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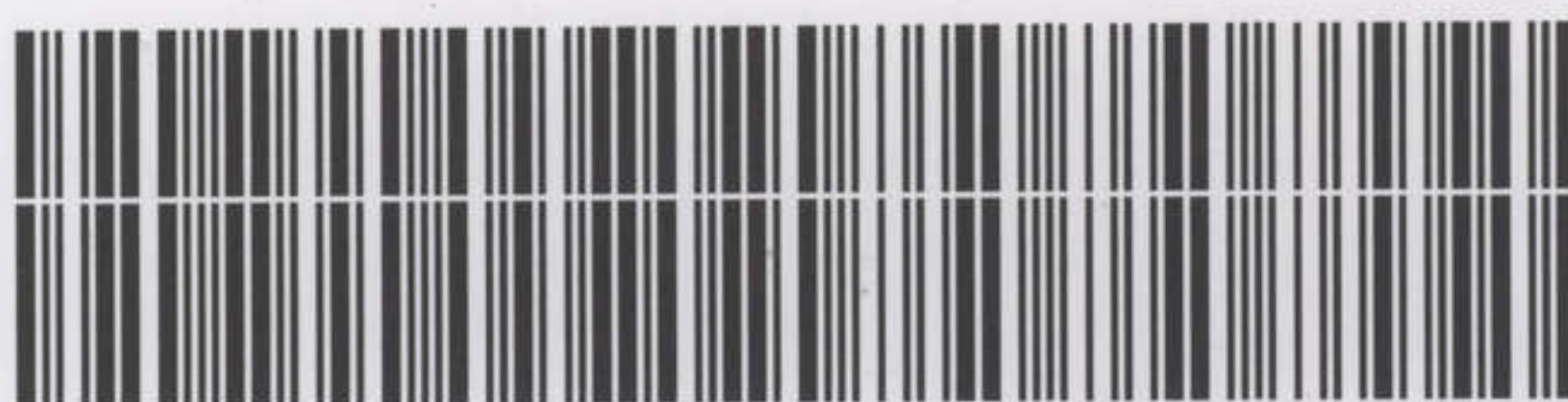
**2nd AIF (Australian Imperial Force) and CMF  
(Commonwealth Military Forces) unit war diaries,  
1939-45 War**

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# WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Unit 2/3 AUST INDEP COY

Date and Time.—From 1 SEP 43 To 1 SEP 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BOBDUBI	1 SEP 43		<p>WEATHER; No wind, fine during morning, heavy rain during afternoon and night. DISPOSITIONS at 1200 hrs; H.Q.704972 H.Q. Sec 704971, one sec MMG 702973, one det 3" MCR 698969. A Pl less 2 secs 704963, B pl less one sec 703964, C pl less one sec 706973 two secs A pl enroute 716976, one sec AB pl based at 712984, one sec C pl based at 703005. Due to shelling of Unit posns by enemy using 70mm Bn Gun on 28 Aug all troops have now dug shelters with overhead covers. Area has not been shelled since construction of shelters. One MMG section engaged enemy at 711965 in support and during preparation for attack by 47 Aust Inf Bn. 2000.R.P.G. 1300-1320, 2000.R.P.G.1405-1420.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">0800</p> <p>One officer and 40 O.R's left bivouac area for dropping ground to assist in the recovery of supplies dropped by air-craft.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">0915</p> <p>Lieut LEVISTON with 16 men B pl, whilst moving to raid previously reced JAP posn at 720993, encountered JAPS moving from area, two JAPS were killed with no casualties to our own troops.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">1100</p> <p>Lieut READ with 19 men A pl moved to H.Q.58/59 Bn enroute to area approx 716976 to establish base and patrol area to 72 Grid incl and to Grid 98 to FRANCISCO RIVER.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">1600</p> <p>Capt HANCOCK and Pte WALPOLE of unit "I" sec left for H.Q.2/7Bn H.Q. to attend conference of Brig H.H.HAMMER and Unit Comdrs.</p> <p>GENERAL INFORMATION; Unit "I" staff of one Sgt &amp; one Cpl as authorised by W.E. was found to be inadequate owing to nature of operations and lack of accurate maps. Amount of patrolling and recce required combined with production of maps and sketches and keeping of "I" records necessitated a substantial increase in "I" personnel. Original staff consisted of Lieut LAMB, Sgt HOOPER &amp; Cpl DOVERS. During month of JUNE Lieut HARRISON was appointed I.O. and held this post until 15 JULY when he was killed during action at AMBUSH KNOLL. The "I" staff members prior to the commencement of operations on 1 JULY 43 were Sgt SWAN, Cpl DOVERS, Cpl LANGMUIR, Sig THOMAS, Pte WHITTAKER &amp; Dvr HEMPHILL. It was found necessary to call upon other personnel to carry out reconnaissance. On 30 AUG 43 W.O.RUSSELL commenced duties as A.I.O. with the following personnel as members of the "I" sec. Sgt SWAN. Cpl LANGMUIR, Pte WALPOLE, Pte WHITTAKER, Dvr HEMPHILL, Pte OSBORNE</p>	

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Unit 2/3 AUST INDEP COY

Date and Time.—From 2 SEP 43 To 3 SEP 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BOBDUBI	2 SEP 43		WEATHER: Fine and cloudless in morning, heavy rain fell during the late afternoon and night. DISPOSITIONS: 1 sec B pl returned to 703964 otherwise no change. The unit supplies a party of 1 offr and 41 OR's for collection of ammunition and rations dropped by aircraft. Sec C pl at C Coy 2/7 Bn posn waiting on operations by 2/7 Bn for co-ordinated action. Sec B pl at H.Q. 58/59 Bn returned to B pl posn. 2 Secs A pl in posn at 715976.	
		1130	2 secs A pl moved and have now taken up posn at 719981. Lieut GARLAND and 13 OR's of C pl are situated at 2/7 Bn H.Q. carrying out recce for an ambush to be carried out in area to NORTH of ARNOLDS CREST. Lieut LEVISTON and 14 men B PL returned to 2/3 Aust Indep Coy from 58/59 Aust Inf Bn.	
	3 SEP 43	1700	WEATHER: Clear and hot in morning, rain fell in early afternoon. Heavy rain at night. DISPOSITIONS: sec C pl returned to 2/7 Bn area now at 706973, otherwise no change. The unit again supplied a party of 37 OR's for collection of ammunition and rations dropped by aircraft. 15 Aust Inf Bde advises that A pl will remain vicinity 719981. Tasks will be patrol to FRANCISCO RIV, patrol N E twds 722982 and creeks running EAST to river. Make track from track area 714978 to posn 719981. These sections are under Lieut READ and moved to present posn 2 Sep 43.	
		1045	At 0900 C pl under Lieut GARLAND departed from C Coy 2/7 Bn at 705000 and moved EAST up stream to within JAP posns. Ambush posn was gained on main lateral 711999 at 1100 K/3. At 1300 hrs 12 JAPS moving NORTH to SOUTH were engaged. 8 JAPS were killed. Fire was continued twds ARNOLDS CREST to SOUTH for a further period. The sec then withdrew. JAPS were moving with 5 yd interval. JAPS carried NO packs, rifles at the trail, steel helmets with camouflage nets, JAPS were big in stature and dark. 20 two-man shelters at vicinity ambush posn. This ambush carried out by Lieut GARLAND and party behind the JAP lines was on JAP L of C and was an excellent piece of work entailing careful reconnaissance and daring execution. It was necessary to pass	
		1630		



