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61 Infantry Battalion

May - July 1943

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Unit 61 Aust Inf Bn

Date and Time.—From 27 Apr 43 To 3 May 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	27 Apr 43		Camp 1730 hrs. N.C.O.'s received lecture from from 'I' L/Cpl. Bn Training as per Syllabus. Mortar shoot held vicinity of Recreation Ground. In afternoon a Football match between HQ Coy and B Coy. HQ Coy won, A Coy and D Coy, A Coy won.	<i>ab Lawson Capt</i> Adj. 61 Aust Inf Bn.
	28 Apr 43		'I' Sec completed Recce and handed over to C.O. reports and Map of area for "Free for All". Pictures in evening 61 Bn Area. "Head of The Bde" Competition - 7 Pl, 61 Bn.	
	29 Apr 43		Coys training as per Syllabus. Mortar Pl practice shoot 0845 hrs vicinity DONADABU Recreation Ground. A/Brig. visited 61 Bn H.Q. Maj. Wiles, A/C.O. 61 Bn left for Hospital suffering from Malaria Attack.	<i>JWS</i>
	30 Apr 43		1050 hrs Lt. Gen. I.H. Mackay accompanied by Brig. Thompson and Capt. A.D.C. visited 61 Aust Inf Bn and inspected Coys while training. Left Bn 1445 hrs, party then inspected Bn Jungle Assault Course. In afternoon Coys carried on trg as per syllabus.	<i>JWS</i>
	1 May 43		Bn Pde held at 0830 hrs. Coys on Route March over new Trg Area. xxxxxx In afternoon a party of Officers left B.H.Q. to Recce. Defence Area, Pyramid Point.	<i>JWS</i>
	2 May 43		Church Parades 0930 hrs. "Make & Mend" for tps. Tents struck in morning - re-erected 1200 hrs. 0945 A/Brig. Lt.Col. Miles inspected Guard. Inter-Bn football matches held in afternoon.	<i>JWS</i>
	3 May 43		Bn Parade held at 0815 hrs. Bn proceeded to Recreation Ground where the Brigade assembled. Bde Ceremonial drill carried out, Bde marched past A/Bde Comd. Lt. Col. Miles taking the Salute. Bn carried on trg as per Syllabus in afternoon. 'I' Sec left for ITIKI on Recce, condition of Road prevented reaching objectives - returned to Bn. 'I' Sec gave lectures to Mortar Pl on Map Reading. Heavy rain commenced at midday and continued.	<i>JWS.</i>

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Unit 61 Aust Inf Bn

Date and Time.—From 4 May 43

To 10 May 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c
	4 May 43		A, B, C and D Coys left area for one days exercise in trg area N.E. DONADABU. Trg consisted of Compass Marching through Jungle. 1005 hrs A/Bde Comd Lt. Col. Miles made inspection of Guard.	D.H.
	5 May 43		Lecture on Compass and Protractor to Mortars given by Pte J.R. Watt 'I' Sec. Bn sports (football). 'I' Sec preparing maps for forthcoming exercise. A/C.O. Maj Wiles returns from hospital.	D.H.
	6 May 43		Snipers class commenced, being trained by I.O. Training began with introduction of Snipers work, Map Reading and the study of ground from map. Lecture on Compass to Snipers by I.O. Lecture on "Message Writing to N.C.Os class by Pte J.R. Watt, 'I' Sec. Court Martial held in Officers Mess.	D.H.
	7 May 43		Brigadier Fields returns to Bde from Tank A. School in Melbourne. Pioneers constructed bridge over LALOKI River ref. UBERI 176392.	3xix
	8 May 43		Snipers school revision on previous days work and training on all methods of Judging Distance. Bde Parade. Brig. Fields inspected 3 Bns. and 7 Pl of 61 Bn. Brig. Fields presents 7 Pl 61 Bn with Pennant for "Head of The Bde" Competition. Bns then marched pass, Bde Comd. took salute. Snipers school, Lecture on Bearings and use of protractor by Pte J.R. Watt 'I' Sec. 1030 Maj. Wiles, attends conference at Bde. 1330 Exercise for Bn.HQ personnel. training in est. H.Q. in field with Sigs. communication.	D.H.
	9 May 43		Church Parades. "Make & Mend" for tps. Inter-Bn sports. 61 Bn highest point scores. 9 Bn second - 1500 hrs Officers conference held on proposed Pl 3 day "Free for All" exercise.	D.H.
	10 May 43		0800 hrs A and B Coys left Camp Area for 3 Day "Free for All" exercise - Pl Sgts acting Pl Comds. Sig Pl operating from three Trig.pts. approx. three miles between pts. Snipers School continuing - Subjects revision on Map Reading - Exercises on Camouflage and concealment. 1630 I.O. Lieut. O'Keefe and two 'I' personnel leave I room to contact Pls on exercise. Maj. Bicks, and I Cpl choose site for proposed	D.H.

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Unit 61 Aust Inf Bn

Date and Time.—From 10 May 43 To 17 May 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c
	10 May 43		Assault Course - Area mapped by 'I' Sec.	J.H.
	11 May 43		A and B Coys second day of "Free for All" area bounded by Camp Area DONADABU West - EILOGO Ck. Sth. EILOGO Rubber Factory ITIKI Rubber Factory East - KOITAKI Rd North - Snipers class in Field for instn on Fieldcraft by 'I' Cpl. 1400 hrs Maj. Bicks and A/C.O Maj. Wiles made Recce of Area Sth of DONADABU	J.H.
	12 May 43		Aerial activity vicinity MORESBY - Pl return from 3 Day "Free for All" exercise approx. 1520 hrs. 7 Pl scored highest points during 3 day period. 'I' Sec gave lectures to Tk. A Pl - subject Map reading. Conference held 1930 hrs to discuss 3 Day Free for All.	J.H.
	13 May 43		0830 hrs American Col. arrived 61 Bn.H.Q. - left 0950 hrs. Bde Guard inspected by Brig. Fields and American Col. Pls. 13 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18 and Bde Def Pl. left camp for 3 day "Free for All" exercise in same area as 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 Pls. 0930 hrs Maj. Wiles, Capt. Lawson, Capt. Davidson and 'I' Cpl Taylor left BnHQ to Recce route to KARAKATANA. Returned by Jeep via EILOGO Pt. and EILOGO Rd. to DONADABU.	J.H.
	14 May 43		Second day of C and D Coys "Free for All". 0930 Cpl Taylor and 2 'I' personnel left to Map Route to KARAKATANA and return, trees blazed en route. 1015 Americal Col visits Bn.H.Q. Snipers course continuing. Capt. Twemlow and three 'I' Sec personnel left camp to contact Pl on exereise.	J.H.
	15 May 43		Pronounced Aircraft activity over area 0545 hrs. 1615 hrs Pls return from 3 Day "Free for All" 16 Pl judged point winners.	J.H.
	16 May 43		Church Parades - "Make & Mend" for tps. 0945 Lt.Gen. Northcote arrived Camp area. 0950 Lt. Gen Northcote and Brig. Fields inspected Bde Guard. 1140 Lt. Gen Northcote left Bde area. 1430 Inter-Bn football match held on Bde Recreation ground. 61 Bn V 9 Bn Drawn decision.	J.H.
	17 May 43		0805 A Coy leaves Camp area for Assembly Pt. for manoeuvres in vicinity UBERI - OWENS CNR. as perscreed. 0815 C Coy moves out	J.H.

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Unit 61 Aust Inf Bn

Date and Time.—From 17 May 43 To 25 May 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries &c
	17 May 43		behind A Coy. "I" Cpl and 2 O.Rs leave for complete traverse from DONADABU to KARAKATANA. Sth for three miles and return via Govt. Tk through Native villages, Scrowa, Nalenumu and Griminumu. One 'I' Sec man left with Sig personnel for communications from Coys on exercise back to Bn.HQ. - communications satisfactory - 1600 Brig. Fields inspects first batch of personnel granted leave to Mainland.	
	18 May 43		Balance of Bn on training as per Syllabus. 1050 Tk. A. Pl leaves for Practice shoot at Dobu. Preliminary exam. held for Snipers. Horse Pack tpt. attached to Bde for use in Exercises.	JMS
	19 May 43		B & D Coys move out at 0815 hrs for Manoeuvres in vicinity OWENS Cnr. and UBERI M.R. UBERI 165458 as per screed. 1540 C Coy returns to Bn lines. 1600 A Coy returns. Enlargements made from M.S. UBERI 1" to 1 ml. by 'I' Sec for proposed Bn exercise vicinity KARAKATANA.	JMS
	20 May 43		Tk. A. Pl returned from shoot at Dobu at 0750 hrs. A, C Coy continuing exercise, B and D Coys training as per Syllabus. 1700 hrs 61 Bn personnel returned to Bn from Mainland.	JMS
	21 May 43		G.O.C. arrived in 7 Bde Area on tour of inspection with Brig. Fields. A and C Coys training as per syllabus. B & D Coys arrived back from exercise at 1600 hrs.	JMS
	22 May 43		Coys training as per syllabus. Lectures by 'I' Sec to Tk. A.Pl 'I' Cpl and Maj. Wiles made Recce S.East of DONADABU.	JMS
	23 May 43		Church Parades - Tents struck - Make & Mend for tps. 1605 F.W.D. left Rd. approx. 50 ^x from Plants X-ing skidded 30 ft. down slope to River. Occupants unhurt - Truck undamaged.	JMS
	24 May 43		All Coys carrying on training in trg areas. 'I' Sec and Sig. Offr. Mr. Morley made recce of route to KARAKATANA and return. Crossings difficult due to recent rains and rise in rivers and creeks.	JMS
	25 May 43		Coys left Camp area for one day exercises, areas S. and S.East of DONADABU - Recce party - Maj. Wiles 'I' Cpl made recce of	JMS

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Unit 61 Aust Inf Bn

Date and Time.—From 25 May 43

To 1 Jun 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c
	25 May 43		river X-ings for proposed night crossings. 1330 hrs enforced rest period.	<i>DHS</i>
	26 May 43		Bn carried out exercise as per screed Bn.H.Q. left camp area 0300 hrs. Weather overcast.	<i>DHS</i>
	27 May 43		Coys on 1 Day exercises area South of DONADABU. Padre James left 61 Bn to go to 2/25 Bn. 'I' Sec issued maps of area for Bn manouever.	<i>DHS</i>
	28 May 43		Bn moved out on Bn exercise as per Screed att. Exercise No.1 Day 1.	<i>DHS</i>
	29 May 43		Bn moved from KARAKATANA on exercise as per screed att. Day 2. Returned to Camp 1730 hrs. C.O. Lt.Col. Meldrum returned to 61 Bn.	<i>DHS</i>
	30 May 43		Church parades - Make & Mend for tps. Maj. Bicks. . . . returned to B Coy. O/C.	<i>DHS</i>
	31 May 43		Coys carried out trg as per syllabus. Enlargements of Coy trg. areas made by 'I' Sec.	<i>DHS</i>
	1 Jun 43		Coys training as per syllabus.	<i>DHS</i>

Meldrum
Lt.-Col.

Comd. 61 Aust. Inf. Bn.

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

(Unit.)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits one establishment)
Lieut.-Colonels ...			
Majors ...			
Captains ...			
Lieutenants ...			
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...			
District Officers ...			
Totals ...			

*Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary (e.g., Major-General, Brigadier, etc).

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
MAJ	MAJ	WILSON	1st Bn	Yes	
MAJ	MAJ	EVANS	2nd Bn	Yes	
CAPT	CAPT	DUNN	3rd Bn	Yes	
CAPT	CAPT	SMITH	4th Bn	Yes	
CAPT	CAPT	JOHNSON	5th Bn	Yes	
MAJ	MAJ	BROWN	6th Bn	Yes	
MAJ	MAJ	WILSON	7th Bn	Yes	
MAJ	MAJ	EVANS	8th Bn	Yes	
CAPT	CAPT	DUNN	9th Bn	Yes	
CAPT	CAPT	SMITH	10th Bn	Yes	
CAPT	CAPT	JOHNSON	11th Bn	Yes	
MAJ	MAJ	BROWN	12th Bn	Yes	
MAJ	MAJ	WILSON	13th Bn	Yes	
MAJ	MAJ	EVANS	14th Bn	Yes	
CAPT	CAPT	DUNN	15th Bn	Yes	
CAPT	CAPT	SMITH	16th Bn	Yes	
CAPT	CAPT	JOHNSON	17th Bn	Yes	
MAJ	MAJ	BROWN	18th Bn	Yes	
MAJ	MAJ	WILSON	19th Bn	Yes	
MAJ	MAJ	EVANS	20th Bn	Yes	
CAPT	CAPT	DUNN	21st Bn	Yes	
CAPT	CAPT	SMITH	22nd Bn	Yes	
CAPT	CAPT	JOHNSON	23rd Bn	Yes	
MAJ	MAJ	BROWN	24th Bn	Yes	
MAJ	MAJ	WILSON	25th Bn	Yes	
MAJ	MAJ	EVANS	26th Bn	Yes	
CAPT	CAPT	DUNN	27th Bn	Yes	
CAPT	CAPT	SMITH	28th Bn	Yes	
CAPT	CAPT	JOHNSON	29th Bn	Yes	
MAJ	MAJ	BROWN	30th Bn	Yes	
MAJ	MAJ	WILSON	31st Bn	Yes	
MAJ	MAJ	EVANS	32nd Bn	Yes	
CAPT	CAPT	DUNN	33rd Bn	Yes	
CAPT	CAPT	SMITH	34th Bn	Yes	
CAPT	CAPT	JOHNSON	35th Bn	Yes	
MAJ	MAJ	BROWN	36th Bn	Yes	
MAJ	MAJ	WILSON	37th Bn	Yes	
MAJ	MAJ	EVANS	38th Bn	Yes	
CAPT	CAPT	DUNN	39th Bn	Yes	
CAPT	CAPT	SMITH	40th Bn	Yes	
CAPT	CAPT	JOHNSON	41st Bn	Yes	
MAJ	MAJ	BROWN	42nd Bn	Yes	
MAJ	MAJ	WILSON	43rd Bn	Yes	
MAJ	MAJ	EVANS	44th Bn	Yes	
CAPT	CAPT	DUNN	45th Bn	Yes	
CAPT	CAPT	SMITH	46th Bn	Yes	
CAPT	CAPT	JOHNSON	47th Bn	Yes	
MAJ	MAJ	BROWN	48th Bn	Yes	
MAJ	MAJ	WILSON	49th Bn	Yes	
MAJ	MAJ	EVANS	50th Bn	Yes	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
MAJ	MAJ	WILSON	1st Bn	1/1/43	Attached
MAJ	MAJ	EVANS	2nd Bn	1/1/43	Attached

61 Aug 43 (Unit.) (Signature of Commander.)
 1 May 43 (Date of Despatch.) (Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving).

