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2/8 Infantry Battalion
July - September 1945

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

1.

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2/8 AUST INF BATTALION

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Date and Time.—From 1 July 1945 To 31 July 1945

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
WEWAK	1 July		Weather; Fine, heavy rain at night.	
Ref Map Wewak Paliamas			Own tps and enemy dispositions at 30 Jun 45 as per overlay number one.	Overlay No 1.
1. 25000X			A and D Coys continue patrolling against enemy posns. Pte Duffy MM of D Coy accompanied by two Police Boys recce'd enemy posns on West Spur, sighted Jap sentries and ascertained extent of defences.	
Survey Sheet			A Coy patrol under Lt WHITESIDE cut BIG ROAD at 293016, sighted sentries and bunker posns with fire lanes facing NORTH. Found two dead result previous action.	
			C.O., Capt E C METCALF, Lt W A HUTSON, made air recce of West Spur, for the coming attack 3 Jul 45.	
	2 Jul 45		Weather; Morning wet, fining up after midday.	
			C Coy patrol, Lt WESTWOOD, probed enemy posns on West Spur, reported enemy still in posn.	
	3 Jul 45		Weather: Cloudy, with some showers.	
			D Coy, with one pl B Coy in reserve, will capture West Spur.	
			Ref 00 No 8 Appx No 3.	
			Infm gained by extensive patrolling revealed that the enemy were holding defended posns on two knolls on West Spur, denying us the use of a valuable L of C via the BIG ROAD.	
			Following a heavy arty preparation of approx 1000 rds from two btys of 2/L Aust Fd Regt, and a successful air strike by Beauforts of the 71 R/B Wing, based on TADJI,	
			17 pl advancing under covering fire from MMGs and LMGs on Mt SHIBURANGU, captured the first knoll after light opposition.	
			Arty then lifted to Far Knoll, and after preparation of approx 500 rds, 18 pl, moving through 17 pl, and advancing in torrential	

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Unit 2/8 Aust Inf Bn

Date and Time.—From 1 Jul 45

To 31 Jul 45

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
WEWAK Ref Map: WEWAK → PALIAMA 1: 25000 Survey Sheet.	3 Jul 45		rain, captured Far Knoll at 1138 hrs, after a brisk encounter with the enemy, the majority of whom withdrew.	
			10 pl B Coy, Sjt R AYRES, then exploited down BIG ROAD; time preventing them from making contact with the holding force from C Coy 2/2 Aust Inf Bn, (under comd of 2/8 Aust Inf Bn). OWN casualties for the action were nil, whilst the enemy suffered 23 killed. Included in the equipment captured were 2A/C MGs and 1 JUKI. During the afternoon an enemy 81mm mortar on WEWAU spur, fired approx 10 bombs majority of which fell NORTH of C Coy position on Shiburangu; casualties were 2 slightly wounded. Fire was immediately brought down on suspected posn by the FOO.	
		1335	C Coy 2/2 Aust Inf Bn patrol, holding posn astride BIG ROAD, made contact with enemy at 291018 while moving fwd to make contact with B Coy patrol; the patrol killed 1 Jap and withdrew to base at SAURI. Ref overlay No 2.	<i>Appx No 2.</i>
	4 Jul 45		Weather; Heavy showers throughout day and night. Bn HQ moved to foot of Mt SHIBURANGU 303004. D Coy patrols complete clearing of area with local patrols, at 287009. located bunker posns, which had been vacated on approach of the patrol, recovered body of Pte FARRALL G A, killed 29 Jun.	
		1005	B Coy patrol, Sjt R AYRES, patrolling from D Coy at West Spur, made contact with C Coy 2/2 Aust Inf Bn at 292016, thus the BIG ROAD was reported clear from SAURI to some hundred yds SOUTH of WEST SPUR, ref overlay No 2.	(Overlay No 2)
	5 Jul 45		Weather: Showers at intervals throughout day and night. Lt WESTWOOD patrol, with arty FOO, made contact with 2/4 Aust Inf Bn at outpost 316002, this was first contact between the two units and linked up Mt TAZAKI and Mt SHIBURANGU.	

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Date and Time.—From 1 Jul 45 To 31 Jul 45

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
WEWAK	5 Jul 45		The patrol also located Jap 75mm gun which had harassed our L of C in BORAM and WEWAK areas for some weeks, gun had been rendered U/S by enemy before evacuating posn.	
WEWAK Ref Map: WEWAK-PALIAMA 1:25000			A Coy moved to 308002, and also est pl outpost 311002. Remainder coys local security patrols.	Overlay No 3 Appx No 4
	6 Jul 45		Weather: Cloudy, with light showers, fine at night. D Coy clearing patrol SOUTH from WEST SPUR, at 297004 located 6 huts, found one dead Jap who had suicided after being wounded during the action on WEST SPUR. The patrol reached 299999 without making contact with the enemy. C Coy 2/2 Aust Inf Bn patrolling WEST from base est at 292016, located 6 huts and killed one Jap at 281016. RPC recce patrols were active in the vicinity of the BLOT 310997, reported hearing Japs constructing defs on NORTHERN slopes. At 1745 hrs the natives indicated the posn, which was harassed by our mortars and MMGs. C Coy patrol SOUTH from SHIBURANGU found two enemy dead, presumed to have died of injuries received during the action on SHIBURANGU.	Overlay No 3.
	7 Jul 45		Weather: Showery. C Coy patrol from SHIBURANGU SOUTH along BIG ROAD made contact with enemy at 300996, own cas one wounded. A Coy patrol made contact with 2/4 Aust Inf Bn at 321003. One Jap Sjt Maj from 44 Fd Rd Constr Unit surrendered to A Coy. RPC recce patrol from A Coy, sighted 8 huts and unstated number of Japs at 312997. C Coy 2/2 Aust Inf Bn patrol to 277019 report gardens in that area which have not been used for considerable time.	Ref overlay No 4, Appx No 5.

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Unit 2/8 Aust Inf Bn

Date and Time.—From 1 Jul 45 To 31 Jul 45

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
WEWAK	8 Jul 45		Weather: Showery. Local patrolling from all coys. A Coy patrol comd by Lt FLUDE reced enemy posns on THE BLOT, sighted sentries at 305994. C.O., Capt R J McDERMOTT, Capt J C GATELY and I.O. made air recce of THE BLOT and the BIG ROAD to HAMBRAURI 2. 3 Japs from 2/8 25 Airfield Bn surrendered to A Coy, they stated that approx 50/60 Japs were on the BLOT.	Ref overlay No4.
	9 Jul 45	1110	Weather: Fine. D Coy recceing approaches to THE BLOT, sighted one sentry at 302998. RPC patrol reced NORTH approaches of WEWAU, heard Japs constr defs at approx 286994.	Overlay No 5 Appx No 6. Ref overlay No 5
	10 Jul 45		Weather: Day fine and cloudy, night showery. Following report from natives that approx 20 Japs were gathering sac sac at 303998, C Coy set ambush, but was unsuccessful, possibly caused by a diversion to the WEST when D Coy patrol contacted 20 Japs at 292996, 5 Japs were killed in a sharp engagement, our patrol suffered no cas. A Coy patrol, Lt FLUDE, one int pers and police boys, recce EAST SPURS of the BLOT. Found many signs of recent mov on tracks, some defs unoccupied except on knoll 305995, where 6 Japs were seen in vicinity of hut and bunker posns. RPC patrols confirm earlier report that Japs were occupying 8 huts vicinity 315992.	Ref overlay No 5.

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Date and Time.—From 1 Jul 45

To 31 Jul 45

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
WEWAK	11 Jul 45		Weather: Heavy showers. A, C and D Coys patrolling approaches to the BLOT. Ref overlay No 5. The existing 1:25000 maps have proved to be most inaccurate, the Bn switched over to an arbitrary sheet compiled by 19 Aust Inf Bde.	Appx No 6.
	12 Jul 45		Weather: Heavy showers, visibility bad. Patrolling as per overlay No 6.	Appx No 7.
	13 Jul 45		Weather: Cloudy. B and C Coys 2/4 Aust Inf Bn come under comd. Dispositions: B Coy 303013 C Coy 303007 B Coy 2/8 Aust Inf Bn moved to 307002 in preparation for attack on THE BLOT.	
	14 Jul 45	0600	Weather: Fine and sunny. B and A Coys struck camp preparatory to attack on THE BLOT. A Coy, under comd of Capt J G GATELY, followed route direct to creek forward of coy due SOUTH 300 yards, directly SOUTH to first ridge using native scouts. Track was cut at 306995. Forward section was in kunai astride the track when 3 Japs opened fire from high ground on right. Lt FLUDE injured in foot. 2 Japs killed, others fled. B Coy, under comd of Capt H A COULSTON, arrived to protect A Coys rear, and consolidated around ambush posn. A Coy pushed WEST along ridge to knoll at 305995 where a strong enemy outpost was expected. Approx 6 enemy although well dug in, withdrew when fired upon. Arty was then brought down on the forward slopes and top of the BLOT, followed by 3 in mor	

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Date and Time.—From 1 Jul 45

To 31 Jul 45

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
WEWAK	14 Jul 45		<p>and MMG fire from Mt SHIBURANGU. As A Coy progressed up the steep sides through smashed def, fallen trees and scrub, the support fire lifted to the rear slopes and spur to the WEST. Enemy were seen withdrawing from the feature as our tps gained the summit. Coy HQ and arty FOO est 1110 hrs. Patrols immediately pushed down SE and WEST SPURS. One enemy killed on SE slopes and much arty damage to enemy gardens and huts (evidently enemy HQ). Two killed on WEST SPUR vicinity junc BIG ROAD and track running to WEST, many Japs in area, but all withdrew after slight resistance.</p> <p>Lt WHITESIDE's pl formed outpost vicinity of track junc 298998.</p> <p>Hot meal was supplied to tps 30 minutes after consolidating. Native carriers arrived with supplies, water and spare gear belonging to A Coy.</p> <p>Following consolidation of the BLOT, B Coy occupied 299993, a posn which had previously been cleared by A Coy.</p> <p>Many recently constr bunkers were in the area, the enemy evidently anticipating our attack to be along the BIG ROAD.</p> <p>D Coy patrol sighted 5 Japs withdrawing to the WEST, and located 8 newly constr huts at 293999. Patrol returning to base after burning huts, Ref overlay No 9</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ref sketch map</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Appx No 9. Appx No 8.</p>
	15 Jul 45		<p>Weather: Fine.</p> <p>A Coy clearing patrol comd by WOII BROES down SW SPUR found Jap graves, and dead result of action 14 Jul; patrol continued down spur with the object of recceing eastern approaches to HAMBRAURI l, however, the numerous tracks to be cleared did not allow the patrol to proceed beyond 298993.</p> <p>The patrol returned to base having killed 9 Japs.</p> <p>B Coy occupied SNOWS KNOLL 293996, killing 4 Japs after a brisk</p>	

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Date and Time.—From 1 Jul 45..... To 31 Jul 45.....

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
WEWAK	15 Jul 45		<p>encounter, exploiting further along spur, patrol surprised and killed 4 Japs, incl one Lt, and captured an 81 mm mortar at approx 292997. This mortar had fired on our posns on Mt SHIBURANGU during the afternoon of 3 Jul.</p> <p>D Coy fighting patrol SOUTH to northern slopes of WEWAU SPUR with the object of creating a diversion whilst B Coy occupied SNOWS KNOLL. Contacted 5 Japs killing two, remainder fled leaving packs and rifles. Cpl A W KOHN, int sec, being wounded, the patrol returned to base. Total cas for the day, 13 Japs killed, own one wounded.</p> <p>Ref overlay No 6. Brig J.E.G. MARTIN visited THE BLOT.</p>	Appx No 10.
	16 Jul 45		<p>Weather: Fine and warm. Bn HQ moved from the foot of Mt SHIBURANGU to THE BLOT.</p> <p>A Coy patrol comd by Lt WHITESIDE, clearing SE down track from THE BLOT, engaged unknown number of Japs occupying small village at 307988. The patrol took one prisoner and found signs where wounded Japs from THE BLOT had received attention. After the enemy fled SOUTH down the track the village was burnt and the patrol returned to base.</p> <p>B Coy advancing SOUTH down the track from SNOWS KNOLL, occupied HAMBRAURI 1 against light opposition, the enemy retreating to St PATRICKS KNOLL at 294983, and along track to NW, where B Coy patrol killed 13, whilst exploiting up spur towards WEWAU at 287995.</p> <p>D Coy patrolling towards WEWAU fired on 4 Japs at 289997, wounding one.</p> <p>Total enemy dead for the day 17 and one PW, own cas one slightly wounded. Ref overlay No 7.</p>	Appx No 11.

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Unit 2/8 Aust Inf Bn Date and Time.—From 1 Jul 45 To 31 Jul 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
WEWAK	17 Jul 45		<p>Weather: Fine and sunny.</p> <p>During night 16/17 Jul enemy party attacked B Coy on HAMBRAURI 1, but were driven off by heavy IMC fire.</p> <p>C Coy on route from Mt SHIBURANGU to occupy St PATRICKS if reported clear by B Coy patrol comd by WOII FISK.</p> <p>0955 Patrol moving SOUTH along track killed two sentries at 293985, probing further along the track the patrol encountered enemy in bunker posns at 293984, the patrol leader, WOII FISK K, being wounded by Japs in well cam bunker from range of approx 5 yards. At this stage 14 pl, who had moved from 298997 took over the attack from B Coy patrol. It was est that approx 25/30 Japs were holding the posn, and after short arty preparation 14 pl moved forward, but came under heavy and accurate sniper fire from trees and bunkers; 15 pl comd by Lt TRETOWAN then moved around to the enemys EAST flank, the pl moved up a small re-entrant to high ground on the main spur which they anticipated would bring them behind the enemy force, however the pl on reaching the top found itse lf between the enemy forces, after a fierce engagement, the posn became untenable and 15 pl was forced to withdraw, failing to recover the body of L/cpl T W HYDE, who was killed by one of the many well concealed snipers.</p> <p>The days action cost B Coy one wounded, and C Coy One killed five wounded against the enemy's 8 known to be killed.</p> <p>The Jap force appeared to be well and actively commanded, making excellent use of snipers concealed in trees, few of whom were sighted by our tps.</p> <p>D Coy patrol moving up the spur to WEWAU found two enemy dead r, sult of action 15 Jul, the coy reached the top of the feature and after a recce the OC, Capt R J McDERMOTT, decided that the posn had not been occupied by a great number of enemy, and did not consider that the occupation was warranted.</p> <p>The coy less one pl XXXXXX moved back to SNOWS KNOLL</p>	

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Date and Time.—From 1 Jul 45 To 31 Jul 45

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
WEWAK	17 Jul 45		whilst one pl moved SE down spur from WEWAU made contact with coy at HAMBRAURI 1, then returned NORTH along track to SNOWS KNOLL. Ref overlay No 8.	Appx No 12.
	18 Jul 45		Weather: Fine. Local clearing patrols from all coys. A Coy patrol comd by WOII BROES killed one Jap at 296999. Airstrike on St PATRICKS by Beauforts resulted in a fair coverage only. Ref overlay No 9.	Appx No 13.
	19 Jul 45		Weather: Showery. RPC patrol on route to RINDOGIM and NUMOIKUM were fired at by 3 Japs from WEWAU, one PB was seriously wounded and died later in the day. RPC patrol to HAMBRAURI 2 reported that an unknown number of Japs were occupying the village. 15 pl comd by Lt TRETOWAN reced EAST flank of enemys posn on St PATRICKS, reaching a point within 100 yds of the top of feature, without being observed and reported that the EASTERN approach was most favourable for the attack on 21 Jul. During the afternoon the enemy posn was subjected to considerable harassing fire from arty and the bn 3 in mortars. Ref overlay No 9.	Appx No 13.
	20 Jul 45		Weather: Wet, squally conditions throughout night. 13 pl comd by Sit J GIBBS reced eastern approaches of St PATRICKS, reaching a point about 30 yds forward of the previous patrol 19 Jul. The patrol killed 2 Japs without suffering cas. 9 pl A Coy comd by WOII BROES patrolling to WEWAU and SOUTH SPUR, were engaged by 5/6 Japs who were in posession of an OSMG, one Jap was killed, the remainder fled SW down spur. Ref overlay No 9.	Appx No 13.

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Unit 2/8 Aust Inf Bn

Date and Time.—From 1 Jul 45

To 31 Jul 45

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
WEWAK	21 Jul 45		Weather: Wet, followed by cold night. C Coy will capture St PATRICKS KNOLL ref 00 No 10.	
		0800	Comd Post est at HAMBRAURI 1. C Coy moved out of perimeter to FUP, NE of St PATRICKS. D Coy moved through HAMBRAURI 1 from SNOWS KNOLL for exploitation	
		0750	South after capture of St PATRICKS. Arty conc of 900 rds was brought down on the objective for approx	
			10 minutes.	
		0805	Mor and arty fire ceased whilst C Coy moved forward to 295986.	
		0845	Arty commenced firing serial number 3 (ref 00 No 10), but was ordered to cease fire when the rds commenced falling amongst our own tps, luckily causing no cas, but cutting coy, arty and mor sig lines. The arty commenced reg again until 0930 when Capt M J DWYER decided that they could not effectively cover the target while his tps were in their present posn, he then told the CO that the coy would attack without the arty, but using the 3 in mors at HAMBRAURI 1 comd by Sjt F DICKSON.	
		0948	Mor commenced firing, ceasing fire at 1004 hrs, having put down an excellent coverage on the target area.	
			13 pl comd by Sjt GIBBS fwd, moved SW up southernmost spur onto track and came under fire.	
			14 pl comd by Lt WESTWOOD then moved up northernmost spur held small knoll giving covering fire to 13 pl.	
			15 pl comd by Lt TRETOWAN moved around left of 13 pl securing the SE spur and track.	
			13 pl moving fwd cleared scrub and undergrowth area, 14 pl moved down ridge and cleared sac sac area making contact with B Coy patrol led by Lt HOLDEN, who were moving SOUTH along the track.	
			13 pl later came under fire from a pocket which was liquidated by 8 sec moving to their rear. The feature was cleared of enemy and consolidation completed by 1130 hrs, enemy dead numbered	

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Date and Time.—From 1 Jul 45 To 31 Jul 45

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
WEWAK	21 Jul 45		<p>16, own cas one slightly wounded. A BREN gun abandoned during the action 17 July was recovered in a hut area on the WEST slopes of the feature, although the gun was in working order with filled magazines, the enemy had not made any attempt to utilize it in the def of his posn. On capture of St PATRICKS, D Coy moved through C Coy and occupied high ground and track junc at 293983 taking one PW who later died whilst being interrogated at Bde HQ. Following exploitation by 17 pl the coy occupied BROCKHOFES KNOLL. Total cas for the day were 21 enemy killed, one PW, own one slightly wounded. Ref overlay No 10.</p>	Appx No 14;
	22 Jul 45	0800	<p>Weather: Fine. Occupation of HAMBRAURI 2 by B and D Coys. D Coy moved to 293978 preparatory to attack on HAMBRAURI 2. Following a recce by OC D Coy, Capt McDERMOTT, OC B Coy, Capt COUISTON, and FCO, arty was brought down on the objective. D Coy moved along BIG ROAD with 18 pl fwd, crossing a deep re-entrant the coy deployed in open order and began climbing a steep incline immediately in front of the objective. No opposition was encountered and 17 pl moved through and consolidated on centre knoll, Coy HQ were est here at 1200 hrs. 16 pl then moved to SOUTH KNOLL and cleared area SOUTH and SE. On consolidation of NORTH, SOUTH and CENTRE KNOLLS, B Coy moved through D Coy and occupied EAST KNOLL. The enemy who evidently anticipated the attack to come from the EAST, were completely surprised, some were observed still digging weapon pits as the coy advanced on them from the rear. From start time until the complete occupation of the objective, the Comd Post was kept well in the picture by Tac R, who</p>	

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Unit 2/8 Aust Inf Bn

Date and Time.—From 1 Jul 45 To 31 Jul 45

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
WEWAK	22 Jul 45		reported every move by our own tps, and gave valuable infm reporting the mov of the enemy, this infm was immediately passed on to the respective coy comds by line. EAST KNOLL was heavily wooded with thick undergrowth, preventing our tps from inflicting many cas amongst the enemy who quickly dispersed and fled to the SOUTH. 6 enemy moving up the track from the SOUTH, evidently to reinforce EAST KNOLL, were surprised to find our tps in occupation, two of the enemy were killed, the remainder fled. Ref overlay No 11.	Appx No 15.
	23 Jul 45	1600	Weather: Fine. A Coy less 7 pl were relieved on Mt SHIBURANGU by one coy of 2/4 Aust Inf Bn who are responsible for patrolling our L of C. A Coy occupied BROCKHOFFS KNOLL from which posn the coy will take over fwd patrolling. Patrols were active from B, C and D Coys, resulting in 6 Japs being liquidated. Ref overlay No 12. Ref OO No 10	Appx No 16. Appx No 16a.
	24 Jul 45		Weather: Fine. A Coy patrolling fwd along BIG ROAD were engaged by snipers at 285965, resulting in one Jap being killed, one own wounded. B Coy patrol down SE SPUR killed one Jap in garden area. C Coy patrolling SE along track from St PATRICKS reached garden area at 29959735, where tracks showed signs of heavy foot traffic partly constr defts were covering main track. D Coy patrolling WEST from HAMBRAURI 2 reported very thick undergrowth and very few tracks in area. Ref overlay No 12. Capt M J DWYER, OC C Coy, to be OC HQ Coy, moves out to WEWAK Pt. Capt E L WATSON assumes comd of C Coy.	Appx No 16.

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Unit 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.....

Date and Time.—From 1 Jul 45..... To 31 Jul 45.....

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
WEWAK	25 Jul 45		<p>Weather; Fine but cloudy.</p> <p>A Coy patrol comd by WOII BROES, moved to knoll 285971 and found small village of 6 to 8 huts, where approx 20 Japs had bivouaced 24 hrs earlier. One dead Japs was found in hut as result of arty fire, patrol burnt huts and returned to base. Ref overlay No 12.</p>	Appx No 16.
	26 Jul 45		<p>Weather: Showers throughout day and night.</p> <p>A Coy patrol comd by WOII BROES, SOUTH along BIG ROAD to recce enemy posn encountered 24 Jul, took two prisoners, who had deserted from RIGHT SECTOR COMD POST, whilst that unit was en route to NUMOIKUM. The patrol moved off the track and flanked the knoll, on reaching the top it was found that the enemy had withdrawn. Numerous huts were found in the area, indicating that a sizeable force had been in occupation.</p> <p>B Coy patrol comd by Sjt C JONES, clearing patrol to knoll 285971 reported posn clear of enemy. When returning to base at 1035 hrs, the patrol was fired on from approx 288972, the rear man in the sec being wounded. The BREN gunners suspecting an ambush immediately fired in the area from which the shot was fired, this was followed by much shouting by a native patrol which had mistaken the wounded man, Pte SADLER, for a Jap. The native patrol lost one PB Cpl by our return fire. Ref overlay No 13.</p>	Appx No 17.
			<p>Extensive patrolling has been carried out during the last three days to ensure that the area is clear of enemy before being relieved by 2/2 Aust Inf BN. The enemy's failure to defend such commanding ground as HAMBRAURI 2, KNOLL 285971, KNOLL 285965, coupled with PW, Tac R and native patrol reports, would indicate that the enemy is withdrawing his forces to RINDOGIM or PAPARAM via NUMOIKUM. Adv party Bn HQ 2/2 bn staged night 26/27 Jul at HAMBRAURI 1.</p>	

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Date and Time.—From 1 Jul 45

To 31 Jul 45

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
WEWAK	27 Jul 45		<p>Weather: Wet.</p> <p>Adv party Bn HQ 2/2 Aust Inf Bn arrived at HAMBRAURI 2, while B Coy were relieved at HAMBRAURI 2 by D Coy 2/2 Aust Inf Bn, Local patrols from C and D Coys covering relief.</p> <p>RPC patrol to BANAHITAM RIDGE reported abandoned bivouac and camp areas; during night 26/27 Jul, enemy mov was heard on D Coy perimeter, investigations the following morning led to 5 Japs being sighted, as it was anticipated that the Japs may wish to surrender, Sjt KENNY exposed himself on the track and beckoned them to come in to the perimeter, unfortunately, one member of the coy, unaware of the situation, fired on the Nips who immediately fled into the bush.</p> <p>From abandoned eqpt etc found on the track, the party was identified as belonging to 86 Airfield Bn. Ref overlay No 13.</p>	
	28 Jul 45		<p>Weather: Fine.</p> <p>A Coy 2/2 Aust Inf Bn relieved D Coy at HAMBRAURI 2. Bn HQ moved to WEWAK Pt and comd of the area passed to 2/2 Bn at 1330 hrs.</p> <p>C Coy covering patrol SE from HAMBRAURI 2 to 297972 to garden area 300973 then NW to St PATRICKS reported area clear.</p> <p>A Coy covering patrol (WOII BROES) made contact with enemy on BIG ROAD, killing 2, one own wounded. At 1245 hrs, BROES patrol held firm base at 287971 while Lt WHITESIDE's patrol moved WEST to knoll where contact was made with Jap snipers, Patrol killed two enemy and suffered one own wounded. Ref overlay No 13.</p>	
	29 Jul 45		<p>Weather: Fine.</p> <p>A Coy less 7 pl relieved at BROCKHOFFS KNOLL by one coy 2/2 Bn, and moved to WEWAK Pt.</p> <p>C Coy relieved at St PATRICKS and moved to REST CAMP for night</p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
WEWAK	29 Jul 45		29/30 Jul. Ref overlay No 13.	
	30 Jul 45		Weather: Fine. 7 pl at SNOW'S KNOLL relieved by MG PL 2/2 Bn, and moved to WEWAK Pt. C Coy moved to WEWAK Pt. Ref overlay No 13.	
	31 Jul 45		Weather: Fine. Bn completed concentration in camp area vacated by 2/2 Aust Inf Bn. The camp is situated on the SE corner of WEWAK Pt, ref 320081, overlooking WEWAK HARBOUR and DROME. Total enemy cas from 3 May 45 to 31 Jul 45:- 473 killed 14 PW. Own cas from 3 May 45 to 31 Jul 45:- 13 killed 99 wounded. 102 Indians recovered.	
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Amendment to 2/8th Infantry Battalion

War Diary (8/3/8) 14 July 1945

This Diary has been amended under the Freedom of Information Act, 1982, Section 48, because the original statement was "Misleading because it is incomplete".

The statement re Lieutenant Flude should read -
14 July 1945.

"LT Flude shot from behind by Section Bren Gunner -
GSW right foot".

Michael Piggott

(M.G. Piggott)
Curator, Written Records

1 November 1984

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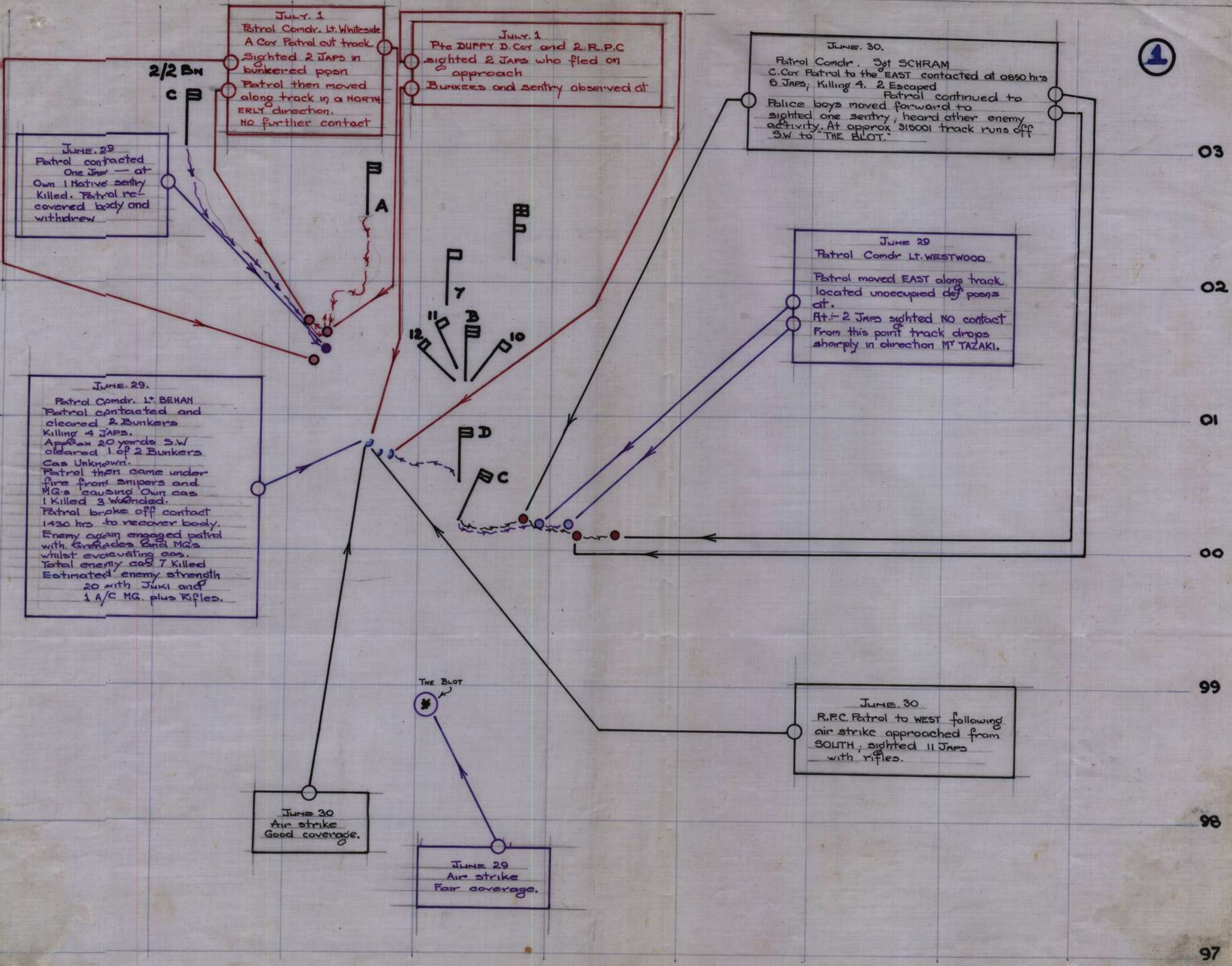
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JULY. 1
 Patrol Comdr. Lt. Whiteside
 A Coy Patrol out track.
 Sighted 2 JAPS in
 bunkered pool
 Patrol then moved
 along track in a NORTH
 ERLY direction.
 NO further contact

JULY. 1
 Pte DUFFY D. Coy and 2 R.P.C
 sighted 2 JAPS who fled on
 approach
 BUNKERS and sentry observed at

JUNE. 30.
 Patrol Comdr. Sgt SCHRAM
 C. Coy Patrol to the EAST contacted at 0850 hrs
 6 JAPS; Killing 4. 2 Escaped
 Patrol continued to
 Police boys moved forward to
 sighted one sentry; heard other enemy
 activity. At approx 315001 track runs off
 SW to "THE BLOT."

JUNE. 29
 Patrol contacted
 One Jap - at
 Own 1 Native sentry
 Killed. Patrol re-
 covered body and
 withdrew

JUNE 29
 Patrol Comdr Lt. WESTWOOD
 Patrol moved EAST along track
 located unoccupied dug
 pits at.
 At:- 2 Japs sighted NO contact
 From this point track drops
 sharply in direction MY TAZAKI.

JUNE. 29.
 Patrol Comdr. Lt. BEHAN
 Patrol contacted and
 cleared 2 Bunkers
 Killing 4 JAPS.
 Approx 20 yards S.W
 cleared 1 of 2 Bunkers
 Cas Unknown.
 Patrol then came under
 fire from snipers and
 MG's causing Own cas
 1 Killed 3 Wounded.
 Patrol broke off contact
 1430 hrs to recover body.
 Enemy again engaged patrol
 with Grenades and MG's
 whilst evacuating cas.
 Total enemy cas 7 Killed
 Estimated enemy strength
 20 with Juki and
 1 A/C MG. plus Rifles.

JUNE 30
 Air strike
 Good coverage.

JUNE 29
 Air strike
 Fair coverage.

JUNE. 30
 R.P.C. Patrol to WEST following
 air strike approached from
 SOUTH; sighted 11 JAPS
 with rifles.

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July 3
 1005 hrs first contact
 1011 hrs 17 PI occupy feature
 Further arty conc on second
 followed by attack by 18 PI
 at 1055 hrs.
 1138 hrs 18 PI takes objective
 and consolidates.
 Fwd tps exploit further 100m
 down SAURI TRACK.

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JULY 3.
 Patrol from 2/2 B₁ reached
 0900 hrs.
 1335 hrs patrol moved fwd
 150m; but came under fire
 from LMG and rifles. 1 Jap. K.
 Patrol withdrew to base.

July 3.
 0918K Air strike completed
 Arty conc commenced
 1000 hrs. D Coy move into attack.
 1138 hrs. Action completed.
 Own Cas. Nil
 Enemy Cas. 18 Killed.
 Captured 1 Juki 2 A/C M.G.

