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**2/10 Infantry Battalion**  
**February - March 1944**

MAR 7 1944

# WAR DIARY ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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(adapted.)

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Unit 2/10 Aust Inf Bn

Date and Time.—From 0840 1 Feb 44

To

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
CAMS HILL	1 Feb 44	0840	C Coy HQ and 13 & 15 pls move out for OLD HILL 4100 MR647677, via FARIA RIVER track.	
		0900	D Coy leave for 4 days patrol to move NW along MINDJIM RIVER. Lieut Scott and FOO with the coy. Communication with Bn to be maintained with 108 set and W/T.	
		0900	14 pl C Coy leave for OLD HILL 4100.	
		0900	Jap defensive posn on CRATER HILL MR649668 found to have been evacuated during night 31 Jan/1 Feb. Occupied by 7 & 8 pls A Coy. This ends the final phase of the CUT THROAT OPERATION. 14 dead Japs found in position, many more bodies suspected buried under fallen timber and debris caused by our arty fire. One 70 mm Bn Gun unearthed by Pte Symes of A Coy, one grenade discharger type 89, diaries, documents and equpt also found; a considerable amount of ground still to be examined. The posn is approx 500 yds long by 60 yds deep with 40 foxholes on CRATER HILL, 110 foxholes on razor back MR 647677, several more foxholes presumed to be buried by timber and earth.	
		1230	D Coy at MR 641674, fresh foot tracks located, intention to recce down creek running West. No enemy sighted.	
		1530	C Coy in posn at OLD HILL 4100. Coy HQ and 15 pl 647677, 14 pl 647676, 13 pl 6466799.	
		1640	D Coy at hut MR 633671. No contact with enemy. Digging in for night.	
		1800	Movt Orders received and will operate at 020900L. BnHQ and 8 pl A Coy to move to MR 655665, A Coy HQ and 7 pl to 658663, 9 pl to 670653. B Coy to relieve A Coy at CRATER HILL MR 649668.	
MR 655665	2	0900	BnHQ and B Coy move out for respective new areas.	
		1100	BnHQ and B Coy in posn.	
		1110	A Coy move out for new area.	
		1230	A Coy in posn.	
		1245	C Coy kill one Jap at CRATER HILL. Jap was about to throw grenade when shot.	
		1425	Maj Brocksopp, OC Coy Coy, left to attend school in Australia.	
		1630	D Coy reach PAIPA 2 and settling in for night.	

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Date and Time.—From 1642 2 Feb 44 To .....

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MR 655665	2 Feb 44	1642 1900	8 Offrs from 58/59 Bn arrive at BnHQ and will stay the night. Bn dispositions. BnHQ and 8 pl A Coy 655665. A Coy HQ and 7 Pl 658663. 9 Pl A Coy 670653. B CoyHQ and 12 pl 652668, 10 Pl 649668, 11 pl 649669. C Coy HQ and 15 Pl 647677., 13 Pl 646679., 14 Pl 647676. D Coy PAIPA 2; 2 Pl 673643; 3 Pl GRASSY PATCH; 5 Pl 671637; HQ Coy	
			Two RAAF pilots visit Bn today and will stay indefinitely for the purpose of studying results of bombing during the recent action. Bn receive 55 ORs as reinforcements.	
	3	0925 1030	Offrs of 58/59 Bn recce Bn area. D Coy contact enemy in vicinity of PAIPA I. Our arty engaged and enemy withdrew. One Jap killed by D Coy fire. Our casualties, 2 ORs wounded.	
		1700	D Coy at PAIPA I for the night. Bn busy improving L of C in Bn area. Casualties for the day 2 ORs wounded.	
	4	0930	Lieut Greaves, 12 ORs C Coy, one ANGAU official and native carriers leave for 7 days recce patrol to AMUSON via MUSA RIVER.	
		1700	D Coy return from 4 day patrol and take up posn on KANKIRYO SADDEE. (Patrol report attached as per Appendix 1)	Appdx 1.
		1700	Lieut Greaves patrol reach MR 665695. Route taken very rough and going slow. Pte McPherson reported missing on 11 Jan 44 now posted as K.I.A.	
MR 655665 now known as KUMNICK'S KNOLL	5	0950	Lieut Scott and 19 ORs leave for GUYS POST and will represent Bn at the dedication service of the DUMPU War Cemetery.	
		1000	I.O. departs for recce of 58/59 Bn area and remains.	
		1130	CO and Adjt leave for D Coy.	
		1300	Lieut Sinclair and 24 ORs leave on recce patrol to SAIPA I, via PAIPA I.	
		1335	Maj-Gen Vasey and Bde Comd arrive at BnHQ.	
		1700	Lieut Sinclair's patrol at PAIPA I for the night.	
		1800	Lieut Greaves at MR 677722 and forming base as river impassable owing to floodwaters. 1 OR and 4 natives washed down river but later rescued. Native food lost in flood. Patrol killed one Jap Offr.	

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Unit 2/10 Aust Inf Bn

Date and Time.—From 1800 5 Feb 44

To.....

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
KUMNICKS KNOLL	5 Feb 44	1800 (contd)	3 pl returned from GRASSY PATCH to GEARDS GULCH, MR 673624. Following details for week-ending 5 Feb: Posted strength 24 Offrs 620 ORs, plus 7 Offrs 63 ORs attached. Reinforcements march in, 55 ORs. Evacuations to hospital, 23 ORs. X List march in 13 ORs. Transfers 1 OR. Casualties for week ending 5 Feb 44E 1 OR KIA; Capt Gunn and 3 ORs WIA. Posting of Officers - see appendix	
	6	1000	Lieut Sinclair's patrol contacted Japs at MR 585714. Jap posn heavily defended with one HMG, 2 LMGs and one heavy mortar. 4 Japs killed. Our casualties, 1 walking wounded. Bde order patrol to return to B Coy area.	Appdx 2.
		1400	Lieut Greaves patrol reach AMUSON. No movt seen.	
		1700	Lieut Sinclairs patrol returns. For patrol report see appdx.	Appdx 3.
		1800	Bde Admin Instruction 48 received ref Bn change over with 58/59 Bn. During the day Chaplain Hopkins held church services at B and C Coy areas. Casualties for today, 1 OR WIA.	
	7		Bn busy improving L of C.	
		1730	Lieut Greaves patrol at MR 665678 and will camp for night. Patrol found unoccupied Jap defensive posn at MR 664679.	
	8	0900	Cpl Evans and 6 ORs C Coy depart on recce to track Junct MR627699.N.M.S.	
		1230	Lieut Greaves patrol returns to BnHQ for patrol report see appdx.	Appx 4.
		1700	58/59 Bn in posn at respective areas.	
	9	1000	Bn officially hand over to 58/59 Bn.	
		1010	Bn leave area for two day march to 58/59 Bn area at MR 578574, ref map EVAPIA RIVER 1:25000.	
		1220	Lunch at AVERYS POST.	
		1520	Bn at GUYS POST for the night.	
	10	0230	Stand to. Bde advise that Jap parachute landing suspected. Enemy A/C heard flying overhead.	
		0810	Bn move out for 58/59 Bn area.	
		1100	Lunch at DAMOUR BRIDGE.	

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Date and Time.—From 1600 10 Feb 44 To 11 Feb 44

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MR 578544 MENE RIVER AREA	10 Feb 44	1600	Bn in posn at MR 578574. Orders received that malarial precautions to be rigidly enforced. This area reputed to be infested with dengue and typhus germs.	
	11	0615 0715	Stand to. Stand down.	
			Bn busy all day improving area. Air sentries posted and post will be manned at all times. Bn dispositions: BnHQ 578544; HQ Coy 576576; A Coy 578573; B Coy 575575; C Coy 574577; D Coy 581576.	
	12		18 ORs march in as reinforcements. Improvements to Bn area carried out during the day. 21 ORs march in as reinforcements. Bn posted strength for week ending 12 Feb: 27 Offrs 673 ORs X List march in 26 ORs. Evacuations to hospital, 31 ORs.	
			Posting of offrs - see Appdx Battle casualties for CUTTHROAT OPERATIONS as follows: KIA QX 36937 Lieut R R Wilson and 12 ORs. Died of Wounds, 3 ORs. WIA QX 36934 Capt W K Gunn, QX 35817 Lieut A T Holcombe and 25 ORs.	Appdx 5
	13	0700	3 air raid red signals received during early hours 13 Feb.	
		0900	A/C heard overhead. NO bombs dropped. Chaplain Hopkins conducts church service in Bn area.	
	14	1430	Bn personnel digging slit trenches and clearing area. Bn improving area. Brig Hammer and Maj Travers of 15 Aust Inf Bde arrive at BnHQ and confer with C.O.	
	15	1930	Bn working in Bn area. Mobile cinema unit provide programme in Bn area. The show appreciated by all ranks as this is the first picture seen by Bn personnel for several weeks.	

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Date and Time.—From 16 Feb 44

To .....

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MENE RIVER AREA	16 Feb 44		Our A/C exceptionally busy throughout the day, large formations of various types flying <del>NW</del> North West. Bn personnel engaged in clearing Bn area. 3 Offrs from 6 Aust Inf Bde arrive at BnHQ and will stay indefinitely.	
	17	0830	CO holds conference with Coy Comds. Improvements to Bn area carried out by Bn personnel.	
	18	0900 1000 1050	Bn reverts to 18 Aust Inf Bde command. 1 OR reinforcement marched in. Chaplain Redding, senior Anglican Chaplain 7 Aust Div, and Chaplain Lynch, senior Roman Catholic Chaplain 7 Aust Div visit Bn and confer with CO and Chaplain Hopkins. Bn engaged in clearing of area.	
	19	1800 1200 1320 2150	Mobile cinema again provides entertainment for Bn personnel. Bde Comd and Bde Maj visit BnHQ and confer with CO. Lieut Sykes and McDougall return to Bn from LOB Group. Air raid red alert. No planes heard.	
			Confirmation received of the following decorations for distinguished and gallant service rendered in the South West Pacific area during Bn actions on our previous visit to New Guinea:- <u>M.C.</u> SX 694 Capt SCHMEDJE T J <u>M.I.D.</u> SX 1323 WO I PERCIVAL J G SX 1995 A/Cpl OLIVER F SX 2539 pte SUTTON R G	
			Details for week ending 19 Feb 44 as follows:- Posted strength 28 Offrs 679 ORs plus 2 offrs 48 ORs attached. Reinforcements marched in, 1 OR. Evacuations to hospital, 24 ORs. X List return to unit 2 offrs 30 ORs.	
	20	0900	Posting of Officers. see appdx Church pde. Chaplian Hopkins officiating.	Appdx 6.
	21	1100 0600 0930	Capt W A Brocksopp and Lieut J P Andrews return to Bn. Bn 2 i/c (Maj Miethke), Lieuts Robotham & Mates & 3 ORs depart for LOB, pt Moresby. CO and Adjt left for Bde conference. Bn rehearsing for Bde pde sheduled for 24 Feb.	
	22	1430	By Authority: L. F. JOHNSTON, Commonwealth Government Printer, Canberra. Sgt Fricker, A Coy, leaves to attend OCTU, in Australia. Bn training in area throughout the day.	

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Date and Time.—From 22 Feb 44

To .....

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MENE RIVER AREA	22 Feb 44	1530	Bn training in area throughout the day. Advice received from Bde that Bde Pde set down for 24 Feb cancelled.	
	23		Bn personnel engaged in grass cutting and cleaning of area. For reshuffling of officers see Appendix 7.	
			QX 20608 Lieut L Boyland marched in as reinforcement officer. Capt R E H Christie, British Officer, attached to HQ Coy.	
	24	0840 0900	Lieut Turner and 36 ORs leave on recce to IOGE feature MR692693. Lieut Rickards and 10 ORs depart on recce of track to 5500 feature west. MR 584632.	
		1530	Lieut Turner's patrol returns. Track taken blocked by landslide and impassable. N.M.S. Bn engaged on improvements to area.	
	25	0850	Sgt French and 8 ORs ("I" Sec) leave to recce route to IOGE feature MR 692693.	
		0900	CO conducts TEWT for Bn Officers on defence of Bn area. Lt-col Cummings, acting Bde Comd, present.	
		1500	Lieut Rickards' patrol returns. Contact made with 2/6 Cav Sqdn at 5500 feature west. N.M.S.	
	26	1510	Sgt French's patrol returns. Reached IOGE feature at 251100L	
		0900	O Group conference. Details for week-ending 26 Feb 44 as follows:- Evacuations to Hospital Capt Durant, Lieut Scott & 35 ORs. X List returned to unit, Capt W A Brocksopp, Lieut J P Andrews and 31 ORs. Reinforcement marched in, Lieut L Boyland. Transfers, 3 ORs. Posting of Officers, see Appendix 7	Appx 7.
	27	0900	Church pde. Service conducted by Chaplain Hopkins.	
		0900	RC Mass service held in Bn area.	
		1030	C of E Holy Communion, senior Chaplain Redding officiating.	
	28		Bn make and mend. Lieut Edwardes departs for LOB gp, Moresby. Bn preparing defensive positions in area. 4 ORs march in as reinforcements.	





Patrol Report by Don Coy 1 Feb to 4 Feb 44 incl.

Ref. Maps PAIPA &amp; AMUBA 1:25000

Strength 4 Officers 63 O.R.s + F.O.O 3 O.R.s arty  
4 O.R.s S.B. 7 sigs & 2 I. Sec

Total Strength 5 Officers 79 O.R.s

O.C. patrol Capt. KUMNICK.

Time out

011030L

Time in

041640L

Object

To patrol to PAIPA 2 &amp; form base with one pl to patrol as far as possible down MINDJIM. RIVER &amp; contact any enemy in area &amp; ascertain strength

Answer

PAIPA 2 reached at 021630L &amp; base formed.

Enemy contacted at PAIPA. 1. M.R. 594705 at 031030L. Strength estimated up to 20 men

Casualties

Enemy 2 killed. Own troops 2 walking wounded evacuated.

Route out

DI From KANKIRYO SADDLE along foot track to creek at M.R. 641674. Followed Jap tracks to creek at M.R. 639675, thence down creek to M.R. 633671 &amp; camped for night.

DII From this point followed MINDJIM. R. to village at M.R. 617685. Left RIVER at this point &amp; moved in northerly direction through jungle, but had to return to MINDJIM. R. at M.R. 615685. Thence to PAIPA 2 (camped second night).

DIII Left PAIPA 2 &amp; moved down MINDJIM. R. to PAIPA. 1, made contact with enemy &amp; withdrew to M.R. 596704 (camped third night) 18 pl camped at M.R. 594704.

DIV Moved along MINDJIM. R. to PAIPA. 1. 17 pl moved further to M.R. 587713.

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## Don Coy patrol

ROUTE IN.

From PAIPA.I. up stream along MINDJIM to M.R. 641667 thence along foot track to KANKIRYO SADDLE

GENERAL

D. I

Line communication was maintained throughout also 108. R/T was maintained at most times.

At M.R. 641674 fresh gap tracks were seen & followed down creek to MINDJIM.R. This route was apparently used as an escape lane for a large number of enemy & tracks were made only a few hours previous.

Patrol had difficulty in making much headway owing to roughness of track & camped for night at M.R. 633671. The point was an old gap post but had been razed by bombs & arty. A 15 ft wide M.T. Road came into this point but was never finished or used. A patrol, strength Lieut Scott

& 3 ORS, left at 011715L to recon route along MINDJIM.R. & to locate M.T. Road on right of RIVER. Patrol followed MINDJIM.R. down stream to first creek at M.R. 629673. Track

along RIVER well used & good going. At this point patrol followed foot track NORTH for 500 yds & found very fresh gap tracks coming from direction of features 4500 & HYDE HILL. These tracks were only

a few hours old & patrol estimated that at least a boy of gaps had passed this way & headed back to MINDJIM.

These tracks appeared to pass through arty target area ABLE 30. which had been fired on at about 011000L. at 011830L patrol returned

D II

A gap map was found at M.R 633671 & sent back to I. Sec. Patrol left at 020830L followed down stream along MINDJIM. Track crossed & re-crossed river but was good going. At M.R 611681 four large huts were investigated. This appeared to be an old gap Q area. At 021330L patrol left RIVER to find a track East of PAIPA 2. Country was very steep & thick undergrowth made going impossible so patrol returned to MINDJIM at M.R 615685. At this point two natives were seen. One wearing Jap. K. Ds & the other carrying a gap axe. They made off when patrol tried to intercept them. At 021630L patrol entered PAIPA 2 & camped for night. A patrol of O.C. Lieut Scott & 3 O.P.s left at 021700L to retrace track along MINDJIM. R. for next day. Patrol reached clear patch at M.R 608695. Again two natives were encountered but escaped when patrol tried to intercept. Track in good condition. Time in 021820L.

D III

At 030800L O.C forward Coy H.Q + 17 pl left PAIPA 2 & followed along MINDJIM. R. 18 pl with sigs & rear Coy H.Q left to follow O.C. at 030830L. At 030900L 16 pl left to return to KANKIRYO. SADDLE. At M.R. 598699 a single gap track was seen & followed to PAIPA I at this point forward elements of patrol came under fire from Jap rifles. One sec 17 pl endeavored to work around on gap left flank but came into view & received two casualties (walking wounded); Lieut Liston + 1 sec 17 pl worked around gap

GENERAL  
D III  
CONTINUED

right flank & engaged them for one hour killing one Jap. 17 pl then withdrew & all patrol took up posn at M.R 596704. At 031330L F.O.O registered smoke then 30 rounds of H.E on PAIPA I. At 031415L another 30 rounds H.E fired on posn. At 031430L Lieut Matis & 10 O.Rs left to ascertain whether enemy still in posn. Returned at 031810L & reported posn clear of enemy. 18 pl then went forward with O.C to occupy but found that patrol had cleared village 200 yds South East of PAIPA I. 18 pl took up posn for night. Balance of patrol stayed at M.R 596704.

