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56 Infantry Battalion

November - December 1943

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WAR DIARY

- Monday
1 NOV 43 - Reveille 0600 hrs. Bn Muster Parade at 0800 hrs from whence all Coys were broken off and various instructors from 3 Aust Corps Jungle Warfare School, marched the then training Groups to the respective training areas. Training in all types of Jungle Warfare training commenced, which ran for the duration of the battalion's stay at the school. The following attachments from other units also were undergoing training and treated as part of the unit
5 Fd Coy RAE, 132 - 44 Aust Inf Bn (AIF), 16 -
54 Aust Inf Bn (AIF), 31 - 5 Bde Signal Section, 38 -
22 Aust Fd Coy, 51 - N Sec F.S.S. - 2 -
The training undertaken was of a nature to accustom the men to conditions, obstacles and difficulties likely to be encountered in jungle country.
- Tuesday
2 Nov 43 - Training continued.
In the evening a party of civilians were transported to the Camp by army trucks and this party staged a concert programme in the Salvation Army Recreation Tent, which was well attended and received.
- Wednesday
3 Nov 43 - Jungle Training under various instructors - All Coys -
- Thursday
4 Nov 43 - All coys again out on jungle training. In the evening, 25% of the unit were transported to COLLIE for leave, this being the first glimpse of the town the leave was most wholeheartedly enjoyed.
- Friday
Saturday
5/6/ Nov 43 - Training continued.
- Sunday
7 Nov 43 - Rest day for the whole camp.
In the afternoon a selected number of personnel proceeded to COLLIE, where at the sports ground the members of various platoons staged a demonstration of all phases of infantry training. Prior to this demonstration, all personnel who proceeded to town marched through the streets, with the unit band. In the evening members of the Bn concert Party staged a Community Singing and entertainment and this was well attended by civilians and soldiers alike.
- Monday
Thursday
8/11 Nov 43 - Further Jungle training.
- Friday
12 Nov 43 - Coys out in the field carrying on with the more advanced training. In the evening the unit moved to the start point from which the "Long Trail" (Exercise 'LIK LIK') was to commence on the morrow. Troops bivouac at this area.
- Saturday
13 Nov 43 - Exercise "LIK LIK" commenced.
- Sunday
14 Nov 43 - Unit still out on Long Trail, completing the final stages of the training. During the afternoon troops arrived back in camp.

WAR DIARY

- Monday
15 Nov 43 - The day was spent in the washing of clothes and equipment also cleaning up of lines. In the evening 25% of the unit proceeded to COLLIE on leave.
A revue was staged by the unit CONCERT PARTY under the direction of L/Sgt G.J.ROSS and Cpl Jeff STENNER.
The performance was well received by a large ~~audix~~ audience and resulted in approx £41 being raised and presented to a COLLIE patriotic fund.
- Tuesday
16 Nov 43 - Day spent in washing, cleaning the area. A party of men who did NOT complete the Long Trail on account of sickness and ailments were detailed and taken out over the Trail to clean the trail of rubbish left behind by the coys
- Wednesday
17 Nov 43 - Bn Parade in the morning followed by a kit inspection. Pay parade. - Preparations for the move from JUNGLE TRAINING CENTRE to SWANBOURNE RANGE.
- Thursday
18 Nov 43 - Spent in breaking camp and cleaning up. The unit moved in marching order by coys to respective bivouac areas in the vicinity of WORSLEY SIDING.
- Friday
19 Nov 43 - After spending the night en bivouac, HQ Coy, Bn HQ & B Coy entrained at 0715 hrs for the journey to SWANBOURNE RANGE.
Other coys remaining for later trains, completed impromptu training programme.
At 1900 hrs the second train left WORSLEY, carrying A, C & D Coys, attachment from 54 & 44 Bns, 5 Bde Sigs.
- Saturday
20 Nov 43 - At 0510 hrs the third train departed from WORSLEY and carried various attachments, mainly 5 Fd Coy RAE.
This day was spent in settling in to SWANBOURNE CAMP, one of huts and all conveniences. Each of the trains en route followed the main line, i.e. via BRUNSWICK JUNCTION, HARVEY, PERTH to CLAREMONT where the troops detrained & were transported to the camp.
- Sunday
21 Nov 43 - Church Parade held - Protestant Denominations at 1015 hrs
Roman Catholic at 0700 "
Commenced firing practice, firing Table A parts 1 & 2.
Personnel NOT on range, were completing training in elementary subjects of inf weapons in "bull ring" fashion.
- Monday
22 Nov 43 - Range practices continued also personnel continued with 'Bull ring' training who had either completed firing or who were waiting to fire. At 1800 hrs 33.1/3% of personnel were granted leave to PERTH.
- Tuesday
23 Nov 43 - Range practices & Bull-ring training.
Each Coy was granted a rest day followed by leave to PERTH in the afternoon, one coy granted this leave on one of the following days, Tues, Wed or Thurs.
- Wednesday
24 Nov 43 - Range practices and 'bull-ring'. In the evening, in HQ Coy mess hut, training films were screened at attendance by personnel was compulsory.

WAR DIARY

Thursday
25 Nov 43 - Range practices & bull-ring training.- Training films
 screened in the evening.

Friday
to Tuesday
26/30 Nov 43- Continued with range practices and bull-rung training in
 elementary subjects on infantry weapons.
 During the course of the range practices in various
 weapons of rifle, Bren LMG, Austen S.M.G. a bn competition
 being conducted and cash prizes offered to those winning
 the highest score in various sections of the shoot.

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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

(Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 6/11/1943 56th Div / 1st Bn (21st) (Unit)

W.E. 11/12/3 OFFRS. 34 O.R's. 832 + OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 44 ATT. BY W.E.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10					
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.									
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.					
	6	3	1 2 4 23 1	* * Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs.	A.A.M.C.	1								
NIL	6	3	31			1								
				DETAIL	A.I.F.	C.M.P.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
				A.	32									32
				E.(1)										
				E.(2)										

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in pars. 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.
NX 125729	Lieut	DAVIS E.W.B	G.D.D.	1/11/43	Rein Order No. 859

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
NX 125724	T/CAPT	CALLAN B.J.	L.H.Q SCHOOL	3/10/43	X List R.O 21/43
NX 125736	Lieut	BRAITHWAITE S.	3 A.C.T.S.	11/10/43	" "
NX 126640	"	EDGILL H.C.	"	"	" "
NX 117865	"	M'DONALD W.C.	"	"	" "

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

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

56 Aust Inf Bn (RIF) Unit

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 6/11/1943 (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	BRUEN	RT	CD	YES		
LT T 14th	NX12405	MURRAY	E.F.	2/c	YES		
" " "	NX124434	STEVENSON	IG	DC HQ	YES		
LIEUT	NX125234	MACAULEY	L.H.	ADPT	YES		
T CAPT	NX124444	EVERITT	L.W.	DM	YES		
" "	NX124443	HONGH	T.W.	DC COY	YES		
" "	NX124436	NEIL	W.F.	DC COY	YES		
" "	NX125726	CAMMELSON	C.T.	DC HQ	NO	MT School	27/9/43
" "	NX125717	MASON	F.L.	DC COY	YES		
" "	NX125722	COLLIER	R.T.	DC COY	YES	LEGAL COURSE. LHR	4/10/43
LIEUT	NX125726	BRANTON	S.J.	DC COY	YES	School Harney	14/10/43
LIEUT	NX116618	KILBY	T.A.	2/c COY	YES		
" "	NX124478	MCCLELLAN	C.M.	2/c COY	NO	J.W. CENTRE	7/8/43
" "	NX124437	RING	B.W.	2/c COY	YES		
" "	NX125726	CURRAN	M.W.	2/c COY	YES		
" "	NX125335	MC DONALD	R.J.	12 PL	YES		
" "	NX124439	HARDY	M.G.	19 PL	YES		
" "	NX125756	BENNETT	T.L.	16 PL	YES		
" "	NX12578	DAY	J.F.	5 PL	YES		
" "	NX116657	BROWNING	E.	2 PL	YES		
" "	NX119436	CHRISTIE	A.W.G.	3 PL	YES		
" "	NX124437	EDSMITH	R.E.	17 PL	NO	School Harney	14/10/43
" "	WX9107	HARRINGTON	D.R.	18 PL	YES		
" "	WX36516	COLLINS	L.J.	REINE	NO	J.W. School	17/8/43
" "	VX131567	SIMMONS	W.J.	11 PL	YES		
" "	NX119431	MELVILLE	T.R.W.	10	YES		
" "	VX87926	WILSON	G.F.	REINE	NO	J.W. CENTRE	27/9/43
" "	NX125730	WILTSHIRE	D.H.	16 PL	YES		
" "	NX125000	GUNNER	H.E.S.	16 PL	YES		
" "	WX21372	HARVEY	J.J.	12 PL	YES		
" "	NX123835	MURPHY	C.L.	2 PL	YES		
" "	NX125414	FERRIS	R.H.	14 PL	YES		
" "	NX125726	EDSMITH	W.C.	17 PL	NO	School Harney	14/10/43
" "	WX18000	HOPKINS	R.F.	9 PL	YES		
CDR	WX31307	MELVILLE	J.H.	RMO	YES		
Lieut	NX125729	DAVIS	B.W.B.	17 PL	YES		

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
MR	13237	THOMPSON C		2/1/42	S.H.W.
CHAPLAIN	SX20314	HOLLY S.J.	53rd	26/1/43	Prede
LIEUT	WX17663	SMITH E.M.		13/10/43	Training

6/11/43
Date of Despatch

[Signature]
Signature of Commander

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56 Aust Inf Bn (RIF)

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Army Form W.3008
(Adapted) (Page 1)
(Revised Jan., 1943)
43/31 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 13/11/1943 (Unit)

W.E. 1/12/3 OFFRS. 4 O.R.'s. 832 + OFFRS. 1 O.R.'s. 144 ATT. BY W.E.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10					
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.									
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.					
				*										
			1	Lieut.-Colonels										
			2	Majors	R H M C	1								
	5		5	Captains										
		3	23	Lieutenants										
			1	Quarter-masters										
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.										
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.										
	5	3	32			1								
				DETAIL	A.I.P.	C.M.P.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
				A.	32									32
				E.(1)										
				E.(2)										

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

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

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

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

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

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

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

56 Aust Inf Bn (4th) Unit

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 13/11/1943 (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	AX 112633	SKYLER	R.T	CC	Yes		
Lt Col	AX 124467	TRICKLEY	R.F	CC	Yes		
"	AX 124439	STEVENS	R.E	CC	Yes		
Lt Col	AX 125134	PIRELLI	R.H	CC	Yes		
Lt Col	AX 124441	CONRITT	R.W	CC	Yes		
"	AX 124430	HUGHES	T.W	CC	Yes		
"	AX 124430	WILLIAMS	W.D	CC	Yes		
"	AX 125236	SAMUELSON	C.J	CC	Yes		
"	AX 125237	MASON	P.L	CC	Yes		
"	AX 124434	BENJAMIN	J.C	CC	Yes		
Lt Col	AX 116315	KIRBY	J.H	CC	Yes		
"	AX 124435	MACHILLAD	C.M	CC	No	J.W. Centre	17/8/43
"	AX 124437	KING	B.W	CC	Yes		
"	AX 125235	CORNUM	R.D	CC	Yes		
"	AX 125236	HENRIK	R.J	CC	Yes		
"	AX 124439	HARVEY	M.G	CC	Yes		
"	AX 125156	BENNETT	J.L	CC	Yes		
"	AX 125238	DAVY	J.P	CC	No	AWL	10/11/43
"	AX 124432	ISACSON	E	CC	Yes		
"	AX 124433	CHRISTIE	D.W	CC	Yes		
"	AX 124437	HARRINGTON	C.R	CC	Yes		
"	AX 124436	COBBINS	A.J	CC	No	J.W. Centre	17/8/43
"	AX 124437	SYMONS	W.J	CC	Yes		
"	AX 124439	WELLS	J.R	CC	Yes		
"	AX 124430	WILSON	G.F	CC	No	J.W. Centre	27/8/43
"	AX 125230	WILKINSON	D.H	CC	No	M.T. School	7/11/43
"	AX 125230	CUNNINGHAM	R.E	CC	Yes		
"	AX 125232	HARRISON	T.J	CC	Yes		
"	AX 125233	HARRISON	G.L	CC	Yes		
"	AX 125234	HARRISON	D.H	CC	Yes		
"	AX 125235	HARRISON	M.P	CC	Yes		
"	AX 125236	HARRISON	C.W	CC	Yes		
CAPT	AX 124432	MURPHY	J.W	CC	Yes		

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
Lt Col	B 237	THOMPSON C.		2/11/43	Staff
Captain	SX 21816	HOLLY S.J.	3rd Col	20/11/43	Staff
Lt Col	WX 17603	SMITH R.M.		12/10/43	Training

13 Nov. 43
Date of Despatch

[Signature]
Signature of Commander
(R.T. BRYAN) CO. ADJUTANT
56 Aust Inf Bn

DETAIL OF ATTACHED PERSONNEL

	WO ii.	Sgts.	Cpls.	Ptes.	Surplus.	Deficient
A.A.M.C.		2	1	1	nil	nil
A.A.O.C			1		nil	nil
A.E.M.E		1	2	8	1 Fitter T.G.I.	1 Cfn. Armourer
A.A.C.C.	1	5	5	14	nil	
A.A.P.C.		2	1	nil	nil	
POSTAL		1				
	1	10	10	23	1	1 O/R tag. at W/shops.

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 13 / Mar / 1943. 56 Aust Inf Bn (Unit)

W.E. 11 / 12 / 3 OFFRS. 34 O.R.'s 932 + OFFRS. 1 O.R.'s 44 ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1 2 3 4 W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				5	6 7 8 9 10 ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength	DETAIL.	Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.
NR 1	1		6	W.Os. Class I.					
				W.Os. Class II.		1			
			4	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
				Staff Sergeants					
			35	Sergeants		10			
			69	Corporals		10			
NR 3			637	Troopers, Privates, etc.		28	1	1	1
76	76	14		Civilians counting as O.R.					
80	80	14	752	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.	SEE -> BACK	43*	1	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.P.	**	TOTAL.
		Under 19 Years.	19 Years and over.							
A	616	1	17							795
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.
4	HQ 2 Aust Div						
2	Amphibious Services						
39	5 Bde HQ						
4	132 Aust Bde HQ/SHOPS						
2	N Aust F.S.S.						
5	17 Coy M.A.S.C.						
50	22 Aust Ptd Coy						
29	54 Aust INF Bn						
17	44 Aust INF Bn						
142	5 Ptd Coy RAE						

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

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

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 13/Nov/1943.

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Armament Artificer				Surveyors, Engineering	1	5		Operator, Keyboard	17	23		Gen. Asstts.	85	91	8
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, B.A.A.				Operator, Line				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Signal				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Wireless				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Opticians				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Painters				Rangetakers	2	2	
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Panel Beaters	5			Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Photographer, Dry Plate				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths	1	2						Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers		1						Radiographers				Stevadores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical	3	3	
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers	27	19	8	Tailors	2	2	
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters	6	6		Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics											
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)											
Fitters				Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators											
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Battery Surveyors				W.O.I	1	1	
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Butchers	1	6		W.O.II	6	6	
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks	12	12		CQM.S.	2	4	1 NR.
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Supply				SPTS	30	30	
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	10	10		Clerks, Technical				CPLS	62	59	3 NR.
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				'Coach Trimmers				Gen Duties	136	134	2
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Concretors							
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Cooks							
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Dental Clerk Orderlies							
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Despatch Riders							
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Draughtsmen, Signals							
Pattern Maker				Masons				Drivers, H.T.				W.O.II	1	1	
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Mechanics	27	27		SPTS	10	10	
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Driver Tptn. Plant				CPLS	10	10	
Photowriter				Miners				Engine Hands, I.C.				P.T.S.	23	23	1
Plumber		2		Moulders				Equipment Repairers	1	1					
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Farriers							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Fitters' Mates							
CARRIED FORWARD	1	5		CARRIED FORWARD	17	21		Gun Layers							
								CARRIED FORWARD	85	91	8	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	876	795	80

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.E. in col. "Reints. Required."
 (e) Where any request or notation is made on back of form, the words "See Back" should be written in one of the blank spaces on this page.

13 Nov. '43
Date of Despatch

[Signature]
Lt. Col.
(R. T. Byson) - Comd. 5th Bn.
Signature of Commander

FORM 10 (REV. 1941)
HEADQUARTERS
ARMY SERVICE CORPS
UNITED STATES ARMY

PART E. Detail of Personnel and Material Requirements as shown in
Part A of this Report.

DETAIL OF TRADESMEN AND SPECIALISTS
SURPLUS DEFICIENT REMARKS.

SIGNALLERS T.G. 11.

8 Ptes. T.G. 11.

~~XXXX~~
TOTAL 8 T.G. 11.

RANK.	DEFICIENT.	DETAIL OF NON SPECIALISTS	REMARKS.
CPLES.	3	Nil	
Ptes.	76 G.D.	Nil	
	79	Nil	

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

43/32 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 20/11/1943 56th Div (Unit) 1711

W.E. 11/12/3 OFFRS. 34 O.R.'s 832 OFFRS. 1 O.R.'s 44 ATT. BY W.E.

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

1				2				3				4				5				6				7				8				9				10			
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.				ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.																															
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.													Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.																			
	5	3	1 2 5 23 1													AAMC	1																						
	5	3	32																																				
				DETAIL	A.I.P.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.P.	**	TOTAL.																									
				A.	33									33																									
				E.(1)																																			
				E.(2)																																			

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

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

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

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

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

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

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

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

43,327 (Serial No.)

56 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) Unit

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 20/11/1943 (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	NX12633	BRYEN	RT	CO	Yes		
LT. T. MAJ.	NX124442	MARSH	LF	2IC	Yes		
" " "	NX124434	STEVANSON	RAE	2IC	Yes		
LIEUT	NX125131	MARSHLEY	LIT	2IC	Yes		
T/CMPT	NX124466	EVARITT	L.W.	2IC	Yes		
" " "	NX124463	HUGH	J.W.	2IC	Yes		
" " "	NX124470	NEIL	W.D.	2IC	Yes		
" " "	NX125776	JAN WILSON	C.F.	2IC	Yes		
" " "	NX125717	MASON	FL	2IC	Yes		
" " "	NX110619	BOARDMAN	J.S.	2IC	Yes		
LIEUT	NX110618	KILBY	J.A.	2IC	Yes		
" " "	NX124478	MCCLELLAN	C.M.	2IC	Yes	J.W. School	14/11/43
" " "	NX124427	KING	B.W.	2IC	Yes		
" " "	NX125775	CURRAN	O.C.	2IC	Yes		
" " "	NX125236	MCDONALD	R.G.	2IC	Yes		
" " "	NX125039	HARDY	M.G.	2IC	Yes		
" " "	NX125150	BENNETT	J.L.	2IC	Yes		
" " "	NX125158	DAVEY	J.F.	2IC	No	ARL	10/11/43
" " "	NX116657	BROWNING	I.	2IC	Yes		
" " "	NX110436	CHRISTIE	B.W.	2IC	Yes		
" " "	NX1107	HARRINGTON	O.H.	2IC	Yes		
" " "	NX126676	COLLINS	L.S.	2IC	No	J.W. School	12/11/43
" " "	NX131587	SYMMONS	W.J.	2IC	Yes		
" " "	NX119431	MELVILLE	J.H.W.	2IC	Yes		
" " "	NX119436	WILSON	C.F.	2IC	No		21/11/43
" " "	NX125730	WILTSHIRE	D.H.	2IC	No	M.T. School	11/11/43
" " "	NX126000	CUNNINGHAM	A.S.	2IC	Yes		
" " "	NX121272	HARVEY	J.J.	2IC	Yes		
" " "	NX123253	MURPHY	C.L.	2IC	Yes		
" " "	NX125714	FARRELL	R.H.	2IC	Yes		
" " "	NX110990	ROBERTS	J.F.	2IC	Yes		
" " "	NX125799	DAVIS	C.M.	2IC	Yes		
CAPT	NX136307	MAULINIE	J.R.	2IC	Yes		

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
B257	MR	THOMPSON, E.		8/7/42	S.R.W.O
CHAPLAIN	SA20814	HOLLY, S.J.	53Bn	20/11/43	padre
Lieut	NX17663	SMITH, E.M.		10/10/42	Training

21 Nov. '43
Date of Despatch

[Signature]
St. Col
(Signature of Commander)
(R. E. Bryen) Comd
56 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

DETAIL OF ATTACHED PERSONNEL.

ARM.	W.O.II.	SGTS.	CPLS.	PTES.	SURPLUS.	DEFICIENT.
A.A.M.C.		2	1	1	nil	nil
A.A.O.C.			1		nil	nil
A.E.M.E.			2	8	1 Fitter T.G.I.	1 Sgt. Armourer 1 Cfn Armourer.
A.A.C.C.	1.	5	4	14	nil.	1 cpl Cook. <i>NR</i>
A.A.P.C.		1	1		nil	nil
Postal.		1				
	1	9	9	23	1	

1 O/R tng at
W/Shop as Cfn
armourer.
1 Sgt A?E?M.E
Xlist School
1 Cpl Cook X list
(School) *NR*

War Diary

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 20/Nov/1942. 56 Aust Inf Bn (A.I.F.) (Unit)

W.E. 7/12/3. OFFRS. 34 O.R's. 822 + OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 44 ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.
NR. 1	1		6	W.Os. Class I.					
				W.Os. Class II.		1			
NR. 1	1		4	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
				Staff Sergeants					
		1	35	Sergeants		9		1	1
NR. 2	2		70	Corporals		9		1	1
82	82	14	650	Troopers, Privates, etc.		23	1	1	1
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
89	89	15	745	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.	SEE BACK →	42 *	1	3	SEE 3 BACK.

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.P.	**	TOTAL
		Under 19 Years.	19 Years and over.	Under 19 Years.	19 Years and over.							
	4	1	1	177	1							789
	A											
	B(1)											
	B(2)											

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

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

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.
4	H&B 2 Aust Bn						
2	Ammunition Services						
39	6 Bde						
4	132 Aust Bde W/K/S.H.A.						
2	'N' Aust F.S.S.						
3	17 Coy A.A. S.C.						
62	54 Aust Inf Bn (A.I.F.)						
142	5th Hb Bde A.P.E.						
1	Pending posting						

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

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

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 20 / Nov / 1943.

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering	1	5		Operating Room Assists.	17	21		O.P.O. Assistants	85	91	8
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, R.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangefinders	2	2	
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters		5		Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths	1	2						Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers		1						Radiographers				Stevedores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical	3	3	
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers	25	19	8	Tailors	2	2	
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's Asst.				Well Borers				Vuicanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters	6	6		Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics											
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)											
Fitters				Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				W.D.'s	1		INR.
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers	1	6		W.D.'s	6	6	
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	12	12		C.M.S.	3	4	INR.
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply				S.G.T.S.	30	30	
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				C.P.L.S.	62	60	2 INR
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	10	10		Coach Trimmers				Gen Duties	62	68	6 INR
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors							
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks							
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies							
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders							
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals							
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				W.D.'s	1	1	
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics	27	27		S.G.T.S.	10	9	1 INR
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant				C.P.L.S.	10	9	1 INR
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.				P.P.S.	23	23	1 INR.
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers	1	1					
Plumber		2		Moulders				Furriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD	1	5		CARRIED FORWARD	17	21		CARRIED FORWARD	85	91	8	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	87	89	89

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.

20 Nov 43
Date of Despatch

[Signature]
Lt. Col.
Signature of Commander

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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

43/33 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 27/11/1943 *Adjuant Gen's* (Unit)

W.E. 11/12/3 OFFRS. 34 O.R's. 832 + OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 44 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.			
	5	3	1 2 5 23 1	* * Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs.	H.A.M.C.	1						
	5	3	32			1						
		DETAIL	A.I.P.	C.M.P.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.P.	**	TOTAL.
		A.	33									33
		E.(1)										
		E.(2)										

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

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

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

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

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

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

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

76 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) Unit

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 27 / 11 / 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	NX12633	BRIEN	R.T.	C.C.	Yes		
Lt. Col	NX12443	MURPHY	E.F.	24th	Yes		
"	NX124434	STANBORN	R.B.	12th	Yes		
Lieut	NX12504	MACHOLEY	L.H.	ADST	Yes		
Lt Capt	NX12410	EVERETT	L.H.	R.M.	Yes		
"	NX12443	HUGHES	J.W.	12th	Yes		
"	NX124436	WILL	W.D.	12th	Yes		
"	NX125726	SHAWLSON	L.J.	12th	Yes		
"	NX125727	MURSON	F.L.	12th	Yes		
"	NX125728	BONDIAN	J.S.	12th	Yes		
Lieut	NX125729	REIDY	J.H.	12th	Yes		
"	NX125730	MILLERSON	C.H.	12th	Yes	J.W. school	11/1/43
"	NX125731	KING	B.W.	12th	Yes		
"	NX125732	CURRAN	O.H.	12th	Yes		
"	NX125733	MURPHY	R.L.	12th	Yes		
"	NX125734	CONWAY	J.L.	12th	Yes		
"	NX125735	DRY	J.F.	12th	Yes	12th	10/1/43
"	NX125736	BREWSTER	E.	12th	Yes		
"	NX125737	CHRISTIE	R.W.	12th	Yes		
"	NX125738	HARRINGTON	S.H.	12th	Yes		
"	NX125739	CEHLINS	H.A.	12th	Yes	J.W. school	17/1/43
"	NX125740	SYMMONDS	W.J.	12th	Yes		
"	NX125741	MELVILLE	IRW.	12th	Yes		
"	NX125742	WILSON	G.F.	12th	Yes	J.W. school	27/1/43
"	NX125743	WILTS HING	D.H.	12th	Yes	M.T. school	27/1/43
"	NX125744	GUNNER	A.E.S.	12th	Yes		
"	NX125745	HARVEY	J.J.	12th	Yes		
"	NX125746	MURPHY	C.L.	12th	Yes		
"	NX125747	FARRALL	R.H.	12th	Yes		
"	NX125748	KEPPE	B.F.	12th	Yes		
"	NX125749	DAVIS	G.E.S.	12th	Yes		
"	NX125750	HARVEY	H.G.	12th	Yes	hospital	20/1/43
Capt	NX125751	MURPHY	J.H.	12th	Yes		

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
Lieut	6257	Thompson C	5th	2/1/43	S.H.W.C.
Capt	521514	Hobby J.S.	5th	2/1/43	Medical
Lieut	WA 7663	Smith R.M.	5th	2/1/43	Training

28 Nov 43
Date of Despatch

[Signature]
Signature of Commander
Comd 56 Aust Inf Bn

DETAIL OF ATTACHED PERSONNEL

ARM.	W.O.11.	S GTS.	CPLS.	PTES.	SURPLUS.	DEFICIENT.
A.A.M.C.		2	1	1	nil	nil
A.A.O.C.			1		nil	nil
A.E.M.E.			2	9	1 Blacksmith T.G.1. 1 Fitter T.G.1.	1 Sgt Armourer N.R. 1 Cpl. Cook N.R.
A.A.C.C.	1	5	4	14	nil	
A.A.P.C.		1	1	nil.	nil	nil.
POSTAL.		1				
	1	9.	9.	24.	1.	1 Sgt Armourer A.E.M.E. (school X list.) 1 Cpl Cook X List. (Hospital)

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 27 / 11 / 1943 56 Aust Inf Bn (A.I.F.) (Unit)

W.E. 11 / 12 / 3 OFFRS. 34 O.R.'s 532 + OFFRS. 1 O.R.'s 44 ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1 W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				5		6 ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.					10
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength	DETAIL.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.	
				W.Os. Class I.							
1 NR	1 NR		6	W.Os. Class II.			1				
1 NR	1 NR		4	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.							
				Staff Sergeants							
		2	37	Sergeants			9		1	1 NR	
3 NR	3 NR		64	Corporals			9		1	1 NR	
84	84	15	629	Troopers, Privates, etc.			24	2			
				Civilians counting as O.R.							
89	89	17	745*	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.		SEE BACK	43*	2	2 NR	2 NR.	

Detail	A	A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.P.	**	TOTAL
A	607	1	179	1						788
B(1)										
B(2)										

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

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.
4	132 Aust Bde (A.I.F.)						
1	W.F.S.S.						
5	17 Coy AMSC						
5	94 Aust Inf Bn (A.I.F.)						
17	44 Aust Inf Bn (A.I.F.)						
38	Aust Inf Bde - 1st Div.						
3	2 Aust Div (A.I.F.)						
139	57th Coy R.A.F.						
2	Ammunition services						

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

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

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

43 / 33 Serial No.

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 27/Nov/1943.

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.			Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)			Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II (cont.)			Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)				
W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.		
			Surveyors, Engineering	1	6	Operating Room Assts.	17	22	G.P.O. Assistants	85	90	8	
			Surveyors, B.A.A.			Operator, Keyboard			Hammermen				
			Surveyors, Topographical			Operator, Line			Leather Stitchers				
			Surveyors, Trigonometrical			Operator, Signal			Orderlies, Nursing				
			Toolmakers			Operator, Switchboard			Orderlies, Nursing Mental				
			Turners			Operator, Wireless			Plate Layers				
			Watchmakers			Opticians			Rangefinders	2	2		
			Welders			Painters		3	Riveters				
						Panel Beaters			Roughriders				
						Photographer, Dry Plate			Saddlers				
						Predictor Numbers			Saddletree makers				
						Printers			Shoemaker and Boot Repairer				
						Radiographers			Stevedores				
						Riggers			Stokers, Staty. Engine				
			GROUP II.			Sawyers			Storemen, Technical	3	3		
			Armourers			Signallers	27	19	Tailors	2	2		
			Axemen			Signwriters			Textile Refitters				
			Bakers			Telescope Identfn. Numbers			Tinsmiths				
			Bty. Comd's. Asst.			Well Borers			Vulcanizers				
			Boilermakers			Wheelers			Wagon Erectors				
			Carpenters	6	6	Winchman			Whitesmiths				
			Carpenters and Joiners			Wireman							
			Cooks			Woodturners							
			Dental Mechanics										
			Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)										
			Driver-Operator										
			Drainers										
			Electricians										
			Electricians (Engineers)										
			Fire Control Operators										
			Gun Operator			GROUP III.			DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.				
			Hatchman			Battery Surveyors			WO2	1		1 NR	
			Height Taker			Butchers	1	6	WOE	6	6		
			Hello Operator			Clerks	12	12	CMMS	5	4	1 NR	
			Instrument Operator			Clerks, Supply			SPTS	30	32		
			Intelligence Duties	10	10	Clerks, Technical			CPLS	62	59	3 NR	
			Joiners			Coach Trimmers			Ben Duties	486	549	76	
			Lineman			Concretors							
			Lineman, Signals			Cooks							
			Lithographers			Dental Clerk Orderlies							
			Machinists, Metal			Despatch Riders			ATTACHED BY W.E.				
			Machinists, Wood			Draughtsmen, Signals			WO2	1	1		
			Masons			Drivers, H.T.			SPTS	10	9	1 NR	
			Masseurs			Driver Mechanics	27	27	CPLS	10	9	1 NR	
			Mechanics, M.T.			Driver Tptn. Plant			PRES	24	24		
			Miners			Engine Hands, I.C.							
			Moulders			Equipment Repairers	1	1					
			Nurses, Trained			Farriers							
			Observation Post Assts.			Fitters' Mates							
						Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD	1	6	CARRIED FORWARD	17	22	CARRIED FORWARD	85	90	8	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	876	788	91

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.E. in col. "Reints. Required."
 (e) Where any request or notation is made on back of form, the words "See Back" should be written in one of the blank spaces on this page.

27 Nov 43
Date of Despatch

[Signature]
Lt. Col.
(R. P. Bryon) Comd. 56 Bn.
Signature of Commander

Department of Commerce

17/04/11

DETAIL OF TRADESMEN & SPECIALISTS.

Signallers T.G.11.	Surplus. Nil	Deficient 8 T.G.11
Total.	Nil.	8 T.G.11.

DETAIL OF NON-SPECIALISTS

Rank.	Surplus.	Deficient	Remarks.
W.O1.		1	NOT REQUIRED
C.Q.M.S.		1	NOT REQUIRED.
Sgts.	2		
Cpls.		3	Not REQUIRED
Ptes.		84.	Gen. Dutymen.
Total.	2	89	

TABLE Detail of Personnel Strengths as at 1st April 1911

17/04/11

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War Diary.

SECRET

WEEKLY INTELLIGENCE REPORT

Week ending 4 Nov '43.

- 1. INFM. RE ENEMY: Nil.
- 2. INFM. RE OWN TPS:
 - (i) Location - map ref 39798737
 - (ii) Tng - Commenced at 3 Aust Corps Jungle Warfare Tng Centre on 1 Nov '43.
See syllabus of tng forwarded to 5 Aust Inf Bde (A.I.F.) for subjects covered.
 - (iii) Morale - Excellent.
 - (iv) Health - Evacuated to hosp 4
U.R.T.I. 6
New cases 40
- 3. INFM. RE INT. SEC:
 - (i) Strength - 1 Offr, 1 Sjt, 3Cpls, 12 O/Rs.
 - (ii) Tng: Move to present location and att. to rifle coy for individual inf. trg. period.
- 4. SECURITY:

Message re P.O.L. received added as follows:-
To 56 Aust Inf Bn WORSLEY
From 56 Sup Depot Pl W/MIDLAND

WORSLEY SIDING had previously been advised by us as point to which P.O.L. would be delivered.
- 5. TOPOGRAPHICAL: Nil.
- 6. GENERAL INFM:
 - (i) Tps have settled down very quickly to the changed conditions and obviously welcome this unusual type of trg.
 - (ii) Local Concert party visited camp 2 Nov '43 being well received by capacity attendance.
 - (iii) Div Comd visited area 1 Nov '43 and inspected various phases of trg whilst in progress.

.....Lieut.
 (Lieut J.R.W.MELVILLE, I.O. 56 Aust. Inf. Bn
 (A.I.F.))

War Diary

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	911	786	125		

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Fastened to belt.

Back Knife.

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Matches) of waterproof.

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Blanket Roll. containing-

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56 AUST INF BN (A.I.F)

CANTEENS BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 OCTOBER 1943.

<u>LIABILITIES.</u>	<u>£. S. D.</u>	<u>ASSETS.</u>	<u>£. S. D.</u>
Appropriation Account	609 - 1 - 9	Cash Balance with 2 Div Pay Office.	415 - 2 - 1
		Cash on Hand	33 - 2 - 2
		Stock on Hand	160 - 17 - 6
			<hr/>
			£ 609 - 1 - 9
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Date Accounts promulgated for Infm of Tps 5 Nov 43

E.F.MURRAY Maj.
Pres Regtl Canteen Committee.

L.W.EVERITT Capt.
Sec Regtl Canteen Committee.

AUDITORS CERTIFICATE.

I have audited the books of account and vouchers of the above Canteen for the month of October 1943. In my opinion the above Balance Sheet exhibits a true and correct view of the affairs of the Canteen.

A.W.G.CHRISTIE. Auditor.

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56 AUST INF BN (AIF)

NET AND DRY CANTEENS PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT PERIOD 1 to 31 OCT 43

1943.

Oct 31. To Sundry Expenses
 Dry Canteen
 Wet Canteen

£ S D
 3 - 17 - 11
 2 - 11 - 0

To Net Profit transferred
 to Appropriation A/C

37 - 1 - 5
£ 43 - 10 - 4

1943

Oct 31. By Profit
 Dry Canteen
 Wet Canteen

L S D.

39 - 7 - 10
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CANTEENS APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT

1943

Oct 12. To 56 Bn Regtl Funds
 31. To Balance

£ S D
 300 - 0 - 0
 609 - 1 - 9
£ 909 - 1 - 9

1943

Oct 1. By Balance
 31. Net Profit for period 1/31 Oct 43.

£ S D

872 - 0 - 4
 37 - 1 - 5

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Nov 1. By Balance.

£ 609 - 1 - 9

562.

56 AUST INF BN (AIF)

TRADING ACCOUNT (DRY CANTEEN) FOR PERIOD 1 to 31 OCT 43.1943

Oct 1. To Stock on Hand

£ S D
118 5 10

31. To Purchases Net

962 2 9

1,080 8 731. To Less Stock on Hand
Cost of Goods Sold.