JULY 3
 Approx 1215 hrs
 6 Enemy Mortar bombs
 landed at posn
 Cas. 2. Slightly wounded

July 4
 1005 hrs
 2/2 B₁ C, Patrol and B Coy
 Patrol make contact.
 N.M.S.
 Found 1 A/C M.G.

JULY 3.
 JULY 4.

031730K
 4 Jap Mortar bombs
 fell vicinity of
 No Cas.

July 4
 C. Coy local patrol killed
 1 Jap. found 4 dead result
 previous action.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

SECRET

2/8 Aust Inf Bn 00 No. 8

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2 Jul 45

Ref Map WENAK 1: 25000

INFM

1. Enemy. As per revsits and patrol reports to date.
2. Own tps. As per LOCSTAT 2 Jul 45.
3. Tps in support and under cmd :
 - (a) under cmd : 'C' Coy 2/2 Aust Inf Bn.
 - (b) in support :
 - (i) one Coy 2/1 Aust Inf Regt with call on Div Arty.
 - (ii) one 75 mm gun R A A 6 Aust Div.
 - (iii) one sec 11 pl 2/14 Aust Inf Coy RAE.
 - (iv) one sec flamethrowers.

INTENTION

4. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn will capture WEST SPUR 296007.

METHOD

5. Summary of ops - Attack by coy with air, arty, and M.H.C. sp.
6. Tps
 - (a) fwd - 'D' Coy. Objective WEST SPUR.
 - (b) Reserve :
 - (i) pl 'B' Coy
 - (ii) Probable role. Hold NEAR KNOLL as firm base.
7. Protection
 - (a) 'B' Coy will establish a STANDING patrol on 'D' Coy present location from H - 30 till consolidation of objective.
 - (b) 'C' Coy will patrol EAST SPUR to secure eastern approaches.
 - (c) R.P.C. and sec 5 pl will maintain STANDING patrol on 'D' Coy present location from cessation of (a) till relieved on 4 Jul 45.
 - (d) 'C' Coy 2/2 Aust Inf Bn will provide fighting patrol along track from SAURI towards WEST SPUR.
8. Action on capture

'D' Coy will consolidate on WEST SPUR.
9. Airstrike. Bombing and strafing attack. Details as follows :
 - (a) NOT before 0700K, NOT after 0800K. 3 Jul 45.
 - (b) indication. 3" mortar smoke on WEST SPUR.
 - (c) control. ground to air - 22 set.
 - (d) direction. strike will be from EAST to WEST.
10. Arty. tasks.
 - (a)

Serial	unit	task	From	Times	To	Rate	Amn	Rds
1.	2 btys	NEAR KNOLL and SADDIE	H minus	20	H minus 5	3	HE	720
2.	2 btys	" "	H minus	5	H	4	HE	320
3.	bty	FAR KNOLL	Z		Z plus 15	3	HE	360
4.	bty	"	Z plus	15	Z plus 20	4	HE	160

- (b) Serials 3 and 4 on call. Z hr decision of OC 'D' Coy.
- (c) FOO will move with fwd coy.
- (d) Program modified on call.
- (e) Tasks to cover consolidation to be notified.

11. Mortars 3 in

- (a) 2 dets - 300 rds - on call to OC 'D' Coy. Reserve 150 rds.
- (b) Baseplate posns. HILL 2 one det. 'D' Coy present location one sec.
- (c) On capture of objective. Det at HILL 2 will move to SHIBURANGU.
- (d) M F C will move with fwd coy.

12. M-H Gs

- (a) sec will support attack by observed fire from H hr from SHIBURANGU.
- (b) Amn expenditure : 10 belts per gun. Res for consolidation 3 belts per gun.
- (c) on capture of objective one subsection will be prepared to move to WEST SPUR for consolidation.

13. flamethrowers

one sec will come under cmd 'D' Coy at 021700K

14. H hr. 0830 K on 3 Jul 45.

15. Amn

- (a) carried on man - 2 WBS
- (b) Bn reserve - SHIBURANGU.
- (c) 'C' Coy will detail armed carrying party of 6 GRS to report to RSM by H hr.
- (d) sec 2/14 Aust Rd Coy will provide 12 demolition bombs to 'D' Coy by 021700K.
- (e) 24 No. 60 WP Gren. will be supplied to 'D' Coy 2 Jul 45.

16. rations

- (a) Emergency ration only carried on man.
- (b) Hot meal on objective - water sups - and subsequent arrangements under pn 2 i/c.

17. Med.

- (a) Adv. RAP established SHIBURANGU by H hr.
- (b) It sec 7 Aust Rd Amb or bearer section to HILL 2 by H hr.
- (c) 'C' and 'D' Coys will prepare 4 stretchers per coy.
- (d) 'C' Coy will provide stretcher parties fwd of present locality.
- (e) Evacuation rear of 'C' Coy by following stages :
 - (1) 'C' Coy to HILL 2 native carrier.
 - (2) HILL 2 to Amb jeep head . native carrier.
 - (3) Jeep Amb to A.D.S.

INTERCOMM

18. Comd Post SHIBURANGU. opens 0800K

19. Wireless } Normal
Sigs }

20. Synchronization
By Bn sig offr at 030715 K.

A CK

Method of issue - by hand

Signed at 020830K

John Adams Capt
 (J.S. ADA MS)
 Adj 2/8 Aust Inf Bn

DISTRIBUTION

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A Coy	1
B "	2
C "	3
D "	4
C Coy 2/2 Aust Inf Bn	5
Major WISE	6
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JULY 5
Patrol "contact" from
to D. Coy.
R.P.C patrol - from
to. N.M.S.

JULY 6
Patrol from R/2 BN found
at 6 huts. Killed 1 Jap. Signs
of others in vicinity.

JULY 5
A. Coy move
from - to new posn
Move covered by local
patrol from. C. Coy.

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July 6.
R.P.C Patrol from
D. Coy - reached
approx. N.M.S.
State that unspecified
number moved thru
that area to -
HAMERHURI - last 24 hrs

JULY 5.
Patrol Comdr. Lt. WESTWOOD
Patrol from C Coy made contact
with 9 PI 2/4 BN at 1720 hrs.
1 Jap 75 mm Gun located at
Gun was minus BREACH BLOCK.
30 spent rounds
Patrol returned same route

JULY 5.
Patrol Comdr. Lt. HILTON
Patrol from D Coy reached
BUNKER POSNS ALONG TRACK
N.M.S. DESTROYED BY PATROL.
From this point track runs
S.W down spur to approx
they appears to run WEST
along high ground.
Track has had NO recent use.
Patrol returned same route

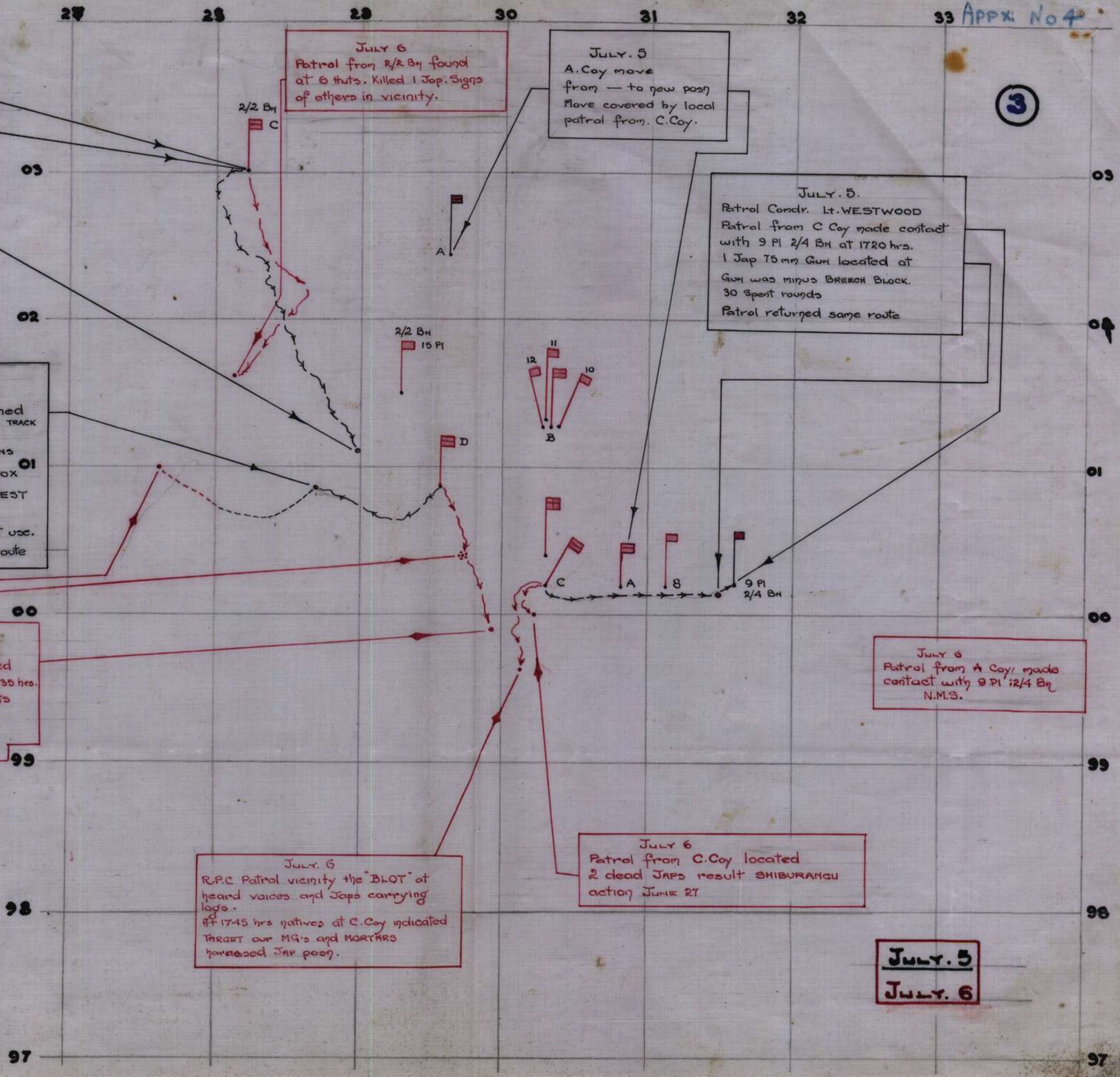
JULY 6
Patrol Comdr.
Patrol from D. Coy reached
N.M.S. Patrol returned 1230 hrs.
At approx 297004. 6 huts
1 Jap wounded in action
July 3. - Suicided.
Documents found

JULY 6
Patrol from A Coy made
contact with 9 PI 2/4 BN
N.M.S.

JULY 6
R.P.C Patrol vicinity the "BLOT" at
heard voices and Japs carrying
logs.
At 1745 hrs natives at C. Coy indicated
TARGET our MG's and MORTARS
harassed Jap posn.

JULY 6
Patrol from C. Coy located
2 dead JAPS result SHIBURANAU
action JUNE 27

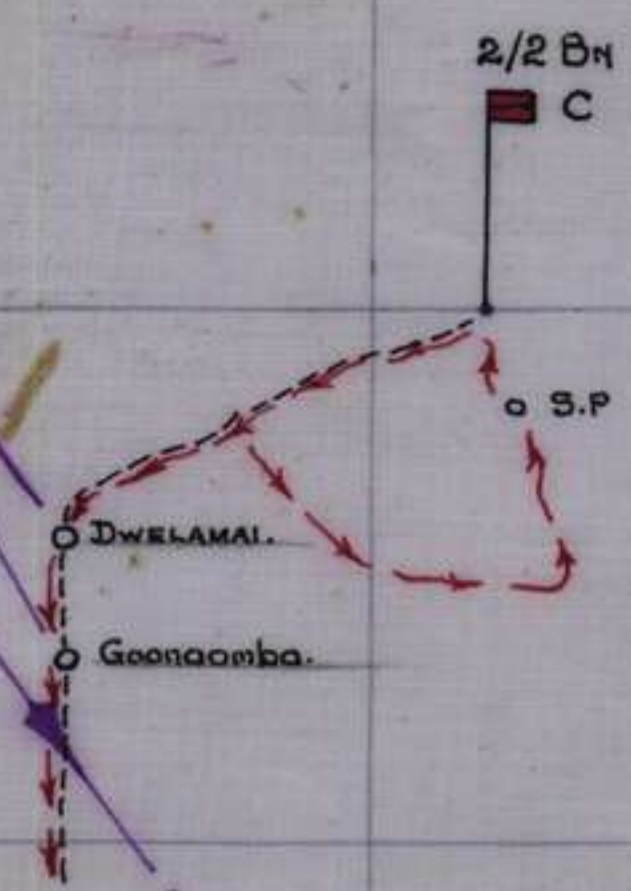
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JULY 6



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Infm from Patrol overlay. July 7.

July 7.
Patrol from 2/R Bn N.M.S.
Overgrown gardens at approx
Tracks not been used for a
considerable time.



July 8
1110 hrs 3 P.W
surrendered to
A. Coy.
"1. Sergeant Major
2. N.C.O.s"

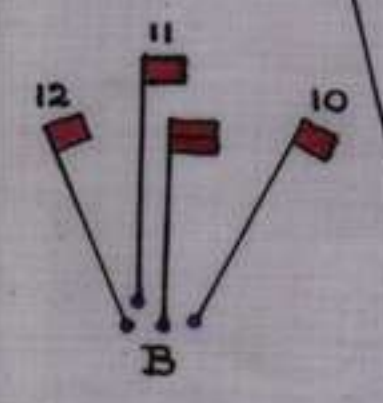
July 7
1400 hrs. 1 P.W
(Sergeant Major)
surrendered to
A. Coy

July 7
Patrol from A Coy reached
1115 hrs. Made line contact
with outpost which had
retired to. 8 Pl (2/4)
Patrol then moved fwd and
made contact with outpost
N.M.S.

July 8
Local Patrol from D. Coy
found 1 dead Jap result
action July 3.

July 8
D. Coy patrol reached
N.M.S.

2/2 Bn
15 Pl

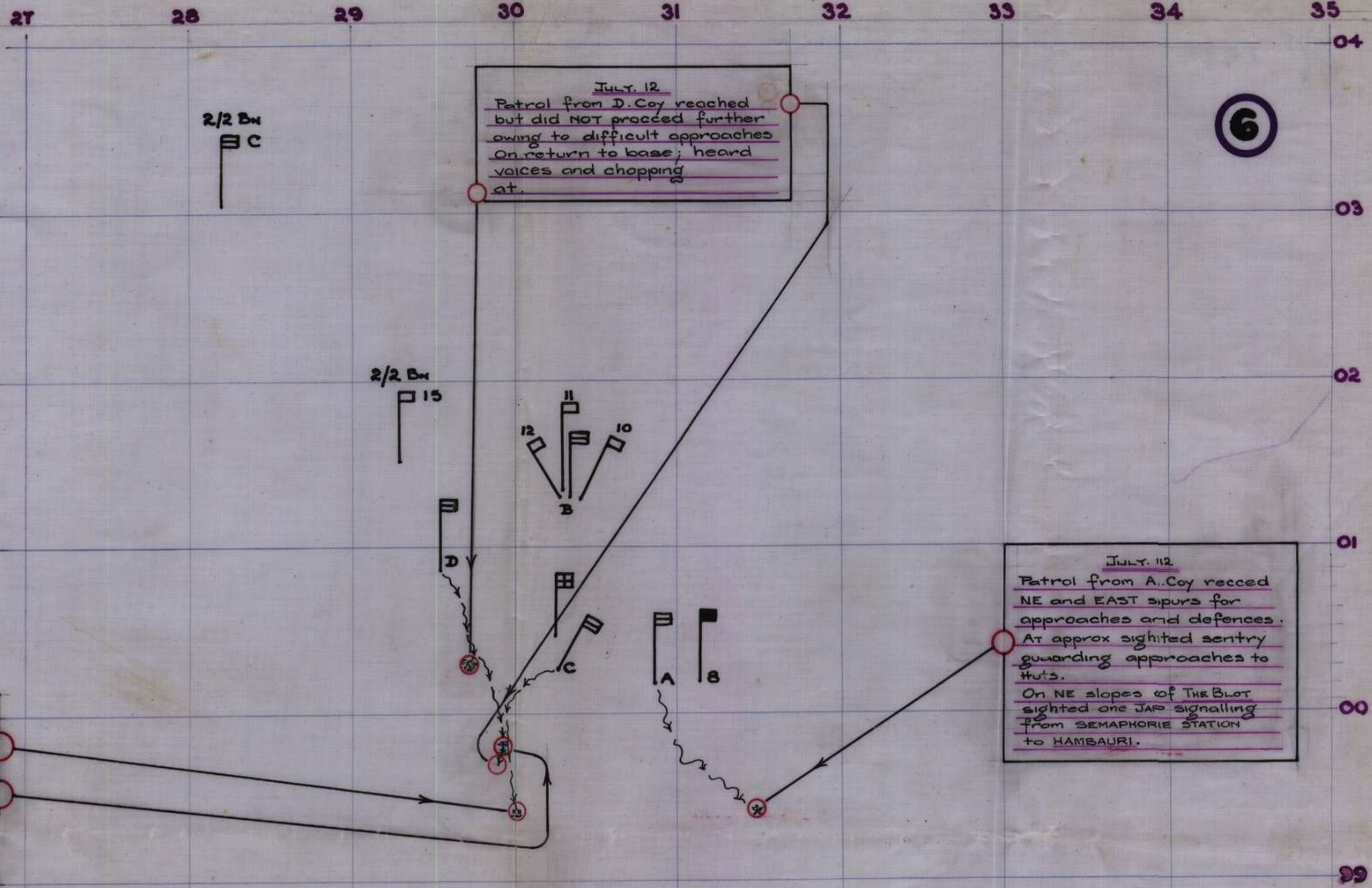


July 7.
Patrol from C. Coy reached
where fired on by 1 Jap.
Own Cas. 1 Wounded
Enemy "
At approx, WIRU track joins
Big Road. Sentry boy states
track SOUTH from the BLOT
NOT used recently but some
traffic on track to WEST
possibly to feature
F.O.O. registered feature
(approx). Patrol then return-
ed to base.

July 8.
A. Coy Patrol sighted 3 Japs
at; who later surrendered
to the Coy.
Cut track approx — at
Police boy moved WEST to
fwd slopes of THE BLOT; sighted
1 Sentry. Patrol then moved EAST
sighted 1 Sentry and possible
def posn.
Patrol then moved back to base.

July 7.
Native boy from A Coy
cut track vicinity
Then moved EAST down
spur sighted 8 Huts
and unstated number
of Japs.

July 7.
July 8.



JULY. 12
 Patrol from C. Coy moved SOUTH to saw 2 Huts, 1 JAP but made contact. Natives report 3 Japs at approx

JULY. 12
 Patrol from D. Coy reached but did NOT proceed further owing to difficult approaches On return to base; heard voices and chopping at.

JULY. 12
 Patrol from A. Coy reced NE and EAST sipurs for approaches and defences. At approx sighted sentry guarding approaches to Huts. On NE slopes of THE BLOT sighted one JAP signalling from SEMAPHORE STATION to HAMBAURI.

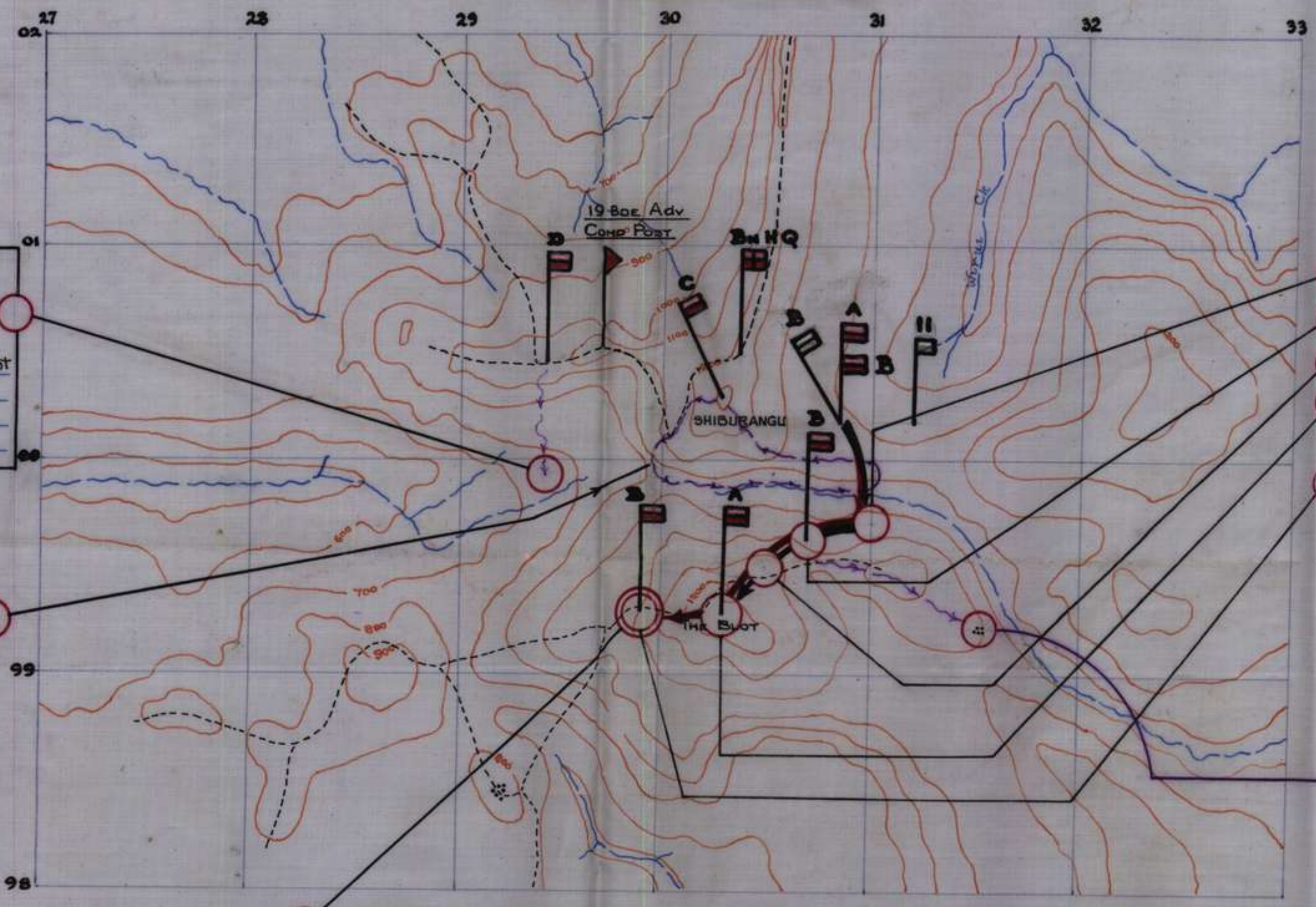
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JULY.14.

INTENTIONS: A Coy with B Coy in reserve will attack and capture — THE BLOT

SHIBURANGU AREA
UNCONTROLLED MOSAIC

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1100 hrs B Coy Patrol sighted 5 Japs moving WEST from 8 Recently built huts in area; signs occupation night 13/14 JULY. Patrol destroyed huts and returned to base.

C Coy fighting patrol N.M.S

1500 hrs B Coy OCCUPY POSIT WITHOUT OPPOSITION. Extensive bunkers in area covering Big Road.

A Coy made contact 0800hrs with B Japs at; killing 2. Owns Cas: 1 Offr wounded. (LT. FLUOE)
 Bunker posn secured 0855 hrs (Post A.)
 A Coy moved fwd 11030 hrs - at 1045 hrs secured point B.
 THE BLOT occupied without opposition 1056 hrs.
 Tand 9 PI consolidated on THE BLOT, 8 PI move down WEST spur; killing one Jap at

B Coy Patrol moving EAST down spur to investigate hut area. sighted one Jap who fled.

File

APPX No 9

A AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

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13 Jul 45

2/8 Aust Inf Bn C C No. 9

Ref Map NEWAK 1: 25000

- ITEM
1. Enemy. As per revsits and patrol reports to date.
 2. own ops: As per LOGSTAY 13 Jul 45
 3. ops in support and under comd:
 - (a) under comd : (i) 'C' Coy 2/2 Aust Inf Bn.
(ii) 'B' and 'C' Coys 2/4 Aust Inf Bn
 - (b) in support : (i) Bty 2/1 Aust Inf Regt with call on Div Arty.
(ii) Pl less one sec 2/14 Aust Inf Coy.

INTENTION : -----

4. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn will capture THE BLOT 302988.

- METHOD
5. summary of ops: Coy attack with arty, mortar and MG sp.
 6. preliminary moves :
 - (a) 'B' Coy will concentrate vicinity 'A' : Coy at 306002 NOT later than 131700G.
 - (b) 'C' Coy 2/4 Aust Inf Bn will relieve 'B' Coy at HILL 2 by 131200G.
 - (c) 'B' Coy 2/4 Aust Inf Bn will relieve 'A' and 'B' Coys at 306002 area by direction on 14 Jul 45.
 7. ops :
 - (a) fwd. 'A' Coy
 - (b) Reserve. 'B' Coy.
 8. objectives. 'A' Coy - THE BLOT.
 9. route : from 'A' : Coy present posn at 306002 by way of NORTHEA ST SPUR to THE BLOT.
 10. protection:
 - (a) 'B' Coy will keep open l of c in rear of 'A' : Coy until established on GRASSY KNOLL.
 - (b) on completion phase (a) 'B' : Coy 2/4 Aust Inf Bn will provide continuous patrolling of l of c from 306002 to GRASSY KNOLL as ordered.
 11. Role of Reserves::
Additional to para 10.
 - (a) to establish firm base on GRASSY KNOLL during aslt of 'A' : Coy.
 - (b) Assist in consolidation and exploitation as ordered.
 12. Action on capture : 'A' : Coy will consolidate on THE BLOT.
 13. Arty
 - (a)

Serial	Unit	Tasks	Times		Rate	Amn	Rds
			From	To			
1	Regt	THE BLOT	H - 20	H - 15	4	HE	480
2	"	"	H - 15	H - 5	3	"	720
3	"	"	H - 5	H	4	"	480
4	2 Btys	NORTHWEST and WEST SPURS	H - 20	H - 5	3	"	720
5	2 Btys	"	H - 5	H	4	"	320
6	Bty	WEST SPUR	H	H + 25	2	"	400
7	"	SOUTH SPUR	H	H + 25	2	"	400
8	"	NORTH EAST SPUR	20 mins rate 3 on call to 'A' : Coy comd				400

- (b) Program modified on call.
- (c) F O Gs with 'A' and 'B' Coys.

14. Mortars 3 in
(a) tasks

Serial	Unit	Tasks	Lines From	To	Rate	amm	Rds
1	2 dets	CENTRE TREE AREA	H	H + 10	irregular	HE	100
2	"	South slopes on THE BLOT	H + 10	H + 25	"	"	200
3 4	"	BROWN TREE CREEK	} by direction			" }	50

- (b) 2 dets and 200 rds on call to 'A' Coy Comd.
(c) MFCs with 'A' and 'B' Coys.
(d) Reserve for consolidation tasks - 300 rds.

15. MMG
(a) tasks

Serial	Unit	Tasks	Lines From	To	amm	Remarks
1	3 sec	CENTRE TREE	H + 10	H + 15	5 belts per gun	
2	"	SAC - SAC	H + 15	H + 25	10 " "	
3	"	Summit of THE BLOT			5 " "	by observation

- (b) Reserve - 10 belts per gun.

16. Engrs. Role

- (a) Two secs will be concentrated at 308002 from D plus 1 to improve 1 of c fwd to THE BLOT.
(b) One sec on SHIBURANGU continue present works.

17. H hr : As decided by O.C. 'A' Coy.

18. D day: 14 Jul 45.

ADM

19. amm:

- (a) 2 x WES will be carried on the man.
(b) bn reserve - 308002.
(c) 'B' Coy 2/4 Aust Inf Bn will detail armed carrying party of 6 ops on call to RSM from 14 0800G.
(d) 48 No. 60 WP Gren to 'A' Coy by 131500G.

20. rations:

- (a) Emergency ration plus chocolate, water sterilizing outfits and Atebrin and two bottles of MARY per section, will be carried on man.
(b) Further rationing arrangements, subject to tactical situation, under pm 2 1/0.

21. personal gear.

- (a) Balance of personal gear will be stacked by pls in area of S.P. 308002.
(b) Coy 2 1/0 plus 4 ops incl cooks, will remain with coy gear.
(c) Cot tops and mosquito nets will be rolled separately, tied securely and placed under flaps of packs so that they can be fwded separately if necessary.

22. med

- (a) Adv RAP established area 308002 as from 14 0730G.
(b) A DS and surgical team will be established adjacent 'D' Coy present location by 140900G.
(c) Pioneer pl will prepare 8 stretchers under direction RMO and will report to Adv RAP at 140730G.

Role : Evacuation of casualties fwd of S.P.

- (d) Line of evacuation from Adv RAP -
(i) serious cases to ADS adjacent 'D' Coy.
(ii) minor casualties via WIRUI HIS SIGN.
(e) 'C' Coy 2/4 Aust Inf Bn will provide escorts for casualties from Adv RAP by arrangement. RMO will provide guides.

INTERCOM

23. Comd post: S SHIBURANGU - opens 140630G.
24. Wireless - S sigs - Normal
25. Synchronization : By Bn sig offr at 140600G.

ACK

Method of issue - By hand
Signed at. 130900G.

John Adams
(J.S. ADAMS) Capt
Majt 2/8 Aust Inf Bn

2/8 Aust Inf Bn O O No. 9

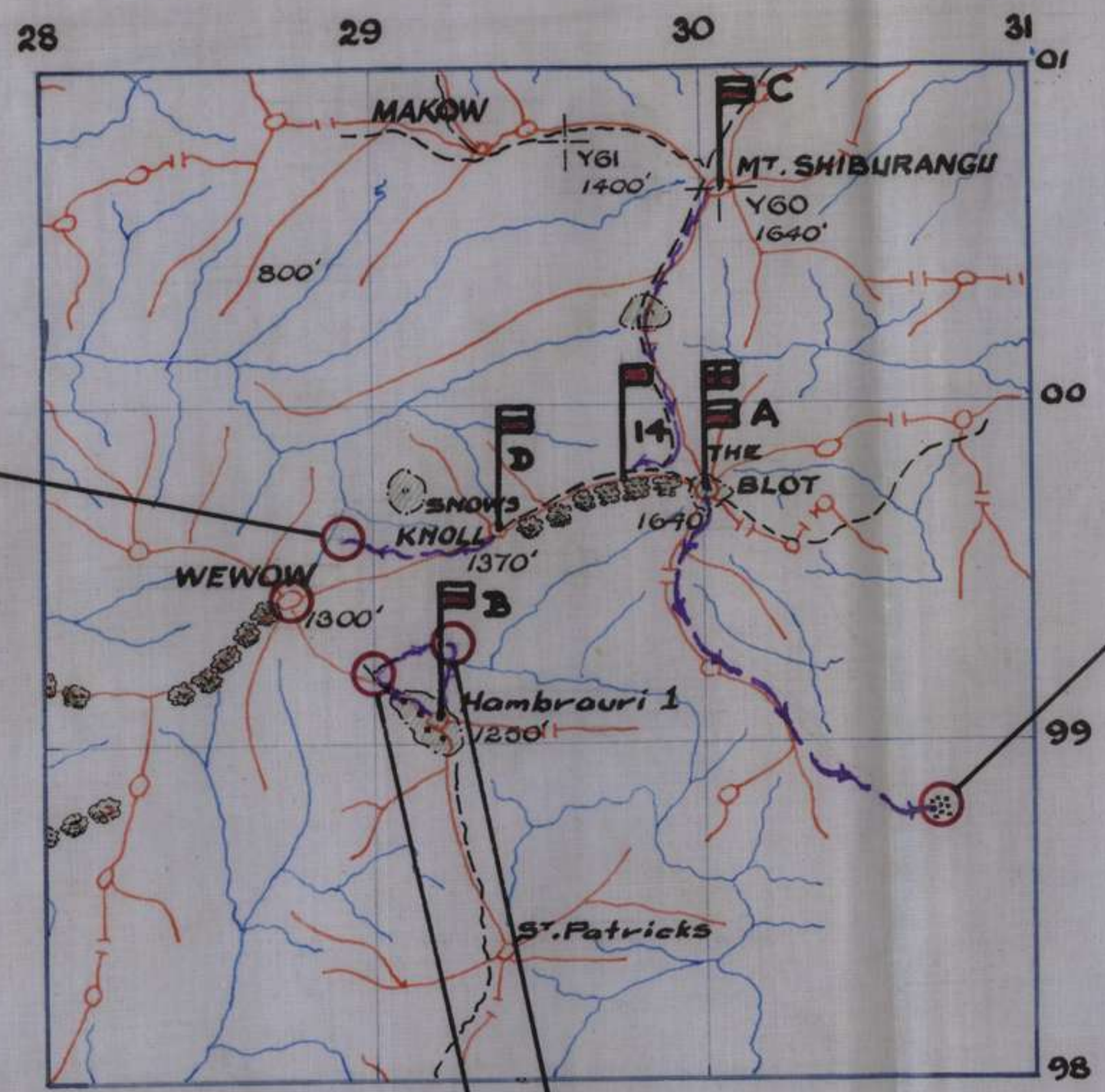
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A Coy	1	11 pl 2/14 Aust Inf Coy	9
B Coy	2	O.C., A djt, I.O., RMO	10
C Coy	3	2 1/0 1, 2, 3, 5 pls	11
D Coy	4	QM Rear details	12
C Coy 2/2 Aust Inf Bn	5	19 Aust Inf Bde	13
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JULY. 16.



