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**9 Infantry Battalion**

**April 1943**

9TH. BATTALION

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Unit

Date and Time.—From 0001 1 April '43 to 2359 1 April '43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DONADABU (PORT MORESBY)	1 April	0630	Reveille.	
		0815	All Coys. carried out tng. according to the Bn syllabus. In the afternoon personnel of the new M.M.G. pl. attached to H.Q. Coy. commenced their specialist tng.	
			'I' personnel continued with their work on the Bde map.	
			The N.C.O's. school was continued under the supervision of Lieut. Gaul.	
		1300	Lieut Gaul, o.c. H.Q. Coy., commenced gave offrs. of 25 Aust. Inf. Bn. an hour's instruction on the 2" mortar.	
		1800	Following Bde instructions, the Adm Comd (Maj. C.H. Bicks) relinquished comd of the unit to Maj. G.S. Webster (formerly 2 I.C. 25 Aust. Inf. Bn.). Maj. Bicks is taking over Adm. Comd. of 61 Aust. Inf. Bn.	
			WEATHER: Fine during the day. Light rain commenced to fall at 1830 hrs and continued on into the night.	
			STRENGTH: 33 offrs and 646 O.R's.	

*L. J. Watts*  
Lieut.

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Date and Time.—From 0001 2 April '43 to 2359 2 April '43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DONADABU (PORT MORESBY):	2 April <del>2630</del>	0630	Reveille.	
		0815	Coys. continued with tng according to the Bn syllabus. B Coy. carried out an all day shoot on the jungle firing course, going through sec. by sec. The N.C.O's school was continued. 'I' personnel continued with work on their allotted portion of the Bde map.	
			WEATHER: Fine during the day, with light rain at 1700 hrs.	
			STRENGTH: 33 offrs. and 644 O.R's.	
			<i>S. Gatt Lieut.</i>	

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Date and Time.—From 0001 3 April '43. 2359 3 April '43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DONADABU (PORT MORESBY)	3 April	0630	Reveille.	
		0815	<p>All Coys. except C Coy carried on with tng until mid-day.  D Coy. personnel carried out a fighting patrol exercise under the command of Capt. Woodruffeto Eilogo Rubber Plantation. The exercise occupied the greater part of the day, the advance pl. leaving the Coy. area at 0630 hrs.</p> <p>The N.C.O.'s school was continued to-day.  'I' personnel continued with work on the Bde map.</p>	
		1400	Bde sports were carried out this afternoon, although by rain at 1330 hrs confined them mainly to the swimming carnival. This was again won easily by this unit.	
			<p>WEATHER: Fine in morning, heavy rain 1330 - 1500 hrs., light rain at night.</p> <p>STRENGTH: 33 offrs. and 647 O.R's.</p>	
				<p><i>K. Gatt</i>  <i>Lieut.</i></p>

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UnitDate and Time.—From ~~0001 4 April '43~~ To ~~2359 4 April '43.~~

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DONADABU (PORT MORESBY)	4 April	0630	Reveille.	
		0900	A Combined Church Service conducted by Padre C.J. Coupe (9 Aust. Inf. Bn) and Padre C. James (61 Aust. Inf. Bn.) was held in the Bn area. It was attended by personnel from all units of 7 Aust. Inf. Bde.	
			Padre Coupe based his address upon the movement recently started by Dr. Temple, Archbishop of Canterbury, entitled "The New World Order".	
			A Bde R.C. Parade was held in the 25 Bn area, and was also largely attended.	
			The remainder of the day was devoted to "make and mend".	
		1400	25 reinforcements arrived from 1 Aust Corps Reception Camp. They consisted of "X" list personnel previously invalided home from MILNE BAY.	
			WEATHER: Fine, with <del>h</del> rain from 1400 to 1500 hrs, and then fine again.	
	STRENGTH: 33 offrs. and 644 O.R's.			

*L. Pitts  
Lieut.*

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Date and Time.—From 0001 5<sup>Apr.</sup> Mar 43 To 2359 5<sup>Apr.</sup> Mar '43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DONADABU ( PORT MORESBY):	<sup>Apr</sup> 5 <del>Mar</del> 43	0630	Reveille	
		.0815	All rifle Coys and the specialist pls. of H Q Coy continued to-day with tng according to their respective syllabuses. (RIFLE COYS SYLLABUS FROM 5 TO 10 APR IS ATTACHED)	
			Rifle Coy tng. is based on 9 Aust Inf Bn's rifle Coy syllabus, and 7 Aust Inf Bde's inter-pl. competition instructions of 2 April '43.	
			Personnel of A Coy had their rifles zeroed on the range to-day.	
			Mr. pl personnel were engaged on the construction of extra mess tables, and chests for Tk/ Attack <del>guns</del> and other weapons.	
			The N.C.O's. school was continued by Lieut Gaul according to a syllabus drawn up from <del>9 Mar</del> 5 to 13 April inc. (a copy of the syllabus is incorporated in the War Diary)	
			'I' personnel continued with work on their allotted section of the Bde map.	
			WEATHER: Fine all day with hy rain after 1600 hrs.	
			STRENGTH: 33 of frs. and 669 O.R's.	
				<p><i>Lt. Gatz</i> <i>Lieut</i></p>

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Date and Time.—From 0001 6 Apr. '43 To 2359 6 Apr. '43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DONADABU (PORT MORESBY AREA).	6 Apr. '43	0630	Reveille.	
		0815	<p>All Coys and the specialist pls of H.Q. Coy. continued to-day with <del>ing</del> according to their respective syllabuses. B Coy. zeroed their rifles on the range. The N.C.O's. school was continued under the supervision of Lieut. Gaul. 'I' personnel continued work on their allotted area of the Ede map. One reinforcement offr. (Lieut. D.S. Dind) was marched into the unit <del>to-day</del> from 1 Aust. Corps Reception Camp. He was transferred to 17 Pl., D Coy., from which Lieut. H. Woods <del>will be</del> <sup>was</sup> transferred to Acting 2 I.C. of C Coy.</p>	
			WEATHER: Fine.	
			STRENGTH: 33 ofrs. & 664 O.R's.	
				<p><i>L. Dats</i> <i>Lieut.</i></p>

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Date and Time.—From 0001 7 Apr. '43 To 2359 7 Apr. '43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DONADABU (PORT MORESBY AREA)	7 Apr. '43	0630	Reveille.	
		0815	All Coys. and the specialist pls. of H.Q. Coy. continued today with training according to their respective syllabuses. C Coy personnel were on the range to-day zeroing their rifles. The N.C.O.'s and N.C.O.'s School was continued. An 'I' School, composed of 8 personnel drawn from all Coys., was commenced to-day under the supervision of the I.O. (Lieut Platz). Object of the school, which will be continued for three weeks, is to train reinforcements for the sec., now considerably under strength. Sec. personnel will assist the I.O. in the preparation of practical exercises in the fd. for the students. A Tk. Attack Pl., to consist of one offr and 25 O.R's., was formed in the unit to-day. Attached to H.Q. Coy. as No. 4 Pl., it is composed of the remaining personnel of the A/A and Carrier Pls., and M.T. Drivers. Lieut. H. Woods, of 17 Pl., D Coy., to-day took over the posn as Acting 2 I.C. of C Coy.	See attached syllabus
		0825	The Adn. Comd (Maj. C.S. Webster) and the Adjt., accompanied by one Sgt and 4 O.R's., attended the Royal Papuan Constab. to witness the weekly ceremonial parade at this depot. The party was impressed with their soldier like bearing, particularly the excellence of their rifle drill considering some have only been in for periods as short as two weeks. Arrangements were made for further visits by unit personnel so that they can get some idea of the work carried out by this sec. WEATHER: Fine during the day, with rain at 1800 hrs. STRENGTH: 34 offr. & 664 O.R's.	

L. Platz  
Lieut.



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Unit \_\_\_\_\_

Date and Time.—From 0001 8 APR. 43 To 2359 8 APR. '43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
<del>WEST</del>				
DONADABU (FORT MORESBY AREA):	8 APR. 43	0630	Reveille.	
		0815	All rifle coys and the specialist pls of H.Q. Coy continued to-day withing according to the syllabus. D Coy personnel spent the day on the range zeroing their rifles. "I" personnel completed their allotted sec. of the Bde map, and submitted a copy to Bde. The N.C.O. and I. school was continued.	
		0830	A party comprising of Lieuts. Ryan, Pickering, Lever and Swan visited the N.C.F. Tng School to witness the instructional methods used at this tng centre.	
		0930	The G.O.C. in C., New Guinea Force (Sir Ivan Mackay) and party, and the Assistant Minister for External Territories (senator Fraser) visited the unit's camp. The Adm Comd and Adj. conducted the visitors to the unit N.C.O. School, and also a number of other tng squads. The G.O.C. expressed his satisfaction with the type of instructors, N.C.O.'s, and tng generally.	
		1730	The first 2 lb. Tk <sup>at</sup> ttack gun, complete with portee, was delivered to the unit by Bombardier Bowdell, of 2/1 Tk. Attack Regt., who will be attached to the unit as an instructor, for the new Tk. Attack Pl.	
			WEATHER: Fine, except for a hvv storm from 1400 to 1530 hrs. STRENGTH: 34 ofrs & 663 O.R.'s. <del>XXXXX</del>	

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Date and Time.—From 0001 9 Apr. '43 To 2359 9 Apr. '43.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DOMADABU (PORT MORESBY AREA)	9 Apr. '43	0630	Reveille.	
		0815	All Coys and the specialist pls of H.Q. Coy. continued to-day with tng according to their respective syllabuses. Personnel of the Tk. Attack, M.M.G., Mortar Pls., and details from Bn. H.Q. and H.Q. Coy. zeroed their rifles on the range to-day. The M.M.G. Pl. combined carried out a highly successful combined exercise and shoot. Personnel carried their guns sec. by sec. through the hy undergrowth at the western end of the range, mounting and firing 200 rds from each gun in turn as they reached the edge of the jungle. They then fired 50 rds from each gun as a Pl. The shoot, which was watched by personnel from A Coy, was highly successful, as the targets were literally chopped to pieces. An interesting observation made by onlookers was the fact that smoke from the gns easily gave away the pl's firing posns. Otherwise, throughout the entire exercise it was almost impossible to detect the gun crews against the green background of the jungle.	
		1400	The N.C.O. and 'I' Schools were continued to-day. Bombardier Bowdell commenced preliminary instruction with the newly formed Tk Attack Pl this afternoon. To-morrow, tng will commence according to a syllabus drawn up by the B.M.	
			WEATHER: Fine during the day with rain at 1700 hrs.	
			STRENGTH: 34 offrs. & 662 O.R's.	

*W. H. H. H.*  
*Leant.*





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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DONADABU (PORT MORESBY AREA).	12 Apr. '43	0630	Reveille.	
		0815	All rifle Coys and the specialist pls. of H.Q. Coy. --- Mortar, M.M.G., Sigs., and Tk. Attack --- continued with tng according to their respective syllabuses, which have been drawn up until Saturday, 17 Apr. (Copies are attached to the Original Copy War Diary).	
			The N.C.O. and 'I' Schools were continued.	
		0830	Lieut. E.M. Hammond left with a 7 Aust. Inf. Bde party to recce the unit's TAURAMA Ref. area to select suitable sites for the 2 lb. Tk. Attack Guns. Maj. Foote, of 2/1 Aust. Tk. Attack Regt., was present to give advice to members of the party.	
		1020	Three waves of Jap. bombers and fighters were seen passing over the area from the general direction of PORT MORESBY. A fire was heard, and then our fighters were seen in several engagements with the enemy before they passed out of sight.	
		1030	Two explosions were heard from the direction of the canteen, which lies SOUTH of the unit's biv. area. They appear to have been caused by bombs jettisoned from an enemy bomber, and landed in the hills about a mile behind the canteen. Official reports indicate that the planes were part of the 110 Jap. bombers and fighters which made a daylight attack on dromes around PORT MORESBY.	
		1700	Lieut. Gaul, c.c. H.Q. Coy., lectured H.Q. Coy. N.C.O's. on "Leadership".	
			WEATHER: Fine during he day, with rain at 1500 hrs. STRENGTH: 34 offrs. & 660 O.R's.	

*Lt. Mats*  
*Lieut.*



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Date and Time.—From 0001 14 Apr. '43 To 2359 14 Apr. '43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DONADABU (PORT MORESBY AREA).	14 Apr. '43	0630	Reveille.	
		0815	Tng was continued to-day by all rifle Coys and the specialist pls. of H.Q.Coy according to their respective syllabuses. The 'I' School was continued. <del>XXXXXXXXXXXXX</del> Another N.C.O's. school, composed of 11 N.C.O's. drawn from all Coys., was commenced to-day and will last until 29 Apr. '43. It will be run on similar lines to the previous school, and is again under the supervision of Lieut. Gail, O.C. H.Q. Coy.	
		0825	A party consisting of Capt. Woodraffe, Lieut. Viney, Acting R.S.M. (Sgt. Capper), W.O.11 Boardman, Sgts. Muir, Griffin, Lambert, and Busby & 4 Ptes visited the Royal Papuan Constab. to witness the weekly ceremonial parade. The party was favourably impressed with the work done at this tng centre, particularly with the rifle drill.	
		1400	Capt. J.L.Kelly, O.C. B Coy., left for <del>XXXXXX</del> st Aust Army Junior Staff School, Ashgrove, Brisbane. The Adm. Comd. and M.O. attended a Bde conference of all unit C.O.'s. and M.O's.	
		1730	Unit personnel attended <sup>films</sup> screenings in the vicinity of the Canteen.	
			WEATHER: Fine.	
			STRENGTH: 34 offr. & 659 O.R's.	
			<i>[Signature]</i> Lieut.	

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Date and Time.—From

0001 15 Apr. '43 To 2359 15 Apr. '43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DONADABU (PORT MORESBY AREA).	15 Apr. '43	0630	Reveille.	
		0830	Tag was continued by all rifle Coys. and the specialist pls. of H.Q. Coy. according to their respective syllabuses. The N.C.O. and 'I' Schools were continued.	
		0900	Unit provests and two dets. of Mortars left this morning for Six Mile Valley, where they will be engaged in drawing the unit's W.M. of sumn. from dumps, and storing <del>them</del> in tents.	
		1400	Lieut. Pickering, of 10 Pl., B Coy., left for PORT MORESBY, where he will attend sittings of the D.C.M. as a learner.	
			WEATHER: Fine.	
			STRENGTH: 33 offrs. & 655 O.R's.	
			<i>L. H. King</i> Lieut.	



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Date and Time.—From 0001 16 Apr. '43 To 2359 16 Apr. '43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DONADABU (PORT MORESBY AREA)	16 Apr. '43	0630	Reveille.	
		0800	Eng was continued by all rifle Coys, and the specialist pls. of H.Q. Coy according to their respective syllabuses. The N.C.O. and 'I' Schools were continued.	
		0830	Three 'I' personnel left on a general recce of the tracks SOUTH of the Br. biv. area. Object of the recce is to familiarise them with the surrounding country.	
		1200	Three more 2 lb. Tk Attack Guns were delivered to the unit to-day from 2/1 Tk Attack Regt. Two of the guns were without portees. One of the guns is defective and will be replaced as soon as possible.	
		1400	All personnel attended a medical parade commencing at 1400 hrs to enable the M.O. (Capt. P.J. Monahan) to check on the prevalence of skin diseases in the unit.	
		1530	Personnel attended a lecture on the "Evolution of Life" by the Bds. Educational Officer.	

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Date and Time.—From 0001 17 Apr. '43 To 2359 17 Apr. '43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DONADABU (PORT MORESBY AREA).	17 Apr. '43	0630	Reveille.	
		0815	Tng was continued by all rifle Coys and the four specialist pls. of H.Q. Coy. according to their respective syllabuses. The N.C.O. and 'I' Schools were continued.	
		0830	Eight Austen Sub-Machine Guns were delivered to the unit from 7 Aust. Inf. Bde for testing purposes. Each gun was accompanied by 75 rds of ammn. They will be tested on the range to-morrow under the supervision of Lieut. Gaul, o.c. H.Q. Coy.	
		1400	Bde sports were again organised this afternoon. Teams from the Bn competed in Rugby League and Soccer football matches, defeating a League team from 25 Aust. Inf. Bn. by 5 - 0, and being defeated in the Soccer match by 3-0 by a team from 61 Aust. Inf. Bn.	
		1530	Lieut. E.M. Hammond and Sgt. Reinke left as members of a 7 Bde H.Q. party to attend a 6 lb. Tk. Attack Gun shoot at the BOERA RANGE.	
			WEATHER: Fine in morning, with a hy shower at 1230 hrs. and light rain in the afternoon. STRENGTH: 33 offrs. & 6530.R's.	

*L. D. D. D.*  
Lieut.

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Date and Time.—From 0001 18 Apr. '43 To 2359 18 Apr. '43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DONADABU (PORT MORESBY AREA)	18 Apr. '43	0630 <i>bird</i>	Reveille.	
		0900 <i>bird</i>	O.P.D. and R.C. Church Parades were held. The O.P.D. Service was conducted in the Bn area by Padre C.J. Coupe, while Mass for R.C.'s was celebrated in conjunction with 25 Aust. Inf. Bn.	
		1000 <i>bird</i>	Lieut. Gaul, o.c. H.Q. Coy., conducted tests of the eight Austen Sub.-Machine Guns sent down yesty from 7 Aust. Inf. Bde. Further tests will be conducted later in the week, and a report will be submitted to Bde.	
			Personnel devoted the day to 'make and mend' and sport.	
		1430 <i>bird</i>	Unit Provosts and the two dets. of mortars who have been engaged in storing the Unit's W.E. of ammn. in Six Mile Valley returned. this afternoon.	
		1600 <i>bird</i>	Lieut. E.M. Hammond returned with the 7 Bde party which left yesty to attend a shoot by 6 lb. Tk. Attack Guns on the BOERA RANGE. The shoot, which commenced at 0730 hrs this morning, was carried out by one Bty., 2/1 Aust. TK. Attack Regt.	
		<i>bird</i>	WEATHER: Fine in morning, with light rain in the afternoon.	
		<i>bird</i>	STRENGTH: 32 offr. & 649 O.R's.	
			<i>bird</i> <i>Man</i> Lieut.	