157 7 3

923 1 4PROFIT39 7 10£ 962 9 21943

Oct 31

By Sales

£ S D
962 9 2£ 962 9 2TRADING? ACCOUNT (NET CANTEEN) FOR PERIOD 1 to 31 Oct 43.1943

Oct 1. To Stock on Hand

£ S D
1 8 4

31. To Purchases Net

220 18 3

31. Less Stock on Hand

222 6 7

3 10 3

218 16 4

PROFIT4 2 6£ 222 18 101943

Oct 31 By Sales

£ S D
222 18 10£ 222 18 10563. STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE AND RECEIPTS FROM REGIMENTAL FUNDS A/C FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 1943.

Balance as at 30 Sep 43

£ 243 - 14 - 9

Receipts for month Oct

£ 371 - 2 - 8

TOTAL.

£ 614 - 17 - 5

Less expenditure Month Oct.

£ 161 - 13 - 3

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Ref Maps - BUNBURY 1"-1 mile
Trg Area Enlargement 4"-1 mile

INFM:-1. ENEMY

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- (b) Contact of strong enemy forces was made at 1800 hrs 12 Nov vic track junc 96L79L and this force has held up the adv of the fwd elements of our Bde.

OWN TPS

- (a) 5 Aust Inf Bde (AIF) is to remain in present posn (WORSLEY)
- (b) 54 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) has advanced as far as track junc 96L79L and is to pin enemy force contacted there.

INTENTION:-

- 2. 56 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) will move by encircling enemy fwd tps via Jungle Trail to WELLINGTON INLET with a view to destroying enemy bridgehead.

METHOD:-3. ADV GUARD

Under Cond - Capt Neil

TPS - A Coy with the following tps under cond as from 0700 hrs 13 Nov 43.

- 1 Det Mortars
- 1 Det Pioneer Pl
- NCO & 2 "I" pers
- Sig Det
- RAP NCO & party of stretcher bearers (NOT in order of march)

4. MAIN BODY

Order of March - All attachments come under Cond coys at 0700 hrs 13 Nov 43

- (i) Bn Cond HQ
- (ii) HQ Coy, less dets detailed to rifle coys organised to carry the following stores and be prepared to act as holding Coy
 - Sig Pl - Sig Stores
 - Mortar Pl - 4-3" mortars, associated stores & 18 bombs per M
 - Carr Pl - 2 - MMGS, associated stores & 6 belts of amm
 - Pioneer Pl - Necessary Pioneer stores
 - AA Pl
 - Mortar Pl surplus pers
 - Carr Pl
 - Tk.A Pl
 - Adm Pl
- (iii) En HQ less dets with Coys
- (iv) D Coy with under cond 2 sigs, 1 "I" & 4 stretcher bearers
- (v) C Coy with under cond 2 sigs, 1 "I" & 4 stretcher bearers
- (vi) B Coy less one pl with under cond 2 sigs, 1 "I" & 4 stretcher bearers
- (vii) Pack train under cond Sgt Napier
- (viii) One sec B Coy
- (ix) RMO & party of stretcher bearers.
- (x) Pl less one sec B Coy

5. FLANK PROTECTION:-

- (i) All coys will be responsible for flank protection during halts.
- (ii) B Coy will be responsible for flank and rear protection & will pay particular attention to the left flank.

- 6. ROUTE - Jungle Trail
- 7. SP - Entrance to Jungle Trail vic SAND PIT
- 8. STARTING TIME
0830 hrs 13 Nov 43

ADMs:-

10. MEDICAL-

- (i) RAP Sgt will move with Adv Guard
- (ii) RMO will move in rear of coln
- (iii) Collecting posts will be established along trail as necessary and casualties evacuated from rear of coln.

11. AMM

- (i) 100 rounds per man (token)
- (ii) Bn res SAA with HQ Coy

12. RATIONS

48 hrs hard rations will be carried on the man.

13. BLANKETS

One per man to be carried, rolled in groundsheet & slung on back of belt.

14. P.W.

... will be sent to Cond HQ as soon as possible.

INTERCOLN:-

-15. Bn Cond HQ - rear of Adv Guard
- Bn HQ - rear of HQ Coy

16. SIG

- (i) Lines to be laid and maintained from adv guard to rear of coln
- (ii) Coys will tap line at regular half hour intervals commencing at 0900 hrs 13 Nov 43 until first contact; then each 15 mins.
- (iii) Sigs will ensure that all cable is laid clear of the trail
- (iv) Bamboo msg box will be employed where possible and runners only in an emergency.

17. RUNNERS

Each coy will detail one runner to move with Bn Cond HQ.

SYNCHRONIZATION:-

- 18. 0600 hrs and every 4 hours thereafter by phone.

L.H. McAuley
 (L.H. MCAULEY) Adj. --- Lieut
 56 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

ACK.

ISSUED BY
SIGNED AT _____ hrs

DISTRIBUTION:-

	<u>Copy No.</u>		<u>Copy No.</u>
HQ Coy	1	Sig O	11
A Coy	2	Mortar Offr	12
B "	3	Carr Offr	13
C "	4	Q.M.	14
D "	5	T.O.	15
5 Fd Coy	6	R.M.O.	16
C.O.	7	OC, Rear Party	17
2 i/c	8	5 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)	18,19,20
Adj. t	9	Trg Centre HQ	21
I.O.	10	RS.S.M	22
		War Diary	23,24
		File	25,26
		Spare	27,28
		W.O. Caterer	29

Ref Map, BUNBURY 1" - 1 Mile.

Trg Area Enlargement 4" - 1 Mile.

56 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) will carry out the exercise during the period 12/14 Nov 43.

INSTNS FOR EXERCISE.

1. OBJECT.

- (a) To practice the Bn in movement under Jungle conditions and carry out minor tactical exercises.
- (b) To provide a basis for Comds to further their knowledge and studies on Jungle Warfare.
- (c) To familiarise Comds and tps with the use of air sp in Jungle country.

2. LESSONS.

- (a) Movement of a Bn, manhandling and pack transportation of stores and equipment along a jungle trail.
- (b) Communication in the jungle.
- (c) Action of fwd tps in adv and first contact, incl battle drill applicable to J.W.
- (d) Employment of sp weapons.
- (e) Perimeter def by night.
- (f) Co-operation with air sp in J.W.

3. ASSUMPTIONS.

- (a) That on D Day the area of operation is all jungle country limiting movement to the trail.
On D + 1 day, when offensive action is necessary, terrain will be appreciated as it exists, except that it will NOT be practicable for patrols or other independent forces to operate ahead of the column except when it is halted.
- (b) That WELLINGTON DAM is an inlet on the Coast of AUSTRALIA and is known as WELLINGTON Inlet.
- (c) That the villiage of WORSLEY is a jungle villiage with an emergency landing ground nearby.
- (d) That the Inf Bn is well fwd of the remainder of the Bde gp and that air sp is available to the Bn on call.

4. COMMENCEMENT OF EXERCISE

- (a) D Day - 13 Nov 43 at 0830 hrs.
- (b) Bn will continue adv at 0700 hrs day D + 1.

5. ASSEMBLY AREA.

Bn will move as per adn para 12 to SAND PIT ref 950801 during night of D - 1 where they will bivouac for night.

6. ENEMY.

- (a) The following tps will act as enemy on D + 1 and will come under cond of Trg Centre HQ at 0615 hrs on D + 1 and being detached from Coys for remainder of exercise.
 - O.C. - Lieut Cunningham detached from A Coy.
 - 1 offr - 2 NCO's and 15 ORs from 22 Aust Fd Coy detached from B Coy.
 - 3 NCO's and 30 ORs from 5 Fd Coy detached from C Coy.
 - 2 Offrs 4 NCO's and 35 ORs from 5 Fd Coy detached from D Coy.
 - 1 NCO and 1 MG crew detached from HQ Coy.
- (b) The following stores will be taken by enemy parties when detached from respective Coys.
 - D Coy - 1 Bren LMG with 30 filled mags (filled ball SAA)
 - HQ Coy - 1 MMG and 8 belts filled (ball SAA)
- (c) Enemy parties will carry rations for midday meal of D + 1.
- (d) Dress - Will be as para 10 except that hats fur felt will be worn from camp in lieu of helmets steel.

- (e) O.C. enemy will contact T.C. and arrange for the following tpt to report at BRIDGE ref 935746 at 0630 hrs on D + 1 -
Four - 4 ton 4 x 4 trucks for use of enemy.
- (f) When enemy parties are detached they will take with them all stores, weapons, amm etc that they have been carrying.

7. REPRESENTATION OF FIRE.

- (a) Rifles -- Blank
(b) LMG -- Bren firing ball SAA
(c) M1G -- Ball amm
(d) Grenades and 2" M - Gelignite
(e) 3" M - 69 Grenades.
(f) Air sp bombing - HE bombs.

8. UMPIRES.

Will be allotted by Trg Centre HQ and will-

- (a) Wear White hat band
(b) Be neutral and totally disregarded in tactical pictures.

9. CONFERENCES.

Time	Date	Place	By Whom Attended	Reason	Remarks
1900 hrs	D-2	Offrs Mess	Coy Conds. I.C. & Q.M. Sig Sgt.	Preliminary discussion of exercise	
1900 hrs	D-1	Offrs Mess	All offrs & Pl Conds.	Final discussion	Followed by issue of orders to Coy Conds.
0600 hrs	D D+2	Ref 950801 Offrs Mess	Coy Conds C.I. Umpires Coy Conds.	C.C.'s orders C.I.'s discussion of exercise.	At time laid down by C.I.

10. DRESS.

- (a) Battle order with steel helmets less respirators
(b) Water bottles (filled) and slung.
(c) 1 Blanket rolled in ground sheet and att to back of web belt and att to haversack.

11. SPECIAL INSTNS.

- (a) Coy Conds will ensure that all ranks participating in exercise are conversant with the narrative.
- (b) An opportunity, to, a member of the Trg Centre staff will be given on the evening of D-1 to talk to all ranks on safety precautions in handling booby traps on the trail and other points to note on the exercise.
- (c) Any personnel NOT armed with rifle will be so armed if possible by details remaining in camp.
- (d) All safety precautions will be taken against bush fires - wax matches will NOT be carried.
- (e) Particular attention will be paid to hygiene and sanitation during the exercise and coys will
- (i) Burn and bury all refuse, waste food and tins prior to leaving biv areas.
 - (ii) Bury all tins, refuse etc during halts along trail.
 - (iii) Take particular care that papers, packets etc are NOT left along the trail.
 - (iv) The rear coy during all movement will detail one sec to move behind the coln and dispose of all refuse etc.

12. ADM.

- (a) Med
(i) R.M.C. will deliver to Trg Centre HQ - TEN casualty tags suitably inscribed with wounds etc on D - 1 of exercise.

- 3.
- (ii) These casualties will be nominated by umpires and evacuated in the normal manner.
 - (iii) R.M.C. will arrange for Motor Ambulances to be at the following points at times as laid down -

<u>D DAY</u>	<u>Point from which to evacuate</u>	<u>Point Ambulance to be parked.</u>
	Trail Sign No 11.	E Track ref 939765
	Trail Sign No 12.	E Track ref 936759 (No 2 Trg area signpost.)
	Trail Sign No 18.	E Track ref 936755 (Rd sign E 9)
<u>D + 1 Day.</u>	River June 944739 via watercourse.	Track Sign C 7 or C 8.
	River June 952736 via watercourse taking left branch.	Track sign C 5.
	From trail at 960735	Track sign B 4 via B Track.
	From trail at 966728	Track sign A 8 via A Track.

(iv) Genuine Casualties will be reported to Dn HQ by msg prefixed "Genuine Casualty"

(v) R.M.C. will arrange for 7 stretchers and 4 bearers to move at the rear of the coln.

(b) Tools. Each sec or det will carry one shovel. (All Coys)

(c) Arm & Stores

The following stores will be manhandled.
Sufficient to provide all rifle plis (except leading Coy) with -

- (i) 1 Box Res SAA
- 2 Boxes No 36 Grenades.
- (ii) MMG Pl - 2 MMGs and associated stores each with 6 belts of am and condenser can to be $\frac{3}{4}$ filled.
- (iii) M. Pl - 2 - 3" Mortars and associated stores each with 18 bombs.
- (iv) Pioneer Pl - Necessary Pioneer stores.
- (v) Water sterilization tablets will be carried by all offrs and NCCs if available.

(d) Pack Horse Loading.

(i) 14 Horses will be available for transportation.

(ii) Loading.

- 1 Horse Vickers MMG
- 1 " " " (5 Boxes belt)
- 1 " " " Mortar 3"
- 1 " " " Mortar Bombs (2 boxes)
- 1 " " " Sig cable (3 large or 6 small drums)
- 6 " " " SAA 12 boxes (1248 rounds)
- 1 " " " Boxes Bully Beef (3 boxes)
- 2 " " " Spare

(iii) Stores for loading will be available at M.T. lines at 1200 hrs D - 1.

(iv) Pack Train.

O.C. Sgt Napier

The 18 members of the Dn who have been trained in horsemanship will report to O.C. at 1200 hrs D - 1 and remain with pack train during whole of exercise.

Pack train will leave camp at 1200 hrs D Day, proceed to V type Br and join in Dn coln from there according to instns received.

On D + 1 pack train will move with coln and be detached at E Br and rejoin the coln at Pt 23 and move with the coln until reaching A Track, where the portion of the train NOT carrying weapons and am will proceed direct to camp. Weapons and sig cable on pack train will be available to be called on by C.O. at any time between E Br and Beach-head.

(v) 2 Mortar and 2 MMG personnel will report to O.C. pack train before first movement on D + 1.

(e) Rations.

Hard rations for 4 meals will be carried on the man.

(f) Check of Stores.

All Coys will check stores and equipment and advise Bn HQ of any deficiencies by 1200 hrs on D + 2.

(g) Movement to A.A.

(i) Movement will NOT be tactical.

(ii) Order of march.

Bn HQ

B Coy

C Coy

D Coy

HQ Coy

A Coy

S.P. - Rd opposite M.T. lines.

S.T. - 1930 hrs.

Route - Main Camp Rd.

(iii) "I" personnel will accompany each coy and guide Coys to areas Normal march discipline will obtain.

(h) Rear Party.

Personnel.

O.C. Lieut Davis.

Rifle Coy each - 1 storeman and 2 picquets.

HQ Coy - 1 storeman and 4 picquets.

1 Petrol and Tpt picquet and essential Dvrs.

Bn HQ

- As arranged by Adjnt.

All Coys

- Kitchen Staff.

Meals W.O. II Caterer to arrange.

Duties (i) Act as lines picquet.

..... (ii) Arrange for hot water to be available at 1800 hrs on D + 1.

(iii) Arrange for drying room if necessary.

13. INTERCOM.

All msgs in connection with exercise will be prefixed "LIK LIK"

14. EXERCISE ENDS

At approx 1800 hrs D + 1.

NARRATIVE

A Jap force est approx One Bn effected a surprise landing at WELLINGTON Inlet, vic 981730 and established a small beach head, apparently for the purpose of offensive operations against the air strip and small Jungle village of WORSLEY. 5 Aust Inf Bde (AIF) which is in the vic of WORSLEY has been ordered to contact and destroy the enemy force before the initial landing is consolidated and further landings effected. The fwd elements of the Bde contacted the enemy in strength at 1800 hrs on 12 Nov, vic just SOUTH of Track junc 961791 and could NOT proceed further without incurring heavy losses. Comd 5 Aust Inf Bde (AIF) decided to pin the enemy in this locality and ordered 56 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) to move by the little known and unmarked jungle trail OLD MILL SITE ref 933783 - V BRIDGE ref 933752 - track at 966728 and destroy the Bn Head.

OPENING SITUATION

56 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) moved from WORSLEY along the route Rd junc 985835 - X Rds 978826 - SAND PIT 950801 where they bivouaced for night 12/13 Nov. After breakfast the leading tps of the Bn entered the trail at 0830 hrs.

L.H. Macauley Lieut.
(L.H. MACAULEY) Adjnt.
56 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

DISTRIBUTION

COPY NO

HQ Coy	1
A Coy	2
B Coy	3
C Coy	4
D Coy	5
5 Fd Coy	6
C.C.	7
2 I/C	8
Adjt	9
I.O.	10
Sig O.	11
Mortar Offr	12
Carr Offr	13
Q.M.	14
T.O.	15
R.M.O.	16
O.C.Rear Party	17
5 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)	18-19-20
Trg Centre HQ	21
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RANGE PRACTICES - SWANBOURNE RIFLE RANGE

1. 56 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) with att 5 Fd Coy (less one pl), det 5 Aust Inf Bde (AIF) Sig Sec & 44 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) will occupy SWANBOURNE RANGE CAMP & GARR BN CAMP adjoining range from 19 Nov 43 & will fire musketry courses as laid down in GRO 163/42 for -

- (a) Rifle
- (b) LMG
- (c) SMG
- (d) VMG

2. ORGANIZATION:-

(a) The Bn will be divided into THREE groups as follows:-

- (i) Range duties
- (ii) Firing group
- (iii) Training group

(b) Group (i) will be permanent for the duration of the course.

(c) Group (ii) will comprise of (a) first class shots (b) 2nd class shots, (c) NQ & NE personnel.

(d) Group (iii) will be personnel NOT actually on firing point & will be given musketry trg off the range. This group will be organised so that NQ, NE and 2nd class shots have the longest possible time on trg before going on to the mound.

3. NOMINAL ROLLS:-

Coys will submit to Bn HQ by 1200 hrs 16 Nov 43, a nominal roll in DUPLICATE of all personnel detailed to duties as enumerated in appx 1, also a nominal roll of 1st, 2nd & NE, NQ shots in Coy.

4. RANGE STAFF:-

O.C. RANGE	-	Maj A.E. STEVENSON
2 i/c		Capt J.W. HOUGH
Adjt		Lieut Melville
Firing Point		Lieuts Davis, King, Gunner, McDonald & Kopke
Butt Party		Lieuts Harvey, Harrington, Willis
Zeroing Party		Lieut Farrell
i/c Waiting Details		Lieut Cadwalder, Snelling
Records & Competitions		Lieut Murphy
Training		Capt Mason, Lieuts Symons, Cunningham, Curran, Kiley, Christie, Browning
R.S.M.		W.O.ii Campbell

5. RANGE PERSONNEL:-

(a) personnel required to assist range staff Offrs will be detailed as shown in appx 1.

(b) ATTACHMENTS:-

O.C. Fd Coy will arrange duties from attachments incl 5 Bde Sigs & 44 Bn.

(c) RANGE Q.M.S.

S/Sgt Bargwanna will act as range Q.M.S.

6. DRESS:-

Battle Order with steel helmets
Shorts & Shirts

7. LEAVE:- Range Adjt will arrange a roster of leave & rest days for all personnel of range staff and will notify Coy each night of personnel available to go on leave. Coys will issue the necessary leave passes.

8. COMPETITIONS:-

(a) Coys will encourage entries for sweepstakes to be run on each practice and aggregate of practices. Entrance fee for sweepstake will be sixpence (6d) per event.

(b) The following prizes are allotted by Bn:-

RIFLE	-	Best aggregate (all practices)	1st	£2	-	-
			2nd	1	-	-
			3rd	10	-	-
			4th	5	-	-
			5th	5	-	-
		Each practice	1st	1	-	-
			2nd	10	-	-
			3,4,5,6th	5	-	ea
BREN	-	Best aggregate (all practices)	1st	£2	-	-
			2nd	1	-	-
			3rd	10	-	-
			4th	5	-	-
			5th	5	-	-
		Each practice	1st	1	-	-
			2nd	10	-	-
			3,4,5,6th	5	-	ea
S.M.G.	-	Best aggregate (all practices)	1st	£1	-	-
			2nd	10	-	-
			3,4,5,6th	5	-	ea
<u>P1</u> - best all round P1 (all weapons, based on percentage of all members)					5	- ea

ADDITIONAL PRIZES:-

(a) A prize of 10/- each will be paid to the best shot in each Coy for each of rifle, LMG & SMG.

(b) A prize of 10/- each will be paid to the most improved shot in each Coy, for each rifle, LMG & SMG.

9. ROUTINE:-

(a) Normal times will be adhered to

(b) Times to commence & cease firing will be notified later.

10. DISCIPLINE:-

(a) All ranks will make themselves familiar with rules of the range

(b) Tps will be warned to keep off all lawns & grass

(c) Bad language is prohibited

(d) All orders given by Range Superintendent, Maj Detran MUST be rigorously obeyed.

11. CAMP ADM:-

Normal camp adm will be carried on by coys.

L. H. McAuley
 (L.H. MCAULEY) Adjt. Lieut
 56 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

APFX (1) to 56 AUST INF BN (AIF) O.I. No. 2

Serial	Coy	Register Keepers	Coaches	Butt Party	Waiting Details	Trg Group	Zeroing Party	Arm. Details	Recording Clerk	TOTAL
1	Bn HQ	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2
2	H.Q. ϕ	10	12	20	2 NCOs	6 NCOs	Armourer Sgt. 3 1st class shots	CQMS 4	1	60
3	A	8	8	16	2 NCOs	3 NCOs	3 class shots	CQMS 2	P & O Cpl	44
4	B	8	8	16	2 NCOs	3 NCOs		CQMS 2	P & O Cpl	44
5	C	8	8	16	2 NCOs	3 NCOs		CQMS 2	P & O Cpl	44
6	D	8	8	16	2 NCOs	3 NCOs		3 To be 1st class shots	CQMS 2	P & O Cpl L/Sgt Goldrick	45
7	Att	6	4	12	2 NCOs	3 NCOs	2	CQMS 4	1	35
TOTALS		48	48	96	12	21	18	22	9	274

ϕ - HQ Coy also to supply - Sigs for intercomm between butts and firing point.

MOVEMENT TABLE
APPX A TO 56 AUST INF BN (AIF) ADM INSTN NO 3 OF 16 NOV 43.

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TRAIN	DEPART WORSLEY	ARRIVE CLARENT	O.C. TRAIN & ADJT.	TOTAL PERSONNEL	M.T. CARRIED.	M.T. ESCORT.	LOADING TO BE COMPLETED BY.	REMARKS.
J	0740H/19	1515H/19	Maj Stevenson Lieut King	HQ Coy less det (a) 235 Bn HQ Less Det (b) 67 B Coy 112 A C & D Coys ea (c) 3 NCO's & 3 ORs. 18 Total. <u>432</u>	1 - Office Van 1-3 Ton Water Cart 1-3 Ton 59613 B Coy 3-3 " ASC Vehs HQ & B. 1 Wiles Cooker from B Coy. 2 MC from Bn Hq.	Dvs of Vehs DRs - 8 Cooks - 2 Total. <u>10</u>	0700H/19 Nov	Blankets & Kit Bags to be loaded in Vehs Half one ASC Veh. to be at disposal of B Coy.
K	2110H/19	0625H/20	Capt Neil Lieut Davis	A Coy 91 C Coy 91 D Coy 104 FSS 2 22 Aust Fd Coy 51 54 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) 31 44 " " " " 16 5 Aust Inf Bde (AIF) 2 5 Bde Sig Sec 38 2 Aust Div 3 Total. <u>429</u>	1-3 Ton 41010 A Coy 1-3 Ton 41223 C " " 1-3 Ton 41282 D " " 1-15 Cwt 61247 A " " 1-3 Ton 26236 C&D " " 1-3 Ton 41093 Offrs & Sgts Mess. 1 Wiles Cooker from A Coy. 2 MC-1 Bn Hq - 1 Hq Coy.	Dvs of Vehs & DRs 8 Cooks 2 Total. <u>10</u>	2030H/19 Nov	Blankets & Kit Bags to be loaded in vehs. Attachments to load blankets & Kit Bags on Brake Van or have 2 compartments set as- ide on train.
L	0510H/20	1343H/20	To be nominat- ed by 5 Fd Coy	5 Fd Coy RAE 132 1 NCO & 6 ORs Pnr Pl 7 2 Tk.A Pl 2 2 Sigs 2 5 Adm Pl 5 3 "I" Sec 3 2 RAP 2 Total. <u>153</u>	5-3 Ton 5 Fd Coy 1-Water Cart Fd Coy 2-15 Cwt Vans " " 2 MC 5 Fd Coy 1 Wiles Cooker " 1-15 Cwt Sig Van Hq Coy 2 Portees Hq Coy 3-3 Ton Vehs Nos 41208-41236-59645- Hq Coy. 1 3 Ton 41091 RAP 1 3 Ton 26566 Rat- ions & Canteen. 3 3 Ton Nos 41233- 26237-41222-Q.M. 1 15 Cwt 4x4-67497- QM.- 1 Wiles Cooker D Coy 1 3 Ton AASC-5 Fd Coy - 2 MC - Carr Pl.	Dvs of Vehs 20 DRs 4 Cooks 4 Total <u>28</u>	0430H/20	Blankets & Kit Bags where NOT loaded in Vehs to be put in Brake Van or compartment set aside. 2 ORs to be entrained at HARVEY. AASC Veh to be at dis- posal of 5 Fd Coy for transportation to WORSLEY & loading on train.
(a)	Cpl Nilsson & 6 Pioneers Tk.A 1 NCO & 3 ORs. Sigs 1 NCO & 2 ORs. Adm Pl-1 Q Staff-Tpt Sgt-1 Ration Store. 1 Butcher - RQM3							
(b)	"I" Sec 1 NCO & 2 ORs - 2 RAP.							

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56 AUST INF BN (AIF) ADM INSTN NO 3

1. 56 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) and Attachments will move on 19 and 20 Nov 43 and proceed to SWANBOURNE.
2. MOVEMENT AND LOADING OF TRAINS
As per appx "A"
Movement to WORSLEY as per appx "B"
3. STORES AND EQUIPMENT TO BE TAKEN
All stores and equipment brought on fwd journey will be taken to SWANBOURNE.
4. DRESS
 - (a) Marching Order (respirator at alert and water bots filled)
 - (b) Shirts khaki, trousers K/D and hats fur felt.
 - (c) Packs and haversacks packed in accordance with 5 Aust Inf Bde (AIF) instns style "B"
 - (d) Steel helmets to be packed as last item in kit bag.
5. KIT BAGS & BLANKETS - Blankets and
Kit bags/will be packed in coy vehs prior to the vehs leaving camp for entraining.
6. RATIONS
Meals enroute where applicable will be provided from Wiles Cooker on train. O.C. train will liaise with R.T.O. and train guard enroute for purpose of ascertaining times and places for meals to be partaken.
7. CLEANLINESS OF CAMP
 - (a) Coy area will be thoroughly cleaned before moving out and Coy Comds will render a certificate to Adjnt on vacating the area.
 - (b) All drains, grease traps, latrines, showers will be thoroughly cleaned prior to vacating the area.
8. SECURITY
 - (a) Particular care will be paid to security instns in regard to documents, letters, envelopes etc being left in the area.
 - (b) Tps are to be warned that sending letters or telegrams or making private phone calls enroute is strictly forbidden.
9. TRAIN DISCIPLINE
All tps will be warned against:-
 - (a) Boarding and leaving trains in motion.
 - (b) Leaning out of windows and doors or protruding any portion of the body from the train as to be in danger of being struck by side or overhead structures.
 - (c) Throwing anything out of the windows.
 - (d) Interfering with or causing damages to Ry property (windows, doors, brake gear and other fittings)
 - (e) Chalk marking of rolling stock.
 - (f) Discharging firearms.
 - (g) Carrying or consuming liquor on train.
 - (h) No personnel will leave the train at any time or stopping place unless permitted by O.C. of train.
 - (i) At meal halts strict attention will be paid to by all ranks to hygiene and all food will be disposed of arranged by O.C. train.
 - (j) An N.C.O. will be detailed i/c of each compartment and will be responsible for discipline of members of that compartment and report any damage enroute and the cause of same to Adjnt at first stopping place.
 - (k) Loading of M.T.
All three ton vehicles will have canopy frame lowered to at least the level of the drivers cabin before loading in train.
 - (l) Chimneys on Wiles Cookers will be lowered before loading on train.
 - (m) Piqueting of M.T. on move
O.C. train will be responsible to see that lashings on vehs

Piqueting of H.T. on Move Continued

are frequently inspected en route. Under no CIRCUMSTANCES are vchs to be left unattended.

(n) Entraining and detraining reports will be submitted by O.C. train to BHQ.

10. MEDICAL

R.M.O. will make available a first aid kit and orderly for each train.

L. H. M. G. ULLY
~~(L.H.M.G.ULLY) Adj't 55 Aust Inf Bn~~ ^{Lieut}
(A.I.F)

Distribution

HQ Coy
A. "
B. "
C. "
D. "
5 Bde
5 Fd Coy
Pl 54 Bn
22 Aust Fd Coy
44 Bn Pl
5 Bde Sig com
C.C.
Adj't
2i/c
Q.M.

T.O.
R.M.O.
W.O. Caterer
War Diary
Spare
File
I.O.
J.W. Tsg Centre.

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AUSTRALIA.
21 Nov 43.

CAMP DUTIES

DUTY ROSTER

<u>DATE TO MOUNT</u>	<u>DUTY COY</u>	<u>GRD OFFR.</u>
Nov 21	A Coy	Lieut KOPKE A.F.
Nov 22	D Coy	" McDONALD K.G.
Nov 23	HQ Coy	" HARDY M.G.
Nov 24	C Coy	" BENNETT J.L.
Nov 25	B Coy	" HARRINGTON O.K.
Nov 26	A Coy	" GUNNER A.F.S.
Nov 27	D Coy	" HARVEY J.J.
Nov 28	HQ Coy	" DAVIS G.W.B.
Nov 29	C Coy	" SMITH E.M.
Nov 30	B Coy	" KING B.W.

CAMP DUTIES

The following duties will operate :-

1. MAIN GUARD - Consisting of 1 Sgt 1 Cpl 9 ORs.
Tour of Duty 0700 - 0700 Hrs.
Dress Marching Order (Less steel helmets and Respirator).
Guard will be inspected by Coy Orderly Offr prior to marching on to Bn Pde Ground for Inspection by Bn Orderly Offr at 0650 Hrs.
2. CANTEEN PICQUET.
1 Sgt 4 ORs 1830 - 2100 Hrs.
Dress Steel helmets and side arms.
3. CANTEEN WORKING PARTY.
2 ORs to report to Canteen at the following times
0830 - 1030 Hrs
1430 - 1530 Hrs.
4. Y.M.C.A. Hut Orderly 0830 Hrs daily.
5. LATRINE AND SHOWER PICQUET.- 2 l/Cpls 0615 - 2100 Hrs
(See that Toilet paper only is used.
That chain is pulled and pans flushed after use.
That toilet paper is NOT wasted.
6. KITCHEN PICQUET. - 1 Cpl at each kitchen during meal hours to supervise emptying of refuse into correct bins.
7. BN ORDERLY SGT.- To hand over Main Guard to Bn Ord Offr.

L.H. Macaulay Lieut.
(L.H. MACAULEY) Adjt. 56 Aust Inf Bn.
(AIF)

WEEKLY INTELLIGENCE REPORT
Week-ending 17 Nov 43.

1. INFORMATION RE ENEMY.

Nil.

2. INFORMATION RE OWN TROOPS.

- (1) Location: Map Ref 39798737
- (2) Training: See Syllabus of training forwarded to 5 Aust Inf Bde (A.I.F.) for subjects covered.
- (3) Morale: Excellent.
- (4) Health:

U.R.T.I.	23
New Cases	30
Evac to Hospital	4

During two days rigorous exercise less than 0.3% casualties were sustained and NO ill effects observed.

3. INFORMATION RE 'I' SECTION.

- (1) Strength: 1 Offr., 1 Sjt., 3 Cpls., 12 OR's.
- (2) Training: See Syllabus forwarded to 5 Aust Inf Bde (A.I.F.) FOR SUBJECTS COVERED.

4. SECURITY.

Postal Notes received by unit postal Sjt have COLLIE post office stamped on them. The matter has been referred to Trg Centre for action.

5. TOPOGRAPHICAL.

Nil information.

6. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

Unit Concert Party arranged concert in COLLIE in aid of Patriotic Funds on 15 Nov 43. Well received and attended by local inhabitants.

.....*J. Melville*.....Lieut.
(J.R.W. MELVILLE) I.O. 56 Aust Inf Bn (A.I.F.)

Lt. Col. R.T. BRYEN.

Comd. 56 AUST INF BN (AIF)

PUBLICATION OF STANDING ORDERS.

It is the duty of every offr and soldier to make himself acquainted with these orders (A.M.R & O. 156i (3).

Coy Comds will ensure that these orders are explained to all ranks in Camp and to all new troops on the day of marching in.

Amendments to these orders will be published in BRO's.

PART 1 ROUTINE

1.

The following routine will be observed:-

<u>DAILY TIMETABLE</u>	<u>OFFRS</u>	<u>ORs</u>
Reveille	0600	0600
Offrs Trg	0615-0645	
Breakfast	0715	
Sick Parade	0730	0730
Parade	0830	0830
Stand Down	1200	1200
Lunch	1230	1230
Parade	1330	1330
Stand Down	1700	1700
Retreat	1730	1730
Mess	1815	1730
Light Out	2315	2215

NOTE:- SUNDAYS.

Church parades will be held at times as ordered.

2. STATES AND RETURNS.

The following will be submitted:-

- | | |
|--|----------------------------|
| (a) AAF A.14 Daily | To HQ 5 Aust Inf Bde (AIF) |
| (b) Daily Parade State | To Bn HQ |
| (c) W3006 Strength State Weekly | To D.R.O. & HQ 2 Aust Div. |
| (d) W3010, 3012, 3011 Weekly | D.R.O. |
| (e) W3008, 3009 Weekly | D.R.O. & 2 Aust Div. |
| (f) B2069 Offence Report Weekly | D.R.O. |
| (g) W3810 Ration State Weekly | B.A.S.C.O. |
| (h) AAF D11 As Required | |
| (i) Census of Warlike Stores - Monthly. A.D.O.S. | |

Other returns as laid down from time to time.

Coys will supply the following states and returns-

- Daily Parade state by 0800 hrs.
- Certificate of Inspection, Arms, Equipment and personnel as required.
- C.7 Re Arm expended.
- Details of movements of personnel in or out of Coy.
- Kit Inspections report - Monthly.
- Tattoo Roll Call report.

3. RECORDS TO BE KEPT BY COYS.

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| (a) Coy Roll Books - AAB 76 | (k) Coy & Pl Manning Charts. |
| (b) Pl Roll Books - AAB 77 | (l) File of A 46s Sick Reports. |
| (c) Nominal Rolls | (m) Leave Register |
| (d) Conduct Sheets | (n) Duty Roster |
| (e) Pl Comds personal History Books. | (o) Record of text book issues. |
| (f) Pl Sgts " " " | (p) Record of Schools & Courses. |
| (g) Record of T.O.E.T.s. | (q) Coy Stores Record. |
| (h) Pay Books | (r) Coy Musketry Records. |
| (i) Correspondence File | (s) Weapon History book. |
| (j) Index to Correspondence | (t) Coy Tpt Records. |

4. BUGLE CALLS.

All calls will be sounded punctually by bugler from a central posn in the Camp area.
Quarter and five minute warnings will be sounded before parades.

5. OFFICIAL TIME.

Official time will be wireless time. It will be promulgated by sigs to all Coys at 0730 hrs daily and to all offrs at 0800 hrs by Bn Coy Offr.

6. DAILY DUTIES.

Bn duties will be detailed by Bn HQ and published in R.O's.

7. TATTOO ROLL CALL.

A roll call will be held at Tattoo nightly. Reports will be made to Bn HQs each night.

8. MOVEMENT OF OFFRS.

Offrs leaving Camp area are to advise Bn HQ of destination, telephone number, if any and expected time of return.

PART III DUTIES.1. CAMP DUTIES.

A duty Offr and duty coy will be detailed daily.
Other duties as necessary will be detailed by R.S.M.

2. GUARD AND PICQUET.

Guards and Picquet as required will be detailed by R.S.M. and will come under control of Bn duty Offr.

Coys will detail own coy duty Offr, Sgt and Cpl and any other duties as required within Coy Adm.

Duty Coy will detail coy duty Sgt and 12 ORs as Bn Fire Picquet.

Fatigues will be detailed from duty coy as required for maintenance and cleanliness of Camp.

3. EXCHANGE OF DUTIES.

No person detailed for duty by Bn HQ will be permitted to exchange such duty without reference to Bn HQ.

PART IV DISCIPLINE1. CAMP ORGANIZATION.

In the event of the Comd Offr being absent from Camp, the next senior Offr will act in that capacity.