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

Serial No.
A.I.F.
W.E. Reference
A.M.F.
W.E. X

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Date

Attached
Allowed by W.E. X Unit

PART A. — STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED

1	2	3	4
Ranks and W.E.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached)	Surplus to Establishment	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment)
*			
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Lieut.-Colonels . .			
Majors			
Captains			
Lieutenants . . .			
2nd Lieutenants .			
Quartermasters . .			
Totals	29	1	3

* Insert detail of higher rank as necessary

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

Officers JOINED during week

Rank	Name	Unit or Corps	Date	Cause
W.C.	W.C. BIRCH	1st Lt	4.5.41	1st Lt

Officers QUITTED during week

Rank	Name	Unit or Corps	Date	Cause

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

Rank	Name and Initials	Unit or Corps	(Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known))
Capt	W.C. BIRCH	1st Lt	
Lieut	J.P. GIBSON	1st Lt	

PART D.— NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	Personal Number	Name and Initials	Appointment	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed
MAJ	8-768	Wiles	H.I. Australia	Yes	
MAJ	8-769	Evans	CM	Yes	
MAJ	8-770	James	LT	Yes	
MAJ	8-771	Watts	LT	Yes	
MAJ	8-772	Watts	LT	Yes	
MAJ	8-773	Watts	LT	Yes	
MAJ	8-774	Watts	LT	Yes	
MAJ	8-775	Watts	LT	Yes	
MAJ	8-776	Watts	LT	Yes	
MAJ	8-777	Watts	LT	Yes	
MAJ	8-778	Watts	LT	Yes	
MAJ	8-779	Watts	LT	Yes	
MAJ	8-780	Watts	LT	Yes	
MAJ	8-781	Watts	LT	Yes	
MAJ	8-782	Watts	LT	Yes	
MAJ	8-783	Watts	LT	Yes	
MAJ	8-784	Watts	LT	Yes	
MAJ	8-785	Watts	LT	Yes	
MAJ	8-786	Watts	LT	Yes	
MAJ	8-787	Watts	LT	Yes	
MAJ	8-788	Watts	LT	Yes	
MAJ	8-789	Watts	LT	Yes	
MAJ	8-790	Watts	LT	Yes	
MAJ	8-791	Watts	LT	Yes	
MAJ	8-792	Watts	LT	Yes	
MAJ	8-793	Watts	LT	Yes	
MAJ	8-794	Watts	LT	Yes	
MAJ	8-795	Watts	LT	Yes	
MAJ	8-796	Watts	LT	Yes	
MAJ	8-797	Watts	LT	Yes	
MAJ	8-798	Watts	LT	Yes	
MAJ	8-799	Watts	LT	Yes	
MAJ	8-800	Watts	LT	Yes	
MAJ	8-801	Watts	LT	Yes	
MAJ	8-802	Watts	LT	Yes	
MAJ	8-803	Watts	LT	Yes	
MAJ	8-804	Watts	LT	Yes	
MAJ	8-805	Watts	LT	Yes	
MAJ	8-806	Watts	LT	Yes	
MAJ	8-807	Watts	LT	Yes	
MAJ	8-808	Watts	LT	Yes	
MAJ	8-809	Watts	LT	Yes	
MAJ	8-810	Watts	LT	Yes	
MAJ	8-811	Watts	LT	Yes	
MAJ	8-812	Watts	LT	Yes	
MAJ	8-813	Watts	LT	Yes	
MAJ	8-814	Watts	LT	Yes	
MAJ	8-815	Watts	LT	Yes	
MAJ	8-816	Watts	LT	Yes	
MAJ	8-817	Watts	LT	Yes	
MAJ	8-818	Watts	LT	Yes	
MAJ	8-819	Watts	LT	Yes	
MAJ	8-820	Watts	LT	Yes	
MAJ	8-821	Watts	LT	Yes	
MAJ	8-822	Watts	LT	Yes	
MAJ	8-823	Watts	LT	Yes	
MAJ	8-824	Watts	LT	Yes	
MAJ	8-825	Watts	LT	Yes	
MAJ	8-826	Watts	LT	Yes	
MAJ	8-827	Watts	LT	Yes	
MAJ	8-828	Watts	LT	Yes	
MAJ	8-829	Watts	LT	Yes	
MAJ	8-830	Watts	LT	Yes	
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MAJ	8-871	Watts	LT	Yes	
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MAJ	8-882	Watts	LT	Yes	
MAJ	8-883	Watts	LT	Yes	
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MAJ	8-886	Watts	LT	Yes	
MAJ	8-887	Watts	LT	Yes	
MAJ	8-888	Watts	LT	Yes	
MAJ	8-889	Watts	LT	Yes	
MAJ	8-890	Watts	LT	Yes	
MAJ	8-891	Watts	LT	Yes	
MAJ	8-892	Watts	LT	Yes	
MAJ	8-893	Watts	LT	Yes	
MAJ	8-894	Watts	LT	Yes	
MAJ	8-895	Watts	LT	Yes	
MAJ	8-896	Watts	LT	Yes	
MAJ	8-897	Watts	LT	Yes	
MAJ	8-898	Watts	LT	Yes	
MAJ	8-899	Watts	LT	Yes	
MAJ	8-900	Watts	LT	Yes	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	Personal Number	Name and Initials	Unit or Corps	Date of Attachment	Nature of Attachment	Allowed by W.E. (Insert Yes or No)
MAJ	8-1000	James	GR	1/1/43	AMC	Yes
MAJ	8-1001	James	GR	1/1/43	AMC	Yes

64 Huss 100 Btl
9 May 43 (Unit)

H. Jones. MAJ
7 Huss 100 Btl (Signature of Commander)

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

C.M.F.
W.E. 2/124/2.

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

(Adapted)

61 Aust Inf Bn (Unit) *9 May 43* (Date.)

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted Strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments).
W.O's. Class I.			
W.O's. Class II.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants			
Staff Serjeants			
Serjeants			
Corporals			
Troopers, Privates, &c.			
TOTALS	665	1	80

W.E.

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7

5

32

67

635

745

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
<i>Sgt.</i>	<i>H. 72 Mountain Bn</i>		
<i>1 Cpl</i>	<i>A. N. C.</i>		
<i>1 Cpl</i>	<i>A. N. C.</i>		
<i>1 Cpl</i>	<i>A. N. C.</i>		
<i>1 Cpl</i>	<i>H. G. F. T. O.</i>		
<i>1 Plt</i>	<i>7 Aust Inf Bn</i>		
<i>14 Cpl</i>	<i>A. N. C.</i>		

OVER

W.E.

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

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

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT							REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED							REMARKS.	
	W.O's. Class I.	W.O's. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Staff-Serjeants	Serjeants	Corporals	Troopers, Privates, &c.	TOTAL	W.O's. Class I.	W.O's. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Serjeants	Corporals	Troopers, Privates, &c.		TOTAL
Bricklayers																
Butchers																
Carpenters and Joiners																
Clerks																
Despatch Riders																
Lightmen (topo)																
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.																
Electricians																
Farriers																
Fitters																
Masons																
Painters and Decorators																
Plumbers and Gasfitters																
Saddlers and Harness Makers																
Signallers																
Storemen, Technical																
Vickers Machine Gunners																
Cooks																
General Duty Personnel																80
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A)																80

61 Aust Inf Bn Unit.

ADM COND H Hoiles. Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch 8/5/43

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

A. I. F. with Bn.

Sqts.	8.
Cpls	7
O/R.	28
T.G. Sigs	3

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

W.E. Reference A.I.F.

A.M.F. 11/2/2

Date 15 May 43.

W.E. 36 X 874

61 Aust Inf Bn Unit

Attached Allowed by W.E. 1 X 6

PART A. — STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED

1 Ranks and W.E.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached)	3 Surplus to Establishment	4 Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment)
* *			
Lieut.-Colonels . . .	1		1
Majors . . .	3		3
Captains . . .	10		
Lieutenants . . .	22		
2nd Lieutenants . . .			
Quartermasters . . .			
Totals . . .	36	29	9

* Insert detail of higher rank as necessary

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

Officers JOINED during week

Rank	Name	Unit or Corps	Date	Cause
Lieut	Stadley	61 AIB	12.5.43	14 LHR Trg School.

Officers QUITTED during week

Rank	Name	Unit or Corps	Date	Cause
Lieut	Hobbs	61 AIB	9.5.43	School of MI.
	Watts		9.5.43	OCTU Woodside

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

Rank	Name and Initials	Unit or Corps	(Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known))
Capt	Campbell	61 AIB	Landing 2/14 AGH.
Lieut	Hobbs Watts		School of MI. OCTU Woodside.

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PART D. — NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	Personal Number	Name and Initials	Appointment	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed
MAJ	827608	WILSON	HJ	Non Comd	Yes
CAPT	8247092	DAVIDSON	CH	CC Coy	Yes
	8242912	DAVIDSON	HP	CC Coy	Yes
	8236055	WELFORD	WPK	CC Coy	Yes
Lieut	8236001	LAWSON	MJ	MOB	Yes
	8236061	WELLY	WG	CC Coy	Yes
	8236079	KUBBER	WE	CC Coy	Yes
	8236058	MCCOY	WG	CC Coy	Yes
	8236074	BROWN	HK	CC Coy	Yes
	8236057	TATE	WJ	CC Coy	Yes
	8236062	STANLEY	LW	R. Comd	Yes
	8236067	COOPER	WJ	R. Comd	Yes
	8236080	BARNETT	WJ	T.O.	Yes
	8236082	EDWARDS	R. Comd	R. Comd	Yes
	8247052	SCULLION	WJ	R. Comd	Yes
	8236096	COLLIER	WJ	R. Comd	Yes
	8236066	O'CALLAGHAN	WJ	R. Comd	Yes
	8236078	ROBINSON	WJ	R. Comd	Yes
	8236069	PARKER	WJ	R. Comd	Yes
	8236050	CHEESE	WJ	R. Comd	Yes
	8236088	BRIARLEY	WJ	R. Comd	Yes
	8236072	CLARSON	WJ	R. Comd	Yes
	8236086	HOUGH	WJ	R. Comd	Yes
	8236072	MAYHEW	WJ	R. Comd	Yes
	8236078	JAMES	WJ	R. Comd	Yes
	8236076	HENDERSON	WJ	R. Comd	Yes
	8236091	IRVINE	WJ	R. Comd	Yes

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	Personal Number	Name and Initials	Unit or Corps	Date of Attachment	Nature of Attachment	Allowed by W.E. (Insert Yes or No)
T/CAPT.	8232300	HARRIS	GK	4/1/42	R.M.D.	Yes
	8248559	JAMES	B	6/1/42	R.M.D.	Yes

61 Aust Inf Bde

(Unit)

15. 5. 43

(Date of Despatch)

H. Philie

(Signature of Commander)

Non Comd

7 Aust Inf Bde

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

A.M.F.
 W.E. 11/12/3.
 874 O.R's. plus 6 Att.

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

(Adapted)

61 Aust. Inf. Bn. (Unit) 14 May 1943 (Date.)

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted Strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments).
W.O's. Class I.	-	-	1
1 W.O's. Class II.	-	-	2
8 Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	8	-	-
6 Staff Serjeants	6	-	1
1 Serjeants	-	-	16
41 Corporals	25	-	17
86 Troopers, Privates, &c.	69	-	180
731	551	-	-
TOTALS	657	*	* 217
874			

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
Over W.E. Unit Posting.			
1sgt 1st Hyg. Detail	11 Pd Hyg Sec.		
1sgt postman	H.C.F.P.U.		
1cpl Bootmaker	A.A.O.C.		
1 cpl Armourer	A.E.M.E.		
1 cpl M. Os. Ord.	A.A.M.C.		
1 sp4 M. T. Fitter	A.E.M.E.		
1 sgt Pay duties	A.A.P.C.		
1cpl " "	A.A.P.C.		
1 sgt Tpt.	A.E.M.E.		
6 O.Rs " "	A.E.M.E.		
1 O.R. Padre Btm.	7 A.I. Bde		

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

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

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

W.E. DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT							REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED						REMARKS.		
	W.O's. Class I.	W.O's. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Staff-Serjeants	Serjeants	Corporals	Troopers, Privates, &c.	TOTAL	W.O's. Class I.	W.O's. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Serjeants	Corporals		Troopers, Privates, &c.	TOTAL
Bricklayers																
Butchers	1															
Carpenters and Joiners	1															
Clerks	6															
	10															
Despatch Riders																
Draughtsmen (topo)																
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.																
Electricians																
Farriers																
Fitters																
Masons																
Painters and Decorators																
Plumbers and Gasfitters																
Saddlers and Harness Makers																
Signallers																
Storemen, Technical																
Vickers Machine Gunners	3															
Cooks																
	23															
Intelligence Dut.	6															
Range Takers	7															
Tailors	3															
Driver Mechs.	28															
Driver Operators	86															
Equipment Reprs.	1															
General Duty Personnel																
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A)														217	217	171

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H. Purles
Signature of Commander. MAJ.

Date of Despatch... 15 May 43

Adm. Comd. 61 Aust. Inf. Bn.
Bde., Divn., Area, &c., with which unit is serving.

A.I.F. serving with Bn.

Sgts.	8
Cpls.	7
O.R's.	28
T.G. (Sigs.)	3
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Total -	46
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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Serial No 87
WE 11/12/2
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at 1/6

61 (Unit)

PART A—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached)	3 Surplus to Establishment	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment.)
Lieut.-Colonels	1		1
Majors	2		1
Captains	4		6
Lieutenants	22		
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
Totals	28		8

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank	Name	Corps	Date	Cause
Capt	Nolan Smith	96 61 AIF	15 5 42	transferred to 61 AIF
Lieut	Plummer	274 Gen Recpts	16 5 42	exceeded 61 AIF camp

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank	Name	Corps	Date	Cause
Lieut	Robinson	44 61 AIF	15 5 42	transferred to 61 AIF

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

Rank	Name and Initials	Corps	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known)
Capt	Campbell	86 61 AIF	leave post 61 AIF
	Graham	95	914 61 AIF
Lieut	Robbs	94 3	School of M.I.
	Watts	act	CETO Woodhouse
	White	9	

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	Personal Number	Name and Initials	Corps	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed
Lt Col	Q27609	Miller	Q27609	Yes	
Capt	Q17182	Frank	Q17182	Yes	
Capt	Q27609	Davidson	Q27609	Yes	
	Q27609	Jones	Q27609	Yes	
	Q27609	Smith	Q27609	Yes	
	Q27609	White	Q27609	Yes	
	Q27609	Black	Q27609	Yes	
	Q27609	Green	Q27609	Yes	
	Q27609	Brown	Q27609	Yes	
	Q27609	Gold	Q27609	Yes	
	Q27609	Silver	Q27609	Yes	
	Q27609	Platinum	Q27609	Yes	
	Q27609	Iron	Q27609	Yes	
	Q27609	Steel	Q27609	Yes	
	Q27609	Copper	Q27609	Yes	
	Q27609	Lead	Q27609	Yes	
	Q27609	Zinc	Q27609	Yes	
	Q27609	Nickel	Q27609	Yes	
	Q27609	Aluminium	Q27609	Yes	
	Q27609	Chromium	Q27609	Yes	
	Q27609	Manganese	Q27609	Yes	
	Q27609	Silicon	Q27609	Yes	
	Q27609	Phosphorus	Q27609	Yes	
	Q27609	Sulfur	Q27609	Yes	
	Q27609	Calcium	Q27609	Yes	
	Q27609	Sodium	Q27609	Yes	
	Q27609	Potassium	Q27609	Yes	
	Q27609	Magnesium	Q27609	Yes	
	Q27609	Barium	Q27609	Yes	
	Q27609	Strontium	Q27609	Yes	
	Q27609	Boron	Q27609	Yes	
	Q27609	Fluorine	Q27609	Yes	
	Q27609	Chlorine	Q27609	Yes	
	Q27609	Bromine	Q27609	Yes	
	Q27609	Iodine	Q27609	Yes	
	Q27609	Hydrogen	Q27609	Yes	
	Q27609	Oxygen	Q27609	Yes	
	Q27609	Nitrogen	Q27609	Yes	
	Q27609	Carbon	Q27609	Yes	
	Q27609	Silicon	Q27609	Yes	
	Q27609	Phosphorus	Q27609	Yes	
	Q27609	Sulfur	Q27609	Yes	
	Q27609	Calcium	Q27609	Yes	
	Q27609	Sodium	Q27609	Yes	
	Q27609	Potassium	Q27609	Yes	
	Q27609	Magnesium	Q27609	Yes	
	Q27609	Barium	Q27609	Yes	
	Q27609	Strontium	Q27609	Yes	
	Q27609	Boron	Q27609	Yes	
	Q27609	Fluorine	Q27609	Yes	
	Q27609	Chlorine	Q27609	Yes	
	Q27609	Bromine	Q27609	Yes	
	Q27609	Iodine	Q27609	Yes	
	Q27609	Hydrogen	Q27609	Yes	
	Q27609	Oxygen	Q27609	Yes	
	Q27609	Nitrogen	Q27609	Yes	
	Q27609	Carbon	Q27609	Yes	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	Personal Number	Name and Initials	Corps	Date of attachment	Nature of attachment	allowed by WE Yes No
T/Capt.	Q152110	Hawkins	AMC	11/1/42	RMO	Yes
	Q152110	James	MCD	6/9/42	Padre	No

61 Aust Inf Bn
(Unit)

Atkinson Capt J. H. M.
(Signature of Commander)

22 May 43
(Date of Despatch)

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

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

(Adapted)

A.A.F.
W.O. 11/18/C
874 Co. R's plus 3 att.