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Date and Time.—From 0001 19 Apr '43 To 2359 19 Apr. '43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DONADABU (PORT MORESBY AREA).	19 Apr. '43	0630	<i>list</i> Reveille.	
		0815	<i>list</i> All rifle Coys. and the four specialist pls. of H.Q.Coy. continued with <del>ing</del> according to their respective syllabuses. N.C.O's. and 'I' Schools were continued.	
		1900	<i>list</i> Because of hy rain throughout the afternoon and into the night, it was <i>decided</i> to cancel the concert review ("P'army Daze"), which was to have been held in 61 Aust. Inf. Bn. biv. area to-night.	
			<i>list</i> WEATHER: Fine in morning, with rain in afternoon and night.	
			<i>list</i> STRENGTH: 32 offrs. & 650 O.R's.	
				<i>Lieut. Brian</i>





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Unit

Date and Time.—From 0001 22 Apr. '43 To 2359 22 Apr. '43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DONADABU (PORT MORESBY AREA).	22 Apr. '43	0630	<i>kwk.</i> Reveille.	
		0815	<i>kwk.</i> Tng was again continued in all rifle Coys. and the specialist pls. of H.Q. Coy according to their respective syllabuses.	
			<i>kwk.</i> Lieut. M.W. Ryan, of 17 Pl., D Coy., was transferred to BN.H.Q., where he is acting as I.O. during <del>Mr.</del> <i>Leit.</i> Platz' absence.	
		0930	<i>kwk.</i> All personnel attended a Bde Exhibition shoot of inf. supporting weapons, including the two lb. Tk. Attack Gun, and the 3" and 2" mortars.	
			<i>kwk.</i> The shoot, which was attended by all units of 7 Aust. Inf. Bde., was supervised by the B.M., who explained each weapon's characteristics, advantages and disadvantages, and the methods of handling to the men over a <del>megaphone</del> <i>megaphone</i> loudspeaker system.	
			<i>kwk.</i> Feature of the exercise was the extreme accuracy obtained by members of this unit's 3" mortar crew, which scored an <del>almost</del> <i>almost</i> direct hit on the target with their fourth shot.	
			<i>kwk.</i> Smoke and H.E. were fired from both mortars during the demonstration. The men were also particularly impressed with the accuracy and rapidity of fire of the Tk. Attack Guns.	
		1400	<i>kwk.</i> Tng was resumed according to syllabus by all personnel.	
			<i>kwk.</i> STRENGTH: 30 offrs. & 671 O.R.'s.	
			<i>kwk.</i> WEATHER: Fine in the morning, with hy rain in the afternoon and night.	
				<i>kwk. Raw Leit.</i>





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Unit

Date and Time.—From 0001 24 Apr. '43 To 2359 Apr. '43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DONADABU (PORT MORESBY AREA).	24 Apr. '43	0630	<i>W.R.</i> Reveille.	
		0830	<i>W.R.</i> Tng was continued throughout the day by all rifle Coys and the specialist pls of H.Q. Coy. according to their respective syllabuses. The N.C.O. and 'I' Schools were continued. The 'I' School, which was to have finished on 23 Apr., will be continued for some time under the supervision of Lieut. Ryan.	the specialist
			<i>W.R.</i> WEATHER: Fine in the morning with hy rain throughout the	afternoon and night.
			<i>W.R.</i> STRENGTH: 30 offrs. & 672 O.R's.	
			<i>W.R. Ryan Lieut.</i>	

# WAR DIARY of ~~INTELLIGENCE~~ SUMMARY

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Unit \_\_\_\_\_

Date and Time.—From 0001 25 Apr. '43 To 2359 Apr. '43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DONADABU (PORT MORESBY AREA)	25 Apr. '43	0630 <i>Leut</i>	Reveille.	
		0900 <i>Leut</i>	Easter Church Services were celebrated for C. of E., O.P.D. and R.C. personnel. The remainder of the day was devoted to 'make and mend' and organised sport.	
		1400 <i>Leut</i>	Unit personnel participated in a Bde Swimming Carnival, which they again won easily.	
		<i>Leut</i>	STRENGTH: 30 offrs. and 670 O.R's.	
		<i>Leut</i>	WEATHER: Fine throughout the day with the exception of a short heavy shower at 1630 hrs.	
				<i>Leut Brian Leut.</i>

# WAR DIARY ~~OF INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~

Army Form C.2118  
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Unit .....

Date and Time.—From 0001 26 Apr. 43 To 2359 26 Apr. '43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DONADABU (PORT MORESBY AREA).	26 Apr. 43	0630	<i>twk</i> Reveille.	
		0815	<i>twk</i> Tng. was continued according to the respective syllabuses by all rifle Coys. and the four specialist pls. of H.Q. Coy. <i>twk</i> The N.C.O. and 'I' Schools were also continued. <i>twk</i> 'I' Sec. personnel commenced work on a series of track traverses south of the Bn's. biv. area to gather more detailed information for the proposed 'free for alls'. <i>twk</i> Four personnel left for PORT MORESBY with a 7 Bde team to compete in swimming carnival	
			<i>twk</i> WEATHER: Fine in the morning with light rain in the afternoon. STRENGTH: 29 offrs. & 67/ O.R's.	
			<i>twk</i> <u>W. Mear</u> Lieut.	

# WAR DIARY ~~OF INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~

Army Form C.2118  
(adapted.)

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Unit.....

Date and Time.—From 0001 27 Apr. 43 To 2359 27 Apr. '43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DONADABU (PORT MORESBY AREA).	27 Apr.	0630	<i>W.A.</i> Reveille.	
		0815	<i>W.A.</i> Tng. was continued as usual by all rifle coys and the specialist pls. of H.Q. Coy. <i>W.A.</i> Pnr. Pl. personnel commenced work on the construction of an assault course on the south bank of the LALOKI RIVER. <i>W.A.</i> N.C.O. and 'I' Schools were continued. <i>W.A.</i> The Bde Championships in which the Bn was represented by 8 Pl., A Coy., were concluded to-day, being won by 61 Aust. Inf. Bn.	
			<i>W.A.</i> WEATHER: Fine.	
			<i>W.A.</i> STRENGTH: 29 offrs. & 671 O.R's.	
				<i>W.A. Ryan Lieut.</i>

# WAR DIARY ~~OR INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~

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Unit.....

Date and Time.—From 0001 28 Apr. '43 To 2359 28 Apr. '43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DONADABU (PORT MORESBY AREA)	28 Apr.	0630	<i>W.A.</i> Reveille.	
		0815	<i>W.A.</i> Tng was continued by all rifle coys and the specialist pls. of H.Q. Coy. according to their respective syllabuses. <i>W.A.</i> N.C.O. and 'I' Schools were continued. <i>W.A.</i> Pnrs. continued with work on the assault course, and by this afternoon expect to have completed the first 'leg', a rope suspension bridge across the river.	
		1900	<i>W.A.</i> Personnel attended film screenings held in 61 Aust. Inf. Bn. biv. area.	
			<i>W.A.</i> WEATHER: Fine. <i>W.A.</i> STRENGTH: 29 Offrs. & 698 O.R's.	
			<i>W.A. Ryan Lieut.</i>	

# WAR DIARY ~~OF INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~

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Army Form C.2118  
(adapted.)

Unit.....

Date and Time.—From 0001 29 Apr. '43 To 2359 29 Apr. '43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DONADABU (PORT MORESBY AREA)	29 Apr.	0630	<i>kwA</i> Reveille.	
		0815	<i>kwA</i> Tng according to syllabus was continued by all Coys. The N.C.O. and 'I' Schools were continued. The N.C.O's School was to have been completed to-day, but because of the break on Good Friday it will be extended to to-morrow.	
			<i>kwA</i> Pnrs. continued with work on the construction of the assault course.	
		0900	<i>kwA</i> Maj. A. Ferris, pathologist attached to 5 C.C.S., commenced blood examinations to asses the incidence of gametocyte in the unit. Ten men from every Coy. will be tested.	
			<i>kwA</i> Lieut. Gaul, o.c. H.Q. Coy., conducted a series of range shoots during the day. First was a 3" mortar shoot in which the crews fired from the open, behind cover and from the jungle. Two of the rds used were found to be defective. The shoot generally was considered to be highly satisfactory. Second was a series of tests with the 2" mortar to discover means of improving the base plate. Certain recommendations will be submitted to Bde as a result of these tests. Third was a sub.- calibre shoot with the 2 lb. Tk. Attack Guns. Crews showed a marked improvement on previous practices in this shoot, which was carried out on moving targets.	
		1900	<i>kwA</i> The Acting C.O. (Maj. A.J.W. Sutch) lectured all offr. on operation, warning and verbal orders, and operational instructions.	
			WEATHER: Fine.	
			<i>kwA</i> STRENGTH: 29 offr. & 687 O.R's.	
			<i>kwA</i>	<i>Lieut.</i>

# WAR DIARY ~~OR INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~

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Unit.....

Date and Time.—From 0001 30 Apr. '43 To 2359 30 Apr. '43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DONADABU (PORT MORESBY AREA).	30 Apr. 43	0630	<i>best</i> Reveille.	
		0815	<i>best</i> Tng. was continued by all rifle Coys. and the specialist pls. of H.Q. Coy. according to their respective syllabuses. <i>best</i> The N.C.O. and 'I' Schools were continued. The N.C.O.'s school will conclude this afternoon, personnel returning to their respective Coys/ tomorrow. <i>best</i> Pnr. Pl. personnel continued with work on the assault course.	
		1430	<i>best</i> The G.O.C. in C., New Guinea Forces, accompanied by Brig. Thompson, B.G.S., visited the unit on an inspection of tng. They were conducted over the Bn area by the Acting C.O. (Maj. A.J.W. Sutch) and the Adjt., and were shown mortar, M.M.G., and Tk. Attack Pls. in tng., also a pl. engaged in assault boat crossings, using five rafts improvised by stretcher bearer personnel.	
			<i>best</i> WEATHER: Fine.	
			<i>best</i> STRENGTH: 28 offrs. and 625 O.R.'s.	
<div style="font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.2em; transform: rotate(-15deg); position: absolute; left: -100px; top: 50px;"> <i>W. H. ...</i>  <i>admitted 9/5/43</i> </div>			<div style="font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.5em; margin: 0 auto;"> <i>New Quay. Licut.</i> </div>	

War Diary (Orig. Only)

JCM/HEM (2/4)

Ref: 45/G/25

H.Q. 7 Aust Inf Bde.

2 Apr 43

Subject: INTER-PL COMPETITION - "HEAD OF THE BDE".

(see A.T.M. Aust 12, p 8).

9 Aust Inf Bn (30)	Comd.	(1)	
25 Aust Inf Bn (30)	B.M.	(2)	
61 Aust Inf Bn (30)	Staff	(10)	
Bde H.Q.	11 Aust Div	(1)	for infm.
Def Pl.	File	(2)	
'J' Sec Sigs (1)	War Diary	(2)	
	Spare	(10)	

Programme

"Head of the Bde" competition No 1 for pls will be held as follows:-

- (a) 5 - 11 Apr : Coy heats
- (b) 12 - 18 Apr : Inter-Coy elimination to decide best pl in bn.
- (c) 19 - 25 Apr : Championship - best pl from each bn.

All rifle pls will compete in (a).

2. Composition

- (a) Each competing pl will be composed of pl comd, pl sgt, three sec comds, 20 O.R.'s.
- (b) Teams will be made up from one pl only and pl comd will carry pl roll for checking during competition. Pl sgt may at any time be ordered to take charge of pl.
- (c) Substitution will NOT be permitted, nor will allowances be made for absences however caused.
- (d) Units will relieve pls from duties and fatigues while competing.

3. Umpiring. Units will provide own umpires for stages 1 (a) and (b). Bde Major will be chief umpire for stage (c).

4. Events.

Number	Nature	Time needed	Points
1	Turn-out, weapons and lines inspection	1/2 hr	50
2	Pl drill	1/4 hr	50
3	Small Arms practice - 100 yds - 2 rounds per firer - 3 brens, 6 S.M.G.'s, 16 rifles. One pt per hit on bull or inner	1 hr	50
4	Grenade throwing (standing) - two throws per man - 6 ft circle at 25 yds.	1/2 hr	50
5	T.O.E.T's - any pl weapon or A/Gas.	2 hrs	50
6	Map reading	3/4 hr	50
7	Verbal messages	1/4 hr	25
8	General Military Knowledge Questions (written)	1/2 hr	50
9	Fieldcraft - Concealment and Camflg	1 hr	50
10	Observation test - noting and reporting of happenings of military significance on the front of the pl.	1/2 hr	50
11	Bren Gun - stripping, assembling, advanced handling (any member of pl may be tested).	1 hr	50



Number	Nature	Time needed	Points
12	Assault course - rifle and bayonet (incl firing) - one minute (points lost for exceeding time allowed).	$\frac{3}{4}$ hr	50
13	Cross-country run (compass) - military boots and shorts only - one mile - 12 minutes. (All runners to count; points lost for NOT checking in at control pts or NOT finishing within time limit.) 1st team 50; 2nd 30; 3rd 15.	$\frac{1}{2}$ hr	50
14	Fighting patrol - opposed by a competing pl. Pts gained for prisoners, captured eqpt, infm; pts lost for casualties, lack of security.	2 hrs	50

5. Pennant.

Pl winning the title "Head of the Bde" will hold a pennant so long as it holds the title. Competition will be held monthly.

*J. Mahoney* Maj.  
Bde Maj 7 Aust Inf Bde.

Points	Time needed	Nature	Number
50	$\frac{1}{2}$ hr	Pl winning the title "Head of the Bde" will hold a pennant so long as it holds the title. Competition will be held monthly.	1
50	$\frac{1}{2}$ hr		2
50	1 hr		3
50	$\frac{1}{2}$ hr		4
50	$\frac{1}{2}$ hr		5
50	$\frac{1}{2}$ hr		6
50	$\frac{1}{2}$ hr		7
50	$\frac{1}{2}$ hr		8
50	1 hr		9
50	$\frac{1}{2}$ hr		10
50	1 hr		11

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

From 0001 hrs. <sup>3. Coy</sup> Aug. '43 to 2359 hrs <sup>9. Coy</sup> Aug. '43.

9 Aust. Inf. Bn.

WEAPON TRAINING: Throughout the week all ~~stays~~ rifle Coys. were engaged in tng according to 9 Aust. Inf. Bn's rifle Coy's syllabus, and 7 Aust. Inf. Bde's inter-pl. competition instructions of 2 April '43.

The specialist pls of H.Q. Coy -- mortar, M.M.G., & sigs, -- carried on with their own individual syllabuses.

ZEROING OF WEAPONS: All personnel had their rifles zeroed on the range during the week. The rifle Coys. went through in successive days, commencing from Monday, April 5, while half of H.Q. Coy. and Bn. H.Q. went through on Friday, April 9.

Remaining personnel of H.Q. COY. and Bn. H.Q. will go through on Saturday April 10.

Personnel equipped with L.M.G's. were given practice shots.

M.M.G. DEMONSTRATION: Feature of the week's range practices was a combined exercise and shoot by the recently formed M.M.G. pl. on Friday, April 9.

The pl. carried their guns through the by undergrowth at the southern end of the range sec. by sec., mounting and firing 200 rds from each gun in turn as they reached the end of the jungle.

They then fired 50 rds from each gun as a pl.

The shoot, which was watched by A Coy. personnel, was highly successful, and the targets were literally chopped to pieces.

Interesting observation made by observers on a nearby hill was the fact that smoke rising from the guns easily gave away the pl's. firing post.

Otherwise, against the green background, throughout the whole exercise it was very difficult to detect the crews.

TK. ATTACK PL.: A Tk. Attack Pl., to consist of one offr. and 25 O.R's., was formed on Wednesday, April 7.

Attached to H.Q. Coy. as No. 4 pl., it is composed of the remaining personnel from the carrier and A/A pls., and M.T. drivers.

A 2 lb. Tk Attack gun, complete with portee, for use in tng the pl., was delivered to the unit on Thursday, April 8 by Bombardier Bowdell, of 2/1 Tk Attack Regt., who has ~~be~~ attached to the Bn. as an instructor.

Bombardier Bowdell gave the pl. a preliminary instruction on Friday afternoon, and will commence tng according to a Bde syllabus on Saturday, April 10.

SCHOOLS: Throughout the week the school of 13 M.C.O's. --- consisting of cpls drawn from every Coy. --- was continued under the supervision of Lieut Gaul, cc. H.Q. Coy.

Object of the school, which is operating on a <sup>13</sup> syllabus drawn up from ~~xxxxxx~~ 30 Mar to ~~10~~ April inc., is to train the students as sec. coads, and instructors.

On Wednesday, April 7, an 'I' School, composed of 8 personnel drawn from every Coy., was commenced, and will be continued for the next three weeks. Object of the school, which is being conducted by the I.O. (Lieut. Platz), is to train R/F's. for the sec., which is at present greatly under strength.

Sec. personnel are assisting the I.O. in the preparation of practical exercises for the students.

**'I' SEC. WORK:** 'I' Sec. personnel completed their allotted portion of the Bde map on Thursday, 8 Apr. A copy was submitted immediately to Bde.

**VISITS:** On Wednesday, 7 Apr. the Adm. Comd. (Maj. C.S. Webster) and Adj. , accompanied by one sgt. and four O.R's. attended the Royal Papuan Constab. to witness the weekly ceremonial parade at their depot.

Arrangements were made for further visits by unit personnel. On Thursday, 8 Apr., a party comprising of Lieuts. Ryan, Lever, Pickering and Swan visited the N.G.F. Tng. School to witness instructional methods used at this tng. centre.

At 0930 hrs. on Thursday, 8 Apr., the unit camp was visited by the G.O.C. in C. , New Guinea Force (Sir Ivan Mackay) and party, and the Assistant Minister for External Territories ( Senator Fraser).

The Adm. Comd. (Maj. C.S. Webster) and the Adj. conducted the visitors to the unit's N.C.O's. school, and other tng squads.

The G.O.C. expressed his satisfaction with the type of instructors, N.C.O's., and tng generally.

**IMPROVEMENTS:** During the week the Pnr. Pl. was engaged on the erection of mess tables for the men's messes. Chests were also made for Tk. Attack Rifles and Bren Gun Tripods. Timber for this work was obtained from McDonald's Sawmill.

**EXERCISES:** On Saturday, 3 Apr., C Coy personnel under Capt. Woodroffe carried out a fighting patrol exercise to the EILCOO Rubber Plantation. The exercise occupied the greater part of the day.

**REINFORCEMENTS:** On Sunday, 4 Apr., 25 'K' list personnel rejoined the unit from 1 Aust. Corps Reception Camp. These personnel were previously invalided home to Australia from MINE BAY.

On Tuesday, 6 Apr., Lieut. D.S. Dind, a reinforcement offr., was received by the unit from 1 Aust. Corps Reception Camp. He was posted to 17 Pl., D Coy., from which Lieut. H. Woods was transferred to acting 2 i.c., C Coy.

**ENTERTAINMENTS:** Personnel attended film screenings near the canteen at 1730 hrs on Wednesday, 7 Apr., although rain deterred many from attending.

**RECREATION:** Unit personnel attended participated in the Bde Swimming Carnival, held at 1400 hrs on Saturday, 3 Apr. in the LALOKI RIVER. They won the championship in an easy manner.

Periods are also allotted during the week for sports and swimming.

**CHURCH PARADES:** At 0900 on Sunday, 4 Apr., a Combined Church Service, conducted by Padre C.J. Coupe (9 Bn.) and Padre G. James (61 Bn), was held in the Bn area. It was attended by personnel from all units of 7 Aust. Inf. Bde. A Bde R.C. Parade was held in conjunction with 25 Aust. Inf. Bn. at the same time.