D IV

At 040700L Sgt Morrison & 6 O.Rs went forward & reported PAIPA I clear of enemy. 18 pl then occupied & rest of patrol joined them at 040830L. Position was thoroughly reced. The village consisted of 10 huts & appeared to have been used as a C.C.S. as bandages were plentiful. The defences appeared to have been hastily dug. Two dugouts were old but approx 20 foxholes were new & shallow. At 041030L Lieut Liston & 17 pl patrolled along MINDJIM to M.R 587713. N.M.S. but fresh tracks of four men were noticed. At this point a small village was cleared. Patrol returned at 041230L. At 041000L a single Jap armed only with grenade was killed moving down stream towards PAIPA I. Paybook & odds & ends forwarded to I Sec. At 041315L patrol left PAIPA I to return. Reached KANKIRYO SADDLE at 041645L.

DIV. (CONTINUED)

Return trip followed MINDJIM. R. right into SADDLE.

GENERAL  
ROUTES

The only practicable route found follows MINDJIM. R. all the way & is good going. It is apparent that a road had been built on this route but had been washed away in many places. Numerous destroyed bridges were seen. The route slopes very gradually & times out would be identical with lines in.

(Signed) A. Kummick (Capt)

POSTING OF OFFICERS

HQ 2/10 Aust Inf Bn  
5 Feb 44.

HQ 18 Aust Inf Bde

Subjoined is Posting of Officers for week ending 6 Feb 44:-

BnHQ	Lt-col	C J GEARD	O O
	Maj	G R MIETHKE	2 i/c
	Capt	H B MATHESON	Adjnt
	Lieut	C A MARCH	Asst/Adjnt
	Lieut	J B MORONEY	I O
	Capt	H G ROYLE	R M O
	Capt	J F HOPKINS	Chaplain

HQ COY

LOB

Capt K L COWLING	OC	Maj J H TREVIVIAN
Lieut K F TURNER	QM	Lieut E C SYKES
Lieut J L GREAVES	Sig Pl	Lieut A F McDOUGALL
Lieut R J SCOTT	MMG Pl	Lieut J A NOLAN
	Mor Pl	Lieut C E HERDEN
	Tk/A Pl	
Lieut JAG RYRIE	Pion Pl	

A COY

B COY

Capt K R THOMPSON (Brit offr)	O O	Capt A C BRAY	OC
Lieut A R StV MALLYON	2 i/c	Lieut I C EDWARDES	2 i/c
Lieut G H LITCHFIELD	7 Pl	Lieut I V SINCLAIR	10 Pl
Lieut F G RICKARDS	8 Pl		11 Pl
Lieut ECS MELDRUM	9 Pl		12 Pl

C COY

D COY

Capt C L DURANT	OC	Capt P A KUMNICK	OC
Lieut J ROSEBY	2 i/c	Lieut P F HIGGINS	2 i/c
Lieut H T ROBOTHAM	13 Pl	<del>Lieut R R R</del>	16 Pl
	14 Pl	Lieut D D LISTON	17 Pl
	15 Pl	Lieut G J MATES	18 Pl

NOTES: Lieut H R DOOLIN Evac to Hosp  
Maj J E BROCKSOPP to Tact School, Aust

Capt W K GUNN W I A 31/1/44

*R Miethke Maj for*  
Lt-col  
Comd 2/10 Aust Inf Bn

AOD

Strength 1 offr 24 OR's

Time out 051300L

Time in 061730L

## DAY I.

Route out From BITI MR. 645665 at 051300L  
to PAIPA 2. Arrived at 051500L.

PAIPA 2 to PAIPA 1. by 051630L

## DAY II.

Route out Left PAIPA I. at 060730L to "585714 (RIDGE)  
Arrived 061030L. After being attacked, withdrew  
and consolidated at MR 607695 at 061200L.

Route in Left MR 607695 at 061300L. Returned to  
CRATER HILL via KANKIRYO SADDLE. Arrived  
061730L.

## GENERAL

## D. I.

Left PAIPA 2 for PAIPA I. Reached PAIPA I. and  
occupied at 051700L. At 051715L 3 patrols  
each of 3 men made recce of area. No. 1,  
patrol 200° N, No 3 200° to E, No. 1 200°  
to W. No's 1 & 3 NMS. No. 1. saw one enemy  
and movement of another. Patrol bivouaced for  
night PAIPA I.

## D. II.

~~Leaving~~ At 051700L attempt to contact BHQ  
unsuccessful. Moved on at 051730L. At 051030L  
leading scout fired on and wounded from  
MR ridge 585714. Secs immediately deployed.  
Point sec came under heavy fire. Two MMG's  
and one HMG. Sec on left ~~also~~ gave  
covering fire to enable point sec to withdraw.  
Sec on right fired and killed one, and probably  
two others. Enemy 15 to 20 strong came  
out on left sec in that area withdrew. Four  
enemy approached right sec posn. Engaged

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with Bren and grenades. Two known E killed. Patrol then withdrew using fire + movement tactics. Machine gun and mortar fire still coming from enemy.

Right sec killed one Jap. Patrol regrouped at MR 607695. at 061200L.

Contacted BHR and received orders to return.

OBSERVATIONS

Posn, <sup>MR 585714</sup> well defended, at least 3 fire holes seen.  
1 HMG, 2 MMG's, 1 heavy mortar.

Enemy may have OP ~~posn~~ forward of his posn enabling him to note patrol strength otherwise enemy would not have attacked so boldly.



2/10 Bn Patrol Report. Lieut J. L. Greaves.

Ref map AMUSON } 1:25000  
PAIPA }

Strength

1 Officer 12 ORs 18 native carriers 9 2 J sec sigs.

Time Out

040915L

Time In

081110L

Route Out

D I

Left B Coy area M.R. 653657. Crossed creek M.R. 654674 followed spur to M.R. 655675 then to creek junc M.R. 655675. Followed creek to 656677, turned East, followed spur crossing creek MR. 658681 followed creek to junc MOSA.R. Followed MOSA.R. to M.R. 665695. Camped here for night 4/5. Followed MOSA.R. to M.R. 677722. Camped for night 5/6 Feb.

D II

D III

Established base. One recce patrol followed MOSA.R. to M.R. 687733. Could not continue owing to flooded River. One recce patrol moved East to native huts M.R. 689734, then to huts M.R. 693734 then East to BANAGA.R. M.R. 697735 then along river to below village.

Route in

D IV

Left biv area taking track to M.R. 679723 then to garden M.R. 678718, to garden M.R. 678715. Followed track to MR 680711, crossed creek at MR. 679709, crossed creek M.R. 674706 then to MOSA.R. M.R. 669706. Followed MOSA.R. to M.R. 665678 & camped for night 6/7.

D V

Left Biv area followed spur to creek M.R. 655671 joined track M.R. 654671, then to B. Coy area.

General D I

After leaving B. boy area followed gap blazed track to M.R. 654671. Here track became very faint. Followed gap pad to creek June M.R. 658683. Foot prints of one or two gaps along track. At creek June M.R. 655675 found gap habersack, also traces of meal. At native hut M.R. 664684 found signs of where gaps slept (approx two), continued down MOSA.R to 665695 & camped for night 4/5

D II

050900L continued down MOSA.R at M.R. 668709 sighted one gap by forward scout, 15 yds to front. Gap heard scout approaching & tried to make for scrub. Gap stopped & turned to throw grenade. The gap was then shot by leading scout. Gap had NO weapons only three grenades. Papers etc found on gap attached. Going fairly easy to 674717 from here to M.R. 677721 very rough. Camped for night 5/6 at M.R. 677722

D III

Established base. Recce party moved down River to M.R. 692729 could not continue, river too high from recent rains. At 060900L followed native pad from base to native huts. Huts vacated that morning, fires still burning in huts, followed tracks to huts M.R. 693684. Huts & gardens well kept, plenty food. Followed track to BANAGA.R. M.R. 697735 then along river to AMUSON village. Brought one native back from AMUSON for questioning by ANGAU. Native said that there were NO gaps in area. "Plenty gaps" came down MOSA.R passed village & continued down BANAGA.R. Kept native in camp for night 6/7

D IV

Using native as guide found shorter route back (see trace) joining MOSA.R at M.R. 669706. Continued up MOSA.R. to M.R. 665678 camped for night 7/8

D V

Left Biv area 080900 L moved up spur & joined track M.R. 655 661. Track well blazed & had a lot of use approx 10 days before. Gap defensive posn M.R. 664 679 approx one sec, posn wired, four strand single apron. Another gap posn M.R. 662 677. This was not wired approx sec posn. Both these positions had been vacated 10 days (posns marked on trace) arrived B. Coy area 1110 hrs

Remarks

No signs of fresh tracks on route back, found maps very accurate. Had no difficulty in pin-pointing posn. A/Loc to B.H.Q faded out at approx M.R. 665 695. W/T was used from then on. Attached find Japs papers etc & trace

Signed J. L. Greaves. Lieut

POSTING OF OFFICERS

HQ 2/10 Aust Inf Bn  
13 Feb 44.

12

HQ 18 Aust Inf Bde

Subjoined is Posting of Officers for week ending 13 Feb 44:-

<u>Bn HQ :</u>		Lt-col	C J GEARD	C O
		Maj	G R MIETHKE	2 i/c
		Capt	H R MATHESON	Adjt
		Lieut	C A MARCH	Asst/Adjt
		Lieut	J B MORONEY	I O
		Capt	H G ROYLE	R M O
		Capt	J F HOPKINS	Chaplain
<u>HQ Coy</u>		<u>LOB</u>		
	OC	Maj	J H TREVIVIAN	
Capt	K L COWLING	Lieut	E C SYKES	
Lieut	K F TURNER	Lieut	A F McDOUGALL	
Lieut	J L GREAVES	Lieut	J A NOLAN	
Lieut	R J SCOTT	Lieut	C E HERDEN	
Lieut	H R DOOLIN			
Lieut	JAG RYRIE			
	OC			
Capt	K R THOMPSON (Brit offr)	Capt	A C BRAY	OC
Lieut	A R StV MALLYON	Lieut	I C EDWARDES	2 i/c
Lieut	G H LITCHFIELD	Lieut	I V SINCLAIR	10 Pl
Lieut	F G RICKARDS	Lieut	J S MORGAN	11 Pl
Lieut	ECS MELDRUM			12 Pl
	OC			
Capt	C L DURANT	Capt	P A KUMNICK	OC
Lieut	J ROSEBY	Lieut	P F HIGGINS	2 i/c
Lieut	H T ROBOTHAM	Lieut	D D LISTON	16 Pl
Lieut		Lieut	G J MATES	17 Pl
				18 Pl

NOTES : Lieut H R DOOLIN returned from Hosp 11/2/44  
Lieut J S MORGAN " " " 7/2/44

*J. Geard*

Comd 2/10 Aust Inf Bn  
Lt-col

POSTING OF OFFICERS

HQ 2/10 Aust Inf Bn  
20 Feb 44.

HQ 18 Aust Inf Bde

Subjoined is Posting of Officers for week ending 20 Feb 44:

<u>BN HQ</u> :	Lt-col	C J GEARD	C O
	Maj	G R MIETHKE	2 i/c
	Capt	H R MATHESON	Adjt
	Lieut	C A MARCH	Asst/Adjt
	Lieut	J B MORONEY	I O
	Capt	H G ROYLE	R M O
	Capt	J F HOPKINS	Chaplain

<u>HQ COY</u>		<u>LOB</u>	
	OC	Maj	J H TREVIVIAN
Capt K L COWLING	QM	Capt	R W SANDERSON
Lieut K F TURNER	Sig Pl	Lieut	J A NOLAN
Lieut J L GREAVES	MMG Pl	Lieut	C E HERDEN
Lieut R J SCOTT	Mor Pl		
Lieut H R DOOLIN	Tk/A Pl		
Lieut JAG RYRIE	Pion Pl		

<u>A COY</u>		<u>B COY</u>	
	OC	Capt	A C BRAY
Lieut A R Stv MALLYON	2 i/c		OC
Lieut G H LITCHFIELD	7 Pl	Lieut	I C EDWARDES
Lieut F G RICKARDS	8 Pl	Lieut	I V SINCLAIR
Lieut ECS MELDRUM	9 Pl	Lieut	J S MORGAN

<u>C COY</u>		<u>D COY</u>	
	OC	Capt	P A KUMNICK
Capt C L DURANT	2 i/c	Lieut	P F HIGGINS
Lieut J ROSEBY	13 Pl	Lieut	
Lieut E C SYKES	14 Pl	Lieut	D D LISTON
Lieut H T ROBOTHAM	15 Pl	Lieut	G J MATES
Lieut A F McDOUGALL			

NOTES : Capt K R THOMPSON (Brit Offr) taken off strength - to 18 Bde.  
 Capt R W SANDERSON replaced on LOB Group - from 18 Bde.  
 Lieut E C SYKES )  
 Lieut A F McDOUGALL) taken on strength from LOB Group.

*J. Geard*  
 Lt-col  
 Comd 2/10 Aust Inf Bn

POSTING OF OFFICERSHQ 2/10 Aust Inf Bn  
27 Feb 44.HQ 18 Aust Inf Bde

Subjoined is posting of officers for week ending 27 Feb 44:

BN HQ :	Lt-col	C J GEARD	C O
	Maj	H H TREVIVIAN	2 i/c
	Capt	H R MATHESON	Adjt
	Lieut	C A MARCH	Asst/Adjt
	Lieut	J B MORONEY	I O
	Capt	H G ROYLE	R M O
	Capt	J F HOPKINS	Chaplain

HQ COYLOB

	O C	
Capt K L COWLING	Q M	
Lieut J P ANDREWS	Sig Pl	
Lieut J L GREAVES	MMG Pl	
Lieut	Mor Pl	
Lieut H R DOOLIN	Tk/A Pl	
Lieut JAG RYRIE	Pion Pl	

Maj	G R MIETHKE
Capt	R W SANDERSON
Lieut	H T ROBOTHAM
Lieut	G J MATES
Lieut	J A NOLAN
Lieut	I C EDWARDES

A COYB COY

	O C	
Lieut A R StV MALLYON	2 i/c	
Lieut G H LITCHFIELD	7 Pl	
Lieut G F RICKARDS	8 Pl	
Lieut ECS MELDRUM	9 Pl	

Capt	A C BRAY	O C
Lieut	K F TURNER	2 i/c
Lieut	J S MORGAN	10 Pl
Lieut	I V SINCLAIR	11 Pl
Lieut	C E HERDEN	12 Pl

C COYD COY

Capt	W A BROCKSOPP	O C
		2 i/c
Lieut	J ROSEBY	13 Pl
Lieut	E C SYKES	14 Pl
Lieut	A F McDOUGALL	15 Pl

Capt	P A KUMNICK	O C
Lieut	P F HIGGINS	2 i/c
Lieut	L BOYLAND	16 Pl
Lieut	D D LISTON	17 Pl
Lieut		18 Pl

NOTES : Maj J H Trevivian )  
 Lieut C E Herden ) from LOB  
 Maj G R Miethke )  
 Lieut H T ROBOTHAM )  
 Lieut G J MATES ) to LOB  
 Lieut I C EDWARDES )

Capt W A Brocksopp from 18 ITB  
 Lieut L Boyland from gen Rfts  
 Lieut J P Andrews from X List  
 Lieut R J Scott )  
 Capt C L Durant ) evac to hosp.

*b. f. Geard*

Lt-col  
 Comd 2/10 Aust Inf Bn

R.M.O.'S REPORT ON CUTTHROAT OPERATION

The outstanding medical problems of the operation was the evacuation of the wounded and the transport of medical gear.

The country, from both points of view, made carriage very difficult. Bad slippery and muddy tracks up and down steep mountains and along mountain streams were the problem. The success achieved was due to the small number of casualties, spread over 10 days.

In the first move from Grassy Patch to Sproggs Ridge, natives carried the tent fly, blankets and palliasses, 1 tin of kerosene. The rest of the medical ~~xxx~~ equipment, ~~xx~~ 12 sandbags, the Medical Companion and Surgical Haversack, and three 2-gallon water tins were carried by the Stretcher Bearers and the R.A.P. This extra load resulted in exhaustion of the men, and it is recommended that where possible, more natives be available for moving the R.A.P. In most subsequent moves, the R.A.P. carried all the gear itself. Fortunately we moved frequently and over short distances.

In the ensuing actions, evacuations were carried out as follows:  
From the place of wounding to Coy HQ - Bn stretcher bearers and men from the Coy.

From Coy to R.A.P. - Field Ambulance stretcher bearers. We had 12 Field Amb stretcher bearers, working in two teams of 6.

From R.A.P. to A.D.S. - native carriage.

Whenever possible, men in the vicinity of the R.A.P. were formed into teams of 6, and sent along the track to 'stage' the carriage. This resulted in much quicker evacuation.

Each Coy in action had 4 bearers, the remainder being kept at the R.A.P., being sent forward when needed to relieve Coy bearers or to 'stage' wounded back to the R.A.P. If casualties had been heavy, evacuation of stretcher cases would have been slow and difficult with the few men available. The present complement of 20 stretcher bearers to a Bn is quite inadequate for jungle warfare. 6 bearers are needed for each stretcher.

