

AWM52
2nd Australian Imperial Force and
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diaries, 1939-45 War

Item number: 8/3/8

2/8 Infantry Battalion

November 1944 - February 1945

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Unit 2/8 Aust Inf Bn

Date and Time.—From 1 Nov 44 To 17 Nov 44

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
REDLYNCH	1 Nov 44		During this period the bn stayed at 16 Aust Pers Staging Camp prior to embarkation, and carried out normal trg.	
	to 6 Nov 44		The change from the temperate climate of the tablelands to that of the humid atmosphere of the coastal areas was marked.	
CAIRNS	7 Nov 44		The bn and elements of 2/6 Aust (Cav) Cdo Regt, 6 Aust Div Sigs, 2/41 Cipher Sec, 2/14 Fd Coy and "E" Sec 2/4 AADU, all u/c Lt-col W.S. HOWDEN, embarked at CAIRNS into USS THOMAS CORWIN (a LIBERTY ship). The accn and facilities for messing and ablutions were, although limited, much better than was at first anticipated. Space was NOT available for weapon trg, but a number of lectures on forthcoming ops was delivered. At approx 1400 hrs the ship weighed anchor and the voyage commenced.	
AITAPE	12 Nov 44	0800 hrs	Arrived AITAPE harbour. Disembarkation by landing craft was a lengthy process and was not completed until approx 2100 hrs. The bn then moved by MT to camp area at KORAKO X Z 995493. Ref map AITAPE EAST one inch to one mile.	Appx 1
	13/14 Nov 44		Bn commenced camp construction, working parties off loading ships and otherwise settling in.	
	15 Nov 44		Lt-col W S HOWDEN made a recce flight incorporating an air strike on WEWAK, in a BEAUFORT bomber of 100 sqn RAAF.	
	16 Nov 44		Working parties to AITAPE and Engr dumps. Recce by CO and IO of ANOPAPI area.	
	17 Nov 44		Mapping of ANAMO MISSION area commenced by Int Sec. Working parties as for 16 Nov 44.	

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Unit 2/8 Aust Inf Bn Date and Time.—From 17 Nov 44 To 27 Nov 44

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
AITAPE	17 Nov 44		IO (Lt A R BENTLEY) made recce flight in bombing mission over WEWAK. Unit received first airmail from mainland.	
	18 Nov 44		Pnr pl moved to ANOPAPI for bridge construction u/c 2/2 Fd Coy. 2IC (Maj C L SIMPSON) made recce flight over WEWAK in bomber from 100 sqn RAAF.	
	19 Nov 44		Church parades and working parties.	
	20 Nov 44		CO and Adjt (Capt R E PAPE) carried out further recce of ANAMO MISSION area.	
	21 Nov 44		Int Sec return to KORAKO.	
	24 Nov 44		Maj D BRAHAM, RQMS and Int Sjt proceed as adv party to ANAMO area.	
	25 Nov 44		C, D and HQ coys leave KORAKO 0540 hrs, arriving bivouac area RAT CREEK 0940 hrs en route to ANAMO. A and B coys prepare to move.	
	26 Nov 44		C, D and HQ coys arrive ANAMO 0620 hrs. A and B coys leave KORAKO for ANAMO at 0515 0515 hrs.	
	27 Nov 44		A and B coys arrive ANAMO 0700 hrs. CO, Adjt, IO, OC C coy (Capt M J DWYER), Lt WATSON, 6 Int pers recce approaches to AFUA village. Standing patrols found by duty coy for day at V 164417, V 174416, V 174413.	

APPENDECIES TO NOVEMBER WAR DIARY

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CORPS OF ENGINEERS U. S. ARMY

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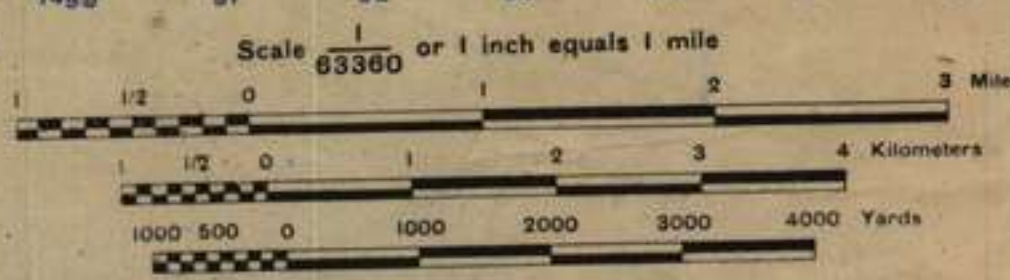
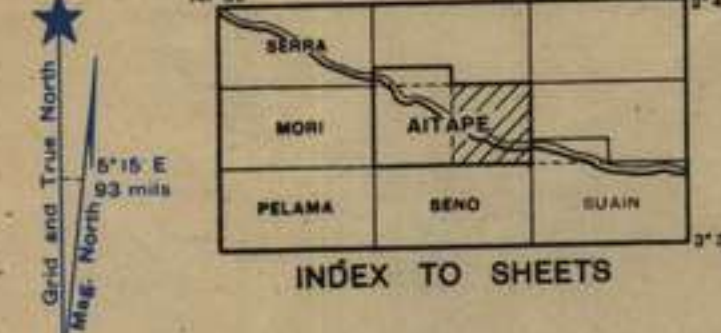
AITAPE EAST
A 54/15 NORTHEAST NEW GUINEA



NOTE:
Dotted blue lines indicate outline of underwater
features appearing on photographs. Depths, compo-
sition and completeness of information uncertain.

Unsheltered coast, heavy surf in Northwest
season, usually light in Southeast season
Good sand beach 100' to 200' wide at low water

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Lambert Conical Orthomorphic Projection.



Contour interval 100 feet. Datum sea level.
(Form lines indicated by broken lines)

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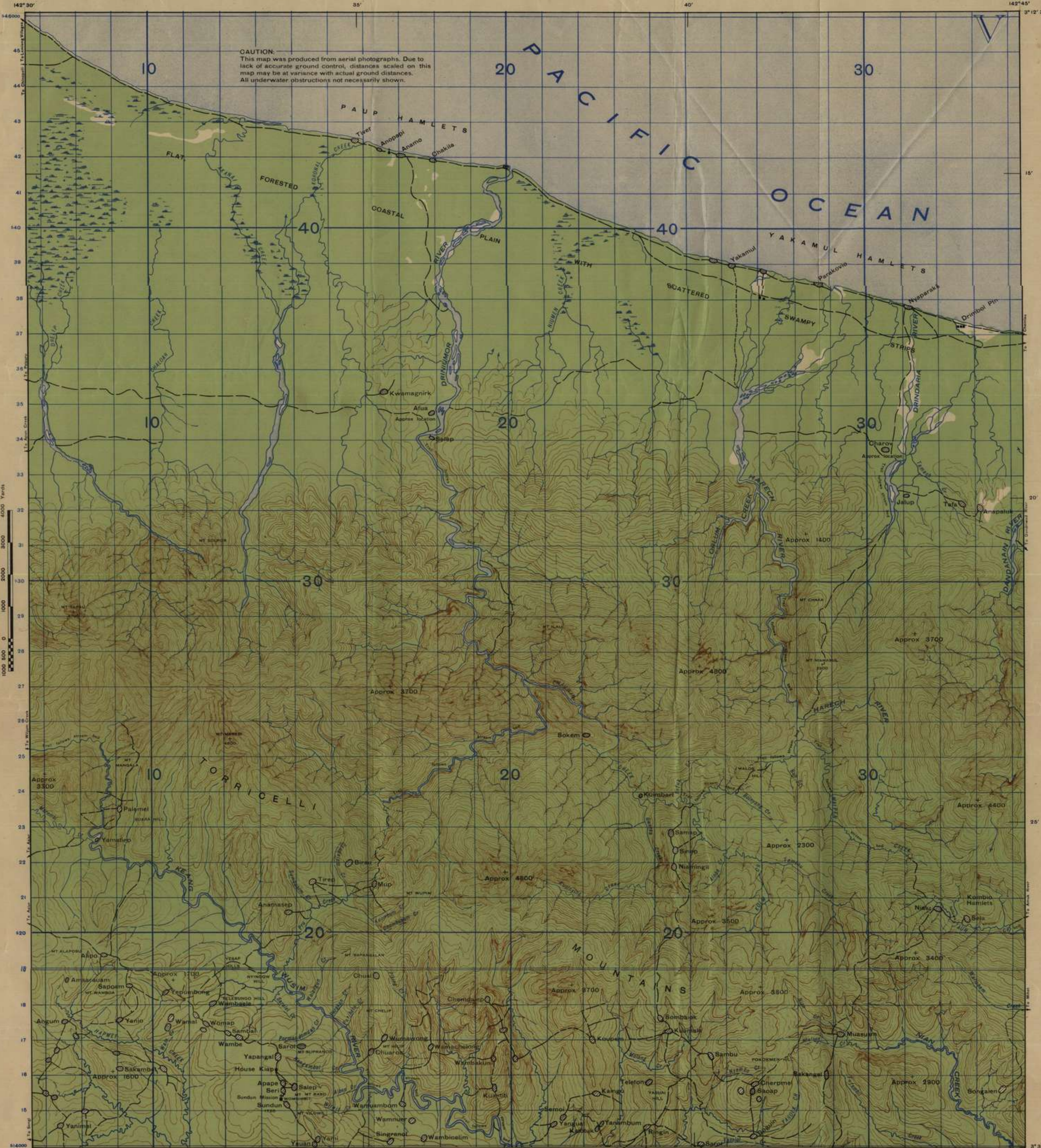
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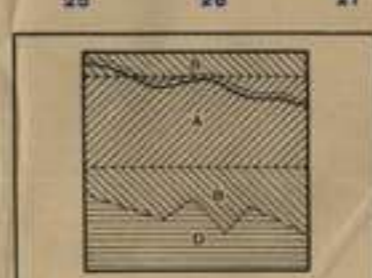
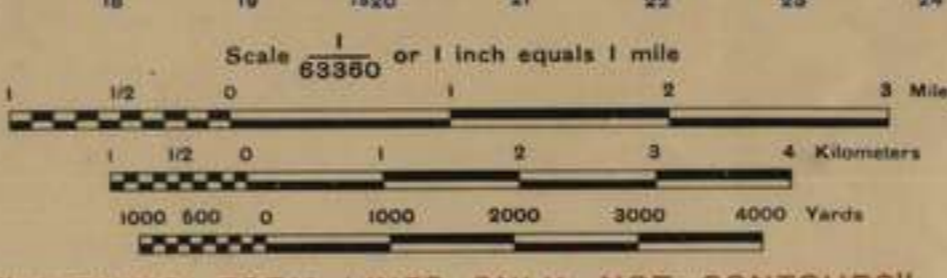
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AITAPE EAST
S300 - E14215/15

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- LEGEND**
- Suitable for 2 way MT
 - Suitable for 1 way MT
 - Trails, probable
 - Native village
 - Swamps
 - Streams, intermittent
 - Underwater obstruction
 - Forest
 - Plantations
 - Mangroves
 - Form lines, interval approx 100 ft
 - Grassland
- 1000 METER MODIFIED BRITISH GRID SYSTEM**
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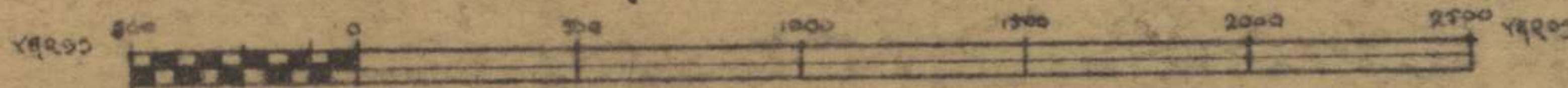
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Approximate mean declination 1943
Annual magnetic increase 3'

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ANAMO AREA

Map Ref: Koromal Ck Bridge
160424

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Appx. 3.

Local Counter Attacks. ANAMO

Counter Attack	Coy	Role	Route	F.U.P.	Objective	Support	Remarks
APUA Tr	(1) D	To attack WEST flank of "C" Coy area, secure Tr junc SOUTH of marsh and prevent outflanking to WEST.	S.E. Tr-S.W. Tr NEW Tr (EAST) or LOG Tr-NEW Tr (EAST)		Tr junc SOUTH of MARSH	"A" Bty Mors	"B" Bty superior - posed if required
	(11) A	Prevent by-passing towards coast EAST of DOG Ck.	Present Area			Sec MMG DOG CK Area Mors as in (1)	
PAUP Tr	(1) C	Attack EAST flank of Enemy Force, prevent by-pass to EAST cut PAUP Tr SOUTH of "B" Coy area.	NEW Tr (WEST)		BOG Tr and PAUP Tr 300 yds SOUTH of FDLs	Sec MMG B Coy Area A & B Bty Mors	
	(11) D (Less 1 Pl)	Secure ALABINE Ck line. Direct from present WEST from SE Tr crossing, area to LOG Tr prevent by-pass EAST of "B" Coy					As for (1) Pl D Coy to A Bty pre-hold par'd to MISSION & switch to PAUP Village G Coy Area Tr junc A
	(111) A	Cover Mission Area to WEST.	Present Area			Sec MMG	Coy patrol at FORD
COAST from EAST	(1) B	F flank Attack from SOUTH	NEW Tr - SOUTH of KUNAI Patch thence NORTH, line of COW Ck			A & B Bty Mors Sec MMG	
	(11) D Less Pl)	Secure PAUP Tr					

DISTRIBUTION: HQ, A, B, C, D Coys, CO, 2 i/c, Adj, IO, File and War Diary.

Al Pajit
Adit. 2/8 Bk. A.I.F. Capt.

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	(11) D Less Pl)	Secure PAUP Tr					

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Al. Papp
Adj. 2/8 Bn. A.I.F. Capt.

B. Bentley

Cards 0800.
Rows of 40

APPX. No. 4

GP II ADM INSTN No 1

1. MOVEMENT Gp II will move from present area and embark 7 Nov 44.

2. TIMINGS
0745 hrs (i) Baggage of Offrs and Cipher Sec to be stacked adjacent to road Offrs lines.
0700 hrs (ii) Baggage Party report offrs lines *Arranged by ECO*
Tpt 2x3 ton vehs report offrs lines.

Reveille - 0600
Break. 0700 - 0800
Line 0800 - 0830
clean vacate. + report
assembly 0830 compt 0930
ETD 0945
Emb. 1030

0845 hrs Guides and cooks as previously detailed report to ECO complete with all gear.
0930 hrs Pers of Gp II vacate existing lines and move to ass area. All gear to be taken. Trial assembly
1015 hrs Lunch all ranks
1130 hrs Final assembly
1240 hrs Tpt reports to ass area.
1245 hrs Embussing commences.
1330 hrs First convoy arrives wharf.
1345 hrs Embarkation commences.

3. ORDER OF MOVEMENT & EMBARKATION

- 2/8 Aust Inf Bn
- 6 Aust Div Sigs
- 2/41 Aust Cipher Section
- 2/5 Aust Cav (Commando) Regt
- 2/4 Aust Dental Unit
- 2/14 Aust Fd Coy
- HQ 19 Aust Inf Bde (less attached)

4. DRESS Marching Order, chinstraps under chin, waterbottle FULL. Cots camp folding will be carried on man.
NB: Equipment will NOT be removed during movement to wharf.
Cards showing serial Nos will be worn in hat band to front of hat and will NOT be removed till completion of embarkation.

5. ASSEMBLY AREA Vicinity of Camp Picture Theatre EAST of Camp Rd.

6. ASSEMBLY All pers of Gp II incl Offrs other than those detached for duty will move, with all gear, from existing lines by 1015 hrs and will form up in squads of 40 in two ranks, in order of serial Nos. The lowest serial Nos to be on LEFT of ass area.
CC Maj C.L. Simpson, 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.
Trial Assembly to be completed by 1115 hrs.

7. EQPT AND GEAR will be dumped in respective squad areas and pers will move direct from ass area for lunch. Picquets will be posted for safeguarding of eqpt during absence of main body at lunch.

8. EMBUSSING On completion of meal all pers will return to ass area and fall in on kits, ready to embuss on orders of embussing offrs.

9. EMBUSSING OFFRS Capt Breden
Lt Weir
Liason Offr - Lt Smith J.S. will assist embussing offrs and will be dismissed in time to enable him to embuss in own serial order.

10. DEBUSSING OFFRS Lt K. Gillespie, Lt A.R. Fishburn - will report to ECO by 0900 hrs 7 Nov 44 and will move under his direction direct to wharf.

11. DEBUSSING When ordered by Debussing Offrs pers will debuss and form up to LEFT of line of trucks in serial order and similar formation to when embussing.

12. BAGGAGE PARTY (a) Lt Dovey,
1 NCO and 5 ORs - B/8 Aust Inf Bn to be detailed by Baggage Offr.
1 OR - B/41 Aust Cipher Section
(b) will report Offrs lines 0800 hrs - vide para 8 load gear and proceed to wharf.
(c) on completion of loading of baggage this party less cipher OR will return to this area and report to Maj Simpson.
NB: Cipher pers will take all pers eqpt and gear on inward journey.

13. CLEANLINESS OF LINES All tents will be rolled all round, floors swept and surroundings cleaned before vacation. COs and gps will conduct a personal inspection after vacation of lines and report accordingly to Maj G.L. Simpson.

14. EMBARKATION (a) Tps will move on board with rifle muzzles pointing to the ground, to allow clearance of hatch covers.
(b) Pers will remain in troop decks until ordered otherwise on completion of embarkation.

(Signed) Capt
(R.E. Pope)
Adjt Group II

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ADDENDUM SHIPS STANDING ORDERS

Add para -

26. MEAL ARRANGEMENTS Time-table as in para 2.

First Sitting Nos 1 & 4 troops decks and officers.

Second Sitting Nos 2 & 5 troops decks and WOs and Sjts
from No 3 troop deck.

The following procedure will be adopted:

- (a) Upon bugle for mess parade, sounding ALL personnel except mess orderlies for the respective sitting and essential duties will proceed below.
- (b) Mess orderlies for FIRST sitting will draw rations from PORT Galley and establish serving points at Coy companion ways of their respective troop decks. Tps will file up from below and feed on deck. Immediately personnel of first sitting have completed meal they will return below to clear deck space for second sitting.
- (c) Upon bugle for second sitting being sounded a similar procedure will take place as for the first sittings Mess orderlies drawing food from STARBOARD galley.
- (d) It is most essential during meal times that the tps not included in the particular sitting keep below decks.

27 MEDICAL Pers parading sick will report to SB of respective deck at 0900 hrs each morning.

SB will supply nominal roll to RMO and await call to RAP with pers parading sick.

RAP is situated on starboard of No 3 troop deck with entrance from aft bulkhead of No 2 rtroop deck.

Australian Imperial Force

SHIPS ROUTINE ORDERS No 1

by

Lt-Col W.S. HOWDEN Commanding Group II

No 1

8. Nov 44

1. CLEANLINESS Many instances have been noted of pers not being shaven. In future ALL pers will shave daily and in addition will shower at least once per day. Salt water showers are in operation continuously and there can be no excuse for pers being unwashed.
2. SUNBURN Because of the risk of this complaint Army pers will be permitted to sunbathe during the following times only: 0830 - 0930 hrs
1600 - 1800 hrs Shirts will be worn by all ranks to meals.
3. LIFEJACKETS Will be carried at all times but care is to be taken that these are not misused by being used as seats, pillows etc.
4. BLACKOUT
 - (a) Signal for darkening ship will be given over ship's public address system and on receipt of this order
 - (i) ALL lights will be extinguished both on main deck and in 'tween decks.
 - (ii) Smoking will cease.
 - (iii) Hatch covers will be drawn and booby hatch curtains adjusted.
 - (b) Time for blackout - approx 1800 hrs to 0445 hrs.
 - (c) Inspection of ship will be carried out by Chief Officer and Ship's Orderly Officer who will extinguish lights in tp decks.
 - (d) Lights in Tp decks will NOT on any account be switched on by any unauthorised person after having been turned off by Chief Officer.
 - (e) Ship's Orderly Officer and Tp Deck Offra will inspect Tp decks at irregular intervals to ensure compliance with these orders.
5. EMPLOYMENT OF TROOPS
 - (a) Because of lack of deck space it is impracticable to put into operation programme previously considered.
 - (b) Employment MUST however be found for pers during the voyage and Coy and equivalent Comds will therefore arrange for 4 periods of instruction of 45 mins each daily. It is desired that the following be included:
 - (i) Pidgin English
 - (ii) Discussions on Patrols with special reference to Adm details
 - (iii) Treatment of natives.
 - (iv) Explanation of likely operations
 - (v) Quiz Sessions
 - (vi) Tactival exercises using dye-lined sketches already distributed by IO.
 - (vii) Aircraft recognition.
 - (c) Programme of instruction to be submitted to Group II HQ by 0830 hrs daily.

6. ALTERATION OF EVENING PERS CHECK Owing to times and conditions of Blackout, the present time of tattoo reports is impracticable. Coys etc. will therefore submit check reports by 1830 hrs daily commencing from receipt of this order.

7. FRESH WATER ALL pers are again warned of the necessity for conserving this commodity. Taps over troughs on MAIN deck are intended for use for shaving water, cleaning of teeth etc. and will NOT be regarded as a public bathroom.

R.E. Pape Capt
(R.E. Pape)
Ship's Adj't

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

Appx. No 7.

SECRET

2/8 AUST INF BN PATROL INSTN No I

Copy No. 7
30 Nov 44

Ref Map SUAIN WEST I" to 1 ml

To Capt M.J.DWYER - OC "C" Coy.

1. Infm regarding the enemy is as contained in revsits to date.
2. (a) 2/4 Aust Inf Bn is to complete by 1 Dec 44 the relief of 2/7 Aust Cav Cdo Sqn at BABIANG by one Coy gp.
(b) 2/7 Aust Cav Cdo is in process of moving to NIALU - TONG area, via YAKAMUL.
3. You will establish a patrol base at the BLUFF (APUA) area ISI344. Your force will consist of:

"C" Coy 2/8 Aust Inf Bn	-	less security gd in unit lines, plus Med Orderlys.
Int Sec	" "	1 Sgt and 3 ORs
Sigs	" "	4 ORs
2/3 Aust Fd Regt		1 Officer & 3 ORs (POO party)

4. You will be responsible for patrolling the areas ~~covered~~ ^{detailed} below for the purpose of:
 - (a) Contacting and liasing with other of our forces in the various localities enumerated.
 - (b) Submitting track reports of the routes covered in the form contained in Bn SO's.
 - (c) Submitting details of times taken to negotiate such routes.
 - (d) Correcting by traversing existing track maps.

Note: (i) In connection with (c) times are to be the average of at least 2 patrols.
(ii) (d) As it is doubtful if time will permit of accurate measured traverses being carried out corrections will frequently be of an approximate nature only.

5. You will patrol in the following order of priority:-
 - (a) SOUTH- To contact our forces in NIALU-TONG areas.
Initial patrol limit, PLACE SLEEP 220263.
Route: SOUTH via DRINIMOR to crossing I92305, thence SE via tr WEST of Mt ILAU to tr & ck junc I94278, thence ESE via CHAUWIN ck to PLACE SLEEP.
Note: (i) You will ~~subsequently~~ Not subsequently proceed beyond NIALU unless ordered by this HQ.
(ii) Estimated time ANIMO - TONG 20 hrs.
 - (b) WEST- To contact tp 2/9 Cav Cdo in areas PALAURU-CHINA PELLI.
Route: APUA via track WEST to KORONAL ck crossing I35350, thence WEST to CHALDAR ck I02355, thence via tr to Tp HQ DRELIPEK 070356.
 - (c) EAST- To liase with 2/4 Bn at YAKAMUL.
Route: SP I84349 - EAST to NIUMEN ck 205345 - SOUTH via NIUMEN ck to tr crossing 207341, thence via tr to unnamed ck at 227336, thence via ck to tr 240359, thence via ^{TR}EAST and NORTH to YAKAMUL.

6. In all cases patrolling is to be progressive and initial patrols will be limited to a 4 day turn round.
Deeper patrols will depend on the location during initial pat rolling of suitable fwd patrol bases.
7. Strength of initial patrols, subject to minor variations at your discretion will be limited to 1 Officer and 1 sec.
8. You will report the locations of any unburied allied or enemy dead and will endeavour to secure identification of the former and accord ~~them~~ ^{them} burial.

9. Scrub Typhus is reported to be Endemic in the AFUA Area and you will therefore not bivouac within 800 yds of that or any other native village.

The authorised precautions regarding health, water etc will be observed at all times.

10. Communications from ANANO to your base at AFUA will be established by line and R/T.

11. Reports:(a) You will notify this HQ 24 hours prior to the departure of any patrol giving name of patrol leader and area to which proceeding. On a receipt of this information this HQ will take the necessary action for our other own forces to be notified.
- (b) The actual time of departure and return of any patrol will be notified this HQ by signal immediately.
- (c) Patrol reports will be submitted to EnHQ within 24 hours of return of patrol.

W.S. Howden Lt-col
(W.S. HOWDEN.)
Commanding 2/8 Aust Inf Bn

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MEDICAL REPORT for WAR DIARY for Month Nov 44

1. INFECTIOUS DISEASES - Nil.


2. GENERAL SICK PARADES - Not excessive. Since arrival at new destination, OTITIS EXTERNA has been very prevalent. Prophylactic measures such as Spirits of Flavine drops after swimming seem to be preventing a large number of cases. There have been very few skin complaints to date.

3. HYGIENE - Generally satisfactory.
 - (a) Incinerating latrines installed and working throughout unit.
 - (b) Incinerators at each kitchen.

4. WATER DUTIES - All drinking water being superchlorinated and then detasted. Water duty man permanently on cart. Well water for washing being superchlorinated also.

5. MOSQUITO PRECAUTIONS
 - (a) LARVAE - weekly spraying of swamp areas with malarial.
 - (b) ADULT - regular spraying of tents at 1700, 1900, 2100, 0100 and 0515 hrs.

6. MITE PRECAUTIONS - Clothes treated regularly with mite repellent lotion - 2 sets one week, one set following week. All undergrowth surrounding camp sites being cut and burned.


Capt *R190*
~~C L BENNETT (R.L.O.)~~
 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.

12. GAMBLING In this camp will not be permitted. "Two-Up" is particularly condemned. Any infringement of this order will bring the maximum fine without any exception.
13. SECURITY Coy Comds will ensure that Instns previously issued are rigidly enforced.
14. POSTAL (a) Outgoing mail will be franked by Coy Offrs and handed to IO NOT LATER than 1500 hrs daily. Mail forwarded outside these times will NOT be accepted.
(b) Procedure for despatch of telegrams as for last camp.

W. N. Gravener Lt
(W. N. Gravener) for Capt R. E. Page
Adjt [REDACTED]

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ROUTINE ORDERS

by

Lt-Col W.S. Howden Commanding 2/8 Aust Inf Bn

No 3.

16 Nov 44

1. DUTIES

The following duties will mount at 1700 hrs
16 Nov 44:

Duty Officer	-	Lt F.C. Chaffe
NFD	-	Lt W.H. Westwood
Duty Coy	-	D Coy
NFD	-	HQ Coy

2. LIFE SAVING PICQUET Duty Coy will supply continuous picquet of 3 strong swimmers on the beach in allotted unit area from 0545 hrs to 1700 hrs daily commencing 17 Nov 44.

Duty: (a) to ensure unit pers bathe in allotted area
(b) to watch for and assist any personnel presumably in difficulties.

3. AMENDED TIME TABLE: Undermentioned time-table will commence 17 Nov 44 :-

Reveille	0530	Swim Parade	1515
Swim Parade	0550	Evening Meal	1630
Breakfast	0630	Malarial Parade	
Sick Parade			1700
(Coy)	0615	Tattoo	2145
Sick Parade		Lights Out	2200
(Bn)	0730		
Atebrin Parade			
	0720		
Coy Parade	0730		
Stand-down	1100		
Lunch	1115		
Coy Parade	1230		
Stand-down	1500		

4. PICTURE PARTIES An inspection of troops proceeding to cinema screenings will be carried out by Coys before troops moving out of unit area. Hats may be worn at the discretion of individuals.

5. SHAVING OF HEADS will cease immediately except in cases where permission is obtained from RMO in writing.

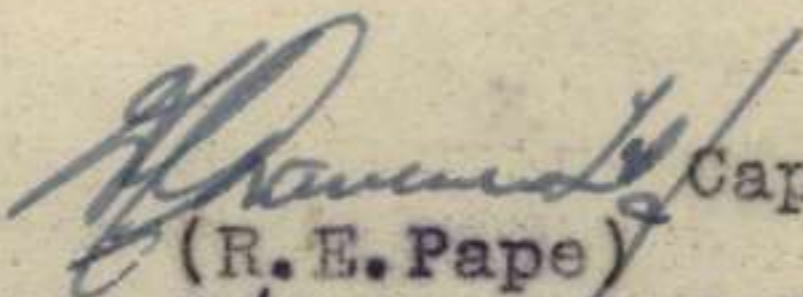
6. APPLICATION OF MITE REPELLENT Clothes will be treated as under -

- (a) 2 sets of clothing to be treated on 17 Nov
- (b) 1 set " " " " " " 23 Nov
- (c) thence 2 and 1 sets alternate weeks.

7. 2/4 BN SHOWERS AND LATRINES are OUT OF BOUNDS to pers of this unit, and under no circumstances will pers make use of same. Disciplinary action will be taken against pers ignoring this order.

8. CINEMA SCREENINGS A complaint has been received from a nearby US Unit with regard to Aust pers committing nuisance in US Camp areas whilst visiting picture screenings. Continuance of this state of affairs will eventually lead to Aust pers being prohibited from attending.

In future no liquor will be taken to cinema screenings but will be consumed ONLY in unit areas.


Capt
(R. E. Pape)
Adjt 2/8 Aust Inf Bn

1.0 & R.M.O.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

RESTRICTED

ROUTINE ORDERS

BY

Lt-col W.S.HOWDEN, Commanding 2/8 Aust Inf Bn

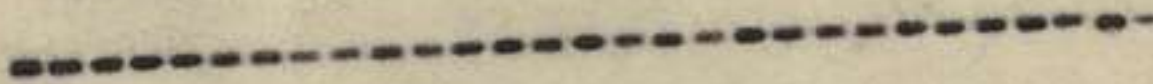
21 Nov 44

No.: 4

1. DUTIES: Duty Offr to mount 1600 hrs 21 Nov: Lt J.V.KITTO
N.F.D. : Lt A.C.DILLON
Duty Coy to mount 1700 hrs 21 Nov : "D" Coy
N.F.D. : "HQ" Coy
2. BEER RATION: In future troops will NOT be issued with more than one(1) bottle of beer on any one day. The following instructions will take effect commencing next day of issue:
- (a) CQMS Coys will draw complete ration on day of issue
 - (b) One bottle per man will be issued on Monday (or day of issue) one bottle per man on Tuesday (or day following initial day of issue)
 - (c) Coys are responsible for the picqueting of their own ration stores
3. CENSORSHIP: (a) Commencing 13th day of December personnel of this unit are permitted to mention that they are in NG. On no account will troops mention dates or any information relevant to embarkation or disembarkation.
- (b) Coys will ensure that mail is franked by responsible sub-unit commanders.
4. MEDICAL: All personnel will receive Spirit Flavine drops in ears immediately after swimming. SBs will be stationed at the beach for the purpose. Personnel NOT on organised Pde will report to RAP for treatment.
5. NATIVES: Natives will under no circumstances be allowed in unit lines except as official working parties.
- Natives have been informed of this and cases of disobedience are to be handled through normal provost channels.
6. REST DAY: Henceforth SUNDAY will be observed as a day of rest subject to the continuance of normal Adm and urgent work.
7. SYNCHRONIZATION OF TIME: Commencing 22 Nov 44, Coys xixi and BnHQ will synchronize watches with Signal Officer at 0730 hrs and 1930 hrs vide Bn Standing Orders for War.

R.E. Pape
Capt
(R.E. PAPE.)
Adjnt 2/8 Aust Inf Bn

LOST: Wallet, black leather, Money inside. No initials, photos,
Please Return to NX171471, Pte WILLIS, O., BnHQ RAP. 10/- Reward.



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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES

No.6

RESTRICTED

ROUTINE ORDER

BY

Lt-col W.S. HOWDEN, Commanding 2/8 Aust Inf Bn

26 Nov 44

1. DUTIES: Duty Offr to mount 1700 hrs 27 Nov 44: Lt A.G. COMBES
N.F.D. ; Lt J. S. LYONS
Duty Coy to mount 1700 hrs 27 Nov 44 : "D" Coy
N.F.D. ; "HQ" Coy
2. NATIVES: are NOT permitted to enter unit lines, and will be escorted out of area, if found. Coys adjoining track to Paup Village will take necessary precautions to prevent thieving by natives making use of the track.
3. WEARING OF SHIRTS: Personnel will NOT remove shirts while engaged on manual labour. There is no amendment to previous instructions.
4. DISPOSAL OF COCONUTS: Coys will take immediate action to collect all coconuts lying on the ground and to burn or bury same.
5. CLEARING OF AREA: (a) All abandoned defensive positions, bunkers etc will be demolished and filled in. Sand-bags, if sound, may be utilized by coys.
(b) Vegetation in and adjacent to coy lines will be cut down and burned.
6. BLINDS: will be marked distinctly as soon as located and location reported to BnHQ immediately. Care must be exercised by personnel engaged in cutting down vegetation.
7. BATHING: Personnel will NOT move through BnHQ or coy areas other than their own on route to the beach. Signs will be posted marking bathing areas. A and HQ coys will be responsible for supplying life-saving picket of 3 experienced swimmers daily. Personnel will NOT bathe outside limits indicated by signs.
8. NATIVE FRUITS: Personnel will NOT sample or handle unknown fruits and plants as many of these are poisonous, and if handled have severe effects on the skin.
9. SIGNAL CABLE: Many cases have occurred of signal lines being cut, particularly EAST of the NIGIA RIVER. The main cause has been carelessness when felling trees.
Action will be taken to ensure that signal communications are NOT interfered with in this way.
10. PROHIBITED ARTICLES (First Aust Army Adm Standing Orders Chap 14 para 19)
The following articles will NOT be sent to the mainland:-
 - (a) Any plant, bulb, seed or cutting of any plant (Ref Adm Standing Orders NGP Chap 14 para 10.)
 - (b) Tobacco, cigarettes or any article sold or distributed or supplied by AA Canteens Service or any Allied Force's canteen or similar institution or any philanthropic organisation.

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

45 / 44 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 4 / 11 / 1944 2/8 Aust Inf Bn (Unit)

W.E. 11 120 / 3 OFFRS. 33 O.R's. 789 + OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 32 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.			
(AAIC)	1	13	1021 33	* * Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs.	(AAIC)	1						
	1	13	45			1						
		DETAIL	A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
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).		A.	46									46
		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 PARTICULARLY REQUESTED. (Unit) IS

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

2/8 Aust Inf Bn

Unit

45 / 44 (Serial No.)