61 2nd Inf. Regt. (Unit) 2 1943 (Date.)

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted Strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments).
W.O's. Class I.	1		1
W.O's. Class II.	8		8
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	8		8
Staff Serjeants	1		1
Serjeants	45		25
Corporals	74		20
Troopers, Privates, &c.	582		140
TOTALS	693	694	181

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
1 Sgt	Sgt Det.	11 7th Coy. 5000	1 Sgt	Sgt	11 7th Coy. 5000
1 Sgt	Det.	11 7th Coy. 5000	1 Sgt	Det.	11 7th Coy. 5000
1 Cpl	Footlocker	11 7th Coy. 5000	1 Cpl	Footlocker	11 7th Coy. 5000
1 Cpl	Arms Room	11 7th Coy. 5000	1 Cpl	Arms Room	11 7th Coy. 5000
1 Cpl	MOs Ord.	11 7th Coy. 5000	1 Cpl	MOs Ord.	11 7th Coy. 5000
1 Cpl	HT Officer	11 7th Coy. 5000	1 Cpl	HT Officer	11 7th Coy. 5000
1 Cpl	Paydistrib	11 7th Coy. 5000	1 Cpl	Paydistrib	11 7th Coy. 5000

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

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

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Unit.

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT							REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED						REMARKS.	
	W.O's. Class I.	W.O's. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Staff-Serjeants	Serjeants	Corporals	Troopers, Privates, &c.	TOTAL	W.O's. Class I.	W.O's. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Serjeants	Corporals		Troopers, Privates, &c.
Bricklayers															
Butchers															
Carpenters and Joiners															
Clerks															
Despatch Riders															
Draughtsmen (topo)															
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.															
Electricians															
Farriers															
Fitters															
Masons															
Painters and Decorators															
Plumbers and Gasfitters															
Saddlers and Harness Makers															
Signallers															
Storemen, Technical															
Vickers Machine Gunners															
Cooks															
Intelligence Out.															
Range Takers															
Tailors															
Driver Accche.															
Driver Operators															
Equip. Repairs															
General Duty Personnel														200	
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A)														18182	231

61 Aust Inf Bn

Unit.

Date of Despatch 22 May 43.

H. Price

Signature of Commander.

Maj.

Adm. Cond., 61 Aust. I. Bn.

Bde., Divn., Area, &c., with which unit is serving.

A.I.F. Serving with Bns.

sgts.	7
Sp1s.	10
Cpls.	22
Sigs B.C.	30
	3
	<hr/>
Total	80

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

A.I.F.

W.E. Reference

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

Date **29 May 43**

W.E. **36** X **874**

Attached

61 Aust Inf Bn

Unit

Allowed by W.E. **1** X **6**

PART A. — STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED

1	2	3	4
Ranks and W.E.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached)	Surplus to Establishment	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment)
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels	1	Nil	-
Majors	3	-	1
Captains	10	-	6
Lieutenants	22	-	5
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
Totals	36	-	12

* Insert detail of higher rank as necessary

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

Officers JOINED during week

Rank	Name	Unit or Corps	Date	Cause
Lt. Col	Meldrum A	61 A.I.B.	29.5.43	ex. sch of Arty Tk. A.
Lieut	O'Callaghan G.I.	"	29.5.43	ex 2/2 C.C.S.

Officers QUITTED during week

Rank	Name	Unit or Corps	Date	Cause
Lieut	McGoy J.C.	61 A.I.B.	20.5.43	Evac. 11 Pd Amb.
Lieut	Paterson J.S.	"	17.5.43	Duties 7 Aust Inf Bde
Lieut	James W.C.	"	27.5.43	O.C.T.U. Woodside
Lieut	Irving W.G.	"	15.5.43	Evac. 11 Pd Amb.
Lieut	O'Callaghan G.I.	"	24.5.43	Evac 2/2 C.C.S.

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

Rank	Name and Initials	Unit or Corps	(Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known))
Capt	Campbell K.C.	61 A.I.B.	Leave, post. A.G.H.
	Graham J.T.	"	2/14 A.G.H.
Lieut	Hobbs J.J.S.	"	School of M.I.
	Watts A.A.	"	O.C.T.U. Woodside.
	White L.	"	do
	James W.C.	"	do

PART D. — NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	Personal Number	Name and Initials	Appointment	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed
Lt. Col.	Q27602	Heldrum A.	G.O.	yes	
Maj.	Q27608	Wiles H.R.	2 1/3	yes	
"	QX47482	Bicks C.H.		yes	
Capt	QX22982	Davidson L.P.	O/C. D Coy	yes	
	QX36035	Twenlow B. McK.	" HQ Coy	yes	
	QX36031	Lawson A.N.	Adjt.	yes	
T/Capt	QX36034	Nixon-Smith G.R.	2nd Lt. Coy	yes	
Lieut	QX48661	Morley H.G.	Sig Offr	yes	
	QX36089	Buldar W.L.	O/C B Coy	yes	
	QX35749	Brown A.R.	Pl Comd	yes	
	QX43165	Cottes H.L.D.	Pl Comd	yes	
	QX36030	Emmett H.H.	T.O.	yes	
	Q107532	Todhunter R.H.P.	Pl Comd	yes	
	QX48362	Gowland R.E.	"	yes	
	Q27696	Jonlinson C.B.	"	yes	
	QX36366	O'Callaghan J.L.	"	yes	
	Q27563	Patrick R.A.	"	yes	
	Q28353	O'Keefe T.J.	"	yes	
	Q15433	Brinkley P.R.	O.C.	yes	
	Q27732	Clarkson A.G.	Pl Comd	yes	
	Q28546	Hough G.L.	"	yes	
	QX35526	Henderson P.W.	"	yes	
	MX115828	Plummer R.T.V.	"	yes	
	Q27642	Stanley L.W.	O/C Coy.	yes	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	Personal Number	Name and Initials	Unit or Corps	Date of Attachment	Nature of Attachment	Allowed by W.E. (Insert Yes or No)
LT T/Capt	QX36368	Hawkins G.K.	A.M.C.	1/4/43	RMO	yes

61 Aust Inf Bn

(Unit)

29 May 43

(Date of Despatch)

W. McK.

(Signature of Commander)

Comd. 61 Aust Inf Bn.

7 Aust Inf Bde

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

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

(Adapted)

51 Aust Inf Bn (Unit) 29 May 1943 (Date.)

A.M.P.
W.E. 11/12/8
874 O.Rs plus 6 att.

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

Table with 4 columns: 1. Detail, 2. Posted Strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached), 3. Surplus to Establishment, 4. Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments). Rows include W.O's Class I, W.O's Class II, Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants, Staff Serjeants, Serjeants, Corporals, Troopers, Privates, &c., and a TOTALS row.

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Table with 6 columns: Over W.E., W.E., Detail, Unit Posting, Unit and Corps to which they belong, Detail, Unit and Corps to which they belong. Contains handwritten entries for various ranks and units.

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

Table with 5 columns: Army No., Rank, Name and Initials, Corps, (Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts if known)).

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Unit.

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

W.C. DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT							REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED							REMARKS.	
	W.O's. Class I.	W.O's. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Staff-Serjeants	Serjeants	Corporals	Troopers, Privates, &c.	TOTAL	W.O's. Class I.	W.O's. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Serjeants	Corporals	Troopers, Privates, &c.		TOTAL
Bricklayers																
Butchers																
Carpenters and Joiners																
Clerks																
Despatch Riders																
Draughtsmen (topo)																
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.																
Electricians																
Farriers																
Fitters							2									
Masons																
Painters and Decorators																
Plumbers and Gasfitters																
Saddlers and Harness Makers																
Signallers																
Storemen, Technical																
Vickers Machine Gunners																
Cooks																
Intelligence Dut.																
Range Takers																
Millers																
Driver Mech.																
Driver Operators																
Equip. Repairers																
General Duty Personnel																
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A)															199	199

61 Aust Inf Bn.

Unit.

Date of Despatch 29 May 43.

[Signature]
 Lt. Col.
 Commandant, 61 Aust Inf Bn.
 Signature of Commander.

Bde., Divn., Area, &c., with which unit is serving.

A.I.F. serving with 8 na

Sgts.	7
Cpls	10
O.R.s	38
Sigs. T.O.	3

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Serial No. **39.**

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

A.I.F.

W.E. Reference

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

Date **4 Jun 43.**

W.E. **36** X **874**

Attached

61 Aust. Inf. Bn. Unit

Allowed by W.E. **1** X **6**

PART A. — STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED

1	2	3	4
Ranks and W.E.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached)	Surplus to Establishment	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment)
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels .. 1	1	Nil	0
Majors .. 3	2	Nil	1
Captains .. 10	4	Nil	6
Lieutenants .. 22	18	Nil	4
2nd Lieutenants ..			
Quartermasters ..			
Totals .. 36	25	Nil	12

* Insert detail of higher rank as necessary

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

Officers JOINED during week

Rank	Name	Unit or Corps	Date	Cause
Lieut	McINTYRE D.C.C.	61 Bn	30.5.43	Return from hosp & Course NGP

Officers QUITTED during ²/₅ week

Rank	Name	Unit or Corps	Date	Cause
Lieut	James W.C.	61 Bn	27.5.43	To attend OCTU Woodside
Lieut	Todhunter R.U.P.	"	2.6.43	To attend Hygiene School

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

Rank	Name and Initials	Unit or Corps	(Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known))
Capt.	Graham J.T.	61 Bn	2.14 A.G.N.
Lieut	Hobbs J.J.S.	"	School of M.I.
Lieut	Watts A.A.	"	OCTU Woodside
Lieut	James W.C.	"	OCTU Woodside
Lieut	White J.	"	OCTU Woodside
Lieut	Fullarton A.W.J.	"	7 A.I.T.N.

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	Personal Number	Name and Initials	Appointment	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed
Lt. Col	Q 27602	MELDRUM A.	C.O.	Yes	
Major	Q 27608	WILES H.J.	2 i/c	"	
Major	QX47482	WICKS G.H.	O.C. B. Coy	"	
Capt.	QX22982	DAVIDSON L.F.	" D "	"	
Capt.	QX36035	TWEMLow E.McK.	" HQ "	"	
Capt.	QX36031	Lawson A.W.	Adjt.	"	
T/Capt.	QX36034	NIXON-SMITH G.E.	" A.Coy	"	
Lieut.	QX48861	MORLEY H.G.	Sig Offr.	"	
Lieut	QX36029	RUDDER W.L.	2 i/c B Coy	"	
Lieut	QX35749	BROWN A.R.	Pl Comd	"	
Lieut	QX43165	COTEE N.I.E.	do	"	
Lieut	QX36030	EMMETT H.E.	T.O.	"	
Lieut.	Q 107532	TODHUNTER R.V.P.	Pl Comd	No	Hyg. School NGF.
Lieut	QX48362	GOWLAND R.E.	"	Yes	
Lieut	Q 27696	TOMLINSON C.B.	"	"	
Lieut	QX36366	O'CALLAGHAN G.I.	"	"	
Lieut	Q 27568	PATRICK E.A.	"	"	
Lieut	Q 28330	O'KEEFE T.J.	"	"	
Lieut	Q 27832	McINTYRE D.G.C.	"	"	
Lieut	Q 15468	BRINKLEY F.R.	G.M.	"	
Lieut	Q 27732	HARKSON A.G.	Pl Comd	"	
Lieut	Q 28546	H OUGH G.L.	"	"	
Lieut	QX35526	HENDERSON P.W.	"	"	
Lieut	NX115828	PLUMMER R.T.V.	"	"	
Lieut	Q 27642	STANLEY L.W.	O.C. G Coy	"	
Lieut	Q 27955	WHITE J.J.	Pl. Comd	No	Leave
Lieut	QX48864	H OBBS J.J.S.	I.O.	"	Leave
Lieut	Q108090	WATTS A.A.	Pl. Comd	"	"
Lieut	Q 28873	JAMES W.G.	" "	"	"
Lieut	Q 27645	Lawson H.	" "	"	"

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	Personal Number	Name and Initials	Unit or Corps	Date of Attachment	Nature of Attachment	Allowed by W.E. (Insert Yes or No)
T/Capt.	QX36368	HAWKINS G.K.	A.A.M.C.	1/4/42	RMO	Yes

61 Aust. Inf. Bn. (Unit)

[Signature]
(Signature of Commander)
Comd. 61 Aust Inf. Bn.

5 Jun 43.
(Date of Despatch)

(Bde., Divn., etc. to which unit is serving)

Lieut	T/Capt	528406	KREBS	A.A.	S.C. 7.A.I. Bde	16.1.43
Lieut		QX36365	PATERSON	J.S.	L.O.2	"
Lieut		Q 302901	PACKMAN	T.	Movt Contrl. Aust	22.8.42.

A/Lieut		QX36047	FULLARTON	A.W.J.	61 A.I.B.	Evac. Dec 42
A/Lieut.		Q27955	WHITE	J.	61 A.I.B./	20.4.43.
Lieut		QX48864	HOBBS	J.J.S.	"	21.4.43
A/Lieut		Q 10809	WATTS	A.A.	"	25.4.43
A/Lieut		Q 28873	JAMES	W.C.	"	27.5.43
Lieut		Q107532	TODHUNTER	R.U.P.	"	2.6.43
Lieut		Q 27645	LAWSON	J.	"	7.4.43

Eapt.		QX48860	GRAHAM	J.T.	2/14	A.G.H.	
Lieut		QX36367	SHAW	H.O.	/	112	A.G.H.
T/Lieut		Q 28191	IRVINE	W.O.	2/2	A.G.H.	12.10.42.
Lieut		Q 27638	MCCOY	J.C.	2/9	A.G.H.	10.5.43.
Lieut		QX40881	BLACKBURN	S.T.	2/9	A/G.H.	20.5.43.

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

(Adapted)

A.M.P. W.R. 11/12/2 874 O/R's 8 Att.

61 Aust Inf Bn (Unit) 5 June 1945 (Date.)

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

Table with 4 columns: 1. Detail, 2. Posted Strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached), 3. Surplus to Establishment, 4. Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments). Rows include W.O's Class I, W.O's Class II, Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants, Staff Serjeants, Serjeants, Corporals, Troopers, Privates, &c., and a TOTALS row.

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Table with 4 columns: Over W.R., Detail, Unit, Unit and Corps to which they belong. Rows list various ranks and units such as 1 Sgt Postman N.O., 1 Cpl Bootmaker A.A.U.C., 1 Cpl Armourer A.N.M.B., 1 Sgt N.O. Orderly A.N.M.B., 1 Cpl M.T. Fitter A.N.M.B., 1 Sgt Pay duties A.A.F.C., 1 Sgt Tpt. A.N.M.B., 2 O/R's Fitters N.V., and 1 O/A. Padre 7 Aust Inf Bn.