Stretchers were made from ground sheets, two-men tents or palliasses. All coys went into action without any of the above, which were kept well in their rear, and did not catch up with the men until the action was practically over. This meant that all material for making stretchers had to be carried forward by stretcher bearers. In action it worked, but again had casualties been heavy, transport forward of the above materials would have resulted in great delay in evacuation. It is recommended that one or other of the above materials be carried farther forward by the men themselves, or more attention given to transporting them forward to the men.

The R.A.P. was kept within 1 to 1½ hrs stretcher carry from the forward coy. This is absolutely essential in this country, especially with the few men available for stretcher carriage, and the rough nature of the country. In all the moves, natives were able to reach the R.A.P. for carriage back to A.D.S.

### Treatment .

Most of the wounds were penetrating and perforating G.S.W's. Wounds of exit were mostly small, and it is very doubtful if any wounds were caused by explosive bullets. Except for two penetrating abdominal wounds, and a deep penetrating wound of the back and chest with paralysis from the waist down, all of whom died, wounds were not mutilating.

Pentothal Sodium Anaesthetic was carried throughout, and used twice to set a fractured tibia and fibula, and a fractured femur. The Thomas splint was applied more easily, quickly and efficiently as a result, and both patients had a comfortable trip to the A.D.S. It has proved itself useful in an R.A.P.

Twice when coys were attacked in the late afternoon, wounded could not be got back to coys before nightfall, and as stretcher carriage along the rough tracks was impossible at night, they did not reach the R.A.P. until the following morning. This jeopardised the life of abdominal wounds, who had another 5 hr journey to the A.D.S. next day. Where the tactical situation permits, attacks in the morning or early afternoon give the wounded in this country a much better chance of survival.

Platoon commanders were issued with one injection of Morphia gr  $\frac{1}{2}$ . This proved its value on the first day of the attack. Lieut Holcombe led a patrol to find Pte Beardsworth who had been wounded ~~xxxxxxx~~ by an ambush and fallen over a cliff. He was badly wounded, received the injection. When the stretcher bearers reached him, he was drowsy and was carried up the difficult track with very little pain. This was the only case when it was used.

Casualties: from 11 Jan to 6 Feb: Killed 1 & 12; DOW, 3; Wounded, 2 & 24.

### Health .

The health of the troops has been good. Malarial relapses have been few - most P.U.O. being Dengue Fever. Up to date we have not received statistics of the number of each.

Feet have stood up well to the continued wearing of wet boots. Methylated spirit was unavailable but canned heat rubbed on the feet followed by foot powder was successful in preventing Trench Feet.

Small epidemics of diarrhoea have broken out in coys, particularly those camped near old Jap positions. All have been controlled with Sulphaguanidine, and only 5 have been evacuated with Clinical Dysentery. All Coy Aid Posts carry the drug.

Two men have had anxiety neurosis with tremors, after being in action. One, who had been in action before, was evacuated; the other who was new to it was given ~~xxx~~ Pot Brom and rest in the R.A.P. for 2 days and was returned to ~~xxx~~ his company with doubtful results.



Conclusion.

1. More carriers should be made available for transporting the R.A.P.
2. The R.A.P. should be as far forward as possible to minimise carriage by Bn personnel.
3. 20 stretcher bearers are insufficient for a Bn in Jungle warfare. 42 would be nearer the requirement - giving 7 squads of 6 men.
4. 6 stretcher bearers are needed for every stretcher in hilly country. The extra two to support each side of the stretcher.
5. Material for making stretchers, e.g. groundsheets, should be carried as far forward as possible by the men, and kept up to them in subsequent moves. This would also give the men extra comfort.
6. Pentothal Sodium has proved itself invaluable in splinting severe fractures.
7. The issue of one  $\frac{1}{2}$  gr injection of morphia to each platoon Commande on going into action in case of his separation from medical aid, was justified.
8. Attacks in the late afternoon jeopardise the life of the severely wounded.
9. Malarial relapses and dysentery have been few,

*H.V. Royce* Capt  
RMO 2/10 Aust Inf Bn

7 Feb. 44

DISTRIBUTION

Div - 1  
Bde - 1  
Fd Amb - 1  
WD - 1  
File - 1

R M O's REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 1944

HQ 2/10 Aust Inf Bn  
1 Mar 44.

SICK PARADE: Regular sick parades began again when we arrived at our present site on 10 Feb. Attendances averaged 130 per week.

MALARIA: There was a slight increase in Primary Malaria, approx 20 cases, with a small increase in Malarial relapses. There was one case of cerebral malaria.

DENGUE FEVER: This has increased, and evacuations averaged 14 per week. The incidence is now declining.

SCRUB TYPHUS: There were three cases. All three had camped on Mortar Ridge in ~~very~~ the old "C" Coy area. Anti-mocca fluid was not supplied to this Coy for approx 14 days after setting up camp, resulting in many mocca bites. This may be the cause of the typhus in <sup>one of</sup> these men.

DIARRHOEA ; This has been negligible.

HYGIENE: Hygiene in the area has been good. All men are sleeping off the ground.

ANTI-MOSQUITO MEASURES : A large area of kunai grass has been cut and burned. Drains have been dug where necessary, and there is now very little low-lying water needing spraying. Spraying is carried out weekly by Coy Squads. All men parade at 1830 hrs daily for atebirin and application of Repellant Lotion. More mosquito sprays have been distributed, and there is now one to every two tents. Since the above precautions were rigidly enforced, there has been a decrease in P.U.O.

LECTURES ; A lecture on V.D. was given to all Coys.

GENERAL: The health of the Bn is good.

*J.G. Royle*  
Capt  
RMO 2/10 Aust Inf Bn

WAR DIARY - "Q" SECTION - JAN 44.

The move commenced from PORT MORESBY to DUMPU 1 JAN and by 1800 hours 2 JAN move of Bn had been completed.

"Q" Sect relieved 2/27 Bn "B" Ech area on 1 JAN and on 2 JAN commenced forwarding stores to post positions.

The "Q" Sect operated in two parts - the main "B" Ech at Bde "B" Ech area and also a FWD "B" Ech in rear of Bn HQ. It was necessary to operate in this manner, as "B" Ech was at the JEEPHEAD also stores had to sent in different directions, some of which by-passed Bn HQ.

The system of marking all post stores with different coloured paint was adopted and found very effective at fwd "B" Ech in sorting stores for further fwd movement.

The rations were excellent and on a very good scale, the Bde Bakery supplying excellent rolls.

The O2 ration provides an excellent ration for patrols etc.

*V. H. L.* CAPT.  
QM 2/10 AUS INF BN

WAR DIARY - "Q" SECT - FEB 44.

On 8 FEB 58/59 AUS INF BN arrived at "B" Ech area on way fwd to relieve 2/10 Bn.

"B" Ech stores were removed to area occupied by 58/59 Bn.

Complete change over of fwd posns effected by AM 10 FEB, Bn then staged in "B" Ech area and moved on to new area 11 FEB.

Full move of stores for Bn to new area completed 11 FEB.

Points noticed during action were as follows:-

- (a) Boots with brass sprigs nailed on as issued by Ordnance useless as spriggs, pulled off in approx 2 hours.
- (b) The necessity for a section of Mobile Laundry attached to a Bde was noticed, for this laundry would help to cut down wastage to a large extent in as much that troops could be supplied with clean clothes once a week. The Dirty clothes be back loaded and washed, then sent fwd again. This would save the weight of clothes carried fwd by troops and also ensure clean clothes for troops when returning from action.

On arrival in new area check was made of losses of equipment etc during action, replacement of same being issued by A.D.O.S.

*V. H. L. L.* CAPT.  
QM 2/10 AUS INF BN

2/10

*dated R.*

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

18 AUST INF BDE ADMN INSTN NO. 48

SECRET

Copy No 8  
5 Feb 44.

CHANGE OVER 15 & 18 BDES

58/59 to change with 2/10  
57/60 to change with 2/9  
24 and 2/12 bns to remain in present areas until 24 bn  
relieved by a bn of 6 Bde.  
24 bn will then move to 2/12 bn area and they to strip.

Proposed sequence of events - (subject to verbal confirmation)

6	Feb	58/59 Bn	to	DAMOUR
7	"	58/59 "	"	GUYS POST
8	"	58/59 "	"	2/10 area
9	"	2/10 "	"	GUYS POST
10	"	2/10 "	"	DAMOUR
11	"	2/10 "	"	old 58/59 area
12	"	57/60 "	rest in	15 Bde area
13	"	57/60 "	to	DAMOUR
14	"	57/60 "	"	GUYS POST
15	"	57/60 "	"	2/9 area
16	"	2/9 "	"	GUYS POST
17	"	2/9 "	"	DAMOUR
18	"	2/9 "	"	old 58/59 area

*} Now all done on 10<sup>th</sup>  
- only a 2 day move.*

Expected time of arrival of 6 Bde is not before 15 Feb so that  
24 bn would not be relieved before 17 Feb. 24 bn to move  
through above stages and relieve 2/12 bn by 21 Feb.

15 and 18 Bde HQs to move after completion of unit moves, as above.  
18 Bde HQs to move direct to strip if necessary.

Backloading of aircraft if necessary.

2/10 Bn	available from	15 Feb
2/9 Bn	"	18 Feb
2/12 Bn	"	15 Feb (subject concurrence 7 Div.)
18 Bde HQ	"	18 Feb

Advance parties from bns and bde HQs available for backloading  
on first planes bringing in 6 bde.

Adm.

1. 15 bde have set up a bn staging area complete with latrines,  
cess-pits, kitchen etc at DAMOUR.
2. 18 bde have set up a bn staging area complete with latrines,  
cess-pits, kitchen etc at GUYS POST.
3. To be manned by respective bde cooks and personnel until  
change over complete.
4. Bns to arrange mutually for advance parties and handing  
over of accom stores, post reserves amn and rations and  
equipment.
5. Jeep and trailers will backload under mutual arrangements  
Bde TO's.

6. 2/9 and 2/10 bns to backload natives with unit gear to GUYS POST commencing 3 days before due date of relief.

7. Bns to carry on the march:

Personal weapons - 10 rds per rifle. \*  
 2 mags full per LMG & OSMG. \*

Tents shelter half }  
 Blanket }  
 Mosquito Net } for use at Staging areas  
 Capes A/Gas }  
 Groundsheet }  
 Personal gear. }

8. Evening and breakfast meals will be available at Staging areas and lunch if necessary. If on the march during lunch period, sufficient rations will be collected from Staging areas for that meal.

9. Post reserves Rations

(a) A store house is being established in vicinity 2/10 "B" Ech KANKIRYO area containing 1300 SWPA rations and 1300 O2 rations. This is a 2 day reserve for the two fwd bns.

(b) A store house is being established in vicinity unit rear elements GUYS POST to contain 5000 SWPA rations, 1000 O2 rations and 1000 native rations. This is a 2 day reserve for all troops in area GUYS POST and fwd.

(c) Regular changing of SWPA rations to prevent deterioration will be responsibility of BASCO. All other rations will be handed over mutually by bns without record.

10. Post reserves Amn.

(a) All amn other than that mentioned in para 7 above will be handed over mutually by units in present posts. A return is required by this HQ 2 days before mvt of post reserves amn, on usual proforma.

11. Post reserve Stores.

All accom stores as per our AQ2063 of 2 Feb 44 will be handed over mutually by bns.

12. Inter-comm and returns

A DRLS will operate between HQ of 15 and 18 bdes until completion of move. 18 bde units will lodge all normal adm returns to this HQ, irrespective of location.

*[Signature]*  
 Capt  
 SC 18 Aust Inf Bde

RSM  
 frequency list  
 by 7/2  
 2/9

DistributionCopy Nos

2/9 Aust Inf Bn	1 - 7
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Note Changes from Verbal Orders

- 1) NO Grenade will be carried
- 2) Only 2 mags NOT 3 per OSMG & LMG.

Alteration to this Succeed & Verbal Orders

This unit will NOT stage at DAMOUR but will go from Sny's Post to new area in one day. Men's rolls must be marked as they will <sup>now</sup> be dumped on leaving Sny's Post & transported by jeep.

R. M. M. May





2/10 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 5 / 2 / 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	4
			Weiders			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	4
			Armourers			Signallers	27	37	Tailors	2	2
			Axemen			Signwriters			Textile Refitters		
			Bakers			Telescope Identifn. Numbers			Tinsmiths		
			By. Comd's. Asst.			Well Borers			Vulcanizers		
			Bollermakers			Wheelers			Wagon Erectors	67	95
			Carpenters	6	5	Winchman			Whitesmiths		
			Carpenters and Joiners			Wireman			RSM WO I	1	1
			Cooks		1	Woodturners			RQMS WO II	1	1
			Dental Mechanics						CSM WO II	5	5
			Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)						COMS SIGC	5	5
			Driver-Operator		11				RIFLE - LMG	409	418
			Drainers						MMG Nuc	25	21
			Electricians						MORT	78	47
			Electricians (Engineers)						TK/A	22	15
			Fire Control Operators			GROUP III.			DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.		
			Gun Operator			Battery Surveyors			GEN DUTIES	3	3
			Hatchman			Butchers	1	1	HYG	4	4
			Height Taker			Clerks	11	11	ORDERLIES	32	32
			Helio Operator			Clerks, Supply			PIONEERS	32	26
			Instrument Operator			Clerks, Technical			REGT POLICE	7	7
			Intelligence Duties	10	13	Coach Trimmers			SIPREARERS	21	20
			Joiners			Concretors			STOREMEN	6	6
			Lineman			Cooks			BATMEN	35	36
			Lineman, Signals			Dental Clerk Orderlies			WATER BOTTLERS	2	2
			Lithographers			Despatch Riders			ATTACHED BY W.E.		
			Machinists, Metal			Draughtsmen, Signals			NURSING DRBS	3	5
			Machinists, Wood			Drivers, M.T.			HYG SGT	1	1
			Masons			Driver Mechanics		3	SHOEMAKER	1	3
			Masseurs			Driver Tptn. Plant			ARMOURER	2	1
			Mechanics, M.T.			Engine Hands, L.C.			FITTER GUN	1	
			Miners			Equipment Repairers	1	1	COOKS	23	24
			Moulders			Farriers			CLERKS	2	2
			Nurses, Trained			Fitters' Mates			CLERK	1	1
			Observation Post Assts.			Gun Layers			MELH MT		8
									Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	789	788
CARRIED FORWARD	1	2	CARRIED FORWARD	17	32	CARRIED FORWARD	57	85			*

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

5 February 1944  
Date of Despatch

*H. G. Guard*  
Signature of Commander  
Comd 2/10 Aust Inf Bn



2/10 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 12 / 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.)				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	4	
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	1	1						Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers		1						Radiographers				Stevedores			
Computers								Biggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical	4	4	
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers	27	36		Tailors	2	2	
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				By. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors	67	94	
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters	6	5		Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman				RSM WO I	1	1	
Electricians				Cooks		1		Woodturners				RMC WO II	1	1	
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics								RSM WO III	5	5	
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)								COMS SIGS	5	5	
Fitters				Driver-Operator		11						Rifle - LMG	409	460	
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers								NMG Nos	23	21	
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians								Mortar Nos	78	50	
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)								TJA Nos	22	17	
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				GEN DUTIES	3	3	
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers	1	1		HYG	4	4	
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	11	11		ORDERLIES	32	32	
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply				PIONEERS	32	26	
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				REPT POLICE	7	6	
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	10	13		Coach Trimmers				SIBBERS	21	20	
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors				STOREMEN	4	4	
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks				BATMEN	35	37	
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies				WATER PUTCH	2	2	
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Elders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				NURSING ORDR	3	5	ARMC
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				HYG Spt	1	1	
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics	3			SUPREMAKER	1	3	ARMC
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant				ARMOURER	2	1	ARMC
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.				FITTER GUN	1		
Photewriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers	1	1		COOKS	23	25	ARMC
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers				CLERKS	2	2	ARMC
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates					1	1	ARMC
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers				MILN MT	8	8	ARMC
CARRIED FORWARD	1	2		CARRIED FORWARD	17	32		CARRIED FORWARD	57	84		Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	789	836	*

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12 February 1944  
Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander Lt-Col  
Comd 2/10 Aust Inf Bn







2/10 Aust Inf Bn

Unit

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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 19/2/1944.