**'MAKE AND MEND':** Sunday, 4 Apr. was devoted to 'make and mend' purposes by all personnel.

*[Signature]*  
..... Lieut.  
1.0. 9 Aust. Inf. Bn.

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

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W.E. 36 x 874  
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by W.E. 1 x 6

# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

9 Aust. Inf. Battalion (Unit)

3.4.43

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

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
	W.E.		
	*		
	*		
Lieut.-Colonels			
Majors	1	-	1
Captains	3	-	3
Lieutenants	11	9	2
2nd Lieutenants	21	21	
Quartermasters			
Totals	36	30	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.
Major	WEBSTER, C.S.	25 Aust. Inf. Bn.	2.4.43	Marched in for duty to Adm. Comd.

### Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Major	BICKS, C.H.	61 A. Inf. Bn.	2.4.43	Marched out

## 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).

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.
T/Lt-Col.	SX1442	MATTHEWS, G.R.	Marched out		to Special Duty
T/Capt.	QX40822	PERCIVAL, G.M.	O.C.D Coy	Yes	
T/Capt.	QX40871	BEECH, A.T.	O.C.A Coy	"	
T/Capt.	QX46995	SMITH, C.J.K.	O.C.E Coy	"	
T/Capt.	QX40820	TOON, A.C.	G.M.	"	
T/Capt.	QX40810	HORNIBROOK, C.M.	21/c D Coy	"	
T/Capt.	QX40823	KELLY, J.L.	O.C.B Coy	"	
T/Capt.	QX40882	HENDERSON, D.G.	21/c B Coy	"	
T/Capt.	QX654	WOODROPPE, J.H.	O.C.C Coy	"	
T/Capt.	QX36569	COCHRANE, G.A.	Adjt.	"	
Lieut.	QX36609	PECKERING, L.A.	4 Pl.	Yes	Special duty
Lieut.	QX40826	WANLESS, J.E.A.	21/c C Coy	No	1 Aust. Rec. Camp
Lieut.	QX41393	RYAN, M.W.	18 Pl.	Yes	
Lieut.	QX40869	LEVER, K.W.	15 Pl.	"	
Lieut.	QX40835	MULCAHY, E.R.	A/21/c A Coy	"	
Lieut.	QX40832	HOLMES, R.H.	9 Pl.	No	School-P'punyal.
Lieut.	QX36425	PEACHEY, J.W.	13 Pl.	Yes	
Lieut.	QX40825	WOOD, H.D.	17 Pl.	"	
Lieut.	Q16923	BOYS, K.R.	1 Pl.	"	
Lieut.	QX40834	ROBERTS, P.B.	21/c E Coy	"	
Lieut.	QX40833	SWAN, H.P.J.	3 Pl.	"	
Lieut.	QX40831	HAMMOND, E.M.	10 Pl.	"	
Lieut.	QX46994	WHYATT, F.J.	16 Pl.	No	1 Aust. Rec. Dept.
Lieut.	MX116813	GAUL, A.J.	O.C.HQ Coy	Yes	
Lieut.	NP10119	ZIMMER, L.H.	7 Pl.	"	
Lieut.	Q90512	WERDA, E.C.	11 Pl.	"	
Lieut.	SX3083	VINEY, W.M.	2 Pl.	"	
Lieut.	QX43139	TAYLOR, M.R.	8 Pl.	"	
Lieut.	QX37916	THOMPSON, A.D.	T.O.	"	
A/Lieut.	Q1173	PLATZ, S.J.G.	I.O.	"	
A/Lieut.	QX43385	ENGLAND, S.M.	12 Pl.	"	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Major	QX34429	WEBSTER, C.S.	25 Bn.	2.4.43	Adm. Comd.
Capt.	Q112310	MONAHAN, P.J.	A.A.M.C.		M.O.
Chaplain	QX40847	COUPE, C.J.C.	A.A.Ch. Dept.		Chaplain

9 Aust. Inf. Battalion

(Unit.)

3.4.43

(Date of Despatch.)

Adm. Comd.

(Signature of Commander.)

7 Aust. Inf. Bde.

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



9 Aust. Inf. Battalion Unit.

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

Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	W.E.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	W.E.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	W.E.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)
Ammunition Examiners				Fire Control Operators	263	1	117	Panel Beaters	683	2	189
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	1		1	Fitters, Signal				Predictor Numbers			
Boilermakers				Grinders				Printers			
Bricklayers	2		2	Gun Layers				Radiator Mechanics			
Butchers	1			G.P.O. Assistants				Radiographers			
Camouflage Modeller				Gun Operators				Range Takers	7		3
Carpenter and Joiner	6	1		Hammermen				Riggers			
Clerks	12		1	Height Takers				Rivetters			
Clerks, Engineering				Helio Operators				Saddlers			
Clerks, Supply				Instrument Mechanics				Saddle Tree Makers			
Clerks, Technical				Instrument Mechanics, Surgical				Saw Doctors			
Coachmakers				Instrument Operators				Sawyers			
Computers				Intelligence Duties	7		3	Shoemakers			
Concretors				Joiners				Signallers	32		
Cooks	23			Leather Stitchers				Signwriters			
Cooks, Hospital				Linesmen				Stokers, Stationary Engine			
Coppersmiths				Linesmen, Signals				Storemen, Technical	4		2
Dental Clerk Orderlies				Lithographers				Surveyors			
Despatch Riders				Machinists				Surveyors, Engineering			
Dispensers				Masons				Tailors	3		2
Draughtsmen				Masseurs				Telescope Identification Numbers			
Draughtsmen, Architectural				Mechanics, Dental				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen, Mechanical				Mechanics, M.T.	3	1		Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen, Signal				Mechanics, Typewriter				Toolmakers			
Draughtsmen, Topographical				Mechanics, Wireless				Turners			
Driver Mechanics	23		11	Millwrights				Vulcanizers			
Driver Operators	86		65	Miners				Wagon Erectors			
Drivers, Transportation Plant				Moulders				Watchmakers			
Electrical Fitters				Nursing Orderlies				Watermen			
Electricians				Nursing Orderlies (Mental)				Welders			
Electricians, Eng. Units				Nurses, Trained				Well Borers			
Electricians, Signal				Observation Post Assistants				Wheelers			
Engine Artificers				Operating Room Assistants				Whitesmiths			
Engine Hands I/C				Operators, Signal				Wiremen			
Equipment Repairers	1			Opticians				Woodturners			
Farriers				Painters				Mortar Nos.	54		11
Gen. D'men.	4		1	Nyg. D'men.	4		1	R.S.M.	1		
Batmen	33		10	Scouts	3		3	R.Q.M.S.	1		
Gen. D'men.	2		2	S. Bearers	21		9	W.O. Caterer	1		
Police	4			Water D'men.	2		1	W'port. Sgt.	1		
M.C. Orderlies	9		7	Storemen	7			C.S.M.	6		
Orderlies	35		17	L.M.G. Rifle				D.Q.M.S.	6		
Pioneers	11			& A/Tk. Nos.	370		55	R.N.G. Nos.	75		30
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A)		1	117		683	2	189		874	2	237

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.

9 Aust. Inf. Battalion

Unit.

Adm. Comd.

Signature of Commander.

Major

7 Aust. Inf. Bde.

Date of Despatch

3.4.43

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

**FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS**

**PART D. Detail of Surplus or Retention of Personnel**

Part A of Army Form W. 3009

W.O.11  
 s/sgts.  
 Sgts.  
 Cpls.  
 Ptes.

Total: 173  
 14  
 24  
 291

**A.I.P. (T.G.) PERSONNEL WITH UNIT**

Dvr. Mech. 5  
 Sigs. 8  
 Tailors 1  
 Clerks 4  
 Dvr. M.T. 6  
 Cooks 3

**DEFICIENCIES AND SURPLUSES OF N.C.O.'S BY DUTIES**

	W.O.1	W.O.11	S/Sgts.	Sgts.	Cpls.
	D. S.	D. S.	D. S.	D. S.	D. S.
R.S.M.	1			1	
C.Q.M.S.			5		2
C.S.M.		2	1	2	
Clerks			1	1	3
transport				1	1
M.M.G.				2	
L.M.G.				3	13
Mortars				2	
A.A.Pl.				1	2
Carriers				1	1
Sigs.				2	2
Cooks					1
Off. Mess				1	
Sgt.					
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	1	3	5 2	11 3	22 3

Note: (a) If rank other than Private is involved give details on back.  
 (b) Authorized Trades or Specialties not included in list above will be added as required in spaces provided.

Date of Dispatch: 1.12.42  
 Unit: 7 Aust. Inf. Bn.  
 Signature of Commanding Officer: [Signature]



# War Diary (Original Only)

## SYLLABUS OF TRAINING

5 - 10 Apr 43

All Coys

Amendment : No 1.

Training syllabus for week ending 10 Apr is amended as follows :

Period	Day	Remarks
0915- 0915	Day to be decided by coy comd	Carry out pl inspection etc as per no. 1 and 2 of 7 Bde 43/0/25 2 Apr 43
0915- 1530	Day allotted to zeroing	While one pl is having its rifles zeroed, remaining two pls will carry out Nos. 5, 4 and 7 of 2 7 Bde 43/0/25 of 2 Apr 43.
1030- 1130	Monday	Delete lesson laid down on syllabus. Substitute :- No. 11 of 7 Bde 43/0/25 of 2 Apr 43.
0915- 1530	Friday Saturday	Delete all lessons appearing on syllabus. NOTE : these two days will be used during next week's trg. Substitute : Remaining events not covered previously in Nos. 5, 6, 9, 10, 12, 13 and 14 of 7 Bde 43/0/25 of 2 Apr 43.
1130- 1230	Each day	Delete : Fire discipline training. Substitute : No. 8 of 7 Bde 43/0/25 of 2 Apr 43.

### NOTES.-

1. All events as shown on 7 Bde 43/0/25 will be conducted as competition principles as laid down will be followed in all cases.
2. Attention is directed to 2(c) of the abovementioned Bde memo.
3. Coy comds will act as umpires for stage 1(a), umpires for stage 1(b) will be detailed later.

4 Apr 43

*Albockro...*  
 .....Capt  
 Adjt 2 Aust Inf Bn

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9 Aust. Inf. Bn. SYLLABUS OF TRAINING - MON. 5 Apr. to SAT. 10 Apr. '43

Period	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
0815 - 0915	Pl. inspection, squad drill w. & without arms.	Pl. inspection, squad drill with & without arms	Coy. Parade	Pl. insp., squad drill	Pl. insp., squad drill	Pl. insp., squad drill.
0915 - 1015	SAT. Vol. 1 pam. 111, less 6 & 7 combined ATM 14, aiming instrn.	SAT Vol. 1 pam 11 less 5 & 6, recog. of targets.	Zeroing coy. rifles and L. M. G.	SAT Vol. 1 Pam 111, less 14. Firing (lying posn. contd.).	SAT Vol. 1 Pam 111 less 13 & 14 1A & Stoppages.	Strike tents and air inside.
1015 - 1030	BREAK					
1030 - 1130	SAT Vol. 1 pam 1V Less 5, 6 & 7. Stripping.	SAT Vol 1, pam 111 less 13 firing (lying posn).	do.	SAT Vol 1 pam 1V, less 11, EDG No 1 sitting down.	SAT Vol 1, pam, 111 less 15. firing (kneeling pos)	SAT Vol 1, pam 111 less 16 firing (standing & sitting).
1130 - 1200	Fire discipline Training	F.D.T.	Allotment	F.D.T.	F.D.T.	Recapit Sat Vol 1, pam 111, less 13, 14 & 15.
1400 - 1445	SAT Vol 1, Pam 13 gen. and less 1. Notes, desc. & mech.	SAT Vol. 1 pam 13 less 11. Points before firing.	of range (see Appx. 'A')	SAT Vol 1 pam 4 less 12 EGD 1 & 2 acting together	SAT Vol 1, pam 3, less 15 & 16 Addit. stripping	Inter-Coy. tabloid sports. Winning pl. of ea. Coy. to compete
1445 - 1530	Org. pl. comp. Swimming	Tab. sports Man. P & RT. ATM 6, para 2, ATM 7, para 17, ATM 16 para 11 <i>Lantern ward</i>		Org. tab. sports & RT. Swimming para 17, ATM 16, para 11	Pl. comp.: Man. P ATM 6, para 2, ATM 7, para 17, ATM 16, para 11	Inter-Coy. tabloid sports. Winning pl. of ea. Coy to compete.

1930-2030

*Campfires March.*

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES  
ROUTINE ORDERS PART I  
By  
MAJOR C.S.WEBSTER, ADM COMD  
9 AUST INF BN

1/43

Date 5 Apr 43

1. DUTIES :

				Duty Coy	Orderly Offr	Orderly Sgt
Mounting Retreat	7	Apr	43	'B'	Lieut H.P.J.SWAN	Sgt SAUL D.H.
"	8	"	43	'C'	" F.B.ROBERTS	" WILSON N.G.
"	9	"	43	'D'	" L.A.PICKERING	" PEARCE E.D.
"	10	"	43	'HQ'	" H.D.WOOD	" BUTCHART G.L.
"	11	"	43	'A'	" L.H.ZIMMER	" BUSBY J.C.
"	12	"	43	'B'	" E.M.HAMMOND	" MUIR D.B.

2. RAZOR BLADES : Attention is directed to Admin Instr 29/205 of 31 Mar 43. Instances are still being reported of these blades being thrown on ground and in shallow water at points where personnel swim. No further warning will be issued in this regard.

3. WOMEN VISITORS TO DONADABU CAMP : Women will NOT be admitted to 7 Aust Inf Bde camp without prior approval of Bde HQ. Sentry at No. 1 post will turn back all women NOT carrying a pass issued by 7 Bde HQ. Coys will ensure that all sentries know and enforce this order.

4. DRINKING WATER : Only water drawn from water vehicles is fit for drinking. Water from water points may be used for kitchen only when cooking practice involves boiling. Hygiene personnel will ensure that these precautions are carried out.

*E. Woodhouse*  
.....Capt  
Adj 9 Aust Inf Bn

NOTICES

Results of 7 Aust Inf Bde athletic carnival :- 25 Bn first; 9 Bn, second; 25 Coy ASC third; 61 Bn fourth; 24 Fd Coy RAE fifth; 11 Fd Amb sixth; HQ 7 Bde seventh.

Results of 7 Aust Inf Bde rifle shoot :- HQ 7 Bde, 143 pts, 1st; 25 Bn, 142 pts, 2nd; 25 Coy ASC, 141 pts, 3rd; 9 Bn, 140 pts, 4th; 61 Bn, 129pts, 5th; 11 Fd Amb, 54 pts, 6th.

LOST.- A Form FS, the property of 61 Aust Inf Bn and marked with War Office Serial No 46106 and unit colours brown over buff over brown, was removed from 61 Bn area after concert on night of 27 Mar 43. It is requested that the holder of this form return it to 61 Bn HQ.

Paybook of N299144 - A.M. Prindable, 25 Aust Inf Bn, lost in or around present 25 Bn area.

FOUND.- Identity discs : QX22029 J.L.Gunder  
N80418 R.A.Johnson  
Owners may have these by applying to 7 Bde orderly room.

DISTRIBUTION : As Per List 'A'

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*Original* N.C.O.'s School

SYLLABUS

ORDERLY  
 NCO

Period	Subject	Instructor	
<b>D.6 Mon</b>			
5 Apr			
0815-0900	Inspection, squad drill, with and without arms.	Lieut Gaul	Cpl Brittain
0900-0950	Bren - Less. 8 and 9	Lieut England	
0930-1015	2" mortar, less. 1, general notes introduction bombs and recapit.	Lieut Mulcahy	
1030-1115	Vegetation classification	Lieut Ryan	
1115-1200	Unarmed combat, talk on object and essentials, method of instructing.	Sgt Pearce	
1400-1445	Concealment and camouflage Lessons for camouflage, principles of recognition and concealment.	Lieut Viney	
1445-1530	Bayonet	Sgt Capper	
1900-2000	Message w/riting and abbrev.	Capt Beech	
<b>D.7 Tues</b>			
6 Apr			
0815-0900	Insp and squad drill with and without arms.	WO.II Boardman	SuptCpl Mallett
0900-0930	Bren, less. 11 & 22	Lieut England	
0930-1015	2" mortar, less. 2. stripping and cleaning.	Lieut Mulcahy	
1030-1115	North points. Map setting contours.	Lieut Ryan	
1115-1200	Intercommunication drill	Lieut Gaul	
1400-1445	A/gas	Lieut Peachey	
1445-1530	Unarmed combat, recapit, breaks falls and single throws.	Sgt Pearce	
<b>D.8 Wed</b>			
7 Apr			
0815-0900	Insp and squad drill with and without arms.	Lieut Werda	Cpl Swanson
0900-0930	Bren, lessons 11 & 22 recapit.	Lieut England	
0930-1015	2" mortar less. 3, loading, aiming, firing, action on mis-fire.	Lieut Mulcahy	
1030-1115	Comparison of ground and maps	Lieut Ryan	
1115-1200	Principles of camouflage, 2nd period.	Lieut Viney	
1400-1445	A/gas	Lieut Peachey	
1445-1530	Bayonet lesson	Sgt Capper	
1900-2030	Apprec. of the situation	Capt Beech	
<b>D.9 Thurs</b>			
8 Apr			
0815-0900	Insp and squad drill	Lieut Gaul	Cpl Booth
0900-0930	Bren, lesson 13	Lieut England	
0930-1015	2" mortar recapit. less. 3	Lieut Mulcahy	
1030-1115	Recapit. prismatic compass holding, bearings and conversions.	Lieut Ryan	
1115-1200	Unarmed combat period 3. Recapit less. 2. Strangle front & rear.	Sgt Pearce	
1400-1445	Owen gun	Lieut Wood	
1445-1530	Section leading. group system	Capt Henderson	
<b>D.10 Fri</b>			
9 Apr			
0815-0900	Insp and squad drill	Lieut Gaul	Cpl Parton
0900-1700	Adv compass march by day	Lieut Ryan	
1900-2000	Operation orders	Capt Beech	

*Brady*  
Qual NCO

Period	Subject	Instructor	
<b>D.11 Sat</b>			
<b>10 Apr</b>			
0815-0900	Inspection and Squad drill	Lieut Gaul	Cpl Volter
0900-0930	Bren, less. 14	Lieut England	
0930-1015	9" mortar less. 4, handling	Lieut Mulcahy	
1015-1200	5-min lecturettes by students on work covered, int. work.	Lieut Ryan	
1400-1445	Camouflage nets and garnishings.	Lieut Viney	
1445-1530	Bayonet	Sgt Capper	
1900-2000	Jap phrases	Lieut Taylor	
<b>D.12 Sun</b>			
<b>11 Apr</b>			
	REST		
<b>D.13 Mon</b>			
<b>12 Apr</b>			
0815-0900	Insp and Squad drill	Lieut <del>Ma</del> Herda	Cpl King
0900-0930	Bren less. 13 and 14, Recap.	Lieut England	
0930-1015	2" mortar recapit. handling	Lieut Mulcahy	
1030-1115	Uses of service protractor	Lieut Ryan	
1115-1200	A/gas	Lieut Peachey	
1400-1445	Unarmed combat, period 4 recapit less. 3. Waist hold with and without arms pinned	Sgt Pearce	
1445-1530	Owen gun recapit.	Lieut Wood	
0900-2030	Orders, exercise	Capt Beech	
<b>D.14 Tues</b>			
<b>13 Apr</b>			
0815-1600	Practical outdoor mapreading locating position by surrounding country with maps and compass	Lieut Ryan	Cpl Roberts

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INTELLIGENCE SEC. SYLLABUS

PERIOD	D1. Wed. 7 Apr.	D2. Thurs. 8 Apr	D3 Fri 9 Apr	D4 Sat 10 Apr.
0815 - 0845	Fall	in	on B. H. Q.	Inspection Parade
0850 - 0945	Object of Course What is expected of 1 <sup>st</sup> Personnel	Nth. Points	Pris. Compass, description & uses	Aids to Practical Field Mapping
0950 - 1045	Intro. to Map Reading	Conversion of Bearings	Pris. Compass (All practical)	Map Enlargements
1045 - 1100	MORNING	BREAK		
1100 - 1200	Definitions, Topographical Technical Examples from surrounding ground)	Protractor and Scales	Fd. Sketching (general)	Adding detail to Enlargement (practical)
1200 to 1400	LUNCH	PERIOD		
1400 - 1500	Con. Signs	Conv. of Bearings (problems)	Compass Traverse (theory)	Night Movement By Compass and Stars
1505 - 1600	Systems of Reference	Indication of Height & Relief. Intervisibility Problems	Traverse (practical)	Compass March (practical).
1900 - 2100		Lecturettes	Constr. of Map From Traverses	

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Lecturettes

Lecturettes

Education and development of Officers.

AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

INTELLIGENCE SEC. SYLLABUS

2nd Week

2nd WEEK.

Period	D 5 Mon. 12 Apr.	D 6 Tues. 13 Apr.	D 7 Wed. 14 Apr.	D 8 Thur. 15 Apr.	D 9 Fri. 16 Apr.	D 10 Sat. 17 Apr.
0815 - 0845	Morning	Inspection	Parade.			
0850 - 0945	Organ. Army in Fd.	Fd. Exercise Selection & Manning of O. P's.	Gen. Organ. of 'I'	Collection & Recording of Information.	Illustr. of Mil. reports & Recording Infm.	Security & Censorship.
0950 - 1045	Mil. Writing & Abbrevs.	Messages	Bde 'I'.	Dissemination of Infm.	Organ. of Div. H. Q.	Questions & Lecturettes.
1045 - 1100	B R E A K	Written And				
1100 - 1200	Messages Written & Verbal.	VERBAL.	Bn 'I'.	Recce & Recce Reports	Organ. of Bde Group	
1400 - 1500	do.	Patrols	Descrip. & Objects of 'I'.	Organ. of a Bn.	'I' Personnel As Unit Guides By Day & Night.	Free.
1505 - 1600	Observation & O. P's.	Reserved	Collection of Infm.	Records Kept By 'I' in Fd.	Signals & Procedure	Free.
1900 - 2030	Jap. Army System.	Jap. Mentality & Characteristics		Jap. Army Organisation		

(Books of 100)  
 Form W 3001

References and appointments of Officers.

INTELLIGENCE SEC. SYLLABUS.

3rd WEEK

PERIOD	D 11 Mon. 19 Apr.	D 12 Tues. 20 Apr.	D 13 Wed. 21 Apr.	D 14 Thurs. 22 Apr.	FRI. D 15 Apr. 23A PM.
0815 - 0845	INSPECTION	PARADE			
0850 - 0945	Orders & Instrs.	Characteristics of Inf.	Stereoscope	Outdoor Exercise	EXAMINATION
0950 - 1045	Appreciations	Function of Engrs.	Inf. Recce Patrol At Night	Establishing an 'I' Sec. in Fd.	EXAMINATION
1045 - 1100	BREAK			Collecting	
1100 - 1200	Co-op. Between Army & Air Force	a/c Identification	Jap. Inf. Weapons	And Recording of <i>Sig. Sec.</i>	
1400 - 1500	H. of W. - Capt'd. Documents & Materials	Jap Army Tactics (Review)	Recap. & Lecturettes	Reserved.	
1505 - 1600	Jap. Army N.L.P.	1500/1530 Reserved 1530/1600 Swim Parade	do.	Reserved.	
1800 - 2100	Jap. Army Comp. of Bn. & Org. of N.L.P.	Aerial Photos.			

Army Form W 3001

Positions and appointments of Officers.



Serial No. 35  
W.E. Ref. 11/12/2

**FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.**

(Adapted)

C.M.F. 9 AUST. INF. BATTALION (Unit) 10. 4/ 43 19 (Date).

W.E. 36 x 874

Attached alld. by To be furnished by all units and all Headquarter units.)

W.E. 1 x 6

**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		1
W.Os. Class II.	3		3
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants			
Staff Serjeants	7		3
Serjeants	41		5
Corporals	86		14
Troopers, Privates, &c.	731	2	196
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>874</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>222</b>

\*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.
<b>PERS. ATT. AGAINST W.E.</b>		<b>OTHER ATT. NOT ALLOWED BY W.E.</b>	
Pay Sergeant	1 Sgt. A.A.P.C.	Hygiene Sgt.	11 Fd. Hygiene
Armourer Cpl.	Arm. Sgt. A.E.M.E.	1 Batman Pte.	25 Aust. Inf. Bn.
Postal Sgt.	Sgt. Fd. Post. Unit		
Bootmaker Cpl.	Cpl. A.A.O.C.		
Fitter (T.G.1)	(T.G.1) A.E.M.E.		
Posting filled by member 9 Bn.	Cpl. A.A.M.E.		

**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).
<b>SUPERNUMARY TO W.E.</b>				
	Cpl.	Duty 7 Bde.		

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

Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	W.E.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	W.E.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	W.E.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)
Ammunition Examiners				Fire Control Operators	263	1	114	Panel Beaters	683	2	176
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	1		1	Fitters, Signal				Predictor Numbers			
Bglersmakers				Grinders				Printers			
Bricklayers	2		2	Gun Layers				Radiator Mechanics			
Butchers	1			G.P.O. Assistants				Radiographers			
Camouflage Modeller				Gun Operators				Range Takers	7		3
Carpenter and Joiner	6	1		Hammermen				Riggers			
Clerks	12			Height Takers				Rivetters			
Clerks, Engineering				Helio Operators				Saddlers			
Clerks, Supply				Instrument Mechanics				Saddle Tree Makers			
Clerks, Technical				Instrument Mechanics, Surgical				Saw Doctors			
Coachmakers				Instrument Operators				Sawyers			
Computers				Intelligence Duties	7			Shoemakers			
Concretors				Joiners				Signallers	32		
Cooks	23			Leather Stitchers				Signwriters			
Cooks, Hospital				Linesmen				Stokers, Stationary Engine			
Coppersmiths				Linesmen, Signals				Storemen, Technical	4		
Dental Clerk Orderlies				Lithographers				Surveyors			
Despatch Riders				Machinists				Surveyors, Engineering			
Dispensers				Masons				Tailors	3		2
Draughtsmen				Masseurs				Telescope Identification Numbers			
Draughtsmen, Architectural				Mechanics, Dental				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen, Mechanical				Mechanics, M.T.	3	1		Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen, Signal				Mechanics, Typewriter				Toolmakers			
Draughtsmen, Topographical				Mechanics, Wireless				Turners			
Driver Mechanics	28		11	Millwrights				Vulcanizers			
Driver Operators	86		65	Miners				Wagon Erectors			
Drivers, Transportation Plant				Moulders				Watchmakers			
Electrical Fitters				Nursing Orderlies				Watermen			
Electricians				Nursing Orderlies (Mental)				Welders			
Electricians, Eng. Units				Nurses, Trained				Well Borers			
Electricians, Signal				Observation Post Assistants				Wheelers			
Engine Artificers				Operating Room Assistants				Whitesmiths			
Engine Hands I/C				Operators, Signal				Wiremen			
Equipment Repairers				Opticians				Woodturners			
Farriers	1			Painters				Mortar Nos.	54		11
Ammo. Nos.	4		1	Hyg. D'men.	4			R.S.M.	1		
Batmen	30		10	Scouts	6		5	R.Q.M.S.	1		
Gen. D'men.	2			S. Bearers	21			W.O. Caterer	1		
Police	4			Water Duties	2		1	T'port. Sgt.	1		
W/C. Orderlies	9		7	Storemen	7			C.S.M.	6		
Orderlies	35		17	L.M.G. Rifle				M.M.G. Nos.	75		30
Pioneers	11			A/Tk. Nos.	370		56	C.Q.M.S.	6		
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)	263	1	114		683	2	176		874	2	222

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.

9 Aust. Inf. Battalion  
Unit.

*[Signature]*  
Adm. Comd. Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch 10.4.45

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



Serial No. **35**

# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

A.I.F. ....

W.E. Reference

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

Date **10.4.45**

W.E. **36X 874**

Attached

**9 AUST. INF. BATTALION** Unit

Allowed by W.E. **X 6**

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

1	2	3	4
Ranks and W.E.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached)	Surplus to Establishment	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment)
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels . .	<b>1</b>		<b>1</b>
Majors . . . .	<b>5</b>		<b>5</b>
Captains . . . .	<b>11</b>		<b>2</b>
Lieutenants . . .	<b>21</b>	<b>1</b>	
2nd Lieutenants .			
Quartermasters . .			
Totals . . . .	<b>36</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>

\* Insert detail of higher rank as necessary

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

### Officers JOINED during week

Rank	Name	Unit or Corps	Date	Cause
Lieut.	<b>DIND, D.S.</b>	<b>9 Aust. Inf. Bn.</b>	<b>6.4.45</b>	<b>Marched in from 1 Aust. Corps Rec. Camp - Taken on Strength.</b>

### Officers QUITTED during week

Rank	Name	Unit or Corps	Date	Cause

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

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

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	Appointment	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed
T/Lt-Col.	SX1442	MATTHEWS, G.R.	Marched out		to special duty
T/Capt.	QX40882	PERCIVAL, G.M.	O.C. D Coy	Yes	
T/Capt.	QX40871	BUNGH, A.P.	O.C. A Coy	"	
T/Capt.	QX46995	SMITH, G.J.K.	O.C. E Coy	"	
T/Capt.	QX40880	TOON, A.C.	Q.M.	"	
T/Capt.	QX40810	HORNIBROOK, C.M.	21/e D Coy	"	
T/Capt.	QX40885	KELLY, J.L.	O.C. B Coy	"	
T/Capt.	QX40882	HENDERSON, D.G.	21/e B Coy	"	
T/Capt.	QX554	WOODROFFE, J.H.	O.C. C Coy	"	
T/Capt.	QX36569	COCHRANE, G.A.	Adjt.	"	
Lieut.	QX36569	PICKERING, L.A.	4 Pl.	"	
Lieut.	QX40886	WANLESS, J.E.A.	21/e C Coy	No	1 Aust. Rec. Camp
Lieut.	QX41593	RYAN, M.W.	13 Pl.	Yes	
Lieut.	QX40869	LEVER, K.W.	13 Pl.	"	
Lieut.	QX40855	MULCAHY, E.R.	A/21/e A Coy	"	
Lieut.	QX40852	HOLMES, R.H.	9 Pl.	No	School-P'punyal.
Lieut.	QX36425	FRACHEY, J.W.	13 Pl.	Yes	
Lieut.	QX40825	WOOD, H.D.	14 Pl.	"	
Lieut.	Q18928	BOYS, K.R.	1 Pl.	"	
Lieut.	QX40854	ROBERTS, F.B.	21/e E Coy	"	
Lieut.	QX40853	SWAN, H.P.J.	3 Pl.	"	
Lieut.	QX40831	HAMMOND, E.M.	10 Pl.	"	
Lieut.	QX46994	WHYATT, F.J.	16 Pl.	No	1 Aust. Rec. Camp
Lieut.	QX116813	GAUL, A.J.	O.C. HQ Coy	Yes	
Lieut.	NP10119	ZIMMER, L.H.	7 Pl.	"	
Lieut.	Q90512	WERDA, E.C.	11 Pl.	"	
Lieut.	SX3083	VINEY, W.M.	2 Pl.	"	
Lieut.	QX43139	TAYLOR, M.R.	8 Pl.	"	
Lieut.	QX37916	THOMPSON, A.D.	T.O.	"	
A/Lieut.	Q1173	PLATZ, S.J.G.	I.O.	"	
A/Lieut.	QX43388	ENGLAND, S.M.	12 Pl.	"	
Lieut.	QX104272	DIND, D.S.	17 Pl.	"	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	Personal Number	Name and Initials	Unit or Corps	Date of Attachment	Nature of Attachment	Allowed by W.E. (Insert Yes or No)
Major	QX34429	WEBSTER, C.S.	25 Bn.		Adm. Comd.	
Capt.	Q112810	MONAHAN, P.J.	A.A.M.C.		M.O.	
Chaplain	QX40847	COUPE, C.J.C.	A.A.Ch. Dept.		Chaplain	
IV Class						

9 Aust. Inf. Battalion

(Unit)

(Signature of Commander)

Adm. Comd.

Major

10.4.43

(Date of Despatch)

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

7 Aust. Inf. Bde.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

From 0001 hrs. 10 Apr. to 2359 hrs 16 Apr. '43.

9 Aust. Inf. Bn.

TRAINING:

Throughout the week all rifle Coys, and the four

specialist pls. of H. Q. Coy. -- Mortar, M.M.G., Sigs. & Tk. Attack -- continued with tng according to their respective syllabuses.

The inter.- Pl. Competition, which was carried out according to 7 Aust. Inf. Bde. instructions of 2 Apr. '43, was completed on Friday, 16 Apr.

Winning pl. was 8 pl., A Coy., and this pl. will represent the Bn in the Head of the Bde championships, to be held next week.

ZEROING OF RIFLES:

On Saturday, 10 Apr., personnel of H. Q. Coy.,

including Sigs., Pnsr. and Bn. H. Q. details, had their rifles zeroed on the range under the supervision of Lieut. Gaul, o.c. H. Q. Coy.

About 30 remaining personnel of H. Q. Coy had their rifles zeroed on the range on Sunday, 11 Apr.

DEMONSTRATIONS:

An exhibition shoot with the Boys Tk. Attack Rifle

was given before personnel of H. Q. Coy. and Bn. H. Q. on Saturday, 10 Apr. It was conducted by Lieut. Gaul, o.c. H. Q. Coy.

SCHOOLS:

H.C.O. and 'I' Schools were continued according to their

respective syllabuses as stated in our last summary.

The H.C.O.'s school was completed on Tuesday, 13 Apr., but another similar school, composed of 11 H.C.O.'s drawn from all Coys., was commenced the following day, again under the supervision of Lieut. Gaul, o.c. H. Q. Coy. It will last from Apr. 14 to 29 incl.

At 1400 hrs on Wednesday, 14 Apr., Capt. J.L. Kelly, o.c. B Coy, left for a First Aust Army Junior Staff School, to be held at Ashgrove, Brisbane.

'I' S.C. WORK: During the week 'I' sec. personnel assisted the I.O.

(Lieut. Platz) in the preparation of practical exercises in the fd. for students attending the 'I' School.

A Rd Sketch of B Coy's proposed tng area was made on Wednesday, 14 Apr., and submitted to Bde.

On Friday, 16 Apr., 'I' personnel made a general recce. of tracks SOUTH of the Bn area. Object of the recce was to familiarise themselves with the surrounding country.

VISITS:

On Wednesday, 14 Apr., a party consisting of Capt. Woodroffe,

Lieut. Viney, Acting R.S.M. (Sgt. Capper), W.O. 11 Boardman, and Sgts. Muir, Griffin, Lambert and Busby, and four Ptes, visited the Royal Papuan Constab. to witness the weekly ceremonial parade.

The party was favourably impressed with the work done at this centre, particularly with the excellence of the rifle drill.

CONFERENCES: At 1400 hrs on Wednesday, 14 Apr., the Adm. Comd. (Maj.

C.S. Webster) and the M.O. (Capt. P.J. Monahan) attended a Bde conference. All unit C.O.'s and M.O.'s.

**LECTURES:** At 1700 hrs on Monday, 12 Apr., Lieut. Gaul, o.c. H.Q. Coy., lectured all H.Q. Coy. N.C.O.'s on "Leadership". Personnel attended a lecture on "Evolution of Life" by Bde Ed. Ofcr. at 1530 on Fri., 16 Apr.

**MEDICAL INSPECTION:** All personnel attended a medical parade commencing at 1400 hrs on Friday, 16 Apr., to enable the M.O. (Capt. P.J. Monahan) to check on the prevalence of skin infections in the unit.

**D.C.M. ATTENDANCES:** Capt. Percival, o.c. D Coy., left on Tuesday, 13 Apr. to attend sittings of the D.C.M. He returned on Thursday, 15 Apr. On Thursday, 15 Apr., Lieut. Pickering, of 10 Pl. B Coy, left for PORT MORESBY to attend sittings of the D.C.M. as a learner.

**TAURAMA DEF. AREA:** On Monday, 12 Apr., Lieut. B.M. Hammond left with a 7 Bde party to recon the TAURAMA Def. Area for the purpose of selecting suitable night sites for the 2 lb. Tk. Attack Guns. Maj. Foote, 2/1 Aust. Tk. Attack Regt. was present to give advice to members of the party. Lieut. Hammond returned to the unit on Tuesday, 13 Apr.

**AIR RAIDS:** At 1020 hrs. on Monday, 12 Apr., three waves of Jap. bombers escorted by an unknown number of fighters were seen coming from the direction of PORT MORESBY. A/A fire was heard, and our fighters were then seen in several engagements with the enemy before they passed out of sight. At 1030 hrs., two bombs, apparently jettisoned from an enemy plane, fell in the hills about a mile behind the ~~unit~~ canteen, which lies SOUTH of the unit's biv. area. Official reports indicate that the planes were part of 110 Jap bombers and fighters which made a daylight raid on PORT MORESBY.

At 1200 hrs on Wednesday, 14 Apr., air raid red was given, but no planes appeared over the unit's area.

**WEAPONS:** On Friday, 16 Apr. three 2 lb. Tk. Attack guns, with one portee, were delivered to the unit from 2/1 Aust. Tk. Attack Regt. One of the guns is to be replaced as it is in a defective condition.

**CAMP MAINTENANCE:** Throughout the week the Pnr. Pl. were engaged on the construction of further mess tables and seating for A & G Coys. mens messes. Cases and crates were also constructed.

**AMMUNITION SUPPLY:** On Thursday, 15 Apr., unit provosts and two dets. of Mortars left for Six Mile Valley, where they were engaged in drawing the unit's W.E. of amm from dumps, and storing them in tents.

**ENTERTAINMENTS:** At 1730 hrs on Wednesday, 14 Apr., personnel again attended film screenings in the vicinity of the canteen.