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

Table with 5 columns: Army No., Rank, Name and Initials, Corps, (Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts if known)).

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

W.E. DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT							REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED					REMARKS.		
	W.O's. Class I.	W.O's. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Staff-Serjeants	Serjeants	Corporals	Troopers, Privates, &c.	TOTAL	W.O's. Class I.	W.O's. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Serjeants		Corporals	Troopers, Privates, &c.
Bricklayers	1														
Butchers	1														
Carpenters and Joiners	6														
Clerks	10														
Despatch Riders															
Draughtsmen (topo)															
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.															
Electricians															
Farriers															
Fitters															
Masons															
Painters and Decorators															
Plumbers and Gasfitters															
Saddlers and Harness Makers															
Signallers	3														
Storemen, Technical															
Vickers Machine Gunners															
Cooks	25														
Intelligence Dut.	6														
Range Takers	7														
Tailors	3														
Driver Mech.	28														
Driver Operators	36														
Equip. Repairers	1														
General Duty Personnel															
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A)												200	200		200

61 Aust Inf. Bn.

Unit.

Date of Despatch 4 Jun 43.

[Signature] Lt. Col.

Signature of Commander.

Comd. 61 Aust. Inf. Bn.

Bde., Divn., Area, &c., with which unit is serving.

A.I.F. Serving with Bn.

Sgts.	7
Cpls	10
O.R.s	39
Sigs T.G.	3

Total

59.

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"25 May 43.

Special Instructions to Coys.

To be read in conjunction with verbal orders received at
1731 R/25.

Direction of Attack. 125° G. (common both forward coys).

Password. (Given verbally by runner).

Action on Attaining Objective.

Adj. C. Coy contact B Coy Y M (Theory only).
D. Coy contact C. "

Dress. As per Warning Order plus. Sweater woollen.

Time of issue 2030 R/25.

ab Lawson Capt.,
Adj. S1 Aust. Inf. Bn.

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WARNING ORDER.
*****Ref. Map UBERI 1" to 1 ml.Information.-

As per opening Situation.

K/25.

61 Aust Inf Bn will prepare to move by 1800 hrs

Ann.-

First Line Ann will be carried by All Ranks.

Dress.-

Battle Order as per 'standing Orders'.

Rations.-1 tin bully beef per 3 men, 1pkt biscuits per man
plus emergency rations.

No move before 2100 hrs K/25.

O'Gp conference Rd Junc. 174398 at 1530 hrs.

Ablasson Capt.,

Adjt., 61 Aust. Inf. Bn.

Time of issue.- 1327

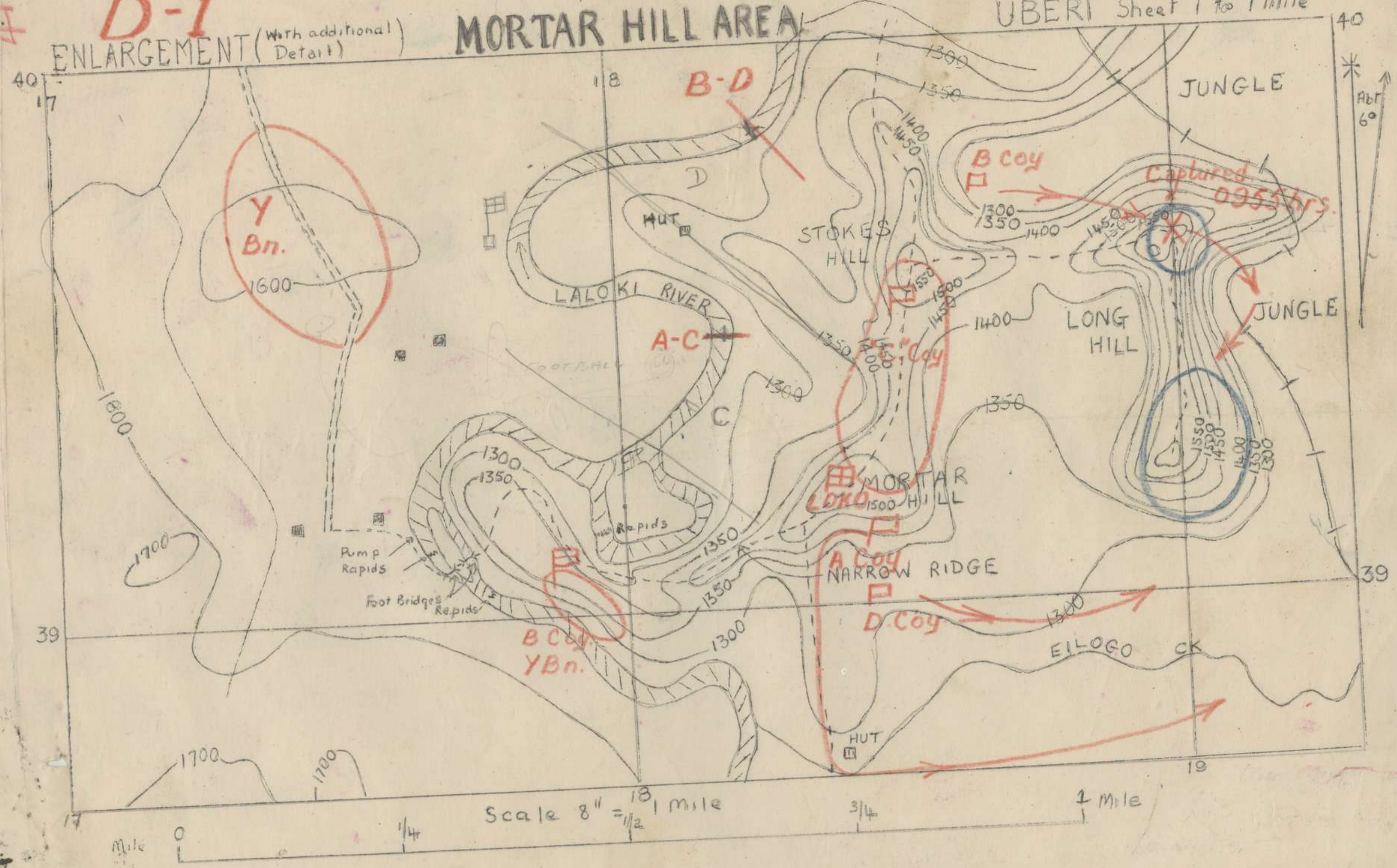
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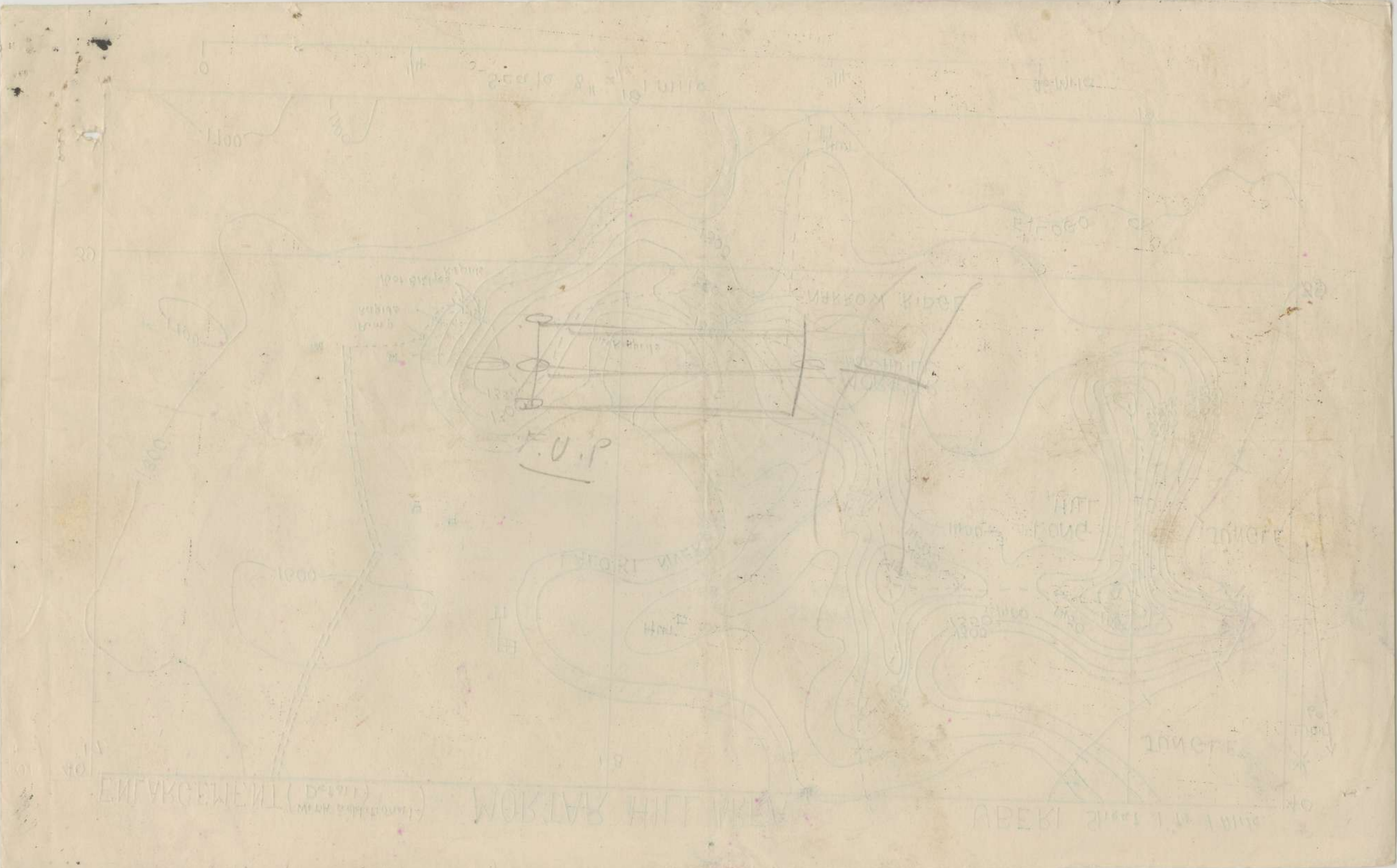
DISTRIBUTION.-O.C.'s Coys.
QM.
R.M.O.
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War Diary.
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As at 0950 hrs 26.
UBERI Sheet 1" to 1 Mile

D-1
ENLARGEMENT (With additional Detail)

MORTAR HILL AREA





NOT TO BE PUBLISHED
AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES
ROUTINE ORDERS
PART I

by

Maj. C.H. Bicks

Adm. Comd. 61 Aust. Inf. Bn.

4 May 43

Serial No. 90/43

422. LIGHTING RESTRICTIONS DURING AIR RAIDS.

During an air raid alert all vehs. using the MAIN RD between rd junc. FAUX PASS RD - MAIN RD and first rise north of 7 MILE DROME will travel with dimmed lights.

423. UNAUTHORIZED PERSONS ON AIRFIELDS.

Visits to Airfields by personnel other than those on duty will cease forthwith. Unauthorized travel in aircraft is viewed with concern and will be met with severe disciplinary action.

Provost personnel have been instructed to detain and charge all personnel found on Airfields without proper authority.

424. PISTOLS, POSSESSION OF (NGF. O 136/43).

Attention is directed to 61 Bn. R/O's No. 89/43 para. 421 dated 30 Apr 43, re this matter.

425. UNIT TRUST A/C.

Balance as at 31/3/43	-	318-9-9
Credits recd. during Apr. 43	-	44-6-6
Credits as at 30/4/43	-	167-13-7

Funds spent on comforts for tps.

* W. J. ... Capt.,
 For Adj. 61 Aust. Inf. Bn.

NOTICES.Operators, Mechanical Equipment.

A return of personnel competent to operate and maintain in working order such plant as excavators, bulldozers, tractors, power-driven graders and rollers is required from all Coys.

Names of personnel will be submitted in the following categories-

- (a) Capable of operating mechanical equipment now.
- (b) Capable of operating mechanical equipment after short training course (2 weeks).

Returns will be submitted through H.Q. at earliest.

DISTRIBUTION.

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|----------------------|-----------|---------------|-----------|
| 1. 11 Aust. Div. | 6. HQ Coy | 8. B Coy. | 13. QM. |
| 2. 7 Aust. Inf. Bde. | 7. A " | 9. C " | 14. Filoc |
| 3. C.O. | | 10. D " | |
| 4. Adj. " | | 11. "I" Sec. | |
| 5. War Diary. | | 12. R.M. Sec. | |

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61 Aust Inf Bn - Exercise No. 1.

Copy No. 16

Prepared by: Adit. 61 Aust Inf Bn

May 43.

INSTNS. FOR EXERCISE.

Ref. Map : UBERI 1 in. to 1 ml.

1. 61 Aust Inf Bn exercise No. 1 will be held on 28/29 May 43 in area DONADABU - KARKATANA under the direction of Maj. H.J. Wiles, Adm. Comd. 61 Aust Inf Bn.

2. OBJECT:

To exercise a bn in adv through open, semi-open and close country to contact, in close contact and attack on hastily defended airfield.

3. LESSONS:

(1) Once contact has been made our patrols must NOT loose touch with enemy and must dominate them, so covering the movements of the main body.

(2) In an attack against hastily organized defences the primary requirements of both plan and action will be surprise, speed and simplicity.

(3) In river X-ing the passage of only a few determined men to reach the far bank is often all that is required to prepare the way for the passage of large formations.

4. TPS TAKING PART:

Comd. Maj. C.H. Bicks - 61 Aust Inf Bn

61 Aust Inf Bn less HQ Coy details.

5. ENEMY:

(a) Comd - Capt L.F. Davidson - 61 Aust Inf Bn
HQ Coy details

(b) Enemy will act according to "Instns to O.C. Enemy" issued separately.

(c) Enemy will wear Hats Katigue

6. UMPIRES:

(a) An umpire will be allotted to each rifle coy and enemy tps.

(b) Umpires will wear Hat K.F. and white band on both arms.

7. CONFERENCES:

Date	Time	Place	PURPORT	To Attend
27 May	1900	Offrs. Mess 61 A.I.B.	Directors Explanation of exercise, Instns to Umpires	All Umpires O/C Enemy
30 May	0800	Offrs Mess 61 A.I.B.	Umpires Final Conference Collection of Umpires Reports.	All Umpires.
30 May	1850	Offrs Mess 61 A.I.B.	Directors disoussion of exercise.	All umpires Offrs & NCOs 61 A.I.B.

8. PRESENTATION OF FIRE:

- (a) Rifle : blank
- (b) SMG : tin tapped with wood.
- (c) LMG : rattle - short bursts
- (d) MMG : rattle - long bursts
- (e) Mortar 2" : aldershot grenades.
- (f) Mortar 3" : charges of gelignite.

9. ASSEMBLY:

At 0800 hrs 28 May -

- (a) 61 Bn less HQ details will assemble in area South of Camp HQ. ref. 175389.
- (b) HQ detail under Comd Capt. L.F. DAVIDSON will assemble in accordance with "Instns to Enemy".

10. AMM:

- (a) Rations: 2 days ration plus emergency ration will be carried on the man.
- (b) Dress: Order of dress will be as laid down by Comd. 61 Aust. Inf. Bn. Enemy will conform to this order excepting that Hats fatigue will be worn.
- (c) Amn: Blank Amn will be allotted as hereunder :-
 Enemy : 200 rnds.
 Rifle Coys : each 150 rnds.
 Att.Tps : 100 rnds.

Aldershot Grenades will be carried by umpires and used in accordance with situation.