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 4 / 11 / 1944 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Lt-col	VX14047	HOWDEN	W.S.	C.O.	Yes		
Maj	VX66	SIMPSON	C.L.	21/c	"		
"	SX1451	FRANHAM	D.	OC HQ	"		
Capt	VX204	MASKELL	H.J.Mc.	OC B	"		
"	VX6596	DIPPY	S.C.	OC D	"		
"	VX9768	FRYER	H.J.	OC C	"		
"	VX6508	GATELY	J.C.	OC A	"		
"	VX5479	KUMLEY	L.O.	21/cB	"		
"	VX6513	MURCALP	E.C.	" A	"		
"	VX6406	COULSTON	H.A.	" D	"		
"	VX6401	ADAMS	J.S.	ON	"		
"	VX39724	PAPE	R.E.	Adjt	"		
Lt	VX6469	McDERMOTT	R.J.	OC 3	"		
"	VX6405	COOPER	L.C.	21/cC	"		
"	VX9105	WATSON	E.L.	OC 14	"		
"	VX6300	TRETHOWAN	J.W.	Supn	"		
"	VX6209	PISHLOCK	G.F.W.	OC 12	"		
"	VX117102	CONNOLLY	H.P.	OC 15	"		
"	TX4637	COMBES	G.A.	OC 13	"		
"	MX129438	DOVRY	J.C.	TO	"		
"	VX52854	DOUGLAS	H.A.W.	OC 9	"		
"	VX43519	ATKINSON	W.B.	OC 8	"		
"	VX33456	LYONS	J.S.	OC 16	"		
"	VX38604	CHAPPE	F.C.	OC 1	"		
"	VX13323	HUTSON	W.A.	OC 17	"		
"	MX136138	TURNBULL	A.W.J.	OC 18	"		
"	VX11725	GRAVERER	W.H.	A/Adjt	"		
"	MX6033	ERSKINE	T.R.	OC 10	"		
"	VX3932	WESTWOOD	W.H.	OC 2	"		
"	TX4510	RITTO	J.V.	OC 4	"		
"	VX4213	TURNER	C.R.	OC 7	"		
"	VX103826	KIRK	T.A.	Supn	"		
"	VX65325	DILLOE	A.C.	"	No	I Aust Army Pnr Sch 24.9.44	
"	VX29417	BENTLEY	A.H.	TO	Yes		
"	VX102449	GARDINER	P.W.	OC 11	"		
"	VX39345	PENN-TONKIE	L.H.	Supn	"		
"	VX62394	NICHOLSON	H.H.	OC 3	"		
"	VX28073	WILSON	J.	Supn	"		
"	VX36545	LILJEROS	R.T.	"	"		
"	VX67918	O'SHEA	W.E.	"	"		
"	VX37290	BOLGER	E.C.	"	"		
"	VX66673	BEHAN	G.T.	"	"		
"	VX43194	HOLDEN	A.G.	"	"		
"	SX23938	EWART	R.L.	"	"		
"	SX22828	BICKLE	A.G.	"	"		
Capt	SX22401	BENNETT	C.L.	R.H.O.	"	(ATTACHED ON W.E.)	

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.
Chap	OX40920	McDONALD C.H.	AACHD	30.6.42	Chaplain

4.11.44

Date of Despatch

(W.S.HOWDEN.) Lt-col

Signature of Commander

Commanding 2/8 Aust Inf Bn

2/8 Aust Inf Bn Unit

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PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 4 / 11 / 1944 .

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

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 _____ Signature of Commander _____
 a.w. 6m bks 3/43

DATE 4.11.44

UNIT 2/8 Aust Inf Bn

WE 11/12/3^c

One Reinf't - 8 x 78

TRADE	Rank	WE	Posted Strength	Def-icit	Sur-plus	Reinf'ts Required
TRADE GROUP 1						
Blacksmith	Pte	1	1		1	
Boilermaker			1		1	
Sig Operator			1		1	
Bricklayer						
TRADE GROUP 11						
Carpenter	Pte	6	5	1		
Int Duties	Sgt	1	1			
" "	Cpl	2	2		1	
" "	Pte	7	8			NR
Signallers	Cpl	4	2	2	8	
" "	Pte	22	30			
TRADE GROUP 111						
Butcher	Pte	1	1		1	
Clerks	Sgt	2	2			
"	Cpl	6	5	1	3	
"	Pte	4	7			
Eqpt Repairer	Pte	1	1			
Wangstaker	Pte	4	4			
Storesman Tech	Sgt	1	1			
" "	Pte	3	3			
Tailor	Sgt	1	1			
"	Cpl	1	1		14	
Dvr Mech			14		1	
Nursing Orderly			1			
NON-SPECIALISTS						
WOL		1	1			
WOL1		5	5			
WOL1		1	1			
EQMS	S/Sgt	5	5			
Pl Sgts	Sgt	25	21	4		NR
Batmen	Pte	35	33	2		13 (44 Offrs on str)
Dvrs MT	Cpl	1	1			
"	Pte	11	11		1	1
Gen Dut. (Mess)	Pte	3	2		1	
Hyg Duties	Pte	4	5			NR
LMG/Riflemen	Cpl	36	32	4		19
" "	Pte	361	342	19		
LMG Nos	Cpl	2	3		1	
" "	Pte	20	23		3	
Mortar Nos	Cpl	5	5			
" "	Pte	68	72		4	
Orderlies	Pte	32	35		3	
Pioneers	Cpl	4	4			
"	Pte	28	32		4	
Regtl Police	Sgt	1	1			
" "	Pte	6	6			NR
Storemen	Pte	6	5	1		
Catcher-Bear			1			
"	Sgt	1	2			
"	Cpl	2	18			
"	Pte	18	4			
Tk/A Gun Nos	Cpl	4	18		1	
" "	Pte	15	2			
Water Duties	Pte	2				
TOTAL CARRIED FORWARD		769	782	35	48	33

N.C.O. SURPLUS TO W.E.

VX29528 Cpl PRETTY, J.

The promotion of this NCO to the rank of Sjt has been approved by Comd, 6 Aust Div - Auth 13/345 and W3011 submitted to Q'ld Ech & Records. Vacancy for this promotion exists within WE.

APPENDIX 'A' (continued)

TRADE	Rank	WE	Posted Strength	Def-icit	Sur-plus	Reinfts Required	-/-
TOTAL BROUGHT FORWARD		767					
<u>ATTACHED BY WE</u>		769	782	34	48	33	
<u>AAMC</u>							
Chiropodist	Cpl	1	1				
Hyg Inspector	Sgt	1	1				
Med Orderly	Sgt	1	1				
" "	Pte	1	1				
<u>AAOC</u>							
Shoemaker	Cpl	1	1				
<u>AEME</u>							
Armourer	Sgt	1	1				
" TGI	Pte	1	1		1		
Fitter Gun TGI	Pte	1	1		1		
<u>NY Fitter</u>			1		1		
<u>AA POST S</u>							
Postal Duties	Sgt	1	1				
<u>AAPC</u>							
Pay Clerk	Sgt	1	1				
" "	Cpl	1	1				
<u>AACC</u>							
Caterer	WO11	1	1				
Cooks	Sgt	5	4	1		NR	
"	Cpl	5	4	1		NR	
"	Pte	13	16		3		
		862	818	37	54	33	
<u>SURPLUS TRADESMEN NOT ALLOWED BY WE</u>		864					
<u>TRADE GROUP 1</u>							
etc							
GP 1	Boilermaker		1				
	Sig Operator		1				
	Bricklayer		1				
GP 11	Intelligence		1				
	Signallers		8				
GP 111	Bootmaker		1				
	Clerks		3				
	Dvr Mechs		14				
	Nursing Orderly		1				

-/- This column NOT to be used

DATE OF DESPATCH 4.11.44

SIGNATURE

W.S. Howden Lt-col
(W.S. HOWDEN)
Commanding 2/8 Aust Inf Bn

2/8 Aust Inf Bn Unit

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 11/11/1944 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
lt-col	VX14647	HORDER	W.S.	C.O.	Yes		
Maj	VX66	SIMPSON	C.L.	21/8	#		
"	SX1451	BRAMAN	D.	00 12	#		
Capt	VX204	MACKELL	H.J.	00 8	#		
"	VX6596	DUFFY	S.J.	00 8	#		
"	VX9768	DEYER	H.J.	00 0	#		
"	VX6508	CATLY	J.C.	00 A	#		
"	VX5479	RUMLEY	L.O.	21/08	#		
"	VX6513	MUTCALP	R.C.	"	#		
"	VX6406	CULLISTON	H.A.	"	#		
"	VX6401	ADAMS	J.S.	00	#		
"	VX39724	FAFE	H.S.	Adjt	#		
lt	VX6469	HODGKINSON	R.J.	00 3	#		
"	VX6405	COOPER	L.C.	21/8	#		
"	VX9105	HATSON	H.L.	00 14	#		
"	VX6500	TRISTRAM	J.H.	Supn	#		
"	VX6209	FISHLACK	G.F.	00 12	#		
"	VX117102	CONROY	H.P.	00 13	#		
"	VX6837	COMBS	G.A.	00 13	#		
"	SX129438	DOYNE	J.C.	10	#		
"	VX62854	DOUGLAS	H.A.	00 8	#		
"	VX43519	ATKINSON	W.B.	00 8	#		
"	VX38456	LYONS	J.S.	00 16	#		
"	VX38804	CHAPPE	F.C.	00 1	#		
"	VX13123	HUTCH	W.A.	00 17	#		
"	SX138188	TURBULL	A.W.J.	00 18	#		
"	VX11725	GRAVNER	W.H.	A/Adjt	#		
"	VX6033	ERKINE	T.R.	00 10	#		
"	VX63932	WESTWOOD	H.H.	00 2	#		
"	VX4510	KITTO	J.V.	00 4	#		
"	VX4213	TURNER	C.R.	00 7	#		
"	VX1 9396	KERR	T.A.	Supn	#		
"	VX65325	DILLON	A.G.	Supn	No	1 Aust Pnr Sch 24.9.44	
"	VX29417	BENLEY	A.R.	I.S.	Yes		
"	VX102448	GARDNER	F.H.	00 11	#		
"	VX69845	PENN-TOBKIN	L.M.	Supn	#		
"	VX62324	NICHOLSON	H.R.	00 5	#		
"	VX28070	HILSON	J.	Supn	#		
"	VX36545	LILJENOS	H.T.	"	#		
"	VX37818	O'SHEA W.E.	H.V.	"	#		
"	VX37290	BOLGER	H.C.	"	#		
"	VX66073	BEHAN	G.T.	"	#		
"	VX43194	HORDER	A.C.	"	#		
"	SX23933	SWART	H.L.	"	#		
"	SX228 28	BICKLE	A.C.	"	#		
Capt	SX22401	BENNETT	C.L.	END	#	ATTACHED ON S.E.)	

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.
chaplain	QX40920	McDONALD C.W.	AACHD	30.6.42.	chaplain

11.11.44 Date of Despatch

W.S. Horder
(W.S. HORDER.) Lt-col
Commanding 2/8 Aust Inf Bn

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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

46 / 44 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 11 / 11 / 1944 3/8 Aust Inf Bn (Unit)

W.E. 11/1223 OFFRS. 33 O.R.'s 769 + OFFRS. 1 O.R.'s 32 ATT. BY W.E.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10				
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.								
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.				
	1		1 2 9 33	* * Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs.	(AAMC)	1							
	1	13	45			1							
		DETAIL		A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
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).		A.		46									46 3
		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).

**PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in
Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday / / 194 .**

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, R.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangetakers			
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								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevedores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers				Tailors			
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters				Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics											
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)											
Fitters				Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors							
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers							
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks							
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply							
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical							
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties				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							
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant							
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.							
Photewriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers							
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD				Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.			*

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

Signature of Commander

DATE 1.11.44

UNIT 2/8 Aust Inf Bn WE 11/12/3 One Reinf't - 8 x 78

TRADE	Rank	WE	Posted Strength	Deficit	Surplus	Reinf'ts Required
TRADE GROUP 1						
Blacksmith	Pte	1	1			
Bollermaker			1		1	
Sig Operator			1		1	
Bricklayer			1			
TRADE GROUP 11						
Carpenter	Pte	6	5	1		
Int Duties	Sgt	1	1			
" "	Cpl	2	2			
" "	Pte	7	3		1	
Signallers	Cpl	4	2	2		NR
" "	Pte	22	30		8	
TRADE GROUP 111						
Butcher	Pte	1	1			
Clerks	Sgt	2	2			
"	Cpl	6	5	1		NR
"	Pte	4	7		3	
Eqpt Repairer	Pte	1	1			
Wangemaker	Pte	4	4			
Storeman Tech	Sgt	1	1			
" "	Pte	3	1			
Tailor	Sgt	1	1			
"	Cpl	1	1			
Dvr Mocha			1		1	
Nursing Orderly			1		1	
NON-SPECIALISTS						
RSM	WO1	1	1			
CSM	WO11	5	5			
RQMS	WO11	1	1			
CQMS	S/Sgt	5	5			
Pl Sgts	Sgt	25	21	4		NR
Batmen	Pte	35	33	2		15 (48 on strength)
Dvrs MT	Cpl	1	1			
"	Pte	11	11			
Gen Dut. (Mess)	Pte	3	2	1		1
Hyg Duties	Pte	4	5		1	
LMG/Riflemen	Cpl	36	31	5		NR
" "	Pte	361	343	18	38	18
MMG Nos	Cpl	2	3		1	
" "	Pte	20	23		3	
Mortar Nos	Cpl	5	5			
" "	Pte	68	72		4	
Orderlies	Pte	32	35		3	
Pioneers	Cpl	4	4			
"	Pte	28	32		4	
Regtl Police	Sgt	1	1			
" "	Pte	6	6			
Storemen	Pte	6	5	1		NR
Stretcher-Bearers	Sgt	1	1			
" "	Cpl	2	2			
" "	Pte	18	18			
Tk/A Gun Nos	Cpl	4	4			
" "	Pte	15	16		1	
Water Duties	Pte	2	2			
TOTAL CARRIED FORWARD			769	35	48	32
			782	35	48	32

APPENDIX 'A' (continued)

TRADE	Rank	WE	Posted Strength	Def-icit	Sur- plus	Reinfts Required	-/-
TOTAL BROUGHT FORWARD		767 769	782	35	48	32	
<u>ATTACHED BY WE</u>							
<u>AAMC</u>							
Chiropodist	Cpl	1	1				
Hyg Inspector	Sgt	1	1				
Med Orderly	Sgt	1	1				
" "	Pte	1	1				
<u>AAOC</u>							
Shoemaker	Cpl	1	1				
<u>AEME</u>							
Armourer	Sgt	1	1		1		
" TGI	Pte	1	1		1		
Fitter Gun TGI	Pte	1	1		1		
WV Fitter			1				
<u>AA POST S</u>							
Postal Duties	Sgt	1	1				
<u>AAPC</u>							
Pay Clerk	Sgt	1	1				
" "	Cpl	1	1				
<u>AACC</u>							
Caterer	WO11	1	1				
Cooks	Sgt	5	4	1		NR	
"	Cpl	5	4	1		NR	
"	Pte	13	16		3		
		802 803	818	37	54	32	
<u>SURPLUS TRADESMEN NOT ALLOWED BY WE</u>							
<u>TRADE GROUP 1</u>							
OP 1	Bootsmaker		1				
	Big Operator		1				
	Bricklayer		1				
OP 11	Intelligence		1				
	Signallers		1				
OP 111	Bootsmaker		1				
	Clerks		1				
	Dvr Books		1				
	Nursing Orderly		1				

-/- This column NOT to be used

DATE OF DESPATCH

11.11.44

SIGNATURE

W.S. Howden Lt-col
(W.S. HOWDEN)
Commanding 2/8 Aust Inf Bn

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

47 / 44 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 10/11/1944 (Unit)

W.E. 11/126 OFFRS. 33 O.R's. 755 OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 35 ATT. BY W.E.

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

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.							
	1	13	1 2 9 33	* * Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs.	(AANC)	1										
	1	13	45			1										
				DETAIL	A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.		
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).				A.										46		
				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

2/8 Aust Inf Bn

(Serial No.)

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 18/11/194. (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.
VX Lt-col	VX14047	HOWDEN	W.S.	C.O.	Yes		
Maj	VX66	SIMPSON	C.L.	21/c	"		
"	SX1451	BRABAN	D.	OC HQ	"		
Capt	VX204	MASKELL	H.J.	OC B	"		
"	VX6596	DI FREY	S.C.	OC D	"		
"	VX9768	DWYER	M.J.	OC C	"		
"	VX6508	GATELY	J.C.	OC A	"		
"	VX5479	RUMLEY	D.O.	21/c	"		
"	VX6513	MITCHELL	H.C.	21/c	"		
"	VX6406	COULSTON	H.A.	21/c	"		
"	VX6401	ADAMS	J.S.	OC	"		
"	VX39724	PAPE	E.P.	Adj	"		
Lt	VX6469	McKENNITT	E.J.	OC 3	"		
"	VX6405	COOPER	L.C.	21/c	"		
"	VX9105	WATSON	E.L.	OC 14	"		
"	VX6300	TRETTOWAN	J.M.	Supn	"		
"	VX6309	FISHLICK	G.P.E.	OC 12	"		
"	VX117102	CONNOLLY	H.P.	OC 15	"		
"	VX4637	COMBES	G.A.	OC 13	"		
"	VX129438	DOVY	J.C.	TO	"		
"	VX52834	DONLON	E.A.W.	OC 9	"		
"	VX43510	ATKINSON	W.B.	OC 8	"		
"	VX33456	LYONS	J.S.	OC 16	"		
"	VX38604	CHAPPE	P.C.	OC 1	"		
"	VX13523	RUTSON	W.A.	OC 17	"		
"	VX138108	TURNBULL	A.W.J.	OC 18	"		
"	VX11725	GRAVIMER	W.E.	A/Adj	"		
"	VX6033	BRSKINE	T.R.	OC 10	"		
"	VX83932	WESTWOOD	W.H.	OC 2	"		
"	VX4510	KITTO	J.V.	OC 4	"		
"	VX4213	TURNER	C.R.	OC 7	"		
"	VX109896	KEER	T.A.	Supn	"		
"	VX65325	BILLON	A.C.	Supn	"		
"	VX29417	BENTLEY	A.P.	IO	"		
"	VX102448	GARDNER	P.H.	OC 11	"		
"	VX89845	PENN-TONKIN	L.H.	Supn	"		
"	VX62394	NICHOLSON	H.R.	OC 5	"		
"	VX89070	WILSON	J.	Supn	"		
"	VX37545	LILLINGS	R.T.	"	"		
"	VX37918	O'SHEA	W.E.	"	"		
"	VX97290	BOLGER	E.C.	"	"		
"	VX36673	BREAN	C.C.	"	"		
"	VX43104	HUNTER	A.C.	"	"		
"	SX23030	EWART	R.L.	"	"		
"	SX22820	BICKLE	A.C.	"	"		

Capt SX22401 BENNETT C.I. R.M.O. (ATTACHED ON W.E.)

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.
Chap	QX40920	McDONALD C.H.	AAChD	30.6.43	Chaplain

Date of Despatch 18.11.44

Signature of Commander (W.S. HOWDEN.) Lt-col

Commanding 2/8 Aust Inf Bn

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 18 / 11 / 1944.

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants				
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, E.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen				
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers				
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing				
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental				
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers				
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangetakers				
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								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer				
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevedores				
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine				
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical				
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers				Tailors				
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters				
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths				
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers				
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors				
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters				Winchman				Whitesmiths				
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman								
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners								
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics												
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)												
Fitters				Driver-Operator												
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers												
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians												
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)												
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.				
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors								
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers								
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks								
Grinder, Precision				Hello Operator				Clerks, Supply								
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical								
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties				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.								
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics								
Pharmacists				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant								
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.								
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers								
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers								
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates								
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers								
CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD				Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.			*	*

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(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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Date of Despatch

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Signature of Commander

UNIT 2/8 Aust Inf Bn WE 11/12/3 One Reinft - 8 x 78

TRADE	Rank	WE	Posted Strength	Deficit	Surplus	Reinfts Required
TRADE GROUP 1						
Blacksmith	Pte	1	1			
Boilermaker	Pte	1	1		1	
Sig Operator			1		1	
Bricklayer			1		1	
TRADE GROUP 11						
Carpenter	Pte	6	5	1		NR
Int Duties	Sgt	1	1			
" "	Cpl	2	2			
" "	Pte	7	8	1	1	
Signallers	Cpl	4	4			
" "	Pte	22	28		6	
TRADE GROUP 111						
Bootmaker			1		1	
Butcher	Pte	1	1			
Clerks	Sgt	2	2			
"	Cpl	6	6			
"	Pte	4	8		4	
Eqpt Repairer	Pte	1	1			
Hangemaker	Pte	4	4			
Storeman Tech	Sgt	1	1			
" "	Pte	3	3			
Tailor	Sgt	1	1			
"	Cpl	1	1			
Dvr Mechs	Pte		15		15	
NON-SPECIALISTS						
RSM	WO1	1	1			
CSM	WO11	5	5			
RQMS	WO11	1	1			
CQMS	S/Sgt	5	5			
Pl Sgts	Sgt	25	23	2		NR
Batmen	Pte	35	33	2	2	13 (46 Offrs on St
Dvrs MT	Cpl	1	1			
"	Pte	11	11			
Gen Dut. (Mess)	Pte	3	2	1		1
Hyg Duties	Pte	4	5		1	
LMG/Riflemen	Cpl	36	33	3	3	NR
" "	Pte	361	337	24		24
MMG Nos	Cpl	2	2			
" "	Pte	20	23		3	
Mortar Nos	Cpl	5	5			
" "	Pte	68	70		2	
Orderlies	Pte	32	36		6	
Pioneers	Cpl	4	4			
"	Pte	28	31		3	
Regtl Police	Sgt	1	1			
" "	Pte	6	6			
Storemen	Pte	6	5	1		NR
Stretcher-Bearers	Sgt	1	1			
" "	Cpl	2	2			
" "	Pte	18	17	1		1
Tk/A Gun Nos	Cpl	4	3	1		NR
" "	Pte	15	16		1	
Water Duties	Pte	2	2			
TOTAL CARRIED FORWARD						
		769	779	36	46	39

APPENDIX 'A' (continued)

TRADE	Rank	WE	Posted Strength	Def-icit	Sur- plus	Reinfts Required	-/-
TOTAL BROUGHT FORWARD		769 767	779	36	46	39	
<u>ATTACHED BY WE</u>							
<u>AAMC</u>							
Chiroprapist	Cpl	1	1				
Hyg Inspector	Sgt	1	1				
Med Orderly	Sgt	1	1				
" "	Pte	1	1				
<u>AAOC</u>							
Shoemaker	Cpl	1	1				
<u>AEME</u>							
Armourer	Sgt	1	1				
" TGI	Pte	1	1				
Fitter Gun TGI	Pte	1	1				
" "	Pte	1	1				
<u>AA POSTS</u>							
Postal Duties	Sgt	1	1				
<u>AAPC</u>							
Pay Clerk	Sgt	1	1				
" "	Cpl	1	1				
<u>AACC</u>							
Caterer	WO1	1	1				
Cooks	Sgt	5	5	1		BR	
"	Cpl	5	5				
"	Pte	13	13				
		802	816	37	52	39	
<u>SURPLUS TRADESMEN NOT ALLOWED BY WE</u>		801					
<u>TRADE GROUP 1 etc</u>							
GP 1	Boilermaker		1				
	Sig Operator		1				
	Bricklayer		1				
GP 11	Intelligence		1				
	Signallers		1				
GP 111	Bootmaker		1				
	Clerks		4				
	Dvr Mechs		15				

-/- This column NOT to be used

DATE OF DESPATCH 18.11.44 SIGNATURE W.S. Howden Lt-col
 (W.S. HOWDEN)
 Commanding 2/8 Aust Inf Br

DATE _____

UNIT: 2/8 Aust Inf Bn

WE 11/120/3

One Reinft - 8 x 78

TRADE	Rank	WE	Posted Strength	Def-icit	Sur-plus	Reinfts Required
TRADE GROUP 1						
Blacksmith	Pte	1				
TRADE GROUP 11						
Carpenter	Pte	6				
Int Duties	Sgt	1				
" "	Cpl	2				
" "	Pte	7				
Signallers	Cpl	2				
"	Pte	24				
TRADE GROUP 111						
Butcher	Pte	1				
Clerk	Sgt	2				
"	Cpl	5				
"	Pte	4				
Eqpt Repairer	Pte	1				
Rangetaker	Pte	4				
Storeman Tech	Sgt	1				
" "	Pte	3				
Tailor	Sgt	1				
"	Cpl	1				
NON-SPECIALISTS						
RSM	WO1	1				
CSM	WO11	5				
RQMS	WO11	1				
CQMS	S/Sgt	5				
Pl Sgts	Sgt	24				
Batmen	Pte	34				
Dvrs MT	Pte	12				
Gen Duties (Mess)	Pte	3				
Hyg Duties	Pte	4				
LMG/Rifleman	Cpl	36				
" "	Pte	361				
MMG Nos	Cpl	3				
" "	Pte	20				
Mortar Nos	Cpl	5				
" "	Pte	68				
Orderlies	Pte	34				
Pioneers	Cpl	4				
"	Pte	26				
Regtl Police	Sgt	1				
" "	Pte	6				
Storemen	Pte	6				
Stretcher- Bearers	Sgt	1				
" "	Cpl	2				
" "	Pte	18				
TK/A Gun Nos	Cpl	4				
" " "	Pte	15				
Water Duties	Pte	2				
TOTAL CARRIED FORWARD		707				

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 5 / 11 / 1944 7 Aust Inf Bn (Unit)

W.E. 11/120 3 OFFRS. 33 O.R.'s 769 + OFFRS. 1 O.R.'s 32 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.					
	1	I 10	1 2 10 30	* * Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs.	(AMC)	1								
	1	11	43			1								
		DETAIL		A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.	
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).		A.		44									44	
		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.
VX28070	Lt	WILSON J.	Marched out to	28.10.44	W/O from Rear Party
VX37545	Lt	LILJEROS R.T.R.	6 Aust Rec Camp	28.10.44	" "
			to await disposal:	6 Aust Div Auth:	A350 of
					27 Oct 44.

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 25/11/1944 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Lt-col	VX14047	HORDEN	W.S.	C.O.	Yes		
Maj	VY66	SIMPSON	C.L.	21/e			
	SX1451	BRAMAN	D.	OC HQ			
Capt	VX204	MASKELL	H.J.Mc	OC B			
"	VY6596	DIPPY	S.C.	OC B			
"	VY9788	DEYER	W.J.	OC C			
"	VY6508	GATLEY	J.C.	OC A			
"	VX5479	HURLBY	D.C.	21/eB			
"	VY6513	MITCALP	H.C.	21/eA			
"	VX6406	COULSTON	H.A.	D	o	Rear Details	25/10/44
"	VX6401	ADAMS	J.S.	OC	Yes		
"	VX39704	PAPE	H.E.	Adjt			
"	VY6469	McDERMOTT	H.T.	21/eC			
Lt	VY6405	COOPER	H.C.	Supn			
"	VY9105	WATSON	J.L.	OC 14			
"	VY6300	TRATHOWAN	J.H.	Supn			
"	VY6209	RISHLOCK	G.P.H.	OC 12			
"	VX117102	CONNOLLY	H.P.	OC 15			
"	VX4637	COMBES	G.A.	OC 13			
"	VX129438	DOVEY	J.C.	OC			
"	VY52834	DOUGLAS	H.A.H.	OC 9			
"	VX43519	ATRINSON	W.H.	OC 8			
"	VX38456	LYONS	J.S.	OC 16			
"	VX38604	CHAPPE	P.C.	OC 1			
"	VX13323	HUTSON	W.A.	OC 17			
"	VX139188	SUMMILL	A.H.J.	OC 18			
"	VX11728	GRAVENOR	W.H.	Adjt			
"	VX6033	BRKINE	T.R.	OC 10			
"	VY63932	WESTWOOD	W.H.	OC 2			
"	VX4510	ZITTO	J.V.	OC 4			
"	VX4213	FURNER	C.R.	OC 7			
"	VX109886	KERR	T.A.	Supn			
"	VX65325	DILLON	A.C.				
"	VX29417	BENTLEY	A.R.	IO			
"	VX102448	GARDNER	P.M.	OC 11			
"	VX89845	PENN-ROKIN	L.M.	OC 3			
"	VX62394	NICHOLSON	H.R.	OC 5			
"	VY87918	O'SHEA	W.H.	Supn			
"	VX87290	BOLGER	H.C.				
"	VX36673	BRHAN	C.T.				
"	VX43194	HOLDEN	A.C.				
"	SX23039	SWART	H.S.				
"	SX22928	BICKLE	A.C.				
	ATTACHED ON F.E.						
Capt	SX22401	BENNETT	C.L.	RMO			

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.
Maj Chap	VX40920	McDONALD C.M.	AACHD	30.6.42	Chaplain

25.11.44
Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

Unit

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2/8 Aust Inf Bn
**PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in
 Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday / /194 .**

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

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

Signature of Commander

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APPENDIX 'A' (continued)

TRADE	Rank	WE	Posted Strength	Def-icit	Sur-plus	Reinfts Required	-/-
TOTAL BROUGHT FORWARD		739 767	731	32	44	38	
<u>ATTACHED BY WE</u>							
<u>AAMC</u>							
Chiropodist	Cpl	1	1				
Hyg Inspector	Sgt	1	1				
Med Orderly	Sgt	1	1				
" "	Pte	1	1				
<u>AAOC</u>							
Shoemaker	Cpl	1	1				
<u>AEME</u>							
Armourer	Sgt	1	2		1		
" TGI	Pte	1	1		1		
Fitter Gun TGI	Pte	1	1		1		
W Fitter	Pte	1	1		1		
<u>AA POST S</u>							
Postal Duties	Sgt	1	1				
<u>AAPC</u>							
Pay Clerk	Sgt	1	1				
" "	Cpl	1	1				
<u>AACC</u>							
Caterer	WO1	1	1				
Cooks	Sgt	5	4	1		NR	
"	Cpl	5	8				
"	Pte	13	15		2		
		802	813	33	60	38	
<u>SURPLUS TRADESMEN NOT ALLOWED BY WE</u>							
<u>TRADE GROUP 1</u>							
Op I	etc		1				
	Boilermaker		1				
	Sig Operator		1				
	Bricklayer		1				
Op II	Signallers		1				
	Intelligence		1				
Op III	Bootmaker		1				
	Clerks		4				
	Dvr Mechs		15				

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DATE OF DESPATCH 25.11.46

SIGNATURE

W.S. Howden Lt-col
(W.S. HOWDEN)
Commanding 2/8 Aust Inf Bn

DATE 25 Nov 44

UNIT 2/8 Aust Inf Bn

WE 11/12/3^c

One Reinft - 8 x 78

TRADE	Rank	WE	Posted Strength	Def-icit	Sur-plus	Reinfts Required	
TRADE GROUP 1							
Blacksmith	Pte	1	1				
Boilermaker	Pte		1		1		
Sig Operator	"		1		1		
Bricklayer	"		1		1		
TRADE GROUP 11							
Carpenter	Pte	6	6				
Int Duties	Sgt	1	1				
" "	Cpl	2	2				
" "	Pte	7	8		1		
Signallers	Cpl	4	4				
" "	Pte	22	28		6		
TRADE GROUP 111							
Butcher	Pte	1	1				
Clerks	Sgt	2	2				
"	Cpl	6	6				
"	Pte	4	8		4		
Eqpt Repairer	Pte	1	1				
Wangemaker	Pte	4	4				
Storesman Tech	Sgt	1	1				
" "	Pte	3	3				
Tailor	Sgt	1	1				
"	Cpl	1	1				
Dvr Mechs	Ptes		15		15		
NON-SPECIALISTS							
RSM	WO1	1	1				
CSM	WO11	5	5				
RQMS	WO11	1	1				
CQMS	S/Sgt	5	5				
Pl Sgts	Sgt	25	25	2		NR	
Batmen	Pte	35	33	2		12 (45 Offrs on Stre)	
Dvrs MT	Cpl	1	1				
"	Pte	11	11			1	
Gen Dut. (Mess)	Pte	3	2	1			
Hyg Duties	Pte	4	5		1		
LMG/Riflemen	Cpl	36	35	1		NR	
" "	Pte	361	337	24		24	
MMG Nos	Cpl	2	2				
" "	Pte	20	22		2		
Mortar Nos	Cpl	5	5				
" "	Pte	68	68				
Orderlies	Pte	32	38		6		
Pioneers	Cpl	4	5		1		
"	Pte	28	31		3		
Regtl Police	Sgt	1	1				
" "	Pte	6	6			NR	
Storesmen	Pte	6	6		1		
Stretcher-Bearers	Sgt	1	1				
" "	Cpl	2	2			1	
" "	Pte	18	17	1			
Tk/A Gun Nos	Cpl	4	4				
" "	Pte	15	16		1		
Water Duties	Pte	2	2				
TOTAL CARRIED FORWARD			769	781	32	44	36

7 MAR 1945

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

Army Form C.2118
(adapted.)

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1 Dec 44

1.

Unit 2/8 AUST INF BN

Date and Time.—From ~~XXXXXX~~

To 4 Dec 44

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
ANAMO	1 Dec 44	0730	Weather:- Fine in morning, stormy in afternoon. C Coy move to AFUA to est patrol base. D Coy plus one pl B Coy working on 2/4 Aust Inf Bn def posns. 5 pl engaged constr work at NYAPARAKE. Remainder of the Bn commence work on Bn def posns and ANAMO-AFUA TRACK.	
	2 Dec 44		Weather:- Fine and hot. C Coy at AFUA. 5 pl at NYAPARAKE. Working parties as follows:- B Coy plus two pls D Coy and one pl A Coy at 2/4 bn def posns. HQ Coy plus one pl A Coy constr work ANAMO-AFUA TRACK. C.O. (Lt-col W S HOWDEN), I.O. (Lt A R BENTLEY) and Mortar Comd (Capt R J Mc DERMOTT) move to AFUA for recce of area. No 3 pl returning from recce area SE of AFUA.	
	3 Dec 44	0700 0830	Weather:- Fine. C Coy at AFUA. HQ, A, B, D coys resting in camp area. 5 pl at NYAPARAKE. R.C. Mass held at Padre's tent. C of E parade, dress informal.	
	4 Dec 44		Weather :- Fine and dull. A Coy working ANAMO - AFUA TRACK. B Coy move out to 2/4 bn for protracted work on def posns. C Coy at AFUA. Patrols strength one offr and one sec leave on first stage. "A" patrol, led by Lt WATSON, route to PLACE SLEEP. "B" patrol, led by Lt TRETOWAN, route to DRELIP CREEK. "C" patrol, led by Lt COMBES, route to YAKAMUL.	