2. CAMP INSPECTION.

Unit lines will be in inspection order by 0830 hrs daily.
Tents or Huts, personal gear etc will be clean and arranged in accordance with Instructions laid down when occupying camp.

3. UNIFORM.

- (a) All Offrs and NCO's are responsible to see that dress worn by all ranks is in accordance with ASO Chap 8 para 5 and 2 Aust Div (AIF) Standing Orders for Dress - Circular A 1.
- (b) Coy Comds are held responsible that all tps under their comd are inspected for dress according to para (a) above prior to leave passes being issued.
- (c) No person will depart from these Standing Orders for dress unless his leave pass and/or back of Pay Book is endorsed with the reason by C.O.
- (d) The wearing of puggarees by personnel within the Bn will be uniform and only puggarees purchased through the Bn will be authorised.
- (e) Head dress will NOT be worn at mess parades and men will brush and comb their hair prior to going on mess parade.

4. ARMS.

All arms are to be inspected daily. Side arms will NOT be worn off parade.

5. CONDUCT OF TPS IN PUBLIC VEHCS.

- (a) All ranks are to conform to By Laws of Public Authorities when travelling in uniform in public vehs and trains. To ensure observation of this order offrs and NCO's will be detailed to special leave trains and buses.
- (b) Where property is damaged or By Laws infringed, all possible assistance in tracing offenders, with a view to prosecution will be given to the authorities concerned.

6. LIQUOR.

- (a) No person when in uniform shall consume, carry or have in his possession any intoxicating liquor at any time when he is in a public place other than licensed premises or a Military Canteen, and in such place only on condition that he complies with the requirements of civil law and any other orders issued by competent Military Authority.
- (b) The supplying of intoxicating liquor to inmates of Military Hospitals without permission of the offr I/C of the Hospital, is a serious offence and on conviction an offender is liable to a penalty NOT exceeding £20 or imprisonment NOT exceeding 3 months (A.M.R. & O para 1554.)

7. GAMBLING.

Gambling is NOT permitted in the Camp (A.M.R. & O 323 (1)).

8. LANGUAGE.

Disciplinary action will be taken to suppress the use of bad language.

9. NOISE.

There will be NO noise after lights out, personnel returning to Camp will pay particular attention to this matter.

10. LEAVE.

- (a) Leave may be granted as directed from time to time.
- (b) All personnel leaving camp must be in possession of a prescribed leave or duty pass.
- (c) No man will be permitted to go on leave unless he is properly dressed and in good health.
No person marked Light or NO duty will be permitted to go on leave whilst marked as such.
- (d) All personnel proceeding on leave will be inspected by coys prior to marching onto Bn Pde Ground where they will be inspected by Bn Ord Cffr and any man NOT properly dressed or whose clothing is slovenly will be refused leave.

A.R.L.

- (a) May be taken according to coy roster as allotted by higher authority.
- (b) All personnel will be made familiar with the conditions of A.R.L. as laid down in G.R.O. 598.

COMPASSIONATE LEAVE.

All personnel will be made familiar with the conditions of compassionate leave as laid down in G.R.O. 598.

SPECIAL LEAVE.

Applications for special leave will be submitted through coys to Bn HQ with a full statement showing reason for application.

11. BOUNDS.

- (a) Camp bounds will be nominated by Bn HQ on occupation of an area.
- (b) Personnel will NOT move outside camp bounds except in performance of duty or leave.
- (c) The following places are out of bounds at all times except for duty.
 - (i) All Bn HQ Office.
 - (ii) All Coy Ord Rooms and Coy Stores.
 - (iii) Q.M. Store.
 - (iv) Ration Store.
 - (v) M.T. Park & Stores.
 - (vi) Guard House and Tents.
 - (vii) All Kitchens.
 - (viii) Any unoccupied portions of buildings.
- (d) The following places are out of bounds other than at meal times, after evening meal, and as authorised for wet weather and training purposes-
All Mess Huts.
- (e) The following places are out of bounds at all times to ORs.
Offrs and Sgts Messes.
Offrs and Sgts quarters, latrines and showers.

PART IV. MEDICAL - HYGIENE & SANITATION.

1. MEDICAL INSPECTIONS.

- (a) R.M.O. will inspect all men on their arrival in camp, paying particular attention to skin rashes, evidence of V.D. or other contagious diseases.
- (b) R.M.O. will conduct an inspection of all ranks for V.D. twice a month or at any other time as ordered.
- (c) R.M.O. will accompany C.O. or his deputy and the Ord Cffr on a daily inspection of the camp and pay particular attention to the adequacy and conditions of the following.
 - (i) Ventilation of tents, huts and canteen, airing of bedding.
 - (ii) Cleanliness of tents, huts and canteens, cookhouses and lines in general.
 - (iii) Disposal of refuse, garbage and condition of bins etc.
 - (iv) Storage of food and covering of food from flies.
 - (v) Cleanliness, drainage, freedom from flies of cookhouses, meat houses and food stores.
 - (vi) Latrines, urine tubs and general disposal of excreta, adequacy of latrines.
 - (vii) Disposal of drainage water, especially from ablution places, cookhouses and grease traps.
 - (viii) Water, attention to purification, hardness and distribution of water for troops, horses, bathing and shower facilities.

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- (ix) Horse lines - Excreta and dust, with special reference to fly breeding.
- (x) Facilities for troops to wash clothing.

2. SICK PARADES.

- (a) Sick parades will be held regularly at times laid down for same and all men who are sick will attend.
- (b) The Coys Ord Cpl will parade the sick at R.A.P. at appointed times and will submit to R.A.P. an A 46 properly compiled from the soldiers pay book.
- (c) The R.M.O. will classify men as (1) Fit for duty with medicine. (2) Fit for light duty or (3) Unfit for duty.
- (d) "Unfit for duty" personnel will be quartered at R.A.P. or evacuated.
- (e) "Fit for duty" with medicine will go on normal parades.
- (f) "Fit for Light Duty" personnel will parade to R.A.P. at 0830 hrs each morning and be taken charge of by En Ord Offr who will arrange a programme for them.

3. CARE OF FEET.

Men will be instructed in the care of the feet and daily inspections will be made by Coy Offrs followed by a daily footbath.

4. ILLNESS WHILE ON LEAVE.

- (a) No man is allowed to leave camp on sick leave.
- (b) Any member of the unit becoming sick while on leave will
 - (i) Report the fact by the quickest means to his Unit or GDD from which leave was granted.
 - (ii) Report at once to the nearest Military Hospital or where this is NOT practicable to the nearest area Medical Offr or
 - (iii) Report at once to the nearest Public Hospital if a Military Hospital or area Medical Offr is NOT available or
 - (iv) If unable to attend either of above, then obtain private Medical attention and immediately forward a certificate to the nearest HQ of a L-of-C Area.
- (c) Members who become sick or sustain injuries whilst on leave without pay are NOT entitled to treatment in Military hospitals or at Government expense.

5. ILLNESS.

Care is to be taken to see that the men who should report sick, do so.

6. INJURIES.

In the event of an injury being sustained, it will be the duty of the senior offr, NCO or Pte present to-

- (a) Obtain the name and address of all witnesses.
 - (b) Make an immediate report to the HQ of the unit concerned.
- The importance of this procedure is to be impressed on all ranks.
D.11 will be completed promptly and witnesses statements attached.

7. VENERAL DISEASES.

- (a) Any man suspected by himself to be suffering from V.D. will report at once to the R.M.O. and concealment or any attempt there at will be dealt with under A.M.R. & C 787.
This order will be read to all new recruits on joining the unit and to all ranks at intervals NOT exceeding one month.
- (b) Notices as for appx 3 (c) of S.O.'s AAMC will be displayed in latrines.
- (c) Prophylactics depots will be established in accordance with S.O.'s AAMC.
- (d) Frequent instructions in the prevention of V.D. will be given by R.M.O. and regular inspections will be carried out.

8. INNOCULATIONS.

Innoculations will be carried out under instructions and arrangements with R.M.O.

9. GENERAL.

R.M.O. will be responsible for the general supervision of all matters appertaining to hygiene and sanitation.

It is essential that high standards are maintained and to inculcate in all personnel the absolute necessity for maintenance of cleanliness in the interest of health of individual as well as the unit.

10. ABLUTION.

Will be carried out only in the places provided.

11. AIRING OF BLANKETS.

All blankets are to be aired at least once a week.

12. EXPECTORATING in buildings or on camp area will be treated as an offence.

13. SANITATION

- (a) Hygiene Sgt attached will be permanently responsible for sanitation.
- (b) Only such of the conveniences in the camp area as recognized as such will be used. The use of any other conveniences or pollution of the camp grounds will be treated as an offence.
- (c) Refuse must be placed in the containers provided and coys will detail a picquet to supervise the emptying of wet and dry refuse during each meal hour. Particular attention being paid to salvage instructions.
- (d) Washing of clothes will only be done in the places provided and only the lines provided will be used for drying clothes, towels etc.
- (e) Special attention will be paid to grease traps and they will be cleaned at least twice daily.
- (f) Where it is necessary to bury refuse under instructions, a board indicating the foul ground and the date of fouling will be erected.

14. BIVOUAC SANITATION.

Where bodies of tps are out in trg areas for periods covering a meal, latrine trenches at least 4 ft deep will be dug in secluded posns and when finished with, will be filled in and marked as in FSPB.

PART V GENERAL.**1. VISITORS.**

- (a) Civilian visitors are NOT allowed in camp unless permission is obtained from Bn HQ.
- (b) No visitor is permitted to enter camp without an escort and no visitor will bring into camp a camera. Any camera found will be confiscated and lodged at Bn HQ with a report including the name and address of the person responsible.
- (c) No visitor is to be permitted to enter office buildings and Q.M. stores.

2. HAWKERS.

No hawkers or vendors will be permitted in the camp.

3. SECURITY.

Attention is directed to A.M.R. & O 1584 re handling of secret documents.

TOO MUCH CARE CAN NOT BE EXERCISED.

All personnel must take particular care NOT only against wilful disclosure of military secrets but against the careless and thoughtless revelation thereof. See A.M.R. & O 1588 (b) and National Security Regs (General). Personnel discovering any person or persons acting in a suspicious manner in the vicinity of the camp will take immediate steps to notify the Duty Offr or Bn HQ.

4. WALKING ON ROADS.

Troops walking on roadsays, whether camp or public highways will NOT walk more than two abreast and will strictly observe traffic rules - i.e. keep to the extreme side of the road facing on coming traffic. This does NOT apply to marching bodies of troops who will follow the normal rule of marching on the left side of the road.

5. MAIL.

Outward mail must be censored by an offr and ample time should be allowed to enable censorship and posting. Mail will be posted in Coy letter boxes and after censoring, coys will deliver to Bn HQ postal staff for posting. Coy P & O Cpls will collect inward mail from Bn HQ postal staff at times laid down.

6. TELEPHONES.

- (a) Telephone will NOT be left unattended at any time and duty attendant will sleep near it at night.
- (b) No private phone calls will be permitted on phones.
- (c) No Offr, NCO or man is to be called from any parade except in case of vital necessity to receive private phone calls.
- (d) Telephone conversations and their duration must be reduced to a minimum in order to relieve congestion of telephone channels and other means of communication such as DRs and postal services must be used wherever possible.
- (e) All outward trunk line calls will be recorded in a book to be kept for that purpose.
- (f) Private calls are to be made from messes or public phone only.

7. PARADE GROUNDS & TRG AREAS.

Parade grounds and training areas will be detailed as required. Trg will NOT be carried out in camp area except in wet weather or when the trg is of such a nature that it must be performed in buildings.

8. MOTOR TRANSPORT.

- (a) All drivers will familiarise themselves with Standing Orders for Drivers and also with the State Laws governing traffic regulations.
- (b) M.T. within the camp will at NO time travel at more than 15 M.P.H.
- (c) Vehs when stationary in camp area will be parked correctly according to orders laid down.
- (d) No private vehs will be permitted to park within the camp area.
- (e) No person will drive a military veh unless in possession of a military license empowering them to drive the particular veh mentioned on such license.
- (f) Unauthorised travel in military vehs is NOT permitted.
- (g) Drivers are forbidden to carry female passengers in Military vehs, irrespective of them being members of the forces unless the veh G.2 is endorsed by the C.C.
- (h) Troops travelling in motor trucks or vans will sit back to back down the centre of the truck.
- (i) Vehs will at NO time be left unattended and where a number of trucks are carrying leave personnel a picquet will be detailed in charge of the parked vehs. Dvs on vacating their vehs will hand keys of their veh to O.C. Picquet for custody until they return.
- (j) Dvs at all times will pay particular attention to track discipline.

9. SALVAGE.

A.S.O. Chap 21 paras 1 to 8 will be read to all personnel and all salvageable materials will be collected daily under supervision of the Salvage staff.
 Seperate receptacles will be placed in all showers and ablutions for the reception of razor blades and tooth paste tubes.

10. MESSING.

Rations will be obtained daily through W.O.ii. Caterer.

- (a) A nominal roll of cookhouse personnel will be posted up in each kitchen.
- (b) Temporary mess orderlies will be detailed by coys for period of 3 days. Permanent mess orderlies will NOT be allowed in kitchens.
- (c) (i) All utensils and food must be covered from flies.
 (ii) Kitchen utensils are to be washed as used.
 (iii) Soldiers NOT on duty will NOT be permitted to enter the kitchens.
 (iv) Tea leaves must be drained through a perforated tin or strained and NOT allowed to enter grease traps.
- (d) (i) A washing basin, piece of soap and nail brushes and towel will be available in all kitchens for use of the staff.
 (ii) Senior cook will ensure that all cooks and assistants observe strictest cleanliness while doing duty in kitchens and that clothes are kept clean.
 (iii) Smoking in kitchens and meat houses is strictly forbidden.
 (iv) Each kitchen will have proper receptacles for waste food, tins, bottles etc and the lid must be kept on these receptacles at all times when NOT actually in use.

11. PERSONAL PROPERTY.

Personnel are warned re care of personal property and valuables. Any losses should be reported immediately.

12. GOVERNMENT PROPERTY.**CUSTODY OF STORES.**

All ranks having custody of stores, are responsible for obtaining signatures for all issues and for preservation of records and issues.

LOSSES & DAMAGE.

All losses and damages to stores and personal belongings must be recorded immediately for investigation. Losses NOT traced by investigation will be reported to Bn HQ and if necessary an investigating offr will be appointed.

DAMAGES OR REPAIRS TO TENTS AND BUILDINGS.

Immediate inquiries are to be made in the event of damage to tents, buildings etc so as to place the responsibility and reports are to be submitted to Bn HQ.

13. DAMAGE TO PRIVATE PROPERTY.

Troops will enter only such private property as has been made available for trg by Bn HQ.

Sub Units will pay particular attention to the following -

- (a) Precautions to prevent damage to fences, buildings, trees, stock etc.
- (b) The immediate reporting to Bn HQ of any damage that has occurred.
- (c) The non lighting of fires in enclosed land and precautions against an outbreak of fire by matches, cigarettes etc.

- (d) The cleaning up of all areas used and filling and marking of temporary latrines.
- (e) Closing of all gates.
- (f) The prevention of nuisance.

14. LIGHTING.

- (a) Hurricane lanterns or other naked lights must NOT be left in unattended buildings, tents etc.
- (b) The practice of smoking whilst in bed is forbidden.
- (c) On NO account will there be any interference with any electrical appliances where installed in camp.

15. PRECAUTIONS AGAINST FIRE.

All ranks are to be made familiar with Unit Fire Orders.
Interfering with fire fighting appliances or their use for other than their legitimate purpose will be severely dealt with.

16. APPEALS TO OUTSIDE BODIES, ORGANISATIONS ETC.

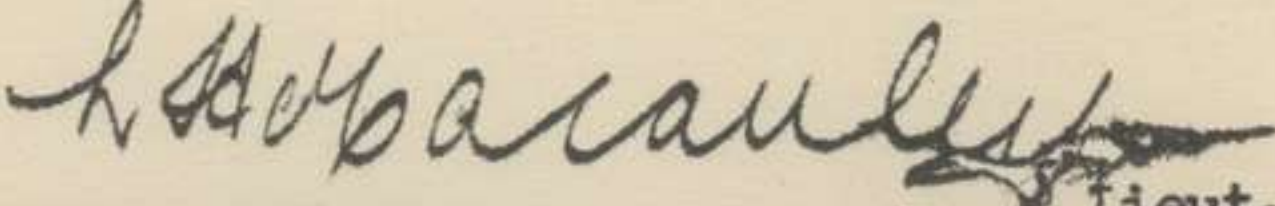
- (a) Sub units or individuals, will NOT seek the co-operation of any public organization or body with the object of appealing for donations of comforts, sports materials etc, without first contacting Bn HQ.
- (b) It is an offence for any soldier to communicate with news papers or other outside bodies or organization on matters concerning the Army or himself as a soldier, without approval to do so.

17. A.S.O.'s.

A period each week will be devoted to reading of A.S.O's to all troops.

18. REQUEST HOUR.

A period each week at times as laid down will be available to all troops for interviewing C.O. and Coy Offrs for discussion of any topic or advice on any subject.


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SUITABLE S.M.G. COURSE

56 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

ALL personnel armed with S.M.G. & other selected personnel.

PART 1 - INTRODUCTORY

OBJECT:- To introduce the soldier to firing of a S.M.G., using both types of fire and firing positions.

No.	Practice	Target	Range	Rounds	Detail	Remarks	H.P.S.
0	Introductory	Selected area on stop-but	20 x	8	To be fired in the following sequence - 1 single round from shoulder posn 1 " " " waist " 1 short burst " shoulder " 1 " " " waist "	The fire control lever being set to produce the desired type of fire	-
1	Sense of direction	Fig No. 2	20mx	4	Firer with weapon loaded, fire control lever set at "automatic" & held at the waist posn, facing the target. On the order "Fire" he engages the target, endeavouring to produce "single shot". No time limit.	3 points for each direct hit on target	12
2	<i>Instinctive</i> Snapshotting	Fig No. 2 Disappearing if possible	20 x	4	Firer with weapon loaded, fire control lever set at "Automatic" & held at the waist posn, facing the direction in which the target will appear. On the appearance of the target (or on the order "Fire", if target is stationery), it will be engaged, by single shot & using "sense of direction" - Exposure - 1 sec for each shot	3 points for each direct hit on target	12
3	Automatic Alignment	Fig No. 2 Disappearing if possible	20 x	4	Firer & weapon - as for practice 2. On the appearance of the target (or on the order "Fire" if target is stationery) the weapon will be brought to the shoulder posn, automatically aligned & fired single shots. Exposures - 2 secs for each shot	3 points for each direct hit on target	12

No.	Practice	Target	Range	Rounds	DETAIL	REMARKS	H.P.S.
4	Emergency	Fig 2 - disappearing, if possible	20 x	3	Firer with weapon loaded and fire control set at "Automatic", standing facing the direction in which the target will appear. The weapon will be held with both hands at the grips, muzzle upwards in a pose similar to the "High Port", except that the right elbow & butt can be in contact with the right side of the body. On the appearance of the target (or on the order "fire" - if the target is stationary) it will be engaged by firing of the stated rounds, in one burst from the waist pose. Exposure of target - 2 seconds	3 points for each direct hit on the target	9

TOTAL: 45
A total of 33
can be regarded
as a 1st class
performance.

21 Oct 43

56 AUST. INF. BN. (AIF)

FIRE STANDING ORDERS

1. GENERAL

- (a) In summer time, every possible precaution must be taken to minimise the incidence of camp and bush fires.
- (b) All Comds will ensure that ALL ranks are aware of the danger and consequences of neglect or careless action with fire or inflammable stores or material.
- (c) The following orders will be promulgated twice monthly.

PRECAUTIONS AGAINST FIRE

2. IN CAMP

- (a) Coy fire fighting squads, adequate to deal with any outbreak of fire within the unit, will be formed under comd of a coy Offr.
- (b) External fires will never be left unattended and with exception of kitchen fires, will be extinguished by 1800 hrs.
- (c) No naked lights will be allowed within tents.
- (d) Hurricane lamps will NOT be suspended.
- (e) Lights are NOT to be left unattended.
- (f) ALL lights will be extinguished at "Lights Out".
- (g) A receptacle for cigarette butts and matches will be placed in each tent &/or hut.
- (h) Fire breaks will be cut around Bn & Coy areas and around tents, mess buildings, kitchens & latrines in accordance with 3 Aust Corps Adm Instr Q41 Appx A of 19 Oct 43
- (i) Wax matches will NOT be brought into camp area or carried in the field.

3. IN THE FIELD

- (a) All comds will take every precaution against fire when on exercise or duty outside the camp area
- (b) Fires will NOT be lit except on the orders of an Offr and that Offr will be responsible for the extinguishing of the fire, before vacating the area
- (c) Every care will be taken by Carr personnel to avoid areas where fires may easily be started by Carriers M.G.
- (d) If forced to travel through such areas, increased vigilance will be maintained.
- (e) Fire beaters will be carried by sub-units down to PIs on all field exercises.
- (f) The throwing away of cigarette ends, pipe ashes or glowing matches from moving M.T. is forbidden and all vehs will be fitted with either an ash tray or tin in lieu of.
- (g) Bn area of responsibility for bush fires will be posted up in "I" Office and all Offrs will make themselves familiar with the location of this area and route to it.

BN FIRE FIGHTING ORGANISATION

- 4. The Bn Fighting Organisation will be as set out in Appx A

5. FIRE FIGHTING EQUIPMENT

- (a) All Coys will procure and keep ready for instant use, all available fire fighting equipment.
- (b) Reserve of fire fighting equipment will be packed outside Q.M. Store ready for immediate use.

6. ACTION ON OUTBREAK OF FIRE WITHIN BN AREA

- (a) Person discovering an outbreak of fire will call, "FIRE" in a loud voice and endeavour to extinguish the blaze.
- (b) Person nearest to fire alarm will sound the alarm.
- (c) Bn HQ will be notified immediately of the location and extent of the fire.
- (d) ALL drivers will stand by their vehs and will await further orders and will only move their vehs without orders, if they consider the fire is in a dangerous proximity to the vehs

56 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) - STANDING FIRE ORDERS - APPX "A"

Serial No.	Designation	Personnel	Duties
1	Fire Control Offr F.C.O.	Bn 2 i/o	(a) Have alarm sounded & tasks allotted (b) First call on reserves within own unit. Advise Bde HQ if further assistance is required. (c) Establish Fire Control HQ and advise Bde of location. (d) Ensure that Fire Control HQ is always attended. (e) Accompany fire fighters to fire, allot tasks & carry out recce of area. Recce report to be sent to Bde immediately on completion. (f) Arrange relief of squads (g) Keep Bde HQ informed of the situation. (h) At conclusion of fire, take action in accordance with GRO 392 sec 2 of 1943
2	Fire Control HQ	To be established by Fire Control Offr & always attended.	(a) Administration (b) Maintain contact with Bde
3	Fire Watchers	"I" Section Regimental Police I.O. in charge	(a) as required (b) establish fire observation posts on msg "Fire Warning"
4	Fire observation Post	From Fire Watchers	(a) To take msg bearings on fire and report to Bde through Bn (b) State ref from which bearing is taken (c) State approx extent of fire (d) Give approximate distance (e) Fire watchers will comply with these instructions whether fire is in their own Bn area or NOT.
5	Fire Fighters	A) Each to organize a party of B) C) 1 Offr, D) 20 O/Rs H Q-Coy - 1 Offr 1 Sgt 3 Cpls 35 O/Rs	(a) To be ready to move at short notice as required by F.C.O. (b) To keep all fire fighting equipment in good order & available for immediate use.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES
ROUTINE ORDERS

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549. GRENADES - DESTRUCTION OF BLINDS

1. Due to the possible occurrence of hangfires, as a result of slow burning fuses, it is essential that an interval of fifteen minutes and NOT five minutes, as previously published, be allowed to elapse before action is taken to destroy blind 36M grenade.
2. An amendment to Small Arms Training, Volume I, Pamphlet No 13, "Grenade", incorporating the above change to existing procedure, will be issued in the near future. In the meantime, action will be taken to ensure that this order is brought to the notice of all ranks.

550. SPEED LIMITS.

3 Aust Corps Adm Instruction AQ 30 of 28 Jun 43 sets out maximum speeds of Military vehicles as under.

Cars - 12 Cwt	Vans - 15 Cwt	Vans	40 M.P.H. Max.
1 Ton	Vans		25 " "
Lorries	30 Cwt		25 " "
Trucks	3 Ton		25 " "

551. LEAVE PASSES - IRREGULARITIES

Irregularities in entries made on Leave Passes (Form AAF A96 Revised 1943) are to be corrected.

The following points are to be given attention.

1. Figures at the top indicating date are to be completely blocked out for the day on which leave is given, e.g. 23 will be blocked out for leave given on 23 Oct 43.
2. Figures at bottom indicating time are to be completely blocked out for the time of expiry of leave, e.g. 23 will be blocked out for leave expiring at 2300 hrs.
3. Destination is to be indicated as TOWN when leave is given at GERALDTON
4. Unit Stamp. In this column the unit symbol number is to be printed, e.g. PENGUIN 75, etc.
5. Writing MUST BE IN INK OR INDELIBLE pencil.
6. Place to be Field.
7. Pass is to be signed by an officer NOT by an NCO or W.O.
8. Most entries on these pass forms can be completed in advance thus avoiding a last minute rush and inaccuracy. e.g. TIME - DESTINATION - UNIT STAMP - PLACE.

552. FLY CONTROL.

(a) With the advent of summer the Fly menace cannot be over-emphasised and all methods of Fly Control must be practised unceasingly to combat the nuisance.

(b) The attention of Unit and sub-unit Commanders is directed to the followings:

(i) 3 Aust Corps ASO 10/1 (c).

(ii) Army manual of Hygiene and Sanitation (1934-reprinted with Amendment 1939) Chap X.

(c) Owing to restrictions in the use of Fly Spray (now designated "Mosquito Spray", GRO A404 13 (b)), this commodity is no longer available for fly control, consequently all other methods available must be constantly applied. No one particular method, but a combination of all methods must be employed. Some of these methods are explained in appendix "A" to these ROs.

(d) The improvisation of Hygiene appliances, for this purpose is a simple task for Hygiene Sergeant Inspectors whose services should be employed now and not in a months time when the menace, if neglected, will cause real damage.

(e) A pamphlet "Some Insect Pests of the Military Camps" (issued 1942 by Western Australian Dept of Agriculture) is a very useful booklet and is obtainable at a cost of 9d per copy.

(f) The fly is as deadly as the bullet, if unchecked, and as such must be eliminated by strict control and effective action.

As a general guide to Fly Control, the following methods are recommended:

(a) Trapping - For Blowflies

The army pattern Fly trap (similar principle to that illustrated in the pamphlet referred to in para (c) suitably baited with meat scraps, preferable liver, in a small container (such as an old Kraft cheese tin) the meat just not covered with water, placed in the reservoir. This trap must be carefully maintained and the water level kept up. A dried scrap of meat holds no attraction for flies.

for Houseflies

The bait must be of a sticky sweet variety, e.g. thin treacely syrup, sweetened milk, etc. Fly traps of this pattern may be obtained from 3 Aust Corps Ordnance Services on a scale of 4 per Coy. Units already issued with fly traps should check on same and if any are found to be unserviceable they should be reconditioned under the supervision of the Hygiene Sgt. The traps are best used at a distance of 25 feet from cookhouses and are particularly effective if the reservoir is removed and the trap "Set" in latrines of the deep trench type where it traps the infected fly at the source of infection and before it can convey that infection to food stuffs, etc.

(b) The Roller Fly Trap (Local improvisation)

This type of appliance is to be recommended as a standard appliance in the field situated in the vicinity of latrines and under shades. The reservoir is filled with a solution of Arsenite of Soda will be made available, in small quantities (1 lb tins) from AASC 3 Aust Corps.

NB. - This substance is a deadly poison and under NO circumstances must it be kept near cookhouses or food stuffs.

(c) Fly Wires and Papers (Local improvisation)

Fly wires, coated with tanglefoot mixture made up of a solution of Castor Oil 5 parts, Resin 8 parts, (vide Appx 14 Manual of Hygiene and Sanitation for method of mixing). These appliances are strongly recommended for kitchens, food preparation rooms and food stores - also for mess huts.

(d) Fly Poisons.

Place in shallow dishes, saucers etc, in which are pieces of bread, sponge, blotting paper or other absorbent material. Such a solution as the following serves the purposes

Commercial Formalin	.....	1 Fl ozs (2 Table spoons)
Filtered Line water	.....	1/2 pint
Sugar	.....	1/2 ounce
Water to make	.....	1 pint

(Formalin is obtained from AASC.)

Alternative -

Formalin	.....	1 deserts spoonful
Sugar	.....	1 "
Line Water	.....	1 pint

(e) Fly Swatters

No description necessary, but strongly recommended.

The protection of food from flies, particularly jam, butter, bread, cheese, sugar - in fact all exposed food especially that exposed on mess-tables - is to be practised generally. All mess gear is to be dipped in boiling water BEFORE as well as after use.

Not only must the fly itself be combated, but fly breeding areas also must be eliminated as thoroughly as possible. No waste food or scraps must either be left uncovered or, worse, buried.

DAD of H to make arrangements for appliances to be available at our own hygiene model areas.

553. AAFs G.2 - NECESSITY FOR CORRECTLY COMPLETING

(a) Vehicle traffic checks reveal that in most instances AAF G.2 are not being correctly filled in by those responsible, especially in regard to the exact nature of the duty upon which the vehicle is engaged, and the destination of the vehicle.

(b) It is stressed that such bald statements as "Personnel" "Adm Duties" "Camp Duties" "Stores", etc are totally inadequate, and will NOT be accepted in future as sufficient description of nature of duty.

(c) In all cases where the nature of the duty is such that travel over and variation from the shortest practicable route between start point and destination is required, the exact route and the reason for the variation is to be clearly and concisely stated on AAF G.2. Otherwise it will be accepted that journey is intended to be by the shortest

practicable route, and drivers will be proceeded against those who do not comply therewith.

(d) Strong disciplinary action will be taken against any drivers and/or unit transport officer or NCOs responsible in instances where AAFs G.2 are found to be incorrectly or inadequately filled in.

554. MINNINOCKA LTD (H.M. READHEAD) - MT PLEASANT,
MINNINOCKA AND WOOLANOOKA PROPERTIES. - - -

The abovementioned properties are out of bounds to all 2 Aust Div troops.

C.Os will be responsible for compliance of this instruction by troops under their command. Disciplinary action will be taken for disobedience of this instruction.

Firewood will in future only be obtained from authorised areas as advised.

555. CONTAINERS TIN SALVAGE

Only tins with pressed lids or those of 5 lb or greater capacity are salvageable.

All other tins will be burnt and flattened prior to burying.

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

NOTICES

LCST.

At GERALDTON Camp on 28 Oct 43, between Transport Lines and R.A.P. an "CNC TC" Junior eversharp pencil.
Finder return to Bn HQ.

LCST

GERALDTON Area - 1 Tobacco pouch.
Reward on return to Bn HQ.

LCST

Between WORSLEY and Jungle Warfare school, Tobacco pouch containing a sum of money.
Finder return to Bn HQ.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES
ROUTINE ORDERS

BY
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Comd. 56 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

Serial No 106
Nos 556 to 563
5 Nov 43.

556. DISCIPLINE : PREVALENCE OF THEFT OF MILITARY STORES AND SUPPLIES.

1. The offence of stealing and fraudulent missapplication of stores and supplies from military depots, installations, transportation services and even from fellow soldiers have increased to an extent which renders immediate and effective remedial action necessary.
2. The use of terms such as "pilfering", "scrumping" etc., to describe such offences tends to obscure their gravity and may cause them to be somewhat lightly regarded. On the contrary, such offences must be viewed very seriously and offenders will render themselves liable to severe punishment. The impression may exist that an isolated instance of theft of military stores and supplies, though a mean and despicable act, does not involve any appreciable weakening of the war effort. Such an impression, if it exists, is completely erroneous. The cumulative effect of such thefts affects seriously the maintenance of the troops in the field, dislocates the supply organization at all points, involves grave waste of man hours, and is, in fact, equivalent in result to that of directly treasonable activity.
3. These considerations impose an obligation of honour upon all members to do their utmost to prevent theft and to assist in every way in the bringing to justice of offenders.
4. As a general rule, no suspension or remission is to be made in respect of any award or sentence imposed upon a member for any offence mentioned in this order.

557. ROAD DISCIPLINE.

The provisions and instructions contained in STANDING ORDERS FOR DRIVERS OF MECHANICAL VEHICLES (Revised 1942), with the exception of maximum vehicle speeds which are shown hereunder, are to be strictly obeyed.

O.C's will be held responsible that this order is enforced and will take immediate steps to ensure :-

(a) That a copy of the abovementioned STANDING ORDERS is in the possession of each driver and that the driver is aware of the contents.

(b) That the sticker, vide 3 Aust Corps Adm. SO's Chap 12 para 16 and appx "D", showing maximum speed for the vehicle is affixed to the dash board of every vehicle on strength in each unit.

Div RO 547 of 31 May 43, is cancelled the following will be the maximum permissible speeds for vehicles in all units of 2 Aust Div and in 2 Aust Div Area.

NOTE: On all gravel roads within the Div Area NO vehicle except Sigs DR's, Pro Patrols and Ambulances in emergency may exceed 20 MPH.

<u>TYPE OF VEHICLE</u>	<u>MAX SPEED</u> <u>MPH</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Cars, Motor Cycles Combinations & Jeeps	40	
Ambulances 4 x 2	35	Except in emergency cases.
" 4 x 4	30	" "
Vans 8, 12 and 15 Cwt	30	
Vans 1 Ton	25	
Trucks 15 Cwt 4 x 4	25	
" 30 Cwt	25	
" 3 ton 4 x 4 loaded -	20	
unloaded -	25	
Lorries 30 Cwt 4 x 2	25	
Lorries 3 ton 4 x 2 loaded -	20	
unloaded -	25	

TYPE OF VEHICLE	MAX SPEED MPH	REMARKS

Tractors Wheeled or Vehicles towing.		
Pneumatic tyred tractors or Fd equipment	20	
Carriers (All types)	20	
Cars Scout Aust	35	
" " Canadian	35	
" " White T.A.P.	35	
" Lt Armd	30	
Fd Arty or Lt AA Tractor (NOT Towing)	30	
" " " " " " with full eqpt.	25	
2 pr or 6 pr or Portee	25	
2 pr towed	12	
6 pr "	25	

The above speeds are the maximum permissible speeds under normal conditions; under battle conditions these may be increased to suit the situation.

558. LOSS OR MUTILATION OF PAYBOOKS.

(a) When a member has lost or damaged his paybook he will immediately report the matter to the Pay Sergeant of his Unit, who will have the member complete a Declaration of Loss (Form WF.124). This declaration is then to be referred to the C.O. of the members Unit, who will, if, in his opinion the paybook has been lost by neglect or wilfully damaged, take disciplinary action in accordance with the following :-

"The accused.....is charged with having while being a soldier of the military forces of the Commonwealth of Australia, on Active Service committed the following offence :-

AA 40: When on active service neglect to the prejudice of good order and military discipline,

in that he at.....on or about.....lost by neglect his paybook, it being a military duty of soldiers to take special precautions to ensure the safe keeping of their paybooks."

(b) The penalty in each case should be appropriate to the seriousness of the offence.

559. COMMODITIES PURCHASED DURING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER FROM SUPPLEMENTARY RATION ALLOWANCE AND REGIMENTAL FUNDS.

REGIMENTAL FUNDS. L. S. D.

Bread	12	0	
Baking Powder	1	11	3
"Dribarn"	2	10	2
Meat & Dripping	41	15	0
Potatoes	1	7	6
	<u>£47</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>11</u>

SUPPLEMENTARY ALLOWANCE

Flour	2	17	9		
Semolina	3	17	0		
Wheatmeal	1	18	6		
Tomatoes	19	16	0		
Onions	3	18	0		
Cabbage		11	8		
Pumpkin	1	9	0		
Camp Pie	15	11	9)	
Cornflour	4	18	9)	
Custard Pdr	5	14	0	)	Bulk Canteen.
Sugar	6	3	9)	
Tomato Sauce	8	2	0)	
Jellies	2	5	6	)	£ 47 15 11
Sausages	21	15	8	)	£112 5 0
Vinegar	3	10	2	)	£160 0 11
Baking Pdr		1	3)	Less 7½% on
Preserved fruit	4	7	0)	Canteen purchases
Cocoa	5	7	3)	- £113/17/1
	<u>£112</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>0</u>		8 10 9
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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES
ROUTINE ORDERS

Serial No 106
Nos 556 to
16 Nov 43,

BY

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Comd. 56 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

REMITTANCES FROM MEMBERS.

