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WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Unit 6 Aust Inf Bn.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			<p>Herewith Offrs Postings as at 24 Sept 42, enclosed with tng syllabus for weekending 4 Oct, which was omitted last month. Also copy Operation Order No 2 which includes the stages of readiness which to be adopted in an Emergency.</p> <p>These stages of readiness will be rehearsed by all units participating in the forthcoming 3rd 3 Aust Corps Exercise.</p>	

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NARNGULU	1 Oct	0001	Tng. 30-mile march carried out by HQ Coy personnell. Spasmodic long marches do not seem to improve the morale or physique of the soldier. On the contrary, they leave him tired and dissatisfied. The following remarks were overheard "this is doing me more harm than good"—"I have n't marched a mile for days and now I've got to come out and do B---- thirty". Tps complained also at not having had a snack either before or during the march, which was carried out at night. The schedule was evening meal 1700, start time 2115, marched concluded 0700, Breakfast 0730.	<i>Tpt. who does like marching Such exercises have now been abolished & are incorporated in exercises.</i>
	2 Oct	1530	Lt C. Edwards plus 52 ORs from C. Coy arrive MULLEWA as per 2 Bde instruction to prepare a camp site.	
	3 Oct	1000	New summer dress for tps in this area on leave. Weekly strength return forwarded DRO. Total strength Offrs 37, reinforcements required 7. Total ORs 757, reinforcements required 119. Message from 2 Bde :- Two R.P.s to attend 3 weeks school at AMOORA, (4 Div H.Q.).	Appx 1. Appx 2.
	4 Oct		Morning - Church parades. Afternoon - Rest and Admn. Tng Syllabus Issued, ref	Appx 33.
	5 Oct	0730 0830 1300 1845 2400	Tng Syllabus begins. Week of nights commences as in Appx 1. Reveille. Breakfast. Lunch. Evening Meal Lights Out.	Appx 1.
	6 Oct	1000 1930	Advice from 2 Bde - 4 Div Exercise to commence 11 Oct 42 details later. Pde, night tng, compass marches, movement by night	Appx 3.
	7 Oct		Advice from 2 Bde 4 Div Exercise postponed to begin on 16 Oct and not 11 Oct.	

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NARNGULU	7 Oct (contd)	1400 1930	Pde . * Pde. Tng as follows - Recce , and standing patrols (see Tng Syllabus)	Appx 3.
	8 Oct	2400 1930	Lights. Out. Pde - Night tng- direction by stars. (ref Tng Syllabus). Op Order No 3 (ref appx).	Appx 3. Appx 7.
	9 Oct	1100	Message from 2 Bde stated reinforcements will arrive GERALDTON 1620 hrs 5 Cns allotted to this Unit.	
	10 Oct.	1100	Bn Sports programme issued "Red" alert at aerodrome . Plane identified friendly . All clear sounded 15minutes later. Return Offrs and Cns .	Appx 4. Appx 6.
	11 Oct	1500	Bn Sports meeting held on oval near NARNGULU station , Although a heavy downpour interrupted early , the weather cleared for a successful afternoon's sport. A good attendance showed enthusiasm. It resolved into a keen struggle for victory between C.D. and HQ Coys . The tug o war was the final and deciding event and C Coy won by a small margin. Events included Bren-gun stripping , PT, drill squads	Appx 4.
	12 Oct		Hot cloudless day , light southerley breeze. Course in the Malayan Language is contd in the YMCA conducted by W.O. Deversham of 2 Inf Bde (see ROs attached). The YMCA marquee was erected by the Pioneer Pland has been available for the past few weeks. There are facilities for letter-writing , games, reading , and a radio set. HQ. Coy presented a Concert last week . Other Coys will follow later. All will have the assistance of the Bn Orchestra. Tng syllabus contd issued. (ref appx).	Appx 5.
	13 Oct	1125 2000	Cloudy towards Nightfall; cool South breeze. Message from 2 Bde:—Confce all Comds of Inf Bns at Bde H.Q. 1930 ref Div and Corps exercises. Co-operating under 2 Bde Amenities Offr Bde Dance Band plays at Geraldton Town Hall. 4 Members of 6 Bn are in the band. Dance has been regular function.	

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NARNGULU	14 Oct	0930	Weather: - Fine, SW wind; showery in evening. Shower pdes all tps. Day of Admn and rest. Tps prepare for Bde Sports tomorrow.	
		1640	Message all Coys :- Dress for Sports tomorrow, shorts, shirts, hose-tops, puttees, hats down. Leading tps will march past BHQ 0830 hrs 15 Oct.	
		1930	D. Coy presents very successful concert in YMCA marguee. Programme includes sketches, mock ballet, individual items, interspersed with music from Bn Dance. Major Melville, 2 I.C. is to judge all Coy Concerts.	
			The Bn has been issued with a full set of band instruments from Ordnance for W.E. The Strecher-bearers and volunteers from Coys today enter third week of training under Cpl Meagher.	
			Drums now play nightly on Retreat.	
	16 Oct	1800	Message: - Lt McGrath to take over A/A Pl from Lt Stone at 0900 hrs on 16 Oct.	
	15 Oct.		Weather :- Heavy showers in the morning, but clears to fine. Fresh Sth Wind.	
		0830	Coys leave for 10 Fd Reg Oval. Many tptd by MT.	
		1000	Events begin in Bde Sports.	
		1230	Hot-box dinner for all tps.	
			6 Bn competitors fare excellently. Bn wins the Sports from 10 Fd Reg and 5 Bn.	
		1630	Sports Conclude. Tps march or ride in MT back to area after having enjoyed the outing.	
		1730	Message from 2 Bde: - Unit HQ s will meet guides 0800 hrs 17 Oct for 4 Div Tactical Exercise.	
	16 Oct		Weather :- Fresh Sth Wind but Fine.	
		1300	Miniature Range and Assault Course as on Syllabus. Unit will supply return as at 0900 I today :- Percentage WET and W.E	
			Rifles, LMG, MMG, TSMG, 2-inch Mortar, 3-inch Mortar, 2 pdr, 18pdr, MT, Carriers, personnell. Return by 1800 hrs.	
		1900	HQ Coy move out on 40 mile Cross-country route march.	

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NARNGULU	16 Oct (contd)	0830	Bn Pde . CO inspects all Coys . Congratulates participants in yesterday's Sports . Reminds Bn of importance of cleanliness , of bodies, clothes , sanitation. Tps will rest at beach once in each 4 weeks . Physical conditions of all has improved greatly. Bn will shortly go through stages of readiness and then become mobile.	
	17 Oct	0530	Reveille for Unit HQ , who are to proceed on 4 Div Exercise(Regt Office Truck , Sig Truck , Comd Car , cookhouse , I truck).	
		0700	Unit HQ moves out .	
		1100	HQ Coy returns from 40 mike Cross-country march.	
		0900	4 Div Exercise begins .	
		09.1	2 Bde advises Unit to complete reorganisation on W.E. of 6 Oct by 24.00 hrs 22 Oct. Weather:- Hot.	
	18 Oct	1800	I.O. Cpl , 3 ORs proceed in truck as Recce party to NARNGULU on Exercise .	
		2300	HQ arrives , takes up position NARNGULU.	
	19 Oct	1100	Exercise concludes . Bn moves back to camp area .	
		1900	Sportsmans Dinner , Oddfellows Hall , GERALDTON. Celebration of 6 Bn Sports Victory . Brig Langley , CO and Offrs 10 Fd Reg and sportsmen were guests. Lt -Col Egan expresses appreciation of the great improvement in training and sporting activities of the Bn. " From coming to WA as a little-known Unit , 6 Bn , through its ability and success in football, boxing, athletics and military exercises is now a well-known and respected Unit. Its fighting spirit has been proved". " Bn Orchestra provides entertainment."	
	20 Oct	0630	First stage of readiness proclaimed for exercise. Bn prepares to move on 6-day Corps Exercise. Tents struck , gear packed , leave cancelled . Bn remains in area for night. A/A defences prepared. Coy work on slit trenches , A/A pits .	

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NARNGULU	20 Oct (contd)	1800	Self-mounting picquet mounts at main gate. BHQ personnell. Message from 2 Bde:- T.O.O. 1355 Code word for first stage of readings ANTLER.	
	21 Oct.	1930	Confc of COs and Adjts at Bde ref ROBBER exercise. Weather: Cloudy, South wind. Amendment No 1 to Op Order No 3. (ref appx)	Appx 8.
		1025	Message from Bde:- Exercise ROBBER ENEMY captured BROOME AND DERBY 1630 hrs 20 Oct.	
		1530	Bn Pde on HQ Coy Pde Gnd. CO outlines forthcoming ROBBER exercise, urges everyone to go "flat out" against an ENEMY who are expected to use gas.	
		2230	ROBBER. As from 0600 25 Oct 4 Div defensive NOT beyond grid 45.	
	22 Oct		Armoured recce further Nth. Weather:- heavy showers before Revellie. Bn sleeping in open.	
	23 Oct	1700	Password UMBRELLA. HQ Coy personnell go to aerodrome for showers. Light showers. Afternoon fine.	
			Bn remains in camp area.	
		0700	ROBBER:- GERALDTON aerodrome bombed, damage to WAAF HQ. One ENEMY plane destroyed.	
		1700	Password LINCOLN.	
		1810	Ptp Raid GEORGINA expected. More ENEMY TPS landed PT HEDLAND, strength 200. Convoys sighted off ONELOW.	
	24 Oct	0020	ENEMY convoy off GERALDTON. ENEMY using our OUR planes captured in MALAYA. ALL planes will be ENEMY unless signals are given.	
		1825	Signal for 3rd and final stage of readiness recd. CROW. Bn ready to move short notice. Field return Offrs 37, ORs 752. (ref appx).	Appx 9.
	25 Oct	0430	Breakfast. Cook trucks clear 0500.	
		0640 0920	Bn H.Q. bombed. ROBBER. Patrol of M/C and carriers locates ENEMY AT BOOKARA. D. Coy committed. ENEMY -1t tanks destroyed. ROBBER.	

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NARNGULU	25 (contd)	1215	ROBBER . Bn moves to take up posn on GREENOUGH 259+27 . ref Geraldton STRAT.	
	26 Oct	0200 0545	D. Coy moves to Black tank area ENEMY attack expected. D. Coy attacked. Umpires advise 50 per cent casualties inflicted on ENEMY Coy.	
		0630 0930	Further clashes - 12 ENEMY killed. Advice recd ENEMY captured GERALDTON. 6 Bn moves to LUPIN RIDGE. Advice recd B. Coy succes fully attack SHELL KNOLL.	
	27 Oct	0330 0400	Revellie for dawn attack . Taping party leaves to lay start line. to be crossed at 0515 .	
		0850	ENEMY counter-attack , we are pushed back . Strong ENEMY force of tnks attacking from South . A , C. , D, Coys move to Sth against ENEMY . Attack successful .	
		1630	Right flank attacked from Nth . C. and B. coys in action . Mortars inflict heavy casualties on ENEMY adv over open gnd. Force annihilated . 6 Bn consolidates and exploits. EXERCISE CONCLUDES.	
	28 Oct	0830 0940	Bn Pde LUPIN RIDGE . Lt-Col Egan reviews exercise . Discusses lessons to be learned - more speed in shifting - more organised sleeping . Bn moves back to NARNGULU area . SITREP to Bde :- Beach posn left vacant Bn resting after battle . Coys organised shower pdes GERALDTON aerodrome.	
	29 Oct		General Adm , tps paid. 20 per cent Bn proceed on leave. Wind SE. Sky . cloudy. Adm day for Coys , washing of clothes and equipment .	
	30 Oct	0530	Heavy showers , tps washing and equipment re-washed by rain. Fine .	
	31 Oct	1300 1300	All Coys have afternoon route march. Mortar carriers take part in display Fine light South breeze . at 10 Ed Reg before Lord Gowrie , Governor-General. 100 personnell to be taken to patriotic tennis tournament in GERALDTON . Lt Quist , Sgt Brodie , and other well-known players appearing.	

ROUTINE ORDERS
PART I No. 85A.

Appex. 1.

By Lt. Col. E.W. Egan Commanding 6 A.I. Bn.

24. WEEK OF NIGHTS, Commencing Monday 5 Oct. 42. there will be a week of nights as per the following routine:-

Reveille	0730 hrs.
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Lunch	1300 "
Parade	1400 - 1750 hrs.
Retreat	1800 hrs.
Evng. Meal	1845 "
" Parade	1930 - 2400 "
Tattoo Roll Call	2400 hrs. (also supper)

25. SIGNAL TIME. Throughout 4 Aust. Div. the official time will be/announced over the B.B.C. News Sessions with the necessary adjustments between Greenwich and Western Standard Times or, when applicable, Western Summer Time. All units will make arrangements to receive this time and promulgate it to all concerned.

26. DRESS - SUMMER DRESS.

- (a) Summer dress is authorised to be worn by tps. under Comd. 3 Aust. Corps (incl W.A. L of C Area) as follows:-
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(c) Summer dress is defined as follows:-

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Shirt, collar button only undone, sleeves folded back to immediately above elbow.

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Shorts, K.D.

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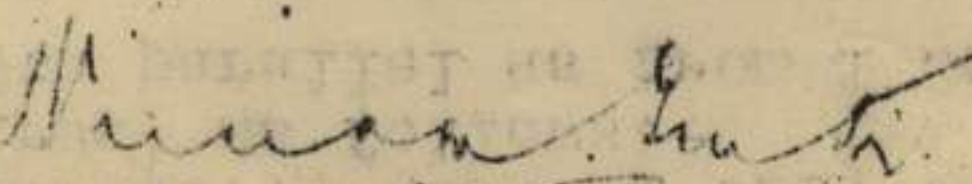
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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Cy Appce (2)

6 Aust. Inf. Bn. (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
*			
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Lieut.-Colonels	1		
Majors	2		1
Captains	3		3
Lieutenants	25		3
2nd Lieutenants	1		
Quartermasters (Lieut.)	1		
Totals	37	-	7

*Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
		Nil.		

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
		Nil.		

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

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).
	Nil.		

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps. Appt.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lt. Col.	WX 19	E.W. EGAN	C.O.	yes.	
Major.	V55298	C. DUMBLE.	21/c.	no.	School-CANBERRA.
"	WX34711	W.S. MELVILLE.	C.O. 'HQ' Coy	yes.	
Capt.	V55309	R.A. SCOTT.	OCG. 'B' "	"	
"	V55311	R.B. SYKES.	-----	No.	13Tng. Bn. -MORUHAN
"	V55240	W.F. CLUTH.	Adjutant	yes.	
"	V55787	A.B.C. HARRISON.	C.O. 'D' Coy	"	
"	V55269	R.B. PAT. RSON.	C.O. 'A' "	"	
"	V55270	C.S. PHILLIPS.	21/c 'A' "	"	
"	V55216	J.E. BLACKIE.	21/c 'B' "	"	
"	NX25968	J.A. HOWARD.	C.O. 'B' "	no.	School-HARVEY
Lieut.	V55226	A.W.F. CORDIA.	21/c 'D' "	yes.	
"	V55229	B.McK. SHANKS.	Carriers.	"	
"	VX38627	H.W. LEE.	C.O. 'C' Coy.	NB	Duty-MULLENB.
"	V55248	G.A. HOLLAND.	21/c 'C' "	No.	Duty-MULLENB.
"	V55292	A.E. WHITE.	Sig. O.	yes.	
"	VX36457	R.H. GRAHAM.	7Pl. Comdr.	"	
"	WX41877	A.E. WHITE.	8" "	"	
"	WX51123	T.E. ARNOLD.	C.M.	"	
"	VX51765	W.T. DAVEY.	15Pl. Comdr.	No.	Duty-MULLENB.
"	VX25377	G.T. FINLAY.	T.O.	yes.	
"	VX52636	C.M. CARMICHAEL.	10Pl. Comdr.	No.	School-HARVEY.
"	V55196	W. McGRATH.	16" "	yes.	
"	V55280	K.C. BUCKLEY.	14" "	No.	Duty-MULLENB.
"	V55112	R.E. BACKMAN.	17" "	No.	School-HARVEY.
"	V55237	J. LeG. GANT.	Writers.	yes.	
"	V55249	D.R. HALFORD.	19Pl. Comdr.	"	
"	VX51977	C. BIRMINGHAM.	9 " "	"	
"	VX43078	C.G. COMSTON.	11 " "	"	
"	V55241	R.W. GOSS.	20 " "	"	
"	V55264	W.D. THOMAS.	21/c. 'B' Coy	No.	School-HARVEY.
"	V65696	H.J. STONE.	A.A.Pl.	yes.	
"	WX262	A. INGRAHAM.	12Pl. Comdr.	"	
"	WX 708	B.P. ILLINGWORTH.	13Pl. "	"	
"	WX4141	W.P. NAUGHTON.	18 " "	"	
"	NP10096	S.P. WEIR.	I.O.	"	
"	V55153	C. EDWARDS	21Pl. Comdr.	"	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt.		T. THOMAS	A.A.M.C.		
Padre		J. TRESVIDDER	Cahpluin.		

6 Aust. Inf. Bn.

(Unit.)

(Signature of Commander.)

2XXXX 3 Oct. 48

(Date of Despatch.)

3 Aust. Inf. Bde. 4th Battalion Div.
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

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Adjutant, 4th Battalion Div.

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

6 Aust. Inf. Bn. (Unit) 3 Oct. 1942 (Date)

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1 Detail.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	1		
W.Os. Class II.	7		1
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	6		
Staff Serjeants	1		
Serjeants	28		12
Corporals	70 (91/3rts)		7 specialists
Troopers, Privates, &c.	63	1	84
TOTALS	757	* 1	* 119

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
<u>ATTACHED AGAINST W.E.</u>			
Sgt. FORGE K.V.	A.A.P.C.		
" WYNACK. S.	4 Aust. Div Postal Unit.		
" McLAUGHLIN. J.	Hygiene Section.		
Pte. HALL H.J.	A.A.O.C. (Armourer)		
" SPARK. J.H.	A.A.O.C. (Shoemaker)		
Cpl. WILSON. D.R.	A.A.M.C.		

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

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

Unit.

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

Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)
Ammunition Examiners			Fire Control Operators			Panel Beaters		
Armament Artificers			Fitters			Pattern Makers		
Armourers			Fitters and Turners			Pharmacists		
Artificers, Artillery			Fitters, Cycle			Photographers, dry plate		
Axemen			Fitters, Drivers			Photographers, wet plate		
Bakers			Fitter's Mates			Photo-Writers		
Battery Surveyors			Fitters, M.V.			Plate Layers		
Battery Comdrs. Asst.			Fitters, Railway Signal			Plumbers		
Blacksmiths			Fitters, Signal			Predictor Numbers		
Boilermakers			Grinders			Printers		
Bricklayers		2	Gun Layers			Radiator Mechanics		
Butchers			G.P.O. Assistants			Radiographers		
Camouflage Modeller			Gun Operators			Range Takers		
Carpenter and Joiner			Hammermen			Riggers		
Clerks	1		Height Takers			Riveters		
Clerks, Engineering			Helio Operators			Saddlers		
Clerks, Supply			Instrument Mechanics			Saddle Tree Makers		
Clerks, Technical			Instrument Mech., Surgical			Saw Doctors		
Coachmakers			Instrument Operators			Sawyers		
Computers			Intelligence Duties			Shoemakers		
Concretors			Joiners			Signallers		
Cooks			Leather Stitchers			Signwriters		
Cooks, Hospital			Linesmen			Stokers, Stationary Engine		
Coppersmiths			Linesmen, Signals			Storemen, Technical		
Dental Clerk Orderlies			Lithographers			Surveyors,		
Despatch Riders			Machinists			Surveyors, Engineering		
Dispensers			Masons			Tailors		
Draughtsmen			Masseurs			Telescope Identification Numbers		
Draughtsmen, Architectural			Mechanics, Dental			Textile Refitters		
Draughtsmen, Mechanical			Mechanics, M.T.		2	Tinsmiths		
Draughtsmen, Signal			Mechanics, Typewriter			Toolmakers		
Draughtsmen, Topog'phical			Mechanics, Wireless			Turners		
Driver Mechanics			Millwrights			Vulcanizers		
Driver Operators			Miners			Wagon Erectors		
Drivers, Tr'sportation Plant			Moulders			Watchmakers		
Electrical Fitters			Nursing Orderlies			Watermen		
Electricians			Nursing Orderlies (Mental)			Welders		
Electricians, Eng. Units			Nurses, Trained			Well Borers		
Electricians, Signal			Observation Post Assistants			Wheelers		
Engine Artificers			Operating Room Assistants			Whitesmiths		
Engine Hands I/C			Operators, Signal			Wiremen		
Equipment Repairers		1	Opticians			Woodturners		
Farriers			Painters					
						W.O.II		1
						Sgts.		12
						Cpls.		7
						Non-Specialists		94
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)	1	3		1	5		1	119

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

6 Aust. Inf. Bn. Unit.

Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch **3 Oct. 42**

6 Aust. Inf. Bn. Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

By Lt. Col. E. W. EGAN, Commanding 6 Bn.

37 ILLEGAL ABSENTEES - DESCRIPTIVE REPORTS.

Coy. Comds. will make every effort to obtain particulars of the characteristics, habits and peculiarities of absentees from officers and other ranks, to whom the absentees are well known, and all available information which is likely to assist in the rapid apprehension of illegal absentees direct to Adjutant as soon as possible after soldier absents himself.

38 RAILWAY PROPERTY - UNAUTHORISED REMOVAL OF

Attention is directed by G.R.Os to the prevalence of theft of equipment from Rly Refreshment Rooms by members of the forces.

Any member found to be improperly in possession of any article of equipment belonging to a Railway refreshment room will be charged with an offence.

39 STERILISING OUTFIT FOR USE WITH WATER BOTTLES.

(a) Sterilising outfits for Water Bottles are now coming to hand and will be issued in the near future. These outfits are put up in a small metal case with two small sealed bottles, one containing water sterilising tablets (white in color) and one containing taste remover tablets (blue in color.)

(b) Directions for use are printed on the inside surface of the metal lid of each outfit.

(c) Each outfit contains 50 tablets of each water sterilising powder and taste remover.

(d) The water sterilising tablets, though prepared and packed in as lasting a form as possible, require to be used within a reasonable time after the bottles containing the tablets has first been opened. Effective chlorination of water cannot be guaranteed if tablets are used more than 7 days after first opening the bottle.

It is necessary that, on opening the bottles to remove tablets the cork should be replaced immediately and pressed down tightly. This is particularly necessary in hot moist climates.