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WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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2.

Unit 2/8 AUST INF BN

Date and Time.—From 4 Dec 44 To 7 Dec 44

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
ANAMO	4 Dec 44		D Coy working on 2/4 bn def posns. HQ Coy special;ist trg.	
		0804	C.O. holds Orderly Room. Capt J C GATELY M/O to attend LHQ Tactical School, BEENLEIGH.	
	5 Dec 44		Lt H R NICHOLSON evac 104 CCS? Weather:- Fine and dull.	
			A Coy working ANAMO- AFUA TRACK. B Coy att 2/4 bn plus D Coy working 2/4 bn def posns. 5 pl constr work NYAPARAKE. Remainder HQ Coy specialist trg.	
			C Coy at AFUA. "B" patrol to DRELIP CK encountered difficulties in locating AFUA - DRELIP CK track, so the patrol was withdrawn.	
		0700	A special recce party of one Cpl and two Int pers moved out to recce track from DRELIP CK to AFUA. Adjt (Capt R E PAPE) and I.O. moved to AFUA for recce. A wallet which was recovered from Japanese bodies killed by air strike in AFUA area belonged to a member of 238 Regt. One Japanese IMG (NAMBU) found in AFUA area available for inspection at Int Office.	
	6 Dec 44		Weather:- Fine and dull.	
			A and D Coy working on ANAMO + AFUA TRACK. B Coy att 2/4 bn for def work. C Coy at AFUA.	
		1645	5 pl constr work NYAPARAKE. Remainder HQ Coy specialist trg. "C" patrol returned to AFUA. NMS. Recce party DRELIP - AFUA reached AFUA.	
	7 Dec 44		Weather:- Fine. A Coy 7 pl constr work AFUA TRACK, remainder bn duties. B and D Coys 2/4 bn def posns. 5 pl constr work at NYAPARAKE. Remainder of, coy specialist trg.	
			C Coy AFUA.	

WAR DIARY or ~~INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.~~

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(Adap ed.)

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Unit 2/8 AUST INF BN

Date and Time.—From 15 Dec 44

To 18 Dec 44

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
ANAMO	15 Dec 44		A and HQ Coys move to new camp site 2/4 bn posns mouth of DRINIUMOR RIVER. B Coy remain at 2/4 bn posns. C Coy at AFUA. I offr 12 OR's leave AFUA for recce HARECH RIVER area. I offr 15 OR's leave AFUA for recce SE to SPOT HEIGHT.	
	16 Dec 44		Weather:- Fine and dull. A, B and HQ Coys at new camp site DRINIUMOR RIVER. D Coy move to new camp site DRINIUMOR RIVER. C Coy at AFUA. Bn HQ still at ANAMO.	
	17 Dec 44		Weather:- Tropical storm. A, B, D and HQ Coys camp constr in morning, remainder of day free in camp. C Coy at AFUA. Bn HQ move to new camp site DRINIUMOR RIVER. Lt H R NICHOLSON RTU ex 104 CCS.	
DRINIUMOR	18 Dec 44		Weather:- Fine. A and D Coys camp constr bn area. B Coy road maintenance. C Coy at AFUA? HQ Coy working parties and specialist trg. C.O.'s Conference. Coy Comds, 2IC, QM and IO attend. O.C. C Coy (Capt M J DWYER) with two pls returned from AFUA. Capt G L BENNETT RTU ex 104 CCS. Chap C H McDONALD moves out to 2/4 bn DANMAP RIVER area.	
		0815 1400		

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Unit 2/8 AUST INF BN

Date and Time.—From 19 Dec 44

To 22 Dec 44

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DRINIUMOR	19 Dec 44		Weather:- Fine. XX A Coy:- Recce of pl posns by pl comds and NCO's. Remainder coy camp constr and constr def posns. B Coy :- Road maintenance. C Coy :- One pl at AFUA, remainder camp constr. D Coy :- 130 OR's standing by for bridging of COW CREEK.	
		0800	HQ Coy:- 5 pl br constr DRIMBOI, remainder specialist trg. C.O's Orderly Room.	
	20 Dec 44		Weather:- Fine and dull. A Coy :- Constr def posns. B Coy :- Working party 2 offrs 62 OR's YAKAMUL. C Coy :- Camp maintenance. D Coy :- 1 offr 36 OR's att RAE BABIANG. 9 OR's DID BABIANG. 1 offr 13 OR's at AFUA, completing relief of C Coy.	
CAIRNS			HQ Coy:- 5 pl br constr DRIMBOI, remainder specialist trg. Recce :- 2 offrs and 1 OR recce road to YAKAMUL. 2/8 bn rear party, Capt H A COULSTON, Lt A M WHITESIDE and 37 OR's embark at CAIRNS.	
DRINIUMOR	21 Dec 44		Weather:- Fine. A Coy :- Constr def posns. B Coy :- 2 offrs 61 OR's YAKAMUL, remainder as for A Coy. C Coy :- Camp constr. Offrs and NCO's recce def posns afternoon. Adm and Bettying of clothes in afternoon. D Coy :- 1 offr 36 OR's att RAE BABIANG. 9 OR's DID. 1 offr 14 OR's at AFUA. Remainder working on def posns.	
			HQ Coy:- 5 pl br constr DRIMBOI, remainder specialist trg.	
	22 Dec 44		Weather:- Fine. A Coy :- Make and Mend. OC and pl comds move to LUAIN. B Coy:- 2 offrs 62 OR's YAKAMUL, remainder coy preparing for move.	

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Unit 2/8 AUST INF BN

Date and Time.—From 22 Dec 44

To 25 Dec 44

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DRINIUMOR	22 Dec 44		C Coy :- Preparing for movement to LUAIN. D Coy :- 1 offr 36 ORs BABIANG, 1 offr 14 ORs AFUA. HQ Coy:- 5 pl br DRIMBOI. 2 offrs 18 ORs at AFUA registering 3 inch mortar and air co-op demo. Remainder HQ Coy specialist trg.	
	23 Dec 44		Weather:- Fine and dull. A Coy :- 3 offrs 65 ORs, B Coy, 100 pers HQ Coy and 20 pers Bn HQ move to LUAIN, bivouacing night 23/24 Dec near DRIMBOI. C Coy :- Bn duties and preparation for move. D Coy :- One pl at BABIANG, remainder coy adm. Remainder HQ Coy preparing for move. Chap C H McDONALD moves to 2/11 bn from 2/4 bn.	
LUAIN	24 Dec 44		Weather :- Tropical storm. A, B, HQ and Bn HQ pers en route to LUAIN arrive at destination. C, D and remainder HQ Coy preparing to move, clearing area. Adv Bn HQ opens at LUAIN.	
	25 Dec 44		Weather :- Fine. A, B, HQ and Bn HQ pers at LUAIN settling in camp area. Remainder of bn at DRINIUMOR spend half day preparing to move and have remainder of day free.	
		1300	R.C. Mass held in rec hut.	
		1800	Pictures screened in bn area.	

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Unit 2/8 Aust Inf Bn

Date and Time.—From 26 Dec 44

To 29 Dec 44

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	26 Dec 44		A Coy moves to IDAKAIBUL, relieving B Coy 2/4 bn. B Coy takes up def posn at FORK, with one pl at OUTLOOK. C and D Coys, remainder Bn HQ, commencing move to LUAIN, staging night 26/27 at ULAU MISSION.	
	27 Dec 44		A Coy commences local patrolling IDAKAIBUL - report NMS. C and D Coys, remainder Bn HQ, arrived LUAIN 1030 hrs.	
	28 Dec 44		Patrols from A Coy to ALBU CK and B Coy patrol EAST from OUTLOOK, report NMS. C Coy take up def posn at mouth of DANMAP RIVER, relieving a Coy of 2/4 Aust Inf Bn. D Coy located vicinity LUAIN MISSION.	
	29 Dec 44		Locations: Bn HQ vicinity LUAIN MISSION. A Coy V 571257 B Coy (less one pl) FORK One pl B Coy OUTLOOK C Coy V 561308 D Coy (Less one pl) V 551306 One pl D Coy providing protection for 53 Bty at SUAIN. HQ Coy (less dets) V 553309 Pnr pl V 557308 Tk-A pl V 193416 Mortars : 2 dets FORK, 4 dets remain with HQ Coy. MMG pl FORK	

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Unit 2/8 Aust Inf Bn

Date and Time.—From 29 Dec 44

To 31 Dec 44

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	29 Dec		During night 28/29 Dec, heavy rain flooded Bn HQ area. Slight movement reported on B Coy perimeter on same night. All patrols NMS.	
	30 Dec 44		A Coy patrol (Lt R L EWART) report signs of movement V 614254 but no contact made. B Coy patrol (Lt E C BOLGER) contacted 7 Japs vicinity SLEEPY CREEK; wounding five, own cas NIL. B Coy patrol located a cave (V 568292) containing 2/300 rifles and other eqpt.	
		0300	C Coy: Japs seen vicinity 13 pl area, several shots were fired, but no known enemy cas inflicted.	
		0940	Patrol from C Coy (Lt G A COMBES) along NW slopes of OUTLOOK V 567301, contacted 6 Japs, killing five and wounding one. These enemy had a quantity of Aust Rations incl a number of Comforts Fund Parcels - documents were recovered. Capt M J DWYER with a small patrol moved out to examine area of contact, sighted 2 more Japs, wounding one. Own cas NIL. Maj D BRAHAM and one OR were slightly wounded by booby trap (set by A Coy) whilst moving with carrier train to IDAKAIBUL. Lt J H TRETOWAN and party arrived LUAIN after having conducted staging area at ULAU MISSION during the bn move forward.	
	31 Dec 44		Capt H A COULSTON, Lt A M WHITESIDE and 37 ORs of rear party, m/i from WONDECLA (North Queensland), having travelled on vessel USS JANE ADAMS. B Coy patrol, with party of Engrs, carried out demolition of cave containing eqpt located 30 Dec 44. D Coy pl returned from protective duties 53 Aust Fd Bty.	

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SECRET

Copy No. 2.

5 Dec 44

2/8 AUST INF BN PATROL INSTN No.2

Ref Map SUAIN WEST 1" to 1 ml

1. INFORMATION: Regarding enemy and own troops is as contained in reports to date.

2. You will continue patrols to PALAURU- CHINAPELLI areas and to YAKAMUL in accordance with the orders contained in Patrol Instrn No.1

3. You will establish a Patrol Base at place PLACESLEEP V220263 for a duration at that place of four days.

4. From PLACESLEEP you will furnish recon patrols as under:-

(a) EAST to contact 2/7 Cav Commando in NIALU Area with whom it is anticipated that arrangements will be made by this HQ to RV at June HARBCH. R and way MAIPEN Ck V282255.

Route SE via CHAUWIN Ck to KUIMBAREL V238239 thence EAST via CHAUWIN Ck to track June 264241 then via track to HARBCH.R 273249 thence River and creek June V282255 approx distance 6 1/2 miles.

(b) SOUTH - Recon of route and tracks.

Route as for (a) above to KUIMBAREL, thence EAST via CHAUWIN Ck to ck and track June V251237, then SOUTH via track through SAMAP-SINBP-NIAMINOIL to approx V245200. Approx distance 7 miles.

(c) SOUTH WEST - Recon of route and tracks

Route EXL PLACESLEEP NW to June CHAUWIN Ck and DRINIUMOR R. V204272 thence SSE and SW via DRINIUMOR R to creek and track June V164224, thence SOUTH via track to MUP V262215.

5. STRENGTH OF PARTY to be based on PLACESLEEP for task enumerated above, which may be varied at your own discretion, will be 2 offrs and 40 ORs plus 2 Sigs.

6. PATROLS ⁴ (a) and (b) will, owing to recent enemy activity, exercise particular caution and will consist of NOT less than 10 ORs in addition to patrol leader.

7. COMMS This HQ will arrange for 2 extra 108 Sets to be delivered to AFUA Area for the purpose of investigating the possibility of establishing RT comm between AFUA and PLACESLEEP.

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W.S. Howden Lt-col
(W.S. HOWDEN.)
Commanding 2/8 Aust Inf Bn

NOTICE

ANGAU - APPLICATIONS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE DISTRICT SERVICES

1. Applications are invited from members of the AMF for appointment to the District Services of the Australian New Guinea Administrative Unit (ANGAU). This unit is a formation of the AMF and carries on the functions of the former civil administrations of the Territory of Papua and the Mandated Territory of New Guinea.
2. Australian New Guinea (comprising both the above-named Territories) has been divided into a number of districts for the purposes of administration, and each district is administered by a district Officer and a staff including Assistant District Officers and Patrol Officers. The positions for which applications are invited are those of patrol officers in the district establishments. The duties of such officers relate to all aspects administration of the areas under control and the extension of government influence amongst the native population.
3. The age of applicants should be 20-25 years, but applications will be considered in cases of special qualifications from applicants not over the age of 35.
4. Applicants who have passed the Leaving Certificate or senior examination of any state or have qualified for matriculation at any Australian University, or who have attained at least an equivalent educational standard, will not be required to pass any educational or intelligence test before being considered for selection. In other cases, an applicant may be required to pass a special test before his application is dealt with.
5. Applicants will be medically examined before selection.
6. Selected applicants will be appointed to ANGAU on probation until they have completed a period of not less than 12 months' field training and taken a course of about 15 weeks' duration at an army school of administration. Appointees who satisfactorily complete this field training and course will be confirmed in their appointments.
7. Appointment to ANGAU on probation will be in the rank held by applicant at the time of selection, provided that selected applicants of a rank higher than that of lieutenant will be required to accept a reduction in rank to lieutenant. Selected applicants below the rank of lieutenant will be eligible for promotion during the period of field training. Upon satisfactory completion of the field training and course, appointees will be posted to ANGAU in the rank of lieutenant.
8. It is desirable that applicants should be prepared to make service in the civil Administration of Papua or New Guinea their career. Selected applicants who are ultimately confirmed in their appointment to ANGAU will be eligible for appointment to the Public Services of the Civil Administrations of the Territories when such administrations are reconstituted. The terms and conditions of appointment to the civil administrations will be a matter of future government definition.
9. Applications should contain the following information and be forwarded, through normal channels, to reach LHQ on or before 27 Dec 44.
Personal particulars of applicant for appointment

No.:

Rank:

Surname (in blocks):

Christian names (in full):

Unit:

Medical classification:

Date of Birth:

age: years

months

Place of birth:

town

country

married or single:

Educational record:

(Examinations and subjects, degrees, diplomas, etc)

Other qualifications:

Civil employment:

(Positions held and details of experience in trade or calling)

Experience (including sporting record):

(in clubs, in organising, dramatic work, music, hobbies, debating, sports, social services.)

Particulars of military service:

Whether prepared to remain in NG Administration after the war:

Names of two persons from whom references may be obtained:

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ROUTINE ORDERS

BY

Lt-col W.S. HOWDEN, Commanding 2/3 Aust Inf Bn

Date: 4 Dec 44

No.: 8.

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1. DUTIES:
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| Duty Officer to mount 1700 hrs 4 Dec 44: | Lt W. WESTWOOD |
| N.F.D. | : Lt W.A. HUTSON |
| Duty Coy to mount 1700 hrs 4 Dec 44 | : "D" Coy |
| N.F.D. | : "HQ" Coy |

2. INTERFERENCE WITH SIGNAL LINES:

Unauthorised tee-ing-in of telephones on signal lines is seriously interfering with line communications.

There will be NO tee-ing-in on any line without the prior authority of the formation or unit maintaining the line.

3. IM PROPER DESTRUCTION OF SIGNAL EQUIPMENT:

1. No member will, without authority, destroy, remove or otherwise interfere with (whether by cutting, discharging firearms at, or otherwise) any insulators or signal cable.
2. Application will be made for the trial of offenders by Court Martial.

4. REMITTANCES OF UNDRAWN PAY AND CASH:

1. It is anticipated that there will be a heavy demand by members to avail themselves of the opportunity of sending remittances to residents in Australia as Christmas Gifts.
2. It is accordingly desired that personnel make remittances as early as possible.
3. Remittances forwarded through AAPC channels and received by the District Accounts Office New Guinea, on or before the 10 Dec 44, will be paid by the 23 Dec 44.

5. INJURIES CAUSED BY ACCIDENTS WITH EXPLOSIVES AND LIVE AMM:

1. Members of the public have been killed or seriously injured ~~recently~~ as a result of handling explosives and live ammunition which either:-
 - (a) have been taken or sent home by members of the forces as souvenirs; or
 - (b) have been negligently left in places to which the public has access.
2. To prevent a recurrence of such accidents, the following instructions will be observed strictly.
3. (a) Unless acting in the course of his military duties or unless so authorised by or under the National Security (Firearms and Explosives) Regulations, a member of the AMF will not have in his possession or deliver or transmit or attempt to deliver or transmit to any person any bomb, shell or other explosive or live ammunition of any kind.
(b) All coys will take vigorous action to ensure that members comply with the terms of this paragraph.

- 4.(a) When any member serving outside Australia and Tasmania is to return to Australia or Tasmania, his kit and baggage will be inspected thoroughly, prior to his embarkation or emplaning, to ensure that he is not in possession of any explosives or live ammunition of any kind other than such as may be necessary in the course of his military duties.
(b) His kit will again be inspected thoroughly at any LFD from which he is to be released or leave prior to his being released.
- 5.(a) (Coys) will ensure that all prescribed safety precautions for the handling and storing of explosives and live ammunition are carefully observed.
(b) Explosives and live ammunition used for training purposes will be carefully safeguarded.
(c) Under no circumstances will explosives or live ammunition of any kind be left unguarded in any place to which members of the public have access.
(d) In areas where training with explosives and live ammunition is carried out, the utmost care will be exercised to ensure that all blinds are searched for and destroyed in accordance with the prescribed safety regulations.
- 6.If a member is charged with an offence against this order, a summary of evidence will be taken and an application submitted to superior authority for trial by Court Martial.

6. INCOME TAX - MEMBERS WITH DEPENDANTS RESIDENT OVERSEAS:

1. The Income Tax Assessment Act provides for rebates of tax in respect of a taxpayer's dependants resident in Australia.
2. Where a member of the AMF has married while serving overseas, rebates may be claimed in respect of his wife, and of any children of the marriage, even if they are residing overseas. Such persons are, for this purpose, deemed to be domiciled in Australia.
3. No rebate will be allowed in respect of other dependants residing outside Australia.

R.E. Pape Capt
(R.E. PAPE.)
Adj't 2/8 Aust Inf Bn

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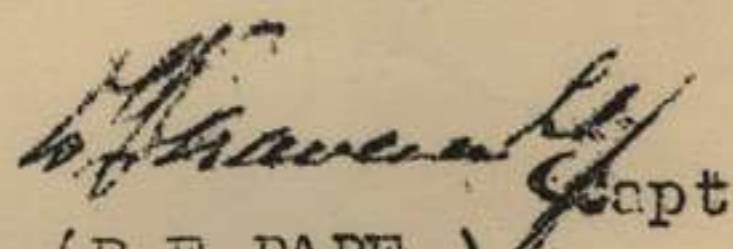
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5 Dec 44

ADM INSTRUCTION (MEDICAL) No 1

1. SPRAYING OF TENTS : One man per tent will be detailed each night to spray tents at the following times; 1700, 1900, 2100, 0100, 0515 hrs.
The latter two times may be incorporated in the duties of coy picquet.
Each tent will have roster completed and displayed on tent-pole by respective tent NCO.
A minimum of 50 sprays from the atomiser per tent at each time of spraying is necessary to obtain correct concentration.
Coy Duty Officers WILL strictly police this order to ensure the correct procedure is adopted.
2. ATEBRIN and MARY PARADES: Under no circumstances will the responsibility of supervising the above parades be delegated to any person than an Officer. If duty requires the absence of a Pl Comd or such, it will be his personal responsibility to ensure that another Officer is detailed to conduct the parades. In the case of Atobrin parades it is required that each Officer concerned ensures that he sees the tablet actually taken by each soldier under his command.
3. FOOT INSPECTIONS: Foot inspections will be carried out at least once per week by each Pl Comd together with Coy medical orderly. This is important as, under present conditions, it is practically impossible for the RMO to have a Coy concentrated at one time.
4. EAR COMPLAINTS: To avoid such complaints recurring, drops will be placed in the ears after swimming. Any person who does NOT report to have drops placed in the ears after swimming or refuses to have drops administered will be severely dealt with.
5. MEDICAL PARAS IN BN STANDING ORDERS: These orders were compiled to ensure a standard procedure in medical matters. Unless they are read frequently for purpose of "brushing up" and unless they are carried out to the letter, the whole system falls apart. All Officers will make themselves conversant with all medical instructions contained in Standing Orders.

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List "B"


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Adjt 2/8 Aust Inf Bn

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SUBJECT: HEALTH

2/8 Aust Inf Bn
Ref: G26/44
14 Dec 44

All Officers

1. During the short period for which elements of 6 Aust Div have been in New Guinea a considerable number of casualties from diseases which are to a very large extent preventable have occurred.

2. These are mainly malaria, dysentery and dengue fever, and the following are the figures released in respect of the former:-

2/10 Aust Cdo Sqn	9 cases
2/8 Aust Fd Coy	8 "
2/2 Aust Fd Coy	3 "
2/7 Aust Cdo Sqn	3 "
2/3 Aust Fd Regt	2 "
2/14 Aust Fd Coy	2 "
2/4 Aust Inf Bn	1 "
2/20 Aust Sup Depot Pl	1 "

Total 29

3. From the above it will be seen that up till now this Bn has remained free of malaria and so far only about 4 or 5 cases of dengue fever have occurred while no dysentery has been manifest.

4. This of itself speaks well for the health discipline of the unit but must not on any account be allowed to become a reason for complacency.

5. While further numerous instructions regarding these diseases, accompanied by dire threats have been received, it is not intended to alter or elaborate on the unit orders in this regard but in view of the tasks that lie ahead of us which will entail greater difficulty of and greater decentralisation of responsibility for, policing, I cannot stress too strongly the VITAL NECESSITY for keeping ourselves fit.

6. This can only be achieved by the full realisation of our duties in this regard and it is incumbent on all of us to do everything possible to ensure observance of our existing orders which, if faithfully carried out, will achieve the desired result - BUT it is not, and cannot be, the task only of a few officers and the RMO.

7. Both dengue and scrub typhus are prevalent in this area and for that reason anyone moving about or working in the camp area or the jungle only partially clad, present a greater target to the bugs and so enhances the possibility of contracting the disease.

It is a great deal better to put up with temporary discomfort of wearing shirts etc than the ineffably longer one of recovery.

8. Numerous cases have occurred in the Div where officers have NOT been able to definitely state that they actually saw individuals take the regular dosage of at.oxfn, have NOT checked PERSONALLY the application of mosquito repellent, the regular spraying of tents, and supervised the application of mite repellent lotion to clothing. This cannot be otherwise if officers are not on top of their job and realize their responsibilities to the utmost.

W.S. Howden
(W.S. HOWDEN.) Lt-col
Commanding 2/8 Aust Inf Bn

MEDICAL REPORT for Dec 44

1. Infectious Diseases : Nil.

2. General :

The general health of the unit has been satisfactory. The large number of URTI cases which occurred soon after the unit's arrival in New Guinea, have subsided.

Malaria: 2 cases were reported during the month.

Sick Parades: An average of approximately 10/12 per day is indicative of good morale and good general health. There has been no epidemic of diarrhoea.

3. Hygiene : Was quite satisfactory although frequent changing of camp sites made installation of incinerating latrines a problem. However, they have worked very satisfactorily. All kitchen refuse has been burnt and buried.

4. Water Duties : Water Duty man was permanently attached to water cart and carried out superchlorination of all drinking water. Wells were also superchlorinated.

5. Mesquite Control :

Both Larvae and Adult control was satisfactorily carried out.

6. Mite Precautions: Good. No cases of scrub typhus.

.....*G L Bennett*.....Capt
G L BENNETT
RMO 2/8 Aust Inf Bn

2/8 AUST INF BN ADM INSTN No.1 OF 21 DEC 44

1. GENERAL: This order deals with the mvt of 2/8 Aust Inf Bn and att tps to location at SUAIN from present area.

2. PERS FOR MVT: The following pers will move from present area as under:-

23 Dec ("A" Coy (complete)
 ("B" " (less pls at present att Engrs)
 GP 1 ("HQ" " 100 (to include adv parties of pls - less TKA
 (Pl and 3 dets Mor Pl)
 (BnHQ 20 (inc medical orderlies, RP's, Int pers)

OC GP 1 Capt RUMLEY

26 Dec ("C" Coy (complete)
 ("D" " (less Pl att Engrs - BABIANG)
 ("HQ" " (balance less TKA Pl and 6 QM Staff)
 GP 11 (BnHQ (remainder)
 ("E" Sec 2/4 AADU
 (Det - 19 Aust Inf Bde Sigs.

OC GP 11 Capt DIFFEY

3. ADVANCE PARTIES: Coys will appoint 1 offr and 2 ORs each to act as fostering personnel for respective coys. These personnel will proceed on store vehicles to SUAIN on the same day as the remainder of their coy departs on foot.

4. STAGING POSTS: The journey to SUAIN will be completed in two stages (a) present location to DRIMBOL - approx 9 miles
 (b) DRIMBOL - SUAIN - approx 13 miles.

A staging post is established at DRIMBOL, and will be staffed by unit cooks for reception of marching personnel on DAY 1 of journey. A hot meal will be made available at evening meal DAY 1, and breakfast DAY 2. Mid-day meal, to be consumed on route, will be supplied at DRIMBOL, prior to mvt on DAY 2.

5. TRANSPORT - STORES: The following 2½ ton vehs will be available for transport of stores and packs to new location:-

23 Dec - 6, 24 Dec - 3, 26 Dec - 5, 27 Dec - 2, 28 Dec - 5,
 29 & 30 Dec - 8 each. Total - 37.

Tpt will alloted by QM in relation to priority.

6. START TIME - MARCHING PERS: To be at discretion of OC GP, but will NOT be later than 0800 hrs on each day. Start time decided upon will be notified to BnHQ by 1800 hrs on the day prior to mvt.

7. DRESS: Battle order less steel helmets (amn as already issued).

8. STORES - GENERAL: The minimum of personal gear, baggage & stores will be taken. The balance of gear and stores will be suitably labelled, dumped under the direction of QM, and be transported to present dump at AITAPE.

9. PERSONAL GEAR: Helmets steel, and all possessions in excess of articles listed in Appx "E" Bn SO's will be placed in sand-bags labelled with No., Name, Coy and Pl of owner.

10. BLANKETS: Surplus to one blanket (treated with Anti-mite fluid) carried on the man, will be rolled in bundles of ten.

11. COTS, CAMP, FOLDING: Canvas covers only (carried on man) will be taken forward. Wood work will be securely tied in bed lots.

12. WEAPONS: All weapons excepting bron tripods, and surplus rifles will be taken forward.

13. AMMUNITIES AND MESS GEAR: Officers and Sjts mess gear, and heavy sporting equipment will NOT be taken.

14. W.E.T. ITEMS: All "B" Category gear with exceptions to be notified will NOT be taken.

15. ACCOMMODATION STORES: Buckets and dishes at the scale of approx one of each per 10 men, lamps hurricane - 3 per coy, all available latrine screens, one bush table per coy (for cooks), one folding table per coy and all folding stools will be taken.

16. COOKING GEAR: Scale as advised by WO Caterer.

17. TENTAGE: To be taken - Coys - 2 tent flies each
BnHQ & QM - allotted by QM.

18. DUMP FOR SURPLUS STORES: Signs denoting type of stores will be erected by QM near present unit QM store. Surplus personal gear (in sand bags), Blankets, amenities and mess gear, W.E.T. items, accomadations stores, tentage, and bren tripods will be dumped at appropriate signs. Surplus rifles will returned to Sjt Armourer immediatly.

19. HYGIENE: Coy areas will be inspected by a Coy Offr, who, when satisfied as to the cleanliness of the area, will report to Bn 2ic who in turn, will inspect area. This procedure will be adopted in all future non-tactical moves. Latrine drums will be burnt out, and cleaned for transportation to new area.

20. WATER CONTAINERS: NO tanks will be taken, and will be left in present positions for collection. Three 44 gal drums per coy will be taken together with all cans 2 gal.

21. BOOBY TRAP MATERIAL: Quantities of twisted assault cable exist in this area, and sufficient/ of booby traps, in future, should be collected by coys. for setting

22. OFFICE GEAR: Category "A" box, and 1 steel box per coy will be taken.

23. TkA PL AND GUNS: TkA Pl will remain in present area to act as security picquet and loading party for vehs on 26 - 30 Dec.
Lt KITTO will report to QM for instructions.

24. ROUTINE IN NEW LOCATION:

- (a) Pers will NOT leave Bn area at new location except whilst on duty and when so ordered.
- (b) Sentries will be instructed and carefully briefed.
- (c) Strict BLACKOUT will be in forced.
- (d) Mvt in area will be reduced to absolute minimum after night fall.
- (e) Personal arms must be at hand at all times.
- (f) Strict security must be maintained at all times - laxity in this regard may mean a few less coppers.
- (g) Malarial precautions and ~~the~~ control must be rigidly carried out, owing to greater nuisance of mosquitoes in this area.

25. MEDICAL:

- (a) Coy stretcher^{ch}-bearers will accompany marching troops.
- (b) An Adv RAP will open at SUAIN on 23 Dec.
- (c) Owing to prevalence of mosquitoes in new area strict adherence to SO'sis essential. All available Riga sprays and fly-sprays will be taken.

26. ACK

R.E. PAPE
Capt
(R.E. PAPE.)
Adjt 2/8 Aust Inf Bn

SIGNED AT: *[Signature]*

ISSUED BY: *[Signature]*

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

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ROUTINE ORDERS

BY

Lt-col W. S. HOWDEN, Commanding 2/8 Aust Inf Bn

Date: 18 Dec 44

No: 9.

1. DUTIES. Duty Officer to mount 1700 hrs 18 Dec 44: Lt F. I. EWART
N.F.D. : Lt W. A. HUTTON
Duty Coy to mount 1700 hrs 18 Dec 44 : "D" Coy
N.F.D. : "D" Coy

2. DISTRICT COURT MARTIAL: VN51059 Pte GORMAN, J.A.

"The abovenamed soldier was tried by DCM held in the Field on 12 & 13 Dec 1944 by order of Comd 6 Aust Div dated 11 Dec 1944"

CHARGES: The accused was tried on EIGHTEEN charges of
"WOAS failing to appear at a place of parade
appointed by his Commanding Officer (A.A. Sec 15(2))"

Plea: NOT GUILTY to all charges

FINDING: GUILTY of all charges

Sentence: To undergo detention for EIGHTEEN months

Date of Sentence: 13 Dec 1944

Comd 6 Aust Div, on 16 Dec 1944, confirmed the finding and sentence but mitigated the sentence to detention for ONE year.

On 16 Dec 1944 Comd 6 Aust Div directed that the full term of the sentence be served by the accused.

The accused was not in close arrest awaiting trial.

Promulgated to the accused on eighteenth day of Dec 1944.

3. LEAVE - CHRISTMAS 1944

1. (a) Subject to operational requirements and such parades as may be deemed necessary for administrative purposes, Christmas Day, 1944, will be observed as an additional rest day.

(b) Sufficient personnel will be retained on duty to enable all HQ to function.

(c) Personnel retained for duty on Christmas Day, 1944, may be permitted to take Tuesday, 26 Dec 44, as a rest day in lieu"

4. NATIVE CARRIERS: Allotment of all carriers will be made by 6 Aust Div HQ. Under no circumstances will Sub-units approach ANGAU representatives direct.

5. REMOVAL OF SLEEVES FROM SHIRTS: It has come under notice that personnel of some coys are removing sleeves from shirts. This is contrary to all orders and will cease forthwith.

6. OFFICER ESCORTS IN DANGER AREAS: Until further notice no party of less than three will proceed east of BABIANG, and an officer will be accompanied by at least two other ranks: one of whom may be the jeep driver.

When a number of officers move together the strength of the escort is to be determined at Commanders discretion.

2. As a general policy no vehicle should proceed east of the DRINIUMON RIVER without at least one passenger in addition to the driver.

7. SECURITY - ALLIED OPERATIONS:

It is widely known that all US troops in this area have been briefed for future operations of their formations. Inevitably there has been much talk on the subject between US and Australian troops. It will be appreciated that many Australian personnel, officers and ORs are in possession of information which would be invaluable to enemy intelligence and which might gravely prejudice Allied operations if divulged to the enemy.

2. The importance is therefore stressed of the need for 100% security regarding pending US operations, both in correspondence, and more particularly, on the part of any personnel proceeding from this area to the mainland. Any cases reported of any personnel committing security breaches in this connection will result in strong disciplinary action against the offender.

8. LOSS OF ARTIFICIAL DENTURES:

Owing to the loss of artificial dentures whilst swimming or surfing and the difficulty of replacement, all ranks will remove them before entering the water.

9. PRIVATE COMMUNICATIONS CONCERNING CASUALTIES:

1. Private cables and telegrams reporting battle or other casualties are prohibited. In letters, no reference is to be made to any such casualty until after a period of one month from the date of its occurrence.

2. The prohibition and restriction imposed by para 1 hereof are not applicable to communications sent by a member relative to a casualty sustained by himself.

3. This order has been dictated by motives of consideration for the feeling of the relatives of members of the forces who, in many instances, have been caused unnecessary suffering and suspense through information contained in private correspondence from operational areas and which, in some cases, has proved to be inaccurate.

R. E. Pape Capt
(R. E. PAPE.)
Adjt 2/8 Aust Inf Bn

TRADE GROUPING etc (CONTD)

2. Action is therefore being taken in the near future to amend GRO A243/1944, War Establishments and other relevant instructions to provide for the substitution of arabic figures in such designations.

3. Such amendments will be anticipated and action will be taken forthwith to use arabic figures in all references to trade grouping in records, instructions and other documents.

5. IDENTITY DISCS - WEARING OF:

Instances have come to notice in which personnel who have been killed or injured were not wearing identity discs.

2. Coys will ensure that the provisions of GRO A700/43 Part 9. are observed.

A.G. Holden Lt
(A.G. HOLDEN.)
A/Adjt 2/8 Aust Inf Bn

NOTICE

SPECIAL ORDER OF THE DAY

by

v Major General J E S STEVENS DSO, ED

GOC SIXTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

Christmas 1944 finds the Division in contact with the enemy once more and with prospects of hard work and fighting ahead of it in the New Year. During the long months of training in Australia, all ranks stuck splendidly to the job of making themselves efficient for the task we are now undertaking and I am confident that that training will stand us in good stead.