- 556.
1. The attention of all ranks is drawn to the arrangements which exist for a member to send a remittance of cash or undrawn pay to any person resident in Australia or to another member (wherever serving).
 2. These arrangements provide that remittances may be made through Army channels by members who are serving in localities where money order or banking facilities for remittances are NOT available with reasonable conveniences.
 3. Remittances through Army channels are effected by the member completing a remittance form (WF131 or WF 131a) and handing the form to the pay sergeant or paymaster, together with the cash (in the case of remittance of cash) or the members pay book (for entry of the debit in the case of a remittance of undrawn pay).
 4. A member sending a remittance should take particular care to see that full details are clearly and legibly set out on the remittance form. This applies especially to the name and address of the person to whom the remittance is to be sent.
 5. The member will ensure that he obtains a receipt from the pay sergeant or paymaster for any cash handed over.

557. TIE FOR DRILL MOVEMENTS.

It is considered that the period during which drill movements have been carried out in "four time cadence" so that the importance of voicing orders and carrying out movements with definite pauses be stressed, is now sufficient for its purpose.

On receipt of this order all units will revert to the timing laid down in the various manuals.

558. TELEPHONES.

Attention is drawn to the necessity for frequent testing of telephone communications by signals.

Recent cases indicate that certain units have been in the practice of leaving telephones unattended for lengthy periods, with the result that the time is wasted by the despatch of linesmen to check lines connecting such units.

Where possible an orderly will be detailed to take calls when officers or office staff will NOT be present to do so.

When such procedure is impracticable, sig office or sig centre will be advised of probable periods for which phones will be unattended.

559. PAYBOOKS IDENTITY DISCS, FIELD DRESSINGS.

Cs/C Subunits will ensure that paybooks, identity discs and Field Dressings are carried by all ranks at all times.

When it is necessary for the paybooks to be handed in for any purpose other than the normal forthrightly entry (and then the paybooks will be handed in, in small convenient batches and returned to the soldier immediately) The Pay sergeant will issue the soldier with a receipt for the paybooks - WF 201.

560. PROVOST UNITS - COMPLETION TO W.E.

(a) The C-in-C has directed that every effort be made to complete to W.E. at the earliest possible date all provost units on the COB.

(b) Applications for transfer to Aust Army Pro Corps are invited and will be forwarded through the correct channels to 3 Aust Corps. Only in exceptional circumstances will transfers be refused.

(c) As far as it is practicable, selected personnel will be non-trade grouped but trade grouped personnel may be transferred if they are NOT at present being employed in their capacity.

PROVOST UNITS - COMPLETION TO W.E. CONTD.

(d) Applicants must be of good physique, minimum height 5 ft 9 ins, with good disciplinary record and preferably to have seen service with a field unit. Personnel required to wear spectacles or having any marked physical disabilities are NOT acceptable.

(e) Selected personnel will be drafted as Pro Reinforcements to LHQ Trg School, DARLEY, for approx six weeks trg; on completion of which successful candidates will be posted by 2nd Echelon to appropriate units.

(f) Personnel who fail to qualify at LHQ Pro Trg School, or who are considered by the C.I. to be unsuitable will be immediately returned to their units.

(g) Personnel will be selected by AMP, 3 Aust Corps and transfers affected through "A" Branch 3 Aust Corps.

561. ROAD ACCIDENTS.

(a) During a period of three and a half years, reports on road accidents indicate that the number of accidents (fatal and otherwise) in which army vehicles have been involved, is on the increase and in some areas has reached such an alarming degree that public bodies have directed the ministers attention to the number of accidents involving army vehicles.

(b) An examination of the cause of accidents indicates, in every case the personal factor predominate, and a realisation on the part of those using the roads of the necessity to allow for all possible hazards and, when in charge of vehicles, to limit their speed to suit prevailing conditions, would do much to eliminate all accidents.

(c) The chief cause of accidents are:-

- (i) Excessive speed.
- (ii) Inattentive driving.
- (iii) NOT giving right of way.
- (iv) NOT keeping to the left.
- (v) Inexperience.
- (vi) Intoxicated driver.

(d) It is the responsibility of all concerned to ensure that drivers are aware of their responsibility and duties when operating vehicles on public highways.

(e) OSC will take necessary action to prevent accidents and instruct drivers regularly on road discipline.

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

NOTICE.

LOST. 1 Brown Wallet containing a sum of money and Ration coupons. The Wallet is a keepsake and bears the initials G.H.W. and number NX14305.
Would finder please return to Bn HQ.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES
ROUTINE ORDERS

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26 Nov 43.

BY

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562. MAINTENANCE INSTRUCTIONS, TYRES.

Maintenance of combat tyres on vehicles is prescribed as follows:-

- (a) Tyre inflation pressures will be kept inflated to correct pressures prescribed in appropriate Mechanization Circulars.
- (b) After an emergency deflation, a combat tyre will be re-inflated to its correct pressure at the earliest possible moment.
- (c) Any combat tyre that has been deflated and run for more than -
 - (1) twenty consecutive miles, or
 - (2) seventy-five miles in the aggregate,will be removed and inspected by skilled AEME personnel to see if it is fit for further use. When it is necessary to remove a tyre from the wheel, the rim nuts or cap screws will NOT be unscrewed unless the tyre is completely deflated; otherwise, an inflated tyre may easily blow the wheel apart, causing severe injury or death. Rim nuts or cap screws will be painted red to denote danger.
- (d) When replacement of a combat tyre becomes necessary, care will be taken to see that the casing and the tube of the replacement tyre are of the correct size and marked COMBAT, in letters $\frac{1}{2}$ -in high on the side of the tyre which bears the serial number.
- (e) A rubber flap of correct size and type will be fitted in combat tyres using the segmental type of beadlock.

563. USE OF TELEPHONE & TELEGRAM FACILITIES

- (1) All Troops are to be warned that urgent telephone calls only are to be made and telegrams are NOT to be handed over the counter uncensored.
- (2) A strict check by Coy and Pl Comds. is to be made on the transmission of telegrams, which must be censored within the unit and forwarded through normal army channels and NOT direct to the Post Office.
- (3) To avoid breaches of security the unit designation is to be the Unit identification number only, and NOT a description of the Unit.

564. REMITTANCES FROM MEMBERS.

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

565. BREAKING DOWN OF SERVICE OR ENEMY AMMUNITION.

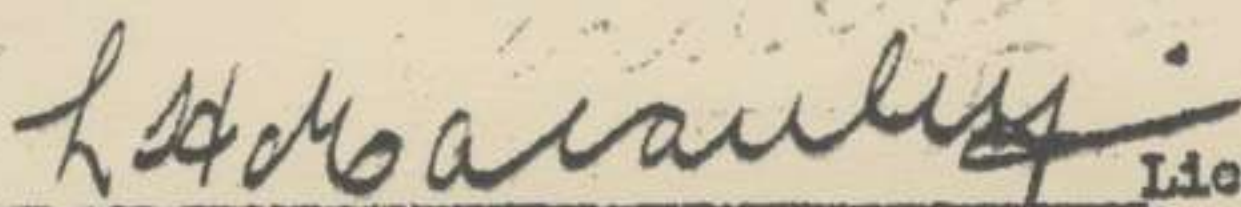
Ref GRO G341/43.

Instances have occurred of the unauthorised breaking down of ammunition.

100's are the only persons authorised to break down service ammunition in the field.

566. POSTAL - XMAS PARCELS.

Troops are requested to post parcels NOT later than 1 Dec 43, in order that they may reach their friends and relatives in other States before Xmas.


Lieut.
(L.H. MACAULEY) Adj't 56 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

56 AUST INF BN (AIF)

TRAINING SYLLABUS

APPX "B"

1. Squad, Pl. and Coy Drill will consist of the following subjects:

Turning when on the march;)
Diagonal March;) Ref. M.E.D.
Changing Direction;) Chap. 2.
Dressing, Opening & Closing a Squad.)

Drill with Arms:

Fixing & Unfixing Bayonets;)
Inspections & Examination of Arms;)
Falling in with Rifles;)
Changing Arms when at the "Slope".)
Ref M.E.D. Chap 4.

PL & Coy Drill.

To be detailed by Gp Comds. Ref Pam 18

2. Route Marches:

- (a) Strict march discipline will be observed.
(b) Observation trg. will be explained to the men prior to march, and a discussion on information gained to be held on return of group.
(c) Foot & boot inspection to be carried out at completion of march.

3. P & R. T. & SWIM PARADES.

- (a) Group Comds will ensure that personnel have trunks/before moving to beach, or equivalent
(b) Life savers will be detailed with each group and will pay particular attention to weak swimmers. Also ensure that the swimming personnel do NOT go further than thirty (30) yards from shore as the under-tow is particularly strong.
(c) Group Comds will use imagination in organising competitive sport and carrying out P. T.

F. L. Mason
- - - - - (F. L. MASON) - - - - - Capt.

BREN (L.M.G.) - SAT VOL 1 PAM 4

DAY	PERIOD 1	PERIOD 2	PERIOD 3	PERIOD 4	PERIOD 5	PERIOD 6
1	Lesson 1, 2. Mag filling, loading, unloading	Lesson 3 Holding and Aiming.	Lesson 4 Firing.	Lessons 5, 6, 7. Stripping of Gun.	Lessons 8, 9 Care & Cleaning; Daily, before & after firing, & during firing.	P. T. & muscle strengthening exercises.
2	Lesson 11 Elementary Handling.	Lesson 13. I A.	Lesson 14 Stoppages.	Lessons 3, 4. Holding, Aiming & Firing.	Austen S.M.G.	P. T. & muscle strengthening exercises.
3	TOET No 2 Loading.	TOET no 3. Sight Setting Aiming & Firing.	TOET No 4. Adjustment of Gas Regulator.	TOET No 6. I A.		P. T. & muscle strengthening exercises.

RIFLE - SAT VOL 1 PAM 3

1.	Lesson 1. Mechanism & Trigger Pressing.	Lesson 2-4 Cleaning Material and daily cleaning - before & after firing.	Lesson 3. Load & Unload.	Lesson 6. Accuracy of Aim.	Lesson 9 Elementary Aiming off for wind.	P. T 30 minutes of this period will be taken up in strengthening exercises.
2.	Lesson 10. Elevation & Aiming up & down.	Lesson 13. Lying Position.	Lesson 14. Lying Position (Cont).	Lessons 15, 16 Kneeling, Sitting & Standing Positions.	Lessons 17, 18. Rapid & Snap Shooting.	As for Day 1.
3.	TOET No 1 Adjustment of Sights.	TOET no 2. Aiming (if aiming rests are available).	TOET No 3. Trigger Pressing.	TOET No 4. Aiming Off (if aiming rests are available.).	TOET No 5. Snap Shooting.	TOET No 6 Rapid Fire.

NOTE: TRIGGER PRESSING WILL CARRIED OUT FOR THE LAST FIVE MINUTES OF EACH PERIOD.

56 AUST INF BN (AIF) TRAINING SYLLABUS.

	0800 - 1000.	1000 - 1200	1330 - 1600	1600 - 1700
<u>DAY 1.</u>				
Gp. "A"	P and R.T. and Swim Pde.	Squad Drill without arms. Saluting.	Route March. March discipline, observation training.	Musketry training as per Appx "A".
Gp. "B"	Squad Drill without Arms and Saluting.	Route March. March discipline, observation trg.	P and R.T. Swim Pde.	" " " "
Gp. "C"	Route March. March discipline, observation trg.	P. and R.T. and Swim Pde.	Squad Drill without Arms & Saluting.	" " " "
<u>DAY 2</u>				
Gp. "A"	Drill with Arms.	Route march. March discipline, observation trg.	P & R.T. & Swim Parade.	" " " "
Gp. "B"	Route march. March discipline, observation trg.	P & R.T. & Swim Parade.	Drill with Arms.	" " " "
Gp. "C"	P & R.T. & Swim Parade.	Drill with Arms.	Route march. March discipline, observation trg.	" " " "
<u>DAY 3.</u>				
Gp. "A"	Route march, March discipline, observation trg.	P & R.T. & Swim Parade.	Pl. & Coy. Drill	" " " "
Gp. "B"	P & R.T. & Swim Parade.	Pl. & Coy Drill.	Route March, March discipline, observation trg.	" " " "
Gp. "C"	Pl. & Coy. Drill	Route March. March discipline, observation trg.	P & R.T. & Swim Parade.	" " " "

NOTE

REFERENCES TO ALL SUBJECTS WILL BE FOUND IN APPX "A" & "B".

F.L. Mason
 (F.L. MASON). Capt.

56 AUST INF BN (AIF) TRAINING SYLLABUS.

26 Nov 43.

GENERAL.

All personnel NOT required for range duties and Bren firing practices will attend training cadre and be exercised in the following:-.

- (a) Squad, Pl and Coy Drill.
- (b) Route Marches, incorporating march discipline and observation trg.
- (c) P. and R.T. and Swim Parades.

ORGANISATION.

C.I.	Capt. F.L.Mason	
Gp. Comds.	Lieut. E.Browning.	"A" Coy
	" A.W.G.Christie	"HQ" "
	" W.J.P.Symons	"B" "

Instructors Five (5) NCO's. detailed from each Coy.
Personnel will be divided into three groups, each to have one Pl. Comd. and five NCO's to instruct in subjects laid down in attached syllabus.

ADMN.

- (a) Method of Instruction as per Appx "A" and "B".
- (b) Trg. Syllabus covers three (3) days, each having four (4) periods, three (3) periods of two hours duration and the last one (1) hour.
- (c) Personnel for trg. will fall in on the Bn Parade Ground at 0800 hrs. each day and will be divided equally into three (3) groups.
- (d) Coys will ensure that personnel are at all times correctly dressed and equipped.
- (e) Coys will ensure that the REQUISITE NUMBER OF INSTRUCTORS REPORT EACH MORNING REGARDLESS OF LEAVE, FIRING PRACTICES AND DUTIES.
- (f) Stores for musketry trg. are available at Bn. Q. Store and will be requisitioned for each day at 0730.

F.L.Mason Capt.
(F.L.MASON).

Ref Maps.

GERALDTON 1" to 1 Mile
MINGENEW 1" to 1 Mile
DANDARRAGAN 1" to 1 Mile
WALEBING 1" to 1 Mile
TANCHE 1" to 1 Mile
MILING 1" to 1 Mile

1. 56 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) will move from present location and from GERALDTON Area during period 3 Dec 43 and 9 Dec 43 and occupy Camp Area vacated by 4 Aust Mot Regt and will come under Comd 3 Aust Mot Bde.
2. MOVEMENT. will be by Rd and rail under the following stages as set out in Appx "A".
 - (a) Personnel to GERALDTON for vacating Camp
 - (b) Adv Party from SWANBOURNE to DANDARRAGAN.
 - (c) Carriers and personnel and stores by train from GERALDTON to MOORA and DANDARRAGAN.
 - (d) Vehs and personnel by Rd from GERALDTON to DANDARRAGAN
 - (e) Main body of Bn from SWANBOURNE to MOORA and thence to DANDARRAGAN by rail and route march.
 - (f) Rear Party move from GERALDTON to DANDARRAGAN by Rd.
3. AMN.
 - (a) W.E.Amn equivalent to incoming units W.E. will be left in situ. Q.M. will make necessary arrangements for transfers where necessary to bring amn up to W.E. as per amn chart sup by each unit.
 - (b) All trg amn will move with unit to new area.
4. SUPS.
 - (a) Sup Point will open at ref MINGENEW 217794 where O.C. convoy will draw rations on evening of 7 Dec for consumption on day 8 Dec.
 - (b) All parties during series of moves will carry unconsumed portion of days rations.
 - (c) Unit reserve ration will move with unit.
 - (d) W.O. 11 Caterer will submit A.B. 55s for parties moving in accordance with appx A 4.
 - (e) Sup Pt opens new area at 1500 hrs daily at ref DANDARRAGAN 711088.
 - (f) BBP new area ref DANDARRAGAN 711088.
5. POL
 - (a) Sufficient POL will be carried for moves of serials and of appx A.4.
 - (b) IP will be established at MINGENEW 217794 for replenishment of serial 4 appx A on 7 Dec.
 - (c) IP in new area opens at 1500 hrs daily at ref DANDARRAGAN 711088.
6. WATER.
 - (a) All water lorries and water bottles will be filled prior to each move.
 - (b) Water replenishment pt for serial 4 appx A will be at MINGENEW ref 217794.
 - (c) Water Pt in new area No 3 ref DANDARRAGAN 686062.
 - (d) Drawing times and quantities in new area will be issued later.
7. FIREWOOD
 - (a) O.C Adv Party to new Camp area will contact owner of property and make an agreement in writing for the cutting of firewood and poles from property.
 - (b) Wood will NOT be taken from property other than the area defined later by Bn HQ.
8. REPAIR & REC.
 - (a) Rec Post will be established at MINGENEW ref 217794 for serial 4 Appx A.
 - (b) Repairs in new area will be executed by 3 Aust Mot Bde WkShops.
9. MEDICAL.
 - (a) Det Unit R.A.M. move with serial 4 Appx A.
 - (b) Aid Post established MINGENEW for serial 4 and one mot amb will move with convoy.
 - (c) MDC new area ref DANDARRAGAN 838114.
CCS ref WALEBING 025047.
10. POSTAL. Delivery and collection of mails at (S), Pt.
11. CANTEEN SUPS.
 - (a) Canteen sups will move with each serial.
 - (b) Issue Pt new area ref DANDARRAGAN 685057, drawing times will be issued later.

12. ACCOMODATION

- (a) Existing stage 2 Camps will remain in situ.
- (b) Scale A accomodation stores will remain in old areas and be subject to check by incoming units. Any adjustments will be arranged mutually by unit Q.M's.
- (c) All amenities purchased from P.O. Funds, gifts or A.C.F. issues will be taken by outgoing units.
- (d) Refrigerator will remain in present location and be handed over to incoming unit.
- (e) Water tanks will remain in situ.
- (f) Copies of all clearances and receipts will be forwarded, one copy to Bde and one copy to Div HQ within 3 days of Bn arriving at new location.

13. HYGIENE.

- (a) Latrine accomodation for biv areas during moves will be arranged by R.A.E. 2 Aust Div.
- (b) Existing latrines and ablutions will remain in situ.

14. TRAFFIC CONTROL.

- (a) T.C.P. will be established at
 - (i) Staging area MINGENEW 2179.
- (b) Control Posts at
 - (i) Destination.
 - (ii) Convoy crossing points.
- (c) Guides will be supplied for convoys to new area.

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

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56 AUST INF BN (AIF) APPX A to O.I.NO.

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ROUTE MOORA - THREE SPRINGS - MINGENEW - DONGARRA - GERALDTON - Where applicable to Rd Movement.

SPEED 40 M.P.H.

DENSITY 20 V.T.M.

SERIAL	UNIT	DATE	NO OF VEHS	PERS	FROM	TO	TIME PAST			DISPERSAL POINT	REMARKS
							S.P.	S.P.	DISPT		
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)		
1	Dvs as detailed	29 Nov	-	Capt Everitt & 84 ORs.	CLAREMONT	GERALDTON	Entrain at 1840 hrs	-	-	GERALDTON - move to Camp Site	All personal gear to be taken. Move to CLAREMONT as arranged by Capt Everitt.
2	Adv Party	3 Dec	2-3 Ton 1-15 Cwt 1 Wiles 3 M.C.	O.C. Capt Mason, 23 ORs incl 2 men per coy as arranged by O.C.	SWANBOURNE RANGE	MOORA	Rifle Range Gate	0001 Hrs	0720 Hrs	MOORA	Breakfast at 0720 Hrs at MOORA - Rations sufficient for 5 for own party plus 25 carr pers to be carried. Carr pers ex GERALDTON will await this convoy at MOORA and have breakfast there. Proceed to Camp site when stores from serial 3 are loaded on to 6 AASC vehs.
3	MG & Mortar CARRS	1 Dec	24 CARRS plus 30 ton Stores	25 Carr Dvs & ORS	GERALDTON	MOORA	Entrain GERALDTON	Train de- parts 0410	2 Dec - CARRS & Stores to be loaded	Detrain MOORA at 1610 Hrs 2 Dec & await adv Party as per serial 2.	Rations for 2 Dec to be carried. O.C. to arrange suitable biv area for night 2 Dec and await adv party ex SWANBOURNE. Unload stores from train. 6 AASC vehs to report at 0600 hrs 3 Dec for tpt of stores to Camp Site. CARRS to move in convoy to camp site under instns from Lieut Melville.
4	Vehs & pers.	7 Dec	40 Vehs 22 M/C 4 MC Comb 1 Wiles	O.C. Capt Samuelson 84 O/Rs.	GERALDTON	Biv Area ref MINGENEW 2179	GERALDTON	1300 hrs	1615 Hrs	Biv Area ref MINGENEW 2179	Midday meal for 7 Dec to be had prior to move. Unconsumed ration for 7 Dec to be carried. Rations for 8 Dec to be drawn at Supp Pt ref MINGENEW 2179. O.C. to arrange lunch to be taken during period 1140 - 1220 Hrs.
5	Vehs & Pers	8 Dec	40 Vehs 22 M/C 4 MC Comb 1 Wiles	O.C. Capt Samuelson 84 O/Rs.	Biv Area ref MINGENEW 2179	New Camp Area DANDARRAGAN	Ref MINGENEW 2179	0800 H.	1540 H.	Rd Junc ref DANDARRAGAN 687063	
6	56 Bn Main Bdy.	7 Dec	16-3 Ton 3-15 Cwt 2-Wiles 2 Portees 2-M/C 1-W/Cart 1-Off Van	568 Pers. All Ranks.	CLAREMONT	MOORA	Entrain CLAREMONT	To be notified later		MOORA.	Personnel detrain MOORA & march to new Camp area. C.O.'s arrangements. Vehs detrain MOORA & move in convoy to new camp area. Detailed movement order for main body to be issued later.
7	Rear Party	9 Dec	2 Vehs 1 M/C	11	GERALDTON	New Camp Area	GERALDTON	To be arranged by OC Rear party		New Camp area	Finalize handover of area to Town Major & incoming unit.

W A R DIARY

WEDNESDAY

1 Dec 43. - Firing practices were continued for Non Qualified personnel on Bren. During evening personnel requiring foot treatment were paraded to R.A.P. where their feet were inspected by R.M.O. 25% of each company were granted leave to the Metropolitan Area.

THURSDAY

2 Dec 43. - Range practices for M.M.G. Bren and S.M.G. were fired within the Bn. Cadre school was continued whilst 25% of the Bn were granted day leave and 10% on night leave to the Metropolitan Area.

FRIDAY

3 Dec 43. - N.Q. and N.E. and 2nd class shots of rifle were practiced together with usual Camp duties. Bn Cadre was continued and 25% of coys were granted day leave and 10% night leave to the Metropolitan Area.

SATURDAY

4 Dec 43. - Usual Range Practice was carried out together with usual camp duties. Leave was granted for the troops to visit the Metropolitan area.

SUNDAY

5 Dec 43. - Reveille at 0600 and church parade was held in Y.M.C.A. Hut at 0730. Other denomination church parade was held on Bn Parade ground at 0730 hrs. Personnel who scored the highest scores in various practices were taken to range and shot off for prizes. During the evening all personnel had a stand down whilst 50% of the Bn proceeded on leave to the Metropolitan area.

MONDAY

6 Dec 43. - All N.E. and N.Q. personnel on Bren were practiced on the Range, during the afternoon a percentage of the coys were granted leave to the Metropolitan Area.

TUESDAY

7 Dec 43 - M.M.G practices were carried out in the morning together with remainder of N.Q. and 2nd class shots. Personnel with the exception of Cooks and Camp duties proceeded on a 12 mile Route march. During the afternoon all personnel were preparing for a move.

WEDNESDAY

8 Dec 43 - Reveille 0530, All troops were detailed to clean up around lines Huts etc prior to move out. Evacuated SWANBOURNE Camp for new camp at DANDARRAGAN. First train arrived at MOORA at 1720 hrs and commenced marching out to new area.

THURSDAY

9 Dec 43 - HQ and A Coy departed SWANBOURNE Camp by transport at 0645 hrs and entrained at CLAREMONT. Arrived at MOORA at 1645 hrs and personnel commenced marching out to new area. After having their evening meal at 1850 hrs they commenced route march, with Battle order to DANDARRAGAN area arriving at 0300 hrs which was approx 24 miles.

FRIDAY

10 Dec 43- Personnel who marched to new area were allowed to sleep to mid day whilst remainder of the Bn carried out normal camp duties and erected tents etc in coy areas. Working parties were detailed to gravel tents in coy areas. Late in the afternoon a foot inspection was held and footbaths were prepared.

SATURDAY

11 Dec 43- All Coys started training in accordance with Training syllabus, whilst some personnel were detailed to carry out the duties of improving the camp area. Foot and boot inspections were held when the troops had returned from training.

SUNDAY

12 Dec 43.- The usual church parades were held during the morning, R.C. at 0630 and other denominations at 0820 hrs on the Bn Parade Ground. After Bn Parade the personnel proceeded on 12 Mile Route march leaving at 1000 hrs and returning at 1645 hrs. Adm personnel carried the usual duties.

MONDAY

13 Dec 43.- Camp improvements were carried out through^{out} the morning. The general "stand down" during the afternoon. The Bn Cricket team visited a neighbouring unit and was defeated by 6 runs.

TUESDAY

14 Dec 43.- Bn carried on with the usual training, set down in the Training syllabus, whilst personnel detailed for working parties carried out improvements to the area.

WEDNESDAY

15 Dec 43.- Training as per Bn Training Syllabus

THURSDAY

16 Dec 43.- Training as per Bn Training Syllabus, whilst in the afternoon coys were payed and at conclusion personnel proceeded on a short route march.

FRIDAY

17 Dec 43.- Normal training was carried out in the Bn and during the morning the G.O.C. General Robinson payed a visit to the camp area and on a tour of inspection. There was a lecture by the Education officer in the afternoon. Personnel not exercised and not qualified with Rifle were exercised on the Classification Range. A Bn Concert party was performed in area arranged by Chap Holly.

SATURDAY

18 Dec 43.- Training as laid down in Bn Training syllabus was carried out, whilst N.Q. and N.E. personnel with Bren were exercised on Classification Range. During the day the Mobile Bath visited the Bn lines. M.T. M.C. and Carr School was commenced within the Bn. Range practices for Bren were completed.

SUNDAY

19 Dec 43.- Usual church parades were held, R.C. at 0630 hrs and other denominations at 0830. After church parade the Bn moved out on a 10 mile route march. In the evening the Mobile Picture show was held in the lines. Mechanised school carried on with.

MONDAY

20 Dec 43.- STAND DOWN DAY". Personnel went on with washing, mending and rested during the day.

TUESDAY

21 Dec 43.- Bn carried on with Trg Syllabus whilst adm personnel performed their usual duties. Continuation of Mechanised school.

WEDNESDAY

22 Dec 43.- Normal trg as per syllabus throughout the Bn. Mobile Cinema showed at night. A smoke was held in the Sgts Mess, whilst present were personnel from neighbouring units.

THURSDAY

23 Dec 43

FRIDAY

24 Dec 43 - Normal trg as per Bn Training Syllabus. A.R.L. personnel moved to PERTH by convoy. Bn parade was held.

SATURDAY

25 Dec 43.- XMAS DAY. "Church parades were held as usual, R.C. 0745 hrs and other denominations at 0800 hrs. Remainder of the day after Bn parade at which C.O. passed compliments of the season to his men was rest day to the additional STAND DOWN". During the afternoon the G.O.C. General Robinson visited the lines.

SUNDAY

26 Dec 43 - Church parades were held in the Bn lines after which the Bn moved out on a route march, returning to camp at 1700 hrs. Adm personnel carried out the usual duties.

MONDAY

27 Dec 43 - STAND DOWNth all day was devoted for washing, mending, and personal administration.

TUESDAY

28 Dec 43 - Normal training as per Bn syllabus.

WEDNESDAY

29 Dec 43.- All available personnel preparing for Bn duties. B Coy were preparing for taking over of Div Guard. Bn Guard mounted at 1800 hrs. During the evening a Concert party visited the Bn lines from the 101 Aust Mob Regt.

THURSDAY

30 Dec 43.- Usual training as per training syllabus whilst the Mechanised school personnel went on an exercise.

FRIDAY

31 Dec 43.- Bn took over the Div duties whilst portion of the Bn proceeded to the Rifle Range and carried out Range practices. During the evening there was a 'smoke'o held in the Sgts mess at which members of neighbouring units were present.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

56 AUST INF BN (AIF) O.I. No 3

30 Nov 43.
Copy No.

1. GENERAL.

HQ 5 Aust Inf Bde (AIF) Officers and Sig Sec consisting of Lieut Duffield, Lieut Snelling, Lieut Cunningham and 38 O/Rs will march out from 56 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) for return to HQ 5 Aust Inf Bde (AIF) on 1 Dec 43.

2. O.C. DRAFT.

Lieut Duffield will act as O.C. Draft and will collect Mob 3's and Rail Warrant together with Basic Documents from Bn HQ O/R Sgt.

3. REPORTING

Lieut Duffield with Draft will report to R.T.O. CLAREMONT at 041800H. All ranks will parade on 5 Fd Coy R.A.E. Car Park ready to move at 011730H.

4. TRANSPORT.

Sgt Armour W.H. will detail 2 x 3 Ton Trucks to report to 5 Fd Coy R.A.E. Car Park at 011700H for carrying of troops to CLAREMONT, and 1 x 3 Ton truck to report to 5 Fd Coy R.A.E. at 1300 hrs, for delivery of Blankets and Kit Bags to M.F.O. PERTH by 1400 hrs.

5. RATIONS.

Evening meal will be arranged by O.C. Draft with 5 Fd Coy R.A.E. and a cut lunch will be carried.

6. DRESS.

Marching Order.
Trousers K.D. with Anklets Web and shirts khaki.
Hats khaki fur.
Water Bottles filled.
Respirators will be worn at the alert position.

7. BLANKETS ETC.

Blankets, Pallaises and ground sheet will be rolled in individual bundles, and label securely attached showing No, RANK, NAME and UNIT.

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

<u>DISTRIBUTION</u>	<u>COPY NO.</u>
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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 7/Dec/1943 56 Aust Inf Bn (A.I.F.) 43134 (Serial No.)
(Unit)

W.E. 11/12/3 OFFRS. 34 O.R.'s. 832 + OFFRS. 1 O.R.'s. 34 ATT. BY W.E.

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

1 2 3 4				5	6 7 8 9 10							
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.					Rein'ts Required.		
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.			
	5	4	1 2 5 24 1	Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs.	AAMC	1						
	5	4	33			1						
		DETAIL	A.I.F.	C.M.P.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.P.	**	TOTAL.
		A.	34									34
		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).

* Inset 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.
NX125736	LIEUT	BRAITHWAITE ST	X List	27 Nov '43	Completion of school
NX126640	"	EDG HILL AC	X List	"	" "
NX117836	"	MCDONALD, VIC.	X List	"	" "

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
NX124439	LIEUT	HARDY MG	X List	24 Nov	110 A.C.H. AUTH RO 27/43
NX125730	"	WILTSHIRE DH	X List	7 Nov	2 DIV MOB WING LHQ MECH SCHOOL

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

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

56 AUST INF BN (AIF) Unit

43 / 34 (Serial No.)

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
LT COL.	NX112633	BRYEN	R.T	C.O	YES	X SEE BACK	
T. MAJOR	NX124443	MURRAY	EE	2 IC	YES		
LIEUT	NX125734	MACAULEY	L.H	10 IC	NO	HARVEY SCHOOL	3 DEC 43
"	NX119431	MELVILLE	J.R.W	L.O	YES		
CAPT.	WX34307	MC AULIFFE	J.A	R.M.O	YES		
				HQ COY			
T. MAJOR	NX124434	STEVENSON	A.E	O.C.	YES		
				1 PL			
LIEUT	NX123833	MURPHY	C.L.	2 PL	YES		
"	NX119436	CHRISTIE	A.W.B	3 PL	YES		
"	NX125736	BRAITHWAITE	S.J.	O.C 4 PL	YES		
"	NX112691	BENNETT	J.L	2 IC 4 PL	YES		
"	NX125738	DAY	J.F.	5 PL	NO	A.R.L.	10 Nov 43
"	NX124437	KING	B.W.	6 PL	YES		
CAPT	NX124447	EVERITT	L.W	7 PL QM	YES		
LIEUT	NX125729	DAVIS	G.W.B	7 PL TO	YES		
				A COY			
CAPT	NX124436	NEIL	W.D	O.C.	YES		
"	NX125726	SAMUELSON	C.J	2 IC	YES		
LIEUT	NX112657	BROWNING	E	8 PL	YES		
"	NX125800	GUNNER	A.F.S	9 PL	YES		
"	WX10990	KOPKE	A.F.H	10 PL	YES		
				B COY			
CAPT	NX116619	BOARDMAN	J.S	O.C.	YES		
LIEUT	NX116618	KILEY	J.A	2 IC	YES		
"	WX26616	COLLINS	C.J	11 PL	NO	3 A.C. JW CENTRE	17 AVE 43
"	NX125735	McDONALD	K.J	12 PL	YES		
"	VX31567	SYMMONS	W.J	13 PL	YES		
				C COY			
CAPT	NX124445	HOUGH	J.W	O.C.	YES		
LIEUT	NX124438	McCLELLAN	C.M	2 IC	NO	3 A.C. JW CENTRE	17 AVE 43
"	NX125714	FARRELL	R.H	14 PL	NO	HARVEY SCHOOL	3 DEC 43
"	VX67936	WILSON	E.A	15 PL	NO	3 A.C. JW CENTRE	27 SEP 43
"	NX117865	McDONALD	W.C	16 PL	YES		
				D COY			
CAPT	NX125727	MASON	F.L	O.C.	YES		
LIEUT	NX125725	CURRAN	O.A	2 IC	YES		
"	NX126640	EDGEMILL	A.C.	17 PL	YES		
"	WX9107	HARRINGTON	O.K	18 PL	YES		
"	WX31273	HARVEY	J.J	19 PL	YES		

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
MR	B259	THOMPSON C	W.A.LofC	8 JUL 42	S.A.W.O
CHAPLAIN	SX20814	HOLLEY S.J.	5 INF BDE	16 SEP 43	PADRE
LIEUT	WX17663	NICK SMITH	FM 44 BN	12 SEP 43 23 SEP 43	FOR TRNG AUTH M/S 125/444/13 18/9/43

One (1) officer with active service prior to 3 Sept 43.

4 Dec 43
Date of Despatch

[Signature] Lt Col
Signature of Commander

PART D—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0800 Hrs. Saturday 4 Dec 1943 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
Date of Detachment	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No)	Postings	Initials	Surname	Army Number	Subsidiary Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if held
	X SEE BACK	YES	C.O.	R.T.	BRYEN	41255	LT
	X	YES	LT COL	BRYEN	R.T.	56 BN AIF	41255
		YES			MURRAY		
		YES			MURPHY		
		YES			CHRISTIE		
		YES			BRAITHWAITE		
		YES			BENNETT		
		YES			DAY		
		YES			KING		
		YES			EVERITT		
		YES			DAVIS		
		YES			WELLS		
		YES			SAMUELSON		
		YES			BROWNIE		
		YES			BUNNIE		
		YES			KOIKE		
		YES			BOROMAN		
		YES			KIRBY		
		NO			COLEMAN		
		YES			MEDWARD		
		YES			SYMONS		
		YES			ROUCH		
		NO			MICHAEL		
		NO			FARRALL		
		NO			WILSON		
		YES			MEDWARD		
		YES			MASON		
		YES			CURRY		
		YES			EDGEMOND		
		YES			HARRINGTON		
		YES			NARVEY		

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

Subsidiary Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if held	Army Number	Name and Initials	Unit	Date of Attachment	Nature of Attachment
MR	5237	THOMPSON	56 INF BN	24 DEC 43	SAWD
MR	5238	MURPHY	56 INF BN	24 DEC 43	SAWD
MR	5239	SMITH	56 INF BN	24 DEC 43	SAWD

Signature of Commanding Officer

Date of Despatch

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

43 / 33 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 4 / DEC / 1943 56 Aust Inf Bn (A.I.F.) (Unit)

W.E. 11 / 12 / 3 OFFRS 34 O.R's 832 + OFFRS 1 O.R's 44 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.					
	NIL	NIL	6	W.Os. Class II.		1			
1 NR	1		4	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
				Staff Sergeants					
		1	36	Sergeants		9		1	1 NR
			71	Corporals		9		1	1 NR
84	84	18	628	Troopers, Privates, etc.		24	2		1 NR
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
86	86	14	746	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.	SEE BACK	43 *	2	2	3 NR

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

Detail	A.I.F.	Under 19 Years	Over 19 Years	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL
A	617	1	170	1					
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.
4	132 Aust Bn	W/Sgts	(A.I.F.)				
5	17 COY AHSC						
62	56 Aust Inf Bn		(A.I.F.)				
17	44 Aust Inf Bn		(A.I.F.)				
2	2 Aust Div HQ						
139	56 Inf Coy		RHE				
2			AMMUNITION SERVICES				

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

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

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PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 4 /DEC/1943.