(e) A water sterilising outfit will be carried in every sub-unit by an NCO who, to ensure efficient sterilisation, will insure that the following procedure will be carried out:-

(a) The water bottle will be completely emptied.

(b) Then one sterilising tablet (white tablet) will be crushed and placed in each water bottle by the NCO.

(c) The bottle will then be immediately filled to the shoulder with water and shaken vigorously to ensure distribution of the sterilising agent.

(d) During the next half hour it will be shaken two or three times, and, after the expiry of the half hour, one Taste tablet (blue tablet) will be placed in the water bottle which will again be shaken thoroughly. The Taste tablet will remove all taste from the water, which is then fit for drinking.

(f) By limiting the carrying of water sterilising outfits to NCOs, waste will be eliminated, since the contents of the outfits will be used up before they have time to deteriorate after first opening. Fresh outfits will be available for issue to NCOs as required.

(g) Water sterilisation in the water bottles themselves is only required when it is not practicable to provide for water chlorination in an Army water vehicle or otherwise in bulk for subsequent filling into water bottles.

(h) IMPORTANT. THE GREATEST CARE MUST BE TAKEN THAT THE STERILISING AND TASTE REMOVER TABLETS ARE PUT INTO THE WATER IN THE RIGHT ORDER, THE WHITE TABLET FIRST AND THE BLUE TABLET NEXT.

40 POSTAL

At 0900 hrs. each day the O.O. will clear the mail-box outside Bn. Orderly Room.

He will then obtain from the I.O. in person, the censor's stamp and stamp all mail. At 0930 hrs. this stamp will be returned to the I.O. in person. No further mail will be stamped till the corresponding period next day.

Over /2

41. IDENTIFICATION MARKINGS FOR ALL RAAF AIRCRAFT.

(a) The marking of aircraft with Roundels is to be made identical with all RAAF aircraft irrespective of service functions. The color Red is NO longer to be used. The standard cockade will be white Roundel surrounded by a blue ring.

(b) Diameter of cockade is NOT to exceed 4 ft and the diameter of the white centre is to be three fifths of the diameter of the cockade.

(c) All RAAF aircraft shall be worked with the white and blue cockade on each side of the fuselage. The fin shall be marked with white and blue vertical stripes white leading.

(d) Comds will ensure that this info is promulgated to all ranks.

42. SECURITY.

The mention of place names in this area in letters will cease forthwith.

W. J. GLUTI

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W. J. GLUTI. Capt.
Adjutant, 6 Aust. Inf. Bn.

War Diary
I.O.

Appendix 3.

6 BN. HOME FORCES.

War Diary

TRAINING SYLLABUS.

Rifle & MMG Coys.

Week Ending 11 Oct. 42

TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY or REMAIN
1400 - 1430	Coy Pdes.	Coy Pdes.		Coy Pdes.	Coy Pdes.	Coy Pdes.	
1435 - 1515	Weapon Tng.	Weapon Tng	Coy Sports Eliminations for Bn Sports on Sun 10 Oct.	Weapon Tng.	Weapon Tng.		
1520 - 1600	"	"		"	"	Coy. attack Exercise with Unit supporting arms.	
1605 - 1620	Lectures ATM	Lectures ATM		Lectures ATM	Lectures ATM		
1625 - 1705	Unarmed Combat	Unarmed C'bat		Assault Course	Weapon Tng.		
1710 - 1750	Prismatic Compass	P.T.		Unarmed Combat	"		
1930 - 2030		Prep of a tempy Recce, fighting defensive posn. &		Sec Patrols keeping		Pdes commence 2400 hrs. march	Pdes commence 2400 hrs.
2035 - 2135	Compass	Digging Wiring Sentries duties	Standing Patrols	direction Direction by Stars	in	to occupy defensive posn wiring fixed lines sentries covering parties etc.	Infltn of defensive area and attack at dawn for mopping up.
2140 - 2240	March						
2245 - 2345							
2345 - 2400	Roll Call	Roll Call	Roll Call	Roll Call			

By Coys in pairs.

By Coys in pairs.

- NOTES: (1) Weapon tng. to include fire orders, fire control and fire discipline tng.
(2) Coy. Pde to include at least 15 mins daily on close order drill.
(3) Adm. and bathing in mornings under coys. arrangements.
(4) Assault course period to be staggered A Tues. 3rd. period C Thurs. 3rd. period
B " 4th. period D " 4th. period.
(5) H.Q. specialists syllabus separately.
(6) 'E' Coy conforms to Coy exercises.

6 BN. HOME FORCES.

TRAINING SYLLABUS.

Week ending 11 Oct.

COY.	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	
'A' Coy.		As per attached syllabus - details to this H.Q. by 0830 hrs. 5 OCT.						
'B' "		As per attached syllabus - " " " " " " " "						Changes with 'D' Coy.
'C' "		Detached for duties - Mullewa.						
'D' "		Beach Coy. - Constn of Blitz Course - swimming. P.T. Close Order Drill. Separate syllabus to be with this H.Q. by 0830 hrs. Mon. 5 OCT.						Changes with 'B' Coy.
'E' "		As per attached syllabus		details to this H.Q. by 0830 hrs. 5 OCT.				
H.Q. "	Sigs) Cadre) Mortars) Pioneers) Carriers) Tpt.)	Separate syllabi vide tng. conference to this H.Q. by 1200 hrs. Sun. 4 OCT.						

1. In order to be prepared for any emergency the following stages of readiness will be adopted. Code words and subsequent action are as indicated.

1st Stage of Readiness.

2. To be adopted when enemy is within 36 hrs but NOT 24 hrs of the coast.

METHOD.

3. Action will be taken on receipt of Code Word "SKYLARK".
4. (a) A/A & Area Defence. A/A Posts will be manned continuously from 1 hr before first light to 1 hr after dark. Posts will be sited and dug immediately on receipt of this order. Full use will be made of concealment and camouflage. Posts will only open fire against hostile aircraft within 600 yds range or 2000 ft after such planes have committed a hostile act.
(b) Strict enforcement of PAD measures will be insisted on. Stationary vehicles will use camouflage nets. Wide dispersion will be observed and strict track discipline insisted on. M.T. will be used to a minimum.
(c) Coys. will be responsible for protn of their areas and all sentries will be doubled by night.
(d) Bn. 2 i/c will co-ordinate the A/A and Gnd defence of this area.
5. Coys. will be prepared to move within 12 hours of the receipt of code word.
6. All leave will be cancelled. Adj. will arrange return of local leave pers. to unit and for telegrams to be sent to other leave pers. instructing them to return immediately.
7. G.W.Ps wide appx. A attached, will be implemented by Beach Coy.
8. Transport. All tspt. vide separate list issued on 22 Aug 42 will be sent to Coy. Lines forthwith complete with full tanks and normal pet. res. vide Q.192. T.O. will arrange to meet Res. M.T. Coy vehicles in NARNGULU Stn. area and allocate vehicles to coys. Coys & Bn. H.Q. will each detail 1 guide to stand by on call to report to T.O. at the Stn. gates to guide vehicles to Coy. areas. Coys will prepare embussing tables.
9. Kitbags, Valises, etc. Personal gear, vide Appx. B attached, will be packed immediately in pack and haversack and in the case of officers in valises. Kitbags and surplus officer's gear will be packed and labelled with the No. Rank and Name of the individual and stacked in Coy lots in the present Bn. Officer's Mess. Officers trunks etc. will be stacked separately in one group. Bn. Q.M. will arrange for one N.C.O. to supervise. Hats, Khaki Fur Felt, will not be returned but will be stack in sectn. gps. on Pl. vehicles.
10. Accommodation Stores.
Palliasses will be emptied in Coy. dumps and rolled in bundles of 20.
Blankets will be packed one per man in the pack. One per man in sec. rolls, the balance per man in sectn. rolls separately.
Tents will be struck and folded, flys with, but separate from, the tent.
Tables, forms, cooking gear surplus to W.E. and other accommodation stores will be cleaned and returned to Coy. Q.M.
Bn. Q.M. will prepare areas in the vicinity of present Q. Store to which all the above less blankets will be returned as soon as possible by all Coys.
On receipt of this order Coys. will prepare, check and keep up to date records of all items to be returned as above. Bn. Q.M. will check these and prepare his own records to facilitate easy handling in an emergency, and will detail 1 N.C.O. and two General. dutymen to organise and check at dumps.
11. Records - Secret Documents - Pamphlets. Records of issues from F200 or A.B.58 etc. will be returned by Coys. to Bn. Q.M. and will be boxed

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for return to kit store or W.A. L of C. Pamphlets will be returned to Bn. H.Q. except L.M.G. Pams. and will be boxed and returned to 'Q' Store for similar despatch; Adj. to arrange. Secret documents if action on them is completed will be destroyed; those for further action or of unit value will be returned to W.A. L of C (Records). Bn. 2 i/c and I.O. to arrange.

12. Rations. Q.M. will draw 48 hrs dry rations and issue to all Coys. for distribution to troops; these will not be consumed without orders from this H.Q. Q.M. will keep intact present reserves held and will augment these in accordance with instructions issued from time to time.
13. Water. All water bottles will be kept filled at all times. Water carts will be kept filled and containers 2-gallon or others suitable for carrying water up to 1/2 gall. per man will be filled and loaded on vehicles.
14. Amn. Issues of 50 rds per man will be made. Bren mags and M.G. belts will be loaded and distributed in the case of the former to sec. personnel vide SAT Pam. 4. T.S.M.G's will be treated similarly. All weapons will be cleaned and serviced for immediate use.
15. Packing of Vehicles. will be carried out in accordance with Appx C, as soon as stores are cleared. Cook trucks will have the max. packing completed and leave only the barest essentials on the grnd. All 'Q' stores will be loaded immediately on receipt of tpt. and the Q area prepared for return of tents etc.
16. Pending instructions for L.O.B. Personnel coys. will each detail 1 N.C.O. not below Cpl. and 3 O.Rs who will remain in this area complete with arms, amn, rations and personal gear less kit bag under the Gen. Duties Sgt. of Adm. Pl. They will act as guides and loading parties in the Q area.
17. Action of personnel. No personnel will be permitted to leave Coy lines unless on a detailed duty. All ranks will don and remain in fighting order, 2 Sigs and 4 S.Bs report to each Rifle and M.G. Coy.
18. Medical. R.M.O. will evacuate through usual channels all personnel not capable of taking their place in fighting groups.
19. Blackout. Rigid blackout will be observed throughout this area.
20. Intercommunication. On receipt of this order Bn. and Coys H.Q. will immediately site and dig battle H.Q. These will be occupied at this stage and will be manned continuously with skeleton staffs. I/T will remain to Bde, Bn. Office, and Coy. H.Q. only, all other phones and lines will be recovered.
W/T normal. R/T Silence. One set to each Rifle Coy. 1 to Bn. H.Q.
1 to Sig Office

2nd Stage of Readiness.

1. Attack possible in 24 hrs but NOT 12 hrs of receipt of the code word. If first stage not completed coys. will carry on to this stage.
- METHOD.
2. Warning Order. Code word "EMU". All Coys will be prepared to move in 45 mins. from receipt of code word.
 3. Transport. Guides already warned report to T.O. at NARNGULU Stn. Area and guide troop carrying vehicles to Coy. lines. On receipt Coys. will practice personnel in rapid embussing in pl. areas. At least one Bren with tripod will accompany each tp. carrier for A/A protn and to cover embussing and debussing.
 4. Personnel. Except for meals personnel will remain in their embussing areas in fighting order.

order/
Intercomn.

- 5. All H.Qs fully manned continuously.
- W/T all messages in cipher.
- 2 D.Rs to be in constant attendance at Bn. H.Q.
- 1 Runner per Coy to report to Bn. H.Q. (except Beach Coy) remains until relieved.
- C.W.Ps furnish hourly reports to Bn. H.Q.

3rd Stage of Readiness.

- 1. Attack is imminent. If previous stages have not been completed short cuts will be necessitated to place the unit on a mobile basis for immediate action and personnel left behind will have to do the best possible to clear the area.

METHOD.

- 2. Action will be taken on Code word "MAGPIE".
- 3. B Ech. reports to tpt. area and disperses. Coy cook truck come under comd. Bn. Q.M. and move in accordance with his orders.

Intercomn.

- 4. Bn. R & O Gps report immediately to Bn. H.Q.
- L/T ceases except to Beach Coy and Bde and all lines will be reeled in.
- Beach Coy & Bde will be joined and T'ed in to Bn. H.Q.

Beach Coy will move as and when ordered to by Bde H.Q.

NOTES.

- 1. These orders will be amended as further information re kits, stores, etc. becomes available.
- 2. These orders will be practiced at an early date to try out our preparedness. Further suggestions or alterations will be tried during these exercises and amendments issued as required.

DISTRIBUTION.

H.Q. Coy.	Copy No. 1.
A "	2.
B "	3.
C "	4.
D "	5.
E "	6.
Q.M.	7.
T.O.	8.
2 i/c.	9.
Adjutant	10.
C.O.	11.
Bde.	12.
War Diary	13 & 14.
File.	15.

A. Buckley Lieut.
Adjutant, 6 Aust. Inf. Bn.

to

6 Bn. OPERATION ORDER No. 2.

Ref. Map GERALDTON 1:253440

- Role
1. To locate and report any landings or attempted landings or ship movements from excl. PORT GREY to incl. HILL feature 268407.
 2. To oppose any landings in the area SOUTHGATE BEACH-CAPE BURNEY.
 3. To oppose any flanking movement from NORTH or SOUTH on the line OBSERVATION HILL - GREENOUGH R.
 4. To participate in such other operations as ordered to conform to Bde. Plans.

Method Coy site will be at 2540 4225. On receipt of Code word 'SKYLARK' the following watching posts will be manned:

Post 1	SOUTHGATE BEACH 253425.)	
2	258416)	Strength: 1 N.C.O.
3	2640 4105)	8 O.Rs.
4	2685 4050)	

Patrols: Each post will patrol NORTH and SOUTH of it's position between the hours of 2100 and 2400 & 0300 and 0600 hrs. Mounted patrols will operate from Post 1 to contact Garrison Bn. at PORT GREY and from Post 2 to contact Coy H.Q. patrols at 2545 4200. Dismounted patrols will operate from each post and Coy H.Q. between the same hours, Patrols to be of NOT less than 2 men by night, those from the north will contact those from the south. All posts and Coy H.Q. will maintain obsn. posts from 1900 hrs to 0600 hrs in addition to patrols. First 2 details will be posted by the N.C.O. thereafter details will be self-posting. Stand-to. All posts and Coy. H.Q. will stand-to from one hour before first light until sunrise and from sunset until dark.

Adm. Beach Coy will use its own vehicles for posting patrols plus vehicle Q5. T.O. will send this vehicle to Beach Coy immediately on receiving the code word. Q5 after posting patrols will return to Q area.

Beach Coy will make its own ration arrangements for CWP's. Each CWP will be supplied with one 2-gal water container to be kept filled for emergency.

Intercomm. I/T will be maintained to Beach Coy throughout. In the event of withdrawal to OBSERVATION HILL Beach Coy will divert the present line for the purpose.

On receipt of the code word 3 R.P. will report to Coy H.Q. One as an alternative comm. link and one each to posts 3 & 4. Adj't. will arrange.

Posts 1 & 2 will use verey light signals to indicate landings or attempted landings, Post 1 firing 2 Reds Post 2 firing 2 Greens. These will be immediately phoned to Bn. H.Q. from Coy. H.Q. Verey lights and pistols from Coy's W.E.

R/T will be held by Coy and used in subsequent roles.

On receipt of Code word 'EMU' CWP's will furnish hourly reports to Bn. H.Q. either direct or thro Coy H.Q. whichever is the shortest.

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Adjutant, 6 Aust. Inf. Bn.

MOST SECRET.

APPX. 'B'

to

6 BN. OPERATION ORDER No. 2.

Contents of Valise.

Weight: 45 lbs.

Valise	1
Blankets	2
Shorts	1 pr.
Shirt	1
Singlet	1
U/Pants	1 pr.
Greatcoat	1
Spare Boots	1 pr.
Sox	2 pr.
F.S.P.B.	1
Writing paper or note book & pencils	1
First Aid Kit	1
Electric Lamp	1

Weight 30 lbs.

Contents of Paek.

Blanket	1 (Other blanket in sec. rolls in Platoon truck)
Shorts.	1 pr.
Shirt	1
Singlet	1
U/Pants.	1 pr.
Greatcoat	1
Spare Boots	1 pr.
Sox	2 pr.

Contents of Haversack.

Messing Gear	1 Set.
Water Bottle.	1
Towel	1
Toilet Requisite	1 set.
Ground Sheet	1 (Folded on top of contents with flap laid down near buckles.)

K. C. Buckley.....Lieut.
K. C. BUCKLEY.
Adjutant, 6 Aust. Inf. Bn.

Serial.	ACTION TO BE TAKEN	OFFR RESPONSIBLE	METHOD	REMARKS.
1	Issue of Code Word	Adjutant	L/T.	
2	A/A & Area Defence	Bn. 2 i/c	Mounting of Guns & double manning posts.	Opn. Order No. 2 in course of preparation.
3	Clearing the decks.	All Coy Comdrs & Bn. 2 i/c	Preparations, vide Bn. Opn. Order No. 2.	
4	Manning of C.W. Ps.	O.C. Beach Coy.	2-3tonners 3 m/c report Coy H.Q. and Opn. Order No.1 to be implemented	Opn. Order No. 1 tempy cancelled.
5	Recall of Leave Personnel	Adjutant	Sigs & Trucks	
6	Skeleton Staffs all H.Qs.	Adj. & Coy Comdrs.	Duty Officers by all phones.	
7	Issue of second code word	Adjutant	L/T.	
8	Res. M/T. to Coys.	T.O.	Coy. guides to NARIGULU Stn.	
9	Vehicles packed men detailed for M. T.	Coy Comdrs. Adjutant.	Vide Bn. Opn Order No. 1.	
10	Hourly reports from C.W.Ps.	O.C. Beach Coy.	L/T & D/R.	
11	H.Qs fully manned.	Adj. & Coy Comdrs.	H.Qs Staff at H.Qs.	
12	Issue of third code word	Adjutant	L/T.	
13	R & O Gp to En. H.Q. Comms. reeled in	Adj. & Sig. O.	L/T to Coys ceases on issue of code word. Line in by gable layer.	

K.C. Buckley

 K.C. BUCKLEY. Lieut.
 Adjutant, 6 Aust. Inf. Bn.

Appendix 4

REGIMENTAL INTER COY SPORTS.

11 Oct.

Warrnambool.

Officials.

Athletic Events.

Starter. Capt. atterson.
Judges. Capt. Harrison, Lieuts. Cordia, Goss, Halford, Compton.
Field Games. Capt. Blackie, Lieuts. Graham, White.
Tug of War. Lieuts. Arnold, Finley.
Result Stewards. Sgt. Dwyer and Intelligence Section.

Military Events.

Pen Stripping. Judges: Capt Phillips, Shanks, Stone, Norton.
Stewards: Sots. Bechervaise, Underby, Harrison, Cpl Johnson, Newman.
Platoon Drill & P.T. W.O'S Galbally, Fallon Rutherford, Jones.

Officials Are Requested to see that they are conversant with the Conditions that govern their events.

PROGRAMME.

Platoon Drill will start at 1330 hrs and when completed will be followed by P.T. event. Coys will parade in the following order for each of these events: A, B, C, D, E.

1400 Hrs. 120 yds Hds Heats. 1st and Closest second to start in final.

1st Heat.
A. Durdin
B. Kelson.
C. Johnson.

2nd Heat.
D. Johnson Cpl.
E.
Hq. Dunn.

1.....2.....

1.....2.....

1405 hrs. Shot put.
A. Walsh. D. Roberts Cpl.
B. Gary. E. McArdle Cpl.
C. Young. Hq. Yates Sgt.

1420 hrs. 380 yds.
A. Williams. D. Irons.
B. O'Brien. E.
C. Heile. Hq. Sheehan.

1.....2.....3.....

1.....2.....3.....

1425 hrs Demonstration by Regimental Mortar Team.
1435 hrs. Hop step and jump.
A. Griffith. D. Roberts.
B. O'Brien. E. Kimpton.
C. Smith Sgt. Hq. Dunn.

1450 Hrs. 220 yds.
A. Matthews. D. Jacques. Sgt.
B. Kyremborg. E. Carbines.
C. Stapleton. Hq. Salvos.

1.....2.....3.....

1.....2.....3.....

1455 hrs. Bren Gun stripping.
A. Henry. D.
B. Calderari. Competitors will
C. McGennishen bring own guns and G.S.

Obstacle Race. 1500 Hrs.
A. Erickson. D.
B. Fitzgerald. E. Morrissey.
C. McKenzie. Hq.

1.....2.....3.....

1.....2.....3.....

1505 hrs. 440 yds.
A. Baker. D. Irons.
B. Kreyenberg. E. McArthur.
C. Caffery. Hq. McLeod. L/cpl.

1510 hrs. Long Jump.
A. Griffith. D. Roberts.
B. O'Brien. E. Rundell.
C. Smith. Hq. Dunn.

1.....2.....3.....

1.....2.....3.....

1520 hrs. Demonstration by Regimental D.R. team.
1530 hrs. 100 yds.
A. Matthews. D. Pearce. Cpl.
B. Kreyenberg. E. Carbines
C. Stapleton. Hq. Anderson Sig.

1535 hrs. High Jump.
A. Hall. D. Johnson Cpl.
B. Bull. E.
C. Davey Lieut. Hq. Dunn.

1.....2.....3.....

1.....2.....3.....

1550 hrs. Demonstration by Regimental Vickers Gun Team.
1600 hrs 1 Mile.
A. McKenzie D.
B. Byron. E.
C. Kelty. Hq. Dunn.

1610 hrs Tug of war.
Acoy V. Bcoy. Winning teams toss
Ccoy.V. Dcoy. for bye in second
Ecoy.V. Hq Coy. round.

1.....2".....3.....
1615 hrs. Final of 120 yds Hds.
1st heat winner.....
2nd Heat Winner.....
Closest second.....
1st2.....3.....

Points will be allotted on the basis of 3 for win, 2 for second, 1 for third. in Individual Events.
In team events 6 for win, 3 for second, 2 for third.

Coys are asked to appoint an M.C.O. to see that their teams and contestants are on time.

William McGrath Lieut.
Sports Officer.

Appex. 5

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ROUTINE ORDERS
PART I NO.88A

H.Q. 6 Aust. Inf. Bn.
AUSTRALIA.
12 Oct. 42.