To every one in the Division, I send my best wishes for a pleasant Christmas, for success in the New Year and for a safe return home when the job is done.

Ref Map SUAIN EAST)
BUT WEST) I" to Im.

Copy No: 5

26 Dec 44

WUBI OP INSTN No 2

To WUBI (2)

INFM

I. Enemy:

- (a) As contained in Int reports to date.
- (b) PW reports that enemy pocket of approx 15/20 men plus approx 4 IMG's are in occupation of HILL 1500 sq 5928. This infm is to be treated with caution.
- (c) It is thought possible that enemy may be in possession of tracks leading EAST from HILL 1500 and also there may be similar approaches leading from SOUTH and SE from DANMAP R area.
- (d) Infiltration has been attempted apparently from these directions.

2. Own Tps:

- (a) WUBI (1) will relieve RETO (2) in IDAKAIBUL area by 261200 I.
- (b) WUBI (3) will relieve TARU (2) at No 1 crossing by 281200 I.
- (c) TARU (1) is to concentrate LAZY ck area 26 Dec.
- (d) TARU (3 & 4) concentrated ROCKY Pt area less 1 Pl TARU (3) at MATAPAU.
- (e) WUBI (4) less 1 Pl will remain in reserve WUBI area on concentration

TASKS:

- 3. You will relieve TARU (1) by 261200 I and will be responsible for:
 - (a) Establishing a patrol base of 1 Pl strength on OUTLOOK.
 - (b) Holding the FORK area with the remainder of your force and preventing any enemy mvt NORTH to SUAIN via DANMAP R or via DANIMUL R and STRAIGHT and BOMB cks WEST of LE BRUN sqs 5428, 5528.
 - (c) Covering by fire No 2 crossing.

PATROLS:

- 4. You will carry out patrols in the following order of priority:-
 - (a) From OUTLOOK- daily
 - (i) EAST to 58 vertical grid.
 - (ii) SOUTH to ck junc 573279.
 - (iii) NORTH-WEST to along high gd sqs 5629, 5729.

Object: To report indication of enemy infiltration in those areas and to locate any ^{enemy} posns and strength, thereof.
 - (b) From FORK, EAST bank of DANMAP to SLEEPY ck thence EAST to ck junc 571272 thence NORTH to contact patrol on OUTLOOK.

Object: To locate and report any enemy posns in area, locate and explore track leading NORTH in vicinity of above ck junc, suspected to lead in direction of OUTLOOK and to be used by enemy.
 - (c) BOMB ck from ck and river junc 549284 SW to 532258. of mvt

Object: To locate any enemy dispositions, or signs/ from SOUTH via that route, to locate track to WALUM shown on map as leading SOUTH from 532258.

AMBUSH:

- 5. As early as practicable you will establish an ambush in area, EAST bank of DANMAP vicinity of spur 550287 - 562284 to cover main trak through that locality. (Area can be recognised by stench of enemy dead)

PATROL STRENGTHS

- 6. Other than OUTLOOK patrols, patrols will be 15/20 in strength at your discretion, but in all cases the holding of sufficient force to secure FORK and OUTLOOK will be observed.

SECURITY:

- 7. Sub unit localities will be developed and Pd works completed with a minimum of delay.

WUBI OP INSTN No 2 (Contd)

ADM:

8. Supps: 7 days reserve will be built up and maintained under arrangements of WUBI.
9. Ann: 3 x WE will similarly be established.
Note:- Requests for stores, Ann etc for maintenance to reach WUBI by 1200 hrs daily.

INTER COMM:

10. (a) FORK to OUTLOOK.
(i) HF (already in stalled).
(ii) R/T 108 set.
- (b) FORK to WUBI.
(i) HF (Already in stalled)
(ii) R/T 108 set.

N.B. Owing to risk of enemy interception, NO msgs will be passed in clear - code MUST be used.

11. ACK.

Signed at 260945 I.

Distn:

WUBI (2) Copy No


(W.S.HOWDEN)

Ref Map: SUAIN EAST I^m - Im.WUBI OP INSTN No I

To: WUBI (I)

INFM:I. Enemy:

- (a) As contained in REVISTS to date.
- (b) Pockets of enemy are known to exist EAST of DANMAP R. from FORK to Hill 1500, SOUTH and SOUTH-WEST of that feature and on high gd NORTH and SOUTH of DANMAP to MALIN and SOLITA.

2. Own Tps:

- (a) WUBI (2) will occupy defensive posn, FORK area and will establish Standing Patrol of 1 Pl on OUTLOOK. Occupation to be completed by 261200 I.
- (b) WUBI (3) will relieve TARU (2) No 1 crossing area by 281200 I.
- (c) WUBI (4) less 1 Pl remain in reserve WUBI area.

TASKS

- 3. You will relieve RETO (2) by 261200 I, and will be responsible for
 - (a) Establishing a base IDAKAIBUL area to prevent enemy mvt to LUAIN area from the EAST via DANMAP R, and from the SOUTH via ALBU ck ex WALUM.
 - (b) Ascertaining enemy dispositions and strengths in the area bounded by 56 vertical grid and 65 vertical grid, 27 horizontal grid and 23 horizontal grid.
 - (c) Patrolling as detailed (para 4) below.

PATROLS4. Daily routine patrols:-

- From base (a) EAST-DANMAP R. to 61 vertical grid.) as previously
- (b) SOUTH -EAST ALBU ck to bend 583247) maintained by RETO (2)

5. The following patrols will be effected, listed in order of priority:-

- (a) Foothills SOUTH of DANMAP R from ALBU ck EAST to 62 grid.
Object: To ascertain location and strengths of enemy.
- (b) Investigation of high gd sqs 5624,5724,5824.
Object: As in 5 (a) above and discovery of indication of enemy mvt NORTH from these areas.
- (c) ALBU ck SOUTH to ck junc 586231.
Object: As for 5 (b).
- (d) High gd NORTH of DANMAP sqs 5726,5826,5926.

ARTY: One Fd Bty is to remain in support of WUBI (1).
D.F. tasks are to be registered as soon as possible on the Southern and Western flanks of your posn.

TAC R:

- 6. Special TAC R, if required, available on request to WUBI.

DEFENCES:

- 7. Sub unit localities will be developed and Fd works completed with a minimum of delay.

ADM:

- 8. Sups: 7 days reserve will be built up and maintained under arrangements of WUBI.

AMN:

- 9. 3 x WE will similarly be established.
- 10. Request s for stores etc if required to reach WUBI by 1200 hrs daily.

WUBI OP INSTN No 2 (contd)
1

MED:

11. light sec of Fd Amb is to remain attached.

INTERCOMN:

12. (a) LP (already in stalled)

(b) 22 set.

(c) Alternative Arty comms.

13. No comms will be passed in clear. Code MUST be used.

14. ACK

Time of Signature

Signed at 260800 I.

Distn:-

WUBI 1.

NERO 2.

File 3.

/ WAR DIARY 4 & 5.

W.S. Howden
(W.S. HOWDEN) Lt. Col.

SECRET

Ref Map SUAIN EAST)
BUT WEST) I" to Im.

Copy No: 4

26 Dec 44

WUBI OP INSTN No 2

To WUBI (2)

INFM

I. Enemy:

- (a) As contained in Int reports to date.
- (b) PW reports that enemy pocket of approx 15/20 men plus approx 4 LMG's are in occupation of HILL 1500 sq 5928. This infm is to be treated with caution.
- (c) It is thought possible that enemy may be in possession of tracks leading EAST from HILL 1500 and also there may be similar approaches leading from SOUTH and SE from DANMAP R area.
- (d) Infiltration has been attempted apparently from these directions.

2. Own Tps:

- (a) WUBI (1) will relieve RETO (2) in IDAKAIBUL area by 261200 I.
- (b) WUBI (3) will relieve TARU (2) at No 1 crossing by 281200 I.
- (c) TARU (1) is to concentrate LAZY ck area 26 Dec.
- (d) TARU (3 & 4) concentrated ROCKY Pt area less 1 Pl TARU (3) at MATAPAU.
- (e) WUBI (4) less 1 Pl will remain in reserve WUBI area on concentration.

TASKS:

3. You will relieve TARU (1) by 261200 I and will be responsible for:
 - (a) Establishing a patrol base of 1 Pl strength on OUTLOOK.
 - (b) Holding the FORK area with the remainder of your force and preventing any enemy mvt NORTH to LUAIN via DANMAP R or via DANIMUL R and STRAIGHT and BOMB cks WEST of LE BRUN sqs 5428, 5528.
 - (c) Covering by fire No 2 crossing.

PATROLS:

4. You will carry out patrols in the following order of priority:-
 - (a) From OUTLOOK- daily
 - (i) EAST to 58 vertical grid.
 - (ii) SOUTH to ck junc 573279.
 - (iii) NORTH-WEST to along high gd sqs 5629, 5729.
Object: To report indication of enemy infiltration in those areas and to locate any ^{ENEMY} posns and strength, thereof.
 - (b) From FORK, EAST bank of DANMAP to SLEEPY ck thence EAST to ck junc 571272 thence NORTH to contact patrol on OUTLOOK.
Object: To locate and report any enemy posns in area, locate and explore track leading NORTH in vicinity of above ck junc, suspected to lead in direction of OUTLOOK and to be used to enemy.
 - (c) BOMB ck from ck and river junc 549284 SW to 532258. of mvt
Object: To locate any enemy dispositions, or signs/ from SOUTH via that route, to locate track to WALUM shown on map as leading SOUTH from 532258.

AMBUSH:

5. As early as practicable you will establish an ambush in area, EAST bank of DANMAP vicinity of spur 560287 - 562284 to cover main track through that locality. (Area can be recognised by stench of enemy dead)

PATROL STRENGTHS

6. Other than OUTLOOK patrols, patrols will be 15/20 in strength at your discretion, but in all cases the holding of sufficient force to secure FORK and OUTLOOK will be observed.

SECURITY:

7. Sub unit localities will be developed and Fd works completed with a minimum of delay.

WUBI OP INSTN No 2 (Contd)

ADM:

8. Supps: 7 days reserve will be built up and maintained under arrangements of WUBI.
9. Amn: 3 x WE will similarly be established.
Note:- Requests for stores, Amn etc for maintenance to reach WUBI by 1200 hrs daily.

INTER COMN:

10. (a) FORK to OUTLOOK.
(i) LF (already in stalled).
(ii) R/T 108 set.
- (b) FORK to WUBI.
(i) LF (Already in stalled)
(ii) R/T 108 set.

N.B. Owing to risk of enemy interception, NO msgs will be passed in clear - code MUST be used.

11. ACK.

Signed at 260945 I.

Distn:

WUBI (2) Copy No

W.S. Howden
(W.S. HOWDEN)

SECRET

HARI PATROL INSTN No 3

Copy No: 5.
27 Dec 44

(Destroy when read)

To HARI (1)

1. You will patrol, on conclusion of tasks enumerated in OP Instn No 1 the areas shown in para 3 below.
 2. OBJECT:- Object of all patrols will be the location and strength of enemy posns and the acquisition of infm and prisoners. If opportunity presents itself for destroying enemy without your becoming committed, such will be availed of. In view however, of your limited strength and support you will exercise discretion in this regard and will concentrate on your main task as ordered in OP Instn No 1.
 3. Patrols in order of priority:-
 - (a) 29 Dec 44 - Patrol with the bearer of this In stn and his companion high gd EAST of ALBU ck. sqs 5923, 6023.
 - (b) High gd NORTH of DANMAP R. sq 6027 and between WEST and EAST arms of INAMBULE ck, NORTH of ck junc 60852645.
 - (c) Dependent upon result of (b) above, high gd between INAMBULE ~~and~~ and ARIUA cks.
- N.B: RETO (2) have reported enemy in this area and along ARIUA ck.
4. Patrol (a) above is for the purpose of which bearer will inform you, subsequent patrols being carried out on dates at your discretion. Such dates to be notified HARI, 12 hrs ahead.
 5. For above patrols, strength will be 15/20 exclusive of patrol ldr.

ACK.

Signed at 271940 I

W.S. Howden Lt-col
(W.S.HOWDEN)

Distn:-

HARI (1)	Copy	No	1
LONO	"	"	2
File	"	"	3
War Diary	"	"	4 & 5

SECRET

HARI PATROL INSTN No 4

Copy No: 5.
28 Dec 44

(Destroy when read)

To HARI (2)

1. You will on conclusion of the tasks enumerated in OP Instn No 2 patrol the areas shown in para 3 below.

2. OBJECT: Object of all patrols will be the location and strength of *enemy* posns and the acquisition of infm and prisoners.

If opportunity presents itself for destroying enemy without your becoming committed, such will be availed of.

In view however, of your limited strength and support you will exercise discretion in this regard and will concentrate on your main task as ordered in OP Instn No 2.

3. Patrols in order of priority:-

(a) Spur running NORTH and SOUTH between creeks in sq 5728 which join SLEEPY ck at 571272 and 579274 respectively.

(b) High gd SOUTH of HILL 1500, sqs 5827, 5927 EAST to head waters of WESTERN arm of INAMBULE ck in sq 6027.

(c) HILL 1500 (await instns before proceeding.)

(d) Daily routine patrols from OUTLOOK will be maintained as ordered in OP Instn No 2.

4. SECURITY: It is essential in view of isolated location of OUTLOOK that the force in occupation develops a strong defensive posn in that area with a minimum of delay.

5. DATES on which patrols are to carry out above tasks will be advised HARI 12 hrs in advance to permit of warning to our own forces.

6. SUPPORT:

(a) As from 281200 I one pl MMG, one sec Mors will come under your comd at FORK.

(b) Date for ^{registration.} requisition of Arty, MMG and Mor, D.F. tasks will be advised as early as possible.

ACK.

Signed at 280800 I.

W.S. Howden
Lt-col
(W.S. HOWDEN)

Distn:

HARI (1) Copy No 1

LONO " " 2

File " " 3

✓ War Diary " " 4 & 5 ✓

SECRET

HARI PATROL INSTN No 3

Copy No: 4
27 Dec 44

(Destroy when read)

To HARI (1)

1. You will patrol, on conclusion of tasks enumerated in OP Instn No 1 the areas shown in para 3 below.
 2. OBJECT:- Object of all patrols will be the location and strength of enemy posns and the requisition of infm and prisoners.
If opportunity presents itself for destroying enemy without your becoming committed, such will be availed of.
In view however, of your limited strength and support you will exercise discretion in this regard and will concentrate on your main task as ordered in OP Instn No 1.
 3. Patrols in order of priority:-
 - (a) 29 Dec 44 - Patrol with the bearer of this Instn and his companion high gd EAST of ALBU ck. sqs 5923, 6023.
 - (b) High gd NORTH of DANMAP R. sq 6027 and between WEST and EAST arms of INAMBULE ck, NORTH of ck junc 60852645.
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- N.B: RETO (2) have reported enemy in this area and along ARIUA ck.
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 5. For above patrols, strength will be 15/20 exclusive of patrol ldr.

ACK.

Signed at 271940 I

W.S. Howden Lt-col
(W.S.HOWDEN)

Distn:-

HARI (1)	Copy	No	1
LONO	"	"	2
File	"	"	3
War Diary	"	"	4 & 5

SECRET

HARI PATROL INSTN No 4

Copy No: 4
28 Dec 44

(Destroy when read)

To HARI (2)

1. You will on conclusion of the tasks enumerated in OP Instn No 2 patrol the areas shown in para 3 below.

2. OBJECT: Object of all patrols will be the location and strength of *enemy* posns and the acquisition of infm and prisoners.

If opportunity presents itself for destroying enemy without your becoming committed, such will be availed of.

In view however, of your limited strength and support you will exercise discretion in this regard and will concentrate on your main task as ordered in OP Instn No 2.

3. Patrols in order of priority:-

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5. DATES on which patrols are to carry out above tasks will be advised HARI 12 hrs in advance to permit of warning to our own forces.

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ACK.

Signed at 280800 I.

W.S. Howden
Lt-col
(W.S. HOWDEN)

Distn:

HARI (1)	Copy	No	1
LONO	"	"	2
File	"	"	3
War Diary	"	"	4 & 5

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

(Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 2 12 / 4 2/8 / 1944 (Unit) 45 44

W.E. 11 / 126 3. OFFRS. 33 O.R's. 769 OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 32 ATT. BY W.E.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10					
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.									
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.					
	1	1	10	1	(AAIC)	1								
		11	31	1										
	1	12	44			1								
									TOTAL.					
					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.
					45									45

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

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

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.
VX50424	Lt	WHITESIDE A.M.W.	2 ARTB	18.11.44	ex Secondment

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).

2/8 Aust Inf Bn Unit

49 / 44 (Serial No.)

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 25/12/44 /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.
Lt-col	VX14047	HORDEN	W.S.	C.O.	Yes		
Major	VX66	SIMPSON	C.L.	21/a	"		
"	SX1451	BRAMAN	D.	OC HQ	"		
Capt	VX204	MASKELL	H.J.	OC B	"		
"	VX6596	DIPPY	S.C.	OC B	"		
"	VX9768	DWYER	M.J.	OC C	"		
"	VX6508	CAPLEY	J.C.	OC A	"		
"	VX5479	RUMBLEY	L.O.	21/oc	"		
"	VX6513	METCALF	H.C.	" A	"		
"	VX6406	COULSTON	H.A.	" D	No	Rear Details 25.10.44	
"	VX6401	ADAMS	J.S.	OC	Yes		
"	VX39724	PAPE	R.E.	Adjt	"		
"	VX6469	McDERMOTT	R.J.	21/oc	"		
Lt	VX6405	COOPER	L.C.	Supn	"		
"	VX9105	WATSON	E.L.	OC 14	"		
"	VX6300	TRISTHOWAN	J.H.	Supn	"		
"	VX6209	FISHLOCK	G.F.H.	OC 12	"		
"	VX117102	CONNOLLY	H.P.	OC 15	"		
"	TX4037	COMBES	G.A.	OC 13	"		
"	VX50424	WHITESIDE	A.H.W.	Supn	No	Rear Details 18.11.44	
"	NX129458	DOVEY	J.C.	TO	Yes		
"	VX52834	DOUGLAS	E.A.W.	OC 9	"		
"	VX43519	ATKINSON	W.D.	OC 8	"		
"	VX38458	LYONS	J.S.	OC 16	"		
"	VX38604	CHAPPE	S.C.	OC 1	"		
"	VX13323	HUTCHINSON	W.A.	OC 17	"		
"	NX138138	TURNBULL	A.W.J.	OC 18	"		
"	VX11725	CHAVENOR	W.N.	A/Adjt	"		
"	NX6033	ERSKINE	T.N.	OC 10	"		
"	VX85932	WESTWOOD	W.H.	OC 2	"		
"	TX4510	KITTO	J.V.	OC 4	"		
"	VX4213	TURNER	C.N.	OC 7	"		
"	VX105596	REAR	T.A.	Supn	"		
"	VX63325	DILON	A.C.	"	"		
"	VX29417	BENTLY	A.R.	10	"		
"	VX102448	GARDINER	P.N.	OC 11	"		
"	VX89645	PENN-TONKIN	L.M.	OC 3	"		
"	VX82394	NICHOLSON	H.R.	OC 5	"		
"	VX87913	O'SHEA	W.R.	Supn	"		
"	NX38873	HEINAX	"	"	"		
"	VX87290	BOIGER	E.C.	"	"		
"	VX35673	BEHAN	C.T.	"	"		
"	VX43194	HOLDER	A.C.	"	"		
"	SX25938	SWART	R.L.	"	"		
"	SX22823	BICKLE	A.C.	"	"		
Capt	SX22401	BENNETT	C.L.	IMO	"	ATTACHED ON W.F.	

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.
Chaplain	OX40920	McDONALD C.M.	AACHD	30.6.42	Chap

Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

Commanding 2/8 Aust Inf Bn

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 2/12/1944.

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, R.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangetakers			
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				SEE APPENDIX "A"				Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevadores			
Computors								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers				Tailors			
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters				Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics											
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)				SEE APPENDIX "A"							
Fitters				Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors							
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers							
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks							
Grinder, Precision				Helo Operator				Clerks, Supply				SEE APPENDIX "A"			
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical							
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties				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.							
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics							
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant							
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.							
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers							
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD				Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.			* *

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

Signature of Commander

DATE

2 Dec 44

UNIT: 2/8 Aust Inf Bn

WE 11/120/3

One Reinft - 8 x 78

TRADE	Rank	WE	Posted Strength	Def-icit	Sur-plus	Reinfts Required
<u>TRADE GROUP 1</u>	Pte					
Blacksmith	Pte	1	1		1	
<u>TRADE GROUP 11</u>	Pte					
Carpenter	Pte	6	11		1	
Int Duties	Sgt	1	1		1	
" "	Cpl	2	1			
" "	Pte	7	2			
Signallers	Cpl	2	2		1	
"	Pte	2	4			
<u>TRADE GROUP 111</u>						
Butcher	Pte	1	2		1	
Clerk	Sgt	2	1			
"	Cpl	5	1			
"	Pte	4	1			
Eqpt Repairer	Pte	1	1		4	
Rangemaker	Pte	4	1			
Storeman Tech	Sgt	1	1			
" "	Pte	3	1			
Tailor	Sgt	1	1			
"	Cpl	1	1			
<u>NON-SPECIALISTS</u>						
RSM	WO1	1	15		15	
CSM	WO11	5	1		1	
ROMS	WO11	1	1			
COMS	S/Sgt	5	1			
Pl Sgts	Sgt	24	8			
Batmen	Pte	34	22	23		NR
Dvrs MT	Pte	12	33	2		12 45
Gen Duties (Mess)	Pte	3	11			Offers on strengt
Hyg Duties	Pte	4	2	1		
LMG/Riflemen	Cpl	36	5		1	1
" "	Pte	361	36	2		NR
MMG Nos	Cpl	3	35	23		23
" "	Pte	20	2			
Mortar Nos	Cpl	5	23		3	
" "	Pte	68	5			
Orderlies	Pte	34	68			
Pioneers	Cpl	4	38		6	
"	Pte	26	3		1	
Regtl Police	Sgt	1	31		3	
" "	Pte	6	1			
Storemen	Pte	6	6			
Stretcher-Bearers	Sgt	1	5	1		NR
" "	Cpl	2	1			
" "	Pte	18	2			
TK/A Gun Nos	Cpl	4	17	1		1
" " "	Pte	15	4			
Water Duties	Pte	2	18		3	
<u>Dvr MT</u>	Cpl	1	1			
TOTAL CARRIED FORWARD		767	786	31	48	37

APPENDIX 'A' (continued)

TRADE	Rank	WE	Posted Strength	Def-icit	Sur-plus	Reinfts Required	-/-
TOTAL BROUGHT FORWARD		767	786	51	48	37	
<u>ATTACHED BY WE</u>							
<u>AAMC</u>							
Chiropodist	Cpl	1					
Hyg Inspector	Sgt	1	1				
Med Orderly	Sgt	1	1				
" "	Pte	1	1	1		NR	
<u>AAOC</u>							
Shoemaker	Cpl	1	1				
<u>AEME</u>							
Armourer	Sgt	1					
" TGI	Pte	X					
Fitter Gun TGI	Pte	X					
" Fitter	Pte	X					
AA POST S	Pte		1		1		
Postal Duties	Sgt	1	1				
<u>AAPC</u>							
Pay Clerk	Sgt	1	1				
" "	Cpl	1	1				
<u>AACC</u>							
Caterer	WO11	1					
Cooks	Sgt	5	1				
"	Cpl	5	4	1		NR	
"	Pte	13	6		1		
		802	820	33	52	37	
<u>SURPLUS TRADESMEN NOT ALLOWED BY WE</u>							
<u>TRADE GROUP 1</u>							
etc							
OP 1	Boilermaker		1				
	Sig operator		1				
	Bricklayer		1				
OP 11	Signallers		6				
	Intelligence		1				
OP 111	Bootmaker		1				
	Clerks		4				
	Dvr Mechs		15				

-/- This column NOT to be used

DATE OF DESPATCH 2 Dec 44

SIGNATURE

W.S. Howden Lt-col
(W.S. HOWDEN)
Commanding 2/8 Aust Inf Bn

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

1 / 45 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 6 / 12 / 1944 2/8 Aust Inf Bn (Unit)

W.E. 11 / 120 5 OFFRS. 33 O.R.'s. 769 + OFFRS. 1 O.R.'s. 32 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.				
	1		1	Lieut.-Colonels	AAMC								
	1		2	Majors									
			8	Captains			1						
		11	31	Lieutenants									
				Quarter-masters									
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.									
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.									
	2	11	42			1							
		DETAIL		A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
		A.	43										43
		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.

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).

2/8 Aust Inf Bn Unit

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 6 / 1 / 1945 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
lt-col	VX14047	HOWDEN	W.S.	CO	Yes		
Maj	VX66	STIMPSON	C.L.	21c	"		
"	SX1451	BRAMAN	D.	CC HQ	"		
Capt	VX6596	DUFFY	B.C.	OC D	"		
"	VX9768	DRYER	H.J.	OC C	"		
"	VX5479	RUMLEY	L.O.	OC B	"		
"	VX6513	METCALF	E.C.	OC A	"		
"	VX6406	COULSTON	H.A.	21cB	"		
"	VX6401	ADAMS	J.S.	QM	"		
"	VX39724	PAPE	R.E.	Adjt	"		
"	VX6469	McDERMOTT	R.J.	21cD	"		
lt	VX6405	COOPER	L.C.	" C	"		
"	VX9105	WATSON	E.L.	OC 14	"		
"	VX6300	TRETHOWAN	J.M.	OC 15	"		
"	VX6209	FISHLOCK	G.F.N.	OC 12	"		
"	VX117102	CONOLLY	H.P.	Supn	"		
"	TX4637	COMBES	G.A.	OC 13	"		
"	VX50424	WHITESIDE	A.M.W.	Supn	"		
"	NX128438	DOVEY	J.C.	TO	"		
"	VX52834	DOUGLAS	E.A.W.	21cA	"		
"	VX43519	ATKINSON	W.B.	OC 8	"		
"	VX38456	LYONS	J.S.	OC 16	"		
"	VX38604	CHAFFE	F.C.	OC 1	"		
"	VX13323	HUTSON	W.A.	OC 17	"		
"	NX138188	TURNBULL	A.W.J.	OC 18	"		
"	VX11725	GRAVENER	W.N.	OC 3	"		
"	NX6033	ERSKINE	T.R.	OC 10	"		
"	VX83932	WESTWOOD	W.H.	Supn	"		
"	TX4510	KITTO	J.V.	OC 4	"		
"	VX4213	TURNER	C.R.	OC 7	"		
"	VX109896	KERR	T.A.	OC 2	"		
"	VX63325	DILLON	A.G.	Supn	"		
"	VX29417	BENTLEY	A.R.	IO	"		
"	VX102448	CARDINER	P.N.	OC 11	"		
"	VX89845	PENN-TOMKIN	L.M.	Supn	"		
"	VX62394	NICHOLSON	H.R.	OC 5	"		
"	VX87918	O'SHEA	W.H.	Supn	"		
"	VX87290	BOLGER	E.C.	"	"		
"	VX86673	BEHAN	C.T.	"	"		
"	VX43194	HOLDEN	A.G.	A/Adjt	"		
"	SX23938	EWART	H.L.	OC 9	"		
"	SX22828	BICKLE	H.E.	Supn	"		
	ATTACHED ON	W.E.					
Capt	SX22401	BENNETT	G.L.	RMO	"		

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.
Chap	QX40920	McDONALD C.H.	AACHD	30.6.42	Chaplain.

6 Jan 45

Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander AOD

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday / /194 .

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				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				Rangefakers				
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								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer				
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevedores				
Computors								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine				
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical				
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers				Tailors				
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters				
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths				
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers				
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Bollermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors				
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters				Winchman				Whitesmiths				
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman								
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners								
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics												
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)												
Fitters				Driver-Operator												
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers												
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians												
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)												
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.								
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors								
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers								
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks								
Grinder, Precision				Hello Operator				Clerks, Supply								
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical								
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties				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								
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant								
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.								
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers								
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers								
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates								
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers								
CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD				Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.			*	*

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RETURN OF SURPLUS WO'S AND NCO'S

The NCO shown as surplus on this weeks W3009 is QX11544 L/Sjt
BALLANTYNE L. who is filling that vacancy of Pioneer Sjt.
The promotion of this NCO to rank of Sjt has been approved by
Comd 6 Aust Div and W3011 has been forwarded to Qld Ech & Records.

APPENDIX 'A'

DATE 6 Jan 45

UNIT 2/8 Aust Inf Bn

WE 11/12/3

One Reinft x 78

TRADE	Rank	NE	Posted Strength	Def-icit	Sur-plus	Reinfts Required	
TRADE GROUP 1							
Blacksmith	Pte	1	1		1		
Boilermaker	Pte		1		1		
Sig Operator	Pte		1		1		
Bricklayer	Pte		1		1		
TRADE GROUP 11							
Carpenter	Pte	6	6				
Int Duties	Sgt	1	1				
" "	Cpl	2	2				
" "	Pte	7	8		1		
Signallers	Cpl	4	4				
" "	Pte	22	28		6		
TRADE GROUP 111							
Butcher	Pte	1	1		1		
Clerks	Sgt	2	2				
"	Cpl	6	6				
"	Pte	4	7		3		
Eqpt Repairer	Pte	1	1				
Hangstaker	Pte	4	4				
Storeman Tech	Sgt	1	1				
" "	Pte	3	2	1		NR	
Tailor	Sgt	1	1				
"	Cpl	1	1				
Dvr Mechs	Pte	3	18		18		
Nursing Orderley	Pte		1		1		
NON-SPECIALISTS							
RSM	WO1	1	1				
CSM	WO11		5				
QMS	WO11	1	1				
QMS	S/Sgt	5	5				
Pl Sgts	Sgt	25	22	3		NR	
Batmen	Pte	35	35			8(430ffrs on Strth	
Dvrs MT	Cpl	1	1				
"	Pte	11	8	3		NR	
Gen Dut. (Mess)	Pte	3	2	1		NR	
Hyg Duties	Pte	4	5		1		
LMG/riflemen	Cpl	36	36				
" "	Pte	361	334	27	2X	27	
MMG Nos	Cpl	2	2				
" "	Pte	20	23		3		
Mortar Nos	Cpl	5	5				
" "	Pte	68	65	3		3	
Orderlies	Pte	32	37		5		
Pioneers	Cpl	4	5		1		
"	Pte	28	30		2		
Regtl Police	Sgt	1		1		NR	
" "	Pte	6	6				
Storemen	Pte	6	5	1		NR	
Stretcher-Bear							
" " ers	Sgt	1	1				
" "	Cpl	2	2				
" "	Pte	18	17	1		1	
Tk/A Gun Nos	Cpl	4	4				
" "	Pte	15	16		1		
Water Duties	Pte	2	2				
TOTAL CARRIED			769	774	41	46	39

APPENDIX 'A' (continued)

TRADE	Rank	WE	Posted Strength	Def-icit	Sur-plus	Reinfts Required	-/-
TOTAL BROUGHT FORWARD		769	774	41	46	39	
<u>ATTACHED BY WE</u>							
<u>AAMC</u>							
Chiropodist	Cpl	1	1				
Hyg Inspector	Sgt	1	1				
Med Orderly	Sgt	1		1		NR	
" "	Pte	1	1				
<u>AAOC</u>							
Shoemaker	Cpl	1	1				
XXXXXX							
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX							
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX							
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX							
MX Fitter	Pte		1		1		
AA POST S							
Postal Duties	Sgt	1	1				
<u>AAPC</u>							
Pay Clerk	Sgt	1	1				
" "	Cpl	1	1				
<u>AACC</u>							
Caterer	WO11	1	1				
Cooks	Sgt	5	4	1		NR	
"	Cpl	5	6		1		
"	Pte	13	15		2		
		801	808	43	50	39	
<u>SURPLUS TRADESMEN NOT ALLOWED BY WE</u>							
<u>TRADE GROUP 1</u>							
etc							
Gpl	Sig Operator		1				
	Bricklayer		1				
	Boilermaker		1				
Gpl1	Signallers		6				
	Intelligence		1				
Gpl11	Bootmaker		1				
	Clerks		3				
	Dvr Mechs		18				
	Nursing Orderley		1				

-/- This column NOT to be used

DATE OF DESPATCH 6 Jan 45

SIGNATURE

W.S. Howden
 (W.S. HOWDEN) Lt-col
 Commanding 2/8 Aust Inf Bn

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

50 / (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 9 / 12 / 1944 2/8 Aust Inf Bn (Unit)

W.E. 11120 / 2 OFFRS. 33 O.R's. 760 + OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 32 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.				
	1	10	1 2 9 30	* * Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs.	(AANC)	1							
	1	10	42			1							
		DETAIL		A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
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).		A.		45									45
		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.
VX5502	Capt	GATLY J.C.	HQ Tact Sch BRUNNEN	4.12.44	Trans to "X" List
VX62394	Lt	NICHOLSON H.R.	104 CCS	3.12.44	Evacuated 104 CCS

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 9 12 / 1944 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Lt-col	VX14047	NOWDEN	H.S.	C.O.	Yes		
Maj	VX66	SIMPSON	C.L.	2/i/c	Yes		
"	SX1451	BRAMAN	D.	CC HQ	"		
Capt	VX204	MASKELL	H.J.	CC B	"		
"	VX6596	DIPPY	S.C.	CC D	"		
"	VX9768	DWYER	H.J.	CC C	"		
"	VX5470	HUNLEY	L.O.	21/eB	"		
"	VX5513	METCALF	H.C.	A	"		
"	VX6400	COULSTON	H.A.	D	No	Rear Details 25.10.44	
"	VX6401	ADAMS	J.S.	CC	Yes		
"	VX39724	PAPPE	H.M.	Adjnt	"		
"	VX8469	McDERMOTT	R.J.	21/eC	"		
Lt	VX6405	COOPER	L.C.	Supn	"		
"	VX9105	WATSON	H.L.	CC 14	"		
"	VX6300	FRETHOMAN	J.H.	Supn	"		
"	VX6209	FISHLOCK	C.F.	CC 12	"		
"	VX117102	CONNOLLY	H.P.	CC 15	"		
"	VX4637	COMBES	G.A.	CC 13	"		
"	VX50424	WHITESIDE	A.M.	Supn	No	Rear Details 18.11.44	
"	VX129438	DOVEY	H.C.	TO	Yes		
"	VX52834	DOUGLAS	H.A.	CC 9	"		
"	VX43519	ATKINSON	H.S.	CC 8	"		
"	VX38456	LYONS	J.S.	CC 16	"		
"	VX38604	CHAPPE	S.C.	CC 1	"		
"	VX13323	HUTSON	H.A.	CC 17	"		
"	VX138189	TURNBULL	A.H.	CC 18	"		
"	VX11725	GRAVENER	H.N.	A/adjt	"		
"	VX6033	HASKINS	T.H.	CC 10	"		
"	VX63952	HIRSTWOOD	H.H.	CC 2	"		
"	VX4510	KITTO	J.V.	CC 4	"		
"	VX4213	TURNER	C.R.	CC 7	"		
"	VX109898	KERR	T.A.	Supn	"		
"	VX63325	DILLON	A.C.	"	"		
"	VX20417	BENTLEY	A.H.	IO	"		
"	VX102448	GARDINER	P.H.	CC 11	"		
"	VX69845	PENN-TONKIN	J.H.	CC 3	"		
"	VX87818	O'SHEA	H.H.	Supn	"		
"	VX87290	BOLGER	H.C.	"	"		
"	VX36673	ESHAN	C.P.	"	"		
"	VX43194	HOLDEN	A.C.	"	"		
"	SX23938	EMART	H.L.	"	"		
"	SX22828	BICKER	A.C.	"	"		
ATTACHED ON R.E.							
Capt	SX22401	BENNETT	C.L.	EMO	"		

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	OX40920	McDONALD C.M.	AACHD	30.6.42	Chap

9 Dec 44
 Date of Despatch

[Signature]
 Signature of Commanding Officer
 Commanding 2/8 Aust Inf Bn

Unit

2/8 Aust Inf Bn

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday / /194 .