**RECREATION:** Bde sports were carried out on Saturday, 10 Apr., although rain again fell during the afternoon. Tabloid sports were carried out in all Coys after work tng hours throughout the week.

**CHURCH PARADES & MAKE AND MEND:** O.P.D. and R.C. Church Parades were held at 0900 hrs. on Sunday, 11 Apr. The O.P.D. Service was conducted in the Bn area by Padre C.J. Coupe, while Mass for R.C.'s was celebrated in conjunction with 25 Aust. Inf. Bn.

AND MEND: Sunday, 11 Apr. was devoted to 'make and mend'

... .. Lieut.

J.D. 9 AUST. INF. BN.

Bn HQ

'I' Sec.- Up to the present very little experience in the tabulating of recce reports had been had by the section. In the past the making of maps and preparing of fire plans have had priority. On 29 Mar 43 members of the sec were sent to make a general recce of the EILOGO RD (M.T.) from its junc with camp rd to EILOGO and thence by the native pad back to DONADABU. This was then set out in a proper recce report. (Distance covered approx 12 miles). At the same time they were asked for a special report as to whether tanks could get through along this native pad to donadabu. This was set out in proper manner.

Japanese lesson - A lesson was given by Cpl Stackpoole on Japanese phrasings.

Mapping - The sec was engaged for six days mapping area that had been allotted by the Bde IO. The sec commenced this work on 30 Mar 43 and handed in the finished task to Bde on 6 Apr 43 for co-ordination with the other units' allotments. Traces were also made for coy comds of this area for training purposes.

War diary and office routine - War diaries have been brought up to date. All files have been sorted through and papers not required have been burnt.

Zeroing rifles - On Sat 10 Apr 43 sec were on range zeroing their rifles and automatic weapons.

Special school - On Wed 7 Apr 43 eight men were selected to do a special course of instruction for the purpose of bringing the section up to strength. The IO is conducting this course. A syllabus has been submitted to Bde. On Sat 10 Apr 43 one OR was received from Bde for the purpose of doing this course and to be retained by 9 Bn. The existing sec personnel are being used by the IO to prepare any outside work necessary to give the students practical work.

S.B's.- Sixteen men (all volunteers) are being trained by the RMO, the course having been begun on 6 Apr. All men are of good type physically for this work and are proving competent under instruction.

Provost.- Pro Sgt has carried out progressive instruction in duties of prov personnel.

HQ COY

General - (1) Standard of instruction is particularly high, and is reflected in the very rapid progress being made in the training of the specialist pls.

(2) All rifles and guns have been zeroed, and the standard of musketry was very fair.

(3) All MMG training ammunition has been expended (one belt per gun) and it is desirable that more be made available - eight belts.

(4) It is desirable that 3" mortar smoke and HE be made available for training.

Special Observations. - During MMG musketry practice observation from enemy posn of our firing, with guns firing from posns immediately in edge of jungle, showed that initial bursts gave off a considerable amount of smoke. This would assist enemy mortars etc in ranging, and



emphasises necessity for oiled portions to be dried before firing and for alternate posns. However, by siting the guns in from the edge of the jungle, smoke is not so noticeable and firing not greatly interfered with.

2" Mortar - Lieut Gaul has supplied information that when firing smoke bombs, the bombs fall considerably in excess of range indicated. He estimates that when firing at a range of 300x, the smoke bomb may range 350x. This information will be checked when a suitable range is obtained.

Signal Pl. - All the rifles in the pl have been zeroed. All have been instructed in the use of the Owen gun. Four have fired the gun (three NCOs and one signalmán). All have been instructed in Boys rifle handling. Five have fired the weapon.

Time has principally spent upon the instruments issued since the bn has been in this area; with particular emphasis upon ~~xxxx~~ Morse reading - Lucas lamp, heliograph, buzzer - and procedure. The plain language standard is well up to eight words a minute, but more practice is needed in applying this to message form procedure.

The cypher standard is four. Group working using both Lucas lamp and heliograph has been performed satisfactorily over an appreciable distance, and the group included a re-transmitting ~~atn.~~

Practical R/T procedure has been worked with 108 sets over short distances.

The general electrical knowledge of the pl has shown an improvement and the majority show a keen interest.

The standard of ~~X~~ L/T work is satisfactory, as all have had the practical experience in an operational area when the Bde was in its previous posn.

MMG Pl. - Personnel of this pl were chosen as being the best available gunners from E Coy. They are intensely interested, and are being quickly moulded into a pl. All have a sound knowledge of the gun, and drill so far has been in the nature of recapitulation.

All rifles and guns have been zeroed.

3" Mortar Pl. - An hour a day has been spent on squad drill, the standard of which has improved considerably in the last fortnight. Weapon training has been restricted largely to mortar drill since a considerable number of new personnel have been transferred to the pl and the whole pl is being trained in the mortar recapit. course.

No tactical training has been carried out. All weapons have been zeroed.

Tk-A Pl. - Gun taken on strength and a syllabus of training has been commenced under instructors from 2/1 Tk-A Regt on 12 Apr. All weapons have been zeroed.

Pioneer Pl. - Engaged in camp and specialist construction work. Chests to carry tk.-rifles and Bren tripods have been made in addition to the construction of messing tables etc., a jungle firing range and assault course.

Adm. Pl. - Engaged in routine work.

RIFLE COYS

General.- Although the standard of training is fair, definite improvement is being made. This posn can reasonably be ascribed to lack of concentrated training for almost a year, also to loss of NCOs due to sickness and promotion of men who have had no instructional experience, and to lack of books. These difficulties are being overcome by the inauguration of an NCO's class plus instruction of NCOs in coys by offr. The first NCO's class will complete its syllabus of two weeks on 13 Apr, and will be followed by another beginning on 14 Apr.

It is expected that at least three weeks will be required to reach a reasonable standard of weapon, individual and section training, without which training in higher formations is not desirable.

1. Squad Drill.- Average of half an hour per day with and without arms - present standard, fair to good. To do good work throughout, more space in coy parade grounds is required.

2. Weapon Training.- As far as possible, a sec comd has instructed his own sec and improvement has been obtained in more correct and inst<sup>ive</sup> action.

(a) Rifle - Instruction vide SAT Vol Ix, Pam 3 has been completed. Standard of training fair, though ~~xxx~~ much improvement has been shown. Periods have also been devoted to FTD and will be continued. All rifles have been zeroed.

(b) Bayonet - Standard fair. Future training periods will be devoted to assault course.

(c) Bren - All Brens have been zeroed (laterally). Standard of elementary and advanced training fair, more time being required for EGD and stoppages.

(d) 2" Mortar - More time is required to reach a reasonable standard of training, particularly since reinforcements have had no prev. experience.

(e) Owen SMG - Standard generally good.

3. Musketry.- Standard is from fair to very good. Many NCOs lack knowledge in coaching and this is being corrected. The necessity for this can be seen in the number of men, who, due to faulty or inadequate training, do not know the elements of trigger pressing, holding and aiming, etc. ~~Th~~ Strengthening exercises have been found necessary and beneficial. One day has been spent on range by all coys during which all rifles and Brens were zeroed and an Owen SMG practice carried out. Future practices will be carried out firing from standing and kneeling posns and from hip, the latter in case of Bren and Owen SMG. With the extremely limited amount of amn available it is difficult to see how a general high standard of musketry can be obtained, particularly with automatic weapons, in firing from the hip.

A jungle firing range has been constructed and has been used by one coy. It proved most valuable for training in quick, correct and instructive handling of weapons. However, it is considered that best results will be obtained by first, a satisfactory standard of musketry on the open range, followed by work on the jungle range.

4. Individual Training.- Observationn training, use of ground and cover stalks, camouflage practice, gas. Standard fair to good, showing much improvement.

5. Tactical Training.- Little has been done apart from practice in gp system, sec stalks and one fighting ~~pkts~~ patrol. Standard has been fair and improvement has been shown. At present minor tactics is probably the weakest feature of training.

6. Night Training.- Movement across country, compass march, Bren handling and discussions by pl comds.

7. Tabloid sports.- The "Head of Bde" competition instituted last week has created a very keen competition, and on the syllabus it appears that pls are approx 60% efficient. It is felt that even in this short period the competition has helped appreciably in instilling a keenness above the normal into training, and a noticeable improvement in morale.

TRAINING FOR PERIOD 12 - 24 APR 43

Bn HQ

'I' Sec.- Continuation of 'I' school. Syllabus has been forwarded to Bde.

SBs.- Continuation of training of SBs by RMO.

HQ COY

Progressive training of specialist pls to fit them to take part in tactical exercise with rifle coys, when the latter have reached coy training standard.

RIFLE COYS

It is proposed that training in rifle coys be progressive in weapons, musketry, individual and sec training. It is not likely that pl training will commence before 1 May, i.e., three weeks further training in work up to sec standard. Unless a satisfactory standard of individual and sec training is obtained, it is unsound to pass to higher formation work.

NCOs school

School.  
NCOs, carried on as for previous fortnight. New school begins 14Apr. Syllabus attached - see appx 'A'.

*C. S. Webb*  
Adm Comd 9<sup>th</sup> Div

9 AUST INF BN - NCOs' COURSE NO. 2

Day 1 K/15

1400-1445 The NCO and his job, Lieut Gaul  
1445-1530 Bren, Lieut England

Day 2 K/15

0815-0900 Inspection and squad drill, Lieut Gaul  
0900-0930 Intercommunication drill, WO Boardman  
0930-1015 Rifle - lying posn, Lieut Gaul  
1030-1115 Compass, Lieut Ryan  
1115-1200 Bren, Lieut England  
1400-1445 2" mortar, Lieut Dind  
1445-1530 Bayonet (offensive) M.I., Sgt Capper

Day 3 K/16

0815-0900 Rifle - lying posn, Lieut Gaul  
0900-0930 Intercommunication drill, WO Boardman  
0930-1015 Booby traps, Lieut Taylor  
1030-1115 Compass, Lieut Ryan  
1115-1200 Bren, Lieut England  
1400-1445 2" mortar, Lieut Dind  
1445-1530 Bayonet, Sgt Capper  
1830-1930 Lecture, leadership, Lieut Gaul.

Day 4 K/K/17

0815-0845 Inspection drill, Lieut Roberts  
0845-1200 Compass march by day, Lieut Ryan

Day 5 K/19

0815-0845 Inspection and drill, Lieut Roberts  
0845-0930 Rifle - kneeling posn, Lieut Gaul  
0930-1015 Bren, Lieut England  
1030-1115 Rifle - standing posn, Lieut Gaul  
1115-1200 Personal camouflage (practical), Lieut Viney  
1400-1445 2" mortar, Lieut Dind  
1445-1530 Bayonet (defensive), Sgt Capper  
1900-2000 Message writing - abbreviation, Capt Beech

Day 6 K/20

0815-0845 Inspection - pl drill, Lieut Roberts  
0845-0900 Bren, Lieut England  
0900-0945 2" mortar, Lieut Dind  
0945-1015 Vegetation classification, Lieut Ryan  
1030-1115 Grenades, their uses, Lieut Taylor  
1115-1200 Concealment (practical), Lieut Viney  
1400-1445 Tk.-A. rifle, Lieut Lever  
1445-1530 Communications, Lieut Boys  
1830-1930 Appreciations, Capt Beech

Day 7 K/21

0815-0900 Inspection - pl drill, Lieut Roberts  
0900-0945 Bren, Lieut England  
0945-1015 Rifle, firing posn, Lieut Gaul  
1030-1115 North points, map setting, compass, Lieut Ryan  
1115-1200 Observation march, Lieut Wood

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Day 7 (continued)

1400-1445 A/Gas, Lieut Peachey  
1445-1530 A bn and its weapons, Capt Cochrane

Day 8 K/22

0815-0845 Inspection - drill, Lieut Werda  
0845-0930 Bren, Lieut England  
0930-1015 Bn supporting weapons, Lieut Hammond  
1030-1115 Comparison of grd and maps, Lieut Ryan  
1115-1200 A/Gas, Lieut Peachey  
1400-1445 Owen gun, Lieut Woods  
1445-1530 Jungle fighting, Lieut Taylor  
~~1700-1930~~ Group formations, Capt Henderson  
1900

Day 9 K/23

0815-0845 Inspection, WO Boardman  
0845-0930 Bren, Lieut England  
0930-1200 Track traverse, Cpl Stackpoole  
1400-1445) Group formations on  
1445-1530) jungle firing range, Capt Henderson  
1900-2000 Operation orders, Capt Beech

Day 10 K/24

0815-0830 Inspection, Sgt Capper  
0830-0915 Bayonet, Sgt Capper  
0915-1015 Decontamination - personal and weapons, Cpl Anderson  
1030-1115 Owen gun, Lieut Wood  
1115-1200 2" mortar M.I., Lieut Gaul

Day 11 K/25

0815-0900 Inspection - drill, Lieut Werda  
0900-1015 3" mortar, Lieut Swan  
1030-1200 Lecturette - int. work, Lieut Ryan  
1400-1445 Bren, Lieut England  
1445-1500 A/Gas, Lieut Peachey

Day 12 K/27

0815-0830 Inspection, Lieut Gaul  
0830-0915 Rifle - firing posn, Lieut Gaul  
0915-1015 Bren, Lieut England  
1030-1115 Map reading - recapit., Lieut Ryan  
1115-1200 Owen gun, Lieut Wood  
1400-1530 Military law, Capt Woodroffe  
1900-1930 Orders, Capt Beech

Day 13 K/28

0815-1600 Map reading -practical, Lieut Ryan

Day 14 K/29

Recapit. and missed periods.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES  
ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

2/43

By  
MAJOR C.S. WEBSTER, ADM COMD  
9 AUST INF BN

Date 14 Apr 43

3. DUTIES :

				Duty Coy	Orderly Offr	Orderly Sgt
Mounting Retreat	13	Apr	43	'C'	Lieut E.M. HAMMOND	Sgt LEWIS H.K.
"	14	"	"	'D'	" J.W. PEACHEY	L/Sgt STRUTHERS C
"	15	"	"	'HQ'	" D.S. DIND	Cpl SHEPPARD W.A.
"	16	"	"	'A'	" L.H. ZIMMER	Cpl WILSON F.A.E.
"	17	"	"	'B'	" A.D. THOMPSON	Cpl AIRD A.F.
"	18	"	"	'C'	" M.R. TAYLOR	Sgt MOORE N.

6. BOMB - 2" MORTAR : An unexploded 2" mortar bomb is reported to be in area north of HQ Coy on west bank of LALOKI RIVER. All ranks will be warned that it is dangerous to handle this bomb. Any soldier finding it will mark the posn by planting a stick in the ground and report the finding at once to this HQ.

7. 2" AND 3" MORTARS : In no circumstances will live rounds be used as drill rounds in mortar instruction.

8. SECURITY OF INFM : Some women working in factories make a practice of enclosing their name and address while packing foodstuff intended for military consumption. Instances have been reported of men in this Bde replying to these notes and this practice will cease.

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9. SURVEY MARKS : Several cases have occurred recently of survey marks being destroyed, either inadvertently or deliberately. In the Port Moresby area there are a number of trigonometrical points marked by a tripod beacon over a brass plug inscribed "RAN Hydrographical Survey" set in concrete. Other marks in evidence are wooden or iron pegs bearing numbers.

All ranks must be acquainted with the urgent necessity for preserving survey marks, and, should it be necessary or desirable to destroy or remove any such mark for the purpose of building or road construction, the matter will be referred to HQ New Guinea Force before the mark is destroyed or removed.

10. BULK PETROLEUM STORAGE COY - SECURITY OF ELEVALA JETTY : Elevala Jetty (ref PM Special 1" - 1 mile 863378) is out of bounds to all personnel not in possession of a pass signed by OC Bulk Petroleum Storage Coy and is not to be used by any small craft as moorings.

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11. PISTOLS, POSSESSION OF : Pistols of any type or description shall not be sold, purchased or exchanged. On or after 15 Apr 43 it will be an offence for any member of the AMF to have in his possession or custody any pistol other than one issued to him by Army authority or where he has the permission referred to in para 2 hereof.

2. Permission may be granted by a formation comd to any member to have in his possession a pistol other than one issued to him; such permission to be in writing, signed personally by formation comd.

3. All ranks in possession of pistols not issued to them or not provided for under the last para will forthwith surrender them to the QM.

4. All ranks having pistols in their possession are held personally responsible therefor and will immediately report the loss of such pistol.

5. The loss of a pistol is to be regarded as an offence for which the offender is to be tried by court martial, unless the formation comd otherwise directs. In all cases of loss of pistols, the offender will be charged and a summary of evidence, which will be forwarded to the formation comd, will be taken.

12. CONSERVATION OF RUBBER : It is of the utmost importance that all instructions concerning the conservation of rubber are rigidly enforced. In view of the drastic restrictions in supply, arising from enemy action, it is imperative that all ranks are constantly impressed with the importance of prolonging the life of ALL stores which contain any rubber content and so reduce replacements to an absolute minimum.

13. POSTAL ADDRESSES - PERSONNEL IN HOSPITAL : It has been noted that personnel evacuated to an AGH or other medical unit are showing as their address in correspondence the unit designation of the medical unit to which they have been admitted. Such practice is a breach of AFCEI and personnel contravening this instruction will be charged accordingly.

*A. Hockley*  
.....C...Capt  
Adjt 9 Aust. Inf Bn

N O T I C E S

LOST : One box, tool armourers with colour strips of brown, white, brown and marked 46009. Finder will contact this HQ.

LOST : Watch wrist, black face, Dunkling's stainless steel, in leather cover. Finder please contact this HQ.

LOST : M/C Norton No C.4390203, engine No. W.30177 model 1940. Information to this HQ.

9 BN SYLLABUS OF TRAINING SIGNAL PL

From Mon 12 Apr to Sat 1<sup>7</sup> Apr

Monday 12 Apr	0815-0915	Coy parade
	0915-1000	Morse
	1000-1100	Line resistance and short circuits
	1100-1200	Lucas lamp (reading)
	1400-1 <del>3</del> 30	Ohms law, resistances, meas. earth resist.
Tuesday 13 Apr	0815-09 <del>1</del> 5	Morse
	0915-1000	Short distance R/T
	1000-1100	Heliography
	1100-1200	Heliography
	1400-1500	Lucas lamp
	1500-1545	Semaphore
Wednesday 14 Apr	0815-1300	Visual and R/T, group working exercise.
	1400-1500	Morse
	1500-1530	Message form procedure.
Thursday 15 Apr	0815-0915	Lucas lamp reading
	0915-1000	Sig. clerk duties (incl register)
	1000-1100	Morse
	1100-1200	General proceddure
	1400-1530	Range practice
Friday 16 Apr	0815-0915	Morse
	0915-1000	Line faults located by test set No. 2
	1000-1200	R/T practical
	1400-1530	10 L.U.C. general detail
Saturday 17 Apr	0815-1200	This period will be utilised to cover any of the periods missed on account of sports on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday afternoons.
	1400-1530	Tabloid sports.



