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56 Infantry Battalion

March - April 1943

Mar 8. COY TREKS.

Each rifle coy is out on trek for a period of one week. Approx 150 miles will be covered in that period. On two consecutive days it is desired to cover twentyfive miles each day.

B and C Coys left camp on 6 Mar and A and D Coys on 7 Mar. Sig Pl is co-operating and AA Pl and Carriers are acting as Controlled Enemy. Lieuts MACAULEY, K. J. McDONALD, DAY, KILEY are acting as umpires for the exercise.

COMBINED OPERATIONS.

35 Aust Inf Bn is taking part in Combined Ops at the beach in GERALDTON. This unit has sent a number of observers who are with 35 Bn. One offr and one sgt from each coy are there. Their duty is to learn as much as possible about the methods used in the training for Combined Ops. and they in turn will impart this knowledge to this unit when it moved in to do that branch of training. This unit will move to Combined Ops camp in a week's time.

LECTURE-NETHERLANDS EAST INDIES.

On 3 Feb 43 Mr K C TOLLER gave a lecture on the Dutch East Indies, their importance and strategy. All officers and Sergeants attended. The lecture was most interesting and instructive.

PICTURE SHOW IN UNIT LINES.

On 6 Mar 43 the Div Picture Show unit visited the lines. One of the films was a propaganda picture "Next of Kin". It was a very fine one and most instructive, besides being quite interesting. The other picture was of the usual kind and the programme was enjoyed by all ranks who attended.

Mar 19.

COY TREKS.

The coy treks were concluded on 13 Mar. In the week the coys marched approx 150 miles. They marched 50 miles in two ~~consecutive~~ consecutive days on iron rations. Very few men fell out of the march and the remainder finished in fine condition and very high spirits.

The whole of the week's exercise was carried out under conditions that would be met with under service conditions. An "enemy" operated all the time and carriers and the AA Pl were used for this role. Also each coy was enemy to all other tps in the area and some fine actions took place between the various coys.

During one action in the village of Walkaway an accidental explosion of monobel caused a little damage to the railway station.

COMBINED OPS CAMP-GERALDTON.

The unit moved to Combined Ops area on 14 Mar 43. Some of the men were transported by MT but the majority marched from unit lines. Though the day was hot the march of ten miles was completed in 3½ hrs. When it is considered that most of the men had just completed a march of a weeks duration this is considered a good effort.

Attached to the unit are 150 Div Tps and some students from 44 Aust Inf Bn who will later become instructors. These tps plus those of the unit are divided into five coys for purposes of trg. Two instructors who have previously completed a course are acting as instructors for each coy.

To date the work has consisted chiefly of rowing of boats, swimming with and without clothing and equipment and scaling of ladders.

All ranks are very interested in the work. Practically 100% of the unit is on parade. Only a minimum of men are left in the lines for adm purposes. Even light and no duty personnel are taken to the beach to see the work being done.

GUNNER EXERCISE.

An exercise, in co-operation with arty, is being carried out in area on 24 Mar. Tps from 44 Aust Inf Bn will take part but a pl of A Tk personnel from this unit will take part in the exercise firing live amm.

ACCIDENT WITH MORTAR BOMB TO 4 Aust Inf Bn.

During the weekend a fatality occurred to a platoon of 4 Bn tps. The Mortar Offr was demonstrating to a pl from a rifle coy. The live bomb exploded and killed all the men in the class. These were the offr and thirteen men.

SCHOOLS AND COURSES.

At present Capt HOUGH is at a Coy Comds course in Queensland. Other offr

and NCOs are to attend a series of courses at HARVEY. Sgt NOLAN is at
an OCTU in South Aust and WO1i AXTELL is going to the next course.
A party of offrs and NCOs have just returned from courses at HARVEY.

War diary

56 Aust Inf Bn.
12 Mar 43.

COMBINED OPS CAMP GERALDTON ADM INSTRUCTION NO 1

56 Aust Inf Bn will move to GERALDTON BEACH on 13 or 14 Mar 43. (Time stated later) and will take over Camp from 35 Aust Inf Bn.

2. ADVANCE PARTY

The following advance party will move before 35 Aust Inf Bn leaves the Camp for hand and take over:-
Maj E.F. Murray, Capt. J.S. Boardman, W.O.1 D.P. Woodward W.O.11 A.A. Snellie, one offr or senior N.C.O. from each Coy.
Articles to be taken over:- Tents and flies, thunderboxes, pans, kitchens.

3. STORES REQUIRED TO TAKE TO AREA.

The following stores will be taken to camp :- Watertanks, Mobile incinerators, Kitchen gear, fowler stoves, mess tables, showers, latrine screens- some poles for shower buckets, firewood. These articles will be carried under Coy arrangements, though in Unit convoy. Mobile Dry Canteen will be taken to area by S/Sgt Batros. Wet Canteen will be arranged by W.O. McHale.

4. MOVEMENT ORDER - Issued later.

5. REAR PARTY - Tent Guards

O.C. S/Sgt E.R. Hedditch and one man from each rifle coy two men from HQ Coy plus one cook three drivers (HQ Coy)
Coy Comds will select this guard from reliable soldiers, physically unfitted for strenuous exercises. Names will be submitted to BN HQ before 1500 hrs 13 Mar 43. These soldiers will report to S/Sgt Hedditch prior to Coys leaving Area.
DUTIES. - Tent guards of Coy lines.

6. SAPRE CLOTHING AND STORES.

All articles clothing and stores will be stacked in COMS store under Coy arrangements. Tent guard will then be in charge. Remainder of tents will be laced.

7. TRANSPORT

Transport will become unit pool. Minimum tpt will be taken to new area. Remainder will be left in tpt lines with drivers remaining in camp as picquet.

8. TRAINING.

Details issued later.
Coys will be arranged as follows No 1 Coy Capt Neil. A.Coy. Sigs, A.A.Pl.ADM.Pl
No 2 Coy. Capt Farrell - B.Coy Mortar Pl Bn.HQ. No 3 Coy Capt Callan C.C coy and Carrier Pl. No 4. Coy Capt Williams - D.Coy Pioneer Pl A/PK Pl.
No 5 Coy Dets from other units. In camp A. B. C. D. HQ
Coys will be administered in normal manner. It is stressed that all personnel must be released for training if at all possible. It is suggested that a Coy roster be in force in connection with orderly room, Q Staff and cooks.
44 Aust Inf Bn will send one offr one N.C.O. per coy to camp for training.
Instructors will be drawn from Unit personnel at present at Ops Camp.

9. AMENITIES.

- (a) CANTEENS Unit wet and dry canteens will be established in area. A.C.F. Canteen for biscuits and coffee is also available.
- (b) MESSES, Coy cooking will be carried out. An Officers Mess for Bn.HQ, Instr. Staff, Learning Staff (approx 20) will be established.
- (c) CLEAVE One night per week will be leave night. There will also be one full rest day in 14 days training.

10. SIGNALS Sig Offr to establish sig service.

11. WATER AND RATIONS

Water Point in area. Rations drawn as at present. Additional personnel to ration for - 156 all ranks from other units.
Further instructions will be issued later.

W.C. Keast
Capt.
W.C.KEAST Adjnt 56 Aust Inf Bn

BHQ

SEEN

C.O. 21/C

Adj. Asst. Adj.

R.S.M. R.Q.M.S.

55th Battalion

DANGER AREAS

GERALDTON (Strait)

DONGARRA "

1943 FD - A/Tk Field Practices 22-28 MAR

Ref maps

Field duty Practice 22-23-24 MAR 43 daily between 0800-2000 and night 23/24

Northern boundary - a line running EAST from WOOLANOOKA HILL through CONNELLY SOAK & 4 miles to grid line 31

Eastern boundary - 31 grid line SOUTH to 40 grid

Southern boundary - 40 grid line WEST to point 4 miles WEST of NGARLINGUE SPRING

Western boundary - from point 4 miles WEST of NGARLINGUE SPRING to MT. HILL thence to WOOLANOOKA HILL

A/Tk ARTY PRACTICE 24-28 MAR 1943

(both dates inclusive) daily between 0800-2000 hrs

Northern boundary - a line drawn EAST 10 miles & WEST one mile from MT KENNETH (11 miles in all)

Eastern boundary - from point 10 miles EAST of MT. KENNETH a line SOUTH for 11 miles

Southern boundary - a point 5 miles SOUTH of MT. MICHAEL and extended EAST for 11 miles

Western boundary - 29 easting grid line

S. Office
11-3-43

J. S. Beardman
Capt

" B " ROUTE.

MOVEMENT TABLE.

"DEER" EXERCISE.

SECRET.

COY.	PLACE.	DATE.	TIME.		MEAL.	REMARKS.
			ARR.	DEP		
B & A	ELLENDALE	8 Mar	0540	2000	BREAKFAST LUNCH EVENING MEAL	
B & A	TRACK 4 MILE S.W. MINENOOKA	8 Mar	2330	2400	COFFEE	
B & A	RUIN	9 Mar	0330	0345		
B & A	INTIDUCARRA S.P.	9 Mar	0615	0630		
B & A	NEUMARRACARRA	9 Mar	0715	0815	BREAKFAST.	
B & A	TRIGG 766	9 Mar	1000	1130		
B & A	TRIBRADDON	9 Mar	1415	10 Mar 0600	LUNCH EVENING MEAL	ARRANGE AMB DUMP MT JULIA
B & A	MT JULIA	10 Mar	0730	1030	Breakfast	
B & A	TRACK JUNG 844319	10 Mar	1115	11 Mar 0615		
B & A	TRIBRADDON HILL	11 Mar	0715	0745	BREAKFAST	
B & A	HOUSE 707329	11 Mar	1045	1100	LUNCH	

"B" ROUTE.

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COY	PLACE	DATE	ARR	TIME DEF.	MEAL	REMARKS.
B & A	WALKAWAY	11 Mar	2000	12 Mar 0830	EVENING MEAL	
B & A	SANDY S P 895313	12 Mar	1500	1530		
B & A	CK 826311	12 Mar	1730	1830	EVENING MEAL.	
B & A	CAMP	13 Mar	0500	...	BREAKFAST.	

NOTE; "A" COY FOLLOWING "B" ONE DAY LATER.

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MOVEMENT AND TABLE

"DEER" EXERCISE

SECRET

A. ROUTE

ROUTE	COY	PLACE	DATE	Time Arr.	Dep.	MEAL	
A.	C.	Lake Kennedy	8 Mar	0500	1800	Breakfast Lunch Evening Meal	
"	C.	Minenooka	8 Mar	2000	2100	Coffee	
"	C.	Tibraddon Homestead	9 Mar	0300	0330	-	
"	C.	Rocky Caterop	9 Mar	0900	1000	Breakfast	
"	C.	Woomagarra Wall	9 Mar	1130	1200	Lunch	
"	C.	Miarra S.P.	10 Mar 9 Mar	1400	10 Mar 1900	Evening Meal	Ration Point on Rd 838481
"	C.	Tibraddon Homestead	10 Mar	0100	0600		Carrier to be at MT DAVIS Area in harbourage NIGHT 9/10 Mar
"	C.	Mt Davis	10 Mar	0715	0930	Breakfast	
"	C.	Track Rd Junct 365016	10 Mar	1015	1030		

MOVEMENT AND TABLE

"DEER" EXERCISE

SECRET A.ROUTE

ROUTE R	COY	PLACE	DATE	Time Arr.	Dep.	MEAL	REMARKS
A.	C.	Mt Julia	10 Mar	1100	11 Mar 0615	Lunch Evening Meal Breakfast (?)	
"	C.	Beatenajly	11 Mar	1315	1330	Lunch	
"	C.	Gate Hill 761325	11 Mar	1715	1830	Evening Meal	
"	C.	Yogenew Ford.	11 Mar	2130	12 Mar 0430		
"	C.	Walkaway	12 Mar	0830	1500	Breakfast on Route.	
"	C.	Track 833186	12 Mar	1800	1845	Evening Meal	
" x	C.	Ellendale	12 Mar	2000	2200	Coffee	
"	C.	Camp	13 Mar	0600		Breakfast.	

NOTE.

"D" Coy following "C" ONE DAY LATER.

FILE.

56 Aust Inf Bn
AUSTRALIA
16 Feb 43.

COMPANY INSPECTION

1. C.O. will make a personnel inspection of all Coy's records and stores; both A. and Q.
2. A. RECORDS
 - (a) Coy Roll Books A.A. B. 76
To be marked up to date with all personnel records complete. Coy Comds initials. Old Coy roll books to be filed and kept.
 - (b) Pl. Roll books A.A. B. 77 to be marked up to date.
 - (c) Nominal Rolls - Correct Army No's, Names Casualties, Next of Kin and addresses.
 - (d) Conduct Sheets B.122. - All convictions of both D.C.M. and Summary. Also "clean" sheets.
 - (e) Pl Comds History books, showing all information regarding personnel in Pl.
 - (f) T.O.E.T.'s - A.A. B. 43. written up to date regarding all personnel.
 - (g) Pay Books with T.O.E.T.'s, Anti Gas, Schools, Trade grouping, Inoculations, Vaccinations written up to date.
 - (h) Correspondence File.
 - (i) Index to Correspondence.
 - (j) Sick Report File.
 - (k) Leave register - if kept.
 - (l) Duty Roster.
 - (m) Manning Chart.
 - (n) Text Books-In Individual or Coy possession.
3. Q. PERSONAL ISSUES
 - (a) Individuals to have all clothing issues as per entitlements and A.A.F. F. 200s
 - (b) Individuals to have equipment and weapons as per W.E.T.s and A.A.B. 58. Issue book, Temporary Issue book, Coy Ledger
4. Q TENNAGE AND CAMP STORES.

Tentage, Lanterns, Basins, Kitchen Gear, to be as debited by Q.M.s Books. Issue Books with signatures.
5. Q WEAPONS AND AMN.
 - (a) Rifles, L.M.G.s, T.S.M.G.s, Pistols, A/Tk Rifles, correct quantities and individual Nos. Rifle History Books to be produced, Issue Books.
 - (b) Amn, as charged and as Coys percentage W.E.T.
6. T.P.T. - VEHICLES AND RECORDS
 - (a) Condition of vehicles.
 - (b) Vols.
 - (c) Coy Records - G.2s.
 - (d) Individual Licenses of Drs.

7.

PERSONNEL TO ASSIST IN INSPECTION

C.O. will be assisted in inspection by 2/1.c. Adjts. and R.S.M.
A/CN and R.O.M.S.
T.O. and Tpt Sgt.

8.

Cops will have all records, stores, Tpt and all ranks
in inspection order when required.

W.C. KNIGHT Adjts. Hd. Adjts. and En.
Capt

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MESSAGE FORM

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS.

IN *0945*
 OUT *Z*

No. of Groups
GR.
57

Serial No.
 OFFICE DATE STAMP

(ABOVE THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

TO *44BN 54BN 56BN 17 Coy. ATASC 57th. Coy. DOW 18th. Rgt.*

FROM *5 Bde.* Originator's Number *1 300* Date *1* In Reply to Number *—*

<i>lecture</i>	<i>by</i>	<i>KC</i>	<i>TOLLER</i>	<i>DA.</i>	<i>from</i>
<i>NETHERLANDS)</i>	<i>IEAST</i>	<i>INDIES</i>	<i>there</i>	<i>importance</i>	<i>in</i>
<i>allied</i>	<i>strategy</i>	<i>as</i>	<i>offensive</i>	<i>and</i>	<i>defensive</i>
<i>on</i>	<i>morning</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>Feb.</i>	<i>at</i>	<i>Bde H.Q.</i>
<i>as</i>	<i>many</i>	<i>officers</i>	<i>and</i>	<i>senior</i>	<i>NCO's</i>
<i>as</i>	<i>possible</i>	<i>to</i>	<i>attend</i>		

This message may be sent **AS WRITTEN** by any means :
 If liable to be intercepted or fall into enemy hands, this message must be sent **IN CYPHER**
 Originator's instructions
 Degree of priority
 Time of Origin *0700*
Signed (BELOW THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)
T.H.I. *0720.*

System In	Time In	Reader	Sender	System Out	Time Out	Reader	Sender	System Out	Time Out	Reader	Sender
<i>P</i>	<i>0740</i>	<i>Pte Blaney</i>									

T.O.R.

MESSAGE FORM

Serial No.
 OFFICE DATE STAMP

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS.

IN
 OUT

No. of Groups
GR.

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TO

ARCO HQ Coy RMO 10 2/10 BNAQ T.O.

FROM

Squadron BN

Originator's Number

1191

Date

2

In Reply to Number

LECTURE	NETHERLANDS	EAST	INDIES	at	5
late	at	off	less	3	you
to	off	W.O.	Sqts	4/Sqts	Answers
to	attend	so	any	programmes	for
morning	arranged	required	that	1 off	send
NCOs	NOT	one	of	edit	copy
will	have			on	W.O.

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TO

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Date

In Reply to Number

<i>in</i>	<i>change</i>	<i>of</i>	<i>can</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>McCULLOCK</i>
<i>1/c</i>	<i>with</i>	<i>O'BRIEN</i>	<i>1/c</i>	<i>RAP</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>cross</i>	<i>provide</i>	<i>own</i>	<i>1/c</i>	<i>T.O.</i>	<i>To</i>
<i>marshall</i>	<i>vehicles</i>	<i>and</i>	<i>1/c</i>	<i>1/c</i>	<i>color</i>

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UNIT TRANSPORT.

56 Aust Inf Bn.
AUSTRALIA.
3 Mar. 43.

1. The amount of transport being used indiscriminately is far too much. In future the ^{different} procedure will be adopted for all vehicles going to neighboring units or towns.
2. Excepting for unit or sub-unit exercises or reconnaissances or as otherwise mentioned ^{coys} will NOT use their own or any other vehicles.
3. Any person desiring transport of any description will apply to Bn. HQ before 0900 hrs, stating time, Destination and Duty, for which vehicle is required. Bn. HQ will then advise Tpt. officer what tpt is required for the days work. Tpt officer will collate tpt, as far as possible, using its own or requisitioning for coy vehicles as required. Only in extreme cases of emergency will Bn. HQ agree to tpt being used if NOT requisitioned for before 9 A.M. daily.
4. Coy Officers will NOT apply for permission to use their Coy vehicles for normal training. Past usage will apply and vehicles will be used when required by Coy Comds. Permission will be asked of C.O. where necessary.
5. R.M.O. will NOT be bound by the above instructions. In any cases of emergency he or his staff will requisition direct to Tpt. Office. In other cases where sick are being evacuated, he will advise Bn. HQ because collation of tpt may then be possible. Where R.M.O. requires tpt on grounds NOT medical he will be bound by the rules applying to other personnel. Dentist will apply to Bn. HQ for any tpt required in normal manner. Caterer, Wet and Dry canteen personnel must requisition to BN, HQ, before 0900 hrs. It must be impressed that the minimum number of trips per week must be taken to town. Q, A, and Pay Staff will advise Bn. HQ before 0900 hrs ~~his~~ regarding tpt required during day.
6. REST DAY TPT is always arranged by Bn. HQ and coys need NOT requisition for these vehicles.
7. Sentries will record particulars of all tpt used and T.O. will report to Adj. any tpt wrongly used. Sentries will not halt or record particulars of C.O.s Recce Car or 2i/cs utility.
8. Drivers of all vehicles will obey all traffic rules and personnel travelling will do so also. The correct sitting in vehicles will be insisted on.

W.C. Keast
Capt.
(W.C. KEAST) Adj. 56 Aust Inf Bn.

Distribution.

C.O.	Caterer
2i/c	W.O.ii McHale
A.Coy	S/Sgt Batros.
B. "	
C. "	
D. "	
HQ. "	
T.O.	
I.O.	
R.M.O.	
Q.M.	
D.O.	

"A" Coy2 Mar. 43TACTICAL EXERCISE WITH TROOPSSerial No. 26

Ref. Map. GERALDTON STRAT 4 miles to 1 inch.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR EXERCISE1. GENERAL

An exercise on Road Blocks and Ambushes will be carried out at ref. 268427 on 2nd Mar. 43 from 1000 hrs. to 1600 hrs under direction of Coy. Comd.

2. OBJECT.

To teach all ranks the principles of Road Blocks and Ambushes.

3. LESSONS.

i. Value of Ambush in slowing up enemy advance.

ii. Surprise and speed in Ambush.

iii. Necessity for lines of withdrawal enabling a quick getaway.

4. TROOPS TAKING PART.

"A" Coy. 1 Sec^o Carriers attached.
300. Pioneers.

5. ENEMY.

2 Trucks representing Enemy Convoy with skeleton crew.

6. ASSEMBLY.

Coy. Parade Ground.

7. JUMPERS.

~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Capt. P. D. Mason.

8. NEUTRAL SIGNALS.

Nil.

9. CONFERENCES.

Before Exercise. - Comd's. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

After Exercise. - All Ranks.

10. REPRESENTATION OF FIRE.S.A.A. ----- ~~Ballistite~~ Blank

Grenades. ----- Paines Grenades

Land Mines. ----- Jam Tins & Ballistite.

L.M.G. ----- Red Flag.

M.M.G. ----- Blank

11. ADMINISTRATION

Dress. Battle Order less Respirator.

5 Rounds blank per man

12. EXERCISE ENDS.

1325 hrs 5 Mar. 43.

13. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.

- i Tps. to ensure that no damage is sustained by trucks during exercise.
- ii 3 Trucks to represent Enemy Convoy.
- iii Any damage to fences to be repaired on completion of exercise. Fences to be avoided if possible.

OPENING SITUATION

Enemy have landed at SMUGGLERS COVE and are moving SOUTH via NARRA TARRA and MOONYOONOOKA

Own Tps are holding GERALDTON - MOORA RD. at 253427 and PERTH - GERALDTON RLY. Line. at NARNGUIJ.

NARRATIVE.

"A" Coy. 56 Aust. Inf. Bn. has been ordered to establish a Road Block and Ambush Enemy convoy at Rd bend 268427

FORECAST OF EVENTS

Approx Time.	Situation.	Action of controlled enemy.	Requires Instruction.
0900	Leave Camp.		
1000	Arrive Rd bend 268427	Move via GERAIDTON-MULLEWA Rd. to MOONYOONOOKA Stn.	Check formations and dispersion.
1100	Discussion on types of Road Blocks and Ambushes.		
1115	Coy. Comds. Recce.		Check concealment of Pls.
1125	Orders to Pl. Comds. and attachments.		
1135	Pls. move to positions reced. Pioneers lay land mines	Move from MOONYOONOOKA Sta. in direction of WIZARD PEAK.	
1150	Pl. at bend remain concealed	Head of coln. passes Rd. bend.	Check concealment of Pls Pls
1155	Pls. open rapid fire on coln. Destroy rear trucks with grenades. Remaining vehicles under fire from L.M.G.s and M.M.G.s.	Leading truck destroyed by land mines blocking Rd.	Award casualties.
1225	Pls. ^{Fwd.} Pl. moves by carriers to vicinity GLENGARRY and prepare further ambush at Ford 274426.		
Remaining	Pls. Pls. mop up and move to Ford.		
1330	March		
1415	Discussion on exercise.		
1445	Return to Camp. (Compass march.)		

Details of exercise prepared by Lieut. G.W.B. Davis.

Distribution.

Office File 1
 Bn. H.Q. 2

W.D. Emil
 Capt.
 W.D. EMIL, O.C. "A" Coy.

56 AUST INF BN EXERCISE. "DEER"
TACTICAL EXERCISE WITH TROOPS.

SECRET.

Ref Map KOJERENA 1" to 1 mile
GERALDTON 4 miles to 1"

INSTRUCTIONS FOR EXERCISE.

1. GENERAL.

"B and C" Coys 56 Aust Inf Bn exercise "DEER" will take place from 6/13 Mar incl. under the direction of C.O. 56 Aust Inf Bn.

"A and D" Coys exercise will take place on date to be arranged.

2. OBJECT.

To exercise coys (as indept forces.)

- (a) To develop initiative and self reliance.
- (b) To attain a high standard of mobility without M.T.
- (c) To harden tps for sustained operations.

3. LESSONS.

- (a) To give Coy and Pl Comds practical experience in control, adm and in the care and feeding of tps in conditions as may be expected on active service.
- (b) To give practical experience to N.C.O's and men in making the best of conditions under these circumstances and to promote the spirit of mutual help.
- (c) To practice all ranks in fieldcraft and reliance on themselves for their own protection in hostile country.

4. Tps TAKING PART. All rirle coys, 56 Aust Inf Bn.

5. ENEMY. All 56 Aust Inf Bn Tps.

6. ASSEMBLY. Coy parade grounds.

7. UMPIRES. One umpire will be allotted to each rifle coy.

8. NEUTRAL SIGNALS. All vehicles carrying White Flag will be neutral.

9. CONFERENCES.

<u>DATE.</u>	<u>TIME.</u>	<u>PLACE.</u>	<u>PURPOSE.</u>	<u>WHOM TO ATTEND.</u>
5 Mar.	1700 hrs.	Camp.	Instructions for exercise.	Coy Comds and Umpires.
5 Mar.	2000 hrs.	Camp.	To receive sequence of exercise and special instructions.	Umpires.
13 Mar.	2000 hrs.	Camp.	Discussion on Umpires reports.	Umpires, Coy and Pl Comds.

10. REPRESENTATION OF FIRE.

Rifles	Blanks.
L.M.G.	TORCH FLASHING.
M.M.G.	LUCAS LAMP.
GRENADES.	PAYNES GRENADES.
DEMOLITIONS	
AND LAND MINES.	GELIGNITE BOMBS.

11. ADM.

- (a) DRESS BATTLE ORDER.
- (b) KIT bags will be delivered to ration points under Bn arrangements and will contain the following articles:.
One blanket, Change of socks, shaving gear, and spare pair of boots.
Kit bags, properly labelled will be placed in coy dumps in coy lines before coy moves out.
- (c) Messing and Rations. C.Q.M.S. will receive orders re messing arrangements from Bn.
- (d) MEDICAL. Sick parades at coy bivouac areas as arranged. Special attention will be given to foot inspections.

WATER. Water will NOT be used for drinking or cooking unless approved by an officer.

12. INTERCOMM.

Two 108 sets to each coy.

Communication between Bn H.Q. and Coys will be maintained by D/R.

All text of messages to be prefixed by word "DEER"

13. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.

All buildings are out of bounds.

14. OPENING SITUATION.

The enemy having been successful in landing forces, of approximately a coy in strength, along the coast in the vic of GERALDTON, have immediately pushed inland and are now organised into independent forces. These forces are operating with the intention of carrying out nuisance raids on strategic points.

NARRATIVE

C.O. 56 Aust Inf Bn has been ordered to patrol and mop up enemy independent forces in area as indicated on map. Rifle coys have been organised to act as independent forces and carry out the task of patrolling and mopping up.

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COMBINED OPS CAMP GERALDTON
C.O. NO.1.

Secret
56 Aust Inf Bn.
Copy No.

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Ref. ADM. INSTN. No. 1

56 Aust Inf Bn will move to Combined Ops Camp on 14 Mar, 43, which will be vacated by 35 Aust Inf Bn at 1200 hrs.

2. ADVANCE PARTY

O.C. MAJ. A. E. STEVENSON in lieu of MAJ. E. F. MURRAY. Other personnel as stated in ADMINSTN. 1. Leave unit lines 0930 hrs 14 Mar. 43. Tpt. - Two x 15 cwt utilities, supplied by T.O.

3. MOVEMENT MAIN BODY

(a) MARCHING PERSONNEL.

(1) Order of March and Time Depart

- B Coy -- 1400 hrs
- C Coy == 1410 hrs
- HQ Coy BnHQ - 1420 hrs
- BAND will march with HQ Coy and play en route.
- (ii) Halts. - 10 minutes to clock hour.
- (iii) Route - MULLERWA - GERALDTON.
- (iv) S.P. - Traffic Control Post.

(b) M.T. COLN. -- A and D Coys will travel by M.T.

(i) Order March.

A Coy, D Coy, B, C, HQ Coy.

Note. B, C and HQ Coy vehicles will be those carrying stores etc.

(ii) Time and S.P.

Head. Coln. will pass Camp Entrance on Main Rd. at 1600 hrs.

(iii) M.L.H. - to entrance of GERALDTON - 15, thence 10

V.T.M. - 10.

O.C. Convoy - Capt. Samuelson

(c) En Office, R.A.P., Sig Office, A, B, C, D, HQ Coy Cook Vehicles, Wet and Dry Canteen will leave at 1400 hrs in order as shown. Capt. SAMUELSON to arrange.

4. TRAINING

- NO. 1 COY CAPT NEILL - A Coy, Sigs, A/A Pl, Adm Pl.
- NO. 2 COY CAPT FARRELL - B Coy, Mortar Pl, Bn. HQ, incl Band.
- NO. 3 COY CAPT CALLAN - C Coy, Carrier Pl.
- NO. 4 COY CAPT WILLIAMS - D Coy, Pion. Pl, A/Tk Pl.
- NO. 5 COY CAPT MASON - 2 Aust Div Units attached.

In camp area Bn. will be administered on normal coy basis. On beach Div Staff and Instructors will be in charge. Syllabi of training will be issued to each O.C. of Trg. Coys.

5. PARADES

Monday 15 Mar, 43.

- Reveille. 0600
- Breakfast 0700
- Parade 0800

R.S.M. will fall parade in in close coln of coys. stores etc. No's 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5.

Battle Order.

REMAINDER OF PERIOD.

- Reveille. 0630
- Breakfast 0740
- Parade 0835 - 1200
- Lunch 1215
- Parade 1345 - 1700
- Tea 1745
- HQ Offrs Mess 1800
- Parade 2100 - 2300
- Lights Out 2330

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Tpt. - Two x 15 cwt utilities, supplied by T.O.

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C Coy == 1410 hrs
HQ Coy BnHQ - 1420 hrs

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Head Coln will pass Camp Entrance on Main Rd. at 1600 hrs.

(iii) M.L.H. - to entrance of GERALDTON - 15, thence 10
V.T.M. - - 10.

O.C. Convoy - Capt. Samuelson

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Lunch 1215
Parade 1345 - 1700
Tea 1745
HQ Offrs Mess 1800
Parade 2100 - 2300
Lights Out 2330

6. ADM INSTNS.(a) LEAVE

(1) 22 Mar 43 - Unit Rest Day.

(11) NIGHT LEAVE.

15 Mar 43	"	"	No 5 Coy.
16 "	"	"	" 4 "
17 "	"	"	" 3 "
18 "	"	"	" 2 "
19 "	"	"	" 1 "
20 "	"	"	" 5 "
21 "	"	"	" 1 "
22 "	"	"	" 3 "
24 "	"	"	" 2 "
25 "	"	"	" 4 "

(b) CONFERENCES.

Coy Comds and Instructors = 1700 hrs daily.

(c) BUGLER.

Bugler will be detailed from Band and report to Maj Newth daily at 0845 hrs.

(d) SIGNALS.

Phones will be laid to each coy H.Q. and to Maj Newth's office in No 9 HUT on 14 Mar 43.

(e) PARADE STATES.

