.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).
445879	LIEUT	MURPHY J H	4 DIV CARRIAGE COY

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 29/4/1944 (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	5811310	TUCKER	FAG	60	YES		
MAJOR	VX 48791	M'RAE	E H		NO	LHQ TACT SCHOOL	
TRIMOTOR	VX 48589	BROWN	W F	276	YES		
CAPT	VX 61326	SEEGLEY	J C		NO	HRL	
CAPT	VX 60314	MCMASTER	NE	2614	YES		
CAPT	VX 5057	DUDLEY	T		NO		
T/CAPT	VX 42701	LUKEY	G W	1000	YES		
	VX 50566	GRAY	H		NO	HRL	
	VX 46146	MATTHEWS	T H	1101	YES		
LIEUT	VX 5062	ROW	R E H		NO		
	VX 52886	M'LEOD	H F K	5 PL	YES		
	VX 52832	GIBBS	E H		NO	HRL	
	VX 28711	BATSEAN	A	6 PL	YES		
	VX 10052	WEINBOHN	L P	10	YES		
	VX 46796	FOSTER	K G	13 PL	YES		
	VX 41937	STEPHENSON	H W		NO	HRL	
	VX 42081	HOOK	P K	17 PL	YES		
	VX 7415	KAVRIS	D C	16 PL	YES		
	VX 10056	HENTON	F T		NO	NOT HEREIN PHOTO SUBM 21 APR 44	
	VX 61066	HARPER	B F G		NO	HRL	
	VX 55699	ENDERBY	E H		NO	HRL	
	VX 10795	BOARD	T L	13 PL	NO	DET 1 MUST CORPS	22 APR 44
	VX 35865	TRIGUING	V H	10 PL	YES		

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

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

29 APR 44 Date of Despatch

[Signature] Signature of Commander

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

Army Form W.3009 (Adapted)
(Page 1)
(Revised Jan., 1943.)
44/18 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday / /194..... (Unit)

W.E. 11/129/2 OFFRS. 32 O.R.'s. 755 OFFRS. 1 O.R.'s. 34 ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1 W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				2		3		4		5		6		7		8		9		10		
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.	DETAIL.		ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.	Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.	Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.
				NR	1																	
NR	2		4	W.Os. Class II.																		
				Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.																		
NR	3		2	Staff Sergeants																		
8	22		9	Sergeants																		
15	38		26	Corporals																		
381	396		262	Troopers, Privates, etc.																		
				Civilians counting as O.R.																		
404*	452		303*	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).				A.I.F.		C.M.F.		A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N	R.A.A.F	**	TOTAL								
Detail		Under 19 Years.	19 Years and over.																			
** 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.				A																		
				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
				1567	COLUMN 4		
				102	BASC WELLS		
				2012	DET 407 DIV		
					ARR (this side)		

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

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

Unit

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.			Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)			Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)			Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)					
W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.			
			Surveyors, Engineering			Operating Room Assts.			G.P.O. Assistants					
			Surveyors, R.A.A.			Operator, Keyboard			Hammermen					
			Surveyors, Topographical			Operator, Line			Leather Stitches					
			Surveyors, Trigonometrical			Operator, Signal			Orderlies, Nursing					
			Toolmakers			Operator, Switchboard			Orderlies, Nursing Mental					
			Turners			Operator, Wireless			Plate Layers					
			Watchmakers			Opticians			Bangetakers	4	2			
			Welders			Painters			Riveters					
						Panel Beaters			Roughriders					
						Photographer, Dry Plate			Saddlers					
						Predictor Numbers			Saddletree makers					
						Printers			Shoemaker and Boot Repairer					
						Radiographers			Stevadores					
						Riggers			Stokers, Staty. Engine					
			GROUP II.			Sawyers			Storemen, Technical	4	1			
			Armourers			Signallers	26	7	Tailors	2	2			
			Axemen			Signwriters			Textile Refitters					
			Bakers			Telescope Identfn. Numbers			Tinsmiths					
			Bty. Comd's. Asst.			Well Borers			Vulcanizers					
			Bollermakers			Wheelers			Wagon Erectors					
			Carpenters	6	1	Winchman			Whitesmiths					
			Carpenters and Joiners			Wireman								
			Cooks			Woodturners								
			Dental Mechanics											
			Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)											
			Driver-Operator											
			Drainers											
			Electricians											
			Electricians (M.V.)											
			Electricians (Signals)											
			Fitters											
			Fitters (Cycle)											
			Fitters (Electrical)											
			Fitters (Gun)											
			Fitters (Instrument)											
			Fitters (M.V.)											
			Fitters, Railway signal											
			Fitters, Signals											
			Grinder, Precision											
			Mechanics, Instrument											
			Mechanics, Instrument (Optical)											
			Mechanics, Instrument (Mechanical)											
			Mechanics, Radio											
			Mechanics, Typewriter											
			Mechanics, Wireless											
			Millwrights											
			Operators, Excavator											
			Pattern Maker											
			Pharmacist											
			Photographer, Dry Plate											
			Photewriter											
			Printer											
			Public Health Officers											
			Surveyors											
			CARRIED FORWARD	1	1	CARRIED FORWARD	17	2	10	CARRIED FORWARD	56	17	21	
										Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.		755	303	404