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Date and Time.—From 3 SEP '43

To 4 SEP '43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BOBDUBI	3 SEP 43	1630	through heavily defended localities to gain required position. Our force withdrew through enemy lines after ambush and received	
		1800	NO casualties. A pl fighting patrol moved from 718981 to FRANCISCO RIV at 719974. Object - to contact 47 Bn force SOUTH of FRANCISCO RIV. Change of plan prevented fulfilment of object. Reps of 47 Bn contacted NORTH of FRANCISCO RIV and L of C established through D Coy 58/59 Bn to FRANCISCO at 719974. Patrol returned 1700 K/3. The advance of C Coy 47 Bn to FRANCISCO RIV was opposed by enemy occupying high ground at 720968 and was prevented from establishing an ambush posn on JAP L of C on SALAMAUA-BOBDUBI track as intended.	
	4 SEP 43		WEATHER; Fine and hot, very humid, heavy rain in late afternoon and night. DISPOSITIONS; Unchanged.	
		0715	At 1925 3 SEP enemy arty fired approx 25 rounds incl many blinds into area from 2/3 Aust Indep Coy H Q N.W. to COCONUTS & FRANCISCO RIV. Guns thought to be located on HAND feature. 2/3 Aust Indep Coy O.P. STEVES TK reports 2 destroyers 8 barges heading N.W. twds FINCHAVEN at 0650 K/4. This report of shipping movt in the HUON GULF later proved to be warships and barges returning from the landing of 9 AUST DIV on the coast EAST of LAE. A further party of 2/3 Aust Indep Coy personnel consisting of 1 Offr & 38 OR's carried out duties at dropping ground.	
		1600	A pl fighting patrol moved from 718981 to FRANCISCO RIV at 721978 and 722979. Object to locate enemy swimming pool. Patrol unable to cross FRANCISCO vicinity that area owing to width of river and enemy observation. No enemy observed on island. Patrol carried out recce from 722979 to 721975 and returned 1600 hrs. Enemy had previously been observed swimming in the FRANCISCO R. by another unit and it was intended to ambush any further enemy parties in this area. The patrol ascertained that the country between ROUGH HILL and FRANCISCO R was very broken and made further progress N.E. very difficult.	

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Date and Time.—From 5 SEP 43 To 6 SEP 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MILNE BAY	5SEP43	0630	Weather: Hot and sultry, no clouds, fine throughout night. Location: Unchanged.	
		1530	15 AUST INF BDE Orders A Pl 2/3 Aust Indep Coy WILL concentrate area 58/59 Bn. 58/59 Bn will employ A Pl 2/3 Aust Indep Coy in accordance with tasks set out in 15 Aust Inf Bde Op Instn 17 paras 3(c), (1) and 4 (b).	
	6SEP43		Weather: Fine and hot, very humid night. Location: Remainder A Pl now with 58/59 Bn otherwise no change.	
		1700	A pl recce patrol moved from camp at 0900 K/6 to recce JAP posn at 721982. No JAPS found on ridge between 720983 and river. Patrol then moved to 724983 and were blocked by spur too steep to scale. Proceeded up creek bed not shown on map to 722984. Owing to precipitous re-entrant, patrol was unable to proceed and returned. No fresh signs of JAPS were found. One O.R. was bitten by a snake but felt no ill effects. 4 O.R.'s improving track between 58/59 Bn and A pl posn.	
		1705	Sitrep from 58/59 Bn A Coy recce patrol of 3 O.R.'s route N.E. from 716983 along track twds 718985. Enemy posn at 718985 was under observation for 30 mins and no movt observed but chopping heard. Weapon pits and pillboxes had been recamouflaged and were difficult to pick up. Arty strike was not on or near posns observed. Recce patrol 5 O.R.'s from 718986 to 719986 observed enemy posns 719986 from 40 yds. Posns consist of six weapon pits with crawl trenches and covered with dry bush. 20 yds on NORTH side of this posn are 2 barricades of old timber, approx 2 feet high obstructing approach to posn. B Coy 1230 K/6 mortars reg on track vicinity 733979. 1400K/6 6 enemy carrying bags observed proceeding from SALAMAUA twds NUK NUK at approx 733979 engaged by MMG. Dispersed into scrub dropping bags. 1505 K/6 4 enemy twds NUK NUK engaged and dispersed. At each time mortar fired 2 bombs into area. Recce patrol 2 O.R.'s moved N.E. from 720990 twds SAVIGE SPUR and did not reach spur, saw no sign of enemy. Recce patrol 2 O.R.'s to EAST from 720990	



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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MILNE BAY	6SEP43	1705	found footprints of two JAPS in creek vicinity 719987. 9 Pl 24 Bn on E.W. razor-back at 720990. D Coy patrol 6 O.R.'s to 719983 down spur to FRANCISCO River at 722981 found no enemy. 1 officer 17 O.R.'s 2/3 Aust Indep Coy reported and are at B.H.Q. Party sent recce to C Coy and D Coy 2/7 Bn areas during afternoon. Sitrep from 2/7 Bn- 18 Pl D Coy occupied <del>xxxxxx</del> posn 713994. C Coy patrol moved to 706997 thence across re-entrant to branch spur which was followed EAST to approx 707997. Here well camouflaged pits were observed and one enemy observed to move. C Coy platoon moved EAST <del>to</del> from BURIS CK to 707000. There enemy movt heard in three directions at 707998, 701999 and on branch spur approx 50 yds. Further platoon B Coy moved to 708996 and heard enemy voices and moved as if to occupy trenches. Enemy posn approx 709996. Approaches very steep and comparatively open. Lieut LEWIN and remainder A Pl joined 58/59 Bn and came under command. From 15 Aust Inf Bde. WARNING ORDER: ON receipt of order from 15 Aust Inf Bde D Coy 24 Bn will first concentrate whole D Coy at ambush posn 672032. Second leave one pl at ambush posn <del>with 672032</del> . Third Attack with Coy H.Q. and two platoons enemy defences WEST of LAE-SALAMAUA coastal track. Object of attack. One. To prevent enemy from establishing a WESTERN flank guard. Two. To destroy and harrass enemy withdrawing twds LAE. Three. If enemy attempts to evacuate SALAMAUA by barge to attack from WEST to S.E. twds SALAMAUA <del>xxxxxx</del> Four. Any attacks will be pressed with vigor and determination and pockets of enemy will be cleaned out or by passed.	
		1800		
		2130		
	7SEP43	0830	Weather: Hot, Sultry, no rain. Disposns: Unchanged. Patrol of 3 O.R.'s moved from 2/3 Aust Indep Coy H.Q. to (1) contact 2/7 Bn standing patrol at 678999. (2) then move N.W. to HOTE-MALOLO track 664029. (3) then EAST to contact D Coy 24 Bn 672032 patrol E.T.A. at 672032 1900hrs 8 Sep and to return by same route.	