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 Assis.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, E.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangetakers	4	4	
Armament Artificer Signals				Weiders				Painters				Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths	1	1						Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers		1						Radiographers				Stevadores			
Computors								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical	4	4	
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers	27	33		Tailors	2	2	
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		Winchman				Whitesmiths	67	90	
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman				KSM WOT	1	1	
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners				RGMS WOT	1	1	
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics								CSM WOT	6	6	
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)								CGMS SKK	5	5	
Fitters				Driver-Operator		11						Rifle Co 19	409	493	
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers								mmg Noe	75	24	
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians								mon do	78	41	
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)								2/12 do	22	19	
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				Gen duties	3	3	
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers	1	1		Hug do	4	4	
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	11	11		Orderlies	32	30	
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply				Pioneers	22	35	
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				Real Police	7	6	
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	10	13		Coach Trimmers				J Beasers	21	20	
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors				Wasmen	6	6	
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks				Balmen	35	39	
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies				Water duties	2	2	
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				Nurse Dad	3	5	APAC
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				Hug dit	1	1	do
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics		3		gunmen	2	3	APAC
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant				Shoemaker	1	1	APAC
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.				Philp Ocm	1	-	do
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers	1	1		Cook P	23	24	APAC
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers				blacks	2	2	APAC
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates				do	1	1	APAC
Surveyors				Observation Post Assis.				Gun Layers				tech MT	8	8	APAC
CARRIED FORWARD	1	2		CARRIED FORWARD	17	31		CARRIED FORWARD	57	80		Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	789	850	

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19-2-44  
Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander ..... Lt-Col  
 Comd 2/10 Aust Inf Bn







2/10 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 26/2/1944.**

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, R.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Range-takers	4	4	
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	1	1						Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers		1						Radiographers				Stevadores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical	4	4	
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers	27	34		Tailors	2	2	
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identifn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Qty. Comd's Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Bollermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors	67	92	
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters	6	6		Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman				RSM WOB	1	2	
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners				RQMS WOB	1	1	
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics								CSM WOB	3	6	
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)								CGMS S/SGT	5	4	
Fitters				Driver-Operator		11						R. L. 2 MS	409	468	
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers								MMS over	25	25	
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians								MOR do	78	41	
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)								JICA do	22	19	
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				Gen duties	3	3	
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers	1	1		Byg do	4	4	
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	11	11		Orderlies	32	30	
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply				Pioneers	32	36	
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				Real blue	7	6	
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	10	13		Coach Trimmers				S/Beaters	21	18	
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors				Storemen	6	6	
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks				Balmen	35	42	
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies				Water do	2	2	
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				Nurse Aid	3	5	AAPIC
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				Byg Sgt	1	1	do
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics		3		Airmen	2	3	AEMG
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant				Shoemaker	1	1	AAPC
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.				Tally Gun	1	-	AEMG
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers	1	1		Books	23	24	AAPC
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers				clerks	2	2	AAPC
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates				clerks	1	1	AAPV
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers				mech MT	-	8	AEMG
CARRIED FORWARD	1	2		CARRIED FORWARD	17	32		CARRIED FORWARD	57	82		Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	78	98	50*

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26/2/44  
Date of Despatch

*J. Heard*  
Signature of Commander Lt-Col  
Comd 2/10 Aust Inf Bn



# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Army Form W.3008  
(Adapted) (Page 1)  
(Revised Jan., 1948)

6/1/44 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 5/2/1944 2/10 Base (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.				5	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.					10		
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.	DETAIL.	Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.			
		2	1 3 9 21	Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs.	AAMC AA Chap	1 1						
		2	34			2						
		DETAIL.	A.I.F.	G.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.	AIF	A Class	B Class							36
		E.(1)	36									
		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.E. 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.
Vx 50218	Lieut	Reckards FG		31.1.44	from 100th

### OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
QX 36934	Capt	Gunn W.K		31.1.44	WIA
QX 34197	Lieut	Doole HR		30.1.44	Evac. Hoop

## 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).

2/10 Aust Inf Bn Unit

6/44 (Serial No.)

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 5/2/1944 (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.	Surnames.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Major T/Lt Col	TX 2013	Lyard	C.G.	C.O.	Yes		
Capt T/Maj	SX 1461	Smith	G.R.	2nd Lt	Yes		
Capt	SX 1430	Brookshoff	J.E.	COY CMD	No	LHR Tactical School	2.2.44
	SX 1447	Wilson	F.P.	"	No	Staff School (Aust)	30.11.43
	SX 649	Schmedje	T.J.	"	No		5.12.43
	NX 356	Durant	C.L.	COY 2nd Lt	Yes		
	SX 1441	Mutherson	H.R.	Adjt	Yes		
	SX 650	Gray	A.C.	COY 2nd Lt	Yes		
Lieut T/Capt	SX 1158	Kunsmick	P.A.	"	Yes		
Lieut	OX 35815	Higgins	P.F.	Pl Comd	Yes		
Lieut T/Capt	OX 35816	Greaves	J.L.	M.M.G.	Yes		
Lieut	SX 1223	Mayer	A.U.	"	No	Instructor OCTV Woodville	12.11.43
	NX 10122	Burke	J.A.B.	Pl Comd	Yes		
	SX 461	Mallyon	A.R.S.T.V.	Pl Comd	Yes		
	NX 104066	Reedy	J.	"	Yes		
Lieut T/Capt	NX 123472	Litchfield	G.W.	"	Yes		
Lieut	SX 1020	Cowling	K.L.	QM	Yes		
	SX 12030	Melburn	E.G.S.	Pl Comd	Yes		
	OX 34159	Spencer	L.V.	"	Yes		
	SX 13538	Leat	R.I.	MOR	Yes		
	VX 104340	Robelham	H.T.	Pl Comd	Yes		
	VX 104329	Mosony	T.B.	I.O.	Yes		
	VX 50218	Buckards	F.G.	Pl Comd	Yes		
	VX 40266	Turner	K.F.	Sigs	Yes		
	SX 13695	Matis	G.T.	Pl Comd	Yes		
	SX 41	March	C.H.	"	Yes		
	SX 707	Edwards	L.C.	"	Yes		
	SX 1522	Histon	D.D.	"	Yes		
Capt T/Maj	SX 1444	Jevison	T.H.	COY Comd	Yes	L.O.B.	1.1.44
Capt	SX 1469	Sanderson	R.W.	"	Yes	det. 13 Aust Inf. Bde	
Lieut	SX 11003	McDermott	A.F.	Pl Comd	Yes	L.O.B.	
	SX 10476	Sykes	E.C.	"	Yes	L.O.B.	
	SX 1184	Harden	E.C.	"	Yes	L.O.B.	
	SX 598	Nolan	J.A.	T.O.	Yes	L.O.B.	

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	NX 126937	Royle H.G.	ARMC	26.5.43	R.M.O.
Capt	VX 91064	Hobkins J.F.	AA Chap	21.7.43	Chaplain
Capt	VN 138673	Thompson K.R.	14 Bahal Regt	12.1.44	British Officer attached

5 February 44  
Date of Despatch

*[Signature]*  
Signature of Commander Lt-Col  
Comd 2/10 Aust Inf Bn

2/10 Aust Inf Bn Unit

6/44 (Serial No.)

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 5/2/1944 (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.	Surnames.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Major T/Lt Col	TX 2013	Geard	C G	C.O.	Yes		
Capt T/Maj	SX 1461	Smith Ke	G R	2nd	Yes		
Capt	SX 1430	Brooksopp	J E	COY CMD	No	LHQ Tactical School	2.2.44
	SX 1447	Wilson	F P	"	No	Staff School (Aust)	30.11.43
	SX 649	Schmedje	T J	"	No		5.12.43
	NX 356	Durant	C L	COY 2nd	Yes		
	SX 1441	Matheson	H R	adlt	Yes		
	SX 650	Gray	A C	COY 2nd	Yes		
Lieut T/Capt	SX 1158	Kunsmick	P A	"	Yes		
Lieut	OX 35815	Higgins	P F	PL Comd	Yes		
Lieut T/Capt	OX 35816	Greenes	J L	MMG	Yes		
Lieut	SX 1223	Mayer	A J	"	No	Instructor OCTV Woodvale.	12.11.43
	NX 10122	Burns	J A G	Prov	Yes		
	SX 461	Malton	A R S T V	PL Comd	Yes		
	NX 104066	Reedley	J	"	Yes		
Lieut T/Capt	NX 123472	Litchfield	G W	"	Yes		
Lieut	SX 1020	Couling	K L	QM	Yes		
	SX 12030	Meldrum	E G S	PL Comd	Yes		
	OX 34139	Spencer	I V	"	Yes		
	SX 13538	Scott	R I	MOR	Yes		
	VX 104340	Robelham	H T	PL Comd	Yes		
	VX 104329	Moraney	J B	I.O.	Yes		
	VX 50218	Buckards	F A	PL Comd	Yes		
	VX 40266	Warner	K F	Sigs	Yes		
	SX 13695	Matis	G J	PL Comd	Yes		
	SX 41	March	C H	"	Yes		
	SX 707	Schumaker	I C	"	Yes		
	SX 1522	Histon	D D	"	Yes		
Capt T/Maj	SX 1444	Dreivorn	T H	COY Comd	Yes	L.O.B.	1.1.44
Capt	SX 1469	Sanderson	R W	"	Yes	det 13 Aust Inf Bde	
Lieut	SX 11003	McVargall	A F	PL Comd	Yes	L.O.B.	
	SX 10476	Sykes	E C	"	Yes	L.O.B.	
	SX 1184	Hinden	E C	"	Yes	L.O.B.	
	SX 598	Nolan	J A	T.O.	Yes	L.O.B.	

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	NX 126937	Royle H G	ARMC	26.5.43	R.M.O.
Capt	VX 91064	McKinnon J F	AR Chap	21.7.43	Chaplain
Capt	VN 138673	Thompson K R	14 Baluch Regt	12.1.44	British Officer attached

5 February 44  
Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander Lt-Col  
Comd 2/10 Aust Inf Bn



# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

7/44 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 12/2/1944 210 Base (Unit)

W.E. 11/126 2 OFFRS. 32 O.E's. 755 + 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.
			1	Lieut.-Colonels					
			3	Majors					
			9	Captains	AAMC	1			
		3	22	Lieutenants	AA Chap D	1			
				Quarter-masters					
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.					
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.					
		3	35			2			

DETAIL.	A.I.F.	A.I.P.	C.M.P.	A.W.A.B.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	..	TOTAL.
A.	A Class	B Class									37
E.(1)	37										
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.E. 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.
SX 12228	Lieut	Morgan JS		8/2/44	from block
	A1W	44-1-15			
	A1W	44-1-15			
		44-1-15			
		44-1-15			

### 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).



2/10 Aust Inf Bn Unit

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 12/2/1944 (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.	Surnames.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
May T/LT Col	TX 2013	Geard	CJ	C.O.	Yes		
Capt T/May	SX 1461	Michie	GR	2 dc	Yes		
Capt	SX 1430	Brooksbach	JE	Coy Comd	No	LHA. Tactical School	2.2.44
"	SX 1447	W. Brown	EP	"	No		30.11.43
"	SX 644	Schmedde	TJ	"	No	Staff School (Aust)	5.12.43
"	NX 356	Kuriant	CL	Coy 2 dc	Yes		
"	SX 1441	Matheson	HR	Adjut	Yes		
"	SX 650	Brown	GC	Coy 3 dc	Yes		
Lieut T/Capt	SX 1158	Kuriant	PA	"	Yes		
Lieut	GX 35815	Higgins	PF	Pl Comd	Yes		
"	GX 35816	Archer	JL	MMG	Yes		
Lieut T/Capt	SX 1223	Mayer	AJ	"	No	Instr. OCTV. Woodside	12.11.43
Lieut	NX 10122	Burke	JAG	Prom.	Yes		
"	SX 461	Murphy	ABSTV	Pl Comd	Yes		
"	NX 104066	Roper	J	"	Yes		
"	NX 123472	Hatchfield	GW	"	Yes		
Lieut T/Capt	SX 1020	Campbell	KL	QM	Yes		
Lieut	SX 12030	Melgrom	EGS	Pl Comd	Yes		
"	GX 34159	Janlar	IV	"	Yes		
"	SX 13538	Scott	KJ	Mer	Yes		
"	VX 104340	Robertson	HT	Pl Comd	Yes		
"	VX 104329	Morey	JB	I.O.	Yes		
"	VX 50218	Rickards	FG	Pl Comd	Yes		
"	VX 40266	Turner	KE	Sigs	Yes		
"	SX 13695	Mates	GJ	Pl Comd	Yes		
"	SX 12228	Morgan	JS	"	Yes		
"	SX 41	March	CH	"	Yes		
"	SX 707	Edwards	IG	"	Yes		
"	SX 1532	Histon	DD	"	Yes		
Capt T/May	SX 1444	Gregory	JH	Coy Comd	Yes	LOB	1.1.44
Capt	SX 1469	Hampson	RW	"	No	det. 18 Aust Inf Bde	
Lieut	SX 11003	McDonnell	AF	Pl Comd	Yes	LOB	
"	GX 10476	Jukes	EC	"	Yes	LOB	
"	SX 598	Wolam	JH	I.O.	Yes	LOB	
"	SX 1184	Merden	CE	Pl Comd	Yes	LOB	

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	NX 126937	Royle AB	PRMC	26.5.43	R.M.O.
Capt	VX 91004	Hopkins JF	RA Chap	21.7.43	Chaplain
Capt	VN 138673	Thompson KR	14 Baluch Regt	12.1.44	British Officer attd.

12 February 44.

Date of Despatch

*H. Geard*  
Signature of Commander, Lt-Col  
Comd 2/10 Aust Inf Bn



# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Army Form 1000  
(Adapted) (Page 1)  
(Revised Jan., 1943)

... 8...44... (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 19 / 2 / 1944 ... 2/10 Bn (Unit)

W.E. 11 / 120 / 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	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.
			1 3 9 23	Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs.	AAMC AA Chap D	1 1			
		4					2		
		4	36						

DETAIL.	A.I.P.	O.M.P.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	..	TOTAL.
A.	38									38
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.E. 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.
DX 34197	Lieut	Doehn HR	HTWJ TOWT	12-2-44	from HQHQ.

### OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
VN 138673	Capt	Thompson KR		16-2-44	To 7 Div. Recpt. Camp for onward movement.

## 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).

2/10 AUST INF BN Unit

...../..... (Serial No.)

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 19/2/1944. (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.
Major T/LTCOL	TX 2013	Geard	CJ	L.O.	Yes		
Capt T/Maj	SX 1461	Mitchke	GR	2. y/c	Yes		
"	SX 1430	Brooksepp	JE	Coy Comd	No	LHA Tactical School	2.2.44
Capt	SX 1447	Wilson	EP	"	No		30.8.43
"	SX 649	Schmedje	TJ	"	No	Staff School (Aust.)	5.12.43
"	NX 356	Durant	CL	Coy 2. y/c	Yes		
"	SX 1441	Matheson	HR	Adj. G.	Yes		
"	SX 650	Gray	AC	Coy 2. y/c	Yes		
Lieut T/Capt	SX 1158	Krumnick	PA	"	Yes		
Lieut	QA 35815	Higgins	PF	Pl. Comd.	Yes		
"	QA 35816	Yachnes	JL	MMG	Yes		
Lieut T/Capt	SX 1223	Manger	GT	"	No	Instr. D.C.T.U. Woodside	12.11.43
Lieut	NX 10122	Ryall	JAG	Pion.	Yes		
"	SX 461	Wallyon	ARSTV	Pl. Comd.	Yes		
"	NX 104046	Preseby	T	"	Yes		
"	NX 123472	Hitchfield	GW	"	Yes		
Lieut T/Capt	SX 1020	Cowling	KL	QM	Yes		
Lieut	SX 12030	Melrose	ECS	Pl. Comd.	Yes		
"	QA 34159	Smolow	IV	"	Yes		
"	QA 34197	Doehner	HR	TKJA	Yes		
"	SX 13538	Scott	RT	MOR	Yes		
"	VX 104340	Kobolham	HT	Pl. Comd.	Yes		
"	VA 104329	Moroney	JB	I.O.	Yes		
"	VX 50218	Richards	FG	Pl. Comd.	Yes		
"	VX 40266	Jarner	KE	Sigs	Yes		
"	SX 13595	Matis	GT	Pl. Comd.	Yes		
"	SX 12228	Morgan	JS	"	Yes		
"	SX 41	March	CA	"	Yes		
"	SX 707	Schwarzes	IC	"	Yes		
"	SX 1522	Liston	DD	"	Yes		
Capt T/Maj	SX 1444	Inverian	JH	Coy Comd	Yes	LOB	1.1.44
Capt	SX 1469	Sanderson	RW	"	No/ES	det 18 Unst. Inf. Bde	
Lieut	SX 11003	McDonnell	GF	Pl. Comd.	Yes	LOB	
"	QA 10496	Sykes	EG	"	Yes	"	
"	SX 598	Nolan	JA	T.O.	Yes	"	
"	SX 1184	Burden	CE	Pl. Comd.	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	NX 126937	Royle HG	AAME	26.5.43	RMO
Capt	VX 91064	Hopkins JF	AA Chap	21.7.45	Padre

19 Feb 44  
Date of Despatch

*M. Geard.*  
Signature of Commander Lt-Col  
Comd 2/10 Aust Inf Bn

**FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS**

Army Form 7308  
(Adapted) (Page 1)  
(Revised Jan., 1943)  
Serial No. 144

At 0800 Hrs. Saturday \ 1944 \ (Unit)

W.E. \ OFFERS \ O.R.'s + OFFERS \ O.R.'s \ ATT. BY W.E.

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

ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.										W.E. REQUIRING ATTACHED				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Rein'ts Required	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength	DETAIL
														Civilian Counting as Other A.A.M.W.B. O.R. A.A.M.S. and Quarter-masters Lieutenants Captains Majors Lieut.-Colonels
														CIVILIAN A.A.M.W.B. A.A.M.S. Q.M. A.W.A.S. A.A.M.A. CIVILIAN S.A.M. H.A.A.P. TOTAL

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by A.I.C. units. Only units notified in Part 10 of instructions for completion of form will complete Part B(1) & B(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 O.R. Forces; 10 H.R. Forces.

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

**OFFICERS NOT WITH UNIT**

Army No.	Rank	Name and Initials	Unit from	Date	CAUSE
EX 1451	W.I.A.	W.K.	Gunn	31.1.44	QX 36934 Lieut T/Capt
	W.I.A.	A.T.	Holcombe	23.1.44	QX 35817 Lieut
BA-Post Hosp	Evac	G.G.	Lowless	26.1.44	VX 38857 "

**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.**

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

# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Army Form W.8008  
(Adapted) (Page 1)  
(Revised Jan., 1942)

9/44 (Serial No.)