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

Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

Mon Day

2/23 HUST INF BN

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ATTACHED PERSONNEL

		INF	POS STS	REQ REQ
AACC	Cook & Teller	22	5	
	CATERER	1		
HAPP	HYG Insp	1		
	MED ORDERLIES	2		
	CHIROPDIST	1		
HAOC	SHOEMAKER	1		
AEME	ARMOURER	2		
	FITTERS Gun	1		
HAPS	CLERKS	2	1	
HAPS	POSTAL DUTIES	1		
	TOTAL	34	6	

DETAILS OF WU & NCOs BY TRADES

	WU	WU	WU	WU	WU	WU	WU	WU	WU
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	WE				POSTED STIC				
INTAKE DUTIES	1			2					1
SEMPARERS				2					1
CLERKS			2	5				1	3
HAPP NOS				4					
LONG NOS & R/IN				36					14
MAG NOS				3					3
MORTAL NOS				5					2
PLUMBERS				4					2
RSM									
KYPS							1		
CSMS			5				3		
CUMS			5					2	
PROVO SET				1					
TAILOR				1	1				
STORMER BEARER				1	2				
TECH STORES				1					
SETS				24					6
ATTACHED									
AACC CATERER									
" COOKS				5	5				
HAPP HYG DUTY				1					
" SET DUTY				1					
" CHIROPDIST					1				
HAOC SHOEMAKER					1				
AEME ARMOURER					1				
HAPP CLERKS					1				
HAPS POSTAL					1				
TOTAL	1	7	5	4	1	7	2	1	27

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SIGNATURE OF COMMANDER

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 5/2/1944 2/23 MUST INF BN (Unit)

W.E. 11/12/2 OFFRS. 32 O.R.'s. 738 + OFFRS. 1 O.R.'s. 34 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.
NR	4	1		Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs.	ARCH DEPT ARMY	1 1	1		
NR	4	1	29			2	1		

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.	31									31
E. (1)										
E. (2)										

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

* 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.
VX48398	MAJOR	SPIER PE	MDS	30 JAN 44	EVALUATED SICK
VX48791	"	M'RAE EH		30 JAN 44	DET. SPECIAL DUTY
VX 5031	LIEUT	DENING KS	2/3 ADS	30 JAN 44	EVALUATED SICK
VX23475	"	LOVELL FK	X LIST	28 JAN 44	TAKEN OFF POSTED STRENGTH
VX42081	"	HOCK PR	"	24 JAN 44	"

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

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

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday/...../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	SX10310	TUCKER	FAS	CO	Yes		
MAJOR	VX48398	SPIER	PE	---	No	MDS	30 JAN 44
"	VX48791	MORHE	EM	---	No	DET SPECIAL DUTY	30 JAN 44
"	VX48589	BROWN	WF	OC Coy	Yes		
CAPT	VX61536	SEDFLEY	JG	OC B Coy	"		
"	VX48314	MCMASTER	NE	OC C Coy	"		
"	VX5087	DUDLEY	J	---	No	SCHOOL	3 Nov 43
T/CAPT	VX42701	LUKEY	G.W	QM	Yes		
LIEUT	VX50364	GRAY	H	---	No	SCHOOL	12 JAN 44
T/CAPT	VX50341	VINES	WJ	---	"	DET 26 BDE BM (L)	13 Dec 43
LIEUT	VX5062	ROW	R.F.H	ADJT	Yes		
"	VX52884	MLEOD	H.F.R	---	No	DET SPECIAL DUTY	18 JAN 44
"	VX41643	LYNE	H	---	"	"	"
"	VX52832	GIBBS	E.H	---	"	"	"
"	VX28713	BATESON	A	---	"	"	"
"	VX25126	BARRAND	R.S	---	"	SCHOOL	20 JAN 44
"	VX40152	WENBORN	L.P	10	Yes		
"	VX46393	FOSTER	R.G	---	No	DET SPECIAL DUTY	18 JAN 44
"	VX44937	STEPHENSON	H.W	---	"	SCHOOL	20 JAN 44
"	VX42597	HOOK	R.R	---	"	MDS	24 JAN 44
"	VX7410	LAWRIE	D.C	---	"	SCHOOL	21 JAN 44
"	VX136034	HEATON	E.T	---	"	"	17 " "
"	QX34219	STEVENSON	G.M	---	"	"	21 " "
"	TX840	BEECKOFT	W.R	10 PL	Yes		
"	VX28921	HANSEN	G.W	11 PL	"		
"	VX61094	HARPER	H.P.G	---	No	SCHOOL	21 JAN 44
"	VX88699	ENDERBY	E.A.	8 PL	Yes		
"	QX11795	BOARD	J.L	14 PL	"		
"	VX5031	DENING	H.S	---	No	MDS 2/3 ADS	30 JAN 44
"	VX103460	HOLT	S.G	1 PL	Yes		