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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MILNE BAY	7 SEP 43	1200	Recce parties from A Pl moved from 58/59 Bn HQ to recce A, B, & D Coy areas. 5 personnel from A Pl with 15 Pl 58/59 Bn. A Pl at 718983 nothing to report. 3 ORs departed 2/3 HQ at 1400 to join D Coy 2/7 Bn for recce with view to raid on Jap L of C to ARNOLDS CREST using approach from EAST.	
		1200	Sec A Pl 2/3 Coy at 718983. Patrol moved to 724984 but were unable to proceed further owing to the difficult nature of the country. Footprints of 2 Japs were seen on an old disused track which appears to be a river crossing at 725984. Track then proceeded up a N W spur. Patrol heard gun due SOUTH of 725984 approx 300 - 400 yds. Patrol reports that country N E along FRANCISCO R from 724984 is practically impossible to move over consisting of high features and deep re-entrants. The spur runs to river from N W with drop 60 ft to river.	
	8 SEP 43		Weather - Fine during day, light rain during night. Dispositions unchanged.	
		0600	B Coy and D Coy 58/59 Bn carried out harassing tasks on NUK NUK and ROUGH HILL during night 7/8 Sep. At 0230 enemy gun fired 28 rounds of which many failed to explode. M M G 18 Pl 2/7 Bn harassed enemy positions ARNOLDS CREST 710995. Fwd sec 14 Pl 2/7 Bn 705997 observed 1 Jap moving S W on spur 706996. Jap killed. A Coy 58/59 Bn reports that AMERICAN interpreter broadcast to enemy on ROUGH HILL on the morning from 716984 and 717986 in the afternoon. Told them that LAE had been surrounded and to surrender by 1700 hrs that day. During broadcast talking and muttering ceased. There was no response from the enemy. A Pl recce patrol moved to vicinity 721981 and then up spur and contacted 18 Pl 58/59 Bn.	
	9 SEP 43	1100	WEATHER - Fine but sultry, rain during night. When CHARLIE HILL was captured by 42 Bn on morning 9 Sep land mines were found some in dumps and some were laid.	



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Unit... 2/3 INDEP. COY......

Date and Time.—From... 1100 9 Sep. 43 To... 1230 10 Sep. 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BOBDUBI		1500	<p>Message from 15 Aust. Inf. Bde. 58/59 Btn. will concentrate two coys. area river crossing 722978 with view to possible move across FRANCISCO RIVER to link with 42 Btn. area KENNEDY'S CROSSING. One coy. will hold ROUGH HILL area. 2/3 Indep. Coy. less A Pltn. (1) Relieve two coys. 58/59 Btn. in ROUGH HILL area. (2) Recce. back from area STEAK to EDWARD'S SPUR to harass enemy L of C and with view to movement towards LAE TRACK. (3) To locate and establish supply dump WEST of STEAK. Movement will begin immediately. One Pltn. D Coy. 24 Btn. <del>will be prepared</del> at HOTE will be prepared to move to AMBUSH POSITION on order from 15 Bde.</p>	
		1800	<p>B Pltn. relieved B Coy. 58/59 Btn. relief completed by 1700 hrs. Two secs. B Pltn. relieved St. Pl. B Coy. at GOOD CROSSING. One sec. C Pl. with C Coy. 2/7 Btn. on recce. Patrol C Coy. 2/7 Btn. moved to 707997 and took up posn. astride track, drew enemy fire but suffered no casualties. Patrol 14 Pl. 2/7 Btn. moved to 708997 but no enemy observed. B Coy. patrol to 708995 heard enemy movement in that area. B Coy. St. Pl. report chopping heard from enemy posn.. Enemy gun fired 25 shells into 2/7 B.H.Q. area at 1630 hrs..</p>	
			10 Sep. '43	
			Weather Unsettled	
"		0700	B Pl. C Pl. and Coy. H.Q. assembled at 58/59 Btn. H.Q..	
		0815	B Pl. Coy. H.Q. followed by C Pl. moved from 58/59 Btn. H.Q. N.E. up SANDY CREEK. C Coy. 58/59 Bn. moved ahead and established perimeter at approx. 715003 .	
		1200	Coy. H.Q. and C Pl. established with C Coy. 58/59 Bn. at 725005 B Pl. moved on as a patrol towards area N. of SAVIGE SPUR	



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Date and Time.—From 1230 10 Sep. 43 To 0600 12 Sep. 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BOBDUBI		1230	B Pl. recce located ridge to vicinity 723998. Japs observed on ridge at 724998 mountain gun fired from this area. A Pl. gained a posn. on one Jap Knoll and killed three Japs.	
		1900	A Pl. moved to SANDY CREEK arriving at 1900 hrs.	
			<b>11 Sep. '43.</b>	
		0630	Weather wet and cloudy throughout day and night 2/3 Indep Coy. less A Pl. departed from C Coy. 58/59 Bn. and moved E. to SAVIGE SPUR to attack and clear enemy from 724998. B Pl. found Japs had evacuated posn. 724998. Posn. found to north flank of continuous defences concentrated on 18 knolls along ridge to ROUGH HILL inclusive. Defences were well sited with trench system with overhead cover were capable of holding over 500 men. Traces showed that the enemy had evacuated during night 10/11 Sep. and main L of C found as marked at 724989.	
		1000	B Pl. recce patrol moved S E along SAVIGE SPUR to contact A Pl. and found many unoccupied Jap weapon pits. Patrol contacted A Pl. and returned. A Pl. found posn. S. of A Coy 58/59 Bn. clear of enemy. Route used by Japs who had broken bush N then E around A Pl. was observed. C Pl. recce patrol moved N and reached 725005 <del>and</del> at 1130 hrs.. Patrol continued along track which led to flat. C Pl. moved N towards HAND feature breaking bush but were forced to detour W. when they met an impassable gorge at 1600 hrs..	
		1200	Coy. H.Q. followed C Pl. and established at posn. 723000	
		1430	B Pl. arrived at Coy. H.Q.	