Coys will forward parade states to Bn H.Q. at 0800 hrs daily. H.Q. Coy will show Nos. in No. 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 Coys. R.S.M. will forward this parade state to Maj Newth at 0830 hrs daily.

(f) Twelve blitz loads of wood will be carted to area on 14 Mar 43 under instructions Capt J.M. Clark.

(g) Poles and tarpaulins will be loaded under instructions Capt Clark and taken to area. Coys are advised to take two or three tent flies.

(h) Q.M. will take sufficient gelignite and blanks for several exercises.

(i) Owing to boots getting wet during training Coys are advised to "dubbin" boots at once. Dubbin may be drawn from Q.M. Sand shoes may be worn in lieu of boots.

(j) Light duty personnel, cooks on duty etc may attend swimming parades at 1500 hrs daily under Comd of N.C.O. detailed for the purpose.

(k) U.S. Clothing and equipment will be taken over from 35 Aust Inf Bn by Q.M. on 14 Mar 43.

W.C. Keast Capt.
(WILL.C.KEAST.) Adj. 56 Aust Inf Bn.

DISTRIBUTION

C.O.	1.	Q.M.	1	Bde.	2
2 I/C.	1.	T.O.	1	War Diary	2 ✓
A Coy	1	Caterer.	1	File	1
B "	1	R.M.O.	1	R.S.M.	1.
C "	1	Chaplain	1		
D "	1	Sgt E.R. Hedditch.	1		
HQ "	1	Sgt Batros.	1		
Maj. Stevenson.	1	W.O. McHale.	1		
Capt. Mason.	1	I.O.	1		

MESSAGE FORM

Serial No.

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS.

IN

OUT

No. of Groups
GR.

OFFICE DATE STAMP

(ABOVE THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

TO

A Coy QM PQMS T.O. Tpt Sgt

FROM

Headquarters Coy

Originator's Number

Date

In Reply to Number

KA 157 16

<i>COY</i>	<i>INSPECTED</i>	<i>17 per</i>	<i>stay will</i>	<i>be</i>
<i>inspected</i>	<i>on</i>	<i>of</i>	<i>the</i>	<i>rolling</i>
<i>equipment</i>	<i>inspected</i>	<i>at</i>	<i>the</i>	<i>side</i>
<i>not</i>	<i>inspected</i>	<i>inspection</i>	<i>of</i>	<i>vehicles</i>
<i>unit</i>	<i>done</i>	<i>at</i>	<i>the</i>	<i>side</i>
<i>all</i>	<i>to</i>	<i>the</i>	<i>be</i>	<i>made</i>
<i>after</i>	<i>having</i>	<i>been</i>	<i>made</i>	<i>at</i>

THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT **AS WRITTEN**
BY ANY MEANS:

IF LIABLE TO BE INTERCEPTED OR FALL
INTO ENEMY HANDS, THIS MESSAGE MUST
BE SENT **IN CYPHER**

ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS
DEGREE OF PRIORITY

TIME OF ORIGIN

SIGNED

SIGNED

(BELOW THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

SYSTEM IN	TIME IN	READER	SENDER	SYSTEM OUT	TIME OUT	READER	SENDER	SYSTEM OUT	TIME OUT	READER	SENDER

T.H.I.

T.O.R.

MESSAGE FORM

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS.

IN
OUT

No. of Groups
GR.

Serial No.
OFFICE DATE STAMP

(ABOVE THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

TO

FROM

Originator's Number

Date

In Reply to Number

<i>On</i>	<i>Br</i>	<i>Parade</i>	<i>⊙</i>	<i>Coy</i>	<i>Inspection</i>
<i>off</i>	<i>and</i>	<i>A Coy</i>	<i>cond</i>	<i>ab</i>	<i>by</i>
<i>the</i>	<i>details</i>				

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ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS
DEGREE OF PRIORITY

TIME OF ORIGIN

1530

SIGNED

W. J. Keogh

SIGNED

(BELOW THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

T.H.I.

T.O.R.

SYSTEM IN	TIME IN	READER	SENDER	SYSTEM OUT	TIME OUT	READER	SENDER	SYSTEM OUT	TIME OUT	READER	SENDER

56 AUST. INF. BN.

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION NO 2.

Reference Map GERALDTON Strat 4 miles to 1 inch
" " DONGARRA Strat 4 miles to 1 inch

INFORMATION.

Certain Repairs to Private property are necessary in the STRAWBERRY Area.

INTENTION

56 Aust, Inf. Bn. will assist 44 & 54 Aust Inf Bns in the above repairs

METHOD.

B. Coy will detail 1 Cpl and 7 O/Rs to carry out the above duties.

ADM.

(a) Reporting - all personnel are required to report to the entrance of Queen's Park opposite Queen's Hotel, Well St., GERALDTON to Lieut. Naylor at 0930 hrs on Saturday 3 Apr. 43.

(b) Supervision - Lieut. N. Snelling 5 Aust Inf Bde HQ (A.I.F.) is to be in charge of the work programme. Lieut J. Naylor is to assist and carry out all Q. duties.

(c) Rations - Cut lunch will be carried in addition to the to the unexpired portion of the days rations. Lieut J. Naylor will indent for the whole party from and incl. 4 Apr 43.

(d) Cooking gear - Sufficient cooking gear for party of 8 is to be supplied by B. Coy.

(e) Cook. - HQ. 5 Aust Inf Bde will supply one cook.

(f) P.O.L. - All lorries to have full tanks and W.E. spare drums. Lieut Naylor will arrange supplies for consumption in the Area.

(g) Tools. - Unit will carry carpenters braces, 7/16" bit, wire strainers, pliers, wire cutters. All other tools will be drawn by Lieut. Snelling from R.E. dump.

(h) Transport. - T.O. will supply one 3 Ton lorry to collect 200 jamwood post Kojarena dump. Report Lieut Snelling 0815 hrs 3 Apr 43. Loading party supplied by 5 Aust Inf Bde (A.I.F.)
T.O. also to supply truck to transport B.Coy working party as per para (a).

L.H. Macauley Lieut
(L.H.MACAULEY) Act. Adj. 56 Aust Inf Bn.

Signed at.....Hrs

Issued by -----Runner

<u>DISTRIBUTION</u>	<u>COPY NO</u>
C.O.	1
2i/c	2
Adjt.	3
T.O.	4
B.Coy	5
Caterer	6
R.S.M.	7
War Diary	8, 9.
File	10
5 Aust Inf Bde.	11
Spare	12, 13.

SECRET.

COPY No. 12

56 AUST. INF. BN.

OPERATIONAL ORDER No. 1

Reference Map GERALDTON - 4 miles to 1 inch.

INFORMATION - 2 Aust Divisional Duties are to be changed on 29 Mar 43

INTENTION - 56 Aust Inf Bn will take over duties from 54 Aust Inf Bn at 0900 hrs on 29 Mar 43.

- METHOD - (a) B Coy will take over duties serials 1 to 9 inclusive. Sig Offr will detail sig personnel as required by O.C. B Coy.
- (b) D Coy will take over duties serials 10, 11, 12, 13, 18 & 19
- (c) A Coy will supply serials 14, (see separate instruction No. 1)
- (d) H.Q. Coy will supply serials 15, 16, 17
- APPX "A" attached shows ALL Duties.

ADM:- M.T. Coys will as far as possible supply their own transport. Coy Comds to contact Transport Officer in this respect.

- DRESS. (a) PICQUET - Dress while on duty will be Helmets Steel with camouflage nets. Khaki shirts. ('Austerity' shirts will NOT be worn) Long Trousers and anklets web, side arms. Offrs will wear equipment & carry arms.
- (b) GUARDS - Battle Dress. Long Trousers & anklets web. Helmets steel & khaki shirts (as above)
- (c) HYGIENE PICQUET - Fatigue dress. Duties will be clean & attend (a) Latrines at Cathedral South of Township. (b) Latrines opposite GERALDTON PICTURE THEATRE.
- These duties will be detailed from Town Picquet each day, Hygiene Sgt will make periodical inspections.

MEDICAL- R.M.O. will make visits to C.W.Ps and Town Picquets as required. O.Cs to advise Bn HQ daily if R.M.O. is required.

AMMUNITION - B Coy will arrange with Q.M. and take 5,000 rounds S.A.A. for Bren Guns: 50 rounds per man for rifles: 200 rounds for each T.S.M.G. - 5 Verrey Pistols with 5 flares of each colour. O.C. C.W.P. (Lieut K.J.McDonald) will arrange re tents, water tanks & other requirements for each position.

INTERCOMM: As shown on appx "A" attached.

ISSUED BY RUNNER:-

<u>DISTRIBUTION:-</u>	<u>Copy No.</u>
C.O.	1
2 i/c	2
Adjt	3
R.M.O.	4
T.O.	5
A Coy	6
B	7
C	8
D	9
HQ Coy	10
Caterer	11
War Diary	12,13
File	14
R.S.M.	15
Spare	16,17
5 Aust Inf Bde	18

L.H. Macauley
Lieut
(L.H. MACAULEY) Acting Adjt.
56 Aust Inf Bn.

SECRET.

COPY No. 12

56 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION. No. 1

Reference Map GERALDTON Start, 4 miles to 1 inch.

INFORMATION:- Road repair work is necessary on the road KOJAREENA --
MULLEWA.

INTENTION:- 56 Aust Inf Bn will supply working party to carry out
the work.

METHOD:- 3 Offrs and 100 O/Rs from "A" Coy will act as working party
and will report to 52 Fd Park Coy WICHERINA at 1000 hrs
29 Mar 43.

M.T. - 10 3ton FWDs will be provided by Bn and A Coy will supply their
Coy 15 cwt and M.C. Orderly. 15cwt FWD will also be provided
by Bn for water carting.

STARTING TIME:- 0845 hrs 29 Mar 43.

STARTING POINT:- Main entrance gate, camp area.

ROUTE:- From Camp Area - rd GERALDTON -MULLEWA to WICHERINA.

REPORTING:- On arrival WICHERINA report to H.Q. 52 Fd Pk Coy to meet
guides.

ADM.:- TENTAGE:- Coy will provide sufficient tents to house party

PICQUET:- Coy will provide a Coy picquet to remain in coy
lines during absence.

MESSING:- Coy will take full kitchen. Picquet personnel left in
lines will mess with H.Q. Coy.

RATIONS:- Rations for consumption up to 30 Mar 43 will be
drawn from Bn rations for consumption on 31 Mar 43,
and thereafter will be drawn at KOJARENA. S.P.
and time will be notified later.

WATER:- Coy Cond will make enquiries at 52 Fd Pk Coy re
water points in vicinity. Water point at GERALDTON
AERODROME if none other in vicinity. Coy will
provide 200 gal water tank.

LOADING:- Two 3 ton FWDs to report "A" Coy lines by 0700hrs
for loading. Remaining vehicles will
marshall on road near A Coy lines by 0815 hrs.

MEDICAL:- R.M.O. will arrange medical supplies and will make
periodic inspections.

HYGIENE:- Pte SCHREMMER F.G. will be attached for water testing
purposes, and to advise and supervise hygiene. Water
testing apparatus will be carried. Every care will
be taken to see that bivouac areas are left clean when
vacated.

TOOLS:- These will be supplied by 52 Fd Pk Coy

A.A. PROTECTION- Three Brens and two boxes of amm per gun will
be carried.

MAIL:- Coy D.R. will deliver and pick up mail each night
from Bn H.Q.

INTERCOMMUNICATION:-
D.R. Location of Coy H.Q. to be advised as soon as established.

ISSUED BY RUNNER - SIGNED AT 1130 hrs.

L.H. Macauley Lieut
(L.H.MACAULEY) Acting Adjt.
56 Aust Inf Bn.

DISTRIBUTION:-

C.O. 1; 2 i/c 2; Adjt 3; RMO 4; T.O. 5; A Coy 6; B Coy 7;
C Coy 8; D Coy 9; H.Q. 10; Caterer 11; War Diary 12,13;
File 14; R.S.M. 15; SPARE 16; 17;
5 Aust Inf Bde 18:

Ref Map GERALDTON 4 miles to 1 ins.

56 AUST. INF. BN.
APPENDIX "A"

SECRET.
Copy No.

Issued with Operational Instr. No. 4

SERIAL No.	POST	LOCATION OF PLACE OF DUTY	STRENGTH	WATER	RAVITATIONS	COMMUNICATIONS	EQUIPMENT TO BE TAKEN OVER OR REQUIRED
1	No. 1 C.W.P.	232478	One sec.	Not named	Be prepared to man at short notice		No allotment of W/T Set
2	No. 2 C.W.P.	243467	One sec.	" "	" " " " " "	" " " " " "	" " " "
3	No. 3 C.W.P.	Snugglers Cove 251444	1 NCO 10 ORs.	One 100 gal tank filled every 3rd day	Scale C. Tinned rations every 6 days.	Line through 44 Bn to Bde Switchboard.	Tent complete. 1000 gal. tank.
4	No. 4 C.W.P.	Chapman R. 25284380	Pl. HQ 1 NCO 2 NCOs 13 ORs	do	do	do	do
5	No. 5 C.W.P.	Beach 25314261	Pl HQ 1 Offr 2 NCOs 10 ORs 3 Sigs	One 200 gal tank	do	PMG GERALDTON - Magneto phone required.	Tent complete
6	No. 6 C.W.P.	Feature 227 26014141	1 N.C.O. 8 ORs 3 Sigs	One 100 gal tank filled every 3rd day	do	208 Set, Lamp & helio to 7 post	One 208 set. Lamp & Helio to be taken. One 100 gal tank.
7	No. 7 C.W.P.	High Ground 26894058	1 NCO 8 ORs	Water from farm 25 mins from post. 6 cans two gal.	do	PMG Line extended to post from GREENOUGH. Magneto phone required.	Tent complete. 208 set Lamp & Helio to be taken.

(OVER)

SERIAL NO.	POST	LOCATION	STRENGTH	WATER	RATIONS	COMMUNICATIONS	EQUIPMENT
8	GUARD D.I.D.	Northern Gully 284441	1 NCO 10 ORs	D.I.D. Container needed for immed. use	By DID Cooking utensils required		Tent Complete
9	GUARD	5 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)	1 party of 3 Cpls: 12 ORs. Offr NOT reqd.	Six cans 2 gal	By Bde		Tent complete
10	GUARD	2 Aust Div.	1 Pl of 36 incl 1 cook 4 cpls & 1 offr	"	By Div		do
11	PO GUARD	GERALDTON	1 NCO, 6 ORs	Local	Daily by Coy		Quartered with Town Picquet
12	TOWN PICQUET	GERALDTON	1 Capt, 2 Lts, 6 NCOs 24 ORs, 2 Cooks 4 15cwt Vans	Daily by Coy	Daily by Coy		Five tents
13	Hygiene Picquet		Hygiene Sgt 3 ORs	Provided from Town Picquet strength			
14	Road Making	(see adm. instruction No. 3)					
15	Fatigue	Birdwood House, GER.	1 cpl: 6 ORs	Local	Midday meal provided Birdwood Hse.		Report Caretaker @900hrs Wednesday mornings.
16	Instruc- tion	Rest Stn., NEWMARRA- CARRA	1 Sgt	Local	By Rest Stn.		Full marching order
17	Rear Div H.Q.	DIV Rear H.Q.	1 Sgt, 2 Cpls 12 ORs	Div	Div		
18	Fatigue Party	Bulk Canteen	4 ORs 1 x 3 ton truck				Quartered with Picquet
19	COOK	All Services Canteen	1 Pastry Cook				Quartered with Town Picquet

NOTE :- Serial 10 - Take FOUR BRENS for instructional purposes on Div personnel
Serial 17 - Tommy, Austen and Owen Guns for instruction.

SECRET.

56 AUST, INF. BN.
27 Mar 43.

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION No. 2

Ref Map GERALDTON 4 miles to 1 ins.

1. 56 Aust Inf Bn will move back to camp in vicinity of MOONYOONOOKA on 28 Mar 43.

2. MOVEMENT MAIN BODY - ALL PERSONNEL TO MARCH.

(a) Order of march & time depart

"A" Coy	0845
"B" "	0900
"C"	0915
"D"	0930
"HQ"	0945

BAND will march with HQ COY & play en route.

3. HALTS - 10 minutes to clock hours.

4. ROUTE - GERALDTON - MULEWA

5. S.P. - GERALDTON ICE WORKS.

6. Bn Office, R.A.P., Sig Office, A, B, C, D, N.Q. Coys Cook Vehicles Wet & Dry Canteen will leave at 1030 hrs in order shown. Capt Samuelson to arrange.

7. MESSING: - Breakfast will be at 0645 hrs, and all personnel will obtain cut lunch, and take to camp for the mid-day meal.

8. LOADING OF COY VEHICLES - ALL vehicles will be loaded with Kit Bags Blankets etc. before coys move out from present locations.

9. REAR PARTY - H.Q. Coy will provide a rear party, (under Comd. Lieut J.A. KIEEY) of 1 N.C.O. and 10 personnel who are unable to march. Rear Party will thoroughly clean Camp Area. T.O. will arrange for TWO trucks for rear party's use.

00. TENTAGE & KITCHEN GEAR: - All kitchen gear plus water tanks, that were brought from the rear area, and any tents will be loaded and returned to camp.

DISTRIBUTION:-

C.O.
2 i/c
A Coy
B "
C "
D "
HQ "
Q.M.
T.O.
Caterer
R.M.O.
I.O.
6 Aust Inf Bde (2)
File
Spare
R.S.M.

L.H. Macauley
Lieut
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56 Aust Inf Bn.

11. CHURCH PARADE: - Church parade for Other Denominations will be conducted by Chaplain F.T. Smith on the Bn Parade Ground in Camp Area at 1830 hrs 28 Mar 43.

2 AUST DIV. C.O.T.C.
56 AUST INF BN.
OPERATIONAL INSTRUCTION No. 4

Ref. Map GERALDTON TRAINING AREA 1 in to 1 mile.
Sketch attached appx "A"

INFM.

- (1) ENEMY (a) as per intelligence summaries.
(b) Air Force reveals little if any beach defence. Patrols only may be expected on the beaches.
- (2) OWN TFS - 56 Aust Inf Bn with under Comd.
One sec. "B" tp. 13 Bty, 104 A.Tk Regt.
One sec. 52 Fd. Park
One lt sec. 5 Aust Fd Amb.
One det. A.A.S.C. 2 Aust Div.
- (3) AIR SUPPORT:
..... (a) Air attacks during past week have rendered GERALDTON aerodrome of little use to the enemy & very little opposition from the air is anticipated.
(b) Strong fighter cover will be provided from first light.
- (4) TOPOGRAPHY & WEATHER:-
..... (a) Weather is expected to be fine with light S.E. breeze
(b) Moon rises 2320 hrs; 27 Mar 43 -- Sets 1326 hrs
28 Mar 43.
(c) Tide rises about 2 feet. Low water 0400 hrs. High water 1200 hrs.
(d) Beaches are very flat inshore and shallow for about 30 yds seawards, then shelve sharply to a depth of 4 feet to 6 feet. Surface is firm, hard sand which should present no difficulty to either wheeled or tracked vehicles.
(e) Hinterland - consists of a low undulating sand plain with low scrub with some small scattered buildings.
NOTE - During the exercise, all permanent field works & defensive posns. in the area will be out of bounds & will be avoided by ALL tps taking part.
- (5) ALLOCATION OF CRAFT:-
..... B.H.Q. F.Bs Nos 19, 23
"A" Coy. F.Bs Nos. 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 21
"B" " F.Bs Nos. 8, 9, 12, 15, 17, 24, 25
"C" " Pontoon Piers 1, 2, 3, 4.
"D" " Pontoon Piers 5, 6, 7, 8.
5 Aust Fd Amb. F.B. No. 22
52 Fd Pk. F.Bs Nos. 11, 13, 16
A.A.S.C. 2 Aust Div F.Bs Nos. 2, 10
104 A.Tk Regt. F.Bs Nos. 18, 20

INTENTION--

- (6) 56 Aust Inf Bn gp will land on 5, 9 & 18 beaches and establish a beach head.

METHOD:-

- (7) (a) LANDING BEACHES
- | | |
|----|---------------------------------|
| 5 | Beach Map ref GERALDTON 490325. |
| 9 | " " " " 492325 |
| 18 | " " " " 497324 |
- (& as shown on sketch appx "A")
- (b) Beaches will be marked by ULOs party with disc bearing identifying numbers as soon as possible after landing.

PHASE 1 :-

- (8) "A" Coy with att. one det. Mortar Pl., two gun dets. Carrier Pl. will land on 5 Beach.
AMLO and ULO will land with "A" Coy
- (9) "B" Coy with att one Det. Mortar Pl., two gun dets. Carrier Pl. will land on 18 beach. ABM and ULO party will land with "B" Coy.
- (10) OBJECTIVES:- (a) "A" Coy WESTERN end MACHINE GUN RIDGE sq. 4831
(b) "B" Coy EASTERN end MACHINE GUN RIDGE sq 4931.

(11) Inter-Coy Boundary SILO RD and continuation incl. to "A" Coy

PHASE 11:-

(12) "C" Coy with att. one det. mortar pl, two gun dets carrier Pl will land on Beach 5
BHQ, ARM, and party will land with "C" Coy.

(13) "D" Coy with att. one det. mortar pl., two gun dets. Carrier Pl will land on 18 Beach
Arty F.O.Os and Bty Comds party will land with "D" Coy.

(14) Objectives:- "C" Coy. Track junction due WEST of silos, sq 4832.
Role - (a) protection of R. Flank
(b) Construct & cover Rd Block at 488323.

"D" Coy. TANK RIDGE AREA vic 499319
Role: (a) Protection of L Flank,
(b) Seizure of Petrol Tanks.

PHASE 111:-

(15) One sec. 52 Fd Park Coy will land on 9 Beach and erect a pier head.

PHASE IV:-

(16) One lt sec 5 Aust Fd Amb will land on 18 Beach.

(17) One det. A.A.S.C. 2 Aust Div will land on 9 Beach and establish Sup Amn and POL dumps.

(18) One A.Tk gun crew 104 A.Tk will land on 9 Beach and cover Rd Block erected by "C" Coy at 488323.

(19) Timings:- (a) Zero 0415 28 Mar 43.
(b) Succeeding phases as per landing tables.(Appx B)

ADM.

(20) BEACH ORGANISATION:-

- (a) U.L.Os - Beach 5 & 9 - Lieut E. BROWNING
- " 18 - " A.X. CUNNINGHAM
- (b) U.L.Os will be responsible for Bn assembly areas for personnel and tpt. arriving during each phase.

(21) DRESS -- Battle Order.

(22) AMN.:-

Rifle	Token only
Bren	200 r.p.g.
MMG	1500 r.p.g.
Mortar 3"	18 bombs per mortar

(23) RATIONS:- 48 hrs battle rations will be carried by all troops (Token only)

(24) TOOLS:- "D" Coy will carry 20 picks and 20 shovels to be delivered to ULO on landing.

(25) MEDICAL:- Lt sec 5 Aust Fd Amb will establish a B.D.S. in rear of 18 Beach at approx. 497323 on landing.

(26) INTERCOMN:-

- (a) Wireless Silence until ZERO or until surprise is lost, whichever is the earlier.
- (b) Coys will report by runner to B.H.Qs report centre immediately upon gaining objectives.
- (c) BHQ. report centre will be at NW corner of WHEAT SHEDS at 491322.

(27) SYNCHRONISATION - By signal at 0130 hrs 28 Mar 43.

(28) CODE NAMES:- for BHQ Coys and Units under control will be issued separately by I.O.

(29) SUCCESS SIGNALS:- By W/T :

5 Beach	GROPER
18 Beach	WHITING

ACK - Signed at _____ hrs

(For distribution see back hereof:-)

L.H. Macauley Lieut
(L.H. MACAULEY) Acting Adj. 56 Aust

Ack.

Issued by hand.

DISTRIBUTION. Copy No.

A Coy	1
B Coy	2
C "	3
D "	4
HQ "	5
C.O.	6
2 i/e	7
Adjt.	8
ULO 5 & 9	9
ULO 18	10
18 Bty. 104 A.Tk Regt	11
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O.C. Det 5 Aust Fd Amb	13
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56 AUST. INF. BN. EMBARKATION TABLE. APPENDIX "B"

TO 56 AUST. INF. BN. O.O. No. 2

SERIAL	CRAFT	LAUNCH FROM BEACH	LEAVE BEACH	ARRIVE WHARF	FINISH LOADING	LEAVE WHARF	LAUNCH FROM WHARF	SUB-UNIT	No. of Tps	Additional Troops	Posn of Craft	Beach	Time of Landing	Remarks
1	FB 1	MIGRANT	0230	0250	0320	0340	MIGRANT	"A" COY						
2	3							No.8 Pl.	14		Ladder	5	0415	All tps to be at Wharf 0230 hrs. Boat crews to be on beach 0200hrs.
3	4							No.8 Pl.	16		Net			
4	5							No.9 Pl.	10	4	Ladder			
5	6							No.9 Pl.	16	ULO	Net			
6	7							Coy HQ	12	Mortars 5 Sigs 2	Ladder Net			
7	21							No.10 Pl	12	MMG 4	Ladder			
								No.10 Pl	11	MMG 5	Net			
8	FB 8	SHAWS	0235	0255	0345	0350	SHAWS	"B" COY						
9	9							No.11 Pl.	14		Ladder	18	0415	
10	12							No.11 Pl.	16		Net			
11	15							No.12 Pl.	14		Ladder			
12	17							No.12 Pl.	16		Net			
								Coy HQ	12	Sigs 2 Mortar 5 ULO 4				
13	24							No.13 Pl.	14	MMG 4				
14	25							No. 13 Pl.	16	MMG 4				
	PONTOONS	MIGRANT	0310	0330	0400	0430	MIGRANT	"C" COY						
15	1							No.14 Pl.	32		Ladder	5	0515	
16	2							No.15 Pl.	32		and			
17	3							No.16 Pl.	32		Net			
18	4							Coy HQ	12	MMG 8 Mortar 5	"			
19	FB 19							Bn H.Q.	17		Ladder			
20	23							Bn H.Q.	17		Net			

56 AUST. INF. BN. EMBARKATION TABLE (CONTINUED)

SERIAL	CRAFT	LAUNCH FROM BEACH	LEAVE BEACH	ARRIVE WHARF	FINISH LOADING.	LEAVE WHARF	LAUNCH FROM WHARF	SUB-UNIT	No. of Tps	ADDITIONAL TPS.	POSN. OF CRAFT	BEACH	TIME of LANDING	REMARKS
21	PONTOONS 5	SHAWS	0315	0335	0430	0440	SHAWS	"D" COY Coy. HQ	17	Sigs 2 MMG 8	Ladder & Net	18	0515	
22	6							17 Pl.	30		"			
23	7							19 Pl.	30		"			
24	8							18 Pl.	30	Mortar 5	"			
25	FB 2							Lt Sec			Ladder			
26	22							5 Fd Amb	9					
27	FB 11	DOVE	0240	0320	0420	0520	SHAW	52 Fd Pk R.A.E.	30		Net			
28	13										Landing Stage	9	0550	FBs 13 & 16 used for raft for Engineer Stores.
29	16													1 Bay $\frac{1}{2}$ Floating Bay.
30	FB 10	DOVE	0240	0320		0545	MIGRANT	AASC	16					
31	18										Loading Derrick	9	0615	
32	20							104 A.Tk 104 A.Tk	14 16		"	9		FBs 18 & 20 Used for raft for A.Tk gun & Crews.

NOTE RE LAUNCHES:-

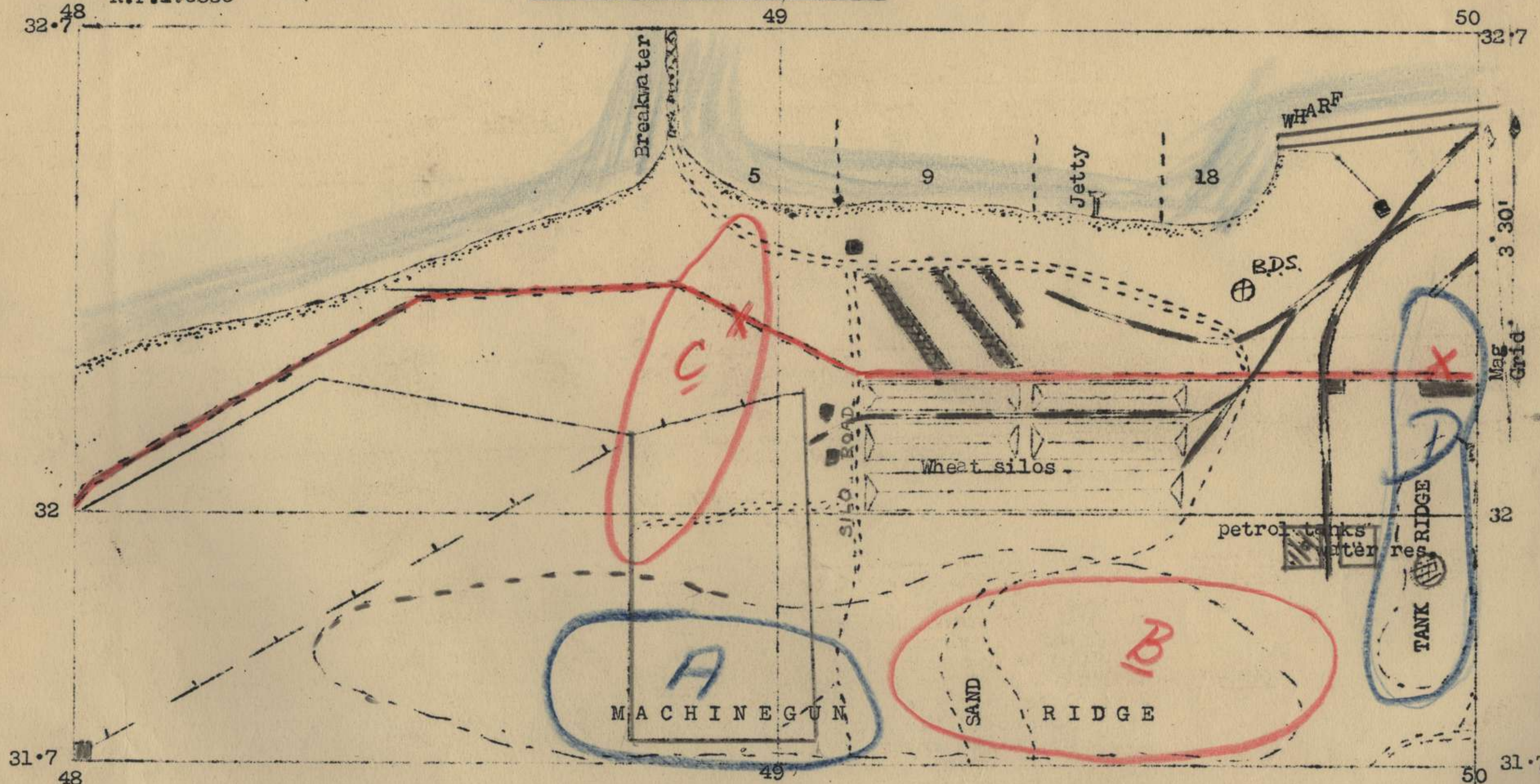
"MIGRANT" - will tow serials Number 1 to 7 incl. from 9 Beach to Wharf & after casting off will return at once to 9 Beach and tow serial Nos 15 to 20 incl. to wharf. Then, pick up Serials Nos 1 to 7 incl and tow to 5 Beach. Return to wharf and then tow serials 15 to 20 incl. to 5 Beach. Return to wharf again and tow serials 30 to 32 incl. to 9 Beach, and then proceed to 18 Beach and stand by until required to tow serials 21 to 26 incl. back to 9 Beach after tps have re-embarked.

