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37/52 Infantry Battalion

September - October 1944

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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(adapted.)

Unit 37/52 Aust Inf Bn Date and Time.—From 26 Sep 44 To 2 Oct 44

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries &c
WATSONIA	26 Sep 44	2 Oct	During the part week personnel returning from leave have been concentrating at WATSONIA under comd of Capt A.S.R. Doddrell. A period of training, in preparation for the March of Honour through MELBOURNE on 13 Oct 44, was instituted. Route marches followed by squad drill formed the basis of the training syllabus. Troops took full advantage of the night leave which was granted from 1600 hrs daily. Long leave was granted over the week end from 1600 hrs 30 Sept to 0800 hrs 2 Oct. This leave enabled troops from the country to spend the week end at home.	

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Unit 37/52 Aust Inf Bn Date and Time.—From 2 Oct To

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries &c
WATSONIA	3 Oct to		Capt S. W. Wicks returned from leave and took over comd from Capt A. S. R. Doddrell. On Monday 2 Oct all personnel were issued with rifles and new web equiptment. The rifles and equiptment are only on loan to the unit until after the 'March'. The unit is endeavouring to obtain puggarees which will be bought from Regimental funds. Members of the D.P.R. visited the camp during the week to obtain material for a publicity campaign, and to take photos of the troops for the press. A short history of the unit was made known to the reporters as well as a list of places where the bn had seen action; also	

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			a list of awards won by members of the Bn.	
			Weekend leave from 1600 Friday to 0800 Monday	
			was granted, enabling country personnel to visit	
			their homes.	
WATSONIA	9 Oct —		The C.O. Lt col J. G. Rowan MC rejoined the unit	
			on Monday 9 Oct and took over comd from	
			Capt. S.W. Vicks. In a short address to the	
			troops Lt col J G Rowan expressed his wish	
			that all personnel had enjoyed their leave	
			and he remarked that troops were looking	
			bright and fresh after their rest. Lt Col J G	
			Rowan also expressed the his desire to	
			become better acquainted with two particular	
			members of the unit — who apparently had	

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			only a passing aquaintance with their C.O.	
			Pagares which were purchased from Regimental	
			Funds were issued to the troops.	
			On Tuesday and Wednesday – 10th-11th Oct - practice	
			marches were held. The Vic L of C band were	
			present and played the troops past the	
			saluting base, there a loud speaker was	
			used to correct minor faults of the troops.	
			On Thursday 12 Oct a full dress rehearsal was	
			held for all personnel who were to take part	
			in the march the following day. Brigadier Edgar	
			and Hamner had their respective brigades	
			and expressed themselves satisfied that	
			troops would do a good job in the march.	

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			The afternoon was spent in cleaning and pressing clothes etc and making final adjustments to equipment. No leave was granted, however as there were pictures and a concert within the camp area troops were well provided with entertainment.	
	13 Oct		At 0830 hrs the unit marched to WATSONIA ~~station~~ where troops entrained for PRINCES BRIDGE station. On detraining the unit marched to the assembly area in the Alexandra Gardens. On this short march troops received a taste of the reception they were to get later from the citizens of Melbourne,	

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Unit ..... *Date and Time.—From* ..... *To* .....

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices. Diaries &c
			people leant out of trains and clapped and shouted expressions of 'Good Luck', and "Well done, boys" as the troops crossed Princes Bridge. On arrival at the assembly area units were dispersed and troops were free to move about and greet relatives and friends. Many ex members of the unit took the opportunity to renew acquaintance with their old friends. Cut lunches and tea were provided but many personnel joined relatives and friends in picnic lunches. Troops appreciated the kind action of the R.S.L. in distributing cigarettes and sweets to all marching personnel. By 1300 hrs the unit was formed up awaiting	

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			the order to begin the march. The Air Force band was allotted to this bn and was in position at the head of the column. A last minute change of plans put 4 Bde on the leading bde for the march. At 1322 hrs the leading unit crossed the start line which was the South end of Princes Bridge. As the troops swung onto Princes Bridge they were greeted by cheering crowds who threw streamers confetti and even rose leaves. Throughout the whole march the cheering was maintained. Members of the unit sitting or have formed cheering parts and cheered their mates on. Announcers at various parts of the march detailed the exploits of the bn, naming the various places	

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			The unit had rest action.	
			At the conclusion of the march personnel entered	
			Hindus street railway station via Degraves st entrance	
			and entrained for Watsonia at 1415 hrs,	
			arriving back at camp at 1530 hrs. After	
			handing in rifles and equipment leave over the	
			week end was granted. Troops reporting back	
			at 0900 on Monday 16 Oct.	
			Prior to going on leave Brig C.R.V. Edgar DSO	
			sonder of 4 Bde addressed the troops and	
			expressed his satisfaction at the bearing of	
			troops during the March of Honour.	
	16 Oct		On the 16 & 17 Oct administration and preparation	
			for the move North was carried out.	

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	18 Oct	0745 hrs	The unit left camp and marched to Watsonia station where troops entrained for Spencer Street, where troops changed trains and at 1030 the unit was on its way for Queensland.	
	20 Oct		Personnel from Watsonia arrived at camp Strathpine at 1130 hrs. Queensland base personnel, under Major H.G. Babilinski who had ~~united~~ joined the unit, were in camp and had erected tents and made general preparation of the area for occupation. Buildings already erected include 2 cookhouses and 2 sets of showers and ablutation benches.	

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			Marquees have been made available for the 'A' office, R.Q.M.'s store and the R.A.P. a log hut is being used as an officers mess. The area is lightly timbered and clear of any scrub, and clean but dusty.	
			One blanket and palaisse were issued per head to personnel, also mosquito nets.	
			Overnight leave or 10% basis was granted from 1600 hrs to 2359 hrs the following night and night leave from 1600 hrs to 2359 hrs.	
	21 Oct		New personnel arrived from leave, and it is expected that the majority of personnel will return from leave within the next few days.	