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

W.E. .... / ..... OFFRS. .... O.R's. .... + OFFRS. .... O.R's. .... ATT. BY W.E.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.
			1 3 10 25	Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs.	ARMC AA Chap D	1 1			
		7	39			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).	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.	AIF P CLASS 41	A.I.F. B CLASS								
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.E. 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.
5X 1431	Capt	Brookhoff WA		20.2.44	From 18 B.I.T.B. 20
5X 1715	Lieut	Andrews JP		"	From 100th 20
2X 20608	"	Bayland L		22.2.44	PO. 14659 Ser 2 LRL/41 S 2 From 60th REMPTS (INF)
VMO 14992	Capt	Christie BEH		23.2.44	British Officer att'd for Duty.

### 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 26/2/1944 (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.
Major T/Col	TX 2013	Scard	CJ	CO	Yes		
Capt T/Maj	SX 1444	Jermass	JH	2/40	Yes		
Capt	SX 1430	Brookhoff	JE	Coy Cmdr.	No	LHR Inst. School	2-2-44
	SX 1431	Brookhoff	WA	"	Yes		
	SX 1447	Wilson	FP	"	No	LPO Inst. School	30.11.43
	SX 644	Schmedje	TJ	"	No	Staff School (Aust)	5.12.43
	NX 356	Durant	CL	Capt 40	Yes		
	SX 1441	Matheson	HR	Adjut.	Yes		
	SX 650	Brown	AG	Coy 40	Yes		
Lieut T/Capt	SX 1153	Dunsmuir	PA	Coy 40	Yes		
Lieut	OX 35815	Higgins	PF	Pl. Cmdr.	Yes		
	OX 35816	Edwards	JL	M.M.C.	Yes		
Lieut T/Capt	SX 1223	Morgan	GT	"	No	Inst. OC IV Woodside	12-11-43
Lieut	NX 10122	Price	JRG	PION	Yes		
	SX 461	Malloy	HISTV	Coy 40	Yes		
	NX 10466	Wells	GW	Pl. Cmdr.	Yes		
	NX 123473	Litchfield	GW	"	Yes		
	SX 11003	McIntyre	RP	"	Yes		
	SX 12030	Meldrum	ES	"	Yes		
Lieut T/Capt	OX 10476	Sykes	EC	"	Yes		
Lieut	SX 1020	Lawling	KL	QM	Yes		
	OX 34159	Amclark	LV	Pl. Cmdr.	Yes		
	OX 34193	Goodwin	HA	TGA	Yes		
	SX 1715	Andrews	JP	Sigs	Yes		
	SX 13538	Scott	RT	MOR	Yes		
	VX 104329	Morgan	JB	LO	Yes		
	VX 50218	Richardson	FB	Pl. Cmdr.	Yes		
	VX 40264	Turner	KF	"	Yes		
	SA 12228	Morgan	VE	"	Yes		
	SX 41	Morley	CR	"	Yes		
	SA 1522	Holmes	DD	"	Yes		
	SX 1184	Headen	CE	"	Yes		
	OX 20608	Boylan	L	"	Yes		
Capt T/Maj	SX 1461	Muller	GR	2/40	Yes	L.O.B.	21.2.44
Capt	SX 1464	Sanderson	RW	Coy Cmdr.	Yes	"	19.2.44
Lieut	VX 104340	Rogers	HT	Pl. Cmdr.	Yes	"	21.2.44
	SX 13595	Wales	GJ	"	Yes	"	"
	SX 707	Conardes	LC	"	Yes	"	25.2.44
	SX 548	Nolan	JA	LO	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	NX 126937	Royle HG	ARMC	26.5.43	RMO
Capt	VX 91004	Idkins JF	RA Chap	21.7.43	Chaplain
Capt	VNO 14992	Christie REH		23.2.44	British officer attached for duty

26 Feb 44  
Date of Despatch

Truth—7/43.

*[Signature]*  
Signature of Commander Lt-Col  
Comd 2/10 Aust Inf Bn

14 APR 1944

# WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required.)

Army Form C. 2113.  
(adapted.)

Unit 2/10 Aust Inf Bn Date and Time.—From 0830 1 Mar 44 To .....

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MENE RIVER AREA	1 Mar 44	0830	CO departs for 7 Aust Div HQ. Bn engaged in improving area.	
		1930	Mobile Cinema unit provides programme in Bn area. Major C Day, 27 Aust Inf Bn, arrived at BnHQ to observe Bn methods.	
	2	0830	Lieut Morgan, 20 ORs and 40 natives leave for recce of route to MATALOI I. MR 477813 via KESAWAI, ISARIBA, ORGONUNA 1 & 2, KISA and KOBA. Intercomm, 2 108 sets, I/T from ISARIBA. Bn personnel busy digging defensive positions.	
		0500	Lieut Morgan's patrol at KOROPA 440709 and will camp for night.	
	3	0850	Improvement of area continues by Bn. Lieut Sykes and 9 ORs leave on patrol to 5500 feature M <sup>n</sup> 584632.	
		1630	Lieut Herden and 6 ORs leave to find possible crossing point of RAMU RIVER and to recce Hill 900 MR 5455. Lieut Herden's patrol returns, suitable crossing of RAMU RIVER located at MR 577576. Lieut Morgan's patrol at ORGORUNA 2 for night. No movt seen to ORGORUNA I.	
	4	1130	Bn working and training in area. Lieut Sykes' patrol returns. Track in bad condition owing to recent heavy rains and heavy traffic on track.	
			Following details for week ending 4 Mar 44: 9 Posting of Officers see Appx 1 posted strength 28/655 and WE att 1/35 and 1/7. Evacuations to hospital, Lieut McDougall and 34 ORs. Returned from hospital, 28 ORs.	Appx 1
		1200	<del>Lieut Morgan's patrol advise that patrol split into two sections, one positioned at KOBA for night 4/5 March, remainder established suitable base east of ORGORUNA 2. No enemy sighted.</del> Air raid red signal received from Bde, also advise that one Thunderbolt shot down two enemy A/C in vicinity of KESAWAI. Mobile cinema unit again visits area and will continue to provide entertainment twice weekly, weather permitting, during out stay in the area.	



# WAR DIARY or ~~INTELLIGENCE~~ SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required.)

Army Form C. 2118.  
(adapted.)

Unit 2/10 Aust Inf Bn

Date and Time.—From 0900 5 Mar 44 To.....

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.	
MENE RIVER AREA	5 Mar 44	0900 1930	Church pde, service conducted by Chaplain Hopkins. Make & Mend A recording of semi-classical music by Army Education Service Offr.		
	6	0700 1600	Maj Day, 27 Aust Inf Bn, departs for DUMPV. Lt-col Cummings, Acting Bde Comd, visits CO.		
	7	0900	Bn personnel working in area. Capt W A Brocksopp departs for Bde as Senior L.O. Lecture on "Populating Australia" by Army Education Service Sgt.		
	8	0900 1643 2220	Cpl Best and 6 ORs leave on recce area vicinity JERRYS OP, MR 574604. Cpl Best's patrol returns. NO movement seen. Air raid Red signal received. All clear at 2230 hrs.		
	9 10	0955 1900	Bn engaged on improvement of area. C.O. departs to attend conference at 7 Aust Div. Lient Morgan's patrol returns; for patrol report see Appdx	Appendix 2.	
	11	1940 0900 1900	Mobile Cinema unit provides programme in Bn area. C.O. leaves for 7 Aust Div. O Group conference. Bn working in area.		
				For week-ending 11 Mar 44:- Evacuations to hosp, Capt Durant and 25 ORs. X List returned to unit, 17 ORs. Transfers 4 ORs.	
				posted strength, 25 Offrs 646 ORs and WE att 1/35 plus 1/17 att. For change in posting of Officers, see Appdx.	Appendix 3.
	12	0900 0930 1030 1130 1600	General church pde, conducted by Chaplain Hopkins. RC service held. C.O. addressed Bn on the general situation in this area. C of E Holy Communion, Chaplain Hammond officiating. Brig Chilton, acting Div Comd, and Lt-col Cummings visit C.O. to inspect Bn defensive posns.		
			1600	Verbal movt order received. Bn to proceed to KESAWAI, MR 491644 on 14 Mar and bivouac for the night. CO to remain in present area to attend pre-selection of Officers Board. Maj Trevivian to take over Bn Comd.	

01/6 P. 10

# WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required.)

Army Form C. 2118.  
(adapted.)

Unit 2/10 Aust Inf Bn

Date and Time.—From 0730 13 Mar 44 To .....

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MENE RIVER AREA	13 Mar 44	0730	Bn move out for KESAWAI. Order of march, B Coy, C, D, A Coys, and Bn HQ with half-hourly intervals between coys.	
KESAWAI, MR 491644		1430 1830	Bn arrives at KESAWAI and erect shelters for the night. O Group conference.	
	14		Lieut Liston to attend Gas School, NGF. Heavy rain overnight made conditions very uncomfortable, shelters flooded and equipment wet.	
		0730	B, C and D Coys and BnHQ move out for CAMP I, MR 529669. Intentions are for B Coy to move to WARDS VILLAGE, MR564713, with one pl on PIMPLE, MR562714. C Coy and BnHQ to CAMERONS KNOLL, MR564698, D Coy to move to CAMP 2, MR 546677. A Coy and B Ech to remain at KESAWAI.	
		1700	BnHQ, B, C and D Coys arrive at CAMP I. On arrival orders received altering the movement. B Coy to push out 12 pl to WARDS VILLAGE, 11 pl to remain at CAMP I, Coy HQ and 10 pl to return and take up defensive posns at KESAWAI. BnHQ, A, C, and D Coys and B Ech to return to MENE RIVER AREA, MR 5757. Lieut Scott to attend Tactical Jungle School in Australia.	
CAMP I	15	0700 1500	BnHQ, A, C and D Coys leave for MENE RIVER area. Bn less B Coy arrive at MENE RIVER area and prepare shelters.	
			B Coy to patrol their area every two days, paying particular attention to the NORTH WEST. Lieut Moroney, I.O., leaves Bn to attend intelligence School in Australia. Lieut Loveless to act as O.C. 7 Aust Div Con Camp.	
MENE RIVER AREA	16	0900	Bn improving shelters and improving area. C.O. leaves to attend pre-selection of officers board at Bde. Lieut Meldrum departs from Bn to act as C.O. Transit Camp, Dumpu.	
	17	0800	L/Cpl Frith and 6 ORs, B Coy, leave WARDS VILLAGE to patrol to high feature MR 5273.	
		0800	Cpl Barry and 6 ORs, B Coy, leave Camp I to patrol to track Junc MR 511692.	
		0900	C.O. departs for pre-selection of officers board at Bde. Bn training in area.	





# WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

Army Form C. 2118.  
(adapted.)

(Erase heading not required.)

Unit 2/10 Aust Inf Bn

Date and Time.—From 24 ~~Feb~~ Mar 44

To .....

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MENE RIVER AREA	24 <del>Feb</del> 44 Mar	1400	Bn training as per syllabus. RAAF Offr lectures Bn officers on Tactical Recce.	
	25		Lieut Loveless changed over from OC 7 Aust Div Con Camp to OC 7 Aust Div Transit Depot at Dumpu. Bn training in area.	
		1330	Lt-col Cummings A/Bde Comd, inspects Bn NCO School. Field returns for week ending 25 Mar 44 as follows: Posted Strength 29 Offrs, 644 ORs plus WE att 1/37 and 1/7 att. Evacuations to hospital, Lieut Liston and 17 ORs.	
			X List returned to unit - Lieut McDougall, 31 ORs. Transfers, 6 ORs. Posting of Officers, see appdx	Appendix 5
	26	0900	Daylight saving time reverts to Eastern Standard time as from 260200K, all timepieces to be turned back one hour. Church service conducted by Chap Hopkins. RC Mass in Bn area.	
	27	1000	Bn pde. March past C.O. Heavy rain overnight.	
		0800	Sgt Ryan and 6 ORs leave WARDS VILLAGE on two day patrol to track MR 505760 and if time permits to contact Lieut Boyland's patrol base at 491763.	
			Capt McKay, 19 Bn, 6 Aust Inf Bde, arrives at BnHQ to observe tactics. C.O. and Lieut McDougall visit 7 Aust Div.	
	28		Bn training as per syllabus. Lieut Boyland's patrol to return to Bn area.	
		0845	Two day patrol i/c Cpl Clarkson and 8 ORs leave for patrol to feature 5500.	
	29	0830	Bn training in area. Improvements to area carried out.	
		1330	13 pl C Coy move out for KESAWAI on way to WARDS VILLAGE. Lieut Herden OC patrol.	
		1545	Cpl Clarkson's patrol returns. N.M.S.	
		1730	Lieut Boyland's patrol return to Bn area. For patrol report, see .....	Appendix 6
		1800	Sgt Ryan's patrol returns to WARDS VILLAGE. N.M.S.	
30	0830	Bn pde and march. Bn training in area as per syllabus.		



RMO's REPORT FOR MARCH 1944

SICK PARADE

Total for the month, 700.

PUO

96 evacuated at following rate:-

1st week	32
2nd week	33
3rd week	16
4th week	15

The drop in PUO's followed on strict supervision of Malarial and Dengue precautions. The incidence of primary malaria has fallen to 1 - 3 per week.

INFECTIVE JAUNDICE

There have been two cases, but both the 2/9 and 2/12 Bns have had a larger number.

DIARRHOEA

One epidemic occurred in C Coy. 24 personnel effected. All settled down on Mag Sulph. No cause of diarrhoea detected.

DERMATITIS OF SCROTUM

There have been 16 cases in the last week. They take the form of an erythemato macular and papular rash, responding but slowly to Cremor Zinct. A probable cause is the ACF foot powder recently issued. Patch tests on the thigh of one man gave no confirmation of this.

TINEA

Tinea of the crutch has been increasing, but responds readily to tinea paint.

HYGIENE

Satisfactory.

GENERAL

A, B and D Coys have received instruction in the application of the Thomas Splint. Other lectures on first aid to follow.  
The health of the men is good.

*A.S. Kaye*  
RMO 2/10 Aust Inf Bn Capt

Q SECTION - WAR DIARY FOR MARCH 44.

1. Main item of interest for the month was the relief of the 2/12 Aus Inf Bn in the KESAWAI - WARDS AREA. The Bn received orders to move on 12 MAR and left SCHWINDS AREA at first light 13 MAR, heavy gear being carted by Bde Jeeps.
2. Arrangements were made with ANGAU and 20 light duty natives were put on building a ration store at JEEHEAD KESAWAI.
3. The Bn moved fwd from KESAWAI at first light on 14 MAR, 45 natives carrying essential stores.
4. Natives were made available for building RQ Store at KESAWAI
5. Orders for Bn with exception of B Coy to move back to SCHWINDS AREA received PM 14 MAR.
6. Bn with exception of B Coy arrived back in SCHWINDS AREA 15 MAR.
7. Both on the move and on the way back, hot tea was provided on the track, and hot evening meals on arrival at KESAWAI & SCHWINDS.
8. Africa Star ribbon received on 16 MAR. Bn tailors sewed same on to bars and issued to men on 19 MAR.
9. A.C.F. issue for month received 21 MAR. Issue was very good and appreciated by all troops.
10. Colour patches and pugarees bought by Bn for the free issue to troops received 23 MAR and 26 MAR. Bn tailors sewed colour patches on pugarees so that when issued would all be uniform.
11. Work of the tailors could be made easier and neater if a sewing machine was included on W.E.
12. Ordnance and AASC, as usual, have done an excellent job and kept supplies up as required.  
The fresh meat and butter being most appreciated by the troops.