"SHAWS" - will tow serial Nos 8 to 14 incl. from 9 Beach to wharf and after casting off in rear of serial 7, will return at once to 9 Beach and tow serials nos. 21 to 26 to wharf; then pick up Serials Nos 8 to 14 incl and tow to 18 Beach. Return to wharf and then tow serial Nos 21 to 26 to 18 Beach. Return again to wharf and tow serials 27 to 29 incl to No. 9 Beach. Then, proceed to 18 Beach and stand by until required to tow serials Nos 8 to 14 incl back to 9 Beach after tps have re-embarked.

"DOVE" - will tow serials nos. 27 to 32 incl. from 9 Beach to wharf and after casting off, tow will tie up alongside causeway wharf until 0600 and then return to moorings.

R.F.1:6336

POINT = AREA
Ref: GERALDTON TRG. 1" = 1 mile



SCALE. 10 inches to 1 mile

yds 500 4 3 2 1 0 500 yds

By Int. Sec. 56 Aust Inf.
26 Mar. '43

56 Aust. Inf. Bn.
AUSTRALIA.
31 Mar 43.

REPORT ON INSPECTION OF C. COY.

ADMINISTRATION.

- (a) Coy Rolls are well kept being marked up to date and initialled by C.O.
- (b) Pl. Rolls are well kept and initialled by Pl. Comd each day.
- (c) Nominal Rolls are excellent showing the following particulars:-
No, Rank, Name in full, date joined A.I.F., Sec, Pl, Date of enlistment
Rifle No and Bolt No, Promotions etc, Musketry Practices, Trade or
calling, Address, Relationship of Next of Kin, Full Name and address
of Next of Kin, Date of Birth, Religion, Blood Gr, Vaccination,
Inoculations, Schools and courses.
- (d) Conduct Sheets B.122's are well kept showing D.C.M.'s and Summary Awards
and every member of the Coy has a Sheet "Clean" or otherwise.
- (e) Pl. Comd's History Books are NOT good and do NOT show personal data of
members of their Pls.
- (f) T.O.E.T.'s A.A.B.43 is kept for whole Coy for Rifle, Bren, and Gas T.O.E.T.'s
- (g) Pay Books have T.O.E.T.'s, Anti Gas, Schools, Trade Grouping,
Inoculations and Vaccinations written up to date with the exception of
a very few isolated cases which were noted by the P & O Cpl.
- (h) Correspondence files are suitably kept.
- (i) Correspondence is indexed and some suggestions were submitted and noted
by the P & O Cpl such as cross indexing.
- (j) Sick Report File is maintained but it was ^{suggested} to the P & O Cpl that a
Book be maintained to show -
- | No . | Rank. | Name | Light Duty | No Duty | Duty. |
|------|-------|------|------------|---------|-------|
|------|-------|------|------------|---------|-------|
- In this way a complete check could be maintained on Light and No Duty
personnel proceeding on leave.
- (k) Leave Register is maintained up to date.
- (l) Duty Roster is in Order.
- (m) Manning Chart is kept up to date.
- (n) Text Books are issued direct to H.C.O.'s from Bn. HQ and a Library
is also kept by Coy HQ's.

L.H. Macaulay
Lieut.
(L.H. MACAULAY) Act. Adjvt 56 Aust Inf Bn.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES
ROUTINE ORDERS.

PART 1.

BY

Lt.-Col. R.T. BRYEN.
Comd. 56 AUST INF BN.

Serial No. 71.
No. 307 to
5 Mar 43.

307. A.I.F. ENLISTMENTS.

The unit as at 25 Feb 43, has 663 All Ranks, enlisted A.I.F. This is a total of 76%. Approval has been sought to have unit designated as A.I.F. Bn. It is expected that this approval will be granted in near future.

308. COLOUR PATCHES.

All Ranks, both A.M.F. and C.M.F. members of unit, must wear colour patches on hats and tunics S.D. or S.D. Offrs. A.I.F. members will also wear colour patches on greatcoats. C.M.F. Colour patches are obtainable at Q Store. A.I.F. Colour patches may be purchased from Canteen or C.M.F. ones used with a grey back ground. Personnel having previously served with other units May NOT wear those units Colours but must wear those of 56 Aust Inf Bn.

309. PUGGAREES.

A.I.F. personnel only are entitled to wear puggarees. Coy Offrs will ensure that C.M.F. personnel do NOT wear puggarees. All Ranks are advised to purchase puggarees through unit Canteen only. Puggarees purchased from other sources may have to be discarded if of dissimilar shade to Colour desired.

310. SHOULDER TITLES.

A.I.F. personnel will wear AUSTRALIA shoulder titles on tunic S.D. and greatcoat. They are advised to wear them with shirts or working dress also, Shoulder titles are obtainable at Q.M. Store.

311. TRANSPORT.

Vehicles may only leave unit lines with permission of H.Q. Special instructions have been issued separately. Drivers will ensure that speed limit is NOT exceeded at any time. New tracks are NOT to be made in unit area. Troops are NOT to stand in the back of vehicles.

312. GAMBLING.

All Ranks are warned that gambling is an offence. A serious view will be taken of troops participating in Two Up or Dice Games in unit area.

313. UNIT FUNDS.

REGIMENTAL FUNDS.

Balance at 31 Jan 43 = £210-14-8.
(Incl £100 loaned to Canteen Funds.)

Expenditure During Month.

Onions - Tomatoes =	£29-10-1.
Tilly Lamp. (Welfare Hut)	£ 3- 5-0.
Material Unit Concert.	£ 1- 1-9.
Oranges.	£47-13-9.
Grapes.	£10- 4-0.
Primus Stoves.	£ 5- 0-0.
Typewriter Repairs.	£ 1-15-0.
Tinned Meat.	£ 1-10-0.
	<u>£99-19-7.</u>

Receipts during month. NIL.
Balance at 28 Feb 43
(incl £100 Canteen Loan. £110-15-1.

Signed J.R. Farrell Capt.
" H. McCulloch Sgt.

CANTEENS.
WET.

SALES FOR MONTH FEBRUARY £483-2-8.
Nett Profits for Month £50-15-0.
Nett Profits since
Commencement of Canteen. £206-2-1.

DRY.

SALES FOR MONTH FEBRUARY £1076-12-6.
Nett Profits for Month £58-19-8.
Nett Profits since
Commencement of Canteen. £251-12-0.

Profits from Canteens accounts are transferred to Regimental Funds and disbursed on comforts for the benefit of the troops.

314. SALUTING.

Attention is drawn to the necessity of all ranks saluting superior officers, whilst on duty or leave. All officers are to salute their seniors on duty or parade. When NOT on duty or parade, officers under the rank of field officer will salute all officers of field rank and upwards. W.O.s, N.C.O.s and private soldiers will salute officers at all times (excepting during an exercise in the field, when under control of a superior or when precluded by the nature of their duty from so doing. N.C.O.s and private soldiers will address W.O.s in the same manner as they do officers, but will NOT salute them. See A.M.R & Osl164 and 1165. Coy Comds will instruct their coys in methods of paying compliments.

W.C. Keast
Capt.
(WILL.C.KEAST) Adj. 56 Aust Inf Bn.

War diary

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.
ROUTINE ORDERS.

PART 1.

BY

Lt.-Col. R.T. BRYEN.
Comd. 56 AUST INF BN.

Serial No. 72.
No/315 to
12 Mar 43.

315. BN. DUTIES:-

The following roster for duty coys and Orderly Officers will operate:-

Date.	Coy.	Orderly Officer.
12 Mar 43.	H.Q.	Lieut J.A. Smail.
13 " "	A.	" J.L. Bennett.
14 " "	B.	" L.H. Macauley.
15 " "	C.	" A.W.G. Christie.
16 " "	D.	" K.J. McDonald.
17 " "	A.	" J.C. McDonald.
18 " "	B.	" J.A. Kiley.
19 " "	C.	" O.A. Curran.
20 " "	D.	" J.M. Smail.
21 " "	A.	" J.L. Bennett.
22 " "	B.	" L.H. Macauley.

316. PARKING GERALDTON.

It has been reported that many Army vehicles on business in GERALDTON, park for lengthy periods in front of business houses thus limiting the facilities of civil transport in making delivery of heavy goods.

It is desired that Army personnel in charge of vehicles be instructed NOT to park M.T. in front of business premises.

There is available numerous street space in GERALDTON where M.T. may be parked without serious inconvenience.

317. SECURITY - TELEPHONE CONVERSATIONS.

Reports are continually being received of Civilians over-hearing important Military Conversations over the telephone. It is again stressed that NO telephone line whether Military or Civilian is secure.

All personnel must bear in mind at all times when discussing Military matters over the telephone, that this means of communication is always liable to interception.

318. CENSORSHIP - MISUSE OF GREEN ENVELOPES.

It is reported by the District Censor Perth that many cases have been found of troops violating the Green Envelopes privileges by applying for transfers to other Units per medium of Green Envelopes.

This practice must cease forthwith, and all applications for transfers must be referred through the proper channels.

In future disciplinary action will be taken against offenders.

319. LEAVE - MOVEMENT TO LTD - MESSING GEAR.

Numerous instances have occurred of personnel arriving at LTD Claremont without messing gear.

In order to correct this omission, units will ensure that all personnel passing through LTD are in possession of messing gear.

320. INFORMATION BUREAU AND CLOAK ROOM - PERTH.

An information Bureau and Cloakroom exclusively for the use of military personnel has been established in the vicinity of the Perth Central Railway Station in a hut at the

(2)

Corner of William and Wellington Streets adjacent to the Horseshoe Railway Bridge.

(b) The Bureau and Cloakroom will be available for use of troops on and after 15 Feb 43.

(c) The functions of the Bureau and Cloakroom are as follows:
INFORMATION BUREAU.

To supply information regarding accommodation at Hostels, Buffets, Entertainments etc specially provided for members of the services; matters of general information and interest to personnel from other States, concessions to forces regarding travelling, etc, bus, tram and railway timetable etc.

CLOAK ROOM.

Available to personnel on local leave, on production of leave pass, as a temporary depository for Kits, equipment, parcels etc whilst on leave. Kits and equipment catered for at LTD (in respect of personnel proceeding on interstate leave) will NOT be accepted.

(d) All members of the Military Forces are invited to use these facilities, which are provided specially for their benefit, free of charge.

321. EVACUATION OF CASUALTIES.

Attention is directed to GRO 603 (b) and (7) of 12 Jan 43, the terms of which in many cases are NOT being complied with by units.

Action will be taken by all units to ensure that personnel evacuated beyond RAP will be accompanied by items of standard equipment, clothing and necessaries and documents as laid down in GRO 603.

Personal clothing and necessaries will be placed in the soldier's Kitbag, or, if this is not available, other suitable containers which will be securely fastened. Equipment, blankets, and other articles which will not fit in Kitbag will be securely fastened together. All Kitbags and packages will be labelled and will show the soldier's number, rank, name and unit. Frequent cases have occurred where clothing and equipment have reached MDS and CCS in loose bundles and without labels. In these cases it is impracticable to ensure that the soldier's equipment etc are returned to him.

322. MOTOR VEHICLES TRAVELLING WITH ONLY ONE HEAD LIGHT.

1. A complaint has been received regarding the number of vehicles travelling at night with only one head light.

2. No specific vehicles are mentioned, but as the danger is a real one, particularly when the one lamp burning is the near side one, the matter is referred for immediate inspection and action by all units.

323. SECURITY OF INFORMATION.

1. The attention of all ranks should be directed to the fact that the communication to any person, otherwise than in the course of official duty, of any naval, military or air force information is an offence under the Defence Act punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both.

2. An infringement of Army Field Censorship Instructions is an act of disloyalty which may incalculably harm the Allied cause. This fact will be impressed upon all ranks. Rigorous steps will be taken to punish every detected offender, irrespective of rank.

3. An officer is responsible if a letter, after being franked by him contains military information. By aiding and abetting the commission of an offence, the officer himself commits an offence and is liable to punishment accordingly. This will not, however, absolve the writer of the letter from responsibility for the breach.

4. Penalties imposed for breaches of security will be notified in formation etc Part 1 Routine Orders and, where practicable, such notifications will be read out on parade to troops within the formation etc.

5. Contravention of this order if committed by an officer will be reported to LHQ so that, if thought necessary, the individual concerned may be called upon to show cause why his commission should not be cancelled.

324. PROPHYLACTIC DEPOTS.

A Prophylactic Aid Centre is situated in Marine Tce, GERALDTON, between Francis and Fitzgerald Sts.

325. CAMERAS AND PHOTOGRAPHY.

The following are approved photographers in WESTERN AUSTRALIA. All films must be sent to one of the undermentioned firms to be developed.

Kodaks Ltd - PERTH and Country Districts.
Tillys Ltd - PERTH.

326. SECURITY - RAAF STATION.

(a) Officers visiting RAAF Station, GERALDTON, must make prior arrangements for admission. The Station Adjutant, or officer to be visited, must be informed of estimated time of arrival etc. He will then effect necessary arrangements for admission.

(b) Under no circumstances will ORs visit the Station without the written authority of an officer who has made arrangements with the above instruction.

327. M.T. DISCIPLINE.

Attention is drawn to the habit of troops moving by M.T. standing up or leaning out.

Complaints have been received of this dangerous practice even since arrival in present area.

Comds will immediately bring to the notice of all ranks the correct "back to back" method of seating and ensure that this is enforced on all occasions when troops move by M.T. Disciplinary action will be taken against offenders for contravention of this instruction.

328. DISCIPLINE - PROVOST MARSHALS AND MILITARY POLICE.

Attention is drawn to A.M.R. & Os 385 and 386.

It states that any member of the Australian Army Provost Corps may arrest and detain for trial any officer or soldier committing an offence against the defence act or its regulations or against the army act.

They shall be authorised to give orders to soldiers even though of superior rank which may be considered necessary for the maintenance of discipline and good order. Officers of what ever rank shall comply with the directions of Officers of Australian Army Provost Corps.

329. M.T. - SPEED LIMITS.

Speed limits generally shall be strictly in accordance with G.R.O. Limits stipulated must be again emphasised to all personnel concerned. In addition, all M.T. personnel will be warned that the speed limit past any Unit area or through Unit lines, is 10 M.P.H. Maximum speed through GERALDTON township shall be 20 M.P.H.

330. PICTURE THEATRE - GERALDTON.

Tickets for GERALDTON Picture Theatre will NOT be on sale after 2030 hours each night.

331. COMPLAINTS BY MEMBERS OF THE FORCES.

(a) The attention of all ranks will be directed to AMR & O 293(1) which provides as follows:-

"Officers and soldiers are forbidden to use any method of obtaining redress of real or supposed grievances other than those prescribed by the AMR or authorised by those orders. Anonymous complaints and complaints through the press are forbidden."

(b) The use of outside influence is forbidden by AMR & O 307(1) which provides:-

"The use of outside influence to support complaints or applications for personal advantages, or in any matter effecting the position of an officer or soldier, is contrary to discipline. The only proper course for an officer or soldier is to apply through

his C.O. or to complain in accordance with the AMR and these orders. Any attempt to obtain favourable consideration of requests or grievances by other means is forbidden."

(c) The provisions of Division 1 of Part IV of the AMR & O will be explained to all formed units on parade at least once in every three months, and to all members in training depots once every month. The consequences of failing to observe the provisions of that Division will be made clear.

(d) All complaints or applications of the nature described in para 2 above received at any HQ through unauthorised channels will be forwarded to the unit concerned, with a direction that the member will be paraded and informed of the Unit order on this matter and that any further failure to observe its provisions will be dealt with as an offence.

332. AMENITIES - ENTERTAINMENT - GERALDTON.

The following entertainments and facilities are available to all troops whilst on leave..

INSTITUTION	LOCATION	HOURS.	CATER FOR.
ACF All services Club.	Marine Tce. Opp P.O.	1100-2300.	Refreshments and meals from 1600-2300. Rest rooms reading etc.
C. of E. Rest Room for services.	Marine Tce, STH of P.O.	1100-1600.	Rest Rooms, reading, writing, games.
Methodist Rest Room.	Marine Tce, West) opp. Yacht club.	1930-2330.	Rest room with light refreshments.
United Services House.	Marine Tce, West) Opp. Mechanics Inst.	Cont.	Rest Room, hot & cold showers, writing, reading, games, sleeping accom'n.
2 Aust Div Mob. Bath.	Cnr Marine Tce & Durlacher St, behind Provost Coy.	Cont.	14 Hot and cold showers.
Birdwood House.	Eleanor St.	- - - -	Refreshments, billiards room, rest room.
Pictures	Radio Theatre.	2000.	Change of programme twice wk. nights weekly - Wed, Sat.
Canteen.	Logans tea rooms opp P.O.	- - - -	- - - -
Dance C of E Ladies Committee Band Recital.	C of E Parish Hall. Marine Tce, West) Vic Yacht Club.	2000-2320. 1800-2000.	Admission 1/6, super served. Programme by unit bands.
Dance.	Yacht Club.	Tue, Thur, Sat. Wed, Fri, Sat.	Entry with partners only
Dance.	Town Hall.	Tue, Fri.	- - - -
Dance.	Druids Hall.	Wed, Sat.	- - - -
Sewing, Mending.	C of E Parish Hall.	Leave on Wednesday afternoon after 1500 hrs. Must be wrapped and labelled.	- - - -
Officers Club.	Marine Tce, near Club Hotel.	- - - -	Officers.

333. CHURCH SERVICES - GERALDTON.

Protestant and R.C. Services will be held each Sunday evening in local churches as under.

C. of E. (1) Sundays.

0800 - Holy Communion.

1000 - Holy Communion, with address.

1100 - Morning Prayer with Sermon (followed by Holy Communion on first Sunday of each month.

1930 - Evening Prayer with Sermon.

(11) Week days - Evening Prayer 1730 hrs/

Methodist. 1900.

Presbyterian. 1900.

Salvation Army. 1930

Roman Catholic. 1900.

334. MAPS - ROYAL AUTOMOBILE CLUB OF W.A.

(a) The R.A.C. of WA is being considerably inconvenienced by army personnel applying to them for ROAD MAPS OF W.A.

(b) All available stocks of R.A.C. ROAD MAPS were acquired by Headquarters in May 1942 and liberal issues have been made to formations.

(c) The practice of approaching the R.A.C. for maps will cease forthwith and all requirements of maps will be obtained through normal channels.

335. NATIONAL PARK - GREENMOUNT.

No military vehicle will travel along the tourist road in National Park Greenmount unless specially authorised or it is otherwise essential.

In all cases the regulation speed of 15 MPH will be strictly observed.

336. OUT - OF - BOUNDS - CHECQUERS HOTEL, BULLS BROOK.

On and from Saturday 27 Feb 43, the abovenamed hotel is out-of-bounds to all members of the Australian Military Forces. Similar orders are being issued by Officer, Commanding RAAF in W.A.

336. PROHIBITION OF ENTRY OF ANIMALS ETC. INTO AUSTRALIA.

The entry into Australia of any animals or birds from places outside Australia is subject to strict regulations under the Quarantine Act, owing to the risk of the introduction of rabies, piroplasmiasis and other diseases.

(2) Under no circumstances will permission be granted for the conveyance by sea or air from places outside Australia to the mainland of Australia (which includes Tasmania) of-

(a) Animals or birds on the W.E. of a unit, whether allocated before or after re-embarkation from Australia.

(b) Living mascots or pets (dogs, monkeys or other animals or birds) whether acquired before or after embarkation from Australia.

(3) E.S.Os. and A.F.Os. are authorised to take action to have animals, living mascots, pets or birds, which arrive at a port or an aerodrome from outside the mainland of Australia, destroyed forthwith.

(4) Disciplinary action will be taken in respect of any breach of this order.

337.

NOTICES.

FOUND.

1 Haversack unmarked, on CLAREMONT - NORTHAM train about 0200 hrs 19 Dec 42.

Any unit having report of lost haversack please notify HQ 3 Aust Corps (AIF)

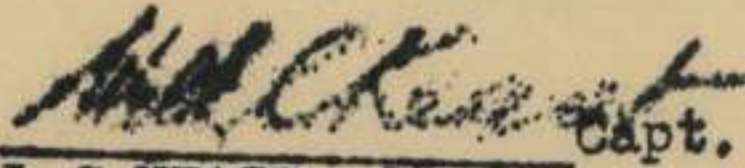
LOST.

Rifle No. 9698 at 3 Aust Corps Sig Trg Centre NORTHAM. Finder will return rifle to Sigs 2 Aust Div.

Rifle No. 92448 between ROCKINGHAM and DEFENCE RD and near HAWKINS BLINDAGE. Finder will return rifle to HQ 4 Aust Div.

Rifle No. 9689 at 3 Aust Corps Trg Centre NORTHAM. Unit locating this rifle will return to HQ 2 Aust Div.

Q. Coy N22050 Pte. Carey J.S. Neglecting To Obey Standing Orders
 9 Jan 43 Fined £5/-/-
 D. Coy N130710 Pte. Armstrong J.L. 10 Jan 43. A.W.L. Fined 10/- Inf.
 Forf two days pay and allowances.
 H.Q. Coy N34172 Menneke F.W. 20 Jan 43 Neglecting to Obey Standing
 Orders. C.B. 7 days
 D. Coy NX95090 Pte. Carroll R.J. 22 Jan 43 A.W.L. Fined £5/-/-
 A. Coy N186145 Pte Thompson L.G. A.W.L. Fined £3/-/- Inf Forf
 2 days' pay and allowances
 B. Coy NX116696 Pte Curtis F.T. 30 Jan 43 Neglecting to Obey Orders
 C.B. 14 Days.
 H.Q. Coy NX116700 Pte Stevens D. 23 Jan 43 Neglecting to Obey Orders
 Fined 10/-
 B. Coy NX126595 Cpl. Ryan S.W. 20 Jan 43 Reprimanded.
 B. Coy NX116692 Pte. Charlton J. 20 Jan 43 Neglecting to Obey Orders
 C.B. 14 Days
 D. Coy N201104 Pte. Fuller N.G. 20 Jan 43 Neglecting to Obey Orders
 C.B. 14 Days
 D. Coy N202112 Jameson D.A.M. 20 Jan 43 Neglecting to Obey Orders
 C.B. 14 Days.
 HQ. Coy NX116700 Pte Stevens D. 20 Jan 43 Neglecting to Obey Orders
 C.B. 14 Days
 HQ. Coy 125804 Pte. Earsman G.W. 20 Jan 43 Neglecting to Obey Orders
 Charge 2. Resisting Arrest 20 Jan 43 Fined £1/-/-
 C. Coy N201128 Pte Martin A.R. 20 Jan 43 Neglecting to Obey Orders
 Charge 2. Neglecting to Obey Orders Fined 10/-
 C.B. 14 Days.
 C. Coy N34789 Pte. Miranda E. 20 Jan 43 Neglecting to Obey Orders
 C.B. 14 Days
 HQ. Coy NX126654 Pte Maher H.W. 20 Jan 43 Neglecting to Obey Orders
 Charge 2. Drunkenness Charge 3 Resisting Arrest
 Fined £3/-/- D.B. 14 Days
 D. Coy N34109 Pte. Kleinig A.A. 31 Jan 43 Disobeying a Lawful Command
 Fined £3/-/-
 BN.HQ. NX156152 Pte. Wallace S. 6 Feb 43 Disobeying a Lawful Command
 Fined £3/-/- C.B. 7 days.
 HQ. Coy NX123834 Pte Hallcroft A. 30 Feb 43 Neglecting to Obey a
 Lawful Command Fined £1/-/- C.B. 14 Days.
 C. Coy N34789 Pte. Miranda E. 9 Feb 43 Failing to Appear at a
 place of Parade Charge 2. Neglecting to Obey Orders
 Fined £3/-/- C.B. 14 Days.
 A. Coy NX119450 Pte Wilson G.E. 13 Feb 43 Using Insubordinate
 Language. Fined £1/-/- C.B. 14 Days
 HQ. Coy NX123335 Pte. Roberts F. 16 Feb 43 Neglecting to Obey Orders
 Fined 10/-.
 C. Coy N130862 Pte Tucker A.A. 4 Mar 43 Using Insubordinate Lanfuaage
 Charge 2. Using Threatening Language Charge 3.
 Disobeying a Lawful Command. 28 Detention.
 B. Coy N247234 Pte. Elvidge F. 1 Mar 43 Neglecting to Obey Standing
 Orders C.B. 14 Days
 B. Coy N201178 Pte. Gavel L.S. 1 Mar 43 Neglecting to Obey Standing
 Orders D.B. 14 Days.
 B. Coy NX156515 Pte. Davis A.J. 1 Mar 43 Neglecting to Obey Standing
 Orders. C.B. 14 Days.
 B. Coy N385229 Pte Hurley R.V. 1 Mar 43 Neglecting to Obey Standing
 Orders. C.B. 14 Days.
 B. Coy NX116691 Pte McLachlan W.A.S. 1 Mar 43 Neglecting to Obey
 Standing Orders. C.B. 14 Days.
 B. Coy N201098 Pte. Fealy E.C. 1 Mar 43 Neglecting to Obey Standing
 Orders. C.B. 14 Days
 B. Coy NX116695 Pte Walker M. 1 Mar 43 Neglecting to Obey Standing
 Orders. C.B. 14 Days
 B. Coy N203159 Pte Walsh P.E. 1 Mar 43 Neglecting to Obey Standing
 Orders. C.B. 14 Days.
 B. Coy N381410 Pte. EWEN D. 1 Mar 43 Neglecting to Obey Standing
 Orders. C.B. 14 Days
 B. Coy N130709 Pte Ewen J.H. 1 Mar 43 Neglecting to Obey Standing
 Orders. C.B. 14 Days.


 Capt.
 WILL. C. KEAST Adj't 56 Aust Inf Bn.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES
ROUTINE ORDERS

PART I.

BY
Lt. Col. R. T. BRYEN.
Comd 56 Aust Inf Bn.

Serial No. 73.
No. 321 to

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The following procedure will be carried out:

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- (b) In the case of Air Mail letter cards, no excision will be made. The lettercard will be returned to the writer with instructions to rewriting of same.
- (c) The following letters will be referred to the Base Censor:
 - (i) Letters etc, other than in English.
 - (ii) Letters to POW (and interned persons) in Australia or Abroad.
 - (iii) Letters to civilians in Overseas countries.
 - (iv) Any letter couched in ambiguous, vague or cryptic language.

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- | | |
|-----------------|---|
| (i) Army Number | (iv) Squadron, battery, company or other sub. unit. |
| (ii) Rank | (v) Unit (i.e. Regt. Bn. etc. |
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LEAVE EASTER.

Subject to operational requirements and such parades as may be deemed necessary for administrative purposes, Easter Friday (Good Friday) 23 April, 1943, will be observed as an additional rest day. Sufficient personnel will be retained on duty to enable all Headquarters to function.

Personnel retained for duty on Easter Friday may be permitted to take Easter Saturday, 24 April 1943 or Easter Monday, 1943 as a rest day in lieu.

327.

ROLLING OF TENTS.

Whilst in present camp, the windward sides of tents are to be left down. The other side up both day and night.

327.

ESCAPES OF PRISONERS OF WAR FROM ENEMY HANDS

1. It is the duty of all soldiers if captured by the enemy to effect their escape at the earliest possible moment.

2. It is equally important that the soldier having completed his escape should not disclose the method by which he, or any companions he may have had, evaded the enemy and achieved freedom.

3. The disclosure of such information:-

- (a) prejudices the chances of other escapees;
- (b) prevents other members of allied forces from using the same or similar methods of escape;
- (c) endangers the lives of those who may have assisted the escapees at any stage of their escape.

NOT

4. Therefore, escaped prisoners of war will, without the permission of G.S.I. of a corps or higher formation, disclose any details of their experiences in connection with their escape.

- (a) either verbally or in writing to any persons or person including friends and relatives;
- (b) either verbally or in writing to the Press or Broadcast Stations.

5. Full details however will be given by escaped prisoners of war at the earliest opportunity to the nearest Allied Military H.Q. from whence it will be transmitted to G.S.I. at L.H.Q. or Advanced L.H.Q. direct.

6. Disclosure of information regarding escapes, by any soldier whether concerned in the escape or not, is expressly forbidden except as provided in para 5 above.

7. This order shall be read in conjunction with GRO A443/1942 re giving parole by officers and other ranks.

328.

SICKNESS OF OR INJURY TO MEMBERS OF THE AMF ON LEAVE

1. No extension of leave under G.R.O. A559/1942 will be granted to a member on the ground that he has become sick or sustained injury whilst on leave.

2. Attention is drawn to G.R.O. A550/1942, which provides for the action to be taken when a member becomes sick or sustains injury while on leave, and to sub. para (b) of para 13 of GRO A559/1942 which prescribes the circumstances in which sick leave may be granted.

Capt.
WILL. C. KEAST. Adj't 56 Aust Inf Bn?
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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

56 Aust Inf Bn (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels	1		
Majors	1		2
Captains	11	1	
Lieutenants	17		3
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
Totals	30	1	5

*Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
<i>Capt.</i>	<i>SETTREE P.R.</i>	<i>56 Bn</i>	<i>2/3/43</i>	<i>Seconded 3 Aust Corp. 23 Jan 43</i>

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

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).
<i>Major</i>	<i>Murray G.F.</i>	<i>56 Bn</i>	<i>LHO school GPO</i>
<i>Lieut.</i>	<i>Stoddart J.W.</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>Medical School GPO</i>
<i>Kiel</i>	<i>Edgell Vac.</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>School of A.R.N.</i>

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

(i) Officers posted to Unit (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A).