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
CAPT	VX64241	SPRING E.E	AMMC	13 Sept 43	R.M.O
CHAP	RX132875	BRYSON A.W	ARCH DEPT	22 JAN 44	CHAPLAIN

29-2-44
Date of Despatch

[Signature]
Signature of Commander

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 5 / 2 / 1944 2/23 Aust Inf Bn (Unit)

W.E. 11 / 12⁰ / 2 OFFRS. 32 O.R's. 738 + OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 34 ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.									
1	2	3	4		5	6	7	8	9	10				
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.					
NR	1			W.Os. Class I.										
NR	2		4	W.Os. Class II.	AS DETAILED			11						
				Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.	PART "B"									
NR	3		2	Staff Sergeants		15		19	NR					
NR	15		16	Sergeants										
NR	19		45	Corporals										
254	214		417	Troopers, Privates, etc.										
				Civilians counting as O.R.										
254*	254		484*	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2		15*		19	NR*					
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).				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
				A	499									499
				B(1)										
				B(2)	2									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
15gt	AAPL				COLUMN	4	
15gt	AAPS			36	MDS		
2 "	AAMC			12	SCHOOLS		
3 "	ARCC			2	LEAVE		
1Cpl	ARCC			29	SPEC DUTY		
1Cpl	AAMC			3	BUNA		
1 Pte	AAMC			5	DET DUTIES - SCHOOLS		
5 Pres	ARCC			87	TOTAL COLUMN 7		
101							
				1	ARCC MDS		
				1	AAMC MDS		
				89	TOTAL		

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).

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PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 5/2/1944.

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				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants				
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, E.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen				
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers				
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)		1		Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing				
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental				
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers				
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangefinders	4		2	
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Riveters				
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders				
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers				
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers				
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer				
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevadores				
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine				
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical	3	2	NR	
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers	24	13	5	Tailors	1		1	
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refters				
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths				
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Ety. Comd's Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers				
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors				
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters				Winchman				Whitesmiths				
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners	6	5	NR	Wireman				MASON			1	
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners								
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics				DR OPERATOR		2						
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)												
Fitters				Driver-Operator												
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers												
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians												
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)												
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.				
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors								
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers	1	1		GEN DUTIES	5	380	563	230
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	4	3	NR					
Gunner, Precision				Hello Operator				Clerks, Supply								
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				NCOs	107	61	NR	
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	7	5	NR	Couch Trimmers				TRAINED				
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors				MOR. MEN			10	
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks		1		TRAINED				
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies				MMQS NOS			6	
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.	34	15	NR	
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals								
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.								
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics		14						
Pharmacist				Massours				Driver Tpin. Plant								
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Handa, I.C.								
Photewriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers	1	1						
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers								
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates								
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers		5						
CARRIED FORWARD		1		CARRIED FORWARD	13	11	NR	CARRIED FORWARD	43	51	5	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A, respectively.	772	499	254	

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.

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[Signature]
Signature of Commander

Date of Despatch

Part A of Army Form W.300
PART "E"

NCO'S AS PER NOTE "A"
PART "E"

1 WO 1 (RSM)
2 WO II (CSM)
3 S/SGTS (COMS)
15 SGTS (PL)
19 CPLS (PL)

40 TOTALS

To be filled by
X list personnel
at present in
Hospital. Reinfets
NOT required.