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 Stitches			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangetakers			
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine				SEE APPENDIX "A"				Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevadores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers				Tailors			
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Whealers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters				Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics								SEE APPENDIX "A"			
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)											
Fitters				Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors							
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers							
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks							
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply							
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical							
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties				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.							
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics							
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant				SEE APPENDIX "A"			
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.							
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers							
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD				Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.			* *

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

Signature of Commander

DATE _____

UNIT 2/8 Aust Inf Bn

WE 11/12/3^c

One Reinft - 8 x 78

TRADE	Rank	WE	Posted Strength	Def-icit	Sur-plus	Reinfts Required
TRADE GROUP 1						
Blacksmith	Pte	1	1			
Sig Operator	Pte		1		1	
Bricklayer	Pte		1		1	
TRADE GROUP 11						
Carpenter	Pte	6	6			
Int Duties	Sgt	1	1			
" "	Cpl	2	2			
" "	Pte	7	8		1	
Signallers	Cpl	4	4			
" "	Pte	22	26		6	
TRADE GROUP 111						
Bootmaker			1		1	
Butcher	Pte	1	1			
Clerks	Sgt	2	2			
"	Cpl	6	6			
"	Pte	4	7		3	
Eqpt Repairer	Pte	1	1			
Wangemaker	Pte	4	4			
Storeman Tech	Sgt	1	1			
" "	Pte	3	3			
Tailor	Sgt	1	1			
"	Cpl	1	1			
Dvr Mechs	Pte		18		18	
Nursing Orderly	Pte		1		1	
NON-SPECIALISTS						
RSM	WO1	1	1			
CSM	WO11	5	5			
RQMS	WO11	1	1			
CQMS	S/Sgt	5	5			
Pl Sgts	Sgt	25	22	3		NR
Batmen	Pte	35	33	2		10 (43 Offrs on Str
Dvrs MT	Cpl	1	1			
"	Pte	11	10	1		NR
Gen Dut. (Mess)	Pte	3	2	1		1
Hyg Duties	Pte	4	5		1	
LMG/Riflemen	Cpl	36	36			
" "	Pte	361	337	24		24
MMG Nos	Cpl	2	2			
" "	Pte	20	23		3	
Mortar Nos	Cpl	5	5			
" "	Pte	68	67	1		NR
Orderlies	Pte	32	36		4	
Pioneers	Cpl	4	5		1	
"	Pte	20	28			
Regtl Police	Sgt	1	1			
" "	Pte	6	6			
Storemen	Pte	6	4	2		NR
Stretcher-Bearers	Sgt	1	1			
" "	Cpl	2	2			
" "	Pte	18	17	1		1
Tk/A Gun Nos	Cpl	4	4			
" "	Pte	15	19		4	
Water Duties	Pte	2	2			
TOTAL CARRIED FORWARD			779	35	45	36
		769				

TRADE	Rank	WE	Posted Strength	Deficit	Surplus	Reinfts Required	-/-
TOTAL BROUGHT FORWARD		767	779	35	45	36	
<u>ATTACHED BY WE</u>							
<u>AAMC</u> Chiropodist	Cpl	1	1				
Hyg Inspector	Sgt	1	1				
Med Orderly	Sgt	1	1				
" "	Pte	1	1	1		NR	
<u>AAOC</u> Shoemaker	Cpl	1	1				
<u>AEME</u> Armourer	Sgt	1	1				
" TGL	Pte	1	1				
Fitter Gun TGL	Pte	1	1				
<u>AA POST S</u> Postal Duties	Sgt	1	1		1		
<u>AAPC</u> Pay Clerk	Sgt	1	1				
" "	Cpl	1	1				
<u>AACC</u> Caterer	WO11	1	1				
Cooks	Sgt	5	4				
"	Cpl	5	6	1		NR	
"	Pte	13	13		1		
		8021	813	37	49	36	
<u>SURPLUS TRADESMEN NOT ALLOWED BY WE</u>							
<u>TRADE GROUP 1</u> etc							
GP 1	Sig Operator		1				
	Bricklayer		1				
GP11	Signallers		6				
	Intelligence		1				
GP111	Bootmaker		1				
	Clerks		3				
	Dvr Mechs		13				

-/- This column NOT to be used

DATE OF DESPATCH 9 Dec 44

SIGNATURE

W.S. Howden Lt-COM
(W.S. HOWDEN)
Commanding 2/8 Aust Inf Bn

APPENDIX 'A'

DATE _____

UNIT: 2/8 Aust Inf Bn

WE 11/12C/3

One Reinft - 8 x 78

TRADE	Rank	WE	Posted Strength	Def-icit	Sur-plus	Reinfts Required
<u>TRADE GROUP 1</u>						
Blacksmith	Pte	1				
<u>TRADE GROUP 11</u>						
Carpenter	Pte	6				
Int Duties	Sgt	1				
" "	Cpl	2				
" "	Pte	7				
Signallers	Cpl	2				
"	Pte	24				
<u>TRADE GROUP 111</u>						
Butcher	Pte	1				
Clerk	Sgt	2				
"	Cpl	5				
"	Pte	4				
Eqpt Repairer	Pte	1				
Rangefinder	Pte	4				
Storeman Tech	Sgt	1				
" "	Pte	3				
Tailor	Sgt	1				
"	Cpl	1				
<u>NON-SPECIALISTS</u>						
RSM	WO1	1				
CSM	WO11	5				
RQMS	WO11	1				
CQMS	S/Sgt	5				
Pl Sgts	Sgt	24				
Batmen	Pte	34				
Dvrs MT	Pte	12				
Gen Duties (Mess)	Pte	3				
Hyg Duties	Pte	4				
LMG/Rifleman	Cpl	36				
" "	Pte	361				
MMG Nos	Cpl	3				
" "	Pte	20				
Mortar Nos	Cpl	5				
" "	Pte	68				
Orderlies	Pte	34				
Pioneers	Cpl	4				
"	Pte	26				
Regtl Police	Sgt	1				
" "	Pte	6				
Storemen	Pte	6				
Stretcher-Bearers	Sgt	1				
" "	Cpl	2				
" "	Pte	18				
TK/A Gun Nos	Cpl	4				
" " "	Pte	15				
Water Duties	Pte	2				
TOTAL CARRIED FORWARD		767				

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

51 / 44 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 16/12/1944 2/3 Aust Inf Bn (Unit)

W.E. 11/12/2 OFFRS. 35 O.R's. 769 + OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 32 ATT. BY W.E.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10			
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.							
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.			
	1 1	10	1 2 8 30	* * Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs.	AANC	1						
	2	10	41			1						
		DETAIL	A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
		A.	42									42
		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.
EX77397	Capt	MOONEY A.	2/7 Aust 2d Amb	15.12.44	AANC

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
VX204	Capt	MASKELL H.J.McL	LHQ Staff (D)	13.12.44	Staff Duties Seconded
SX22401	"	BENNETT G.L.	Evac 104 CCS	13.12.44	Evac 104 CCS

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).

2/8 Aust Inf Bn Unit

51/44 (Serial No.)

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 16 Dec /1944 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Lt-col	VX14047	HOWDEN	W.S.	C.O.	Yes		
Maj	VX166	SIMPSON	C.L.	2/1/e	"		
"	VX1451	BRAMAN	D.	OC HQ	"		
Capt	VX6596	DIPPY	S.C.	OC D	"		
"	VX9758	DWYER	M.J.	OC C	"		
"	VX5479	BUMLEY	L.O.	21/eb	"		
"	VX6513	METCALP	H.C.	"	"		
"	VX6408	CODRISTON	H.A.	"	No	REAR DETAILS	25.10.44
"	VX6401	ADAMS	J.S.	OC	YES		
"	VX39724	PAPE	R.E.	Adjt	"		
"	VX6469	McDERMOTT	R.J.	21/oc	"		
Lt	VX6405	COOPER	L.O.	Supn	"		
"	VX9105	WATSON	H.L.	OC 14	"		
"	VX6300	TRITHORAN	J.M.	Supn	"		
"	VX6209	FISHLOCK	G.P.N.	OC 12	"		
"	VX117102	CONNOLLY	H.P.	OC 15	"		
"	VX4537	COMBES	G.A.	OC 13	"		
"	VX50424	WHITESIDE	A.M.W.	Supn	No	REAR DETAILS	18.11.44
"	VX129439	DOVLY	J.C.	TO	YES		
"	VX52834	DOUGLAS	E.A.H.	OC 9	"		
"	VX43519	ATKINSON	W.B.	OC 8	"		
"	VX38456	LYONS	J.S.	OC 16	"		
"	VX38604	CHAPPE	S.C.	OC 1	"		
"	VX13323	HUTSON	W.A.	OC 17	"		
"	VX138188	TURNBULL	A.W.J.	OC 19	"		
"	VX11725	GRAVERER	W.H.	A/Adjt	"		
"	VX6033	BRSHINE	T.R.	OC 10	"		
"	VX83932	WESTWOOD	W.H.	OC 2	"		
"	VX4510	KITTO	J.V.	OC 4	"		
"	VX4213	TURNER	G.R.	OC 7	"		
"	VX109896	KERR	T.A.	Supn	"		
"	VX63325	DILLON	A.C.	"	"		
"	VX29417	BENTLEY	A.R.	IO	"		
"	VX102448	GADDYNER	F.H.	OC11	"		
"	VX89845	PENN-TONKIN	L.M.	OC 3	"		
"	VX87918	O'SHEA	W.H.	Supn	"		
"	VX87290	BOLGER	E.C.	"	"		
"	VX36673	BURAN	C.T.	"	"		
"	VX43194	HOLDEN	A.C.	"	"		
"	VX23939	EWART	R.L.	"	"		
"	VX22878	BICKLE	A.C.	"	"		
ATTACHED ON W.E.							
Capt	VX77397	MOONEY	A.	IMO	"		

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.
Chap	VX40926	McDONALD C.M.	AACHD	30.6.42	Chaplain

16 Dec 44
Date of Despatch

W.S. Howden
(W.S. HOWDEN.) Lt-col
Signature of Commander
Commanding 2/8 Aust Inf Bn

Unit

/ Serial No.

**PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in
Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday / /194 .**

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

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

Signature of Commander

UNIT 2/8 Aust Inf Bn WE 11/12/3^c One Reinf't - 8 x 78

TRADE	Rank	WE	Posted Strength	Def-icit	Sur-plus	Reinf'ts Required
TRADE GROUP 1						
Blacksmith	Pte	1	1			
Boilermaker	Pte	1	1		1	
Sig Operator	Pte		1		1	
Brick layer	Pte		1		1	
TRADE GROUP 11						
Carpenter	Pte	6	6			
Int Duties	Sgt	1	1			
" "	Cpl	2	2		1	
" "	Pte	7	4		1	
Signallers	Cpl	4	4		5	
" "	Pte	22	27			
TRADE GROUP 111						
Bootsker						
Butcher	Pte	1	1			
Clerks	Sgt	2	2			
"	Cpl	6	6		3	
"	Pte	4	7			
Eqpt Repairer	Pte	1	1			NR
Wangtaker	Pte	4	3	1		NR
Storeman Tech	Sgt	1	1			NR
" "	Pte	3	2	1		NR
Tailor	Sgt	1	1			
"	Cpl	1	1			
Dvr Nechs	Ptes		13		13	
Nursing Orderly	Pte		1		1	
NON-SPECIALISTS						
RSM	WO1	1	1			NR
CSM	WO11	5	4	1		NR
RQMS	WO11	1	1			
CQMS	S/Sgt	5	3	2		NR
Pl Sgts	Sgt	25	22	3		NR
Batmen	Pte	35	34	1		8 (42 Offrs on sgth)
Dvrs MT	Cpl	1	1			NR
"	Pte	11	9	2		NR
Gen Dut. (Mess)	Pte	3	2	1		1
Hyg Duties	Pte	4	5		1	
LMG/Riflemen	Cpl	36	36			
" "	Pte	361	333	28		28
MMG Nos	Cpl	2	2			
" "	Pte	20	22		2	
Mortar Nos	Cpl	5	5			
" "	Pte	68	65	3		NR
Orderlies	Pte	32	36			
Pioneers	Cpl	4	5			
"	Pte	28	29			
Regtl Police	Sgt	1	1			
" "	Pte	6	5	1		NR
Storemen	Pta	6	6			
Stretcher-Bear			1			
" ers	Sgt	1	2			
" "	Cpl	2	17	1		1
" "	Pte	18	4			
Tk/A Gun Nos	Cpl	4	15		1	
" "	Pte	15	2			
Water Duties	Pte	2				
TOTAL CARRIED FORWARD			769	43	42	38

APPENDIX 'A' (continued)

TRADE	Rank	WE	Posted Strength	Deficit	Surplus	Reinfts Required	-/-
TOTAL BROUGHT FORWARD		769	768	43	42	38	
<u>ATTACHED BY WE</u>							
<u>AAMC</u>							
Chiropodist	Cpl	1	1				
Hyg Inspector	Sgt	1	1				
Med Orderly	Sgt	1	1	1		NR	
" "	Pte	1	1				
<u>AAOC</u>							
Shoemaker	Cpl	1	1				
<u>ARME</u>							
Armourer	Sgt	1	1				
" TGI	Pte	1	1				
Fitter Gun TGI	Pte	1	1				
MV Fitter			1		1		
<u>AA POST S</u>							
Postal Duties	Sgt	1	1				
<u>AAPC</u>							
Pay Clerk	Sgt	1	1				
" "	Cpl	1	1				
<u>AACC</u>							
Caterer	WO11	1	1				
Cooks	Sgt	5	4	1		NR	
"	Cpl	5	6		1		
"	Pte	13	15		2		
		862	802	45	46	38	
<u>SURPLUS TRADESMEN NOT ALLOWED BY WE</u>							
<u>TRADE GROUP 1</u>							
Gp 1 Sig Operator	etc		11				
Bricklayer			11				
Boilermaker			15				
Gp 11 Signallers			51				
Intelligence			11				
Gp 111 Bootmaker			33				
Clerks			3				
Dvr Mechs			18				

-/- This column NOT to be used

DATE OF DESPATCH

16 Dec 44

SIGNATURE

W.S. Howden
 (W.S. HOWDEN)
 Lt-col
 Commanding 2/8 Aust Inf Bn

RETURN OF SURPLUS WO's AND NCO's

The NCO shown as surplus on this week's W 3009 is OX11544 L/Sjt
BALLANTYNE who is filling that vacancy of Pioneer Sjt.
The promotion of this NCO to rank of Sjt has been approved by
Comd 6 Aust Div and W 3011 has been forwarded to Qld Ech & Records

WD

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 23 / 12 / 1944 (Unit) 52 44

W.E. 11 120 3 OFFRS. 33 O.R.'s 789 + OFFRS. 1 O.R.'s 32 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.					
	1	11	128	Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs.	(AAMC)	1								
2		11	42											
Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).				DETAIL	A.I.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.										
				E.(1)										43
				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.
SX22401	Capt	BENNETT G.L.	104 CCS	18/12/44	
VX62394	Lt	NICHOLSON H.R.	"	17/12/44	

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
HX77397	Capt	MOONEY A.	2/7 Aust Fd AMB	18/12/44	Ceases to be attached

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

2/8 Aust Inf Bn

32 / 44 (Serial No.)

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 23 / 12 / 1944 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Lt-col	VX14047	BOWDEN	W.S.	CO	Yes		
Maj	VX66	SIMPSON	C.L.	216	"		
"	SX1451	BRAMAN	D.	CC HQ	"		
Capt	VX6596	DIFFEY	S.C.	CC D	"		
"	VX9768	DWYER	H.J.	CC C	"		
"	VX5479	RUMLEY	L.O.	CC B	"		
"	VX6513	NETCALP	H.C.	216A	"		
"	VX6406	COULSTON	H.A.	" B	No	Rear Details 25/10/44	
"	VX6401	ADAMS	J.S.	QM	Yes		
"	VX39724	FAPE	R.H.	Adjt	"		
"	VX6469	MADDENHOFF	R.J.	216 D	"		
Lt	VX6405	COOPER	L.C.	" C	"		
"	VX9105	WATSON	E.L.	CC 14	"		
"	VX6300	TRITHCHAN	J.H.	" 15	"		
"	VX6209	FISHLOCK	G.P.N.	" 12	"		
"	VX117102	CONOLLY	H.P.	Supn	"		
"	VX4637	COMBER	G.A.	CC 13	"		
"	VX50424	WHITESIDE	A.H.W.	Supn	No	Rear Details 18/11/44	
"	HX129438	DOVEY	J.C.	TO	Yes		
"	VX52834	DOUGLAS	S.A.W.	CC 5	"		
"	VX45519	ATKINSON	W.B.	" 8	"		
"	VX38456	LYONS	J.S.	" 16	"		
"	VX38604	CHAPPE	S.C.	" 1	"		
"	VX13323	HUTSON	W.A.	" 17	"		
"	HX138188	TURNBULL	A.W.J.	" 18	"		
"	VX11725	GRAVENER	W.H.	" 3	"		
"	HX6633	ERKINS	P.K.	" 10	"		
"	VX83982	WESTWOOD	W.H.	Supn 2	"		
"	TX4510	KITTO	J.V.	CC 4	"		
"	VX4215	TURNER	C.R.	" 7	"		
"	VX108896	KERR	T.A.	" 2	"		
"	VX63325	DILLON	A.G.	Supn	"		
"	VX29417	BENTLEY	A.R.	IO	"		
"	VX102448	GARDINER	F.H.	CC 11	"		
"	VX89845	PENN-TONKIN	L.H.	Supn	"		
"	VX62394	NICHOLSON	H.H.	"	"		
"	VX87918	O'SHEA	W.H.	"	"		
"	VX87290	BOLGER	E.C.	"	"		
"	VX36673	BRHAN	C.T.	"	"		
"	VX43194	HOLDEN	A.G.	A/Adjt	"		
"	SX23833	SMART	R.L.	CC 9	"		
"	SX22828	BICKLE	A.G.	Supn	"		
ATTACHED ON W.E.							
Capt	SX22401	BENNETT	G.L.	RMC	"		

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.
Chap	OX40920	McDONALD C.H.	AACHD	30.6.42	Chaplain

23 Dec 44
Date of Despatch

W. Bowden
(W.S. Bowden) Lt-col
Commanding 2/8 Aust Inf Bn

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday / /194 .

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				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			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevedores			
Computers								Biggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital								Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				GROUP II.				Signallers				Tailors			
Dispensers				Armourers				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Axemen				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bakers				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Bollermakers				Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters				Wireman							
Electricians				Carpenters and Joiners				Woodturners							
Electricians (M.V.)				Cooks											
Electricians (Signals)				Dental Mechanics											
Fitters				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)											
Fitters (Cycle)				Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Electrical)				Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Gun)				Drainers											
Fitters (Instrument)				Electricians											
Fitters (M.V.)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters, Railway Signal				Fire Control Operators											
Fitters, Signals				Gun Operator											
Grinder, Precision				Hatchman											
Mechanics, Instrument				Height Taker											
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Hello Operator											
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Instrument Operator											
Mechanics, Radio				Intelligence Duties											
Mechanics, Typewriter				Joiners											
Mechanics, Wireless				Lineman											
Millwrights				Lineman, Signals											
Operators, Excavator				Lithographers											
Pattern Maker				Machinists, Metal											
Pharmacist				Machinists, Wood											
Photographer, Wet Plate				Masons											
Photewriter				Masseurs											
Plumber				Mechanics, M.T.											
Saw Doctors				Miners											
Surveyors				Moulders											
				Nurses, Trained											
				Observation Post Assts.											
CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD				Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.			

NOTES.—(a) If rank other than private is involved give details on back.
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 (c) Where A.W.A.S. and/or A.A.M.W.S. personnel are desired show details on back.
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Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

DATE

UNIT 2/8 Aust Inf Bn

WE 11/12/3

One Reinft - 8 x 78

TRADE	Rank	WE	Posted Strength	Deficit	Surplus	Reinfts Required
TRADE GROUP 1						
Blacksmith	Pte	1	1			
Boilermaker	Pte	X	1		1	
Sig Operator	Pte		1		1	
Bricklayer	Pte		1		1	
TRADE GROUP 11						
Carpenter	Pte	6	6			
Int Duties	Sgt	1	1			
" "	Cpl	2	2			
" "	Pte	7	7			
Signallers	Cpl	4	4			
" "	Pte	22	28		6	
TRADE GROUP 111						
Bootmaker			1		1	
Butcher	Pte	1	1			
Clerks	Sgt	2	2			
" "	Cpl	6	6			
" "	Pte	4	7		3	
Eqpt Repairer	Pte	1	1			
Rangemaker	Pte	4	4			
Storeman Tech	Sgt	1	1			
" "	Pte	3	2	1		NR
Tailor	Sgt	1	1			
" "	Cpl	1	1			
Dvr Mechs			18		18	
Nursing Orderly			1		1	
NON-SPECIALISTS						
RSL	WO1	1	1			
CSM	WO11	5	5			
RQMS	WO11	1	1			
CQMS	S/Sgt	5	5			
Pl Sgts	Sgt	25	22	3		NR
Batmen	Pte	35	36		1	7 (43 Offrs on strength)
Dvrs MT	Cpl	1	1			
" "	Pte	11	9	2		NR
Gen. Dut. (Mococ)	Pte	3	2	1		NR
Hyg Duties	Pte	4	5		1	
IMG Riflemen	Cpl	36	36			
" "	Pte	361	339	22		22
MMG Nos	Cpl	2	2			
" "	Pte	20	23		3	
Mortar Nos	Cpl	5	5			
" "	Pte	68	64	4		44
Orderlies	Pte	32	35		3	
Pioneers	Cpl	4	5		1	
" "	Pte	28	29		1	
Regtl Police	Sgt	1	1			
" "	Pte	6	6			
Storemen	Pts	6	5	1		NR
Stretcher-Bearers	Sgt	1	1			
" "	Cpl	2	2			
" "	Pte	18	17	1		1
no/A Gun Nos	Cpl	4	4			
" "	Pte	15	15			
Water Duties	Pte	2	2			
TOTAL CARRIED						
		769	776	35	42	34

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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

53 / 44 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 30/12/1944 (Unit) 42/0 Aust Inf Bn

W.E. 11 / 1263 OFFRS. 33 O.R.'s. 709 + OFFRS. 1 O.R.'s. 32 ATT. BY W.E.

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

1 2 3 4				5	6 7 8 9 10								
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.								
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.				
	1 1	11	1 2 8 31	* * Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs.	AAAC	1							
	2	11	42			1							
		DETAIL		A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
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).		A.		43									43
		E.(1)											
		E.(2)											

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

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

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

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

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

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

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

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Unit

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 30 / 12 / 1944 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Lt-col	VX14047	HOWDEN	W.S.	CO	Yes		
Maj	VX86	SIMPSON	G.L.	21c	"		
"	SX1451	BRANHAM	D.	OC HQ	"		
Capt	VX6568	DIPPY	S.C.	OC D	"		
"	VX9768	DWYER	H.J.	OC C	"		
"	VX5479	RUNLEY	L.O.	OC B	"		
"	VX6513	METCALP	E.C.	OC A	"		
"	VX8408	COULSTON	H.A.	21cB	No	Rear Details 25.10.44	
"	VX6401	ADAMS	J.S.	CM	Yes		
"	VX39724	PAPE	B.E.	Adjt	"		
"	VX8469	McDERMOTT	R.J.	21cD	"		
Lt	VX8405	COOPER	L.C.	" C	"		
"	VX9105	WATSON	E.L.	OC 14	"		
"	VX6300	TRETHOWAN	J.M.	OC 15	"		
"	VX6209	PISHLOCK	G.F.W.	OC 12	"		
"	VX117102	CONVOLLY	H.P.	Supn	"		
"	TX4637	COMBES	G.A.	OC 13	"		
"	VX50424	WHITESIDE	A.M.V.	Supn	No	Rear Details 18.11.44	
"	EX129438	DOVEY	J.C.	TC	Yes		
"	VX52834	DOUGLAS	B.A.W.	21cA	"		
"	VX43519	ATKINSON	W.B.	OC 8	"		
"	VX38455	LYONS	J.S.	OC 16	"		
"	VX38604	CHAPPE	F.C.	OC 1	"		
"	VX13325	HUTSON	W.A.	OC 17	"		
"	EX136138	TURNBULL	A.W.J.	OC 18	"		
"	VX11725	GRAVENOR	W.N.	OC 3	"		
"	EX6033	IRSKINE	T.R.	OC 10	"		
"	VX83932	WESTWOOD	W.N.	Supn	"		
"	VX4510	KITTO	J.V.	OC 4	"		
"	VX4213	TURNER	C.N.	OC 7	"		
"	VX109896	KEHR	T.A.	OC 2	"		
"	VX63325	DILLON	A.D.	Supn	"		
"	VX29417	BENTLEY	A.H.	IO	"		
"	VX102448	GARDINER	P.W.	OC 11	"		
"	VX89645	PENK-TONKIN	L.N.	Supn	"		
"	VX62394	NICHOLSON	H.R.	OC 5	"		
"	VX67918	O'SHEA	W.H.	Supn	"		
"	VX67290	BOLGER	E.C.	"	"		
"	VX88673	BEHAN	C.T.	"	"		
"	VX43194	HOLDEN	A.G.	A/Adjt	"		
"	SX23938	EWART	R.L.	OC 9	"		
"	SX22828	BICKLE	H.E.	Supn	"		
ATTACHED ON W.E.							
Capt	SX22401	BENNETT	G.L.	RMO	"		

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.
Chap	VX40920	McDONALD G.H.	AACHD	30.6.42	Chaplain

30 Dec 44

Date of Despatch

(W.S. HOWDEN.) Lt-col

Commanding 2/8 Aust Inf Bn

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53 / 44 Serial No.

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 30 / 12 / 1944

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, R.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				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								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevedores			
Computers								Biggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers				Tailors			
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Bollermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters				Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics											
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)											
Fitters				Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors							
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers							
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks							
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply							
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical							
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties				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							
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tpin. Plant							
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.							
Photewriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers							
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD				Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.			*

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

Signature of Commander

TRADE	Rank	WE	Posted Strength	Def-olt	Sur-plus	Reinfts Required	-/-
TOTAL BROUGHT FORWARD		767 769	774	41	46	39	
<u>ATTACHED BY WE</u>							
<u>AAMC</u>							
Chiropodist	Cpl	1	1				
Hyc Inspector	Sgt	1	1				
Med Orderly	Sgt	1	1	1		NR	
" "	Pte	1	1				
<u>AAOC</u>							
Shoemaker	Cpl	1	1				
<u>AMEE</u>							
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	Sgt	1	1				
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	Pte	1	1				
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	Pte	1	1				
<u>Wv Fitter</u>			1				
AA POST S							
Postal Duties	Sgt	1	1				
<u>AAPC</u>							
Pay Clerk	Sgt	1	1				
" "	Cpl	1	1				
<u>AACC</u>							
Caterer	WO11	1	1				
Cooks	Sgt	5	4	1		NR	
"	Cpl	5	6			1	
"	Pte	13	15			2	
		802 801	802	45	50	39	
<u>SURPLUS TRADESMEN NOT ALLOWED BY WE</u>							
<u>TRADE GROUP 1</u>							
etc							
IPI	Sig Operator		1				
	Bricklayer		1				
	Boilermaker		1				
IIPII	Signallers		6				
	Intelligence		1				
IIPIII	Bootmaker		1				
	Clerks		3				
	Dvr mechs		18				
	Nursing Orderly		1				

-/- This column NOT to be used

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Commanding 2/8 Aust Inf Bn

UNIT 2/3 Aust Inf Bn

WE 11/12/3^c

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TRADE	Rank	WE	Posted Strength	Def-icit	Sur-plus	Reinfts Required
TRADE GROUP 1						
Blacksmith	Pte	1	1		1	
Boilermaker	Pte		1		1	
Sig Operator	Pte		1		1	
Bricklayer	Pte		1		1	
TRADE GROUP 11						
Carpenter	Pte	6	6			
Int Duties	Sgt	1	1			
" "	Cpl	2	2			
" "	Pte	7	8		1	
Signallers	Cpl	4	4			
" "	Pte	22	28		6	
TRADE GROUP 111						
Bootmaker			1		1	
Butcher	Pte	1	1			
Clerks	Sgt	2	2			
"	Cpl	6	6			
"	Pte	4	7		3	
Eqpt Repairer	Pte	1	1			
Hangstaker	Pte	4	4			
Storeman Tech	Sgt	1	1			
" "	Pte	3	2	1		NR
Tailor	Sgt	1	1			
"	Cpl	1	1			
Dvr Mechs			18		18	
Nursing Orderly			1		1	
NON-SPECIALISTS						
RSM	WO1	1	1			
SSM	WO11	5	5			
RQMS	WO11	1	1			
CQMS	S/Sgt	5	5			
Pl Sgts	Sgt	25	22	3		NR
Batmen	Pte	35	36		1	7 (43 Offrs on stgth)
Dvrs MT	Cpl	1	1			
"	Pte	11	9	2		NR
Gen Dut. (Mess)	Pte	3	2	1		NR
Hyg Duties	Pte	4	5		1	
LMG/Rifleman	Cpl	36	37		1	
" "	Pte	361	335	26		26
MMG Nos	Cpl	2	2			
" "	Pte	20	23		3	
Mortar Nos	Cpl	5	5			
" "	Pte	68	64	4		4
Orderlies	Pte	32	35		3	
Pioneers	Cpl	4	5		1	
"	Pte	28	30		2	
Regtl Police	Sgt	1	-	1		NR
"	Pte	6	6			
Storemen	Pte	6	5	1		NR
Stretcher-Bear						
"	Sgt	1	1			
"	Cpl	2	2			
"	Pte	13	16	2		2
Tk/A Gun Nos	Cpl	4	4			
"	Pte	15	16		1	
Water Duties	Pte	2	2			
TOTAL CAPTURED		769	774	41	46	39

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1.

Unit 2/8 Aust Inf Bn

Date and Time.—From 1 Jan 45

To 5 Jan 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DANMAP RIVER AREA	1 Jan 45		A Coy patrol (Lt TURNER) to MIMA CK area contacted 4 Japs at V.638248, killing 2, wounding 1, own cas Nil. 1 further kill confirmed 15 Jan (Total 3 killed). This patrol repaired Mission line to approx junc MIMA Ck and DANMAP for patrol comm.	
	2 Jan 45		A Coy patrol (Lt EWART) recceing NORTH bank DANMAP contacted 5 Japs at V 617255, killing 3, and 2 escaping. Own cas Nil. All other patrols report NMS.	
	3 Jan 45		A Coy two-day patrol (Lt ATKINSON) via ALBU CK in direction of WALUM move out at 0700 hrs. 2/7 Cav (cdo) Sqn patrol from WALUM via ALBU CK arrived IDAKAIBUL 1300 hrs, but had not contacted ATKINSON patrol. C tp 2/9 Cav (cdo) Sqn est V 607250. Recce party 2/3 Aust Fd Regt move to IDAKAIBUL.	
	4 Jan 45		Patrols from C Coy along WEST slopes of OUTLOOK, located powerful transmitter motor and generating plant, the latter in good condition. A Coy two-day patrol ALBU CK returned 1000 hrs, reporting NMS.	
	5 Jan 45		A Coy patrol (Cpl GIDDINGS) to SLEEPY CK, sighted 2 Japs at V 577275, killing both. Own cas Nil. A Coy patrol (Sjt KING) to ARIUAI CK found 12 Japs in a number of huts (V620260) on creek bank. Enemy cas 10 killed, 3 escaped. Own cas Nil. These enemy were possibly from medical and signal units, judging from documents and equipment found in vicinity of huts. D Coy moved to ARIUAI CK, arriving 1130 hrs.	

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" 2.

Unit 2/8 Aust Inf Bn Date and Time.—From 6 Jan 45 To 10 Jan 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DANMAP RIVER AREA	6 Jan 45		D Coy patrol (Lt A W TURNBULL) contacted four Japs ARIUAI CK area, killing the four. Own cas Nil.	
	7 Jan 45		C Coy, with 2 dets mortars and No 4 pl u/c, moved to KNIFE V 560278, and prepared def posns.	
	8 Jan 45		D Coy patrol (Capt DIFFEY) to MIMA CK observed 8 Japs. The patrol fired on a party of three, killing one. Own cas Nil. The patrol returned through MALIN village and found it deserted.	
	9 Jan 45		D Coy patrol (Lt HUTSON) in vicinity of MIMA CK, surprised 4 Japs in the creek, killing the four with one Bren burst. A lean-to nearby contained clothing bearing the badges of rank of a Lt-Gen and a Lt-col, also many documents. It was at first thought that the Japs killed were the owners of the clothing. Subsequent examination of the bodies and documents indicated pers of lower rank. Some doubt remains. C Coy working parties, directed by Engrs, commence work on carrier train track to IDAKAIBUL.	
	10 Jan 45		A Coy patrol (Lt ATKINSON) to MIMA CK thence AHINA CK to MALIN, reported NMS. A Coy moved to V 618250, leaving one pl at IDAKAIBUL. D Coy moved to V 644252(SOUTH HILL) and est patrol base. Lt HUTSON's patrol located possible ambush at V 669248, enemy cas 3 killed, own cas Nil. These enemy appeared to be organised inf about 12 in number. Lt LYON's patrol to IBUK CK sighted 3 Japs at V 646256, killing 2 and wounding 1. Own cas Nil. Capt DIFFEY and Lt HUTSON went on recce patrol tom examine bodies of enemy killed 9 Jan for identification purposes.	