11. SPECIAL INSTNS:

- (a) Only light and No duty men will be left in coy areas as security guards.
- (b) Representative weight for scale of amn laid down by Comd. will be carried.
- (c) Ball amn will be carried in haversack. Coy Comds will impress on all tps that weapons must NOT be loaded with ball amn and inspect weapons before and during exercise.

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DISTRIBUTION.

Issued To	Copies Nos.		
	Instns for Exercise and Opening Situation	Instnd to O.C.Enemy.	Forecast of Events.
7 Aust. Inf. Bde	1 - 2	1 - 2	1 - 2
Director	3	3	3
Umpires	4 - 8	4 - 8	4 - 8
61 Aust. Inf. Bn.	9 - 15		
War Diary	16	9	9
File	17	10	10
Spares	18 - 20	11-13	11 - 13

61 Aust Inf Bn. Exercise No. 1Opening Situation : Day 1.

On the night D - 4, 7 Aust Inf Bde is in biv area 1341 prior to advance through OWERS CORNER, 251479 to IORIBAWA to reinforce our successes in that area.

7 Ind. Coy patrolling general area MUSGRAVE RIVER is at present 21 mls S.E. of Bde Area.

At 1200 hrs D - 5, 7 Ind Coy reports contacting small enemy recon parties.

During the next few days the following Sit. Reports are received.

1600 hrs D - 3 : 7 Ind Coy forced back to DEMORINUMU (13 mls S.E. Bde Area). Report strong enemy force est. One Inf Bn. advancing towards KARAKATANA airfield 216342.
At 1430 hrs fwd enemy patrols NOMANAU 2 mls South DEMORINUMU.

1000 hrs D - 2: One Sec 7 Ind Coy over-run at DEMORINUMU. At 0900 hrs party enemy approx. 200 strong in area SALATANA 2 mls N.E. DEMORINUMU. Casualties enemy 75 killed 40 wounded. ours 4 killed, 7 wounded.

1200 hrs D - 2: Enemy identity estab. 105 NAMUTISHI Inf Bn. P.W. reveals 100 labour tps att. for work on airfield.

0700 hrs D - 1: 7 Ind Coy engaged enemy with LMG & Mortar ref. 255272 inflicting by casualties estimated 200.

1200 hrs D - 1: Present posn 7 Ind Coy 198350 . fwd elements enemy tps moving towards airfield.

1700 hrs D - 1: 7 Ind Coy demolished br 218549 . disposn astride rd 1800 feature ref. 217356.

In view of this information Comd. 7 AUST INF BDE receives orders to despatch one Bn to destroy enemy KARAKATANA area. Comd. 7 Aust. Inf. Bde orders 61 Bn to move along tk DONADABU - KARAKATANA secure airfield and destroy enemy. There will not be Arty. support. There are no native carriers available but I have arranged for Pack Horses to be at your disposal."

As G.O. 61 Aust. Inf. Bn. carry on.

OPENING SITUATION : DAY 2

Strong JAP forces are endeavouring to drive through to PT. MORESBY from area SUBITANA - IAWARERE.

25 Bn are in contact with enemy in area 2942. *Subitana*

Native reports considered reliable indicate that a strong enemy force is moving down tk MAGULI SADDLE area 3955 BUBONI 381400. 9 Bn patrols report, *Subitana* force has infiltrated down tk ERENUMU 166527 - BISINUMU 146352. contact made with fwd elements 1 mi. N.E. IAWARERE 376383.

No. 61 Bn and 1 Coy 9 Bn are in def. of KARAKATANA airfield area 216542. At 1400 D - 2 reports are received at Dde HQ that a strong enemy force has infiltrated down tk ERENUMU 166527 - BISINUMU 146352.

Native reports show light enemy patrols moving along EILOGO rd in direction DONADABU Camp.

At 0700 hrs D. Bde Comd calls C.O. 61 Aust. Inf. Bn and says - " 9 & 25 Bns are committed forward. Sit Reps show enemy force approx 200 strong area BISLATABU HOUSE 145455. Light patrols have been seen moving towards DONADABU Camp. It seems likely that this force will attempt to stab us in the back. You will move Bn along tk SEROWA - MINUMU - DONADABU contact and destroy enemy.

I cannot give you Arty support. 11 Fd Amb will arrange evac. of wounded. You are allotted 4 rides & 6 packs for tpt of sup. weapons.

As C.O. 61 Aust. Inf. Bn. - Carry on.

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FORECAST OF EVENTS.

Secr

Sheet. 5

Time	Place	Event.	Notes for Umpire
D 0800		Assembly of Bn 175389	Protection.
0820	Assembly area ref.	Issue of orders for adv.	Clear orders passed down to men.
1140	Area BOMB craters ref. 191369	Leading patrols contact enemy.	Immediate recce out-flanking movement automatic drill by Pl aggressive patrolling.
1200		Fwd coy clears knolls area 194367	
1330		Adv continues	Are there snipers in trees.
1420	RED BANK 201361	Ambush	
1510	CLEAR HILL 204356	Opposition in fair strength in depth to scrub area 205354	Use of support weapons Action of fwd elements Fire control.
1700	Area 2035	Preparation perimeter defence	All round defence detailed recce for recognition of obj. at first light. Striking force within perimeter. Thug parties?
D+1 0300	Br 211345	Br head secured by protective patrol.	
0500	do	Main force moves to attack airfield	Silence - control - do tps know their sub-units particular objective.
0800	Airfield area 215345	Consolidation	Protection - is contact maintained with enemy.
0850	do	Breakfast.	Protection.
0950	do	Bn moves off on 2nd ex.	
1150	Ck X-ing 197338.	Meets minor opposition adv. continues	Action of fwd tps
1400	X-ing 188361	Opposed X-ing.	Action on reaching X-ing is br-head est quickly. Is X-ing speedy. Are support weapons used.
1750	G RIMUNUMU 186367	Clearing a village.	Fd. craft on approach.
1850	do	Main adv continues	Is adv silent
2130	DONADABU CAMP	return to unit lines	Control spirit of tps Note sup. in field & evac. of casualties during exercise.

SHEET 6

INSTRUCTIONS TO O.C. ENEMY.

1. Your troops will consist of details from H.Q. Coy. Lieuts. H.E. Emmett and G.L. Hough will be under your command. They will assemble area your Coy HQ, 0700 hrs.
2. From forecast of events you will see the posns at which you will arrange opposition, but you may have snipers on the intermediate ground.
3. You will spread your forces tactically, but in such a manner that as these over-run move back, the resistance offered to the bn will increase.
4. Bn will form perimeter def in general area 2035. During night you will endeavour to infiltrate through the defences.
5. An early attack will be made on the airfields Z will be at 0500 hrs.
6. On completion of this manoeuvre your forces will withdraw S.W. to GOVT. TK. and post tps in posns set down in forecast of events. Tps may breakfast after first def posn is set up.
7. You will harrass the bn between posns laid down.
8. The main centre of resistance on 2nd day will be at river Xing 188351.
9. After action GRIMUNUMU village your force will continue to harrass unit on its return.

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HQ., 61 A.I.B.

Subject ADM. INSTNS.

Breakfast K/28 will be at 0645 hrs.

Sick Parade 0715 hrs.

All men returned to duty from this Parade will rejoin Coys on the march under W.O.ii Newcombe, C.S.M. 'D' Coy.

DRESS.

As per standing Orders for Battle Dress plus Toilet gear.
Ground Sheet, Mosquito net for every 4 men, pannikin.
Rations for 5 meals.

ab Lawson Capt.,
Adjt., 61 Aust Inf Bn.

27/5/43.

DISTRIBUTION.

All Coys
R.M.O.
Q.M.
I.O.
Sig Offr.
War Diary.
File
Spares - 3

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Victoria Barracks

Australian Military Forces—Northern Command.

TELEPHONE—B 5333

General Instrns for Three Day Coy Exercise.

Ref. Map. UBERI 1" = 1 ml.

1. Coys will be exercised as detached forces over three days during the week ending 22 May 43 in area UBERI 247488 - McDONALDS 167458.

2. Object:-

To exercise coys in independant role and to enable Coy Comds to practice their HQ personnel in adm. and dealing with problems involved.

3. Lessons:-

A poor plan properly administered is more likely to succeed than a good plan poorly administered.

4. Tps. Taking Part:-

A & B Coys	-	17 - 19 May 43
C & D Coys	-	19 - 21 May 43

Att. Tps: One Sec. 3 Pl will be attached to each Coy.
One Sec. 2 Pl will be attached to one Coy for 1½ days and after midday meal on second day will pass to comd. of opposing coy. This change of comd. will be arranged by O.C. 2 Pl. and will necessitate transfer of packhorses used for those weapons.

5. Pack Tpt.:-

Horse tpt. will be available for coy exercise and will be allotted as follows:-

	Per.	rides.	packs.
A Coy	1	4	7
B Coy	1	2	3

Coys will submit return showing personnel who have had trg. in pack tpt. by 1200 hrs K/16.

Pack tpt. per. and horses will be att. to coys for rations forage accommodation and duty.

Coys must make fullest use of this opportunity to gain experience in carriage of weapons, amn, eqpt. and sups. by pack tpt. Particular attention will be given to sup. weapons and their amn.

Coy Comds. will be guided by advice of senior NCO or soldier of 3 Aust. Pack Tpt Coy att. to him in all matter relating to horse management. The rides are NOT meant for Offrs. mounts but for the use of tpt. for leading pack horses. They will NOT be available to Offrs. or Umpires except in emergency. The "pay load" of a horse may be taken as between 160 and 225 lbs (incl. forage 15 lbs per horse per day). The weight of forage to be carried on the horse must be taken into account when making up loads.

Weight of forage & bags - chaff - 90 lbs.
oats -110 lbs.

6. Amn.:-

Owing to the shortage of blank amn. coys will arrange own representations of fire. Ball amn MUST NOT be broken down to make blank amn.

7. Movement:-

S.T. 0800 hrs

S.P. Coy Lines.

Route via main rd to Base area thence by BISIATABU rd.

A Coy will move by MT on 17 May 43.

T.O. will arrange for necessary MT to report to coy lines at 0745hrs on that day.

This Coy will be transported to tk junc. 210478. MT will then return, contact B Coy and transport that coy to rd bend 208479.

Same arrangements will apply to movement of C and D Coys on 18 May 43.

8. Supplies:-

Tps will carry unconsumed portion of first days ration. R.Q.M.S's will establish Sup. p's at localities to be recce. Coys will be advised of these points. C.Q.M.S's will be responsible for the sup. of rations and forage for their tps. and horse tpt. T.O. will place 1 x 3 ton F.W.D. at disposal of R.Q.M. for rations. This vehicle will be required for 4 days.

9. Instns.:- Instns. to Coy Comds in regard to action during ex. will be issued separately.

10. Intercomms:-

Sig. Offr. will arrange for visual contact from area of ex. to Trig ref. 167391. Comn. will be established between Coy and adv. sig. station by L/T. NCO in charge station will ensure that there is no interception of messages.

11. Medical:-

Coy S.B's will move with first aid kits and a plentiful supply of Tinea lotion. Coy Comds will ensure that adequate supplies of Atebrin are carried. Evacuation of casualties may be arranged through Sig. Stn.

12. Special Instns.:-

- (a) Max. number of personnel will take part in ex. Minimum of picquets will be left in lines. Personnel attending Tk A Mortar & Sniper Courses will NOT move with Coy.
- (b) Because of limited horse tpt. amm. to be carried will be scaled down.
- (c) All weapons will be inspected prior to commencement of ex. Ball amm. will be carried in haversack.
- (d) Dress is at discretion of Coy Comd but MUST be uniform throughout entire Comd (Incl. att. tps.)
- (e) Attention is drawn to En. R/O. No. 430 Serial 92/43 dated 12 May 43, and to memo re "Prevention & Treatment of Tinea" dated 15 May 43.

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| 4. HQ Coy | 12. T.O. | |
| 5. Rifle Coys | 13. S.O. | |
| | 14. O.C. 2 Pl. | |

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O P E N I N G S I T U A T I O N

1. 83 Aust Inf Bde is advancing by EILOGO RD through JAP-occupied territory to seize the JAP airfield at KARAKATANA. Little is known of JAP strength or dispositions.
2. 7 Aust Inf Bde is responsible for flank protection of this move. Bde Comd has allotted two bns to Right flank, moving cross-country MARIANE (1639) — DONADABU — OCYNUMU (2038) — GRIMUNUMU (1836) — NAHEMUMU (2038) — SEROWA (1934). Remaining bn is moving along KOITAKI RD parallel to adv and on reaching ITIKI will hold cross-rds (2442).
3. By 1100 hrs D-1 leading bn ('Y' bn) on Right flank, overcoming light opposition, had seized DONADABU CAMP and held HILL 1800 (167391) — DONADABU HILL (175397) and SPUR 175404.
4. C.O. 'Y' bn reported that LALOKI R at DONADABU was deep and swift-flowing and required assault boats or bridging. Recce of the river bank was made difficult by JAP snipers in the thick scrub on the opposite bank and by fire from prepared posns from HILL 183392.
5. B coy of this bn found a ft-br intact and lightly held at RAPIDS about 177391 and crossed to Right bank but at 181391 could make no progress against LMG and HMG fire from HILL 183392. JAPS attempted to surround this coy and at 1130 hrs D-1 it was maintaining its posn with difficulty.
6. At 1200 hrs D-1 Bde Comd met C.O. 'X' bn at DONADABU HILL (175397), and giving him a sketch of MORTAR HILL area, said:-
7. "The JAPS are holding MORTAR HILL and STOKES HILL with at least one inf coy and some HMGs and grenade dischargers. B Coy 'Y' bn which is holding with difficulty NARROW RIDGE across the river, reports that there seem to be at least two more coys of JAPS on LONG HILL with HMGs and mortars.
8. Until the threat of this JAP force in the MORTAR HILL — LONG HILL area is removed, movt of 83 bde along EILOGO RD cannot continue.
9. 'Y' bn is holding HILL 1800 (167391) — DONADABU HILL — SPUR 175404 as a firm base for a river crossing and attack on the JAP posns.
10. I have sent back for inf assault boats and nine of these with at least two recce boats will be at R.V. br 174406 at 2100 hrs tonight for your use.
11. You will make a crossing of LALOKI R at DONADABU by first light 'D' day, enlarge your br-head and capture LONG HILL by 1100 hrs 'D' day. On LONG HILL you will reorganize and 'Y' bn will continue the adv.
12. No air photographs of these reaches of the river are available. This sketch is the best we have.
13. Reconnoitre your crossing places this afternoon but be particularly careful of security so as NOT to reveal your intentions.
14. 99 bty 2/55 Aust Fd Regt will be in support of you from 0600 hrs 'D' day and F.O.O. (NOT represented in exercise) will report to you at 1800 hrs to-day. No registration is allowed before 0600 hrs 'D' day. Make your actual crossing as silent as possible, without supporting fire. You can call on arty support for the enlargement of your br-head and your main attack.

Over

15. From 1800 hrs to-day I shall be at 'Y' bn H.Q. 173398.

16. My I.O. will give you sun and moon tables."

As C.O. 'X' bn carry out your task.

SUN AND MOON TABLES

	SUN		MOON	
	R.	S.	R.	S.
May 24	0618	1757	2223	1020
" 25	0618	1757	2322	1116
" 26	0619	1756	2400	1209
" 27	0619	1756	0019	1258
" 28	0619	1756	0113	1345
" 29	0619	1756	0206	1430

27 May Moon - Last quarter.

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Adm. Comd., 61 Aust. Inf. Bn

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Serial No. 91/43

426. INDISCRIMINATE FIRING.

Firing is forbidden in the DONADABU area, except on authorized rifle ranges. Individuals or gps of men must NOT try their weapons in the surrounding country, which is being used for trg.