9 BN SYLLABUS OF TRAINING - MINE PLATOON

From Mon 12 Apr to Sat 17 Apr

Monday 12 Apr	0815-0900	Inspection
	0900-1000	Coy parade
	1000-1015	Break
	1015-1115	Mechanism (recapit)
	1115-1200	Range or ranges
	1400-1615	Tableid sports
Tuesday 13 Apr	0815-0845	Inspection
	0845-0930	Fire orders direct
	0930-1015	Instrument and aiming
	1015-1030	Break
	1030-1115	Signals
	1115-1200	E.G.D. (Fire, stop, go on)
	1400-1445	Methods of fire
	1445-1530	Special stoppages
	1530-1615	P.T. organised swim parade
1800-2100	Stripping and stoppages	
Wednesday 14 Apr	0815-0845	Inspection
	0845-0930	E.G.D. manhandling loads
	0930-1015	Stoppages (recapit)
	1015-1030	Break
	1030-1115	Section drill (prepare for action, come into action)
	1115-1200	Stripping lock (blindfold)
	1400-1445	Compass
	1445-1530	A/Gas
1530-1615	Tableid sports.	

1944

Thursday 15 Apr

0815-0845 Inspection  
0845-0930 Mounting on uneven ground  
0930-1015 Clinometer and bar foresight  
1015-1030 Break  
1030-1115 Map reading  
1115-1200 Special stoppages (1 and 2)  
1400-1615 Range

Friday 16 Apr

0815-0845 Inspection  
0845-0930 Continue firing in event of target becoming obscured.  
0930-1015 Fire control chart  
1015-1030 Break  
1030-1215 Flanking and overhead fire  
1115-1200 Drill (firing.)  
1400-1530 Occupation of position & preparation for night  
1530-1615 P.T., organised swim parade.  
1900-2100 Night occupation

Saturday 17 Apr

0815-0845 Inspection  
0845-0930 A/Gas  
0930-1015 Unarmed combat  
1015-1030 Break  
1030-1115 Map reading  
1115-1200 T.O.E.Ts.  
1400-1445 T.O.E.Ts.  
1445-1530 Maintenance  
1530-1615 P.T., organised swim parade.

9 BN SYLLABUS OF TRAINING - MORTAR PLATOON

From Mon 12 Apr to Sat 17 Apr

Monday 12 Apr	0815-0915	Inspection and drill
	0915-1015	Coy parade
	1015-1030	Break
	1030-1130	Less 12, Pam 9
	1130-1200	Owen gun
	1400-1445	Less 23, Pam 9
	1445-1530	Individual camouflage
	1530-1615	Tableid sports
Tuesday 13 Apr	0815-0915	Inspection and drill
	0915-1015	Less 10, Pam 9
	1015-1030	Break
	1030-1130	Map reading
	1130-1200	Questionnaire, characteristics field signals, etc., Pam 9
	1400-1445	Less 24, Pam 9
	1445-1530	Less 8, Pam 3
	1530-1615	P.T. and sports
	1900-2000	Less 10, Pam 9
Wednesday 14 Apr	0815-0915	Inspection and drill
	0915-1015	Recapit. Less 23
	1015-1030	Break
	1030-1130	Less
	1130-1200	Care and fitting of respirator
	1400-1445	Less 25, Pam 9
	1445-1530	Less 7, Pam 2
	1530-1615	P.T. and sports.

Thursday 15 Apr

0815-0915 Inspection and drill  
0915-1015 Less 26, Pam 9  
1015-1030 Break  
1030-1130 Recapit. Less 22  
1130-1200 Respirator cape drill  
1400-1445 Recapit. Less 23  
1445-1530 Recapit. Less 24 and 25  
1530-1615 P.T. and swimming

Friday 16 Apr

0815-0915 Inspection and drill  
0915-1015 T.O.E.D., tests 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.  
1015-1030 Break  
1030-1130 T.O.E.D., tests 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.  
1130-1200 Characteristics of war gases  
1400-1445 T.O.E.D., tests 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.  
1445-1530 T.O.E.D., tests 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.  
1530-1615 P.T. and swimming.

Saturday 17 Apr

0815-0915 Inspection and drill  
0915-1015 Less 3, Pam 9  
1015-1030 Break  
1030-1130 Less 29, Pam 9  
1130-1200 Personal decontamination  
1400-1445 Less 10, Pam 3  
1445-1530 Less 8, Pam 2  
1530-1615 Tableid sports.

## TABLOID SPORTS EVENTS

Event	Standard	Scoring			
		1 pt	1st,	2 pts	2nd, 3 pt 3.
100 yds sprint in boots	15 sec				
Broad jump in boots	10 ft	"		"	"
Hop, step and jump in boots	20 ft	"		"	"
Grenade throwing	25 yds 6ft circle	"		"	"
Standing broad jump in boots	4ft 6in.	"		"	"
Throwing cricket ball :-					
(a) long throw, (b) at wicket		"		"	"
Relay race		"		"	"
Tunnel ball		"		"	"

## NOTES :-

- (1) Bn sports officer, Lieut A.D.Thompson will arrange playing fields and will allot days on which coys will conduct the actual trial games before selecting coy teams.
- (2) Coy 2 i/c's will act in the capacity of coy sports officer.
- (3) Coy comds will act as leader of coy HQ teams.
- (4) All pl comds MUST compete with their respective pls.
- (5) All personnel who are considered fit must take part in all sports.
- (6) Bn HQ will be represented by stretcher-bearers, provost, and any available 'I' sec and staff. Officer in charge, Lieut Platz.

9 Apr 43

for *A.G. Rose* Lieut  
 ..... Capt  
 Adjnt 9 Aust Inf Bn

EXAMINERS

Examination list of Bde Head of the Bde Championship. 12 - 17 Apr

Major C.S.Webster - Event No. 6.  
Capt G.A.Cochrane - Events No 1, 2.  
Capt D.G.Henderson - Event No. 14  
Lieut H.D.Hood - Events 7 and 8  
Capt G.J.K.Smith - Event No 10  
Lieut A.J.P.Gaul - Event 5  
Lieut H.J.P.Swan - Event 9  
Lieut E.W.Hammond - Event 11  
Lieut K.R.Boys - Events 3 and 4  
Capt C.W.Hornibrook - Event 13  
Lieut A.D.Thompson - Event 12.

## BN CHAMPIONSHIP PLATOON

## BDE HEAD OF THE BDE COMPETITION

Examiners for competition : As per list attached

Day	'A' Coy	'B' Coy	'C' Coy	'D' Coy
Monday	Events 1 & 2 0815 - 0900 Events 7 & 8 0915 - 1000 Events 3 & 4 1015 - 1145 Event 6 1900 - 1945	Events 1 & 2 1015 - 1100 Events 7 & 8 <del>Events</del> 1115-1200 Events 3 & 4 1400 - 1530	Events 1 & 2 0915 - 1000 Events 7 & 8 1015 - 1100 Events 3 & 4 1105 - 1235	Events 1 & 2 1115 - 1200 Events 7 & 8 1400 - 1445 Events 3 & 4 1500 - 1630
Tues- day	Event 5 1300 - 1500 Event H 0830 - 1030	Event 5 1015 - 1215 Event 11 1400 - 1500	Event 5 1500 - 1700 Event 11 0815 - 0915 <del>Event 6</del> Event 6 1900 - 1945	Event 5 0815 - 1015 Event 11 1045 - 1145
Wednes- day	Event 14 0800 - 1000 Event 9 1400 - 1500	Event 14 1400 - 1600 Event 9 0830 - 0930 Event 6 1900 - 1945	Event 14 0800 - 1000 Event 9 1515 - 1615	Event 14 1400 - 1600 Event 9 1000 - 1100
Thurs- day	Event 10 0815 - 0845 Event 12 1400 - 1445 Event 13 1000 - 1030	Event 10 1400 - 1430 Event 12 0815 - 0900 Event 13 1500 - 1530	Event 10 0900 - 0930 Event 12 1500 - 1545 Event 13 1100 - 1130	Event 10 1445 - 1515 Event 12 0915 - 1000 Event 13 1545 - 1615 Event 6 1900 - 1945

War Diary (Original Only)

SYLLABUS OF TRAINING  
MONDAY 12 APR TO SATURDAY 17 APR

Period	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
0815 - 0915	Pl Insp. Squad drill with and without arms	Pl Insp., squad drill with and without arms	Pl Insp., squad drill with and without arms	Pl Insp., squad drill with and without arms	Pl Insp., squad drill with and without arms.	Range practice. See Appendix 'A'
0915 - 1015	SAT Vol 1 Pam IV, Less 13, 14 IA & stoppages	SAT Vol 1 Pam II Less 16, firing. Standing & sitting position.	A/Gas. Personal and unit A/gas equipment.	Respirator drill PAG 2(5) 1939. Less. 1 and 11.	Group organization of sec. ATM 11 p. 41.	Range practice. See Appendix 'B'
1015 - 1030	B	R E	A K	B	R E	A K
1030 - 1130	SAT Vol 1 Pam III, less 15, firing, kneeling position.	Recapit. SAT Vol 1 Pam III, Less 13, 14, 15.	Section Stalk  N.T.P. 33	Crossing streams  rafts and floats	Preparation and conduct of ambush, See & Pl INT p 115, ATM 10 pp 12, 14, 20	SAT Vol I, Pam IV Recapit. Less 13 and 14. IA and stoppages.
1130 - 1200	A/Gas PAG 2 1939, description & fitting of resp. etc.	Strengthening exercises. rifle exercises.	Sec 27	ATM 12 Appx K	Respirator drill PAG 2(5) 1939 Less. 3 and 4	Respirator drill PAG 2(5) 1939 Less 5, 6, & 7.
1400 - 1445	SAT Vol 1 Pam IV Less 15 & 16, additional stripping.	Indication & recognition of targets. Use of pointer staff. ATM 12 para 7, page 23	SAT Vol 1, pam III, less 19, Rapid fire.	tactical Tng, infiltration, tactical methods S.W. Pacific (one page 8(c))	Fire control, SAT Vol I, Pam II, Less. 15	Recapit. 2" mortar, work to date.
1445 - 1530	2" mortar, description & mech	2" mortar, elementary drill	Judging distance SAT Vol I, Pam II Less. 9 etc.	Boys A/Tk rifle description and mechanism	Recco patrol ATM 7 page 23	FOURs., rifle
1530 - 1615			Organised tableted swimming parades	ports to include 10 minutes P.T. T.M. 6, para 2, ATM 7, para 17, ATM 16, para 11, See APPX 'A'		
1900 - 2030		Night movement. ATM 12 p. 22, para 6 (A1).		cross-country movement & legs, compass bearing. Time limit TM 11 page 23.	gren stripping and assembling in dark.	



INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

From 0001 hrs 17 Apr. '43 to 239 hrs 23 Apr. '43

9 Aust. Inf. Bn.

CHANGE OF COMD. : At 0600 hrs on Wednesday, 21 Apr., Maj. A.J.W. Sutch resumed comd. of 9 Aust. Inf. Bn.

He relieved Maj. C.S. Webster, who returned to 25 Aust. Inf. Bn. as Am. Comd.

Maj. Sutch who has been attending a Unit Comds. Course at Beaulieu, returned to the unit at 1700 hrs. on Tuesday, 20 Apr.

On Wednesday, 21 Apr., Lieut. R.H. Innes, who also returned on Tuesday from the mainland where he has been attending a Tk. Attack School at Puckapunyal (Vic.), took over the recently formed Tk. Attack Pl.

This Pl. has been under the comd. of Lieut. E.H. Hammond, o.c. M.M.G. Pl.

At 0600 hrs on Thursday, 22 Apr., Lieut. M.W. Ryan, of 16 Pl., D Coy, was transferred to BN. H.Q. as I.O. He is relieving Lieut. Platz, who left on Tuesday with the 'I' Cpl. for a school of Military Intelligence at Southport.

TRAINING : During the week all rifle Coys. and the four specialist pls. of H.Q. Coy. continued with training according to their respective syllabuses.

The Bn. was represented in the Bde Championships by 8 Pl., A Coy, winner of the inter.-Pl. competitions.

RANGE TESTS : On Sunday and Good Friday, 18 and 23 Apr. respectively

Lieut. Gaul, o.c. H.Q. Coy., supervised tests of the eight Austen Sub.-Machine Guns sent down from 7 Aust. Inf. Bde.

A report has been submitted to Bde.

On Tuesday and Wednesday, 20 and 21 Apr., the armourer supervised tests of the unit's recent issue of Bren guns.

Of the 41 on issue, 15 were found to be defective. A report will be submitted to Bde. and A.D.O.S.

DEMONSTRATIONS : At 0930 hrs. on Thursday 22 Apr., all personnel

attended a Bde exhibition shoot of inf. supporting weapons, including the two lb. Tk. Attack Gun, and the 3" and 2" mortars.

The shoot was supervised by the B.M., who explained each weapon's characteristics, advantages and disadvantages, and the methods of handling to the troops over a megaphone system.

Crews from the three Bns. of 7 Bde were engaged in the shoots, which were highly satisfactory.

Feature of the 3" mortar shoot was the extreme accuracy of this unit's mortar crew, which scored an almost direct hit on the target with its fourth shot.

Smoke and H.E. was fired from both mortars.

SPECIAL EXERCISE : On Tuesday, 20 Apr., sig personnel carried out a

series of tests on heliographing by moonlight. At 300 yds., the range used throughout the tests, it was discovered that signals could be read easily.

Further tests to determine the maximum effective range will be carried out as soon as possible.

**REINFORCEMENTS:** At 1700 hrs on Tuesday, 20 Apr., 22 reinforcements were marched into the unit from 1 Aust. Corps Reception Camp. They are all "X" list personnel, the majority of them having been invalided home from MILNE BAY.

**SCHOOLS:** N.C.O. and 'I' Schools were continued during the week according to their respective syllabuses as stated in our last Summary. Lieut. Ryan has taken over the school (see "Change of Comd.").

**LECTURES:** On Tuesday, 20 Apr., at 1530 hrs., the Bde Ed. Offr. again lectured unit personnel in the second of a series of talks on the "Evolution of Life". At 1700 hrs. on Wednesday, 21 Apr., the Acting C.O. (Maj. A.J.W. Sutch) lectured all offrs. on the latest information concerning messages, writing and abbreviations.

**VISITS:** At 1530 hrs on Saturday, 17 Apr., Lieut. E.M. Hammond and Sgt. D. Reinke left as members of a 7 Bde H.Q. party to attend a 6 lb. Tk. Attack Gun shoot at the BOERA RANGE. The shoot, which was carried out by 1 Bty. 2/1 Tk. Attack Regt., commenced at 0730 hrs on Sunday and continued until 1200 hrs. Mr. Hammond and Sgt. Reinke were very favourably impressed with the capabilities of the gun.

**ENTERTAINMENT:** All personnel attended the "P'Army Band" concert revue presented by 11 Aust. Inf. Div. Concert Party at 1730 hrs. on Tuesday, 20 Apr. Wet weather prevented the party from presenting on Monday night as well. At 1730 hrs on Wednesday, 21 Apr., personnel attended film screenings in the vicinity of the canteen.

**RECREATION:** Bde sports were carried out on Saturday, 17 Apr., featuring Rugby League and Soccer games between Bde teams. Tabloid sports were carried out after training hours during the week. Inter-Coy. football matches were organised on Good Friday.

**CHURCH PARADES AND 'MAKE AND MEND':** O.P.D. and R.C. Church Services were conducted for unit personnel on Sunday and Good Friday, 18 and 23 Apr. respectively. Both days were devoted to 'make and mend' purposes.

*K. W. Ryan*  
..... Lieut.  
I.O. 9 Aust. Inf. Bn.

*War Diary*

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W.E. 36 X  
Attached 1  
Allowed by W.E. 1 X

# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Date 17.4.45

9 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION Unit

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

1	2	3	4
Ranks and W.E.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached)	Surplus to Establishment	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment)
* *			
Lieut.-Colonels . . .			1
Majors . . .			3
Captains . . .			3
Lieutenants . . .	11	1	
2nd Lieutenants . . .	21		
Quartermasters . . .			
Totals . . .	36	1	7

\* Insert detail of higher rank as necessary

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

### Officers JOINED during week

Rank	Name	Unit or Corps	Date	Cause

### Officers QUITTED during week

Rank	Name	Unit or Corps	Date	Cause
T/Capt.	KELLY, J.L.	9 Aust. Inf. Bn.	14.4.45	marched out to Course Struck off posted strength

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

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

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	Appointment	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed
T/Lt-Col.	5X1442	HARRISON, G.S.	Second Lt.		
T/Capt.	5X40822	PERCYVAL, J.M.	1st Lt.		
T/Capt.	5X40871	SMITH, A.S.	1st Lt.		
T/Capt.	5X46995	SMITH, C.J.R.	1st Lt.		
T/Capt.	5X40820	SMITH, A.S.	1st Lt.		
T/Capt.	5X40810	HORNIBROOK, C.M.	1st Lt.		
T/Capt.	5X40882	HORNIBROOK, C.M.	1st Lt.		
T/Capt.	5X654	HORNIBROOK, C.M.	1st Lt.		
T/Capt.	5X54582	HORNIBROOK, C.M.	1st Lt.		
Lieut.	5X36609	PICKERING, J.H.	1st Lt.		
Lieut.	5X40828	HARRISON, G.S.	1st Lt.		
Lieut.	5X41838	EVAN, H.W.	1st Lt.	No	1 Aust. Rec. Camp
Lieut.	5X40869	EVAN, H.W.	1st Lt.	Yes	
Lieut.	5X40855	HARRISON, G.S.	1st Lt.		
Lieut.	5X40882	HARRISON, G.S.	1st Lt.	No	Hospital
Lieut.	5X56425	HARRISON, G.S.	1st Lt.	No	School-P'purval.
Lieut.	5X40885	HARRISON, G.S.	1st Lt.	Yes	
Lieut.	5X40828	HARRISON, G.S.	1st Lt.		
Lieut.	5X40834	HARRISON, G.S.	1st Lt.		
Lieut.	5X40833	HARRISON, G.S.	1st Lt.		
Lieut.	5X40831	HARRISON, G.S.	1st Lt.		
Lieut.	5X40894	HARRISON, G.S.	1st Lt.		
Lieut.	5X116813	GAUL, A.J.	1st Lt.	No	1 Aust. Rec. Camp
Lieut.	NP10119	ZIMMER, J.H.	1st Lt.	Yes	
Lieut.	5X0512	VERDA, E.C.	1st Lt.		
Lieut.	5X3083	VINEY, W.K.	1st Lt.		
Lieut.	5X43159	TAYLOR, W.R.	1st Lt.		
Lieut.	5X37916	THOMPSON, A.D.	1st Lt.		
A/Lieut.	5X1173	PLATZ, S.J.C.	1st Lt.		
A/Lieut.	5X43335	ENGLAND, S.W.	1st Lt.		
Lieut.	5X104272	DIND, D.S.	1st Lt.		