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Unit 2/8 Austy Inf Bn

Date and Time.—From 11 Jan 45

To 14 Jan 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MALIN AREA	11 Jan 45		A Coy patrol (Lt TURNER) to WEST HILL and ARIUAI SADDLE report NMS.	
	12 Jan 45		<p>A Coy (Lt TURNER) patrol to V 629264, killed 2 Japs at V 636267 and 1 Jap at V 640269.</p> <p>Lt TURNBULL led a D Coy patrol to ABAU, much to consternation of higher authority, as Bn patrol limit excl grid 28.</p> <p>The patrol was successful, 7 Japs being killed vicinity V 656278. These enemy were of fine physique and belonged to 9 Debarkation Unit.</p> <p>On return route via ABAU - MALIN TRACK, patrol was sniped by 2 Japs at V 646273, own cas Nil, but the snipers were killed.</p> <p>D Coy patrol (Lt LYONS) along MIMA CK to V 674247 killed 3 Japs and wounded one.</p> <p>On the night 12/13 Jan D Coy reported definite movement in the perimeter, and sighted small yellow dog. Booby traps were sprung, but did not explode.</p>	
	13 Jan 45		<p>A Coy patrol (Lt ATKINSON) to IBUK CK area contacted 5 Japs at V 618266, killing 4 and wounding 1. 2 further Japs sighted at V 623270, fired on by patrol, but no results observed.</p> <p>Lt PENN-TONKIN TOS C Coy.</p> <p>Church services were held in C Coy area.</p>	
	14 Jan 45		<p>Lt L C COOPER M/O from C Coy to LHQ as instructor.</p> <p>Lt E L WATSON assumes 2IC of C Coy, and Lt WESTWOOD OC 14 pl.</p> <p>D Coy reported movement on their perimeter, and observed a yellow dog possibly used by Japs. Shots fired at dog with unobserved results. This animal has been seen previously.</p>	

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Unit 2/8 Aust Inf Bn

Date and Time.—From 15 Jan 45

To 17 Jan 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MALIN AREA	15 Jan 45		<p>A Coy patrol (Lt ATKINSON) killed 2 Japs (incl 1 Capt) and took 1 PW in ARIUAI CK area. The PW was suffering from BERI BERI, and was apparently educated, as he could speak English. A tp 2/9 Cav (cdo) Sqn moved from IDAKAIBUL and took up def posn at V 634222, with one sec forward at ILAP. An Air recce of MALIN was carried out with use of ground panels.</p>	
	16 Jan 45		<p>C Coy moved from KNIFE to V 619250, relieving A Coy, who moved back to KNIFE. Mortars now came u/c A Coy. Bn patrols to MIMA CK and ARIUAI CK reported NMS. B tp 2/9 Cav (cdo) Sqn killed 2 Japs in the NIMBUN CK area, V 655279, and captured documents and maps etc. Fast and frequent service has been maintained between bn and bde, by use of the pigeon service. However, to-day, the pigeon carrying to-days Sitrep, overcarried the signal to BABIANG.</p>	
	17 Jan 45		<p>The Bde Comd (Brig J E G MARTIN) visited coy localities. A/C carried out recce of proposed DZ at MALIN. B tp 2/9 Cav (cdo) Sqn patrol to NIMBUN CK encountred ambush by approx 8 Japs at V 655279, at 1400 hrs. The patrol killed 3 Japs, but suffered 1 killed and 1 wounded. 3 Japs approached B tp posn from North, on EAST HILL at 1152 hrs, one killed, one wounded, third escaped. During the night the Arty staged a shoot, and incorrect DF task was called, causing D Coy several anxious moments, their main concentration being on D Coy cook-house, a structure of which they were justly proud. D Coy patrol found 2 Japs dead AHINA CK, one having committed hari kari.</p>	

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Unit 2/8 Aust Inf Bn

Date and Time.—From 18 Jan 45

To 20 Jan 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MALIN AREA	18 Jan 45		<p>B Coy, less one pl, moved to new location at MALIN to cover DZ at V 639242.</p> <p>C Coy patrol (Lt TRETOWAN) contacted 3 Japs at V 615267, killing one, wounding one, third escaped. Own cas Nil.</p> <p>Enemy still frequent the ARTUAI CK area, not more than a 1000 yards from C Coy perimeter. They do not appear to be an organised force, and are always caught napping.</p> <p>B tp 2/9 Cav (cdo) Sqn ambush at V 675263 withdrawn at 1200 hrs.</p>	
	19 Jan 45		<p>The remaining pl of B Coy moved to MALIN.</p> <p>One pl of C Coy, and adv elements of Bn HQ, moved out as adv party to est base at V 638246.</p> <p>A/C commenced dropping on DZ at MALIN.</p> <p>Heavy rain occurred night 18/19 Jan, and abnormal river conditions interfered with patrolling programme.</p> <p>To-day the bn suffered its first battle cas in a clash with 20 Japs at V 675257. Enemy weapons incl 2 LMGs, 1 JUKI and grenades. The D Coy patrol (Lt TURNBULL) had a sharp engagement lasting 1 hr 40 mins. Enemy cas 9 killed, own cas 4 wounded.</p> <p>Two linesmen (2/9 Cav) on line maintenance, killed 2 Japs at V 632228.</p>	
	20 Jan 45		<p>A contact patrol from B Coy to A tp 2/9 Cav (cdo) Sqn, down DANMAP RIVER killed one Jap at V 634226.</p> <p>This brings the bn total of kills to 69, with 8 wounded and one PW. 2/9 Cav (cdo) Sqn total 6 killed, 1 wounded.</p> <p>Lt HUTSON rtu ex hospital.</p> <p>D Coy patrol (led by Capt DIFFEY) of 2 pls and FOO party, moved out to make an attack on the enemy posns located 19 Jan at V 675257, but failed to make contact, enemy having withdrawn, leaving the dead unburied, and other signs of a hasty retreat.</p>	

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Unit 2/8 Aust Inf Bn

Date and Time.—From 20 Jan 45

To 22 Jan 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MALIN AREA	20 Jan 45		B tp 2/9 Cav (cdo) Sqn contact patrol to 2/11 bn was ambushed by unstated number of Japs at V 655278 at 1300 hrs - enemy cas Nil, own cas 1 killed. C Coy adv party (1 offr 33 ORs) moved to V 636246.	
	21 Jan 45		Projected moves were cancelled owing to adverse river conditions caused by very heavy rain during the night. Deep patrols were also cancelled. Lt-col JABOOR, of 2/3 Aust Inf Bn, visited Bn HQ preir to complete recce of the area. C Coy changes - Lt E L WATSON M/O on compassionate leave, with Lt J H TRETOWAN taking over as 2IC of C Coy. Lt PENN-TONKIN became OC of 15 pl. Church services were held in Bn HQ area.	
	22 Jan 45		At 1830 hrs, 4 Japs approached B Coy standing patrol (Lt ERSKINE) at V 668249, They were engaged, 1 Jap being killed, 2 wounded escaped. During the action, a phosphorous grenade exploded, and injured 4 members of the pl. Bn now disposed as follows:- Bn HQ and C Coy at V 638246 A Coy at V 618250 B Coy at MALIN DZ with a pl forward as standing patrol at V 639242. D Coy at IBUK CK, with 17 pl on EAST HILL. This pl relieved B tp 2/9 Cav (cdo) Sqn. Tk-A pl u/c D Coy. 2/9 Cav (cdo) Sqn concentrated at V 633222, with C tp at IDAKAIBUL.	

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Unit 2/8 Aust Inf Bn

Date and Time.—From 23 Jan 45

To 24 Jan 45

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MALIN AREA	23 Jan 45		<p>The GOC (Maj-Gen J S STEVENS) staged night 23/24 Jan in Bn HQ area, en route to ABAS.</p> <p>Adv party of 2/3 Aust Inf Bn arrived in Bn area.</p> <p>C Coy patrol along LONG RIDGE sighted 1 Jap, who escaped toward NIMBUN CK.</p> <p>Other patrols report NMS.</p>	
	24 Jan 45		<p>Patrol from D Coy (Lt KITTO Tk-A pl) contacted enemy in a prepared posn at V 675257 at approx 1030 hrs. They encountered accurate rifle and LMG fire, and the patrol was held up.</p> <p>A runner from the patrol reported to B Coy patrol base at V 668249, and Lt ERSKINE with two secs moved out to contact and support the patrol.</p> <p>A further force from D Coy under Lt TURNBULL, and a party from B Coy (Capt COULSTON), moved forward to cover withdrawal of Lt KITTO's patrol, and recover cas.</p> <p>Kitto patrol withdrew, but the force covering him were cut off by the enemy, who had carried out an encircling movement.</p> <p>Cpl NELSON and Sig BROWN managed to bypass the enemy, and teeing in on the Arty line which had been cut by the enemy passed back the infm.</p> <p>As a result, Capt DIFFEY, took a pl out at 1800 hrs to cover a general withdrawal. No further action was fought as the force was able to withdraw at approx 1930 hrs under cover of darkness, meeting D Coy pl en route.</p> <p>Own cas, 2 killed and 5 wounded. One wounded died of wounds.</p> <p>Enemy cas 17 killed.</p>	

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Unit 2/8 Aust Inf Bn Date and Time.—From 24 Jan 45 To 27 Jan 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MALIN AREA	24 Jan 45		A Coy sighted but missed one Jap V 615257. A tp 2/9 Cav (cdo) Sqn patrol contacted 4 Japs at V 635215, killing 3, one escaped.	
	25 Jan 45		C Coy patrol, Lt WESTWOOD, returned to base at 1030 hrs, after having covered route laid down. for x k h m . The patrol made no contact, but gained considerable information. Two pers of Cav (cdo) Sqn returning from escort duty GOCs party to AMAM killed 3 Japs at junc of DANMAP RIVER and SILITA CK. Own cas Nil.	
	26 Jan 45		B and D Coys were relieved by B and D Coys of 2/3 Aust Inf Bn at 1230 hrs. These two coys of the Bn to stage night 26/27 Jan at IDAKAIBUL. Cav patrol to ABOAMA contacted approx 20 Japs in prepared posns vicinity of that village. Enemy withdrew to the SE. Own cas 1 wounded, enemy cas 1 wounded. Elements of Bn HQ moved to SUAIN.	
	27 Jan 45		B and D Coys arrived at SUAIN 1130 hrs. During the afternoon, heavy rain commenced, making river conditions abnormal. Toward nightfall rain ceased for approx one hr. A further very heavy fall commenced, and at 2130 hrs, the DANMAP burst its banks, and inundated A and C Coy posns. Portion of the latter coy's perimeter was located on an island in the DANMAP, and manned by a pl of 2/3 MG Bn. These pers were marooned. The substantial trees growing on the island were swept away. Pers of the pl endeavoured to escape by means of the logs floating down the river. Earlier in the evening, a party from C Coy (Capt M J DWYER), made unsuccessful attempts to get a line across to the island. 12 members of the MG pl escaped by various means, 7 reported missing.	

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Unit 2/8 Aust Inf Bn Date and Time.—From 27 Jan 45 To 31 Jan 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MALIN AREA	27 Jan 45		<p>A Coys posn at ARIUAI CK was flooded, and members of the coy moved to the only high ground in the area, where the depth of the water rose to approx 4 ft.</p> <p>A Coy suffered no cas, but much equipment was lost.</p> <p>The river fell almost as quickly as it had risen, having reached its highest level at 2300 hrs.</p>	
	28 Jan 45		<p>Daylight enabled assessment of damage to be made, but losses were not as great as at first anticipated.</p> <p>Brig KING (16 Aust Inf Bde) visited area and comd passed to 2/3 Aust Inf Bn.</p>	
	29 Jan 45		<p>A and C Coys relieved by A and C coys of 2/3 Bn. These coys staged night 29/30 Jan at IDAKAIBUL.</p>	
	30 Jan 45		<p>Bn completed concentration at SUAIN, condition of bridges along coast to WEST make an immediate move to AITAPE impossible.</p>	
	31 Jan 45		<p>Bn now u/c 16 Aust Inf Bde as reserve bn, forwrd movement of 2/2 Aust Inf Bn being prevented by flood conditions.</p> <p>B Coy pl moved to MATAPAU as protection for ADS section.</p>	
			<p>Note:</p> <p>Enemy killed by 2/8 Aust Inf Bn during the operation totalled 87, wounded 10 and one PW.</p> <p>2/9 Aust Cav (cdo) Sqn, whilst u/c 2/8 bn killed 14 and wounded 2. Grand total 101 killed, 12 wounded, 1 PW.</p> <p>Own cas from enemy enemy action : 2/8 Aust Inf Bn - 3 killed, 8 wounded. 2/9 Aust Cav (cdo) Sqn - 2 killed, 2 wounded.</p>	

MEDICAL REPORT for JAN 45

1. Infectious diseases - Nil.

2. General:

The most notable event has been an influx of malaria cases during this month, the unit having 42 confirmed cases. From about the 15th to 25th of the month was the time of greater incidence of cases.

As the unit was in action, we received our first battle casualties. One remarkable point was the severity of some of the wounds from which the patients recovered.

Having blood serum at the RAP for rapid administration was a great help. Skin conditions are on the increase, especially tinea infections and foot troubles.

The high gaiters of the American type proved more satisfactory than the low web gaiters of Australian pattern for preventing grit getting into the boots and then abrading the soggy skin of the feet.

Jungle boots appeared a great asset.

There were scattered cases of diarrhoea, but no epidemic. Two cases were evac to hospital.

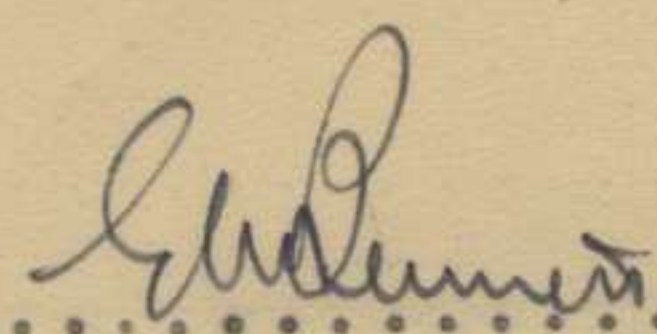
Sulphaguanidine (5 day course) was used as a routine in all diarrhoea cases.

3. Hygiene : was generally very satisfactory in the field. A deep trench latrine was possible in most places.

4. Water duties : Most water drunk was in form of tea which meant of course that it had been boiled. Other drinking water was superchlorinated.

5. Mosquito control : This was far more difficult while in action. Atebrin, Maly and nets became the main precautions.

6. Mite precautions : Have proved very successful with no cases of scrub typhus.


.....Capt
G L BENNETT
R M O 2/8 Aust Inf Bn

Ref. Map SUAIN EAST)
BUT WEST) 1" to 1 mile

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1 Jan 45

HARI OP. INSTN NO.6

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To DILI c

- Infm 1. Enemy (a) As contained in intelligence reports to date.
(b) Received Recent HARI patrols in DANMAP R. area from IDAKAIBUL EAST to vertical grid 63 have NOT met with any enemy interference. 1 January HARI patrol killed 2 enemy vicinity junc DANMAP R.- MIMA Ck 638246.
(c) Tac.R reports suspected enemy posns vicinity of spur 638243.
2. Own tps HARI (2) is based at PORK 557290. HARI (1) is based at IDAKAIBUL and has been responsible for patrolling of DANMAP R. area. HARI (4) will be located WEST of INAMBULE Ck. sq 6025 (role is as detailed in Op. Instn No.5).
- Role 3 You will act as right flank protection to HARI (4) and will be responsible for recce tasks as detailed.
- Tasks 4 Your initial tasks will comprise the following :-
(a) Locate any enemy disposns in foot hills SOUTH of DANMAP R. sqs 5924, 6024, 6124, and 6224.
(b) Investigate suspected enemy disposns on spur running EAST in sq.6324.
(c) Determine if a practicable route exists via ALBU Ck - LAHAP Ck. to SOLITA.
(d) Recce and report any practicable air dropping grounds.
(e) Further tasks as ordered.
N.B. In addition to reports of enemy locations etc., information is required as to terrain and possible practicable routes for the movement of a force SOUTH of DANMAP R. in the direction of MALIN and SOLITA.
- Tac.R. 5. Special Tac.R. if required is available on request to HARI. Any requirements of this nature to be notified by 1000 hrs the preceding day.
- Adm 6. (a) Sups. 7 days reserve will be built up and maintained under arrangements of HARI.
(b) You will carry on the man on day of occupation 3 days rations to be collected from HARI (1) en route.
(c) Amn. 2 x W.E. all types will be established similarly.
(d) ~~His representative will be attached until (a) and (c) completed.~~
- Medical 7. Casualties will be evacuated through Lt Sec HARI (1)
- Intercomn 8.(a) No.22 Set at HARI (1). You will net your 208 Control Set therewith.
(b) Line through HARI (4) Owing to risk of enemy interception all msgs will be sufficiently encoded to render them unintelligible to interceptors.
- 9.

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W. Howden
Lt Col

WAR DIARY

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BUT WEST) 1" to 1 mile

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HARI OP. INSTN NO.5

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To HARI (4)

PART A.

- Infm. 1. Enemy. As contained in intelligence reports to date.
- 2nd 2. Own tps. (a) Present disposns will be maintained. You will be relieved of your existing defensive obligations by DILI by 040600 I
 (b) Latest patrol infm will be supplied to you prior to departure.
 (a) One tp DILI will be located approx. sq 6024 SOUTH of DANMAP R. as from 041000 I.
- Role 3. Role (a) You will establish a base in area sq 6025 WEST of INAMBULE Ck by 051200 I. with a view to carrying out the following tasks.
 (b) Your occupation will be covered by patrols from HARI (1).
- Tasks 4. (a) Clear high ground including TWINS between INAMBULE and ARUAI Cks.
 (b) Ascertain enemy disposns ARUAI - IBULA Cks and clear if within your capabilities.
 (c) Locate track EAST of ARUAI - IBULA Cks leading to DOGRETO BAY.
 (d) Recce route to cut track ABAU - MALIN about SOUTH HILL 638257
 (e) Further tasks as ordered.
- Reports 5. (a) Dates and times of patrols will be notified 12 hours in advance.
 (b) Times of return to be signalled as soon as possible.
 (c) Detailed reports will be forwarded HARI as early as practicable
 N.B. In addition to reports on enemy locations action etc., notes on terrain will be included together with suitable routes for movement of a force and estimated time required for negotiation.
- Support 6. (a) One Fd Bty is available for support FOO party attached your force. (b) One sec Mor 3" will be placed under your command as practicable.
- Tac. R. 7. Special Tac.R. if required available on request to HARI any such request to be notified by 1000 hrs day preceding that on which required.
- Admn 8. (a) Sups. 7 days reserve will be built up and maintained under arrangements of HARI
 (b) You will carry on the man on day of occupation 3 days rations to be collected from HARI (1) en route.
 (c) Amn. 2 x W.E. all types will be established similarly.
 (d) DID representative will be attached until (a) and (c) complete.
- Medical 9. Casualties will be evacuated through Lt Sec HARI (1).
- Intercom 10. (a) Line to HARI (1)
 (b) 108 Set
 (c) Arty Comms (alternative)
 No comms will be passed in clear CODE must be used.

PART B.

Mvt from present area

- 11. HARI (4) less recce party will move from present area 040600 and will proceed via HARI (1) to new location. ~~Франкфурт~~
 At your discretion and dependent upon time of arrival at HARI (1) your force may stay a night 4/5 January in that area.
- 12. Operational scale only will be taken.

Gear

ACK.

Signed at

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BUT WEST }

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HARI OP INSTRUCTION No 7

To DILI-C

1. Ref HARI Op Instn No 6

INFM :- 2. As contained in Op Instn No 6 and Revisits to date.

ROLE :- 3. (a) Previous instns are AMENDED in that you will now operate from a patrol base to be established on ALBU Ck SOUTH of IDAKAIBUL sq in the vicinity of Ck June 585230 or NORTH thereof at your discretion for the purpose of carrying out the tasks enumerated in Para 4 below.

(b) You will as previously instructed afford RIGHT flank protection to HARI (4) during occupation of their posn and will subsequently establish the base mentioned in (a) above by 1200 hrs 7 Jan 44.

(c) In the advent of adverse weather conditions delaying occupation by HARI(4) after 7 Jan 44 you will remain in your present location until occupation has been covered and completed then move to new location.

TASKS :- 4. You will be responsible for:-

(a) Reporting and preventing any enemy mvt NORTH from WALUM via ALBU Ck.

(b) Determine if a practicable route exists via ALBU Ck LAHAP Ck to SOLITA.

(c) Investigating enemy dispositions SOLITA and PANTHER SPUR sqs 6224, 6324.

(d) Such other tasks as ordered.

TAC R :-

ADM

MEDICAL

5. As contained in OP Instruction No 6.

INTER COMN :- 6. As arranged with Sig Offr HARE.

7. ACK.

Signed at.....^{04.07.30 I}

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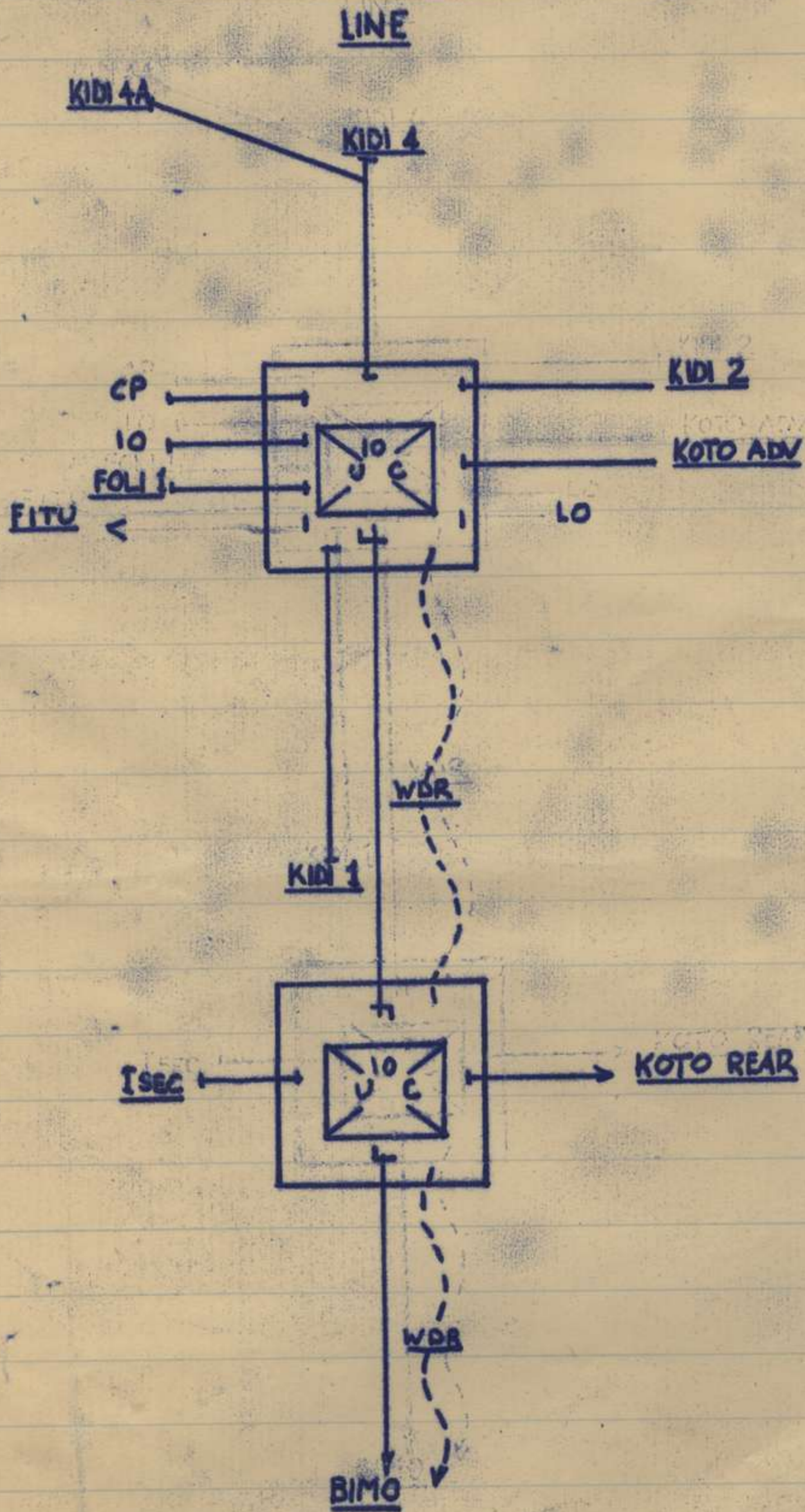
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KIDI SIGNAL DIAGRAM

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19 Jan 45.

2/8 AUST INF BN CO No 1

Ref Maps:-SUAIN EAST)
BUT WEST) 1/2 to 1 ml

INFO

1. Enemy:-As contained in revsits to date. WEST of the line NIAP-MALIN the enemy have been reduced to a few stragglers mostly in the area ARIUAI ck-DOGRETTO SPUR. 8 enemy killed V675257 19 Jan. Reports indicate more in area-estimated strength not available but enemy definitely alert.
2. Own Troops:-
 - (a) 2/4 Aust Inf Bn is holding area LUAIN-LAZY ck, No2 crossing V558260. Role-to hold coastal area MATAPAU-LAZY ck and be prepared to counter attack towards ABAU or MALIN.
 - (b) 2/11 Aust Inf Bn with under comd 1 Coy 2/3 Aust MG Bn less 1 Pl is holding the coast from V600304 to NIAP with an outpost of 1 Pl at V645286. Intention-Capture ABAU-NIMBOM June V 654279 and clear NW slopes of NAMEUT HILLS sq 6627, hold the area NIMBOM junc-mouth of NIMBOM ck-DOGRETTO SPUR sq V 6428-NIAP.
 - (c) 2/8 Aust Inf Bn with under comd 2/9 Aust Cav (Cdo) Sqn, less 4 dets 3" mors and 5 Pl. as contained in sitrep of 19 Jan. 4 Dets 3" mor come under comd 2/3 Aust MG Bn as from 0800 hrs 18 Jan.
 - (d) In support 2/8 Aust Inf Bn as from 1800 hrs 16 Jan 3 Aust Fd Bty, 5 Aust Fd Bty

INTENTION

ARIUAI SADDLE

3. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn less 1 Bty mors and Pnr Pl will hold the line ~~ARIUAI~~-MALIN-ILAP and patrol towards ABAUAMA and EAST to 69 grid.

METHOD

4. Preliminary moves:-
 - "A" Coy will return to ARIUAI ck area.
 - "B" Coy will move to MALIN to secure DZ.
 - "C" Coy with under comd 2 Pl plus Bn Hq will move to junc of DANMAP-MIMA ck.
 - "D" Coy less 1 Pl with under comd TK/A Pl will remain present location-1 Pl "D" Coy will relieve "B" Tp 2/9 Aust Cav (Cdo) Sqn at ARIUAI SADDLE.
 - 2/9 Aust Cav (Cdo) Sqn less "C" Tp and Rear Sqn Hq will concentrate at 633223. Concentration will be completed by 1800 hrs 22 Jan.

TASKS

5.
 - (a) "A" Coy will hold junc DANMAP-ARIUAI ck.
 - (b) "B" Coy will secure and hold DZ at MALIN.
 - (c) "C" Coy with under comd 2 Pl will hold junc DANMAP-MIMA ck.
 - (d) "D" Coy less 1 Pl with under comd 4 Pl will hold junc MIMA and IBUK cks V646251.
 - (e) 2/9 Aust Cav (Cdo) Sqn less "C" Tp and Rear Sqn Hq will hold area ck and track junc sq 6522-ILAP.
 - (f) "C" Tp and Rear Sqn Hq will hold a base at IDAKAIBUL and secure L of C IDAKAIBUL-MALIN.

6. Arty:-

- (a) FOOs are to be provided as under:-
 - (i) 3 Bty -SOUTH HILL, ARIUAI SADDLE, MALIN.
 - (ii) 5 Bty - do do do
- (b) FOO at ILAP will be withdrawn as soon as native carriers become available.
- (c) DF -all DF's tasks will be registered.
- (d) SOS-4 mins at rate 3.

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7. Patrol Policy:-

- (a) Inter Coy boundary as per trace already issued.
- (b) No patrolling EAST of 69 Vertical grid without reference to Bn HQ.
- (c) "B" Coy will establish a patrol base of NOT more than 1PI at 674244 on a date to be notified.
- (d) "D" Coy will be responsible for contact patrols with 2/11 Aust Inf Bn at NIMBUM June V654279.
- (e) 2/9 Aust Cav (Cdo) Sqn will be responsible for contacting 2/6 Aust Cav (Cdo) Regt at WALUM.

ADM

8. Rations:-

- (a) The following reserve SWPA rations will be built up and maintained under arrangements QM 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.

ARIUAL SADDLE E 150, SOUTH HILL L 450, MIMA ck 660, MALIN 3 days for "B" Coy=510, 3 days Force reserve-2700, Total MALIN 3210.

IL AP-5 O, ARIUAL ck-DANMAP June 420, IDAKAIBUL 3 days for "C" Tp etc 360, 3 days Force Reserve 3000-Total 3360.

- (b) Rations will be handled by DID detts at MALIN, IDAKAIBUL.
- (c) Daily maintenance will be dropped under arrangements 6 Aust Div.

9. (d) IDAKAIBUL will be maintained from LUAIN.

Amn:-*

- (a) The following amn (carried on man plus reserve) will be maintained under arrangement RSM and QM.

	.303 bdr	.303ctn	9mm	Gren 4sec	Gren 7 sec
Ariual Saddle	5000	2000	3600	250	48
South Hill	10000	6000	15000	750	96
Mima Ck	17000	6000	17000	1000	135
Malin	13000	5000	13000	700	135
Ilap	9000	5000	22000	500	96
Ariual June	12500	5000	12500	700	135
Idakaibul	5000	3000	12500	240	48
Total	71500	32000	95600	4140	693

- (b) All amn must be stored out of weather and maintained daily-on relief of this unit pers will leave present area with 20 rounds per rifle. Until relieved pers will carry normal WE.
- (c) Accurate returns of all-up holdings in localities will be rendered to RSM by 1630 hrs daily.

10. Natives:-

- (a) Native compound will be established at 637245 for maintenance of all localities excl IDAKAIBUL.
- (b) Natives will return parachutes, mail etc to IDAKAIBUL daily and return to MALIN carrying mail, ordnance stores and stores NOT able to be dropped.
- (c) Natives will be allotted to DZ for collection and stacking of dropped stores.
- (d) Any stores for att tps (2/9 Aust Cav Sqn, Arty etc) going by native carrier will have a separate escort to ensure stores do NOT get mixed with normal carrier line.

Aust Inf Bn OG No 1 (continued)
(3)

11. Maintenance by air dropping:-

- (a) Daily recovery figures from air drop will be advised to HQ 19 Aust Inf Bde by 1500 hrs daily.
- (b) Parachutes and sand bags are returnable and will be forwarded to LUAIN via IDAKAISUL by native train.
- (c) Details of reserve of amm and supplies required to be dropped will be advised to Bde HQ at earliest.

12. Medical:-

- (a) MAP-Present location ARUAI junc moves to MIMA ck 21 Jan.
- (b) Det 2/7 Aust Fd Amb remains IDAKAISUL.
- (c) Sqn MG at present located at SOUTH HILL will move with Sqn HQ to sq 6522 on 21 Jan
- (d) Evacuation of casualties will be by native carrier via IDAKAISUL to FORK thence jeep Ambulance.
- (e) MDS-UL AU 2.
- (f) ADS-SURIN.
- (g) Pers of unit under comd will be returned to parent unit under arrangements of 19 Aust Inf Bde. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn pers will NOT rejoin unit but will be returned via direct to Rear Details AITAFE.

INTERCOMM

13. (a) Bn HQ: Remains present location; moves to MIMA ck 21 Jan. Closes present location 1200 hrs, opens MIMA ck 1200 hrs.
- (b) Signal diagram attached as Appx "A".
 - (c) 5 x SGA 556 will be allotted to "B" Coy for PI intercomm.
1 x 108 set allotted to PI on ARUAI SADDLE.
 - (d) Forward of MIMA ck L/T will be grade 1 by day, grade 2 by night.
 - (e) Responsibility for construction of lateral with 2/11 Aust Inf Bn has been taken over by 19 Aust Inf Bde.

ACK.

Signed at: 19/550 i

R. E. Pape
Capt
(R. E. Pape)
Adjt 2/8 Aust Inf Bn

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Distribution:	Copy	No.
A Coy	1	
B Coy	2	
C Coy	3	
D Coy	4	
5 Bty 2/2 Aust Fd Regt)	5	
5 Bty 2/3 Aust Fd Regt)		
2/8 Aust Cav (Cdo) Sqn	6	
G.O.		
Adjt		
L.O.		
A. M.O.		
Sig Officer	7	
CM	8	
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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

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24 Jan 45.

2/8 Aust Inf Bn ADM INSTN NO 1

Ref Maps SUAIN EAST)

BUY WEST) 1" to 1 m.

1. GENERAL:—This instn covers the adm arrangements for the relief of 2/8 Aust Inf Bn by 2/3 Aust Inf Bn.

2. SYSTEM OF ALL IEF:—As contained in Appx "A".

3. STAGING AREAS:

(a) IDAKAIBUL: Advance party as already detailed with all gear will proceed to and staff Staging Area at IDAKAIBUL on 24 Jan. One sec per rifle Coy will leave present locations incl all gear and join abovenamed Advance Party on 25 Jan. Staging Area Staff will be responsible for:

- (i) Constructing 4 latrines in Coy areas.
- (ii) Selecting 4 Coy areas to accommodate 200 persons each.
- (iii) Fostering 2/3 Aust Inf Bn into Staging Area night 25/26 Jan.
- (iv) Detailing 4 guides to proceed to LUAIN on morning 25 Jan; duty-to guide 2/3 Aust Inf Bn to IDAKAIBUL Staging Area.
- (v) Supply 1 guide from IDAKAIBUL to each location being relieved by 2/3 Aust Inf Bn
- (vi) Chlorinating water for consumption of staging troops.
- (vii) Preparing meals within capabilities of facilities, available, for staging troops. Numbers will be notified to OC Staging Area 12 Hrs prior to troops arrival.
- (viii) M will ensure that 750 native rations are dumped at IDAKAIBUL by 1800 hrs 25 Jan. OC IDAKAIBUL Staging Area Lt G. F.N. FISHER.

(b) SUAIN V542516:

Staffed under arrangements Si/e 2/8 Aust Inf Bn. Duty:—

- (i) To establish Staging Area at above location for use by staging troops of 2/3 Aust Inf Bn.