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lt. Col	NX 112633	BRYEN RT	56 Bn	Yes	C.O.
Lieut. T. Maj.	-124434	STEVENSON A.E.	✓	✓	2 i/c.
T. Capt.	-124444	EVERITT L.W.	✓	✓	G.M.
✓	-124441	KEAST W.C.	✓	✓	Adjt.
✓	-124436	NEIL W.D.	✓	✓	O.C. A Coy
✓	-124442	FARRELL JR	✓	✓	O.C. B Coy
✓	-124440	CLARK J.M.	✓	✓	O.C. HQ Coy
✓	-125724	SAMUELSON C.T.	✓	✓	T.O.
✓	-116619	BOARDMAN J.S.	✓	✓	I.O.
✓	-125727	MASON F.L.	✓	✓	4 PL
✓	-125723	SCOTT M.M.	✓	No	School Harveley
✓	-76527	WILLIAMS L.J.	✓	Yes	O.C. D Coy
✓	-125724	CALLAN E.T.	✓	✓	O.C. C Coy
Lieut.	-125736	BRAITHWAITE S.T.	✓	No	A.P.W.
✓	-116618	KILBY J.H.	✓	Yes	No 3 PL
✓	-124438	MCCLELLAN C.M.	✓	No	Combined Ops Camp
✓	-125731	MCDONALD J.C.	✓	Yes	No 11 PL
✓	-124437	KING B.W.	✓	No	Combined Ops Camp
✓	-125729	DAVIS G.W.B.	✓	Yes	10 PL
✓	-125725	CURRAN O.A.	✓	No	School Harveley
✓	-125735	MCDONALD R.J.	✓	Yes	12 PL
✓	-124439	HARDY M.G.	✓	No	Combined Ops Camp
✓	-123738	RENNETT J.W.	✓	Yes	16 PL
✓	-125737	CUNNINGHAM A.X.	✓	No	Combined Ops Camp
✓	-125738	DAY J.F.	✓	Yes	No 5 PL
✓	-125732	STRONG H.G.	✓	No	Att. 2nd Lt. Bde
✓	-125734	MACHALEY L.H.	✓	Yes	No 2 PL
✓	-126631	BROWNING E.	✓	No	Combined Ops Camp
✓	-119436	CHRISTIE H.W.G.	✓	Yes	11 PL
✓	-124446	SMITH J.M.	✓	✓	No 1 PL

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt.	NX 34307	McAULIFFE J.A.	RAMC	24/6/42	R.M.O.
Chaplain	NX 110638	SMITH F.T.	HACC	8/7/42	Padre
Maj.	B 259	THOMPSON J.	Sal Army		S.H.W.O.

56 Lieut Inf Bn
(Unit.)

6 Mar 43
(Date of Despatch.)

[Signature]
(Signature of Commander.)

(R.T. BRYEN)
5 Lieut Inf Bde
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

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56 Aust Inf Bn (Unit)

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Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels	1		1
Majors	2		
Captains	11	1	
Lieutenants	16		4
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
Totals	30	1	5

*Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
<i>Major</i>	<i>MURRAY R.F.</i>	<i>56 Bn</i>	<i>10/3/43</i>	<i>Rejoined unit from school and A.R.L.</i>

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
<i>Lieut.</i>	<i>STRONG H.G.</i>	<i>56 Bn</i>	<i>10/3/43</i>	<i>Rejoined 5 Aust Inf Bde (A.I.F) 1/2/43. vide 3 Aust Corp. Appointment Order No 11.</i>

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

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).
<i>Capt</i>	<i>Hough J.W.</i>	<i>56 Bn</i>	<i>Medical School. G.P.</i>
<i>Lieut</i>	<i>Edgell J.C.</i>	<i>56 Bn</i>	<i>school to A.R.L.</i>

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LT. Col.	NX 112633	DRYEN R.T.	56 Bn	Yes	CO.
Lieut. T.M.A.S.	124448	MURRAY E.F.	✓	✓	2/c.
✓	124434	STEVENSON A.R.	✓	✓	O.C. D Coy.
✓	124444	EVERITT L.W.	✓	No.	Regt. Middlemoss.
✓	124441	KEAST W.C.	✓	Yes.	Adj.
✓	124436	NEIL W.D.	✓	✓	O.C. A Coy.
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✓	124438	MCCLELLAN C.M.	✓	No.	COMBINED OPS. CAMP.
✓	125731	MCDONALD J.C.	✓	Yes.	No. 14 Pl.
✓	124437	KING B.W.	✓	NO.	COMBINED OPS. CAMP.
✓	125729	DAVIS C.W.B.	✓	✓	GAS SCHOOL 54 Bn.
✓	125728	CURRAN O.A.	✓	✓	SCHOOL HARVEY.
✓	125735	MCDONALD K.J.	✓	Yes.	No 12 Pl.
✓	124439	HARDY M.G.	✓	NO.	COMBINED OPS. CAMP.
✓	125736	BENNETT J.W.	✓	Yes.	No 16 Pl.
✓	125737	CUNNINGHAM A.K.	✓	NO.	COMBINED OPS. CAMP.
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✓	125739	SMITH J.A.	✓	✓	✓
✓	125734	MACAULEY L.H.	✓	Yes.	No 2 Pl.
✓	126651	BROWNING E.	✓	No.	COMBINED OPS. CAMP.
✓	119436	CHRISTIE A.W.G.	✓	Yes.	11 Pl.
✓	124446	SMITH J.M.	✓	✓	No 1 Pl.

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56 Aust Inf Bn

(Unit.)

[Signature] Lt Col.

(Signature of Commander.)

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<i>Lieut</i>	<i>EDG HILL A C</i>	<i>56 Bn</i>	<i>13/3/42</i>	<i>Rejoined unit from LHQ School BOWENSBORO N.S.W. to struck off X list</i>

Officers QUITTED during week.

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<i>Capt</i>	<i>HOUGH J W</i>	<i>56 Bn</i>	<i>LHQ Technical Course Qld</i>

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(i) Officers posted to Unit (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A).

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
T Col.	NA 112633	BRVEN R.T.	56 Bn	Yes	C.O.
Lieut. T.Maj.	- 124443	MURRAY R.F.	-	NO.	DUTY ROTNEST. 15.
-	- 124444	STEVENSON R.R.	-	Yes	2 1/2 Rm.
T Capt.	- 124444	EVERITT L.W.	-	-	Q.M.
-	- 124441	KEAST W.C.	-	-	Adjt
-	- 124436	NEIL W.D.	-	-	O.C. A Coy
-	- 124442	FARRELL JR	-	-	O.C. B Coy
-	- 124440	CLARK J.M.	-	-	O.C. HQ Coy
-	125724	SAMUELSON C.T.	-	-	T.O.
-	116619	BOARDMAN J.S.	-	-	2 1/2 B Coy
-	125727	MASON F.W.	-	-	4 PL
-	125723	SCOTT M.M.	-	-	1.O.
-	76327	WILLIAMS L.T.	-	-	O.C. D Coy
-	125724	CALLAN E.T.	-	-	O.C. C Coy
Lieut.	125736	BRAITHWAITE S.J.	-	NO	AR.H.
-	116618	KILBY J.A.	-	YES	NO 3 PL
-	124438	MCCLELLAN C.M.	-	-	- 15 PL
-	125731	MCDONALD J.C.	-	-	- 14 PL
-	124437	KING B.W.	-	-	- 6 PL
-	125729	DAVIS G.W.B.	-	-	- 10 PL
-	125725	CURRAN O.A.	-	-	- 18 PL
-	125735	MCDONALD K.J.	-	-	- 12 PL
-	124439	HARDY M.G.	-	-	- 19 PL
-	125736	RENNETT J.W.	-	-	- 15 PL
-	125737	CUNNINGHAM A.X.	-	-	- 13 PL
-	125735	DAY J.F.	-	-	- 5 PL
-	125734	MACAULIEY L.H.	-	-	- 2 PL
-	126651	PROWNING E.	-	-	- 8 PL
-	119436	CHRISTIE A.W.G.	-	-	- 11 PL
-	124446	SMALL J.M.	-	-	- 1 PL
-	126640	EDGEMAN H.C.	-	-	- 17 PL

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt.	WX34307	MAULIFFE J.A.	H.A.M.C.	24/9/41	R.M.O.
Brigadier	WX48658	SMITH F.T.	H.A.C.C.	8/7/41	padre
Maj.	B259	THOMPSON J.	1st Army	-	S.A.W.O.

56 Aust Inf Bn
(Unit.)

[Signature]
(Signature of Commander.)

20 Mar 42
(Date of Despatch.)

5 Aust Inf Bde
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

56 Aust Inf Bn. (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels	<i>1</i>		<i>1</i>
Majors	<i>2</i>		
Captains	<i>11</i>	<i>1</i>	
Lieutenants	<i>17</i>		<i>3</i>
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
Totals	<i>31</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>4</i>

*Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).
<i>Capt</i>	<i>JW Hough</i>	<i>56 Bn</i>	<i>LHQ Federal Reserve G. L. G. area</i>

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

(i) Officers posted to Unit (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A).

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
LT. COL.	NX 112633	BRYEN R.T.	56 Bn.	YES.	C.O.
LIEUT. T. MAJ.	✓ 124443	W. J. MURRAY E.F.	✓	✓	2 1/2 Bn.
✓	✓ 124434	STEVENSON A.E.	✓	✓	O.C. D. Coy.
✓ T. CAPT.	✓ 124444	EVERITT L.W.	✓	✓	(G.M.)
✓	✓ 124441	KEAST W.C.	✓	No.	SCHOOL HARVEY.
✓	✓ 124436	NEIL W.D.	✓	No.	Hospital
✓	✓ 124442	FARRELL J.R.	✓	No.	SCHOOL HARVEY.
✓	✓ 124440	CLARK J.M.	✓	YES.	O.C. HQ Coy.
✓	✓ 125724	SAMUELSON C.J.	✓	✓	T.O.
✓	✓ 116619	BOARDMAN J.S.	✓	✓	O.C. B. Coy.
✓	✓ 125727	MASON F.W.	✓	No.	SCHOOL HARVEY.
✓	✓ 125723	SCOTT M.M.	✓	YES.	T.O.
✓	✓ 76327	WILLIAMS L.J.	✓	✓	2 1/2 D Coy.
✓	✓ 125724	CALLAN E.J.	✓	✓	O.C. C. Coy.
LIEUT.	✓ 125736	BRAITHWAITE S.J.	✓	No.	H.R.L.
✓	✓ 116618	KILEY J.A.	✓	YES.	No 3 PL
✓	✓ 124438	M'CLELLAN C.M.	✓	No.	SCHOOL HARVEY.
✓	✓ 125731	M'DONALD J.C.	✓	YES.	14 PL
✓	✓ 124437	KING B.N.	✓	✓	6 PL
✓	✓ 125729	DAVIS G.M.B.	✓	✓	O.C. A Coy
✓	✓ 125725	CURRAN O.A.	✓	✓	18 PL
✓	✓ 125735	M'DONALD R.J.	✓	✓	12 PL
✓	✓ 124439	HARDY M.G.	✓	✓	19 PL
✓	✓ 125756	BENNETT J.W.	✓	✓	16 PL
✓	✓ 125737	CUNNINGHAM A.K.	✓	✓	13 PL
✓	✓ 125738	DAY J.F.	✓	✓	5 PL
✓	✓ 125734	MACAULEY L.H.	✓	✓	ADJT.
✓	✓ 116651	BROWNING E.	✓	✓	8 PL
✓	✓ 119436	CHRISTIE A.W.G.	✓	✓	11 PL
✓	✓ 124446	SMITH J.M.	✓	✓	1 PL
✓	✓ 126640	EDGHILL A.C.	✓	✓	17 PL

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt	NX 34307	M'AU LIFFE J.A.	AAMC	24/9/42	R.M.O.
Chaplain	NX 118658	SMITH F.T.	HACC	8/7/42	Poche
Mr	B259	T. THOMPSON J.	all Army		SAWO

56 Aust Inf Bn
(Unit.)

[Signature]
(Signature of Commander.)

27 Mar 43.
(Date of Despatch.)

5 Aust Inf Bn
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

(Adapted)

56 Aust. Inf Bn (Unit) 6 Mar 43 (Date).

(To be furnished by all units and all Headquarter units.)

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	1		
W.Os. Class II.	8	1	
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	4		
Staff Serjeants	2	2	
Serjeants	29		6
Serjeant cooks	1	3	
Corporals	71		5
Troopers, Privates, &c.	675		58
TOTALS	794	* 6	* 70

*These totals should agree with the details shown in Part D on page 2 of Army Form W.3009.

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
Pay Sgt	AAPC	Hygiene Sgt	AAMC
Postman	2d Div Postal Unit	Platoon Quartermaster	5 Aust Inf Bde
Armourer	AEME	Medical Sgt	AAMC
Bootmaker	AAOC	Gen Duties SANO	2 Aust Div
Fitters MT (5)	AEME	Dental (4)	Dental Corp
Ord Room Sgt	AASC absorbed in unit WE	"J" Sec Reg (2)	5 Aust Inf Bde
Mos Orderly			

Part C. Description of other ranks whose return to the unit is particularly requested.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts if known).
NX 123883	Sgt	Murphy CH	56 Bn	ARKL
N 130889	Pte	Madison WA		School KARAKATTA
NX 124416		Gordon KG		
NX 123836	bpl.	Boughlan TK		x List (2/1 AGH)
NX 119431	Sgt	McBoyle RW		School QLD
N 34108	"	Kinley WA		x List Hosp.
NX 125413	"	Gillman JL		
NX 125882	Spat.	Marshall J		
NX 125402	Sgt	Nolan J		OCTU 5 Aust

56 Aust. Inf Bn Unit.

PART D. Detail of Surplus or Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W. 3009.

Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)
Ammunition Examiners			Fire Control Operators			Panel Beaters		
Armament Artificers			Fitters			Pattern Makers		
Armourers			Fitters and Turners			Pharmacists		
Artificers, Artillery			Fitters, Cycle			Photographers, dry plate		
Axemen			Fitters, Drivers			Photographers, wet plate		
Bakers			Fitter's Mates <i>GUN</i>		1	Photo-Writers		
Battery Surveyors			Fitters, M.V.			Plate Layers		
Battery Comdrs. Asst.			Fitters, Railway Signal			Plumbers		
Blacksmiths			Fitters, Signal			Predictor Numbers		
Boilermakers			Grinders			Printers		
Bricklayers			Gun Layers			Radiator Mechanics		
Butchers			G.P.O. Assistants			Radiographers		
Camouflage Modeller			Gun Operators			Range Takers		
Carpenter and Joiner			Hammermen			Riggers		
Clerks		3	Height Takers			Rivitters		
Clerks, Engineering			Helio Operators			Saddlers		
Clerks, Supply			Instrument Mechanics			Saddle Tree Makers		
Clerks, Technical			Instrument Mechanics, Surgical			Saw Doctors		
Coachmakers			Instrument Operators			Sawyers		
Computers			Intelligence Duties		3	Shoemakers		
Concretors			Joiners			Signallers		13
Cooks		4	Leather Stitchers			Signwriters		
Cooks, Hospital			Linesmen			Stokers, Stationary Engine		
Coppersmiths			Linesmen, Signals			Storemen, Technical		1
Dental Clerk Orderlies			Lithographers			Surveyors		
Despatch Riders			Machinists			Surveyors, Engineering		
Dispensers			Masons			Tailors		
Draughtsmen			Masseurs			Telescope Identification Numbers		
Draughtsmen, Architectural			Mechanics, Dental			Textile Refitters		
Draughtsmen, Mechanical			Mechanics, M.T.			Tinsmiths		
Draughtsmen, Signal			Mechanics, Typewriter			Toolmakers		
Draughtsmen, Topographical			Mechanics, Wireless			Turners		
Driver Mechanics		9	Millwrights			Vulcanizers		
Driver Operators			Miners			Wagon Erectors		
Drivers, Transportation Plant			Moulders			Watchmakers		
Electrical Fitters			Nursing Orderlies			Watermen		
Electricians			Nursing Orderlies (Mental)			Welders		
Electricians, Eng. Units			Nurses, Trained			Well Borers		
Electricians, Signal			Observation Post Assistants			Wheelers		
Engine Artificers			Operating Room Assistants			Whitesmiths		
Engine Hands I/C			Operators, Signal			Wiremen		
Equipment Repairers			Opticians			Woodturners		
Farriers			Painters					
<i>WO 1</i>						<i>CDMS</i>		
<i>Serjeants</i>	1					<i>Serjeants</i>		1
<i>Serjeant Cooks</i>	2					<i>Corporals</i>		6
	3					<i>Privates</i>		58
<i>Checked that the figures in red show the number of specialists and tradesmen actually required in the unit</i>								
Total (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)	6							70

Notes—(a) If rank other than Private is involved give details on back.
(b) Authorised Trades or Specialists not included in list above will be added as required in spaces provided.

56 Aust. Inf Bn Unit.

[Signature]
Signature of Commander.
CR 15 BRYEN Aug Bde
Lt Col

Date of Despatch 6 Mar 43.

Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

(Adapted)

56 Aust Inf Bde (Unit) 13 Mar 1943 (Date).

(To be furnished by all units and all Headquarter units.)

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	1		
W.Os. Class II.	8	1	
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	5		
Staff Serjeants	2	2	
Serjeants	29		6
SERGEANT COOKS	4	3	
Corporals	69		7
Troopers, Privates, &c.	668		65
TOTALS	786	6	78

*These totals should agree with the details shown in Part D on page 2 of Army Form W.3009.

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
Pay Sgt.	AAPC.	Quipens Sgt.	AAMC
Pay Bde	AAPC.	Medical Sgt.	AAMC
Quinquer.	AEME.	Podroo Ratman	5 Aust Inf Bde
Bookmaker	AAOC.	Gen Duties SAWO	11 Aust Inf Bde
Fitters MV(4)	AEME.	Dental (4)	Dental Corp.
Ord Room Sgt.	AASC ^{as above} unit WE	J Rec Sigs (2)	5 Aust Inf Bde
MO ^o Orderly	AAMC.	Postman	2 Div Postal Unit

Part C. Description of other ranks whose return to the unit is particularly requested.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts if known).
NX 123883	Sgt	Murphy CL	56 Bde	ARKY
N 130889	Pte	AJ Ayton WA	✓	Behave KARAKATTA
NX 124446	"	Goodson KG	✓	✓
NX 123836	Cpl	Boughton TK	✓	X List (2/1 AGH)
NX 119431	Sgt	Melville RN	✓	School QLO.
N 34108	"	Rimley side WA	✓	X List Hoop
NX 125413	"	Shepherd FL	✓	✓
NX 125402	"	Molan J	✓	OCTU 1st Aust.
NX 140859	Cpl	Anderson GD	✓	X List Hoop
NX 126652	"	White FL	✓	X List Hoop

56 Aust Inf Bn Unit.

PART D. Detail of Surplus or Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W. 3009.

Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)
Ammunition Examiners			Fire Control Operators			Panel Beaters		
Armament Artificers			Fitters			Pattern Makers		
Armourers			Fitters and Turners			Pharmacists		
Artificers, Artillery			Fitters, Cycle			Photographers, dry plate		
Axemen			Fitters, Drivers			Photographers, wet plate		
Bakers			Fitter's Mates GUN		1	Photo-Writers		
Battery Surveyors			Fitters, M.V.			Plate Layers		
Battery Comdrs. Asst.			Fitters, Railway Signal			Plumbers		
Blacksmiths			Fitters, Signal			Predictor Numbers		
Boilermakers			Grinders			Printers		
Bricklayers			Gun Layers			Radiator Mechanics		
Butchers			G.P.O. Assistants			Radiographers		
Camouflage Modeller			Gun Operators			Range Takers		
Carpenter and Joiner			Hammermen			Riggers		
Clerks		1	Height Takers			Rivitters		
Clerks, Engineering			Helio Operators			Saddlers		
Clerks, Supply			Instrument Mechanics			Saddle Tree Makers		
Clerks, Technical			Instrument Mechanics, Surgical			Saw Doctors		
Coachmakers			Instrument Operators			Sawyers		
Computers			Intelligence Duties		3.	Shoemakers		
Concretors			Joiners			Signallers		12.
Cooks		4	Leather Stitchers			Signwriters		
Cooks, Hospital			Linesmen			Stokers, Stationary Engine		
Coppersmiths			Linesmen, Signals			Storemen, Technical		
Dental Clerk Orderlies			Lithographers			Surveyors		
Despatch Riders			Machinists			Surveyors, Engineering		
Dispensers			Masons			Tailors		
Draughtsmen			Masseurs			Telescope Identification Numbers		
Draughtsmen, Architectural			Mechanics, Dental			Textile Refitters		
Draughtsmen, Mechanical			Mechanics, M.T.			Tinsmiths		
Draughtsmen, Signal			Mechanics, Typewriter			Toolmakers		
Draughtsmen, Topographical			Mechanics, Wireless			Turners		
Driver Mechanics			Millwrights			Vulcanizers		
Driver Operators			Miners			Wagon Erectors		
Drivers, Transportation Plant			Moulders			Watchmakers		
Electrical Fitters			Nursing Orderlies			Watermen		
Electricians			Nursing Orderlies (Mental)			Welders		
Electricians, Eng. Units			Nurses, Trained			Well Borers		
Electricians, Signal			Observation Post Assistants			Wheelers		
Engine Artificers			Operating Room Assistants			Whitesmiths		
Engine Hands I/C			Operators, Signal			Wiremen		
Equipment Repairers			Opticians			Woodturners		
Farriers			Painters			Lieutenants		6
NO CLASS TL	1					corporals		7
Sergeant Cooks	3					Privates		65
Staff Sgt	2							
Verified that the figures in red show the number of specialists and tradesmen actually required in this Unit.								
Total (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)	6	5.			4			78/3

Notes—(a) If rank other than Private is involved give details on back.
(b) Authorised Trades or Specialists not included in list above will be added as required in spaces provided.

56 Aust Inf Bn Unit.

Signature of Commander.
(R.T. BRYEN) Lt Col.

Date of Despatch **13 Mar 43.**

Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

(Adapted)

.....(Unit) 19..... (Date).

(To be furnished by all units and all Headquarter units.)

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1 Detail.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	1		
W.Os. Class II.	8	1	
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	5		
Staff Serjeants	2	2	
Serjeants	28	3	5
SERGEANT COOKS			
Corporals	69		8
Troopers, Privates, &c.	676		56
TOTALS	795	6	69

*These totals should agree with the details shown in Part D on page 2 of Army Form W.3009.

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
Pay bpe	AAPC	Medical Sgt.	AAMC
Wholesale	AEME	Postman	2nd Div Postal Unit
Bootmaker	AAC	Radio Operator	5th Aust Div Kdn
Printer MV (4)	AEME	Gen Duties SA	11th Aust Div
Ord Room Sgt.	AASC ^{attached to} _{unit WE}	5th Div Sgt (2)	5th Aust Div B Co
M.O. Orderly	AAMC	9 ORs	44 Bn
Regiment Sgt	AAMC	18 ORs	5 Field Amb
		2 ORs	8 Bde HQ
		12 ORs	2 Div HQ
		34 ORs	32 Field Park

Part C. Description of other ranks whose return to the unit is particularly requested.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts if known).
N/30889	Pte	Marston WA	56 Bn	School KARAKATTA
NX124416	"	Worblen KG	"	"
NX123836	Sgt	Boughlan TK	"	X List (2/1. A GH)
VX119431	Sgt	Melville RK	"	School 540
VX139843	"	Barley-side WA	"	X List Hoop
VX125413	"	Sheppard RK	"	"
VX125402	"	Molan J	"	OCTU. J. Aust.
NX140859	Pte	Campbell AD	"	X List Hoop
NX126652	"	White FL	"	"

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Unit.

PART D. Detail of Surplus or Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W. 3009.

Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)
Ammunition Examiners			Fire Control Operators			Panel Beaters		
Armament Artificers			Fitters			Pattern Makers		
Armourers			Fitters and Turners			Pharmacists		
Artificers, Artillery			Fitters, Cycle			Photographers, dry plate		
Axemen			Fitters, Drivers			Photographers, wet plate		
Bakers			Fitter's Mates GUN.		1	Photo-Writers		
Battery Surveyors			Fitters, M.V.			Plate Layers		
Battery Comdrs. Asst.			Fitters, Railway Signal			Plumbers		
Blacksmiths			Fitters, Signal			Predictor Numbers		
Boilermakers			Grinders			Printers		
Bricklayers			Gun Layers			Radiator Mechanics		
Butchers			G.P.O. Assistants			Radiographers		
Camouflage Modeller			Gun Operators			Range Takers		
Carpenter and Joiner			Hammermen			Riggers		
Clerks			Height Takers			Rivitters		
Clerks, Engineering			Helio Operators			Saddlers		
Clerks, Supply			Instrument Mechanics			Saddle Tree Makers		
Clerks, Technical			Instrument Mechanics, Surgical			Saw Doctors		
Coachmakers			Instrument Operators			Sawyers		
Computers			Intelligence Duties		3	Shoemakers		
Concretors			Joiners			Signallers		13.
Cooks		4	Leather Stitchers			Signwriters		
Cooks, Hospital			Linesmen			Stokers, Stationary Engine		
Coppersmiths			Linesmen, Signals			Storemen, Technical		
Dental Clerk Orderlies			Lithographers			Surveyors		
Despatch Riders			Machinists			Surveyors, Engineering		
Dispensers			Masons			Tailors		
Draughtsmen			Masseurs			Telescope Identification Numbers		
Draughtsmen, Architectural			Mechanics, Dental			Textile Refitters		
Draughtsmen, Mechanical			Mechanics, M.T.			Tinsmiths		
Draughtsmen, Signal			Mechanics, Typewriter			Toolmakers		
Draughtsmen, Topographical			Mechanics, Wireless			Turners		
Driver Mechanics			Millwrights			Vulcanizers		
Driver Operators			Miners			Wagon Erectors		
Drivers, Transportation Plant			Moulders			Watchmakers		
Electrical Fitters			Nursing Orderlies			Watermen		
Electricians			Nursing Orderlies (Mental)			Welders		
Electricians, Eng. Units			Nurses, Trained			Well Borers		
Electricians, Signal			Observation Post Assistants			Wheelers		
Engine Artificers			Operating Room Assistants			Whitesmiths		
Engine Hands I/C			Operators, Signal			Wiremen		
Equipment Repairers			Opticians			Woodturners		
Farriers			Painters					5
WO class 2	1					Sergeants		8
Staff Sergeants	2					Corporals		56
Platoon Cooks	3					Privates		
<p><i>Certified that the figures in red show the number of specialists and tradesmen actually required in this Unit</i></p>								
Total (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)	6	4			4			69.5

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(b) Authorised Trades or Specialists not included in list above will be added as required in spaces provided.

56 Aust Inf Bn
Unit.

CR T. BRYEN
Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch 20 Mar 43

Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

(Adapted)

3rd Aust Div (Unit) *27 Mar* 19*43* (Date).

(To be furnished by all units and all Headquarter units.)

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1 Detail.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	1		
W.Os. Class II.	7		
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	5		
Staff Serjeants	1	1	
Serjeants	39	3	5
Corporals	68		9
Troopers, Privates, &c.	686		49
TOTALS	777 812	* 4	* 63

*These totals should agree with the details shown in Part D on page 2 of Army Form W.3009.

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
Pay Sgt	AAPC	Medical Sgt	AAMC
Pay Sble	AAPC	Postman	2 Div Postal Unit
Barrackmaster	AAPC	Prisoner Barrackman	50 Aust Div Sble
Interpreter (M.V.)	A.F.M.E.	San Detachment S.A.M.	11 Aust Div Sble
Ord. Room Sgt	AASC	Sgt. Sec. (2)	50 Aust Div Sble
M.O. Sble	AAMC	9 Sps	44 Bn
Regimental Sgt	AAMC	18 Sps	5 Field Amb
		12 Sps	2 Div HQ
		33 Sps	52 Field Park
		13 Sps	AASC

Part C. Description of other ranks whose return to the unit is particularly requested.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts if known).
130889	Pte	Mayhew W.G.	St. Bn	Below KARAKATA
X 124416	"	London K.G.	"	"
X 122836	Sble	Baughlow T.K.	"	X Sgt (2/108A)
X 129843	Sgt	K. S. S. S.	"	X Sgt 700p
X 125413	"	Wright J.L.	"	"
< 125402	"	Stolar J.	"	OCTU 500p
< 140859	Sble	Anderson D.G.	"	X Sgt 700p
X 125752	"	Radgum J.H.	"	"
X 125885	"	Wright J.L.	"	"
X 125768	"	Wright J.L.	"	"
X 105429	L/Sgt	Keast R.K.	"	"
X 140421	Sgt	Parry J.	"	OCTU 500p
NX 125887	WO2	ARTILLERY	"	"
NX 140856	Pte	HARTLEY R.J.	"	X Sgt. Hoop

56 Aust Inf Bde Unit.

PART D. Detail of Surplus or Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W. 3009.

Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)
Ammunition Examiners			Fire Control Operators			Panel Beaters		
Armament Artificers			Fitters			Pattern Makers		
Armourers			Fitters and Turners			Pharmacists		
Artificers, Artillery			Fitters, Cycle			Photographers, dry plate		
Axemen			Fitters, Drivers			Photographers, wet plate		
Bakers			Fitter's Mates			Photo-Writers		
Battery Surveyors			Fitters, M.V.			Plate Layers		
Battery Comdrs. Asst.			Fitters, Railway Signal			Plumbers		
Blacksmiths			Fitters, Signal			Predictor Numbers		
Boilermakers			Grinders			Printers		
Bricklayers			Gun Layers			Radiator Mechanics		
Butchers			G.P.O. Assistants			Radiographers		
Camouflage Modeller			Gun Operators			Range Takers		
Carpenter and Joiner			Hammermen			Riggers		
Clerks			Height Takers			Rivitters		
Clerks, Engineering			Helio Operators			Saddlers		
Clerks, Supply			Instrument Mechanics			Saddle Tree Makers		
Clerks, Technical			Instrument Mechanics, Surgical			Saw Doctors		
Coachmakers			Instrument Operators			Sawyers		
Computers			Intelligence Duties		3	Shoemakers		
Concretors			Joiners			Signallers		13
Cooks		2	Leather Stitchers			Signwriters		
Cooks, Hospital			Linesmen			Stokers, Stationary Engine		
Coppersmiths			Linesmen, Signals			Storemen, Technical		
Dental Clerk Orderlies			Lithographers			Surveyors		
Despatch Riders			Machinists			Surveyors, Engineering		
Dispensers			Masons			Tailors		
Draughtsmen			Masseurs			Telescope Identification Numbers		
Draughtsmen, Architectural			Mechanics, Dental			Textile Refitters		
Draughtsmen, Mechanical			Mechanics, M.T.			Tinsmiths		
Draughtsmen, Signal			Mechanics, Typewriter			Toolmakers		
Draughtsmen, Topographical			Mechanics, Wireless			Turners		
Driver Mechanics			Millwrights			Vulcanizers		
Driver Operators			Miners			Wagon Erectors		
Drivers, Transportation Plant			Moulders			Watchmakers		
Electrical Fitters			Nursing Orderlies			Watermen		
Electricians			Nursing Orderlies (Mental)			Welders		
Electricians, Eng. Units			Nurses, Trained			Well Borers		
Electricians, Signal			Observation Post Assistants			Wheelers		
Engine Artificers			Operating Room Assistants			Whitesmiths		
Engine Hands I/C			Operators, Signal			Wiremen		
Equipment Repairers			Opticians			Woodturners		
Farriers			Painters					
Staff Sgt Sergeant Cooks		3				Sergeants Corporals Privates		5 9 49
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Total (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)	4							63

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56 Aust Inf Bde Unit.

(R.T. BRYEN)
Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch 27 Mar 43

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17 MAY 1943

27 Mar 43

56 Aust Inf Bn carried out a beach landing exercise on the 26 Mar 43 and established a Beach Head at West end GERALDTON Ops. School.