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			The Commanding Officer Lt Col J.G. Rowan MC arrived this afternoon after an absence of about 3 months.	
	22 Oct		Voluntary church parades were held in the morning. Four tents were erected for 50 personnel who arrived in the afternoon. Troops are quickly settling in and getting the camp in working order.	
	23 Oct		Training commenced as per syllabus - route marches, organisation of platoons, issue and cleaning of weapons. The erection of offices and tables for mess hall is progressing slowly owing to lack of tools. Another 80 personnel arrived at 1700 hrs and	

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			practically all personnel, except those in hospitals have now rejoined the unit	
			Lt Col J.G. Rowan V.C. C.O. of this Bn has made arrangements with the C.O. of the 22 Bn for the amalgamation of band personnel from the two units under Sgt McCormack	
	24 Oct.		This morning all troops not engaged in maintainance work in the camp area went out on a 7 mile route march. On return from the march troops availed themselves of the foot baths provided for their use.	
			In the afternoon the R.M.O. carried out foot inspection and the remainder of the time	

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			was taken up with squad drill and P.T.R.T.	
	25 Oct		Squad drill, route marches and kit inspections formed the basis of training for today.	
			Advice was received from Bde that overnight leave would be reduced to 5%.	
			The unit dry canteen reopened for business today and was well patronised by troops, as most personnel are running short of tobacco and cigarettes.	
	26 Oct		A wide range of sporting material was purchased from Bn funds through Amenities and was distributed to coys. The material	

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			included cricket sets, volley balls, boxing gloves, deck tennis sets etc.	
			The visitors obtained by the Salvation Army was set up in H.Q. coy mess hut and troops enjoyed a good nights entertainment.	
	27 Oct		After a lapse of nearly 2 years the unit news paper 'Footsloggi' will again be published. The paper will be edited by Pte Neylan and will deal with happenings within the unit only.	
			Training during the morning consisted of route marches and the afternoon was occupied with ~~duration to~~ innoculations.	
			Innoculations are given for cholera	

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			and a second vaccination and in some cases T.T. and T.A.B. In spite of these innoculations a full quota of personnel went on leave.	
			A heavy shower of rain found a few tents without drains, however quick work with spades soon put matters right, and now the camp is well prepared for any future rains.	
	28 Oct		Training during the morning consisted of lectures and the afternoon was devoted to make and mend and kit inspections.	

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	29 Oct		In a short address after church parade the C.O. Lt Col J.G. Rowan welcomed new personnel to the unit and spoke of the good name earned by the Bde and also enjoined this divine that all troops upheld the reputation for dress and bearing while on leave.	
			In the afternoon troops participated in sport, cricket, baseball and volley ball proving most popular.	
	30 Oct		A Bn parade was held at 0815 hrs. The C.O. Lt Col J.G. Rowan addressed to troops saying that now leave was over he	

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			expected the unit as a whole to concentrate on training for the job ahead. At present no indication of what that job would be, or where it would be, could be given, but the C.O. expressed his confidence that the unit would do the job well; route marches and sport would remove any excess weight gained during leave, and make the troops fit.	
			Leave to Brisbane had been raised to 15% and it was hoped it would soon be 20%. Arrangements had been made with hotels to billet troops while on overnight leave in Brisbane.	

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			Ceremonial mounting of the guard and shifting of the flag was instituted. Great interest was shown by troops in the ceremony. Route marches, rifle drill and P.T. formed the training for today.	
	31 Oct.		Lt Col Kyle, 4th Amb, visited Lt Col J.J. Bowan. Lt Withington is to be attached to 4th Amb to give instruction in guard mounting and guard duties. A.M.O. inspected troops in order to ascertain if vaccinations had taken properly. Capt. R.W.T. Page and Lt. J.A. Spiers returned to the unit from leave.	

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SUMMARY OF BRIGADE COMMANDER'S CONFERENCE

3 OCT 44

MARCH OF HONOUR 4 AND 15 AUST INF BDES

1 GENERAL DETAILS OF THE MARCH

(a) Comds
(b) Troops taking part
(c) Order of March
(d) Groupings
(e) Strengths of Units
(f) Approx length of colns

) See table att as Appx "A"

(g) Route

Alexandra Avenue O St Kilda Rd O Princes Bridge - Swanston St - Bourke St - Elizabeth St - Collins St - Market St - Queens Bridge - thence East along Riverside Ave to Alexandra Ave.

(h) Distances

Between groups or units 75 yds.
Between head of band and unit 25 yds.
Between coys and equivalents 15 yds.

(j) Formations

Units as shown in Appx "A" will march by coys and equivalents in three ranks, close formation, sized with tallest on the flanks and shortest in the centre.

(k) Order of Dress

(i) Offrs SD Officer's pattern, equipment in drill order (includes waist belt, braces and pistol holster - pistols worn on left side), gaiters, hats turned up with chinstraps on chins.

(ii) OR SD equipment in drill order (includes waist belts, braces, basic pouches) rifles and bayonets fixed, gaiters, hats turned up with chin strap on chin.

(iii) Equipment will be treated with khaki blanco to ensure it is uniform color.

(iv) Pugarees of uniform color will be worn by all ranks.

(v) Uniforms will be cleaned and pressed.

(m) Guard of Honour

(i) A guard of honour of str 1 NCO and 7 OR will be established at the saluting base and will be provided by units as follows :

WO or Sjt	-	by selection
2 OR	-	each bn of 15 Aust Inf Bde
1 OR	-	4 Aust Inf Bde

(ii) Personnel selected should be smart in appearance with good bearing and capable of good arms drill.

2 GEN OUTLINE OF ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS

(a) Movt to assembly area

It is anticipated units will commence movt from WATSONIA at 0900 hrs 13 OCT44 by train to PRINCES BRIDGE and will arrive at the assembly area - Alexandra Avenue - not later than 1200 hrs.