*Little* CAPT.  
QM 2/10 AUS INF BN



APPENDIX I

1<sup>st</sup> Sect

POSTING OF OFFICERS

HQ 2/10 Aust Inf Bn  
5 Mar 44  
/ /38

HQ 18 Aust Inf Bde

Subjoined is posting of officers for week ending 5 Mar 44:

BN HQ:-	Lt-col	C J GEARD	C O
	Maj	J H TREVIVIAN	2 i/c
	Capt	H R MATHESON	Adjt
	Lieut	C A MARCH	Asst/Adjt
	Lieut	J B MORONEY	I O
	Capt	H G ROYLE	R M O
	Capt	J F HOPKINS	Chaplain

HQ COY

LOB

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	Mor Pl
Lieut H R DOOLIN	Tk/A Pl
Lieut JAG RYRIE	Pion Pl

Maj	G R MIETHKE
Capt	R W SANDERSON
Lieut	H T ROBOTHAM
Lieut	G J MATES
Lieut	J A NOLAN
Lieut	I C EDWARDES

A COY

B COY

	O C
Lieut A R StV MALLYON	2 i/c
Lieut G H LITCHFIELD	7 Pl
Lieut G F RICKARDS	8 Pl
Lieut ECS MELDRUM	9 Pl

Capt	A C BRAY	O C
Lieut	K F TURNER	2 i/c
Lieut	J S MORGAN	10 Pl
Lieut	I V SINCLAIR	11 Pl
Lieut	C E HERDEN	12 Pl

C COY

D COY

Capt	W A BROCKSOPP	O C
		2 i/c
Lieut	J ROSEBY	13 Pl
Lieut	EC SYKES	14 Pl
		15 Pl

Capt	P A KUMNICK	O C
Lieut	P F HIGGINS	2 i/c
Lieut	L BOYLAND	16 Pl
Lieut	D D LISTON	17 Pl
		18 Pl

NOTE:- Lieut A F McDOUGALL evac to Hosp 4/3/44

*A. Geard*  
Lt-col  
Comd 2/10 Aust Inf Bn

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PRO FORMA

UNIT PATROL REPORTS

2/10 AUST INF BN PATROL REPORTS FOR 24 HRS ENDING:

(a) Serial No.	(b) Type and Strength with Comd's names	(c) Time - Out and In	(d) Route - Out and Back	(e) Object and Report
6	<p>Success</p> <p>1 ofpr 20 ORO Lieut J. S. Morgan</p> <p>1 ANGAU SGT 40 NATIVES</p> <p>Later reduced to 1 ofpr 12 ORO</p> <p>1 ANGAU SGT 7 NATIVES</p>	<p>Out KESAWAI 02 1130L</p> <p>IN KESAWAI 10 1530L</p>	<p>ROUTE OUT:-</p> <p>KESAWAI ISARIBA ORGORUNA 2+1 KISA KOBA</p> <p>Then returned to ISARIBA by same route</p> <p>Out to O.P. 468780</p> <p>RETURNED:- ISARIBA KESAWAI</p>	<p>OBJECT:-</p> <p>(1) Report patrol route clear or otherwise of enemy</p> <p>(2) Topo information patrol area</p> <p>(3) Report KISA, KOBA, MATALOI 2+1 clear of enemy</p> <p>All map references 1/25000 KOBEN, BOKU RIVER sheets</p> <p>ANSWERS:-</p> <p>(1) Patrol route clear of enemy as far as KOBA</p> <p>(2) Topo information see P 2.</p> <p>(3) KISA - unoccupied KOBA - Occupied sentry outpost MATALOI 2 Occupied MATALOI 1 Occupied</p>

J. S. Morgan Lt-col  
Comd 2/10 Aust Inf Bn

TOPO Information + Track Times

	TIME	
KESAWAI - ISARIBA	6-7 hrs	cross swampy ground track bad. SOLU RIVER crossing difficult after heavy rains
ISARIBA - KETOBA	1 hr	Track 12' wide through rain forest - bad
KETOBA - BOKU RIVER	35 mins	ditto foot bridge shown on Map ref 422761 washed away. Best crossing approx 100 yds west of original bridge site where river forks.
BOKU RIVER - ORGORUNA 2	2½ hrs Return 1 hr	Track 12' wide in good condition up very steep hill
ORGORUNA 2 - ORGORUNA 1	20 mins	ditto.
ORGORUNA 1 - KISA	1½ hrs Return 15 mins longer	Track in good condition drops steeply as soon as it leaves ORGORUNA and is clearly visible from MATALOI. Continues through heavy rain forest and rises sharply up to KISA
KISA - KOBA	$\frac{3}{4}$ hr Return 1 hr	Track in good condition well graded through rain forest. Track runs along south side of 1700' feature not on top and crosses foot bridge at ref 455799. Bridge shown ref 461800 does not exist.
ISARIBA - O.P. 468780	7 hrs	Track follows up ISARIBA creek then north on to saddle at approx ref 441745 Then continues along top of ridge to feature 3200' ref 466773. A bivouac site exists at approx ref 465771. O.P. is approx 1½ hrs from here

GENERAL REMARKS

The patrol first established a base at ORGORUNA 2 then moved along main track until enemy contacted at KOBA. Here we ran into an enemy outpost of two men but fresh tracks (1hr) of at least six others were clearly visible round KOBA area. Our own plane strafing MATALOI 2 made us turn back. One of the enemy dropped an Owen gun mag.

Patrol then returned to ISARIBA and was reduced to 10ft. 12 ORs remainder returning to unit. Reduced patrol then moved to O.P. ref 468780. Had some trouble locating O.P. but found it at approx 081430L and made following observations:-

MATALOI 2.

Very little of this area can be observed as it is covered in thick rain forests. Huts are covered with creepers. The main track from KOBA is only visible when it comes out on a cleared area approx 50 yds from top of hill. The track here is very steep and does a complete S turn across this cleared area. A sentry with what appeared to be an L.M.G. was situated at the top of this clearing. The whole area is very well camouflaged and we only picked him up owing to the fact that he stood up and moved away, then returned and sat down again.

MATALOI 1.

MATALOI 1. is clearly visible from O.P. and here we observed sentry with rifle who appeared to be <sup>watching</sup> ~~covering~~ track entering from N.E. Another sentry seemed to be watching track from N.W. He had his back towards us and we could not see if he was armed.

Several others were seen moving about area but they kept to the trees below the top of the main ridge. The whole area including the huts appears to be in good condition. MATALOI is surrounded by many gardens and the enemy probably makes full use of them.

While the patrol was out it was noticed that Kanakas approached our bivouac site every night. Their tracks were picked up by our "boss log" each morning but we were unable to locate them in the day. We even found their tracks leading up to our camp on top of 3200' feature.

We also picked up the tracks of two enemy at ref 421 778 on MAR. 6. 44.

POSTING OF OFFICERS

HQ 2/10 Aust Inf Bn  
12 Mar 44  
8/424/44

HQ 18 Aust Inf Bde

subjoined is posting of officers for weekending 12 Mar 44 :

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BN HQ :-	Lt-col	C J GEARD	C O
	Maj	J H TREVIVIAN	2 i/c
	Capt	H R MATHESON	Adjt
	Lieut	G H LITCHFIELD	Asst/Adjt
	Lieut	J B MORONEY	I O

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HQ COY:

Lieut	J P ANDREWS	Sig Pl
		MMG Pl
Lieut	R J SCOTT	Mor Pl
Lieut	H R DOOLIN	Tk/A Pl
		Pion Pl
Capt	K L COWLING	Q M
Lieut	C A MARCH	Asst/Q

LOB :

Maj	G R MIETHKE
Capt	R W SANDERSON
Lieut	J G MATES
Lieut	J A NOLAN
Lieut	I C EDWARDES

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A COY :

Lieut	A R Stv MALLYON	O C
Lieut	A F McDOUGALL	2 i/c
Lieut	E C S MELDRUM	7 Pl
Lieut	G F RICKARDS	8 Pl
		9 Pl

B COY :

Capt	A C BRAY	O C
Lieut	JAG RYRIE	2 i/c
Lieut	J S MORGAN	10 Pl
Lieut	K F TURNER	11 Pl
Lieut	I V SINCLAIR	12 Pl

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C COY :

Lieut	P F HIGGINS	O C
Lieut	J ROSEBY	2 i/c
Lieut	E C SYKES	13 Pl
Lieut	C E HERDEN	14 Pl
		15 Pl

D COY :

Capt	P A KUMNICK	O C
Lieut	J L GREAVES	2 i/c
Lieut	D D LISTON	16 Pl
Lieut	L BOYLAND	17 Pl
		18 Pl

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Note: Capt W A BROCKSOPP to 18 Aust Inf Bde.

Lieut R J SCOTT )  
Lieut A F McDOUGALL) at present in Hosp

*J. J. Geard*  
Lt-col  
Comd 2/10 Aust Inf Bn

POSTING OF OFFICERS

HQ 2/10 Aust Inf Bn  
19 Mar 44  
8 /482/44

HQ 18 Aust Inf Bde

Subjoined is posting of officers for weekending 19 Mar 44

Bn HQ :	Lt-col	C J GEARD	C O
	Maj	J H TREVIVIAN	2 i/c
	Capt	H R MATHESON	Adjt
	Lieut	G H LITCHFIELD	Asst/Adjt
	Capt	H G ROYLE	R M O
	Chap	W F HOPKINS	Chaplain

HQ Coy

LOB

Lieut	J P ANDREWS	Sig Pl	Maj	G R MIETHKE
		MMG Pl	Capt	R W SANDERSON
		Mor Pl	Lieut	J G MATES
Lieut	H R DOOLIN	Tk/A Pl	Lieut	J A NOLAN
		Pion Pl	Lieut	I C EDWARDES
Capt	K L COWLING	Q M		
Lieut	C A MARCH	Asst/QM		

"A" Coy

"B" Coy

Lieut	A R STV MALLYON	0 C	Capt	A C BRAY	0 C
		2 i/c	Lieut	JAG RYRIE	2 i/c
		7 Pl	Lieut	J S MORGAN	10 Pl
Lieut	G F RICKARDS	8 Pl	Lieut	K F TURNER	11 Pl
		9 Pl	Lieut	I V SINCLAIR	12 Pl

"C" Coy

"D" Coy

Lieut	P F HIGGINS	0 C	Capt	P A KUMNICK	0 C
Lieut	J ROSEBY	2 i/c	Lieut	J L GREAVES	2 i/c
Lieut	E C SYKES	13 Pl			16 Pl
Lieut	C E HERDEN	14 Pl	Lieut	L BOYLAND	17 Pl
		15 Pl			18 Pl

Note: Lieut J B MORONEY to LHQ School (I)  
Lieut E C S MELDRUM to Trans Camp  
Lieut D D LISTON NG F Gas School

*b. f. Geard*

Comd 2/10 Aust Lt-col Inf Bn

POSTING OF OFFICERS

HQ 2/10 Aust Inf Bn  
26 Mar 44  
/ /44

HQ 18 Aust Inf Bde

Subjoined is posting of officers for week-ending 26 Mar 44:

<u>BN HQ</u>				
	Lt-col	C J GEARD	C O	
	Maj	J H TREVIVIAN	2 i/c	
	Capt	H R MATHESON	Adjnt	
	Lieut	G H LITCHFIELD	Asst/Adjnt	
	Capt	H G ROYLE	R M O	
	Chap	J F HOPKINS	Chaplain	

HQ COYLOB

Capt K L COWLING	Q M	Maj G R MIETHKE
Lieut C A MARCH	Asst/QM	Capt R W SANDERSON
Lieut J P ANDREWS	Sig Pl	Lieut J G MATES
	MMG Pl	Lieut J A NOLAN
	Mor Pl	Lieut I C EDWARDES
Lieut H R DOOLIN	Tk/A Pl	
	Pion Pl	

A COYB COY

Lieut A R StV MALLYON	OC	Capt A C BRAY	OC
Lieut A F McDOUGALL	2 i/c	Lieut JAG RYRIE	2 i/c
	7 Pl	Lieut J S MORGAN	10 Pl
Lieut G F RICKARDS	8 Pl	Lieut K F TURNER	11 Pl
	9 Pl	Lieut I V SINCLAIR	12 Pl

C COYD COY

Lieut P F HIGGINS	OC	Capt P A KUMNICK	OC
Lieut J ROSEBY	2 i/c	Lieut J L GREAVES	2 i/c
Lieut E C SYKES	13 Pl		16 Pl
Lieut C E HERDEN	14 Pl	Lieut L BOYLAND	17 Pl
	15 Pl		18 Pl

Note: Lieut A F McDOUGALL returned from Hosp.

*C. J. Geard*  
Lt-col<sup>1</sup>  
Comd 2/10 Aust Inf Bn



Patrol Report  
By Lieut L Boyland

30 Mar 44

Ref maps. BOKU RIVER. AMUBA 1:25000

<u>Strength</u>	1 Officer 18 O.R.s. 1 ANGAU Official 43 Natives
<u>Question (A)</u>	To form patrol base at feature 2800 M.R 583781
<u>Answer</u>	NO.
<u>Reason</u>	Owing to recent gap movement & nature of country decided it would be unsafe to form a base
<u>Question (B)</u>	Recce of enemy posn at M.R 527783
<u>Answer</u>	NO
<u>Reason</u>	By-passed feature 2800 owing to bad visibility & actually made recce of feature 3600.
<u>Question (C)</u>	Patrol to features 3600 - 3700
<u>Answer</u>	Yes. 3600 only
<u>Time out</u>	22 1815L from KESAWAI
<u>Time in</u>	29 1530K to KESAWAI
<u>Route out</u>	KESAWAI to SOLU RIVER June 457702 followed SOLU RIVER - HAILE RIVER to 6K June 485737 followed track to 505759 thence to 488763 where formed patrol base.
<u>Route in</u>	Patrol base via track to 482754 to HAILE R. 487737 to SOLU R. to SOLU June - via track to KESAWAI.
<u>Daily Reports</u>	
Day 1	Left KESAWAI 220815L & arrived SOLU June 221145L & then to M.R 477735 where biv night 22/23 Mar arriving 221700L. Going good as was able to move up River at good pace.
Day 2	At 230830L left biv area & arrived at feature 2100 M.R 493747 at 231130L where had lunch. Left that area 231400L & to biv area 499775 at 231600L. NO. Movement seen during the move. Route hard going & difficult country to feature 2100. Unable proceed further this day owing to shortage of water for native carriers.
Day 3	Left biv area at 240830L & arrived at Saddle 505760 at 240945L. Continued on & contacted fresh gap tracks approx 2 to 3 hrs previous. Followed tracks leading N.W. Moved patrol

Day 3  
(continued)

to M.R 489764 where Japs had been using as an O.P. at 241300L. Patrol leader 95 ORs followed Jap tracks to 502773 - N.M.S. Trace of Jap remains show that they had been living off the land. Bio night at feature 3400 at 241700L.

Day 4.

At 250800L one NCO 3 ORs patrolled track north from feature 3400 & contacted what was thought as a Jap Patrol Base recently deserted, remnants of food remains & fire place recently used. This base at 503773. Returned to base 251630L. Patrol moved as far as MR 506775. At 250900L remainder of patrol moved to & formed base at MR 488763. At 251300L Patrol leader 8 ORs followed well used track from base leading north & contacted recent Jap posn at MR 488766 comprising ten foxholes & one large dugout. Moved to 489767 to a clearing & observed what appeared to be an enemy posn at approx 497803. Used field glasses. N.M.S & visibility fair, then followed tracks to huts 496774 where Japs had lived, shirt tin hat & bayonet found. A track lead off N.W but as this was taking patrol from objective decided to make to feature 2800. Followed a track to 498774 but visibility practically nil & country almost impassable. Returned to base at 251700L.

Day 5

Patrol leader 11 ORs 5 native carriers left base at 260800K followed track of previous days patrol & connected with MULE TRACK at ~~513785~~ 514782. Tracks off 2 to 3 men came from direction of MNDJIM.R. but turned back at this point. Found a track leading off mule track at 513785 & moved up spur sighting an O.P at 515798. Contacted an enemy dugout half completed at approx 515801. Moved 504804 where contacted extensive enemy posn which extended to M.R 509806.

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Day 5  
continued

Arrived at this point at 261750K. by night  
at 512804.

NOTE Sig wire ran off post at bearing  
5° which shows that it was towards  
area 3700 feature. Examination of post  
shows that defence area capable of holding  
100 of men. Est 1000 yds of slit trenches  
covered by wire & booby traps (not set).  
Approx 25 to 30 pillboxes - numerous dugouts  
well built fire lanes. O.P's & A.A mounting.  
Left behind quantity of tools, large type picks &  
shovels & blankets, ~~found~~ a phone from a H.Q.  
was found in fire & was destroyed (by Japs).  
Found a map which possibly shows whole de-  
fensive posts of that area. Do not consider that  
post was occupied for long & that enemy  
left rather hurriedly, 4 to 6 days previously.

NOTE. It appears that at that time the Patrol  
leader thought he was on a post at 528783  
but later reports did not coincide with these  
posts. This was again brought about by  
restricted visibility, generally about 50 yds.

Any distant features could not be pinpointed  
& bearings taken were useless.

Day 6.

At 270800K moved N.W down fairly steep  
spur to point 502808 which runs into deep  
cr bed. This did not prove as map should  
read so retraced track through enemy  
post to Mule track at 513785 with intention  
of moving to feature 2800 as was still then  
the intention. at 271300K moved along Mule  
track not used for considerable time & located  
mule & staging camp 504790. The post  
comprised all round trenching approx 25  
foxholes several dugouts & 3 huts. Along track  
old posts were sighted & grenades at side  
of road. Moved along track branching  
on to a foot track approx 495789 & to a biv  
area at 490787 arriving 271700K. Movement  
along track was good. N.M.S.

Day 7

at 280830K left biv area & followed track  
up steep spur & arrived at hut 490774  
which was track found ~~on~~ noted on day 4.

Day 7  
(Continued)

Followed ridge & again contacted Jap posn at 4887669 returned to base at 281145K. Movement steep & difficult. On morning of day 7. 3 ORs & 10 natives were returned to KESAWAI. to conserve rations if patrol had to stay longer than anticipated. At 281300K patrol was ordered to return to KESAWAI. Biv 28/29 man at M.R. 477735. Previous camp sight at 281630.

Day 8

Left Biv area at 290830K for KESAWAI via SOLU Junc & track to KESAWAI arriving at 291530K. Returned to Biv area 291800K.

General Remarks.

Owing to bad weather the patrol was not successful in as much as outstanding features could not be picked out. The impression taken at the time was that we were not near the final objective but the fact that the patrol marched for 9 hours <sup>on that day</sup> on a bearing suitable to the direction of feature 3600.

Track Times

KESAWAI to SOLU Junc 3 1/2 hrs  
SOLU Junc to M.R. 477735 3 1/4 ✓  
477735 to feature 2100 3 hrs  
Feature 2100 to M.R. 499775. 2 hrs  
499775 to Saddle 505760 1 1/2 hrs  
505760 to feature 3200 2 1/2 hrs  
3200 feature to enemy posn 3600. 9 hrs  
Return route via enemy staging camp 7 hrs

Signed L. Boyland Lieut

POSTING OF OFFICERS

HQ 2/10 Aust Inf Bn  
2 Apr 44  
/ /44

HQ 18 Aust Inf Bde

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<u>BN HQ</u> :	Lt-col	C J GEARD	C O
	Maj	J H TREVIVIAN	2 i/c
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HQ COY

LOB

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Lieut	J P ANDREWS	Sig Pl
		MMG Pl
		Mor Pl
Lieut	H R DOOLIN	Tk/A Pl
		Pion Pl

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Maj	G R MIETHKE
Capt	R W SANDERSON
Lieut	J G MATES
Lieut	J A NOLAN
Lieut	I C EDWARDES

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A COY

B COY

Lieut	A R StV MALLYON	O C
Lieut	A F McDOUGALL	2 i/c
		7 Pl
Lieut	G F RICKARDS	8 Pl
		9 Pl

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Capt	A C BRAY	O C
Lieut	JAG HYRIE	2 i/c
Lieut		10 Pl
Lieut	K F TURNER	11 Pl
Lieut	I V SINCLAIR	12 Pl

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C COY

D COY

Lieut	P F HIGGINS	O C
Lieut	J ROSEBY	2 i/c
Lieut	E C SYKES	13 Pl
Lieut	C E HERDEN	14 Pl
		15 Pl

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Capt	P A KUMNICK	O C
Lieut	J L GREAVES	2 i/c
		16 Pl
Lieut	L BOYLAND	17 Pl
		18 Pl

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NOTE: Lieut J S MORGAN evac to Hosp.