5 Aust Fd Amb, 52 Fd Park, 2 Div A.A.S.C and 104 Tk/A Regt also took part in ~~exercise~~ exercise.

This exercise went off very well and beach landing was carried out very silently and speedily. Exercise was completed 0650 and troops returned to camp for breakfast.

28 Mar 43

Troops packed up and loaded trucks and started marching to Camp vicinity MOONYOONOOKA at 0845 in the following order A, B, C, D, HQ and Bn HQ.

Transport left at 1030 hrs and tpt. and all troops were in Camp by 1300 hrs. Afternoon was spent in settling into Camp, resting, washing and preparing for Div. duties.

29 Mar 43.

56 Aust Inf Bn mounted Div duties with the exception of Guard on Div H.Q. B Coy on C.W.P.'s and guard on D.I.D. at Northern Gully, HQ Coy on guard at 5 Aust Inf Bde. (A.I.F.) HQ, Fatigue on Birdwood House, GERALDTON, Instruction party at NRMARRACARRA Rest Station, Guard on rear Div HQ at GERALDTON Showground, D Coy supplying Town Picquet, P.O. Guard on GERALDTON P.O., Hygiene Picquet, Fatigue party for Bulk Canteen and cooks for All Services Canteen.

A Coy supplied Rd making party on Rd GERALDTON-MULLEWA near WICHERINA.

30 Mar 43.

D Coy mounted guard on Div H.Q. (Fwd) Guard under command of Lieut. A.O. Curran. H.Q. Coy today commenced a school for all personnel of all Pls. on the Bull Ring system. 2 Div. Concert Party provided entertainment at night for tps in Camp.

31 Mar 43.

C.O. carried out a detailed inspection of C Coy. Capt Clark inspected Q side. Lieut Macauley the A side and WO1. D.P. Woodward conducted individual T.O.E.Ts.

1 Apr 43.

C Coy still conducting T.O.E.Ts and preparing for day on Miniature Range. Eng. Pl. constructing miniature range at "Deepdale" opposite GERALDTON ~~showground~~ Aerodrome.

At night 56 Aust Inf Bn officers held a dance at Druids' Hall, GERALDTON and all other units of 5 Aust Inf Bde (AIF) were represented.

2 Apr 43. C Coy proceeded to GERALDTON on a Rest day. A cricket match was played on QUEEN'S PARK, GERALDTON between C Coy and HQ Coy resulting in a win for HQ Coy by 299 to 159.

3 Apr 43.

C Coy spent day on Miniature Range, Deepdale zeroing rifles and firing Miniature Range Practice.

A party of 1 NCO and 7 OR's from HQ Coy left today to carry out repairs on private property in the STRAWBERRY area. Party to be away approx. One week.

4 Apr 43.

C coy on Miniature Range all day firing rifle and Bren and practising Grenade throwing and firing. One Wiles' Steam Mobile Cooker arrived today.

5 Apr 43.

C coy on Miniature range again all day firing Rifle, Bren and Grenades. A. Coy returned from Rd. making job at WICHERINA arriving in camp at 1730 hrs.

6 Apr. 43.

A Coy. on rest day and remainder of Bn. on Div. Duties.

- 7 Apr.43. A Coy.spent day on miniature range.zeroing rifles and firing miniature range practices.Remainder of Bn.on div Duties.
A mobile cinema showed several films in unit lines during evening.
- 8 Apr.43. A Coy.still on MiniatureRange .A lecture was given by a returned Sgt.to all personnel in camp on Guerilla Tactics in TIMOR.All Coys paid to-day.
- 9 Apr.43. A Coy still on Miniature Range: remainder of Bn on Div duties.
- 10 Apr.43 A Coy in Camp: guard on rear Div HQ changed: HQ Coy being relieved by A Coy.
- 11 Apr.43 Tk.A. Pl on miniature range firing rifle and bren: A Coy in Camp all day: Church Parade held in Unit lines at 0830 hours by Padre (Lt.Col) Pickup. C.O. attended conference at Div HQ.
- 12 Apr.43 A & HQ Coys on rest day: C.O. attended Bde Comd. Conference in GERALDTON: All Div duties changed with the exception of Fwd Div HQ Guard. 56 Aust Inf Bn relieved by 44 Aust Inf Bn.
- 13 Apr.43 Div Guard relieved by 44 Aust Inf Bn: ALL Coys spent morning preparing for ceremonial march and "Whirlwind" exercise. During afternoon, all Offrs and N.C.Os visited GEORGINA AIRFIELD for the purpose of viewing topography of "Whirlwind" exercise.
- 14 Apr.43 During morning, a rehearsal of ceremonial march and revue was held in GERALDTON after which, 56 Aust Inf Bn moved to GEORGINA AIRFIELD and rehearsed "Whirlwind" exercise, without actually using the airfield.
- 15 Apr.43 Morning spent preparing for ceremonial march and revue: Bn moved out to GEORGINA AIRFIELD at 1200 hrs and rehearsed "Whirlwind" exercise actually utilising the landing field but without air co-operation.
- 16 Apr 43 Morning spent in preparation for exercise and ceremonial: afternoon a full dress rehearsal of "Whirlwind" Airborne Exercise was carried out on GEORGINA AIRFIELD in co-operation with R.A.A.F.
- 17 Apr.43 56 Aust Inf Bn left Camp at 0900 hrs by M.T. and moved to GERALDTON: at 1100 hrs a revue took place on the GERALDTON Football Field including an address by the Minister for the Army (Hon. F.M. Forde M.P.) - At conclusion of revue, parade carried out a ceremonial parade through the streets of GERALDTON : the Minister for the Army taking the salute on the dias opposite the Church of England Church. At conclusion of march, 56 Aust Inf Bn moved by M.T. to GEORGINA AIRFIELD and after a cut lunch, carried out "Whirlwind" exercise in co-operation with R.A.A.F. This exercise was witnessed by the Minister for the Army together with G.O.C. 3 Aust Corps, G.O.C. 2 Aust Div, A.G. , and Comd 5 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)
- 18 Apr.43 Church Parade at 0815 hrs in Unit Lines. Morning spent in washing, mending etc. Bn Parade at 1320 hrs afternoon spent organised sports.
- 19 Apr.43 Inspection of unit lines carried out by D.A.Q.M.G. 2 Aust Div m and Staff Captain 5 Aust Inf Bde (AIF) - B & D Coys on Rest Day HQ Coy on miniature range, zeroing rifles, C & A Coys during afternoon visited Medel Hygiene Area, MOONYOONOOKA, where they were conducted over the area and lectures by Bde Hygiene Offr.
- 20 Apr 43 A & C Coys on Rest Day - Div Education Offr visited Unit and lectures Coys on Hobbies. H.Q.Coy on miniature range. D & B Coys in Camp carrying out weapon training and gas training.
- 21 Apr.43. H.Q.Coy on rest day: A Coy issues, Gas quiz, Judging distance, knots and lashings, field formations, and deployment: B Coy. Concealment and camouflage, ambushes, recce reports and lectures by Div. Education Officer: C Coy on rifle exercises, squad drill, Gas drill, T.O.E.T.s and lectures by Div. Education Officer: D Coy. on Miniature Range all day zeroing rifles and firing grouping and application practices.
- 22 Apr 43 All Coy training in Camp. Ray day for all Coys. D Coy on miniature range. Bn standing to from 0001 hrs to 0900 hrs when normal duties were resumed.
- 23 Apr 43 GOOD FRIDAY - Church Parade unit lines 0830 hrs. Morning spent washing and mending, afternoon organised sport programme.
- 24 Apr 43 A Coy - Loading posns. Knots & Lashings & Gas training.
B Coy - Map reading in the field - booby traps - explosions - deployment - message and reports.
C Coy - TOETs on Rifle, Bren & Gas
D Coy - On miniature range zeroing rifles & firing. - grouping & application.
HQ Coy - Sigs practicing morse, mortars & AA on duties & Rd Working Parties. Carriers on Gun Drill - Cleaning &

24 Apr 43 (Continued) -- inspection of stores.

25 Apr 43 EASTER SUNDAY & ANZAC DAY. Tps attended Church Services in GERALDTON as under. These were special services for Army personnel in some churches.

C of E	222 men at Christ Church Marine Terrace, GERALDTON	at 1100 hrs
Other Protestant Denominations	96 " at Methodist & Presbyterian Churches	at 0900 hrs
Roman Catholic	229 " at R.C.Cathedral GERALDTON	at 0730 hrs

At 1400 hours, a Commemoration Service was held in Unit lines and attended by all tps. On this parade, C.O. made the announcement that vide G314/43, the unit had been gazetted A.I.F. and in future was to be referred to as 56 Aust Inf Bn (AIF).

26 Apr 43: A & C Coys on Rest Day washing etc. morning & afternoon on leave to GERALDTON by M.T.
 B Coy lectures on Compass - current Affairs Bulletin discussion
 Lecture and demonstration MMG by Carrier Pl - Observation march - wearing respirator
 D Coy duty Coy - semaphore -wearing respirator for one hour - Directional march with Field Sketch - Physical Training -
 HQ Coy - Sigs on 108 sets & maintaining Bn 'phones & Lines
 AA shoot -- Mortars being inspected in detail by OC HQ Coy
 Carriers -- Vickers & Bren on night firing procedure
 Tk.A -- carrying out sub-calibre shoot on miniature range at 'Deepdale'

27 Apr 43: B & D Coys on Rest Day.
A Coy- TOETS-Bren,, Rifle Bayonet training, knots & lashings, Gas & respirator drill.
C Coy - TOETS Bren & Rifle, Gas;Lecture by RMO on Malaria.
HQ Coy- Sigs on switch repair
 AA - Aircraft recognition & AA practice
Mortars & Carriers - on duty
Tk.A on miniature range firing sub calibre practice

Offrs Dance at night.

28 Apr 43 HQ Coy on rest day.
 A Coy - movement by gps & Pl attack.
 B Coy - TOETS Bren & Rifle, Gas - Grenades with discharger map reading using actual ground.
 C Coy - Route march and observation march - map reading - bayonet training - grenades - rope work - MMG demonstration - TOETS on Bren Rifle & Gas - Duty Coy
 D Coy - Road traverse - air raid & quick movement exercise - semaphore - unarmed combat - Half hour at disposal of Pl Comds.

70 personnel attended Play "Tons of Money" played and produced by members R.A.A.F. Station GERALDTON, such performance being for Army personnel and enacted in Concert Hall at the Aerodrome.

29 Apr 43 Coys training in Camp - RMO conducting regimental stretcher bearers school of 6 men from each coy.

B Coy on Miniature range firing rifle practices.

Pte Eade, R.G. tried by D.C.M. this day.

30 Apr 43 Coys training in Camp - C Coy marched out to GERALDTON CLASSIFICATION RANGE to conduct LMG (Bren) Practices. All Offrs on TEWTS in area MUMBEMARRA. Inspection by Col Walker of Medical Corps Army HQ.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.
ROUTINE ORDERS.

PART. I

Serial No. 75

BY

LT. COL. R. T. BRYEN COMD.
56 AUST INF BN.

Nos. 341 - 353

341. BN DUTIES:- The following roster for Duty Coys and Orderly Offrs will operate:-

DATE	COY	Orderly Offr.
22 Apr 43	A Coy	Lieut M.G. Hardy
24 "	B "	" A.W.G. Christie
25 "	C "	" J.C. McDonald
26 "	D "	" J.M. Smail
27 "	HQ Coy	" K.J. McDonald
28 "	A "	" S.J. Braithwaite
29 "	B "	" B.W. King
30 "	C "	" J.F. Day

342. WINTER DRESS:- Winter Dress will be worn as from 1 May 43 and the attention of All Coys Comds is directed to A.S.O. Chap 8 Para 3 which lays down that winter dress will be as under:-

- (i) S.D. uniform, belt, boots and hat turned up.
- (ii) Gaiters will also be worn by all troops except personnel of Cav Units.
- (iii) Caps S.D. will NOT be worn. They are intended for use whilst on duty.
- (iv) Colour patches will be worn.
- (v) Ties will NOT be worn.
- (vi) ALL buttons of jacket will be fastened.

343. HOTEL LOUNGES:- Attention is directed to Bde R.O. of 2 Apr 43 as follows:-

"Warrant Officers may in future use Hotel Lounges. An increase in the number of unauthorised personnel, when NOT in the company of ladies, is noticeable. This practice MUST cease and all offrs will take action in this regard when instances come under their notice. Picquest Offrs will visit lounges from time to time and order non-authorized personnel to leave. Such personnel will be allowed 10 minutes to comply. On non compliance, action will be taken under A.A. 9 (2)."

This order will be promulgated to ALL ranks on at least three consecutive parades - disciplinary action will then follow against offenders.

344. ARMY DRESSING SHED:- The construction of an Army Dressing Shed on the beach at GERALDTON will be completed on 24 Apr 43. The dressing shed is to be opened for use of troops between the hours of 1200 and 1800 hrs daily. At other times will be kept closed.

345. BELTS LEATHER:- It has been brought to notice, that unauthorised personnel on leave in GERALDTON are wearing belts leather. This practice is to cease forthwith. Disciplinary action will be taken against all future offenders.

346. SPECIAL ORDER:- The Div Comd. desires to convey to all ranks his personal appreciation of the splendid manner in which they sprang to the occasion of the recent visit of the Hon F.M. Forde, Minister for the Army; the G.O.C. 3 Aust Corps, the Adjutant General and the Secretary to the Dept. of the Army, on Saturday 17 April 43. The excellence of the arrangements made by the Comds. and Staffs was demonstrated in the comprehensive programme, which ran to schedule, and sparkled throughout with marked efficiency & disciplined determination.

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(SPECIAL ORDER - Continued)

The fine response of every individual member of the units concerned, gave intense gratification.

Inspiration given by regimental bands, more than justified their hard work and keen interest. Troops unseen, such as Batteries in action, Detachments doing inevitable duties in the Coast Watching and Camp Routine, gave opportunity for the display of those qualities on parade, which reflected the greatest credit on all concerned.

347. TROOPS BEHAVIOUR: - The Bde Comd has been pleased to note the improvement in the turnout, alertness, and general behaviour of troops on leave in GERALDTON and it is desired that members of the Unit be informed of this fact.
- 348: SECURITY - PAY BOOKS - Page 23 - MEDICAL - The practice of recording locations at which Medical Services are rendered will be discontinued. "LOCATION" will be recorded as "IN THE FIELD" ALL paybooks will be amended; all previous entries will be thoroughly obliterated.
- 349: RECLAMATION OF USED LUBRICATING OIL - Ref GRO Q133 - Attention is drawn that engine and gear oil will NOT be mixed. - Instances are occurring where this instruction is NOT being carried out. T.O. will exercise every care to place these oils in the correct containers.
- 350:- PRACTICE WITH LIVE AMMUNITION - AMMUNITION FAILURES: -
- (a) It has been brought to notice that during training with live amm the necessary safety precautions have NOT always been observed.
 - (b) The attention of ALL Offrs is directed to the instructions contained in the undermentioned GROs:-
 - GRO 0209/42 - Premature explosions or damage to ammunition by fire or water.
 - GRO 0211/42 - Ammunition failures - blinds.
 - GRO 0257/42 - Bomb disposal.The implications of the abovementioned instructions will be explained to all ranks.
 - (c) It is necessary to emphasise the following:-
 - (i) Under no circumstance will the instructions in the above-mentioned GROs be departed from.
 - (ii) Instruction will NOT be given to troops involving the dismantling of live ammunition. (Instruction in the composition and mechanism of a projectile may be carried out with the aid of diagrams and/or dummy projectiles, provided the latter do NOT contain any explosive.)
 - (iii) All mortar practice shots will be carried out as laid down in -
 - (a) SAT Vol. 1, Pam 9
 - (b) Instructions for Practice 3" Mortar.
- 351:- ORGANISED SPORT- Good Friday 23 Apr 43p will be observed as a Rest Day in Camp. Church Parade will be held in Unit Lines at 0830 hrs and remainder of morning will be free for washing, mending etc. Bn Sports Parade will be held at 1320 hrs, subsequent to which organised sports will be played in accordance with 56 Aust Inf Bn Sports Programme previously issued. A cricket Match will be played between A Coy & D Coy.
- 352:- LADIES SEWING GUILD - GERALDTON - Attention is again drawn to the fact that a Guild of Ladies in Geraldton will carry out mending to troops clothing. All articles must be clean and troops can avail themselves of this convenience by leaving such articles with Parde Smith on TUESDAY mornings.

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:- STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE - SUPPLEMENTARY RATION ACCOUNT.

Commodities purchased during March 1943

From Supplementary Ration Allowance:-

	<u>f</u>	<u>s</u>	<u>d</u>
Meat	59	19	0
Eggs	23	8	9
Fruit, canned	19	17	6
Fruit, fresh	21	9	7
Vegetables, tomatoes	9	6	9
Cereals	13	4	11
Flour & wheatmeal	14	4	6
Custard powder	7	2	6
Cornflour	3	3	0
Baking Powder	3	9	7
Vinegar	2	9	6
353. Sundries, Coffee, Spices, Honey, Chutney	<u>9</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>9</u>

:- STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE - SUPPLEMENTARY RATION ACCOUNT.

Commodities Less DISCOUNT 7 1/2% March 1943

From Supplementary Ration Allowance:-

	<u>f</u>	<u>s</u>	<u>d</u>
Meat	59	19	0
<u>FROM UNIT FUNDS:-</u>			
Eggs	2	5	5
Fruit, fresh	9	9	4
Vegetables, tomatoes	14	4	0
Lettuce	8	4	6
Onions	<u>6</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>
	<u>£40</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>

L.H. Macauley Lieut
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FROM UNIT FUNDS:-

Eggs

Fruit, fresh

2 5 5

9 9 4

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PART 1.

Nos. 354 - 360

by
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56. AUST. INF. BN:

354. LEAVE - REST DAY:- During the forthcoming week Rest Day will be taken as follows:-

Monday	A & C Coys
Tuesday	B & D Coys
Wednesday	HQ Coy

All Coys will notify Transport by 1800 hrs on day previous to Rest Day in order that transport may be allotted.

355. TENNIS:- Weekly Tennis party to NANSON on Saturday afternoons will be run on the following roster:-

17 Apr 43	HQ Coy
24 "	A "
1 May 43	B "
8 "	C "
15 "	D "

Coys will contact Capt. J.M. CLARK and obtain all particulars.

356. DISCS, IDENTITY AND BLOOD GROUPING:- Coy Comds are responsible that the blood group is stamped on the identity discs of all personnel. Discs are to be worn at all times and disciplinary will be taken in future when instances of non-compliance with these orders are detected.

356. CARE OF BOOTS:- Boots A/B and Boots H/H are being worn out unnecessarily by the two pairs issued to each soldier being worn on alternate days. The result frequently is that boots are condemned owing to the soldiers reserve pair being repaired when the second pair also require attention.

New boots will be worn till they are broken in and then action will be taken to ensure that one pair only is worn continuously and the other pair is kept in reserve and is only to be worn when the first pair are wet or otherwise unserviceable.

357. TEA & SUGAR RATION COUPONS ISSUED TO PERSONNEL PROCEEDING ON LEAVE:- Numerous instances have been reported of personnel on leave making application, in writing or personally, to the Deputy Director of Rationing for Tea and Sugar Ration Coupons. This practice is quite irregular and must cease forthwith. Prior to personnel proceeding on leave, with or without pay, personnel will receive their entitlement of tea and sugar ration coupons from W.O.ii C.H. GASKIN (CATERER)

358. CANTEEN SUPPLIES:- Owing to the limited output of Cream, Ideal Milk and Tinned fruits, it has been found necessary to ration these goods solely for troops in Tropical Areas.

359. ARMY DRESSING SHED - GERALDTON:- As from 24 Apr 43, an Army Dressing Shed will be available for use of Army personnel on beach at GERALDTON. Shed is located adjacent to R.A.A.F. Dressing Shed and will be opened from 1200 to 1800 hrs daily.

Over

360. R.A.A.F. - PLAY:- Members of Geraldton R.A.A.F. Station will present a play entitled "TONS OF MONEY" on Wednesday 28 Apr 43., at Concert Hall, R.A.A.F. Aerodrome. Transport will be arranged by T.O. for 70 personnel. Convoy will leave Car Park 1915 hrs sharp. Time for parking of transport inside R.A.A.F. Grounds for 56 Aust Inf Bn is 1925 hrs.

Allotment of tickets for Coys is as follows and tickets are available on this allotment from Adjt.

HQ Coy	20 tickets
A "	10 "
B "	11 "
C "	10 "
D "	11 "
B.H.Q.	<u>8 "</u>
Total.	<u>70 tickets</u> (Bn quota)

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PART.1.

Nos. 361-363

BY

Lt. COL. R. T. BRYEN Comd. 56 Aust Inf. Bn.
A.I.F.

361 BN. DUTIES. The following roster for duty Coys. and Orderly Officers will operate.

<u>Duties to Mount.</u>	<u>Coy.</u>	<u>Ord, Officer</u>
27 Apr. 43	A	Lieut. K. J. Mc Donald.
28 Apr. 43	B	Lieut. S. J. Braithwaite.
29 Apr. 43	C	Lieut. B. W. King.
30 Apr. 43	D	Lieut. J. F. Day.
1 May 43	HQ	Lieut. G. W. B. Davis.
2 May 43	C	Lieut. A. X. Cunningham.
3 May 43	B	Lieut. J. C. Mc Donald.
4 May 43	A	Lieut. A. W. G. Christie.
5 May 43	D	Lieut. A. C. Edghill

THIS ROSTER WILL UNDER NO CONSIDERATION BE ALTERED WITH OUT REFERENCE TO THE ADJUTANT.

362 A.I.F. By publication in G.R.O. G. 314 this unit has now been classified as an A.I.F. UNIT. In future the unit will be designated

56 Aust. Inf. Bn. (A.I.F.)

363 BUNGS AND WASHERS FOR 4 GALL. and 44 GAL DRUMS.

Severe shortages of rubber in washers and of die-caste metal used in bungs make it essential that these items be conserved. Units using drums will replace bungs and washers and tighten them up with a bung spanner. Care will be taken NOT to damage bungs by using a hammer or other unauthorised method of opening.

L.H. Macauley Lieut.
L.H. MACAULEY. Act/Adjt.
56 Aust Inf. Bn. A.I.F.

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Army Form W.3008
(Adapted) (Page 1)
(Revised Jan., 1943)
43 / 2 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday *24 Apr 1943* / *56 Unit Inf Bn* (Unit)

W.E. *11/12/3* OFFRS. *31* O.R's. *-* + OFFRS. *1* O.R's. *-* ATT. BY W.E.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10					
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.									
Rein'fts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'fts Required.					
	1		1	*	AAAC	1								
	3		17	*										
	4	1	31			1								
				DETAIL	A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
				A.	31									31
				E.(1)										
				E.(2)										

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

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

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

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

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

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

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO *56 Unit Inf Bn* (Unit) IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED. *24 Apr 1943*.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).
NX124445	Capt	HOUGH JW.	Attending tactical course @ HQ of C Bn

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 24 / Apr / 1943 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Lt. Col	NX112633	BRJEN	RT	CO	YES		
Lieut. T. Maj.	NX124403	W. KRAN.	E.P.	21PC	✓		
✓	NX124424	STEVENSON	AE	OC. 500	✓		
✓	124444	EVERITT	LN	11400	✓		
✓	124401	KEAST	WQ	Ad. 10	NO	SCHOOL - HARVEY	27/3/43
✓	124436	NEIL	WD	OC. 114	YES		
✓	124442	FARRELL	JR	OC. 600	NO	SCHOOL - HARVEY	27/3/43
✓	124440	CLARK	JM	600	YES		
✓	125724	CAMUELSON	C.J.	21/2 AM	YES		
✓	116617	FURDOLAN	J.S.	21/230	✓		
✓	125727	MILSON	F.L.	4PC	NO	SCHOOL - HARVEY.	27/3/43
✓	125723	SCOTT	M.M.	10	YES		
✓	76527	WILLIAMS	L.J.	242D	✓		
✓	125724	CALLAN	E.S.	CC C	✓		
Lieut.	125736	FRITHWAITE	S.J.	21/24PC	✓		
✓	116618	KILBY	J.A.	3PC	✓		
✓	124438	MCCLELLAN	CM	15PC	NO	SCHOOL - HARVEY.	27/3/43
✓	125731	M'DONALD	J.C.	14PC	YES		
✓	124437	KING	B.W.	6PC	✓		
✓	125729	DAVIS	GMB	70	✓		
✓	125725	CURRAN	CH	18PC	✓		
✓	125735	M'DONALD	R.J.	12PC	✓		
✓	124439	HARDY	M.G.	19PC	✓		
✓	125736	BENNETT	J.L.	16PC	✓		
✓	125737	CUNNINGHAM	H.X.	13PC	✓		
✓	125738	DAW	J.F.	5PC	✓		
✓	125734	DIMAULEY	L.H.	2PC	✓		
✓	126651	FRONNING	E	8PC	NO	Combined Ops Camp	3/4/43
✓	114426	CHRISTIE	AWG	11PC	YES		
✓	124446	SMITH	S.M.	18PC	✓		
✓	126640	EDGT HILL	S.H.	17PC	NO	SCHOOL - HARVEY.	8/4/43.

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
Capt	NX 4307	McAULIFFE J.A.	11 AMC	24/9/42	RMO
Lt. Col	NX 10608	SMITH A.T.	11 ACC	8/7/42	1st Lieut
✓	B2504	THOMPSON J.	11 ACC	✓	SAWO
Capt	N278261	CONNELLAN J.B.	11 AMC	10/4/43	Natal Officer

17. Apr 43
Date of Despatch

(Signature)
Signature of Commander
(RT BRJEN)

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 17/4/1943 56 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) (Unit)

W.E. 11/12/3 OFFRS. 31 O.R's. + OFFRS. 1 O.R's. ATT. BY W.E.

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

W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.							
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.			
	1	1	12	* * Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs.	AAMC	1						
	3		17									
	4	1	31									
Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).		DETAIL	A.I.P.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
		A.	31									31
		E.(1)										
		E.(2)										

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

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

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

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

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

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO 56 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) (Unit) IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED. 17/4/1943

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).
NX124445	Capt	HUGH JW	Attending Tactical Course Q L of Area

56th Ant. Inf. Bn. (L.H. 5) Unit

43, 1 (Serial No.)

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 17, Apr/194. (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Lt Col.	NX112633.	BRYEN	R.T.	C.O.	YES.		
Lieut. T. W. JAS.	-124443.	MURRAY	E.F.	21/c	✓		
✓	✓124434	STEVENSON	A.E.	OC. DCA	✓		
✓ T Capt	✓124444	EYERITT.	L.W.	OC. M.A.	✓		
✓	✓124441	KEAST.	W.C.	Adit.	NO.	SCHOOL-HARVEY.	27/3/43.
✓	✓124436	NEIL	W.D.	OC. O.A.C.	YES		
✓	✓124442	FARRELL	J.R.	OC. B.C.	NO	SCHOOL-HARVEY.	27/3/43.
✓	✓124440	CLARK.	J.M.	G.M.O.	YES		
✓	✓125724	SAMUELSON	C.J.	21/c A.	✓		
✓	✓116619.	BOARDMAN	J.S.	21/c B.	✓		
✓	✓125727	MASON	F.W.	4PE	NO	SCHOOL-HARVEY	27/3/43
✓	✓125723	SCOTT.	M.M.	1.O	YES		
✓	✓76327	WILLIAMS	L.J.	21/c D	✓		
✓	✓125724	CALLAN.	E.J.	OC. C	✓		
✓ Lieut.	✓125736	BRAITHWAITE	S.J.	21/c 4PE	✓		
✓	✓116618	KILEY.	J.A.	3PE	✓		
✓	✓124438	McCLELLAN.	C.M.	15PE	NO	SCHOOL-HARVEY	27/3/43.
✓	✓125731.	McDONALD	J.C.	14PE	YES		
✓	✓124437	KING	B.W.	6PE	✓		
✓	✓125729	DAVIS	G.W.B.	7O	✓		
✓	✓125725	CURRAN	O.A.	18PE	✓		
✓	✓125735	McDONALD	K.J.	12PE	✓		
✓	✓124439	HARDY.	M.G.	19PE	✓		
✓	✓125756	BENNETT.	J.W.	10PE	✓		
✓	✓125737	CUNNINGHAM	A.X.	13PE	✓		
✓	✓125738	DAY.	J.F.	5PE	✓		
✓	✓125734	MACAULEY	L.H.	2PE	✓		
✓	✓126651	BROWNING	E	8PE	NO	COMBINED. OPR. CAMP.	3/4/43
✓	✓119436	CHRISTIE.	A.W.G.	11PE	YES		
✓	✓124446	SMAITH	J.M.	1PE	NO	DUTY-PERTH.	5/4/43
✓	✓126640	EDGILL.	A.C.	17PE	NO	SCHOOL-HARVEY.	8/4/43

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
Capt.	NX34307	McAULIFFE J.A.	HAME	24/9/42	R.M.O.
Chaplain	NX118658	SMITH. A.T.	HACC	8/7/42	Padre
J.M.	B 259.	THOMPSON. J.	5th Army		S.A.W.O.
Capt.	N278261	CONNELLAN J.B.	HAME	10/4/43	Dental Officer

17 Apr 43.
Date of Despatch

[Signature]
Signature of Commander
(R.T. BRYEN)

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

43 / 2 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 24 / 4 / 1943 (Unit) 56 Army Div.

W.E. 11 / 12 / 3 OFFRS. - O.R's 797 + OFFRS. - O.R's 13 ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.
			1	W.Os. Class I.	AAFC	2			
			2	W.Os. Class II.	AAOC	1			
			5	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.	AAQMS	6			
		1	1	Staff Sergeants	AAAS	3		1	1
4	4	3	3	Sergeants	AAAS	1			
10	10	7	62	Corporals					
59	59	7	683	Troopers, Privates, etc.					
2	2		3	Civilians counting as O.R.					
75*	75	11	797*	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.		13*		1	1*

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

** Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col. Particulars will be shown, e.g., 20 U.K. Forces, 10 N.Z. Forces.

Detail	A.I.F.	C.M.F.		A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
		Under 19 Years.	19 Years and over.							
A	582	6	209							797
B(1)										
B(2)										

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

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

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.
1	5 Unit						
2	2 Div						
4	8 7d. Amb						

Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return To (Unit) is Particularly Requested. 24 / 4 / 1943

Army No	Rank.	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).
NX123836	Cpl	Boughlan TK	x List (2/1 AGH)
NX139843	Sgt.	Luskard RL	x List Help
NX125002	"	Melam J	OCTU SH L J C Area
NX140859	Cpl.	Anderson AJ	x List Help
NX125752	"	Rodgers J	x List (2/1 AGH)
NX125885	"	Lizuka W	x List
NX125768	"	Shelmark J	x List
NX103429	L/Sgt.	Roast RL	x List Help
NX119430	Cook	Bassidy J	OCTU SH L J C Area
NX125887	WO4	Aschell WJ	x
NX140856	Pr.	Harley RJ	x List Help (carpenter)
NX125788	Cpl	Ward H	x List Help
NX114838	L/Sgt.	Amclan A	x List Help

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 24 / 9 / 1943.