427. INTERFERENCE WITH SIGNAL COMMUNICATIONS.

1. Instances have occurred recently of field cable and copper wire lines having been deliberately cut and sections stolen.

2. Formations and Units will take action to ensure that all ranks are informed of the danger of vital communications being disrupted by such vandalism.

3. The use of field cable for any purpose other than that for which it is intended is a serious offence.

4. The deliberate damage to signal communications and theft of field cable is to be regarded as an offence for which the offender is to be tried by Court Martial, unless the Formation Commander otherwise directs. In all cases of deliberate damage to signal communications and theft of field cable the offender will be charged and a summary of Evidence, which will be forwarded to the Formation Commander, will be taken.

428. PISTOLS, POSSESSION OF (NGF. O.136/43).

Attention is again directed to 61 Bn. R/O's No. 90/43 para. 424 dated 4 May 43, re this matter.

429. NEW GUINEA FORCE TRAINING INSTRUCTION NO.3 (NGF R/O.183)

The above Training Instruction dealing with air raids and morale has been distributed.

Commanders will ensure that the contents of this instrn are promulgated to all ranks.

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NOTICES.

Any personnel requiring Dental attention will report on Sick Parades to R.A.P.

"The greater the obstacle the more glory in overcoming it".

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430. NATIVE VILLAGES - OUT OF BOUNDS.

Native villages and gardens are out of bounds to tps at all times. Tps must NOT loiter or take shelter in native huts. Fruit or other produce must NOT be taken from native gardens, even those apparently deserted. Tps should remember that natives depend on these gardens for food and that gardens are often at some distance from the villages of the natives who own them.

431. IGNITER SETS - GRENADES No. 36M - SUSCEPTIBILITY TO MOISTURE.

1. The .22 R.F. cartridge cap, as used in the igniter sets for grenades No. 36M, is highly susceptible to moisture.

2. Personnel handling igniter set containers will observe strictly the following procedure:-

(a) Igniter sets are always issued in soldered cylinders.

Should a cylinder be opened and the whole of the contents not expended, the cylinder will be resealed by effective adhesive tape or shellac binding.

(b) Detonators which show visible signs of corrosion or verdigris on the caps will be treated as suspect, as these are liable to produce blinds. Units will refer such detonators to an inspecting Ordnance Officer for determination of condition.

3. Units will keep the number of "ready use" grenades to a minimum, consistent with operational needs, and in tropical areas this number will not exceed four days requirements in advance.

432. BREAKING DOWN OF SERVICE OR ENEMY AMMUNITION.

1. The breaking-down of service or enemy ammunition in any way, other than that authorised by training publications, hand books, regulations in existence or instructions issued from L.H.Q., is strictly forbidden.

2. The breaking-down of any service or enemy ammunition by unauthorised persons is prohibited.

3. If information is required on the internal construction of any type of service ammunition, reference can be made to inspecting Ordnance Officers posted to H.Q. of Corps or L. of C. Areas.

4. Enemy ammunition will normally be broken down or demolished by R.A.E. units (preferably bomb disposal units) under instructions from formation etc. headquarters.

433. FD. DRESSINGS. These will not be used for Minor Cuts, personnel will be attended to by S.B.

Disciplinary action will be taken against any offenders.

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434. PLANTATIONS

"Coys will warn all tps that they must NOT linger in plantations, houses or native villages. Umpires and all offrs and NCOs will see that, as far as possible, tps avoid these places entirely."

In planning tac exercises, coy and sub-comds will, as far as possible, lay down routes that cause tps to skirt plantations instead of passing through them, and so direct the exercises that engagements do NOT occur in the immediate vicinity of plantations.

It must be explained to all ranks that the products of these plantations (e.g. rubber) are important to AUSTRALIA, and consequently that nothing must be done to disturb the working of native labour. Many natives are easily frightened.

435. BALL AMN ON TAC EXERCISES

Amn on the man and with the gun will be carried on tac exercises, so that tps may at all times be prepared to deal with JAPS.

When blank amn is carried, ball will be in haversack and must always be kept separate. All tps will be warned before exercise begins that they must NOT load ball during the exercise. Practice with ball amn is forbidden except on authorized DONADABU rifle ranges. Detached parties will be especially warned against firing in the fd.

By frequent inspections coys will ensure that each man has in his possession ONLY his W.E. amn, and that COMPLETE.

Coys will take disciplinary action against men breaking this order.

436. OFFICERS' LINES CAMP H.Q. - OUT OF BOUNDS

Formed bodies of tps on march to and from trg grounds will as far as is practicable skirt the hill on which Camp HQ. Offrs' tents are pitched and NOT pass through Offrs' lines.

437. COMFORTS FUND DISTRIBUTION

The following distribution of comforts was received on 14 May 43.

658 Cakes Toilet Soap
 658 Cakes Laundry Soap
 658 Pkts Cigarette papers
 1516 Pkts. Tobacco

438. DISPOSAL OF PROFITS - UNIT CANTEEN.

It is desired to draw to your attention that profits in unit canteen as at 12 May '43 are £72-0-1.

The following purchases of supplementary ration have been

made out of this amount.

6 Doz. Baking Powder	£4-	4-	0
4.4/12 doz Solpak Apples	7-	16-	0
9 doz. Custard Powder	3-	12-	0
4 doz. Pickles	2-	6-	0
3 doz. Worcestershire Sauce	1-	12-	0
4 doz. Mixed Spice		6-	0
40 doz. Preserved Peaches	26-	0-	0
16 doz. Ideal Milk	5-	0-	0
	<hr/>		
Total Purchases ..	50-	19-	0
Less 5% allowance by Canteen	2-	17-	0
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Therefore amount actually spent ...	£48-	2-	0

439. LEAVE WITHOUT PAY

1. In order to remove any misunderstanding by members concerned the effect of a grant of leave without pay, irrespective of the authority under which leave is granted, attention is directed to the provisions of War Financial (Military Forces) Regulations, which provide, in effect, that all pay (including allotments) and pay allowances cease in respect of any period for which a member is granted leave without pay.

2. When leave without pay is granted, the following will not be payable during the period of such leaves:-
(a) pay (including deferred pay) ;
(b) Field allowance ;
(c) command allowance ;
(d) special allowance ;
(e) exchange allowance ;
(f) dependants allowance ;
(g) travelling allowance ;
(h) subsistence allowance ;
(i) any allowance payable under regulation 9 of the abovementioned regulations.

3. Leave without pay will not be imposed on a member compulsorily and, consequently, will always be covered by written application from the member, specifying that leave is desired without pay.

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Capt.,
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Adm. Comd. 61 Aust Inf Bn

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440. CENSORSHIP (NGF O 606/42)

The following Military Board Instruction (G. 20/1043) is promulgated :-

1. The extension of the war to the Pacific Ocean area has made it of vital importance to ensure that the Units of the Military Forces in Australia and its Territories are not disclosed in mails likely to fall into the hands of the enemy whilst in transit.
2. Officers and other ranks of the Military Forces of the Commonwealth of Australia and its Territories, therefore, may give the name of their Unit in correspondence only to :-
 - (a) Persons resident or stationed in Australia or its Territories;
 - (b) Persons resident in the United Kingdom or New Zealand;
 - (c) Service personnel in the United Kingdom, Canada, New Zealand, South Africa, India, the Middle East, or Malaya.
3. In all other cases, including, for example, correspondence to :-
 - (a) Crews of merchant ships;
 - (b) Australian or British prisoners-of-war;
 - (c) Foreign countries, whether allied or neutral;
 - (d) British or allied Pacific islands;
 - (e) Persons resident or stationed at Gibraltar, etc.,
 Officers and other ranks of the Military Forces of the Commonwealth of Australia or its Territories will not give the name of their unit, but will give, as their address, the address of a relative or friend in the Commonwealth to whose care a reply can be sent for forwarding.
4. Any officer or other rank who has no relative or friend in the Commonwealth to whose address a reply can be sent for forwarding, may request his correspondent to reply to him care of the District Censor at the capital or principal city of the State or Territory in which he is stationed. It is essential that any soldier who adopts this course should notify his correct address in writing to the District Base Censor concerned, who will arrange to forward the reply when received.

Letters addressed to Australian, British or Allied Prisoners of War may not be released if enclosed in an envelope bearing the imprint of a Unit or Base Censor Stamp.

C. A. Lawson Capt.,
Adjt., 61 Aust. Inf. Bn.,
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NOTICES.

A haversack, containing towel and messing gear has been found and handed into Bde.HQ. Owner may have same on application to Bde Orderly Room.

Identity discs for the following pers have been found and are held at Bde.H.Q.

N	162493	E.C.	SMITH
N	377666	W.B.	McLAUGHLIN
Q	45317	D.C.	LAVINGTON

A bunch of 5 keys was found in the vicinity of Bn.Offrs' Mess. Owner apply Bn.H.Q.
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Lt.Col. A. Meldrum

Comd. 61 Aust. Inf. Bn.

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441. PERSONNEL WITH MARINE EXPERIENCE (NGF O A 218.)

1. Personnel with seafaring or Marine experience are urgently re-quired for the operation and maintenance of small craft.
2. Action will be taken by Coy. Comds to obtain particulars of ALL such personnel and forward them through normal channels to reach this HQ by 5 Jun 43.

442. TRADESMEN - PHOTO-LITHO., (NGF A 221.)

1. Applications are called for personnel who have had experience in civil life in the following occupations :-

Printers down
Litho-draughtsmen
Plate retouchers
Machine Minders
Litho offset printers
Provers.

for employment with the AUST SVY CORPS as :

Helio-operators
Lithographers -
draughtsmen
machine minders
provers.

2. Applications, giving full information and experience should be in writing, and addressed to A D Svy, HQ NEW GUINEA Force.

443. CARE OF TENTAGE (NGF O 9222.)

In addition to the action mentioned in paragraph 2 of NGF R.O. 80 of 8 Mar 43, units will ensure that the following is also carried out:-

- (a) The fly must at all times be kept clear of the tent by at least 10 inches. If tents are raised on stakes there should be two horizontal bars attached to these stakes, the higher for the fly ropes and the lower one for the inner ropes. If pegs are used a separate row of pegs must be used for the fly ropes.
- (b) The natural pitch of the tent must be maintained. If the sides are raised the upright poles must be raised an equal height. The angle at the apex of the fly should be no more than 100 degrees.
- (c) Each morning any vegetable matter lying on the fly must be brushed away.
- (d) Drawings and pictures must not be affixed to the inside of the tents.

E M Twemlow Capt.,
for Adjt., 61 Aust. Inf. Bn.

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NOTICE.

Rifle No. 73098. has been lost. Finder please return to this HQ.

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

Army Form C.2113
(adapted.)

(Erase heading not required)

Unit 61 Aust. Inf. Bn. Date and Time.—From 2 Jun 43 To 10 Jun 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	2 Jun 43		Coys River X-ing, Assault Course. Pioneers on Bridge construction ref. 172395. Lieut. Todhunter to Hygiene School N.G.F.	<i>ab lawson capt</i>
	3 Jun 43		River X-ings and Gas Chamber. Coys trg. in trg. Area.	<i>D.H.</i>
	4 Jun 43		All Coys carried out trg. in respective trg. areas. H.Q. Coy on range in morning and A Coy Bde M.M.G. Range.	<i>D.H.</i>
	5 Jun 43		Bde Swimming Carnival won by 61 Aust. Inf. Bn. 1 Offr. and 59 O.Rs stood by to act as re-inforcements for 9 Aust. Inf. Bn. Athletic Carnival in afternoon won by 61 Aust. Inf. Bn.	<i>D.H.</i>
	6 Jun 43		O.P.D. and R.C. Church Parades 0900 hrs and 0930. 2/1 Tk. A representative team participated in Rugby League match, and Swimming Carnival with 7 Bde teams. At 1030 hrs the Bde Comd (Brig. J. Fields) kicked off to start football match 2/1 Tk. A. v 7 Bde. Won by 7 Bde 15 pts. to 3. Swimming Carnival also won by 7 Bde 11 pts. to 6. At 1840 hrs 'O' Gp conference at offr. mess for two day Bn Exercise DONADABU - ABIDARI Area. Pioneer Pl completed M.T. Br (ref. 172395) named RASMUSSEN BRIDGE by Lt. Col. Meldrum. Lieut. E.A. Patrick moved out to Hygiene School at N.G.F. Lieut. A.R. Brown moved out to M.M.G. School Bonegilla. Capt. A.D. Shirley MARCHED IN Bn as R.M.O.	<i>D.H.</i>
	7 Jun 43		At 0800 hrs Bn moved out on 2 day exercise Area DONADABU - ABIDARI as per screed attached Exercise 2 Day 1.	<i>D.H.</i>
	8 Jun 43		Bn on second day of 2 day Exercise as per screed attached Exercise 2 Day 2.	<i>D.H.</i>
	9 Jun 43		A and D Coys on Coys "Free-for-All" (2 days) Area MARIANE - EBADREDIE - WYRAROWA (plus Sig. Pl, 1 sec. Mortars, 1 sec. M.Gs.) "I" Sec. enlargements of same area. Padre McCullough MARCHED IN Bn.	<i>D.H.</i>
	10 Jun 43		"I" Sec. mapping and constructing sand table for Offrs. discussions. D and A Coys returned from Exercise at 1745 hrs other coys on range practice.	<i>D.H.</i>

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

Army Form C.2118
(adapted.)

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Unit 61 Aust. Inf. Bn.

Date and Time.—From 11 Jun 43

To 15 Jun 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	11 Jun 43		Capt. K.C. Campbell MARCHED IN Bn as O.C. 'A' Coy. Lieut. J.C. McCoy as 2 i/c 'A' Coy. B and C Coys move out on 2 day "Free-for-All" MARIANE - EBADREDIE - WYRAROWE. Sig Pl, 2 sec. Mortars "1" Sec M.Gs on Exercise with B and C Coys. Remainder H.Q. Coy on Jungle Firing Range. D Coy - 1 Offr, 3 N.C.Os and 25 O.Rs left as working party 21 Fd Coy Area for indefinite period. 1 Offr. 3 N.C.Os and 30 O.Rs left as working party KOITAKI Rd. Balance of Coy trg.	D.H.
	12 Jun 43		A Coy and remainder of H.Q. and D Coy Trg in respective areas. Pioneers working on Bridge, Tk. A Pl moved out for practice shoot at BOERA. B and C Coys on exercise returned to Biv. area at 1630 hrs. Lt. Col. Meldrum attended a dinner in honour of Col Sheehan at 11 Aust. Div. on night 12 Jun.	D.H.
	13 Jun 43		Church parades 0900 hrs. At 1130 hrs all offr and Pl Sgts. of the Bn attended demonstration of new type 2" Mortar MK.111 The outstanding feature noted being the rapidity with which it can be brought into action compared with the MK.11. Make and Break - rest. At 1950 hrs the Air Raid Red was sounded lasting till 2130 hrs during which time 2 raiders were seen in the searchlights over MORESBY. Very intense A/A barrage. (Capt. Nixon-Smith, Hygiene School N.G.F.) (Maj. Wiles, Maj. Bicks, Lieut. Stanley left to attend exercise in co-operation with tanks and Arty at BOERA Range.	D.H.
	14 Jun 43		A Coy building Japanese type pill boxes on LONG HILL in preparation for bombing and straffing display. Tk A Pl on shoot at BOERA. Remainder of Bn Trg as per syllabus. "I" Sec mapped Bn Obstacle, Water and Assault Course. B.17 and A.24 A/C were active over LONG HILL area on recce in preparation for bombing and straffing display.	D.H.
	15 Jun 43		Pte W. Ryan of B Coy was accidentally drowned at the river X-ing (ref. 182399 UBERI 1" to 1 ml.) while coy was using Bn obstacle, Water Course. Efforts to locate him failed.	

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

Army Form C.2113
(adapted.)