(b) Action at Assembly Area

Units assembly areas will be allotted. Cut lunch and hot tea will be provided at Assembly areas.

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(c) Action after the March

(i) On completion of the march units will move from assembly areas to PRINCES BRIDGE and entrain for WATSONIA anticipating all units will return to camp by 1700 hrs.

(ii) In the event of movt North not taking place for several days after the march it may be possible to grant leave to Units immediately after the march and dismiss troops at Alexandra Avenue.

(iii) If leave is to be granted as per sub para (ii) above arrangements will be made for greatcoats and spare waist belts to be transported to Assembly areas. Similarly rifles and eqpt will be withdrawn at the assembly areas and returned by tpt to WATSONIA.

3 TRG FOR THE MARCH

(a) Units will continue with trg as per 15 Aust Inf Bde Trg Instr 1 for WATSONIA.

(b) During all marching the following points will be stressed :
(i) general bearing
(ii) heads up, and eyes level with head in front
(iii) swinging arms waist belt high
(iv) hands correctly clasped with thumbs to the front.

(c) During the march units will be required to march to attention for a considerable distance and unless personnel are trained accordingly the strain imposed will have an adverse effect on the march.

(d) A change ~~of~~ arms will not be given until units arrive at the corner of Collins and Elizabeth Streets. Consequently trg should also include marching this distance at attention without changing arms.

(e) A saluting base similar to the saluting base at the Town Hall will be erected at a location to be notified. This base will then be used in trg in order to accustom tps to the march past.

4 PUBLICITY

(a) It is anticipated publicity will commence on the 6 Oct 44.

(b) Publicity will be controlled and disseminated by Directorate of Public Relations and will take the following forms :
(i) Preliminary matter to arouse interest achieved by press and radio material.
(ii) Publicity to arouse enthusiasm during the march itself achieved by loudspeakers with commentators en route.

(c) The following will be required by Public Relations in order to provide material for the press and broadcast:
(i) gen outline of the activities of units during its period in operational areas.
(ii) Broadcast scripts for use by commentators during the march. This should be of sufficient length to cover the time the unit takes to march past plus time allowed for intervals.

(d) Further to the above photographers will visit WATSONIA to obtain photos for the press. They will be interested mainly in groups as groups of decorated personnel, units on parade and marching.

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5 Further detailed instructions will be issued.

(Signed) Schmedje Maj
BM 15 Aust Inf Bde

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Subject : GENERAL MARCH DETAILS

37/52 Bn.

HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)
WATSONIA
G6
9 Oct44.

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The undermentioned points are brought to the notice of units. Units will take action accordingly.

1 LECTURES

Further to 15 Aust Inf Bde Trg Instr 1 training will include a series of lectures covering the following subjects:

(a) Aspects of the March through MELBOURNE

Coy. Comds.

This lecture will cover such points as general details of the march and the necessity for maintaining march discipline. The importance of non recognition of relatives and friends during the march must be stressed.

(b) Losses of arms and equipment

Coy Comds + Q.M.

Arms and equipment issued to units for the March are only on loan and are on strength of other units having been withdrawn for the purpose of equipping brigade units for the march. Any losses create a serious shortage in Vic L of C Area.

With good discipline and a complete return of all items issued, the Brigade reputation will be enhanced.

It is to be noted on the completion of the march by 7 Aust Div equipment shortages amounted to £1000.

Coy Comds.

(c) Discussion of Bde action whilst on leave

Generally record established with small numbers of AWLs and malarials.

(d) Policy regarding AWLs on completion of the march and return to concentration areas.

(e) Leave policy.

It has been the policy of the brigade to give troops all the leave possible during their period at WATSONIA. This policy has been carried out. It is now up to the troops to play their part. Units will stress this and impress the importance of creating a further record as regards AWLs.

2 MARCHING

Coy Comds.

In training it has been noticed generally that personnel are not maintaining a good bearing during their marching.

The failure to keep the elbows straight and stiff and to swing the arms waistbelt high is most noticeable. The arm swing should be exaggerated to ensure a good swing is maintained during the march.

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During march units will post officers through the columns to supervise continually and check any slackness.

3 HAIRCUTS

Units will ensure all personnel have haircuts prior to the march.

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Memo for Major Eric Sexton from Capt Fisher (DPR).

PUBLICITY

1. Publicity will be controlled (as far as possible) and disseminated by Directorate of Public Relations.

2. Publicity resolves itself into 2 phases --- First. Preliminary matter to arouse interest. This is achieved by Press and radio material - principally press.

Second. Publicity to arouse enthusiasm during the march itself. Achieved by provision of loudspeakers with commentators telling something of each unit as it passes. Well known announcers (including Eric Welch) have in the past given their services free. They are first class announcers and all they demand is a first-class script.

The script is divided into two sections - Intrdduction 0 given before the head of the column reaches the announcer --- taking perhaps 20 minutes or more to deliver; and Detail -- in which each unit is described as it marches past. The detail has to be short, sharp and shiny as it takes for instance a company a very short time to pass a given point. If too much is said about "A" Coy the announcer has not finished before "B" Coy has passed also. The detail, therefore, resolves itself into short important material and personalties (e.g. "At the rear of "C" Company is Sjt Jimmy Jones who won the Military Medal near Salamaua"),

3. Most of the material about the Brigades themselves and the units in them will,be supplied to the press by DPR. Occasionally it might be of advantage to arrange a press interview with a particualr individual or body of men, but it needs to be a good story. Pictures are different. It is preferable for press photographers to take their own, but pictures have to be teed up for them. Newspapers prefer groups of men. They will rarely publish a picture of an individual unless he has special news value.

It follows that while Reporters will visit Watsonia perhaps once, photographers will visit the camp several times, if suitable material is available.

It is a great help if units find suitable subjects for pictures. DPR will,then endeavour to arrange for photographers to take them.

4. Co-operation of the Brigades is essential also in providing material with which to feed the press. This also resolves into two components. Histories of units; and special stories, including personalties.