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Brought Ford Surveyors, Engineering	1	6		Brought Ford Operating Room Assts.	17	22		Brought Ford G.P.O. Assistants	85	90	8
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, R.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Silitehers			
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	2	2	
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters		3		Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths	1	3						Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers		1						Radiographers				Stevadores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical	3	3	
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers	27	19	8	Tailors	2	2	
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				By. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters	6	6		Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics											
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)											
Fitters				Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				W O S	1	1	
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers	1	6		W O S	6	6	
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	12	12		SPTS	30	31	
Grinder, Precision				Hello Operator				Clerks, Supply				CRMS	3	4	1 NR
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				CPLS	62	61	1 NR
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	10	10		'Coach Trimmers				GEN DUTIES	686	546	76
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors							
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks							
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies							
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				W O S	1	1	
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				SPTS	10	9	1 NR
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics	27	27		CPLS	10	9	1 NR
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tpin. Plant				PPLS	23	24	1 NR
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.							
Photewriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers	1	1					
Plumber		2		Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD	1	6		CARRIED FORWARD	17	22		CARRIED FORWARD	85	90	8	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A, respectively.	876	789	89

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

4 Dec '43
Date of Despatch

[Signature]
Lt. Col.
(R. T. Bryen) - Comd. 56 Bn
Signature of Commander

LIST D Description of Other Groups Above Details to ...

DETAIL OF ATTACHED PERSONNEL

ARM.	W.O.11.	SGTS.	CPIS.	PTES.	SURPLUS	DEFICIENT.
A.A.M.C.		2.	1	1	nil	nil
A.A.O.C.			1		nil	nil
A.S.H.S.			2	10	1 Fitter T.G.1 1 Armourer T.G.1.	1 Sgt Armourer N.R. 1 list school
A.A.C.C.	1	5	4	15		1 Cpl Cook N.R. 1 T.G.11 Cook N.R.
A.A.P.C.		1.	1	nil	nil	nil
Postal		1				
TOTAL.	1	9	9	24	2	3

LIST E Other Groups Above Details to ...

A.E. EXCESSIVE STAFF	A.E. EXCESSIVE STAFF				
	1	2	3	4	5
...
...
...
...
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FIELD BELONGS

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 11 Dec 1943 52 Aust Inf Bn (A.I.F.) (Unit)

W.E. 11/12/3 OFFRS. 1 O.R.'s 832 + OFFRS. 1 O.R.'s 44 ATT. BY W.E.

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

1				2				3				4				5				6				7				8				9				10			
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.				ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.																															
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.					Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.				Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.				Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.				Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.						
	5			1	Lieut.-Colonels				A.A.M.C.																														
				2	Majors																																		
				5	Captains																																		
		4		24	Lieutenants																																		
				1	Quarter-masters																																		
					A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.																																		
					Civilians Counting as Offrs.																																		
	5	4	33							1																													
				DETAIL	A	A.I.F.	B	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.P.	**	TOTAL																							
Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in pars. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).				A.	34											34																							
				E.(1)																																			
				E.(2)																																			

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

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

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

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

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

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

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

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 11 / Dec / 1943 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Lt Col	NX112833	BRYEN	R T	C.O	YES		
MAJOR	NX124443	MURRAY	E.F	2 IIC	YES		
LIEUT	NX125734	MACADLEY	A.E	AdjT	NO	HARVEY SCHOOL	3 Dec 43
"	NX119431	MELVILLE	J.R.W.	I.O	YES		
CAPT	WX34307	MCMAULIFFE	J.A	R.M.O	YES		
MAJOR	NX124434	STEVENSON	A.E	H.O.Coy	YES		
LIEUT	NX123833	MURPHY	C.L.	IPL	YES		
"	NX119436	CHRISTIE	A.W.G.	2 PL	YES		
"	NX125736	BRAITHWAITE	B.J	3 PL	YES		
"	NX112691	BENNETT	B.J	OC 4 PL	YES		
"	NX125738	DAY	J.L.	2 IIC 4 PL	YES		
"	NX124437	KING	B.W	5 PL	NO	A.R.L.	
CAPT	NX124444	EVERITT	L.W	6 PL	YES		
LIEUT	NX125729	DAVIS	E.W.B	7 PL GM	YES		
CAPT	NX124436	NEIL	W.D	7 PL TO	YES		
"	NX125726	SAMUELSON	C.J	A COY	YES		
LIEUT	NX112651	BROWNING	E	O.C	YES		
"	NX125800	GUNNER	A.F.S	2 IIC	NO	AMPHIBIOUS OPS TAG	7 Dec 43
"	WX10990	KOPKE	R.E.H.	8 PL	YES		
CAPT	NX116619	BOARDMAN	J.S	9 PL	YES		
LIEUT	NX116618	KILEY	G.A	10 PL	YES		
"	WX26616	COLLINS	C.J	O.C	NO	HOSP.	9 Dec 43
"	NX125735	MCDONALD	K.J	2 IIC	YES		
"	VX31567	SYMMONS	W.J	11 PL	NO	3 A.C J.W CENTRE	17 AUG 43
CAPT	NX124445	HOUGH	J.W	12 PL	YES		
LIEUT	NX124438	MCCLELLAN	C.M	13 PL	YES		
"	NX125714	FARRELL	R.H.	C COY	NO	3 A.C J.W. CENTRE	17 AUG 43
"	VX67936	WILSON	E.A	2 IIC	NO	SCHOOL HARVEY	3 Dec 43
"	NX117865	MCDONALD	W.C	14 PL	NO	3 A.C. J.W. CENTRE	17 SEP 43
CAPT	NX125727	MASON	F.L.	15 PL	NO	HOSP	10 Dec 43
LIEUT	NX125725	CURRAN	A.O	16 PL	YES		
"	NX126640	EDCHILL	A.C.	D COY	YES		
"	WX9107	HARRINGTON	O.K	17 PL	YES		
"	WX31273	HARVEY	J.J	18 PL	YES		
				19 PL	YES		

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
MR	B259	THOMPSON C	WA LOIC	8 JUL 42	S.A.V.O
CHAPLAIN	SX20814	HOLLEY S.J	5 INF BDE	16 SEP 43	PAUSE
LIEUT	WX17663	McK. SMITH E.M	44 Bn	9 OCT 43	3 A.C. GUERRILLA W/FARE GRP

11 Dec '43
Date of Despatch

[Signature]
Lt. Col.
Signature of Commander

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

43 / 35 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 11 / Dec / 1943 56 (Unit)

W.E. 11 / 12 / 3 OFFRS 34 O.R's 832 + OFFRS 1 O.R's 44 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 of Corps	Posted Strength	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.
			7	W.Os. Class I.					
			5	W.Os. Class II.	AACC	1			
				Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
				Staff Sergeants					
			35	Sergeants		9		1	1 NR
			72	Corporals		9		1	1 NR
90	90	13	123	Troopers, Privates, etc.		23	1	1	1 NR
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
90	90	13	742	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.	SEE BACK →	42 *	1	3	3 *

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 7 of instructions for completion 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
A	167								167
B(1)									
B(2)									

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

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

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.
2	2nd AUST Div HQ						
2	WA L of C Ammunition Services						
1	5th Bde Packed Battalion						

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

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

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 11/Dec/1943.

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Brought Forward Surveyors, Engineering	1	6		Brought Forward Operating Room Assts.	17	22		Brought Forward C.P.O. Assistants	85	85	13
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, B.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.E.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Sangetakers		2	2
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters		3		Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths	1	2						Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers		2						Radiographers				Stevadores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical		3	3
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers	27	19	8	Tailors		2	2
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bdy. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Bollermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters		6	6	Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics											
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)											
Fitters				Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.							
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors							
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers	1	6					
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	12	12					
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply							
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical							
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties		10	10	Coach Trimmers							
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors							
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks							
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies							
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders							
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals							
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.							
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics	27	22	5 NR				
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant							
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.							
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers	1	1					
Plumber		2		Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD	1	6		CARRIED FORWARD		17	22	CARRIED FORWARD	85	85	13	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A, respectively.	876	784	93

NOTES.—(a) If rank other than private is involved give details on back.
 (b) Authorised trades or specialists not included in list will be added as required in spaces provided.
 (c) Where A.W.A.S. and/or A.A.M.W.S. personnel are desired show details on back.
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11 Dec 43
Date of Despatch

[Signature]
Lt. Col.
Signature of Commander

DETAIL OF ATTACHED PERSONNEL.

<u>ARM.</u>	<u>N.O.II.</u>	<u>SGTS.</u>	<u>PLS.</u>	<u>PTES.</u>	<u>SURPLUS</u>	<u>DEFICIENT.</u>
		2.	1	1	nil	nil
A.A.M.C.			1		nil	nil
A.A.C.C.			2	8	1 Fitter	1 Sgt Armourer NR
A.E.H.E.					T.G.I.	
					1 Cfn. Armourer	NR
A.A.C.C.	1	5	1	13	nil	1 Cook T.G.II NR
A.A.P.C.		1	1	nil	nil	1 Cpl Cook NR
POSTAL.		1			nil	nil
TOTAL.	1	9	5	23	2	3 N.R.

1 Sgt Armourer attending School (x List)
 1 Cpl Cook trainee promotion pending
 1 Cook T.G.II being trained

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 18/12/1943 56. Aust. Inf Bn (A.I.F.) (Unit)

W.E. 11/12/3 OFFRS 34 O.R.'s 832 + OFFRS 1 O.R.'s 44 ATT. BY W.E.

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

W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.							
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10			
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.			
			1 2 5 28 1	* * Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs.	A.A.M.C.	1						
	5	3										
	5	3	32			1						
		A	A.I.F. B	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.	38									38.
		E.(1)										
		E.(2)										

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

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

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

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
WX 31273	Lieut	HARVEY, J.J.	ENG. REMTS. 3 AC.	14.12.43	TRANSFER

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

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

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 18 Dec/1943 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Lieut Col	NX112638	BRYEN	R.T.	C.O.	YES		
T. MAJOR	NX124443	MURRAY	E.F.	2112	YES		
LIEUT	NX125734	MACAULEY	L.H.	ADPT.		HARVEY SCHOOL	3 DEC 43
LIEUT	NX119431	MELVILLE	J.R.W.	I.O.	YES		
CAPT.	NX 30307	MAULIFFE	J.A.	R.M.O.	YES		
				H.Q. Coy			
MAJOR	NX124434	STEVENSON.	A.E.	O.C.	YES		
				1 PL.			
LIEUT.	NX123833	MURPHY.	C.L.	2 PL.	YES		
"	NX119436	CHRISTIE	A.W.G.	3 PL.	YES		
"	NX125736	BRAITHWAITE	S.J.	OC 4 PL.	YES		
"	NX112691	BENNETT	J.L.	218 4 PL.	YES		
"	NX125738	DAY	J.F.	5 PL.	NO	A.R.L.	10 Nov 43
"	NX124437	KING	B.W.	6 PL.	NO	ENG. SCHOOL.	15 Dec 43
CAPT	NX124444	EVERITT	L.W.	7 PL. C.M.	YES		
LIEUT	NX125729	DAVIS	J.W.B.	7 PL. T.O.	YES		
				A. Coy.			
CAPT	NX124435	NEIL	W.D.	O.C.	YES		
"	NX125726	SAMUELSON.	C.J.	2 PL.	YES		
LIEUT.	NX112631	BROWNING	E.	8 PL.	NO	AMPHIBIOUS CAS. TRG.	7 DEC 43.
"	NX125800	GUNTER.	A.F.S.	9 PL.	YES		
"	WX 10990	KOPKE	A.R.H.	10 PL.	YES		
				B. Coy.			
CAPT.	NX116619	BEARDMAN	T.S.	C.C.	NO	HOSPITAL	7 DEC 43.
LIEUT.	NX116578	KILEY	J.A.	2 1/2.	YES		
"	WX 25313	COLLINE	C.J.	11 PL.	YES		
"	NX125735	McDONALD	K.J.	12 PL.	YES		
"	WX 37557	SYMMONS	W.J.	13 PL.	YES		
				C. Coy.			
CAPT.	NX124445	HOUGH	J.W.	O.C.	YES		
LIEUT	NX124438	MCCLELLAN.	C.M.	2 1/2.	YES		
"	NX125714	FARRELL	R.H.	14 PL.	NO	HARVEY SCHOOL.	3 DEC 43.
"	WX 67933	WILSON.	E.A.	15 PL.	YES		
"	NX117835.	McDONALD.	W.C.	16 PL.	YES		
				D. Coy.			
CAPT.	NX125727	MASON	P.L.	C.C.	YES		
LIEUT.	NX125725	CURRAN	A.O.	2 1/2.	YES		
"	NX126680	EDGHILL	A.C.	14 PL.	YES		
"	WX 9107.	HARRINGTON.	C.K.	18 PL.	YES.		
				19 PL.			

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
MR	B259	THOMPSON. C.	WA 1st C.	8 July 43	S.A.W.O.
CHAPLAIN	SX20814.	HOLLEY. S.J.	S. INF BDE.	16 SEP 43	PHDR.
LIEUT	WX17853	MR. SMITH. E.M.	44 BN.	9 Oct. 43.	3 AC. GUERRILLA W/FARE GRP.

18 Dec/43
Date of Despatch

[Signature]
Lt. Col.
Signature of Commander

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

43 / 36 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 18 / Dec / 1943. 56 Aust Inf Bn (A.I.F.) (Unit)

W.E. 11 / 12 / 3 OFFRS. 34 O.R.'s 932 + OFFRS. 1 O.R.'s 44 ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1 W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				5		6 ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength	DETAIL.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.
					W.Os. Class I.					
1 NR	1		7		W.Os. Class II.		1			
			5		Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
					Staff Sergeants					
2 NR	2		33		Sergeants		9		1	1 NR
			72		Corporals		10			
74	74		619		Troopers, Privates, etc.		25	3	1	1 NR
					Civilians counting as O.R.					
97	97	NIL	736	*	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.	SEE → BACK	45*	2	2	2 NR

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 7 of instructions for compilation of this return will complete analysis of Part B(1) and B(2).		Detail		A.C.M.F. B		A.V.A.S.		A.A.M.W.S.		CIVIL		R.A.N.		R.A.A.F.		**		TOTAL	
A.I.F.	A.I.F.	A.I.F.	A.I.F.	Under 15 Years	15 to 20 Years	20 to 25 Years	25 to 30 Years	30 to 35 Years	35 to 40 Years	40 to 45 Years	45 to 50 Years	50 to 55 Years	55 to 60 Years	60 to 65 Years	65 to 70 Years	70 to 75 Years	75 to 80 Years	80 to 85 Years	85 to 90 Years
		165	1																791

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

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

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.
2	2 Aust Sig HQ						
2	WA.L of C Ammunition Services						
1	5 Bde Patho Batman						
5	5 Bde DENTAL Section						

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

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

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

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43/36 Serial No.

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 18/Dec/1943.

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.			Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)			Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)			Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)				
W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.		
			Surveyors, Engineering	1	6	Operator, Keyboard	17	22	G.P.O. Assistants	85	85	13	
Armament Artificer Fitter			Surveyors, E.A.A.			Operator, Line			Hammermen				
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)			Surveyors, Topographical			Operator, Signal			Leather Stitchers				
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)			Surveyors, Trigonometrical			Operator, Switchboard			Orderlies, Nursing				
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)			Toolmakers			Operator, Wireless			Orderlies, Nursing Mental				
Armament Artificer Instrument			Turners			Opticians			Plate Layers				
Armament Artificer Radio			Watchmakers			Painters	3		Rangefinders	2	2		
Armament Artificer Signals			Welders			Panel Beaters			Riveters				
Armament Artificer Wireless						Photographer, Dry Plate			Roughriders				
Artificer, Artillery						Predictor Numbers			Saddlers				
Artificer, Engines						Printers			Saddletree makers				
Blacksmiths	1	2				Radiographers			Shoemaker and Boot Repairer				
Bricklayers		2				Riggers			Stevedores				
Computers						Sawyers			Stokers, Staty. Engine				
Cooks, Hospital			GROUP II.			Signallers	27	19	Storemen, Technical	3	3		
Coppersmiths			Armourers			Signwriters			Tailors	2	2		
Dispensers			Axemen			Telescope Identifn. Numbers			Textile Refitters				
Draughtsmen			Bakers			Well Borers			Tinsmiths				
Draughtsmen (Architectural)			Bty. Comd's Asst.			Wheelers			Vulcanizers				
Draughtsmen (Engineering)			Boilermakers			Winchman			Wagon Erectors				
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)			Carpenters	6	6	Wireman			Whitesmiths				
Draughtsmen (Topographical)			Carpenters and Joiners			Woodturners							
Electricians			Cooks										
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			W.O's	1	2	1 NR	
Fitters, Railway Signal			Hatchman			Butchers	1	6	W.O's	6	7		
Fitters, Signals			Height Taker			Clerks	12	12	PRMS.	5	5		
Grinder, Precision			Hello Operator			Clerks, Supply			SPTS.	80	28		
Mechanics, Instrument			Instrument Operator			Clerks, Technical			CPLS.	62	62		
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)			Intelligence Duties	10	10	Coach Trimmers			GEN DUTIES	636	552	83	
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)			Joiners			Concretors							
Mechanics, Radio			Lineman			Cooks							
Mechanics, Typewriter			Lineman, Signals			Dental Clerk Orderlies							
Mechanics, Wireless			Lithographers			Despatch Riders			ATTACHED BY W.E.				
Millwrights			Machinists, Metal			Draughtsmen, Signals			W.O's	1	1		
Operators, Excavator			Machinists, Wood			Drivers, H.T.			SPTS.	10	9	1 NR	
Pattern Maker			Masons			Driver Mechanics	27	22	CPLS.	10	10		
Pharmacist			Masseurs			Driver Tptn. Plant			PLCS.	23	25	1 NR	
Photographer, Wet Plate			Mechanics, M.T.			Engine Hand's, I.C.							
Photewriter			Miners			Equipment Repairers	1	1					
Plumber		2	Moulders			Farriers							
Saw Doctors			Nurses, Trained			Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors	1	6	Observation Post Assts.			Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD			CARRIED FORWARD	17	22	CARRIED FORWARD	85	85	13	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	876	791	99

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

18 Dec 43
Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

DETAILED OF ATTACHED PERSONNEL

ARM	WOLL	SGTS	CPLS	PTES	SURPLUS	DEFICIENT
A.A.M.C.		2	1	1	nil	nil
A.A.O.C.			1		nil	nil
A.E.M.E.			2	11	1 Fitter 1 Cfn Armourer	1 Armourer SGT
A.A.C.C.	1	5	5	13		1 Cook
A.A.P.C.		1	1			
POSTAL		1				
TOTAL	1	9	10	25	2	2

Sgt Armourer attending school (X List)
1 Cook being trained.

FIELD BELONGS TO OTHERS BY JKS

War Diary

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday *25/12/1943* *56 Aust. Inf. Bn (A.I.F.)* (Unit)

43 / *31* (Serial No.)

W.E. *11/12/3* OFFRS. *34* O.R.'s. *832* + OFFRS. *1* O.R.'s. *44* 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.
	<i>5</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>1</i> <i>2</i> <i>3</i> <i>22</i> <i>1</i>	Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs.	<i>A.A.M.C.</i>	<i>1</i>			
	<i>5</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>31</i>			<i>1</i>			

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

DETAIL.	A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.P.	••	TOTAL.
A.	<i>32</i>									<i>32</i>
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.
<i>NX116619</i>	<i>CAPT.</i>	<i>BOARDMAN JS.</i>	<i>x/1st 110 A.G.H.</i>	<i>8/12/43</i>	<i>HOSPITAL.</i>

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 26/12/1943 (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	NX12633	BRYEN	R.T.	C.O.	YES		
MAJOR	NX124443	MURRAY	E.F.	2 IC	YES		
LIEUT	NX125734	MACAULEY	L.H.	ADJT.	NO	SCHOOL HARVEY.	
LIEUT	NX119431	MELVILLE	J.R.W.	1.O.	YES		
CAPT	WX34307	MAHULIFFE	J.A.	Q.M.O.	YES		
MAJOR	NX124434	STEVENSON	A.E.	H.Q. Coy. O.C. No. 1 PL.	YES		
LIEUT	NX123833	MURPHY	C.W.	2 PL	YES		
LIEUT	NX119436	CHRISTIE	A.W.G.	3 PL	YES		
LIEUT	NX125736	BRAITHWAITE	S.J.	4 PL	YES		
LIEUT	NX112691	BENNETT.	J.L.	4 PL	YES		
LIEUT	NX125738	DAY	J.F.	5 PL	NO	A.R.L.	
LIEUT	NX124437	KING	B.W.	6 PL	NO	SCHOOL, ENG.	
CAPT.	NX124444	EVERITT	L.W.	Q.M. 7 PL.	YES		
LIEUT	NX125729	DAVIS.	G.W.B.	7 O.	NO	LEAVE.	
CAPT.	NX124436	NEIL	W.D.	A. Coy. O.C.	YES		
CAPT.	NX125726	SAMUELSON	C.J.	2 IC	YES		
LIEUT	NX112651	BROWNING	F.	5 PL	YES		
LIEUT	NX125800	GUNNER	A.F.S.	9 PL	YES		
LIEUT.	WX10990	KOPKE	A.R.H.	10 PL B. Coy.	NO	LEAVE.	
LIEUT	NX116618	KILEY	J.A.	2 IC	YES		
LIEUT	WX26616	COLLINS	C.J.	11 PL	NO	A.R.L.	
LIEUT	NX125735	MCDONALD	K.J.	12 .	YES		
LIEUT	WX31567	SYMMONS.	W.J.	13 . C. Coy.	YES.		
CAPT	NX124445	HOUGH	J.W.	O.C.	YES		
LIEUT	NX124438	MCLELLAN.	C.M.	2 IC	YES		
LIEUT	NX125744	PARRELL	R.H.	14 PL	NO	SCHOOL HARVEY.	
LIEUT	WX67936	WILSON	F.A.	15 .	YES		
LIEUT.	NX117865	MCDONALD	W.C.	16 . D. Coy.	YES		
CAPT	NX125727	MASON	F.L.	O.C.	YES		
LIEUT	NX125725	CURRAN	A.O.	2 IC	NO	SCHOOL HARVEY.	
LIEUT	NX126640	EDGHILL	A.C.	17 PL	NO	LEAVE.	
LIEUT.	WX9107	HARRINGTON	O.K.	18 .	YES.		
				19 .			

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.
MR.	B259	THOMPSON, C.	W.A. LofC.	8 July 42	S A WO
CHAPLAIN.	SX20894	HOLLEY S.J.	SINE BDE.	16 Sep. 43	PATRE.
LIEUT.	WX17663	MCK. SMITH, E.M.	44 BN.	9 Oct. 43	3 A.C. GUERRILLA W/F. G.P.

26 Dec. 1943

Date of Despatch

Truth—7/43

[Signature] Lt. Col.

(R. T. Bryen) Comd. 56 Bn.

Signature of Commander

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

43/37 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 25/6/1943 36 Aust L/Br (A.I.F.) (Unit)

W.E. 11/12/3 OFFRS. 34 O.R's. 832+ OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 44 ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1 W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				2 ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.						
DETAIL.				Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.		
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.							
1 NR.	1		1							
1 NR.	1		6		1					
			5							
1 NR.	1		34		8		2	2 NR.		
2 NR.	2		70		10					
92	92		121		24	1	1	1 NR		
97 *	98		736 *	SEE BACK →	43 *	1	3	3 NR.		

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

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

Detail	A.I.F.		C.M.F.		A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	* *	TOTAL
	A	B	Under 19 Years	19 Years and over							
A	613	1	165								779
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
2	2 Aust Lin HQ's		
2	W.A.L of C Ammunition Services		
1	5 Bde HQ PROAG's Batman		
5	2/6 Dental Unit		
1	65 Amb Pl. M.A.C.		

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.

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

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

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

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PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in
Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 26/Dec/1943.

Table with 15 columns: 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. Includes categories like Ammunition Examiners, Artificers, Electricians, etc., with handwritten numerical data and notes.

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.

26 Dec 43
Date of Despatch

[Signature]
Lt. Col.
(R. T. Brown) Comd. 56 Bn
Signature of Commander

DETAILED OF ATTACHED PERSONNEL.

ARM	WO11	SGTS	CPLS	PTES	SURPLUS	DEFICIENT
A.A.M.C.		2	1	1	nil	nil
A.A.O.C.			1		nil	nil
A.E.M.E.			2	10	1 Fitter	1 Armourer Sgt. (see below)
A.A.C.C.	1	4	5	13		1 Cook
A.A.P.C.		1	1			<i>1 Sgt Cook</i>
POSTAL		1				
	1	8	10	24	1	3

Sgt Armourer attending School. (X List)
 1 Cook being trained.

1 Sgt Cook (Hosp) X List

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 1 / Jan / 1944 . 56 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) (Unit)

44 / 1 (Serial No.)

W.E. 11 / 12 / 3 . . . OFFRS. 34 O.R.'s. 832 + OFFRS. 1 O.R.'s. 44 ATT. BY W.E.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.
See Back	65	2x	1 2 34 23 1	Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs.	AAME	1			
	65	3x	3x1			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.	A-B 32									32
E.(1)										
E.(2)										

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

• Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.
• 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.
NX125730	LIEUT	NILTSHIRE D.H	x List (School)	20/1/44	Completion of Course.
NX125725	"	CURRAN A.O.			

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
NX125725	Lieut	CURRAN A.O.	3 A.C.T.S.	24 Dec 43	Instructor (Secondment Pending).

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

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 1/Jan/1944. (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
LT. COL.	NX 112633	BRYEN	R.T.	C.O.	YES		
MAJOR	NX 124445	MURRAY	E.F.	2 I/C	YES		
LIEUT.	NX 125734	MACAULEY	L.H.	ADJT	NO	SCHOOL. 3 A.C.T.S.	3 Dec 43
"	NX 119431	MELVILLE	J.R.W.	I.O.	YES		
CAPT.	WX 34307	MC AULIFFE	J.A.	M.O.	YES		
MAJOR	NX 124434	STEVENSON	A.E.	O.C.	YES		
LIEUT	NX 123833	MURPHY	C.L.	1 PL	YES		
"	NX 119436	CHRISTIE	A.W.G.	2 PL	YES		
"	NX 125736	BRAITHWAITE	S.J.	3 PL	NO	HOSP.	30 Dec 43
"	NX 112691	BENNETT	J.L.	4 PL	YES		
"	NX 125738	DAY	J.F.	5 PL	YES		
"	NX 124437	KING	B.W.	6 PL	NO	2 DIV TRNG CENTRE	15 Dec 43
CAPT.	NX 124444	EVERITT.	L.W.	7 PL Q.M.	YES		
LIEUT	NX 125729	DAVIS	G.W.B.	7 PL T.O.	NO	LEAVE	20 Dec 43
CAPT	NX 124436	NEIL	W.D.	O.C.	YES		
"	NX 125726	SAMUELSON	C.J.	2 I/C	YES		
LIEUT.	NX 112651	BROWNING	E.	1 PL	YES		
"	NX 125800	GUNNER	A.F.S.	9 PL	YES		
"	WX 10990	KOPKE	A.F.M.	10 PL	NO	LEAVE.	20 Dec 43
CAPT.				O.C.	BCOY		
LIEUT	NX 111618	KILEY	J.H.	2 I/C	YES		
"	WX 26616	COLLINS	C.J.	11 PL	NO	LEAVE	20 Dec 43
"	NX 125725	McDONALD	K.J.	12 PL	YES		
"	VX 31567	SYMONS	W.T.	13 PL	YES		
CAPT.	NX 124445	HOUGH	J.W.	O.C.	YES		
LIEUT	NX 124438	McCELLAN	C.M.	2 I/C	YES		
"	NX 125714	FARRILL	R.H.	14 PL	NO	SCHOOL HARVEY.	3 Dec 43
"	VX 67936	WILSON	E.H.	15 PL	YES		
"	NX 117865	McDONALD	W.C.	16 PL	YES		
CAPT.	NX 125727	MASON	F.L.	O.C.	YES		
LIEUT.	WX 25718	EURAN	A.C.	2 I/C	NO	INSTRUCTOR A.C.T.S. HARVEY	22 Dec 43
"	NX 126440	EDGEHILL	A.C.	17 PL	NO	LEAVE	
"	WX 9107	HARRINGTON	O.K.	18 PL	YES		
"	NX 125730	WIDENHIRE	D.H.	19 PL	NO	LEAVE	20 Dec 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.
MR.	B 259	THOMPSON	WHL/C.	1 July 42	S.A.W.O.
CHAPLAIN	SX 20814	HOLLEY S.J.	SEINF BDE.	11.5.43	PAROLE
LIEUT	WX 17443	W.K. SMITH K.M.	4420.	9.11.43	3.12.43. GUER. 11.12.43 W/F. C.R.A.

1 Jan 44
Date of Despatch

[Signature]
Lt. Col.
Signature of Commander

LEVEL C - DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE BELONG TO (UNIT) IS

27 JAN 3 HGT 2 (Small Town) 1st Lt

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

27 JAN 3 HGT 2 (Small Town) 1st Lt

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

LEVEL E - DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS JOINED OR DELETED DURING WEEK

NO	NAME	DATE	POST	REMARKS	INITIALS

NETT Efficiency Offrs 3 Lieuts required
incl one trained Sig Offr.

LEVEL F - LOGGED STRENGTH SINGLE OR REGIMENTAL REQUIRED

27 JAN 3 HGT 2 (Small Town) 1st Lt

FIELD STRENGTH OF OFFICERS

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

4411 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 1 / Jan / 1944 56 Aust Lf Bn (A.I.F.) (Unit)

W.E. 11/12/3 OFFRS. 34 O.R's. 832+ OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 44 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.				
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.
				W.Os. Class I.					
			7	W.Os. Class II.		1			
			5	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
				Staff Sergeants					
			35	Sergeants		8		2	2 NR
			69	Corporals		10			
NR 3	3		615 (611)	Troopers, Privates, etc.		24	1	+	+ NR
102	102			Civilians counting as O.R.					
				Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.	SEE BACK	43	1		2 NR 2 NR
100 ⁵	100 ⁵		727 *						

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.		H.C.M.F.		A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
	A	B	Under 18 Years	19 Years and over.							
A	503	1	166								770
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	2 Aust Div HQ						
2	WA.L of C. Ammunition Services						
1	5 th Bde HQ		PADRE'S Batman				
5	2 nd Dental Section						
1	65 Amb		M.A.C.				

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

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

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

Army Form W.3009
(Adapted) (Page 2)
(Revised Jan., 1943)

44/1 Serial No.

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

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surgeons, Engineering	1	6		Operator, Keyboard	17	22		Operator, Keyboard	85	85	13
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, E.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangetakers	2	2	
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters		3		Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths	1	2						Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers		2						Radiographers				Stevedores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical	3	3	
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers	27	19	8	Tailors	2	2	
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters	6	6		Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics											
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)											
Fitters				Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				WO ^I	1		
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers	1	6		WO ^{II}	6	7	
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	12	12		CQMS	5	5	
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply				SQTS	30	30	
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				CPLS	62	59	3 NR
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	10	10		'Coach Trimmers				GEN DUTIES	636	534	89
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors							
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks							
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies							
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				WO ^{II}	1	1	
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				SQTS	10	8	2 NR
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics	27	22	5 NR	CPLS	10	10	
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant				PtCS	23	24	
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.							
Photewriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers	1	1					
Plumber		2		Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD	1	6		CARRIED FORWARD	17	22		CARRIED FORWARD	85	85	13	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A, respectively.	876	770	108 (107)

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.

1 Jan '44
Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

DETAILS OF ATTACHED PERSONNEL

ARM	WO1	SGTS	CPLS	PTES	SURPLUS	DEFICIENT
A.A.M.C.		2	2	1	nil	nil
A.A.O.C.			1		nil	nil
A.E.M.E.			2	9	1 Fitter	1 Armourer Sgt NR (See below)
A.A.C.C.	1	4	5	14		1 Sgt Cook (See NR Below)
A.A.P.C.		1	1			
POSTAL		1				
	1	8	10	24	1	2

NR
NR SGT Armourer attending School X LIST
Sgt 1 Cook Hospital X LIST.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

56 AUST INF BN (AIF)

1. To be read in conjunction with O.I. regarding move SWANBOURNE to DANDARRAGAN and GERALDTON to DANDARRAGAN.

Reference appx A to above Instruction Serial (A) No 1.

2. Personnel as detailed will parade at Parade Ground in front of Coy Ord Rooms at 1730 Hrs 29 Nov 43.

3. Evening meal at 1700 Hrs. Cut Lunch to be collected from respective kitchens at conclusion of evening meal.

4. DRESS.

..... Marching Order.
Trousers K.D. with Anklets Web and Shirts Khaki.
Hats Khaki Fur.
Water bottles filled.
Respirator slung position.

5. TRANSPORT.

..... 6 x 3 Ton Trucks to report to Parade Ground at 1730 Hrs.

6. BLANKETS ETC.

..... Blankets with pailaise and ground sheet will be neatly rolled individually and label attached showing Number, Rank, Name and Coy to be placed with Kit Bags.

7. BAGGAGE PARTY.

..... The following will act as baggage party.

Cpl GALLAGHER S.T.T. I/C.
Pte TAYLOR J.J.
Pte MARSTON A.S.
Pte BLACKBURN W.C.
Pte TANNER J.
Pte WAIDE W.M.
Pte QUINN A.J.

L. H. Macauley Lieut.
(L.H. MACAULEY) Adj't. 56 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

WEEKLY INTELLIGENCE REPORT.

Week ending 1 Dec. 43.

1. INFM. RE ENEMY. NIL.

2. INFM. RE OWN TPS.

- (1) Location. Map ref. 37520462.
- (2) Trg. All personnel firing musketry course and instruction on small arms in the field.
- (3) MORALE. Excellent.
- (4) HEALTH. Evacuated to hospital. 9
 U.R.T.I. 4
 New cases. 17

3. INFM. RE INT. SEC.

- (1) Strength. 1 Offr. 1 Sgt. 2 Cpls. 12 o/rs.
 Cpl. Coughlan T.K. on A.R.L.
 L/Cpl. Dixon G. att. from 2 Div. F.S. for trg.
- (2) Training. All personnel firing range practice.

4. SECURITY. NIL.

5. TOPOGRAPHICAL. NIL.

6. GENERAL INF. (a) Results of shooting show much improvement in musketry trg.
 (See detailed figures to Bde. H.Q. dated 1 Dec. 43.)

(b) Preparations for move to new area under way.

(c) Advance party leave for new area 3 Nov 43.

.....*Melville*.....Lieut.
 (LIEUT. J.R. MELVILLE. I.O. 56 Aust. Inf. Bn(AIF))

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

Ref Map DANDARRAGAN:
1st to 1 Mile.

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Copy No. 1
6 Dec 43.

56 AUST INF BN (AIF) ADM INSTN NO 4

1. 56 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) will move on 8 and 9 Dec 43 to MOORA and thence to DANDARRAGAN.
2. Attachments will move on 8 Dec 43 to GERALDTON.
3. MOVEMENT AND LOADING OF TRAINS.
 - (a) As per Appx A.
4. STORES AND EQUIPMENT.
 - (a) All stores in present area will be carried.
 - (b) Loading on M.T. will be as per move ~~Adm~~ Instn No 3.
5. KITBAGS AND BLANKETS.