By Lt. Col. E. W. EGAN, Commanding 6 Bn,

43. DUTIES.

6 Bn duties for week ending Sunday 18 Oct. 42:-

<u>Orderly Officer</u>	<u>Duty Coy.</u>
Lieut. C. BIRMINGHAM mounts on 12 Oct.	'D' Coy.
" A.E. WHITE (Sig.O.) " 13 "	'A' "
" H.J. STONE " 14 "	H.Q. "
" R.W. GOSS " 15 "	'D' "
" W. McGRATH " 16 "	'A' "
" B.P. ILLINGWORTH " 17 "	H.Q. "
" R.M. GRAHAM " 18 "	'D' "

GERALDTON PICQUET.

6 Bn will supply GERALDTON picquet on Tuesday 13 Oct. 42 and on Saturday 17 Oct. 42.

Duties as follows:-

Tuesday 13 Oct. 42:-

- Town Marshall - Capt. R. A. SCOTT.
- Picquet Offrs. - Lieut. J. GANT.
- " G. COMPSTON.
- Duty Coy - H.Q. Coy.
- O.C. Train Lieut. R. M. GRAHAM.

Saturday 17 Oct. 42:-

- Town Marshall - Major. W. B. MELVILLE.
- Picquet Offrs - Lieut. W. McGRATH.
- " H. J. STONE.

The Composition of the Picquet has been temporarily amended as follows:-

- Town Marshall.
- 2 Picquet Officers.
- 2 Sgts.
- 2 Cpls.
- 24 O.R.'s.

Duty Picquet Coy. will nominate an in line picquet of 1 Sgt. 2 Cpls. and 16 O.R.'s who will be immediately available to proceed to GERALDTON should any trouble arise in there.

44. LEAVE.

GERALDTON leave for week ending 18 Oct. 42 will be as follows:-

Monday	12 Oct. 42.	H.Q. Coy. (120)
Tuesday	13 Oct. 42	'D' "
Wednesday	14 Oct. 42	" "
Thursday	15 Oct. 42	'A' "
Friday	16 Oct. 42	H.Q. " & 'E' Coy.
Saturday	17 Oct. 42	" "
Sunday	18 Oct. 42	" "

45. MALAYAN LANGUAGE COURSE.

The times for the Malayan Language Course will be as follows:-

- Monday - 1400 - 1500 hrs.) N.B. Tuesday's class has
- Friday - 0900 - 1000 ") now been changed to Friday.

Brigade have notified the following change in syllabus for 6 Bn for above lessons.

Commencing today classes will be in previous location (YMCA Marquee) at the above times.

46. IDENTITY DISCS.

Coy Comds. will ensure that each man wears his identity disc and that the blood group is marked thereon.

(Contd. Over /2.)

47. SECURITY OF INFM - PURCHASE OF LOTTERY TICKETS.

A check carried out recently at State Lottery Office discloses many breaches of security in that Unit names and Locations have been freely given in ticket butts which are accessible to any civilian.

Coy. Comds. will ensure that all ranks are instructed that Regt. No., Rank and Name are the only particulars which will be given in such instances. "Australia" is a sufficient address and Unit names and locations will NOT be given.

48. COMMUNICATIONS - DEFERRED MESSAGES.

This is a category of sig message priority, the use of which authorizes sigs to delay clearance of the message until messages of ordinary or higher priorities have been cleared from the sig office, even though these may have been handed in subsequently to the deferred message.

The intention of the originator to send a message as deferred will be shown by the inclusion of the word "Deferred" in the "Degree of Priority" space at the foot of the form C.2128.

Checks of traffic through sig offices have shown that insufficient use is being made of this category with consequent delays in the clearance of more urgent traffic.

Upon request signers will advise delays to be expected using this category. Normal delays through div sig office would be 2-3 hrs.

Originators of sig messages are requested to use deferred for non-urgent messages to expedite the delivery of ordinary traffic.

49. PERS - X LISTING OF PERS - SCHOOLS ETC.

(a) Officers or ORs attending schools or courses of more than one month's duration may be placed on X List (GRC All2 & A334 (C)16).

(b) It is therefore essential in casualty returns to disclose period of school, and, if over one month and it is desired to X List so as to replace by a reinf't, to add note under "remarks" as follows - "to be X Listed."

50. DRESS - SUMMER DRESS.

En. R.O. 85A of 3 Oct. 42 is amended as follows:-

By deleting sub-paras (a) (i) & (ii) and substituting "as from 1 Oct. 42."

(b) Under "For night wear," deleting "hat as above" and substituting "hat turned up."

51. MEDICAL - TREATMENT OF VARICOCELE.

Statistics show that a considerable number of cases of Varicocele have been operated on in Gen and Base Hospitals. It is emphasised that:-

(a) Very few cases of Varicocele require Surgical treatment; this condition is very seldom disabling and the efficiency of the soldier is NOT likely to be increased by operative intervention.

(b) As a routine, soldiers suffering from Varicocele will be returned to duty.

(c) The occasional very large Varicocele may be an exception to this rule. Before operative intervention is carried out the case will be seen in consultation by the OC Surgical Division of the Hospital where concurrence is necessary.

52. TROOPS MARCHING AT NIGHT.

When tps are marching along rds at night there is considerable danger from collision by overtaking motor vehs - especially in localities under "black out" conditions.

With a view to minimising this danger, the righthand man of the rear rank of any column marching at night will wear a white cloth of reasonable size on the back and will carry a lighted hurricane lamp, with if possible, a red glass, as a warning to overtaking vehs.

53. CONSERVATION OF FOODSTUFFS - POTATOES.

(a) Owing to the lack of availability of potato supplies and in order to prevent wastage of protective foods in Army Kitchens, and by tps generally, every effort will be made to conserve this valuable item of foodstuffs.

(b) In this regard in future, potatoes will NOT be peeled before cooking but will be scrubbed clean, bad portion, if any, cut out, and then cooked in their jackets.

54. CLOTHING RATION BOOKS

Army clothing ration books are not transferable. Disciplinary action will be taken against any persons who transfer or receive by transfer clothing ration books.

55. SEASONAL LEAVE - HARVESTING

No instns have yet been received in regard to grant of harvesting leave. Coy. Comds will NOT submit applications for leave under this heading until further notice.

56. PAROLE.

1. No officer is justified in giving his parole when taken prisoner of war, and will therefore accept internment as such until he effects his escape or is released or exchanged.

2. An officer interned by a neutral power will also refuse parole and will not thereafter give parole unless directed to do so by instructions issued to him by the Commander-in-chief.

3. A warrant officer, N.C.O. or other rank cannot give his parole except through a commissioned officer who will not grant such parole unless so directed by instructions issued by the Commander-in-Chief.

4. (a) The foregoing does not apply to an understanding not to escape (however described) properly given by officers for temporary release from confinement, for a few hours on odd occasions for specific purposes, or when given by other ranks and the terms are approved by the senior officer, warrant officer or N.C.O. present in the camp.

(b) Examples of specific purposes for which undertakings may be given are exercise, recreation and medical treatment.

(c) Any undertaking given will clearly be limited to the period of temporary release.

(d) Parole will not be given in connection with employment.

(e) All ranks will observe the terms of any undertaking with the greatest strictness during the period for which it is given.

William Guthrie

.....
F. W. GLUTIN. Capt.
Adjutant, 6 Aust. Inf. Bn.

NOTICES.

COY. CONCERT PARTY.

'D' Coy. will be giving a concert party next Wednesday night in the YMCA Hut at 1930 hrs. Come along and give them a hand.

EDUCATIONAL TALK.

Sgt. JOHNSTON, Bde Education Section will give a talk tonight at 1930 hrs. in YMCA Hut.

Subject: "Hitler's Drive for Oil."

APPOINTMENTS AND PROMOTIONS.

VX88662	L/Cpl.	BRUTON A.A.	to A/Cpl.	as from 1st.	Oct.	42.
VX88663	L/Cpl.	KEATING M.F.	" "	" "	" "	" "
V155001	1/2/Sgt.	BRODIE L.B.	A/Sgt.	" "	6	" 42
V280193	L/Cpl.	HALL R.D.	A/Cpl.	" "	1	" 42.
Vx88656	Cpl.	SMITH L.F.	A/Sgt.	" "	7	" 42.
VX88667	L/Cpl.	SMITH R.G.	A/Cpl.	" "	7	" 42
VX 88679	Pte.	McMAHON R.V.	A/Cpl.	" "	7	" 42.
V69043.	Cpl.	NICHOLSON W.J.	A/Sgt.	" "	7	" 42.
VX88664	L/Cpl.	McLEOD R.W.	A/Cpl.	" "	7	" 42.
VX69201.	Cpl.	FENNEY F.H.	A/Sgt.	" "	7	" 42/
V55676	Dvr.	DIRAGO P.R.	Mech. Gp.II	as from 7	Oct.	42.
V69145	"	HORLEY J.J.	" "	" "	7	" 42.
V195120	"	STORM R.A.	" "	" "	7	" 42.

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

6 Aust. Inf. Bn. (Unit) 31 Oct. 1942 (Date).

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

A.M.F. 11/12/3

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1 Detail.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	1		
W.Os. Class II.	7		
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	5		
Staff Serjeants	1	1	
Serjeants	35		1
Corporals	81(8L/Sgts)	5	
Troopers, Privates, &c.	624		107 Nbn ^o Spec.
TOTALS	754	* 6	* 110

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
<u>ATTACHED AGAINST W.R.</u>			
Sgt. FORGE K.V.	A.A.P.C.		
" WYNACK. S.	4 Div. Postal Unit.		
" McLAUGHLIN J.	Hygiene Section.		
Cpl. WILSON. AD.	A.A.M.C.		
" HALL W.J.	A.A.O.C.(Armourer)		
" SPARK. J.H.	A.A.O.C.(Shoemaker)		

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

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts if known.)
V69146	Pte.	HORMANN. K.H.C.	6 Bn.	A.T.T.D. CLAREMONT. W.A.
V69115	"	SANDERSON. J.A.	6 Bn.	A.T.T.D. " "

Appac (6)

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

6 Aust. Inf. Bn. (Unit)

A.M.F. 11/12/2

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels	1		
Majors	2		1
Captains	8		3
Lieutenants	25		3
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters (Lieut)	1		
Totals	37	-	7

*Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
		nil		

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
		nil		

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

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).
		nil	

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps. Appt.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lt. Col.	WX 19	B. W. EGAN.	C.O.	yes.	
Major.	V55298	C. JUMBLE.	2/1/c.	No.	School-CANBERRA.
"	WX 31711	P. S. HENLVILLE.	C.O. 'B' Coy	"	Leave - PERTH
Capt.	V55309	R. A. KEPT.	C.O. 'A'	yes.	
"	V55311	R. B. WERS.		No.	Duty-NORTHAM.
"	V55240	F. W. GLUTH.	Adjutant	yes.	
"	V55787	A. B. C. HARRISON.	C.O. 'D' Coy.	"	
"	V55269	R. B. PATTERSON.	C.O. 'A'	"	
"	V55270	G. B. PHILLIPS.	21/c 'A'	yes	Impending
"	V55216	J. E. BLACKIE.	21/c 'B'	yes.	
"	WX25968	J. A. HOWARD.	C.O. 'B'	No.	School.-HARVEY.
Lieut.	V55226	A. W. E. CORDIA.	21/c 'D'	yes.	
"	V55229	B. McK. SLANKS?	Carriers.	"	
"	VX38627	H. W. LEE.	C.O. 'C' Coy	"	
"	V55248	G. A. HOLLAND.	21/c 'C'	"	
"	V55292	A. E. WHITE.	Sig. O.	"	
"	VX38157	R. H. O'NEILL.	7-1. Comdr.	"	
"	VX41877	A. E. WHITE.	8" "	No.	School-HARVEY.
"	VX51123	T. E. ARBOLD.	10-1. Comdr.	yes.	
"	VX51765	H. T. AVERY.	15-1. Comdr.	"	
"	VX25377	G. T. FINLAY.	H.O.	"	
"	VX52036	G. H. GARDNER.	10-1. Comdr.	No.	School-HARVEY
"	V55195	V. McNEATH.	16" "	yes.	
"	V55220	K. G. DUNN.	14" "	"	
"	V55112	R. E. BOYMAN.	17" "	No.	School-HARVEY.
"	V55237	E. Lec. GAVEL.	Hostess	yes.	
"	V55219	D. R. HAYWARD.	19-1. Comdr.	"	
"	VX51977	G. J. SIMMONDS.	9" "	"	
"	VX43078	G. G. SIMMONDS.	13" "	"	
"	V55211	R. W. COOPE.	20" "	"	
"	V55264	H. D. THOMAS.	21/c 'B' Coy.	No.	School-HARVEY.
"	V65696	H. J. BROWN.	14-1. Comdr.	yes.	
"	WX262	A. ENGLISH.	12-1. Comdr.	"	
"	WX768	B. P. HILLINGWORTH.	13" "	No.	Leave-PERTH
"	WX4141	H. P. HADGISTON.	18" "	yes.	
"	RP10096	S. P. WILKINSON.	H.O.	"	
"	V55153	G. EDWARDS.	21-1. Comdr.	"	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt.	1.	THOMAS.	A. A. M. C.		
Capt.	G.	MATH.	Paire.		

6 Aust. Inf. Bn.

(Unit.)

(Signature of Commander.)

10 Oct. 42

(Date of Despatch.)

2 Aust. Inf. Bde. 5 Aust. Div.

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

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

6 Aust. Inf. Bn. (Unit) 10 Oct. 1942 (Date).

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	1		
W.Os. Class II.	7		1
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	6		
Staff Serjeants	1		
Serjeants	30		11
Corporals	78 (9L/Sgts.)		8
Troopers, Privates, &c.	638		5 Specialists.
TOTALS	761	*	35 Non-Specialists.

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
<u>ATTACHED AGAINST E.E.</u>			
Sgt. FORGE, K.V.	A.A.P.C.		
" WYNACK, S.	H Div. Postal Unit		
" McLAUGHLIN, J.	Hygiene Section		
Cpl. WILSON, D.R.	A.A.H.C.		
Pte. HALL, J.H.	A.A.O.C. (Armourer)		
" SPARK, J.H.	A.A.O.C. (Shoemaker)		

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

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts if known.)
		N11		

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6 AUST INF BN OPERATION ORDER NO. 3.

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C.W.P.s TO BE MAINTAINED BY 6 BN.

8 Oct 42.

Ref Map GERALDTON 1:253440.

1. For the purposes of Coast Watching one Coy with under Comd one pl M.M.G. and one sec Carriers will be maintained in area GRENOUCH ESTUARY from 27 Sep 42.

LOCATIONS.

2. Beach Coy H.Q. North GRENOUCH RIVER-RefMap25404225
Coy O.P. High Ground - Ref Map 25504210
Post 6 High Ground '227' - Ref Map 26014141
Post 7 High Ground - Ref Map 26904050

STRENGTH.

3. Each post and Coy O.P. - 1 N.C.O. and 6 O.R.'s.

MANNING.

4. (a) C.W.P.'s will be manned continuously.
O.P. will be manned from 1930hrs to 0630hrs daily.
(b) One man may be on duty by day but two men will be on duty between the hours of 1930hrs to 0630hrs.
(c) Sentries will be self posting vide Bn. Op Order No. 1.

REPORTING.

5. C.W.P.'s will report any of the following immediately:-
(a) Enemy or unidentified aircraft.
(b) Enemy bombing.
(c) Any ships (tpts or warships) seen from C.W.P. giving approx size, place, direction heading, place from which seen, time and bearing.
(d) Light signals.
(e) Any suspicious troop movement seen from posts.
(f) Presence of small sailing vessels will NOT be reported unless acting in a suspicious or hostile manner, or attempting to land.

O.P. will watch for signals from C.W.P.'s and report direct to Coy H.Q.

Should information, as set out for C.W.P.'s, be obtained by O.P. this will also be reported.

PATROLS.

6. A Standing Patrol of 1 N.C.O. and 6 O.R.'s will be maintained at SOUTHGATE Beach from 0430hrs to 0700hrs daily - duties as from C.W.P.'s.

(Over)

OPERATION ORDER NO. 3.

ROLE.

7. In the event of a landing or attempted landing in any of the areas manned by C.W.P.'s the post will engage. One man will be despatched with the maximum details of enemy strength and equipt to the phone centre or Coy H.Q. as often as operations permit.

Posts will be prepared to act offensively by "Hide and Seek" methods.

In the event of a landing or attempted landing at the River Mouth or SOUTHGATE Area. O.P. will be withdrawn to Coy Reserve and Coy will take offensive action with its remaining strength and if forced back will maintain the line GREENOUGH River - OBSERVATION HILL.

ARM.

8. (a) NO arm will be used other than for op. pur.
(b) C.W.P.'s - Patrols and O.P. will carry:-
100 rds S.A.A. per rifle
200 rds .450 per T.S.M.G. in magazines.
625 rds S.A.A. or L.M.G. in magazines.
Magazine tension will be released 50% each day.

SUPPLIES.

9. Ration truck will deliver daily to Coy H.Q. at approx 0730hrs - Beach Coy will break up and further deliver rations to two C.W.P.'s.

FORAGE.

10. Will be delivered to Coy H.Q. by the Ration truck as required. Notification of reqts to Q.M. one day in advance.

WATER.

11. (a) Water bottles will be kept filled.
(b) One 2 gallon container will be maintained filled at each C.W.P. as a reserve.

MEDICAL.

12. A qualified S.B. will be with Beach Coy and will hold Sick Parade daily at 0700hrs. Any evacuation necessary will be effected to R.A.P. via Ration Truck leaving Beach Coy H.Q. at 0800hrs daily.

R.M.O. will normally visit beach every second day.

TPT.

13. One M/C for use of Coy Comd and one van 15 cwt will be attached to Coy for delivery of rations to C.W.P.'s and adm.

HORSES.

14. Attached as follows:-
One horse to Coy H.Q.
One horse to each C.W.P.

(Over)

OPERATION ORDER NO. 3.

MAIL.

14. Outgoing mail will be collected by ration truck which will also bring down incoming mail - mail will be in time for normal daily clearance at 0900hrs.

RELIEF OF POSTS and NORMAL ADM.

16. Coy will be changed weekly vide separate adm instr. to be issued.

INTERCOMM.

- 17. (a) L/T from Beach H.Q. to Bn. H.Q.
- (b) Horse from O.P. to Coy H.Q.
- (c) Horse from Post 6 to Ruddylocks Farm.)
- (d) Horse from Post 7 to Duncans Farm,)
thence P.M.G. service through GERALDTON Exchange
direct to Bde. H.Q.
- (e) Very Lights:-
Post 6 - White/White
Post 7 - Green/Green
Post 6 will report Post 7's signal and O.P.
will advise Coy H.Q. for immediate transmission
to Bn. H.Q.
- (f) C.O.P.'s will put up signals in the event of a landing
or attempted landing (vide para 7).
- (g) Allocation of Cartridges Sig:-
Post 6 - White 6 - Green 6
Post 7 - Green 6

Pistols vary:- from Coy Stores.
- (h) C.O.P.'s will be visited nightly by Coy Duty Offr.

NOTE. The above cancels all previous instructions on C.O.P.'s.

ACK.

Signed at
and issued by D.R.

1st 32

William M. ...
..... Capt.
Adjutant 6 Aust Inf Bn.

DISTRIBUTION.

- Copy No. 1. A Coy
- 2. B Coy
- 3. C Coy
- 4. D Coy
- 5. E Coy
- 6. H.Q. Coy
- 7. Bde.
- 8. C.O.
- 9. Adj.
- 10. File
- 11.)
- 12.) War Diary.

6 AUST INF BN OPERATION ORDER No. 3

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(Amendment No. 1.)

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C.W.P.'s.

Ref Map GERALDTON 1:253440.

- (1) Para 2 after 'Coy O.P.' insert the following:-
"Post 5 SOUTHGATE Ref Map 25304260"
- (2) Para 6. Delete.
- (3) Para 8(b) Amend first line to read:-
"C.W.P.'s and O.P. will carry:-"
- (4) Para 17(c) Insert under Very Lights:-
"Post 5 Red/Red"

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2	A Coy	9.	Adj
3	B Coy	10.	Q.H.
4	C Coy	11.	T.O.
5	D Coy	12.)	
6	Bde.	13.)	War Diary
7	C.O.	14.	File

Appendix 9

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

6 Aust. Inf. Bn. (Unit)

A.M.F. 11/12/3

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels	1		
Majors	1		2
Captains	8		2
Lieutenants	26	7	
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters (Lieut.)	1		
Totals	37	7	4

*Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
		Nil		

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
		Nil		

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

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).
		Nil.	

Appendix 10

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

6 Aust. Inf. Bn. (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels	1		
Majors	2		2
Captains	0		2
Lieutenants	26	7	
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters (1 out)	1		
Totals	37	7	4

*Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
	NIL.			

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
	NIL.			

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

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).
	NIL.		

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

6 Aust. Inf. Bn (Unit) 28 Oct. 1942 (Date).

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

A.M.F. 11/12/3

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1 Detail.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	1		
W.Os. Class II.	2		
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	5		
Staff Serjeants	1	1	
Serjeants	35		1
Corporals	80 (8L/Sgts)	4	
Troopers, Privates, &c.	623		2 Specialsits.
TOTALS	752	* 5	* 108 Non-Specs 111

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
<u>ATTACHED AGAINST W.B.</u>			
Sgt. K.V. FORGE.	A.A.P.C.		
" S. WYNACK.	4 Div. Postal Unit.		
" J. McLAUGHLIN	Hygiene Section.		
Cpl. WILSON A.D.	A.A.M.C.		
" HALL H.J.	A.O.C. (Armourer)		
" SPARKS J.H.	A.A.S.C. (Shoemakers)		

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

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts if known.)
V69146	Pte.	HORMAN. K.H.C.	6 Bn.	A.T.P.D.
V69215	"	SANDERSON. J.A.	8 Bn.	A.T.P.D. CLAREMONT.