In the compilation of such material DPR requests the coOoperation of Brigade Commanders, Battalion Commanders and other unit commanders.

Some of this material will need to be ready a week before the march. (It is usual to announce a big march about a week in advance).

In the compilation of this material DPR will,require details such as names of units and officers. It is not usual to give names of individual battalions in the press - references being of this type, "A Victorian battalion" and so on . However, for the purposes of a street broadcast, which does not go on the air and so out of the country, names of units and senior officers will be "on the record".

The first announcement will give some general details of where the Brigades have fought and what they have done.

Further material released to the Press will be more detailed.

Some material is available at DPR about the history of the 15 and 4 Bdes but it is in general terms and much more detail will be

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required.

The earlier this information is available to DPR the better the chances of publicity.

5. It is suggested that each Bde commander should confer with DGPR OR ARRANGE FOR A PR Officer to see him. Subsequent conferences could be held with Battalion commanders.

6. Notes :- Street broadcast script ..... The compilation of the detailed part of the script will be facilitated if the precise order of march is known as early as possible.

Decorations awards etc..... It would be useful if a list of decorated men could be made available, also where won: together with a total of awards in different categories.

Assistance for Announcers.. As an inovation during the 7 Div march each announcer (there were five) was allotted an Officer who knew the Div well. This inovation was greatly liked by at least one announcer and possible more, and request for this service again may be made.

Type of material..... Human interest stories and incidents, homely touches and so on have their appeal, particularly in the street broadcast, as a leaven to the actual battle record of the troops, which is, of course, the essential thing to put over to the public.

General note - Emphasis in army publicity about soldiers is now very definitely Australian Military Forces - NOT AIF or Militia.

Therefore any publicity put out by DPR will not reference to either AIF or Militia. This will, of course, not prevent newspapers taking their own line, but will help to achieve the desired object, i.e. to publicise the Australian Army as a whole.

Public Relations has copies of street broadcast scripts for 17 Bde and 7 Div march which might give the Bde comdrs an idea of just what we want.

These scripts are of great value to DPR and, if they are lent, it is requested that they be taken good care of and returned to me.

AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL RCDIG1022530

NOTES FOR BROADCASTERS

The following extracts are type of notes required for broadcasting purposes.

" First parade in Australia of any large body of troops to have seen service in New Guinea.

The parade ordered as a gesture to the Brigade, and it is desirable to emphasise the title "PARADE OF HONOUR".

The parade consists not only of the 17th Bde, but includes some affiliated units.

Units participating are :-

2/5 Bn
2/6 Bn
2/7 Bn
2/3 Independent Company
2/5 Supply Depot
2/2 Field Ambulance.

Troops will wear their jungle greens and slouch hats. This is the battle dress of their Brigade. It does not favor steel helmets.

They are among the most experienced jungle fighters in the Australian Army.

They won the battle of Wau.

They saved Wau and made possible the subsequent capture of Lae and Salamaua.

They thrashed the Jap in the ridges beyond Wau.

The 17th Brigade has fought in every theatre in which Australian troops have been in action in this war with the exception of Malaya.

They shared in the magnificient victories of North Africa in the first great British push across to Benghazi.

They were in Greece and Crete. "

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" Next follows the 2/6 Battalion.

The 2/6 won these decorations :-

DSO - 1 in the Middle East
1 in New Guinea

MC - 3 in the Middle East
8 in New Guinea

MM - 4 in the Middle East
14 in New Guinea

DCM - 3 in New Guinea.

They also won 10 mentions in Despatches in the Middle East.

This Battalion's outstanding ~~xxxxxxx~~ actions, apart from Wau, Lababia, Mubo and Koniatum, was at Bardia.

It is commanded by Lt-Col F.G. Wood, and original member of the 17th Bde.

In Battalion Headquarters there are some original 39-ers including Ptes Frank Pevitt, Ted Witton and Hoot Gibson, and Cpl Ernie Way of Carlton, who was a jockey in the last war.

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Subject : MARCH REHEARSAL

HQ 4 Aust Inf Bde
WATSONIA

10 Oct 44

22 Aust Inf Bn

1 A practice march will take place on 11 OCT 44 on the GREENSBOROUGH RD.

2 Tps will fall in on parade grounds, be inspected, sized by groups and form up on 1st AVENUE, in the following order of march at ~~0900~~ 0930 hrs.:-

HQ 4 Aust Inf Bde
Sigs 4 Aust Inf Bde
264 Aust LAD
2/1 Gd Regt
4 Aust Fd Coy
1 Aust Sup Dep Pl
2 Aust Sup Dep Pl
130 Bde Wksps
4 Aust Fd Amb

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22 Aust Inf Bn

29/46 Aust Inf Bn

37/52 Aust Inf Bn

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3 Bde will assemble ATCR GREENSBOROUGH, LANG'S RD, by 0945 hrs.

4 Start Time - 1000 hrs.

5 Dress - Jungle Greens, Waistbelt, Bayonets, Gaiters, Hats up.

Crawford.
0815.