*J. J. Geard*  
Lt-col  
Comd 2/10 Aust Inf Bn

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

ROUTINE ORDERS

by

LT-COL C J GEARD

COMMANDING 2/10 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION

16 Mar 44

No. 1

PART I  
Restricted

GRO G.634/43

I RESULT OF TRIAL BY COURT MARTIAL

The following is the result of a District Court Martial held in the field on 7 Mar 44 for the trial of SX 13192 Pte J LETTS of this unit:-

On the Charges: 1. AA 12 (1) (a) When on active service deserting His Majesty's Service.

Finding : Not Guilty.

2. AA 15 (1) When on active service AWL from 24 Jul 43 until 1100 hrs 9 Aug 43.

Finding : Guilty.

Sentence : To undergo Detention for 90 days.

Confirmation : Finding and Sentence confirmed by Brigadier F O CHILTON on 13 Mar 44.

II VENEREAL DISEASE - EFFECT ON PAY (GRO F.33/44 is repeated)

preliminary:

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

(a) for the first thirty-five days of his absence after the 31st Jan 44, as the result of venereal disease acquired by him on the first occasion as defined in para 3 hereof and including any days of absence as a result of a relapse from a disease acquired on any such first occasion, provided that the total number of days of absence as a result of such first occasion and any such relapse does not exceed thirty-five days;

(b) acquiring venereal disease while acting in the course of his duty; or

(c) who is suffering from a congenital form of venereal disease.

Commencement:

2. The approval so far as it relates to sub-para (a) of para 1 of this order will take effect on and from the 1st Feb 44, and so far as it relates to sub-paras (b) and (c) of that paragraph will operate as from 6th Oct 39.

Interpretation:

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

(a) the first occasion on which a venereal disease is diagnosed after 31st Jan 44;

(b) in the case of a member who was on 1st Feb 44 absent from duty by reason of the disease diagnosed prior to that date - the venereal disease for which he is being treated; or

(c) in the case of a member who, subsequent to the 31st Jan 44 is absent from duty through a relapse from the venereal disease diagnosed prior to the 1st Feb 44 - the relapse from which he is then suffering

whichever first occurs.

Transfers and Re-enlistment:

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

(a) whilst serving with the Royal Australian Navy or the Royal Australian Air Force, or

(b) during any previous period of service with the AMF under an earlier appointment or enlistment.

Records:

5. Directions regarding casualty advice to be submitted by

medical units will be included in an amendment to "Instruction to Medical Officers". Instructions regarding method of promulgation in routine orders, Part II, will be issued by the Officer-in-Charge, 2nd Echelon, LHQ.

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II. SUPPRESSIVE ATEBRIN

1. LHQ advises that deaths from cerebral malaria have recently occurred in Victoria and South Australia of troops ex New Guinea. This is due to failure to take suppressive atebtrin whilst on leave.
  2. A proportion of troops returning to the Mainland will be suffering from latent malignant tertian infections, and it is imperative that all troops be instructed as to the danger of neglecting atebtrin whilst on leave.
  3. Coys will ensure that all ranks are thoroughly conversant with the requirements of GRO 404/43, para 7 (C) (I), which reads:- "All troops who move from any malarious area to a non-malarious area will continue on suppressive atebtrin treatment for one calendar month after leaving the malarious area in the same dosage as that prescribed by this order for the particular malarious area they have left" - and that they are specifically warned immediately prior to departure from this area of the risk involved in non-compliance with the above.
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III. QUEENSLAND ELECTIONS

1. A general election will be held for the Legislative Assembly of Queensland on 15 Apr 44.
  2. Coys will advise this HQ of the numbers of personnel qualified to vote and showing whether they wish to vote by proxy or by post. These details are required by 1200 hrs 17 Mar 44.
  3. All members of this unit who were resident in Queensland prior to enlistment are entitled to vote irrespective of age.
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IV. ISSUE OF TOBACCO AND CIGARETTES (7 Aust Div Adm Circ Q51 repeated)

1. Owing to the decreased supply of tobacco and cigarettes arriving in New Guinea, rationing will be imposed from the date of receipt of this instruction.
  2. Scale of issue from Canteens Issuing points will be as follows:-  
3 ozs Tobacco, or) per man  
105 cigarettes ) per week.
  3. In addition Base Sub Areas have been instructed to ensure that issues of tobacco and cigarettes to troops returning to Australia do not exceed 7 days supply.
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*4A. 11 at the ... Capt*  
Adjnt 2/10 Aust Inf Bn

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

ROUTINE ORDERS

BY

LT-COL C J GEARD

COMMANDING 2/10 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION  
17 MARCH 1944

No. 2

PART I

Restricted

G.R.O. G.634/43

I. MAIL

Advice has been received, that owing to weather and operational priorities, first class mail has accumulated at TOWNSVILLE. This mail will be shipped by sea to MORESBY on 19 Mar. Mail will be cleared to forward areas immediately after arrival at MORESBY.

II. LEAVE (7 AUST DIV A.5645/44)

"Full entitlement of accrued recreational leave will be granted with a minimum of 24 days. The provisions of para 9 of GRO A598/43 will not apply.

Where a soldier's leave credit does not amount to 24 days, accrued recreational leave may be anticipated.

Where personnel are already on 24 days leave, an extension may be granted to allow full entitlement of accrued leave to be taken."

The above applies to all members ex NEW GUINEA.

III. AUDITORS

The following officers have been appointed Regimental Auditors as from 1 March 44 :-

Lieut G.H. LITCHFIELD

Lieut F.G. RICKARDS.

IV. ANTI-MALARIAL PRECAUTIONS.

The previous orders issued re these measures will be carried out while in this area.

OC B Coy will ensure that strict control and enforcement of these orders is exercised by the Pl Comds forward.

Hospital evacuation figures for last week had dropped 50 per cent on previous figures, proving that strict control does have a definite effect.

V. FOOT INSPECTION

A thorough foot inspection of ALL personnel will be carried out by Coy Comds. Any cases of blisters, tinea, etc. will be sent along to RMO for treatment on next sick parade.

VI. REGT TRUST A/C

Monthly statement for February 1944:

Balance as at 1 Feb 44 £370 - 19 - 1

Receipts

Canteen Dist Dec 43 £78 - 9 - 2      78 - 9 - 2  
449 - 8 - 3

Expenditure

Free issue Canteen  
Goods 200 - 0 - 0      200 - 0 - 0  
249 - 8 - 3

Being Balance wholly in Trust A/C at 29 Feb 44.

We certify that we have examined the cash book, the unit trust book and vouchers relating to 2/10 Aust Inf Bn Regt Trust A/C and that in our opinion this statement correctly sets out the position of the fund as at 29 Feb 44.

(Signed) G H LITCHFIELD, Lieut  
F G RICKARDS, Lieut  
Regt Auditors.

*A. H. Atkinson* Capt  
Adjt 2/10 Aust Inf Bn



# AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

## ROUTINE ORDERS

by

LT-COL C J GEARD

COMMANDING 2/10 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION  
21 MARCH 44

PART I  
Restricted

No. 3

### I. SUPPRESSIVE ATEBRIN - PERSONNEL ON LEAVE

LHQ A14212 of 15 Mar instructs that all rahks ex New Guinea will take one tablet of atebirin daily whilst on leave. Coys will ensure that all personnel are advised, and that they thoroughly understand the requirements and necessity for this treatment.

Prior to departure from New Guinea, all leave personnel will be issued with 24 atebirin tablets. The subsequent issue of tablets is the responsibility of LTD's.

### II. WOUND STRIPES (GRO 0.86/44 is repeated)

The wearing of wound stripes by members of the AMF, in accordance with this order, is authorized.

2. For the purpose of this order, a member will be deemed to be wounded only if he is listed as wounded in unit routine orders, part II, in a classification establishing the wound as a battle casualty.

3. One gold stripe may be worn to denote each occasion on which a member is wounded during the present war.

4. One red stripe may be worn to denote a wound or wounds received during previous wars. Only one such red stripe may be worn, irrespective of the number of occasions on which the member was wounded.

5. When wound stripes are worn, they will comply with the following:-

(a) they will be embroidered,  $1\frac{7}{8}$  inches long and  $\frac{5}{32}$  inch wide;

(b) they may be worn on shirts and safari jackets having long sleeves, greatcoats and cloth and drill jackets;

(c) they will be vertical and  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch apart and placed centrally on the outer side of the left sleeve;

(d) on officers' pattern jackets, the lower end of the stripes will be one inch above the point of the cuff;

(e) on other articles of clothing on which they may be worn, the lower end of the stripes will be four inches above the bottom of the sleeve;

(f) when a red stripe is worn, it will be the rearmost.

(g) only wound stripes as issued will be worn;

(h) the scale of issue will be as promulgated in GRO 0.205/43.

6. Coys will submit a nominal roll of personnel entitled to wear wound stripes, and the number of wounds each man has received, such return to be at this HQ by 1200 hrs 22 Mar 44.

### III. 1943 ARMY XMAS BOOK (GRO G.78/44 is repeated)

As the demand for the 1943 Army Xmas Book ("Khaki and Green") has reached the maximum number that can be produced, further orders will not be placed by members.

2. Orders which have been received by the Officer-in-charge, Military History Section, or which are now in transit will be delivered in their turn as quickly as supplies can be obtained from the printer.

3. After orders now in transit have been received, the Officer-in-Charge, Military History Section, will furnish to units which have placed orders a forecast of the dates of delivery of orders which have not yet been despatched.

*A. R. D. Thomson* Capt  
Adjt 2/10 Aust Inf Bn

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

ROUTINE ORDERS

by

LT-COL C J GEARD

COMMANDING 2/10 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION

28 Mar 44

No. 4

PART I  
Restricted  
GRO G.634/43

I PHOTOS OF GRAVES

Personnel who desire to obtain a photo of a grave in a war cemetery may write, giving full particulars, to Directorate of Graves Registration, Victoria Barracks, Melbourne.

It is advised that Next of Kin receive one photo of the grave of their deceased relative.

II INCLUSION OF UNAUTHORISED ITEMS IN KITS DEPOSITED IN KIT STORES

(NGF Order No. Q47/44 is repeated)

1. A serious fire occurred recently at an Aust Kit Store, resulting in the total destruction of many thousands of kit bags and the partial loss of the contents of many others.
2. During the fire violent explosions occurred which indicated that ammunition had been deposited in kits. These explosions interfered with the firefighting and added to the spread of the conflagration.
3. Attention is directed to para 2(c) of GRO Q178/42 which reads:-

"No inflammables, explosives or loot of any description will be deposited in any kit store."

The destruction which has been caused and possibly originated by disregard of the GRO will be brought to the notice of all ranks.

4. Disciplinary action will be taken against any officer or OR who contravenes para 2(c) of GRO Q178/42.


III ADVANCES OR OVERDRAWALS OF PAY (GRO F.101/44 is repeated)

A unit paying officer or pay representative will not make any payment that will cause the overdrawing of a member's pay book, except as set out hereunder:-

- (a) A member whose paybook is overdrawn may be paid within the limit of the restricted drawing rate which has been endorsed in the pay book by a member of the AAPC.
- (b) A formation paymaster or a depot paymaster may overpay a member to the extent of 75% of any estimated claim for travelling allowance on the written authority of the member's CO, and such overpayment will be adjusted by the member on payment of his claim for travelling allowance.
- (c) A member proceeding on leave of more than 72 hours may be paid in advance against his credit earnings calculated to the date of expiration of such leave.
- (d) A member may be paid in advance in special circumstances (for example, prior to embarkation or upon disembarkation) where such payment is authorized by instructions issued by LHQ. In exceptional circumstances, an advance against the security of deferred pay may be made where the necessary approval has been obtained in accordance with instructions issued by the Chief Finance Officer.

IV APPLICATION OF CLOTHES RATIONING TO THE ARMY (GRO F/102/44 rptd)

Reports from the Director of Rationing indicate that his Deputy Directors in the various States are still receiving applications for clothing coupons direct from individual members of the AMF. Such applications are contrary to GRO F.422/43 and will cease. Personnel placed in circumstances of extreme necessity will follow the procedure laid down in that order.

  
Capt  
Adit 2/10 Aust Inf Bn

*Intelligence  
Section*

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

ROUTINE ORDERS

by

LT-COL C J GEARD

COMMANDING 2/10 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION

1 Apr 44

No. 5

PART I  
Restricted  
GFO G.634/43

- I. INTRODUCTION OF PLANT DISEASES TO AUSTRALIA (NGF Order A9/44 rptd)
1. In past years the introduction of sugar cane into Queensland from New Guinea led to serious sugar cane diseases with resultant losses to the growers.
  2. To prevent repetition it is essential that the present practice of sending sugar cane to the mainland shall cease.
  3. The forwarding of other plants from New Guinea to the mainland may also result in the introduction of other serious plant diseases which must be guarded against.
  4. A member will not forward, or cause to be forwarded, or take with him, from New Guinea to the mainland, any sugar cane plant or sugar cane, or any other plant which grows in New Guinea.
- II. FIRST VICTORY LOAN (GRO F.111/44 repeated)
1. The First Victory Loan of £150,000,000 will open for subscription on 28 Mar 44, and close not later than 9 May 44.
  2. Arrangements have been made for paymasters to accept applications for Commonwealth Government Inscribed Stock or Treasury Bonds from members of the forces serving in Australia or New Guinea who desire to invest their savings in the loan.
  3. Loan applications may be made for an amount of £10, or a higher amount being a multiple of £10.
  4. Stock will be inscribed at par for amounts of £100 or multiples of £10 above £100 as required.
  5. Treasury Bonds are payable and are issued at par for £10, £50, £100, £500 and £1,000.
  6. Interest is payable at  $2\frac{1}{2}\%$  per annum if invested for five years and at  $3\frac{1}{4}\%$  per annum if invested for sixteen years and will be credited half-yearly to the member's savings bank account or current account if desired.
  7. Interest will be subject to Commonwealth taxation, but will not be subject to any income tax under the law of a State. During the period of uniform taxation, a rebate of 2/- in the pound on interest will be allowed to cover freedom from State taxation.
  8. Any bank nominated by the member will hold the bonds in safe custody for the member, if such is desired.
- Procedure for lodging applications.-
9. Application forms will be available from paymasters or may be obtained through unit pay sergeants and are required to be completed in duplicate. The applicant's signature will be witnessed by an officer.
  10. Sufficient credit must be available in the member's paybook to cover the amount it is desired to invest in the loan. The amount subscribed will be debited in the paybook.
  11. Paymasters may accept cash in payment of a loan subscription in which case the amount tendered will be entered in the paybook to establish the necessary credit and an official receipt issued and pasted in the paybook.
  12. The Commonwealth Bnk will forward to members an interim receipt for the amount subscribed.
- General.-
13. Both Treasury Bonds and Inscribed Stock are readily realisable and may be sold at any time. Any bank will arrange this for the member, if desired.

P.T.O.

III. EXCESSIVE MANUFACTURE AND SALE OF SOUVENIRS

- 7 Aust Div A5955 includes the following:-
1. NGF advises that reports received indicate that the manufacture and sale of souvenirs by members of the AMF has assumed considerable proportions and the practice is now viewed with concern.
  2. It is not desired to hinder members of the forces in their pursuit of profitable hobbies, but it is felt that care should be taken to ensure that no abuses arise.
  3. It is considered that there is the danger of unauthorised use of army material and tools, and of members occupying themselves in the manufacture of souvenirs during periods of duty when they should be engaged in military work.
  4. Prompt action will be taken where it appears that any of the above-mentioned abuses exist, or the circumstances are likely to lead to a lowering of morale or the disciplinary standard.

IV. FORWARDING OF CANTEEN GOODS IN PARCELS FROM NEW GUINEA

1. NGF Order A392/43 refers.
2. The following is a copy of an extract from a report received by the mainland authorities from a District Censor:-  
 "a steady stream of parcels continues to flow in from troops in New Guinea and Australian stations. The outstanding feature at the moment is the large quantity of Cadbury's chocolate in  $\frac{1}{2}$ -lb and  $\frac{1}{4}$ -lb blocks, and tins of Nestles Reduced Cream which they contain. Dozens and half-dozens of blocks of chocolate - some in original factory cartons - are sighted in parcels addressed to relatives on the home front. As many as 18 tins of reduced cream have been found in a single parcel. These have presumably been purchased at Service Canteens by the senders."
3. From the foregoing, it is obvious that the provisions of the above-quoted order are being freely disregarded and also that franking officers are failing in their duties.
4. Coys will take immediate action to bring about a strict compliance with the terms of the Order mentioned and to ensure that all franking officers are familiar with their duties and responsibilities and discharge the same efficiently.

V. REGT TRUST A/C

Monthly statement for March 1944.