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps. Appt.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lt. Col.	WX 19	E.W. EGAN.	C.O.	yes.	
Major.	V55298	C. DUMBLE.	21/c.	No.	School-CANBERRA List. X
"	NX34711	W.S. MELVILLE.	A/21/c.	yes.	
Capt.	V55309	R.A. SCOTT.	A.O.C. 'HQ' Coy "	"	
"	V55311	R.E. SYKES.	-----	No.	15Tng. Bn-NORTHAM.
"	V55240	F.W. CLUTH.	Adjutant.	yes.	
"	V55787	A.B.C. HARRISON.	O.C. 'D' Coy.	"	
"	V55269	R.B. PATERSON.	O.C. 'A' "	"	
"	V55270	G.S. PHILLIPS.	21/c 'A' "	"	
"	V55216	J.E. BLACKIE.	21/c 'B' "	"	
"	NX25968	J.A. HOWARD.	O.C. 'B' Coy.	"	
Lieut.	V55226	A.W.P. GORDIA.	21/c 'B' "	"	
"	V55229	B.Mck. SHANKS.	OCCarriers.	"	
"	VX38627	H.W. LEE.	O.C. 'C' Coy.	"	
"	V55248	G.A. HOLLAND.	21/c 'C' "	"	
"	V55292	A.E. WHITE.	Sig. O.	"	
"	VX36457	R.M. GRAHAM.	10Pl. Comdr.	"	
"	VX41877	A.E. WHITE.	8 " "	No.	School-HARVEY.
"	VX51123	T.E. ARNOLD.	Q.M.	yes.	
"	VX51765	W.F. DAVY.	15Pl. Comdr.	"	
"	VX25377	G.T. FINLAY.	T.O.	"	
"	VX52036	C.M. CARMICHAEL.	11Pl. Comdr.	"	
"	V55195	W. McGRATH.	Pioneer Pl.	"	
"	V55220	K.C. BUCKLEY.	14Pl. Comdr.	"	
"	V55112	R.S. BACKMAN.	14Pl. Comdr.	"	
"	V55237	J.LeG. GANT.	Mortars.	"	
"	V55249	D.R. HALFORD.	12Pl. Comdr.	"	
"	VX51977	C. BIRMINGHAM.	10 " "	"	
"	VX43078	C.G. COMPTON.	12 " "	No.	Leave-Victoria.
"	V55241	R.W. GOSS.	21/c Carriers	yes.	
"	V55264	W.D. THOMAS.	A.A. Pl.	"	
"	V65696	H.J. STONE.	-----	No.	Det.- NARROBIN.
"	WX262	A. INGRAM.	13Pl. Comdr.	yes.	
"	WX708	B.P. ILLINGWORTH.	16 " "	"	
"	WX4141	W.F. NAUGHTON.	18 " "	"	
"	NP10096	S.P. WEIR.	I.O.	"	
"	V55153	C. EDWARDS.	C. Coy.	"	
"	VX53849	M. DUNN.	19Pl. Comdr.	"	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
pt.		T. MORRIS .	A.A.M.C.		
dre.		G. MAHER.	A.A.Ch.D.		

6 Aust. Inf. Bn.

(Unit.)

24 Oct. 42

(Date of Despatch.)

James Capt.
Adjutant, 6th Battalion
(Signature of Commander.)

2 Aust. Inf. Bde., 4 Aust. Div..

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

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

6 Aust. Inf. Bde (Unit)

A.M.F. 11/12/2

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels	<i>1</i>		
Majors	<i>2</i>		<i>1</i>
Captains	<i>8</i>		<i>3</i>
Lieutenants	<i>26</i>		<i>2</i>
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters (<i>Lieut</i>)	<i>1</i>		
Totals	<i>38</i>		<i>6</i>

*Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
<i>Lieut.</i>	<i>M. DUNN</i>	<i>2/62nd</i>	<i>12 Oct. 42</i>	

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
		<i>NIL.</i>		

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

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).
		<i>NIL.</i>	

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps. Appt.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lt. Col.	WX 19	R.W. BEAL	C.O.	yes.	
Major.	V55293	G. DUNN	2/c.	No.	School-CANBERRA.
"	WX 711	W.S. MERVILLE	O.C. 'A' Coy	yes.	
Capt.	V55309	R.A. SCOTT	O.C. 'B' "	yes.	
"	V55311	R.B. STACE	Adjutant.	No.	13 Reg. Bn. - N. STRAIT.
"	V55340	F.W. GUTH	Adjutant.	yes.	
"	V55787	A.E.C. HARRISON	O.C. 'D' Coy.	yes.	
"	V55269	R.B. PATTERSON	O.C. 'A' "	yes.	
"	V55270	G.S. PHILLIPS	2/c. 'A' "	yes.	
2 nd	V55216	J.E. BLACKIE	2/c. 'B' "	yes.	
2	WX 25363	J.A. HOWARD	O.C. 'B' "	No.	School-HARVEY
Lieut.	V55226	A.W.P. COOPE	2/c. 'D' "	yes.	
"	V55229	B. McK. STANIS	Carrier.	yes.	
"	V238627	R.W. LEE	O.C. 'C' Coy.	yes.	
"	V55248	G.A. HOLLAND	2/c. 'C' "	yes.	
"	V55292	A.E. WHITE	Sig. O.	yes.	
"	V238457	R.M. GRANN	7 Pl. Comdr.	yes.	
"	V238377	A.E. WHITE	8 " "	No.	School-HARVEY.
"	V238123	T.E. ARNOLD	C.N.	yes.	
"	V2381763	W.I. DAVEY	15 Pl. Comdr.	yes.	
"	V238377	G.E. FINLAY	T.O.	yes.	
"	V238086	C.H. CARBUCHAN	10 Pl. Comdr.	No.	School-HARVEY.
"	V55195	W. MCGRATH	16 " "	yes.	
"	V55220	K.C. BUCKLEY	14 " "	yes.	
"	V55112	R.E. BACKMAN	17 " "	No.	School-HARVEY.
"	V55237	J. LeG. GANT	Mortars.	yes.	
"	V55249	D.R. HALFORD	12 Pl. Comdr.	yes.	
"	V2381977	C. BIRMINGHAM	9 " "	yes.	
"	V238078	C.G. COMSTON	11 " "	No.	Leave-Melbourne.
"	V55241	R.W. COSS	20 " "	yes.	
"	V55204	W.D. THOMAS	21/c. 'B' Coy.	No.	School-HARVEY
"	V65696	H.J. STONE	A.A. pl.	yes.	
"	WX 262	A. ZEPERMAN	12 Pl. Comdr.	yes.	
"	WX 708	B.P. ILLINGWORTH	13 " "	yes.	
"	WX 211	W.P. NAUGHTON	18 " "	yes.	
"	NP 10096	S.P. WEIR	IO.	yes.	
"	V55153	G. EDWARDS	21 Pl. Comdr.	yes.	
"	V238349	R. DUNN	1/c. 'A' Coy.	yes.	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt.		T. THOMAS	A.A.M.C.		
"		G. MAHER	A.A.Ch.D.		

6 Aust. Inf. Bn.

(Unit.)

17 Oct. 42

(Date of Despatch.)

[Signature]

(Signature of Commander.)

2 Aust. Inf. Bde., 4 Aust. Div.

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lt. Col.	WK 19	R.H. HAN	C.O.	yes.	
Major.	V55293	G. HENBLE	21/c	No.	School-CANBERRA
"	103A711	H.S. MERVILLE	1/21/c	yes.	
Capt.	V55309	R.A. SCOTT	e/o.c. 1st Coy	yes.	
"	V55311	R.B. STEEN		No.	13 Eng. Bn.-MOUNTAIN
"	V55310	P.W. CLUTH	Adjutant.	yes.	
"	V55787	A.B.C. HARRISON	C.O. 1st Coy.	No.	School-HAWKES
"	V55269	R.B. PALMER	C.O. 1st "	yes.	
"	V55270	G.S. MILLER	21/c 1st "	"	
"	V55216	J.B. BLACKIE	21/c 1st "	"	
"	1X25963	J.A. HOWARD	C.O. 1st "	"	
Lieut.	V55226	A.W.P. COOKE	21/c 1st "	"	
"	V55229	B.H.K. SHANN	Carrier.	"	
"	V128627	H.W. LEE	C.O. 1st Coy.	"	
"	V55218	G.A. HILLMAN	21/c 1st "	"	
"	V55292	A.E. WILKINSON	Sig. Co.	"	
"	V130.57	R.H. GRAY	1st Lt. Comdr.	No.	School-HAWKES
"	V41877	A.E. WILKINSON	8th "	yes.	
"	V151123	T.H. ARNOLD	C.O.	"	
"	V151765	H.T. DAVIS	1st Lt. Comdr.	"	
"	V125377	G.H. ELLIOTT	C.O.	"	
"	V152036	G.H. GARRIGAN	1st Lt. Comdr.	"	
"	V55195	H. MCGRATH	Pioneer Pl.	"	
"	V55190	K.C. FURLEY	1st Lt. Comdr.	No.	School-HAWKES
"	V55112	R.S. BACON	17 "	yes.	
"	V55237	J.L.C. GALT	Mortars.	"	
"	V55219	D.R. HARRISON	1st Lt. Comdr.	No.	School-HAWKES
"	V151977	C. HINDGANG	9th "	yes.	
"	V123078	C.G. GARDNER	1st Lt. "	No.	Leave-VICTORIA
"	V55211	R.W. GIBBS	21/c Carrier.	yes.	
"	V55204	H.D. HENNING	A.A. Pl.	"	
"	V65696	H.J. STONE		No.	Det. - MOUNTAIN
"	WX262	A. INGHAM	1st Lt. Comdr.	No.	Leave - PERTH
"	WX703	E.P. ILLINGWORTH	16 "	"	School-HAWKES
"	WX141	H.P. HAUGHAM	18 "	"	Leave - PERTH
"	W10096	J.P. WEAVER	10.	yes.	
"	V55153	C. REWARD	C. Coy.	"	
"	V125319	A. DUNN	19 Pl. Comdr.	"	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
		A. HARRISON	A.A.S.C.		
		G. HARRISON	A.A.C.M.		

6 Aust. Inf. Bde.

(Unit.)

Adjutant, 6 Aust. Inf. Bde.

(Signature of Commander.)

30 Oct. 42

(Date of Despatch.)

2 Aust. Inf. Bde., 4 Aust. Inf. Bde.

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

Aust. Inf. Bn. Unit.

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

Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)
Ammunition Examiners			Fire Control Operators			Panel Beaters		
Armament Artificers			Fitters <i>gun</i>		<i>1</i>	Pattern Makers		
Armourers			Fitters and Turners			Pharmacists		
Artificers, Artillery			Fitters, Cycle			Photographers, dry plate		
Axemen			Fitters, Drivers			Photographers, wet plate		
Bakers			Fitter's Mates			Photo-Writers		
Battery Surveyors			Fitters, M.V.			Plate Layers		
Battery Comdrs. Asst.			Fitters, Railway Signal			Plumbers		
Blacksmiths			Fitters, Signal			Predictor Numbers		
Boilermakers			Grinders			Printers		
Bricklayers			Gun Layers			Radiator Mechanics		
Butchers			G.P.O. Assistants			Radiographers		
Camouflage Modeller			Gun Operators			Range Takers		
Carpenter and Joiner			Hammermen			Riggers		
Clerks			Height Takers			Riveters		
Clerks, Engineering			Helio Operators			Saddlers		
Clerks, Supply			Instrument Mechanics			Saddle Tree Makers		
Clerks, Technical			Instrument Mech., Surgical			Saw Doctors		
Coachmakers			Instrument Operators			Sawyers		
Computers			Intelligence Duties			Shoemakers		
Concretors			Joiners			Signallers		
Cooks			Leather Stitchers			Signwriters		
Cooks, Hospital			Linesmen			Stokers, Stationary Engine		
Coppersmiths			Linesmen, Signals			Storemen, Technical		
Dental Clerk Orderlies			Lithographers			Surveyors,		
Despatch Riders			Machinists			Surveyors, Engineering		
Dispensers			Masons			Tailors		
Draughtsmen			Masseurs			Telescope Identification Numbers		
Draughtsmen, Architectural			Mechanics, Dental			Textile Refitters		
Draughtsmen, Mechanical			Mechanics, M.T.			Tinsmiths		
Draughtsmen, Signal			Mechanics, Typewriter			Toolmakers		
Draughtsmen, Topog'phical			Mechanics, Wireless			Turners		
Driver Mechanics			Millwrights			Vulcanizers		
Driver Operators			Miners			Wagon Erectors		
Drivers, Tr'sportation Plant			Moulders			Watchmakers		
Electrical Fitters			Nursing Orderlies			Watermen		
Electricians			Nursing Orderlies (Mental)			Welders		
Electricians, Eng. Units			Nurses, Trained			Well Borers		
Electricians, Signal			Observation Post Assistants			Wheelers		
Engine Artificers			Operating Room Assistants			Whitesmiths		
Engine Hands I/C			Operators, Signal			Wiremen		
Equipment Repairers		<i>1</i>	Opticians			Woodturners		
Farriers			Painters					
						<i>s/sgts.</i>	<i>1</i>	
						<i>Sgts.</i>		<i>1</i>
						<i>Cpls</i>	<i>5</i>	
						<i>Non-Spec.</i>		<i>107</i>
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)		<i>1</i>			<i>2</i>		<i>6</i>	<i>110</i>

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

Aust. Inf. Bn. Unit.

Adjutant, 6 Aust. Inf. Bn.
 Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch *31 Oct. 42*

2 Aust. Inf. Bde., 4 Aust. Div., Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

6 AIRB. INT. BN. (Unit) 19..... (Date).

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

A.M.F. 11/12/2.

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	1		
W.Os. Class II.	7		1
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	6		
Staff Serjeants	1		
Serjeants	34		7
Corporals	79 (8 1/sgts)		7
Troopers, Privates, &c.	630		3 Specialists.
TOTALS	758	*	99 Non-spec. 117

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
<u>ATTACHED AGAINST U.K.</u>			
Sergeant FORGE, K. V.	A.A.F.C.		
" WYACK, G.	4 Div. Postal Unit.		
" McLAUGHLIN, J.	Hygiene Sect.		
Cpl. HALL, H.J.	A.A.C.C. (Amousox)		
" SPARK, J.H.	A.A.C.C. (Shoemaker)		
" WILSON, A.D.	A.A.M.C.		

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

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts if known.)
V69215.	Pte.	SANDERSON, J.A.	6 Bn.	A.T.P.D. Claremont.
V270134.	"	SIMONS, G.	6 Bn.	118 A.C.H.

War Diary

Appx (12)

MOST SECRET.

6 AUST INF BN.

Copy No. 11.....

Date 22/10/42.....

ALL COYS.

Communications during 'ROBBER' EXERCISE.

Instructions have been received from 3 AUST CORPS that NO Unit names - offrs appts or Map References be given either per L/T, W/T, R/T or DR during above exercise.

2. To implement this the following codes will be adopted forthwith on receipt of this order:-

(a) SERIAL CODE - as issued by I.O. - serial number only will be used in reference to this Bn - and the words 6 Bn (or any other Unit name) will be forbidden either verbal or written.

(b) APPOINTMENTS CODE - as issued by I.O.
C.O., 2 i/c, Adj., Q.M., Coy Condrs. etc. will be referred to by Code Name. e.g. Adj. 6 Bn. - MASHIE 19.
2 i/c 'C' Coy - PUTTER/C/19
9 Pl. 'A' Coy - 6 Bn - 9/A/19.

(c) MAP REF. CODE - as issued by I.O. - will be used in all Map Figure references. e.g. Ref. Map G 172721 would read Ref Map G - F I L O R Q.

(d) CIPHER
Sigs are further responsible that should it be necessary to send a message by W/T - that it is enciphered.

N.B. THIS DOCUMENT WILL BE BURNT AS SOON AS INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS READ AND ASSIMILATED BY ALL OFFRS. - ADJ. TO BE ADVISED BY 1600 HRS. THAT THIS HAS BEEN DONE.

F. W. Gluth
F. W. GLUTH. Capt.
Adjutant, 6 Aust. Inf. Bn.

DISTRN.

- Copy No. 1. A Coy.
- 2. B Coy.
- 3. C Coy.
- 4. D Coy.
- 5. H.Q. Coy.
- 6. Bde.
- 7. C.O.
- 8. Adj.
- 9. Filo.
- 10.)
- 11.) War Diary.

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WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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JAN 26 1943

Unit 6 Aust Inf Bn

Date and Time.—From 1 Nov 42 To 30 Nov 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
NARNGULU.	1 Nov	0840	Fresh South wind , cloudy. Church Pdes.	
		1500	Day of General Adm for tps Warning order from Adj - no move before 0800, on 2 Nov. 42.	
	2 Nov	0815	Cloudy , strong south wind. Coys begin march in 6 Bn Adm Exercise. move to C. Coy area. During the day "Q" staff carries out a check on Bn equipment on new WE .	(Appx 1).
		1230 1400	RO orders permit leave personnell to wear SD trousers pending new supplies of trousers KD. Coys have lunch in established areas. I Sec moves out to proceed to MOORA for 3-day 4 Div Int Competition . WEE check continues.	(Appx 2)
	3 Nov 4 Nov		Fine.	
	5 Nov		Bn returns to Camp area. Tng syllabus contd.	
	6 Nov		Tng syllabus contd. Fine.	
	7 Nov *		Bn moves out on weeks stunt. Disperses for night at WALKAWAY. Procedure will be to advance , then go through battle procedure with spt supp arms. Test organisation and communication.	
	8 Nov		Advance to MT FANNY and MICHAEL . Ary barragee followed by battle.	
	9 Nov	1814 1200	Advance to 4 miles west of CONNELLY SOAK. Cross start-line . Weather ,hot.	
		2000	Advance battle drill deploy for night on plain Tea . (Tps march on Sandy track , B Ech in rear.)	
	10		Hot and dusty .	
		0600 0800	Breakfast . Move across start-line . Battle exercise , then proceed to ILLINO WELL.	
	11	1500n	Arrive ILLINO WELL. Adm and rest , food , water for washing. Hot.	
		1500	Leave ILLINO WELL proceed on road back. Drill for convoying of trucks without lights.	
		2300	Stop for night.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
ILINO WELL AREA.	12 Nov	0500	Breakfast. Battle procedure . Aerial support called for and obtained. Proceed to WALKAWAY area for night.	
	13 Nov	0400	Cloudy , occasional showers . Breakfast . Tps begin march back to NARNGULU at 0700 .	
	14	1100	Arrive NARNGULU . Exercise ends. Admn and rest remainder of day.	
		0900	Admn and rest day. Bn Pde HQ Coy pde ground. C.O. complements Bn on standing up to ext the stunt., which was designed ,i) Harden them ii) Perfect battle procedure . Goes over pts to be learned . Diorehaa and sores prevalent. He discusses problem of water , hygiene . Unit will move to Beach tomorrow.	
	15 Nov	1230	Bn arrives at the Mouth of the GREENOUGH RIVER. (appx) Tng syllabus for period at beach issued Afternoon swimming pds .	Appx 3. Appx 4.
	16		0630 . Bn swimming pde. Tng syllabus continued. A. Coy called upon to supply road party. inland.	
	17	0500	Advance party leaves for new site. Tng syllabus contd. Tps expressing appreciation of the refresher period and benefiting physically.	
	18		Tng syllabus contd. Bn band re-issued with instrument s and practice under Cpl Meagher , morning afternoon .	
	19		Tng Syllabus Contd.	
	20		Tng Syllabus Contd.	
	21	0530	60 personell for ARL march out. With the institution of home leave morale of the tps leaps perceptibly.	
	22		ATF enlistments , percentage 37 per cent. Working party returns.	Appx 5.
	23	1430	Fine and hot . Tng syllabus contd. Bde HQ closes present location 0800 hrs reopens same time Star Strat Perth 390122 rear HQ with 19 Grn Bn.	
	24		Strong south wind. Fine . Big surf with strong undertow . Band instruments taken into store agains/	
	25	1030	Fine South Wind. Tpt provided for tps to obtain kitbags from NARNGULU.	

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Date and Time.—From 1 Nov. To 30 Nov.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
GREENOUGH R.	25		Tpt will leave for next camp site Nov 26. Carriers leave for GIN GIN. Thursday	
	26		Hot and fine.	
		0400	Reveille for tpt party	
		0500	Breakfast .	
		0600	Tpt moves out, proceed along MOCRA Road.	Appx 6.
		1200	Lunch in hotboxes on road.	
		1530	Arrive WATHEROO.	
		1700	Tea . Tps allowed to go to township till 2100.	
	27		Hot and fine.	
		0400	Reveille.	
		0600	Tpt moves out.	
		1100	Arrive GIN GIN . Establish camp areas.	
		0830	Bn Pde at GREENOUGH RIVER. Lt Col Egan tells tps that at their next camp area, they will go through some strenuous training .	
	28		Hot , cloudless, fine.	
		0400	Reveille for tps at GREENOUGH RIVER.	
		0645	Entrain NARNGULU .	
		1300		
	29	2200	Arrive GIN GIN. Tptd to area.	
			Hot and fine.	
			Admn order issued.	Appx 7.
			Church pdes. Admn and Rest day. Personnell issued with tents and flies. Notification from 2 Aust Inf Bde ref batch to leave CLAREMONT Dec 4 on ARL .	
	30		Hot , light SE breeze.	
		0600	Reveille	
		0730	Breakfast. Work begin on kitchens and mess huts. Cloudy afternoon.	
			thunder storms before sunset , rain sets in for the night.	
			Field Returns for month	Appx 8.
			Addition RO a.	Appx 9.

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Date and Time.—From December 1 To December 31

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
GIN GIN AREA. ref Perth Strat. 398122	1 Dec		Showers, south wind. Infm about coming 2 Aust Inf Bde "I" School to commence shortly. 2 from Bn "I" Sec and 6 from Coys will be supplied by each unit.	
	2 Dec	0630	Lt-Col Egan marches out to school at Puckapunyal, Victoria. Adjut in Comd. Bn marched to showers, which have been constructed by the Pioneer Pl 880 yds west of BHQ. Tng syllabus issued. Tng begins, weapon training, close order drill, gas training for Coys.	Appx 1.
		1930	A/Tk Bde School begins. A.E.S. sponsors talk in newly-erected YMCA by Pte Les Gray, AES, on "The North African Campaign". Lively discussion and questions on AES facilities, correspondence courses, etc explained to tps. Object is to visit Bn each week.	
	3 Dec.		Fine cloudy, south wind. Tng syllabus continued. Adjutant 2 l/c leave for Bde Confce. I Sec exercise and recce. Established canteen renders good services for tps.	
	4 Dec		Hot Sth Wind	
	5 Dec	0700	A and B Coys, plus 25 per cent of HQ Coy move out on hardening up march to Scarborough., where personnell will have swimming PT, unarmed combat and weapon tng. Remainder of the Bn will carry on with syllabus.	
		1930	Australian Broadcasting Commission Concert Party visists Bn, and a large appreciative audience enjoys classiscal music recital, operatic and instrumental.	
	6 Dec		Adm and Rest.	
	7 Dec		Tng Syllabulus Cntd.	
	8 Dec.		A and B Coys arrive at Scarborough.	
	9 Dec	0700	Tng Syllabus Cntd. Rushfire 2 miles west on GIN GIN RD. Coy trucks send personnell to fight, fire is stopped on the road. Fire started with mishap in a unit carrier when its engine caught on fire. Carrier a total loss, damage to property estimated at £600.	