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, R.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangetakers			
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters		2		Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevedores			
Computors								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers		24 15 9		Tailors			
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 1		Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman				BUTCHERS	1	5	
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners				R'TAKERS	2	3	
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics											
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)											
Fitters				Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				WOE	1	1	-
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers				WOE	7	7	-
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks				C.Q.M.S.	5	5	-
Grinder, Precision				Hello Operator				Clerks, Supply				Math. Asst.	-	1	-
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				Reinforce	36	31	4
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties				Coach Trimmers				Asst Books	1	4	-
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors				Books	77	62	10
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks				Asst Books	5	3	2
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies				Privates	75	63	49
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				H.A.P.C.	2	2	-
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				H.A.O.C.	1	1	-
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics				H.E.M.S.	6	6	-
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant				200w. Postal	1	1	-
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.				H.A.M.C. (excl. 8)	4	3	1
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers							
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD		5 1		CARRIED FORWARD		20 10		Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	8	10	76

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

24 Oct. 43
Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander
(K.T. BRYEN)

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 17 Apr/1943. 56 Bn (Unit)

W.E. 11/12/3 OFFRS. O.R's. 798 OFFRS. O.R's. 12 ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.
			1	W.Os. Class I.	HARC	2			
			7	W.Os. Class II.	HROC	1			
			5	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.	AEME	5		1	1
		1	1	Staff Sergeants	HARC	3		1	1
5	5	3	10	Sergeants	2 Det Postal	1			
8	8		6	Corporals					
60	60	8	683	Troopers, Privates, etc.					
2	2		3	Civilians counting as O.R.					
75*	75	12	798	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.		12*		2	2*

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

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Detail	A.I.F.	C.M.F.		A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.P.	**	TOTAL.
		Under 19 Years.	19 Years and over.							
A	583	6	209							798
B(1)										
B(2)										

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

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

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.
1	50 Ant Inf Bn						
2	2 Det Postal						
4	AEME						

Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return To 56 Bn (Unit) is Particularly Requested. 17 Apr/1943

Army No	Rank.	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).
NX 123836	Cpl.	Coughlan TK	x List (2/11 AGH)
NX 139843	Sgt.	Kellyside WA	x List Hosp
NX 125413	"	Gilligan XL	✓
NX 125402	"	McLellan	OCTU. SH Lgc Area
NX 140859	Cpl.	Anderson AO	x List Hosp
NX 125752	"	Rodgers JAL	x List (2/11 AGH)
NX 125885	"	Rogue WJ	x List (2/11 AGH)
NX 125768	"	Shelton G	x List Hosp
NX 105429	L/Sgt	Roast RA	x List Hosp
NX 119434	Pvt	Carney J	OCTU. SH Lgc Area
NX 125857	WO2	Arthur GJ	✓
NX 140856	PL	Nashby PJ	x List Hosp (Carpenter)
NX 131314	"	Quinn PK	Shelton G (Hosp)
NX 138389	"	Casey LR	AEME

56 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 17/9/1943.

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

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

17/9/43 Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander CRT BRYEN

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ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION No. 5

CHURCH PARADES --- GERALDTON AREA

EASTER SUNDAY - 25 Apr 43

1. To commemorate the Christian Festival of Easter, Special Church Services have been arranged for units of 2 Aust Div in the GERALDTON AREA, to take place in GERALDTON on Easter Sunday, 25 Apr 43.

2. Services will be held by the various denominations in the following Churches:-

Roman Catholic	GERALDTON Cathedral
Church of England	Christ Church - GERALDTON
Other Protestant Denominations	Presbyterian & Methodist Churches G'TON.

3. FORWARD MOVEMENT:- (a) will be carried out in accordance with Appx 1 attached. Convoys will move from Unit lines to Parking Areas in the serial order as outlined in appendix 1 to arrive at times specified. Convoys will form up at main entrance to 56 Aust Inf Bn Lines and O.C. Convoy will be responsible in each instance to move down to Cross ROADS MOONYOONOOKA and move convoy at an interval of $\frac{1}{2}$ mile in rear of 2 Aust Div Wk.shops (M.E.M.E.) On debussing, personnel will be assembled by Senior Offr and marched directly to respective churches.

(b) ASSEMBLY - RES will be assembled on Bn Car Park at times as under and marched to convoy at GRAVEL PIT by Offr i/c

Serial No. 1	Roman Catholic	0635 hrs
" " 2	Other Denominations	0745 "
" " 3	Church of England	0950 "

(c) SPEED:- 20 M.P.H. - Density 20 V.P.M.

(d) DEBUSSING & PARKING AREAS: are laid down in Appendix 1. Vehicles will park with minimum distance between tail & bumper bars, as parking space is limited.

(e) PICQUETS - will be detailed from personnel NOT attending Church as under:-

Serial No. 1	Roman Catholic	1 NCO & 4 O/Rs	A Coy
" 2	Other Denominats	1 NCO & 2 O/Rs	B "
" 3	Church Of England	1 NCO & 4 O/Rs	C "

4. (a) RETURN MOVEMENT:- at conclusion of each service, personnel will be assembled by Senior Offr outside respective Churches & will march back to vehicles; will be embussed with minimum delay, and each convoy will move back to unit lines in same order of march as for Forward movement, as directed by 2 Aust Div Provost Coy.

(b) 2 Aust Div Provost Coy will police forward and return movement.

5. TRANSPORT:- will be allotted by T.O. and Coys will under NO circumstances use their own Coy Tpt.

6. DRESS:- Shirts with Trousers K.W.D.; gaiters and belts waist web, Hats turned UP:- NO SIDEARMS WILL BE CARRIED.

7. BREAKFAST:- Coys will arrange early or late breakfast as required for C. of E and Other Denomination Personnel. R.C. personnel will be given a light breakfast at GERALDTON TOWN HALL at conclusion of Mass, and will be required to provide their own mugs or pannikins.

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8. DISCIPLINE:- Strict discipline will be maintained whilst in Convoy and whilst marching to Churches.

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ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION No. 3

GERALDTON AREA

CHURCH PARADES

EASTER SUNDAY - 25 APR 43

L.H. Macauley
 (L.H. MACAULEY) Act/Adjt. Lieut
 56 Aust Inf Bn.

Services will be held by the various denominations in the following Churches:-

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4. (a) RETURN MOVEMENT:- at conclusion of each service, personnel will be assembled by Senior ORT outside respective Churches & will march back to vehicles; will be escorted with minimum delay, and each convoy will give back to unit lines in same order of march as for forward movement, as directed by 2 Aust Div Provost Coy.

(b) 2 Aust Div Provost Coy will police forward and return movement.

5. TRANSPORT:- will be allotted by T.O. and Coys will under NO circumstances use their own Coy Tpt.

6. DRESS:- Shirts with trousers K.W.D. & gaiters and belts waist web. Hats turned UP:- NO STRAW HATS WILL BE CARRIED.

7. BREAKFAST:- Coys will arrange early or late breakfast as required for 2 or 3 and Other Denomination Personnel. R.C. personnel will be given a light breakfast at GERALDTON TOWN HALL at conclusion of Mass, and will be required to provide their own mugs or penknives.

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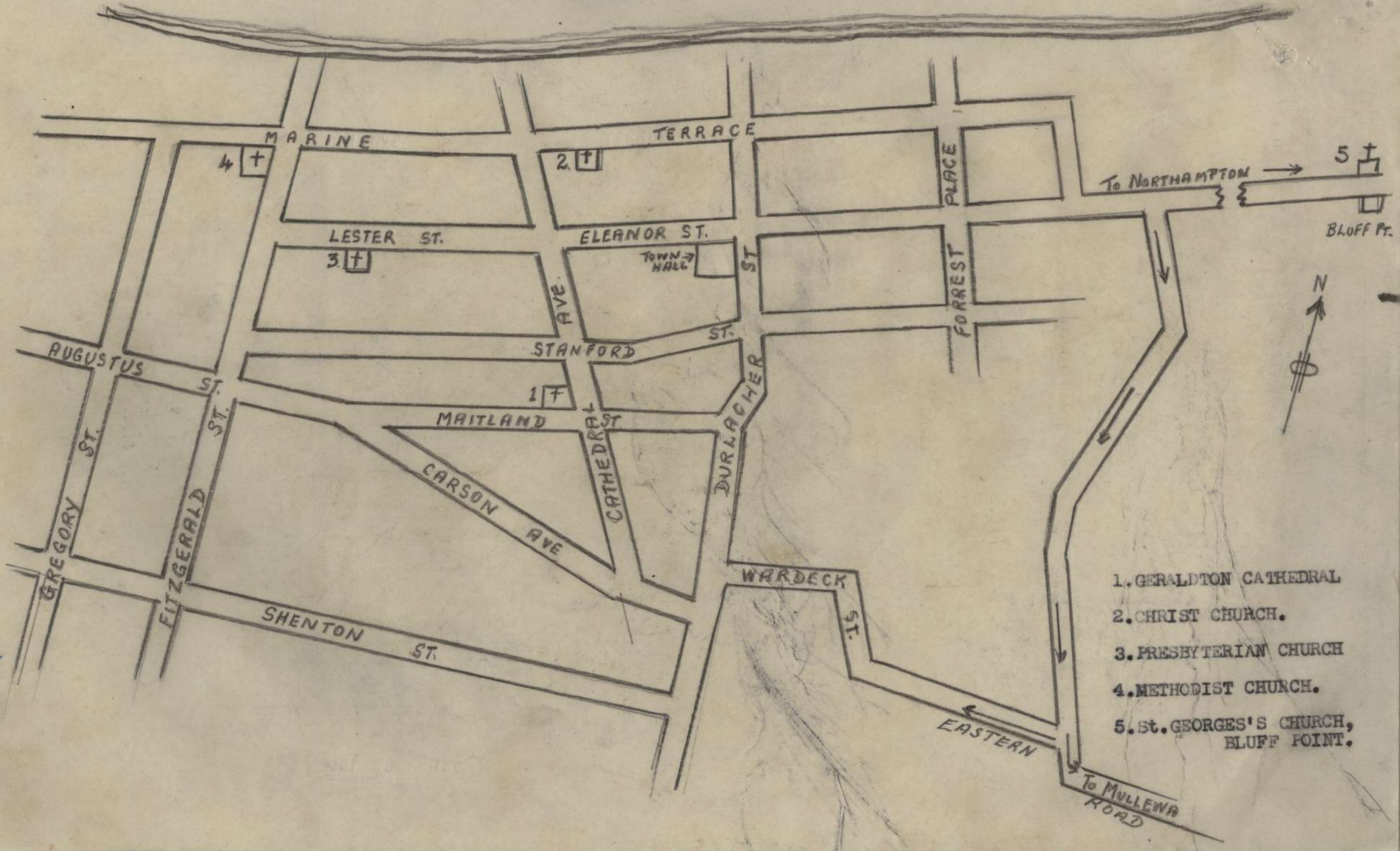
CHURCH PARADES - EASTER SUNDAY - 25 Apr 43 -- APPENDIX 1.

Ser No.	Denomination	Number	Assembly Time at Car park	Time of Departure	Time of arrival Parkg. Area	ROUTE	PARKING Area	O/C Convoy
1	Roman Catholic (R.C. Cathedral)	229	0635	0652	0728	Eastern Rd Wardeck St Durlacher St Maitland St Augustus St	Head of Column Halt at cnr of Augustus St & Fitzgerald St facing West.	Capt. L.J. WILLIAMS
2	Other Protestant Denominations	96	0745	0800	0835	Eastern Rd Durlacher St Eleanor St Lester Ave.	Vehicles to occupy Lester Av & Eleanor St between Fitzgerald St & Durlacher St Note (a)	Major A.E. STEVENSON
3	Church of England (Christ Church - Marine Terrace, GERALDTON.)	222	0950	1012	1047	Eastern Rd Durlacher St Eleanor St	Head of column Halt at corner Eleanor St & at Cathedral Ave	Capt. L.W. EVERITT

NOTE:- (a) Personnel on debussing will assemble in vicinity of and opposite PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Lester Avenue and will be divided into two parties viz: (i) Those attending Presbyterian Church (ii) Methodist Church. Senior Officer will be detailed in each instance by Maj A.E. STEVENSON to take charge and march parties to respective churches.

NOTE:- (b) Parking Areas may be seen on sketch appendix "C" 11. attached.

APPENDIX No II



- 1. GERALDTON CATHEDRAL
- 2. CHRIST CHURCH.
- 3. PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
- 4. METHODIST CHURCH.
- 5. St. GEORGES'S CHURCH,
BLUFF POINT.

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RANGE PRACTICES.

56 AUST. INF. BN. (AIF)

GERALDTON CLASSIFICATION RANGE.

29 Apr 43.

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS.

1. GENERAL.

56 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) will fire L.M.G. courses on GERALDTON Classification Range on 1/6 May 43 (Incl.)

2. OFFERS I/C RANGE.

O.C. Range Maj A.E. Stevenson.
2 I/C " O.C. Coy on Range.
O.C. Butt Party Lieut S.J. Braithwaite.
O.C. Firing Point. Off from Coy on Range.
R.S.M. W.O. ll. M.W. Phillips.

3. STAFF.

(a) Recording Clerks.

Sgt Goldrick A.R. Bn H.Q. will act as Recording Clerk and will be responsible to see that sufficient C.3's and C.7's etc are carried. P & O/R Cpls will run sweepstakes and assist in recording.

(b) Amn Party.

One N.C.O. from H.Q. Coy and one O/R from each Rifle Coy as Amn Party.

(c) Range Q.M.

S/Sgt Bargwanna J.H. will act as Permanent Range Q. Armourer with all necessary equipment.

(d) Cooking Staff.

Sgt Gilchrist C.R. and all C Coy cooking staff complete with wiles cooker.

(e) Butt Party.

Sgt Hatton F.W. and 18 O/Rs (3 from each Rifle Coy and 6 from H.Q. Coy).

(f) Coaches.

Will be supplied as under,
A, C and H.Q. Coys 2 each.

(g) Waiting Details.

Coys will be responsible for instruction to all waiting details.

(h) Hygiene.

One member of hygiene sec will be detailed by hygiene Sgt to attend to hygiene arrangements on Range.

(i) Sig Personnel.

3 Sig personnel will be detailed by Sig Offr to move with Range staff.

(j) Orderly Offr. & Sgt.

Coy on Range will detail one Offr and one Sgt to attend to daily routine duties.

4. VEHICLES.

- 2 - 3 ton Trucks will be supplied to Coy on day of movement to carry baggage, L.M.G's, Lanterns etc.
- 1 - 3 ton Kitchen plus wiles cooker (C Coy)
- 1 - 1 ton Truck as amn carrier.
- 1 - 15 Cwt for O.C. Range.
- 1 - 3 ton Truck to carry stores, tents etc for Range staff.
- 2 - M.C's as orderlies to be supplied by M.C. sec Carrier Pl.
- 6 - 1 ton Trucks will report to O.C. Range at Gravel Pitt

at 1445 hrs 30 Apr 43 for transport of staff to Range.
These vehicles will be returned to unit lines.

5. STORES.

(a) General.

Sandbags, Service Flannelette, Oil, Lanterns, Toilet paper, Flags (Red) all necessary cooking gear. These stores will be responsibility of Range Q.M.

(b) Wood.

H.Q. Coy will have delivered to Range by 1530 hrs on 30 Apr 43 sufficient wood for 6 days.

(c) Stationery

All necessary C forms plus typewriter to be taken by Sgt Holdrick A.R.

(d) Amn.

Range Q will be responsible to maintain supply of amn and will contact O.C. Range re requirements.

(e) Tentage.

8 tents will be taken to Range for permanent Range staff.
1 - Offrs I/C Range supplied by Bn H.Q.
1 - Range staff N.C.O's supplied by A Coy.
1 - Coaches - - - supplied by B Coy.
1 - Cooks - - - supplied by C Coy.
4 - Butt and Amn Party - one each from A, B, C, & D Coys.

(f) L.M.G'S. and Bren stores to be carried in chests in Coy Baggage Trucks.

6. DRESS & EQUIPMENT.

Battle order less respirators.

3 Blankets to be rolled in sec or tent bundles and carried on baggage trucks.

All necessary personal gear will be carried in haversacks.

7. ALLOTMENT OF RANGE.

C Coy.	--	1 May 43.
B Coy.	--	2 May 43.
A Coy.	--	3 May 43.
D Coy.	--	4 May 43.
HQ Coy.	--	5 May 43.
Remainder HQ Coy.)		
Range Staff.)	6 May 43.
S.B. School.)	
N.C.O's Cadre.)	

8. MOVEMENT.

(a) Range Staff.

Leave by M.T. from gravel pitt at 1500 hrs 30 Apr 43.
Range staff plus all baggage will be conveyed under Coy arrangements to gravel pitt by 1445 hrs, 30 Apr 43.

(b) Marching Personnel.

Coys will leave camp for Range at 1800 hrs on day prior to day allotted to them. Coys will have evening meal in camp lines prior to marching to Range.
Coys will march back to camp from Range after evening meal.

9. PRACTICES.

- (a) See Appx A attached for table to be fired.
- (b) See Appx B attached for schedule of Prizes for best Pl, Coy, and Bn shots.
- (c) Sweepstakes are to be encouraged by Coys and will be controlled by P & O Cpl.

10. DISCIPLINE.

- (a) Range discipline and safety precautions must be observed by all ranks.
- (b) Bad language will be considered as a breach of discipline.
- (c) No rubbish must be left in area. All refuse must be placed in containers provided.

- (d) No leave will be granted from Range.
- (e) Personnel once allotted to details will NOT under any consideration leave their detail without permission.

11. ROUTINE.

Reveille.....0600 hrs.
 Coy A Parade.....0615 hrs.
 Breakfast.....0700 hrs.
 Firing Commences.....0815 hrs.
 Lunch.....1200 - 1300 hrs.
 Evening Meal.....1730 hrs.
 Firing Ceases.....as arranged by O.C. Range.

12. INTERCOMN.

- (a) D.5's for Conn between firing point and butts.
- (b) D.R. between Range and Bn H.Q.
- (c) W/T from Range to Bn H.Q.

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APPX "A".

SMALL ARMS TRAINING:

L.M.G. COURSE --(BREN)

'X' (below) - Plain screens with 1 in black aiming marks arranged to accommodate a no of firers, will be found suitable for these Practices.

PART I - PRELIMINARY - 30 Yards Range.

To be fired during early stages of training with L.M.G. and before open Range practices are attempted.

No	Practice.	Target	Range.	Rounds	Detail.	REMARKS.	HPS.
0	Introductory	NIL	25	10	Two initial single rounds followed by bursts of about 4 rounds each.	To introduce recruit to LMG methods of fire	-
1	Grouping (Single Rounds)	Any 'x' suitable	25	5	To be fired at the same aiming mark.	To test accuracy of aim, combined with trigger pressing.	-
2	Grouping (Automatic)	Any 'x' suitable	25	10	To be fired in two bursts of 5 rounds each, using 2 magazines at 2 separate aiming marks.	To practice holding aiming & length of burst. Result of 1st burst to be criticised before 2nd is fired.	-
1	Ranging (Single Rounds)	Tiles or plates on stop-butts	200	3	Lying - gun rested on suitable cover.	To establish the elevation & point of aim required for gun.	-
2	Rapid appln. (Single Rounds & automatic)	Small	200	22	Lying - gun rested on suitable cover. Gun loaded, sight adjusted and firer in posn with butt in contact with ground. When target appears, the firer will engage it with 2 single rounds, then change to "Automatic" & continue with bursts of about 4 to 5 rounds. Exposure 30 secs.	To obtain effective fire on a vulnerable target exposed for a limited period & to practice change of method of fire whilst so doing. SCORING: Each direct hit inside 4 ft circle on target --- 2 pts.	44
3	Ranging (Automatic)	Tiles or plates on Stopbutts	300	10	Lying, firing from tripod around prepared cover.	As for Practice No 1.	-

No	Practice	Target	Range	Rounds	Detail	Remarks	HPS.
4	Action & distribtn Automatic.	LMG Screen	300	25	Ann arranged in 2 magazines (15 in one, 10 in other) Firer lying behind gun, in rear of firing point magazines in pouch equipment 'x'. Sights at 200. On the order or signal "Action" he will carry the gun fwd to posn. (as in practice 3) load, adjust sight & open fire, distributing his fire, irregularly in bursts, so as to engage all portions of the target. Time-1 min for "Action" being given 'x' Where pouch equipment is not available, the magazines will be placed on the ground at the firing point posn.	To practice drill procedure & the effective engagement of a linear target at a rapid rate of fire. SCORING: Each rectangle containing- 1 direct hit 4 pts. 2 direct hit 5 pts. 3 direct hit 6 pts. 4 or more hits. 7 pts.	35
5	Fleeting Target (A/matic)	Large	300	20	20 rds in 1 magazine. Firer in posn on the firing pt. (as in Prac 3) Gun with mag on but NOT loaded, sight adjusted & butt in contact with the ground. On the appearance of the target, firer will load & engage it- exposure 20 secs.	The quick engagement of a surprise target. SCORING: Each direct hit inside 6 ft circle on target 2 points.	40
6	Fixed Line (Optional)	Large	Any convenient between 600 & 300.	10	The gun should be regtd on the target by a competent instructor. The gun will then be removed the tripod moved & firers practiced in turn in engaging target as a fixed line posn.	SCORING: Nil. It is important that results are shown to firers. This can be done by using spotting discs in shot holes.	

AMMUNITION:
 Part 1 : : 25
 Part 11 : : 115
140

CLASSIFICATION:
 1st Class L.M. Gunner :: 85 pts.
 2nd " " " :: 60 pts.
 NOT qualified. under: 60 pts.
 Repititions allowed if necessary in order to reach 2nd Class Standard.

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ALLOTMENT OF TENTAGE.

1. Bn tentage will be organised on bases as set out hereunder.
2. Coys will return to Q.M. all tents on issue above the number as per this allotment immediately.
Coy's will draw tents from Q.M. where necessary to make up the required number.
3. Coys will mark with chalk the number as per this schedule on tents when the necessary adjustments have been made and notify Q.M. when this has been done.
4. Q.M. will arrange to have tent numbers painted on inside of all tents and fly's according to the schedule.
5. Tents will then be considered a permanent allocation and only be withdrawn through Bn where necessary for temporary re-allotment.
6. Q.M. will make necessary temporary arrangements for attached personnel.

TENT NO.	ALLOTTED TO.	SUGGESTED NO PERSONNEL.	TENT NO.	ALLOTTED TO.	SUGGESTED NO PERSONNEL.
1	C.O.	1	41	M. Pl.	
2	2 I/C.	1	42	M. Pl.	
3	Adj't & I.O.	2	43	M. Pl.	
4	R.M.O.	1	44	M. Pl.	40
5	Chaplain.	1	45	Carr Pl.	
6	R.A.P.	1	46	Carr Pl.	
7	Bn Office -		47	Carr Pl.	
	R.S.M. & Ord.	2	48	Carr Pl.	
8	Bn Office -		49	Carr Pl.	
	Ord Room Sgt -		50	Carr Pl.	
	Ord.	2	51	Carr Pl.	56
9	Guard tent.		52	Tk.A Pl.	
10	Bn HQ Sgts -		53	Tk.A Pl.	
	Prov-Stretcher		54	Tk.A Pl.	
	Bearers -		55	Tk.A Pl.	30
	"I"-2 Hyg &		56	Pioneer Pl.	
	AAPC Sgts.	5	57	Pioneer Pl.	
11	Bn HQ personnel.		58	Pioneer Pl.	19
12	" " "		59	Adm Pl.	
13	" " "		60	Adm Pl.	
14	" " "		61	Adm Pl.	
15	" " "		62	Admn Pl.	
16	" " "	46	63	Admn Pl.	
17	HQ Coy Comd & Q.M.	2	64	Admn Pl.	36
18	3 HQ Pl Comds.	3	65	A Coy Comd & 2 i/c	2
19	3 HQ Pl Comds.	3	66	A Coy 3 Pl Comds	3
20	Carr Comd & T.O.	2	67	A Coy Ord Room -	
21	HQ Coy Ord Room -			CSM & P & Q.	2
	C.S.M. & Clerk.	2	68	A Coy Q Store -	
22	Tpt Ord Room - Cpl			COMS & Storeman.	2
	and Ord.	2	69	A Coy - 3 Sgts &	
23	Store tent, COMS.	1		3 Senior Cpls.	6
24	Store tent, Storeman	1	70	A Coy.	
25	QM Stores-2 personnel	2	71	A Coy.	
26	QM Stores-2 personnel	2	72	A Coy.	
27	Coy HQ CSM & Ord	2	73	A Coy.	
28	Guard tent		74	A Coy.	
29	HQ Coy Sgts.	6	75	A Coy.	
30	HQ Coy Sgts.	6	76	A Coy.	
31	HQ Coy Sgts.	5	77	A Coy.	
32	Sig stores, sig pers.	2	78	A Coy.	
33	Sig Pl.		79	A Coy.	
34	Sig Pl.		80	A Coy.	
35	Sig Pl.		81	A Coy.	
36	Sig Pl.	32	82	A Coy.	
37	A.A. Pl.		83	A Coy.	123
38	A.A. Pl.		84	A Coy.	
39	A.A. Pl.				
40	M. Pl.	22			

TENT NO.	ALLOTTED TO.	SUGGESTED NO PERSONNEL.	TENT NO.	ALLOTTED TO.	SUGGESTED NO PERSONNEL.
85	B Coy Comd & 2 i/c.	2			
86	B Coy 3 Pl Comds.	3			
87	B Coy Ord Room - CSM & P & O.	2			
88	B Coy Q Store- COMS & Storeman.	2			
89	B Coy 3 Sgts & 3 Senior Cpls.	6			
90	B Coy.				
91	B Coy.				
92	B Coy.				
93	B Coy.				
94	B Coy.				
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97	B Coy.				
98	B Coy.				
99	B Coy.				
100	B Coy.				
101	B Coy.				
102	B Coy.				
103	B Coy.				
104	B Coy.	123			
105	C Coy Comd & 2 i/c.	2			
106	C Coy 3 Pl Comds.	2			
107	C Coy Ord Room - CSM & P & O.	2			
108	C Coy Q Store - COMS & Storeman.	2			
109	C Coy-3 Sgts & 3 Senior Cpls.	6			
110	C Coy.				
111	C Coy.				
112	C Coy.				
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121	C Coy.				
122	C Coy.				
123	C Coy.	123.			
124	C Coy.				
125	D Coy Coy Comd & 2 I/C.	2			
126	D Coy 3 Pl Comds.	3			
127	D Coy Ord Room - CSM & P & O.	2			
128	D Coy Q Store - COMS & Storeman.	2			
129	D Coy 3 Sgts & 3 Senior Cpls.	6			
130	D Coy.				
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140	D Coy.				
141	D Coy.				
142	D Coy.				
143	D Coy.				
144	D Coy.	123.			

56 AUST. INF. BN. SPORTS PROGRAMME.

COY	OPPON- ENT	SCORES			OPPON- ENT	SCORES			OPPON- ENT	SCORES			OPPON- ENT	SCORES			TOTAL			
		F	H	T		F	H	T		F	H	T		F	H	T				
BN H.Q.	H.Q.	V	S		A	V	S		C	V	S		B	V	S		D	V	S	
HQ. COY.	BN HQ.	F	H	T	D	F	H	T	A	F	H	T	C	F	H	T	B	F	H	T
		V	S			V	S			V	S			V	S			V	S	
A. COY.	B	F	H	T	BN HQ	F	H	T	H.Q.	F	H	T	D	F	H	T	C	F	H	T
		V	S			V	S			V	S			V	S			V	S	
B. COY.	A	F	H	T	C	F	H	T	D	F	H	T	BN.HQ.	F	H	T	HQ COY.	F	H	T
		V	S			V	S			V	S			V	S			V	S	
C. COY.	D	F	H	T	B	F	H	T	BN.HQ.	F	H	T	HQ COY	F	H	T	A	F	H	T
		V	S			V	S			V	S			V	S			V	S	
D. COY.	C	F	H	T	HQ COY	F	H	T	B	F	H	T	A	F	H	T	BN.HQ.	F	H	T
		V	S			V	S			V	S			V	S			V	S	

NOTE:- (1)

F = FOOTBALL - WIN = 5 POINTS DRAW = 3 POINTS.

H = HOCKEY = WIN = 5 POINTS DRAW = 3 POINTS.

T = TABLOID SPORTS - FIRST = 10, 2nd = 8, 3rd = 6, 4th = 4, 5th = 2 Points.

V = VOLLEY BALL - WIN = 3 POINTS PER TEAM.

S = SOFT BALL - WIN = 5 POINTS DRAW = 3 POINTS.

(2) The following Coys are responsible for all details in connection with the running of the sports opposite the Coy

A Coy - Hockey, B Coy - Football, C Coy - Volley Ball, D Coy - Soft Ball, HQ Coy - Tabloid Sports.

(3) There will be six sports Coys within the Bn consisting of (a) Bn HQ + Sig Pl + AA Pl (b) HQ Coy Less Sig Pl and AA Pl. (c) A Coy, (d) B Coy, (e) C Coy, (f) D Coy.

(4) Each sports Coy will supply the necessary men for the following sports on each sports day and will march onto Bn parade ground organized in these sport groups:- Football 1 Team (Rugby League)- Hockey 1 Team - Tabloid Sports team of 20 - Volley Ball 2 teams each of 5 - Soft Ball 1 team - The remainder of personnel not absorbed in participating or controlling these games will report to the Corner Ball field participate in this.

(5) On the completion of 5 sports days each Coy will have met each other and the total number of points will then be taken. The Coy winning each 5 series will be awarded a prize.

(6) Cricket ground is available and two Coys each sports day will supply a cricket team commencing on the first sports day with a match between C and H.Q. Coys.

(7) All results of sports will be handed to Lieut K.J. McDonald (Sports Offr) by Offr I/C of games at the completion of the day.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

56 Aust Inf Bn.

"WHIRLWIND"

17 Apr. 43

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

Ref. Map. GERALDTON STRAIT. 4 miles to 1"
& Enlargement.

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DEMONSTRATION EXERCISE "WINDLWIND"

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS.