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Unit... 2/3 Aust. Indep. Coy. ..... Date and Time.—From 1430 11 Sep '43 To 20th of SEPT, 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BOBDUBI			12 Sep '43	
		0600	Weather. Fine and hot. C Pl unable to find direction to KELA HILL and moved to SANDY CREEK .	
		0630	A and C Pl's. moved NORTH up 2/7 Bn L. of C. to A and B Coys. 2/7 Bn.	
		0830	B Pl. moved across country and joined A and C Pls. on 2/7 Bn. L. of C. A, B, & C, PLS then moved north up L of C, H.Q. moving by B, Pl, to join remainder of COY.	
		1300	2/3 INDEP COY, moved across KELA HILL, and bivouaced night 12/13 SEPT, vicinity 736019.	
		2000	15 AUST INF BDE, order that 2/3 INDEP COY, will move on 13th SEPT, to TAMBU BAY, via SALAMABA, utilizing returning landing craft from beach at 744002 vicinity LOGUI l. PERSONNEL will report to beach MASTER at TAMBU BAY, on arrival. 152 General TPT COY, will arrange fostering at TAMBU BAY. 13th SEPT '43	
			Weather, fine but cloudy during late afternoon.	
		0800	A PL, embarked from LOGUI l, for TAMBU BAY.	
		0830	B PL, " " " " " " " "	
		0900	C PL, & COY H.Q. " " " " " " " "	
		1200	Camp established and 2/3 INDEP COY, concentrated at TAMBU BAY 14th to 20th SEPT, 43. 2/3 INDEP COY, resting at TAMBU BAY, pending orders to re-embark. Message received from LIEUT. STEPHENS, at REAR DETAILS. G' OPS no knowledge of UNIT move, beyond present area. Impossible for me to move until Unit on draft. PTE. E. CAHILL, not yet here. REAR DETAILS, running smoothly advise MAJOR WARFFE, of position	



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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
TAMBU BAY			<u>20 to 24 Sep '43</u>	
			2/3 Indep Coy resting at TAMBU BAY pending orders to re-embark	
			<u>25 Sep '43</u>	
		0900	Special verbal orders from Lt.Col.WARFE to Lt.STEPHENS to proceed to AUSTRALIA to come under orders Lt.Col., C.O. 2/7 Aust Cav (Commando) Regt. and act as advance party to unit.	
		1400	Message from 3 Aust Div Rear Details 2/3 Indep Coy will prepare for movement by sea to AUSTRALIA. Move not expected before 29 Sep final destination AHERTON, QLD. "X" List personnel now at N.G. Details Depot will be moved to Rear Details 2.3 Indep Coy under arrangements N.G.F.. Personnel will move with personal arms and equipment. (Remainder of message local admin details)	
			Message received from Rear 5 Aust Div units as follows will move to MILNE BAY on night 26/27 Sep from TAMBU BAY in two L.C.I.. 2/3 Indep Coy, 173 A/R and 5 tons stores A Coy P.I.B. 128 A/R and 1 ton stores from NASSAU BAY in one L.C.I.. 2/2 Fd. Amb, 124 personnel and 600 lbs. stores (Remainder of message local admin details)	
		1430	2/3 Indep Coy Sig Sec under Lt.BURZACOTT moved by landing craft to NASSAU BAY	
			<u>26 Sep '43</u>	
		2330	Personnel at Rear Details engaged in packing and moving Unit stores and disposal of non-unit stores to Salvage 2/3 Indep Coy less Sig Sec. embarked on one L.C.I. at TAMBU BAY en route MILNE BAY.	



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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
AT SEA		1000	Move of unit personnel at N.G. Details Depot to Rear Details effected by 1800 hrs. 2/3 Aust Indep Coy at sea in convoy	
			<u>28 Sep '43</u>	
		0900	2/3 Indep Coy disembarked at MILNE BAY and were joined by Sig Sec who had moved in same convoy from NASSAU BAY.	
		1200	Message received by Rear Details from 3 Aust Div following units will embark on H.T. TAROONA for AUSTRALIA on 29 Sep Time of embarkation will be advised to unit commanders later (List includes 2/3 Aust Indep Coy 3 Offrs. and 44 OR's). All personnel at Rear Details issued with necessary replacements of gear for move	
			<u>29 Sep '43</u> of to	
		0200	Allotment to units of H.T. TAROONA now cancelled amended allotment for 2/3 Indep Coy Rear Details 3 Offrs. and 53 OR's.	
		1100	Orders received from MILNE BAY FORTRESS COMMAND for purposes of comd. and admin. the following groups are constituted. First, 2/7 Bn. Group comprising 2/7 Bn., 2/3 Indep Coy., 2/2 Fd. Amb. Rear Party, 17 Bde. under comd, C.O. 2/7 Bn.. Second, 58/59 Bn. Group comprising 58/59 Bn., 15 Fd. Amb., 15 Fd. Coy. under comd. C.O. 58/59 Bn.	
		1200	Return of all non-unit stores completed and loading of unit records and stores on H.T. TAROONA completed	
		1430	Movement of personnel to H.T. TAROONA commenced. Embarked at 1600 hrs.	APP. A Ships' R.O.s







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SHIP'S    ROUTINE    ORDERS

by

LT.-COL. A. R. HERON -

O.C. TROOPS - H.T. "TAROONA".

Wednesday, 29 Sep 43.

Voyage 42 - Return.

No. 4.

1. DUTIES: (Tour of duty terminating 1730 hrs. 30.9.43):  
ORDERLY OFFICER:    Lieut. P. F. McKeon - Cabin 49.  
ORDERLY SGT:        Sgt. McKenzie.  
ORDERLY CPL:        Cpl. Dickson.  
NEXT FOR DUTY O/SGT. AND O/CPL: To be supplied by  
2/5 Aust. Inf. Bn.

BOAT STATION COMMANDERS FOR VOYAGE WILL BE:

<u>PORT.</u>	<u>Cabin.</u>	<u>STARBOARD.</u>	<u>Cabin.</u>
1. Capt. V. C. Baird	51	1. Capt. D.A. McBride	51
2. Lieut. J.M. Johnstone	40	2. Lieut. D.B. Burke	49
3. Lieut. C.H. Miles	40	3. Lieut. J.R. Toone	55
4. Lieut. H.H. Martin	40	4. Lieut. B. L. Robinson	55
5. Lieut. C.R. Langlands	40	5. Lieut. H.A. Gilbert	55
6. Lieut. S.J. Condon	42	6. Lieut. E.R. Reeve	55

TROOP DECK OFFICERS FOR VOYAGE WILL BE:

No. 1	T.D.O. (B.Deck aft)	Lieut. G.M. Palmer	Cabin 42.
" 2	" (B.Deck fwd)	Lieut. M. Fels	" 42.
" 3	" (C.Deck fwd)	Lieut. G.W. Barnett	" 48.
" 4	" (D.Deck fwd)	Lieut. D.J. Lineham	" 48.
" 5	" (D.Deck aft)	Lieut. M.D. Clarke	" 48.
" 6	" (A.Fwd. bunks)	Lieut. A. McCorquodale	" 42
" 7	" (A.Aft. bunks)	Lieut. P.J. Thomas	" 48

O/Rs. MESS CONTROL:

The following N.C.Os. will perform allotted messing control duties for the voyage:

Sgt. Toohey; Sgt. Chalmers; Sgt. Thompson; Sgt. McLean; Sgt. Howley; Cpls. Moore, Hoag, Fraser, Lorenz, Grenda, Jenkins, McCallum, Smith, Roadley and Snelling and Rossiter. The 38 O/Rs. detailed for messing duties will also perform such details for the voyage.