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NOTE - (a) If there are more than 100 names in this column, the names should be listed in order of rank.
(b) If there are more than 100 names in this column, the names should be listed in order of rank.
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2/23 AVST INF BN

Appdx A To AAF W 3009 - 22 APR 44

ATTACHED PERSONNEL

DETAILS OF TRADESMEN	W E	POSTED STRENGTH	REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED
A.A.C. COOKS 40	22	14	-
" CATERER	1	1	-
A.A.M.C. H.Y.C. Inspi	1	1	-
Med Ords	2	1	-
CHIROPEDIST	1	-	1
A.A.O.C. SHOEMAKER	1	-	1
A.E.M.E. ARMOURER	2	1	-
FITTERS GUN	1	-	-
A.A.P.C. Pay CLERKS	2	1	-
A.A.P.S. POSTAL DUTIES	1	1	-
	34	20	2

DETAIL OF WOS AND NCOs BY TRADES

	W E					POSTED STRENGTH				
	WOI	WOII	S/SGT	SGT	CPL	WOI	WOII	S/SGT	SGT	CPL
INTELL. DUTIES				1	2					
SIGNALLERS					2					
CLERKS				2	5					2
T/A Nos					4					
LMG Nos + R/men					36					39
M.M.G. Nos					3					2
MORTAR Nos					5					1
PIONEERS					4					1
R S M	1									
R Q M S		1					1			
C S M		5					3			
C Q M S			5					2		
PROVOST SGT				1					1	
TAILOR				1	1					
STRETCHER BEARER				1	2					
TOBACCO STORE				1					1	
SGTS				24					14	
<u>ATTACHED</u>										
<u>A.C.C.</u> CATERER		1								
COOKS				5	5		1		5	5
<u>A.M.E.</u> H.Y.C. DUTY				1					1	
SGT ORD				1					1	
CHIROPEDIST					1					
<u>A.O.C.</u> SHOEMAKER					1					
<u>E.M.E.</u> ARMOURER				1					1	
<u>A.P.C.</u> CLERKS				1	1				1	
<u>A.P.S.</u> POSTAL DUTIES				1					1	
	1	7	5	41	72		5	2	26	80

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NOMINAL ROLL : ADVANCE PARTY

2/23 Aust Inf Bn

VICTORIA

<u>ARMY NO</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>LEAVE ADDRESS</u>
VX28713	Lieut	BATESON Arthur	William St., <u>OAKLEY S.E.12</u>
VX46373	"	FOSTER Kenneth Graham	23 Camperdown St., <u>EAST BRIGHTON</u>
VX52832	"	GIBBS Eric Henry	298 Glenferrie Rd., <u>HAWTHORN</u>
VX41643	"	LYNE Allan	9 Johnstone St., <u>MALVERN E.Y. 6020</u>
VX52884	"	McLEOD H.F.K.	210 Humphrey St., <u>BALLARAT EAST</u>
VX48398	Major	SPIER Peter Elliston	113 Riverdale Rd., <u>HAWTHORN</u>

72140 (VX)	Pte	BENNETT Alfred John	Hepburn Springs via <u>DALESFORD</u>
VX33476	Sgt	CARLETON Frederick Lloyd	637 Punt Rd., <u>SOUTH YARRA</u>
VX47489	Pte	GROWLEY Douglas	Hepetoun St., <u>CULCAIRN N.S.W.</u>
VX25673	"	DROSCHER Edward James	Sander St., <u>MERBEIN</u>
VX46547	"	DYER Francis William	Roslyn <u>LARA</u>
VX18642	"	FISHER John Alexander	c/o Mansfield Hotel <u>MANSFIELD</u>
28467	"	FOSTER Lindsay Isaac	<u>PYRAMID HILL</u>
VX73891	"	FRASER Alexander	c/o Mrs McGaffin <u>Lawrence St., WODONGA</u>
VX40203	"	FROST Lawrence Keith	<u>PORTLAND</u>
VX 3940	"	HAMPTON Robert Henry	<u>GARFIELD</u>
VX78343	"	HATELEY Frank John	<u>MILDURA</u>
VX46775	"	HARTLE Rowland Edward	47 Third St., <u>BLACK ROCK</u>
VX75296	"	HEBBARD Albert	<u>YARRAWONGA</u>
VX43338	Cpl	JOHNSTON Aubrey Raymond	<u>DARTMOOR</u>
VX40546	Pte	LAPISH John	64 Walsh St., <u>WEST MELBOURNE</u>
VX24647	"	LAWRENCE Joseph	<u>COWES PHILLIP ISLAND</u>