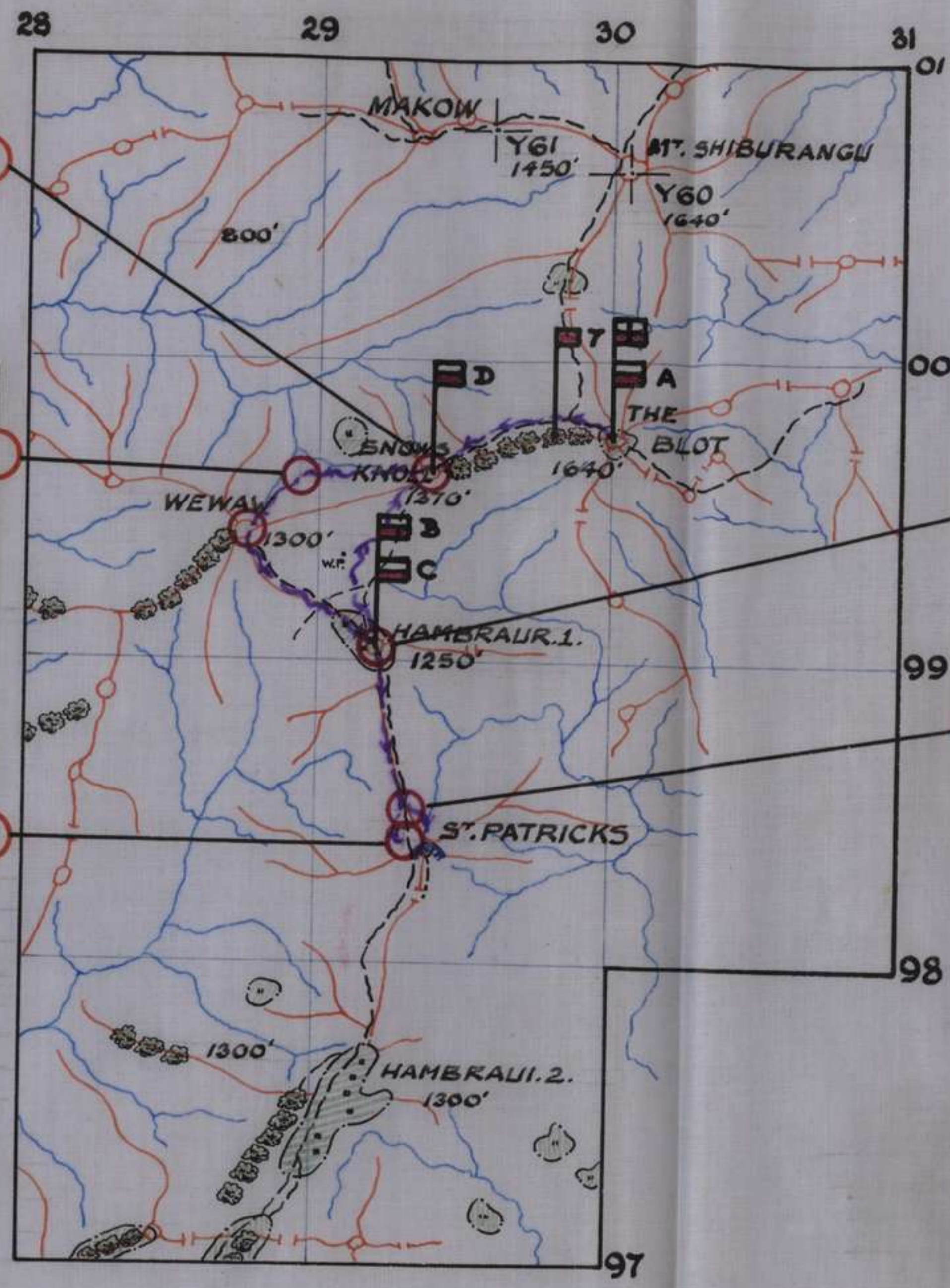
JULY. 16
 D. Coy Patrol to WEWOW
 reached point at
 where 4 JAPS were sighted
 wounded 1.

JULY. 16
 A. Coy Patrol found 1 dead
 JAP; Wounded 2; Captured
 1 P.W.
 8 huts in area were destroy-
 ed by fire.

JULY. 16.
 B. Coy Patrolled N.W to WEWOW
 Killed 13 JAPS at track junc
 1100 hrs further 2 JAPS killed at

Total Cas:-
Enemy :- 17. Killed
3. Wounded
1. P.W.
Own. 1 Slightly. Wounded.

JULY. 17.



A. Coy found 1 dead JAP at SNOWS KNOLL result action 15 JULY.

D. Coy reached WEWAW, found 2 dead Japs result action 16 JULY: —————→ at Patrol then moved S.E to from WEWAW made contact with B. Coy, Hambrauri.1. N.M.S.

14 PI taking over from 11 PI contacted with approx 25/30 enemy in well prepared and bunkered posns: — at After arty preparation approx 320 rds; 14 PI moved fwd and came under sniper fire, suffering 4 Own wounded 15 PI then moved around left flank but came onto false crest fwd of enemy posn, suffered 1 own killed by sniper.
 Posn became untenable; action broken off 1600 hrs.
 Enemy actively commanded.
 Made good use of snipers.
 No automatic weapons used by JAPS
 1 JAP observed with towel marked with ANCHOR in blue circle.
 Cas :- Own. 1. Killed. 4 Wounded
 Enemy. 4 Killed.

161930K approx 6 Japs fired on B. Coy and set off booby traps on perimeter.
 Own Cas :- NIL
 Enemy " 1 Probably killed.

170955K B. Coy patrol contacted and killed 2 sentries.
 Probing further to top of St Patricks contacted enemy dug in bunker posns.
 Own Cas. 1 Wounded.
 Enemy " 1. Killed .
 14 PI taking over from 11 PI.
 Further infm on left-hand side Paragraph

Total Cas:
 Own :- 1 Killed.
 : 4 Wounded.
 Enemy :- 8. Killed.

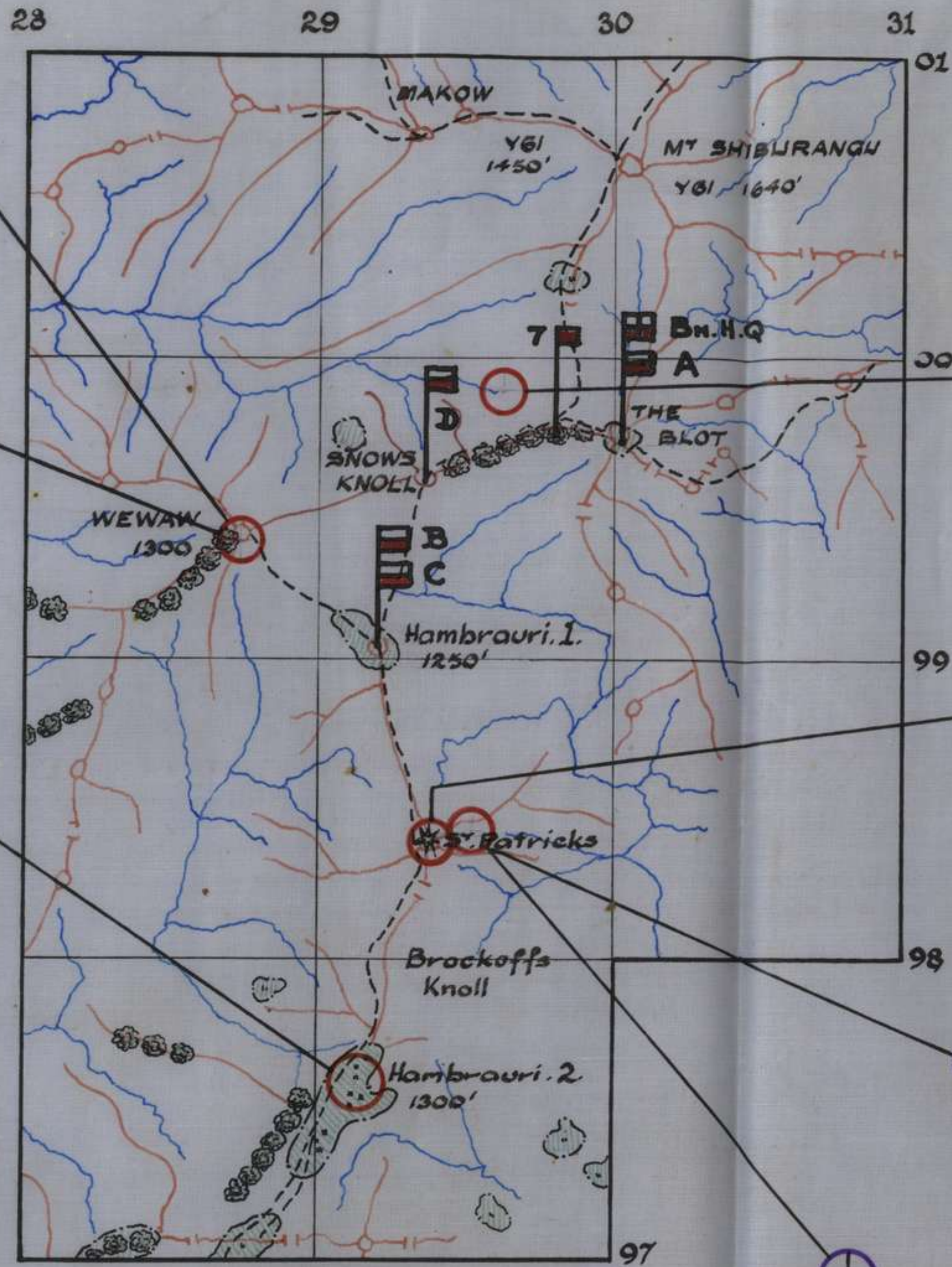


JULY. 20
 A. Coy Patrol to WEWAW and SOUTH SPUR made contact 5 Japs; killing 1; remainder fled.
 Japs were in possession of an O.S.M.G.

JULY. 19
 Native Patrol enroute NUNMOIKIM - RINDOQIM contacted 3 Japs. 1 Sentry boy shot; died later.

JULY. 19.
 R.P.C. Patrol to Hambrauri. 2 heard voices Japs. state many Japs in occupation ST. Patricks.

JULY. 18
 " 19
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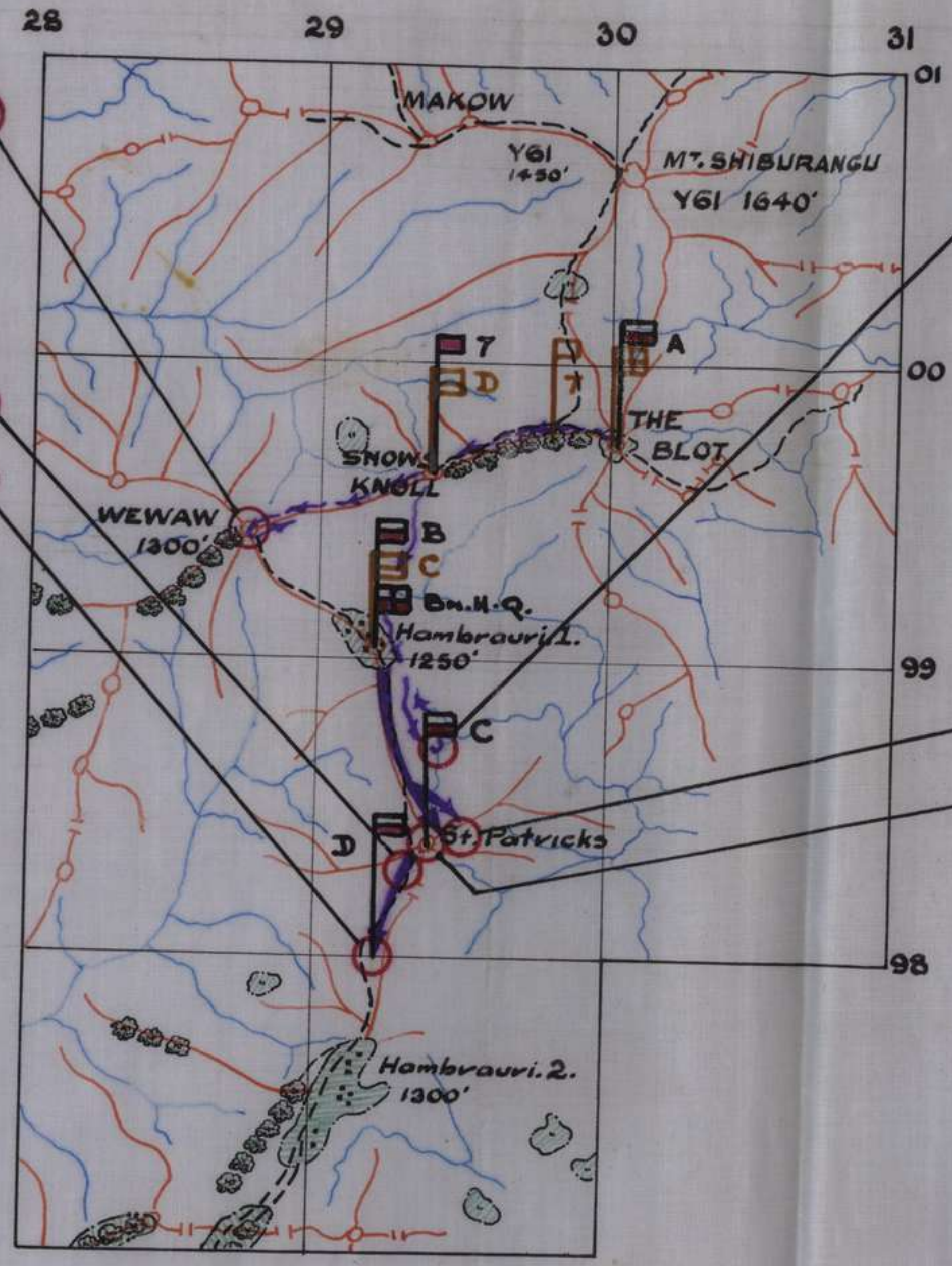


JULY. 18
 Patrol from A Coy killed 1 Jap at. Further 1 Jap found dead result action THE BLOT JULY. 14.

JULY. 18.
 AIR STRIKE on ST Patricks Fair coverage only.

JULY. 19.
 15 PI Patrol recced approaches EAST flank enemy posn on ST Patricks; reached point 100 yds from top of the feature without being observed. Patrol reports Eastern approach favorable for attack. Found 1 Jap; dead result action JULY. 17.
 Target harrassed by Arty during afternoon.

JULY. 20.
 C. Coy Patrol to ST Patricks at approx; fired on by 1 Jap. Patrol reached point approx 80 yds from top of feature. Total 2 Japs killed.



A. Coy patrol WEWAW returned 1630 hrs.
N.M.S.



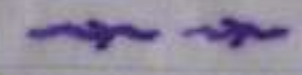
A. Coy standing patrol at; returned 1430 hrs.
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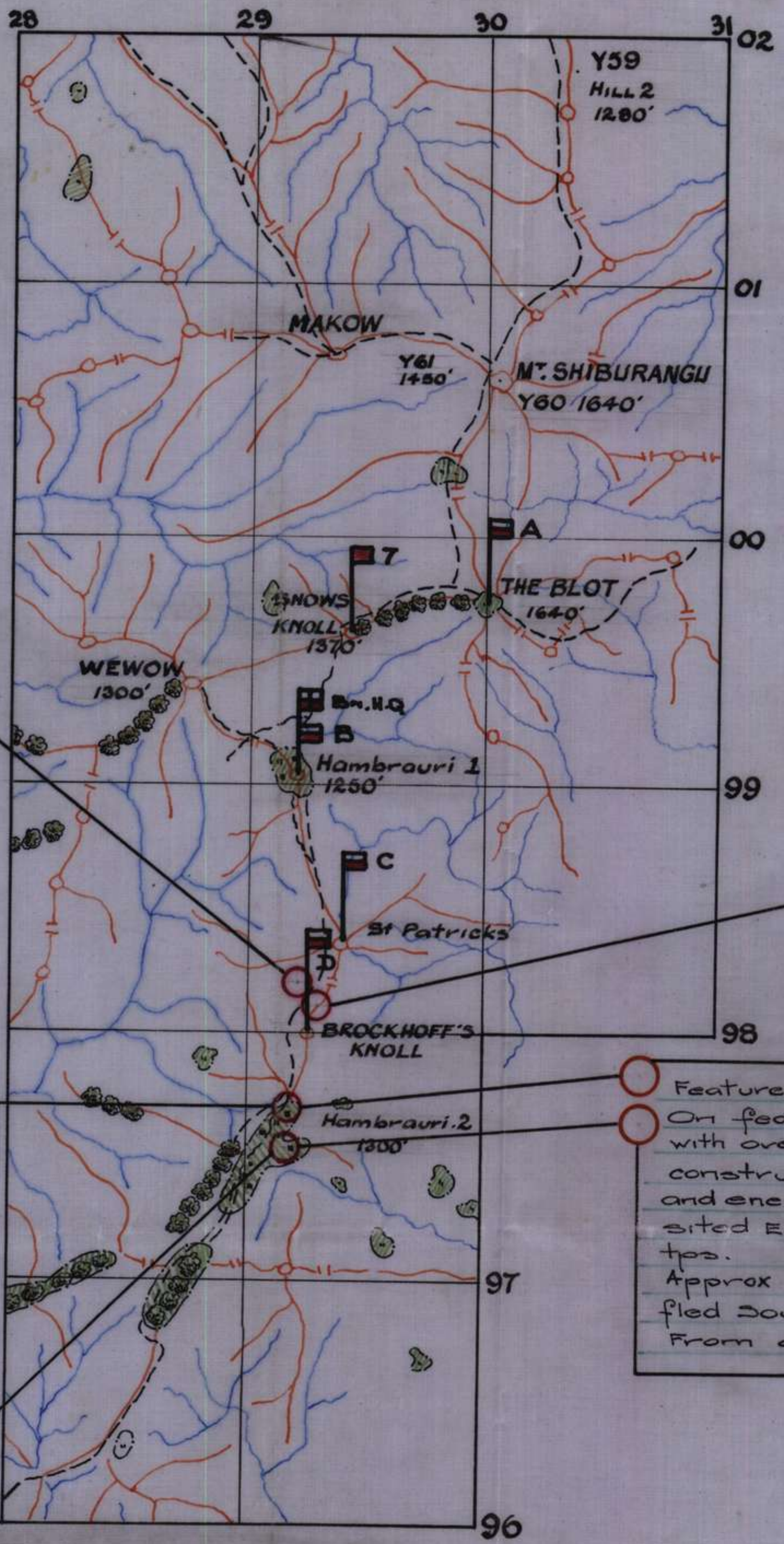
D. Coy.
1255 hrs D. Coy patrol occupied knoll on track junc. 1 P.W. Captured. Coy then moves fwd and takes up on knoll. Killed 1 Jap. 2 Dead Japs found at tk. junc.

C. Coy
C. Coy moves to F.W.P 0807 hrs. Delay in arty cone called for till 0845 hrs. Arty cone halted owing to tps being too close to cone area. Arty again halted 0915 hrs. Mors only fire in sup; cone lifted 1006 hrs and Coy moves into attack. 1015 hrs first contact. 1018 hrs rifle fire encountered at approx. Two pls do flanking move; join up on top of feature at 1048 hrs. 1055 hrs posn occupied and flanks being cleared. D. Coy moves thru C. Coy to exploit south along track. TOTAL ENEMY CAS. 18. KILLED. Own " 1 Slightly wounded remained on duty.

JULY. 21.

Total Cas:
Enemy :- 21 Killed
 1 P.W.
Own :- 1 Slightly Wounded.

LEGEND :-
Coy Posns prior to attack :- 
Direction of attack. 
Patrol Routes 



Enemy in fair condition and were in possession of small quantities of rice.

JULY 22.

Patrol 2.
Patrol from C Coy in 1130 hrs found 3 dead Japs result previous action, JULY 21.

Patrol 1.
C. Coy Patrol moved out along track where one JAP. was killed at. Patrol returned to base 1150 hrs and found 3 more dead vicinity ST PATRICKS result action JULY 21.

At 1140 hrs following arty conc, D. Coy moved on to HAMBRAURI 2. against light opposition reached track June 1150 hrs. NO CAS.

Features NOT defended.
On feature, approx 5 weapon pits with overhead cover, had been constructed during last 24 hrs and enemy were still digging defs sited EAST when surprised by our ops.
Approx 12 JAPS sighted, remainder fled SOUTH.
From above poon track runs South.

HAMBRAURI 2 captured 1200 hrs. Coys clearing area. HAMBRAURI 2 reported clear. B and D Coys completed consolidation. Excellent co-operation by recee A/C.

1150 hrs B Coy then moved along EAST spur to engage party of enemy on track reported by AUSTER. A/C.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

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20 Jul 45

2/8 Aust Inf Bn C.O. No. 10

Ref Map NWAK 1: 25000

- INPH
1. Enemy. As per revsits and patrol reports to date.
 2. Our ops. As per IACSEAT 20 Jul 45.
 3. ops in support:
 - (a) BAA 6 Aust Div
 - (b) 11 pl 2/14 Aust Inf Coy
 - (c) Two secs flamethrowers.

INTENTION. 4. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn will capture ST PATRICKS.

METHOD. 5. Summary of ops. Coy attack supported by arty and mortars.

6. Preliminary moves:
 - (a) 'D' coy will move to HAMBRAURI 1, 292991, with all personal gear, leaving SHOWS KNOLL 291996 at 210630K.
 - (b) 'B' coy will provide clearing patrol to assembly area vicinity 292989 leaving HAMBRAURI 1 at 210630K.
 - (c) 'C' coy will move to assembly area with all personal gear leaving HAMBRAURI 1 at 210730K. On arrival coy will dump personal gear.
 - (d) 'D' coy will arrive HAMBRAURI 1 by 210730K.
 - (e) 7 pl 'A' coy plus 2 secs engrs will move to SHOWS KNOLL, leaving present posn at 210730K.
 - (f) 'D' coy will move to 'C' coy assembly area leaving HAMBRAURI 1 at 210800K and await orders.

7. ops
 - (a) fwd. 'C' coy
 - (b) Reserve. 'D' coy
 - (c) Holding
 - (i) 'A' coy less 7 pl will hold THE BIOT.
 - (ii) 7 pl 'A' coy plus three sec engrs and 5 pl will hold SHOWS KNOLL.
 - (iii) 'B' coy plus one sec engr will hold HAMBRAURI 1.

8. Objective. 'C' coy - ST PATRICKS 291984.

9. Protection
 - (a) 'B' coy patrol as per para 6 (b) will protect assembly area and will remain in posn to evacuate casualties to NAP.
 - (b) 'A' coy will provide fighting patrol to WENON area leaving THE BIOT 210715K and returning NOT before 211500K. This patrol en route will assist in moving gear of 7 pl and engrs to SHOWS KNOLL..

10. Role of reserves:
 - (a) 'D' coy will be prepared to assist in consolidation
 - (b) Exploit to knoll beyond ST PATRICKS.

11. Action on capture
'C' coy will consolidate on ST PATRICKS.

12. ARTY
(a) Tasks

Serial	Unit	Tasks	From	To	Rate	Am	Rds
1	Regt	ST PATRICKS	H - 30	H - 25	4	HE	480
2	"	"	H - 25	H - 20	3	HE	360
3	"	"	H - 10	H	4	HE	960
4	Bty	HAMBRAURI 2	H	H + 20	2	HE	320

- (b) Program modified on call
- (c) POC will move with 'C' coy.

13. 3rd MORTARS

- (a) 2 dets in sp 'C' coy with 150 rds on call to coy comd
- (b) 100 rds ~~in~~ to supplement arty on pre-arranged plan.
- (c) 150 rds in res.

14. Engrs : sec engr on HAMBRAURI 1 will provide party of 4 with demolition charges in sp of 'C' coy.

15. H hr : As decided by 'C' coy comd, but NOT before 210830H.

ADM

16. amm

- (a) on man - normal
- (b) BA reserve HAMBRAURI 1.
- (c) - CSM 'B' coy will arrange sups fwd.

17. Rations

- (a) Emergency ration only carried on man
- (b) further arrangements under para 2 i/c.

18. med

- (a) RAP - HAMBRAURI 1.
- (b) Evacuation fwd of RAP. 'B' coy as per para 9 (a)
- (c) Evacuation rear of RAP by native ~~numbers~~ bearers - allotted by para 2 i/c.
- (d) Escorts for bearer parties rear of RAP provided on demand by 'A' coy.
- (e) 'C' and 'D' coys will each provide four stretchers at assembly area.

INTERCOM

19. comd post . Established HAMBRAURI 1 by 210600H.

20. wireless - sigs - normal

21. synchronisation . by BA sig cflr at 210600H.

ACE

Method of issue - by hand

Signed at 200800H

John Adams Capt
(J.S. ADAMS)
Adj 2/8 Aust Inf BA

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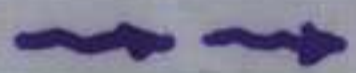


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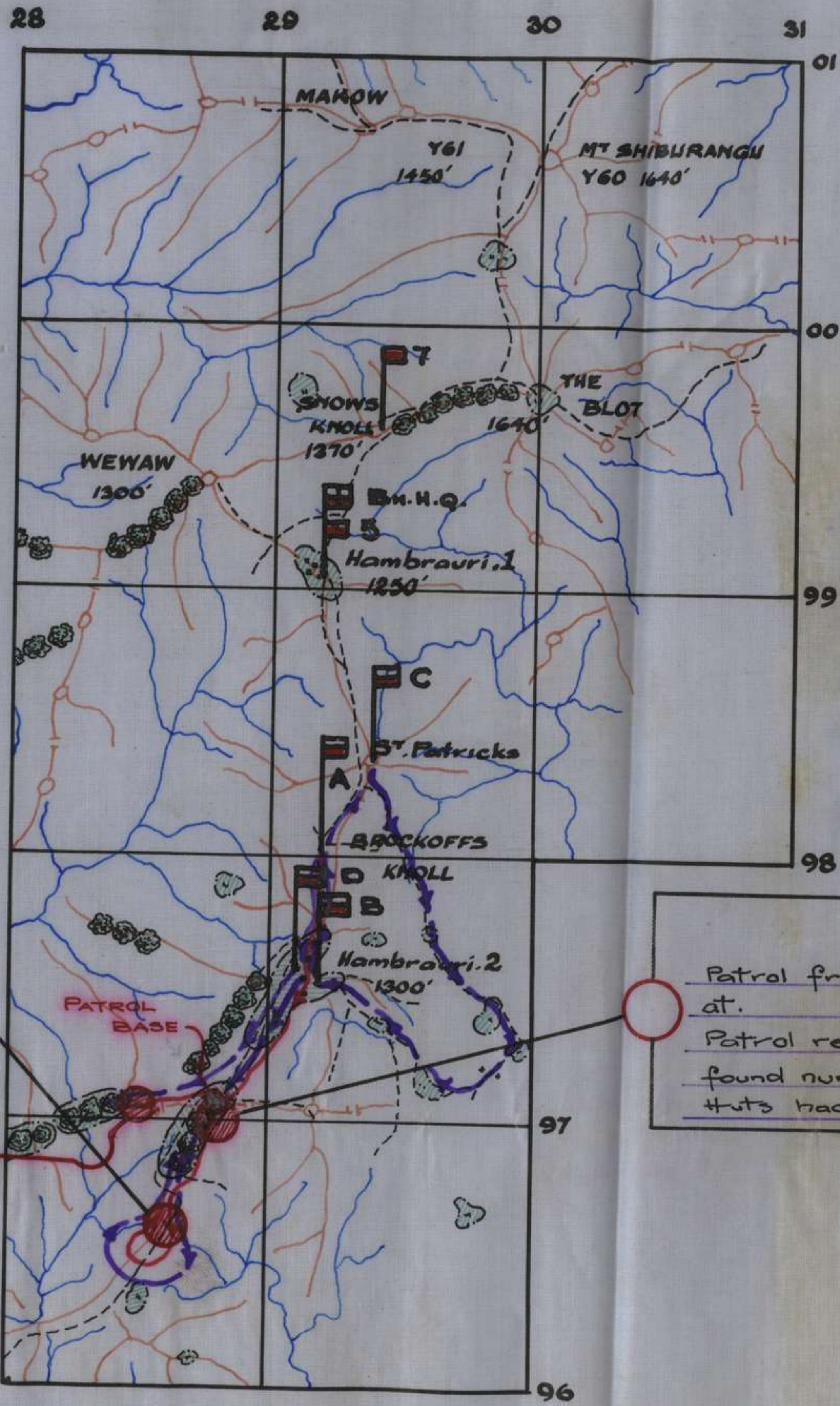
A Coy	1
B "	2
C "	3
D "	4
2/1 Aust rd Regt	5
11 pl 2/14 Aust rd Coy	6
C.O. and Adj	7
I.C.	8
WMO, ambulance , RSM	9
1 and 3 pl	10
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JULY. 28

COMMAND OF AREA PASSED TO 2/2 BN at 1330 hrs.

JULY. 26.
JULY. 27.
JULY. 28.

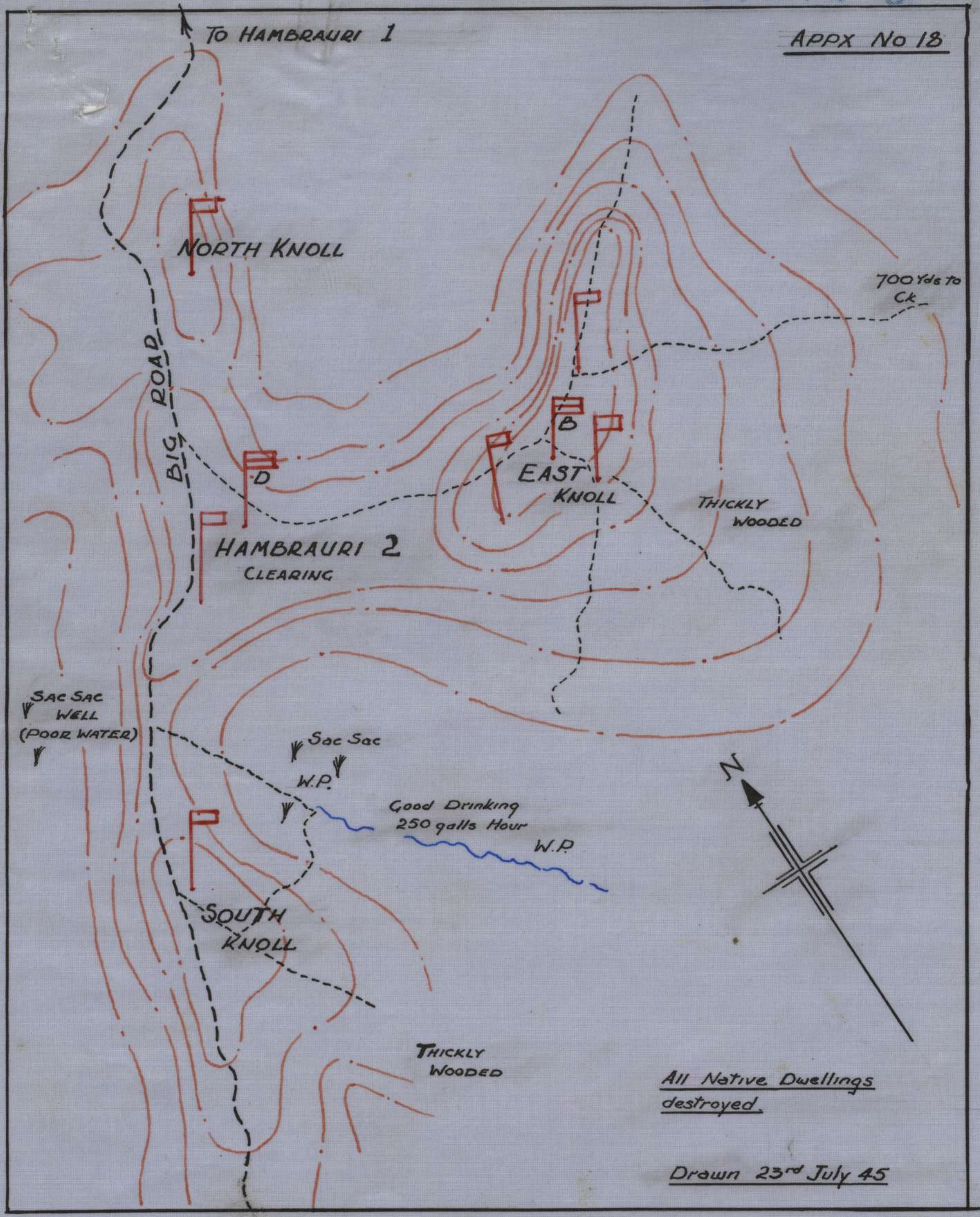
PATROL ROUTES. 26. 
Local Patrols ONLY. 27. 
28. 