DECK SCRUBBING FATIGUES:

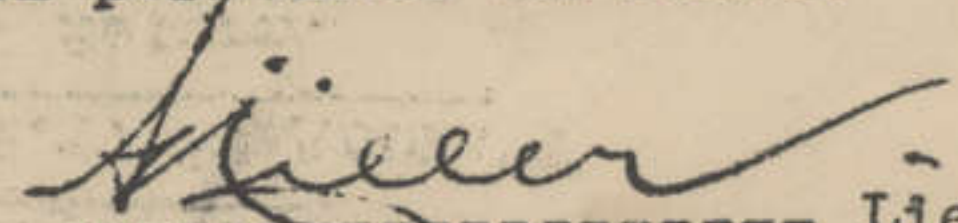
Deck scrubbing details report to Sgt. Poole at No. 2 Hatch, A. Deck forward, at 0615 hrs. daily. Fatigues will be supplied by units on the dates set out hereunder:

30.9.43	2/5 Aust. Inf. Bde.
1.10.43	2/7 Aust. Inf. Bde.
2.10.43	2/6 Aust. Inf. Bde.

PICQUET - NURSING SISTERS' QUARTERS:

2/5 Aust. Ind. Coy. will supply 4 Cpls. to perform duty on A. Deck in vicinity of Sisters' quarters for voyage. The Cpls. selected will report to Sgt. Poole on B. Deck Square at 0630 hrs. 30.9.43.

2. BLACKOUT: Official blackout will be from 1820 hrs. 29.9.43 to 0545 hrs. 30.9.43.
3. BADGES OF RANK will be worn by all personnel on board.

  
Lieut.  
Acting Ship's Adjt.

DISTRIBUTION:

All Officers; S/Sgt. Sainsbury; Sgt. Poole; Notice Boards (2).  
Bridge, Purser, Chief Steward. File (2). Spare. (41).



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S H I P ' S   R O U T I N E   O R D E R S

by

L T . - C O L . A . R . H E R O N

O . C . T R O O P S - H . T . " T A R O O N A " .

Thursday, 30 Sep 43.

Voyage 43 - Return.

No. 5.

1. DUTIES: (Tour of duty 24 hrs. commencing 1730 hrs. 30.9.43).  
ORDERLY OFFICER: Lieut. J. R. Toone - Cabin No. 55.  
ORDERLY SGT: Sgt. Liddy )  
ORDERLY CPL: Cpl. Dovers ) 2/3 Ind. Coy.
2. BLACKOUT: Official blackout commences 1820 hrs. 30.9.43;  
terminates 0545 " 1.10.43.
3. TROOP DECK OFFICERS:  
Troop Deck Officers are reminded that they must be in position on the Troop Decks for which they are responsible at 1100 hrs. daily, at which hour the daily Ship's inspection takes place.
4. RIFLES:  
Quite a number of rifles are incorrectly hung in cabins. They must be hung butt uppermost.
5. DISEMBARKATION INSTRUCTIONS:  
(a) When ordered to prepare for disembarkation, personnel will parade on the following areas, in nominal roll order, with all gear  
Medical Returnees:  
Ex 2/9 A.G.H. - A. Deck, port side, forward from centre doorway.  
Ex 2/5 A.G.H. - A. Deck, port side, forward of 2/9 personnel, and extending across forward closed-in section to starboard side.  
2/5 Aust. Inf. Bn: A. Deck, port side, aft from centre doorway, with serial 1 at centre doorway.  
(Lt. Langlands).  
NGF. Leave Draft: A. Deck, starboard side, forward from ladder leading to Boat Deck, serials running forward to aft.  
(Lt. McKeon).  
2/3 Ind. Coy: A. Deck, starboard side, aft of NGF. leave draft, serials running aft to forward.  
(Lt. Barnett).  
H.Q., 17 Aust. Bde. A. Deck, starboard side, aft from centre doorway, with serial 1 at centre doorway.  
K. Sec. Sigs.  
(Lt. Burke).  
2/6 Aust. Inf. Bn. A. Deck, starboard side, aft of K. Sec. Sigs. serials running forward to aft.  
(Lt. Palmer)  
2/7 Aust. Inf. Bn. A. Deck, starboard side, aft of 2/6, serials running forward to aft.  
(Capt. Baird).
- (b) Officers will leave their gear packed and stacked neatly in cabins until ordered to disembark.
- (c) Troop Deck Officers will ensure that their Troop Decks are left in a clean and tidy state. They will detail sufficient O/Rs. to report back to them after putting their gear on deck, and thoroughly clean the sections. Troop Deck Officers will verbally report to Ship's Adj's. when their Troop Decks are ready for inspection.
- (d) A Damages Board comprising Purser, Chief Steward, and Ship's Adjutant will assemble at a convenient time after vacation of quarters to inspect same and assess amount owing, if any, for damage to ship's fittings, furniture etc.. (Damage if any must be paid for by responsible party before leaving the ship).

NOTICE: Lost - gents wristlet watch with steel band. Watch engraved on back "Kit and Jim to Bob". Please hand in at Orderly Room if found.

*Miller*  
Lieut.  
Acting Ship's Adj't.



APP "B"

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES—NEW GUINEA FORCE

2/3 AUST CAV (COMMANDO)  
Headquarters SQN, A.I.F.  
4 DEC, '43

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RE W008 and W3009 of 25 SEPT, '43.

Copies of these forms were lost whilst Unit was in transit to AUSTRALIA, subsequently no copies are appended to WAR DIARY.