1. A tactical demonstration will be conducted on 17 Apr 43 in BOOTENAL-
GEOGINA AREA.
2. OBJECT. To demonstrate the capture of an AIRFIELD by AIRBORNE Tps.
3. LESSONS.
 - (a) Use of Paratps.
 - (b) Role of Airborne Tps.
 - (c) Rapidity of action.
 - (d) Isolation of captured area in preparation for further ops
 - (e) Co-operation with Air Force.
4. Tps TAKING PART:- 56 Aust Inf Bn organised as follows:-
 1. One Paratps Coy. Suggested W.E. attached Appx "A"
 11. One Airborne Bn comprising
 - Bn H.Q.
 - One Heavy Coy
 - Three Rifle Coys)Suggested W.E. attached Appx "B"
5. SEQUENCE OF EXERCISE:-
 - (a) Air photographs and map enlargements which will give all known information of ground defences will be prepared.
 - (b) Cloth model will be constructed in Unit lines, to train all leaders in their tasks.
 - (c) All above information will be made available to pilots.
 - (d) Bombing and ground strafing of Ground Defences.
 - (e) Raiding party will attack ARTY and Inf posns, on ARTY HILL.
 - (f) Paratps will be landed at key points, to deal with Ground Defences - prepare way for landing tps.
 - (g) Air landing tps will then be landed in waves on Drone, deplane, and rapidly move to pre-arranged tasks.
 - (h) For purpose of exercise dropping of paratps will be indicated by Air Force dropping several dummies after which tps will debus from MT in motion to represent landing, run to trucks and remove arms, amm etc from containers, then carry on with task.
 - (j) For landing of Air Landing Tps, 6 planes will land on Drone. MT conveying Tps will move along side planes. Personnel will debus and carry on with task. To be repeated for each flight.
6. OPENING SITUATION:- Appx "C"
7. OPERATION ORDERS :- Will be issued separately.
8. DIRECTING STAFF :-

Brigadier F.P.H. FEWRELL.
Lt.-Col. R.T. BRYEN*
9. ADM INSTRUCTIONS.

Movement of Tps to Exercise Area will be under Unit arrangements.

ANN. All Ball Amn will be withdrawn from personnel prior to exercise. Ball Amn for normal AA defences will be carried in bulk by Bn.H.Q. only.

ADM INSTRUCTIONS (Contd)

ANTI GAS.- equipment will NOT be carried.

PRIVATE PROPERTY.

Damage to private property will be avoided as far as possible. If found necessary to cut or break fences, Coy and Pl Comds will make careful note of location and advise Bn H.Q. at conclusion of Exercise.

Repairs will be effected immediately Exercise concludes, under direction of Claims Offr and Pioneer Pl Comd.

10. SECURITY :-

All correspondence will be treated as Exercise SECRET and will be marked EXERCISE WHIRLWIND. All messages will be prefixed with the word "WHIRLWIND".

L.H. Macauley Lieut.
(L.H. MACAULEY) Act/Adjt. 56 AustInf Bn.

Appx "C"
56 Aust Inf Bn.
12 Apr 43

DEMONSTRATION EXERCISE "WHIRLWIND"

OPENING SITUATION

1. For the purpose of this exercise, it is assumed that the whole of the NORTHAMPTON - GERALDTON - DONGARRA Area is held by enemy forces

An earlier attack on GERALDTON by Units of 2 Aust Airborne Div, following an aerial Bombardment, has met with only partial success.

The GERALDTON AIRFIELD has been severely damaged and is unfit for use.

2. At 0900 hrs, on 16 Apr, Comd 5 Aust Airborne Bde was ordered to despatch a force by air to capture GEORGINA AIRFIELD and hold as a base for further ops.
3. The dispositions of 2 Aust Airborne Div at 1200 hrs on 16 Apr 43 are as follows:-

2 Aust Airborne Div HQ at CARNARVON.

5 Aust Airborne Bde Gp - consisting of three Airborne Bns & one Paratps Coy, situated in vicinity of CARNARVON AERODROME.

4. The RAAF have at CARNARVON AIRFIELD a strong force of bomber and troop carrying planes plus a squadron of recce planes.
5. Elements of the American Navy including several submarines are lying off CARNARVON.
6. From the study of air photos during second half of Mar and from subsequent aerial observation, it is known that the defences of GEORGINA AIRFIELD consist of a mobile force estimated at one Coy, occupying positions on CHURCH KNOLL and ARTY RIDGE. A section of 18 pdrs is also on ARTY RIDGE and some activity has been noticed in both CATTLE COPSE and PEN COPSE. The AIRFIELD AA Defences appear to consist of three quick-firing guns of Bofors Type, situated at map ref 666218, 663201 and 656216, supported by inf secs with MMGs at 669220 668208 and 655217.

The only other opposition considered likely to be encountered in the **initial** stages is from ground staff personnel.

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DEMONSTRATION EXERCISE "WHIRLWIND"

56 AUST AIRBORNE BN OO No 1

56 Airborne Bn.
17 Apr 43.

Map ref GERALDTON 1" - 1 ML.
(Enlargement GEORGINA AREA.)

INFMN.

1. ENEMY. - is holding GEORGINA AIRFIELD area with a mobile force estimated strength ONE COY.
 - (a) One Coy less (2 Pl) CHURCH KNOLL.
One Pl, ARTY RIDGE.
 - (b) ARTY TWO 18 PDR guns ARTY RIDGE ref 688233 and 689232.
 - (c) A.A. Defences.
Known defences comprise
THREE BOFORS TYPE quick firing guns, situated ref
656216, 666218 and 663201.
 - (d) MMG's - reported by Inf secs at ref 655218, 668220
and 668209.
 - (e) Believed one sec MMG's concealed in each CATTLE COPSE
and PEN COPSE.
Only additional tps known to be in area usual Airforce
GROUND STAFF.

2. Own Tps

56 Aust Airborne Bn (ONE Pl as land raiding party)
One Coy 56 Aust Paratps come under Comd at 0500 hrs on
17 Apr 43 and is to assist in ops as per 56 Aust Paratps
Bn OO 1.

INTENTION:-

3.

56 Aust Airborne Bn will capture GEORGINA AIRFIELD by
Airborne and land attack and will hold it as a base for
subsequent operations.

METHOD.

4.

56 Airborne Bn (less one Pl C Coy) will be conveyed by
Aircraft from CARNARVON AIRFIELD (in token only) and will
land on the GEORGINA AIRFIELD as follows:-

A Coy plus one sec MMG, one det Mortar and one Tk.A Rifle
sec at ZERO + 25.

B Coy plus one sec MMG, one det Mortar and one Tk.A Rifle
sec at ZERO + 35.

C Coy (less one Pl) plus one sec MMG, one det Mortar and
one Tk.A Rifle sec at ZERO + 40.

Bn H.C. plus H Coy (less det details) at ZERO + 45.

NOTE:- For purpose of the demonstration, tps will be
transported by MT from present location under Bn arrange-
ments and unload on the GEORGINA AIRFIELD at the times
stated above.

5.

One Pl of C Coy to act as raiding party will be conveyed
by submarine from CARNARVON (in token only) and be dis-
embarked at a point on the coast, map ref (GERALDTON 1"
to 1 ml 598135 at ZERO - 5 hrs) NOTE:- For purpose of the
exercise, this Pl will be conveyed by MT to ref 694204
at ZERO - 60.

Objectives.

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(a) A Coy will immediately proceed to and attack enemy
posns in vic ref 656215 and 655217. When this posn is
mopped up.

OBJECTIVES(Contd).

A Coy will reform along Ry Line facing CHURCH KNOLL and will launch an attack against that posn as early as possible. A Coy will then occupy defence posn on CHURCH KNOLL and establish Rd block near X roads at 641229.

(b) B Coy will assist Paratps vic PEN COPSE and attack enemy posn in vic of AIRFIELD BLDGS.

After taking these posns one Pl plus Tk.A Rifle sec will be despatched to establish a Rd Block at 684188. B Coy less one Pl will proceed to occupy posn on VILLAGE HILL in Sq 6419 as mobile reserve.

(c) C Coy (less two Pls) will occupy def posn in CATTLE COPSE and establish Rd Block at 660236. One Pl with one MMG and one Tk.A Rifle sec will be despatched immediately on landing to established Rd Block at 694204.

(d) Bn HQ will be established in PEN COPSE.

(e) H Coy less Mortar Pl, three MMG secs and Tk.A Rifle Pl will occupy PEN COPSE and act as Bn reserve.

(f) Raiding Party less one Rifle sec will follow Rd from 670178 to 702214 and thence across country in N.W. direction to Rd at 685227.

This party will be in posn at this point by ZERO - 10. They will remain under cover - preferably in Creek bed - and launch attack on enemy posns ARTY RIDGE at ZERO + 15, when aerial bombing ceases. On completion of task def posn will be occupied in that area. One Rifle Sec of raiding party will be detached at branch Rds 673182 and proceed to a point approx 663201 to be in posn by ZERO + 15, when they will attack and capture AA Gun in vic.

7. Conference.

A conference of all Offrs will be held at Bn HQ at 0600 hrs on 17 Apr 43.

8. Zero Hour.

Zero hour will be notified at the conference.

ADM.

9. Dress.

Battle Order - less respirator.

10. AMN.

20 Rounds per man (Blank Only)
100 " " MMG (Blank Only)

Bn reserve will will be established at 673207 in vic of Bn HQ
(In Token)

11. Tools for Consolidation:

One spade will be carried in each sec.

12. Rations.

48 hours rations will be carried by all ranks (In Token)

13. R.A.P. House Ref 665205

INTER COMM

14. Bn H.Q. PEN COPSE.

15. W/T & DR between Coys and Bn HQ.

16. Signals will be sent to Bn HQ immediately final objectives are secured, Success Signal, A Coy - RED VEREY, B Coy - GREEN VEREY, Raiding Party - RED=GREEN VEREY.

Watches will be synchronised at ZERO - 4 hours.

ACK. Issued.

Time of signature 0500 Hrs
DISTRIBUTION as per index.

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borne Bn.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

S E C R E T

DEMONSTRATION EXERCISE "WHIRLWIND" COPY No. 52

56 PARATPS BN. OO No. 1

Map Ref (GERALDTON) 1" = 1 mile.
Enlargement GEORGINA AREA.

INFORMATION.

1. Enemy - is holding GEORGINA AIRFIELD area with a mobile force estimated strength ONE COY.

(a) One Coy less (2 Pl) CHURCH KNOLL.
One Pl ARTY RIDGE.

(b) ARTY. TWO 18 pdr guns ARTY RIDGE ref 688233 and 689232.

(c) A.A. Defences

Known defences comprise:-

Three BOFORS TYPE, quick-firing guns situated ref 656216, 666218 and 663201.

(d) M.M.Gs - supported by Inf Sec at ref 655218, 668220 and 668209.

(e) Believed one sec MMGs concealed in each CATTLE COPSE and PEN COPSE.

Only additional tps known to be in area usual AIRFORCE GROUND STAFF.

2. Own Troops:-

56 Aust Airborne Bn (One Pl employed as Raiding Party)
One Coy 56 Aust Paratroop Bn.

INTENTION:-

3. A Coy 56 Aust Paratps Bn will land from air and assist 56 Aust Airborne Bn to capture GEORGINA AERODROME and hold as a base for subsequent operations.

METHOD:-

4. A Coy will be airborne from CARNARVON and will be landed by parachute (in token only) on the GEORGINA AIRFIELD at ZERO + 15 as follows:-

A Coy (Less two pls) in vicinity of PEN COPSE at approx 676212.

No. 2 Pl in vicinity of 653221.

No. 3 Pl vicinity CATTLE COPSE at approx 669224.

(N.B. - For the purpose of the demonstration, tps will be transported by M.T. from present location under Bn arrangements to a posn in the vicinity of their respective landing areas, prior to ZERO Hour. At ZERO + 15, the vehicles will arrive at the landing areas and tps will unload one at a time whilst vehicles are on the move to represent paratps landing. The vehicles will continue onward for about 25 yds after last man has been dropped and then halt. Men, previously detailed, will then proceed to the vehicles and recover weapons in containers) and stores, presumed to have been dropped by parachutes.)

5. Objectives:-

(a) A Coy (less two pls) will occupy PEN COPSE from which some opposition may be expected, and will then proceed to attack enemy positions in vicinity of AIRFIELD BLDGS. In event of this attack being held up, assistance may be anticipated from B Coy, 56 Aust Airborne Bn by ZERO + 35 mins.

METHOD (Contd.)

6. Objectives.

(b) No 2 Fl. will attack enemy posns. in vicinity of 658214 and 655217. Should attack be held up, enemy will be pinned down as assistance can be expected by zero + 25 Mins from A Coy. 56 Aust. Airborne Bn.

(c) No. 3 Fl. will immediately proceed to attack enemy A.A. and M.M.G. posns at 666218 and 668220. At the same time provision must be made to silence any opposition which may come from CATTLE COPSE.

7. Co-Ordinating Conference.

A conference of all Offrs. will be held at HQ 56 Aust. Airborne Bn. at 0600 hrs 17 Apr. 43.

8. Zero hour will be notified at the conference.

ADM.

9. Dress.

Web equipment, water bottle and haversack, anklets web, steel helmet (in place of crash helmet), Trousers K.D.

10. Rations.

Rations for 48 hrs will be carried. (In token).

11. Amn.

20 rounds per man (BLANK ONLY).
3 Hand Grenades (Dummies) per man.

R.A.P.

House ref. 665205.

INTERCOMM.

12. 108 sets. white and blue signal Flags will be displayed by each Inf. Sec. to indicate posn. to own aircraft.

L.H. Macauley Lieut.
(L.H. MACAULEY.) Act. Adjt.
56 Paratps Bn.

ACK.

Time of Signature. ⁰⁵⁰⁰~~0430~~ Hrs.

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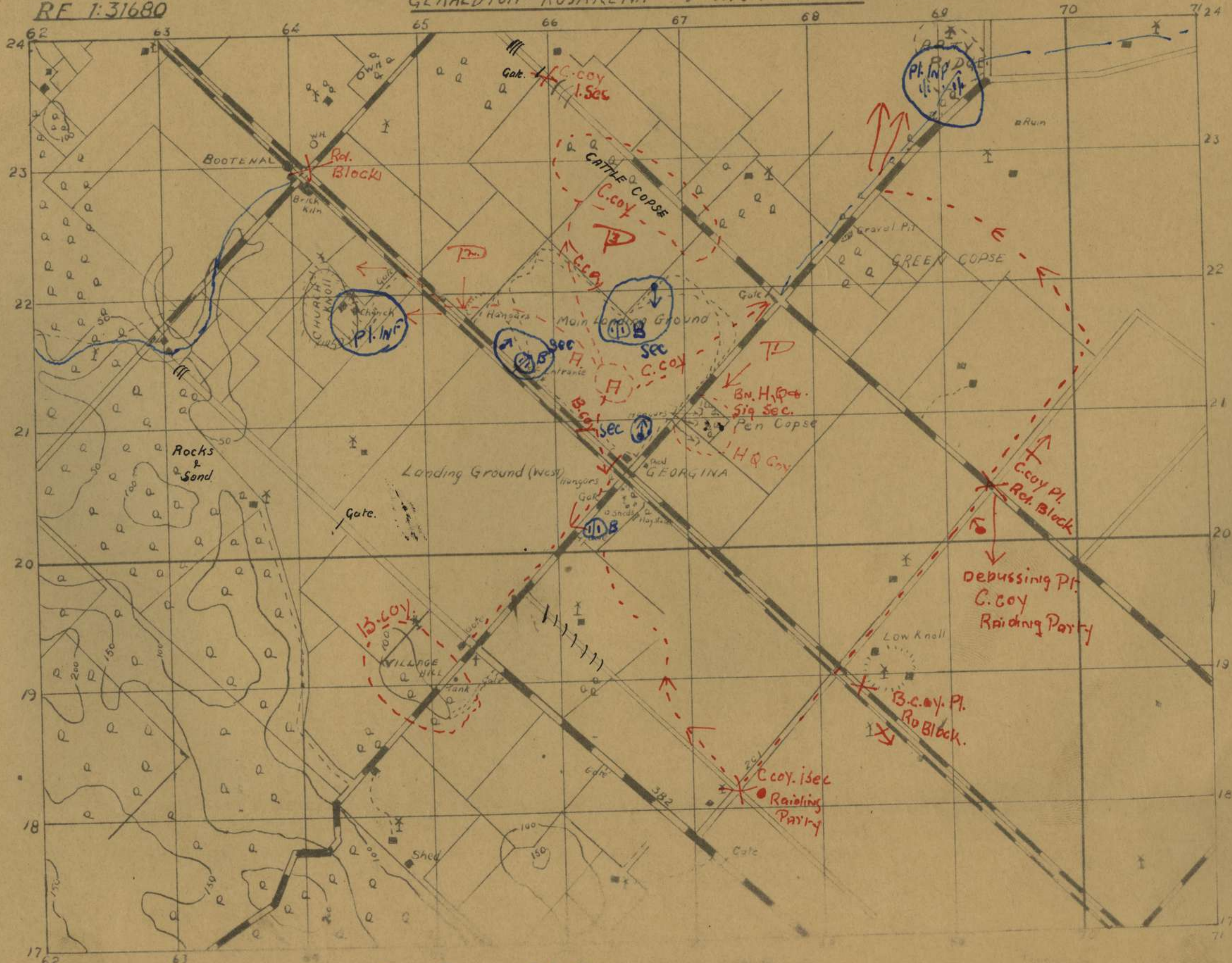
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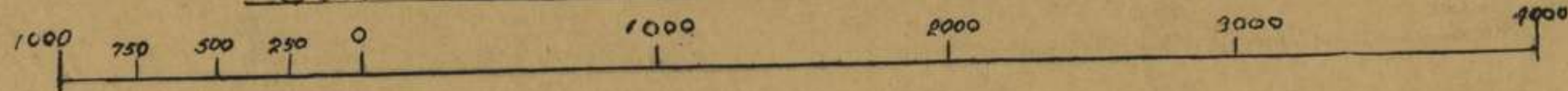
ENLARGEMENT GEORGINA LANDING GROUND

GERALDTON-KOJARENA 1 INCH = 1 MILE

RF 1:31680



Scale 2 inches To 1 mile



Under Instructions...

Grid North

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DEMONSTRATION EXERCISE "WHIRLWIND"

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Ref Maps: GERALDTON 1" to 1 ml
GEORGINA Enlargement

FORECAST OF EVENTS - ISSUED AS APPX D TO 56 AUST INF
BN GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

SERIAL A	DATE B	TIME C	UNIT D	ACTIONS E	REMARKS F
1.	17 Apr	Zero-5 hrs	One Pl C Coy 56 Airborne Bn (Raiding Party)	Lands from submarine on coast at ref GERALDTON 598135 as Raiding Party, and proceeds by track and rd to 643180, thence across country to Rd June at 673182 along rd to 702214, thence in NW direction to rd 685227, where posn will be occupied by zero-10. One Sec will be detached at 673182 and proceed to approx 633199 to attack AA Gun.	For the purpose of the exer- cise, these tps will be trans- ported by MT to dispersal point at ref 694204.
2.	"	Zero	RAAF	Bomb GEORGINA AIRFIELD, AA Defs and hangars and machine gun planes, etc., on ground	Bombing continues for 15 mins
3.	"	Zero plus 15	Raiding Party	Raiding Party less one Sec move for- ward under cover of cr and timber and attack Arty posn and Inf on Arty Ridge. One Sec attack and capture AA Gun at 663201	
4.	"	Zero plus 15	A Coy 56 Para tps Bn & RAAF	Paratps and sups will be dropped in vicinity of (a) 653221 (b) CATTLE COPSE (c) PEN COPSE & vigorous attack will immediately be made as follows: (a) Enemy AA & Ground Defs at 658214 and 655217 (b) AA & Ground Defs at 666218 and 668220 (c) Ground Defs in vicinity of Air- field Bldg at 668209 and AA Gun posn at 663201	RAAF will drop parachutes of various colours to represent tps and sups, but for the pur- pose of the exercise, tps will be conveyed to respective landing areas in MT and de-bus whilst on the move to repres- ent landings. Tps will then follow up the veh and collect weapons in containers.
5.	"	Zero plus 20	Paratps Coy	PEN COPSE and CATTLE COPSE occupied	
6.	"	Zero plus 25	Paratps Coy	Attacks vide Ser.4(a) & (b) success- ful and AA Guns silenced	
7.	"	Zero plus 25	Raiding Party	Raiding Party overpower enemy on Arty Ridge & proceed to consolidate against counter attack.	

A	B	C	D	E	F
8.	17 Apr	Zero plus 25	A Coy Gp 56 Air borne Bn & RAAF	Airborne Tps land on GEORGINA Air- field	Units of RAAF will land in flights of 6 planes. For pur- pose of exercise, as planes touch down tps will enter air- field on MT, which will halt alongside the planes as they come to a standstill. Tps will then debus one after another from each veh, to represent landing from plane and prompt- ly run off approx 50x clear of the plane and lie down to all- ow each Pl to form up in prep- aration for the attack on its particular objective. 2 Pl comb, and Jeep each will be landed with A,B and C Coys
9.	"	Zero plus 30	RAAF	First flight of planes will taxi off field to taking off posn.	
10.	"	Zero plus 30	56 Airborne Bn (MT)	Vehicles will leave field	
11.	"	Zero plus 30	Paratp Coy	Meeting heavy opposition and being pressed by Airfield Def Coy on CHURCH KNOLL.	
12.	"	Zero plus 30	A Coy Gp, 56 Airborne Bn	Tps landed in first flight proceed to attack AA & Ground Defs at 656215 and 655217	Tps will keep clear of landing area to make way for second flight of planes.
13.	"	Zero plus 35	B Coy Gp, 56 Airborne Bn	Second flight of airborne Tps land	See Serials 7 & 9
14.	"	Zero plus 35	B Coy Gp, 56 Airborne Bn	Tps of second flight will proceed to assist paratps in attack on en- emy posns in Sq.6620 incl airfield buildings	One Pl will be detached to form rd block at 684188
15.	"	Zero plus 40	A Coy Gp, 56 Airborne Bn	A Coy secure enemy posns in Sq 6521 reform along Rly line and assist paratps in attack on mob defs on CHURCH KNOLL	
16.	"	Zero plus 40	C Coy (less one Pl 56 Airborne Bn	Third flight of Airborne Tps land	See Serials 6 & 9

A	B	C	D	E	F
17.	17 Apr	Zero plus 40	B Coy Gp, 56 Airborne Bn	Capture enemy posns in Sq.6620 and proceed to take up def.posn on VILLAGE HILL, sq 6419 as Mob Res.	
18.	"	Zero plus 45	Hq 56 Airborne Bn, H Coy (less details)	4th Flight of Airborne Tps land	Bn HQ & H Coy (less details) will be estab. in PEN COPSE as soon as possible after landing.
19	"	Zero plus 55	C Coy (less one Pl) 56 Airborne Bn	C Coy (less one Pl) proceeds to occupy def. posn at CATNET COPSE and establish rd blocks at Tap Ref 660236 and Cross Roads 694204	One Pl will be detached imm- ediately on landing to pro- ceed direct to 694204
20.	"	Zero plus 55	A Coy, 56 Airborne Bn	CHURCH KNOLL captured and rd blocks being established at Cross rds ref 684229	
21.	"	Zero plus 55	H Coy, 56 Airborne Bn	H Coy less details, and Bn HQ occupy PEN COPSE	
22.	"	Zero plus 60	B Coy, 56 Airborne Bn	Posn on VILLAGE HILL occupied and rd block established at ref 684188	

RAAF TASKS AND TIMINGS

SERIAL	DATE	TIME	NO. OF PLANES	DESCRIPTION OF TASK	REMARKS
1.	17 Apr	Zero to Zero plus 15	6	Bombing of GEORGINA AIRFIELD, AA gun posns at ref 656216-666218-663201. Airfield bldgs in Sq. 6620. Arty posn at ref 689233. Ground strafing of any suitable targets in airfield which present themselves.	For the purpose of the exercise bombs will be represented by explosives ignited by ground troops near gun posns.
2.	"	Zero plus 15	3	Dropping of Parachute Tps and sups in vicinity of CATTLE COPSE ref 669224. PEN COPSE " sq6720 SPLINTER PENS " 653221	For the purpose of the exercise, calico parachutes of various colours will be dropped to represent tps and sups. Tps will NOT be carried by plane. 2.WHITE parachute to represent Troops. 2.BLACK parachute to represent Coy or Pl Comd. 2.RED parachute to represent Amn
3.	"	Zero plus 15 to Zero plus 30	3	Machine gun enemy posn on CHURCH KNOLL and any posns offering opposition to paratps	
4.	"	Zero plus 25	6	Landing of 1st flight of Airborne Tps	Tps will NOT be carried, but for the purpose of exercise, one Coy of Airborne Bn (about 130 men), plus MMG Sec Mortar Sec, with 2 M/c Comb. & 1 Jeep will be transported ^{by MT} onto airfield as the planes touch down. As planes come to a halt, lorries will pull up along side and tps will jump off, to represent actual landing by plane MC Combs & Jeep will also be off loaded.
5.	"	Zero plus 30	6	1st Flight of planes will taxi to a selected posn preparatory to taking off.	A further 4 landings will be made in token only as far as planes are concerned.
6.	"	Zero plus 25 to zero plus 60		Flight of 6 planes will remain in air in vicinity of field to represent fighter cover during the capture & occupation of area by the ground forces.	

NOTES ON PREPARATION FOR ATTACK
AND CAPTURE OF ENEMY AIRFIELD.

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HQ 2 Aust Div

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AIRBORNE TROOPS.

DEFINITIONS.

1. Airborne troops. This term covers any force tptd by air, either parachute tps, air landing tps, or both.
2. Parachute tps (or Paratps). Troops carried in aircraft or gliders and released by means of a parachute without the necessity of landing a machine. Their eqpt will be limited to what can be dropped by parachute.
3. Air landing tps. Troops carried in aircraft or in gliders towed behind aircraft which must land on a reasonable landing ground to discharge their tps. The possession of a very large supply of aircraft or gliders may enable the attacker to dispense with an adequate landing ground, in which case the aircraft or glider can be crash landed on any convenient piece of ground. A glider can crash land in an area of about 25 ft. Air landing tps will be more fully eqpt than parachute troops.

CHARACTERISTICS.

Mobility in the air.

4. The speed and range of modern aircraft gives great mobility to airborne tps, given a degree of air supremacy, they can be employed to attack an enemy from almost any direction - front, flanks, rear, lines of communication, airfields, etc.
5. Once they land the mobility of airborne tps is comparatively local. Usually only a limited number of light vehicles and M/Cs can be landed in the initial stages with perhaps a few light tanks or AFVs.

Vulnerability.

6. When in the air, airborne tps are very vulnerable to attack either by fighter aircraft or by AA fire. The danger of attack from fighter aircraft may be offset to some extent by strong fighter escort cover.
7. The danger from AA fire and from aircraft of the defender is at its greatest during process of landing. No direct protection can be afforded at this time, but indirect protection can be given by an intense aerial bombardment of the AA guns positions and ground defences in the area, immediately before the landing is attempted.
8. The most critical period for airborne tps is the few minutes immediately after landing. During this time they must get clear of their air transport and collect and re-organise themselves, as until they have done so they are not able to take offensive action against the defenders. This limitation applies particularly to paratroops who have the further disadvantage of having to collect their weapons from containers. Taking into account the nervous strain imposed on paratroops immediately before they alight, it follows that their morale in the early stages is likely to be impaired.

ORGANISATION AND ARMAMENT.

9. Paratps. These are volunteers who are picked, and especially trained either by, or in conjunction with, the air-force. They must be young and fit and of a type that seek adventure.
10. No official WE for Aust Paratps has been issued, but attd as Appx "A" is a suggested organisation for a Paratp Coy. A Paratp Bn would probably have a strength of about 570 all ranks and consist of the following :-

Bn HQ

HQ Coy with :-

Sig Pl

Mortar Pl (HQ & 6 dets of one mortar ea)

MMG Pl (HQ & 4 Secs of 2 MMGs ea)

Tk A Rifle Pl (HQ & 3 Secs of 2 Tk A Rifles ea)

Adm Pl.

Three Rifle Coys ea

Coy HQ & Sig Sec

Three Pls ea HQ & 5 Secs

} For details see
Appx "A"

11. Air Landing Troops. These are usually trained as infantry Bns with special practice in rapid unloading of personnel and light vchs from aeroplanes. The organisation and armament would differ somewhat from an Inf Bn and as there is also no official WE for Aust Troops, attached as Appx "B" is a suggested layout for Airborne Bn.

TACTICS AND EQUIPMENT.

12. Preparation. Before attempting an airborne landing a very thorough photographic reconnaissance will be made of the area in which the operation is to take place and from which is ascertained a detailed layout of the defence, particularly of the positions of the AA defences and Arty. On the result of this Recce the detailed plan of attack will be worked out. A cloth model of the area should be constructed so that all taking part can become thoroughly acquainted with all the necessary details. It must be born in mind that some ground defences may be concealed in covered positions, such as woods, etc in the vicinity of likely landing places for paratps, and special attention should be given in the plan of attack to ensure the early capture of such areas. Every landing tp and parachutist should have a detailed sketch of the objective to be attacked.
13. Paratps equipment may be varied according to the task but they usually descend carrying an automatic pistol, 3 or 4 grenades and a knife. Those men armed with SMGs carry same strapped on back. Other eqpt, such as IMG, Lt Mortars, amm, food etc, is dropped in containers.
14. Wireless eqpt is carried by all airborne units. It is used for comn between units and also for comn through the usual channels with the air force formations detailed for close support. Direct comn with close support a/c is by means of flares and ground strips.
15. The eqpt of air landing tps corresponds rather closely to that of an ordinary Inf Bn, (less most of the tpt vchs) and the normal tpt arrangement is a shuttle service of a/c.

NOTES ON DEFENCE OF AN AIRFIELD.ENEMY TACTICS.

1. The most likely form of attack to be countered will come from the air and may be divided into three phases:-
 - (a) An intense high & low level aerial bombardment and ground strafing.
 - (b) The dropping of paratroops and equipment in the vicinity of the Airfield.
 - (c) The landing of Airborne (Landing) tps on the Airfield.
2. Attack may also come from enemy ground forces and this must be taken into account when sighting the airfield defences.
3. The principles of defence against airborne tps are the same as any other form of defence i.e. depth, all round defence, and the offensive spirit.

COUNTER MEASURES.

4. Air Support. A most effective weapon with which to defeat an attack by airborne tps is fighter a/c, as it is whilst in the air that they are most vulnerable.

Aircraft on the ground to be well dispersed in well camouflaged positions if possible.
5. Aerodrome Defences. These may be divided into classes:-
 - (a) AA Defence
 - (b) Ground Defences.
6. The importance of AA Defence in the initial stages cannot be overstressed and Comds of tps defending airfields must maintain close contact with the AA units.
7. During the first phase of an attack by Airborne Tps, i.e. the aerial bombardment period, good targets will be presented to the AA Defences, but more likely to the Light AA as attention will be paid to the gun sites by means of low level and dive bombing attacks.

Every effort should be made to mislead the enemy as to the layout of the AA Guns by the skilful use of camouflage, deception and alternate positions which must be occupied in rotation. If possible one position should be left for use when attack by airborne tps is imminent.
8. Ground Defences. Must be sited so that fire can be developed in any direction, since it is impossible to predict where an airborne landing may occur. Every post must have sentries detailed to watch all lines of approach on the ground and also to watch the air, particularly during and after heavy aerial bombardment.
9. Concealment and Camouflage. Are of the utmost importance as defences which have been located will almost certainly be neutralised or destroyed before the defenders have fired a shot. There must be numerous alternative positions, to be occupied in rotation and ingenuity must be exercised to mislead the enemy and

9. Concealment and Camouflage (Contd)

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ATTACK

16. The attack itself can be divided into three phases:-
- (a) An intense aerial bombardment and ground strafing of the def's covering the area in which it is intended to land.
 - (b) The descent of paratps on the outskirts of the airfield.
 - (c) The landing of air landing tps on the airfield within the area captured by the paratps.