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Unit 61 Aust. Inf. Bn.

Date and Time.—From 15 Jun 43

To 20 Jun 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	15 Jun 43		Pioneer Pl commenced course with R.A.E. A Coy working on Pill Boxes LONG HILL. Remainder of Bn trg as per syllabus. Tk A Pl returned from shoot at BOERA (Results obtained being quite good.) Maj. Wiles, Maj. Bicks and Lieut. Stanley returned from BOERA after exercise in co-operation with tanks and Arty. Offrs. discussion at 1900 hrs on "DEFENCE".	<i>D.H.S.</i>
	16 Jun 43		W.O.ii Newcomb (C.S.M. 'D' Coy) appointed to acting R.S.M. All tps attended display by U.S. Army Air Corps and R.A.A.F. - Bombing and strafing of Japanese type Pill Boxes and posns on LONG HILL. A/C taking part B.24, A.20s and Beaufighters. Display to show co-operation between a/c and ground forces.	<i>D.H.S.</i>
	17 Jun 43		A and C Coys moved to new Bn areas (refs. 177398 and 177400 UBERI 1" to 1 ml) to allow dispersion of all Bn tents. Maj. Gen. Clewes passed through area to visit 7 Bde H.Q. H.Q. A, B and D Coys trg as per syllabus. Pioneer Pl working on Bde Assault Course. Air Raid Red at 2145 lasting till 2215 hrs. during which time 4 Jap. A/C observed in searchlights over MORESBY. 1 probably destroyed. Excellent Barrage. Lieut. Rudder to Hygiene School N.G.F. Capt. Nixon-Smith returned from Hygiene School N.G.F.	<i>D.H.S.</i>
	18 Jun 43		0915 hrs Pte Ryan's body recovered at PLANTS X-ING Bridge and buried during the afternoon at BOMANA Cemetery - Padre McCullough officiated. 3 "I" men recce of tracks MARIANE - EBADREDIE. All Coys trg as per syllabus in morning - Sports in afternoon. Australian rules football No. 1 team v No. 2 and Rugby League H.Q. Coy v A Coy, both at Bde sports ground.	<i>D.H.S.</i>
	19 Jun 43		Organised sports in morning H.Q. A and C Coys. B Coy dispersing tents. D Coy remaining Pl relieved Pl at Quarry. All Coys general trg. in afternoon.	<i>D.H.S.</i>
	20 Jun 43		0900 hrs O.P.D., 0930 R.C. Church parades. Make & Break. Bn rest day. "I" Sec and working party 1 N.C.O. and 6 O.Rs (D Coy) erect dummies and targets on LONG HILL in preparation	

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

Army Form C.2118
(adapted.)

(Erase heading not required).

Unit 61 Aust Inf Bn

Date and Time.—From 20 Jun 43

To 25 Jun 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	20 Jun 43		for Battle Practices. Lieut. Robinson to Hygiene School N.G.F. and One "I" Sec man was out to N.G.F. on three weeks "I" Course.	<i>D.H.</i>
	21 Jun 43		4 "I" men on 2 day recce tracks area DONADABU - MARIANE - EBADREDIE - WYRANOWA. No. 1,2,3 Pls Battle Practice LONG HILL in conjunction with A Coy in morning and C Coy in afternoon. During battle practice in afternoon Lieut. McIntyre and Pte Mason of C Coy were accidentally wounded by shrapnel from a grenade. Both were evacuated to hospital. Maj. Bicks, Lieuts. O'Callaghan, Henderson and O'Keefe at a tank display BOERA. Sports in morning and trg as syllabus in afternoon for all coys other than A Coy which had sports in afternoon (Lieut. Rudder returned Hygiene School N.G.F. At 2330 hrs the	<i>L.H.</i>
	22 Jun 43		Air Raid Red was received. No. 1,2 and 3 Pls Battle Practice LONG HILL (ref. 189393) in conjunction with B Coy in morning and D Coy in afternoon. Balance of Bn trg. as per syllabus.	<i>L.H.</i>
	23 Jun 43		Specialists from former Unit Transport leave area for staging camp to be allotted to new Units. Range practice for "B" Coy in morning and "D" Coy in afternoon. Balance trg as per syllabus. Lieut. Clarkson on Hygiene Course at N.G.F.	<i>L.H.</i>
	24 Jun 43		Lieut. Robinson returned from Hygiene Course N.G.F. "B" Coy 61 Bn and Mortar Pl & Bn move out to MORESBY for battle practice in co-operation with Tks. Brig. Thomson (B.G.S. N.G.F.) and Brig. Urquhart visited Area.	<i>L.H.</i>
	25 Jun 43		Balance of Bn sports all day. Lieuts. McKellar and Adam arrive to take up appointments with "C" and "D" Coys respectively. "B" Coy at MORESBY on attacks in co-operation with Tanks. "C" Coy firing on Range in morning. Balance of Bn training as per syllabus. Lt. Col. Meldrum and Lieut. Stanley move out to MORESBY to attend Tank co-operation.	<i>L.H.</i>

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Unit 61 Aust. Inf. Bn.

Date and Time.—From 26 Jun 43 To 1 Jul 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	26 Jun 43		Comd. and Sig. Exercise in Area during afternoon. "B" Coy at MORESBY on attack in co-operation with Tanks. Balance of Bn trg as per syllabus. Party 1 Offr 20 R.Rs to inspect planes moves down to MORESBY. Lieut. Patrick returned from Hygiene Sch. N.G.F.	
	27 Jun 43		Conférence on Comd. & Sig. Exercise at 1000 hrs. "B" Coy arrive back from MORESBY. Football at Bde sports ground during afternoon.	D.H.S.
	28 Jun 43		2nd Party (10 offr 20 O.Rs) to inspect planes moves down to MORESBY. Traverse of KOITAKI Rd by "I" Sec. "C" Coy on Exercise vicinity BISIATABU HOUSE. "D" Coy on Exercise vicinity MARIANE Area. Balance of Bn trg. as per syllabus. Lieut. McIntyre returned from Hospital. Lieut. Clarkson returned from Hygiene Course N.G.F.	D.H.S.
	29 Jun 43		All coys excluding C Coy sports in morning and trg. in afternoon. C Coy trg. all day. Lt. Col. Carrington Smith (of British Military Mission) visited Bn. H.Q. re suggestions for improvement of weapons used in Jungle Warfare. At 1600 hrs Lt. Col. Meldrum conferred with Bde. Comd. at Bde H.Q.	D.H.S.
	30 Jun 43		All Offrs. (excluding Adj. Trainee) and N.C.Os acting as Pl Comds. Sig. Pl "I" Sec. and Bn.H.Q. Staff on Sig. and Comd. exercise in the field. Pioneer Pl building M.T. Br (55') ref. 173402 remainder of Bn trg. as per syllabus. Lieut. Irvine returned from Con. Depot. and took up appointment as I.O. Lt. Col. Meldrum and Maj. Bicks to BOERA "Co-operation with tanks".	D.H.S.
	1 Jul 43		Duty Coy supplying working party to camp Theatre Site. Mortar Pl moved out to BOERA to shoot in exercise co-operation with tanks. Pioneers building bridge. Morning : A Coy range : B Coy, C and D Coys trg. All Coys sports in afternoon.	D.H.S. Meldrum

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by

Comd. 61 Aust. Inf. Bn.

1 Jun 43

Serial No. 95/43.

441. PERSONNEL WITH MARINE EXPERIENCE (NGF O A 218)

1. Personnel with seafaring or Marine experience are urgently required for the operation and maintenance of small craft.
2. Action will be taken by Coy. Comds to obtain particulars of ALL such personnel and forward them through normal channels to reach this HQ by 5 Jun 43.

442. TRADESMEN - PHOTO-LITHO. (NGF A 221.)

1. Applications are called for personnel who have had experience in civil life in the following occupations :-

Printers down
Litho-draughtsmen
Plate retouchers
Machine Minders
Litho offset printers
Provers.

for employment with the AUST SVY CORPS as :

Helio-operators
Lithographers -
draughtsmen
machine minders
provers.

2. Applications, giving full information and experience should be in writing, and addressed to A D Svy, HQ NEW GUINEA Force.

443. CARE OF TENTAGE (NGF O Q222.)

In addition to the action mentioned in paragraph 2 of NGF R.O. 80 of 8 Mar 43, units will ensure that the following is also carried out:-

- (a) The fly must at all times be kept clear of the tent by at least 10 inches. If tents are raised on stakes there should be two horizontal bars attached to these stakes, the higher for the fly ropes and the lower one for the inner ropes. If pegs are used a separate row of pegs must be used for the fly ropes.
- (b) The natural pitch of the tent must be maintained. If the sides are raised the upright poles must be raised an equal height. The angle at the apex of the fly should be no more than 100 degrees.
- (c) Each morning any vegetable matter lying on the fly must be brushed away.
- (d) Drawings and pictures must not be affixed to the inside of the tents.

E. M. Twemlow Capt.,
for Adjt., 61 Aust. Inf. Bn.

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| 1. 11 Aust. Div. | 6. HQ Coy. | 11. 'I' Sec. |
| 2. 7 Aust. Inf. Bde. | 7. A " | 12. R.M.O. |
| 3. G.O. | 8. B " | 13. Q.M. |
| 4. Adjt. | 9. C " | 14. File. |
| 5. War Diary | 10. D " | |
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NOTICE.

Rifle No. 73098. has been lost. Finder please return to this HQ.

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PART 1.

Lt. Col. A. Meldrum D.S.O.
3 Jun 43.

by

Comd. 61 Aust. Inf. Bn.
Serial No. 96/43.444. HONOURS AND AWARDS.

The following awards have been announced :-

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE ORDER. "For resource, daring and devotion to Duty."

Q 27602 Lieut-Col A. MELDRUM

MILITARY MEDAL. "For gallant and distinguished services in face of the enemy."

QX 25527 Sgt. D. S. LOWNDES

Q 27758 Cpl. J. D. WILSON

MENTIONED IN DISPATCHES. "For exceptional services in the field."

QX 36357 Pte. A. E. McNEIL (Posthumously.)

QX 19919 Lieut.H.D. ROBINSON

QX 36359 Pte. V. D. COLLINS.

QX 35541 Pte. G. LORIMER.

445. BATHING RESTRICTIONS.

Owing to a visit by a party of AANS sisters to watch 7 Aust. Inf Bde Sports on afternoon 5 Jun 43, bathing in the nude is prohibited in LALOKI R pools in No 2 Camp between 1330 and 1700 hrs on that day. Units will ensure that all ranks observe propriety of dress, behaviour, and language.

446. PERSONNEL FOR AERATED WATER FACTORY.

1. Personnel with experience in cordial and/or aerated water manufacture, or with natural inclination for mechanical work, and a desire to learn a trade, are required for the maintenance and operation of aerated water factories to be established in NEW GUINEA.
2. Action will be taken by units to obtain particulars of ALL such personnel and forward them through normal channels to reach this H.Q. by 5 Jun 43.

447. SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCE.

1. Attention is directed to NEW GUINEA Force orders Nos. 261/42 and A 158/43 and Adm Instn No 94.
2. Personnel granted leave in terms of the above will be paid Subsistence allowance within their Unit before marching out to 1 Aust Corps Reception Camp.
3. The amount of Subsistence Allowance paid will be governed by the number of days leave granted by NEW GUINEA Force, notice of which will be received by Units before personnel are marched out to 1 Aust Corps Recept Camp. If further leave is granted in AUSTRALIA, thus entitling a member to additional Subsistence Allowance, such allowance will be paid to the member on return to his Unit in NEW GUINEA.
4. Subsistence Allowance will not be paid in AUSTRALIA to members who are granted leave from NEW GUINEA. If circumstances arise preventing a member from receiving the allowance prior to proceeding on leave, the amount due will not be paid until return to the Unit in NEW GUINEA.
5. Subsistence Allowance will not be paid by 1 Aust. Corps Recpt. Camp, except to members of that unit.

A. B. Lawson Capt.,
Adjt., 61 Aust. Inf. Bn.

"Co-operation would solve most of our problems."
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| 5. War Diary. | 10. D. Coy. | |

631	Q108005	Pte. O'MALLEY, Luke Aloysius	7.11.41	28.11.41	28.11.41	17.10.41	Yes	Fit 1
632	Q108007	Pte. OTTAWAY, Reginald Edward	17.10.41	7.11.41	20.1.42	17.10.41	Yes	Fit 1
633	Q108008	Pte. PAMPLING, Daniel Lindsay	17.10.41	7.11.41	28.11.41	18.10.41	Yes	Fit 1
634	Q108013	Cpl. PEDLEY, Fredorick John	17.10.41	7.11.41	28.11.41	17.10.41	Yes	Fit 1
635	Q108015	Pte. PETERS? Eric Norman	17.10.41	7.11.41	28.11.41	17.10.41	Yes	Fit 1
636	Q108016	L/Cpl. PFEFFER, Roy Frederick	17.10.41	7.11.41	28.11.41	17.10.41	Yes	Fit 1
637	Q108018	Pte. PLOTZKI, William Eric	17.10.41	7.11.41	26.3.42	17.10.41	Yes	Fit 1
638	Q108023	Pte. REGLING, Mervyn James	17.10.41	7.11.41	28.11.41	17.10.41	Yes	Fit 1
639	Q108024	Pte. REID, Arthur Thomas	17.10.41	7.11.41	28.11.41	17.10.41	Yes	Fit 1
640	Q108025	Pte. REID, Wesley William Flintoft	17.10.41	7.11.41	28.11.41	17.10.41	Yes	Fit 1
641	Q108026	Pte. RICHARDS, McClelland	17.10.41	20.1.42	20.1.42	17.10.41	Yes	Fit 1
642	Q108029	Pte. ROBINSON, Richard	17.10.41	7.11.41	28.11.41	17.10.41	Yes	Fit 1
643	Q108031	Pte. ROLLASON, Stuart Gordon	17.10.41	7.11.41	28.11.41	17.10.41	Yes	Fit 1
644	Q108033	Pte. ROLES, John Frederick	17.11.41	26.3.42	26.3.42	7.11.41	Yes	Fit.1

PLACE _____

SIGNED _____ (Rank)

DATE _____

COMMANDING 61 Aust. Inf. Bn. (Unit)

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9 Jun 45.

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448. CARE OF AMMUNITION (NMF O 9252)

1. Ammunition frequently becomes unserviceable through needless exposure to moisture, dirt, etc., brought about by indiscriminate opening of containers.
2. The opening of hermetically sealed ammunition packages and cylinders is forbidden unless the contents are required for immediate use.

449. DISPOSAL OF PROFITS - UNIT CANTEEN.

It is desired to draw to your attention that profits in unit canteen as at 1 Jun 45 are £55.10.6.
The following purchases of supplementary rations have been made out of this amount.

10	doz.	Pickles	£5. 15. 9.
10	"	Preserved peaches	6. 10. 0.
10	"	Preserved pears	6. 10. 0.
4	"	Cornflakes	2. 0. 0.
5½	"	Solpak apples	9. 18. 0.
28	"	Ideal Milk	9. 2. 0.
2	"	Mixed spice	3. 0. 0.
8½	"	Essence of -Lemon	16. 0. 0.
5	"	Mustard Powder	1. 4. 0.
6	"	Worcestershire Sauce	2. 14. 0.
Total Purchases			44. 12. 0.
Less 5% allowance by canteen			2. 4. 6.
Amount actually spent			£42. 7. 6.