As per Appx A.
6. DRESS.
 - (a) Marching order to Resting area.
 - (b) Battle order from Resting area.
 - (c) Shirts K.D.- Shorts and hats fur felt.
 - (d) Packs and haversacks packed in accordance with 5 Aust Inf Bde (AIF) instns style B.
7. RATIONS
 - (a) Train "A"
 - (i) Meals enroute will be provided from Wiles Cooker for Attachments.
 - (ii) "C" Coy will carry cut lunch.
 - (b) Train "B"

Meals will be provided from Wiles Cooker.
 - (c) Train "C"

Cut lunch will be carried.
8. CLEANINESS OF CAMP
 - (a) Coy areas will be thoroughly cleaned before marching out and Coy Comds will render a certificate of inspection before vacating area.
 - (b) Orderly Officer will render certificate re cleanliness of drains, grease traps, latrines, showers and incinerator before vacating area.
9. SECURITY
 - (a) Tps will be given security instns in regard to documents, letters, envelopes etc being left in area.
 - (b) Tps will be warned that sending letters, telegrams or making private telephone calls enroute is forbidden.
10. TRAIN DISCIPLINE

All Tps will be warned against:-

 - (a) Boarding and leaving trains in motion.
 - (b) Leaning out of windows and doors or protruding any portion of the body from the train as to be in danger of being struck by side or overhead structures.
 - (c) Throwing anything out of the windows.
 - (d) Interfering with or causing damages to Ry property (windows, doors, brake gear and other fittings)
 - (e) Chalk marking of rolling stock.
 - (f) Discharging firearms.
 - (g) Carrying or consuming liquor on train.
 - (h) No personnel will leave the train at any time or stopping place unless permitted by O.C. of train.
 - (i) At meal halts strict attention will be paid to by all ranks to hygiene and all food will be disposed as arranged by O.C. train.
 - (j) An N.C.O. will be detailed i/c of each compartment and will be responsible for discipline of members of that compartment and report any damage enroute and the cause of same to Adjut at first stopping place.
 - (k) Loading of M.T.

All three ton vehicles will have canopy ^{frame} lowered to at least the level of the drivers cabin before loading on train.
 - (m) Piqueting of M.T. on move

O.C. train will be responsible to see that lashings on vehs are

O V E R

Train discipline continued

frequently inspected enroute. Under no CIRCUMSTANCES are vehicles to be left unattended.

- (n) Entraining and detraining reports will be submitted by O.C. train to BHQ.
- (1) Chimneys on Wiles Cookers will be lowered before loading on train.

11. MEDICAL

- (a) Train "A"
Arrangements by 5 Fld Coy R.A.E.
- (b) Trains "B" and "C"
R.M.O. will make available a first aid kit and orderly for each train.

12 ACK.

W.D. Neil Capt
(W.D. NEIL) A/Adjt
56 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

Distribution

HQ Coy	T.O.
A "	R.M.O.
B "	W.O. Caterer
C "	War diary
D "	Spare
5 Bde	File
5 Fld Coy	I.O.
Pl 54 Bn.	
Pl 44 Bn.	
C.O.	
Adjt.	
2 i/c	
Q.M.	

Ref Map DANDARRAGAN
1" to 1 Mile

MOVEMENT TABLE
APPX "A" TO 56 AUST INF BN (AIF) ADM INSTN NO 4 OF 6 DEC 43.

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6 Dec 43.

TRAIN	DEPART CLAREMONT	ARRIVE MOORA.	O.C. TRAIN & ADJT	TOTAL PERSONNEL	M.T. CARRIED	M.T. ESCORT	LOADING TO BE COMPLETED BY	REMARKS
A.	080650H	081315H (Arrive GERALDTON 090105H)	Capt. PARKER Lieut. WILLIS i/c C. Coy Capt. HOUGH.	5 Fd Coy RAE 1006 54 Aust. Inf. Bn 63 44 Aust Inf Bn 1 C. Coy 59 W.O. Caterer 1 Total 221	5 Fd Coy. RAE (GERALDTON) 3-3 Ton 1 - Watercart 1 - Wiles Cooker 1 - M/C 17 Coy A.A.S.C. (GERALDTON) 2 - 3 Ton 56 Aust Inf Bn. to be unloaded at MOORA. 6 - 3 Ton 41236 HQ Coy 59645 HQ Coy 41222 QM. 41233 Q. 26237 Q. 26566 Rat. Truck 2 Portees 1 M/C.	Drs 16 Cooks 2.	071800H	GERALDTON Baggage to be loaded in van. On arrival MOORA C Coy to move to Rest Area ref 989077 and await train.
B.	080900H	081600H	Capt. BOARDMAN. Lieut KILEY	B. Coy 98 D. Coy 91 C. Coy 37 Bn HQ (Less RSM & Clerk) 46 Total 272	2 - Wiles Cookers 6 - 3 Ton 41091 - RAP 26236 -D & C Coys Stores 41208 Stores 41223 C Coy 59613 B Coy 41282 D Coy 1 3 . . .	Dvrs 13 Cooks 2.	071800H	(a) C.B and D Coys kitbags to be packed on trucks by 071500H. (b) C.B. and D Coys blankets will be dumped in lines 08 0630. H. (c) Blankets will be transported from camp and loaded on Coy trucks on train "B" under arrange-

TRAIN	DEPART CLAREMONT	ARRIVE MOORA.	O.C. TRAIN & ADJT.	TOTAL PERSONNEL	M.T. CARRIED	M.R. ESCORT	LOADING TO BE COMPLETED BY	REMARKS
					1 - 1 Ton 23411 Office Van. 1 Watercart 3 - 15 Cwt 67497 QM 61247 A. Coy 67632 Sig Van 2 M/C's			Sgt. Armour.
C. C.	090745H	091450H	Maj. STEVENSON. Lieut. Murphy.	Hq Coy 183 A Coy 82 RHQ. 2 RAF. 1 Total 268				(a) Hq Coy Kitbags & Blankets to be stacked in Van on train C. (b) A. Coy kitbags and Blankets to be carried in truck 41010 (see notes) (c) Hot drink will be supplied at GIN GIN at 091100H.

- (a) Movement from SWANBOURNE to CLAREMONT will be by M.T.
- (b) Movement trucks 41010 and 41093.
 - (1) Stores to be carried 41010 - A Coy Kitbags and Blankets
 - " " 41093 - Offrs and Sgts mess.
 - (2) Trucks report to R.T.O. MIDLAND JUNCTION 092330H for fwd movement to MOORA.
 - (3) Depart MIDLAND JUNCTION 100001H
 - (4) Arrive MOORA 100500H
 - (5) Move to camp area on arrival MOORA.
- (c) Movement from MOORA to DANDARRAGAN.
 - (1) M.T. will move by convoy from trains.
 - (2) Wives Cookers with truck will be left in Rest Area

- (3) O.C.'s Convoy Train A - Lieut W.C, McDONALD
Train B - Lieut K.J.McDONALD.
- (4) Marching Tps Will ~~move~~ to rest area at Map ref 989077.
- (5) Instructions for movement from Rest Area will be issued separately.
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WEEKLY INTELLIGENCE REPORT.

Week ended 8 Dec. 1943.

1. INFORMATION RE ENEMY: Nil.

2. INFM RE OWN TROOPS:

(1) LOCATION. Map Ref. 36442093.

(2) TRG. All personnel completed firing musketry course and instruction on small arms in the field. Moved to new area.

(3) MORALE. Excellent.

(4) HEALTH. Diarrhoea 2
U.R.T.I. 3
New cases 9
Evac to Hospital 5

3. INFM RE INT SEC.

(1) STRENGTH 1 cffr, 1 sjt, 3 Cpls, 13 O.R.'s.
A/Sjt. Underwood, L.W. det to Int School HARVEY.
Cpl. Coughlan, T.K. on interstate A.R.L.
4 O.R.'s on home leave this state.
L/Cpl. Dixon, G. returned to "N" Sec. F.S.S.

(2) TRG. Personnel completed firing moved to new area. Settling in.

4. SECURITY: Nil Infm.

5. TOPOGRAPHICAL: Nil Infm.

6. GENERAL INFM: H.Q. opened up at map ref. 36442093 on 091900 H.

.....*Melville*.....(Lieut).
(J.R.W. MELVILLE) I.O. 56 Aust Inf Bn. (A.I.F.)

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES
ROUTINE ORDERS

Serial No 112.
Nos 585 to 589
13 Dec 43.

BY

Lt. Col R. T. BRYEN.
Comd. 56 AUST INF BN (AIF)

585. QUALIFYING EXAMINATIONS FOR PROFICIENCY PAY.

1. GRO F.660/1943 provides that entitlement to proficiency pay depends, inter alia, upon the passing of a prescribed examination. A soldier will be deemed to have passed the prescribed examination when he -

- (a) Has been certified by his C.O. as being in all respects proficient in performing the duties of his appointment, and
- (b) Has passed the tests applicable to soldiers of the category to which he belongs.

2. For the purposes hereof, soldiers who are tested for proficiency pay are divided into the following categories:-

Category A. - Personnel of the undermentioned units (except those shown on the war establishment as "attached")-

- Light Horse Regts
- Cavalry (Commando) Regts
- Motor Regts
- Infantry Bns
- Machine Gun Bns
- Pioneer Bns
- Garrison (Coast Defence) Bns

Category B.- Personnel of units other than those included in Category A who are neither shown on war establishments as "attached" personnel nor members of the AAMC.

Category C.- Personnel of the AAMC.

Category D.- Personnel shown as "Attached" on the war establishments of the unit with which they are serving.

3. The tests for all categories include the Tests of Elementary Training for Gas, as specified in "Gas Training (Aust) 1942", Sec 15. The following additional tests are prescribed :-

- (i) For Category A.- Small arms test with the rifle or light machine gun or medium machine gun, or in the case of personnel issued with the sub machine gun or pistol as a personal weapon, the sub-machine gun or pistol. The standard required of the candidate is classification as a first class shot.
- (ii) For Category B.- Small arms test as for category A. The standard required is classification as a second class shot.
- (iii) For Category C.- A test conducted under unit arrangements embracing the following subjects:-
 - (a) A general knowledge of elementary anatomy and physiology (RAMC Trg, Chap XXIII).
 - (b) First Aid - Simple test in the use of the triangular bandages (RAMC Trg, Chap XXIV). A general knowledge of wounds and their treatment, dressing and healing of wounds, antiseptics and asepsis (RAMC Trg, Chaps XXV, XXVI, XXVII). Arrest of haemorrhage (RAMC Trg, Chap XXIX).
 - (c) An elementary knowledge of the AAMC organization (RAMC Trg Chap XIII).
 - (d) A general knowledge of the organization of the unit to which the member belongs (RAMC Trg, Chap XII).
 - (e) A general knowledge of personnel anti-malarial control measures and personal hygiene.
- (iv) For Category D.- The tests for an "attached" member will be those prescribed for the arm to which he belongs.

4. The following conditions will govern the conduct of the small arms tests, referred to in para 3 hereof:-

- (a) All rifle, light machine gun and medium machine gun tests will be fired on open ranges.
- (b) Classification tables, Part II, for the respective weapons will be fired and the conditions of qualification will be as specified in SAT, Vol. I, Pamphlet 14.
- (c) One repetition only at each test will be permitted to count as qualification for proficiency pay.

5. Where practicable, personnel in receipt of proficiency pay will undergo the prescribed tests at six-monthly intervals.

586. UNSERVICEABLE TOOTHBRUSHES AND COMBS - DISPOSAL OF.

1. Henceforth, officers commanding units will ensure that members return unserviceable toothbrushes and combs to unit QMs before receiving a replacement issue.
2. Units will hand over to Salvage at regular intervals all unserviceable toothbrushes and combs so collected.
3. Owing to their economic value (cellulose acetate, which is in short supply, is recoverable from these articles), OCs will ensure that a maximum return of used toothbrushes and combs is effected.

587. LOSS OF OR DAMAGE TO GOVERNMENT PROPERTY BY FIRE.

1. Attention is drawn to B.R.O. 488.
2. Coy Comds will ensure that all members are familiar with Unit Fire Standing Orders.
3. Coys will take immediate steps to complete organisation as laid down for fire fighting.

588. DRESS AND EQUIPMENT.

1. All tps must be correctly dressed at all times.
2. Removal of Shirts.
 - (a) Shirts are only to be removed when strenuous work such as digging, bayonet fighting etc is being carried out.
 - (b) Shirts are only to be removed under definite orders of the officer or NCO in charge of the party or sub-unit.
 - (c) Shirts removed are to be arranged in Kit order.
3. Equipment and Arms.
 - (a) Equipment will be correctly adjusted and worn at all times when on duty.
 - (b) Arms will be carried at all times on duty.
 - (c) If the nature of the work or training warrants arms and equipment may be laid aside under definite orders of the officer or NCO in charge of the party.
 - (d) Equipment and arms laid aside must be arranged in an orderly manner.

589. RECORD OF SERVICE BOOK A.A.B. 83.

- (a) AAB 83 will NOT necessarily be issued to members on 1st December 1943.
- (b) If, however, any member is, on or after 1st December 1943, marched out from any unit which is responsible for the issue to him of an AAB 83, that unit will ensure -
 - (i) that he is in possession of his AAB 83, written up as far as is practicable;
 - (ii) that a note appears in his Pay Book (VF 5) - "AAB 83 issued.....";
 - (iii) that an AAF A256 in relation to that member has been forwarded to the records office for the L of G Area in which that unit is serving.

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 (W.D. NEIL) A/Adj. 56 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) Capt.

NOTICE

F O U N D. : A sum of money was found on SWANBOURNE Rifle Range and will be returned to owner on application to Bn HQ.

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- AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES - SYLLABUS TRAINING 56 AUST INF BN (AIF) 11-15 DEC 43.

SERIAL	DATE	UNIT OR SUB UNIT	PERIOD	NATURE OF TRAINING	REF MANUAL	LOCATION	REMARKS	
1	11 Dec 43	All Rifle Coys	0830 - 0900	Coy Inspection				
			0900 - 1130	Drill for movement before contact along a track or Rd.	Field Cft & Battle Drill Sec 22			
			1130 - 1200	Firing Instruction				
			1330 - 1600	Drill for Section in the attack by methods of infiltration	Field Cft & Battle Drill Sec 25			15 Mins Rifle 15 Mins L.M.G.
			1600 - 1630	Semaphore				Record of individual progress to be maintained.
			1630 - 1700	Coy Pde				Close order Drill Adm. Foot Inspections Boot Insp.
2	12 Dec 43	All Rifle Coys	0830 - 0900	Church Pdes				
			0900 - 1130	Drill for Sec Attack	Field Cft & Battle Drill Sec 26			
			1130 - 1200	Firing Instruction				
			1330 - 1600	Drill for Pincer movement Phases 1 11 111	Field Cft & Battle Drill Sec 27			15 Mins Rifle 15 Mins S.M.G.
			1600 - 1630 1630 - 1700	Semaphore Coy Pde				
3	13 Dec 43	ALL COYS		R E S T D A Y - WASHING MENDING	REQUEST HOUR			
4	14 Dec 43	All Rifle Coys	0830 - 0900	Coy Inspection				
			0900 - 1200	Drill for Platoon making the attack using the flanking movement	Field Cft & Battle Drill Sec 28			
			1330 - 1630	Drill for Platoon Pincer attack	Field Cft & Battle Drill Sec 30			
			1630 - 1700	Coy Pde				
5	15 Dec 43	All Rifle Coys	0830 - 0900	Coy Inspection				
			0900 - 1030	Repetition Drill for Pl Pincer attack.				
			1030 - 1130	The effect of Infiltration	Field Cft & Battle Drill Sec 31			
			1130 - 1200	Firing Instruction				15 Mins Rifle 15 Mins 2" Mortar.

TO BE NOTIFIED AFTER RECESS OR NEW CAMP AND TRAINING AREAS.

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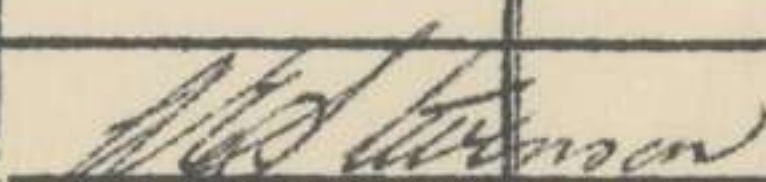
11-15 Dec 43.

SERIAL	DATE	UNIT OR SUB UNIT	PERIOD	NATURE OF TRAINING	REF MANUAL	LOCATION	REMARKS.
1	11 Dec 43	No 1 Pl SIGS.	Morning	Morse Receiving. Morse Sending. Procedure V/E and written		TO BE NOTIFIED AFTER RECCE OF NEW CAMP AND TRAINING AREAS.	
			Afternoon	E & M Molecular Theory. E & M Resistance, line etc. P.T.			
		No 2 Pl. A.A.	Morning	Semaphore	1 M.T. 1941		
			Afternoon	Bren Training	Less 5 G 7 & 13 14 Pam 4		
		No 3 Pl. Mortars.	Morning	Test & Adjustment Sight for direction Test & Adjustment Sight for Range Fire Control - General Fire Control Methods of Obtaining Direction.	Pam 9 Lesson 4. " 9 " 5. " 9 " 44. " 9 " 45.)		To be taught as 1 lesson.
			Afternoon	Recce for detachment position Ranging Paint Targets. P & R.T.) F.D.T. Rifle)	Pam 9 Lesson 35. " 9 " 46. P & R.T. 1941 Table 1 1 to 8.		
		No 4 Pl. CARRIERS.	Morning	Maintenance Vehicles & Weapons			NOTE;- Maintenance of Pl Vehs. to be carried out by DVRs for three days. (1/2 Prd to be spent on each subject)
			Afternoon	Fire Discipline Training. Grenade Training - P & R.T.	SAT. VOL 1. Pam 3.S 4. Pam 13 Less. 1-2.		
		No 5 Pl. Tk/A.	Morning	Fire Discipline	Pam 3. Sec 4.		Use of Rifle in Open & Behind Cover.
			Afternoon	Portee Drill	Special Screeds.		
		No 6 Pl. Pioneer	Morning) Afternoon)	Bn Works Programme.			Smarting up Period.
		No 7 Pl. ADM	Morning) Afternoon)	ADM Duties.			
		2	12 Dec 43.	No 1 Pl. SIGS	Morning		Morse Receiving. Morse Sending Lamp and Circuit.

SERIAL	DATE	UNIT OR SUB UNIT.	PERIOD	NATURE OF TRAINING	REF MANUAL	LOCATION	REMARKS.
2	12 Dec 43.	No 1 Pl. SIGS	Afternoon	E & M. Chokes, Condensors, their uses. E & M. Aerials, their uses. P.T.			
		No 2 Pl. A.A.	All Day	ROUTE MARCH.			
		No 3 Pl. MORTARS	All Day	ROUTE MARCH.			
		No 4 Pl. CARRIERS	All Day	ROUTE MARCH.			
		No 5 Pl. Tk/A	All Day	ROUTE MARCH.			
		No 6 Pl. PIONEER	All Day	ROUTE MARCH.			
		No 7 Pl. ADM	All Day	ROUTE MARCH.			
3	13 Dec 43.	No 1 Pl. SIGS.	All Day	STAND DOWN.			
		No 2 Pl. A.A.	All Day	STAND DOWN.			
		No 3 Pl. MORTARS.	All Day	STAND DOWN.			
		No 4 Pl. CARRIERS	All Day	STAND DOWN.			
		No 5 Pl. Tk/A.	All Day	STAND DOWN.			
		No 6 Pl. PIONEER	All Day	STAND DOWN.			
		No 7 Pl. ADM.	All Day	STAND DOWN.			
4	14 Dec 43.	No 1 Pl. SIGS.	Morning	Morse Receiving. Morse Sending. Simple Telephone Circuit.			

TO BE NOTIFIED AFTER CLOSURE OF NEW CAMP AND TRAINING AREAS.

SERIAL	DATE	UNIT OR SUB UNIT	PERIOD	NATURE OF TRAINING	REF MANUAL	LOCATION	REMARKS.
4	Dec	No 1 Pl. SIGS.	Afternoon	E & M. Valves, principles of. Expl. of Superhetrodyne Rec. E & M. F.T.			
		No 2 Pl. A.A.	Morning	Firing Instruction.	Less. 13,14,15,16,17. Pam 3.1943.	TO BE NOTIFIED AFTER REECE OF NEW CAMP AND TRAINING AREAS.	
			Afternoon	Firing Instruction	Less. 18,19,20,21. Pam 3. 1943.		
		No 3 Pl. MORTARS.	Morning	Advanced Handling. Daylight Recce Night Occupation Observation of Fire. Overhead Fire. Flanking Fire.	Fam 9 Less 34. " 9 " 38.) " 9 " 39.) " 9 " 51.) " 9 " 56.)- " 9 " 57.)		To be taught as one lesson. Lecture by Pl. Comd.
			Afternoon	Procedure in Defence Smoke. P & R.T. & F.D.T. Rifle.	" 9 " 40. " 9 " 52. P & R.T. 1941 Table 3 1 to 8.		1/2 to be spent on each subject.
		No 4 Pl. CARRIERS.	Morning	RIFLE exercises & Pl. Drill Elementary Gun Drill.	SAT. VOL 1. PAM 7. PART 2A. Less. 45-47.		
			Afternoon	Fire Control Orders. Stoppages & I A. P & R.T.	SAT: VOL 1.-PAM 7 PART 111. Less 99. SAT. VOL 1. PAM 7 PART 1. Less 21-22.		
		No 5 Pl. TR/A	Morning	Semaphore	I.M.T.		Receiving & Sending of Messages.
			Afternoon	Bren Gun Stoppages.	PAM 4 Lesson 13.		I A of Bren Gun.
		No 6 Pl. PIONEER	Morning) Afternoon)	Bn Works Programme.			
		No 7 Pl. ADM.	Morning) Afternoon)	ADM Duties.			

SERIAL	DATE	UNIT OR SUB UNIT	PERIOD	NATURE OF TRAINING	REF MANUAL	LOCATION	REMARKS.	
5	15 Dec 43.	No 1 Pl. SIGS.	Morning	Morse Sending. Morse Receiving. 108 Set. Valves and their functions.				
			Afternoon	Test Set Portable appin of CHM's Law. 10 Line U.C. Setting of Relays. P.T.				
		No 2 Pl. A.A.	Morning	Fire Discipline Training.	Sec. 4 Less 22 Pam 3 1943.			
			Afternoon	Bren Training	Less 8,9,10,11,12 Pam 4.			
		No 3 Pl. MORTARS.	Morning	To obtain line during ranging. Ranging Instruction. Detachment Drill Action & Cease Fire.	Pam 9 Less 47.) " 9 " 48.) " 9 " 23.		TO BE NOTIFIED AFTER RECEIPT OF NEW CAMP & TRAINING AREAS.	To be taught as 1 lesson. To be handled as quickening of soldier.
				Procedure Before & During Occupation. Procedure in Action	" 9 " 36) " 9 " 37)			To be taught as 1 lesson.
			Afternoon	Line for Effect. Engagement of Area Tarkets. P & R.T. & F.D.T. Rifle.	" 9 " 49. " 9 " 50. P & RT Table 2.1-3.			1/2 period to be spent on each subject.
				No 4 Pl. CARRIERS.	Morning	Maintenance. A.S.M.G. Stoppages & I A.		SAT. VOL 1 PAM 15 Less 1-2. PAM 7. Less 23-24.
		Afternoon	Grenade Training Fire Control Orders.		PAM 13. Less 5. PAM 7. PART 111. Less 101-102.			
		No 5 Pl. Tk/A.	Morning	Firing Discipline. T Bar & Man Harness Drill	PAM 3 Sec 4. G Drill Bk. Para 14			Rapid Fire & Snap Shootn. Moving Gun over rough Country.
			Afternoon	Lecture & Practical Lubricating & Maintenance.				General Overhaul of Guns.
		No 6 Pl. PIONEER.	Morning) Afternoon)	Dn Works Programme.				
		No 7 Pl. ADM.	Morning) Afternoon)		ADM Duties.			
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56 AUST INF BN (AIF)

Report on Signalling Training

- (1) The training of Bn Sigs in the field, has not been of a practical enough nature. Too much attention has been paid to the attainment of theoretical efficiency. This leads to a state of unbalance, as the signaller fails to grasp the link between the theory and the practice because he is not exercised enough with practical field exercises.

TRAINING SUGGESTIONS

- (a) Physical Fitness:- Signal work in the field is strenuous and requires a keen mind plus physical fitness. It is suggested that the platoon be exercised in P.T. for 30 mins each day, and route marches carrying the normal W.E. cable be part of each day's syllabus.
- (b) Training:- That the platoon be trained as a whole under active service conditions, and the training must be of a continuous nature. That consideration be given to signal exercises lasting for a week or more (sigs only). These exercises to be carried out per foot over rough country. Each Coy to carry out an exercise involving sigs and "I" Sec.
- (i) Orderlies:- All Coy. Orderlies who have a knowledge of signal organisation and be trained as reserve sigs.
- (ii) Specialists:- All Specialists within the platoon be made responsible for the working of the platoon for a period of two days thus giving a knowledge of their ability as future N.C.O.'s in the event of casualties.
- (iii) Two (2) men be made available from each coy for a period of one (1) month, to be trained as switch operator's, thereby relieving the Sigs from this duty for training.
- (c) Messages and Procedures:- The recent Jungle Warfare Trg again brought to the fore the importance of V/E messages, the speed with which they can be passed far outweighs the disadvantage of lack of security. Again the personal contact between the C.O. and the Coy Comd over line telephone cannot be over emphasised, as the information is then conveyed direct with the corresponding saving of valuable time.
- (i) Signals att'd to Coy H.Q. must be kept in the picture at all times so that the maximum possible effort can be made to keep that Coy in communication.


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WAR DIARY

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WEEKLY INTELLIGENCE REPORT.

WEEK ENDED 15 DEC. 43.

- 1. INFM RE ENEMY. Nil.
- 2. INFM RE OWN TPS.
 - (1) LOCATION. Map Ref. 36442093.
 - (2) TRG. Recapitulation of trg as per trg syllabus forwarded.
 - (3) MORALE. Excellent.
 - (4) HEALTH.
 - Diarrhoea 3
 - U.R.T.I. 4
 - New Cases 12
 - Evac to Hosp. 7
 - NYDVD 1
- 3. INFM RE INT SEC.
 - (1) STRENGTH 1 Offr, 1 sjt, 3 cpls, 110/rs, 1 batman, 1 driver.
 - (2) A/Sjt Underwood, L.W. det to Intnschool HARVEY.
Cpl Coughlan, T.K. on interstate A.R.L.
Ptes Jeffs, and Paul returned from leave.
 - (2) TRG. Traversing and mapping of camp area.
Preparation of enlargements, Routine duties.
- 4. SECURITY. F.S.S. report on inspection of GERALDTON area recently vacated by this unit, security very good.
- 5. TOPOGRAPHICAL. Nil.
- 6. GENERAL INFM. Nil.

.....*Melville*..... (Lieut)
 (J.R.W. MELVILLE) 10. 56 Aust Inf Bn(A.I.F)

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

TRAINING PROGRAMME

56 AUST INF BN (AIF)

1 to 15 JAN 44

SERIAL	DATE	UNIT OR SUB UNIT	PERIOD	NATURE OF TRG	REF MANUALS	LOCATION	REMARKS
1	1	HQ Coy less 1 Pl.	0830-0900	Coy Pde & Inspection . From 0900 to 1030 at Coy Comd. Disposal.		Coy Pde Gd.	6 Pl Bn Works Programme 7 Pl ADM DUTIES throughout Trg Period.
2			1030-1115	Lecture by R.M.O. - V.D. & Personal Hygiene		Camp Area.	
3			1115-1200	Mobile Bath		Camp Area	
4			Afternoon	MAINTENANCE, vehicles, weapons & camp area		"	
5		1 Pl.	Full Day	Signal Exercise		Vic HILL R Rd & Coast	
6		All Rifle Coys	0830-0915	Semaphore		Camp Area	Compass march to coast. Sig exor- cises en route. DUTY IN all pers. NOT on duties to be organised as one Coy from 1-7 Jan.
7			0915-1115	As for Serial 3.		"	
8			1115-1200	As for Serial 2.		"	
9			Afternoon	As for Serial 4.		"	
10	2	All Coys less 1 Pl.	0830-0915	Church		Camp Area	
11			0915-1000	Inspection Pers. Dress & Equipment		"	
12			Remainder of Day	ROUTE MARCH		To be notified.	
13		1 Pl.	Full Day	As for Serial 5.			
14	3	All Coys less 1 Pl.	Full Day	STAND DOWN			Request Hour during day.
15		1 Pl.	Full Day	As for Serial 5.			
16	4	HQ COY 1 Pl.	0830-0900	Coy Pde & Inspection.	10 L.U.C. PAM	Coy Pde Gd.	C.Coy lines
17			Morning	Morse: Receiving & Sending Circuit 10 L.U.C.		"	
18		2 Pl	Afternoon	Test Set Portable. Earth Resistance.		"	
19			0900-1100	Recognition of Aircraft	PAM 6A. Less 12	Camp Area.	
20			1100-1200	Pl Drill.		"	
21			1330-1500	Prismatic Compass. Map Reading	M.M.R.	"	
			1500-1530	Knots & Lashings		"	

SERIAL	DATE	UNIT OR SUB UNIT	PERIOD	NATURE OF TRG	REF MANUALS	LOCATION	REMARKS.	
22	4	No 2 Pl cont.	1530-1700	Maintenance of Area, weapons & vehicles		Camp Area		
23		No 3 Pl	Morning	Grenade Trg		Camp Area		
24				Afternoon	Description. Use. Prismatic Compass. Short Compass March	PAM 13. Less 1&2. 8&9. M.M.R.	Route to be notified.	
25		No 4 Pl	0900-1530	M.M.G. Stoppages		SAT VOL 1 PAM 1. Less 21-22 23-24	Camp Area	
26				1530-1700	Pl Pde. Maintenance of Camp - Vehicles - Stores.		"	
27		No 5 Pl.		Morning	Gun Drill. Action for Portee	School Notes.	Camp Area	
28				Afternoon	36 H.E. Grenade & Maintenance	PAM 13 VOL 1.	"	
29		Half Available Rifle Pers.	Full Day		Musketry Practices		No 2 Classification Range.	
30		Remaining Rifle Pers.	0830-0900		Coy Pde		Camp Area	
31				0900-0945	Semaphore		"	
32				0945-1200	Musketry Instruction. Dry Practice		"	
33				1330-1430	Discussion CAB & ASOs		"	
34				1430-1630	Musketry Instn.		"	
35				1630-1700	2 1/2 Mile Run.		"	
36	5	HQ Coy	0830-0900	Coy Pde.				
37		1 Pl.	Morning	Morse. Receiving & Sending. Block Recognition				
38			Afternoon	Lamp Reading				
39		2 Pl.	0900-1530	Mortar Instn & Drill.	PAM 9 Less 15-19	Camp Area		
40			1530-1700	Maintenance Pl Area & Weapons & Vehicles				
41		3 Pl	Morning	Elementary Mortar Drill	PAM 9 Less 13-15	Camp Area		
42			Afternoon	Carrier Driving Practice.			As quickening exercise. Mortar Nos to be practised and exercised in driving.	
43		4 Pl.	0900-1530	M.M.G. Stoppages	SAT VOL 1 PAM 1 Less 21-25			
44			1530-1700	Maintenance Pl Area Weapons & Vehicles				

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45	5	5 Fl.	Morning	LECTURE: Lubrication of Guns. Laying Practice. Tk/A Rifle. Fl. Pde. & Maintenance	Handbook Practical Vol 1 PAM 5A.	Camp Area	Targets on main Rd.
46			Afternoon				
47	6	RIFLE COYS. Half available Pers. Remaining Rifle Pers.	Full Day 0830-1700	Musketry Practices/ As for serials 30-35		No 2 Range Camp Area	
48		HQ COY ALL Fls.	0830-0900	Coy Pde		Coy Area.	
49		1 Fl.	Full Day	Musketry Practices		No 2 Range.	
50		2 Fl.	0900-0945	Semaphore	SAT PAM 3 Less 6-13	Camp Area	
51			0945-1200	Musketry Instn.		"	
52			1330-1430	Discussion CAB & ASOs.		"	
53			1430-1630	Musketry Instn. Dry Practice.		"	
54			1630-1700	2 1/2 Mile Run		"	
55		3 Fl.	Full Day	Musketry Practices.		No 2 Range	
56		4 Fl.	Full Day	As for Serials 51-55		Camp Area.	
57	5 Fl.	Full Day	As for Serials 51-55		"		
58	RIFLE COYS.	0830-0900	Coy Pde	Gas Trg Aust.	Coy Areas.		
59		0900-1000	Gas Instn & Drill		Camp Area.		
60		1000-1030	P & R.T.		"		
61		1030-1200	Rifle Exercises & Close Order Drill.		"		
62		1330-1600	(a) Rope & Tree Climbing. Catwalks. (b) P & R.T. (c) Bayonet Trg.		"	Three Periods Fls to alternate.	
63		1600-1700	Coy Comds Disposal.				
64	7	HQ Coy	0830-0900	Coy Pde.			
65		1 Fl.	0900-0945	Semaphore		Camp Area	
66			0945-1200	Musketry Instn. Dry Practice		"	
67			1330-1430	Discussion CAB & ASOs.		"	
68			1430-1530	Musketry Instn. Dry Practice		"	
69			1530-1630	Education Offrs Visit.		"	
70		2 Fl.	1630-1700	2 1/2 Mile Run.			
71		Full Day	Musketry. See serial 70		No 2 Range.		
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73	7	3 Pl.	Full Day	Musketry. See Serial 70		No 2 Range		
74		4 Pl.	Full Day	Musketry. See Serial 70		No 2 Range		
75		5 Pl.	Full Day	Musketry.		No 2 Range		
76		RIFLE COYS.		0830-0900	Coy Pde		Camp Area	
77				0900-1200	Elementary Instruction.		"	Three Periods Pls to alternate.
78				1330-1630	(a) M.M.G.		"	Three periods Pls to alternate.
79					(b) Mortar			
80	8	HQ COY Less 1 Pl.	1630-1700	Education Talk (b) P & R.T. (c) Semaphore Trg. 2 1/2 Mile Run				
81			All Day	As for serials 1 to 4.				
82	8	1 Pl.	Morning	(a) Morse Receiving & Sending (b) Mobile Bath		C. Coy lines.		
83			Afternoon	Principles of Cable Laying.	STAA			
84		RIFLE COYS		0830-0900	Coy Pde		Camp Area	Anticipated change of Duties. Rifle Coy Pers. return to Camp.
85				0915-1115	Hot Showers. Mobile Bath Unit.		"	
86				1115-1200 1330-1700	Lecture by R.M.O. Maintenance Camp, Stores, Equipment Areas. Issues.			
87		Pers. N.E. & NG with Rifle	Full Day	Musketry Practices.		No 2 Range.		
88	9	ALL COYS.	0830-0915	Church Parade		Bn Lines.		
88a			0915-1000	Inspection. Pers. Dress & Equipment.				
89			1015-1700	ROUTE MARCH		To be advised in daily trg statement.		
90	10	ALL COYS	Full Day	STAND DOWN.			Request Hour during day.	
91	11	HQ COY	0830-0900	BN PLES.				
92			1 Pl.	Morning	Aerials - Theory Practice.	IRG Handbook	C. Coy lines.	
93		2 Pl.	Afternoon	100 Workings Mobile		BN Area.		
94			0900-1000	Grenade Trg	SAT PAM 13 less 8 & 9.	Camp Area		
95		1000-1100	Target Recognition	" PAM 2 Less 5&8	"			
96		1100-1200	Semaphore	" " 4. " 5-7				
97	1330-1530	Bren - Stripping & Assembling						
98	1530-1700	As for Serial 40						

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99	11	3 Fl.	Morning	(a) Recapitulation	SAT PAM 7, 18&	Camp Area			
100			Afternoon	(b) Mounting & Dismounting Mortar	Less 16&17. (19)				
101		4 Fl.	0900-1700	M.M.G. Stoppages with ball arm.	(a) Aux. Aiming Mark	" 21.	Fd. Firing Range.		
102					(b) Recapitulation	" 22.			
103		5 Fl.	0900-1200	Gun Drill	(a) Aircraft Recognition (b) Maintenance Area & Weapons	GD Book Fp 10 & 11.	Camp Area.		
104						SAT PAM 6A.			
105		RIFLE COYS.	0830-0900	Coy & IN Pde.	Semaphore	Musketry Instr. Dry Practice.	Camp Area		
106									0900-0945
107									0945-1200
108									1330-1500
109	1500-1600								
110	1600-1700								
111	12	All Coys Pers. ex Duty.	Full Day	Musketry Practices.		No Range.			
112		HQ COY.	0830-0900	Coy & IN Pde		Tpt move DANDARRAGAN -MOORA RD.			
113		1 Fl.	Full Day	103 Working Long Range	Compass March	SAT PAM 4 Less 13.	Route to be notified.	Camp Area	
114									Bren. 1st & 2nd I.A.
115		2 Fl.	0900-1200	Maintenance Weapons & Vehicles	(a) Action Misfire	PAM 9 Less 26	Fd Trg Area.	Using Drill Rounds for Carriers.	
116									(b) Controlled Connections	" " 24
117		3 Fl.	Morning	Q.D.E. (Tactical)	(c) Rapid Corrections	" " 25			
118					Afternoon				
119		4 Fl.	Full Day	Veh & Gun Maintenance	Fire Discipline Trg.	SAT PAM 3 Sec 4.	Camp Area.		
120									Morning
	5 Fl.	Morning	(a) Map Reading: Orientation	M.M.R. P.	SAT. PAM 15.	"			
								Afternoon	(b) Austen S.M.G.
			(c) Maintenance						

SERIAL	DATE	UNIT OR SUB UNIT	PERIOD	NATURE OF TRG.	REF MANUAL	LOCATION	REMARKS.	
121	12	RIFLE COYS	0830-0900	Coy & Bn Pde.	Gas Trg Aust.	Camp Area		
122			0900-1000	Gas Instn & Drill				
123			1000-1030	F & R.T.				
124			1030-1200	Rifle exercises & close order drill				
125			1330-1630	(a) Rope & Tree Climbing: Catwalk (b) F & R.T. (c) Bayonet Trg.				
126	13	RIFLE COYS.	1630-1700	Coy Pde As for serial 110.	IRG Handbook	Camp Area	Three periods Fls to alternate.	
126a								
127			Hq Coy.	0830-0900				Coy & Bn Pde.
128			1 Pl.	Morning				Morse Sending & Receiving E & M Calculations
129				Afternoon				Morse Flag
130			2 Pl.	0900-1000				Grenade Trg
131				1000-1100				Bren Stoppages
132				1100-1200				" Elem. Handling
133				1330-1530				Sec Stalk
134				1530-1700				Maintenance
135			3 Pl.	Morning				(a) 2" Mortar (b) Austen S.M.G.
136				Afternoon				(a) Day Parade (b) Rope & Tree Climbing (c) Catwalk (d) Bayonet Trg.
137			4 Pl.	Morning				(a) 2" Mortar (b) Austen S.M.G.
138				Afternoon				(c) Semaphore (As for Serial 136)
139	5 Pl.	Morning	Gun Drill					
140		Afternoon	As for Serial 136 less d (d) Issue Pde.					
141	14	RIFLE COYS.	0830-0900	Coy &/or Pde.	Fd Craft & Battle Drill Sec 55.			
142			0900-1600	Marcher & Flanking movement by a Coy in attack light resist- ance				
143			1600-1700	Pay Parades				

SERIAL	DATE	UNIT OR SUB UNIT	PERIOD	NATURE OF TRG	REF MANUAL	LOCATION	REMARKS	
144	14	HQ COY.	0830-0900	Coy &/or Bn Ide		Bn Area	Education Offrs visit during afternoon.	
145		1 Pl.	Morning	Morse				
146			Afternoon	Setting & Camouflaging L.S.D.S.R. Terminals				
147		2 Pl.	0900-1700	Pl Tactical Exercise				To be notified.
148		3 Pl.	Morning	To supply weapons & instructors for serials 158				
149			Afternoon	T.O.E.M.D.	PAM 19 Sec 11			
150		4 Pl.	Morning	As for serial 148.				Route to be Notified.
151			1330-1530	Grenade Trg.				
152			1530-1700	Pl Ide. Close order Drill.				
153		5 Pl.	RIFLE COYS.	Morning	Compass March				SAT PAM 4.	Three Periods Pls to alternate. Coys to alternate.
154	1330-1530			Bren - I.A.				
155	1530-1630			Education Offr.				
156	1630-1700			As for Serial 152				
157	15	HQ COY	0830-0900	Coy &/or Bn Ide.			Dental Offr to take Serial 2	
158			0900-1200	(a) Trg with Sp Weapons. (1) Mortar (2) M.M.G. (3) Compass Trg.				
159	15	RIFLE COYS	1330-1700	(a) Education Offr. (b) I & R.T. (c) Semaphore			Dental Offr to take Serials 3	
160			All Day	As for Serials 1 - 4				
161			All Day	As for serials 6 - 9.				