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W. Egan Lt Col
and command of Bn

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Date and Time.—From Dec 1 To Dec 31

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Gin Gin Ref Perth Strat 398122	Dec 10		Hot. Bde "I" School to begin at MELVILLE on Dec 14 till Jan 3. 6 to go from this Bn, reporting at Bde HQ 0900 hrs Dec 13.	
	Dec 11	1000	"I" Sgt moved out as instructor at Bde School Hot, fine.	
	Dec 12	2000	4 Div Concert party visits unit. YMCA issues hot coffee after the show. East Wind, hot. Tng syllabus contd.	
	Dec 13		Lt White appointed A/I.O.	
	Dec 14	1100	Kings Birthday. East wind, hot cloudless. Tps from 3 and 4 Pl move to fire in the Gin Gin area. A and B Coys moving back from posns to camp.	
	Dec 15	1600	Stand to for fire fighters. Very hot. A and B Coys report marching back. Temperature 120 degrees	
	Dec 16		Wednesday Hot. A and B Coys arrive camp site.	
	Dec 17		Warm. Admn. Preprepare for move tomorrow.	
	Dec 18	1230	Warm. Movement of A. B. HQ Coys. and Bn HQ. to new site. Lunch by the road from Wiles Coaker. Exercise for movement of transport.	Appx 2.
	Dec 19	1530	Arrive new site. Map ref Perth strat. 389123. Warm. Tng Syllabus Contd.	
	Dec 20		Showery. Tpt confined for strictly essential task. 21	
	Dec 21		Showery. Admn. See Rcs Rush of mail leaves Bn.	Appx.
	Dec 22		Cool. Admn.	
	Dec 23		Fine. Movement order to north Beach cancelled until 24 Dec. Tps are very much dispersed on tasks. Don Rs doing good job with L of Cs.	
	Dec 24	0930	Bn HQ. with some sigs and S.B. men attached moved out of GIN GIN sigs. Reached new site 1100 hrs. Exercise in movement practised.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.	
NORTH BEACH. Ref Perth Strat 374 059	Dec 24 (contd).		New site vicinity NORTH BEACH.		
	Dec 25		Christmas Day . Cloudy . Rest day except for essential tasks . Tps all receive extra allowance of 1/- for Xmas dinner.		
	Dec 26		Cloudy . Don R to HQ Coy at GIN GIN daily. Comms mostly by W/T. by attached Div Sig.		
	Dec 26 Dec 27		Warm .		
	Dec 28	1300	Warm . Bn HQ moves back to GIN GIN site. Movement in exercise .		
	Dec 29		Warm . Admn . Bn band recital in YMCA .		
	Dec 30		Warm .		
	Dec 31		Warm . Party of 38 O/Rs. leave camp for Rd party.		

Appendix D

G AUST. INF. LN. TRAINING SYLLABUS 1 DEC. 42 - 31 DEC. 42.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27									
A.COY.		Weapon Tng. Close order drill incl Gas.			Coy Exercise and hardening to Scarborough 4 days each way, 4 days beach. P.T., Unarmed Combat, Weapon Tng, Close Order drill.												ADM.	Weapon Tng.	Soc. Tng.	Church P.C.S. Rest Admin.	Sec. Tng. Sec. Exercises.															
B.COY.		As for A.Coy.			As for A.Coy.																															
C.COY.	I H.	Weapon Tng Close Order Drill, Gas			Sec Tng and Soc Exercise Patrolling, Infiltrating, Flanking.				As for A. Coy.																											
D.COY.	L	As for C.Coy.			As for C.Coy.				As for A. Coy.																											
HQ.COY Sigs.	A	Spec.Tng. Close Order Drill.			25% with each A & B Coys remainder Close order drill.				100% on Exercises with Rifle Coy.				25% with each C & D Coys. Remainder Close order drill.				Ch. P.C.S. Rest Admin.	25% with C & D Coys. Rem. Spec. Tng.																		
A/A.		Spec.Tng. Infil & Recoy. air. WT Lects Close order drill.			As for period 2 - 5 Dec.				50% with each of C & D COYS.																											
Mortars.	P	As for Sigs.			As for Sigs.				As for Sigs.				As for Sigs.				Ch. P.C.S. Rest Admin.	As for Sigs																		
Carr.	H	As for Sigs.			As for Sigs.				As for Sigs.				As for Sigs.				Ch. P.C.S. Rest Admin.	As for Sigs.																		
A/Trk.	C	Spec. Edo. School.			Spec. Edo. School.				Ch. P.C.S.	Special Edo School.												Ch. P.C.S. Rest Admin.	Spec Edo School.													
Pion.		Camp Duties.			25% with each A & B Coys. remainder Camp Duties				100% with Rifle Coys				25% with each C & D Coys rest Camp Duties.				Ch. P.C.S. Rest Admin.	25% with each C & D Coys rest Camp Duties.																		
Adm.		As for Sigs.			As for Sigs.				As for Sigs.				As for Sigs.				Ch. P.C.S. Rest Admin.	As for Sigs.																		

Church P.C.S. and Rest Admin.

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APPEX 2

6 AUST. INF. BN.
MOVEMENT ORDER NO. 2.

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COPY No. *12*.....

Ref Map PERTH $\frac{1}{2}$ "

16 DEC 42.

Attention 6 Bn. will move to occupy late 2/11 Bn. site, on 18 DEC 42.

Method Route: Marching Troops across country WOWRA BROOK - ROAD BEND 38951225. One guide to report to each Coy by 1830 hrs 18DEC. M.T. - Main road.

S.P. Junction road and track 100 yds SOUTH of Bn. H.Q.

S.T. 'A' Coy. 0930 hrs.
'B' " 0945 "
Bn.H.Q.)
H.Q.Coy) 1000 "

Adv. 2 i/c will proceed to 2/11 Bn. lines at 0900 hrs, Parties together with Q.M. and one guide per Coy and will instruct guides.

ADM. Cleanliness of areas. Coy. Comds. will ensure that their present areas are perfectly clean before leaving same and that any salvagable material is returned to Q. Store by 1200 hrs. 17 DEC 42. Flies and tents will be struck and carried.

Hygiene. Thunderboxes; latrine pits and funnels; refuse pits, etc., will remain.

M.T. Transport will come under command T.O. at 1000 hrs and will remain in present area till ordered forward by T.O.
Q.M. trucks work independently.
Midday meals to Coys on track 389124 by 1230 hrs.
Midday meal to be prepared by Wiles Cooker.
All transport will be returned to transport lines on completion of move.

Medical. R.A.P. will move in accordance with T.O.

Dental. Dental Clinic will move in accordance with T.O.
Dress. Shorts, shirts, drill order.
Inter-Com. L/T communication to Coys will close 1800 hrs. 16 DEC 42. Bn. H.Q. closes present location 1000 hrs. 18 DEC 42 and opens at same time at 2/11 Bn. Site.

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R. F. NAUGHTON. Lieut.
A/Adjutant, 6 Aust. Inf. Bn.

DISTRIBUTION LIST.

H.Q. Coy.	1.
'A' "	2.
'B' "	3.
'C' "	4.
'D' "	5.
T.O.	6.
Q.M.	7.
Adj.	8.
2 i/c	9.
Dental	10.
M.O.	11.
War Diary.	12, 13.
Bde.	14.
File.	15.

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6 AUST. INF. BN.

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MOVEMENT ORDER NO. 2.

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Ref Map PERTH 1/2"

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Method Route: Marching Troops across country WOWRA BROOK - ROAD
DEND 38951225. One guide to report to each Coy by
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Parties together with Q.M. and one guide per Coy and will
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Coy. Comds. will ensure that their present areas are
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salvagable material is returned to Q. Store by 1200
hrs. 17 DEC 42. Flies and tents will be struck and
carried.

Hygiene.

Thunderboxes; latrine pits and funnels; refuse pits,
etc., will remain.

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Transport will come under command T.O. at 1000 hrs
and will remain in present area till ordered forward
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Dress.

Shorts, shirts, drill order.

Inter-Com.

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- 'B' " 3.
- 'C' " 4.
- 'D' " 5.
- T.O. 6.
- Q.M. 7.
- Adj. 8.
- 2 i/c 9.
- Dental 10.
- M.O. 11.
- War Diary. 12, 13.
- Bde. 14.
- File. 15.

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ROUTINE ORDERS
PART I NO. 99A

H.Q., 6 Aust. Inf. Bn.
AUSTRALIA.
1 Dec 42.

By Lt. Col. E. W. EGAN, Commanding 6 Aust. Inf. Bn.

124. MALAYAN INSTRUCTION.

Malayan Classes are resuming forthwith in Gin Gin Hall at the following times

Mondays - 1400 to 1500 hrs.
Fridays - 0900 to 1000 "

All personnel for this course will attend. Vehicle will leave road by B.H.Q. $\frac{1}{2}$ hour before lecture time.

125. DISCIPLINE.

Gin Gin is only a small town but there is no reason why discipline regarding dress and behaviour should be relaxed, therefore Units are to promulgate to the fact that a high standard of behaviour must be set and maintained. The picquet will check up on such items as:

- A. Indiscriminate urination (a urinal is provided.)
- B. Excessive drinking at the canteen.
- C. Gambling in and around the canteen.
- D. Uniformity of dress for leave and when in town.

Note. The regular dress as per DMOs will be observed. Personnel will NOT frequent the town shirtless, hatless, or in any other manner that contravenes the mentioned order.

126. GATES

There are large numbers of high grade cattle and horses in this locality and it is absolutely essential that gates, when opened, be closed.

127. POST OFFICE

The Post Office (Civil) will NOT

- i. Accept telegrams which do NOT bear the signature of an officer and the imprint of the unit censor stamp.
- ii. Will NOT allow military personnel to take out postal orders or telegraphic money orders.
- iii. Will NOT accept or effect interstate telephone calls unless the caller is in possession of an authority signed by H.Q. 2 Aust. Inf. Bde. such being signed by or on behalf of the Bde Comd.

128. FIELD POST OFFICE

The Field Post Office is located on the Perth - Gin Gin road about 100 yds south of Bde H.Q. The following services are available

Postal Notes (free of poundage)
Postage stamps
Telegrams etc.

129. TRAFFIC CONTROL.

The area may be defined as all roads in an area 4 miles radius from Bde. H.Q. Speed limits:

Within the township and within a radius of half a mile from it 10 M.P.H.
Outside the township but within 1 mile of it. 15 M.P.H.
Outside the one mile limit 20 M.P.H.

This must be promulgated to all drivers.

130. COMPLAINT: LOSS OF CREAM CAN.

Mrs A Melanick of Wannamal, north of Mooliabeenee lost a cream can from outside her home. Military vehicles were in the vicinity, and it is believed that the can was taken by personnel in these vehicles. Units will make immediate investigations and report whether or not the can has been located.

131. SECURITY OF INFORMATION.

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

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

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

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

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

132. AAF F.59 - ORDER FOR SUPPLIES.

For security reasons, where AAF F.59 is used by units, other than A.A.S.C. Supply Depots, for ordering supplies from civil sources, the location and strength of the unit will not be shown thereon: nor will the location and strength of the unit be shown on the corresponding form T.S.4.

133. COMPANY AND PLATOON OR SECTION ROLL BOOKS (AABs 76 & 77).

1. Company, and Platoon or Section, Roll Books (AABs 76 and 77) have been revised and issued to all L of C Stationery Depots. These books will be taken into use by units of A.M.F. and will be maintained in accordance with the instructions printed on inside of cover to the extent to which unit circumstances permit, e.g. in the case of units not engaged in active operations or on work in the field which prevents assembly for purpose of roll call, the instructions will be complied with in full; in the case of other units the rolls will be completed as opportunity offers, but daily if practicable.

2. These books are intended to provide a daily record of the unit strength and its distribution; they are also available for pay and ration checks.

3. Particular attention is drawn to the necessity for the officer in charge of the parade or platoon or its equivalent to check and initial each day the entries in AAB 76 or AAB 77, as the case may be. If a space opposite the name is left blank, investigation is to be made and the entry completed. The instructions contained in the roll books are to be read in a sense compatible with the circumstances. (See para 1 above).

4. Attention is also drawn to G.R.O. A.94/1942 which provides that staff officers visiting units are to inspect certain records, including AABs 76 & 77.

5. When AABs 76 & 77 have been used up they may be retained by the unit for one month and will then be forwarded to Records Office of L of C Area in which the Unit is serving, for safe custody.

134. DRESS.

Jackets, S.D. Officers, will not be worn by warrant officers, Class 1, when on parade with troops or engaged in the performance of any military duty, but, if in the possession of those members, may be worn at any time as an optional dress.

135. USE OF .45" T.S.M.G. AMMUNITION WITH .455" MARK VI REVOLVER.

1. Cases have been reported in which .455" Pistols Revolver Mk VI have been damaged through the use of .455" T.S.M.G. ammunition, which is a rimless type.

2. American manufactured .45" Smith and Wesson revolvers have been issued to the service and the use of .45" T.S.M.G. ammunition is permissible under certain circumstances, namely, in conjunction with two small clips that are issued to retain the ammunition in the cylinder.

3. The .455" Pistol Revolver, which is a standard service issue

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revolver, can only be used in conjunction with .455" Mk.VI ammunition. Its use with .45" T.3.M.G. ammunition is expressly forbidden.

136. RESULT OF DISTRICT COURT MARTIAL.

V.155079 Pte Patrick CARTWRIGHT - 6 AUST. INF. BN.

Charge DESERTING HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE

AA 12(1)(a) in that he,
in the field on 6 APR 42, with the intention of permanently absenting himself from Military duty absented himself without leave from 6 Aust. Inf. Bn. until arrested by the Civil Police at GRIFFITH, N.S.W., on 11 SEP 42.

Finding NOT guilty of the charge but guilty of absence without leave from 11 APR 42 until 1745 hrs on 11 SEP 42.

Sentence Signed 3 NOVEMBER 1942 - "To undergo detention for a period of nine (9) months."

Recommendation to Mercy. - that accused be medically boarded and released from detention after 90 days.

Confirmed 14 NOVEMBER 1942.

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V.180550 Pte. Reginald Arthur DEAN - 6 Aust. Inf. Bn.

Charge WOAS DESERTING HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE.

AA 12(1)(a) in that he, in the field, on 28 APR 42, WOAS, with the intention of absenting himself permanently from Military duty, absented himself without leave from 6 Aust Inf Bn until arrested by Military Police at NEWPORT VICTORIA on 4 SEP 42.

Finding NOT guilty of the charge but guilty of absence without leave from 0630 hrs on 28 APR 42 to 0900 hrs on 4 SEP 42.

Sentence Signed 3 NOVEMBER 1942 - "To undergo detention for a period of nine (9) months."

Confirmed 14 NOVEMBER 1942.

137. MALAY INSTRUCTION.

Attendance at most Malay Classes during the month of November was poor. H.Q. 3 Aust. Corps attaches considerable importance to REGULAR instruction in colloquial Malay, and Units are advised to take all possible steps to permit regular attendances of personnel enrolled to date. An interim Time Table dated 28.11.42 has been circulated to units of 2 Aust. Inf. Bde. Gp., and it is trusted that every effort will be made to readjust quickly to new conditions.

F. W. Gluth

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F. W. GLUTH. Capt.
Adjutant, 6 Aust. Inf. Bn.

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ROUTINE ORDERS
PART I NO.100A

H.Q., 6 Aust. Inf. Bn.
AUSTRALIA.
4 DEC 42

By Lt. Col. E. W. EGAN, Commanding 6 Bn.

138. REGT. OFFICE - PERSONNEL VISITING ON DUTY.

The practice of Pl. Comds. visiting Regt. H.Q. to deal direct with Staff will cease - any inquiries will be made through their own Coy. Comds. and Coy. Office who will make necessary inquiries.

139. CHURCH PARADES.

O.D. Parade 500 yds. EAST of present Bn. H.Q. location NORTH of road at 0730 hrs.

R.C. Parade 500 yds EAST of present Bn. H.Q. location SOUTH of road at 0730 hrs.

Confessions at 1900 hrs Saturday vicinity Dental Centre.

Ref. special orders issued re Church Parades whilst at beach.

140. SICK PARADES.

For SAT 5 and SUN 6 DEC only, sick parades will advance to 0900 hrs instead of 0700 hrs. Normal times will operate as from MON 7 DEC 42.

141. SWIMMING.

Swimming in REYNIES DAM situated approx. 2 miles WEST of Bn. Area is prohibited.

142. SCHOOL RESULTS

I.S.I. Crse. HARVEY.	Sgt. PARRETT E.C.	Pass.
J.L.P. " "	Sgt. METHERALL H.W.	Pass.
3" Mortar Crse. " "	L/Cpl. KEATING M.P.	Pass.
" " " "		
W.T.M.G. Crse.	Cpl. APPLETON L.	Pass.

R. Haughton
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R. HAUGHTON. Lieut
Adjutant, 6 Aust. Inf. Bn.

NOTICES.

CONCERT On Saturday 5 DEC 42 in the YMCA Hut there will be a concert given by a special concert party from PERTH. Performance is due to start at 1930 hrs.

LOST. A wallet belonging to Pte. B. PARSONS of 54 Aust. Inf. Bn. who were in this area prior to being occupied by 6 Bn. The wallet contained approx. £2 in notes, stamps to the value of 3/-, Ration Book and a civil driver's licence. Any pers. finding same should return it to Regt. H.Q.

In vicinity Regt. Office a small brown leather purse containing signet ring, 1 10/- note and 2 stamps. Finder to return same to Regt. H.Q. please.

A kit bag, the property of VX88682 Pte. DUNN N.W. of Carr. pl. was lost between 27.10.42 and 2.12.42. The Kit Bag was stored at Kit Store NARNGULU. The owner's name was printed on the outside in white paint.

By Lt. Col. E. W. EGAN, Commanding 6 Bn.

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V.155081	"	CARMODY R.J.	VX115721	"
V.310043	"	COOKE M.G.	VX115722	"
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V.170285	"	FITZGERALD D.J.	VX115731	28/10/42.
V.69197	A/Cpl.	OSBOURNE W.B.	VX115732	1/11/42.
V.156345	Pte.	HUGHES L.F.	VX115733	"
V.170190	"	KNIGHTS R.McL.	VX115734	"
V.170161	"	CAULFIELD J.J.	VX115735	"
V.170156	"	BURNETT V.	VX115736	"

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V.170555	"	MATHESON D.	V.55219	Sgt.	BRUCE E.W.
V.170320	"	MANSBRIDGE B.J.	V.55501	Pte.	SMITH E.D.A.
V.55160	L/Cpl.	CARLE H.J.	V.68994	L/Cpl.	WALSH P.
V.69107	Cpl.	HEDE R.F.	V.69217	Pte.	SMENNICK J.L.
V.155188	Pte.	McCABE H.E.	V.68989	"	STEVENS O.B.
V.69270	"	FERGUSON W.G.	V.55444	"	HART B.F.
V.250606	"	McDONALD C.	V.55458	"	LAWLOR P.J.
V.333863	"	COOPER B.W.	V.170182	"	HALL F.R.
V.54514	Sgt.	ANSON J.W.	V.170187	"	JOHNSON A.
V.69076	Pte.	FRAHER D.	V.155078	"	CANTWELL J.
V.170210	"	McGARTHY P.M.	V.155308	"	ORMROD H.J.
V.155007	"	BROWN J.A.	V.250570	"	SWALLOW C.E.
V.170256	"	BAILEY R.S.	V.155304	"	KAMPMAN L.P.
V.111030	Sgt.	WYNACK S.H.	V.55350	Sgt.	FORGE E.V.
V.69120	Cpl.	HALL H.J.	V.69026	Pte.	JOHNS L.A.
V.155221	"	RIPPER K.	V.69267	"	DELANEY B.E.
V.65571	Sgt.	SKEDDEN J. deR.	V.68903	Cpl.	ALLAN. C.C.
V.55756	L/Cpl.	HOOG J.F.	V.155119	Pte.	FRASER A.L.
V.155184	Pte.	MOMKS R.C.	V.155138	"	HERBERT O.W.
V.170315	"	LEE T.	V.55238	Cpl.	GENT P.C.
V.310041	"	CUMMING R.C.	V.69296	"	LONERGAN M.P.
V.69152	"	JENKINS M.J.			
V.55490	"	ROBE R.R.			

COX V.I.B. ENLISTMENTS

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H.Q.	352	161	45.73%	9	2
'B'	99	47	47.95%		
'A'	98	41	41.83%		
'D'	102	40	39.21%	2	
'C'	113	41	36.28%		
6 A.I. Bn.	763	330	43.25%	11	2

R. Naughton
 R. NAUGHTON Lieut.
 A/Adjutant, 6 Aust. Inf. Bn.

Intelligence

A*TAOT20	"	BICKELL A*	AXIT2020	"
A*TAOT01	"	CUMFRIELD T*1*	AXIT2020	"
A*TAOT00	"	KILGARRA H*WGP*	AXIT2020	"
A*TAOT00	"	HUBBES T*1*	AXIT2020	"
A*TAOT00	"	STODOLSKY A*1*	AXIT2020	"
A*TAOT00	"	DECEIVED D*1*	AXIT2020	"
A*TAOT00	"	BYRON H*1*	AXIT2020	"
A*TAOT00	"	WATSON H*1*	AXIT2020	"
A*TAOT00	"	MORSE T*1*	AXIT2020	"
A*TAOT00	"	WICKERT T*1*	AXIT2020	"
A*TAOT00	"	MURPHY V*1*	AXIT2020	"
A*TAOT00	"	WINDYBEE B*1*	AXIT2020	"
A*TAOT00	"	LOHMEYER H*1*	AXIT2020	"
A*TAOT00	"	MILYARD T*1*	AXIT2020	"
A*TAOT00	"	COOPER T*1*	AXIT2020	"
A*TAOT00	"	SMITH T*1*	AXIT2020	"
A*TAOT00	"	HOBBS T*1*	AXIT2020	"
A*TAOT00	"	WIDMER H*1*	AXIT2020	"
A*TAOT00	"	CHRISTIAN T*1*	AXIT2020	"

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A*10001	"	SMITH J.*	A*10001	"
A*10002	"	MILLER B.*	A*10002	"
A*10003	LCO*	HUGHES P.*	A*10003	"
A*10004	V/CO*	ROBERTS R.*	A*10004	T/PT
A*10005	"	BENTON D.*	A*10005	SU/PT
A*10006	LCO*	HAYES H.*	A*10006	ST/PT
A*10007	LCO*	NEWMAN D.*	A*10007	"
A*10008	SFC*	HODGE B.*	A*10008	T/PT
A*10009	CPT*	WALKER T.*	A*10009	"
A*10010	"	FRISWELL V.*	A*10010	SU/PT
A*10011	LCO*	WILSON S.*	A*10011	"
A*10012	SFC*	ROBERTSON P.*	A*10012	T/PT
A*10013	"	SMITH J.*	A*10013	"
A*10014	"	SMITH J.*	A*10014	"
A*10015	"	SMITH J.*	A*10015	"
A*10016	"	SMITH J.*	A*10016	"
A*10017	"	SMITH J.*	A*10017	"
A*10018	"	SMITH J.*	A*10018	"
A*10019	"	SMITH J.*	A*10019	"
A*10020	LCO*	SMITH J.*	A*10020	SU/PT

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COY. A.I.F. RECORDED.