Capt
SC 4 Aust Inf Bde

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APPENDIX "A"

TABLE FOR MARCH OF HONOUR 13 OCT 44

4 and 15 AUST INF BDES

SERIAL	UNIT (in order of march)	STRENGTH Offrs	OR	LENGTH OF COLS IN YDS	COMD	REMARKS
1	Band					
2	HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde 15 Aust Ind Bde Sig Sec 266 Aust LAD 14 Pl 2/1 Aust Cd Regt 129 Aust Bde Wksp	12	130	65	Capt S R HEDLEY	
3	Band					
4	24 Aust Inf Bn (4 coys each 125)	20	520	310	Lt-Col G F SMITH DSO	Length of coln incl coy intervals each 15 yds and 15 yd interval for comd.
5	Band					
6	57/60 Aust Inf Bn (4 coys each 135)	24	550	330	Lt-Col R H MARSTON DSO, ED	Length of coln incl coy intervals of 15 yds and 15 yd interval for comd
7	Band					
8	58/59 Aust Inf Bn (4 coys each 100)	21	375	260	Lt-Col G R HARFE MC	Length of coln incl coy intervals of 15 yds and 15 yd interval for comd
9	Band					
10	15 Aust Fd Coy	3	150	75	Major J C NEEDHAM	
11	3 Aust Sup Dep Pl 4 Aust Sup Dep Pl 152 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	4	110	55	Capt R C BIRD	
12	15 Aust Fd Amb	3	150	75	Capt J J JEFFRIES	Comd may be changed

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SERIAL	UNIT (in order of march)	STRENGTH Offrs	OR	LENGTH OF COLN IN YDS	COMD	REMARKS
13	Band					
14	HQ 4 Aust Inf Bde Sigs 4 Aust Inf Bde 264 Aust LAD 25 Pl 2/1 Aust Cd Regt 4 Aust Fd Coy 1 Aust Sup Dep Pl 2 Aust Sup Dep Pl 130 Aust Bde Wkshps	2	63	30	Capt N E MOROM	
15	22 Aust Inf Bn	11	100	50	Capt S N COLLIER	
16	Band					
17	29/46 Aust Inf Bn	11	148	80	Lt-Col K S CUSWORTH	
18	37/52 Aust Inf Bn	5	143	75	Capt S N WICKS	

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4bde

15 AUST INF BDE MOV INSTR 6

HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)
WATSONIA
17 Oct 44

MOVEMENT TRAIN NO 5

1 4 Aust Inf Bde will move 500 personnel by train No 5 from WATSONIA to QUEENSLAND L of C Area by authority Vic L of C mov order V/1409 on Wednesday 18 Oct 44.

2 TIME TABLE

Train departs WATSONIA 0848 hrs
Train departs SPENCER ST
7 Platform 1030 hrs

3 OC TRAIN

4 Aust Inf Bde will appoint an OC train whose duties will be as per 15 Aust Inf Bde Mov Order 1 Appx "B".

4 MOVE TO WATSONIA

Personnel will march to WATSONIA and will be formed up on platform ready to entrain no later than 0840 hrs.

5 TRANSPORT

4 Aust Inf Bde will contact 15 Aust Inf Bde Tpt Sjt and arrange:-

(a) tpt for CRs kits to WATSONIA
(b) tpt for offrs gear and unit stores to SPENCER ST.

6 NOMINAL ROLLS

4 Aust Inf Bde will ensure that 6 copies of nominal rolls together with forms HL 1 and HL 2 and strength state of draft reach this HQ NOT later than 0830 hrs 18 Oct 44.

Capt
SC 15 Aust Inf Bde

DISTRIBUTION

4 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)	(8)
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Opr Diary	(2)
File	(2)

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I.O.

APPENDIX "A"

STANDING ORDERS FOR FIRE PICQUET

1. Assembly area - West end of R.Q.M. Store.

2. On alarm being sounded, Fire Picquet will move quickly to assembly area and await orders from O.C. Picquet.

3. O.C. Picquet will :-

   (a) Ascertain location of fire;

   (b) Move picquet to location of fire, taking all available fire fighting equipment;

   (c) Deal with fire in accordance with the procedure outlined in Bn Fire Orders;

   (d) Be responsible for the training of the Fire Picquet;

   (e) Ensure that the picquet is kept up to strength;

   (f) Ensure that fire alarms and fire fighting equipment are in serviceable condition at all times;

   (g) On Friday of each week, O.C. Fire Picquet will stage a practice assembly of fire picquet, under direction of Bn Orderly Offr.

W.S. Rowley Capt
Adjt 37/52 Aust Inf Bn

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Boys notified

TO BE DISPLAYED IN A CONSPICUOUS POSITION

BJA/GCK

CAMP STAFF,
STRATHPINE,
Amen. A.9
20 Oct 44

Subject :- ENTERTAINMENTS WEEK ENDING 29 OCT 44

1. MOBILE CINEMA NO.9

Commencing Mon to Fri 1900 hours
Saturday 1845 Hours

Mon ... ... F.S.D. Area
Tue ... ... Grant Ave (42 Bn Area)
Wed ... ... Petrie Area
Thu ... ... Camp Staff (Y.M.C.A.)
Fri ... ... Sheridan Road (4 Bde Area)
Sat ... ... Custer Road (11 Bde Area)

FEATURE "THE GHOST BREAKERS" - Bob Hope
Paulette Goddard

2. MOBILE CINEMA NO.11

Temporarily withdrawn from use.

3. CIVILIAN CONCERT PARTY

Commencing 2015 hours

Thu 26 Oct 44 - Miss Pedersen's Party - El Paso Ave (15 Bn Area)

4. SPORTS GROUND Any Unit desirous of using the Sports Oval at the Pine Rivers Showgrounds at LAWNTON must first obtain permission from this Office. (Please note that Football Goal posts have been taken down.)

H Bloyd Capt. Adjt.
CAMP STAFF, STRATHPINE.

AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL RCDIG1022530

I. Lee

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION NO.1

37/52 Aust Inf Bn
24 OCT 44.

1. ROUTINE

0600	Reveille - Roll Call
0715	Breakfast
0745	Sick Parade
0800	Coy Parade - Atebrin Parade
0815 - 1215	Training
1230	Mid-day Meal
1345 - 1600	Training
1630	Sick Parade
1700	Evening Meal
1800	Retreat - Duties Mount
2130	First Post
2200	Last Post
2215	Lights Out

2. TRAINING

Bn Trg Instruction will be issued separately.

3. DUTY COY

Coys will mount as duty coy in the following order :- HQ, A, B, C, D, commencing HQ Coy 25 OCT 44.

4. DUTIES

See Appx "A" attached.

5. COY LINES

Lines will be ready for inspection by Orderly Offr by 0800 hrs.