4. TROOP PS:

- (a) 2/8 Aust Inf Bn will be relieved by 2/3 Aust Inf Bn less 4 Pl.
- (b) 19 Aust Inf Bde Sigs Sec will be relieved by 16 Aust Inf Bde Sigs Sec.
- (c) 2/9 Aust Cav (Cdo) Sqn will remain under comd 2/3 Aust Inf Bn.
- (d) 3 Bty and 52 Bty—2/2 Aust Fd Regt are to remain in support 2/3 Aust Inf Bn.
- (e) 3 Pl 2/8 Aust Inf Bn will be released from under comd 2/3 Aust MG Bn as at 0800 hrs 27 Jan.
- (f) 5 Pl 2/3 Aust Inf Bn will return to unit 28 Jan.
- (g) DID dets, det Fd Amb IDAKAIBUL will remain under comd 2/3 Aust Inf Bn.

5. PROTECTIVE PATROLS:—

Will cover relief of localities, as follows:—

- (a) Relief of B and D Coy localities 26 Jan, protected by patrols of A and C Coys respectively.
- (b) Relief of A and C Coys by 2/3 Aust Inf Bn. Routes, areas, times in and out will be advised by IO.

6. BOOBY TRAPS:—

Will be withdrawn and Coys will render certificate to Bn Hq t 0800 hrs on day of relief, that such has been completed.

7. HYGIENE:- Coy Comds will personally inspect areas prior to handing over to relieving sub-units and will obtain certificates embracing the take over of rations, amm, stores and general hygiene of the area from relieving Coy Comd.

8. STORES:-

- (a) All rations must be balanced in each locality. QM will advise BnHQ when this is completed.
- (b) Amm -50 rds per rifle, 200 rds per LMG, 240 rds per OSMG will be carried on the man by unit personnel on being relieved. All remaining amm and total present holdings of grenades will be thoroughly serviced, placed in clean receptacles, and handed over to relieving sub-units. Receipt for amm by type will be obtained.
- (c) Stores-tent flies, and all signal lines in use will be taken over by relieving unit. All other stores, e.g. cooking gear etc, will be back loaded by natives carrying relieving sub-units stores to localities.
- (d) IC will ensure that all plans of dispositions, plan of arty registered MF tasks, complete patrol and track instrm incl going times and all available sketches, enlargements, air photo interpretations and air photos are handed over to 2/8 Aust Inf Bn. Signal diagram will be handed over by Sig Officer.

AGA.

Signed At: 24/250 i

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R. E. P. A. P. B. Capt.
 (R. E. P. A. P. B.)
 Adj. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn

Distribution:-

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| A Coy | 1. |
| B Coy | 2. |
| C Coy) | 3. |
| 2 Pl) | |
| D Coy) | |
| Tk/A Pl) | 4. |
| 2/9 Aust Cav (Cdo) Sqn | 5. |
| 2/8 Aust Inf Bn | 6. |
| G.O.) | |
| Adj.) | |
| IC.) | |
| MMO.) | |
| Sig O ffr.) | 7. |
| 2i/c. | 8. |
| War Diary. | 9&10. ✓ |
| File. | 11. |
| Spare. | 12. |

SYSTEM OF RELIEF:

(a) 25 Jan 45:-

2/3 Aust Inf Bn Debus L UAIN and together with 150 natives carrying unit stores, march to IDAKAIBUL Staging Area-bivouac night 25/26 Jan.

2/8 Aust Inf Bn B & D Coys BnHQ personnel prepare for relief by opposite numbers on 26 Jan. Staging Area Staff fostering 2/3 Aust Inf Bn at IDAKAIBUL.

(b) 26 Jan 45:-

2/3 Aust Inf Bn B & D Coys plus Bn HQ with natives carrying unit stores depart IDAKAIBUL for respective localities. Remainder of Bn remain IDAKAIBUL.

2/8 Aust Inf Bn A & C Coys send out protective patrols to cover occupation of SADDLE, SOUTH HILL, MIMA Ck patrol base, and MALIN localities. On relief being completed unit personnel will march to IDAKAIBUL. Stores will be back loaded by natives carrying in 2/3 Aust Inf Bn stores. B, D, BnHQ and natives will stage IDAKAIBUL night 26/27 Jan.

(c) 27 Jan 45:-

2/3 Aust Inf Bn A, C, HQ Coys remain IDAKAIBUL.

2/8 Aust Inf Bn B, D, Coys, BnHQ proceed to Staging Area SUAIN. Stores will be carried by natives to FORK. TO will arrange for stores to be collected at FORK by jeep and transported to SUAIN. Natives will return to IDAKAIBUL and bivouac night 27/28 Jan.

(d) 28 Jan 45:-

2/3 Aust Inf Bn A, C, HQ Coys move from IDAKAIBUL, with natives carrying stores, to respective localities. Portion of 2/3 Aust Inf Bn which relieved on 26 Jan are to supply protective patrols covering relief of localities.

2/8 Aust Inf Bn remainder of unit having been relieved will march to IDAKAIBUL and stage night 28/29 Jan. Natives back load unit stores to IDAKAIBUL and bivouac night.

(e) 29 Jan 45:-

2/3 Aust Inf Bn relief completed.

2/8 Aust Inf Bn remainder of unit at IDAKAIBUL will proceed to Staging Area SUAIN. Stores will be carried to FORK by native. Unit TO to act as for 27 Jan. Unit completes concentration at SUAIN. Natives return to SUAIN compound.

(f) 30 Jan 45:-

Unit moves to ALTAPE by MT. Start time 0800 hrs.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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

2 / 45 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 13 / 1 / 1945 2/8 Aust Inf B (Unit)

W.E. 11 / 12e 3 OFFRS. 33 O.R.'s. 769 OFFRS. 1 O.R.'s. 32 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.				
	1		1	*									
	1		2	*									
	1		8	Lieut.-Colonels	(AAMC)	1							
			31	Majors									
		11		Captains									
				Lieutenants									
				Quarter-masters									
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.									
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.									
	2	11	42			1							
		DETAIL		A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	* *	TOTAL.
		A.		43									43
		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.

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).

2/8 Aust Inf Bn Unit

2 / 45 (Serial No.)

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 13 / 1 / 45. (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Lt-col	VX14047	HOWDEN	W.S.	CO	Yes		
Maj	VX66	SIMPSON	C.L.	21c	"		
"	SX 1451	BRAHAM	D.	OC HQ	"		
Capt	VX6596	DIPPY	S.G.	OC D	"		
"	VX9768	DWYER	M.J.	OC C	"		
"	VX5479	RUMLEY	L.O.	OC B	"		
"	VX6513	METCALF	E.C.	OC A	"		
"	VX6406	COULSTON	H.A.	21cB	"		
"	VX6401	ADAMS	J.S.	QM	"		
"	VX39724	PAPE	R.E.	Adjt	"		
"	VX6469	MODERNOTT	R.J.	21cD	"		
Lt	VX6405	COOPER	L.C.	" C	"		
"	VX9105	WATSON	E.L.	OC 14	"		
"	VX6300	TRETHOWAN	J.M.	OC 15	"		
"	VX6209	PISHLOCK	G.P.N.	OC 12	"		
"	VX117102	CON/OLLY	H.P.	Supn	"		
"	VX4637	COMBES	G.A.	OC 13	"		
"	VX50424	WHITESIDE	A.M.W.	Supn	"		
"	VX128438	DOVEY	J.C.	T.O.	"		
"	VX52834	DOUGLAS	E.A.W.	SE21cA	"		
"	VX43519	ATKINSON	W.V.	OC 8	"		
"	VX38456	LYONS	J.S.	OC 16	"		
"	VX38604	CHAPPE	P.C.	OC 1	"		
"	VX13323	HUTSON	W.A.	OC 17	"		
"	VX138188	TURNBULL	A.W.J.	OC 18	"		
"	VX11725	GRAVENER	W.N.	OC 3	"		
"	VX6033	ERSKINE	T.R.	OC 10	"		
"	VX63032	WESTWOOD	W.H.	Supn	"		
"	VX4510	KITTO	J.V.	OC 4	"		
"	VX4213	TURNER	C.R.	OC 7	"		
"	VX109896	KERR	T.A.	OC 2	"		
"	VX65325	DILLON	A.G.	Supn	"		
"	VX29417	BENTLEY	A.R.	IO	"		
"	VX102448	GARDINER	P.H.	OC 11	"		
"	VX89845	PENN-TONKIN	L.M.	Supn	"		
"	VX62394	NICHOLSON	H.R.	OC 5	"		
"	VX87918	O'SHEA	W.H.	Supn	"		
"	VX87290	BOLGER	E.C.	"	"		
"	VX86673	BEHAN	C.T.	"	"		
"	VX45194	HOLDEN	A.C.	A/Adjt	"		
"	SX23938	EWART R.L.	SEK9	OC 9	"		
"	SX22828	BICKLE	H.E.	Supn	"		
ATTACHED ON W.E.							
Capt	SX22401	BENNETT	G.L.	RMO	"		

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.
Chap	OX40920	McDONALD C.H.	AACHD	30.6.42	Chap

13 Jan 45

Date of Despatch

Major for
Lt-col
Signature of Commander
Commanding 2/8 Aust Inf Bn

2/8 Aust Inf Bn Unit

3/45 Serial No.

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 20 / 1 / 1945

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				Hammormen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangetakers			
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Rivettors			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery				SEE APPENDIX "A"				Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths		1						Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevedores			
Computors								Biggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical		1	
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers				Tailors			
Dispensers				Axemen		1		Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers		1		Telescope Identfn. Numbers		1		Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.		1		Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters		1		Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners		1		Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks		4		Woodturners							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics								SEE APPENDIX "A"			
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)				SEE APPENDIX "A"							
Fitters				Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Cycles)		2		Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors							
Fitters, Railway Signal		3		Hatchman				Butchers							
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks		2					
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply							
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical							
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties				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.							
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics							
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant		10					
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.							
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers							
Plumber				Moulders		1		Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors		1		Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD		7		CARRIED FORWARD		15		CARRIED FORWARD		28		Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.		29	*

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.

Ed. Thompson Maj
For Lt-col AG
(W.S. HENDER.)

20 Jan 45
Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

Commanding 2/8 Aust Inf Bn

APPENDIX 'A'

DATE 13 Jan 45

UNIT 2/8 Aust Inf Bn

WE 11/12/3

Reinft - 8 x 78

TRADE	Rank	WE	Posted Strength	Deficit	Surplus	Reinfts Required
TRADE GROUP 1						
Blacksmith	Pte	1	1			
Boilermaker	Pte		1		1	
Sig Operator	Pte		1		1	
Bricklayer	Pte		1		1	
TRADE GROUP 11						
Carpenter	Pte	6	6			
Int Duties	Sgt	1	1			
" "	Cpl	2	2			
" "	Pte	7	8		1	
Signallers	Cpl	4	4			
" "	Pte	22	27		5	
TRADE GROUP 111						
Bootmaker			1		1	
Butcher	Pte	1	1			
Clerks	Sgt	2	2			
"	Cpl	6	6			
"	Pte	4	7		3	
Eqpt Repairer	Pte	1	1			
Wangtaker	Pte	4	4			
Storeman Tech	Sgt	1	1			
" "	Pte	3	2	1		NR
Tailor	Sgt	1	1			
"	Cpl	1	1			
Nursing Orderly			1		1	
Dvr Mechs			13		13	
NON-SPECIALISTS						
RSE	WO1	1	1			
CSM	WO11	5	5			
QMS	WO11	1	1			
COMS	S/Sgt	5	4	1		NR
Pl Sgts	Sgt	25	22	3		NR
Batmen	Pte	35	35			8 (43 Offrs on stgth)
Dvrs MT	Cpl	1	1			NR
"	Pte	11	9	2		NR
Gen Dut. (Moor)	Pte	3	1	2		2
Hyg Duties	Pte	4	5		1	
IMG/Riflemen	Cpl	36	36			
" "	Pte	361	327	34		34
MMG Nos	Cpl	2	2			
" "	Pte	20	23		3	
Mortar Nos	Cpl	5	5			
" "	Pte	68	65	3		3
Orderlies	Pte	32	37		5	
Pioneers	Cpl	4	5		1	
"	Pte	28	30		2	
Regtl Police	Sgt	1	-	1		NR
" "	Pte	6	6			
Storemen	Pts	6	4	2		NR
Stretcher-Bear						
ers	Sgt	1	1			
" "	Cpl	2	2			
" "	Pte	18	16	2		2
1/4 Gun Nos	Cpl	4	4			
" "	Pte	15	15			
Water Duties	Pte	2	2			
TOTAL CARRIED						
		769	762	51	44	49

APPENDIX 'A' (continued)

TRADE	Rank	WE	Posted Strength	Def-icit	Sur-plus	Reinfts Required	-/-
TOTAL BROUGHT FORWARD		767 769	762	51	44	49	
ATTACHED BY WE							
AAMC Chiropodist	Cpl	1	1				
Hyc Inspector	Sgt	1	1				
Med Orderly	Sgt	1	-	1		NR	
" "	Pte	1	2		1		
AAOC Shoemaker	Cpl	1	1				
AEME Announcer	Sgt	1	1				
"	Pte	1	1				
"	Pte	1	1				
MV Fitter	Pte		1		1		
AA POST S Postal Duties	Sgt	1	1				
AAPC Pay Clerk	Sgt	1	1				
" "	Cpl	1	1				
AACC Caterer	WO11	1	1				
Cooks	Sgt	5	4	1		NR	
"	Cpl	5	6		1		
"	Pte	13	15		2		
		802 801	797	53	49	49	
SURPLUS TRADESMEN NOT ALLOWED BY WE							
TRADE GROUP 1 etc							
GP1	Sig Operator		1				
	Bricklayer		1				
	Boilermaker		1				
GP1X2	Signallers		6				
	Intelligence		1				
GP3	Bootmaker		1				
	Clerks		3				
	Dvr Meehs		18				
	Nursing Orderly		1				

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DATE OF DESPATCH 13 Jan 45

SIGNATURE

W.S. Howden
(W.S. HOWDEN)
Lt-col 100
Commanding 2/8 Aust Inf Bn

2/8 Aust Inf Bn Unit

Army Form W.3009
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Serial No. 2 / 45

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday / /194 .

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				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				Elvetters				
Armament Artificer Wireless				SEE APPENDIX "A"				Panel Beaters				Eoughriders				
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers				
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers				
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer				
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevadores				
Computers								Elggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine				
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical				
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers				Tailors				
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters				
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths				
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers				
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors				
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters				Winchman				Whitesmiths				
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman								
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners								
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics												
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)												
Fitters				Driver-Operator				SEE APPENDIX "A"								
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers												
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians												
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)												
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.				
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors								
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers								
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks								
Grinder, Precision				Hello Operator				Clerks, Supply				SEE APPENDIX "A"				
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical								
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties				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.								
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics				SEE APPENDIX "A"				
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant								
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.								
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers								
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers								
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates								
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers								
CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD				Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.			*	*

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Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

APPENDIX 'A'

DATE 20 Jan 45

UNIT 2/8 Aust Inf Bn

WE 11/12/3

One Reinft - 8 x 78

TRADE	Rank	WE	Posted Strength	Def-icit	Sur-plus	Reinfts Required
TRADE GROUP 1						
Blacksmith	Pte	1	1			
Boilermaker		1	1			
Sig Operator			1			
Bricklayer			1			
TRADE GROUP 11						
Carpenter	Pte	6	6			
Int Duties	Sgt	1	1			
" "	Cpl	2	2			
" "	Pte	7	8		1	
Signallers	Cpl	4	4			
" "	Pte	22	27		5	
TRADE GROUP 111						
Butcher	Pte	1	1			
Clerks	Sgt	2	2			
"	Cpl	6	6			
"	Pte	4	6		2	
Eqpt Repairer	Pte	1	1			
Langtaker	Pte	4	4			
Storeman Tech	Sgt	1	1			
" "	Pte	3	2	1		NR
Tailor	Sgt	1	1			
"	Cpl	1	1			
Nursing Orderly		18	18			
Dvr Mechs						
NON-SPECIALISTS						
RSM	WO1	1	1			
CSM	WO11	5	5			
QMS	WO11	1	1			
CQMS	S/Sgt	5	4	1		NR
Pl Sgts	Sgt	25	25			
Batmen	Pte	35	34	1		8 (42 Offrs on strength)
Dvrs MT	Cpl	1	1			
"	Pte	11	9	2		NR 2
Gen Dut. (Moss)	Pte	3	1	2		
Hyg Duties	Pte	4	5		1	
LMG/Riflemen	Cpl	36	36			
" "	Pte	361	322	39	39	39
MMG Nos	Cpl	2	2			
" "	Pte	20	20			
Mortar Nos	Cpl	5	5			
" "	Pte	68	63	5		5
Orderlies	Pte	32	37		5	
Pioneers	Cpl	4	4			
"	Pte	28	30		2	
Regtl Police	Sgt	1	1			
" "	Pte	6	6			
Storemen	Pts	6	4	2		NR
Stretcher-Bear						
"	Sgt	1	1			
"	Cpl	2	2			
"	Pte	18	16	2		2
W/A Gun Nos	Cpl	4	4			
"	Pte	15	14	1		1
Water Duties	Pte	2	2			
TOTAL CARRIED						
		769	752	56	39	57

APPENDIX 'A' (continued)

TRADE	Rank	WE	Posted Strength	Def-icit	Sur-plus	Reinfts Required	-/-
TOTAL BROUGHT FORWARD		769 769	752	56	39	57	
<u>ATTACHED BY WE</u>							
<u>AAMC</u>							
Chiropodist	Cpl	1	1				
Hyg Inspector	Sgt	1	1				
Med Orderly	Sgt	1	-	1		NR	
" "	Pte	1	2		1		
<u>AAOC</u>							
Shoemaker	Cpl	1	1				
XXXXXX		1					
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX		1					
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX		1					
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX		1	1		1		
MV Fitter							
<u>AA POST S</u>							
Postal Duties	Sgt	1	1				
<u>AAPC</u>							
Pay Clerk	Sgt	1	1				
" "	Cpl	1	1				
<u>AACC</u>							
Caterer	WO11	1	1				
Cooks	Sgt	5	4	1		NR	
"	Cpl	5	6		1		
"	Pte	13	14				
		801 801	786	58	43	57	
<u>SURPLUS TRADESMEN NOT ALLOWED BY WE</u>							
<u>TRADE GROUP 1</u>							
GP 1	Sig Operator		1				
	Bricklayer		1				
	Boilermaker		1				
GP 2	Signallers		5				
	Intelligence		1				
Gp 3	Beetmaker		1				
	Clerks		2				
	Dvr Mechs		18				
	Nursing Orderly		1				

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DATE OF DESPATCH 20 Jan 45

SIGNATURE

W.S. Howden Maj
 For Lt-col
 (W.S. HOWDEN) AOD
 Commanding 2/8 Aust Inf Bn

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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

3 / 45 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 20 / 1 / 1945 2/8 Aust Inf B (Unit)

W.E. 11 / 12a / 3 OFFRS. 33 O.R's 769 + OFFRS. 1 O.R's 32 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.				
NR	1		1	*									
NR	1		2	*									
			8	Lieut.-Colonels									
			30	Majors	AAAC			1					
		10		Captains									
				Lieutenants									
				Quarter-masters									
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.									
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.									
	2	10	41					1					
		DETAIL		A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
		A.		42									42
		E.(1)											
		E.(2)											

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

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

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

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

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
05	Lt	COOPER L.C.	HQ Staff Sch	15.1.45	Secended

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

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

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 20 / 1 / 1945 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
lt-col	VX14047	HOWDEN	W.S.	C.O.	Yes		
Maj	VX86	SIMPSON	G.L.	2ic	"		
"	SX1451	BRAM	D.	OC HQ	"		
Capt	VX6596	DIPPY	S.C.	OC D	"		
"	VX9768	DEYER	M.J.	OC C	"		
"	VX5479	RUMLEY	L.O.	OC B	"		
"	VX6513	METCALF	E.C.	OC A	"		
"	VX6406	COULSTON	H.A.	2ic B	"		
"	VX6401	ADAMS	J.	OC	"		
"	VX 39724	PAPE	R.E.	Adjt	"		
"	VX6469	McDERMOTT	R.J.	2ic D	"		
lt	VX9105	WATSON	E.L.	" C	"		
"	VX 6300	TRETHOWAN	J.M.	OC 15	"		
"	VX6209	FISHLOCK	G.P.N.	" 12	"		
"	VX117102	CONOLLY	H.P.	Supn	"		
"	VX4637	COMBES	G.A.	OC 13	"		
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"	VX43194	HOLDEN	A.G.	A/Adjt	"		
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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.
Chap	OX40920	McDONALD C.H.	AACHD	30.6.42	Chaplain

20 Jan 45

Date of Despatch

W.S. Howden Maj
Signature of Commander
(W.S. HOWDEN.)
Comd 2/8 Aust Inf Bn

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 27 / 1 / 1945 5 2/8 Aust Inf Bn (Unit)

W.E. 11/120 3 OFFRS. 33 O.R.'s. 769 + OFFRS. 1 O.R.'s. 32 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.					
NR NR	1 1	10	1 2 8 30	Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs.	AANC	1								
	2	10	41			1								
		DETAIL		A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.	
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).		A.		42									42	
		E.(1)												
		E.(2)												

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

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

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

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

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

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

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 27 / 1 / 194. 5 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Lt-col	VX14047	HOWDEN	W.S.	CO	Yes		
Maj	VX66	SIMPSON	C.L.	2ic	"		
"	SX1451	BRAMAN	D.	OC HQ	"		
Capt	VX6596	DIPPEY	S.C.	OC D	"		
"	VX9768	DWYER	M.J.	OC C	"		
"	VX5479	RUNLEY	L.O.	OC B	"		
"	VX6513	METCALP	E.O.	OC A	"		
"	VX6406	COULSTON	H.A.	2ic B	"		
"	VX6401	ADAMS	J.S.	QM	"		
"	VX39724	PAPE	R.E.	Adjt	"		
"	VX6469	McDERMOTT	R.J.	2ic D	"		
Lt	VX9105	WATSON	E.L.	" C	"		
"	VX6300	TRETHOWAN	J.M.	OC 15	"		
"	VX6209	FISHLOCK	G.F.N.	" 12	"		
"	VX117102	CONOLLY	H.P.	Supn	"		
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27 Jan 45
Date of Despatch

C. Simpson Maj for
Lt-col ACD
Signature of Commander
Commanding 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.

2/8 Aust Inf Bn.

Unit

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**PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in
Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday / /194 .**

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				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				Elvetters			
Armament Artificer Wireless				SEE APPENDIX "A"				Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths		1						Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radlographers				Stevadores			
Computers								Biggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine		1	
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers		1		Signallers				Tailors			
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters		1		Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers		1		Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters		1		Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks		4		Woodturners							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics											
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)				SEE APPENDIX "A"							
Fitters Bench		2		Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (M.V.)		3		Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors							
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers							
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks		2					
Grinder, Precision				Hello Operator				Clerks, Supply							
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical							
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties				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.							
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics		10					
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant							
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.							
Photewriter				Miners		1		Equipment Repairers							
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors		1		Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD		7		CARRIED FORWARD		15		CARRIED FORWARD		28		Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.			* *

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.

Maj for Lt-col AOD

(W.S. HOWDEN)

Date of Despatch
27 Jan 45Signature of Commander
Commanding 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.

APPENDIX 'A'

DATE 27 Jan 45

UNIT 2/8 Aust Inf Bn

WE 11/12/3

One Reinfnt - 8 x 78

TRADE	Rank	WE	Posted Strength	Deficit	Surplus	Reinfnts Required
TRADE GROUP 1						
Blacksmith	Pte	1	1		1	
Boilermaker			1		1	
Sig Operator			1		1	
Bricklayer			1		1	
TRADE GROUP 11						
Carpenter	Pte	6	6			
Int Duties	Sgt	1	1			
" "	Cpl	2	2			
" "	Pte	7	8		1	
Signallers	Cpl	4	4		4	
" "	Pte	22	26			
TRADE GROUP 111						
Butcher	Pte	1	1			
Clerks	Sgt	2	2			
"	Cpl	6	6			
"	Pte	4	6		2	
Eqpt Repairer	Pte	1	1	1		NR
Wangstaker	Pte	4	4			
Storeman Tech	Sgt	1	1	1		NR
" "	Pte	3	2			
Tailor	Sgt	1	1			
"	Cpl	1	1			
Nursing Orderley			17		17	
Dvr Mechs						
NON-SPECIALISTS						
RSM	WO1	1	1			
CSM	WO11	5	5			
RQMS	WO11	1	1			
CQMS	S/Sgt	5	4	1		
Pl Sgts	Sgt	25	25	3		
Batmen	Pte	35	32	3		
Dvrs MT	Cpl	1	1			
"	Pte	11	9	2		NR
Gen Dut. (Mess)	Pte	3	1	2		X 2
Hyg Duties	Pte	4	4			
LMG/Riflemen	Cpl	36	36			68
" "	Pte	361	293	68		
MMG Nos	Cpl	2	2			
" "	Pte	20	20			
Mortar Nos	Cpl	5	5			5
" "	Pte	68	63	5		
Orderlies	Pte	32	37		5	
Pioneers	Cpl	4	4			
"	Pte	28	29	X	1	
Regtl Police	Sgt	1	1			
" "	Pte	6	6			NR
Storemen	Pte	6	4		2	
Stretcher-Bearers	Sgt	1	1			
" "	Cpl	2	2			2
" "	Pte	18	16		2	
W/A Gun Nos	Cpl	4	4			1
" "	Pte	15	11		4	
Water Duties	Pte	2	2			
TOTAL CARRIED		769	713	91	35	89

XX (42 offrs on Strength)

APPENDIX 'A' (continued)

TRADE	Rank	WE	Posted Strength	Def-icit	Sur-plus	Reinf'ts Required	--/--
TOTAL BROUGHT FORWARD		769 787	713	91	35	89	
ATTACHED BY WE							
AAMC							
Chiropodist	Cpl	I 1	1	1			
Hyg Inspector	Sgt	I 1	-	1		NR	
Med Orderly	Sgt	I 1	-	1		NR	
" "	Pte	I 1	2		1		
AAOC							
Shoemaker	Cpl	I 1	1				
XXXXX							
Armourer	Sgt	I 1					
"	Pte	I 1					
Mitter Gun TGI	Pte	I 1					
MV Fitter	Pte	I 1	1		1		
AA POST S							
Postal Duties	Sgt	I 1	1				
AAPC							
Pay Clerk	Sgt	I 1	1				
" "	Cpl	I 1	1				
AACC							
Caterer	WO11	I 1	1				
Cooks	Sgt	I 5	5				
"	Cpl	I 5	5				
"	Pte	I 13	12	1		NR	
		8012	744	94	37	89	
SURPLUS TRADESMEN NOT ALLOWED BY WE							
(TRADE GROUP 1 etc)							
Gp 1	Sig Operator		1				
	Ericklayer		1				
Gp 2	Boilermaker		1				
SIGNALLERS							
	Intelligence		1				
Gp 3	BOOTMAKER		1				
	Clerks		2				
	Dvr Mechs		17				
	Nursing Orderly		1				

--/-- This column NOT to be used

DATE OF DESPATCH **27 Jan 45**

SIGNATURE

W.S. Howden Lt-cok

(W.S. HOWDEN)
Commanding 2/8 Aust Inf-Bn

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

1.

Army Form 2118
(Adapted.)

(Erase heading not required.)

Unit 2/8 Aust Inf Bn

Date and Time.—From 1 Feb 45

To 8 Feb 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
SUAIN	1 Feb 45		2/8 Aust Inf Bn, less dets, come under comd 16 Aust Inf Bde. One pl B Coy at MATAPAU as protection to ADS sec. Pnr pl moved to IDAKAIBUL for constr of JEEP ROAD from IDAKAIBUL to SUAIN. Lt-col W S HOWDEN moved to AITAPE for Bde conference.	
	3 Feb 45		D Coy, plus elements of Bn HQ, moved from SUAIN to DOGRETO BAY. This in order to move to AITAPE in LST as movement by MT impracticable, as all bridges are unserviceable owing to recent floods.	
	4 Feb 45	0615	D Coy and elements of Bn HQ embarked in LST at DOGRETO BAY, disembarking at AITAPE at 1145 hrs. Then proceeded by MT to camp site at TADJI PLANTATION, arriving there 1230 hrs.	
	5 Feb 45		Bn HQ, D Coy, 3 and 5 pls HQ Coy, est at TADJI PLANTATION. Remainder of Bn at SUAIN awaiting tpt to AITAPE.	
	6 Feb 45		Am A Coy pl det to 2/14 Aust Fd Coy for bridge constr at MATAPAU.	
	8 Feb 45		C Coy, remainder HQ Coy and remainder BN HQ, move from SUAIN to DOGRETO BAY prior to embarkation for AITAPE. C.O. and I.O carried out recce of MLR under direction of BM. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn takes over def of centre sector from 2/7 Aust Inf Bn.	

AITAPE
28
MAY 1945

WAR DIARY or ~~INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~

2.

Army Form C.2116.
(Adapted.)

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Unit 2/8 Aust Inf Bn Date and Time.—From 9 Feb 45 To 16 Feb 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
AITAPE	9 Feb 45	0630	C Coy, remainder HQ Coy and remainder Bn HQ, embarked in LST at DOGRETO BAY for AITAPE, arriving 1345 hrs.	
			C.O. 2/7 Aust Inf Bn (Lt-col PARBERRY), C.O. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn, Maj D BRAHAM and I.O. recee def posns to be taken over by 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.	
		1930	A concert party comprising Dick BENTLEY, Pauline GARRICK and Mamie REID, entertained up in the bde area.	
	10 Feb 45		Capt J S ADAMS evae 104 CCS. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn, less A and B Coys, concentrated TADJI Ptn. A and B Coys still at SUAIN. The A Coy pl det to 2/14 Aust Fd Coy, returned to SUAIN.	
	11 Feb 45		A and B coys arrive at TADJI PLANTATION by MT.	
	13 Feb 45		A, B and C Coys employed on camp constr. Capt J S ADAMS RTU ex hosp. Lt C T BEHAN evae 104 CCS.	
	14 Feb 45	0930	W Representatives of National Health and Medical Research Council visit unit to obtain statistics regarding weight of pers. Capt J C GATELY RTU ex LHQ Tactical School, BEENLEIGH. Lt W H GRAVENER seconded to 19 Aust Inf Bde as I.O. Lt E J MARTIN M/I from 19 A.I.T.B.	
	15 Feb 45		D Coy move to MLR to carry on constr of def posns commenced by 17 Aust Inf Bde.	
	16 Feb 45		C Coy, plus 7 pl, move to AITAPE beach-head to carry out unloading of ships.	

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

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Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

WONDEN) Inf Bn

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TRADE TESTED PERSONNEL

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday / /194 .

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, R.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangetakers			
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless				SEE APPENDIX "A"				Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths		1						Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevadores			
Computers								Biggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine		1	
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers		1		Signallers				Tailors			
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters		1		Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers		1		Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Bollermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters		1		Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks		4		Woodturners							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics											
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)											
Fitters Bench		2		Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.			DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.				
Fitters (M.V.)		3		Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors							
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers							
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks		2					
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply							
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical							
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties				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.							
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics		10					
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tpin. Plant							
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.							
Photowriter				Miners		1		Equipment Repairers							
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors		1		Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD		7		CARRIED FORWARD		15		CARRIED FORWARD		23		Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A, respectively.		29	*

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.

3 Feb 45

Date of Despatch

(W.S. HOWDEN) AOD
 Signature of Commander
 Commanding 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.

APPENDIX 'A'

DATE 3.2.45

UNIT 2/8 Aust Inf Bn WE 11/12/3 One Reinft - 8 x 78

TRADE	Rank	WE	Posted Strength	Def-icit	Sur-plus	Reinfts Required
TRADE GROUP 1						
Blacksmith	Pte	1	1			
Boilermaker			1		1	
Sig Operator			1		1	
Bricklayer			1		1	
TRADE GROUP 11						
Carpenter	Pte	6	5	1		1
Int Duties	Sgt	1	1			
" "	Cpl	2	2			
" "	Pte	7	6	2		NR
Signallers	Cpl	4	4			
" "	Pte	22	26		4	
TRADE GROUP 111						
Butcher	Pte	1	1			
Clerks	Sgt	2	2			
"	Cpl	6	6			
"	Pte	4	6		2	
Eqpt Repairer	Pte	1		1		NR
Hangstaker	Pte	4	3	1		NR
Storeman Tech	Sgt	1	1			
" "	Pte	3	2	1		NR
Tailor	Sgt	1	1			
"	Cpl	1	1			
Nursing Orderley			1		1	
Dvr Mechs			17		17	
NON-SPECIALISTS						
RSM	WO1	1	1			
OSM	WO11	5	4	1		NR
RQMS	WO11	1	1			
COMS	S/Sgt	5	4	1		NR
Pl Sgts	Sgt	25	25			
Batmen	Pte	35	31	4		11(420) frs on Street
Dvrs MT	Cpl	1	1			
"	Pte	11	9	2		NR
Gen Dut. (Mesc)	Pte	3	1	2		2
Hyg Duties	Pte	4	3	1		1
LMG/Riflemen	Cpl	36	29	7		NR
" "	Pte	361	291	70		70
MMG Nos	Cpl	2	2			
" "	Pte	20	21		1	
Mortar Nos	Cpl	5	5			
" "	Pte	68	62	6		6
Orderlies	Pte	32	37		5	NR
Pioneers	Cpl	4	4			
"	Pte	23	29		1	
Regtl Police	Sgt	1	1			
" "	Pte	6	5	1		NR
Storemen	Pte	6	3	3		3
Stretcher-Bearers	Sgt	1	1			
" "	Cpl	2	2			
" "	Pte	13	12	6		6
Tc/A Gun Nos	Cpl	4	4			
" "	Pte	15	11	4		1
Water Duties	Pte	2	2			
TOTAL CAPTURED		769	690	113	34	101

TRADE	Rank	WE	Posted Strength	Def-icit	Sur- plus	Reinfts Required	-/-
TOTAL BROUGHT FORWARD		769 767 XXX	690	113	34	101	
<u>ATTACHED BY WE</u>							
<u>AAMC</u>							
Chiropodist	Cpl	1	1				
Hyt Inspector	Sgt	1	1				
Med Orderly	Sgt	1	-	1		NR	
" "	Pte	1	2		1		
<u>AACC</u>							
Shoemaker	Cpl	1	1				
XXXXXX XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX							
MV Fitter			1		1		
AA PORT S Postal Duties	Sgt	1	1				
<u>AAPC</u>							
Pay Clerk	Sgt	1	1				
" "	Cpl	1	1				
<u>AACC</u>							
Caterer	WO11	1	1				
Cooks	Sgt	5	5				
"	Cpl	5	5				
"	Pte	13	12	1		NR	
		861	722	115	36	101	
<u>SURPLUS TRADESMEN NOT ALLOWED BY WE</u>							
<u>TRADE GROUP 1</u> etc							
Gp 1 Sig Operator			1				
Bricklayer			1				
Boilermaker			1				
Gp 2 Signallers			4				
Gp 3 Clerks			2				
Dvr Mechs			17				
Nursing Orderley			1				

-/- This column NOT to be used

DATE OF DESPATCH 3 Feb 45

SIGNATURE

W.S. Howden Maj for Lt-col
(W.S. HOWDEN) AOD
Commanding 2/8 Aust Inf Bn

101

113

115

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101

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

6 / 45 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 10/2/45 194 2/8 Aust Inf Bn (Unit)

W.E. 11/120/3 OFFRS. 33 O.R.'s 769+ OFFRS. 1 O.R.'s 32 ATT. BY W.E.