NOTE: The landing of a/c and gliders may even be affected while the airfield is still subject to Arty fire and even within small arms range of the defenders.

17. The attack may be made in conjunction with or supported by a land force, which, if small, may be used to distract attention and draw the defence from the main (air) attack.
18. Speed. Is the governing factor in all phases of the attack, and very careful co-ordination is necessary to ensure that there is no time lag between phases A, B and C. The aerial bombardment and ground strafing would probably occupy about 30 minutes, and immediately this ceases, the paratps planes must appear over the spots selected for landing the paratps. These will jump from a height of 200 to 400 ft, and the descent should occupy about 10 seconds.
19. Planes carry from 10 to 20 paratps and each plane will empty its complement at the ratio of about 1 per second. Once on the ground, they should be producing controlled fire from automatic weapons in from 2 to 5 mins; with a paratp Coy landed together as a Unit, a Coy Comd should have same organised and prepared for a controlled operation within about 10 minutes.
20. Coloured parachutes may be used to denote commanders and coloured chutes may be used for eqpt, which is dropped in container, and incidentally, falls more quickly than the men. This may also be dropped at times in padded bundles without a chute.
21. Immediately on alighting, the paratps will locate their extra eqpt, extract same from the containers and straight way proceed with their allotted tasks.
22. As speed is the essential factor, the landing of airborne tps (phase C) will proceed according to plan without waiting for any advice as to the measure of success gained by the paratps. The attack must be pushed home and the airborne tps must deal with the situation as they find it on landing. Reinforcing the paratps if necessary, in addition to carrying out their allotted tasks.
23. Air landing tps should have LMGs ready to shoot from windows of their plane as it comes down, and will lose no time in climbing out and adopting battle formation. Each man will be directed to run well clear of the planes, and lie down whilst the forming up process is being completed.

The plan of attack will include provision for the occupation of defensive positions after capture of the airfield and the subject of the "Defence of an Airfield" will be dealt with in a separate paper.

A PARATROOP

RIFLE COMPANY.

EXERCISE AIRBORNE.

COY HQ & SIG SEC

PERSONNEL		WEAPONS	
Offrs.	2	Pistols	19
W.O.	1	Rifles	13
Sgt.	1	Sub M.G.'s	6
Cpls.	2	Knives	19
O/Rs.	13		
TOTAL.	19.		

TOTALS			
PERSONNEL		WEAPONS	
Offrs	5	Pistols	130
W.O.	1	Rifles	70
Sgts.	4	Sub M.G.'s	36
Cpls	17	2" Mortars	3
O/Rs	103	A.Tk Rifles	3
		Knives	130
		L.M.G.s	18
TOTAL	130	Grenades	279

No 1 PLATOON
Same as No 2

No 2 PLATOON

No 3 PLATOON
Same as No 2

PL H.Q.

PERSONNEL	
Offr	1
Sgt	1
O/Rs	5
TOTAL	7

WEAPONS	
Pistols	7
S.M.G.s	2
Knives	7
Rifles	5
Grenades	21

Lt. MARTAR Sec

L.M.G. SEC

L.M.G. SEC

L.M.G. SEC

A.TK RIFLE SEC

PERSONNEL	
Cpl.	1
O/Rs	5
TOTAL	6

WEAPONS	
2" Mortar	1
S.M.G.s	1
Knives	6
Pistols	6
Rifles	4

PERSONNEL	
Cpl	1
O/Rs	5
TOTAL	6

WEAPONS	
L.M.G.s	2
Pistols	6
S.M.G.s	2
Knives	6
Rivles	2
Grenades	18

PERSONNEL	
Cpl	1
O/Rs	5
TOTAL	6

WEAPONS	
A.Tk Rifles	1
S.M.G.s	1
Knives	6
Rifles	4
Grenades	18
Pistols	6

AN AIRBORNE BATTALION

EXERCISE AIRBORNE BATTALION

TOTAL RIFLE COMPANY		
PERSONNEL	WEAPONS	TRANSPORT
Offrs 5	Pistols 18	
W.O. 1	Rifles 90	
Sgts 4	Sub M.Gs 16	
Cpls 20	L.M.Gs 6	
O/Rs 100	Mortars 2" 6	
TOTAL 130		

BATTALION H.Q.

PERSONNEL	WEAPONS	TRANSPORT
Offrs 4	Pistols 7	JEEP 1
W.O. 1	Rifles 11	M.C. 2
Sgt 1	Sub M.Gs 2	Cycles 6
Cpls 2	L.M.G. 1	
O/Rs 12		
Att A.M.C. MO. 1		
Sgts 2 O/Rs 4		

TOTAL AIRBORNE BATTALION		
TRANSPORT	WEAPONS	PERSONNEL
M.C. 10	Pistols 88	Offrs 25
Combination	Rifles 380	W.O.s 5
JEEPS 5	Sub M.Gs 61	Sgts 23
	L.M.Gs 19	Cpls 80
	A.Tk R. 6	O/Rs 428
	Mortars 2" 18	Total 561
	Mortars 3" 4	Attached 1
	M.M.Gs 8	M.O.(A.A.M.C.)
	208 W.Sets 6	Sgts " 2
		O/Rs " 2
		Total 5
		Total Bn 566

RIFLE COY RIFLE COY RIFLE COY SIG SECTION HEAVY COY. I
Coy HQ & Sigs Coy HQ & S.S

PERSONNEL	WEAPONS
Offrs 2	Pistols 3
W.O. 1	Rifles 15
Sgt 1	Sub M.G 1
Cpls 2	
O/Rs 13	
Total 19	

PERSONNEL	WEAPONS
Offr 1	Pistols 4
Sgt 1	Rifles 32
Cpls 6	208 Wireless
O/Rs 28	Sets 6
Total 36	

PERSONNEL	WEAPONS
Offr 1	Pistols 3
W.O. 1	Rifles 14
Sgt 1	Sub M.G. 1
Cpls 2	
O/Rs 13	
Total 18	

PERSONNEL	WEAPONS	TRANSPORT
Offr 1	Pistols 3	M.C. Combs 2
W.O. 1	Rifles 14	
Sgt 1	Sub M.G. 1	
Cpls 2		
O/Rs 13		
Total 18		

No 1 Plat Same as No 2 No 2 PLAT No 3 PLAT Same as No 2

PLATOON HQ

PERSONNEL	WEAPONS
Offr 1	Pistol 1
Sgt 1	Rifles 5
O/Rs 5	Sub M.G. 1
Total 7	

PERSONNEL	WEAPONS
Platoon HQ	Pistols 8
Offr 1	Rifles 18
Sgt 1	Sub MGs 3
Cpl 1	Mortars 4
O/Rs 6	3"
Total 4 Sec	
Sgts 2	
Cpls 2	
O/Rs 16	
Total 29	

PERSONNEL	WEAPONS
Platoon HQ	Pistols 8
Offr 1	Rifles 18
Sgt 1	Sub MGs 3
Cpl 1	Mortars 4
O/Rs 6	3"
Total 4 Sec	
Sgts 2	
Cpls 2	
O/Rs 16	
Total 29	

PERSONNEL	WEAPONS	TRANSPORT
Platoon H.Q.	Pistols 5	
Offr 1	Rifles 12	
O/Rs 4	Sub M.Gs 2	
Total 2 Secs	M.M.Gs 4	
Sgts 2		
Cpls 4		
O/Rs 12		
Total 23		

PERSONNEL	WEAPONS	TRANSPORT
Platoon H.Q.	Pistols 5	
Offr 1	Rifles 12	
O/Rs 4	Sub M.Gs 2	
Total 2 Secs	M.M.Gs 4	
Sgts 2		
Cpls 4		
O/Rs 12		
Total 23		

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Cpls 4		
O/Rs 12		
Total 23		

Rifle Sec RIFLE SEC L.M.G. SEC L.M.G. SEC Lt MORTAR S Lt MORTAR S

PERSONNEL	WEAPONS
Cpl 1	Rifles 3
O/Rs 4	Sub M.Gs 2
Total 5	

PERSONNEL	WEAPONS
Cpl 1	Pistol 1
O/Rs 4	Rifles 3
Total 5	L.M.G. 1

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PERSONNEL	WEAPONS
Cpl 1	Pistol 1
O/Rs 4	Rifles 4
Total 5	Mortar 2" 1

PERSONNEL	WEAPONS
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Total 5	Mortar 2" 1

PERSONNEL	WEAPONS	TRANSPORT
Offrs 5	Pistols 23	M.C. Combs 10
W.O. 1	Rifles 67	Jeeps 4
Sgts 9	Sub M.Gs 1	
Cpls 16	Mortars 3" 4	
O/Rs 84	M.M.Gs 8	
Total 115	A.Tk Rifle 6	

TOTAL HEAVY COMPANY		
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Offrs 5	Pistols 23	M.C. Combs 10
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NOTES ON DEFENCE OF AN AIRFIELD.

ENEMY TACTICS.

1. The most likely form of attack to be countered will come from the air and may be divided into three phases:-
 - (a) An intense high & low level aerial bombardment and ground strafing.
 - (b) The dropping of paratroops and equipment in the vicinity of the Airfield.
 - (c) The landing of Airborne (Landing) tps on the Airfield.
2. Attack may also come from enemy ground forces and this must be taken into account when sighting the airfield defences.
3. The principles of defence against airborne tps are the same as any other form of defence i.e. depth, all round defence, and the offensive spirit.

COUNTER MEASURES.

4. Air Support. A most effective weapon with which to defeat an attack by airborne tps is fighter a/c, as it is whilst in the air that they are most vulnerable.

Aircraft on the ground to be well dispersed in well camouflaged positions if possible.
5. Aerodrome Defences. These may be divided into classes:-
 - (a) AA Defence
 - (b) Ground Defences.
6. The importance of AA Defence in the initial stages cannot be overstressed and Comds of tps defending airfields must maintain close contact with the AA units.
7. During the first phase of an attack by Airborne Tps, i.e. the aerial bombardment period, good targets will be presented to the AA Defences, but more likely to the Light AA as attention will be paid to the gun sites by means of low level and dive bombing attacks.

Every effort should be made to mislead the enemy as to the layout of the AA Guns by the skilful use of camouflage, deception and alternate positions which must be occupied in rotation. If possible one position should be left for use when attack by airborne tps is imminent.
8. Ground Defences. Must be sited so that fire can be developed in any direction, since it is impossible to predict where an airborne landing may occur. Every post must have sentries detailed to watch all lines of approach on the ground and also to watch the air, particularly during and after heavy aerial bombardment.
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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

56 Aust. Inf Bn. (Unit)

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1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
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2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
Totals	31	1	4

*Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

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Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).
<i>Capt.</i>	<i>Hough J.W.</i>	<i>56 Inf</i>	<i>L116 Medical Course 8.49c area</i>

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

(i) Officers posted to Unit (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A).

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lt. Col.	NX 112633	BRYEN, R.T.	Sb Pw.	Yes.	C.O.
Lieut. T. May	124443	MURRAY, E.F.	✓	✓	2 1/2 Co.
✓	124434	STEVENSON MR.	✓	✓	O.C. D Coy.
✓ T. Capt	124444	EVERITT, L.W.	✓	✓	O.C. H S Coy
✓	124441	KEAST, W.C.	✓	No.	SCHOOL HARVEY.
✓	124436	NEIL, W.D.	✓	Yes.	O.C. H Coy
✓	124442	FARRELL, JR	✓	NO	SCHOOL HARVEY
✓	124440	CLARK, J.M.	✓	Yes.	G.M.
✓	125724	SAMUELSON, C.T.	✓	✓	2 1/2 H. Coy.
✓	110619	BOARDMAN, J.S.	✓	✓	O.C. B Coy
✓	125727	MASON, F.H.	✓	No.	SCHOOL HARVEY.
✓	125723	SCOTT, M.M.	✓	Yes.	I.O.
✓	16521	WILLIAMS W.J.	✓	✓	2 1/2 D Coy.
✓	125724	CALLAN, R.J.	✓	✓	OCC Coy.
Lieut.	125736	BRAITHWAITE SJ	✓	Yes.	4 P.C. O.C.
✓	110618	KILEY, J.A.	✓	✓	O.C. 3 P.C.
✓	124440	M'CLELLAN, C.M.	✓	No.	SCHOOL HARVEY.
✓	125731	MCDONALD, J.C.	✓	Yes.	10 P.C.
✓	124437	KING, B.W.	✓	✓	6 P.C.
✓	125729	DAVIS, G.W.B.	✓	✓	T.O.
✓	125723	CURRAN, O.A.	✓	✓	10 P.C.
✓	125735	MCDONALD, K.J.	✓	✓	12 P.C.
✓	124439	HARDY, M.G.	✓	✓	19 P.C.
✓	125756	BENNETT, J.W.	✓	✓	16 P.C.
✓	125737	CUNNINGHAM, H.K.	✓	✓	13 P.C.
✓	125738	DAY, J.F.	✓	✓	5 P.C.
✓	125724	MARBLEY, L.H.	✓	✓	Adjt.
✓	120651	BROWNING, E.	✓	No.	Combined Sps. Camp
✓	119436	CHRISTIE, A.W.G.	✓	Yes.	11 P.C.
✓	124446	SMITH, J.M.	✓	✓	1 P.C.
✓	120640	EDGHILL, A.C.	✓	✓	17 P.C.

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt.	NX34307	McAULIFFE, J.A.	ARMC	24/9/41	R.M.O.
Chaplain	NX18638	SMITH, F.T.	ARCC	8/7/41	Padre
WV	B259	TOMLISON, J.	Inf. Army	-	J.A.W.O.

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3 Apr. 43
(Date of Despatch.)

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(Signature of Commander.)

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St. Col.	NX 112633	BRUGN R.T.	56 BN.	YES.	C.O.
LEUT. T. MAJ.	120008	MURRAY B.F.	✓	✓	2 1/2 BN.
✓	120134	STEVENSON A.B.	✓	✓	OC. D CO
✓ T. MAJ.	120444	EVERITT L.W.	✓	✓	OC. H S CO
✓	130041	KEAST W.C.	✓	NO.	SCHOOL HARVEY.
✓	120436	NEIL W.D.	✓	YES.	OC. A CO
✓	120042	FARRELL J.R.	✓	NO.	SCHOOL HARVEY.
✓	120440	CHARK J.M.	✓	YES.	O.N.
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✓	125729	MASON F.W.	✓	NO.	SCHOOL HARVEY.
✓	125723	SCOTT M.M.	✓	YES.	1.0
✓	76527	WILLIAMS L.S.	✓	✓	2 1/2 D CO
✓	125724	CALLAN E.J.	✓	✓	OC. C CO
Lieut	125736	KRAITHWAITE S.J.	✓	✓	OC. 4 PL
✓	116818	KILBY J.A.	✓	✓	3 PL
✓	120438	MC CLELLAN C.M.	✓	NO.	SCHOOL HARVEY.
✓	125731	McDONALD J.C.	✓	YES.	14 PL
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✓	126651	BROWNING R.	✓	NO.	11 PL
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✓	120446	SMALL J.M.	✓	NO.	SCHOOL HARVEY.
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(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment	Nature of attachment.
Lieut.	NX 24307	McHULIFFE J.A.	AAMC	24/9/42	R.V.
Quartermaster	NX 118608	SMITH F.J.	174 CC	8/7/42	2nd
WV2	B259	THOMPSON J.	Salisbury		5th

56 Aust. Inf Bn

(Unit.)

10 Apr 43

(Date of Despatch.)

[Signature]

(Signature of Commander.)

C.R.T. 5 Aus

(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

(Adapted)

36th Field Coy (Unit) 3 Apr 1945 (Date).

(To be furnished by all units and all Headquarter units.)

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	1		
W.Os. Class II.	7		
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	5		
Staff Serjeants	1	1	
Serjeants	29	2	2
Corporals	65		2
Troopers, Privates, &c.	689	9	61
TOTALS	805	* 13	* 75

*These totals should agree with the details shown in Part D on page 2 of Army Form W.3009.

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
Pay Sgt	A.A.P.C.	Medical Sgt	A.A.P.C.
Pay Cpl	A.A.P.C.	Postmaster	21st Coy Royal Signals
Bookmaker	A.A.P.C.	Private Postman	5th Coy Royal Signals
Interpreter (M.V. Unit)	A.E.M.F.	Librarian (2)	Sec.
Cook Room Sgt	A.A.P.C.	Accountant	A.E.M.F.
M.C. Company	A.A.P.C.		
Hygiene Sgt	A.A.P.C.		

Part C. Description of other ranks whose return to the unit is particularly requested.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts if known).
AX 131004	Cpl	Carroll K.	36th Coy	Present at [unclear]
AX 131006	Cpl	Carroll K.	36th Coy	School [unclear]
AX 131008	Cpl	Carroll K.	36th Coy	X List (31 A.S.H.)
AX 139912	Sgt	Carroll K.	36th Coy	X List [unclear]
AX 135118	Sgt	Carroll K.	36th Coy	X List [unclear]
AX 135119	Sgt	Carroll K.	36th Coy	X List [unclear]
AX 140859	Cpl	Carroll K.	36th Coy	X List [unclear]
AX 135153	Sgt	Carroll K.	36th Coy	X List [unclear]
AX 135155	Sgt	Carroll K.	36th Coy	X List [unclear]
AX 135168	Sgt	Carroll K.	36th Coy	X List [unclear]
AX 105129	Sgt	Carroll K.	36th Coy	X List [unclear]
AX 119134	Sgt	Carroll K.	36th Coy	OCTU [unclear]
AX 135157	Sgt	Carroll K.	36th Coy	X List [unclear]
AX 120156	Sgt	Carroll K.	36th Coy	X List [unclear]
AX 135389	Sgt	Carroll K.	36th Coy	X List [unclear]

War Diary copy.

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

Army Form W. 3009
(page 1)
(Adapted)

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

56 Aust Inf Bn (Unit) 10 Apr 1943. (Date).

(To be furnished by all units and all Headquarter units.)

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1 Detail.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments)
W.Os. Class I.	1		
W.Os. Class II.	7		
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	5		
Staff Serjeants	1	1	
Serjeants	30		5
<i>Serjeant books.</i> Corporals	4	3	
<i>Corporal books</i> Troopers, Privates, &c.	64		7
	680	7	63
TOTALS	795	* 11	* 77

*These totals should agree with the details shown in Part D on page 2 of Army Form W.3009.

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
Pay Sgt.	AAFC	Medical Sgt.	AAFC
Pol. Bpl.	AAFC	Portman	2 Div Postal Unit
Bookmaker	AAOC	Padres Batmen	5 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)
Tellers (mv.) 4	AEME	J Sec Sigs (2)	5 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)
Ord Room Sgt.	AAFC <i>absorbed in unit W/E</i>		
MO's Underly	AAFC		
Hygiene Sgt.	AAFC		

Part C. Description of other ranks whose return to the unit is particularly requested.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts if known).
NX123836	Pte.	Boughlan TK	56 Bn	X List (2/1 AGH)
NX159843	Sgt.	Kurleyade WA	✓	X List Hoop
NX125413	"	Gillbara RL	✓	✓
NX125402	"	Molan J	✓	OCTU S.A. L7C area
NX140859	Bpl.	Anderson AOG	✓	X List Hoop
NX125752	"	Rodgers JA	✓	✓
NX125885	"	Loque GJ	✓	✓
NX125768	"	Shemank J	✓	✓
NX105429	L/Sgt.	Keast RC	✓	✓
NX119430	Sgt.	Casey J	✓	OCTU S.A. L7C area
NX125887	WO2	Chell SG	✓	✓
NX140856	Pte.	Hardley RJ	✓	X List Hoop
NX138389	"	Casey LR	✓	X List School Graylands
NX131574	"	EVANS P.K.	✓	✓

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ROUTINE ORDERS.

PART 1.

BY

Lt. Col. R.T. BRYEN.
Comd. 56 Aust. Inf. Bn.

Serial No 75.

No 341 to.

341. IDENTITY DISCS.

It has been brought to notice that many members have been neglecting to wear discs identity.

Coys will carry out an inspection immediately and adjust any deficiencies of Identity Discs and Disciplinary Action will in future be taken against members neglecting to ~~obey~~ this instruction.

342. OFFICERS READING G.R.O.'S.

All Officers will in future read and initial G.R.O.'s. Adjts will place G.R.O.'s in Offrs Mess each evening for perusal by Offrs. H.Q. Coy Offrs will read and initial copy of G.R.O.'s held by Q.M. at Q Store and O.C. H.Q. Coy will be responsible to see this is carried out.

R.M.O. will note all medical matters in G.R.O.'s.

343. DOCUMENTS OF SOLDIERS ON EVACUATION.

On the evacuation of a member to hospital, schools or leave, the Coy concerned will ensure that he is accompanied by Pay Book, Standard Leave Pass in addition to all necessary documents from Bn.H.Q.

344. CENSORSHIP - CORRESPONDENCE WITH PEN FRIENDS.

The District Censor reports an increase in the number of Military Personnel seeking Pen Friends per medium of correspondence. Attention is drawn to the following extract from 3 Aust Corps ASO's Chap 2, Sec 3, Para 17 (b) .

"Correspondence with Pen Friends is forbidden."

Disciplinary action will be taken against all future breaches of this ASO reported by the District Censor.

345. LEAVE.

Officers only will exercise the discretionary power of determining whether leave of absence will be granted or not, except in the case of detached troops, where specific authority has been given by an officer to an NCO i/c of a detachment to do so. In any other circumstances leave will not be granted or refused by a W.O. or an NCO.

Leave passes will be signed by ~~ANY~~ ^{ANY} offr only and if NO officer is available, pass will be taken to ~~OFF~~ offr or Adjts.

L.H. Macauley Lieut.
(L.H. MACAULEY) Act/Adjts. 56 Aust Inf Bn

NOTICES.

1. Church Parade will be held at 0830 hrs on 11 Apr 43.
2. A Ladies Sewing Guild at Geraldton will mend articles of clothing for service men. Personnel wishing to avail themselves of this facility should leave clothing (CLEAN) with Chaplain F.T. Smith on TUESDAY MORNINGS.

13.

56 AUST INF BN.
ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS NO 4.

Ref Map GERALDTON 4 miles to 1"

1. "C" Coy will replace "A" Coy on Rd repair work on the Rd KOJAREENA - MULLEWA.
2. MOVEMENT A Coy will return to camp vicinity MOONYOONOOKA 5 Apr 43 on completion of days work. C Coy will move from camp on morning of 6 Apr 43.
3. M.T. A Coy will utilise 7 X 3 ton trucks to transport tents, kitchen and tps and immediately on arrival in camp these trucks will report to O.C. C Coy in C Coy lines. C Coy will load all necessary tents, kitchen gear etc and tps on 7 X 3 ton trucks. C Coy will supply their Coy 15 cwt truck and one 15 cwt FWD plus tank for water carting. M.C. orderly with A Coy will report to C Coy and carry on as usual.
4. ADM.

Starting time:- 0845 hrs 6 Apr 43.
Starting point :- Main entrance gate camp area.
Route :- From camp area - Rd GERALDTON - MULLEWA and WICHERINA.
Reporting :- Work will be under supervision of 52 Fd Park and M.C. orderly will act as guide.
Tentage:- C Coy will provide sufficient tents to house party.
Picquet:- Coy will provide A Coy picquet to remain in Coy lines during absence.
Messing:- Coy will take full kitchen. Picquet personnel left in lines will mess with H.Q. Coy.
Rations:- Will be drawn at KOJAREENA S.P. Exact time and place to be ascertained from A Coy.
Water:- C Coy will ascertain particulars of water points from A Coy.
Loading:- All trucks will report to C Coy lines for loading immediately on arrival in camp.
Medical:- R.M.O. Will arrange medical supplies and will make periodic inspections.
Hygiene:- Pte Schremmer F.G. will be attached to C Coy for water testing purposes, and to advise and supervise Hygiene. Water testing apparatus will be carried. Every care will be taken and see that Bivouac areas are left clean when vacated.
Tools:- These are supplied by 52 Fd Pk and will be taken over from A Coy by C Coy.
A/A Protection. Three Brens and two boxes of Amn per gun will be carried.
Mail:- Coy D.R. will deliver and pick up mail each night from Bn H.Q.
Canteen Supplies:- A list of supplies required will be sent in periodically by Coy D.R. and Canteen will deliver.
5. Inter Comn.

C Coy H.Q. will be in vicinity ref 326448 and D.R. will be only method of Comn with Bn H.Q.

L.H. Macauley Lieut.
(L.H. MACAULEY) Act/Adjt.
56 Aust. Inf. Bn.

Issued by Runner.

Signed at _____ hrs.

Distribution. Copy No.

C.O.	1
2 I/C	2
Adjt	3
R.M.O.	4
T.O.	5
A Coy.	6
C Coy.	7
H.Q. Coy.	8
Caterer.	9

	Copy No.
R.S.M.	10
5 Aust Inf Bde.	11
War Diary	12,13.
File	14
Spare	15,16.

56 AUST. INF. BN.
COY SEVEN DAY TACTICAL EXERCISE "DEER"
6 - 13 MAR 43.

Ref Map KOJERNA 1" to 1 mile.
GERALDTON 4 miles to 1"

REPORT.

1. GENERAL.

The Coy 7 days Tactical Exercise "DEER" was carried out by the 56 Aust Inf Bn 6/13 Mar 43, according to instructions for Exercise submitted prior to that date.

"B" & "C" coys commenced exercise on 6 Mar.

"C" & "D" coys on 7 Mar following the same route.

Numerous exercises of these kind have been carried out in the past but in the preparation of this exercise special efforts were made to remove the impression, amongst the tps, that this exercise would be one long march with a possibility of one or two actions developing.

New and unusual situations were planned to develop during the course of the weeks work.

2. OBJECT.

The exercise was prepared to train the Coys:-

- (a) To operate as an independant force.
- (b) To develop initiative and self reliance.
- (c) To attain high standard of mobility without M.T.
- (d) To harden tps for sustained operations.

3. LESSONS.

(a) To give Coy and Pl commanders practical experience in control, administration and in the care and feeding of tps in conditions as may be expected on Active Service.

(b) To give practical experience to N.C.O's and men in making the best of conditions under these circumstances and to promote the spirit of mutual help.

(c) To practice all ranks in field craft and reliance on themselves for their own protection in hostile country.

To help to attain the objects and train the tps in the lesson set out, every Coy carried out:-

- (a) Coy attack deliberate.
- (b) Coy attack infiltration.
- (c) River crossing (using assault boats.)
- (d) Mobile defence.
- (e) Tank hunting by day and by night.
- (f) Infiltration by night patrols.
- (g) Attack and defence close country.
- (h) Village fighting including attack and defence.
- (i) Rd blocks and ambushes.
- (j) Defence against guerilla bands and commande forces.

50% of both movement and exercise were carried out by night. This included the greater portion of the long 25 to 30 mile marches being covered during hours of darkness.

4. TPS TAKING PART.

(a) All rifle coys of 56 Aust Inf Bn.

(b) No 4 Carrier Pl with three roles.

(1) Carry out mobile attack by day.

(11) Attack dismounted action day time.

(111) Carriers to go into harbourage then to be hunted and stalked by coys operating in the area.

(c) No 2 A/A Pl controlled by D.S. from camp to act as mobile or guerilla force to carry out raids on Coys bivouac area.

5. ENEMY.

The open situation

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The open situation stated that enemy force^s of approximately one Coy in strength were operating inland from GERALDTON with the intention of carrying out raids on strategic points, therefore all 56 Aust Inf Bn tps were to be treated as enemy.

6. DISTANCES.

Allowing for conservative estimated distances, covered by patrols, each coy covered 140 days in the 7 days.
On each of three days not less than 25 miles was covered by each coy, one coy covering 38 miles in 24 hrs.

7. LESSONS LEARNT.

(a) Security showed definite improvement during course of exercise.

(b) Protection at rest.

Protection in close country during hours of darkness. With the possibility of raids the coys were found to protect themselves against surprise. The D.S. regularly checked this.

(c) Necessity to take advantage of rest during hours of daylight.

The coys found it was most essential to get down to a strict policy en-forcing all the tps to take advantage of every opportunity for sleep and rest. This required strict supervision. Camp training by night and sleep by day appears to be the solution to develop this principle of training.

(d) Adaptability and resourcefulness .

This was well demonstrated in the supplementing of hard rations. (see Ration para)

(e) Offensive spirits

The numerous actions, with a live and equally enthusiastic enemy developed the offensive spirit to the fullest extent. At no time were the coys content in sitting down and waiting for an enemy force to locate them - they pushed out patrols seeking the enemy posn with the idea of attacking.

(f) Initiative and self reliance

As a result of being able to handle coys and Pls without detailed orders from higher authority subordinate commands were able to use initiative and therefore develop that self reliance attitude. To further develop the spirit of responsibility to a greater degree in Pl and Sec Comds similar exercises could be arranged.

8. ADM.

(a) Rations

For a portion of the exercise hard rations only, were issued to the tps.

Adaptability and resourcefulness came well to the fore in supplementing the hard rations with rabbits and making the best use of issue rations in the preparation of meals by means of mess tin cooking.

The Coys did not appear to suffer in any way as the result of the change of diet.

(b) Medical, and Physical Fitness.

(1) Feet.

Due to advantage being taken off frequent foot baths the tps feet remained in excellent condition.

(2) Sick Parades.

M.O. visited all coys once each day. The personnel at these sick parades were considerably less than the number reporting at the camp parades.

(3) Physical Fitness.

Practically 100% of the tps taking part completed the exercise. The general morale and physical fitness of the tps is clearly indicated by the instances mentioned below.

(a) After completing a march of approximately 28 mile the men set about supplementing their hard rations by running after rabbits and killing them with sticks.

(b) After being for 48 hrs on hard rations and marching 26 miles over rough country the Pls hunted, located and engaged in a running fight with carriers which lasted for 60 minutes.

(c) At conclusion of the exercise and after covering 20 miles in 9 hrs a coy marched into camp singing.

9. INTERCOMN.

108 sets (2 per coy) not at all times satisfactory, but when operating were used to maintain communications between coy H.Q. and fwd patrols.

208 sets (one per coy, one Bn H.Q. at camp) were used to submit coy reports to Bn.

The exercise was controlled by written messages delivered to Coy Comds by umpires.

SUMMARY.

Physical Fitness-The exercise has proved that the tps are capable, equipped in battle order, of covering a distance of up to 40 miles in 24 hrs. They could carry on for a more or less indefinite period covering 15/20 miles per day.

MORALE. is very good and showed to greatest advantage when aggressive tactics are adopted.

Keeness, enthusiasm and an intelligent interest was displayed throughout by all tps taking part.