6. TENTS

Except during inclement weather, front and rear flaps of tents will be rolled inwards.
Weather guys will not be crossed.

7. SWIMMING

Nude bathing is prohibited.

8; COY ORDERLY OFFICER

A Coy orderly offr will be appointed daily to supervise:-
(a) Reveille Roll Call
(b) Mess Parades
(c) Leave Parade

9. VEHICLES

(a) Requisitions for vehicles will be made to QM by 1500 hrs on the day prior to that on which it is required.
(b) Speeds - see Appx "B".
(c) Loading. The following loadings for personnel on vehicles will NOT be exceeded.

3 Ton	vehicles	20	personnel	excl cabin
30 cwt	"	16	"	"
1 Ton	"	10	"	"
15 cwt	"	8	"	"
Jeep	"	3		

(d) Personnel travelling in vehicles must be seated on floor. Standing or sitting on side of tray is forbidden.

R. West
Capt
Adjt 37/52 Aust Inf Bn

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APPENDIX "A"

DUTIES

1. Orderly Officer
2. Orderly NCO
3. 17 ORs kitchen fatigues
4. 1 NCO 12 ORs wood party
5. 3 ORs Sgts' mess fatigues
6. 4 ORs QM - Rations etc
7. 1 NCO 6 ORs - Showers etc and Fire Picquet
8. 1 OR -, Runner QM
9. 2 ORs - Runners BnHQ.

APPENDIX "B"

SPEED OF VEHICLES

Owing to prevailing winds, the situation of the unit camp site is from time to time obscured with dust. To obviate this, signs will be placed on extreme limits of camp area restricting all vehicles to 5 MPH within camp bounds. To further assist, all officers of the unit will check vehicles which they consider are travelling at such a speed as to raise dust clouds. Officers will check speed of vehicles and take name of offender and vehicle number and immediately report the matter to this HQ.

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1 Lee

ALL COYS AND "I" SEC

37/52 Aust Inf Bn
25 OCT 44

Nominal Rolls, as set out in proforma hereunder, to be submitted to this HQ's by 1400 hrs 26 OCT 44.

Number	Rank	Name	Cholera	Vac	TAB	TT
			x	x	-	-

x will denote that innoculation required

\- will denote that innoculation NOT required

Cholera : All personnel to be injected
Vaccine : All personnel not vaccinated since 1 JUL 44
TAB : All personnel not injected since 1 DEC 43
TT : All personnel who have not had three complete injections.

Capt
Adjt 37/52 Aust Inf Bn

AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL RCDIG1022530

37/52 AUST. INF. BN. TRG. INSTR. No. 1.

26/10/44

1. POLICY — The period during which this Unit is in its present location will be devoted to hardening trg. and re-organisation.

2. SYLLABUS OF TRG. — Outline syllabus has been issued separately. Trg. as laid down will be strictly adhered to and all offrs. will ensure that the maximum time is spent in active trg.
Any period or subject omitted due to inoculations etc. will be carried out at the first opportunity.

3. HEALTH — Whilst trg. is of a hardening nature, in preparation for future operations, health is of primary importance. This matter cannot be too greatly stressed, and it is every Offrs responsibility to see that his men are fit to take their place in the unit.
It is realised that the trg. may bring out the after effects of malaria, but any undue increase in the sick rate within Coys. and Pls. is a reflection on the officer concerned.

4. DRESS — The standard of dress within the unit has deteriorated considerably during the past few months.
Immediate steps will be taken to remedy this.
A daily check will be made on Coy. Parades and faults in dress and equipment will be rectified before moving from the parade ground.

5. SALUTING — During the past few days the number of men saluting has improved, but the execution leaves much to be desired.
Pl. Comds. will point out to their men that saluting is not a servile act, but a mark of respect for the badge of rank worn by a superior officer.
Periods have been set aside for this training and troops will be lectured and trained.

6. DISCIPLINE - GENERAL
Punishment is a poor form of discipline. Troops must be encouraged to maintain a soldier-like bearing at all times, both on and off parade.
They must be made to realise that they are soldiers, either by accident or design and that they will act accordingly, whether on leave or in the unit lines.
Discipline throughout the unit will be tightened.

7. RE-ORGANISATION
(a) In addition to trg., this period will be used as a period of re-organisation. Coy. Comds. will ensure that their comds. are organised and fitted as a tactical unit.
(b) N.C.O. postings will be revised immediately - the best only to remain, and lists submitted to Bn.H.Q. for approval.
(c) Coys. will ensure that their complement of
Stretcher Bearers
Batmen
Orderlies
is raised and trained. E Sec. and R.M.O. will arrange any special trg. required
(d) H.Q.Coy. will immediately conduct a check of personnel in the Pls. of H.Q.Coy. and advise Bn.H.Q. of replacements or re-inforcements required to bring each Pl. up to strength.

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7. **RE-ORGANISATION** - ctd.

Whilst it may not be possible to supply all personnel required, it is desired that this Coy. be maintained at 90% of W.E.

(e) Bn.H.Q. will require:

4 OR's for "I" Sec.
4 " " R.P.

Companies will nominate one man for each of the above categories and forward nominal roll and history sheets to Bn.H.Q. by 1600 hrs. 30 Oct. 44.

N.S. Rowley Capt.
Adjt. 37/52 Aust. Inf Bn.

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PROTECTED

37/52 Aust Inf Bn
26 OCT 44.

VOLUNTEERS FOR CHEMICAL WARFARE
EXPERIMENTAL AND RESEARCH WORK

1. Volunteers are required for experimental work which will be commenced in Q'land L of C Area shortly and continue until 5 MAY 45. The experiments involve exposure, under supervision, to blister gas.

2. The work is of National importance and every effort will be made to supply suitable volunteers.

3. Volunteers will be drawn from as many units as possible.

4. While it is considered desirable that volunteers be medically "A" Class, a small proportion may be medically "B" Class. Personnel accepted must not have been exposed previously in trials with blister gas.