JULY 27. B Coy relieved by D. Coy 2/2 Bn.
Adv Party 2/2 Bn.H.Q arrive Hambrauri.1.
JULY. 28. D Coy relieved by A Coy. 2/2 Bn.
Bn.H.Q move to WEWAK. Pr.
JULY 29 A. Coy relieved by C Coy 2/2 Bn.
JULY 30 C Coy relieved by B. Coy 2/2 Bn
7 PI relieved by MG PI 2/2 Bn.

JULY. 28.
Patrol from A Coy covering relief of D. Coy by 2/2 Bn made contact with enemy at Killing 2. Own cas 1 Wounded. 1245 hrs patrol held firm base whilst LT WHITSIDE'S patrol moved WEST to KNOLL - where contact was made with party of JAP snipers Own Cas. 1 Wounded Enemy " 2. Killed.

JULY. 26.
Patrol from A. Coy took 2 P.W at.
Patrol reached point; where found numerous huts in area huts had been recently used.



SCALE ~ 1in = 50 Yds.
 CONTOUR INT. ~ 10ft approx.

Drawn 23rd July 45

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCESubject: BATTLE CASUALTIES2/8 Aust Inf Bn
Ref: A163/45
7 June 45

19 Aust Inf Bde (3)

Ref your A764 of 051630K

2. Forwarded herewith particulars as requested:

(a) BATTLE CASUALTIES

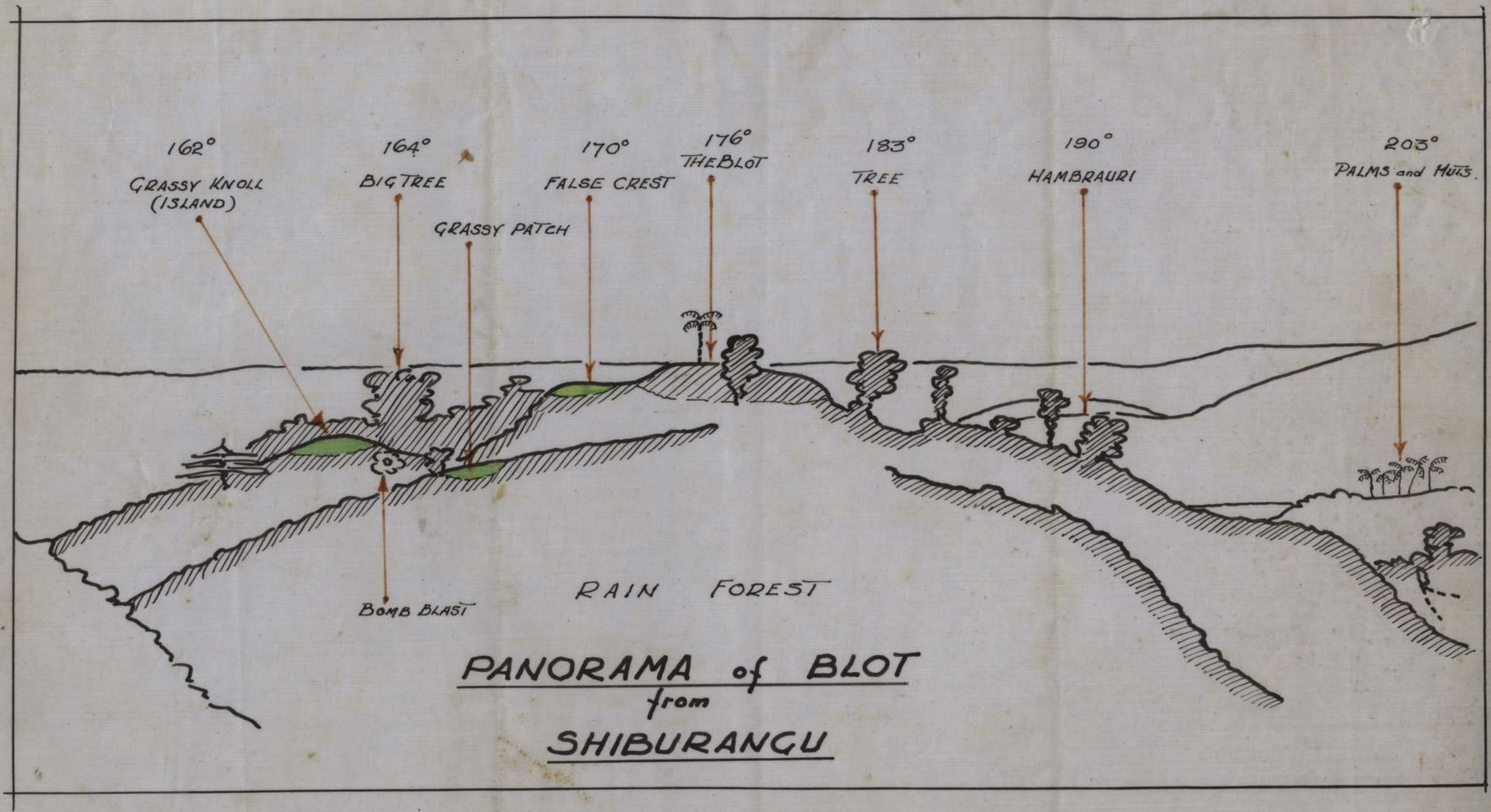
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TX4559	Pte	BIRMINGHAM H.	1.5.45	W.I.A.
VX53023	Cpl	HUMPHRYIS L.W.	4.5.45	"
VX145715	Pte	DEAN H.F.	8.5.45	"
VX60785	"	RICHARDSON L.H.	13.5.45	"
VX6596	Maj	BIFFEY S.C.	14.5.45	"
QX58264	Pte	HATCHMAN L.J.	16.5.45	Killed in Action
WX36459	"	McCORKILL L.	16.5.45	W.I.A.
NX137996	"	TOZER T.W.	16.5.45	"
VX136815	"	WALKER K.	16.5.45	"
VX132920	"	MULLEN H.P.	16.5.45	"
SX14821	"	PAECH A.O.	16.5.45	"
VX120767	"	CAMERON E.R.	16.5.45	"
VX28928	Cpl	NORTHWOOD C.G.	16.5.45	"
VX125080	Pte	DAVIS M.	17.5.45	"
VX145794	"	WILKINSON R.M.	17.5.45	"
QX53732	"	BEUTEL C.R.	17.5.45	"
VX4903	Cpl	TUCKER W.	19.5.45	Died of Wounds 27.5.45
VX47729	Cpl	TURNER A.O.	19.5.45	W.I.A.
VX135111	Pte	SPERLING R.G.	20.5.45	"
VX4898	Cpl	SMITH K.	20.5.45	"
VX52041	Pte	NORMAN E.	23.5.45	"

(b) ACCIDENTALLY KILLED AND WOUNDED

TX8285	Pte	SEYMOUR R.A.	23.5.45	Wounded
VX70450	"	THORNTON H.J.	23.5.45	Wounded

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C.L. Simpson Maj
(C.L. SIMPSON)
Adm Comd 2/8 Aust Inf Bn



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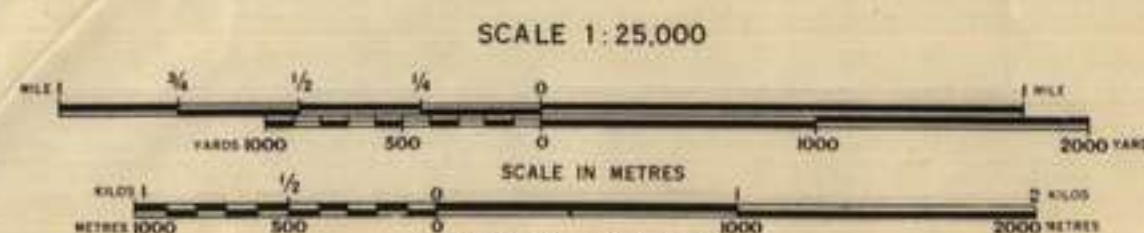
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NETHERLANDS EAST INDIES GRID
EQUATORIAL ZONE

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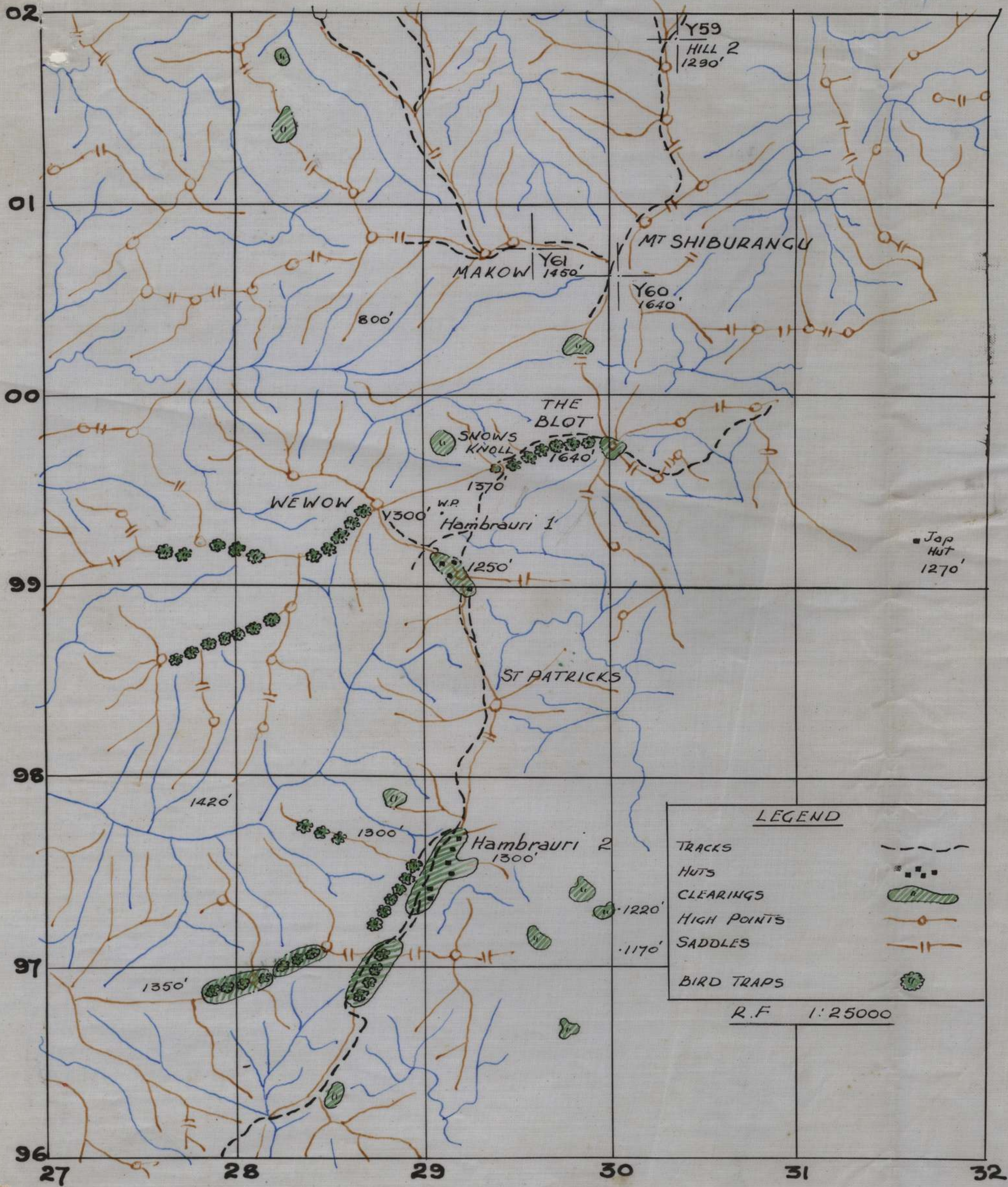
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LEGEND

TRACKS	
HUTS	
CLEARINGS	
HIGH POINTS	
SADDLES	
BIRD TRAPS	

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MEDICAL REPORT for MAY 45

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1. INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

During the second week of the month the bn underwent a slight outbreak of diarrhoea, which soon cleared up under treatment.

2. BATTLE CASUALTIES.

During the month, whilst the unit was engaged in the coastal advance against the enemy, we sustained two killed and 21 wounded. Due to the proximity of the ADS with a surgical team, our casualties were evacuated speedily and received prompt surgical treatment.

3. GENERAL.

Malarial cases were steadily on the increase during the month. This is explained by the swampy area and recent occupation by the enemy. Otherwise the general physical condition of the bn was of a high standard.

4. HYGIENE.

Generally very satisfactory in the field.

WATER.

All drinking water was super chlorinated.

5. MALARIAL PRECAUTIONS.

This to some extent was unsatisfactory. Due to the mobility of the unit down the coast, larvae and adult destruction of mosquito was almost impossible at times.

6. MITE PRECAUTIONS.

The unit has not experienced a case of scrub typhus.

..... *Austin Maaney* Capt
RMO 2/8 Aust Inf Bn.

MEDICAL REPORT for JUN 45

1. INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Nil.

2. BATTLE CASUALTIES.

During the last week of May the unit proceeded into the foothills behind WEWAK to push the enemy back over the ranges. Fortunately the number of casualties sustained were comparatively light - 7 killed and 37 wounded.

The majority of the wounded have since returned to the unit. We worked an advanced RAP with the forward coy during active patrols and coy attacks, with the result that administration of serum was promptly given.

3. GENERAL.

An outstanding occurrence of the month was the comparative absence of Malaria, probably due to the high altitude and absence of swamps. There were scattered cases of diarrhoea, but no epidemic.

4. HYGIENE.

Satisfactory in the field. Deep trench latrines were continually used. Anti-malarial and anti-mite precautions were strictly adhered to. Water was a definite problem, having to be conveyed by native carriers to outlying coys. However, superchlorination was still adhered to.

.....*Austin Mooney*.....Capt

RMO 2/8 Aust Inf Bn

MEDICAL REPORT for JUL 45

1. INFECTIOUS DISEASES. A minor epidemic of "colds" occurred during the first week.
2. BATTLE CASUALTIES. During the month, we sustained 1 killed and 20 wounded. Again the casualties, with the exception of two or three, were not of a serious nature. During the last fortnight, an ADS (with surgical team) moved in close proximity to the RAP.
3. GENERAL. Only 4 cases of Malaria were notified during the month. A small outbreak of diarrhoea occurred with one coy, which was promptly treated. A mild form of Hookworm Disease came to light during the month. However it did not reach serious proportions.
4. HYGIENE. Generally satisfactory. Up to date the unit has not experienced a case of scrub typhus.

.....*Arthur Hooney*.....Capt
RMO 2/8 Aust Inf Bn

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCEREPORT ON OPERATIONS - 2/8 AUST INF BN

IN

AITAPE - WEWAK AREA

1. Operations of 2/8 Aust Inf Bn fall into three main periods:-

- (a) The DANMAP R action
- (b) The operations in the WEWAK area
- (c) The capture of the hinterland and Prince Alexander Range and subsequent exploitation SOUTH

2. The Bn was concentrated in the ANAMO area on 27 Nov 44 and on mvt forward of 2/4 Aust Inf Bn assumed responsibility for defence of the DRINIUMOR R. This entailed the siting and construction of a full Bn defensive locality which, apart from the establishing with one coy of a patrol base at APUA, constituted the main activity of the unit in this sector apart from continuous road making and bridge building.

3. On 22 Dec 44 movement forward to LUAIN commenced and by 28 Dec the relief of 2/4 Bn at IDAKABUL, PORK and the mouth of DANMAP R had been effected. The initial task of the Bn, that of securing the line LUAIN/IDAKABUL while initiating offensive patrolling against the enemy, was subsequently enlarged to include the capture and retention of the line ARAUAI SADDLE - MALIN with again deep patrolling to NORTH - EAST and SOUTH.

4. Owing to the limitations imposed by the L of C and the scarcity of native carriers the carrying out of this task initially presented some difficulty due to the fact that only a very limited force could be maintained forward.

5. In the early stages one coy occupied IDAKABUL from which base the country EAST along the DANMAP R, the TIGER HILLS to the SOUTH and the terrain WEST was patrolled and rendered reasonably clear of enemy. At the same time patrol operating from PORK cleared the high, rugged ground NORTH and EAST of the SLEEPY Ck area and to the WEST and SW along the DANIMUL R, BOMB, IKAM and HABABEL Cks.

6. These operations met with little or no resistance and as a result the tally of enemy killed steadily mounted at no cost to the unit.

7. On 5 Jan 45 a further coy was brought forward to the ARAUAI Ck and look over the deep patrolling EAST along the DANMAP R, MIMA Ck and MALIN Village which was found to be deserted two days later.

8. From this time onwards patrolling was continued over the whole of the area and imposed a severe physical strain on the two forward coys.

9. On 10 Jan - SOUTH HILL was occupied and two days later a patrol penetrated to ABAU gaining useful information as to enemy dispositions; while owing to the presence of enemy moving SOUTH across the hills as the result of the actions on the coast, continuous patrolling of the whole length of the DANMAP R was necessary to keep open the L of C.

10. The supply question was eased considerably by the clearing of a DZ at MALIN a few days later and by 19 Jan it was possible for the first time to concentrate an effective force of three coys in the forward area. The Bn on 22 Jan, was reinforced by the addition of its fourth coy and at this date held in strength the following areas:-

ARAUAI SADDLE - SOUTH HILL - MIMA Ck June - MALIN & ARAUAI Ck

11. From this date until relief by 2/3 Aust Inf Bn the unit in conjunction with 2/9 Cav Cde Sqn, maintained continuous patrols covering from the MIMBUM Ck in the NORTH to WOGOHITA, ABOANA and WIALUM in the SOUTH and as far EAST as the 70 vertical grid.

12. On 24 Jan the most serious clash with the enemy occurred when a patrol encountered a strongly developed position in the SADDLE and after suffering some casualties was only extricated with considerable difficulty.

13. Relief by 2/3 Bn was interrupted by severe floods on the night 27/28

Jan in which that unit suffered some loss of life and concentration of 2/8 Bn at SUAIN was not completed until 30 Jan.

14. While the operations of 2/8 Bn consisted almost entirely of patrolling, the initial difficulties of supply previously mentioned, the insecurity due to enemy action and floods of the L of C, the extent and nature of the country to be cleared and held with ^{the} limited sources available in the early stages, imposed a good deal of strain upon these engaged.

15. A comparison of casualties inflicted and sustained by 2/8 Bn for the period under review:-

Enemy killed	87	Own killed	3	
wounded	10	wounded	8	of whom 2 remained on duty
PW	1			

REPORT ON OPERATIONS HAWAIN R - BORAM - MOEM

1 MAY - 30 MAY 45

16. The operations in this area may be considered in three phases:-

Phase 1.

Capture of RANIMBOA and clearing of HAWAIN R - YARABOS Tr to link with 2/4 Bn at YARABOS.

Phase 2.

Capture of line KREER - CAPE BORAM

Phase 3

Capture of BORAM DROME - CAPE MOEM and the establishing of contact with FARIDA FORCE - the designation given the 2/6 Aust Cav (Cdo) Regt who were to carry out an amphibious landing at DOVE BAY, EAST of BRANDIR.

17. Operations commenced on 30 Apr with the concentration of the unit in BOIKEN area followed by a recce of the PAROM Tr for a suitable base from which to operate against RANIMBOA.

18. The first objective was occupied on 4 May against light opposition both during the preliminary patrolling and the actual occupation. The area of operations was then extended to include NUMIKIN village so that with a lengthening and insecure L of C a second coy was moved to HAWAIN R - PARINGA Ck area to secure the WESTERN end of the YARABOS tr.

19. The movement of B Coy on NUMIKIN continued against further opposition from prepared defences but by the use of arty concentration the objective was gained on 7 May and on 8 May the force was withdrawn to complete concentration in the WOM area for phase 2.

20. On 9 May D Coy passed to command 2/11 Bn.

21. On capture by 2/4 Bn of WEWAK Pt and the WESTERN end of WEWAK DROME, the 2/8 Bn carried out the roles of protection for the 2/11 Bn's L of C along WARINGE R, protection of ADS and forward DID at WARINGE Base and holding of ground vacated by 2/4 Bn in their coastal drive.

22. The concentration of the unit, less D Coy for phase 2 in the coastal strip WEST of the WIRUI Ck took place on 14 and 15 May when C Sqn, 2/4 Aust Armd Regt came in sp.

23. Very limited recce patrolling was permitted in KREER - CAPE BORAM area so that on 16 May, following Naval bombardment and air strike on KREER and BORAM, a three coy attack commenced. All phases of the attack were successful - B Coy on the coast with tank sp captured the tr and creek junc just WEST of CAPE BORAM, A Coy occupied the tr junc at 344052 and cleared the road through to KREER making contact with C Coy after an unopposed occupation of that village by C Coy. During this operation A Coy suffered casualties from enemy electrically detonated mines set on tracks, further large areas also heavily mined were located near KREER by C Coy. Another feature of this particular operation was the capture by A and B Coys of considerable number of HMGs and LMGs.

24. Positions gained on 16 May were consolidated for night 16/17 and on 17 May D Coy reverted to comd in MISSION POINT Area. Air Strike and arty concentrated on Cape BORAM allowed B Coy to occupy this objective without opposition but the enemy was again encountered all along the coastal strip to the EAST of BORAM Ck - the use of tanks effectively cleared these posns.

25. With the occupation of 280 feature by C Coy Phase 3 commenced. A & B Coys continued to clear the BORAM Ck area in preparation for the attack on BORAM DROME and C Coy with pnr pl moved further EAST in the hills to SOUTH of the drome.

26. On the 20 May a three coy attack was launched with the two long hill features on the SOUTH side of the drome as the main objectives for A and C Coys while B Coy were to clear the coast and BORAM ptn to as far EAST as the WESTERN edge of Cape MOEM. The operation was preceded by an air strike and a heavy arty conc but all coy's met early opposition from strong, well camouflaged bunker positions mainly on the southern (or C Coy) objectives. HMG's on this feature were able to command the whole area through to the coast thus the advance of all three coys was halted. Eventually the bunkers were pinpointed and excellent observation for arty from A Coys posn allowed very accurate registration so that after a heavy 15 minute concentration from two btys, C Coy were able to clear the position.

27. The final stages of the day's operations were carried out by A Coy exploiting to and occupying the 310 feature and B Coy patrolling to the limits of their objective and establishing an outpost posn.

28. On the following day A Coy patrols endeavoured to contact FARIDA Force but was unsuccessful although in a small engagement with a party of enemy, the Japs fled leaving 8 Juki LMG's. On the 22nd D Coy occupied Cape MOEM against very light opposition and late the same day established contact with a patrol from FARIDA Force. Further patrols 23 May established line comm with FARIDA Force.

29. A fitting and gratifying climax to the whole operation was the recovery of over 100 Indian Psw taken at SINGAPORE. At PARINGA Ck in the RANIMBOA op the first 14 Indians were recovered the remainder being found in Cape MOEM Area.

30. On completion of the operations on the actual WEWAK area the task set the 2/8 Bn, that of capturing MT SHIBURANGU in the PRINCE ALEXANDER Ranges while retaining responsibility for the area WIRUI Ck to SAURI Villages all inclusive involved certain problems.

- (a) The garrisoning of SAURI while at the same time exerting pressure on the Enemy in occupation of the SAURI SPUR. This was effected by a coy of 2/2 Bn placed under comd of this unit.
- (b) The holding of HILL 3 and the spur turning SE therefrom to prevent any attempt by the Enemy to by-pass SAURI to the EAST and penetrate to the BIG Rd.
- (c) The gaining of ground as a preliminary to the assault on Mt SHIBURANGU.
- (d) The retention of a force to deal with any Enemy movt NORTH via WIRUI Ck.

Terrain dictated that the only possible approach to Mt SHIBURANGU to be via the main NORTH-SOUTH spur from HILL 620 and with that in mind operations were planned to gain possession, by the securing of limited objectives, of the main features on the Spur.

31. On 9 Jun 45 the Bn was disposed with one coy holding SAURI, a coy holding HILL 3 and a coy in occupation of each of HILL 620 and 770 and on 11 Jun the first attack was put in against HILL 1 forward of HILL 770 which resulted in the capture of ground essential to any operation against the main feature on the spur between HILL 770 and SHIBURANGU, - HILL 2.

32. Native and our own patrols indicated that the spur was defended in strength throughout its length and subsequent actions proved the correctness of this intelligence. It was apparent therefore that for any action to succeed without excessive casualties the maximum use must be made of all sources of supporting fire - arty - mor and air strikes and future plans were based on these premises.

33. Subsequent to the action on HILL 1 extensive patrolling was carried out to probe the defences on HILL 2 and reconnoitre approaches. The attack on this feature took place on 16 Jun and was preceded by an air strike and heavy arty concentration. The natural strength of this objective had been greatly increased by the addition of extensive bunker positions containing Jukis and aircraft machine guns and considerable opposition was encountered. After a battle lasting over 5 hours a flanking attack by a pl secured the summit of the HILL and the remaining opposition was quickly overcome. During this action a diversionary attack was launched from HILL 3 as a result of which the Spur between the two features was completely cleared by 1500 hrs that afternoon. Patrolling during the next few days confirmed the strength of the defences between HILL 2 and Mt SHIBURANGU and on 22 Jun a successful attack resulted in the capture of MIDDLE KNOLL which provided a springboard for the final assault on the feature. The attack on Mt SHIBURANGU after being delayed 24 hours owing to inability to complete arty registration took place on 27 Jun supported by an air strike and 2 Fd Regts and met considerable opposition. After gaining an initial foothold on the lower spur leading to the summit of the feature further progress became impossible owing to the heavy machine gun fire directed from bunkers on the dominating ground above. A platoon was therefore given the task of working round the left flank of the feature in an endeavour to attack from the rear. Despite the appalling nature of the country and an approach for approx 400 feet up an exposed grade of 60% this move, covered by all available automatic fire from the other two pls of the company, was entirely successful and enabled the frontal assault to be launched. Mt SHIBURANGU fell after a battle lasting 4 hours with very light casualties to the Bn.

34. The next task of the Bn, that of opening the SAURI track to the NW and establishing contact with 2/4 Bn in the Mt TAZAKI area to the EAST proved more protected than at first anticipated.

The Enemy, contrary to his tactics up till that time, did not vacate his positions on lower ground once the dominating features had been lost and evidenced his intention to contest any attempt to clear the SAURI SPUR. Accordingly on 5 Jul the Bn attacked and captured the last feature controlling the track to SAURI, that known as WEST SPUR and the following day the route to SAURI was opened by a strong patrol which made contact with the outpost of 2/2 Bn, from the holding coy at SAURI. On 5 Jul the route to the EAST was also cleared of Enemy.

35. The last dominating feature in this sector of the Prince Alexander Range is THE BLOT, an isolated eminence some 1650 feet high and separated by a deep valley approx 1000 yds SOUTH of Mt SHIBURANGU.

The obvious approach, via the BIG Rd was found to be heavily defended and for this reason it was decided to attack via the more unlikely but topographically difficult approach on the EASTERN flank as it was hoped that a considerable measure of surprise might be achieved.

After preliminary air strike some days before and again with heavy arty and mor support, this feature was captured on 14 Jul when it was found that the bulk of the enemy had decamped as the result of previous harassing.

36. The following day, as the result of several sharp patrols actions SNOWS KNOLL, the next feature to the WEST dominating the BIG Rd was secured thus opening the main L of C to SHIBURANGU.

37. On 16 Jul HAMBRAURI 1. was taken without opposition, the Enemy having vacated the defences and taken to the creeks and gullies, where they were soon mopped up.

At the same time patrolling was carried out to the WEST and after a small engagement the track from SNOW'S KNOLL was cleared and the latter feature found to be unoccupied. / to WEWAW

38. On 17 Jul a fighting patrol to ST PATRICKS, the highest feature between HAMBRAURI 1. - HAMBRAURI 2. encountered considerable opposition from Enemy of 115 Inf Regt and as in the case of the operations NORTH of the Prince Alexander Range, there was only one possible approach to our final objective HAMBRAURI 2., it became necessary to launch a deliberate attack.

Accordingly the action took place on 21 Jul and the position was taken with light opposition

39. The Enemy were now definitely on the run and as the result of a rapid follow up a further feature, BROCKOFF's, was secured the same day completing a total advance of approx 1000 metres and placing the forward elements of the Bn within 600 yds of HAMBRAURI 2.

40. On 22 Jul a strong fighting patrol with a company in reserve approached to within 200 yds of the village without opposition and in order to forestall any attempt by the Enemy to strengthen his defences in the area, a quick attack was staged which took the defenders by surprise and was entirely successful.

41. The capture of HAMBRAURI 2 finalised the Bn's task and further activity until the commencement on 27 Jul of relief by 2/2 Bn, was directed to the patrolling and cleaning up of the localities forward and to the flanks, the location of any pockets of resistance and the registration of likely arty targets.

42. During this concluding period many stragglers were liquidated and the BIG ROAD cleared to a depth of 1400 metres SOUTH.

43. Throughout these operations the high standard of morale and health was particularly note worthy and it is considered that the care taken to provide at all times good & adequate food was the main contributing factor.

44. During all these operations the following casualties were incurred. Total includes those from all causes.

Own Killed 16 Wounded 107 (incl att tps)

Casualties inflicted on enemy

Killed 583 PWs 23

Indian PWs recovered 102

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LESSONS FROM THE CAMPAIGN

No revolutionary technique emerged from these operations nor was an departure from the normal principles of warfare found to be necessary while the soundness of the system of training adopted by the Bde in Australia was amply illustrated by the results achieved.

The following points are worthy of comment in the light of experience gained firstly, in the DANMAP sector where no co-ordinated resistance was encountered, and secondly, from WEWAK onwards where a tenacious, though not particularly enterprising Enemy, with well organised defences had to be dealt with.

PATROLLING (i) For the clearing of captured areas or when following up a local success it is essential that patrols be strong both numerically and in fire power in order that unforeseen eventualities may be adequately dealt with. It was found in practice that patrols of a total strength inclusive of medical orderly and signallers, of 25 produced the best results. Armament varied according to the task but at all times a high proportion of automatic weapons was carried and BRENS always included.

(ii) For reconnaissance of definitely located positions small patrols of 3 or 4 men were satisfactorily employed as in the case of the BLOT - their main advantage being their ability to "break bush" and avoid detection by silent movement.

NATIVE PATROLS (iii) The usefulness of these varied in direct proportion to the type of native used and the degree of thoroughness with which they were briefed by their white officer and the control which he was able to exert over them.

Generally speaking natives do not like working with white patrols and readily become "jittery" and the best results were obtained by employing entirely native patrols initially and subsequently verifying by patrols of our own troops.

The majority of RPC are an exception to the above and are particularly brave and quite prepared to work with and intelligently lead white patrol.

In all cases, however, there should be no interrogation attempted by persons other than the officer who issued to the natives their original instructions.

Sp ARMS

(i) ARTY In the thick country in which the En operated, it was found that the most successful method of registration was for En FOO to accompany a patrol to the vicinity of the area to be engaged. The use of an air OP to either carry out or check registration is highly desirable as it saves considerable time, is accurate and decidedly less hazardous than the method mentioned above.

HF on located Enemy positions and bivouac areas was employed with useful results and in conjunction with aggressive patrolling on numerous occasions persuaded the occupants against a continuation of their tenancy.

(ii) MORS B" Proved invaluable for provision of quick and accurate support through the medium of MFC's.

It was found that during air strikes and arty concentrations the Enemy frequently vacated the target area and sheltered in the dead ground afforded by ravines and from which they emerged before the assaulting troops could close on the objective.

The engagement of these areas by quick mortar concentrations immediately on the cessation of the arty fire programme went a long way towards discouraging this practice.

(iii) MMG Terrain prevented much use being made of these weapons except in two attacks when they were employed in giving close flanking protection to the assaulting troops with a similar intention to that mentioned in (ii) above.

They also proved very effective in a harassing role against located positions.

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NOTES ON EQUIPMENT

Eqpt generally proved entirely satisfactory throughout both campaigns and these failures which did occur were mainly due to the age of the actual eqpt in use.

The following are brief ^{notes} on the more salient points:-

(a) 2" Mors

These were not carried owing to the limited possibilities for their use presented by the thick country.

EY Rifles proved a satisfactory substitute and it was found that in the majority of cases the 4 sec gren was employed in preference to the 7 sec.

The carrying of $\frac{1}{2}$ a doz gas checks with each section is definitely worth while.

(b) Gren 80 WF

This is a particularly useful gren and through the addition of the 2 sec fuse is a great improvement from a safety point of view on 77.

It was found to be excellent for the clearing of bunkers in which baffles had been constructed to prevent the satisfactory use of the HE 36 and in the open the extent of "splash" together with the dense smoke generated make it a weapon with great possibilities.