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SERIAL	DATE	UNIT OR SUB UNIT	PERIOD	NATURE OF TRAINING	REF MANUAL	LOCATION	REMARKS
1	11 Dec 43	All Rifle Coys	0830 - 0900	Coy Inspection			
			0900 - 1130	Drill for movement before contact along a track or Rd.	Field Cft & Battle Drill Sec 22		
			1130 - 1200	Firing Instruction			15 Mins Rifle 15 Mins L.M.G.
			1330 - 1600	Drill for Section in the attack by methods of infiltration	Field Cft & Battle Drill Sec 25		
			1600 - 1630	Semaphore			Record of individual progress to be maintained.
			1630 - 1700	Coy Pde			Close order Drill Adm. Foot Inspections Boot Insp.
2	12 Dec 43	All Rifle Coys	0830 - 0900	Church Pdes			
			0900 - 1130	Drill for Sec Attack	Field Cft & Battle Drill Sec 26		
			1130 - 1200	Firing Instruction			15 Mins Rifle 15 Mins S.M.G.
			1330 - 1600	Drill for Pincer movement Phases <u>1 11 111</u>	Field Cft & Battle Drill Sec 27		
			1600 - 1630 1630 - 1700	Semaphore Coy Pde			
3	13 Dec 43	ALL COYS		R E S T D A Y - W A S H I N G M E N D I N G	REQUEST HOUR		
4	14 Dec 43	All Rifle Coys	0830 - 0900	Coy Inspection			
			0900 - 1200	Drill for Platoon making the attack using the flanking movement	Field Cft & Battle Drill Sec 28		
			1330 - 1630	Drill for Platoon Pincer attack	Field Cft & Battle Drill Sec 30		
			1630 - 1700	Coy Pde			
5	15 Dec 43	All Rifle Coys	0830 - 0900	Coy Inspection			
			0900 - 1030	Repetition Drill for Pl Pincer attack.			
			1030 - 1130	The effect of Infiltration	Field Cft & Battle Drill Sec 31		
			1130 - 1200	Firing Instruction			15 Mins Rifle 15 Mins 2" Mortar.

TO BE NOTIFIED AFTER RECESS OR NEW CAMP AND TRAINING AREAS.

SERIAL	DATE	UNIT OR SUB UNIT	PERIOD	NATURE OF TRAINING	REF MANUAL	LOCATION	REMARKS
			1330 - 1430	Lecture, Pincer & Flanking movement. The use of Fire.	Field Cft & Battle Drill Sec 32		
			1430 - 1600	Pincer & Flanking movements. The use of smoke.	Field Cft & Battle Drill Sec 32		
			1600 - 1630	Semaphore			
			1630 - 1700	Coy Pde.			
				NOTE : THE ATTENTION OF ALL INSTRUCTORS IS DRAWN PARTICULARLY TO "FIELD CRAFT & BATTLE DRILL" SEC 21.			

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WEAPON TRAINING - RIFLE COURSE

1. The following rifle course will be fired by all ranks 56 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) before 30 Jun 44. This course is to be in addition to the course laid down in SAT VOL 1 PAM 14 (1943).

NO	PRACTICE	TARGET	RANGE	ROUNDS	DETAIL	REMARKS	HPS
1	Application	Large	200 yds	7	Lying Posn	Bayonets Fixed. Two initial shots as "Sighters" NOT to count	25
2	Snapshooting	Large Snap Disc	200 yds	10	Sitting posn. Firer may be in aiming posn when target appears 5 exposures of 10 secs ea. - 2 shots to be fired at ea exposure. An interval of 20 secs between exposures. Target to appear in same posn for ea exposure. One trial exposure.	Bayonets Fixed. Scoring Bulls & Inners only. Scores to be telephoned or signalled at conclusion of practice & hits indicated by spotting disos. NO marking during practice.	50
3.	Application	Large	300 yds	7	Lying Posn.	Bayonets Fixed. Two initial shots as "Sighters" NOT to count.	25
4	Emergency	Large	300 yds	5	Kneeling posn. Firer (rifle unloaded, sights at 200, safety catch applied, charger securely buttoned in pouch) in standing "At Ease" posn on firing point. On appearance of target, he assumes the kneeling posn & engages the target (pouch need NOT be buttoned after withdrawal of charger). Exposure of target 40 secs.	OBJECT - To test the firers ability in manipulating his rifle & firing with accuracy at a rapid rate against an emergency target. Scores to be telephoned or signalled at conclusion of practice & hits indicated by spotting disos.	25

NO	PRACTICE	TARGET	RANGE	ROUNDS	DETAIL	REMARKS	HPS
5	Application	Large	400 yds	7	Lying Posn	Two initial shots as "Sighters" - NOT to count	25
TOTAL 36							TOTAL 150

CLASSIFICATION

1st Class Shot - 96 Points
 2nd " " - 75 "
 Failed to qualify under 75 points.

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BHQ & ALL COYS.

56 AUST INF BN (AIF) M.T. TRAINING.

1. An M.T. School consisting of wheeled, Carr., MC & Dr Mech. wings will commence at 0830 hrs on 17 Dec 43.

2. LOCATION - Area South of present Recreation Hut.

3. PERS. TO ATTEND.

	<u>TOTAL</u>
(a) <u>WHEELED WING</u>	
BN HQ. 2 Drs for refresher course (Dunn)	2
HQ Coy. 4 Pers. to be trained as new drivers. 2 Drs. for refresher course.	6
Each Rifle Coy. 3 Pers. to be trained as new drivers. 1 Dr for refresher course.	16
(b) <u>CARR. WING</u>	
HQ COY. Carr Pl. 5 - M Pl. 4 (Inst. Lieut Christie)	9
(c) <u>M.C. WING</u>	
BN HQ 2	
HQ COY 2	
Each Rifle Coy 1.	8
(d) <u>DR MECHS.</u> Carr Pl. 4 - M Pl. 2 - Drs to qualify for C.I.	0
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4. INSTRUCTORS

C.I.	Capt. SAMUELSON
Wheeled Wing	Cpl Stenner & Cpl Kenyon
Carr. Wing	Sgt. Whittaker
M.C. Wing	Lieut Bennett - Cpl Cormack
Dr Mechs	Pte Seymour

5. VEHICLES

The following vehs. will report to & be taken over by C.I. at 0830 on 17 Dec 43.

HQ COY	3 - 3 Ton FWDs - 3 - 15 cwt Chev VEs - 2 CARRS from Carr Pl.
	1 - Carr from M Pl. - 4 - MC from Carr Pl - 1 - MC from TO
	1 - MC from Tk/A.
BN HQ	2 - MC.

6. ACCOMODATION

Coys will supply the following tents to C.I. at 0830 hrs 17 Dec.
HQ Coy - 3 - Each Rifle Coy 1 each.

7. MESSING

- (a) Tpt. school will mess as from breakfast on 17 Dec at HQ Coy kitchen.
- (b) Pioneer Pl will be detached as from every meal on 16 Dec & will be detailed into even groups to mess with rifle Coys.

(8) LECTURE ROOMS

2 Salvation Army Tents & Recreation Hut will be at the disposal of C.I. for lectures.

9. REPORTING

All Students, Instructors & Vehs. as detailed above will report to C.I. at 0830 hrs on 17 Dec at school location

E.F. Murray
Major
(E.F. MURRAY) 2 I/C 56 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

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UNIT SYLLABUS OF TRAINING

WHEELED VEHICLES.

SATURDAY
18 Dec 43.

No	PERIOD	SUBJECT
1	0615 - 0645	Daily Maintenance before duty.
2	0830 - 0900	DRILL; Dismounted & mounted.
3 & 4	0900 - 1030	Allocation of vehicles. Issue of vehicle stores, tools and equipment. Check V.O.L.s.
5	1045 - 1130	Investigation of vehicles, essential components & equipment. Appoint squad duty numbers
6	1130 - 1200	LECTURE: Maintenance and its importance to vehicles and DETAIL of daily maintenance.
7	1330 - 1415	LESSON: Driving hints & outline of Test for drivers M.T.
8	1415 - 1500	" Vehicle controls, setting for starting, routine for starting, checking of gauges, etc. and
9	1500 - 1530	PRACTICAL and practice on vehicles.
10	1545 - 1630	PRACTICAL LESSON: Correct use, stowage and care of tools & vehicle equipment.
11	1630 - 1700	Daily maintenance after duty.

SUNDAY 19 Dec 43.

12	0615 - 0645	Daily maintenance before duty
13	0830 - 0900	DRILL: Mounted & visible & audible signals.
14	0900 - 0945	LESSON: Clutch & its operation (with notes on FD and CVT types)
15	0945 - 1030	LESSON: Gearbox & its operation.
16	1045 - 1130	LESSON: Gearbox (with notes necessary for double declutching.
17	1130 - 1200	DRIVING instruction in paddock. Start & stop, simple changes up & down.
18	1330 - 1630	Daily maintenance after duty.
19	1630 - 1700	

MONDAY 20 Dec 43.

STAND DOWN.

TUESDAY 21 Dec 43

20	0615 - 0645	Daily maintenance before duty.
21	0830 - 0900	LESSON: Layout, use & maintenance of Auxiliary gearbox (Marmon-Herrington) and W.D. type transfer box, and auxiliary gearbox. (IF UNIT EQUIPMENT ONLY.) Or practical map study if NOT unit equipment.
22	0900 - 1030	LECTURE: Map reading 2. Magnetic variations, annual variations, bearings and back bearings, conversion. PRACTICAL MAP STUDY.
23	1045 - 1130	LESSON: 100-mile maintenance. Weekly maintenance
24	1130 - 1200	DRIVING: Gear changing on hills, stopping quickly & safely, starting on hills (paddock). Hand Signals.
25	1330 - 1630	100-mile maintenance (including daily) after duty.
26	1630 - 1700	

WEDNESDAY 22 Dec 43

27	0615 - 0645	Daily maintenance before duty.
28	0830 - 0900	DRILL: Mounted & Signals.
29	0900 - 1030	LESSON: 4 stroke cycle & engine details.
30	1045 - 1130	LECTURE: Lubrication & Lubricants (care & use)
31	1130 - 1200	LESSON: Outline of lubrication system.
32	1330 - 1415	LESSON: Detail of 500-mile maintenance
33	1415 - 1700	PRACTICAL 500-mile maintenance as a routine.

THURSDAY 23 Dec 43

34	0615 - 0645	Daily maintenance before duty.
35	0830 - 0900	DRILL: Visual signals for reversing.
36	0900 - 0945	LESSON: Mechanical fuel pump & fuel system.
37	0945 - 1030	PRACTICAL LESSON: Investigation of system, maintenance

Unit Syllabus of Training. Wheeled Wing Continued

THURSDAY 23 Dec 43 continued

No	PERIOD	SUBJECT
38	1045 - 1145	hints, scope of driver's duties to be defined. LECTURE: Use of transport forms (G.1., G.2., G.17, & A.A.B.20.)
39	1330 - 1545	DRIVING in paddock, gear changing, turning, reversing, manœuvring, use of lights. Recognising features from maps, map reading.
40	1545 - 1630	Daily maintenance after duty.
41	1630 - 1700	LESSON: Differential
<u>FRIDAY 24 Dec 43.</u>		
42	0615 - 0645	Daily maintenance before duty
43	0830 - 0900	DRILL: Mounted & Signals
44	0900 - 1200	Weekly maintenance and handing over a vehicle, checking V.O.L.s
45	1330 - 1430	LECTURE: Correct use of forms G.2 & G.17.
46	1430 - 1530	LECTURE: Map reading 1. Marginal information, definitions, conventional signs (abridged), scales, True, magnetic, & grid north.
47	1530 - 1600	LECTURE: S.O.s., M.V. & S.O.s for drivers as affecting the driver M.T.
48	1600 - 1700	Oral check exam. & revision.

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First week

UNIT SYLLABUS OF TRAINING

CARRIERS M.C.

NO	PERIOD	SUBJECT
<u>SATURDAY 18 Dec 43.</u>		
1	0615 - 0645	Daily maintenance before duty.
2	0830 - 0900	DRILL mounted & dismounted. Appoint squad duty number & next for duty.
3	0900 - 1030	Allocation of vehicles. Issue of vehicle stores; tools & equipment as per V.O.L. Check V.O.L.S.
4	1045 - 1130	LESSON: Essential components of carrier & equipment Correct stowage of tools & equipment.
5	1130 - 1200	LECTURE: Maintenance & its importance to Carriers, AND DETAIL of daily maintenance.
6	1130 - 1415	LECTURE: Correct use of forms G.2 & G.17.
7	1415 - 1500	LESSON: Driving tracked vehicles, their limitations & layout of controls.
8	1500 - 1630	LESSON: Correct use of vehicle tools.
9	1630 - 1700	Daily maintenance after duty.
<u>SUNDAY 19 Dec 43.</u>		
10	0615 - 0645	Daily maintenance before duty.
11	0830 - 0900	DRILL: Mounted & visual & audible signals.
12	0900 - 1030	LECTURE: Map Reading I. Marginal information, definitions, conventional signs (common), North points, magnetic, true & grid.
13	1045 - 1200	PRACTICAL LESSON: & practice. Track details & adjustment, suspension & detail
14	1330 - 1630	DRIVING: Elementary setting controls, starting routine, starting & stopping, changing up & down in paddock.
15	1630 - 1700	Daily maintenance after duty.
<u>MONDAY 20 Dec 43.</u>		
STAND DOWN.		
<u>TUESDAY 21 Dec 43.</u>		
16	0615 - 0645	Daily maintenance before duty as a routine.
17	0830 - 0900	CREW DRILL & signals (Armd Corps Code).
18	0900 - 1030	LESSON: Track displacement & braking system, including simple brake adjustment.
19	1045 - 1130	PRACTICAL brake adjustment. Demonstrated.
20	1130 - 1200	LESSON: Map study & revision.
21	1330 - 1630	DRIVING: Changing up & down on slopes & hills, stopping quickly & safely, starting on hills, turning with track displacement only.
22	1630 - 1700	Daily maintenance after duty.
<u>WEDNESDAY 22 Dec 43.</u>		
23	0615 - 0645	Daily maintenance before duty.
24	0830 - 0900	DRILL: Mounted & Signals.
25	0900 - 1030	LESSON: Clutch & remote controls.
26	1045 - 1200	LESSON: Gearbox & remote controls.
27	1330 - 1630	DRIVING instruction: Gear changing, correct use of brake steering. Map reading practice for trainees NOT driving (converting bearings, computing distances, etc.)
28	1630 - 1700	Daily maintenance after duty.
<u>THURSDAY 23 Dec 43</u>		
29	0615 - 0645	Daily maintenance before duty.
30	0830 - 0945	LESSON: 4-stroke cycle & engine details.
31	0945 - 1030	Lubrication & Lubricants used, LECTURE.
32	1030 - 1130	LESSON: Outline of lubrication system of carrier.
33	1130 1200	LECTURE, G.13; What to do & what NOT to do in case of accidents (M.B.I. G.127 41).

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Carrier M.G. continuedTHURSDAY 23 Dec 43 continued.

<u>NO</u>	<u>PERIOD</u>	<u>SUBJECT</u>
34	1330 - 1415	LESSON: Detail of 50-mile maintenance.
35	1415 - 1630	DRIVING instruction in paddock. Turning, reversing signals, manoeuvring, gear changing. Map reading for those NOT driving. Identifying a reference by known features, setting maps. 50-mile maintenance as a routine.
36	1630 - 1700	

FRIDAY 24 Dec 43

37	0615 - 0645	Daily maintenance before duty.
38	0830 - 0900	LECTURE: S.O.M.V. & S.O.D.
39	0900 - 0945	LECTURE: Forms G.1, G.12/4, A.A.B.20.
40	0945 - 1200	Weekly maintenance detailed. Weekly maintenance practical.
41	1330 - 1430	Handing over & taking over carriers, check VOLs. Conventional signs used in blackboard drawing & in charts etc. Interpretation of secs. etc.
42	1430 - 1530	REVISION
43	1530 - 1700	Oral Check & exam.

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WEEKLY INTELLIGENCE REPORT.

SECRET.

Week Ended 22 Dec. 43.

1. INFORMATION RE ENEMY: Nil.

2. INFORMATION RE OWN TROOPS.

(1) Location: Map Ref. 36442093.

(2) Training: As per syllabus forwarded daily to Bde H.Q.

(3) Morale: Excellent.

(4) Health: U.R.T.I. 6
New Cases 41
Evac to Hospital 9

3. INFORMATION RE INT SEC.

(1) Strength: 1 Offr., 1 Sgt., 3 Cpls., 10 O/Rs.,
1 Batman, 1 Dvr.

1 Sgt. det. to Int. School HARVEY.
Cpls. Coughlan T.K.V., Gallagher S.T.,
Pte. Woods J. on A.M.L.
Cpl. Scarvell R.G. returned from
2 Aust Div Cypher School.

4. SECURITY: Nil Information.

5. TOPOGRAPHICAL: Nil Information.

6. GENERAL INFORMATION: Pictures shown in lines on night 19 Dec.
Offrs. and N.C.O.s attended demonstration
Fd Craft and Battle Drill by 26 Mot. Regt.
on 27 Dec. at Ref. 35272175.

Melville
.....Lieut.
(J.R.W. MELVILLE) I.O.
56 Aust Inf Bn.
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REF MAP DANDARRAGAN 1" to 1 mile.

56 AUST INF BN (AIF) ADM INSTN NO.

DUTIES DANDARRAGAN AREA

1. 56 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) will take over duties from 101 Aust Mot Regt (AIF) on 24 & 31 Dec
2. DUTIES: Duties will be supplied as per Appx "A".
3. DRESS:
 - (a) Summer Dress
 - (b) Guards: Shirts Khaki - Trousers K/D @ Hats Fur Felt - Drill Order.
 - (c) FATIGUES: Shorts & Shirts - Belt Web - Hats Fur Felt.
4. AMN:
 - (a) Guards will carry 5 rds per man.
 - (b) Rifles are NOT to be loaded.
 - (c) Attention is drawn to BRO 514.
5. RATIONS & WATER See Appx "A".
6. MEDICAL: When detached: Responsibility of Units ^{to} which attached.
7. TENTAGE: See Appx "A".
8. HAND OVER & TAKE OVER CERTIFICATES:
 - (a) Handover & takeover Certificates (in quadruplicate) will be submitted to this HQ as soon as take over is complete.
 - (b) Certificates are to be prepared for the following:
 - (1) Stores: Check to be made.
 - (2) DOCUMENTS
 - (a) To include details of duties taken over.
 - (b) If these are NOT available an immediate request will be made to the HQ concerned.
 - (3) AREA Certificate as to condition is to be rendered.
9. ACK.

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REF MAP DANDARRAGAN 1" to 1 mile.

SERIAL	NATURE OF DUTY.	COYS TO PROVIDE	STRENGTH	VEHS REQUIRED	TIME & DATE TO REPORT	REPORT TO	STORES & ACCOMODATION	DURATION
1	Div HQ Guard & Working Details	B.COY 1 Offr. (Lieut K.J. McDonald) 1 Sgt 2 Cpls 21 O/Rs C.COY 1 Offr (Lieut Wilson) 1 Sgt 2 Cpls 18 O/Rs D.COY 1 Sgt 2 Cpls 18 O/Rs HQ.COY 1 O/R. (Bricklayer) W.O.CATERER to supply 1 COOK	2 Offrs 3 Sgts 6 Cpls 59 O/Rs.	For Tpt to Duty to be arranged by Lieut K.J. McDonald.	311530H	Camp Comd. Camp 2 Div HQ.	1 Self Contained 2 Tentage (a) Supplied by B.Coy: 3 Tents C " : 8 " D " : 3 " 3. Unconsumed portion of days ration.	From 31 Dec to
2	Bde HQ Guard	A.COY	1 Sgt 1 Cpl 6 O/Rs	For Daily Tpt.	241800H.	3 Aust Mot Bde HQ.	1 Ratione by Bde. 2 Relieved daily.	From 25 Dec to
3	Petrol Railhead Guard	A.COY	1 Sgt 2 Cpls 15 O/Rs 1 Cook	1 - 15 cwt	24 311530	Guard Comd PRH Guard Report in duplicate 1 to PRH, 1 to Bde.	1 Self Contained 2 Tentage 3 Det. to East FSD. 4 20x2 Gal. Water Cans. 5 Unconsumed portion etc.	From 31 Dec to
4	Field Offr.	HYG. Sgt & WO Caterer alternate daily	1 Offr 1 Sgt 1 Dr.	1 Utility	241700H	S.C. 3 Aust Mot Bde (AIF)		From 31 Dec to

SERIAL	NATURE OF DUTY	COYS TO PROVIDE	STRENGTH	VEHS REQUIRED	TIME & DATE TO REPORT	REPORT TO	STORES & ACCOMODATION REQUIRED	DURATION.
5	Visiting Rounds	Lieut GUNNER	1 Offr 1 Dr.	1 Utility	241700H .	S.C. 3 Aust Mot Bde (AIF)		25 Dec to
6	Rd. Maintenance Party No-1.	D.COY Drs to be arranged by Tpt.	1 NCO 4 O/Rs 2 Drs	2 x 3 Ton Trucks	260830H .	Portol 590242 - Rd. Junc. 687062	1. Cut Lunch Daily 2. Shovels & Picks. 3. Cart & Spread Gravel. Grading check with S.C.	25 Dec to
7	Rd. Maintenance No 2.	C.COY Drs to be arranged by Tpt.	1 NCO 4 O/Rs 2 Drs	2 x 3 Ton Trucks.	260830H	Rd. Junc 687062 to 813114	1. Det to West ESD B.B.P. 2. Tentage 3. Self Contained 4. Grading check with S.C.	25 Dec to
8	Rd. Maintenance. Inspecting Offr.	Lieut. Browning	1 Offr 1 Dr.	1 Utility	Mondays Wednesdays Fridays	Written report to S.C.	To contact Lieut Hayes 101 AMR & instruct Rd Maintenance Parties.	25 Dec to
9	Butcher	HC COY.	1 Butcher 1 Dr.	1 Utility	0900-1100 Mondays & Thursdays as required.	ESD. B.B.P.		

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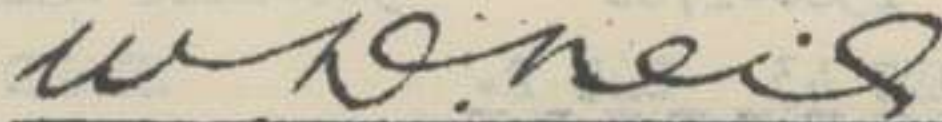
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UNIT SYLLABUS OF TRAINING
WHEELED VEHICLES

SECOND WEEK.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>DETAILS OF TRG.</u>
<u>SUNDAY 26 DEC 43. DAY 1</u>		
1	0615-0645	Daily maintenance before duty.
2	0830-0900	LECTURE: Principles of Carburation.
3	0900-0945	LESSON: FD Carburettor & its controls (scope of driver M.T. to be defined as maintenance).
4	0945-1030	LESSON: Carter Carburettor & its controls (scope of driver M.T. to be defined as maintenance).
5	1045-1130	LESSON: Sequence to fault-finding, fuel & carb.
6	1130-1500	DRIVING instruction on wide back roads, lunch in field, map reading from vehicles & on foot. Hand signals to be stressed. Finding North & setting maps.
7	1500-1700	500-mile maintenance as a routine.
<u>MONDAY 27 DEC 43 DAY 2.</u>		
STAND DOWN.		
<u>TUESDAY 28 DEC 43 DAY 3.</u>		
8	0615-0645	Daily maintenance before duty.
9	0830-0945	LECTURE: Moving an M.T. Column.
10	0945-1130	PRACTICAL FAULT FINDING. fuel & carb.
11	1130-1700	Map Study & Revision. DRIVING on roads. Orders for move to map reference, disperse, assemble pass start point, march discipline, signals, map reading, lunch in field. Orders to move to map reference (harbour), recce, approach, control dispersal. Break harbour, return to unit by chain of map references. Daily maintenance on return.
<u>WEDNESDAY 29 DEC 43 DAY 4.</u>		
12	0615-0645	Daily maintenance before duty.
13	0830-0900	DRILL: Mounted & Signals.
14	0900-1030	LESSON: Brake systems, hydraulic, & mechanical linkage. Maintenance & Adjustments permitted for the driver M.T.
15	1045-1130	LESSON: Tyres, care & maintenance.
16	1130-1200	LESSON: Correct pressures, causes of undue wear & deterioration.
17	1330-1545	PRACTICAL & DEMONSTRATION. Tyre removal, fitting & repair. Trainees to practise after demonstration
18	1545-1630	100-mile maintenance as a routine
19	1630-1700	100-mile maintenance by trainees.
<u>THURSDAY 30 DEC 43 DAY 5.</u>		
20	0615-0645	Daily maintenance before duty.
21	0830-0945	LESSON: Towing & unditching.
22	0945-1200	DRIVING: Practical towing & unditching. Map Reading.
23	1330-1630	DRIVING: Practical towing & unditching. Map Reading. Use of camouflage nets, back-grounds & foliage.
24	1630-1700	Daily maintenance after duty.
<u>FRIDAY 31 DEC 43. DAY 6.</u>		
25	0615-0645	Daily maintenance before duty.
26	0830-0900	Drill & Signals, mounted.
27	0900-1545	DRIVING & exercises. Orders for move to a reference, disperse, assemble at a point, pass start point, signals, recce, map reading, air & gas alarms, dispersal, concealment, traffic control on approach to harbour area, enter harbour under control, track discipline, dispersal, concealment & camouflage. Lunch in field. Orders for move by chain of references, march discipline, signals, map reading.
28	1545-1630	Weekly maintenance as a routine.
29	1630-1700	100-mile maintenance.

SERIAL	TIME	DETAILS OF TRG.
SATURDAY 1 JAN 44 DAY 7		
30	0615-0645	Daily maintenance before duty.
31	0830-1000	LECTURE: Protection (general duties, ground, air & gas sentries, flank protection, road blocks, action on air attack & gas attack, alarm signals.)
32	1000-1200	Handing over Vehicles, checking V.O.L.'s.
33	1330-1700	Talk by squad instructors. How to approach an exam. paper. Correct judgment of time. Reading question. WRITTEN EXAMINATION three hours, in sections as in M.V.T. Pamplet No. 2.


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UNIT SYLLABUS OF TRAINING
CARRIERS. M.G.
SECOND WEEK.

<u>SERIAL</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>DETAILS OF TRG.</u>
<u>SUNDAY 26 DEC 43. DAY 1.</u>		
1	0615-0645	Daily maintenance before duty.
2	0830-0900	DRILL: Mounted & Signals.
3	0900-1030	LESSON: Coupling, differential & final drive.
4	1045-1200	LESSON: Mechanical fuel pump & fuel system generally. Investigation on the vehicle.
5	1330-1415	LESSON: Revision.
6	1415-1630	DRIVING instruction in paddock. Turning, manœuvring, gear changing, & negotiating small obstacles. Map reading for those NOT driving (finding 4 & 6 figures refs. on map, setting maps, finding North by map & known features). 50-mile maintenance as a routine.
7	1630-1700	STAND DOWN
<u>MONDAY 27 DEC 43. DAY 2</u>		
<u>TUESDAY 28 DEC 43. DAY 3.</u>		
8	0615-0645	Daily maintenance before duty.
9	0830-0900	LECTURE: Elementary principles of carburation.
10	0900-0945	LESSON: FD carburettor & its controls. (Driver's scope of limitations to be defined).
11	0945-1030	LESSON: Sequence of fault finding, fuel & carb.
12	1045-1415	PRACTICAL FAULT FINDING (fuel & carb. define driver's scope).
13	1415-1630	DRIVING on soft back roads. Verbal orders for move, specifying speed, intervals, halts, assembly & starting point. Relay orders to drivers. Map reading for those NOT driving, finding map references on map, recognition of features by contours, etc.
14	1630-1700	Daily maintenance as a routine.
<u>WEDNESDAY 29 DEC 43. DAY 4.</u>		
15	0615-0645	Daily maintenance before duty.
16	0830-0900	DRILL: Mounted & Signals.
17	0900-1030	LESSON: Detail of 200-mile maintenance.
18	1045-1200	PRACTICAL LESSON: REMOVING, balancing, & raising of tracks. Practice by trainees.
19	1330-1630	DRIVING instruction. Orders, disperse to vehicles, relay orders, assemble, pass startpoint, driving in convoy, V.T.M. M.I.H., march discipline, halts, negotiation of minor obstacles. Return by chain of map references. 50-mile maintenance as a routine.
20	1630-1700	
<u>THURSDAY 30 DEC 43. DAY 5</u>		
21	0615-0645	Daily maintenance before duty.
22	0830-1200	DRIVING instruction. Orders, relay of orders, move across country, negotiation of banks, ditches & minor obstacles, signals, march discipline. Move by chain of map references, formation control, dispersal & concealment at halts. Track discipline.
23	1330-1700	200-mile maintenance as a routine.
24	1730-2230	NIGHT DRIVING with lights. Orders, relay, assemble, pass start, march discipline, country control, recon, & night map reading. Move by chain of references.
<u>FRIDAY 31 DEC 43. DAY 6.</u>		
25	0615-0645	Daily maintenance before duty.
26	0830-1130	REVISION.
27	1130-1545	DRIVING on hard roads and across country. Orders disperse & relay, assemble & pass start, point to point map reading, recon. of harbour area, control of approach, enter harbour, disperse & conceal, track discipline. Lunch in harbour. Recon. Break harbour to a reference, return by map refs. 50-mile & weekly maintenance.
28	1545-1700	
<u>SATURDAY 1 JAN 44. DAY 7</u>		
29	0615-0645	Daily maintenance before duty.
30	0830-2000	LECTURE: Mechanised movement by Rd 1 & 2 (v.t.m., m.i.h., m.p.h., density, recon, factors affecting movement, methods of movements, halts, march discipline, action on breakdown & on obstruction.) Check VOL's, hand over & take over carriers.
31	1000-1200	
32	1330-1700	WRITTEN EXAMINATION.

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UNIT SYLLABUS OF TRG
MOTOR CYCLES

SECOND WEEK

<u>SERIAL</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>DETAILS OF TRG</u>
<u>SUNDAY 26 DEC 43. DAY 1.</u>		
1	0615-0645	Daily maintenance before duty.
2	0830-0945	LESSON: Detail of 500-mile maintenance.
3	0945-1130	LESSON: Revision. Oral Test of progress made.
4	1130-1200	Practical Lesson: Setting steering damper & shock absorbers for different types of work.
5	1330-163	Riding instruction on bush tracks & back roads.
6	1630-1700	Daily maintenance.
<u>MONDAY 27 DEC 43. DAY 2. STAND DOWN.</u>		
<u>TUESDAY 28 DEC 43. DAY 3.</u>		
7	0615-0645	Daily maintenance before journey.
8	0830-1530	Riding instruction on bush tracks & across Country.
9	1545-1700	250-mile maintenance.
10	1930-2030	Night Ride. Maintenance on Return.
<u>WEDNESDAY 29 DEC 43. DAY 4.</u>		
11	0615-0645	Daily maintenance before duty.
12	0830-0900	Drill mounted & visual signals.
13	0900-0945	LESSON: Ignition system.
14	0945-1030	LESSON: Ignition system.
15	1045-1130	LESSON: Sequence of fault finding.
16	1130-1200	Practical lesson & demonstration: Sequence of fault finding.
17	1330-1600	Practical: Sequence of fault finding.
18	1630-1700	Daily maintenance.
19	1930-2230	Night ride. Maintenance on return.
<u>THURSDAY 30 DEC 43. DAY 5.</u>		
20	0615-0645	Daily maintenance before duty.
21	0830-0900	Tyres & their care.
22	0900-0945	PRACTICAL: Tyre changing, repair & maintenance on M/B.
23	0945-1030	LECTURE: Movement by road. Definitions M.I.H. M.I.B., density.
24	1045-1130	LESSON: Care & adjustment of chains.
25	1130-1200	LESSON: Care & adjustment of brakes.
26	1330-1700	Riding instruction, including cross country work, negotiation of minor obstacles, & towing.
27	1930-2030	Riding instruction, including cross country work, negotiation of minor obstacles, & towing. Daily maintenance on return.
<u>FRIDAY 31 DEC 43. DAY 6.</u>		
28	0615-0645	Daily maintenance before duty.
29	0830-0900	LECTURE: Duties of rider in convoy, guiding, traffic control, recce, alarms, dispersal area duties.
30	0900-1200	PRACTICAL: Sequence of fault finding.
31	1330-1700	500-mile maintenance.
<u>SATURDAY 1 JAN 44. DAY 7.</u>		
32	0615-0645	Daily maintenance before duty.
33	0830-0930	LECTURE: Duties of rider in convoy, guiding, traffic control, recce, alarms, dispersal area duties.
34	0930-1200	WEEKLY Maintenance. Inspection of V.C.L.'s.
35	1330-1430	LECTURE: G-13: What to do & what NOT to do in case of accidents
36	1430-1700	Oral check exam.