5. Volunteers will not be available for normal duties during the period of their attachment to 1 Aust Fd Experimental Sta.

6. It is anticipated that no group of personnel will be required to remain at the Experimental Sta for a period in excess of three (3) weeks, and it is not expected that there will be a high percentage sufficiently affected to require hospital treatment. No individual soldier will be subjected to more than one exposure.

7. The first group of volunteers is required to report to Det 1 Aust Fd Experimental Sta, INNISFAIL, on 15 NOV 44. The strength, destination, and, where applicable, the medical classification of subsequent groups will be notified at a later date.

8. Information as follows will be imparted to all personnel whose services are sought in connection with the experimentaReferred to :

(a) Volunteers will be required to take part in experiments with gas, involving exposure to blister gas.

(b) The experiments will be directed with the view to proving the effectiveness of our defensive gas equipment.

(c) There will be a small element of risk of burns or blisters but no risk of a permanent injury.

(d) Volunteers will normally be away from units for a period of three weeks.

(e) Volunteers will undertake to preserve secrecy on all matters relevant to or associated with the experiments.

9. Nominal rolls of volunteers will be compiled and submitted to this HQ by 1200 hrs 27 OCT 44. Coys will be advised in due course of the names of those selected.

N.S. Rowley Capt
Adjt 37/52 Aust Inf Bn

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Int See to promulgate to all Coys - Copy to C.O. & 2/C Adj 29/10

Subject:- CENSORSHIP

HQ 4 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)
28 Oct 44
S/1

Ref LHQ FIELD CENSORSHIP INSTR NO.4

Although letters addressed to civilians in areas south of BUNDABERG are not liable to unit censorship, Base Censorship may be applied to such mail. Owing to the wide distribution of the AMF however, unit censorship will be applied to all inter-unit mail.

2. The Brigade Commander has directed that all previous instructions re place names etc will still apply whilst the Brigade is in this area.

3. Severe disciplinary action will be taken against offenders of censorship regulations.

4. Unit commanders will ensure that the information contained in this memo is promulgated to all ranks.

John Wilson CAPT
Maj
for. BM 4 Aust Inf Bde

Distribution:
List "B"

Done 30/10

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10.

37/52 AUST. INF. BN. FIRE ORDERS

37/52 Aust. Inf. Bn.
29 Oct. 44
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1. (a) **Fire Picquet**. The following personnal are detailed.

A/Sgt. RENEHAN W.T.
A/Cpl. TYSON J.
Pte. HARRISON J.
" BREED S.R.
" TAYLOR G.W.
" SMITH L.A.
" TAIT F.R.
" POWER T.J.
" GOONAN J.
" SMITH C.J.

(b) Sand and Water Container will be placed outside the following buildings.

Q.M.Store
Kitchens and Mess Huts
A. Office
R.A.P.
Offrs. and Sgts Messes
Coy. Office Tents

(c) Coy. Lines. All water containers in Coy. Lines will be kept filled.

(d) Bn. Orderly Offr. will inspect daily and report thereon.

2. **Small Fires**. These will be dealt with by personnel nearest the fire.

Action (a) Extinguish or remove burning substance to a safe distance from any other inflammable material.
(b) Report fire to Bn.H.Q.

3. **Tent Fires.** Personnel on spot will deal with.

Action (a) Wake occupants, if necessary
(b) Remove lantern and strike tent
(c) Extinguish with earth, sand or water
(d) Report Fire and action taken to Bn.H.Q.

4. **Huts or Buildings** Personnel nearest the outbreak will

(a) Sound tha alarm
(b) Assist in the removal of stores
(c) Assist Fire Picquet in extinguishing the fire
(d) Report Fire and action to Bn.H.Q.

5. **Vehicles**. Personnel nearest the outbreak will

(a) Sound the alarm
(b) Move nearby vehicles if possible
(c) Use fire extinguisher or sand to smother fire, and assist fire picquet if necessary
(d) Report outbreak to Bn.H.Q. together with names of witnesses

6. **Scrub Fires.**

(a) Sound the alarm
(b) Attempt to stop fire from spreading pending the arrival of Fire Picquet.

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7. Fire Alarms. Alarm gongs will be placed outside the following buildings.

Coy. Offices
Q. Store
Bn. H.Q.

Personnel sounding the alarm will stand by the alarm gong and direct Fire Picquet to the location of fire, and will report to Bn.H.Q. when the fire has been extinguished.

8. General. (a) On alarm of "Fire" being sounded all personnel in lines will assemble on their Coy. Parade Grounds and await instructions from Bn. Orderly Offr. or Coy. Officers.
(b) Medical Orderlies will remain at R.A.P.
(c) The remains of all fires detailed in Paras. 3: 4: 5: 6 will be left until orders are given for their removal by Bn.H.Q.
(d) Vehicles will be moved from Area of Fire-100 yds. at least.

9. Standing Orders for Fire Picquet. See appx. A.

N.S. Rowley Capt.
Adjt. 37/52 AUST. INF. BN.

AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL RCDIG1022530

1 Sec.

SYLLABUS OF TRAINING 37/52 AUST INF BN

WEEK ENDING 29 OCT 44

Serial	Date	A.M.	P.M.
1	OCT 23	Camp maintenance Erection of Tents Cleaning of area	Drawing and checking weapons Care and cleaning of weapons
2	" 24	Coy Parades Care and cleaning arms Squad drill Rifle exercises	RMOs Inspection of Coys (Times to be advised by BnOO) Remainder Drill Rifle exercises
3	" 25	Coy Parades Smartening drill 30 min Route march (Routes as issued by "I" Sec)	P & RT Rifle exercises Squad drill
4	" 26	Coy Parades Rifle exercises 15 min Saluting " Route march	Route march Inspection of feet Lecturette - Care of feet (30 min)
5	" 27	Coy Parades Squad drill 15 min Rifle exercises " Route march	P & RT Squad drill Rifle exercises Lecturette and practical - First Aid (RMO and AAMC Sgt)
6	" 28	Coy Parades Squad drill 15 min Rifle exercises " Route march	P & RT Kit inspection make and mend
7	" 29	Coy Parades Bn " Church "	Sport Bn Sports Offr to arrange and advise coys

S. J. West

Capt
Adjt 37/52 Aust Inf Bn

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CONFIDENTIAL.