Balance as at 1 Mar 44		249 - 8 - 3
<u>Receipts</u>		
Coy funds paid in	95 - 10 - 0	
Canteen dist	53 - 16 - 0	149 - 6 - 0
		<u>398 - 14 - 3</u>
<u>Expenditure</u>		
Aladdin Industries		
(lamps)	16 - 5 - 0	
J. Martin & Co (puggarees)	170 - 12 - 6	186 - 17 - 6
		<u>211 - 16 - 9</u>

Being Balance wholly in Trust A/C as at 31 Mar 44.

We certify that we have examined the cash book, the unit trust book and vouchers relating to 2/10 Aust Inf Bn Regt Trust A/C and that in our opinion this statement correctly sets out the position of the fund as at 31 Mar 44.

(Signed) G H LITCHFIELD Lieut  
 F G RICKARDS Lieut  
Regt Auditors

Capt  
Adjt 2/10 Aust Inf Bn



# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 4 / 3 / 1944 2/10 BN. (Unit)

W.E. 11 / 120 / 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	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.
			1 3 9 24	Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs.	AAMC AA Chap D	1 1			
		5	37			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).	DETAIL.	A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.P.	..	TOTAL.
	A	B CLASS									
	AIF A CLASS 39	B CLASS									39.
	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., 30 U.K. Forces; 10 N.E. 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.
NX 356	Capt	Durant CL		25.2.44	EVAC to HOSP.
SX 13538	Lieut	Scott RJ		26.2.44	de.
VNO 14992	Capt	Christie BEH	18 Aust Inf Bde	2.3.44	BRITISH OFFICER for onward movement

## 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).

2/10 AUST INF BN. Unit

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 4/3/1944 (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.
MAJ T/LT-COL	TX 2013	Geard	CJ	C.O.	Yes		
CAPT T/MAJ	SX 1444	Brewster	JH	2/c	Yes		
"	SX 1430	Brockhoff	JE	Coy Cmdr	No	LHQ Tact. School	2.2.44
Capt	SX 1431	Brockhoff	WA	"	Yes		
"	SX 1447	Wilson	FP	"	No	LHQ Tact. School	30.11.43
"	SX 649	Schmedje	TJ	"	No	Staff School (Aust)	5.12.43
"	SX 1441	Matheson	HB	Adjt	Yes		
"	SX 650	Bray	AC	Coy 2/c	Yes		
Lieut T/Capt	SX 1158	Krumnick	PA	"	Yes		
Lieut	QX 35815	Giggins	PF	PL Cmdr	Yes		
"	QX 35816	Greaves	JL	MMG	Yes		
Lieut T/Capt	SX 1223	Mayer	AJ	"	No	Instr OCTU Woodside	12.11.43
Lieut	NX 10122	Ryrie	JAG	PION	Yes		
"	SX 461	Mallyon	HRSTV	Coy 2/c	Yes		
"	NX 104066	Rosely	J	PL Cmdr	Yes		
"	NX 123472	Hitchfield	GH	"	Yes		
"	SX 11003	McDougal	AF	"	Yes		
"	SX 12030	Meldrum	ECS	"	Yes		
"	QX 10476	Sykes	EC	"	Yes		
Lieut T/Capt	SX 1020	Cowling	KL	QM	Yes		
Lieut	QX 34159	Sanclair	IV	PL Cmdr	Yes		
"	QX 34197	Dooley	HR	TK/A	Yes		
"	SX 1715	Andrews	JP	Sigs	Yes		
"	VX 104329	Meroney	JB	I.O.	Yes		
"	VX 50218	Richard's	FG	PL Cmdr	Yes		
"	VX 40266	Turner	KE	"	Yes		
"	SX 12228	Morgan	JS	"	Yes		
"	SX 41	March	CA	"	Yes		
"	SX 1522	Histon	DD	"	Yes		
"	SX 1184	Hinden	CE	"	Yes		
"	QX 20608	Boylance	L	"	Yes		
Capt T/Maj	SX 1461	Mietzke	GR	2/c	Yes	LOB	21.2.44
Capt	SX 1469	Sanderson	RW	Coy Cmdr	Yes	LOB	19.2.44
Lieut	VX 104340	Robotham	HT	PL Cmdr	Yes	LOB	21.2.44
"	SX 13695	Matis	GJ	"	Yes	LOB	"
"	SX 598	Nolan	JA	TO	Yes	LOB	9.1.44
"	SX 707	Edwardes	IC	PL Cmdr	Yes	LOB	25.2.44

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	NX 126937	Royle HG	AAMC	26.5.43	R.M.O.
Capt	VX 91064	Klefkens JF	AA Chap	21.7.43	Chaplain.

4 March 44  
Date of Despatch

*C. Geard Lt. Col.*  
Signature of Commander  
COMD 2/10 AUST INF BN.





# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Army Form W.3003  
(Adapted) (Page 1)  
(Revised Jan., 1943)

11/44 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 11/3/1944 2/10 BN (Unit)

W.E. 11/120/2 OFFRS. 32 O.R's. 758 + 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.	
			1	Lieut.-Colonels							
			3	Majors							
			9	Captains		AAMC.	1				
		4	23	Lieutenants		ARCHAP.D	1				
				Quarter-masters							
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.							
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.							
		4	36			2	2				

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 10 of instructions for compilation of forms will complete Part E(1) & E(2).	DETAIL.	A.I.P.	G.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.	A -	B Class.							
	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.E. 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.
St 11003	Lieut	McDougal A.F.		4.3.44	Evac to Hosp.

## 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).

2/10 Aust Inf Bn

Unit

11/44 (Serial No.)

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

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 11/3/1944 (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.
MAJ 1/15 Col.	142013	Spard	lob	CO	Yes		
capt 1/maj	SF 1444	Therrien	th	2/c	Yes		
"	SF 1430	Brock Lobb	BL		No	LHQ Staff School	2.2.44
capt	SF 1431	Brock Lobb	BL	Coy Cnd	No	detached 18 Ade.	7.3.44
"	SF 1447	Wilson	W.P.		No	LHQ Staff School	10.11.43
"	SF 644	Schmedie	T.J.		No	Staff School (AUST)	5.12.43
"	SF 1441	Mathison	MB	adit	Yes		
"	SF 650	Bray	A.C.	Coy 2/c	Yes		
Lieut 1/capt	SF 1158	Ruminick	P.A.	"	Yes		
Lieut	QX 35815	Haggens	P.P.	Pl Cnd	Yes		
"	QX 35816	Gildner	J.L.	M.M.S.	Yes		
Lieut 1/capt	SF 1223	Mayer	A.J.		No	Justi O.C.T.V Woodside	12.11.43
Lieut	NX 10122	Ryke	J.A.G.	Pion	Yes		
"	SF 461	Mallyon	A.R.S.V.	Coy 2/c	Yes		
"	NX 101066	Roseby	J.	Pl Cnd	Yes		
"	NX 123472	Litchfield	C.H.	"	Yes		
"	SF 12030	Meldrum	E.C.S.	"	Yes		
"	QX 10476	Sykes	E.C.	"	Yes		
Lieut 1/capt	SF 1020	Opwring	K.L.	QM	Yes		
Lieut	QX 34159	Sinclair	I.V.	Pl Cnd	Yes		
"	QX 34197	Doolin	H.R.	TK/A	Yes		
"	SF 1716	Andrews	T.P.	Sigs	Yes		
"	VX 104329	Moroney	J.B.	I.O.	Yes		
"	VX 50218	Rickards	F.G.	Pl Cnd	Yes		
"	VX 40266	Turner	N.F.	"	Yes		
"	SF 12228	Morgan	J.S.	"	Yes		
"	SF 41	March	C.A.	"	Yes		
"	SF 1522	Liston	D.D.	"	Yes		
"	SF 1184	Herden	C.E.	"	Yes		
"	QX 20608	Boylaud	L.	"	Yes		
capt 1/maj	SF 1461	Niechke	C.B.		Yes	LOB.	21.2.44
capt	SF 1469	Sanderson	R.W.		Yes	LOB.	19.2.44
Lieut	VX 104340	Robertshaw	H.T.		Yes	LOB.	21.2.44
"	SF 13695	Males	G.J.		Yes	LOB.	"
"	SF 598	Nolan	J.A.		Yes	LOB.	9.1.44
"	SF 707	Edwardes	I.C.		Yes	LOB.	25.2.44

**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.	NX 126937	Royle H.G.	AMIC	26.5.43	RMO.
capt	VX 91064	Hopkins J.F.	AACHAPD	21.7.43	chaplain

11. 3. 44

Date of Despatch

Truth-7/43.

*Therrien*  
Signature of Commander  
Command 2/10 Aust Inf Bn H.O.D.



# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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

12.../44... (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 18/3/1944... 2/10 Bn (Unit)

W.E. 11/120/2 OFFRS. 32 O.R's. 755 + OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 34 ATT. BY W.E.

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

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.																																													
		5	24	Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs.	AAMC AA Chap D	1 1																																																
		5	37			2																																																
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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																																												
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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.E. 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.
VX 38857	Lieut	Lovell G.G.	HT... 704	17.3.44	Rejoining Unit from 7 Div Trans Camp
		... ..	...	...	...
		... ..	...	...	...
		... ..	...	...	...
		... ..	...	...	...

### 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).

2/10 Aust Inf Bn Unit

12.1.44 (Serial No.)

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

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 18/3/1944 (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.	Surnames.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Lt. Col	TX 2013	Geard	CJ	C.O.	Yes		
Major	SX 1444	Greenman	JH	2/c	Yes		
Major	SX 1430	Brockhoff	JE		No	LHQ Jact School	2.3.44
Capt	SX 1431	Brockhoff	WA	Coy Cmd	No	detached 18 Bde	7.3.44
"	SX 1447	Wilson	FP	"	No	LHQ Jact School	30.11.43
"	SX 646	Schmedje	TJ	"	No	Staff School (Aust)	5.12.43
"	SX 1441	Matheson	HR	Adjut	Yes		
"	SX 650	Gray	AC	Coy 2/c	Yes		
"	SX 1223	Mahger	WJ		No	Instr OCTU Woodside	12.11.43
Lieut A/Capt	SX 1158	Kinnick	PA	Coy 2/c	Yes		
Lieut	QX 35815	Higgins	PF	PL Cmd.	Yes		
"	QX 35816	Greaves	JL	"	Yes		
"	NX 10122	Ryrie	JAG	PL Cmd.	Yes		
"	SX 461	Malyon	ARSTV	Coy 2/c	Yes		
"	NX 104066	Besley	J	PL Cmd.	Yes		
"	NX 123472	Litchfield	LH	"	Yes		
"	QX 10476	Sykes	EC	"	Yes		
Lieut T/Capt	SX 12030	Mildrum	ECS	"	Yes	Detached 7 Div Trans	16.3.44
Lieut	SX 1020	Cowling	KL	RM	Yes	Camb	
"	QX 34159	Clair	IV	PL Cmd.	Yes		
"	QX 34197	Doehn	HR	TK/A	Yes		
"	SX 1715	Andrews	JP	Sigs	Yes		
"	VX 104329	Mercney	JB	I.O.	No	LHQ School M/Intelligence	16.3.44
"	VX 50218	Bickards	FG	PL Cmd.	Yes		
"	VX 40266	Jurmer	KE	"	Yes		
"	VX 38857	Lowless	GG	"	Yes		
"	SX 12228	Morgan	JS	"	Yes		
"	SX 41	March	CA	"	Yes		
"	SX 1522	Liston	DD	"	No	NGF Gas School	15.3.44
"	SX 1184	Herden	CE	PL Cmd.	Yes		
"	QX 20608	Boylard	L	"	Yes		
Maj	SX 1461	Muthke	GR			LOB	21.2.44
Capt	SX 1469	Sanderson	RW			LOB	19.2.44
Lieut	VX 104340	Robyham	HT			LOB	21.2.44
"	SX 13695	Matis	EJ			LOB	"
"	SX 598	Delan	JA			LOB	9.1.44
"	SX 707	Edwards	IC			LOB	25.2.44

**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	NX 126937	Royle HG	AAMC	26.5.43	RMO.
Capt	VX 91064	Hopkins JF	AA Chap	21.7.43	Chaplain

18 March 44

Date of Despatch

Truth—7/43.

*J. H. Greenman*  
Signature of Commander  
Comd. 2/10 Aust Inf Bn  
H.O.P.



# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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(Revised Jan., 1943)

13,44 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 25/3/1944 2/10 BN (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	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.
			1 3 9 24	Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs.	AAMC AA Chap D	1 1			
		5	37			2			

	DETAIL.	A.I.F. A	A.I.P. B	G.M.P.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	..	TOTAL
Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).	A.	39										39
	E. (1)											
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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.
SX 11003	Lieut.	McDonnell AF	AF	23.3.44	From Hosp.
SX 13538	Lieut.	Scott BJ	BJ	20.3.44	Ex Hosp. to LHO Reference

### OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
SX 1522	Lieut.	Liston DD	DD	20.3.44	Evac. Hosp. from N.G.F. Gas School
VX 104340	Lieut.	Robotham HT	HT	18.3.44	Evac. Hosp. from L.O.B.

## 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).

2/10 Aust Inf Bn Unit

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

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Lt-Col	TX 2013	Geard	CJ	C.O.	Yes		
Major	SX 1444	Stevenson	JH	2/c	Yes		
Major	SX 1430	Brockhoff	JE	Coy Cmd	No	LHQ Tact. School	2.2.44
Capt	SX 1431	Brockhoff	WA	"	No	detached 18 Bde	7.2.44
"	SX 1447	Wilson	FP	"	No	LHQ Tact. School	30.11.43
"	SX 649	Schmedje	TJ	"	No	Staff School (Aust)	5.12.43
"	SX 1441	Matheson	HR	Adjut.	Yes		
"	SX 650	Bray	AC	Coy 2/c	Yes		
"	SX 1223	Magner	AT	"	No	Instr OCTU Woodside	12.11.43
Lieut A/Capt	SX 1158	Gunnick	PA	Coy 2/c	Yes		
Lieut	OX 35815	Higgins	PF	"	Yes		
"	OX 35816	Greaves	JL	PL Cmd	No	detached 18 Bde School	23.3.44
"	NX 10122	Burne	JAG	"	Yes		
"	SX 461	Mallyon	ARSTV	Coy 2/c	Yes		
"	NX 104066	Borley	J	PL Cmd	No	detached 18 Bde School	23.3.44
"	NX 123472	Litchfield	GH	"	Yes		
"	SX 11003	McDougal	CF	"	Yes		
"	OX 10496	Sykes	EC	"	Yes		
"	SX 12030	Melchum	ECS	"	No	det. 7 Div Trans. Camp	16.3.44
Lieut T/Capt	SX 1020	Cowling	KL	QM	Yes		
Lieut	OX 34159	Sinclair	LV	PL Cmd	Yes		
"	OX 34197	Doolin	HR	Tk/A	Yes		
"	SX 1715	Andrews	JP	Sigs	Yes		
"	VX 104329	Moroney	JB	I.D.	No	LHQ School M/Intelligence	16.3.44
"	VX 50218	Bickhards	FG	PL Cmd	Yes		
"	VX 40266	Jurner	KE	"	Yes		
"	VX 38857	Lowless	GG	"	No	det. 7 Aust Div Gen Camp	18.3.44
"	SX 12228	Meigan	JS	"	Yes		
"	SX 41	March	CA	"	No	det. 18 Bde School	23.3.44
"	SX 1184	Henden	CE	"	Yes		
"	OX 20608	Bayland	L	"	Yes		
"	SX 13538	Scott	RJ	Mor	No	LHQ Jungle Defence	20.3.44
Major	SX 1461	Miethke	GR			LOB	21.2.44
Capt	SX 1469	Sanderson	RW			LOB	19.2.44
Lieut	SX 12695	Mates	GT			LOB	21.2.44
"	SX 598	Nolan	JA			LOB	9.1.44
"	SX 707	Edwardes	IC			LOB	25.2.44

**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	NX 126937	Boyle HG	RAMC	26.5.43	R.M.O.
Capt	VX 91064	Hopkins JF	AA Chapl D	21.7.43	Chaplain

25 March 44

Date of Despatch

Truth—7/43.

*A. Geard* LT-COL  
Signature of Commander  
Comd 2/10 Aust Inf Bn.







2/10 Aust Inf Bn

Unit

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**PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 25/3/1944.**

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	4	4	
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	1	1						Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers		1						Radiographers				Stevedores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical	4	4	
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers	27	34		Tailors	2	2	
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Wagon Erectors	67	90	
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Bollermakers				Wheelers				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters	6	4		Winchman				RSM	1	2	
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman				RQMS	1	1	
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners				CSM	5	6	
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics								CQMS	5	5	
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)								Rifle LMS	409	444	
Fitters				Driver-Operator		11						MMS. No.	25	24	
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers								mon do	78	46	
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians								JKA do	22	20	
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)								DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				Gen duties	3	3	
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				Byo do	4	4	
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers	1	1		Orderlies	32	31	
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	11	11		Pioneers	32	35	
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply				Kept Police	7	7	
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				A. Bearers	51	17	
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	10	13		Coach Trimmers				Storemen	6	6	
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors				Batmen	35	38	
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks				Water duties	2	2	
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				Mess Ord	3	5	ARMC
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				Shy Sgt	1	1	do
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				Armourer	2	2	ARONE
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics		3		Shoemaker	1	3	AROC
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant				Seller Gun	1	-	ARMIC
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.				cooks	2	2	ARAC
Photewriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers	1	1		blks	2	2	ARAPC
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers				blks	1	1	ARAPU
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates				mech MT	-	8	ARMIC
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers				Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.			
CARRIED FORWARD	1	1		CARRIED FORWARD	17	30		CARRIED FORWARD	57	80			789	827	*

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.

25. 3. 44  
Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander  
L. Col.  
2/10 Aust Inf Bn