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5 DEC 42

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BRITAIN'S BLITZ TIME MAIL.

A story of the London Post Office by Charles Turner as written in the U.S.A. Postmasters' Gazette for May, 1942.

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The Inner Postal Region which approximates in area to the administrative County of London is divided into ten districts, each under a postmaster. Except for the three central districts, each is divided into sub-districts. So we have in London ten large Head Sorting Depots and one hundred and ten smaller sub-district Sorting Depots. There are separate parcel depots attached to the central districts. In all, some fifteen thousand letter-carriers are employed in the region.

This story deals with conditions in the Eastern Central, although the situation throughout London does not vary a great deal. My district serves the City of London that was the old walled London of Roman days. It is now the financial centre of the British Empire. The Nazis call it our nerve centre. Its industrial importance demands that the Post Office should place within that area its central telegraph and telephone offices, and its three largest sorting depots. The normal mail of the district runs into millions of letters and packets daily. Two thousand letter-carriers and more than that number of sorting clerks handle it.

There were, prior to the war, six deliveries of mail daily and fourteen mail box clearances. Work within the Sorting Depot never ceased. Night and day the sorting clerk and letter-carrier worked preparing the deliveries and disposing of the collections. Duties covered the twenty-four hours. Then war came! Four hundred and fifty of our younger men immediately joined the fighting forces and some curtailment of these services was necessary. The depletion of our ranks was partly repaired by the employment of temporary staff in the higher age categories, but we sorely missed our active young comrades. The oldsters slowed the pace at the sorting bench. However, we were getting through without real difficulty until the blitz came. I find it hard not to smile when my thoughts stray back to the chaos into which our service drifted in those early days.

The best-laid plans of any administration are likely to go awry when there has been no previous experience of air raids on which to build a scheme. The only information then available was that of the terrific batterings of such cities as Warsaw and Rotterdam. Contemplation of their fate led to the adoption throughout industry of the policy of "Safety First." Regulations provided that all who had no vital duty above ground must seek shelter at the sound of the siren. When the savage air attacks burst upon London in September, 1941, the night staff spent long comfortless hours in the shelter of the G.P.O. underground railway seventy feet below the surface, and mails remained untouched until the morning.

This threw the work upon the already aching shoulders of the day staff, each of whom had spent the night in the cramped space of the family "Anderson" shelter. Many of them, owing to interrupted transport, arrived late. Our days were a succession of raid alarms and dives into the nether regions, frustrating every attempt to overtake arrears. There were days when there was only one delivery. Stacks of overdue mail littered the loading banks and railway depots.

Then men began to realise that all this was playing Hitler's game. As always, the man on the job was first with the answer. Ignoring the regulations, postmen remained at the sorting bench when the buzzer sounded. Threats from authority for this disregard of rules died away. Pending a change in official policy, ingenious devices sprang up in the effort to circumvent the regulations. When the buzzer sounded, delivery men would hastily scramble their mail together and dash, - not to the shelter - but out into the street to get that delivery done!

Meanwhile our administration began experiments with the object of restoring full service. Night work was abandoned and the day commenced at 6 a.m. and terminated at 7 p.m. This effort was still not enough. To contract the working day whilst still clinging to a "safety first" policy

implied handling the mail at double the normal pace. Reactions to the blitz had undergone a change and men felt ready to take chances. Most mornings and nights we had to travel through the blitz, so why, we asked, could we not work through it? Despite the fine stock of bomb stories going round, we realised that we were still getting there. Feeling, generally, was veering round to a policy of working through the raids and a Government order to modify some of the raid precautions followed in due course. From thence onward, by the employment of roof spotters to give warning of immediate danger, it was decided that the warning siren was to be regarded only as an "alert" signal.

On the darkest days of winter, blackout conditions limited outdoor work to the daylight hours. Work had to continue through the night indoors, but daytime services were contracted to within the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. It was realised that late evening and all night staffing could only be achieved if the staff made sacrifices. Travel at night, even when transport was available was dangerous. Although the obvious risks from bombing had to be considered, the tone of shell splinters from anti-aircraft fire constituted the greater danger. The late evening staff, therefore, commenced duty at 1 p.m. and remained at the depot overnight sleeping in bunks provided for them, picking up duty again early next morning. The night staff came on at 5 p.m. and worked continuously until 7 a.m. next morning, thus working two shifts in one attendance.

Uncongenial though such conditions were, they were accepted without quibble as necessary to a satisfactory service to the public. A stabilized Blitztime postal service is now operating in London which can and will be maintained, however, severe and strenuous the activities of our Nazi visitors. The story of ways and means may appear drab, but, put into effect, it does not lack adventurous incident. Many of our London sorting depots have disappeared under the impact of H.E. bombs.

Apart from London's trials, a fine story can be told of Coventry. In the vicious fire raid on that beautiful city it was estimated that one bomb fell every three seconds for hours. The staff were still at the main depot when the raid started. Quite early on, incendiary bombs fell on the depot and as quickly as they fell, they were snuffed out. The roof was blown off and windows blasted but the boys stuck to their task. At the end of the raid the depot still stood in an island of devastation, together with the telephone exchange which the boys had also saved. Next day the Postmaster was unable to obtain the name of any one man who had done the job. "We all did it," was all he could get.

That was not the end of the story. Their city had been mortally wounded. All services were out. There was neither water, power, or gas and foodstocks had been destroyed. All the next day the postmen struggled to clear the mess of debris but it rained ceaselessly all day and the next night. Without food they stuck to their part of clearing up. Then down to their own job of the mail, with rain still falling and only candlelight to work by. Within thirty hours they were out on the streets again delivering the mail. It was about the first sign of returning life to the depressed citizens and the postman received many a pat on the shoulder for making their ever welcome appearances so soon after the disaster. They were the heralds who awakened a stricken city.

In London, as the Blitz intensified and the devastation grew around us in the city, there arose a problem of dealing with mails for bombed out premises. A direct hit can mean more than the loss of trading stock. Files and records will also disappear and nothing but the good will of the flourishing business be left. The mail is often the only link with that goodwill and a restoration of business. The business man quickly seeks out his postman, and the future of his mail is soon settled. A temporary or future address is registered at the depot and index cards carrying this are kept on the sorting benches. As mail comes to hand it is immediately redirected. Alternatively, he can call at the depot where a special staff is employed to handle callers mail. His postman will be on hand to identify him and to ensure that mail does not get into the wrong hands.

Apart from casualties over 100 of the 2000 men here have been rendered homeless or have sustained serious damage and loss to their homes. The homeless and destitutes, of course, need help. Usually the first job is to despatch the family to a less vulnerable area, or find new accommodation. From the municipal authorities they obtain clothing to fit

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By Lt. Col. E. W. EGAN, Commanding 6 Bn.

145. TRACK DISCIPLINE.

The standard of track discipline in Coy. areas will be improved. Track plans, if NOT already in operation, will be implemented in all Coy. areas immediately and will fwd. copy to reach B.H.Q. by 1800 hrs. Wed. 9 DEC 42.

The following principles will apply at all times :-

- (a) Existing tracks will be used as far as possible.
- (b) Number of tracks used will be kept to a minimum consistent with efficient working of the unit.
- (c) All tracks must be clearly marked.
- (d) A circuit should be made with separate IN and OUT entrances, which must be clearly indicated.
- (e) All ranks are to be instructed in the track plan of their respective areas, and when directing visitors will indicate the track for visitors to follow.
- (f) Track discipline must be policed, and pers and vehs kept on authorised tracks.
- (g) On unformed rds and tracks, such expedients as spreading light layers of sandy gravel from dry creek beds etc will tend to minimise the dust nuisance and the consequent trend to make a new track.

146. CARRYING OF RESPIRATORS ANTI-GAS.

1. (A) So that respirators anti-gas will always be in a serviceable condition, and the standard of gas training maintained, the following procedure will be adopted forthwith.

- (b) Respirators anti-gas will be carried one day per week by all personnel who have respirators on issue. Respirators will be worn for one (1) hour during the day. This hour should be made up of, say, two "Gas Alarms" each of 30 mins duration.
- (c) During the period of "Gas", unit gas officers will check the fit and serviceability of the respirators in their respective units.
- (d) Coy. Gas periods will be arranged by Unit Gas Officer (Lieut Cordia) who will ensure that these regular weekly inspections are carried out.

147. IDENTITY DISCS.

It has been brought to notice that identity discs are NOT being worn by all personnel, and when accidents occur, great inconvenience has been caused. Unit Comd will take disciplinary action against all offenders.

148. RECREATIONAL LEAVE - INTERSTATE.

DRESS. All ranks travelling interstate on leave may be permitted to wear either khaki working dress OR shirts and shorts while actually travelling between LTD CLAREMONT and their ultimate destination.

Should tps for any reason have occasion to leave the train and the precincts of any station en route, they will be dressed in accordance with DRO 434.

OC trains will ensure that all ranks are correctly dressed in accordance with DRO 434 before detraining at ultimate LTD or other detraining station.

149. OFFENCES - NATIVES.

Attention is directed to the Native Administration Act, 1905/1936:-

Para 46 (1) states:-

"Any person (except a native)-

- (a) who habitually lives with natives or with any native who is not his wife or husband; or
- (b) who cohabits with or has sexual intercourse with any native who is not his wife or her husband.

Shall be guilty of an offence against this act, and shall be liable to imprisonment for a period not more than two years, or to a penalty not more than one hundred pounds."

Para 48(1) states :-

"Any person who sells, supplies, or gives any fermented, spirituous, or other intoxicating liquor, in any quantity whatsoever, either alone or mixed with any other substance, or any opium, to any native shall be guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction, to a penalty not exceeding one hundred pounds, or to any term of imprisonment not exceeding six months, or to both."

150. AIRMAIL SERVICE - EASTERN STATES.

Commencing on 24 NOV 42, the Air-mail service to and from the Eastern States reverted to a thrice weekly frequency. Planes now arrive Perth from Eastern States on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays, and depart Perth for Eastern States on Wednesdays, Fridays, and Sundays.

151. CHRISTMAS MAIL ARRANGEMENTS.

With Christmas close at hand the handling of mails to and from the troops by both the Army and Civil Postal Service will present a real problem. Handling can be facilitated if troops co-operate by :-

- (a) Informing correspondents of their correct address.
- (b) Posting their own Christmas packets and parcels early.
- (c) Requesting their friends and relatives to post early.

Articles posted for delivery in Victoria and other Eastern States before Christmas, should be posted by the first week in DEC; similarly articles from these states addressed to troops in 4 Aust Div Area should be posted by 5 DEC to ensure delivery before Christmas.

152. OFFICERS VISITING FORMATION AREAS.

Many instances have been reported of staff cars proceeding to or through Formation areas without the knowledge of the Formation concerned.

In future, all officers visiting units or other Formations in forward areas or passing through Formation administration areas, either will advise the formation concerned prior to move, or will report to the Formation HQ en route.

153. CONSERVATION OF RUBBER.

(a) It is obvious from the many abuses evident and the unjustified use of MT in many units, that the seriousness of the rubber situation especially in regard to tyres has not been impressed on Comds, offrs and MT personnel generally.

(b) It is the responsibility of Comds and to those controlling MT use to study constantly the question of saving tyre wear and thus prolonging the life of tyre on issue. Unless this is done the depletion of our available supplies of rubber may well bring about the situation that a large percentage of vehs have to be grounded for lack of replacement tyres.

(c) The most obvious means of implementing this saving are contained in XERO 0150 and MBI 041/42 to which the attention of all ranks will be directed. They are as follows :-

- (i) Less use of vehs.
- (ii) Strict observance of speed limits at all times.
- (iii) Constant attention to tyre pressure.
- (iv) Close study of tyres to reveal any undue wear caused by bad alignment or faulty brake adjustment.
- (v) Return of tyres for remoulding or recapping when in correct stage of wear.
- (vi) Unloading vehs if they are to be left standing idle for a period unless provision is made to "jack up" and remove weight from wheels.

(d) It is considered that if the true position in regard to supplies and the vital necessity for economy are explained to all concerned, an appreciable saving in tyre wear will be effected. Comds will therefore arrange for discussions among officers and all MT personnel on methods of conserving tyres. The special attention of ALL ranks is directed to this order and the strictest disciplinary action will be taken against personnel involved in the abuse or neglect of tyres preservation and maintenance.

156. SHOWERS - MISUSE OF.

There have been several instances where fires, started for the purpose of washing clothes in the shower area, have got away and, but for prompt action, could have started a large bush fire.

There should be no need to impress on all ranks the amount of damage bush fires cause and also the fire hazard around this area during these hot months.

All precautions will be taken and the practice of lighting fires in shower area EXCEPT under shower boiler WILL CEASE.

157. VOLUNTEERS 109 LT. A.A.

Volunteers for transfer to 109 Lt. A.A. now serving in a metropolitan area may be accepted up to 20 in number.

Those personnel desirous of such transfer should apply to Coy. Offices -

Nominations close Bn.H.Q. 1800 hrs. 9 DEC 42.

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ROUTINE ORDERS
PART I NO. 103A.

H.Q., 6 Aust. Inf. Bn.
AUSTRALIA.
11 DEC 42.

By Lt. Col. E. W. EGAN, Commanding 6 Bn.

158. CHURCH PARADES.

Church Parades for Sunday 13 DEC 42 will be as follows:-

O.D. Parade Y.M.C.A. at 0730 hrs.
Communion at 0700 "

R.C. Parade at 0730 hrs. Location as last week.
Confessions will be held vicinity Dental Tent Saturday
night from 1900 to 2000 hrs.

159. UNIFORMS MADE TO MEASURE.

The practice of personnel taking delivery from Contractors of uniforms made-to-measure must cease forthwith. In future all uniforms made-to-measure which have been indented for through 7 Adv. Ord. Depot must be delivered by Contractor into Ordnance Stores from whence it will be issued through normal channels.

160. TRAVELLING AND MEAL ALLOWANCES.

- (a) Officers and Other Ranks when detailed to travel on duty must ascertain at the places visited whether quarters and rations are available. If so they should be availed of, provided their duty can be performed from such quarters.
- (b) Personnel travelling interstate by rail will be rationed and/or quartered at LTDs en route.
- (c) Travelling Allowance will NOT be paid for any trip unless a certificate is furnished in the body of the TS4 A, to the effect that quarters and Rations were NOT available at the places visited.

161. EXTRA MESSING ON CHRISTMAS DAY.

- (a) Approval has been given for the expenditure, from public funds, of an amount NOT exceeding 1/- per member, additional to the normal ration scale, for extra messing on Christmas Day, 1942, for personnel actually in the Field, and in Camps, Forts and Garrisons on that day.
- (b) In order to utilise this grant, the amount of 1/- will be treated as a special addition to the normal 1½d per day for Supplementary Rations, and will therefore be dealt with in accordance with General Routine Order F.160 i.e., purchases will be made by units from Canteens wherever possible and the money will be accounted for in the normal way.
- (c) Subject to shipping and availability of supplies, the Canteens Service is making arrangements for provision of suitable items to meet anticipated demands. Every effort will be made to meet all reasonable demands by Units and Units will submit demands on the Canteens Service as early as possible in order that they may be met.

162. PERSONNEL - EVACUATED ON MEDICAL GROUNDS OR TRANSFERRED.

- In view of the increasing number of complaints received regarding breaches all units will ensure that personnel evacuated on medical grounds or transferred are in possession of documents.
- Breaches of this instn. will result in disciplinary action being taken.

163. BUSH FIRES - ASSISTANCE BY TROOPS IN CONTROLLING.

In the event of bush fires or grass fires in the vicinity of camps at which troops are stationed, or within reasonable distance of such camps, the C.O. will order out troops to assist in quelling the outbreak.

In the case of a small fire the Coy. nearest the fire area will be called on to combat the outbreak, and if needs be the assistance of the whole Bn. will be called upon.

164. KITS AND EFFECTS OF ILLEGAL ABSENTEES AND KITS, EFFECTS AND EQPT. FOUND IN RAILWAY CLOAK ROOMS, ETC.

A. KITS AND EFFECTS OF ILLEGAL ABSENTEES.

- 1. Immediately a member of the A.M.F., including A.W.A.S. OR A.A.N.S.

or A.A.M.W.S., has been declared an illegal absentee, the following action will be taken in respect of effects other than those on charge to the members Unit.

2. The effects, after removal of items on charge to the member's unit, will be despatched to the section of Aust. Kit Store servicing the formation to which the member belongs. If there is no such section the effects will be forwarded to the nearest Sub-H.Q. of Aust. Kit Store. Such effects will be accompanied by AAF K.S.4, in duplicate, such form containing a certificate to the effect that the member concerned is an illegal absentee. The effects will then be stored with other kits and effects of members of the same unit.

3. (a) Such effects will be noted by Aust. Kit Store as those of an illegal absentee and will not be issued to the member concerned except on a request signed by or for the C.O. of the member concerned, either of his then unit or of a unit to which the member may be subsequently posted after being apprehended. If such member claims to have been discharged from the Military Forces and produces to Aust. Kit Store his certificate of discharge, arrangements will be made for the Kit to be dissected in accordance with para (b) hereof and the personnel effects forwarded to the member at an address nominated by him.

(b) If such effects have not been withdrawn after the expiration of six months after deposit, Aust. Kit Store will ascertain, through L.H.Q. Records Office, whether the member concerned is still an illegal absentee. If such member is found to be still illegally absent, then the effects concerned will be dissected and dealt with by Aust. Kit Store as provided in the case of a deceased soldier by G.R.O. Q.178/1942 and Administrative Instructions for Kit Stores 1942. If such member, upon such inquiry, is found to be no longer an illegal absentee, then the effects will be removed from the illegal absentee list and, if necessary, transferred to another section of Aust. Kit Store. In the latter case the member concerned, will be so notified.

B. Equipment and Effects found on Railway Stations, Cloakrooms, Hotels, etc.

1. Action as set out below will be taken in all cases where arms, equipment, kits and personal effects are recovered from railway stations, railway and other non-military cloak rooms, hotels and other sources. Such action will be taken by the member of Movement Control, Provost Corps or other unit or person recovering the articles.

(a) Arms and equipment will then be returned to the nearest A.A.O.C. Depot. If the articles can be identified, the owner's unit will be so advised by the A.A.O.C. Depot and the article will be struck off the unit's charge.

(b) Kits and personal effects will, if the owner and his Unit can be ascertained, be forwarded to the section of Aust. Kit Store which serves the formation to which a member belongs. If there is no such section, such articles will be forwarded to the nearest Sub-H.Q. of Aust. Kit Store. Such Sub-H.Q. will arrange for the storage of the article and notify the owner.

(c) If the ownership of the kit or effects cannot be established, the same will be forwarded to the nearest sub-H.Q. of Aust. Kit Store, by whom the articles will be dissected in accordance with G.R.O. Q.178/1942 and Administrative Instructions for Kit Stores, 1942. If the effects remain unidentifiable the personal property therein will be stored by Aust. Kit Store pending identification by description of contents, and the Army property therein dealt with as provided in G.R.O. Q.179/1942 para. (5)(c)(ii). If the ownership of the effects is established during dissection, then the effects will be sent to the appropriate Kit Store Section and the owner will be so notified.

2. Arms, Ammunition, or equipment will not be deposited in Cloak Rooms other than those staffed by Military Personnel, nor will they be left unattended by Military personnel in Hotels, restaurants, cafes or similar institutions.

165. BLADES. SAFETY RAZOR/- FREE ISSUE OF.

1. Commencing as at 19 DEC 1942 safety razor blades will be issued at the rate of 1 blade per week to each member who is rationed by the Army.

2. Distribution to Units will be made by "Q. Branch (S. & T.) with and on the basis of the ration issue. D.D.S.Ts or A.D.S.Ts concerned will indent on Ordnance Depots monthly for estimated requirements.

3. Distribution within Units will be laid down in G.R.O. C.47. 1942/

166. SLOGANS. The following has been received from 3 AUST CORPS.

Designs and ideas that have been submitted are appreciated and many already distributed. Any further designs and ideas that could be submitted by Coys will be greatly appreciated.

Lieut.
A/Adjutant, 6 Aust. Inf. Bn.

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NOTICES.

LOST. Rifle No. 40529 lost in train ex NORTHAM to MOORA. Coys. will make a physical check and report to this H.Q. if this rifle is found.

Rifle No. 126624 Bolt No. Y.7890 in MOORA/DANDARRAGAN area on 27 OCT 42 during "ROBBER" Exercise. All Coys will institute a search to locate this rifle. If found it will be reported and forwarded to this H.Q.

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ROUTINE ORDERS.
PART I NO.104A

H.Q., 6 Aust. Inf. Bn.
AUSTRALIA.
12 DEC 42.

By Lt. Col. E. W. EGAN, commanding 6 Bn.

167. UNIT REGIMENTAL POLICE.

Vacancies exist for Regimental Police - 6 O.Rs. - who must be well trained soldiers, capable of riding M/Cs well under all conditions. Coys may call for volunteers - but each rifle coy. is required to nominate two most suitable A.I.F. personnel to be interviewed to fill R.Ps up to strength.

Names to be to Adj. by 1200 hrs. 16 DEC 42.

168. FARM HOUSES AND BUILDINGS.

On account of theft and damage to property, the area within 100 yds of farm houses and buildings is out of bounds.

169. ENLISTMENTS IN A.I.F.

Further to En. R.O. Part II of 26 SEP 42 re enlistment in AIF the following personnel have since volunteered and been attested; notification of new "VX" numbers will be promulgated as seen as list arrives from D.R.O. 5 M.D.