A. J. [Signature] LIEUT.  
I.O.  
2/3 AUST CAV (COMMANDO)  
SQN, A.I.F.







# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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

51 / 43 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 18 / 9 / 1943 2/3 AUST INDBY 300Y

W.E. 111/100 1 OFFRS. 13 O.R.'s. 272 + OFFRS. 1 O.R.'s. 10 ATT. BY W.E.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10				
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.								
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.				
				*									
				*									
				Lieut.-Colonels									
			1	Majors									
	1		3	Captains	A.A.M.C.		1						
8	7		6	Lieutenants									
				Quarter-masters									
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.									
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.									
8	8		10				1						
		DETAIL		A.I.P.	C.M.P.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.P.	**	TOTAL.
		A.		11									11
		E.(1)											
		E.(2)											

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

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

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

### OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

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

### OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
IX123781	LIEUT	GARLAND R S	A.D.S.ERSKINES CREEK.	10 SEP 43	EVAC SICK

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

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



PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 18 9 43 / 194. (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
MAJOR	VX 136	WARFE	H H	G R C O	NO	DETACHED TEMP TO COMD 58/59 BN	12 AUG 43
LIEUT	NX 76246	STEPHENS	K H R	ADJT	NO	DETACHED TEMP TO 58/59 BN SPL DUTY	13 AUG 43
CAPT	VX 58990	HANCOCK	R H	ADMIN	YES		
"	VX 22404	NEARES	W A	21/c	"		
"	QX 19168	WINTERFLOOD	J S	PL COMD	"		
LIEUT	NX 76248	LEWIN	J E		"		
"	VX 34170	ALLEN	P H		"		
"	VX 50489	LEVISTON	G W	SECCOMD	"		
"	NX 114931	READ	S		"		
"	SX 21309	BURZACOTT	L B	SIGOFFR	"		

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
CAPT	NX 34858	STREET F N T	A.A.M.C.		R.M.O.ALLOWED BY W.E.

18/9/43  
Date of Despatch

W. Neares  
Signature of Commander

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**PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 18 / 9 / 1943 .**

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, E.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitches			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal	27	31		Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangetakers	-	1	
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Boughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths	1	1						Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevedores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical	2	2	
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers				Tailors			
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers	1	1		Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Bollermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters	2	2		Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians	-	1		Cooks	9	9		Woodturners							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics											
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)											
Fitters	3	3		Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians	3	2									
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				GENL DUTIES	213	130	83
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers							
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	2	2					
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply							
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical							
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)	1	1		Intelligence Duties	9	2		Coach Trimmers							
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors							
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks							
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies							
Mechanics Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals							
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				A.A.M.C.	6	6	
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics	4	4		A.A.P.C.	1	1	
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant				A.A.P.S.	1	1	
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.	2	2		Engine Hands, I.C.				A.S.M.E.	1	1	
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers				(Armourer)			
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers				A.A.O.C.	1	1	
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates				(Shoemaker)			
Surveyors	-	1		Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD	5	7		CARRIED FORWARD	24	25		CARRIED FORWARD	57	62		Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7 and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	202	205	83

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

18 SEP 43  
Date of Despatch  
a.w. 6m bks 3/43

for *Mameas* Capt.  
Signature of Commander







# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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

(Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 18 / 9 / 1943 (Unit) 31 45

W.E. 111/100/1 OFFRS. 13 O.R.'s 272 + OFFRS. 1 O.R.'s 10 ATT. BY W.E.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10				
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.								
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.				
8	7		136	* * Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs.	A.A.N.C.	1							
8	8		10			1							
		DETAIL		A.I.P.	C.M.P.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.P.	**	TOTAL.
		A.		11									11
		E.(1)											
		E.(2)											

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

\* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

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

### OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

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

### OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
123781	LIEUT	GARLAND R S	A.D.S. ERSKINES CREEK.	10 SEP 43	EVAC SICK

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

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







**PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 18 / 9 / 1943.**

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assis.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, R.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal	27	31		Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangetakers	-	1	
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths	1	1						Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevedores			
Computors								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical	2	2	
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers				Tailors			
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers	1	1		Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				By. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Bollermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters	2	2		Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians	-	1		Cooks	9	9		Woodturners							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics											
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)											
Fitters	3	3		Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians	3	2									
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				GENL DUTIES	213	130	8
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers							
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	2	2					
Grinder, Precision				Hello Operator				Clerks, Supply							
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical							
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)	1	1		Intelligence Duties	2	2		Coach Trimmers							
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors							
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks							
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies							
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				A.A.M.C.	6	6	
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				A.A.P.C.	1	1	
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics	4	4		A.A.P.S.	1	1	
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant				A.B.M.E.	1	1	
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.	2	2		Engine Hands, I.C.				(Armourer)			
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers				A.A.O.C.	1	1	
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers				(Shoemaker)			
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors	-	1		Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD	5	7		CARRIED FORWARD	24	25		CARRIED FORWARD	57	62		Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	282	205	83

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

a.w. 6m bks 3/43

*W. Williams* Cap.t.  
for Signature of Commander



PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 12/9/1943 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.	
MAJOR	VX 106	WARFE	H K	O R	C O	NO	DETACHED TEMP TO COND 58/59 BN	12 AUG 43
LIEUT	EX 76246	STEPHENS	K H R	ADJT		NO	DETACHED TEMP TO 58/59 BN SPL DUTY	13 AUG 43
CAPT	VX 58900	BALCOCK	R H	ADMIN		YES		
"	VX 22404	BEARES	W A	21/6		"		
"	QX 10168	WINTERFLOOD	J S	PL COND		"		
LIEUT	EX 76248	IRWIN	J H			"		
"	VX 34170	ALLEN	P H			"		
"	VX 50489	LEVISTON	G W	SECCOND		"		
"	EX 114931	READ	S			"		
"	SX 21309	BURZACOTT	L B	SIGOFFR		"		

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
CAPT	EX 34858	STREET P H T	A.A.N.C.		R.M.O. ALLOWED BY W.E.

12/9/43  
Date of Despatch

*Mameares*  
Signature of Commander CAPT



2/3 AUST INDEP COY ..... Unit

30 / 43 (Serial No.)

**PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH**

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 11/9/1943 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Major	VX 186	WARFE	G R	C.O.	NO	DETACHED TEMPORARY TO COMMAND 58/59 BN	12AUG43
Lieut	IX 76246	SIMPSON	K H R	ADJ	NO	DETACHED TEMPORARY TO SPEC DUTY 58/59 BN	13AUG43
Capt	VX 58390	HANCOCK	R N	ADMIN CO MD	YES		
"	VX 22404	HEARES	W A	2 1/c	"		
"	OX 19168	WINTERFLOD	J S	PL COND	"		
Lieut	IX 76248	IRWIN	J H	"	"		
"	VX 34170	ALIEN	P H	"	"		
"	VX 50489	LEVISTON	G W	SECOND	"		
"	IX 114931	HEAD	S	"	"		
"	IX 123781	GARTLAND	R S	"	"		
"	SX 21309	BURZACOTT	L B	SICOPFR	"		

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
CAE	IX 34858	STREET F N	A.A.N.C.	R.N.O.	ALLOWED BY W.E.