(c) Gren 63

Main use found for these was the identification of posns reached by forward troops.

(d) Blast Bombs

Constructed from HE 36 grens with 4 sec fuse screwed into "sal-vital" tins containing gelignite or quarry menabel and with adapted detonator and length of FID proved of inestimable value in destroying Enemy defences.

A proportion of these should be carried by every platoon for use in mopping up where an RAE det is not available.

(e) Flame Throwers

The nature of the features attacked and the siting of the defences engaged precluded the possibility of getting these weapons within effective range and for that reason they were employed only in the mopping up stages. In this they proved most useful and were always retained well forward as opportunity weapons on call to the forward coy commander.

(f) Phones Sound powered

As issued to Mer Pl are not satisfactory for use by MFCs when in close contact and have been the subject of a previous report. It is recommended that these be replaced with standard L type instruments.

(g) Comms

108 Mk 3 wireless sets of the later pattern rendered excellent service and withstood damp conditions far better than the original models.

SCR 536 Did not give useful results and were ultimately discarded. Asslt Wire (Aust) was of the greatest value and is the best wire of this type yet used.

Switch Board Cords insulation did not stand up to the conditions encountered and occasioned a great deal of trouble.

(h) Hydra Burners

These are absolutely essential in this country if hot meals are to be provided. It is suggested that immediate attention be given to the provision of spare burner rings as these have a very limited life.

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REPORT ON "A" & "Q" RECENT OPERATIONS

1. RATIONS:

The SWPA ration scale is the best ever experienced by this unit. It such as fresh meat, vegetables, butter, eggs and fruit were scarce owing to lack of suitable shipping. Such supplies as were available were quickly and equitably distributed, right to the forward troops, often at the expense of considerable trouble and ingenuity on the part of the AASC. AASC at no time failed in the least manner to keep up an excellent scale of rations.

2. TRANSPORT:

For coastwise operations in this type of country the present transport scale is considered inadequate. During the BUT - BORAM phase Jeeps were overworked to the point of mechanical failure and it was found necessary to borrow additional transport.

It is suggested that a scale of transport within units similar to that of the open warfare establishment be resumed. When the unit is engaged in operations where MT cannot be used this transport should revert to a divisional pool for maintenance etc.

Maintenance of unit transport during these recent operations, largely a matter of drivers training and discipline, was good in spite of periods of overwork due to general shortages mentioned above. It is felt that the good work of LAD and AEME generally was more the result of hard work and resource than the adequate re-supply of spare parts.

3. COOKING:

During the training period at WONDECLA considerable thought had been given to the selection and training of cooks, especially in field work. This has paid handsome dividends. The health and morale of the troops benefited incalculably from the continuous high standard of feeding that was maintained even in the most adverse circumstances.

During semi-mobile operations cooking was centralized at "B" Ech. Where coys remained static for more than a day cook houses were established within coy localities.

Where transport was available the maximum gear was provided. A minimum scale of approx 18 native boy loads was always carried with coys when the use of MT was not possible. This included a hydraburner, tent fly, three 7 or 12 gal containers, 6 dixies, reserves of condiments and cooking fats and a few ladles knives etc. During the hard fighting of the BORAM - HAMBRAURI phase cook houses were carried onto objectives as they were captured and were in operation on several occasions before consolidation had been completed.

This unit lived well and the results justified the policy.

4. WATER:

During the DANMAP phase water supply was no problem as this was a river valley operation.

During coastwise operations Jeep water trailers would have been of great assistance. On several occasions it was necessary to borrow water trailers from RAB to cope with the situation. As with transport, an increase of these in divisional pool is advocated.

During BORAM - HAMBRAURI phase which was a "high ground" type of operation water supply was more difficult. It usually involved the finding of a spring or creek, and ^{carriage of} your water in two gal tins to coys on the heights. 50 native boys with 220 2 gal cans were necessary at one stage.

Efforts by the RAB in improving water points and delivering of water by means of flying fox and winch helped.

The provision of malthoid to assist in collecting rain water from tent flies and shelter halves proved a useful expedient.

During this phase three 44 gal drums per coy group were included amongst the kitchen gear for water storage.

5. NATIVE CARRIERS:

During the DANMAP operations the supply of native labour and ANGAU overseers was inadequate. This was remedied as far as natives were concerned during BORAM - HAMBRAURI phase. With a one day carry from B Ech jeep head 180 natives are available per day are normally adequate. Intelligent handling and control of native trains is an important point learned only by listening to the advice of ANGAU overseers and experienced.

6. ORDNANCE SUPPLY:

Except for the quick replacement of lost or damaged weapons Ordnance re-supply reached shamefully low level, instances of which penetrated

to the daily press.

Oil for the maintenance of weapons - a vital necessity in a tropical climate - was always in short supply. Oil scrounged from US Forces, captured Japanese oil, MT lubricating oil, and tropical spread were all used by this unit on occasion to keep weapons serviceable.

An extract is quoted from 6 Aust Div A4983 of 2 Jun 45 subject MALARIA para 3

"It is realized that many troops are in possession of one shirt only" - similar examples can be cited ad nauseam.

On the other hand the unit's copy of the MGOs "Equipment Memorandum" never failed to arrive in good time

7. CANTEEN:

Supplies were quite reasonably well maintained.

8. MAIL:

The general arrival of mail except for parcels has been on the whole satisfactory. Waterproofed bags were found necessary for distribution to and collection from coys.

9. ORGANISATION:

During coastwise operations it was found advantageous to keep B Ech well forward. During the DANMAP and the BORAM - HAMBRAURI phases a static B Ech was established and acted as a unit base for operations. During BORAM - HAMBRAURI phase the Bn 2ic lived in the comd post and directed the QM. Such close liason resulted in very efficient use of native carriers and general smoothness of the supply system.

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Return to Supply

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 7 / 7 / 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.

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 3		1 2 8 17	* * Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs.	AAMC	1							
	5		28			1							
		DETAIL		A.I.P.	C.M.P.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.P.	**	TOTAL.
		A.		29									29
		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.
VX6033	Lt	ERSKINE T.R.	RTU ex Hosp	1.7.45	
TX3057	Lt	FLUDE B.D.	32 AITB	1.7.45	ex Secondment

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
VX86673	Lt	BEHAN G.T.	Evac to Hosp	1.7.45	Evac
VX66	Maj	SIMPSON C.L.	HQ Qld L of C	2/7.45	M/O to be apptd AFM Qld L of C.

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 7/7/1945 (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	SX1451	BRANAM	D.	2ic	"		
Maj	VX6596	DIFFBY	S.C.	CC HQ	"		
Capt	VX9763	DWYER	M.J.	"	"		
"	VX6569	CATBY	J.C.	"	"		
"	VX5479	RUMLEY	L.O.	"	No	INQ Tact Sch BERNLEIGH 9.6.45	
"	VX6513	WETCALP	E.C.	"	No	Leave 6.7.45	
"	VX6405	COULSTON	H.A.	2icB	Yes		
"	VX6401	ADAMS	J.S.	Adjt	"		
"	VX6469	McDERMOTT	R.J.	2icD	"		
"	VX9105	WATSON	E.L.	2icC	"		
Lt	VX6300	TRETHOWAN	J.M.	CC 15	"		
"	VX6209	FISHLOCK	G.F.N.	Q.M.	"		
"	TY4637	COOMBS	G.A.	CC 13	No	INQ Staff School 11.6.45	
"	VX50424	WHITESIDE	A.M.W.	2icA	Yes	CADRIAN Qld	
"	VX52934	DOUGLAS	E.A.W.	CC 5	"		
"	VX43519	ATKINSON	W.B.	CC 9	"		
"	VX38604	CHAPPE	P.C.	CC 1	"		
"	TY3057	FLUDE	B.D.	CC 9	"		
"	VX13323	HUTTON	W.A.	CC 17	"		
"	KX6033	BRKINE	T.R.	CC 10	"		
"	VX89032	WESTWOOD	H.H.	CC 14	"		
"	OX43166	MARTIN	E.J.	CC 18	"		
"	VX4213	TURNER	C.R.	CC 7	"		
"	VX109806	KERR	T.A.	CC 2	"		
"	VX89845	PENN-TONKIN	L.M.	CC 3	"		
"	VX97018	O'SHEA	W.E.	T.O.	No	INQ D & M Cse 15.6.45	
"	VX43194	HOLDEN	A.G.	CC 12	Yes		
<u>ATTACHED ON WR</u>							
Capt	NX77247	MOONEY	A.J.	RMO	Yes		

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.

7 Jul 45
Date of Despatch

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TRADE TESTED PERSONNEL
**PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in
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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		1						Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer		1	
Bricklayers								Radlographers				Stevedores			
Computers								Biggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers		1		Signallers		1		Tailors			
Dispensers				Axemen		4		Signwriters		1		Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers		1		Telescope Identfn. Numbers		1		Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers		1		Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters		4		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)		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		7					
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. 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		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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Signature of Commander Lt-col
Commanding 2/8 Aust Inf Bn

APPENDIX 'A'

DATE 7 Jul 45

UNIT 2/8 Aust Inf Bn

WE 11/100/3

One Reinf't - S & 78

TRADE	Rank	WE	Posted Strength	Def-icit	Sur-plus	Reinf'ts Required
TRADE GROUP 1						
Blacksmith	Pte	1	1		1	
Bricklayer			1			
TRADE GROUP 2						
Carpenter	Pte	6	2	4		NR
Int Duties	Sjt	1	1			
" "	Cpl	2	2			
" "	Pte	7	7			
Signallers	Cpl	4	4			
"	Pte	22	22			
TRADE GROUP 3						
Butcher	Pte	1	1			
Clerks	Sjt	2	2			
"	Cpl	6	6			
"	Pte	4	5		1	
Eqpt Repairer	Pte	1	1			
Rangefinder	Pte	4	1	3		NR
Storeman Tech	Sjt	1	1	2		NR
" "	Pte	3	3			
Tailor	Sjt	1	1			
"	Cpl	1	1			
Dvr Mechs			14		14	
Nursing Orderly			1		1	
NON-SPECIALISTS						
RSM	WO1	1	1			
CSM	WO1	5	5			
ROMS	WO1	1	1			
CQMS	S/Sjt	5	6		1	
Pl Sjts	Sjt	25	18	7		NR
Batmen	Pte	35	24	11		11
Dvrs MT	Cpl	1	1			
" "	Pte	11	9	2		NR
Gen Dut (mess)	Pte	3	1	2		2
Hyg Duties	Pte	4	3	1		1
LMG/Riflemen	Cpl	36	30	6		NR
" "	Pte	361	215	146		146
MMG Nos	Cpl	2	2			
" "	Pte	20	13	7		7
Mortar Nos	Cpl	5	3	2		NR
" "	Pte	68	56	12		12
Orderlies	Pte	32	29	3		3
Pioneers	Cpl	4	4			
"	Pte	28	20	8		8
Regtl Police	Sjt	1	1			
" "	Pte	6	4	2		NR
Storemen	Pte	6	4	2		NR
Stretcher-Bearers	Sjt	1	1			
" "	Cpl	2	1	1		NR
" "	Pte	18	15	3		3
TK/A Gun Nos	Cpl	4	-	4		NR
" " "	Pte	15	2	13		13
Water Duties	Pte	2	2			
TOTAL		769	547	240	18	206

TRADE	Rank	WE	Posted Strength	Def-icit	Sur-plus	Reinfts Required	
TOTAL BROUGHT FORWARD		767					
ATTACHED BY WE		769	547	240	18	206	
AAMC Chiropracist	Cpl	1	2		1		
Hyg Inspector	Sgt	1	1				
Med Orderly	Sgt	1	1				
" "	Pte	1	1	1		NR	
AAOC Shoemaker	Cpl	1	1				
ARME XXXXXXXXXX	Sgt	1					
XXXXXXXXXX	Pte	1					
XXXXXXXXXX	Pte	1					
MV Pitter			1				
AA POST S Postal Duties	Sgt	1	1		1		
AAPC Pay Clerk	Sgt	1	1				
" "	Cpl	1	1				
AACC Caterer	WO1	1	1				
Cooks	Sgt	5	1	4		NR	
"	Cpl	5	3	2		NR	
"	Pte	13	13				
		802	574	247	20	206	
SURPLUS TRADESMEN NOT ALLOWED BY WE							
TRADE GROUP 1 etc							
GPI Bricklayer			1				
GFS Clerks			1				
Dvr Mechs			14				
Nursing Orderly			1				

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W.S. HODGSON
Commanding 2/8 Aust Inf

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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38 / 45 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 14 / 7 / 1945 2/8 Aust Inf Bn (Unit)

W.E. 11120/3 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 4		1 3 16	* * Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs.	(A.A.N.S.)	1										
	6		27			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 completion of form will complete Part F(1) & E(2).				A.	28									28		
				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.
VX52834	Lt	DOUGLAS E.M.W.	Vic L of C	10.7.45	Transferred to Vic L of C Compassionate

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 14/7/1945 (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	SX1451	BRAMAN	D.	Zig	"		
Maj	VX6596	DIFFEY	S.C.	OC HQ	"		
Capt	VX9768	DWYER	H.J.	" C	"		
"	VX6588	GATELY	J.C.	" A	"		
"	VX5479	RUMLEY	L.O.	" B	No	LHQ Test Sch BERNLEIGH	9.6.45
"	VX6513	METCALF	R.O.	OC P	No	Leave	6.7.45
"	VX6405	COULSTON	H.A.	Zig B	Yes		
"	VX6401	ATKINS	J.S.	Zig	"		
"	VX6443	McDERMOTT	H.V.	Zig B	"		
"	VX9105	BASSON	H.V.	Zig B	"		
Lt	VX6300	TRETHOWAN	J.M.	OC 15	"		
"	VX6209	FISHLOCK	G.J.H.	C.M.	"		
"	VX6637	COOMBS	G.A.	OC 15	No	LHQ Staff Sch	11.6.45
"	VX50424	WHITESIDE	A.M.W.	Zig A	Yes	CABARLAN QLD	
"	VX43519	ASKINSON	H.B.	OC 8	"		
"	VX38604	CHAPPE	P.C.	OC 1	"		
"	VX5057	FLUDE	R.D.	" 9	"		
"	VX13323	HUTSON	W.A.	" 17	"		
"	VX6033	ERSKINE	T.H.	" 10	"		
"	VX22932	WESTWOOD	H.E.	" 14	"		
"	VX43158	MARTIN	B.J.	" 18	"		
"	VX4213	TURNER	C.R.	" 7	"		
"	VX109398	KERR	T.A.	" 2	"		
"	VX89845	FENN-TONKIN	L.M.	" 3	"		
"	VX87918	O'SHEA	W.E.	T.O.	No	LHQ D & M Cse	15.6.45
"	VX43194	HOLDEN	A.G.	OC 12	Yes		
ATTACHED ON W.S.							
Capt	NX77247	MOONEY	A.J.	REQ	Yes		

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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(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 14/ 7 /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, 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								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths		1						Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer		1	
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevedores			
Computers								Biggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers		1		Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers		1		Signallers		1		Tailors			
Dispensers				Axemen		4		Signwriters		1		Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers		1		Telescope Identifn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Bollermakers		1		Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters		4		Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics											
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)											
Fitters Branch		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.) MT		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		7					
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. 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		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	*

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Commanding 2/8 Aust Inf Bn Lt-col

TRADE	Rank	WE	Posted Strength	Deficit	Surplus	Reinfts Required
TOTAL BROUGHT FORWARD		257	558	228	17	197
ATTACHED BY WE		769				
AAMC Chiropracist	Cpl	1	1		1	
Hyg Inspector	Sgt	1	1			
Med Orderly	Sgt	1	1	1		NR
"	Pte	1	1			
AAGC Shoemaker	Cpl	1	1			
AEME XXXXXXXXXX	Sgt	1				
XXXXXXXXXX	Pte	1				
XXXXXXXXXX	Pte	1				
EV Fitter			1		1	
AA POST S Postal Duties	Sgt	1	1			
AAPC Pay Clerk	Sgt	1	1			
"	Cpl	1	1			
AAGC Caterer	WO1	1	1			
Cooks	Sgt	5	5	5		NR
"	Cpl	5	5			
"	Pte	13	14	1	1	
		802	585	226	20	197
SURPLUS TRADESMEN NOT ALLOWED BY WE						
TRADE GROUP 1						
813 etc Bakerlayer Clerk Dvr Hooks Nursing Orderly Plumber			11 12 11			

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

DATE 14 Jul 45

UNIT 2/2 2nd Div

WB 11/12/45

One Reinforce - C.A. 78

TRADE	Rank	WB	Present Strength	Def. List	Surplus	Reinforce Required
TRADE GROUP 1						
Blacksmith	Pte	1	1		1	
Bricklayer						
TRADE GROUP 2						
Carpenter	Pte	5	3	4		NR
Int Duties	Sjt	1	1			
" "	Cpl	1	1			
" "	Pte	7	4			
Signallers	Cpl	4	4			
" "	Pte	22	20	2		NR
TRADE GROUP 3						
Brusher	Pte	1	1			
Clerks	Sjt	2	2			
" "	Cpl	6	6			
" "	Pte	4	5		1	
Expt Repairer	Pte	1	1			
Rangefinder	Pte	1	1	1		NR
Storeman Tech	Sjt	1	1	1		NR
" "	Pte	3	3			
Tailor	Sjt	1	1			
" "	Cpl	1	1			
Dvr Nechs			12		12	
Nursing Orderly			1		1	
Plotter			1		1	
NON-SPECIALISTS						
RSM	WO1	1	1			
CSM	WO1	3	3			
ROMS	WO1	1	1			
CQMS	S/Sjt	3	6		1	
Pl Sjts	Sjt	25	21	4		NR
Batmen	Pte	35	24	11		11
Dvrs MT	Cpl	1	1			
" "	Pte	11	10	1		NR
Gen Dut. (mess)	Pte	3	1	2		NR
Hyg Duties	Pte	4	4			
LMG/Riflemen	Cpl	36	32	4		NR
" "	Pte	361	217	144		144
MMG Nos	Cpl	2	2			
" "	Pte	20	16	4		4 NR
Mortar Nos	Cpl	3	3	2		2 NR
" "	Pte	63	56	12		12 1 NR
Orderlies	Pte	32	31	1		1 NR
Pioneers	Cpl	4	3	1		1 NR
" "	Pte	28	20	8		8 NR
Regtl Police	Sjt	1	1			
" "	Pte	6	4	2		2 NR
Storemen	Pte	6	6			
Stretcher-Bear	Sjt	1	1			
" "	Cpl	2	1	1		NR
" "	Pte	13	14	4		4 NR
TK/A Gun Nos	Cpl	4	-	4		4 NR
" "	Pte	15	2	13		13 NR
" Duties	Pte	2	2			
		780	558	228	17	197

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W.E. 11/120/30. 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 4		1 2 8 16	* * Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs.	AANC	1								
	6		27			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.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.		28										28
		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.
VX86673	Lt	BEHAN G.T.	Hospital	20.7.45	
VX87290	Lt	BOLGER E.C.	"	17.7.45	
QX40920	Chap	McDONALD G.H.	"	16.7.45	

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
QX43166	Lt	MARTIN E.J.	Hospital	15.7.45	Evacuated
TX3057	Lt	FLUDE B.D.	"	14.7.45	"

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 21 / 7 / 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	GX1451	BRANHAM	D.	Sic	"		
"	VX6506	DIBBY	S.C.	OC HQ	"		
Capt	VX0768	DAVID	S.J.	OC HQ	"		
"	VX6558	GATELY	J.C.	" A	"		
"	VX5479	RUNLEY	L.O.	" B	No	LHQ Tact Sch BERNLEIGH 0.6.45	
"	VX6513	METCALF	E.C.	" D	"	Leave 6.7.45	
"	VX6405	GOULSTON	H.A.	2icB	Yes		
"	VX6401	ADAMS	J.S.	Adjt	"		
"	VX6469	McDERMOTT	R.J.	2icD	"		
"	VX0105	WATSON	E.L.	" C	"		
Lt	VX6300	TRETHOWAN	J.M.	OC 15	"		
"	VX6209	FISHLOCK	C.F.N.	C.M.	"		
"	TX4637	COMBES	C.A.	OC 15	No	LHQ Staff Sch 11.6.45	
"	VX50424	WHITESIDE	A.M.W.	2icA	Yes	CABARLAN Qld	
"	VX43519	ATKINSON	W.B.	OC 2	"		
"	VX38604	CHAPPE	P.C.	" 1	No	Leave 18.7.45	
"	VX13323	HUTSON	W.A.	" 17	Yes		
"	NX6033	ERSKINE	T.R.	" 10	"		
"	VX82932	WESTWOOD	W.H.	" 14	"		
"	VX4213	TURNER	C.R.	" 7	"		
"	VX109896	KERR	T.A.	" 2	"		
"	VX89845	PENN-TONKIN	L.M.	" 3	"		
"	VX89845	O'SHEA	W.E.	T.O.	No	LHQ D & M Cse 15.6.45	
"	VX87290	BOLGER	E.C.	OC 11	Yes		
"	VX86673	BEHAN	G.T.	" 16	"		
"	VX43194	HOLDEN	A.G.	" 12	"		
ATTACHED ON W.E.							
Capt	NX77247	MOONEY	A.J.	RMO	Yes		

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	QX40920	McDONALD C.H.	AACHD	30.6.42	Chaplain

21 Jul 45
Date of Despatch

[Signature]
Maj
for Lt-col
Commanding 2/8 Aust Inf Bn
e.w. 3m bks 12/44

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 21 / 7 / 1945 2 / 8 Aust. Inf. (Unit)

W.E. 11 / 122 / 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.

1 W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				5 DETAIL.	6 ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.
			1	W.Os. Class I.					
	1		4	W.Os. Class II.		1			
				Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
		1	6	Staff Sergeants					
NR	2		31	Sergeants		5		4	NR
NR	16		51	Corporals		8	1	1	NR
118	233	18	551	Troopers, Privates, etc.		13	1	2	NR
	125			Civilians counting as O.R.					
118 *	144	19	644*	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.		27 *	2	7	*

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 7 of instructions for compilation of this return will complete analysis of Part B(1) and B(2).

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

Detail	C.M.F.		A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
	A.I.F.	Under 19 Years.							
A	671					█	█		671
B(1)									
B(2)					█				

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

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

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.
3	2/79 LAD ARME			1	Old Ech & Rec		
3	19 Aust Inf Bde						

Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return To.....(Unit) is Particularly Requested. / / 194

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

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								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths		1						Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer		1	
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevedores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers		1		Signallers		1		Tailors			
Dispensers				Axemen		4		Signwriters		1		Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers		1		Telescope Identifn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers		1		Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters		2		Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks				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.) MP		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		7					
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		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.

21 Jul 45
Date of Despatch

[Signature] Maj
Commanding 2/8 Aust Inf Bn

DATE _____

UNIT 2/8 Aust Inf Bn

WE 11/196/3

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TRADE	Rank	WE	Postal Strength	Def-icit	Sur- plus	Reinfts Required
TRADE GROUP 1						
BLACKSMITH	Pte	1	1			
Bricklayer			1		1	
TRADE GROUP 3						
Carpenter	Pte	6	2	4		NR
Int Duties	Sjt	1	1			
"	Cpl		1	1		NR
"	Pte		7			
Signallers	Cpl	4	4			
	Pte	23	23		1	
Flotter			1			
TRADE GROUP 5						
Blacksmith	Pte	1	1			
Clerks	Sjt	2	2			
"	Cpl	6	6		2	
"	Pte	4	4			
Eqpt Repairer	Pte	1	1			
Range-taker	Pte	1	1			
Storeman Tech	Sjt	1	1			
"	Pte	3	3			
Tailor	Sjt	1	1			
"	Cpl	1	1		12	
Dvr Mech			1		1	
Nursing Orderly			1			
Canteen Sjt	Sjt	1	1			
NON-SPECIALISTS						
BSM	WO1	1	1			
OSM	WO1	5	4	1		NR
ROMS	WO1	1	1			
COMS	S/Sjt	5	6		1	
Pl Sjts	Sjt	25	23	2		NR 14
Batmen	Pte	35	21	14		
Dvrs MT	Cpl	1	1			
"	Pte	11	10	1		NR 1
Gen Dut. (mess)	Pte	8	1	1		
Hyg Duties	Pte	4	4			
LMG Riflemen	Cpl	36	27	9		NR 64
"	Pte	361	297	64		
MMG Nos	Cpl	2	2			
"	Pte	20	16	4		4
Mortar Nos	Cpl	5	5			
"	Pte	68	57	11		11 2
Orderlies	Pte	32	30	2		
Pioneers	Cpl	4	3	1		NR 8
"	Pte	28	20	8		
Regtl Police	Sjt	1	1			1
"	Pte	6	5	1		
Storemen	Pte	6	4	2		NR
Stretcher-Bearers	Sjt	1	1			
"	Cpl	2	1	1		NR
"	Pte	18	13			
TK/A Gun Nos	Cpl	4	-	4		NR 13
"	Pte	15	2	13		
Water Duties	Pte	2	2			
TOTAL CARRIED FORWARD		769	644	144	19	118

TRADE	Rank	WE	Posted Strength	Def-icit	Sur-plus	Refnfts Required	
TOTAL BROUGHT FORWARD		767 769	664	144	19	118	
<u>ATTACHED BY WE</u>							
<u>AAMC</u>							
Chiropodist	Cpl	1	2		1		
Hyg Inspector	Sgt	1	1				
Med Orderly	Sgt	1	1	1		NR	
"	Pte	1	1				
<u>AAOC</u>							
Shoemaker	Cpl	1	1				
<u>AEME</u>							
Armourer	Sgt	1					
"	Pte	1					
XXXXXX TGI	Pte	1	1		1		
XXXXXX Gun TGI	Pte	1					
<u>AA POST S</u>							
Postal Duties	Sgt	1	1				
<u>AAFC</u>							
Pay Clerk	Sgt	1	1				
"	Cpl	1	1				
<u>AACC</u>							
Caterer	WO11	1	1				
Cooks	Sgt	5	2	3		NR	
"	Cpl	5	4	1		NR	
"	Pte	13	11	2		NR	
		862	671	151	21	118	
<u>SURPLUS TRADESMEN NOT ALLOWED BY WE</u>							
<u>TRADE GROUP 1</u>							
etc							
Cpl Bricklayer			1				
GFC Clerks			1				
Dvr Mechs			12				
Nursing Orderly			1				
Plotter			1				

This column NOT to be used

DATE OF DESPATCH 21 Jul 45

SIGNATURE

W.S. Howden Major
for Lt-col

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

App No. 26.
War Diary

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

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

30 / 45 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 28 / 7 / 1945 5 2/8 Aust Inf Bn (Unit)

W.E. 11 / 1203 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.				
	2 1 4		1 1 8 16	* * Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs.	AANG	1							
	7		26			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.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.		27									27
		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.
QX43166	Lt	MARTIN E.J.	Hosp	24.7.45	RTU ex hosp

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
VX4213	Lt	TURNER C.R.	Second Aust Army Jnr Ldrs School	23.7.45	Seconded as Instr
VX6596	Maj	DIPPEY S.C.		23.7.45	M/O on 3 months LWOP

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

30 / 45 (Serial No.)

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 28 / 7 / 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	BX1451	BRAMAN	D.	2ic	"		
Capt	VX9768	DWYER	M.J.	OC C	"		
"	VX6568	GATELY	J.C.	OC A	"		
"	VX5479	RUMLEY	L.C.	OC B	No	LHQ Tact Sch BREENRICH 9.6.45	
"	VX6613	MITCALF	E.C.	OC D	No	Leave 6.7.45	
"	VX6405	COULSTON	H.A.	2icB	Yes		
"	VX6401	ADAMS	J.S.	Adjt	"		
"	VX6469	McDERMOTT	R.J.	2icD	"		
"	VX9105	WATSON	E.L.	" C	"		
Lt	VX6300	TRETHOWAN	J.M.	OC 15	"		
"	VX6209	FISHLOCK	G.P.N.	Q.M.	"		
"	VX4637	COMBES	G.A.	OC 13	No	LHQ Staff Sch 11.6.45	
"	VX50424	WHITESIDE	A.M.W.	2icA	Yes	CABARLAN Qld	
"	VX43519	ATKINSON	W.B.	OC 8	"		
"	VX38604	CHAPPE	E.C.	" 1	No	Leave 10.7.45	
"	VX13323	HUTSON	W.A.	" 17	Yes		
"	VX6033	ERSKINE	T.R.	" 10	"		
"	VX82932	WESTWOOD	W.H.	" 14	"		
"	VX43186	MARTIN	F.J.	" 13	"		
"	VX109096	KERR	T.A.	" 2	"		
"	VX89945	PENN-TONKIN	L.M.	" 3	"		
VX87918	VX89945	OISHRA	W.E.	T.O.	No	LHQ D & M Cse 16.6.45	
Lt	VX87290	BOIGER	E.C.	OC 11	Yes		
"	VX86673	BENJAN	G.T.	" 16	"		
"	VX43194	HOLDEN	A.G.	" 12	"		
ATTACHED ON W.E.							
Capt	VX77247	MOONEY	A.J.	RMO	Yes		

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 C.H.	AACHD	30.6.42	Chaplain

21 Jul 45
Date of Despatch

[Signature]
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 28 / 12 / 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, 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				Bangetakers			
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Elvetters			
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			1
Bricklayers								Radlographers				Stevedores			
Computors								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers		1		Signallers		1		Tailors			
Dispensers				Axemen		4		Signwriters		1		Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers		1		Telescope Identfn. Numbers		1		Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's Asst.		1		Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Bollermakers		1		Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters		1		Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners		2		Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics											
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)											
Fitters <i>bench</i>		2		Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators											
Fitters (M.V.)		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							
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Supply							
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties				Clerks, Technical							
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Coach Trimmers							
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Concretors							
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Cooks							
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Dental Clerk Orderlies							
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Draughtsmen, Signals							
Pattern Maker				Masons				Drivers, H.T.							
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Mechanics							
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Driver Tptn. Plant							
Photowriter				Miners				Engine Hands, I.C.							
Plumber				Moulders		1		Equipment Repairers							
Saw Doctors		1		Nurses, Trained				Farriers							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Fitters' Mates							
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 * *

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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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28 Jul 45
Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

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

DATE: 28

UNIT: 2/8 AUST INT BN WE 11/120/3 One Reinf - 8 x 78

TRADE	Rank	WE	Posted Strength	Deficient	Surplus	Reinfts Required
TRADE GROUP 1						
Blacksmith	Pte	1	1			
Drisklayer	Pte		1		1	
TRADE GROUP 2						
Carpenter	Pte	6	3	3		
Inf Duties	Sjt	1	1			
" "	Cpl	3	1	1		NR
" "	Pte	7	7			
Signallers	Cpl	4	4			
"	Pte	22	22			
Plotter			1		1	
TRADE GROUP 3						
Blacksmith	Pte	1	1			
Carpenter	Sjt	2	2			
"	Cpl	6	6			
"	Pte	4	4		2	
Wght REPAIRER	"	1	1			
Kangabaker	"	4	4			
Storeman Tech	Sjt	1	1			
"	Pte	5	4		1	
Tailor	Sjt	1	1			
"	Cpl	1	1			
Wv Mchs			13		13	
Nursing Orderly			1		1	
Engine Mch			1		1	
NON-SPECIALISTS						
RSM	WO11	1	1			
OSM	WO11	5	4	1		NR
ROMS	WO11	1	1			
OOMS	S/Sjt	5	6		1	
Pl Sjts	Sjt	25	23	2		NR
Bateman	Pte	35	20	15		15
Dvrs MT	Cpl		1			
"	Pte	11	10	1		1
Gen Dut (mess)	"	2	1	1		1
Hygiene Duties	"	4	4			
Canteen	Sjt	1	1			
IMG/Rifleman	Cpl	30	32	4		NR
"	Pte	261	317	64		64
MMG Nos	Cpl	2	2			
"	Pte	20	16	4		4
Mortar Nos	Cpl	5	5			
"	Pte	63	59	4		4
Orderlies	"	32	31	1		1
Pioneers	Cpl	4	3	1		NR
"	Pte	28	22	6		6
Regtl Police	Sjt	1	1			
"	Pte	6	5	1		1
Storemen	"	6	5	1		NR
Stretchers						
Bearers	Sjt	1	1			
"	Cpl	2	1	1		NR
"	Pte	18	17	1		1
TE/A Nos	Cpl	4	4			
"	Pte	15	2	13		13
Water Duties	Pte	2	1	1		1
TOTAL CARRIED		789	677	116	25	96

TRADE	Rank	WE	Posted Strength	Deficit	Surplus	Reinfts Required	-/-
TOTAL PROUGHT FORWARD		767 782	677	115	23	96	
<u>ATTACHED BY WE</u>							
AAMC Chiropodist	Cpl	1	1				
Hyg Inspector	Sgt	1	1				
Med Orderly	Sgt	1	1				
"	Pte	1	1				
AAGC Shoemaker	Cpl	1	1				
AEME Fitter	Sgt	1					
"	Pte	1					
Fitter Gun TGI	Pte	1	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	2	3		NR	
"	Cpl	5	4	1		NR	
"	Pte	13	13				
		802	766	119	24	96	
<u>SURPLUS TRADESMEN NOT ALLOWED BY WE</u>							
<u>TRADE GROUP 1</u>							
etc							
GP1 Bricklayer			1				
GP2 Plotter			1				
GP3 Clerks			2				
Dvr Hechs			13				
Nursing Orderly			1				
Engine Hand			1				

This column NOT to be used

28 Jul 45

DATE OF DESPATCH

SIGNATURE

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

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

Army Form C.2
(Adapted.)