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

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.					
NR	1		1	* * Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs.	AAMC									
NR	2	10	27 30			1								
	3	10	40			1								
		DETAIL		A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.	
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).		A.		41									41	
		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.
VX6401	Capt	ADAMS J.S.	104 CCS	3.2.45	Evacuated

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 RUST INF BN Unit

6 / 45 (Serial No.)

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 10 / 2 / 1945 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Lt-col	VX14047	HOWDEN	W.S.	C.O.	Yes		
Maj	VX66	SIMPSON	C.L.	2ic	"		
"	SX1451	BRADY	D.	OC HQ	"		
Capt	VX6596	DIPVEY	S.S.	OC B	"		
"	VX9768	DWYER	M.J.	OC C	"		
"	VX5479	RUMLEY	L.O.	OC B	"		
"	VX6513	MURCALP	E.C.	OC A	"		
"	VX6406	GOULSTON	H.A.	2ic B	"		
"	VX39724	PAPE	R.E.	Adj't	"		
"	VX6469	MODERN TT	R.J.	2ic D	"		
Lt	VX9105	WATSON	E.L.	" C	No	Comp Leave	
"	VX6300	TRETHOWAN	J.M.	OC 15	Yes		
"	VX6209	FISHLOCK	G.F.N.	OC 12	"		
"	VX117102	CONOLLY	H.P.	Supn	"		
"	TX4637	COMBES	G.A.	OC 13	"		
"	VX50424	WHITESIDE	A.M.W.	Supn	"		
"	VX128438	DOVEY	J.C.	T.O.	"		
"	VX52834	DOUGLAS	E.A.W.	2ic A	"		
"	VX43519	ATKINSON	W.B.	OC 8	"		
"	VX38456	LYONS	J.S.	" 16	"		
"	VX38604	CHAPPE	P.C.	" 1	"		
"	VX13323	HUTSON	W.A.	" 17	"		
"	VX138168	TURNBULL	A.W.J.	" 18	"		
"	VX11725	GRAVENER	W.H.	" 3	"		
"	VX6033	ERSKINE	T.R.	" 10	"		
"	VX83932	WESTWOOD	W.H.	Supn	"		
"	TX4510	KITTO	J.V.	OC 4	"		
"	VX4213	TURNER	C.R.	" 7	"		
"	VX109896	KERR	T.A.	" 2	"		
"	VX65325	DILLON	A.G.	Supn	"		
"	VX20417	BENTLEY	A.R.	IO	"		
"	VX102448	GARDNER	P.K.	OC 11	"		
"	VX89845	PENN-TONKIN	L.M.	" 14	"		
"	VX62394	NICHOLSON	H.R.	" 5	"		
"	VX87918	O'SHEA	W.H.	Supn	"		
"	VX87920	BOLGER	E.C.	"	"		
"	VX86673	BEHAN	C.T.	"	"		
"	VX43194	HOLDEN	A.G.	A/Adj't	"		
"	SX23988	EWART	E.L.	OC 9	"		
"	SX22880	DICKLE	H.E.	Supn	"		
<u>ATTACHED IN W.E.</u>							
Capt	SX22401	BENNETT	C.L.	R.M.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.
Chap	QX40920	McDONALD C.H.	AACHD	30.6.42.	Chaplain

10 Feb 45
Date of Despatch

[Signature]
Signature of Commander
Lt-col
Commanding 2/3 Rust Inf Bn

Unit _____

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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 Stitches			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangefakers			
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless				SEE APPENDIX "A"				Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths		1						Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevadores			
Computers								Elggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine		1	
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers		1		Signallers				Tailors			
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters		1		Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers		1		Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Bollermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters		1		Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks		4		Woodturners							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics											
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)											
Fitters				Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Cycle)		2		Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors							
Fitters, Railway Signal		3		Hatchman				Butchers							
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks		2					
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply							
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical							
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties				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.							
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics		10					
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tpin. Plant							
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.							
Photowriter				Miners		1		Equipment Repairers							
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors		1		Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
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10 Feb 45

Date of Despatch

Signature of *W.S. Howden* Commanding Officer Inf Bn
(W.S. HOWDEN.)

APPENDIX 'A' (continued)

TRADE	Rank	WE	Posted Strength	Defolt	Surplus	Reinfts Required	-/-
TOTAL BROUGHT FORWARD		767 769	705	95	31	83	
<u>ATTACHED BY WE</u>							
<u>AAMC</u>							
Chiropodist	Cpl	1	1				
Hyc Inspector	Sgt	1	1				
Med Orderly	Sgt	1	1	1		NR	
" "	Pte	1	2		1		
<u>AAOC</u>							
Shoemaker	Cpl	1	1				
EME							
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	Sgt	1					
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	Pte	1					
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	Pte	1					
MV Fitter	Pte		1		1		
AA POST S							
Postal Duties	Sgt	1	1				
<u>AAPC</u>							
Pay Clerk	Sgt	1	1				
" "	Cpl	1	1				
<u>AACC</u>							
Caterer	WO11	1	1				
Cooks	Sgt	5	5				
"	Cpl	5	5				
"	Pte	13	15		2		
		1002 801	740	96	35	83	
<u>SURPLUS TRADESMEN NOT ALLOWED BY WE</u>							
<u>TRADE GROUP 1</u>							
etc							
GP 1 Sig Operator			1				
Bricklayer			1				
Boilermaker			1				
GP 2 Signallers			4				
GP 3 Clerks			2				
Dvr Mechs			17				
Nursing Orderlies			1				

-/- This column NOT to be used

DATE OF DESPATCH 10/2/45

SIGNATURE

W.S. Howden Lt-col
(W.S. HOWDEN)
Commanding 2/8 Aust Inf-Bn

DATE 10 Feb 45

UNIT 2/8 Aust Inf Bn

WE 11/12/3

One Reinft • 3 x 78

TRADE	Rank	WE	Posted Strength	Def-icit	Sur-plus	Reinfts Required
TRADE GROUP 1						
Blacksmith	Pte	1	1			
Boilermaker			1		1	
Sig Operator			1		1	
Bricklayer			1		1	
TRADE GROUP 11						
Carpenter	Pte	6	5	1		1
Int Duties	Sgt	1	1			
" "	Cpl	2	2			
" "	Pte	7	6	1		NR
Signallers	Cpl	4	4			
" "	Pte	22	26		4	
TRADE GROUP 111						
Butcher	Pte	1	1			
Clerks	Sgt	2	2			
"	Cpl	6	6			
"	Pte	4	6		2	
Eqpt Repairer	Pte	1		1		NR
Wangemaker	Pte	4	3	1		NR
Storeman Tech	Sgt	1	1			
" "	Pte	3	3			
Tailor	Sgt	1	1			
"	Cpl	1	1			
Nursing Orderly			1		1	
Dvr Mechs			17		17	
NON-SPECIALISTS						
RSM	WO1	1	1			
CSM	WO11	5	4	1		NR
RQMS	WO11	1	1			
CQMS	S/Sgt	5	4	1		NR
Pl Sgts	Sgt	25	25			
Batmen	Pte	35	33	2		7 (40 Offrs on stg)
Dvrs MT	Cpl	1	1			
"	Pte	11	9	2		NR
Gen Dut. (Mess)	Pte	3	2	1		1 1/2
Hyg Duties	Pte	4	2	2		1
LMG/riflemen	Cpl	36	28	8		NR
" "	Pte	361	306	55		55
MMG Nos	Cpl	2	2			
" "	Pte	20	18	2		2
Mortar Nos	Cpl	5	5			
" "	Pte	68	62	6		6
Orderlies	Pte	32	36		4	
Pioneers	Cpl	4	4			
"	Pte	28	28			
Regtl Police	Sgt	1	1			
" "	Pte	6	5	1		NR
Storemen	Pts	6	3	3		3
Stretcher-Bearers	Sgt	1	1			
"	Cpl	2	2			
"	Pte	13	14	4		4
Tk/A Gun Nos	Cpl	4	4			
"	Pte	15	12	3		3
Water Duties	Pte	2	2			
TOTAL CAPTURED		769	705	95	31	83

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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

5 / 45 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 3 / 2 / 1945 2/8 Aust. Inf B. (Unit)

W.E. 11 / 120 / 3 OFFRS. 33 O.R's. 769 + OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 32 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.				
NR NR	1 1	10	1 2 8 30	* * Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs.	AAMC	1							
	2	10	41			1							
		DETAIL		A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
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).		A.		42									42
		E.(1)											
		E.(2)											

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

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

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

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

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

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

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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7 / 45 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 17/2/1945 2/8 Aust Inf Bn (Unit)

W.E. 11/1243 OFFRS. 33 O.R's. 769+ OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 32 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.							
NR	1		1 2 9 29	* * Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs.	AAMC	1										
	1	9	41			1										
				DETAIL	A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.		
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).				A.	42									42		
				E.(1)												
				E.(2)												

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.
VX6568	Capt	GATELY J.C.	INQ Tactical Sch		
			BERNLEIGH	14.2.45	
VX6401	"	ADAMS J.S.	104 CCS	13.2.45	
QX43166	Lt	MARTIN E.J.	19 AITB	14.2.45	

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
VX86673	Lt	BEHAN C.T.	104 CCS	13.2.45	Evac
VX11725	"	GRAVENER W.N.	19 Aust Inf Bde	14.2.45	Secd as LO

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

2/8 Aust Inf Bn

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 17 / 2 / 1945 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Lt-col	VX14047	HOWDEN	W.S.	C.O.	Yes		
Maj	VX66	SIMPSON	C.L.	21c	"		
"	SX1451	BRAHAM	D.	OC HQ	"		
Capt	VX6596	DIPPEY	S.C.	OC B	"		
"	VX9768	DWYER	M.J.	OC C	"		
"	VX6568	GATELY	J.C.	OC A	"		
"	VX5479	RUMLEY	L.O.	OC B	"		
"	VX6513	METCALF	E.C.	21cA	"		
"	VX6406	COULSTON	H.A.	" B	"		
"	VX6401	ADAMS	J.S.	QM	"		
"	VX39724	PAPE	R.E.	Adjt	"		
"	VX6469	MCDERMOTT	R.J.	21cD	"		
Lt	VX9105	WATSON	E.L.	Supn	No	Comp Leave	
"	VX6300	TRETHOWAN	J.M.	21cC	Yes		
"	VX6209	FISHLOCK	G.F.H.	OC 12	"		
"	VX117102	CONOLLY	H.P.	Supn	"		
"	VX4637	COMBES	G.A.	OC 13	"		
"	VX50424	WHITESIDE	A.M.W.	OC 4	"		
"	SX128438	DOVEY	J.C.	T.O.	"		
"	VX52834	DOUGLAS	E.A.W.	OC 5	"		
"	VX43519	ATKINSON	W.B.	OC 8	"		
"	VX38456	LYONS	J.S.	Supn	"		
"	VX38604	CHAPPE	F.C.	OC 1	"		
"	VX13323	HUTSON	W.A.	OC 17	"		
"	SX138188	TURNBULL	A.W.J.	OC 18	"		
"	SX6033	ERSKINE	T.R.	OC 10	"		
"	VX83932	WESTWOOD	W.H.	OC 14	"		
"	QX43166	MARTIN	E.J.	OC 15	"		
"	VX4510	KITTO	J.V.	Supn	"		
"	VX4213	TURNER	C.R.	OC 7	"		
"	VX109896	KERR	T.A.	OC 2	"		
"	VX65325	DILLON	A.G.	Supn	"		
"	VX29417	BENTLEY	A.R.	IO	"		
"	VX102448	GARDINER	F.N.	OC 11	"		
"	VX89845	PENN-TONKIN	L.M.	OC 3	"		
"	VX62394	NICHOLSON	H.R.	OC 16	"		
"	VX87918	O'SHEA	W.H.	Supn	"		
"	VX87920	BOLGER	E.C.	"	"		
"	VX43194	HOLDEN	A.G.	A/Adjt	"		
"	SX23938	EWART	R.L.	OC 9	"		
"	SX22828	BICKLE	H.E.	Supn	"		
ATTACHED ON W.E.							
Capt	SX22401	BENNETT	G.L.	RMO	"		

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.
Chap	QX40920	McDONALD G.H.	AASHD	30.6.42	Chaplain

17 Feb 45

Date of Despatch

W.S. Howden
Signature of Commander Lt-col
(W.S. HOWDEN.)
Commanding 2/8 Aust Inf Bn

**PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in
Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 17 / 2/1945.**

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, R.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangetakers			
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Rivetters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths		1						Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radlographers				Stevedores			
Computers								Biggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine		1	
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers				Tailors			
Dispensers				Axemen		1		Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers		4		Telescope Identifu. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.		1		Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Bollermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters				Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners		1		Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks		4		Woodturners							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics											
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)											
Fitters				Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Cycle)		2		Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (M.V.)		4		Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors							
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers							
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks							
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply							
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical							
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties				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.							
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics							
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant							
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.							
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers							
Plumber				Moulders		1		Farriers							
Saw Doctors		1		Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD		8		CARRIED FORWARD		20		CARRIED FORWARD		30		Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.		31	* *

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.

17 Feb 45
Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander
(W.S. Howden)
Commanding 2/8 Aust Inf Bn

DATE 17 Feb 45

UNIT 2/8 Aust Inf Bn WE 11/12/3^c One Reinft - 8 x 78

TRADE	Rank	WE	Posted Strength	Def-icit	Sur-plus	Reinfts Required
TRADE GROUP 1						
Blacksmith	Pte	1	1			
Boilermaker	Pte		1		1	
Sig Operator	Pte		1		1	
Bricklayer	Pte		1		1	
TRADE GROUP 11						
Carpenter	Pte	6	5	1		NR
Int Duties	Sgt	1	1			
" "	Cpl	2	2			
" "	Pte	7	8		1	
Signallers	Cpl	4	4			
" "	Pte	22	25		3	
TRADE GROUP 111						
Butcher	Pte	1	1			
Clerks	Sgt	2	2			
"	Cpl	6	6			
"	Pte	4	6		2	
Eqpt Repairer	Pte	1	1			
Wangtaker	Pte	4	3	1		NR
Storeman Tech	Sgt	1	1			
" "	Pte	3	3			
Tailor	Sgt	1	1			
"	Cpl	1	1			
Nursing Orderly	Pte		1		1	
Dvr Mechs	Pte		18		18	
NON-SPECIALISTS						
RSM	WO1	1	1			
CSM	WO11	5	4	1		NR
RQMS	WO11	1	1			
CQMS	S/Sgt	5	4	1		NR
Pl Sgts	Sgt	25	25			
Batmen	Pte	35	35			7 (42 Offrs on strength)
Dvrs MT	Cpl	1	1			
"	Pte	11	9	2		NR
Gen Dut. (Mess)	Pte	3	1	2		2
Hyg Duties	Pte	4	2	2		2
LMG/Riflemen	Cpl	36	35	3		NR
" "	Pte	361	317	44		43
MMG Nos	Cpl	2	2			
" "	Pte	20	17	3		3
Mortar Nos	Cpl	5	5			
" "	Pte	68	62	6		6
Orderlies	Pte	32	36		4	
Pioneers	Cpl	4	4			
"	Pte	28	28			
Regtl Police	Sgt	1	1			
" "	Pte	6	6			
Storemen	Pte	6	4	2		2
Stretcher-Bearers	Sgt	1	1			
" "	Cpl	2	2			
" "	Pte	18	16	2		2
Tk/A Gun Nos	Cpl	4	4			
" "	Pte	15	13	2		2
Water Duties	Pte	2	2			
TOTAL CARRIED FORWARD		769	729	72	32	69

APPENDIX 'A' (continued)

TRADE	Rank	WE	Posted Strength	Def-icit	Sur-plus	Reinf'ts Required	-/-
TOTAL BROUGHT FORWARD		767	729	72	32	69	
<u>ATTACHED BY WE</u>		769					
<u>A/AMC</u>							
Chiropodist	Cpl	1	1				
Hyg. Inspector	Sgt	1	1			NR	
Med Orderly	Sgt	1	-	1			
"	Pte	1	2		1		
<u>A/AOC</u>							
Shoemaker	Cpl	1	-	1		NR	
<u>A/EME</u>							
Armourer	Sgt	1					
"	TG1 Pte	1					
Fitter Gun	TG1 Pte	1			1		
<u>AA POST S</u>							
Postal Duties	Sgt	1	1				
<u>A/APC</u>							
Pay Clerk	Sgt	1	1				
"	Cpl	1	1				
<u>A/ACC</u>							
Caterer	WO1	1	1				
Cooks	Sgt	5	4	1		NR	
"	Cpl	5	5				
"	Pte	13	15		2		
		802	762	75	38	69	
<u>SURPLUS TRADESMEN NOT ALLOWED BY WE</u>							
<u>TRADE GROUP 1</u>							
etc							
BP 1	Boilermaker		1				
	Sig Operator		1				
	Bricklayer		1				
GP 2	Intelligence		2				
	Signallers		3				
GP 3	Clerks		2				
	Nursing Orderly		1				
	Dvr Mechs		18				

-/- This column NOT to be used

DATE OF DESPATCH

17 Feb 45

SIGNATURE

W.S. Howden Lt-col
(W.S. HOWDEN)
Commanding 2/8 Aust Inf Bn

RESTRICTED

Copy No.:
20 Feb 45

2/8 AUST INF BN ADM INSTN No.2

GENERAL: A Brigade parade will be held for GOC 6 Aust Div on 23 Feb 45 and a rehearsal on 22 Feb 45. The same timings for both the rehearsal and main parade will apply.

LOCATION:

2. Piper Cub strip opposite 2/11 Aust Inf Bn lines.

FORMATION OF PARADE:

3. Bn will be drawn up in 3 coys in line in sixes approx 180 per coy.

4. Pegs for right and left marker of each coy will be placed in position by Bde HQ.

DRESS:

5. (a) Officers : Jungle greens - gaiters web, web belts, hats turned up, pistols on left, lanyards on left, puggarees.

(b) Other Ranks: Jungle greens, gaiters web, web belt and bayonet, hats KF turned up, rifle, (hat bands with colour patch.)

MOVEMENT:

6. Bn will parade for sizing and allotment to coys on HQ Coy parade ground at 0710 hrs 22 Feb 45.

7. Movement to Piper Cub strip will commence 0735 hrs - march on 0750 hrs.

COMMAND:

8. Lt-col W.S.HOWDEN will be in charge of bde parade until arrival of Bde Comd.

9. Maj C.L.SIMPSON will be in charge of unit parade until CO is relieved by Bde Comd.

BANDS:

10. 2/11 Aust Inf Bn band is to play on and during march past of 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.

PERSONNEL:

11. The following personnel ONLY will be exempted from parade

(a) Light and no duties

(b) Coy picquet of two men (to be light duty pers if available)

(c) 2 cooks per rifle coy, 4 HQ Coy - Offrs Mess 2 - Total 14

(d) Hygiene pers: 4

(e) Canteen 1, Pay Sjt and Cpl 2, Ord Rm Sjt and 1 clerk

(f) Sigs 3, WO Caterer and ration storeman, QM clerk, drivers 1 per jeep.

(g) Duty Offr and offrs lines picquets 2.

TIMINGS AND PROCEDURE:

12. All executive portions of commands as from time of Arrival of Bde Comd will be by the lowering of the pike.

1. 0745 - 0815 Units march on.

2. 0820 - 0835 Lt-col W.S.HOWDEN dresses the parade and stands the parade at ease until the arrival of the Bde Comd. Bde Comd arrives.

3. 0840

Lt-col HOWDEN - "The parade will come to attention and slope arms" Pike raised.

Unit Comds "Bn etc, Atten -"

Pike lowered, Unit comds "-tion"

Pike raised, Unit comds "Bn slope"

Pike lowered, "Arms"

Lt-col HOWDEN - "The parade will present arms"

Pike raised. Unit Comds - "Bn etc present -"

Pike lowered - "Arms"

Lt-col HOWDEN - "Parade will slope arms"

Pike raised. Unit comds - "Bn comds - "Bn etc slope"

Pike lowered - "Arms"

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Lt-col HOWDEN - "Parade will order arms and stand at ease"
Pike raised
Unit Comds "Bn etc order" Pike lowered "Arms"
Pike raised - "Bn Etc stand at" Pike lowered "ease"

0845 GOC arrives
Bde Comd - Unit Comds as above. 2/11 Aust Inf Bn band
play "General Salute".

5. GOC inspects parade in jeep. Units will come to attention when GOC is one unit from them.
6. GOC addresses parade.
7. Bde Comd, Unit Comds as above. 2/11 Aust Inf Bn band play "General Salute".
8. GOC moves to saluting dais. Bands about turn and move to the left flank of the parade opposite the saluting base.
9. Bde marches past.

FORMATION OF PARADE:

13. Attached

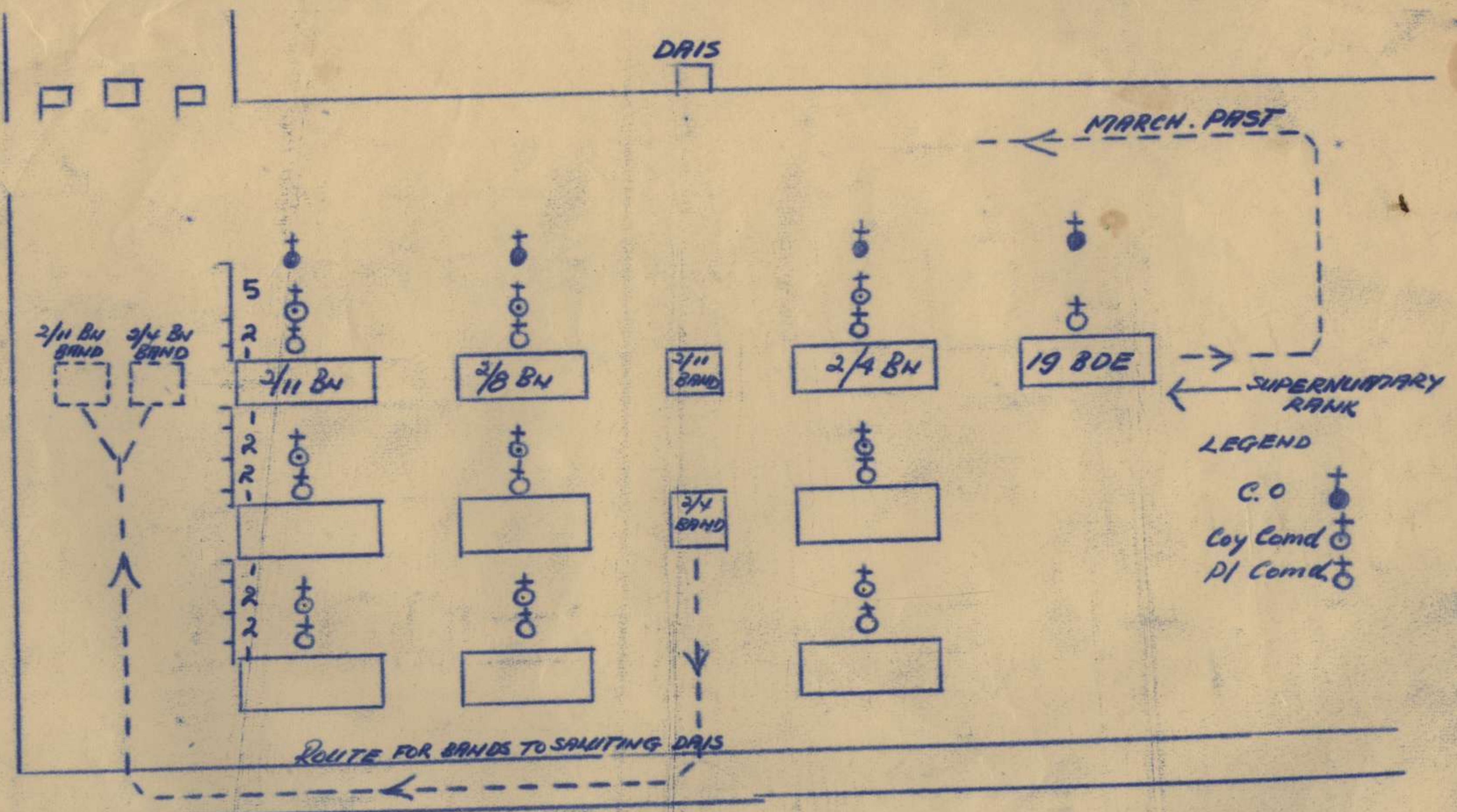
ARMS:

14. All pers except the following will carry rifles

- (a) Offrs and RSM (Pistols)
 - (b) Rifle Coys 16 OSMG's each - 48
 HQ Coy - 24
- TOTAL 72

OSMG's to be carried by shortest men.

R. E. Pape Capt
(R. E. PAPE.)
Adjt 2/8 Aust Inf Bn



Distance in paces.

MEDICAL REPORT for Feb 45

1. Infectious Diseases. One case of mumps.
2. General. Only one malarial case notified for this month, and this was unconfirmed case.
A large number of men have been medically re-classified following inability to stand up to the manouevres of the previous month. There has been an epidemic of URTI going round the unit, being particularly severe in convalescent malaria cases. Skin conditions and ear cases have formed the bulk of the other men reporting sick.
The rest and swimming over the last few weeks has increased the general physical fitness greatly.
3. Hygiene. Has been satisfactory. One mild ~~XXXXXX~~ epidemic of diarrhoea in one company (22 cases) was traced to one batch of
X. frozen meat.
4. Water Duties. All water superchlorinated at water point.
5. Mosquito Control. Good, except that I feel that MARY application is NOT being carried out satisfactorily and regularly.
6. Mite Preeautions. Good.

G L Bennett
..... Capt
G L BENNETT
R.M.O. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

8/45 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 24/2/1945 5.2/2 Aust Inf (Unit)

W.E. 11/12/3 OFFRS. 33 O.R's. 700 + OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 32 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.					
	1	8	1 2 9 23	* * Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs.	AAMC	1								
1		8	40			1								
Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).				DETAIL	A.I.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.	41									41
				E.(1)										
				E.(2)										

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.
VX86673	Lt	BEHAN	104 CCS	18.2.45	Rx Hosp

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
QX40920	Chap	McDONALD C.H.	104 CCS	20.2.45	Evacuated
VX117102	Lt	CONOLLY H.P.		21.2.45	M/o for retirement
VX102448	Lt	GARDINER P.H.	104 CCS	18.2.45	Evacuated

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).

2/8 Aust Inf Bn

Unit

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 24 / 2 / 1945 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Lt-col	VX14047	HOWDEN	H.S.	CO	Yes		
Major	VX66	SIMPSON	C.L.	2fc	"		
Major	SX1451	BRAHAM	D.	OC HQ	"		
Capt	VX6596	DIPPEY	S.C.	OC D	"		
"	VX9769	DWYER	M.J.	OC C	"		
"	VX6569	GATELY	J.C.	OC A	"		
"	VX5479	RUMLEY	L.O.	OC B	"		
"	VX6513	METCALF	E.C.	2iga	"		
"	VX6406	COULSTON	H.A.	" B	"		
"	VX6401	ADAMS	J.S.	OM	"		
"	VX39724	PAPE	R.E.	Adjt	"		
"	VX6469	McDERMOTT	R.J.	2icD	"		
Lt	VX9165	WATSON	E.L.	Supn	No	Comp Leave	-/1/45
"	VX6300	TRETHOWAN	J.M.	2icC	Yes		
"	VX6209	FISHLOCK	G.F.M.	OC 12	"		
"	TX4637	COMBES	G.A.	" 13	"		
"	VX50424	WHITESIDE	A.H.W.	" 4	"		
"	NX128438	DOVEY	J.C.	TO	"		
"	VX52834	DOUGLAS	E.A.W.	OC 5	"		
"	VX43519	ATKINSON	W.B.	" 8	"		
"	VX38456	LYONS	J.S.	Supn	"		
"	VX38604	CHAPPE	F.C.	OC 1	"		
"	VX13323	HUTSON	W.A.	" 17	"		
"	NX138188	TURNBULL	A.W.J.	" 18	"		
"	NX6033	ERSKINE	T.R.	" 10	"		
"	VX83932	WESTWOOD	W.H.	" 14	"		
"	OX43166	MARTIN	E.J.	" 15	"		
"	TX4510	KITTO	J.V.	Supn	"		
"	VX4213	TURNER	C.R.	OC 7	"		
"	VX109298	KERR	T.A.	OC 2	"		
"	VX65325	DILLON	A.G.	Supn	"		
"	VX29417	BENTLEY	A.R.	10	"		
"	VX89845	PENN-TONKIN	L.M.	OC 3	"		
"	VX62394	NI CHOLSON	H.R.	OC 16	"		
"	VX87918	O'SHEA	W.E.	Supn	"		
"	VX87920	BOLGER	E.C.	"	"		
"	VX86673	BEHAN	C.T.	"	"		
"	VX43194	HOLDEN	A.G.	A/Adjt	"		
"	SX23938	EWART	R.L.	OC 9	"		
"	SX22828	BICKLE	H.E.	Supn	"		
ATTACHED ON WE							
Capt	SX22401	BENNETT	G.L.	RMO	"		

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.

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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 / /194 .

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, R.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangefinders			
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless				SEE APPENDIX "A"				Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths		1						Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevedores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine		1	
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers		1		Signallers		1		Tailors			
Dispensers				Axemen		2		Signwriters		1		Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers		1		Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Bollermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters		1		Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks		4		Woodturners							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics											
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)											
Fitters Bench		2		Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators											
Fitters (M.V.) NT		4		Gun Operator				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Battery Surveyors							
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Butchers							
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks		1					
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Supply							
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties				Clerks, Technical							
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Coach Trimmers							
Mechanics, Radio				Joiners				Concretors							
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman				Cooks							
Mechanics, Wireless				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies							
Millwrights				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals							
Pattern Maker				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.							
Pharmacist				Masons				Driver Mechanics		7					
Photographer, Wet Plate				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant							
Photowriter				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.							
Plumber				Miners		1		Equipment Repairers							
Saw Doctors		1		Moulders				Farriers							
Surveyors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD		8		CARRIED FORWARD		20		CARRIED FORWARD		30		Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.		31	*

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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UNIT 2/8 Aust Inf Bn

WE 11/12/3^c

One Reinft = 8 x 78

TRADE	Rank	WE	Posted Strength	Def-icit	Sur-plus	Reinfts Required
TRADE GROUP 1						
Blacksmith	Pte	1	1			
Beilermaker	Pte		1		1	
Sig Operator	Pte		1		1	
Bricklayer	Pte		1		1	
TRADE GROUP 11						
Carpenter	Pte	6	4	2		NR
Int Duties	Sgt	1	1			
" "	Cpl	2	2			
" "	Pte	7	7			
Signallers	Cpl	4	4			
" "	Pte	22	27		5	
TRADE GROUP 111						
Bootmaker			1		1	
Butcher	Pte	1	1			
Clerks	Sgt	2	2			
"	Cpl	6	5	1		NR
"	Pte	4	7		3	
Eqpt Repairer	Pte	1	1			
Hangemaker	Pte	4	3	1		NR
Storeman Tech	Sgt	1	1			
" "	Pte	3	1	2		NR
Tailor	Sgt	1	1			
"	Cpl	1	1			
Dvr Mechs			18		18	
NON-SPECIALISTS						
RSL	WO1	1	1			
CSM	WO11	5	4	1		NR
QMS	WO11	1	1			
QMS	S/Sgt	5	4	1		NR
Pl Sgts	Sgt	25	23	2		NR
Batmen	Pte	35	34	1		6(40 ofrs on strength)
Dvrs MT	Cpl	1	1			
"	Pte	11	8	3		NR
Gen Dut. (Mess)	Pte	3	1	2		2
Hyg Duties	Pte	4	2	2		2
LMG/Riflemen	Cpl	36	31	5		NR
" "	Pte	361	320	40		40
MMG Nos	Cpl	2	2			
" "	Pte	20	19	1		1
Mortar Nos	Cpl	5	5			
" "	Pte	68	64	4		4
Orderlies	Pte	32	35		3	
Pioneers	Cpl	4	4			
" "	Pte	28	26	2		2
Regtl Police	Sgt	1	1			
" "	Pte	6	6			
Storemen	Pte	6	4	2		2
Stretcher-Bearers	Sgt	1	1			
" "	Cpl	2	2			
" "	Pte	18	15	3		3
Tk/A Gun Nos	Cpl	4	4			
" "	Pte	15	14	1		1
Water Duties	Pte	2	2			
TOTAL CARRIED FORWARD		769	726	76	33	63

APPENDIX 'A' (continued)

TRADE	Rank	WE	Posted Strength	Def-icit	Sur-plus	Reinfts Required	-/-
TOTAL BROUGHT FORWARD		767					
		769	726	76	33	63	
<u>ATTACHED BY WE</u>							
<u>AAMC</u>							
Chiropodist	Cpl	1	1				
Hyg Inspector	Sgt	1	1				
Med Orderly	Sgt	1	-	1		NR	
" "	Pte	1	2		1		
<u>AAOC</u>							
Shoemaker	Cpl	1	-	1		NR	
<u>AEME</u>							
Armourer	Sgt	1					
" TGI	Pte	1					
Fitter Gun TGI	Pte	1					
NV Fitter			1		1		
AA POST S							
Postal Duties	Sgt	1	1				
<u>AAPC</u>							
Pay Clerk	Sgt	1	1				
" "	Cpl	1	1				
<u>AACC</u>							
Caterer	WO11	1	1				
Cooks	Sgt	5	4	1		NR	
"	Cpl	5	5				
"	Pte	13	13				
		802	757	79	35	63	
<u>SURPLUS TRADESMEN NOT ALLOWED BY WE</u>							
<u>TRADE GROUP 1 etc</u>							
p1 Boilermaker			1				
Sig Operator			1				
Bricklayer			1				
p2 Signallers			5				
p3 Clerks			3				
Dvr Mechs			18				
Bootmaker			1				

-/- This column NOT to be used

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