Date of Despatch

*Mumma*  
For Signature of Commander Capt



**PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 11/9/1943.**

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, E.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal	27	32		Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangetakers			
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Riveters	-	1	
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths	1	1						Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevedores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical	2	2	
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers				Tailors			
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers	1	1		Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters	2	2		Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians	-	1		Cooks	9	8		Woodturners							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics											
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)											
Fitters	3	3		Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians	3	2									
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				GEN DUTIES	213144	69	
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers							
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	2	2					
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply							
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical							
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)	1	1		Intelligence Duties	2	2		Coach Trimmers							
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors							
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks							
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies							
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				A.A.M.C.	6	6	
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				A.A.P.C.	1	1	
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics	4	4		A.A.P.S.	1	1	
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant				A.E.M.E.			
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.	2	2		Engine Hands, I.C.				ARMOURER	1	1	
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers				A.A.O.C.			
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers				SHOEMAKER	1	1	
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors		1		Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD	5	7		CARRIED FORWARD	24	24		CARRIED FORWARD	57	62		Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	282	319	*69

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

Date of Despatch

for Signature of Commander







# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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

(Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 11/9/1943 3 2/3 SAUST INDEP COY (Unit) 30 43

W.E. 111/100/1 OFFRS 18 O.R's 272 + OFFRS 1 O.R's 10 ATT. BY W.E.

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

W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.							
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.			
7	16	1	137	* * Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs.	A.A.M.C.	1						
7	7		11			1						
		DETAIL	A.I.P.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
		A.	12									12
		E.(1)										
		E.(2)										

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

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

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

### OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

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

### OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

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

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

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



# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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

29/43 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 4 / 9 / 1943 2/3 AustIndepC (Unit)

W.E. 111/109 1. OFFRS. 18 O.R's. 272 + OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 10 ATT. BY W.E.

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

1      2      3      4				5	6	7	8	9	10				
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.								
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.				
7.	1. 6.		1. 3. 7.	* * Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs.	A.A.M.C.	1							
7	7		11			1			NIL				
		DETAIL		A.I.P.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.P.	**	TOTAL.
		A.		12									12
		E.(1)											
		E.(2)											

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

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

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

### OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

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

### OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
VX 51663	LIEUT	LINEHAM D J	MDS 29 BRIGADE	31AUG43	EVAC BEYOND M.D.S.

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

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



2/3 AUST INDEF COY Unit

(Serial No.)

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

29 43

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 4/9/1943 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
MAJOR	VX 186	WARFE	G R	CO	NO	DETACHED TEMP TO COMD 58/59 BN.	12AUG43
LIEUT	MX 76246	STEPHENS	K H R	ADJT	NO		DETACHED TEMP TO 58/59 BN SPL DUTY.
CAPT	VX 58990	HANCOCK	R N	ADMIN			
"	VX 22404	HEARES	W A	2 1/c	YES		
"	QX 19163	WINTERFLOOD	J S	PLCOMD	"		
LIEUT	MX 76248	DEWIN	J E	"	"		
"	VX 34170	ALLEN	P H	"	"		
"	VX 50489	DEVISTON	G W	SECCOMD	"		
"	MX114931	READ	S	"	"		
"	MX123781	CARLAND	R S	"	"		
"	SX 21309	BURZACOTT	L B	SINOPFR	"		

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
CAPT	MX 34868	STREET P N	A A M C		R M O ALLOWED BY W.E.

4 SEP 43  
Date of Despatch

*W. Mearns*  
Signature of Commander







**PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 4 / 9 / 1943 .**

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, R.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal	27	32		Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangefinders			
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths	1	1						Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevedores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical	2	2	
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers				Tailors			
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers	1	1		Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters				Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners	2	2		Wireman							
Electricians	-	1		Cooks	9	8	1	Woodturners							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics											
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)											
Fitters	3	3		Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians	3	2	-								
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				GEN. DUTIES 213 149 64			
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers							
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	2	2					
Grinder, Precision				Hello Operator				Clerks, Supply							
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical							
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)	1	1		Intelligence Duties	2	2		Coach Trimmers							
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors							
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks							
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies							
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E. 10 10			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals							
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.							
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics	4	4					
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant							
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.	2	2		Engine Hands, I.C.							
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers							
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors	-	1		Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD	5	7		CARRIED FORWARD	24	24	1	CARRIED FORWARD	57	62	1	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7 and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	222	223	65

NOTES.—(a) If rank other than private is involved give details on back.  
 (b) Authorised trades or specialists not included in list will be added as required in spaces provided.  
 (c) Where A.W.A.S. and/or A.A.M.W.S. personnel are desired show details on back.  
 (d) Where replacement not desired note accordingly on return by insertion of N.R. in col. "Reints. Required."  
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4 SEP 43  
Date of Despatch

for *Marmans*  
Signature of Commander



APP "C" NOT TO BE PUBLISHED.

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ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1.

SERIAL NO. 7  
NOS 23 - 30.

BY

CAPT R. N. HANCOCK

ADMIN COMD 2/3 AUST INDEP COY

HQ 2/3 AUST INDEP COY  
8 SEP 43.

23. INCOME TAX RETURNS.

L HQ advises that Income Tax returns need not be submitted by military personnel in NEW GUINEA, provided such personnel are not on special duty or liable to furnish a return in respect of private income.

24. ABUSE OF GREEN ENVELOPES.

1. A Green envelope can be used when the letter contained therein relates to nothing except private and personal matters.
2. Green envelopes are censored at Base.
3. All cases of abuse of green envelopes will in future be tried by Court Martial.

25. PUBLIC STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS OF THE FORCES.

1. The attention of all members is directed to the provisions of AMR & Os 309 & 310 and to GROs G 103/42, G 466/42, G 561/42 and G 192/43.
2. Members are forbidden to communicate with the press or to give interviews for broadcasting or other media of publicity on military matters, whether by correspondence, personal interviews with press representatives or by any other means except in accordance with para 3 hereof.
3. Members who have been on active service may give interview on first hand experiences in battle to uniformed accredited war correspondents, provided that every proposed statement of the nature referred to in this paragraph will be submitted before publication for the approval of an officer of the Directorate of Public relations. The publication of names of members above the rank of Lieutenant is prohibited unless specifically authorised.
4. No restriction is placed on members in regard to articles, stories or poems for publication in the press, in periodicals or other publications, provided that these do not deal with military matters and that no indication of the military rank or unit of the contributor is given.

26. UNAUTHORISED SUPPLY OF EXPLOSIVES TO NATIVES.

The supply without authority of any arms, ammunition or explosives to natives is prohibited. Severe disciplinary action will be taken in all cases of breach of this order.

27. CARE OF MORTAR BOMBS AND FUSES.

1. Mortar bomb fuses, under certain conditions, may become armed through rough handling and consequently it is imperative that the greatest care be taken with mortar ammunition. Boxes of bombs should always be carried from place to place and NOT thrown.
2. All fuses that are dropped from aircraft are labelled accordingly and when subsequently examined by technical Ordnance personnel are certified "safe to fire".
3. If a mortar fuse is fired and does not detonate, it will in any case become armed and therefore exceedingly dangerous. No attempt will be made to interfere with or move a blind bomb. It must on no account be fired from a mortar a second time.
4. Blind bombs will be destroyed in situ in accordance with procedure laid down in GRO 407/43.
5. If any doubt is felt regarding the condition of mortar fuses they should be set aside and reference made to an inspecting Ordnance officer or ammunition examiner.