(Erase heading not required.)

Unit 2⁷/₈ Aust Inf Bth Date and Time.—From 1 Aug 45 To 31 Aug 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
WEWAK POINT ref map WEWAK 1 in to 1 mile	1 Aug		WEATHER:- Fine Coys settling in. Camp construction commenced. Capt E.L.WATSON evac hosp.	
	2 Aug		WEATHER:- Fine.	
	3 Aug		WEATHER:- Fine	
	4 Aug		WEATHER:- Fine	Appx 1. FD RETURN
	5 Aug		WEATHER:- Fine	
		0930 1800	Combined Unit Church Parade R.C. Mass	
	6 Aug		WEATHER:- Fine. A Cadre course for potential N.C.O's was commenced.	School
			O.C. School Capt H.A.COULSTON. Capt E.L.WATSON R.T.U. hosp.	Appx 2. Syllabus N.C.O Appx 3. B.R.O. No 3
	7 Aug		WEATHER:- During night 6/7 heavy rain, continueing during day.	
	8 Aug		WEATHER:- Night 7/8 Aug strong winds and showers. New P.A. System purchased by Regimental Funds was installed in Unit lines, good reception over whole Camp Area. Unit Barber Shop opened in lines.	
	9 Aug		WEATHER:- Overcast and showery fining up after midday.	
	10 Aug		WEATHER:- Heavy showers 9/10 Aug, day conditions fine. Concert Party No 5 Entertainment Unit in Bde Theatre.	
	11 Aug		WEATHER:- Overcast.	Appx 4. FD RETURN
	12 Aug	0930	WEATHER:- Fine. Memorial Service for Unit pers killed in action was held in Bn Rec Hut	
		1930	A.A.E.S. screening March of Time and shorts.	

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

Army Form C.218.
(Adapted.)

(Erase heading not required.)

Unit 2/8 Aust Inf Bn Date and Time.—From 1 Aug 45 To 31 Aug 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	13 Aug		WEATHER :- Fine A Coy route march.	
	14 Aug 15 Aug		WEATHER:- Fine and sunny WEATHER :- Fine	
			News of JAP surrender received quietly by troops, message from C in C read to all pers.	
	16 Aug		Lt E.C.MARTIN M/O compassionate leave. WEATHER:- Fine	
	17 Aug		WEATHER:- Cloudy with light showers. Bn Sigs were out on Motor Launch with ANGAU and ATIS	
			reps taking P.A. speakers to broadcast to JAP garrison on MUSCHU ISLAND. Previous attempts to communicate	
			with Is proved unsuccessful, but greater power of new speakers enabled message to be picked up by enemy.	
			2 Jap officers appeared on beach and showed willingness to negotiate with launch. They were brought on board	
			the launch to sign papers signify their willingness to surrender. The JAP garrison here is said to be in the vicinity of 700, but are in poor condition, having no Medical supplies and little food.	
			Garrison is in wireless communication with Gen ADACHI and all negotiations will be carried out through these channels.	
			7 O.Rs move out for onward movement and discharge under 5 year plan.	
			Lt G.F.N.FISHLOCK M/O 24 days A.R.L.	

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

Army Form C.21
(Adapted.)

(Erase heading not required.)

Unit 2/8 Aust Inf Bn Date and Time.—From 1 Aug 45 To 31 Aug 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	18 Aug		WEATHER :→ Cloudy. N.C.Os Cadre completed.	
	19 Aug		Maj D.G. BRAHAM evac hosp WEATHER:- Fine to light showers.	Appx 5. FD RETURN
		0900	Comd 19 Bde addressx long service personal awaiting discharge.	
	20 Aug	0930	Thanks-giving Service held in Unit Rec Hut. WEATHER:- Fine	
		0630	Cpts GATELY and McDERMOTT and 26 O.Rs M/O/ for onward movement and discharge.	
	21 Aug		Issue of one bottle of beer for V.P. Day. WEATHER:- Fine.	
			Approx 200 pers from Unit attend a Concert by GRACIE FIELDS at Cape WOM . Lt ERSKINE T.R. placed on R.S.L. awaiting movement for discharge.	
	22 Aug		WEATHER:→ Heavy rain night 21/22 fining up during morning	
	23 Aug		WEATHER:- Showery. Lt B.D.FLUDE R.T.U. ex 2/7 A.G.H.	
	24 Aug		WEATHER:- Humid. Maj D.G.BRAHAM R.T.U ex hosp.	
	25 Aug		WEATHER:- Fine Unit band pers attached to 2/11 Bn to help form Bde Band	Appx 6.
	26 Aug		WEATHER:- Heavy rain night 25/26 ,day conditions fine. Combined Church Parade Unit Rec Hut	
	27 Aug		WEATHER:- 26/27 squally with heavy rain, Showery conditions continueing all day.	
	28 Aug		WEATHER:- Fine	
	29 Aug		WEATHER:- Fine.	

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

During the month of August the Battalion had been concentrated on WEWAK POINT .

The main role being working parties with Engineers, road constructing, bridge building, camp construction and general duties.

The main events of interest to Battalion personal being release of five year veterans three drafts of whom left for discharge during the month.

Entertainment has been reasonably good, usually two picture shows per week, and several concert parties including GRACIE FIELDS Concert Party at CAPE WOM.

Weather, good in general, the main rain falling the night, with days cloudy but fine affording good swimming, and all personal are showing the benefit with a good coat of suntan. The beach around WEWAK POINT is shallow and rocky, but there is a good beach within half mile of camp.

The news of the JAP surrender was received very quietly by the troops, a little cheering was heard, but in general none was much effected by the announcement.

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				Range-takers			
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths		1						Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer		1	
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevedores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers		1		Tailors			
Dispensers				Axemen		1		Signwriters		1		Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers		4		Telescope Identfn. Numbers		1		Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.		1		Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Bollermakers		1		Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters		1		Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners		1		Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks				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.)				Gun Operator											
Fitters, Railway Signal		4		Hatchman											
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker											
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator											
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator											
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties											
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners											
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman											
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals											
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers											
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal											
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood											
Pattern Maker				Masons											
Pharmacist				Masseurs											
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.											
Photowriter				Miners											
Plumber				Moulders		1									
Saw Doctors		1		Nurses, Trained											
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.											
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.

4 AUG 45
Date of Despatch

[Signature] Lt-col
Commanding 2/8 Aust Inf Bn

DATE: _____

UNIT: 2/8 AUST INF BN WE 11/12c/3 One Reinft - 8 x 78

TRADE	Rank	WE	Posted Strength	Deficient	Surplus	Reinfts Required
TRADE GROUP 1						
Blacksmith	Pte	1	1			
Blacklayer	Pte		1		1	
TRADE GROUP 2						
Carpenter	Pte	6	3	3		NR
Gen Duties	Sjt	1	1			
" "	Cpl	2	1	1		NR
" "	Pte	7	6	1		NR
Signallers	Cpl	4	4			
"	Pte	22	26		4	
Plotter			1		1	
Ordnance Mech MT			1		1	
TRADE GROUP 3						
Baker	Pte	1	1			
Clerks	Sjt	2	2			
"	Cpl	6	6			
"	Pte	4	6		2	
Top REPAIRER	"	1	1			
Rangefinder	"	4	4			
Storeman Tech	Sjt	1	1			
" "	Pte	3	4		1	
Tailor	Sjt	1	1			
"	Cpl	1	1			
Ordnance Mechs			14		14	
Nursing Orderly			1		1	
Engine Hand			1		1	
NON-SPECIALISTS						
BSM	WO1	1	1			
CSM	WO1	5	4	1		NR
ROIS	WO1	1	1			
COIS	S/Sjt	5	4	1		NR
PI Sjts	Sjt	25	23	2		NR
Battman	Pte	35	21	14		14
Dvr MT	Cpl	1	1			
"	Pte	11	14		3	
Gen Dut (mess)	"	2	3			
Hygiene Duties	"	4	4			
Catapult	Sjt	1	1			
MG/Rifleman	Cpl	36	23	8		NR
"	Pte	361	286	75		75
MG Nos	Cpl	2	2			
"	Pte	20	18	2		2
Mortar Nos	Cpl	5	5			
"	Pte	68	65	3		3
Orderlies	"	32	34		2	
Pioneers	Cpl	4	3	1		NR
"	Pte	28	28			
Regtl Police	Sjt	1	1			
"	Pte	6	5	1		1
Storeman	"	8	5			
Stretcher-Bearers	Sjt	1	1			
"	Cpl	2	1	1		NR
"	Pte	18	15	3		3
TR/A Nos	Cpl	4	2	2		NR
"	Pte	15	12	3		3
Water Duties	Pte	2	1	1		1
TOTAL CARRIED		769	677	125	31	102
FORWARD						

TRADE	Rank	WE	Posted Strength	Def-icit	Sur-plus	Reinfts Required	
TOTAL BROUGHT FORWARD		767 769	677	123	31	102	
<u>ATTACHED BY WE</u>							
<u>AAMC</u>							
Chiropracist	Cpl	1	1				
Hyg Inspector	Sgt	1	1				
Med Orderly	Sgt	1	1				
" "	Pte	1	1				
<u>AACC</u>							
Shoemaker	Cpl	1	-	1		NR	
<u>AEME</u>							
Annourer	Sgt	1					
XXXXXXXXXXXXXX	Pte	1					
XXXXXXXXXXXXXX	Pte	1					
NV Fitter	Pte		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	Woll	1	-	1		NR	
Cooks	Sgt	5	2	3		NR	
"	Cpl	5	4	1		NR	
"	Pte	13	14		1		
		802	705	129	33	102	
<u>SURPLUS TRADESMEN NOT ALLOWED BY WE</u>							
<u>TRADE GROUP 1</u>							
etc							
P1 Bricklayer			1				
P2 Plotter			1				
P3 Clerks			2				
Dvr Mechs			14				
Nursing Ordarly			1				
Engine Hand			1				
P2 Mech MT			1				

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DATE OF DESPATCH 4 Aug 45 SIGNATURE W.S. Howden Lt-col
 (W.S. HOWDEN)
 Commanding 2/8 Aust Inf Bn

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Army Form W3008
(Adapted) (Page 1)
(Revised Jan., 1943)

31 / 45 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 4 / 8 / 1945 5 2/8 Aust Inf Bn (Unit)

W.E. 11 / 12 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.					
	2 2 4		1 1 7 16	* * Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs.	AAMC	1								
	8		25			1								
		DETAIL		A.I.P.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.P.	**	TOTAL.	
Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in pers. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).		A.		26									26	
		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.
7X9105	Capt	WATSON E.L.	Hosp	1.8.45	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

31 / 45 (Serial No.)

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 4 / 8 / 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	SX1451	BRAHAM	D.	21c	"		
Capt	VX9768	DWYER	M.J.	OC HQ	"		
"	VX6568	CARRELY	J.C.	" A	"		
"	VX5479	RUNLEY	L.O.	" B	No	LHQ Tact Sch BERNLEIGH	9.6.45
"	VX6513	METCALF	E.O.	" D	"	Leave	6.7.45
"	VX6405	COULSTON	H.A.	21cB	Yes		
"	VX6401	ADAMS	J.S.	Adjt	"		
"	VX6469	McDERMOTT	R.J.	21cD	"		
Lt	VX6300	TRETHOWAN	J.M.	OC15	"		
"	VX6209	FISHLOCK	G.P.N.	Q.M.	"		
"	TX4637	COMBES	G.A.	OC 13	No	LHQ Staff Sch	11.6.45
"	VX50424	WHITESIDE	A.M.W.	21cA	Yes	CABARLIGH old	
"	VX43519	ATKINSON	W.B.	OC 9	"		
"	VX38604	CHAPPE	F.C.	" 1	No	Leave	13.7.45
"	VX13323	HUTSON	W.A.	" 17	Yes		
"	NX6033	BRADINE	T.B.	" 10	"		
"	VX82932	WESTWOOD	W.H.	" 14	"		
"	OX43166	MARTIN	F.J.	" 18	"		
"	VX109896	KERR	T.A.	" 2	"		
"	VX89845	PENN-TONKIN	L.M.	" 3	"		
"	VX87918	O'SHEA	W.E.	T.O.	No	LHQ D & M CSE	16.6.45
"	VX87290	BOLGER	E.C.	OC 11	Yes		
"	VX86873	BEHAN	G.P.	" 16	"		
"	VX43194	HOLDER	A.G.	" 12	No	Leave	29.7.45
<u>ATTACHED ON W.E.</u>							
Capt	NX77247	MOONEY	A.J.	RMO	Yes		

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 G.H.	AACHD	30.6.42	Chaplain

4 Aug 45
Date of Despatch

W. Howard Lt-col
Signature of Commander
Commanding 2/8 Aust Inf Bn

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

ROUTINE ORDERS

BY

Lt-col W.S. HOWDEN, COMMANDING 2/8 AUST INF BN

Date: 6 Aug 45

No.3

1. DRESS:

Wearing of sleeveless shirts and working dress will cease forthwith. All such wearing apparel will be withdrawn by coys and handed to Q.M.

2. DEPENDANTS ALLOWANCE FOR CHILDREN OVER 16 YEARS OF AGE RECEIVING FULL-TIME EDUCATION

Approval has been given for continuing the payment of dependants allowance in respect of children dependent upon a member after they have reached the age of 16 until they are 18 years of age if they are receiving full-time education at a school or university.

The approval will take effect on and from 11th July 1945 and will apply to children who have reached the age of 16 years at that date or who subsequently attain that age. Payment will be subject to the conditions of War Financial Regulations.

As regards children who have not yet reached the age of 16 years, the DFC paying the allotment will advise the allottee of the extension now notified some time prior to each child attaining the age of 16 years and the allottee will be invited to make application for payment if applicable.

Any member whose children have already attained the age of 16 years and who are entitled to receive dependants allowance in accordance with this approval should arrange for his allottee to make application to the DFC paying his allotment.

J.S. Adams Capt
(J.S. ADAMS.)
Adjt 2/8 Aust Inf Bn

NOTICE: AWA RADIO SERVICE
LAE TO AUSTRALIA

Amalgamated Wireless Ltd is now operating a Radio Station at LAE giving direct radio telegraphic service to AUSTRALIA.

2. Permission has been given for messages to be accepted from members of the Forces for transmission to the mainland and to other countries as detailed in AWA "cost" schedules, which will shortly be distributed to all concerned.

3. The rate to the mainland will be 6d per word and to places beyond the Commonwealth as set out in AWA schedule.

4. Messages will be censored and payment of charges will be made by means of postage stamps affixed thereto as is done at present with ordinary telegrams. Radiograms will be clearly endorsed as such.

SLIABUS - NCO CADRE - 6 - 10 AUG 45

10. Appd

0815 - 0835	0835 - 0905	0905 - 0935	0935 - 1005	1005-1020	1020 - 1050	1050 - 1120	1120 - 1150
Drill	Gds & Sentries Falling in - Numbering Inspection	Map Reading General - Conventional Signs etc ✓	Application of Fire Power of Sec weapons		Discipline & Military Procedure Powers of NCOs	Use of Compass Correction of Error - ✓ Allowance for Variation	Method of supply within Bn Food - Amn Lt FISHLOCK
	Lt ERSKINE	Pte DOHERTY	Sjt AVRES		Capt ADAMS	Pte GREENSHIELDS	
Drill	Compass - Practical Correction of Error taking of Bearings ✓	Map Reading Orientation - Relation of Map to ground Recognition of features ✓	Patrols Fighting & Recce Orgn strs method of working		Words of Comd Essential Characteristics Vocal Pitch	Inspections & weapon Respon- sibility of NCO 3" Nor method of cond- ucting	Kit Charactertics & employt of "Nor Lt PENN-TONKIN
	Lt ERSKINE Pte GREENSHIELDS	Pte DOHERTY 3. 4. X	WOII BROES	BREAK	Lt ERSKINE	Sjt T.K. JOHNSTON	
Drill	Compass Traverse Explanation and Practice ✓	Orgn of Int within Bn & higher form- ations use of captured documents etc			Application of fire- sec weapons in attack	Character- istics & employt of "MG	Orgn of fire power Arty Mor Air How achieved & controlled requirements for engagement of targets Capt COLLETON
	Lt ERSKINE	As arranged by Sjt PORTER	Sjt PORTER		Lt HUTSON	Lt WERR	
Drill & M.I. practice commands	Conduct of Recce Patrol Lt TRETOWAN	Recce Reports Lt TRETOWAN	Application of Fire Sec weapons in defence Lt WESTWOOD		Fd sketching ✓		Patrol Reports and sketches
					Pte DOHERTY	WOII BROES & Pte DOHERTY	
Drill & M.I.	Words of Comd correction of faults Lt ERSKINE	Orgn of Bn & work of components Capt Mc BRCTT	Orgn of the Rifle Sec Lt WESTWOOD		Map Reading scales Pte BROWN	Gds & Sentries posting compliments Lt ERSKINE	Indication recognition of targets Lt ERSKINE

Serial	0815 - 0835	0835 - 0905	0905 - 0935	0935 - 1005	1005-1020	1020 - 1050	1050 - 1120	1120 - 1150
6	Drill & M.I.		TENT See in Attack (Sand Table) Lt BRKFINE	Indication of Targets See Fire Orders Lt WHITESIDE		Weapon trg I.C. Rifle Sjt JONES	Co-ord of Fire PI weapons (Sand Table Illustration) Capt COULSTON	
7	Drill & words of command	Weapon trg CSMG	Patrols CD	Orders sequence method of delivery Lt WHITESIDE	BREAK	Platoon in defence co-ord of fire plan, protection Priority of work - Routine (Sand Table exercise) Lt BRKFINE	Map Boards of sketching (Recapitulation) As arranged by Sjt PORTER	
8	do		Platoon as Adv Cd (Sand Table exercise) Lt ATKINSON	Weapon trg BY Rifle Sjt T.F. JOHNSON		Platoon in attack (Sand Table exercise) Capt COULSTON	Weapon trg T.C.S.F. Sjt AYLES	
9	do		Platoon in Attack TENT Capt GATLYN - Lt MARTIN - Lt FERR					
10	do		Platoon in Defence TENT Capt DRYER - Lt ATKINSON - Lt BROWN-TOWERS					
11	do		Coy in attack C.D. Capt COULSTON	Recapitulation Orders Lt WHITESIDE		Coy in Defence G.D. Capt COULSTON	Hygiene Capt MCKEY	
12	Parade of Cadre Inspection drill		Air Photos Use of stereoscope As arranged by Sjt PORTER			Recapitulation - Questionnaire Capt COULSTON - Instrs		

John Adams Capt
(T.F. ADAMS)
Adjt 2/8 Aust Inf Bn

Appendix 3

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

ROUTINE ORDERS

BY

Lt-col W.S. HOWDEN, COMMANDING 2/8 AUST INF BN

Date: 6 Aug 45

No.3

1. DRESS:

Wearing of sleeveless shirts and working dress will cease forthwith. All such wearing apparel will be withdrawn by coys and handed to Q.M.

2. DEPENDANTS ALLOWANCE FOR CHILDREN OVER 16 YEARS OF AGE RECEIVING FULL-TIME EDUCATION

Approval has been given for continuing the payment of dependants allowance in respect of children dependent upon a member after they have reached the age of 16 until they are 18 years of age if they are receiving full-time education at a school or university.

The approval will take effect on and from 11th July 1945 and will apply to children who have reached the age of 16 years at that date or who subsequently attain that age. Payment will be subject to the conditions of War Financial Regulations.

As regards children who have not yet reached the age of 16 years, the DFO paying the allotment will advise the allottee of the extension now notified some time prior to each child attaining the age of 16 years and the allottee will be invited to make application for payment if applicable.

Any member whose children have already attained the age of 16 years and who are entitled to receive dependants allowance in accordance with this approval should arrange for his allottee to make application to the DFO paying his allotment.

J.S. Adams Capt
(J.S. ADAMS.)
Adjnt 2/8 Aust Inf Bn

NOTICE: AWA RADIO SERVICE
LAE TO AUSTRALIA

Amalgamated Wireless Ltd is now operating a Radio Station at LAE giving direct radio telegraphic service to AUSTRALIA.

2. Permission has been given for messages to be accepted from members of the Forces for transmission to the mainland and to other countries as detailed in AWA "cost" schedules, which will shortly be distributed to all concerned.

3. The rate to the mainland will be 6d per word and to places beyond the Commonwealth as set out in AWA schedule.

4. Messages will be censored and payment of charges will be made by means of postage stamps affixed thereto as is done at present with ordinary telegrams. Radiograms will be clearly endorsed as such.

Apr 4

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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32 / 45 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 11/8 /1945 2/8 Aust Inf Bn (Unit)

W.E. 11/13/3 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.			
	2 1 4		1 1 8 16	* * Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs.	AANC	1						
	7		26			1						
		DETAIL	A.I.F.	C.M.P.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
		A.	27									27
		E.(1)										
		E.(2)										

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

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

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.
VX9105	Capt	WATSON E.L.	RTU ex Hosp	7.8.45	

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

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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 11/ 8 /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				Riveters			
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			1
Bricklayers								Radlographers				Stevedores			
Computors								Biggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers		1		Tailors			
Dispensers				Axemen		1		Signwriters		1		Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers		1		Telescope Identfn. Numbers		1		Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's Asst.		1		Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers		1		Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters		1		Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners		1		Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics											
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)											
Fitters <i>Benoh</i>		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.) <i>MT</i>		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							
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals							
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.							
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics							
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant		7					
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		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.

11 Aug 45

Date of Despatch

[Signature] Lt-cc
(Signature of Commander)

Commanding 2/8 Aust Inf Bn

APPENDIX 'A'

DATE

UNIT 2/8 Aust Inf Bn

WE 11/12/45

One Reinfr - 8 x 78

11 Aug 45

TRADE	Rank	WE	Posted strength	Deficit	Surplus	Reinfrs Required
TRADE GROUP 1						
Blacksmith	Pte	1	1		1	
TRADE GROUP 2						
Carpenter	Pte	6	4	2		NR
Int Duties	Sjt	1	1			
" "	Cpl	7	7	1		NR
" "	Pte	7	7			
Signallers	Cpl	4	4			
" "	Pte	22	26		4	
Plotter	Pte		1		1	
West MT			1		1	
TRADE GROUP 3						
Baker	Pte	1	1			
Clarks	Sjt	2	2			
" "	Cpl	6	6			
" "	Pte	4	5		1	
Eqpt Repairer	Pte	1	1			
Rangefinder	Pte	1	1			
Storeman Tech	Sjt	1	1	1		NR
" "	Pte	3	4		1	
Tailor	Sjt	1	1			
" "	Cpl	1	1			
Dvr Mechs			13		13	
Nursing Orderly			1		1	
Engine Hand			1		1	
NON-SPECIALISTS						
Canteen			1			
RSM	WO1	1	1			
CSM	WO1	5	4	1		NR
ROMS	WO1	1	1			
COQS	S/Sjt	5	4	1		NR
Pl Sjts	Sjt	25	24	1		NR
Batmen	Pte	35	23	12		NR
Dvrs MT	Cpl	1	1			12
" "	Pte	11	14		3	
Gen Dut (mess)	Pte	3	2	1		1
Hyg Duties	Pte	4	4			
LMG/Riflemen	Cpl	36	35	1		NR
" "	Pte	361	279	82		82
MMG Nos	Cpl	2	2			
" "	Pte	20	17	3		3
Mortar Nos	Cpl	5	5			
" "	Pte	68	67	1		NR1
Orderlies	Pte	32	36		4	
Pioneers	Cpl	4	3	1		NR
" "	Pte	28	31		3	
Regtl Police	Sjt	1	1			
" "	Pte	6	6			
Storemen	Pte	5	5			
Stretcher-Bearers	Sjt	1	1			
" "	Cpl	2	1	1		NR
" "	Pte	18	17	1		NR
TK/A Gun Nos	Cpl	4	2	2		NR
" "	Pte	15	11	4		NR
Water Duties	Pte	2	2			
TOTAL CARRIED		789	687	116	84	104

TRADE	Rank	WE	Posted Strength	Deficit	Surplus	Reinfts Required
TOTAL BROUGHT FORWARD		807 789	687	116	34	104
ATTACHED BY WE						
AAMC Chiropract	Cpl	1	1			
Eye Inspector	Sgt	1	1			
Med Orderly	Sgt	1	1			
"	Pte	1	1			
AACC Shoemaker	Cpl	1	-	1		NR
ANMC XXXXXXXX	Sgt	1				
XXXXXXXX	Pte	1				
Press Gun EGI	Pte	1				
NV Fitter AA POST S			1		1	
Postal Duties	Sgt	1	1			
APC Day Clerk	Sgt	1	1			
"	Cpl	1	1			
AACC Caterer	WO11	1	2	1	2	NR
Cooks	Sgt	5	4	1		NR
"	Cpl	5	4			NR
"	Pte	13	14		1	
		809	715	192	36	102
SURPLUS TRADESMEN NOT ALLOWED BY WE						
TRADE GROUP 1						
CP1 Friglayer			1			
CP2 Plotter			1			
Mech ME			1			
CP3 Clerks			1			
Dvr Hooks			1			
Nursing Orderly			1			
Engine Hand			1			
CP2 Signaller			1			

This column NOT to be used

DATE OF DESPATCH 11 Aug 45

SIGNATURE *W.S. Howden*
 (W.S. HOWDEN)
 Commanding 2/8 Aust Inf

W.A.R. Diary

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

33 / 45 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 10 / 8 / 194 5 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.				
	2		1	Lieut.-Colonels	AANC								
	1		1	Majors									
	1		6	Captains									
	1		16	Lieutenants									
	1			Quarter-masters									
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.									
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.									
	7		26			1							
		DETAIL		A.I.P.	C.M.P.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.P.	**	TOTAL.
		A.		27									27
		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.

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 18 / 8 / 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	VX14647	HORDEN	W.S.	CO	Yes		
Maj or	SX1451	BRAMAN	D.	2ic	"		
Capt	VX9768	DWYER	M.J.	CC HQ	"		
"	VX6568	GABRYL	J.C.	" A	"		
"	VX5479	RUBLEY	L.O.	" B	No	INQ Post Sch BRISBANE	9.6.45
"	VX6513	MURCALP	E.C.	" D	No	Leave 6.7.45	45
"	VX6405	COULSTON	H.A.	2icB	Yes		
"	VX6401	ADAMS	J.S.	Adj	"		
"	VX6469	McDERMOTT	R.J.	2icD	"		
"	VX9106	WATSON	E.L.	CC C	"		
lt	VX6300	TRETHOWAN	J.M.	2icC	"		
"	VX6209	PISHLOCK	D.P.N.	QM	"		
"	VX4657	COMBES	G.A.	CC 13	No	INQ Staff Sch 11.6.45	
"	VX50424	WILKES THE	A.M.H.	2icA	Yes	CABARLAN QLD	
"	VX43519	APKINSON	W.B.	CC 8	"		
"	VX38604	CHAPPE	P.C.	" 1	No	Leave 13.7.45	
"	VX13323	HUTSON	W.A.	" 17	Yes		
"	VX6033	BRISKINS	T.R.	" 10	"		
"	VX82932	WESTWOOD	W.H.	" 14	"		
"	VX43166	HARTIN	P.J.	" 18	No	Comp Leave 15.8.45	
"	VX108896	KERR	T.A.	" 16	Yes		
"	VX89845	PENN-TORRIN	L.H.	" 11	"		
"	VX87918	O'SHEA	W.E.	T.O.	"		
"	VX87260	BOIGNE	E.C.	CC 15	"		
"	VX86673	BERAN	G.T.	" 7	"		
"	VX43194	HOLDEN	A.G.	" 12	No	Leave 29.7.45	
ATTACHED ON W.R.							
Capt	VX77247	MOONEY	A.J.	RMO	Yes		

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 C.H.	AACHD	30.6.42	Chaplain

18 Aug 45

Date of Despatch

W. S. Hadden lt-col
Signature of Commander
Commanding 2/8 Aust Inf Bn

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

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At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 18 / 8 / 1945 2/8 Aust Inf Bn (Unit)

W.E. 11/12c 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.				
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.
			1	W.Os. Class I.					
NR	1		5	W.Os. Class II.				1	NR
				Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
NR	1		4	Staff Sergeants					
NR	3		30	Sergeants		5		4	NR
NR	10		57	Corporals		6		2	NR
100	103	33	587	Troopers, Privates, etc.		16	2		
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
100*	118	33	684	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.		27*	2	7	*

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 7 of instructions for compilation of this return will complete analysis of Part B(1) and B(2).

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

Detail	C.M.F.		A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.P.	**	TOTAL.
	A.I.F.	Under 19 Years.							
A	715								715
B(1)									
B(2)									

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

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

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.
3	2/79 LAD ARMB			1	Old Ech & Records		
3	19 Aust Inf Bde						

Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return To.....(Unit) is Particularly Requested. / / 194.....

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

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Unit

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**PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in
Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 18 / 8 / 194 5**

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				Bangetakers			
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Blivetters			
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		1	
Bricklayers								Radlographers				Stevedores			
Computors								Biggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers		1		Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers		1		Signallers		1		Tailors			
Dispensers				Axemen		1		Signwriters		1		Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers		1		Telescope Identfn. Numbers		1		Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.		1		Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers		1		Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters		1		Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners		1		Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks				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.)		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		7					
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		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	*

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(b) Authorised trades or specialists not included in list will be added as required in spaces provided.
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18 Aug 45

Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

Commanding 2/8 Aust Inf Bn

DATE: _____

2/3 AUST INF BN WE 11/120/5 One Reinf - 8 x 78

Category	Rank	WE	Posted Strength	Deficiency	Surplus	Reinfts Required
ENGINE GROUP 1						
Engineer	Pte		1			
Driver	Pte		1		1	
ENGINE GROUP 2						
Engineer	Pte	5	3	3		NR
Driver	Sjt	1	1	1		NR
"	Cpl	1	1		2	
"	Pte	7	9			
Storeman	Cpl	4	3	1		
"	Pte	22	27		5	
Flotter Mech MT						
ENGINE GROUP 3						
Engineer	Pte	1	1			
Driver	Sjt	2	2			
"	Cpl	6	6			
"	Pte	4	4		1	
TYPE REPAIRS						
Engineer	"	4	4			
Storeman Tech	Sjt	1	1	1		NR
"	Pte	1	1			
Taller	Sjt	1	1			
"	Cpl	1	1			
Over Mech			13		13	
Forwarding Orderly			1		1	
Engine Hand						
NON-SPECIALISTS						
RSM	WO11	1	1			
CSM	WO11	5	5	1		NR
WMS	WO11	1	1			
CCMS	S/Sjt	5	4	1		NR
Pl Sjts	Sjt	25	24	1		NR
Battman	Pte	35	21	14		14
Dvrs MT	Cpl	1	1			
"	Pte	11	14		3	
Gen Dut (meas)	"	2	2	1		1
Hygiene Duties	"	4	4			
Canteen	Sjt	1	1			
Inf/Rifleman	Cpl	36	32	4		NR
"	Pte	261	227	74		74
MG Nos	Cpl	2	2			
"	Pte	20	18	4		4
Mortar Nos	Cpl	5	5			
"	Pte	68	66	2		2
Orderlies	"	32	34		2	
Pioneers	Cpl	4	3	1		NR
"	Pte	28	30		2	
Regtl Police	Sjt	1	1			
"	Pte	6	6			
Storeman	"	5	5			
Stretcher Bearers	Sjt	1	1	1		NR
"	Cpl	2	1	1		NR
"	Pte	18	16	2		NR
TK/A Nos	Cpl	4	2	2		NR
"	Pte	15	12	3		NR
Water Duties	Pte	2	2			
TOTAL CARRIED		769	684	113	33	100

TRADE	Rank	WE	Posted Strength	Deficit	Surplus	Reinfts Required	
TOTAL BROUGHT FORWARD		705					
ATTACHED BY WE		769	684	118	55	100	
AAMG Chiroprapist	Cpl	1	1				
Hyg Inspector	Sgt	1	1				
Med Orderly	Sgt	1	1				
"	Pte	1	1				
AACC Shoemaker	Cpl	1	0	1		NR	
AEME XXXXXXXXXX	Sgt	1					
XXXXXXXXXX	Pte	1					
XXXXXXXXXX	Pte	1					
MV Fitter			1		1		
AA POST S Postal Duties	Sgt	1	1				
AAPC Pay Clerk	Sgt	1	1				
"	Cpl	1	1				
AACC Caterer	WO11	1	0	1		NR	
Cooks	Sgt	5	1	4		NR	
"	Cpl	5	4	1		NR	
"	Pte	13	14		1		
		802	711	185	55	100	
SURPLUS TRADESMEN NOT ALLOWED BY WE							
TRADE GROUP 1 etc							
GP1 Bricklayer			1				
GP2 Plotter			1				
Mech MF			1				
Signaller			1				
GP3 Clerks			1				
Dvr Mechs			13				
Nursing Orderly			1				
Engine Hand			1				
GP2 Intelligence			2				

This column NOT to be used

DATE OF DESPATCH

18 Aug 45

SIGNATURE

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

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

34 / 45 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 25 / 8 / 1945 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'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.				
	2		1	*									
	3		1	*									
	3		6	Lieut.-Colonels	AAMC	1							
	3		17	Majors									
				Captains									
				Lieutenants									
				Quarter-masters									
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.									
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.									
	8		25			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.		26									26
		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.
SX1451	Maj	BRAMHAM D.	RTU ex hesp	24.8.45	
TX3057	Lt	FLUDE B.D.	"	25.8.45	

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
SX1451	Maj	BRAMHAM D.	Evac Hesp	19.8.45	
VX6568	Capt	GATELY J.C.	M/O on 5 year plan	20.8.45	
VX6469	"	McDERMOTT R.J.	"	"	"

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 25/8/1945 (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.C.	Yes		
Maj	SX1451	BRAHAM	D.	2ic	"		
Capt	VX9768	DWYER	M.J.	OC HQ	"		
"	VX5479	RUMLEY	L.C.	" B	No	LHQ Tact Sch BRUNNEN 9.6.45	
"	VX6513	METCALP	H.C.	" D	No	Leave 6.7.45	
"	VX6405	COULSTON	H.A.	2icB	Yes		
"	VX6401	ADAMS	J.S.	Adjt	"		
"	VX9105	WATSON	E.L.	CC C	"		
Lt	VX6300	TRETHOWAN	J.M.	2icC	"		
VX	VX6209	FISHLOCK	G.F.N.	QM	No	Leave 19.7.45	
"	TX4637	COMBES	G.A.	OC 13	No	LHQ Staff Sch 11.6.45	
"	VX50424	WHITESIDE	A.M.W.	2icA	Yes	CABARLAN Old	
"	VX43519	ATKINSON	W.B.	OC 8	"		
"	VX38604	CHAPPE	F.C.	" 1	No	Leave 18.7.45	
"	VX13323	HUTSON	W.A.	" 17	Yes		
"	NX6033	ERSKINE	T.R.	" 10	"		
"	TX3057	FLUDE	B.D.	" 9	"		
"	VX82932	WESTWOOD	W.H.	" 14	"		
"	QX43166	MARTIN	F.J.	" 18	No	Comp Leave 15.8.45	
"	VX109896	KERR	T.A.	" 16	Yes		
"	VX89845	PENN-TONKIN	L.M.	" 11	"		
"	VX87918	O'SHEA	W.E.	P.O.	"		
"	VX87290	BOLGER	E.C.	OC 15	"		
"	VX86673	BEHAN	G.F.	" 7	"		
"	VX43194	HOLDEN	A.G.	" 12	No	Leave 29.7.45	
ATTACHED ON W.E.							
Capt	NX77247	MOONEY	A.J.	RMO	Yes		

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.	AACHB	30.6.42	Chaplain

25/8/45 Date of Despatch

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

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

Army Form W.3009 (Adapt.
(Page 1)
(Revised Jan., 1943.)
34/45 (Serial No

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 25 / 8 / 1945 2/8 Aust Inf Bn (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.				
Reinf'ts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinf'ts. Required.
			1	W.Os. Class I.					
NR	3		3	W.Os. Class II.				1	NR
				Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
NR	2		3	Staff Sergeants					
NR	7		26	Sergeants		5		4	NR
NR	13		54	Corporals		5		3	NR
106	112	30	575	Troopers, Privates, etc.		16	2		
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
106	137	30	662	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.		26	2	8	*

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 7 of instructions for compilation of this return will complete analysis of Part B(1) and B(2).