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	Personal Number	Name and Initials	Unit or Corps	Date of Attachment	Nature of Attachment	Allowed by W.E. (Insert Yes or No)
Major	5X34420	WEBSTER, C.S.	25 Bn.		Adm. Comd.	
Capt.	5X12810	MONAHAN, P.S.	A.A.M.C.		M.O.	
Chaplain	5X40847	COOPER, C.J.S.	A.A.Ch.Dept.		Chaplain	

9 AUST. INF. BATTALION

(Unit)

Adm. Comd.

(Signature of Commander)

17.4.43

(Date of Despatch)

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

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

Army Form W.3009

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(Adapted)

Serial No. 36

**FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.**

W.E.Ref.11/12/2

G.M.F.

9 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION (Unit)

17.4.43

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(Date)

W.E. 36 x 874

Att.all'd.by

W.E. 1 x 6

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		1
W.Os. Class II.	8		3
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants			
Staff Serjeants	7		3
Serjeants	41		10
Corporals	86		14
Troopers, Privates, &c.	731	2	199
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>874</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>230</b>

\*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.
<b><u>PERS. ATTACHED AGAINST W.E.</u></b>		<b><u>OTHER ATTACHMENTS NOT ALLD. BY W.E.</u></b>	
Pay Sergeant	Sgt. A.A.P.C.	1 Batman Pte.	25 Bn.
Armourer Cpl.	Arm.Sgt. A.E.M.E.		
Postal Sergeant	Sgt. Pd.Post.Unit		
Bootmaker Cpl.	Cpl. A.A.O.C.		
Fitter (T.G.1)	T.G.1. A.E.M.E.		
Posting filled by member 9 Bn.	Cpl. 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).
	<b><u>SUPERNUMARY TO WE.</u></b>			
	<b>Cpl.</b>	<b>Duty 7 Bde.</b>		

9 AUST. INF. BATTALION 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	1	115	Panel Beaters		
Armament Artificers			Fitters			Pattern Makers	2	104
Armourers			Fitters and Turners			Pharmacists		
Artificers, Artillery			Fitters, Cycle			Photographers, dry plate		
Axemen			Filters, 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	1	1	Fitters, Signal			Predictor Numbers		
Boilermakers			Grinders			Printers		
Bricklayers	2	2	Gun Layers			Radiator Mechanics		
Butchers	1	1	G.P.O. Assistants			Radiographers		
Camouflage Modeller			Gun Operators			Range Takers	7	3
Carpenter and Joiner	6	1	Hammermen			Riggers		
Clerks	12		Height Takers			Rivetters		
Clerks, Engineering			Helio Operators			Saddlers		
Clerks, Supply			Instrument Mechanics			Saddle Tree Makers		
Clerks, Technical			Instrument Mechanics, Surgical			Saw Doctors		
Coachmakers			Instrument Operators			Sawyers		
Computers			Intelligence Duties	7		Shoemakers		
Concretors			Joiners			Signallers	32	
Cooks	23		Leather Stitchers			Signwriters		
Cooks, Hospital			Linesmen			Stokers, Stationary Engine		
Coppersmiths			Linesmen, Signals			Storemen, Technical	4	
Dental Clerk Orderlies			Lithographers			Surveyors		
Despatch Riders			Machinists			Surveyors, Engineering		
Dispensers			Masons			Tailors	3	2
Draughtsmen			Masseurs			Telescope Identification Numbers		
Draughtsmen, Architectural			Mechanics, Dental			Textile Refitters		
Draughtsmen, Mechanical			Mechanics, M.T.	3	1	Tinsmiths		
Draughtsmen, Signal			Mechanics, Typewriter			Toolmakers		
Draughtsmen, Topographical			Mechanics, Wireless			Turners		
Driver Mechanics	28	11	Millwrights			Vulcanizers		
Driver Operators	86	65	Miners			Wagon Erectors		
Drivers, Transportation Plant			Moulders			Watchmakers		
Electrical Fitters			Nursing Orderlies			Watermen		
Electricians			Nursing Orderlies (Mental)			Welders		
Electricians, Eng. Units			Nurses, Trained			Well Borers		
Electricians, Signal			Observation Post Assistants			Wheelers		
Engine Artificers			Operating Room Assistants			Whitesmiths		
Engine Hands I/C			Operators, Signal			Wiremen		
Equipment Repairers	1		Opticians			Woodturners		
Farriers			Painters			Mortar Nos.	54	11
Ammn. Nos.	4	1	Hygiene D'men	4		R.S.M.	1	
Patmen	38	10	Scouts	6	5	R.Q.M.S.	1	
Gen. D'men.	2		Bearers	21		W.O. Caterer	1	
Police	4		Water D'men.	2	1	Report. Sgt.	1	
W/O's	35	17	Storemen	7		C.S.M.	6	
W/C O'lies.	9	7	Inf. Rifle			C.Q.M.S.	6	
Pioneers	11		A/Tk. Nos.	370	63	Inf. Nos.	75	30
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)	263	115		683	2184		874	2250

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.

9 AUST. INF. BATTALION

Unit.

Adm. Comd.

Signature of Commander.

Major

Date of Despatch 17.4.43

7 Aust. Inf. Bde.

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

**A.I.F. PERSONNEL WITH UNIT**

W.O.l1	2	
s/Sgts.	3	
Sgts.	19	Total 195
Cpls.	34	
Ptes.	137	

**A.I.F. (T.G.) PERSONNEL WITH UNIT**

Dvr. Mech.	9	
Signallers	10	
Tailors	1	Total 34
Clerks	6	
Dr. M.T.	4	
Cooks	4	

**DEFICIENCIES AND SURPLUSES OF N.C.O.'S BY DUTIES**

	W.O.l1	W.C.l1	s/Sgts.	Sgts.	Cpls.
	D. S.	D. S.	D. S.	D. S.	D. S.
R.S.M.	1	.	.	1	.
C.Q.M.S.	.	.	5	.	2
C.S.M.	.	3	1	.	.
Clerks	.	.	1	1	.
Transport	.	.	.	1	1
L.M.G.	.	.	.	5	12
Mortars	.	.	.	4	.
Carriers	.	.	.	1	2
Sign.	.	.	.	.	2
Cooks	.	.	.	2	2
Off. Mess	.	.	.	1	1
Sgt.	.	.	.	.	.
	1	3	5 2	13 3	17 3

A.I.F. (T.G.) PERSONNEL WITH UNIT  
 Date of Report: 17.4.43  
 By: [Signature]  
 Position: [Signature]  
 (a) If any personnel are included in this report who are not included in the report of the previous period, the date of their arrival should be stated.  
 (b) If any personnel are included in this report who are not included in the report of the previous period, the date of their departure should be stated.

RESULT OF AN ELIMINATION TEST - CHAMPION PLATOON

*War Diary  
(Original Only)*

1. Result of Tests :- Subtended below are the results of elimination tests held during week ending 16 Apr, with remarks :-  
 A 450%.      B 383%.      C 361%.      D 356.

Details :-

Coy	Events														Totals
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	
A	37	36	19	23	34	33	25	31	42	25	42	35	29	38	675
B	36	35	25	16	36	32	21	24	29	22	41	26	8	32	450
C	31	31	16	12	33	29	21	24	37	17	33	28	14	34	361
D	34	30	22	14	30	25	21	29	28	15	30	29	19	29	356

average

2. Strength of Pls :- The strength of the pls competing in this competition was as follows :-  
 A Coy :- 1 officer, 1 sgt, 3 L/cpls, 20 ptes.  
 B Coy :- 1 officer, 1 sgt, 1 cpl, 1 L/cpl, 21 ptes.  
 C Coy :- 1 officer, 2 cpls, 2 L/cpls, 20 ptes.  
 D Coy :- 1 officer, 1 sgt, 2 cpls, 15 ptes.

3. Standard of Trng :- It has been noticed that the standard of training throughout the competition has been satisfactory. However, this can be raised considerably by attention to details. Remember this fact always; it counts in battle.

4. Points Noted :- Attention is again directed to the examiners' comments, which were attached to the results of the individual events. Every effort should be made to correct these faults during future training.

5. General :- No. 8 Pl, A Coy, will represent this Bn in the "Head of the Bde Competition" to be held during week 19 - 24 Apr.

6. Conclusion :- As further competitions of this nature are likely to be held, all pl comds and SGOs should immediately set about to raise the general standard of their pls. Every effort should be made to foster the competitive spirit, which has been noticed throughout these tests.

19 Apr 43

*Albodiana* Capt



War Diary  
(Original Copy)

9 AUST INF BN SYLLABUS OF TRAINING - FROM 19 APR TO 24 APR 43

Period	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
0815 - 0900	Pl insp. squad drill with & without arms	Pl insp. sq. drill with & without arms	0815-0900 Pl insp. Coys will move to areas selected previously by coy comds	Pl insp. squad drill with and without arms.	Good Friday, Church parades. All P.D.:- 0900 hrs, 9 and 25 Bns in 9 Bn area. RC.- 0900 hrs all units in 25 Bn area	Pl insp. and inspect. of all pl. weapons.
0900 - 1000	SAT Vol I pam 4, Bren, elem. handling	SAT Vol I pam 4, Bren, IA & stopp.	& there carry out ind. & sec tng. ATM 13 supplement. IMT chap. 9, para 42, SAT Vol I, pam 4, Less. 11 and 22.	demonstration, firing 3" mortar. 2" mortar. (Further orders issued separately).		SAT Vol I, pam 4, Bren, IA and stoppages.
1000 - 1015	B R	E A K				B R E A K
1015 - 1115	SAT Vol I, pam 3, rifle, Sec 4, less 24	SAT Vol I, Pam 3, Less 24, sec. fire discipline tng.	2" mortar, advanced handling, See Appx 'A'	A/Gas training - protection against gas. IMT 1941, chap. XVII, page 123.	Inter-coy  Football  Matches  (For list of games, times and locations of playing fields, see Appx 'B').	Recapitulation - weapon training to date.
1115 - 1200	A/Gas tng. Recapit. Desc. & fitting. BAG II, 1939, Sec II & III pp. 1 - 8	A/Gas tng. Care and cleaning PAG II, 1939, Sec VI, p.19	SAT Vol I, Pam 4, Bren. TsOET on work to date.	SAT Vol I, pam 4. Bren - recapitulation I.A. and stoppages.		SAT Vol I, pam 3, rifle, Sec 3, para 8, etc.
1400 - 1445	Rifle. SAT Vol I Pam 3, sec 3, para 8 and ATM 13, Appx 'B'	Owen SMG, Recapit. of all work to date	Mortar 2", Recapit. of all work to date	Recapitulation - observation training, etc.		Sec exercise - infiltration. I.M.T. Chap. XVIII Sec 97
1445 - 1530	Observation tng - improving powers of perception. ATM 16, Appx L, p 50. IMT, Chap. 9, para 44.			etc., also ATM		Sec exercise - infiltration. I.M.T. Chap. XVIII Sec 97.
1530 - 1615	Organised sports to include football, swimming, paper chases 8, Part 1, Sec 11.					Organised sport to include football, swim., &c.
1900 - 2100	---	---	---	Movement by night, IMT 1941, para 46 page 46.	---	Section stalk by night. ATM 11, para 19.

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9 Aust Inf Bn Signal Pl Syllabus  
Mon 19 Apr - Sat 24 Apr 43

Monday 19 Apr	0815-0915	Pl drill
	0915-1000	Morse
	1015-1100	Gas
	1100-1200	Flag drill
	1400-1530	Vis. practical.
	1900-2100	Lucas lamp.
Tuesday 20 Apr	0815-0915	Morse
	0915-1000	Examination (helio setting & aligning
	1015-1100	Semaphore
	1100-1200	Cipher responsibilities
	1400-1530	Pract. application Ohms law (earth resistance, etc).
	Wednesday 21 Apr	0815-1200
1400-1530		W/T and R/T procedure.
Thursday 22 Apr		0815-0915
	0915-1000	Practical considerations when laying out sig. exch. and W/T centre.
	1015-1100	Morse
	1100-1200	Flag drill
	1400-1630	A/Tk and mortar demo.
	1900-2100	Lucas lamp
	Friday 23 Apr	Good Friday
Saturday 24 Apr	0815-0915	Morse
	0915-1000	Procedure
	1015-1100	Cable characteristics and knots.
	1100-1200	Tests and maint. 10 L.U.C.
	1400-1530	Cricket match

9 Aust Inf Bn Mortar Pl Syllabus  
Mon 19 Apr - Sat 24 Apr 43

Monday 19 Apr	0815-0915	Inspection pde and drill
	0915-1530	T.O.E.T.
	1530-1615	P.T. and swimming
	1900-2100	Lesson 10, Pam 9.
Tuesday 20 Apr	0815-0915	Inspection pde and drill
	0915-1015	Less 44, pam 9, lecture, fire contro.
	1030-1130	Less 2, pam 9.
	1130-1200	Anti-tk. rifle.
	1400-1445	Recapit Less 24, 25, pam 9.
	1445-1530	E.M.D.
	1530-1615	Tableid sports
	1900-2100	E.M.D.
Wednesday 21 Apr	0815-0915	Inspection pde and drill
	0915-1200	Less 34, pam 9.
	1400-1445	Less 10 Pam 3.
	1445-1530	Less 24, pam 9
	1530-1615	P.T. and swimming.
Thursday 22 Apr	0815-0915	Inspection pde and drill
	0915-1015)	Drill - training as dets and incor-
	1030-1200)	porating less 23, 24, 25, 26.
	1400-1445	Range practice
	1445-1530	Range practice
	1530-1615	P.T. and swimming
Friday 23 Apr	Good Friday	
Saturday 24 Apr	0815-0915	Inspection pde and drill
	0915-1015	Map reading
	1030-1130	Detachment drill
	1130-1200	Decontamination of weapons
	1400-1445	Less 8, pam 2
	1445-1530	Less 11, pam 3
	1530-1615	P.T. and swimming.

9 Aust Inf Bn MMG Pl Syllabus

Mon 19 Apr - 25 Apr 45

Monday 19 Apr	0815-0845	Inspection
	0845-0930	Lamp aiming
	0930-1015	Preparation for night firing
	1030-1115	Map reading
	1115-1200	Field signals
	1400-1445	Mech. recapit.
Tuesday 20 Apr	0815-0845	Inspection
	0845-0930	Use of slide rule
	0930-1015	Special stoppage recapit.
	1030-1115	Methods of fire (point targets and targets of width).
	1115-1200	E.G.D.
	1400-1530	Prep. of posn. for night firing.
	1530-1615	P.T. and swim parade
	1930-2130	Occupation of posn.
Wednesday 21 Apr	0815-0845	Inspection
	0845-1200	Tactical handling of guns (practical).
	1400-1530	Compass march
	1530-1615	P.T. and swim parade
Thursday 22 Apr	0815-0845	Inspection
	0845-1015	T.O.E.Ts.
	1030-1115	A/Gas
	1115-1200	Map reading
	1400-1615	
	1900-2100	Night long carry and occupation
Friday 23 Apr	Sport	
Saturday 24 Apr	0815-0845	Inspection
	0845-0930	Methods of fire (oblique, depth and area targets)
	0930-1015	A/Gas.
	1030-1115	Bren
	1115-1200	Lecture and demonstration of 3" mor.
	1400-1445	E.G.D.
	1445-1530	Maintenance
	1530-1615	P.T. and sports.

TRAINING

1. Weapons :- Coys will ensure that all weapons, i.e., rifles and SMGs, are oiled immediately after pls have completed the morning inspection. This is most essential.
2. Weapon Tng:- NCOs detailed as weapon training instructors must make thorough preparation for all lessons and will pay particular attention to detail.
3. Night Tng :- Although this training is often not carried out on nights laid down on account of rain, coy comds are required to comply as near as possible with syllabus by making use of first dry night in week.
4. A/Gas Tng :- Every use should be made of NCOs who have recently completed 7 Aust Inf Bde A/Gas school. These NCOs have knowledge of certain amendments recently brought out.
5. Marching :- Marching power of tps (all ranks in bn, incl adm per) must be built up by progressively longer marches - first lightly equipped, later in battle order and then in marching order. These must NOT be mere route marches, but tactical situations requiring action by sub-unit comds down to sec leaders, must frequently be introduced.  
NOTE.- This will be carried out on days set aside for individual and sec training when coys move to areas outside unit.
6. Tactical Tng :- During this training week minor tactical exercises will be designed to improve the standard of sec leading and the working of the sec as a team. Secs must be "settled," i.e., the personnel must remain together under the one leader. Every effort must be made to get realism and enthusiasm in minor tactical exercises. This depends in very large part on careful and imaginative preparation by pl comds, supervised by coy comds. No attempt will be made to advance beyond pl training; the main effort must be devoted to individual, then sec tng.
7. Precis by Major C.S. Webster :- Ref message to all coys 15 Apr. Owing to unforeseen circumstances it has not been possible to allot special

periods for these discussions. However, coy comds will ensure that these notes are used in accordance with instructions contained in memo of 15 Apr. It is suggested that occasions arising during tactical training may be used for this purpose.

17 Apr 43

*St. Bobbington*  
.....Capt  
Adj't 9 Aust Inf Bn

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

Army Form W.3008  
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(Adapted.)

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W.E. Ref. 11/12/2 - C.M.F.

W.E. 36 x 874

Attached allowed

by W.E. 1 x 6

# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

9 AUST. INF. BATTALION

Unit

24.4.43

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

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
*			
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Lieut.-Colonels	1	-	1
Majors	3	1	2
Captains	11	8	3
Lieutenants	21	19	2
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
Totals	36	28	8

\* Insert detail of higher rank as necessary.

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

### Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Major	SUTCH, A.J.W.	9 Aust. Inf. Bn	20.4.43	Marched in - Taken on Strength

### Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lieut.	WANLESS, J.E.A.	9 Aust. Inf. Bn	21.4.43	Struck off posted stgth.
Lieut.	WHYATT, F.J.	"	"	"
A/Lieut	PLATZ, S.J.G.	"	20.4.43	School-Struck off posted Strength.