28. LOSS OR DAMAGE EXCEEDING FIVE POUNDS CAUSED BY AN OFFENCE

1. Attention is directed to the fact that the power of a Commanding Officer to award a deduction from ordinary pay in respect of any loss or damage occasioned by the commission of an offence is limited to FIVE POUNDS.

2. Attention is also directed to Para 4 of GRC A28/1943. Accordingly in any case where a member is charged with the commission of an offence and it is alleged that loss or damage exceeding Five Pounds has been occasioned thereby, the Commanding Officer of the accused will direct that a Summary of Evidence be taken and will submit same together with an application for a COURT MARTIAL to the Formation Comd.

3. Should the Commanding Officer be subsequently directed to deal with the charge summarily, this will NOT be construed as an authority to exceed the limitations upon his powers set out in Para 1 hereof.

29. MALARIA PRECAUTIONS.

1. The incidence of malaria within the Bde is increasing and Unit Comds are personally responsible for the rigid enforcement of all malarial precautions.

2. The wearing of shorts within the 15 Bde area is forbidden. Units will immediately withdraw all shorts from personnel and issue long trousers where necessary.

3. Shirts and long trousers will be worn by all personnel, provided that personnel actually engaged in hard manual labour between sunrise and sunset, may remove their shirts while so engaged.

4. Between 1800hrs and sunrise the following morning, all personnel will be dressed in long sleeve shirts, sleeves rolled down and buttoned at the wrists, and slacks or long trousers.

5. Bathing between 1800 hrs and sunrise is forbidden.

6. Other precautions to be observed including taking of atabrin, use of mosquito nets and of mosquito repellent have been published in previous orders.

7. Disciplinary action will be taken against all personnel infringing these orders.

30. USE OF EXPLOSIVES FOR FISHING

Under NO circumstances will grenades or any other explosives be used for fishing.

*Wamman*  
.....Capt.,  
for Admin Comd 2/3 AUST INDEP COY.



# WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

(Erase heading not required).

Army Form C.2118  
(adapted.)

Unit 2/3 Aust. Indep Coy. Date and Time.—From 1 Oct. 1943 To 6 Oct. 1943

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MILNE BAY.			2/3 Aust Indep Coy at MILNE BAY awaiting embarkation orders, during this period members of the Coy. saw Newsreel picture 'Assault on Salamaua' filmed by Parer whilst with the Company on BOBDUBI ridge in August.	
		1400	Rear Details disembarked from H.T. TAROONA at CAIRNS and entrained for AHERTON.	
			<u>2 Oct 1943.</u>	
		0100	Rear Details detrained at WONGABEL and embussed for 2/7 Aust Cav. (Commando) Regtl. area. Debussed at Coy. Camp area map Ref. HERBETON 1 inch to 1 mile 388189.	
		1500	Lieut. STEPHENS marched in and took over command Rear Details 2/3 Aust Indep. Coy. still at <del>MILNE</del> MILNE BAY.	
			<u>3 Oct. 1943.</u>	
			2/3 Aust. Indep. Coy still at MILNE BAY. Designation of Unit changed to 2/3 Aust. Cav. (Commando) Sqn. Authority Rear Details Squadron R.O.'s 3 Oct. 1943. All Rear Details Personnel completely reissued with clothing and equipment.	
			<u>4 Oct. 1943.</u>	
		0700	2/3 Aust. Indep. Coy. embussed for movement to wharf.	
		1330	Coy. embarked on Liberty Ship <del>SS</del> S.S. S. HALL YOUNG which sailed at 1400 hrs. Lieut. STEPHENS relinquished command Rear Details to Capt. TANCRED.	
AT SEA.			<u>5 Oct. 1943.</u>	
			2/3 Aust. Cav (Commando) Sqn. at Sea. Rear Details resting.	
			<del>6 Oct 1943</del>	



# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Army Form W.3068  
(Adapted) (Page 1)  
(Revised Jan., 1943)

33 43 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday <sup>23 OCT</sup> 23 / 1943. 2/3 AUST INDEP COY (Unit)

111/100/1.  
W.E. 18 / / OFFRS. 18 O.R.'s 272 + OFFRS. 1 O.R.'s 10 ATT. BY W.E.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10			
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.							
Rein'fts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'fts Required.			
8.	1. 7.		1. 3. 6.	* * Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs.	A. A. M. C.	1.						
8.	8.		10.			1.						
		DETAIL	A.I.P.	C.M.P.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.P.	**	TOTAL.
		A.	11.									11.
		E.(1)										
		E.(2)										

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

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

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

### OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

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

### OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

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

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

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



Unit  
2/3 AUST INDEP COY

33 / 43 (Serial No.)

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 2 / Oct / 1943 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
MAJOR	VX 186	WARFE	G R	C O	NO	DETACHED TEMPY TO COMD 58/59 BN	12AUG43
LIEUT	MX 76246	STEPHENS	K H R	ADJT	"	DETACHED TEMPY TO SPEC DUTY 58/59 BN	13AUG43
CAPT	VX 58990	HANCOCK	R H	ADMIN COMD	YES		
"	VX 22404	NEARES	W A	2 I/C	"		
"	QX 19168	WINTERS/LOOD	J S	PLCOMD	"		
LIEUT	MX 76248	LEWIN	J E	"	"		
"	VX 34178	ALIEN	P H	"	"		
"	VX 50489	LEVISTON	O W	SECCOMD	"		
"	MX 114931	READ	S	"	"		
"	SX 221309	BURZACOTT	L B	SIG O	"		

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
MX CAPT	MX 34858	F N STREET	AAMC	-	R H O allowed by W E.

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*W. M. Mansour*  
Signature of Commander







**PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 2 OCT / 1943**

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, E.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal	27	31		Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangefinders	1		
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths	1	1						Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevadores			
Computors								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical	2	2	
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers				Tailors			
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers	1	1		Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters	2	2		Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians		1		Cooks	9	9		Woodturners							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics											
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)											
Fitters	3	3		Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians	3	2									
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.							
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors							
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers							
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	2	2					
Grinder, Precision				Hello Operator				Clerks, Supply							
Mechanics, Instrument	1	1		Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical							
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	2	2		Coach Trimmers							
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors							
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks							
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies							
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders							
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals							
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.							
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics	4	4					
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant							
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.	2	2		Engine Hands, I.C.							
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers							
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors		1		Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD	5	7		CARRIED FORWARD	24	25		CARRIED FORWARD	57	62		Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	252	202	83

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

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