V.185082	Pte. CAFFREY H.W.	V.180271	Pte. BAKER H.E.
V.155048	" ALLWOOD D.F.	V.68967	" LEE H.A.
V.54511	Cpl. HOYSTED H.R.	V.170204	L/Cpl. MORGAN T.D.
V.65671	" REID. H.R.	V.260141	A/Cpl. FITZGERALD C.N.
V.55282	Sgt. TAYLOR G.W.	V.69011	Pte. GLEESON P.M.
V.155238	Pte. SHEEHAN J.P.	V.155156	A/Cpl. KELLY J.F.
V.180181	" GEER C.B.	V.69180	Pte. MORRELL R.C.
V.62227	Sgt. McLAUGHLAN J.A.	V.170292	" GLEESON T.P.
V.55198	Cpl. SIMPSON W.T.	V.69010	L/Cpl. GEARY T.E.

COY. AIF ENLISTMENTS.

The present Company Enlistments in A.I.F. are shown in the following table :-

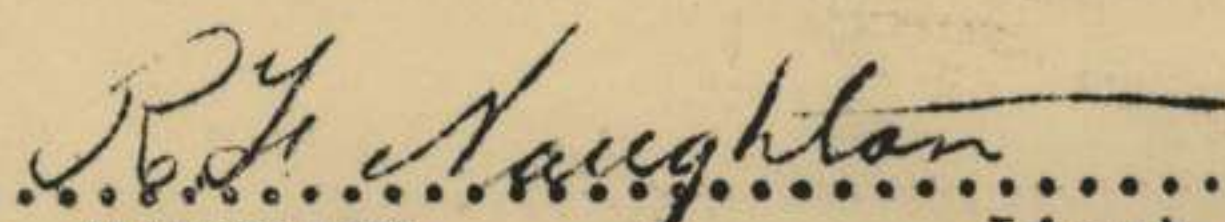
(1) COY.	(2) STRENGTH	(3) ENLISTED.	(4) % of (3) to (2)	(5) Under 21 Vel Wait.Consent.(RAAF/RAN Res)	(6) Not eligible
'B'	102	51	50.00%	-	-
H.Q.	353	169	47.86%	9	2
'A'	99	44	44.44%	-	-
'D'	101	43	42.57%	2	-
'C'	112	41	36.60%	-	-
6 A.I.Bn.	716	348	48.7%	11	2

170. POSTAL INFORMATION.

1. Mail closing days within unit are Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. Mail Planes leave Perth Wednesday, Friday and Sunday.
2. Facilities are available within the Unit for sending greetings to soldiers per international telegrams in code (fee 2/6.)
3. Coy. Clerks to notify Postal Sgt. daily of particulars of men marching out to hospitals, home leave etc.

171. SCHOOL RESULTS.

No. 16 Cooking School.	V.69113	Pte. TANGHEY M.C.	Pass.
No. 9 A/Gas Instrs. Crse.	V.69296	Cpl. LONERGAN M.P.	Pass.
No. 3 SAS Sch. B'Gilla.	V.55778	Sgt. KEAM R.N.	Pass.
No. 17 P.& R.T. Harvey.	V.310036	Cpl. BALDWIN H.	Pass.
O.T.S. Prep. Crse.	V.88757	Sgt. HARRY K.J.	Pass.



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ROUTINE ORDERS
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H.Q., 6 Aust. Inf. Bn.
AUSTRALIA.
19 DEC 42.

By Lt. Col. E. W. EGAN, Commanding 6 Bn.

172. CHURCH PARADES.

Church Parades for Sunday 20 DEC 42 will be as follows :-

O.D. Parade. 0845 hrs. outside H.Q. Coy. Office.

R.C. Parade. 0830 hrs. " " " "

An NCO i/c will be allotted each respective parade.

173. CAMERAS AND PHOTOGRAPHY.

1. All ranks who have cameras, may in future use them subject to the following :-

2. An officer will be appointed in each Unit to be O.i/c Photography. He will maintain a register showing the number, make and description of every camera held in the unit, together with the number, rank and name of the possessor.

3. Officers and O.Rs will be responsible for ensuring that cameras in their possession are registered with the O.i/c Photography.

4. Cameras will be withdrawn, prior to departure, from personnel of units about to proceed to an active theatre of operations. Cameras will be withdrawn at once from personnel already in an active theatre of operation.

5. C.Os of units may at any time order the withdrawal of cameras for security reasons.

6. The O.i/c Photography, when the order for withdrawal has been given, will collect and forward cameras to :-

(a) such persons as the possessors of cameras direct, at the expense of the possessors. Packages containing cameras will be sent by registered post and registration receipt will be handed to the possessors in each case.

(b) H.Q. L. of C. Area; or

(c) O.i/c Base Depot.

The O.i/c Photography will give a receipt for all cameras received, whether for disposal by (a), (b) or (c).

7. Notwithstanding the provisions of paras. 4, 5 and 6, a C.O. may, if he thinks fit, approve of the retention of cameras by not more than four members of the Unit provided they signify their agreement that such retention will be subject to the following terms :-

(a) That cameras so retained will be used only as directed by O.i/c Photography.

(b) That the said cameras remain in the possession of the members concerned and will be at such members' risk.

(c) That the C.O. may withdraw such approval at any time.

8. H.Q. L. of C. Areas will be responsible for ensuring that cameras deposited for custody by a unit proceeding overseas are forwarded on the Unit's behalf to the Base Depot abroad.

9. (a) Films of photographs taken for official purposes will be forwarded for processing by formations, units, experimental and technical establishments etc. direct to H.Q. L. of C. Area. They will be accompanied by a memo. signed by the C.O. or an officer of field rank stating the purpose to which they will be put.

(b) If in the opinion of G.S.I. at H.Q. L. of C. Area, films or plates should not, for security reasons, be returned to forward areas, G.S.I. will retain them and will without delay advise the formation, unit, experimental or technical establishment, etc., accordingly.

10. Films of photographs taken by officers and O.Rs. for non-official purposes will be forwarded to an approved photographer for processing. H.Q. L. of C. Areas will arrange with approved photographers that photographs contravening the Control of Photography Order will not be returned to the sender, but to H.Q. L. of C. Area. Such photographs will be referred to C.O. unit for necessary action.

11. The names of approved photographers will from time to time be published in Unit Routine Orders. Approving authorities will be, in Australia, H.Q. L. of C. Areas, and abroad, Formation Commanders.

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12. Photographs (other than those taken for official purposes) which if captured, would be of value to the enemy, are prohibited.
 13. Contravention of this order will be dealt with by disciplinary action and/or by :-

- (a) Withdrawal, temporary or permanent, of cameras.
- (b) Destruction of films or prints.

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174. IDENTITY DISCS.

All ranks will be supplied with two identity discs which will be worn as shown below :-

(a) The No.1 disc (green) will be suspended round the neck beneath the uniform by 32 inches of cord, and the No. 2 disc (red) will hang below the No. 1 by the two being joined by 6 inches of cord.

(b) The following particulars must be stamped clearly and effectively on the discs as under :-

Front side -

- (i) Army Number.
- (ii) Initials and name.
- (iii) Index letter(s) of religion.

Reverse side - Blood group number (as shown inside back cover of Paybook.) The greatest care must be taken in stamping the group letter and figures on the discs, as an incorrect marking may lead to loss of a life which might otherwise have been saved.

2. Discs that have been stamped with incorrect details are to be destroyed under supervision and any necessary replacements requisitioned to Q.M.

3. All Coys. will institute a check to ensure that every serving member is in possession of identity discs which are correctly marked.

4. Coys. will frequently check to ensure that all personnel are wearing discs; neglect to wear same will be treated as a breach of discipline.

175. FALSE STATEMENTS TO OBTAIN LEAVE, ETC.

1. Attention is directed to Regulation 73A of the National Security (General) Regulations, inserted by Statutory Rules 1942 No. 475. That Regulation is as follows :-

"73A.-(1.) A person shall not knowingly produce or present to any person any document containing any false statement or from which any material omission has been made, or knowingly make or connive at the making of any false statement, whether oral or in writing, or any omission, for the purpose of obtaining for any person or of assisting any person to obtain -

- (a) exemption from service or leave of absence from any part of the Defence Force;
- (b) a transfer from one unit, service, department, corps or arm of the Defence Force to another or from any place at which he is serving as a member of the Defence Force to any other place;
- (c) the transfer from any place of detention to any other place, or the release, whether temporarily or permanently, of any person detained in pursuance of any instrument made or issued under any regulation made in pursuance of the Act, or any benefit or special treatment for any person so detained.

(2.) In any prosecution for a contravention of sub-regulation

(1.) of this regulation, any document purporting to be signed by the accused person, or to be authorised by him -

(a) shall be admissible in evidence against him without proof that the signature therein is his signature or that the document was authorized by him; and

(b) shall be prima facie evidence that any statements contained therein were made, and that the document was produced or presented, by him or with his authority.

(3.) In any proceedings under this regulation against any person, the onus shall be upon that person of satisfying the court that the statement or representation which is the subject matter of the prosecution was true."

4. As offences against the above regulation cannot, except as specified in para. 3 above, be dealt with by court-martial or by a C.O., all breaches of the regulation which comes to the notice of C.Os. (including breaches by civilians) will be reported to the relevant Headquarters, Lines of Communication Area.

176. FALSE STATEMENTS TO SECURE EXEMPTION, LEAVE, ETC.

Every person subject to Military Law, whether on war service or not, who, with intent to deceive, makes any false statement or representation, whether verbal or in writing, in connection with any application that -

- (a) any member of the Military Forces shall be granted exemption from service or leave of absence; or
- (b) any member of the Defence Force shall be transferred from one arm, service, department, corps or unit of the Defence Force to another or from one place to another;

shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable to penalties as prescribed by A.M.R. 215.

The averments by the prosecution that the statement or representation attributed to the accused was false, and was made with intent to deceive, shall be prima facie evidence of such falsity and intent.

177. GREEN ENVELOPES - POSTAL CHARGES

1. In order to correct any misunderstanding which may exist in regard to postal charges on green envelopes posted on the mainland of Australia or in Tasmania, the attention of all ranks will be drawn to the following instructions :-

- (a) When the green envelope contains one letter only - the green envelope will be addressed to the person for whom the letter is intended and bear the appropriate postage stamp. If it is intended that the letter be sent by airmail, the appropriate additional postage stamp will be affixed and the green envelope marked "By Air Mail."
- (b) When the green envelope contains two or three letters - the following conditions must be observed :-
 - (i) Each letter enclosed in the green envelope must be placed in an addressed envelope which must bear the necessary postage stamps and be left unsealed. The green envelope will be addressed to the "Deputy Base Censor" and will not bear any postage stamps.
 - (ii) The words "By Air Mail" must be written on the green envelope if any of the letters enclosed therein are prepaid for transmission by air mail.

2. Letters etc., not exceeding four ounces in weight, posted in Papua and New Guinea for delivery within the Commonwealth are exempt from postage, except when air mail transmission on the mainland or in Tasmania is desired, in which case the appropriate air mail fees are applicable.

178. PURCHASE OF MADE-TO-MEASURE UNIFORM

1. The conditions governing the purchase of made-to-measure clothing from the Commonwealth Clothing Factory, Miles Street, South Melbourne by members of the Military Forces are as follows :-

- (a) Payment must be made on or before delivery of the goods.
- (b) In the case of orders received by post, an immediate notification will be forwarded by the factory to the purchaser intimating that the order has been put in hand and the amount involved. The purchaser will then forward a remittance and the goods will be despatched when ready.
- (c) In all cases, whether on personal application or by an order in writing, a covering written authority endorsed with the unit stamp and signed by the member's C.O. or Adjutant, authorising the supply, must be submitted with the order.

2. In order to comply with National Security (General) Regulations, para. 31A, the conditions prescribed in paragraph 1(c) above will apply also to orders placed by members with private tailors.

179. CLEANING OF WEB EQUIPMENT AND GAITERS.

The practice of bleaching articles of web equipment and web gaiters, either by excessive washing with soap and soda or other means, is to cease immediately.

Items treated in this manner are not only unduly conspicuous in action but the treatment greatly deteriorates the material and reduces the life of the article.

When it is necessary to clean any article by washing, luke warm soapy water and light scrubbing only should be used. However, such washing should be restricted to occasions when it is absolutely essential.

180. MODIFICATION OF .38-in. PISTOLS TO FIRE 9-mm. PARABELLUM AMMUNITION

1. Attempts to fire 9-mm. Parabellum S.A.A. in .38-in. Pistols will result in barrels failures after approximately 25 rounds. Therefore, 9-mm. S.A.A. will not be fired from pistols of .38 calibre, nor will any modifications be made to these pistols in order to make them accept 9-mm. ammunition.

2. Disciplinary action will be taken against offenders.

R. F. Naughton
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LOST: A signet ring in showers at old sight. Finder please return same to Regt. H.Q.

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ROUTINE ORDERS
PART I NO.106A.

H.Q., 6 Aust. Inf. Bn.
AUSTRALIA.
20 DEC 42.

By Major C. DUMBLE, Adm. Comd. 6 Bn.

181. REMOVAL OF ROAD MAKING MATERIALS.

(a) It has been brought to notice that some units are removing gravel, etc. dumped beside roads for maintenance of such routes. In many cases this material has been brought from long distances. The importance of having stocks of material available for the repair of roads used by the army should be apparent.

(b) Coys. will ensure that under no circumstances are such road-making materials removed without the authority of this H.Q.

182. SECURITY.

ALL RANKS will be warned against breaches of security of the following nature :-

(a) Signing Visitor's books at hotels, hostels, clubs, tourist resorts, etc., giving number and UNIT.

Rank and name only will be entered in cases such as above.

(b) Writing of names and units on menus and walls of public places, telephone booths etc.

Every breach of these instructions will be referred to the unit concerned for disciplinary action.

183. ROYAL MILITARY COLLEGE : SPECIAL ENTRY 1943.

Reference Bn. R.O. 97A of 24 NOV 42. Nominations are still open and will reach HQ 4 Aust Div by 26 DEC #2 at latest but should be forwarded as soon as possible.

The allotment to Formations and units under command of HQ 4 Aust Div has been increased to 10.

183. APPLICATIONS FOR PROVOST CORPS.

(a) Applicants for 3 Aust. Corps Pro Coy are required immediately. They must be of good physique, minimum height 5 feet 9 inches, with good disciplinary record and preferably have seen service with a field unit.

(b) Other things being equal, preference will be given to those holding license as M/C riders and MT Dr's or to those having special knowledge in map reading, first aid and ambulance or convoy duties and MT maintenance.

(c) Men required to wear spectacles or having any marked physical disability are not acceptable.

(d) Applicants will be informed that they must serve a probationary period to ascertain their suitability as Provost personnel.

(e) All personnel will be interviewed and considered by APM 3 Aust Corps or his representative.

(f) Recruits will be given a comprehensive course of training in all duties.

(g) If applicants are of suitable type and not engaged in specialist duties, no obstacle is to be put in their way and their applications will be forwarded to reach Bn. H.Q. by 28 DEC 42.

184. TOOTHBRUSHES - REPLACEMENT ISSUES.

Toothbrushes will be replaced by free issues at not less than three-monthly intervals on return of unserviceable brushes.

F. W. Gluth
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Adjutant, 6 Aust. Inf Bn Capt.
F. W. GLUTH.

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ROUTINE ORDERS
PART I NO. 108A

31 DEC 42.
H.Q., 6 Aust. Inf. Bn.
AUSTRALIA.

By Major C. DUMBLE Adm. Comd. 6 Bn.

188. Message from General Sir Thomas Blamey, K.C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.,
Commander, Allied Land Forces in S.W. Pacific Area, and Commander-in-
Chief, Australian Military Forces :-

"As Commander of the Allied Land Forces in the South-West Pacific Area, I send seasonal felicitations to all officers and men, Americans and Australians, under my command.

I congratulate you on your recent successes, which are but the forerunner of the great offensive action which will bring victory to our cause and peace to the Pacific. There will be hard and bitter fighting. Even heavier sacrifices will be demanded from us but only by those sacrifices can we ensure the sanctity of our homes and the security of our countries.

Your successes have made it possible for our kinsfolk at home to commemorate this season with some of the traditional festivity. Participation in that commemoration is denied you by a savage enemy, to whom the spirit of Christmas is meaningless. But you will find compensation in the great comradeship of arms. It is a continuing friendship which will carry you through the vicissitudes of the peace that is to come as well as the tribulations and difficulties of war.

In that comradeship you will go forward to victory, which can alone preserve for our peoples the right to celebrate Christmas as it has been commemorated for almost 2,000 years.

XMAS GREETINGS.

"I wish to convey to all ranks of our Forces in Western Australia, every good wish for a very Happy Christmas and for a victorious and prosperous New Year."

H. GORDON BENNETT Lt. General.
Commander 3 AUST. CORPS.

All best wishes and Christmas Greetings to all officers, N.C.Os and men of the 6 Aust. Inf. Bn.

G. F. LANGLEY Brig.
Commanding 2nd Australian Inf. Bde.

The following message has been received from the C.O. Lt. Col. E. W. EGAN - Best wishes to officers and N.C.Os and men for Christmas and New Year.

E. W. EGAN Lt. Col.
Commanding 6 Aust. Inf. Bn.

R. F. Naughton
.....
R. F. NAUGHTON, Lieut.
A/Adjutant, 6 Aust. Inf. Bn.

A.M.F. 11/12/3.

6 AVST. INF. BN.

	1		1
	7		2
	25	6	5
(Lieut)	1		
	34	6	6

Nil.

Nil.

Nil.

Rank	Service No.	Initials	Name	Position	NO.	Remarks
Lt. Col.	WX19.	E.W.	EGAN.	C.O.	NO.	Sch. Puckapunyal. 'X'
Major.	V55296.	C.	DUMBLE.	2 i/c.	Yes.	
Capt.	V55311.	R.B.	SYKES.	-----	No.	Detached- Northam.
"	VX112213.	F.W.	GLUTH.	Adjutant.	Yes.	
"	VX112214.	A.B.C.	HARRISON.	21/c.A.Coy.	"	
"	V55269.	R.B.	PATERSON.	OC. A.Coy.	"	
"	V55270.	G.S.	PHILLIPS.	OC. D.Coy.	"	
"	VX112282.	J.B.	BLACKIE.	21/c.B.Coy.	"	
"	WX25968.	J.A.	HOWARD.	OC. B.Coy.	"	
Lieut.	V55226.	A.W.P.	CORDIA.	A.Tk. O.	"	
"	VX112215.	B.McK.	SHANKS.	OC. Carriers.	No.	Sch. - Harvey.
"	VX28627.	H.W.	LEE.	OC. C.Coy.	"	" "
"	VX36457.	R.M.	GRAHAM.	10.Pl. Comdr.	"	" "
"	VX114188.	G.A.	HOLLAND.	21/c.C.Coy.	"	Det. - 4 Aust. Div.
"	V55292.	A.E.	WHITE.	Sig. O.	Yes.	
"	VX52223.	T.E.	ARNOLD.	Q.M.	"	
"	VX41877.	A.E.	WHITE.	8Pl. Comdr.	No.	A.R.L. - Victoria.
"	VX25377.	G.K.	FINLAY.	12Pl. Comdr.	"	Sch. - Harvey.
"	VX51765.	W.T.	DAVEY.	15Pl. Comdr.	Yes.	
"	VX51977.	C.	BIRMINGHAM.	9Pl. Comdr.	"	
"	VX43078.	C.G.	COMPSTON.	T.O.	"	
"	VX52306.	T.M.	CARMICHAEL.	11Pl. Comdr.	"	
"	VX53849.	H.	DUNN.	19Pl. Comdr.	No.	Sch. - Harvey.
"	VX112218.	W.	MCGRATH.	Pioneer Pl.	Yes.	
"	VX112283.	K.C.	BUCKLEY.	14Pl. Comdr.	"	
"	VX112217.	J.Le.G.	GANT.	Mortars.	No.	Sch. - Harvey.
"	V55112.	R.E.	BACKMAN.	17Pl. Comdr.	Yes.	Det- 109 A/Tk.
"	V55249.	D.R.	HALFORD.	13Pl. Comdr.	Yes.	
"	VX112216.	R.W.	GOSS.	21/c. Carriers.	No.	Sch-B, gilla. 'X' List.
"	V55264.	W.D.	THOMAS.	A.A.Pl.	"	Sch-Bassendean.
"	V65696.	H.J.	STONE.	-----	"	Det. Narrogin.
"	WX262.	A.	INGRAHAM.	21/c.D.Coy.	Yes.	
"	WX708.	B.P.	ILLINGWORTH.	16Pl. Comdr.	"	
"	WX4141.	R.F.	NAUGHTON.	Asst. Adj.	"	
"	NF10096.	S.P.	WEIR.	I.O.	No.	A.R.L. - Victoria.
"	V55155.	C.	EDWARDS.	18Pl. Comdr.	Yes.	

Capt. ----- T. MORRIS. A.A.M.C.
Padre. ----- G. MAHER. A.A.Ch.D.
Lieut. CADDY. 109 A/Tk.

6 AUST. INF. BN.

A/Adjutant.

Lieut.

19 December. 1942.

2 AUST. INF. BDE. - 4AUST. DIV.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

A.M.P. 31/12/30

6 AUSTR. INF. BR.

(Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels	1		1
Majors	0		2
Captains	24	5	2
Lieutenants			
2nd Lieutenants (Lieut.)	1		
Quartermasters			
Totals	26	5	5

*Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
		NIL.		

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
		NIL.		

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

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).
	NIL.		