## 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).

**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.
T/Lt-Col.	SX1442	MATTHEWS, G.R.	Marched out to Special Duty		
Major	Q15601	SUTCH, A.J.W.	Adm. Comd.	Yes	
T/Capt.	QX40822	PERCIVAL, G.M.	O.C.D Coy	"	
T/Capt.	QX40871	BEECH, A.T.	O.C.A Coy	"	
T/Capt.	QX46995	SMITH, C.J.K.	O.C.B Coy	"	
T/Capt.	QX40820	TOON, A.C.	Q.M.	"	
T/Capt.	QX40810	HORNIBROOK, C.M.	21/c D Coy	"	
T/Capt.	QX40882	HENDERSON, D.G.	21/c B Coy	"	
T/Capt.	QX654	WOODROPPE, J.H.	O.C.C Coy	"	
T/Capt.	QX38589	COCHRANE, G.A.	Adjt.	"	
Lieut.	QX36609	PICKERING, L.A.	10 Pl.	"	
Lieut.	QX41393	RYAN, M.W.	I.O.	"	
Lieut.	QX40869	LEVER, K.W.	12 Pl.	"	
Lieut.	QX40835	MULCAHY, E.R.	A/21/c A Coy	"	
Lieut.	QX40832	HOLMES, R.H.	4 Pl.	"	
Lieut.	QX36425	PEACHEY, J.W.	13 Pl.	"	
Lieut.	QX40825	WOOD, H.D.	21/c C Coy	"	
Lieut.	Q16928	BOYS, K.R.	1 Pl.	"	
Lieut.	QX40834	ROBERTS, F.B.	15 Pl.	No	Hospital
Lieut.	QX40833	SWAN, H.P.J.	3 Pl.	Yes	
Lieut.	QX40831	HAMMOND, E.M.	2 Pl.	"	
Lieut.	NX116813	GAUL, A.J.	O.C.HQ Coy	"	
Lieut.	NP10119	ZIMMER, L.H.	7 Pl.	"	
Lieut.	Q90512	WERDA, E.C.	11 Pl.	"	
Lieut.	SX3083	VINEY, W.M.	5 Pl.	"	
Lieut.	QX43139	TAYLOR, M.R.	8 Pl.	"	
Lieut.	QX37916	THOMPSON, A.D.	T.O.	"	
A/Lieut.	QX43385	ENGLAND, S.M.	16 Pl.	"	
Lieut.	NX104272	DIND, D.S.	17 Pl.	"	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt.v	Q112810	MONAHAN, P.J.	A.A.M.C.	M.O.	
Chaplain IV Class	QX40847	COUPE, C.J.C.	A.A.Ch.Dept.		Chaplain

9 Aust. Inf. Battalion

(Unit.)

24. 4. 43.

(Date of Despatch.)

Adm. Comd.

(Signature of Commander.)

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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 TO ESTABLISHMENT							REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED							REMARKS.		
	W.O's. Class I.	W.O's. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Staff-Serjeants	Serjeants	Corporals	Troopers, Privates, &c.	TOTAL.	W.O's. Class I.	W.O's. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Serjeants	Corporals	Troopers, Privates, &c.		s/sgts.	TOTAL
Bricklayers														2			
Butchers														1			
Carpenters and Joiners							1										
Clerks				1							1						
Despatch Riders														7			
<del>Drummers (Cops)</del> R.S.M.					1				1								
<del>Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.</del> C.S.M.					1					2							
<del>Electricians</del> C.Q.M.S.				1	2					3							
Farriers																	
Fitters																	
Masons																	
Painters and Decorators																	
Plumbers and Gasfitters																	
Saddlers and Harness Makers																	
Signallers																	
Storemen, Technical																	
Vickers Machine Gunners																	
Cooks																	
<b>Blacksmith</b>														1			
<b>Dvr. Mech.</b>														11			
<b>Dvr. M.T.</b>														65			
<b>Ammo. Nos.</b>														1			
<b>Batmen</b>														10			
<b>Orderlies</b>														17			
<b>Mech. M.T.</b>							1										
<b>Scouts</b>														5			
<b>Water Duties</b>														1			
<b>Range Takers</b>														3			
<b>Tailors</b>													1	1			
<b>Mortar Nos.</b>														11			
<b>H.M.G. Nos.</b>														30			
General Duty Personnel <b>LMG, Rifle</b>											5	14	12				
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A)			2.4.			2.			1.2.	3.6.	15.	177.	1				

9 Aust. Inf. Battalion

Unit.

Date of Despatch

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Signature of Commander.

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*W. C. D. D. D.*

**9 A ST INF BN TRAINING SYLLABUS FOR**

**PERIOD 26 APR - 1 MAY 45**

	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>
0800 - 0900	Drill and weapon inspection	A/cas, effects of gas on food & water	Drill and weapon inspection
0900 - 1000	Wcap. Eng. SAT, Vol I, para 3, less 24, sec. five, discipline Eng.	Wcap. Eng. Iron. SAT Vol I, para IV. I.A. & Stoppages.	Wcap. Eng. Iron. SAT Vol I, Para 4, I.A. & Stoppages.
1000 - 1015	B	R	A
1015 - 1115	Sec. Eng (Tact.) Stalking & sniping. ATN 15 Appx 'B' " 15 para 15 " 15 part IV para 27	Wcap. Eng., Austen & Owen SMGs, Boys rifle.	Sec. Eng. (Tact.)
1115 - 1200	Sec Eng (Tact.) Use of compass prismatic I.M.T., ATN 15 supp.	Sec Eng (Tact.), Tank hunting M.T. ATN 4, para 5.	Sec Eng (Tact.), scaling & crossing obstacles. INT. ATN 6, para 25 ATN 9, para 24.
1300 - 1445	Wcap. Eng., Rifle. SAT Vol I, para 3. W.C.O.E.T.	Indiv. Eng. Map reading. A.T.M. 15 supp. M & F.	Wcap. Eng., Iron, SAT Vol. I, para 4 W.C.O.E.T.
1445 - 1530	Indiv. Eng. Messages & reports. INT, MTF 25, ATN 4, para III B para 15. ATN 15, para III, para 25.	March	Sec. Eng. (Tact.) Concealment and camouflage from ground and air. H.T.P. 25, ATN 6, 8, 11, 12, 13, 15, & 16
1530 - 1615	Sec. Eng (Tact.) Fieldcraft. INT, MTF 25.	1 1/2 hrs.	
1900 - 2100	Night training. Compass march.		

(4 1/2 hrs training)

<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
A/cas, practical system of alarms & duties of gas sen.	Drill and weapon inspection.	March -
Wcap. Eng., Iron, SAT Vol I, para 4, Advanced handling.	Wcap. Eng., Iron Recapitulation work to date.	3 hours
B	A	
Sec. Eng. (Tact.), Keeping direction and inter-com. in jungle. H.T.P. 25.	Pl Eng. (Tact.) Held on a village. I.M.T. A.T.M. 2 Appx 'B' H.T.P. 25.	Lunch in field.
Pl. Eng. (Tact.) Mapping up (Sec. & Pl.). 'Hook up' Jap pillboxes and defenses. ATN 12 Appx B.	Pl Eng. (Tact.)	Stay out all day.
Indiv. Eng. Handling of P.O.W.	Wcap. Eng. 2 <sup>nd</sup> mortar.	Pl Eng. (Tact.) in the field.
M A R C H	Pl. Eng. (Tact.) Infiltration. I.M.T. Chap. 10 A.T.M. 11 page 41	ATN 12 Appx B. ATN 14, Appx B page 25. Infiltration exercise, ambush etc.
1 1/2 hours		
	Night Eng. Infiltration exercise.	

1. Hrs of Tng :- During week beginning 26 Apr 45 48 hrs will be given to tng, allotted as follows :-

Type of Tng.	Hrs
(a) Drill	3
(b) Weapon tng, etc.	9
(c) Individual	3
(d) Tactical	15
(e) A/Gas	2
(f) Night	4
(g) Marching	6
	<u>45</u>

2. Individual Tng :- Specific individual tng in fieldcraft must be continued and a high standard of individual tng must also be insisted upon during tng. exercises.

3. Tng. Tng :- Realism and enthusiasm in minor tng exercises can only be obtained by careful preparation and imaginative direction. See Tng will be continued for the first half of this week; the second half will be used for pl tng. In all exercises the competitive spirit should be aroused.

4. Marching :- Attention is drawn to para 5 of Appx 'A' of syllabus 19 - 25 Apr 45. By 30 Apr all coys will have completed three such marches - the third of three hours.

5. "Free-for-all" pl tng :- (A.F.N. Aust 4, Appx 'B'). By 1 May 45 pl must be ready for three days' "free-for-all" tng, during which each pl comd will be responsible for the complete adm of his pl in the fd. In each bn two coys at a time will be engaged in pl "free-for-all" tng during week ending 9 May.

6. During training on Sat 1 May when all coys are away from bn area, coy comds will have Gqs arrange for hot meal to be delivered to a pre-arranged R.V.

26 Apr 45

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**9 AUST INF BN TRAINING SYLLABUS 9 SIG PL**  
**FROM 26 APR - 1 May 43**

<b>Monday 26 Apr</b>	0800 0900	P1 drill
	0900 1000	Message
	1015 1100	Gas
	1100 1200	Message (flag).
	1400 1500	R/T practical.
	1500 1615	Complete wiring 10 L.U.C.
<b>Tuesday 27 Apr</b>	0800 0900	Message
	0900 1000	Procedure (mess. forms, abbrev. etc).
	1015 1100	Setting and aligning heliography.
	1100 1200	Semaphore.
	1400 1615	Lucas lamp practical.
	1630 2030	Lamp (helic if suitable).
<b>Wednesday 28 Apr</b>	0800 0900	P1 drill.
	0900 1615	Tactical exercise using vis. and R/T.
<b>Thursday 29 Apr</b>	0800 0900	Message
	0900 1000	Gas
	1015 1100	Sig register
	1100 1200	Practical considerations when laying out sig. exchange.
	1400 1615	Ohm law. General electrical theory.
	1630 2030	Night exercise using lucas lamp.
<b>Friday 30 Apr</b>	0800 0900	P1 drill.
	0900 1000	Semaphore.
	1015 1100	Cipher responsibilities.
	1100 1200	Practical considerations when laying cables.
	1400 1500	Corrections, S.R. and ST procedure.
	1500 1615	Superposers
<b>Saturday 1 May</b>	0800 1200	Exercise R/T and Vis.
	1400 1630	Message test.

9 AUST INF BN TRAINING SYLLABUS - MORTAR PL  
From 26 Apr - 1 May 45

Monday 26 Apr 45	0800	0830	Inspection and drill
	0830	0915	Det drill
	0915	1000	Det drill
	1015	1100	Map reading, supp. A.T.M. 13
	1100	1200	Treatment of gas casualties.
	1400	1445	Less 8, pam 2.
	1445	1615	Long carry mortar
Tuesday 27 Apr 45	0800	0830	Inspection and drill
	0830	0915	Less 34, pam 9
	0915	1000	Less 34, pam 9
	1015	1100	Recapit less 24, 25, pam 9.
	1100	1200	Compass and bearings
	1400	1445	Det drill
	1445	1530	War gases
	1530	1615	Owen gun
1900	2100	Movement by night.	
Wednesday 28 Apr	0800	0830	Inspection and drill
	0830	1000	Det drill
	1015	1100	Sec 45, I.M.T.
	1100	1200	Less 11, pam 3.
	1400	1445	Personal decontamination.
	1445	1615	Crossing creek with mortar.
Thursday 29 Apr	0800	0830	Inspection and drill
	0830	1200	Range practice.
	1400	1445	Less 9, pam 2.
	1445	1615	Compass march.
	1900	2100	Less 10, pam 2 & 9.
Friday 30 Apr	0800	0830	Inspection and drill.
	0830	1000	Det drill
	1015	1200	Less 34, pam 9.
	1400	1445	Decon. weapons, mortar.
	1445	1530	Personal camouflage.
	1530	1615	Less 10, pam 2.
Saturday 1 May	0800	0830	Inspection and drill.
	0830	1200	March with tactical problems.
	1400	1445	J.D. Test.
	1445	1530	Less 2, pam 3, fuses.
	1530	1615	Less 12, pam. 3.

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<b>Monday 26 Apr</b>	0800	0830	Inspection and squad drill
	0830	0915	Mechanism (recapit)
	0915	1000	A/Gas, war gases.
	1015	1100	E.G.D.
	1100	1200	Map reading.
	1400	1530	T.O.E.T., practical.
	1530	1615	Unarmed combat.
<b>Tuesday 27 Apr</b>	0800	0830	Inspection and squad drill.
	0830	0915	Compass march.
	1015	1100	A/Gas, personal decontamination.
	1100	1200	Knowledge test.
	1400	1445)	Occupation of posn. and preparation
	1445	1615)	for night firing.
	1900	2000	Night occupation.
<b>Wednesday 28 Apr</b>	0800	0830	Inspection and squad drill
	0830	0915	Fire
	0915	1000	Slide rule
	1015	1100	E.G.D.
	1100	1200	A/Gas, first aid.
	1400	1530	Advanced handling.
	1530	1615	Field duties.
<b>Thursday 29 Apr</b>	0800	0830	Inspection and squad drill.
	0830	1200	Platoon occupation.
	1200	1615	Crossing of Ellege Creek.
<b>Friday 30 Apr</b>	0800	0830	Inspection and squad drill.
	0830	1000	Field craft.
	1015	1100	E.G.D.
	1100	1200	Semaphore.
	1400	1615	Range.
	1900	2100	Long carry and occupation.
<b>Saturday 1 May</b>	0800	0830	Inspection and squad drill.
	0830	1200	Route march.
	1400	1445	Methods of fire, overhead and flanking.
	1445	1530	Unarmed combat.
	1530	1615	Maintenance, squad drill.



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**From 26 Apr - 1 May 43**

<b>Monday 26 Apr</b>	0800	0830	Drill
	0830	0915	Bren, loading, unload and sight setting.
	0915	1000	Gun drill, examination of eqpt.
	1015	1100	Lecture, war gases.
	1200	1200	Owen, dose, mag filling, mag unloading.
	1400	1500	Gun drill, prepare for action.
<b>Tuesday 27 Apr</b>	1500	1615	Daily maintenance.
	0800	0830	Drill
	0830	0915	Bren, holding and aiming. (ropes.)
	0915	1000	Gun drill, move guns with drag
	1015	1100	Lecture, to fill buffer.
	1100	1200	Owen, loading & unloading, change lever posns, change mags.
<b>Wednesday 28 Apr</b>	1400	1500	Lecture, battle procedure in occupying a defensive posn.
	1500	1615	Daily maintenance.
	1900	2100	Lecture & pract. M.R., use of compass at night.
	0800	0830	Drill
<b>Thursday 29 Apr</b>	0830	0915	Bren firing.
	0915	1100	Gun pits.
	1100	1200	Owen, sight gun, fire gun, gun precautions.
	1400	1500	Gun drill, come into action.
	1500	1615	Daily maintenance.
<b>Friday 30 Apr</b>	0800	0830	Drill
	0830	0915	Bren, recapit. (ency.)
	0915	1000	Gun drill, come into action emerg-
	1015	1100	Owen, recapit.
	1100	1200	Bren, care and cleaning.
	1400	1615	Sub calibre, range practice.
	1900	2100	Gun pits, practical.
<b>Friday 30 Apr</b>	0800	0830	Drill
	0830	0915	Maintenance
	0915	1200	March
	1400	1500	Breach mech.
	1500	1615	Daily maintenance. (over)

Saturday 1 May

0800 0830

Drill

0830 0915

Gun drill, laying gun, loading gun, step to go on.

0915 1000

Gas, respirator drill.

1015 1100

Firing mesh.

1100 1200

Gun drill, unload, make safe, stand fast, rest.

1400 1500

M.R., elementary.

1500 1615

Daily maintenance.

Tuesday 27 Apr

0800 0830

Drill

0830 0915

Even, holding and aiming. (ropes)

0915 1000

Gun drill, move gun with drag

1015 1100

lecture, to fill buffer.

1100 1200

Even, loading & unloading, change lever gears, change ways.

1400 1500

lecture, battle procedure in occu- pying a defensive position.

1500 1615

Daily maintenance.

1600 1700

lecture & pract. M.R., use of compass at night.

Wednesday 28 Apr

0800 0830

Drill

0830 0915

Even firing.

0915 1000

Gun drill.

1100 1200

Even, sight gun, live gun, gun presentation.

1400 1500

Gun drill, come into action.

1500 1615

Daily maintenance.

Thursday 29 Apr

0800 0830

Drill

0830 0915

Even, resupply.

0915 1000

Gun drill, come into action emergency.

1015 1100

Even, resupply.

1100 1200

Even, care and cleaning.

1400 1515

Sub calibre, range practice.

1500 1600

Gun drill, practice.

Friday 30 Apr

0800 0830

Drill

0830 0915

Maintenance

0915 1000

March

1400 1500

Even mesh.

1500 1615

Daily maintenance.

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9 AUST INF BN

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Date 30 Apr 43

14. DUTIES

					<u>Orderly Offr</u>	<u>Orderly Sgt</u>	<u>Duty Coy</u>
Mounting Retreat	1	May	43	Lt	L.H.ZIMMER	A/Cpl SWAN W.J.	'A'
"	2	"	"	"	L.A.PICKERING	" OSBORNE A.W.	'B'
"	3	"	"	"	H.P.J.SWAN	Cpl. ECKERSLEY R.H.	'C'
"	4	"	"	"	E.C.WERDA	" HOYES A.W.	'D'
"	5	"	"	"	E.M.HAMMOND	A/Cpl PARTON R.	'HQ'
"	6	"	"	"	E.R.MULCAHY	" JONES J.P.	'A'

15. PISTOLS, POSSESSION OF ; Pistols of any type or description shall not be sold, purchased or exchanged. On or after 15 Apr 43 it will be an offence for any member of the AMF to have in his possession or custody any pistol other than one issued to him by Army authority or where he has the permission referred to in para 2 hereof.

2. Permission may be granted by a formation comd to any member to have in his possession a pistol other than one issued to him, such permission to be in writing, signed personally by formation comd.

3. All ranks in possession of pistols not issued to them or not provided for under the last para will forthwith surrender them to the QM.

4. All ranks having pistols in their possession are held personally responsible therefor and will immediately report the loss of such pistol.

5. The loss of a pistol is to be regarded as an offence for which the offender is to be tried by court martial, unless the formation comd otherwise directs. In all cases of loss of pistols, the offender will be charged and a summary of evidence, which will be forwarded to the formation comd, will be taken.

16. DAMAGE TO PROPERTY - TRAINING AREA : Attention is drawn to all ranks that during coming periods of training members of this unit will, in the course of training, be passing through properties such as rubber plantations, native villages, gardens, etc. Strict control by all offr's must be insisted upon when in or around such areas, care being taken that no damage is caused to rubber trees, native huts, or gardens, and that troops do not fraternise with native inhabitants. Any damage, no matter how small, caused to any of the things mentioned above, must be reported to BHQ immediately.

17. NATIVE ADMIN. : Reports have been received that tps are supplying natives with rations in excess of those fixed for natives. This is causing them to cease cultivating their gardens and looking for food for themselves, and is increasing the difficulties of administering the natives who are coming to rely for food on strangers who may leave at any time. It must be impressed on all tps that native welfare in all areas bears upon the successful conduct of operations in NG and that by supplying natives with food they are hindering their welfare. Tps are to be warned that this practice must cease in the interests of the natives, and that severe disciplinary action will be taken against offenders.

18. HYGIENE AND MALARIA CONTROL : Attention is directed to NGF Adm. Instrn. No 92 of 19 Apr 43, and to para 8, sub-para (c) therein, which requires that each coy will nominate one OR for anti-mosquito squad. Nominations to reach this HQ by 1800 1 May 43.

19. CINEMA OPERATORS : Applications, giving full information, are called for from personnel with any cinema experience, for transfer to AA Amenities Service for duty with mobile cinemas, to reach BHQ by 1800 K/1.

DISTRIBUTION : As per List 'A'

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