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REF MAP DANDARRAGAN 1" to 1 mile.

ANNEX "A" to 56 AUST INF BN (AIF) ADM INSTN NO 5.

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SERIAL	NATURE OF DUTY.	COYS TO PROVIDE	STRENGTH	VEHS REQUIRED	TIME & DATE TO REPORT	REPORT TO	STORES & ACCOMODATION	DURATION
1	Div HQ Guard & Working Details	B.COY 1 Offr. (Lieut K.J. McDonald) 1 Sgt 2 Cpls 21 O/Rs C.COY 1 Offr (Lieut Wilson) 1 Sgt 2 Cpls 13 O/Rs D.COY 1 Sgt 2 Cpls 13 O/Rs HQ.COY 1 O/R. (Bricklayer) W.O.CATERER to supply 1 COOK	2 Offrs 3 Sgts 6 Cpls 59 O/Rs.	For Tpt to Duty to be arranged by Lieut K.J. McDonald.	311530H	Camp Comd. Camp 2 Div HQ.	1 Self Contained 2 Tentage (a) Supplied by B.Coy: 3 Tents C " : 2 " D " : 3 " 3. Unconsumed portion of days ration.	From 31 Dec to
2	Bde HQ Guard	A.COY	1 Sgt 1 Cpl 6 O/Rs	For Daily Tpt.	241800H.	3 Aust Mot Bde HQ.	1 Ratione by Bde. 2 Relieved daily.	From 25 Dec to
3	Petrol Railhead Guard	A.COY	1 Sgt 2 Cpls 15 O/Rs 1 Cook	1 - 15 cwt	311530	Guard Comd PRH Guard Report in duplicate 1 to PRH, 1 to Bde.	1 Self Contained 2 Tentage 3 Det. to East FSD. 4 20x2 Gal. Water Cans. 5 Unconsumed Portion etc.	From 31 Dec to
4	Field Offr.	HYG. Sgt & WO Caterer alternate daily	1 Offr 1 Sgt 1 Dr.	1 Utility	241700H	S.C. 3 Aust Mot Bde (AIF)		From 31 Dec to

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SERIAL	NATURE OF DUTY	COYS TO PROVIDE	STRENGTH	VEHS REQUIRED	TIME & DATE TO REPORT	REPORT TO	STORES & ACCOMMODATION REQUIRED	DURATION.
5	Visiting Rounds	Lieut GUNNER	1 Offr 1 Dr.	1 Utility	241700H.	S.C. 3 Aust Mot Bde (AIF)		25 Dec to
6	Rd. Maintenance Party No 1.	D. COY Drs to be arranged by Tpt.	1 NCO 4 O/Rs 2 Drs	2 x 3 Ton Trucks	260830H	Rd. Junc. 590242 687062	1. Cut Lunch Daily 2. Shovels & ricks. 3. Cart & Spread Gravel. Grading check with S.C.	25 Dec to
7	Rd. Maintenance No 2.	C. COY Drs to be arranged by Tpt.	1 NCO 4 O/Rs 2 Drs	2 x 3 Ton Trucks.	260830H	Rd. Junc 687062 to 813114	1. Det to West FSD 2. Tentage 3. Self Contained 4. Grading check with S.C.	25 Dec to
8	Rd. Maintenance. Inspecting Offr.	Lieut. Browning	1 Offr 1 Dr.	1 Utility	Mondays Wednesdays Fridays	Written report to S.C.	To contact Lieut Hayes 101 AMR & instruct Rd Maintenance Parties.	25 Dec to
9	Butcher	HQ COY.	1 Butcher 1 Dr.	1 Utility	0900-1100 Mondays & Thursdays as required.	FSD. B.B.P.		

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56 AUST INF BN (AIF) ADM INSTN NO.

DUTIES DANDARRAGAN AREA

1. 56 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) will take over duties from 101 Aust Mot Regt (AIF) on 24 & 31 Dec
2. DUTIES: Duties will be supplied as per Appx "A".
3. DRESS:
 - (a) Summer Dress
 - (b) Guards: Shirts Khaki - Trousers K/D @ Hats Fur Felt - Drill Order.
 - (c) FATIGUES: Shorts & Shirts - Belt Web - Hats Fur Felt.
4. AMN:
 - (a) Guards will carry 5 rds per man.
 - (b) Rifles are NOT to be loaded.
 - (c) Attention is drawn to BRO 514.
5. RATIONS & WATER See Appx "A".
6. MEDICAL: When detached: Responsibility of Units ^{to} which attached.
7. TENTAGE: See Appx "A".
8. HAND OVER & TAKE OVER CERTIFICATES:
 - (a) Handover & takeover Certificates (in quadruplicate) will be submitted to this HQ as soon as take over is complete.
 - (b) Certificates are to be prepared for the following:
 - (1) Stores: Check to be made.
 - (2) DOCUMENTS
 - (a) To include details of duties taken over.
 - (b) If these are NOT available an immediate request will be made to the HQ concerned.
 - (3) AREA Certificate as to condition is to be rendered.
9. ACK.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES
TRAINING PROGRAMME

56 AUST INF BN (AIF)

16 to 31 DEC 43

War Diary

SERIAL	DATE	UNIT OR SUB UNIT	PERIOD	NATURE OF TRAINING	REF MANUALS	LOCATION	REMARKS
1	16	All Rifle Coys.	0830 - 0900	Coy & Bn Pde & Inspection		Bn Pde Ground	
2		"	0900 - 1430	Drill for clearing isolated cover & small woods.	Fd Cft & Battle drill Sec 39.	30 Yd Range area. 646078	Respirators to be carried during morning & worn from 0900-1000
3		"	1430 - 1500	Semaphore Training		do	
4		"	1500 - 1530	Weapon Training		do	At descretion of Coy Comds.
5		"	1530 - 1700	Return to Camp Coy Pde.		Camp Area.	
6		Pers NOT exercised & N.Q. with rifle	Full Day	Musketry Practices		No 2 Classification Range	To be conducted by Weapons Trg Offr.
7	17	All Rifle Coys	0830 - 0900	As for Serial 1.			
8		"	0900 - 1200	Night Patrols - Drill taught by day.	Fd Cft & Battle drill Sec 41.	INGALOONA" Digging Area 5911 & 6010	
9		"	1330 - 1430	Compass & Map Reading		Camp Trg Area	Coy Comds descretion
10		"	1430 - 1530	T.O.E.T. & Weapon Trg		"	
11		A Coy B Coy C Coy D Coy	1300 - 1330 1340 - 1410 1420 - 1450 1500 - 1530	Period set aside for Education Officer		Do	
12		Pers NOT Exercised and NQ with LMG (Bren)	Full Day	L.M.G. Practices		Classification Range.	
13	18	All Rifle Coys.	0830 - 0900	See Serial 1.			
14		"	0900 - 1200	Action against paratps.	Fd Cft & Battle drill Sec 42	INGALOONA" & Digging area 5911 & 6010	

SERIAL	DATE	UNIT OR SUB UNIT	PERIOD	NATURE OF TRAINING	REF MANUAL	LOCATION	REMARKS
15	18	All Rifle Coys	1330 - 1430	Concealment & Camouflage		Camp Trg Area	At descretion of Coy Comds.
16		"	1430 - 1500	Semaphore Trg		Do	
17		"	1500 - 1530	Weapon Trg		Do	
18		"	1530 - 1700	Return to Camp & Coy Pde.		Do	
19	AS FOR SERIAL 12.						
20	19	All Rifle Coys	0830 - 0900	As for Serial 1.		Route to be notified.	Stand march discipline to be maintained
21		"	Remainder of day.	Route March. Route to be submitted by Coy Comds.			
22	AS FOR SERIAL 12						
23	20	All Coys		Request Hour. "Stand Down".			
24	21	All Rifle Coys	0830 - 0900	See Serial 1.			
25		A Coy	0900 - 1000 1000 - 1100 1100 - 1200	Issues Bayonet Training Reading from ASO's Discussion C.A.B's			To be rostered by Pls.
26		B Coy C Coy D Coy	0900 - 1200	Offensive Trg Pl Following up a Retreating Enemy.	Fd Cft & Battle Drill Sec 44 A.	Digging Area 5910 & 6010	Coy Comd to submit exercise by 161600H.
27		B Coy	1330 - 1430 1430 - 1530 1530 - 1630	As per Serial 25.			
28		A Coy C Coy D Coy	1330 - 1630	Pl Battle Drills for offensive Defence Principles.	Fd Cft & Battle Drill Sec 46	Digging area 5910 & 6010	
29		All Rifle Coys	1630 - 1700	Coy Pde			
30	22	All Coys	0830 - 0900	Coy & Bn Pde & Inspection			
31		A Coy	0900 - 1200	As per Serial 26			
32		B Coy	" "	As per Serial 28			
33		C Coy	0900 - 1000 1000 - 1100 1100 - 1200	As per serial 25			

SERIAL	DATE	UNIT OR SUB UNIT	PERIOD	NATURE OF TRAINING	REF MANUAL	LOCATION	REMARKS
34	22	D Coy	0900 - 1200	Forms of Defence - Drills for Defence - Isolated Defence.	Fd Cft & Battle drill Secs 47-48	Digging Area 5910&6010	
35		A Coy B Coy C Coy	1330 - 1630	As per Serial 34			
36		D Coy	1330 - 1430 1430 - 1530 1530 - 1630	As per Serial 25			
37		All Rifle Coys	1630 - 1700	Coy Pde			
38	23	All Rifle Coys	0830 - 0900	As for Serial 1.			
39		"	0900 - 1430	Drills for Mutual Defence	Fd Cft & Battle Drill Sec 48 paras 2 - 3	INGALOONA" Digging Area 5911 & 6010	Respirators to be carried by all pers& to be worn between 0900-1000
40			1430 - 1500	Semaphore		Camp Trg Area	At Coy Comds disposal
41			1500 - 1530	Weapon Trg		do	
42			1530 - 1700	Return to Camp & Coy Pde			
43	24	All Rifle Coys	0830 - 0900	See Serial 1.			
44			0900 - 1200	See Comds Drills in mutual Defence	Fd Cft & Battle Drill Sec 48 paras 4 - 8	INGALOONA" Digging Area 5911 & 6010	
45			1330 - 1430	Compass & Map Reading		Camp Trg Area	Coy Comds Disposal.
46			1430 - 1530	(a) Weapon Trg (b) T.O.E.T.		Do	
47		A Coy B Coy C Coy D Coy		AS FOR SERIAL 11.			
48	25			XMAS DAY: XMAS SERVICES - REST DAY			
49	26	All Coys	0830 - 0900	See Serial 1.			

SERIAL	DATE	UNIT OR SUB UNIT	PERIOD	NATURE OF TRAINING	REF MANUAL	LOCATION	REMARKS
50	26	All Coys	Full Day.	Route March - Routes to be submitted by Coy Comds.			
51		2nd Class shots, Rifle	Full Day	Musketry Practices (Rifle)		No 2 Classif- ication Range	
52	27	A S F O R S E R I A L 23					
53	28	All Coys	0830 - 0900	See Serial 1.			
54		A Coy	A S F O R S E R I A L 25				
55		B Coy C Coy D Coy	0900 - 1200	Offensive Action against Tanks by day	Fd Cft & Battle Drill Sec 52 Paras 1 - 4	5908 West of No 2 Classification Range	Use trucks or carriers in lieu of tanks.
56		B Coy	A S F O R S E R I A L 27				
57		A Coy C Coy D Coy	1330 - 1630	Offensive Action against Tanks by day. The attack.	Fd Cft & Battle Drill Sec 52 Para 5.	West of No 2 Classification Range 5908	
58		All Coys	1630 - 1700	Coy Pde			
59		2nd Class Shots, Rifle	Full Day	Musketry Practice (Rifle)		No 2 Classif- ication Range	
60	29	All Coys	0830 - 0900	See Serial 1.			
61		A Coy	0900 - 1200	As for Serial 55			
62		B Coy	0900 - 1200	As for Serial 57			
63		C Coy	A S F O R S E R I A L 25				
64		D Coy	0900 - 1200	Destruction of Enemy Tanks by night or in Harbour. (Practice by Day)	Fd Crft & Battle Drill Sec 53	West of No 2 Classification Range 5908	
65		B Coy	A S F O R S E R I A L 27				
66		A Coy C Coy D Coy	1330 - 1630	A S F O R S E R I A L 64			
67		All Coys	1630 - 1700	Coy Pde			
68		2nd Class Shots	Full Day	Range Practices (LMG - Bren)		No 2 Classif- ication Range.	

SERIAL	DATE	UNIT OR SUB UNIT	PERIOD	NATURE OF TRAINING	REF MANUAL	LOCATION	REMARKS
69	30 to 31	All Coys	Two Days	Pl Free for all Exercise to introduce situations where drills learnt during month can be employed.	A.T.M.4 Fd Cft & Battle Drill.	Areas to be notified	to be prepared and submitted by Coy Conds by 23 Dec 43.
70	Each day of 30 & 31.	2nd Class Shots (Bren)	Full day each day	Range Practice (Bren)		No 2 Classification Range	

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WEEKLY INTELLIGENCE REPORT.

SECRET.

WEEK ENDED 29 12 43.

1. INFM RE ENEMY:

Nil.

2. INFM RE OWN TROOPS:

- (1) Location. Map Ref. 36442093
- (2) Troop. As per syllabus forwarded daily to Bde H.Q.
Bde duties commenced 24.12.43
- (3) Morale. Excellent.
- (4) Health.

Diarrhoea	3
U.R.T.I.	7
New Cases	12
Evac to hosp	4

3. INFM RE INT SEC:

- (1) Strength. 1 effr, 3 cpls, 1 sgt, 9 O/R's, 1 dr.
1 batman.

"I" Sgt det to Int School HARVEY
Cpls Goughlan T.K., Gallagher, S.T.
Ptes Worthy, J and Cartwright N.C. on A.R.L.
Pte Harghart, W.A. marched out to "N" Sec
F.S.S.
- (2) Troop. Horse, semaphore, traversing, routine
dution.

4. SECURITY:

Nil Infa.

5. TOPOGRAPHICAL:

Ref map DANMANNBACH 1" = 1 mile
For correction to map see attached overlay.

6. GENERAL INFM:

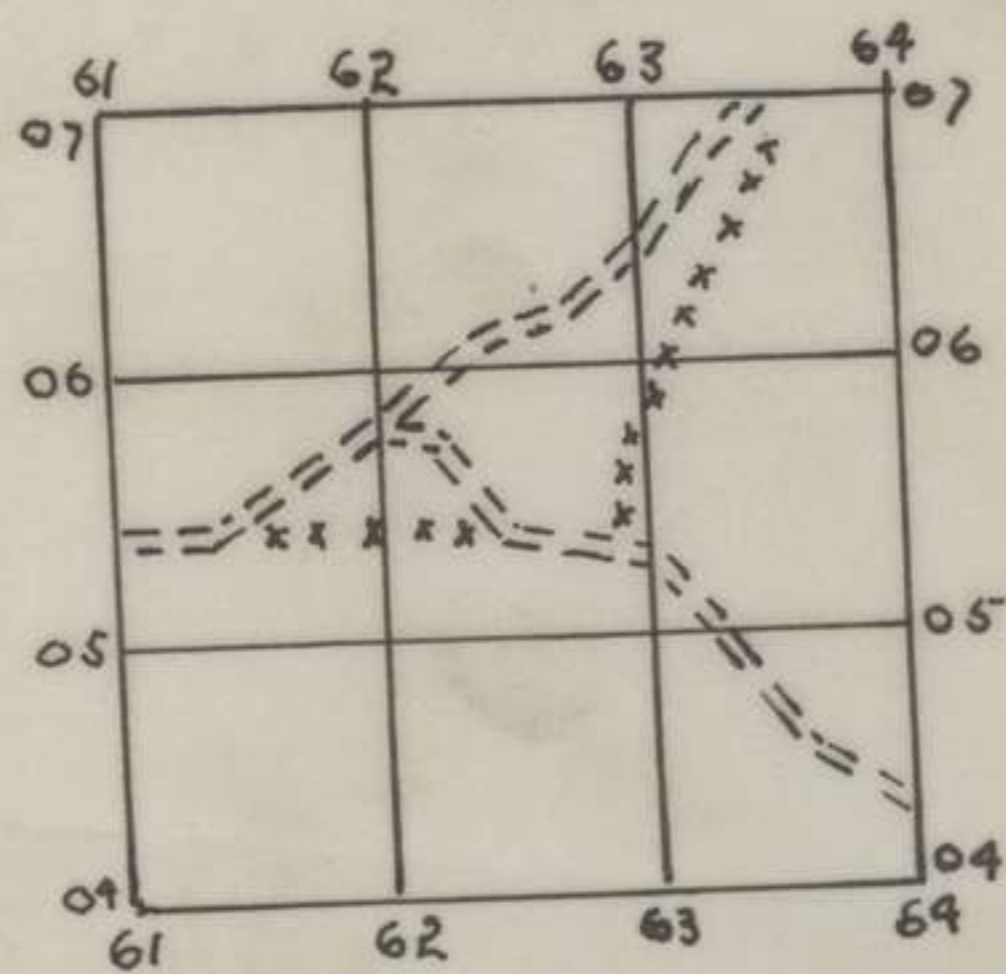
Informal visit by G.O.C. 2 Aust Div. 25.12.43.

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..... Lieut.
(J.R.W. MELVILLE) 1/5 I.O. 56 Aust Inf Bn(A.I.F.)

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56 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
AUSTRALIA.
29 Nov 43.

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION

1. The undermentioned Routine will be followed on 30 Nov 43.
2.

Reveille	300530H
Breakfast	300630H
Bn Parade by Coys	300745H
3. All cooks are to be warned that Breakfast will be at 300630H sharp and no excuse for lateness will be accepted.
4. A Rigid C.O.'s inspection will be carried out on Bn Parade.
5. All leave for 30 Nov: is cancelled but present leave arrangements for 29 Nov: will stand.

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METHOD OF ISSUE-RUNNER
SIGNED AT
DISTRIBUTION

	COPY NO
C.O.	1
2 I/C	2
Adjt.	3
HQ Coy	4
A Coy	5
B Coy	6
C Coy	7
D Coy	8
Caterer	9
File	10
War Diary	11-12.

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CANTEENS BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 NOVEMBER 1943

LIABILITIES

Appropriation A/C.

£. S. D.
708 13 7

ASSETS

Cash Balance with 2 Div Pay Office

Cash on Hand

Stock on Hand

£. S. D.

568 16 3

22 - 4

117 17 -

£708 13 7

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CANTEENS PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT PERIOD 1 to 30 NOV 43.

1943
Nov 30

TO Sundry Expenses

Dry Canteen

TO Net Profit transferred
to appropriation A/C.

£. S. D.

18 -

99 11 10

£100 9 10

1943.

Nov 30 BY Profit Dry Canteen

Wet Canteen

£. S. D.

81 9 9

19 - 1

£100 9 10

CANTEENS APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT

1943

Nov 30. TO Balance

£. S. D.

708 13 7

£708 13 7.

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Nov 1 BY Balance

30 BY Net Profit for period
1-30 Nov 43.

£. S. D.

609 1 9

99 11 10

£708 13 7.

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TRADING A/C (DAY CANTEEN) FOR PERIOD 1 to 30 NOV 43

1943.	£.	S.	D.
Nov 1 TO Stock on Hand	157	7	3
TO Purchases Net	1524		1
	<u>£ 1681</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>4</u>
30 Less Stock on Hand	117	17	-
Cost of Goods Sold	1563	10	4
Profit	81	9	9
	<u>£ 1645</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>

1943.	L.	S.	D.
Nov 30. BY Sales	1645	0	1
	<u>£ 1645</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>

TRADING A/C (WET CANTEEN) FOR PERIOD 1 to 30 NOV 43

1943.	£.	S.	D.
Nov 1. TO Stock on Hand	3	10	3
Furchases Net	309	2	0
	<u>£ 312</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>3</u>
Nov 30 Less Stock on Hand	NIL		
Cost of Goods Sold.	312	12	3
Profit	19	0	1
	<u>£ 331</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>4</u>

1943.	£.	S.	D.
Nov 30 BY Sales.	331	12	4
	<u>£ 331</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>4</u>

Date Account promulgated for Infm to Tps 28 Nov 43

G. Murray MAJ.
Pres Regtl Canteen Committee.
M. Stewart Capt.
Sec Regtl Canteen Committee.

AUDITORS CERTIFICATE.

I have audited the books of account and vouchers of the above Canteen for the month of November 1943, in my opinion the above balance sheet exhibits a true and correct view of the affairs of the Canteen.

L.W.G. Christie
Auditor.
(L.W.G. CHRISTIE) Lieut.

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

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES
ROUTINE ORDERS

Serial No 109
Nos 575 - 578
28 Nov 43.

BY
LT-COL R.T. BRYEN
Comd 56 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

575. CORRIGENDUM

- (1) B.R.O. Serial No 106
Nos 556 to 561 - 16 Nov 43 Should read -
Serial No 107
Nos 564 to 569 - 16 Nov 43.
- (11) BRO Serial No 107
Nos 562 to 566 - 16 Nov 43 Should read
Serial No 108
Nos 570 to 574 - 26 Nov 43.

576 DUTIES

The following roster for duty coys and Orderly offrs will operate and will not be altered without reference to Adjt.

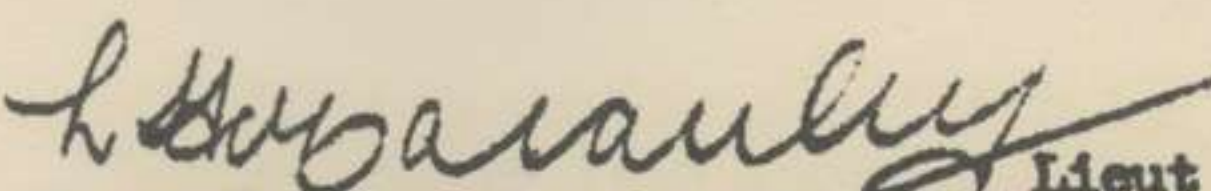
<u>DATE</u>	<u>COY</u>	<u>ORD OFFR</u>
1 Dec 43	A Coy	S.J. Braithwaite
2 Dec 43	D Coy	J.J. Harvey
3 Dec 43	H.Q. Coy	G.W.B. Davis.
4 Dec 43	C. Coy	A.F. Kopke
5 Dec 43	B. Coy	K.G. McDonald
6 Dec 43	A. Coy	J.I. Bennett.
7 Dec 43	D. Coy	O.K. Harrington.

577. PERSONNEL WITH KNOWLEDGE OF NETHERLANDS EAST INDIES AND FAR EAST.

1. Personnel possessing any of the following qualifications:-
- (a) Long residence in or intimate knowledge of any part of the Netherlands East Indies, Malaya, British Borneo, Sarawak or Portuguese Timor.
- (b) Good knowledge of any of the following languages:-
Dutch, Malay, Javanese, Sundanese, Portuguese, Tetum, are invited to forward to L.H.Q. through usual channels, personal particulars as follows:-
- (i) Army No, rank, name and Unit.
(ii) Age
(iii) Medical Classification
(iv) Outline of Military Service
(v) Educational standard
(vi) Detailed particulars of the knowledge of the territories or proficiency in the languages mentioned.
2. These particulars should reach Bn HQ not later than 291800H.

578. FLY - VEILS - WEARING

When a fly veil is not hanging down over the brim of the hat the loose end of the veil will be tucked into the crease of the hat.


Lieut
(L.H.M. CAULEY) Adjt 56 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

NOTICES.

LOST - Rifle No 127476 in vicinity Swanbourne Rifle Range. Personnel finding same will report it to Bn HQ immediately.

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Serial No 110.

Nos 579 to

29 Nov 43.

579. CIVILIAN PROPERTY

1. It has always been Army policy that Troops extend the maximum consideration to property owners consistent with training and operational efficiency. This policy has been clearly laid down on many occasions. It is still found, however, complaints being received from property owners and civil authorities.
2. An analysis of complaints received reveals that such complaints arise NOT so much from the monetary value of any damage and inconvenience caused as from the following:-
 - (a) Lack of liaison from units before, during and after occupation of an area to create a feeling of confidence in the property owners mind. Property owners appreciate the courtesy of liaison.
 - (b) Failure of units to take prompt action to repair any damage caused and to post sentries over breaks in fence pending arrival of repair parties.
 - (c) Failure of units to consider owners by avoiding paddocks for which owners have a special reason for NOT wanting it used, e.g. lambing ewes.
 - (d) Carelessness in closing gates.
 - (e) Unauthorised scrounging - which is in fact common theft.
3. It must be realised that property owners are having their own problems both as to staff and procurement of essential stores and equipment. Offrs and Q/Rs of this Formation must be imbued with a spirit of co-operation and cause the minimum of inconvenience and loss to property owners.

L. H. MacAuley
Licut.
(L.H. MACAULEY) Adjt/56 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

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Serial No 111.
 Nos 580 to 584
 5 Dec 43.

580. TELEPHONE PROCEDURE.

(a) There is an increasing tendency amongst units equipped with small switchboards to request their operator to dial a telephone number and ask for a particular person. If this person is NOT available the fact has to be advised back to the caller by the operator who then enquires if anyone else is required.

The practice of many officers requesting junior members of their staff (excluding operators) to get the party they require on the line for them is also prevalent.

Both of these practices cause undue delay to traffic on telephone lines and will be discontinued.

(b) The originator of a telephone call will himself ask the operator for the number and after being connected will make his own enquiries for the party desired.

581. SOLDIERS TRAVELLING ON 2030 HRS TRAIN ON SUNDAYS.

Service personnel travelling on Sunday evenings to stations beyond BELLEVUE will travel by the Northam Leave Train which departs PERTH at 1940 hrs.

Disciplinary action will be taken against personnel attempting to board civilian trains.

582. TROOPS TRAVELLING BY TRAIN - OFFENCES AGAINST RAILWAY BY-LAWS.

Attention is drawn to the dangerous practice of troops trespassing on Railway Property and boarding trains whilst in motion.

It has been recommended to the Railway Department that civil action be taken against troops offending in this direction the penalty for which, under Railway By-Laws is a fine NOT exceeding £10.

583. GUARDS AND SENTRIES.

- (i) 5 Rounds Ball Amn will be loaded in magazine by Guards and Sentries.
- (ii) Safety catches must be applied.
- (iii) Attention is drawn to B.R.O. 244 dated 6 Jan 43.

584. COMMODITIES PURCHASED DURING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 1943.
FROM SUPPLEMENTARY RATION ALLOWANCE AND REGTL FUNDS.

<u>Supplementary Ration Allowance.</u>		<u>Regimental Funds.</u>	
Camp Pie	£ 47. 11. 10.	Sausages, fresh.	£ 18. 19. 2.
Pres. Fruit.	45. 18. 0.	Polony.	13. 10. 10.
Tomato Sauce.	12. 2. 0.	Saveloys.	4. 6. 0.
Baked Beans.	31. 0. 0.	Mutton.	21. 19. 7.
Spaghetti in See.	20. 16. 3.	Dripping.	2. 2. 0.
Custard Powder.	8. 11. 0.	Cereals.	2. 10. 3.
Cornflour.	6. 6. 5.		
Eggs.	38. 0. 2.		£ 63. 7. 10.
Bread.	6. 17. 6.		
Essence.	1. 13. 0.		
Vinegar.	1. 3. 2.		
Spices.	8. 3.		
	£220. 7. 7.		
Less Discounts.	13. 18. 9.		
	<u>£206. 8. 10.</u>		

W.D. Neil
 (W.D. NEIL.) A/Adj. 56 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) Capt.

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Comd. 56 AUST INF BN (AIF)

Serial No 113
Nos 590 to 593
17 Dec 43.

590 PASSENGERS IN ARMY VEHICLES

Attention is drawn to Standing orders for Drivers of Mechanical Vehicles as amended by amendment No 1 of 31 Jul 43.

"In view of the tactical situation and in accordance with para 10 as amended of the above Standing Orders personnel being carried in Army Vehicles will sit on the floor of the vehicle
BACK TO BACK

On NO account will troops sit on the top of the drivers cabin or stand up in the rear of the vehicle whilst in motion".

Where vehicles are load carrying vehicles only the driver and one other person will ride in the truck when loaded. These personnel will ride in the cabin.

591 DRIVERS OF ARMY VEHICLES

Drivers of Army Vehicles are forbidden to consume intoxicating liquors while on duty with a vehicle.

592 WILES MOBILE COOKER - Q ADM INSTN NO. 77, 17 Sep 43

Some considerable concern is being caused by the lack of maintenance being given to WILES MOBILE COOKERS.

Recent inspections reveal that observance of above instruction is being overlooked in some instances.

All Coys will strictly adhere to the directions contained in this Instruction and will convey to all personnel handling the equipment the necessity of maintenance as laid down.

All Coy Cooks must initial the instruction.

593. SECURITY - MAIL

It is emphasised that troops are forbidden to :-

- (a) Post letters or other mail through civilian channels.
- (b) Request or allow civilians to post for them letters or other mail including parcels. Particular reference is made in this regard to the possibility of shopkeepers posting goods purchased by Army personnel.

W.D. Neil
(W.D. NEIL) A/Adjt 56 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) Capt.

NOTICE

CHURCH PARADE other denomination church parade 0830. (SUNDAY)
R.C. Church Parade to be notified later.

LIBRARIES

- (1) Books are obtainable from A.E.S. library Padre's Tent.
- (2) Bn library books can be obtained at Amenities Hut.

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Serial No 114
Nos 594 to 598
31 Dec 43.

594. RECORD OF SERVICE BOOK AAB 83

Except where AAB 83 have NOT been issued to, or have been withdrawn from members in forward operational areas when contact with the enemy is imminent, every member should be in possession of his AAB 83 on & after the 31 Dec 43. It is possible, however, that some errors & omissions may occur.

After 31 Dec 43 any member who has NOT been issued with an AAB 83 will report that fact immediately.

The loss, destruction or defacement of an AAB 83 by a wilful act or by negligence or the unauthorised alteration of any information contained therein is an offence in respect of which a charge will lie under AA 40.

595. LEAVE WITHOUT PAY

1. Cases are still occurring in which members, who have been granted leave without pay, afterwards claim that they were NOT aware of the full effect of the grant of such leave.
2. Attention is drawn to the provisions of War Financial (Military Forces) Regulations, which provide, in effect, that all (including allotments) & pay allowances cease in respect of any period for which a member is granted leave (or an extension thereof) without pay.
3. When leave (or an extension thereof) without pay is granted, the following will NOT be payable during the period of such leave (or extension) :-
 - (a) Pay (including deferred pay).
 - (b) Field Allowance
 - (c) Command Allowance
 - (d) Special Allowance
 - (e) Exchange Allowance
 - (f) Dependant's Allowance
 - (g) Travelling Allowance
 - (h) Subsistence Allowance
 - (i) Any Allowance Payable under regulation 9 of the abovementioned regulations.
4. The Officer who first receives an application for leave without pay will, before dealing with the application, satisfy himself by personal interview with the member concerned that the member understands the full effect of a grant of such leave.

596. CORRECT USE OF LIGHTS WHEN APPROACHING ONCOMING TRAFFIC

1. Accidents involving army vehicles have occurred due to lack of road courtesy of drivers who fail to dim their headlamps when approaching oncoming traffic
2. In order that personnel in control of vehicles may appreciate their responsibility in this regard, the action to be taken is set out hereunder :-
 - (a) When approaching oncoming traffic, the driver of a vehicle will ensure that his headlights are dipped & will keep as near as practicable, having regard to all the circumstances, to the left-hand edge of the roadway.

596. CORRECT USE OF LIGHTS WHEN APPROACHING ONCOMING TRAFFIC continued

2. (b) If the headlights can NOT be dipped, they will be dimmed. If they can NOT be dipped or dimmed, the driver will switch to his parking lights. In either case, he will reduce the speed of the vehicle so that he can stop within lessened limits of vision.
3. The driver is responsible for checking the correct operation. all lights & for reporting immediately (on AAF G17) all defects which he is NOT permitted to rectify.

597. LEWIS GUN BOLTS & VICKERS GUN LOCKS - INTERCHANGE ABILITY

1. It has been brought to notice that the head space on a large proportion of Lewis guns on issue to units has become excessive - in some instances to a degree which constitutes a danger to personnel firing the gun.
2. To assist maintaining cartridge head space within allowable limits on Lewis & Vickers machine guns, bolts & locks will NOT, in future, be regarded as interchangeable, but will remain with the gun to which they are mated as a component part. Spare Lewis gun bolts will also be mated & remain with the guns they are to serve. Vickers guns will be adjusted to their component locks & a spare lock selected that will be suitable in regard to head space for the guns which it is intended to serve.
3. When passing through the armoury workshop for repairs or inspection, the numbers of the guns to which they are mated will be etched on the bolts & locks. Until all bolts & locks are numbered to guns, records of their existing members will be kept to ensure that they are issued with, & remain a component of, the gun to which they are mated.
4. MBI O.37/1941 is cancelled.

598. ADCS CLUB FACILITIES

OFFICERS' CLUBS

1. ADCS Officers' Club, TOWNSVILLE, Nth QUEENSLAND - Residential
2. ADCS Officers' Club, CAIRNS, Nth QUEENSLAND. - "
3. ADCS Officers' Club, ATHERTON, Nth QUEENSLAND - "
4. ADCS Officers' Club, Savoy Hotel, PERTH. W.A. - "
5. ADCS Officers' Club, PORT MORESBY, NEW GUINEA - "
7. ADCS Officers' Club, Hotel Daniel, BRISBANE, Q'LAND - "

OTHER RANKS

9. ADCS Club, Marcus Clark Bldg, Railway Square, SYDNEY - RESIDENTIAL
10. ADCS Club, Craig's Building, MELBOURNE - "
11. ADCS Club, St Oswald's 137 Nth. Quay, BRISBANE - "
12. ADCS Club, Wickham Terrace, BRISBANE. - "
13. ADCS Club, PORT MORESBY, NEW GUINEA. - Non"Res-
14. ADCS Club, MILNE BAY, NEW GUINEA - } ideñtial
15. ADCS Club, 33/36 Mile Area ADELAIDE RIVER N.T. - "
16. ADCS Club, 56 Mile Area, ADELAIDE RIVER N.T. - "
17. ADCS Club, 67/69 Mile Area, ADELAIDE RIVER N.T. - "
18. ADCS Club, ATHERTON, Nth QUEENSLAND. - "

W.D. Neill Capt.
(W.D. NEIL) W/Adj't 56 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

NOTICES

1. ENTERTAINMENTS

Commencing 1 Jan 44 Pictures will be shown in 56 AUST INF BN (AIF) lines on SATURDAY NIGHTS.

2. PL. TENT COMPETITION

(a) Results to 29 Dec 43 (incl)

11 Pl : 30 Points
 Band : 19 "
 4 Pl : 13 "
 5 Pl : 12 "
 19 Pl : 10 "
 15 Pl : 4 "
 8 Pl, 10 Pl & 16 Pl : 3 Points Each.

NOTICES continued

3. CHURCH PARADES.

R.C. MASS 010615H Recreation Hut
C of E Holy Communion 010630H Bush Hut
R.C. MASS 020615H Recreation Hut
Other Denomination Holy Communion 020745H Recreation Hut.
Bn Church Pde. 020815H