1. The following personnel are placed on thirty minutes ~~XXXXXX~~ notice to move, as from 031600 K.

Capt. PALMER.
Lt. SPICER.
URQUHART.
POWNEY.
GRIFFIN.

WOll. WILKIE.

Sgt. BENTLEY.

Cpl. BRIGGS.
BENNETT or Pte McKINNON.

T G 11 (COOK) NEWLING.
WALLES.

2. They will be equipped as soon as is practicable with full Tropical Equipment , Bde is arranging for this issue.

4. ACK. H.Q.Coy.
A. "
B. "
C. "
D. "
" I. " Sec.
Q.M. Cook.

Capt.

031630 K.

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Hq 8 Q
37/52 Aust Inf Bn
Oct 44

Subject - Route March

Ref Maps - SALFORD 1"
BRISBANE 1"

1. Ref serial 3, syllabus of trg for week ending 5 Nov 44, routes are as shown below.

HQ COY (Route 3) Bn HQ(110004) - 130109 - 150171 - 170103 - 195175 - 197089 - 170103 - WIANGA (ration pt) - 170103 - SERGEANTS MESS - 151070 - WARNER SCHOOL - 110004.

C COY (Route 4) Bn HQ(110004) - 130109 - WARNER SCHOOL - 151070 - SERGEANTS MESS - 170103 - 130109 - WIANGA(ration pt) - 170103 - 197089 - 195175 - 170103 - 150171 - 130109 - 110004.

D COY (Route 1) Bn HQ(110004) - 124174 - 110144 - 141164 - 142135(ration pt,reserve) - via FERRIS - SERGEANTS MESS - 151070 - WARNER SCHOOL-110004.

A COY (Route 2) Bn HQ(110004) - 130109 - WARNER SCHOOL - 151070 - SERGEANTS - FERRIS - 142135(ration pt) 141164 - 110144 - 124174 -110004.

2. Distances - Routes 1 & 2 - 15½ miles(approx)
Routes 3 & 4 - 16 miles

Distribution-
1. A Coy
2. B Coy
3. C Coy
4. D Coy
5. HQ Coy
6. A Regt.
7. File

R. West Capt
Adjt, 37/52 Aust Inf Bn

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

44/34 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 28/10/1944. 37/52 Aust Inf Bn (Unit)

W.E. 11/12C 3. OFFRS. 32 O.R's. 767 + OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 35 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.
			1	W.Os. Class I.					
			6	W.Os. Class II.				1	NR
				Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
NR	2		3	Staff Sergeants					
		8	40	Sergeants	1 1 1 2 3	8		2	
NR	5		59	Corporals	1 1 1 1 2	6		2	
70	63		596	Troopers, Privates, etc.	1 1 1 6	18	2		
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
70 *	70	8	705 *	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.	A.A.O.C. A.E.M.E. A.A.P.C. R.A.A.O.C. A.A.M.C. A.A.C.C.	32 *	2	5	*

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	A.I.F.	C.M.F. Under 19 Years.	C.M.F. 19 Years and over.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	* *	TOTAL.
A	470		267					[redacted]	[redacted]		737
B(1)											
B(2)							[redacted]				

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong
1	4 Bde		
1	5 Aust Div Amenities		

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

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.
1	DRO		
2	4 Aust Inf Bde		

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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.....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 28 / 10 /1944 .

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, R.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangetakers	4	4	
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Rivetters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine	1		NR					Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevedores			
Computors								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine	4	4	
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers	27	27		Storemen, Technical	2	2	
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers				Tailors			
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters	6	6		Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman				NON TRADESMEN			
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners				Patron	34	34	
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics								Regtl Pol	7	7	
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Mcd.)								Storemen	6	6	
Fitters				Driver-Operator								Str Brs	21	13	8 "B"
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers								Dvrs MT	12	12	
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians								Hyg Dut	4	4	
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				RMO & R Nos	397	340	59
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers	1	1		Mor Nos	73	73	
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	11	11		MMG Nos	23	23	
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply				Pioneers	32	32	
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				Orderlies	32	32	
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	10	7	3	Coach Trimmers				Water Duty	2	2	
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners			"A"	Concretors				Tk/A Gnrs	19	19	
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks				Gen Duty	3	3	
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies				RSM	1	1	
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				RQMS	1	1	
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				ATTACHED BY W.E.	5	5	
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				CQMS	5	3	NR
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics				Sjts	25	32	
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant							
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.							
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers	1	1					
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD	1	-	-	CARRIED FORWARD	17	13	3	CARRIED FORWARD	57	53	3	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	767	705 *	7(*

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.

28 OCT 44
Date of Despatch

J C Kowan lt-col
Signature of Commander
Comd 37/52 Aust Inf Bn

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	W.E.	POSTED STRENGTH	SURPLUS	REMTS REQUIRED
Fwd.	767	705	70	
AAMC				
Hygiene Inspector Sjt	1	1		
Med Ord	2	2		
Chirop	1	1		
AEME				
Armourer	2	2		
Fitter Gun	1	1		
AAPC				
Pay Clerks	2	2		
AA Postal				
Post Ord	1	1		
AACC				
Caterer	1	-	NR	
Cooks	23	21		
AAOC				
Shoemaker	1	1		
	802	737	70	

SURPLUS OF NCOs 8 Sgts

'A' T.G. II (Int) Experience with field required.
'B' Stretcherm Bearers Trained as Bandsmen.

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