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

Detail	A.I.F.	C.M.F.		A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL
		Under 19 Years.	19 Years and over.							
A	688									688
B(1)										
B(2)										

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

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

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.
3	2/79 LAD ARMC			1	Old Ech & Records		
1	19 Aust Inf Bde						

Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return To (Unit) is Particularly Requested. / / 194

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

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 25 / 8 / 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, B.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		1						Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			1
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevadores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II				Sawyers		1		Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers		1		Signallers		1		Tailors			
Dispensers				Axemen		1		Signwriters		1		Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers		1		Telescope Identfn. Numbers		1		Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.		1		Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Bollermakers		1		Wheeler				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters		1		Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners		1		Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics											
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)											
Fitters		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.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors							
Fitters, Railway Signal		4		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		7					
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				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors		1		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	*

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Date of Despatch 25 Aug 45

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

DATE: 23 Aug 49

UNIT: 2/8 AUST INF BN WE 11/120/3 One Reinf't - 8 x 78

TRADE	Rank	WE	Posted Strength	Deficient	Surplus	Reinfts Required
TRADE GROUP 1						
Blacksmith	Pte	1	1	1		NR
Bricklayer	Pte		1		1	
TRADE GROUP 2						
Carpenter	Pte	6	3	3		NR
Int Duties	Sjt	1	1	1		NR
" "	Cpl	2	1	1		NR
" "	Pte	7	9		2	
Signallers	Cpl	4	3	1		NR
"	Pte	22	26		4	
Fletcher			1		1	
Mech NF			1		1	
TRADE GROUP 3						
Butcher	Pte	1		1		NR
Clacks	Sjt	2	2			
"	Cpl	6	6			
"	Pte	4	5		1	
Boat REPAIRER	"	1	1			
Rangefinder	"	4	4			
Storeman Tech	Sjt	1		1		NR
"	Pte	3	2	1		NR
Tailor	Sjt	1	1			
"	Cpl	1	1			
4vr Mechs			11		11	
Nursing Orderly			1		1	
Engine Hand			1		1	
NON-SPECIALISTS						
RSM	WO1	1	1			
GSM	WO1	5	2	3		NR
ROMS	WO1	1	1			
COMS	S/Sjt	5	3	2		NR
PL Sjts	Sjt	25	20	5		NR
Bateman	Pte	35	23	12		NR
Dvrs MT	Cpl			1		NR
"	Pte	11	12		1	
Gen Dut (mess)	"	2	2			
Hygiene Duties	"	4	5		1	
Cartoon	Sjt	1	1			
IMG/Rifleman	Cpl	36	31	5		NR
"	Pte	261	291	30		NR
MMG Nos	Cpl	2	2			
"	Pte	20	18	2		2
Mortar Nos	Cpl	5	5			
"	Pte	68	65	3		3
Orderlies	"	32	37		5	
Pioneers	Cpl	4	3	1		NR
"	Pte	28	28			
Regtl Police	Sjt	1	1			
"	Pte	6	6			
Storemen	"	5	5			
Stretcher Bearers	Sjt	1		1		NR
"	Cpl	2		2		NR
"	Pte	18	15	3		3
TE/A Nos	Cpl	4	2	2		NR
"	Pte	15	10	5		5
Water Duties	Pte	2	2			
TOTAL CARRIED FORWARD		789	662	137	30	106

APPENDIX 'A' (continued)

TRADE	Rank	WE	Posted Strength	Def-icit	Sur-plus	Reinfts Required	-/-
TOTAL BROUGHT FORWARD		XXXX					
ATTACHED BY WE		769	662	137	30	106	
<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		NR	
<u>AEME</u>							
Armorer	Sgt	1					
" TGI	Pte	1					
Fitter Gun TGI	Pte	1	1		1		
<u>AA POST S</u>							
Postal Duties	Sgt	1	1				
<u>APC</u>							
Pay Clerk	Sgt	1	1				
" "	Cpl	1	1				
<u>AACC</u>							
Caterer	WO1	1	-	1		NR	
Cooks	Sgt	5	1	4		NR	
"	Cpl	5	3	2		NR	
"	Pte	13	14		1		
		82	688	145	32	106	
SURPLUS TRADESMEN NOT ALLOWED BY WE							
<u>TRADE GROUP</u>							
etc							
G1 Bricklayer			1				
G2 Fletcher			1				
Mech MT			1				
Signaller			4				
Intelligence			2				
G3 Clerks			1				
Dvr Mechs			1				
Nursing Orderly			1				
Engine Hand			1				

-/- This column NOT to be used

DATE OF DESPATCH

25 Aug 45

SIGNATURE

W.S. Howden

Lt-col

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

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

Army Form C.2118.
(Adapted.)

(Erase heading not required.)

Unit 2/8 Aust Inf Bn Date and Time.—From 1 Sep 45 To 30 Sep 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
WEWAK POINT	1 Sep		WEATHER:- Fine FIELD RETURN	APPX 1.
	2 Sep		WEATHER:- Fine	
	3 Sep	3	WEATHER:- Fine to showery late afternoon.	
			Cpts E.L.Watson and H.A.Coulston and 45 ORs marched out for discharge under 5 year plan	
			Bde parade on WEWAK STRIP. Address and inspection by G.O.C Maj Gen Robertson.	
			Lt A.G.Holden long service discharge whilst on leave, Capt A.J.Mooney R.M.O. M/O 25 days A.R.L.	
	Sep 4.		Pictures held in Bde theatre. WEATHER:- Cloudy.	
	Sep 5		Lt T.A.Erskine M/O/ for Occupational Discharge WEATHER:- Fine	
	Sep 6		Bn Routine Orders No 4 WEATHER:- Night 5/6 showery, morning cloudy	APPX "2"
	Sep 7		Maj D.Braham R.T.U. ex Hosp Maj M.J.Dwyer M/O/ Long Service Discharge WEATHER:- Fine	
			Rehersal parade for personnal attending surrender signing by Gen ADACHI at WOM STRIP on Sep 13. Bn Routine Orders	APPX 3
	Sep 9		WEATHER:- Fine. Church Parades, Gombines Service 0930 at Unit Rec Hut.	
	Sep 10	8	R.C. Parade 1800 hrs at R.C.Chapel. WEATHER:) Cloudy, light rain early morning	
			Field Return	APPX 4

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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(Adapted.)

(Erase heading not required.)

Unit 2/8 Aust Inf Bn Date and Time.—From 1 Sep 45 To 30 Sep 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
WEWAK POINT	Sep 10		WEATHER:- Night 9/10 rain, morning overcast. A course of small arms training and smartening up drill for new reinforcements commenced in lines. Maj Braham O.C. Course	
			Lt A.M. Whiteside evac hosp Pictures held at Bde theatre.	
	Sep 11		WEATHER:- Night 10/11 heavy rain & early morning? day conditions cloudy. Lt col W.S. Howden evac hosp. Maj D Braham Adm Comd.	
	Sep 12		Capt R.E. Pape placed on R.S.L. (Med) WEATHER:- fine and hot.	
	Sep 13		WEATHER:- Fine and hot Div Parade at CAPE WOM STRIP to witness signing of surrender documents by Lt Gen ADACHI. Approx 150 men from Unit attended.	
	Sep 14		WEATHER:- Night 13/14 squally, morning hot and humid Muster Parade called by Maj Braham to inform tps of future intentions of Unit.	
	Sep 15		WEATHER:- Night 14/15 heavy rain day conditions humid	
	Sep 16		Field Return WEATHER:- Night 15/16 heavy rain, morning showery finishing up during afternoon. The following awards confirmed, MCs Capt J.M. Trethowan Lts W.B Atkinson and T.A. Erskine. MMs Sjt Lietch. Ptes B Bassula and Westhead.	APPX 5

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

Army Form C.2118.
(Adapted.)

(Erase heading not required.)

Unit 2/8 Aust Inf Bn Date and Time.—From 1 Sep 45 To 30 Sep 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.	
WEWAK POINT	Sep 17		WEATHER:- Cloudy. Pictures held in new theatre area situated South of Unit lines	APPX 6.	
	Sep 18		Bn Routine Orders WEATHER:- Generally fine with showers during the day		
	Sep 19		WEATHER:- Night 18/19 rain, morning conditions fine Draft of 45 ORs marched out for discharge under long service plan		
	Sep 20		WEATHER:- fine and sunny.		
	Sep 21		WEATHER:- Fine Lt Whiteside R.T.U. ex hosp		
	Sep 22		WEATHER:- Fine and hot. First party of 100 Japs pass through to embarkation point on West side of WEWAK POINT to be transported to MUSCHU IS. Prisoners are expected to arrive at the rate of 100 per day. Prisoners appear to be in fair condition, but very dirty and unshaven Boxing was held in the Bde Theatre area. 8 bouts being staged.		
	Sep 23		Field Return WEATHER:- Fine. Church Parades:- Combined service 0930 R.C. 1800 hrs Lt-col W.S.Howden R.T.U. ex hosp.		APPX 7
	Sep 24		WEATHER:- Fine		
	Sep 25		WEATHER:- Cloudy.		
	Sep 26		WEATHER:- Showery to heavy rain. 8 ORs M/O/ to emplane for mainland on grounds of Occupational Release. Bn muster parade for address by Maj Lucas of the Loan Directorate		

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

During the month of September, the main activity of the Unit has been working parties with the Engineers on road construction and bridge building, at the 104 C.C.S. newly established on WEWAK POINT just West of Unit lines, also work parties in the Unit area, generally improving roads, kitchens and erecting courts for deck tennis etc.

PARADES: A Brigade parade for the G.O.C. was held on WEWAK STRIP 3rd Sep, the G.O.C. addressed the troops and complimented them on the fine job done in the recent campaign and expressed pleasure in being back in charge of the Div with which he commenced his army life in this war.

SURRENDER PARADE: A parade comprising of representatives from each Unit of the 6 Aust Div, 3 Aust Base Sub Area, Naval Detachments, R.A.A.F. detachments, and members of the Royal Papuan Constabulary which participated in the recent operations.

The parade formed up on WOM STRIP to witness the surrender of the 18 Japanese Army, commanded by Lt-Gen ADACHI. Lt-Gen ADACHI was flown in from HAYFIELD STRIP by the R.A.A.F. to WEWAK STRIP; thence by Jeep to the surrender parade at CAPE WOM. Gen ADACHI was accompanied by 3 Staff Officers and an interpreter, all with the exception of the interpreter wore dress uniforms decorated with braid and decorations.

At the completion of signing the surrender terms ADACHI and his staff surrendered their swords to Maj Gen ROBERTSON G.O.C. 6 Aust Div and then proceeded off the strip to return to their inland headquarters.

Immediately after ADACHI left the Parade, Maj Gen ROBERTSON delivered his address in which he stated that the 6 Aust Div was the first A.I.F. Div to take part in the first BRITISH victory of arms during this war. The Div was also in action at the cessation of hostilities.

MOVEMENT OF JAP P.W. Much interest was shown in the Jap prisoners marching in from the collecting point at MT SHIBURANGU to a point on WEWAK WEST HARBOUR, where they embark on L.C.Ms en route to MUSCHU IS. The prisoners are handled in batches of 100. The prisoners generally appear to be in fair condition, though some break down en route and have to be transported by M.T. to embarkation point.

ENTERTAINMENT: Entertainment has been plentiful during the month, usually two picture shows a week. Boxing was commenced on Sat 22 and is being held every Sat night. The class of boxing being very good as the contestants are well trained, resulting in some fine exhibitions.

A rather unusual show as far as this area is concerned, was a ballet displayed by a team of dancers at present touring this area. They were given an excellent reception by the troops, for some this being their first experience at this type of entertainment.

90 Longservice personnel marched out during the month. This leaving only 8 longservice men to go.

APP 1.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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

/ / (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 1 / 9 / 1945 2/8 Aust Inf (Unit)

W.E. 11/12/3 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.				
	2 4 6		1 1 5 13	* * Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs.	AANC	1							
	11		22			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.		23									23
		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.
1451	Maj	FRARAM D.	Evac Hosp	30.8.45	
13519	lt	ATKINSON W.B.	19 Aust Inf Bde	27.8.45	Seconded as LO
1033	lt	ERSKINE T.R.	GDD NSW	31.8.45	Comp Discharge

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

Army Form W.3008
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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 1 / 9 / 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.
XXXXXX							
Lt-col	VX14047	HOWDEN	W.S.	C.O.	Yes		
Major	VX9768	DWYER	M.J.	CCHQ	"		
Capt	VX5479	RUMLEY	L.O.	CC B	No	INQ Test Sch BERNLEIGH 9.6.45	
"	VX6513	METCALF	E.C.	" D	"	Leave 6.7.45	
"	VX6405	COULSTON	H.A.	2icB	Yes		
"	VX6401	ADAMS	J.S.	Adjt	"		
"	VX9105	WATSON	E.L.	CC C	"		
Lt	VX6300	TRETHOWAN	J.V.	2icC	"		
"	VX6209	FISHLOCK	G.P.N.	QM	No	Leave 19.7.45	
"	VX4637	COMBES	G.A.	CC 13	"	INQ Staff Sch CABARLAG 11.6.	
"	VX50424	WHITESIDE	A.H.W.	2icA	Yes		
"	VX38604	CHAPPE	F.C.	CC 1	No	Leave 10.7.45	
"	VX13323	MITSON	W.A.	" 17	Yes		
"	VX3057	FLUDE	B.D.	" 9	"		
"	VX82932	WESTWOOD	W.H.	" 14	"		
"	VX43166	MARTIN	F.J.	" 18	No	Comp Leave 15.3.45	
"	VX109898	KERR	T.A.	" 16	Yes		
"	VX89845	PENN-TONKIN	L.M.	" 11	"		
"	VX87918	O'SHEA	W.E.	T.O.	"		
"	VX87290	BOIGER	E.C.	CC 15	"		
"	VX86673	BEHAN	G.T.	" 7	"		
"	VX43194	HOLDEN	A.G.	" 12	No	Leave 29.7.45	
ATTACHED ON W.E.							
Capt	VX77247	MOONEY	A.J.	RMO	Yes		

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 C.H.	3ACHD	30.6.42	Chaplain

1 Sep 45

Date of Despatch

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

W.3008 12/44

APPENDIX 'A' (continued)

TRADE	Rank	WE	Posted Strength	Def-iclt	Sur-plus	Reinfts Required	-/-
TOTAL BROUGHT FORWARD		767					
ATTACHED BY WE		769	660	135	26	98	
<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		NR	
<u>AAEME</u>							
Armorer	Sgt	1					
TGI	Pte	1					
Fitter Gun TGI	Pte	1			1		
<u>AA POST S</u>							
Postal Duties	Sgt	1	1				
<u>AAPC</u>							
Pay Clerk	Sgt	1	1				
"	Cpl	1	1				
<u>AAOC</u>							
Caterer	WO11	1	-	1		NR	
Cooks	Sgt	5	1	4		NR	
"	Cpl	5	3	2		NR	
"	Pte	13	15		2		
		802	687	143	29	98	
<u>SURPLUS TRADESMEN NOT ALLOWED BY WE</u>							
<u>TRADE GROUP 1</u>							
OP1 Bricklayer			1				
OP2 Plotter			1				
Mech MT			1				
Signaller			1				
Intelligence			2				
OP3 Clerks			1				
Dvr Mechs			10				
Nursing Orderly			1				
Engine Hand			1				

-/- This column NOT to be used

DATE OF DESPATCH

1 Sep 45

SIGNATURE

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

Lt-col

DATE: _____

UNIT: 2/8 AUSTRALIAN INF BN WE 11/12c/3 One Reinft - 8 x 78

TRADE	Rank	WE	Posted Strength	Deficient%	Surplus	Reinfts Required
TRADE GROUP 1						
Blacksmith	Pte	1	-	1		NR
Bricklayer	Pte	-	1		1	
TRADE GROUP 2						
Carpenter	Pte	6	3	3		NR
Inc Duties	Sjt	1	1			NR
" "	Cpl	2	1	1		NR
" "	Pte	7	2		2	
Signalliers	Cpl	4	3	1		NR
"	Pte	22	25		3	
Plotter			1		1	
Mech Mt			1		1	
TRADE GROUP 3						
Butcher	Pte	1	-	1		NR
Clerks	Sjt	2	2			
"	Cpl	6	6			
"	Pte	4	5		1	
Copt REPAIRER	"	1	1			
Rangefinder	"	4	4			
Storeman Tech	Sjt	1	-	1		NR
" "	Pte	3	2	1		NR
Tailor	Sjt	1	1			
"	Cpl	1	1			
Ovr Mechs			10		10	
Nursing Orderly			1		1	
Engine Hand			1		1	
NON-SPECIALISTS						
RSP	WO11	1	1			
CBM	WO11	5	1	4		NR
RMS	WO11	1	1			
CONS	S/Sjt	5	3	2		NR
Pl Sjts	Sjt	25	19	6		NR
Bateman	Pte	35	22	13		NR
Dvrs MT	Cpl	1	-	1		NR
"	Pte	11	12		1	
Gen Dut (mess)	"	2	2	1		NR
Hygiene Duties	"	4	5		1	
Canteen	Sjt	1	1			
IMG/Rifleman	Cpl	36	31	5		NR
"	Pte	361	289	72		72
MMG Nos	Cpl	2	2			
"	Pte	20	18	2		2
Mortar Nos	Cpl	5	5			
"	Pte	68	63	5		3
Orderlies	"	32	35		3	
Pioneers	Cpl	4	3	1		NR
"	Pte	28	23			
Regtl Police	Sjt	1	1			
"	Pte	6	6			
Storemen	"	5	4		2	NR
Stretcher-Bearers	Sjt	1	-	1		NR
"	Cpl	2	-	2		NR
"	Pte	18	14	4		3
TM/A Nos	Cpl	4	2	2		NR
"	Pte	15	29	6		5
Water Duties	Pte	2	2			
TOTAL CARRIED FORWARD		769	660	135	26	93

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APPX 2

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

RESTRICTED

ROUTINE ORDERS

BY

Lt-col W.S. HOWDEN, COMMANDING 2/8 AUST INF BN

Date: 5 Sep 45

No.: 4

1. VISIT OF HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL

Advice now received that on medical advice HRH is compelled to cancel his proposed visit to BORNEO and NEW GUINEA. HRH is most disappointed and will be grateful if this message is conveyed to troops. DUKE has been ordered complete rest for two months and so a postponement is NOT possible.

2. ENGINES, SPARK IGNITION - FIRE HAZARD

(a) Attention of all ranks is drawn to the danger of priming petrol engines by pouring liquid petrol into induction manifolds. In addition to this practice being harmful to cylinder bores, piston rings and valve guides, etc, grave fire risk is involved which has in the past been responsible for loss of life, loss of valuable equipment and painful injuries to personnel.

(b) The introduction of petrol into the inlet manifold of a petrol engine by removing the air cleaner and pouring the petrol through the carburettor air intake will only be resorted to as an emergency.

(c) Not more than approx one tablespoon of petrol will be introduced by this method.

(d) Under no circumstances will any attempt be made to start the engine until the air-cleaner has been replaced.

3. AUSTRALIAN ARMY CANTEENS SERVICE

The Australian Army Canteens Service distributed out of profits accumulated from the inception of the service to 31st Dec 1944 the following amounts:-

CFO for Unit Trust Funds	£1,604,419
GOCs Amenities Funds and AMF	1,070,382
Special Amenities Fund	45,134
Xmas Fare and other amenities	262,251
Contributions to ORs' Clubs	<u>£2,982,186</u>

The amount of profits accumulated at 31st Dec 1944, but as yet undistributed, totals £2,409,943, and is used as capital to finance the business of the service. The Canteen Service Regulations provide that, at the winding up of the service, the fund of accumulated profits is to be vested in trustees to be appointed by the Minister for the benefit of members and ex-members of the Military forces and their dependants or the dependants of deceased members, the intention being to provide for those cases of hardship which do not fall within the necessarily exact definitions of the Repatriation laws.

John Adams Capt
(J.S. ADAMS.)
Adjt 2/8 Aust Inf Bn

War Diary Off 3

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

RESTRICTED

ROUTINE ORDERS

BY

Lt-col W.S. HOWDEN, COMMANDING 2/8 AUST INF BN

Date: 7 Sep 45

No: 5

CENSORSHIP & SECURITY

Censorship rules as affecting private correspondence may now be considerably relaxed and personnel may mention the following subjects normally prohibited by war time regulations:-

Units and locations
movements of troops, ships, planes etc
Armament or equipment

No mention will be made of the subjects mentioned in the following paras:

- (i) Casualty figures before official publications
- (ii) The effect of any action by the enemy. This includes any remarks that may tend, if published, to encourage the enemy, to cause despondency in our own forces or people, or to prejudice good relations between our own people and people of neutral or allied countries.
- (iii) Criticism and statements which may bring into disrepute our forces or those of our allies.

ARL

In view of movement requirements to mainland for return of personnel for long service release and commencement of demobilization the return to mainland of personnel solely for ARL will be suspended excepting members granted compassionate or emergency leave. Representations will be made for resumption of leave programme particularly for personnel with low points priority without leave for considerable period when OOB settled and order of movement of units to mainland determined.

FISH - DATA FOR COUNCIL FOR COUNCIL FOR SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH

The Divisional Commander has been asked by the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research to supply any data that can be collected on the types of fish found in NEW GUINEA waters.

The information will be of great value to the Council in recording the movements of various types of fish through Australian controlled waters. Very little attention has been given to the fishing industry and any information supplied will assist in the compilation of data and increase our knowledge of what is potentially a great primary industry.

Many fish with internationally recognized names are known in Australia by names of a purely local origin and by obtaining accurate descriptions it is hoped to trace the movement of shoals from foreign waters migrating through those adjacent to our own coast.

The divisional Commander requests that details of catches be recorded on the attached pro forma and despatched to this BnHQ. A photograph or sketch of large fish with first dorsal fin extended will aid in identification.

DRESS:

- (a) Gaiters US will be worn with laces crossed around hooks in the manner laid down by this brigade some two years ago.
- (b) Shirts MAY be removed for active participation in sport BUT will be worn at all other times unless the soldier actually is bathing or under a mosquito net. Breaches of this instruction will in future be the subject of a charge and NOT a warning.

CENSORSHIP

Unit censorship incl censorship of mail from recovered PW will cease as from 7 Sep. Until further instr are given essential that unit censor stamps continue to be impressed on all comms in order to receive army postal concession rate. Censorship of parcels will continue to be carried out by field censorship dets to prevent despatch of arms explosives and army equipment.

USE OF TRANSPORT FOR ENTERTAINMENTS

Commencing Wed 5 Sep, transport will not be used for transport of personnel to entertainments outside their own area.

This instruction will not impose any hardship as all films are shown in each area in rotation. Duty personnel who cannot attend a local screening may be provided with "Jeep" transport from unit resources to attend a screening in the adjoining area.

For purposes of entertainments, areas are defined as follows:-

- (a) 3 Aust Base Sub Area extends from MANDI to MISSION CREEK (8 Aust Inf Bde will attend nearest screening in this area)
- (b) 19 Aust Inf Bde area extends from excl MISSION CREEK to include WEWAK POINT.
- (c) Div Tps area extends from excl WEWAK POINT WESTWARD to incl 135 Aust Bde Wksp (the most WESTERLY of the workshops on the CAPE PUS Road)
- (d) The PUS area extends WESTWARD from excl 135 Aust Bde Wksp to include CAPE PUS. Units in this area will attend screenings at the 2/1 Aust Inf Bn theatre.

Coy Commanders will ensure that unit transport is not used contrary to this instruction.

John Adams Capt
(J.S. ADAMS.)
Adjt 2/8 Aust Inf Bn

DESCRIPTION OF FISH CAUGHT ON ~~WATER~~ - NEW GUINEA

Date

Time

LENGTH

(measured by laying the fish flat on a board or deck, marking the extremities of nose and the fork of the tail, and then measuring on the flat the intervening distance.)

GIRTH

WEIGHT

(weighed before the fish is cleaned - approx weight is sufficient where scales are not available)

COLOR

(the predominating color with any outstanding contrast such as "blue nose" "blue first dorsal fin" etc)

MARKINGS

(blue bars, silver stripes - lengthwise or crosswise - black dots etc)

FINS

(description of fins particularly the space between the dorsal fins. Number, kind and position of small finlets near tail)

TAIL

(rough sketch of tail)

WHERE CAUGHT

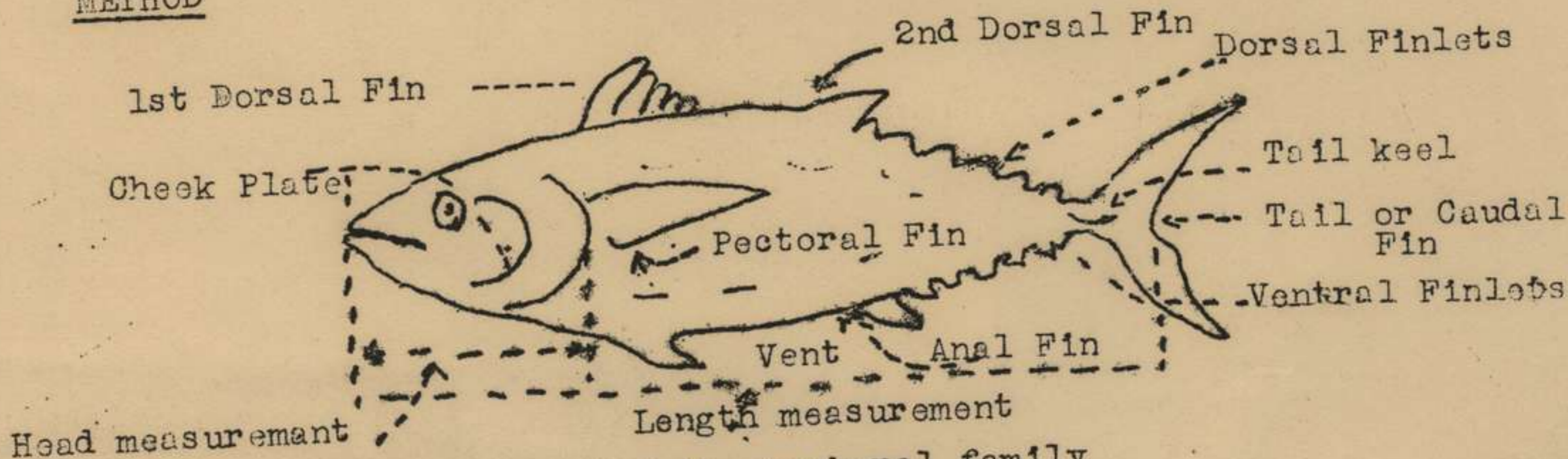
(off some point on land and whether in deep water or off a reef etc.)

TYPE OF BAIT

(types of grenades need not be specified)

METHOD

(net, trolling, trap, static line etc)



A typical tuna - one of the mackerel family

Appn 4

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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

36 / 45 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 8 / 9 / 194 5.2/8 Aust Inf (Unit)

W.E. 111 / 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'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.			
	2 6 7		1 1 3 15	* * Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs.	AAMC	1						
	13		20			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.	21									21
		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.
SX1451	Maj	BRAMHAM D.	2/7 Fd Amb	6.9.45	

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
VX9105	Capt	WATSON E.L.	GDD Vic	3.9.45	Longser
VX6406	"	COULSTON H.A.	"	4.9.45	"
VX9768	Maj	DWYER M.J.	"	6.9.45	"
NX77247	Capt	MOONEY A.J.	IFD NSW	2.9.45	24 days ARL

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 8/9/1945 (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.	G.O.	Yes		
Major	VX1451	BRAMHAM	D.	2ic	"		
Capt	VX5479	RUMLEY	L.O.	OC B	No	INQ Tact Sch BRENLEIGH 9.6.4	
"	VX6513	WETGALF	E.C.	" D	"	Leave 6.7.45	
"	VX6401	ADAMS	J.S.	Adjt	Yes		
Lt	VX6300	TRETHOWAN	J.M.	2ic	"		
"	VX6209	FISHLOCK	G.P.N.	QM	No	Leave 19.7.45	
"	VX4637	COMBES	G.A.	OC 13	"	INQ Staff Sch CABARLAG 11.6.	
"	VX50424	WHITESIDE	A.M.W.	2ic	Yes		
"	VX38604	CHAPPE	P.C.	OC 1	No	Leave 18.7.45	
"	VX13323	HUTSON	W.A.	" 17	Yes		
"	VX3057	PLUDE	B.D.	" 9	"		
"	VX82032	WESTWOOD	W.H.	" 14	"		
"	VX43166	MARTIN	F.J.	" 18	No	Comp Leave 15.8.45	
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"	VX87290	BOIGER	E.C.	OC 15	"		
"	VX86673	BEHAN	G.T.	" 7	"		
"	VX43194	HOLDEN	A.G.	" 12	No	Leave 29.7.45	
ATTACHED ON W.E.							
Capt	VX77247	MOONEY	A.J.	RMO	No	Leave 2.9.45	

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 C.H.	AACHD	30.6.42	Chaplain

8 Sep 45

Date of Despatch

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

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 8/ 9/1945 2/8 Aust Inf Bde (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 W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				5 DETAIL.	6 ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.
			1	W.Os. Class I.		-			
NR	6			W.Os. Class II.		-		1	NR
				Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
NR	4		1	Staff Sergeants		5			
			14	Sergeants		5		4	NR
NR	19		46	Corporals		4		4	NR
NR	21		558	Troopers, Privates, etc.		15	1		
120	122	23		Civilians counting as O.R.					
110	172		* 626	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.		24 *	1	9	*

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 7 of instructions for compilation of this return will complete analysis of Part B(1) and B(2).