In order of seniority

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lt. Col.	VX19.	R.W. JEAN.	C.O.	No.	Sch. Puckapunyal, 'X' Lia
Major.	V55298.	C. HUNTER.	2 1/c.	Yes.	
Capt.	V55321.	R.B. SMITH.	---	No.	Det. - Fortification, now on AEL
"	VX11213.	P.W. GUTH.	Adjutant.	Yes.	
"	VX11221.	A.B.C. HARRISON.	21/c. 1. Coy.	"	
"	V55257.	R.B. PARRISON.	OC. A. Coy.	No.	A.R.L. Victoria.
"	W25903.	J.A. HOWARD.	OC. B. Coy.	"	A.R.L. Victoria.
"	V55270.	C.S. PHILLIPS.	OC. D. Coy.	Yes.	
"	VX11283.	J.B. HACKETT.	21/c. B. Coy.	"	
"	V25527.	R.W. LEE.	OC. C. Coy.	No.	Sch. - Harvey.
Lieut.	VX11215.	R. SMITH.	OC. Carriers.	"	"
"	V55226.	A.W.P. GRINA.	A. H.Q.	Yes.	
"	V55234.	A.H. WITTE.	Sig. Co.	"	
"	V55254.	W.D. THOMAS.	A.A. Pl.	"	
"	VX11214.	R.W. COSS.	21/c. Carriers.	No.	Sch. D. gilla, 'X' Dist.
"	VX11188.	G.A. HOLLAND.	21/c. C. Coy.	"	Det. - 4. Aust. Div.
"	VX11577.	A.H. WITTE.	8 Pl. Comdr.	"	A.R.L. Victoria.
"	V55257.	R.A. CRAMER.	10 Pl. Comdr.	"	Sch. - Harvey.
"	V25577.	G.K. FINLAY.	12 Pl. Comdr.	"	Sch. - Harvey.
"	V55125.	R.H. ADAMS.	C.S.	Yes.	
"	V551765.	W.E. DAVIE.	15 Pl. Comdr.	No.	Hospital.
"	V55206.	R.H. GIBBINGHAM.	11 Pl. Comdr.	Yes.	
"	VX11307.	C.G. CAMPBELL.	L.O.	"	
"	V55277.	G. BIRMINGHAM.	9 Pl. Comdr.	"	
"	V55282.	H. BIRD.	19 Pl. Comdr.	No.	Sch. - Harvey.
"	VX11218.	W. BIRCHALL.	18th Pl.	Yes.	
"	VX11217.	J.L.G. BART.	Mortars.	No.	Sch. - Harvey.
"	VX11283.	K.C. MCLELL.	14 Pl. Comdr.	"	A.R.L. Victoria.
"	V55112.	R.E. JACKMAN.	17 Pl. Comdr.	Yes.	
"	V55283.	R.H. HALPERN.	13 Pl. Comdr.	"	
"	V55135.	C. HARRIS.	15 Pl. Comdr.	"	
"	V55296.	R.J. SMITH.	---	No.	Det. - Harrogin.
"	VX11111.	R.P. HAUGHTON.	Asst. Adj.	Yes.	
"	VX703.	R.P. HALLINGWORTH.	16 Pl. Comdr.	"	
"	V5262.	A. HARRISON.	21/c. B. Coy.	"	
"	W10096.	R.P. WIER.	L.O.	No.	A.R.L. Victoria.

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt.	---	R. MORRIS.	A.A.M.C.		
Major.	---	G. WARD.	A.A. Ch. B.		
Lieut.	---	---	29 1/c.		

6 AUSTR. INF. BR.

(Unit.)

2 January, 1943.

(Date of Despatch.)

R. Haughton Lieut.
Adjutant. (Signature of Commander.)

2 AUSTR. INF. BR., 4 AUSTR. DIV.

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

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

6 Aust. Inf. Bn. (Unit)

A.M.E. 11/12/53

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels	1		
Majors	1		2
Captains	7		3
Lieutenants	28	6	
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters (Lieut)	1		
Totals	35	6	5

*Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
		nil		

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Majors	H.S. DEWILLIE.	2/6 Bn.	16.11.42	Trans. 38 Bn.
Capt.	R.A. SCOTT.	6 Bn.	19.11.42.	" 3 Aust. Reinf. Depot No. 2 Coy.
Lieut.	R.W. COSS.	6 Bn.	2.10.42	School-3 rd gilla 128 last.

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

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).
		nil	

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lt. Col.	WX19.	E.W. EGAN.	C.O.	No.	School - Donaghy.
Major.	V55298.	C. DUNBAR.	2 1/c.	Yes.	
Capt.	V55311.	R.B. SYDNEY.		No.	Detached - Harman.
"	VX112213.	P.W. GUTH.	Adjutant.	Yes.	
"	VX112214.	A.B.C. HARRISON.	21/c. A. Coy.	"	
"	V55269.	R.B. PATTERSON.	O.C. A. Coy.	"	
"	V55270.	G.S. PHILLIPS.	O.C. B. Coy.	"	
"	VX112282.	J.B. BLACKIE.	21/c. B. Coy.	"	
"	V55296.	J.A. HOWARD.	O.C. B. Coy.	"	
Lieut.	V55226.	A.V.P. CORRIE.	A. 2/c. O.	"	
"	VX112215.	B.M.K. SHAW.	O.C. Carriers.	No.	School - Harvey.
"	VX28627.	H.W. LEE.	O.C. C. Coy.	"	School - Harvey.
"	VX3657.	R.H. GRAHAM.	10 Pl. Condr.	"	School - Harvey.
"	V55283.	G.A. HOLLAND.	21/c. C. Coy.	"	Det. - 4. AUST. INF.
"	V55292.	A.E. WHITE.	Sig. O.	Yes.	
"	VX51125.	E.H. ARNOLD.	O. N.	"	
"	VX11877.	A.E. WHITE.	8 Pl. Condr.	"	
"	VX25771.	G.E. FINLAY.	12 Pl. Condr.	No.	School - Harvey.
"	VX51765.	W.E. DAVIS.	15 Pl. Condr.	Yes.	
"	VX51777.	C. BIRMINGHAM.	9 Pl. Condr.	"	
"	VX13073.	C.G. COMSTON.	E.O.	"	
"	VX52306.	E.H. CANNON.	11 Pl. Condr.	"	
"	VX53819.	M. DUNN.	19 Pl. Condr.	No.	School - Harvey.
"	VX112218.	W. MCGRAIN.	Pioneer Pl.	Yes.	
"	VX112219.	K.C. BUCKLEY.	14 Pl. Condr.	"	
"	VX112217.	J. LEE. GANT.	Mortars.	"	
"	V55112.	R.E. BACKMAN.	17 Pl. Condr.	No.	Det - 109 1/3.
"	V55299.	D.R. HALFORD.	13 Pl. Condr.	"	School - Harvey.
"	VX112216.	R.W. COSS.	21/c. Carriers	"	" B. gilla. 1st Lt.
"	V55297.	W.D. THOMAS.	A.A. Pl.	"	" Donaghy.
"	V65696.	H.J. STONE.		"	Det. Harrogin.
"	WX262.	A. INGRAM.	21/c. D. Coy.	Yes.	
"	WX703.	R.P. ILLINGWORTH.	16 Pl. Condr.	No.	School - Harvey.
"	WX141.	W.F. HAUGHTON.	Asst. Adj.	Yes.	
"	MP10096.	S.P. WIER.	I.O.	No.	A.R.L. Victoria.
"	V55155.	C. EDWARDS.	18 Pl. Condr.	Yes.	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt.		T. MORRIS.	A.A.M.C.		
Podre.		G. MORRIS.	A.A. Ch. D.		
Lieut.		CADRE.	109 1/3.		

6 AUST. INF. BN.

(Unit.)

6 DECEMBER, 1942.

(Date of Despatch.)

F. R. Haughton
Adjutant. (Signature of Commander.)

2 AUST. INF. BDE. - 4 AUST. INF.

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

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

6 ABSE. INF. BN.

A.M.P. 11/12/3.

(Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels			2
Majors	3		2
Captains	7		3
Lieutenants	25	6	
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters (Lieut.)	1		
Totals	36	6	6

*Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
		NIL.		

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
		NIL.		

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

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).
		NIL.	

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
	V55211	C. HENRY	2 1/2 Co.	Yes	
	V55212	P. J. GIBSON	1st Bn.	Yes	
	V55213	A. P. GIBSON	2 1/2 Co. A Coy.	"	
	V55214	P. J. GIBSON	C. Co. A Coy.	No	A.P.L. Victoria
	V55215	C. HENRY	C. Co. B Coy.	Yes	
	V55216	J. L. HANLEY	2 1/2 Co. B Coy.	"	
	V55217	J. L. HANLEY	C. Co. B Coy.	No	A.P.L. - Victoria
	V55218	A. P. GIBSON	A. Coy.	Yes	
	V55219	P. J. GIBSON	C. Co. Garrison	No	Spl. - Inver
	V55220	P. J. GIBSON	C. Co. Garrison	"	"
	V55221	P. J. GIBSON	20 Pl. Coy.	"	"
	V55222	C. HENRY	2 1/2 Co. C Coy.	"	Infr. - A. Coy. Bn.
	V55223	A. P. GIBSON	Spl. Co.	Yes	
	V55224	P. J. GIBSON	C. Co. Garrison	"	"
	V55225	A. P. GIBSON	1st Bn.	No	A.P.L. - Victoria
	V55226	C. HENRY	2nd Bn.	"	Spl. - Inver
	V55227	P. J. GIBSON	15 Pl. Coy.	Yes	
	V55228	C. HENRY	9 Pl. Coy.	"	
	V55229	P. J. GIBSON	11 Pl. Coy.	"	
	V55230	P. J. GIBSON	12 Pl. Coy.	No	Spl. - Inver
	V55231	A. P. GIBSON	20 Pl. Coy.	"	A. Coy. Bn.
	V55232	P. J. GIBSON	1st Bn.	"	
	V55233	P. J. GIBSON	11 Pl. Coy.	No	A.P.L. - Victoria
	V55234	J. L. HANLEY	Infr.	"	Spl. - Inver
	V55235	P. J. GIBSON	17 Pl. Coy.	Yes	
	V55236	P. J. GIBSON	13 Pl. Coy.	"	
	V55237	P. J. GIBSON	2 1/2 Co. Garrison	No	Spl. - Inver
	V55238	P. J. GIBSON	A. Coy.	"	
	V55239	P. J. GIBSON	A. Coy.	"	
	V55240	P. J. GIBSON	2 1/2 Co. Garrison	Yes	
	V55241	P. J. GIBSON	16 Pl. Coy.	"	
	V55242	P. J. GIBSON	Infr. Bn.	"	
	V55243	P. J. GIBSON	I. Coy.	No	A.P.L. Victoria
	V55244	C. HENRY	11 Pl. Coy.	Yes	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.

(Unit.)

(Signature of Commander.)

(Date of Despatch.)

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

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

6 REG. INF. BR. (Unit) 2 January 1943 (Date)

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1 Detail.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	3		
W.Os. Class II.	6		1
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	5		
Staff Serjeants	2	1	
Serjeants	37	2	
Corporals	72 (6 1/2 sgt's)		4
Troopers, Privates, &c.	72	6	1
	53		3
TOTALS	247	* 0	* 119

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps. against U.R.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
Sgt. HUGH, E.V.	A.A.P.C.		
" WING, S.H.	4 Div. Postal Unit		
" HUGHES, S.	Logistics Section		
Cpl. WILSON, A.R.	A.A.P.C.		
" HALL, H.S.	AAC (Australia)		
" SPINK, J.H.	AAC (Australia)		
Pte. WILSON, J.	AAC (Australia, India)		

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

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts if known.)
10016	Pte.	HUGH, E.V.	6 Div.	A.A.P.C. Australia

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

6 REG. INF. BR. (Unit) 6 REG. 1942 (Date).

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1 Detail.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	2		
W.Os. Class II.	7		
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	5		
Staff Serjeants	2	2	
Serjeants	36		
Corporals	70 (6 L/Sgt)		6
Troopers, Privates, &c.	615		2 Specialists. 116 Imm. Spec.
TOTALS	735	* 2	* 12

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
ATTACHED SERJEANT, R.E.			
Sgt. BAKER, E.V.	A.A.P.C.		
" BRIDGE, S.H.	4 Dist. Dir. Postal. Unit.		
" BLAGGIER, J.	Hygiene Section.		
Op. WILSON, A.D.	A.A.P.C.		
" HALL, H.J.	A.A.P.C. (ammunition)		
" SPARK, J.H.	A.A.P.C. (Shoemaker)		
Pte. WALKER, G.	A.A.P.C. (Kitchen Helper)		

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

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts if known.)
769146	Pte.	WALKER, G.	6 REG.	A.A.P.C. DISTRICT

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

Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)
Ammunition Examiners			Fire Control Operators		1	Panel Beaters		
Armament Artificers			Fitters			Pattern Makers		
Armourers			Fitters and Turners			Pharmacists		
Artificers, Artillery			Fitters, Cycle			Photographers, dry plate		
Axemen			Fitters, Drivers			Photographers, wet plate		
Bakers			Fitter's Mates			Photo-Writers		
Battery Surveyors			Fitters, M.V.			Plate Layers		
Battery Comdrs. Asst.			Fitters, Railway Signal			Plumbers		
Blacksmiths			Fitters, Signal			Predictor Numbers		
Boilermakers			Grinders			Printers		
Bricklayers			Gun Layers			Radiator Mechanics		
Butchers			G.P.O. Assistants			Radiographers		
Camouflage Modeller			Gun Operators			Range Takers		
Carpenter and Joiner			Hammermen			Riggers		
Clerks			Height Takers			Riveters		
Clerks, Engineering			Helio Operators			Saddlers		
Clerks, Supply			Instrument Mechanics			Saddle Tree Makers		
Clerks, Technical			Instrument Mech., Surgical			Saw Doctors		
Coachmakers			Instrument Operators			Sawyers		
Computers			Intelligence Duties			Shoemakers		
Concretors			Joiners			Signallers		
Cooks			Leather Stitchers			Signwriters		
Cooks, Hospital			Linesmen			Stokers, Stationary Engine		
Coppersmiths			Linesmen, Signals			Storemen, Technical		
Dental Clerk Orderlies			Lithographers			Surveyors,		
Despatch Riders			Machinists			Surveyors, Engineering		
Dispensers			Masons			Tailors		
Draughtsmen			Masseurs			Telescope Identification Numbers		
Draughtsmen, Architectural			Mechanics, Dental			Textile Refitters		
Draughtsmen, Mechanical			Mechanics, M.T.			Tinsmiths		
Draughtsmen, Signal			Mechanics, Typewriter			Toolmakers		
Draughtsmen, Topog'phical			Mechanics, Wireless			Turners		
Driver Mechanics			Millwrights			Vulcanizers		
Driver Operators			Miners			Wagon Erectors		
Drivers, Tr'sportation Plant			Moulders			Watchmakers		
Electrical Fitters			Nursing Orderlies			Watermen		
Electricians			Nursing Orderlies (Mental)			Welders		
Electricians, Eng. Units			Nurses, Trained			Well Borers		
Electricians, Signal			Observation Post Assistants			Wheelers		
Engine Artificers			Operating Room Assistants			Whitesmiths		
Engine Hands I/C			Operators, Signal			Wiremen		
Equipment Repairers		2	Opticians			Woodturners		
Farriers			Painters					
						S/Sgt.	1	
						Cpl.		6
						Non. Spec.		116
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)		1			2		1	122

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

6 AUST. INF. BR.

Unit.

R. Raughon Capt.
Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch 6 DECEMBER, 42.

2 AUST. INF. BR. - 4 AUST. INF.

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

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

6 AUST. INF. BN. (Unit) 19 December, 42 (Date)

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1 Detail.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	1		
W.Os. Class II.	6		1
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	5		
Staff Serjeants	1	1	
Serjeants	35		1
Corporals	72(6 L/Sgts)		4
Troopers, Privates, &c.	633		98 Specialists. Non.Spec.
TOTALS	753	* 1	* 106

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
ATTACHED AGAINST. W.E.			
Sgt. FORGE. K.V.	A.A.P.C.		
" WYNACK. S.H.	4 Aust.Div.Postal Unit.		
" McLAUGHLIN.J.	Hygiene Section.		
Cpl. WILSON.A.D.	A.A.M.C.		
" HALL. H.J.	A.A.O.C.(Armourer.)		
" SPARK. J.H.	A.A.O.C.(Shoemaker).		
Pte. WALLWORK.J.	A.A.Ch.D.(Batman, Driver.)		

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

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts if known.)
V69146.	Pte.	HORMAN. K.H.G.	6 Bn.	A.T.D.D. Claremont.

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

Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)
Ammunition Examiners			Fire Control Operators			Panel Beaters		
Armament Artificers			Fitters CUN.		1	Pattern Makers		
Armourers			Fitters and Turners			Pharmacists		
Artificers, Artillery			Fitters, Cycle			Photographers, dry plate		
Axemen			Fitters, Drivers			Photographers, wet plate		
Bakers			Fitter's Mates			Photo-Writers		
Battery Surveyors			Fitters, M.V.			Plate Layers		
Battery Comdrs. Asst.			Fitters, Railway Signal			Plumbers		
Blacksmiths			Fitters, Signal			Predictor Numbers		
Boilermakers			Grinders			Printers		
Bricklayers			Gun Layers			Radiator Mechanics		
Butchers			G.P.O. Assistants			Radiographers		
Camouflage Modeller			Gun Operators			Range Takers		
Carpenter and Joiner			Hammermen			Riggers		
Clerks			Height Takers			Riveters		
Clerks, Engineering			Helio Operators			Saddlers		
Clerks, Supply			Instrument Mechanics			Saddle Tree Makers		
Clerks, Technical			Instrument Mech., Surgical			Saw Doctors		
Coachmakers			Instrument Operators			Sawyers		
Computers			Intelligence Duties			Shoemakers		
Concretors			Joiners			Signallers		
Cooks			Leather Stitchers			Signwriters		
Cooks, Hospital			Linesmen			Stokers, Stationary Engine		
Coppersmiths			Linesmen, Signals			Storemen, Technical		
Dental Clerk Orderlies			Lithographers			Surveyors,		
Despatch Riders			Machinists			Surveyors, Engineering		
Dispensers			Masons			Tailors		
Draughtsmen			Masseurs			Telescope Identification Numbers		
Draughtsmen, Architectural			Mechanics, Dental			Textile Refitters		
Draughtsmen, Mechanical			Mechanics, M.T.			Tinsmiths		
Draughtsmen, Signal			Mechanics, Typewriter			Toolmakers		
Draughtsmen, Topog'phical			Mechanics, Wireless			Turners		
Driver Mechanics			Millwrights			Vulcanizers		
Driver Operators			Miners			Wagon Erectors		
Drivers, Tr'sportation Plant			Moulders			Watchmakers		
Electrical Fitters			Nursing Orderlies			Watermen		
Electricians			Nursing Orderlies (Mental)			Welders		
Electricians, Eng. Units			Nurses, Trained			Well Borers		
Electricians, Signal			Observation Post Assistants			Wheelers		
Engine Artificers			Operating Room Assistants			Whitesmiths		
Engine Hands I/C			Operators, Signal			Wiremen		
Equipment Repairers		1	Opticians			Woodturners		
Farriers			Painters					
						W.O.II.		1
						S/Sgts.	1	
						Sgts.		1
						Cpls.		4
						Non.Spec.		98
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)		1			2		1	104

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

6 AUST. INF. BN.

Unit.

A/adjutant.

Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch 19 December, 1942.

2 AUST. INF. BDE. - 4 AUST. DIV.

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

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

6 REGT. INF. BR. (Unit) 26 September, 1942 (Date)

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1 Detail.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	2		
W.Os. Class II.	6		1
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	5		
Staff Serjeants	2	2	
Serjeants	35		1
Corporals	73 (6 1/2 plato)		4
Troopers, Privates, &c.	70	6	33
TOTALS	205	*	39

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
<u>ATTACHED AGAINST F.R.</u>			
Sgt. FURCH, E.V.	A.A.P.C.		
" WIRACK, S.L.	4 Aust. Div. postal unit.		
" McLAUGHLIN, J.	Hygiene Section.		
Cpl. WILSON, A.D.	A.A.M.C.		
" HILL, H.L.	ABOC. (ammunition)		
" SPARK, J.H.	AAOC. (Shoemaker)		
Pte. WALLING, J.	Attached to (ammunition, driver)		

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

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts if known.)
76914	Pte.	HUGHES, E.R.C.	6 BR.	A.T.T.R. Cleveland.

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

Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)
Ammunition Examiners			Fire Control Operators		1	Panel Beaters		
Armament Artificers			Fitters		1	Pattern Makers		
Armourers			Fitters and Turners			Pharmacists		
Artificers, Artillery			Fitters, Cycle			Photographers, dry plate		
Axemen			Fitters, Drivers			Photographers, wet plate		
Bakers			Fitter's Mates			Photo-Writers		
Battery Surveyors			Fitters, M.V.			Plate Layers		
Battery Comdrs. Asst.		2	Fitters, Railway Signal			Plumbers		
Blacksmiths	←		Fitters, Signal			Predictor Numbers		
Boilermakers			Grinders			Printers		
Bricklayers			Gun Layers			Radiator Mechanics		
Butchers			G.P.O. Assistants			Radiographers		
Camouflage Modeller		2	Gun Operators			Range Takers	4	
Carpenter and Joiner	←		Hammermen			Riggers		
Clerks	←		Height Takers			Riveters		
Clerks, Engineering			Helio Operators			Saddlers		
Clerks, Supply			Instrument Mechanics			Saddle Tree Makers		
Clerks, Technical			Instrument Mech., Surgical			Saw Doctors		
Coachmakers			Instrument Operators		4	Sawyers		
Computers			Intelligence Duties			Shoemakers	1	
Concretors		30	Joiners			Signallers		2
Cooks	←		Leather Stitchers			Signwriters		
Cooks, Hospital			Linesmen			Stokers, Stationary Engine		
Coppersmiths			Linesmen, Signals			Storemen, Technical		1
Dental Clerk Orderlies			Lithographers			Surveyors,		
Despatch Riders			Machinists			Surveyors, Engineering		
Dispensers			Masons			Tailors		
Draughtsmen			Masseurs			Telescope Identification Numbers		
Draughtsmen, Architectural			Mechanics, Dental			Textile Refitters		
Draughtsmen, Mechanical			Mechanics, M.T.			Tinsmiths		
Draughtsmen, Signal			Mechanics, Typewriter			Toolmakers		
Draughtsmen, Topog'phical		22	Mechanics, Wireless			Turners		
Driver Mechanics	←		Millwrights			Vulcanizers		
Driver Operators			Miners			Wagon Erectors		
Drivers, Tr'sportation Plant			Moulders			Watchmakers		
Electrical Fitters			Nursing Orderlies			Watermen		
Electricians			Nursing Orderlies (Mental)			Welders		
Electricians, Eng. Units			Nurses, Trained			Well Borers		
Electricians, Signal			Observation Post Assistants			Wheelers		
Engine Artificers			Operating Room Assistants			Whitesmiths		
Engine Hands I/C		2	Operators, Signal			Wiremen		
Equipment Repairers	←		Opticians			Woodturners		
Farriers			Painters					
						L.O.H.		1
						1/sgts.	1	
						sgts.		1
						pls.		4
						non. specialists,		82
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)	2	35		-	5		6	90

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

6 AUSL. INF. BR.

Unit.

Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch

26 December, 1942.

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