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

Detail	A.I.F.	C.M.F.		A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL
		Under 19 Years.	19 Years and over.							
A	644									644
B(1)										
B(2)										

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

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

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.
3	2/79 LAD ARME			1	Qld Ech & Records		
1	19 Aust Inf Bde						

Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return To.....(Unit) is Particularly Requested. / / 194.....

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

DATE: _____

UNIT: 2/8 AUST INF BN WE 11/120/3 One Reinf't - 8 x 78 8 Sep 45

TRADE	Rank	WE	Postn Strength	Deficient	Sub-plus	Reinf'ts Required
TRADE GROUP 1						
Blacksmith	Pte	1	1	1		NR
Blacklayer	Pte		1		1	
TRADE GROUP 2						
Carpenter	Pte	6	3	3		NR
Int Duties	Sjt	1	1	1		NR
" "	Cpl	2	1	1		NR
" "	Pte	7	3		1	NR
Signallers	Cpl	4	2	2		NR
"	Pte	22	24		2	
Plotter			1		1	
TRADE GROUP 3						
Baker	Pte	1		1		NR
Cook	Sjt	2	2			
"	Cpl	6	6			
"	Pte	4	4			
Boys REPAIRER	"	1	1			
Rangekeeper	"	4	3	1		NR
Storeman Tech	Sjt	1	1	1		NR
"	Pte	3	3	1		NR
Tailor	Sjt	1	1	1		NR
"	Cpl	1	1			
Top Mends			10		10	
Nursing Orderly			1		1	
NON-SPECIALISTS						
BM	WO11	1	1			
CBM	WO11	5	5			
COMS	WO11	1	1	3		NR
COMS	S/Sjt	5	1	4		NR
PL Sjts	Sjt	25	10	15		NR
Bateman	Pte	35	16	19		NR
Dvrs MT	Cpl		1	1		NR
"	Pte	11	12			
Gen Dut (mess)	"	2	2	1		NR
Hygiene Duties	"	4	5		1	
Canteen	Sjt	1	1	1		NR
MMG/Rifleman	Cpl	36	25	11		NR
"	Pte	261	284	77		NR
MMG Nos	Cpl	2	2			
"	Pte	20	18		2	NR
Mortar Nos	Cpl	5	4	1		NR
"	Pte	68	62	6		NR
Orderlies	"	32	36			
Pioneers	Cpl	4	3	1		NR
"	Pte	28	27	1		NR
Regtl Police	Sjt	1	1	1		NR
"	Pte	6	6			
Storeman	"	5	5			
Stretcher Bearers	Sjt	1	1	1		NR
"	Cpl	2	1	1		NR
"	Pte	18	13	5		NR
TE/A Nos	Cpl	4	2	2		NR
"	Pte	15	11	4		NR
Water Duties	Pte	2	3		1	
TOTAL CARRIED		789	620	172	25	110

TRADE	Rank	WE	Posted Strength	Def-icit	Sur-plus	Reinfts Required	-/-
TOTAL BROUGHT FORWARD		767 769	620	172	23	110	
<u>ATTACHED BY WE</u>							
<u>AAMC</u>							
Chiropodist	Cpl	1	-	1		NR	
Hyg Inspector	Sgt	1	1				
Med Orderly	Sgt	1	1				
"	Pte	1	2		1		
<u>AAOC</u>							
Shoemaker	Cpl	1	-	1		NR	
<u>AMEE</u>							
Armourer	Sgt	1					
" TGI	Pte	1					
Fitter Gun TGI	Pte	1	1		1		
<u>AA POST S</u>							
Postal Duties	Sgt	1	1				
<u>APC</u>							
Pay Clerk	Sgt	1	1				
"	Cpl	1	1				
<u>AACC</u>							
Caterer	Woll	1	-	1		NR	
Cooks	Sgt	5	3	4		NR	
"	Cpl	5	3	2		NR	
"	Pte	13	12	1		NR	
		802	644	152	25	110	
<u>SURPLUS TRADESMEN NOT ALLOWED BY WE</u>							
<u>TRADE GROUP 1</u>							
etc							
Cpl Bricklayer			1				
GP2 Fletcher			1				
Signallers			2				
Intelligence			1				
GP3 Dvr Mechs			10				
Nursing Orderly			1				

-/- This column NOT to be used

DATE OF DESPATCH

8 Sep 45

SIGNATURE

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

Lt-col

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 8 / 9 / 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, 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				Bangetakers			
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths		1						Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer		1	
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevedores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II				Sawyers		1		Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers		1		Signallers		1		Tailors			
Dispensers				Axemen		4		Signwriters		1		Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers		1		Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers		1		Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters		1		Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks				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.) MT		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		7					
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant							
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, L.C.							
Photewriter				Miners		1		Equipment Repairers							
Plumber				Moulders				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.

8 Sep 45
Date of Despatch

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

Appx 5.

Army Form W.3008
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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

37 / 45 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 15 / 9 / 1945 2/8 Aust Inf Bn (Unit)

W.E. 11120 / 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.				
	1 2 6 10		- 1 3 12	* * Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs.									
	19		16										
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.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.		16									16
		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.
VX14047	Lt-col	HOWDEN W.S.	Evac 2/7 Pd Amb	11.9.45	
VX50424	Lt	WHITESIDE A.M.W.	"	10.9.45	
VX43194	"	HOLDEN A.G.	GDD Vic	3.9.45	Longser
VX6513	Capt	METCALF E.C.	115 AGH	30.8.45	Evac hosp ex leave
NX77247	"	MOONEY A.J.	Held on mainland	14.9.45	cesses to be attached (AANC)

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 15 / 9 / 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.
Major	SX1451	BRAHAM D.	D.	2ic	Yes		
Capt	VX5479	RUMLEY	L.O.	OC B	No	LHQ Tact Sch BEENLEIGH 9.6.	
"	VX6401	ADAMS	J.S.	Adjt	Yes		
"	VX6300	TRETHOWAN	J.M.	OC C	"		
Lt	VX6209	FISHLOCK	G.F.N.	T.O.	No	Leave 19.7.45	
"	TX4637	COMBES	G.A.	OC 13	"	LHQ Staff Sch CABARLAG 11.6.	
"	VX38604	CHAPPE	F.C.	" 1	"	LEAVE 18.7.45	
"	VX13323	HUTSON	W.A.	" 17	Yes		
"	TX3057	FLUDE	B.D.	" 9	"		
"	VX82032	WESTWOOD	W.H.	" 14	"		
"	OX43166	MARTIN	E.J.	" 18	No	Comp Leave 15.8.45	
"	VX109896	KERR	T.A.	" 16	Yes		
"	VX89845	PENN-TONKIN	L.M.	" 11	"		
"	VX78918	O'SHEA	W.E.	QM	"		
"	VX87290	BOLGER	E.C.	OC 15	"		
"	VX86673	BEHAN	G.T.	A/Adjt	"		

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 G.H.	AACMD	30.6.42	Chaplain

15 Sep 45
Date of Despatch

[Signature]
Signature of Commander
(D. BRAHAM.)
Adm Comd 2/8 Aust Inf Bn

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 15 Sep 1945 2/8 Aust Inf B (Unit)

W.E. 11/129 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.				
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.
			1	W.Os. Class I.					
NR	6		-	W.Os. Class II.		-		1	NR
				Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
NR	3		2	Staff Sergeants					
NR	19		14	Sergeants		5		4	NR
NR	20	1	48	Corporals		3		5	NR
121	130	25	552	Troopers, Privates, etc.		15	1		NR
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
121	* 178	26	617 *	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.		23 *	1	10	*

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 7 of instructions for compilation of this return will complete analysis of Part B(1) and B(2).	Detail	A.I.F.	C.M.F.		A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
			Under 19 Years.	19 Years and over.							
	A	640									640
	B(1)										
	B(2)										

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

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

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.
3	2/79 LAD AEME			2	Old Ech & Records		
1	19 Aust Inf Bde						

Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return To (Unit) is Particularly Requested. / /194

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

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 15/ 9 /1945 .

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reinfs. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reinfs. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reinfs. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reinfs. 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 Radle				Watchmakers				Opticians				Sangetakers			
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Eiveters			
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		1	
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stvedores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers		1		Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers		1		Signallers		1		Tailors			
Dispensers				Axemen		4		Signwriters		1		Textile Reftters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers		1		Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Bollermakers		1		Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters		1		Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks				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.) MT		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		7					
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		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. "Reinfs. 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.

15 Sep 45
Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander
Maj

DATE: _____

UNIT: 2/8 AUST INF BN WE 11/12c/3 One Reinft - 8 x 78 15 Sep 45

TRADE	Rank	WE	Posted Strength	Deficient	Surplus	Reinfts Required
TRADE GROUP 1						
Blacksmith	Pte	1	1	1	1	NR
Reinlayer	Pte					
TRADE GROUP 2						
Carpenter	Pte	6	2	4		NR
Int Duties	Sjt	1	1	1		NR
" "	Cpl	2	1	1		NR
" "	Pte	7	8		1	NR
Signallers	Cpl	4	2	2		NR
"	Pte	22	23		1	
Pletter			1		1	
TRADE GROUP 3						
Banner	Pte	1		1		NR
Clerks	Sjt	2	2			
"	Cpl	6	4		1	
"	Pte	4	4			
Dept REPAIRER	"	1	1			
Rangefinder	"	4	1	1		NR
Storeman Tech	Sjt	1	1	1		NR
"	Pte	3	2	1		NR
Tailor	Sjt	1	1			
"	Cpl	1	1			
Dvr Mechs					9	
Nursing Orderly					1	
NON-SPECIALISTS						
RSM	WO11	1	1			
CSM	WO11	5		5		NR
RQMS	WO11	1		1		NR
COMS	S/Sjt	5	2	3		NR
Pl Sjts	Sjt	25	10	15		NR
Bateman	Pte	35	16	19		19
Dvrs MT	Cpl			1		NR
"	Pte	11	11			
Gen Dut (mess)	"	32	2	1		NR
Hygiene Duties	"	4	2	1	1	NR
Canteen	Sjt	1	1	1		NR
MG/Rifleman	Cpl	36	26	10		NR
"	Pte	261	279	82		82
MMG Nos	Cpl	2	2			
"	Pte	20	17	3		3
Mortar Nos	Cpl	5	4	1		NR
"	Pte	68	60	8		8
Orderlies	"	32	41		9	
Pioneers	Cpl	4	3	1		NR
"	Pte	28	28			
Regtl. Police	Sjt	1		1		NR
"	Pte	6	6			
Storemen	"	6	6			
Stretcher						
Bearers	Sjt	1		1		NR
"	Cpl	2		2		NR
"	Pte	18	15	3		5
TK/A Nos	Cpl	4	2	2		NR
"	Pte	15	11	4		4
Water Duties	Pte	2	3		1	
TOTAL CARRIED		769	617	178	26	121

APPENDIX 'A' (continued)


TRADE	Rank	WE	Posted Strength	Def-icit	Sur- plus	Reinfts Required	-/-
TOTAL BROUGHT FORWARD		767 769	617	178	26	121	
<u>ATTACHED BY WE</u>							
<u>AAMC</u>							
Chiropricist	Cpl	1	-	1		NR	
Hyg Inspector	Sgt	1	1				
Med Orderly	Sgt	1	1				
"	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		
<u>AA POST S</u>							
Postal Duties	Sgt	1	1				
<u>AAPC</u>							
Pay Clerk	Sgt	1	1				
"	Cpl	1	-	1		NR	
<u>AACC</u>							
Caterer	WO1	1	-	1		NR	
Cooks	Sgt	5	1	4		NR	
"	Cpl	5	3	2		NR	
"	Pte	13	12	1		NR	
		802	640	189	26	121	
<u>SURPLUS TRADESMEN NOT ALLOWED BY WE</u>							
<u>TRADE GROUP 1</u>							
etc							
GP1 Bricklayer			1				
GP2 Plotter			1				
Signallers			2				
Intelligence			1				
GP3 Dvr Mechs			10				
Nursing Orderly			1				

This column NOT to be used

DATE OF DESPATCH 15 Sep 45

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 Major
 (D. BRAHAM.)
 Adm Comd 2/8 Aust Inf Bn

War Diary
Appa 6

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

RESTRICTED

ROUTINE ORDERS

BY

Major D. BRAHAM, Adm Comd 2/8 Aust Inf Bn

Date: 17 Sep 45

No.: 6

1. 2/8 AUST INF BN ASSOCIATION:

- (i) The association which was recently formed in MELBOURNE has got off to a good start and promises to be a most successful and happy association.
- (ii) The object of the association is to lay the foundations for a club whereby members of the Bn will be able to keep in touch with each other at various times of the year. This will be arranged in the form of functions including an annual re-union. By keeping in constant touch the more affluent and successful members may be able to assist those members who are not so fortunately placed.
- (iii) It is proposed that initially the subscription will be £1 per annum for metropolitan members and 5/- per annum for country and interstate members. This proposed subscription is subject to approval or otherwise by a general meeting of members after demobilization. If it is considered that such subscription is excessive, a reduction will be made and excess amounts credited to members accounts in advance.
- (iv) Coys will furnish this HQs with a nominal roll showing members name, home address and amount of subscription collected. This subscription will be collected next pay day.

2. BRIGADE COMPETITION FOR HOME DESIGN:

Arrangements are now complete for a series of talks to be given in units on the subject "Designing and Building Your Home". The lecturer will be Lt R V BOEHM B.E. who practised as an architect in Adelaide.

In connection with these talks it is proposed to organise a Bde Competition for the best house designed for the average soldier. The home must be suitable for a man, wife and 2 children, and of reasonable price for the average wage earner. The home should be designed so as to allow of extension at a later date.

Designs must be submitted to this HQ by 8 Oct 45, and must bear the name, army no, and unit of the entrant and be certified to be his original work.

A prize of £5 will be awarded to the winning entry.

The judge will be Lt BOEHM.

All entries will be carefully handled and returned after judging.

The best entries will be reproduced in a Bde bulletin on the subject.

3. ANTI- MALARIAL PRECAUTIONS:

The permission given by 6 Aust Div for troops to adopt optional dress whilst engaged in sporting activities has not resulted in an increase in the malaria rate.

For this reason approval is now given for the removal of shirts by the following personnel between 0630 and 1800 hrs when in the open:-

- (a) Parties engaged in hard manual labour
- (b) Drivers of
 - (i) Bulldozers
 - (ii) Tractors
 - (iii) Tip Trucks

Note: Permission is not granted to drivers of any other vehicles.

Care must be taken by all ranks to ensure that shirts when removed are not placed on the ground. This is a precaution against scrub typhus.

4. MAILS FOR PRISONERS OF WAR AND INTERNEES RECOVERED FROM THE ENEMY:

The Postmaster-General, Senator CAMERON, has announced that letters and photographs may now be sent to AUSTRALIAN and Allied Prisoners of War and Civilian Internees in Japanese hands.

The address should include service number, rank, name and unit, squadron or ship to which the prisoner was attached before capture followed by Liberated Prisoner of War, C/o Army Base P.O. MELBOURNE.

To cover later postings, it has been arranged that notices of recovery of personnel to next-of-kin by O2E should be forwarded. The units in question are:-

- (a) C/o one of the three (B) Reception Units (locations MOROTAI, SINGAPORE or MANILA) as appropriate for personnel recovered in those areas: and
- (b) C/o Aust Base Post Office, LAE personnel recovered in First Aust Army Area.

The superscription Prisoner of War Post should NOT be used. Stamps need NOT be affixed, as postage charges will be paid by the Red Cross.

J.S. Adams Capt
(J.S. ADAMS.)
Adjt 2/8 Aust Inf Bn

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Army Form W.3008
(Adapted) (Page 1)
(Revised Jan., 1943)
38 / 45 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 22 / 9 / 1945 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'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 2 6 9		1 3 13	* * Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs.								
	18		17									
		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.	17									17
		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.
X50424	Lt	WHITESIDE A.M.W.	RTU ex Hosp	21.9.45	

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

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 22/9/1945 (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.
Major	SX1451	BRAHAM	D.	21c	Yes		
Capt	VX5479	RUMLEY	L.O.	OC B	No	IHQ Tac Sch BEENLEIGH	9.6.45
"	VY6401	ADAMS	J.S.	Adjt	Yes		
"	VX6300	TRETHOWAN	J.M.	OC C	"		
Lt	VX6209	FISHLOCK	G.E.N.	T.O.	No	Leave	19.7.45
"	TX4637	COMBES	G.A.	OC 13	"	IHQ Staff Sch CABARLAG	11.6.45
"	VX50424	WHITESIDE	A.M.W.	OC HQ	Yes		
"	VX38604	CHAPPE	F.C.	" 1	No	Leave	18.7.45
"	VX13323	HUTSON	W.A.	" 17	Yes		
"	TX3057	FLIDE	B.D.	" 9	"		
"	VX82032	WESTWOOD	W.H.	" 14	"		
"	QX43166	MARTIN	R.J.	" 18	No	Leave (Comp)	15.8.45
"	VX109896	PENN-TONKIN	L.M.	" 11	Yes		
"	VX78918	O'SHEA	W.E.	QM	"		
"	VX87290	BOIGER	E.C.	OC 15	"		
"	VX86673	BEHAN	G.T.	A/Adjt	"		
"	VX109896	KERR	T.A.	OC 15	"		

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

22 Sep 45

Date of Despatch

[Signature]
Maj
Signature of Commander

Adm Comd 2/8 Aust Inf Bn

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

38/45 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 22/ 9 /1945 2/8 Aust Inf Bde (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.				
Reinf'ts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinf'ts. Required
			<u>1</u>	W.Os. Class I.					
NR	<u>6</u>		<u>1</u>	W.Os. Class II.				<u>1</u>	NR
				Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
NR	<u>4</u>		<u>1</u>	Staff Sergeants					
NR	<u>21</u>		<u>12</u>	Sergeants		<u>4</u>		<u>5</u>	NR
NR	<u>24</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>44</u>	Corporals		<u>3</u>		<u>5</u>	NR
139	<u>1527</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>518</u>	Troopers, Privates, etc.		<u>14</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>12</u>	NR
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
139	<u>212</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>576</u>	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2		<u>21</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>123</u>	

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 7 of instructions for compilation of this return will complete analysis of Part B(1) and B(2).	Detail	A.I.F.	C.M.F.		A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N	R.A.A.F	**	TOTAL
			Under 19 Years.	19 Years and over.							
			** 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.								
A		597									597
B(1)											
B(2)											

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

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

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached
<u>3</u>	<u>2/79 LAD AEME</u>			<u>2</u>	<u>Old Ech & Records</u>		
<u>1</u>	<u>19 Aust Inf Bde</u>						

Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return To.....(Unit) is Particularly Requested. / / 194.....

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

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 22 / 9 / 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 Boom 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								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths		1						Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer		1	
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevedores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers		1		Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers		1		Signallers		1		Tailors			
Dispensers				Axemen		4		Signwriters		1		Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers		1		Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architctural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers		1		Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters		1		Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks				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.)		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		7					
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. 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		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) Authorized 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.

22 Sep 45

Date of Despatch

Major
 (Signature of Commander)
 Adm Comd 2/8 Aust Inf Bn

DATE: 22 Sep 45

UNIT: 2/8 AUST INF BN WE 11/120/3 One Reinfnt - 8 x 78

TRADE	Rank	WE	Posted Strength	Deficient	Surplus	Reinfnts Required
TRADE GROUP 1						
Blacksmith	Pte	1	1	1		NR
Bricklayer	Pte	-	1		1	
TRADE GROUP 2						
Carpenter	Pte	6	2	4		NR
Int Duties	Sjt	1	1			
" "	Cpl	2	1	1		NR
" "	Pte	7	8		1	
Signallers	Cpl	4	1	3		NR
"	Pte	22	15	7		NR
Plotter						
By Mech						
TRADE GROUP 3						
Butcher	Pte	1	-	1		NR
Clerks	Sjt	2	2			
"	Cpl	6	7		1	
"	Pte	4	4			
Copt REPAIRER	"	1	1			
Rangetaker	"	4	3	1		NR
Storeman Tech	Sjt	1	-	1		NR
"	Pte	3	-	3		NR
Tailor	Sjt	1	1			
"	Cpl	1	-	1		NR
Dvr Mechs						
Nursing Orderly			6		6	
NON-SPECIALISTS						
RSM	WO11	1	1			
CSM	WO11	5	-	5		NR
QMS	WO11	1	-	1		NR
COMS	S/Sjt	5	1	4		NR
Pl Sjts	Sjt	25	8	17		NR
Bateman	Pte	35	16	19		NR
Dvrs MT	Cpl	1	-	1		NR
"	Pte	11	14		3	
Gen Dut (mess)	"	2	2	1		NR
Hygiene Duties	"	4	5		1	
Canteen	Sjt	1	1			
IMG/Rifleman	Cpl	36	24	12		NR
"	Pte	261	268	93		93
MMG Nos	Cpl	2	2			
"	Pte	20	15	5		5
Mortar Nos	Cpl	5	3	2		NR
"	Pte	68	58	10		10
Orderlies	"	32	35		3	
Pioneers	Cpl	4	3	1		NR
"	Pte	28	28			
Regtl Police	Sjt	1	-	1		NR
"	Pte	6	6			
Storemen	"	6	5			
Stretcher-Bearers	Sjt	1	-	1		NR
"	Cpl	2	-	2		NR
"	Pte	18	11	7		NR
TM/A Nos	Cpl	4	3	1		NR
"	Pte	15	10	5		NR
Water Duties	Pte	2	2			
TOTAL CARRIED		789	576	212	19	139
REMARKS						

POST	Rank	WE	Posted Strength	Def-icit	Sur- plus	Reinits Required	
TOTAL BROUGHT FORWARD		767 789	576	212	19	139	
<u>ATTACHED BY WE</u>							
<u>AAMC</u>							
Chiropodist	Cpl	1	-	1		NR	
Hyg Inspector	Sgt	1	-	1		NR	
Med Orderly	Sgt	1	1				
"	Pte	1	2		1		
<u>AAOC</u>							
Shoemaker	Cpl	1	-	1		NR	
<u>AEME</u>							
Armourer	Sgt	1					
XXXXXX TGI	Pte	1					
Fitter Gun TGI	Pte	1					
NV Fitter			1		1		
<u>AA POST S</u>							
Postal Duties	Sgt	1	1				
<u>APC</u>							
Pay Clerk	Sgt	1	1				
"	Cpl	1	-	1		NR	
<u>AACC</u>							
Caterer	WO1	1	-	1		NR	
Cooks	Sgt	5	3	4		NR	
"	Cpl	5	3	2		NR	
"	Pte	13	11	2		NR	
		802	597	225	21	139	
<u>SURPLUS TRADESMEN NOT ALLOWED BY WE</u>							
<u>TRADE GROUP 1</u>							
etc							
GP1 Bricklayer			1				
GP2 Fletcher			1				
Intelligence			1				
GP3 Dvr Necks			6				
Nursing Orderly			1				

This column NOT to be used

DATE OF DESPATCH 22 Sept 45

SIGNATURE

Lt Col

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

D. Braham
(D. BRAHAM.)
Maj
Adm Comd 2/8 Aust Inf Bn

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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

39/45 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 29 / 9 / 1945 2/8 Aust Inf B (Unit)

W.E. 11 / 12c / 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.								
1 Rein'fts Required.	2 Deficient W.E.	3 Surplus to W.E.	4 Posted Strength.		6 Arm or Corps.	7 Posted Strength.	8 Surplus to W.E.	9 Deficient W.E.	10 Rein'fts Required.				
	2 6 9		1 1 3 13	* * Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs.									
	17		18										
		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.		18									18
		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.
VX14047	Lt-col	W.S.HOWDEN	RTU ex hosp	23.9.45	

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

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 29/9/1945 (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	SX1451	GRAHAM	D.	2ic	"		
Capt	VX5479	RUMLEY	L.O.	OC B	No	IHQ Tact Sch BERNLEIGH	9.6.45
"	VX6401	ADAMS	J.S.	Adjt	Yes		
"	VX6300	TRETHOWAN	J.M.	OC C	"		
Lt	VX6209	FISHLOCK	G.F.N.	T.O.	No	Leave	19.7.45
"	VX4637	COOMBES	G.A.	OC 13	"	IHQ Staff Sch GABARLAG	11.6.45
"	VX50424	WHITESIDE	A.M.W.	" HQ	Yes		
"	VX39604	CHAPPE	P.C.	" 1	No	Leave	18.7.45
"	VX13323	HUTSON	W.A.	" 17	Yes		
"	VX3057	PLUDE	H.D.	" 8	"		
"	VX82032	WESTWOOD	W.H.	" 14	"		
"	VX43166	MARTIN	R.J.	" 18	No	Comp Leave	15.8.45
"	VX109896	KERR	T.A.	" 15	Yes		
"	VX119						
"	VX89845	PENN-PONKIN	L.M.	" 11	"		
"	VX78918	O'SHEA	W.E.	Q.M.	"		
"	VX87290	BOLGER	E.C.	OC 15	"		
"	VX86673	BEHAN	G.T.	A/Adjt	"		

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

29 Sep 45

Date of Despatch

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

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

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W.E. **11 / 129** **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.				
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.					Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required
			1	W.Os. Class I.					-		1	NR
NR	6		-	W.Os. Class II.								
				Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.								
NR	4		1	Staff Sergeants								
NR	21		12	Sergeants					4		5	NR
NR	27	1	41	Corporals					3		5	NR
169	189	15	483	Troopers, Privates, etc.					13	2	3	NR
				Civilians counting as O.R.								
169	247	16	538	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2					20	2	14	

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 7 of instructions for compilation of this return will complete analysis of Part B(1) and B(2).	Detail	A.I.P.	C.M.F.		A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N	R.A.A.P	**	TOTAL
			Under 19 Years.	19 Years and over.							
	A	558									558
	B(1)										
	B(2)										

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

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

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

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached
3	2/79 LAD AEMH			2	old Ech & Records		
1	19 Aust Inf Bde						

Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return To.....(Unit) is Particularly Requested. / / 194.....

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

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PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 29 / 9 / 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 Assis.				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				Bangetakers			
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths		1						Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			1
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevedores			
Computers								Biggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers		1		Signallers		1		Tailors			
Dispensers				Axemen		4		Signwriters		1		Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers		1		Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				By. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers		1		Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters		1		Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics											
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)											
Fitters <i>Bench</i>		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.) <i>MT</i>		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		7					
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. 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		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.E. 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.

29 Sep 45

Date of Despatch

W. J. ... Lt-col
Commanding 2/8 Aust Inf Bn

DATE: _____

UNIT: 2/8 AUST INF BN WE 11/120/3 One Reinf't - 8 x 78 29 Sep 45

TRADE	Rank	WE	Posted Strength	Deficient	Sub plus	Reinf'ts Required
TRADE GROUP 1						
Blacksmith	Pte	1	-	1		NR
Bricklayer	Pte		1		1	
TRADE GROUP 2						
Carpenter	Pte	6	2	4		NR
Int Duties	Sjt	1	1			
" "	Cpl	2	1	1		NR
" "	Pte	7	3		1	
Signallers	Cpl	4	1	3		NR
"	Pte	22	15	7		NR
Plotter			1		1	
Ovr Mechs			1			
TRADE GROUP 3						
Butcher	Pte	1	-	1		NR
Clerks	Sjt	2	2			
"	Cpl	6	4		1	
"	Pte	4	4			
Copt REPAIRER	"	1	1			
Rangefinder	"	4	3	1		NR
Storeman Tech	Sjt	1	-	1		NR
" "	Pte	3	-	3		NR
Tailor	Sjt	1	1			
"	Cpl	1	-	1		NR
Ovr Mechs			1		1	
Nursing Orderly			1			
NON-SPECIALISTS						
RSN	WO11	1	1			
GSM	WO11	5	-	5		NR
ROMS	WO11	1	-	1		NR
COMS	S/Sjt	5	1	4		NR
PI Sjts	Sjt	25	8	17		NR
Bateman	Pte	35	14	21		21
Dvcs IT	Cpl	1	1	1		NR
"	Pte	11	14		3	
Gen Dut (mess)	"	2	2	1		NR
Hygiene Duties	"	4	4			
Cartoon	Sjt	1	1	1		NR
MG/Rifleman	Cpl	36	22	14		NR
"	Pte	261	241	120		120
MMG Nos	Cpl	2	2			
"	Pte	20	17	3		NR
Mortar Nos	Cpl	5	2	3		NR
"	Pte	68	59	9		9
Orderlies	"	32	29	3		3
Pioneers	Cpl	4	3	1		NR
"	Pte	28	27	1		1
Regtl Police	Sjt	1	-	1		NR
"	Pte	6	4	2		NR
Storemen	"	3	5			
Stretcher Bearers	Sjt	1	-	1		NR
"	Cpl	2	-	2		NR
"	Pte	18	11	7		7
TY/A Nos	Cpl	4	3	1		NR
"	Pte	15	10	5		5
Water Duties	Pte	2	2			
TOTAL CARRIED FORWARD		339	539	227	16	169

APPENDIX 'A' (continued)

TRADE	Rank	NO	Posted Strength	Def-icit	Sur-plus	Reinfts Required	-/-
TOTAL BROUGHT FORWARD		767 769	538	247	18	169	
ATTACHED BY WE							
<u>AAMC</u>							
Chiropodist	Cpl	1	-	1		NR	
Hyg Inspector	Sgt	1	-	1		NR	
Med Orderly	Sgt	1	1				
" "	Pte	1	2		1		
<u>AAOC</u>							
Shoemaker	Cpl	1	-	1		NR	
<u>AEME</u>							
Armourer	Sgt	1					
"	Pte	1					
Fitter Gun TGL	Pte	1	1		1		
BY Fitter							
<u>AA POST S</u>							
Postal Duties	Sgt	1	1				
<u>AAPC</u>							
Pay Clerk	Sgt	1	1				
" "	Cpl	1	-	1		NR	
<u>AACC</u>							
Caterer	WO1	1	-	1		NR	
Cooks	Sgt	5	1	4		NR	
"	Cpl	5	3	2		NR	
"	Pte	13	10	3		NR	
		802	558	261	18	169	
SURPLUS TRADESMEN NOT ALLOWED BY WE							
<u>TRADE GROUP 1</u>							
etc							
OP1 Bricklayer			1				
OP2 Plotter			1				
Intelligence			1				
OP3 Evr Mechs			1				
Nursing Orderly			1				

-/- This column NOT to be used

DATE OF DESPATCH 29 Sep 45

SIGNATURE

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

Lt-col

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

During the month of September, the main activity of the Unit has been working parties with the Engineers on road construction and bridge building, at the 104 C.C.S. newly established on WEWAK POINT just West of Unit lines, also work parties in the Unit area, generally improving roads, kitchens and erecting courts for deck tennis etc.

PARADES: A Brigade parade for the G.O.C. was held on WEWAK STRIP 3rd Sep, the G.O.C. addressed the troops and complimented them on the fine job done in the recent campaign and expressed pleasure in being back in charge of the Div with which he commenced his army life in this war.

SURRENDER PARADE: A parade comprising of representatives from each Unit of the 6 Aust Div, 3 Aust Base Sub Area, Naval Detachments, R.A.A.F. detachments, and members of the Royal Papuan Constabulary which participated in the recent operations.

The parade formed up on WOM STRIP to witness the surrender of the 18 Japanese Army, commanded by Lt-Gen ADACHI. Lt-Gen ADACHI was flown in from HAYFIELD STRIP by the R.A.A.F. to WEWAK STRIP; thence by Jeep to the surrender parade at CAPE WOM. Gen ADACHI was accompanied by 3 Staff Officers and an interpreter, all with the exception of the interpreter wore dress uniforms decorated with braid and decorations.

At the completion of signing the surrender terms ADACHI and his staff surrendered their swords to Maj Gen ROBERTSON G.O.C. 6 Aust Div and then proceeded off the strip to return to their inland headquarters.

Immediately after ADACHI left the Parade, Maj Gen ROBERTSON delivered his address in which he stated that the 6 Aust Div was the first A.I.F. Div to take part in the first BRITISH victory of arms during this war. The Div was also in action at the cessation of hostilities.

MOVEMENT OF JAP P.W. Much interest was shown in the Jap prisoners marching in from the collecting point at MT SHIBURANGU to a point on WEWAK WEST HARBOUR, where they embark on L.C.Ms en route to MUSCHU IS. The prisoners are handled in batches of 100. The prisoners generally appear to be in fair condition, though some break down en route and have to be transported by M.T. to embarkation point.

ENTERTAINMENT: Entertainment has been plentiful during the month, usually two picture shows a week. Boxing was commenced on Sat 22 and is being held every Sat night. The class of boxing being very good as the contestants are well trained, resulting in some fine exhibitions.

A rather unusual show as far as this area is concerned, was a ballet display by a team of dancers at present touring this area. They were given an excellent reception by the troops, for some this being their first experience at this type of entertainment.

Longservice personnel marched out during the month. This ~~being~~ leaving only 8 longservice men to go.