450. AUST. ARMY EDUCATION SERVICE.

The following correspondence Courses are now available through A.A.E.S. at the shown Institutions :-

1. Matriculation Subjects. When applying all applicants must state the University Faculty they wish to enter, and indicate their previous attainment in the subject.
 - Victorian Dept. of Education. English, History, Geography, Economics, Maths I, II, III, and IV, Agricultural Science, French, German, Latin, Italian, Japanese, Drawing.
 - Secretariat of Sydney University. English, History, Maths, Latin, French; others will be announced later.
 - Brisbane University. Provides courses for Matriculation in Arts, and Law Faculties, and for the Diploma Courses of Education, Journalism and Music.
2. Signals Training Scheme. This is NOT a Correspondence Course, but a booklet costing 7/6 compiled by Aust. Institute of Radio Engrs.
3. State School Courses. Provided by Education Departments in South Australia, Queensland and New South Wales.
4. oxy Welding Notes.
5. Enrolments for Under-graduate Courses at all Universities may be submitted through A.A.E.S.
6. PIG RAISING.
7. POULTRY FARMING.
8. COURSES SUSPENDED:
 - (a) Expressive English (Melbourne);
 - (b) Cinematograph Operating (Melbourne);
9. Texts books must be available before enrolments will be accepted in
 - (a) Commercial Correspondence;
 - (b) Chemistry.

Melbourne.

451. UNIT TRUST A/C.

Cr. Balance as at 1 May 45	£201- 8- 2.
Credits during May 45	Nil.
Cr. Balance as at 1 Jun 45	175-14- 6.

Expenditure: (Cost of sporting material) £25-15- 8.

POST No. G2 REF MAP.

FIRE CONTROL CHART

GUN NO 1 - No. 4 Sec.

Date.
 N.C.O. CROSS CV RANK CP2

MAGNETIC BEARING OF ZERO LINE. 143

TASK	CLOCK TIME		ZERO TIME		ANGLE OF DEVIATION FROM ZERO	Q.A. INCLUDE LIFTS	CORRECTED Q.A.	TAPS R & L	RATE OF FIRE	REMARKS INCLUDE RANGE	A. OF S.
	FROM	TO	FROM	TO							
						28'				RANGE 600' OPPORTUNE TASKS WITHIN ARC.	N/K
<u>Fixed Line</u>	<u>C.D.F. LIGHT SIGNAL</u>										

PL. COMD. NO. 20 Pl. Duffin Lieut.

Magnetic Brg of Arc
 Rt. of Arc 255°
 L. of Arc 143° from Gun post

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Comd. 61 Aust. Inf. Bn.

18 Jun 43.

Serial No. 98/43.

453. AIR RAID ALARMS (To be read to all troops)

Attention is drawn to H.G.F. Order No 538 and H.G.F. Trg Instn No 3 on this subject and to 7 Aust Inf Bde R.O 217/42 of 1 Dec 42.

On receipt of Air Raid "Red" at night only lights in essential offices will remain on, but these will be screened and tent flaps closed. If the latter is not possible then lights will be doused. The practice of calling out to vehicles or within camps to put lights out is to cease forthwith. When it is necessary to pass advise e.g. from a Coy HQ that an air raid "Red" is operating, this will be done without unnecessary shouting or noise.

Severe disciplinary action will be taken by Comds against all personnel who show a lack of self control by resorting to the use of foul language and senseless chatter during an alarm. Troops will be warned that the "loud mouthed" individual in their section who resorts to filthy language is not a man to follow in any circumstances.

453. ENGINEERING CADETSHIPS

1. The provision of engineering cadetships (both Civil Engineering and Electrical and Mechanical Engineering) for a limited number of cadets, who may be drawn either from serving personnel or from civilian sources, is under consideration.

2. Although the scheme has not yet been finally settled or approved, applications will be invited forthwith for cadetships on the following basis -

(a) Cadets will be selected only from candidates between the ages of 17 years and 20 years, who are medically Class A1, who are or become members of the AIF, and who have reached Leaving Certificate standard in English, Mathematics and Science or have equivalent qualifications. Parental consent to join the AIF will be required in respect of any cadet who is not already a member of the AIF.

(b) Cadets selected from civilian sources will be enlisted in the AIF and all cadets will, during their cadetships, remain serving soldiers in the rank of private or sapper, with pay and allowances accordingly. Text books will be provided by cadets at their own expense.

(c) Engineering cadetships will cover a course of military training, courses at approved educational establishments and a final course at an CCNU, over a period of approximately 3 years. Successful cadets will receive commissions subject to vacancies existing. Pending appointment to commissioned rank, such cadets will be allocated to PAF or AEME units in the ranks.

(d) Cadetships as such will terminate on the cessation of the war, but it is hoped to make arrangements for the completion of the courses which have been commenced, as part of a Repatriation scheme of vocational training.

(e) Cadets who prove unsatisfactory or become medically unfit or who are unsuccessful may have their cadetships terminated and be returned to normal army service.

3. (i) Applications will be made by serving personnel to their COs, who will forward all applications direct to LHQ (2-in-C), to reach LHQ not later than 5 July 43. (This is essential to allow sufficient time for selection in time for assembly of selected cadets for the first course expected to commence on 1 Sep 43).

(ii) Applications will be forwarded to this HQ.

454. REFUSAL OF MILITARY INFORMATION IN COURT BEFORE CIVIL COURTS

1. When giving evidence in a civil court, a soldier will merely give his number, rank and name and state that he is a member of the AIF, without mentioning the name of his unit.

2. In no circumstances will a soldier divulge in open court the location of his unit, unless the bench rules that a full answer is essential to the case, in which event he will offer to write the info on a slip of paper to be handed to the bench.

3. The danger to security in disclosing the location of units cannot be too strongly impressed on all ranks.

COMFORTS FUND DISTRIBUTION

The following distribution of comforts was received on 14 June 43.

- 658 Pkts Tobacco
- 658 Pkts Cigarette Papers
- 658 Cakes Toilet Soap
- 658 Cakes Laundry Soap
- 658 Writing Pads
- 658 Tubes Tooth Paste
- 658 Tins Foot Polish

CHURCH PARADES

Church Parades on Sun 20 Jun will be as under -

<u>R.C.</u>	0830 hrs	11 Rd and Moss St
	0930 hrs	28 Rd area.
<u>C.E.</u>	0900 hrs	9 Rd area.
<u>O.P.D.</u>	0900 hrs	61 Rd area (just beyond picture area)
	1000 hrs	Y.M.C.A. Tent.

1st Lt James ...
Adj., 61 Aust Inf Bn.

DISTRIBUTION.

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| 1. 11 Aust Coy | 6. H.Q. Coy | 11. 'Y' Coy |
| 2. 7 Aust Inf Bn | 7. A Coy | 12. R.M.C. |
| 3. C.O. | 8. B Coy | 13. C.E. |
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"The more stores you possess the more anxious you are to possess".

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29 Jun 43

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457. ARTILLERY RANGE The following area is declared an arty range and will be out of bounds to all personnel NOT authorised by this HQ 28 Jun - 30 Jul. Ref map UERRI 1 inch bounded 8140, 8137, 8133, 1533, 1539, 1839, 1940.

458. UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF PARACHUTES The continuous delivery of supplies and ammunition to certain forward areas is dependent on the quick return to Ordnance after use of parachutes supply dropping. The maintenance of fighting troops in the forward areas is being jeopardized by "souveniring" of parachutes.

2. Any member of the Allied Forces who has now or at any time here after has in his possession without lawful authority any parachute or part of a parachute will immediately return it to his Unit HQ for return to salvage.

3. Disciplinary action will be taken against any member who is in possession of a parachute or part of a parachute without lawful authority.

459. MARIANE VILLAGE-OUT OF BOUNDS All troops will be notified that MARIANE native village is out of bounds. Natives are not to be encouraged to enter camp area and must be warned off.

460. DANGER AREA NOW CLEAR Ref this HQ memo dated 24 Jun 43, unexploded bomb now removed and area is clear.

461. ATEBRIN. It has been noticed that Atebrin is still being issued at the rate of six tablets per week.

Atebrin will be taken at the rate of three tablets per week
 i.e., MON. WED. FRI.

462. POSTINGS-IRREGULARITY It is brought to notice that many parcels showing sender's Unit on the outside wrapping are being presented at Field Post Offices for posting to Australia.

As this is a contravention of AFPI 22 appendix "G" para. 10, coys will take action to prevent the continuance of this practice.

463. SCARCITY OF TOILET PAPER 1. Owing to extreme shortage of Toilet Paper the scale of issue has been temporarily reduced.
 2. It is essential that the necessity of preventing waste be brought to notice of all troops.

W. J. [Signature]
 Adjt., 61 Aust. Inf. Bn.

Capt.,

NOTICES

Following identity discs are held at 25 Bn H.Q.

Q38045 HIGGINS J.G.

N 235894 MARTIN J.

Found

One Tobacco Pouch vicinity Swimming Area, owner may collect same by identity, at 61 Bn H.Q.

DISTRIBUTION

1. 11 Aust Div	6. HQ Coy	11. "I" Sec.
2. 7 Aust Inf Bde	7. A Coy	12. R.M.O.
3. G.C.	8. B Coy	13. Q.M.
4. Adjt.	9. C Coy	14. File
5. War Diary	10. D Coy	

"The greater the obstacle, the more glory in overcoming it."

Prepared by Adit., 61 Aust. Inf. Bn. Jun 45.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR EXERCISE.

1. 61 Aust. Inf. Bn. exercise No. 2 will be held on 7/8 Jun 45, in area DONADABU - ABIDARI under the direction of Lt. Col. A. Meldrum, Comd. 61 Aust. Inf. Bn.

2. OBJECT.

To exercise a bn in movement through enemy occupied country, attack, night perimeter, and mopping up. To exercise tps in march discipline.

3. LESSONS.

(a) When advancing through occupied country, column should be compact to avoid weakness throughout its length. Patrols must screen main body to allow of freedom of movement.

(b) In the attack, the enemy position must be habitually out-flanked and the main portion of the attack should usually be made by flanking force.

(c) When in perimeter defence a central reserve is necessary particularly in daylight, to deal with infiltration tactics.

4. TPS TAKING PART.

Comd. Major H.J. Wiles, 61 Aust. Inf. Bn.
61 Aust. Inf. Bn, less H.Q. details.

5. ENEMY.

(a) Comd. Capt. H.M. Twenlow 61 Aust. Inf. Bn.
H.Q. Details.

(b) Enemy will act according to "Instns to Enemy" issued separately.

(c) Enemy will wear hats K.F.

6. UMPIRES.

(a) Umpires will be allotted to Rifle Coys, Pls A & Enemy.

(b) Umpires will wear hats K.F. and White band on both arms.

7. CONFERENCES.

Date	Time	Place	Purpose	To attend.
6 JUN	1900 hrs	Offrs. Mess. 61 A.I.B.	Director's Explanations of Exercise. Instns to Umpires.	All umpires. O.C. Enemy.
11 JUN	1900 hrs	do.	Umpires' Final Conference. Collection of Umpires' Reports	All Umpires.
12 JUN	1900 hrs	do.	Director's discussion of exercise	All Umpires, Offrs, N.C.O.s 61 A.I.B.

8. REPRESENTATION OF FIRE.

- (a) Rifle - Blank.
 - (b) S.M.C. - Tin tapped with wood.
 - (c) L.M.G. - Rattle - short bursts.
 - (d) M.M.G. - Rattle - Long bursts.
 - (e) Mortar 2" - Aldershot grenades.
 - (f) Mortar 5" - Explosives.
- (& Arty.)

9. ASSEMBLY.

AT 0800 hrs 7 Jun.

(a) 61 Bn less H.Q. details will assemble in area 178402 (WESTY RIFLE RANGE).

(b) H.Q. details under Comd. Capt. E.M. Twenlow will assemble in accordance with "Instns to Enemy."

538	Q107815	Pte. BRECKNELL, Leslie James Walter	360528	8/-	2/-	6/-		
539	Q107817	Pte. BRINKLEY, Raymond Geoffrey	360530	8/-	2/-	6/-		
540	Q107819	Cpl. BROWN, Bruce David	360532	12/-	2/-	6/6	3/6	Wife - Joyce Hilda Daphne Brown, Patrick Street, Toowong, Bne.
541	Q107820	Pte. BROWN, George Horton	360533	8/-	2/-	2/6	3/3	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX Mrs. Hendrietta Mary Lewis, No. 4 Bowler St. Paddington. Mother - Rebecca McLauchlan Brownlee, York Street, Indooreopilly, Bne.
542	Q107821	Pte. BROWNLEE, Duncan McInnes	360534	8/-	2/-	3/-	3/-	
543	Q107826	Pte. BURTON, James William	360538	8/-	2/-	6/-		
544	Q107827	Pte. BUTLER, James	360539	8/-	2/-	6/-		
545	Q107828	Pte. BUYERS, Malcolm Kirke	360540	8/-	2/8	6/-		
546	Q107830	Pte. CAMERON, Gordon Hugh	360541	8/-	2/-	6/-		
547	Q107832	Pte. CAMPRADT, Bernard Henry	360543	8/-	2/-	6.-		
548	Q107833	Pte. CANNON, Eric Walter	360544	8/-	2/-	2/6	3/6	Mother - Agnes Cannon, 21 Sackville St., Milton, Bne.
549	Q107834	Pte. CARL, Phillip Henry	360545	8/-	2/-	6/-		Wife - Edna Carter, River Terrace, Hill End, Bne.
550	Q107835	L/Cpl. CARTER, Charles Edmund	360546	8/-	2/-	1/6	4.6	
551	Q107836	Pte. CHALLENGOR, Robert Kingsley	360547	8/-	2/-	6/-		
552	Q107839	Pte. COLAHAN, Victor James	360549	8/-	2/-	2/6	3/6	Mother - Elsie Lilian Colahan, Waverley Road, Taringa, Bne.

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DATE _____

COMMANDING 61 Aust. Inf. Bn. (Unit)

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10. ADM.
- (a) Dress. As per Bn Standing order of Dress for battle, plus toilet gear, and sweater woollen. Enemy will conform with this, with the exception of head-dress.
 - (b) Rations. 2 days rations plus emergency ration will be carried on the man.
 - (c) Amn. Blank amn will be allotted as hereunder :-

Rifle Coys	each	150 rads.
Fiery		200 rads.
Att tps		100 rads

Explosives and 'alder shot' grenades will be carried by umpires and used in accordance with situation. Pioneers will prepare 30 plugs Quarry Monobel with detonator and 3" safety fuse by 1800 K/6.

11. SPECIAL INSTNS.

- (a) Only light and/or No duty personnel will remain in camp area as security guards. Senior N.C.C. will be responsible for picqueting of lines.
- (b) Ball amn will be carried in haversack. Coy Comds will impress on all ranks that Ball amn must NOT be loaded. Weapons will be inspected before and during exercise. Loaded Magazines will NOT be carried on Light or Sub Machine guns.
- (c) Representative weight will be carried by att. tps. according to scale of amn laid down by Comd.
- (d) Coy-Comds will ensure that no foodstuff other than rations laid down is carried by tps.

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DISTRIBUTION.

Issued to	C o p i e s N o s.		
	Instns for Exercise and Opening Situation	Instns to OG Enemy	Forecast of Events.
7 Aust. Inf. Bde	1 - 2	1 - 2	1 - 2
Director	3	3	3
Umpires	4 - 20	4 - 20	4 - 20
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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES
EMBARKATION NOMINAL ROLL—OFFICERS—OTHER RANKS

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EMBARKED PER _____ From _____ DATE _____ UNIT Q Aust. Inf. Bn.

1	Personal or Army No. (1)	Rank and Name in full (Surname in block letters) (2)	Day and month of Inoculation					Tetanus Toxoid (7)	Day and month of Vaccination (8)	Are necessary medical entries in Pay Book (9)	Medical Fitness (10)	Swab Meningo (11)	Dental Fitness (12)	Initials	
			T.A.B.			Tetanus Toxoid								M.O. (13)	D.O. (14)
			1 (3)	2 (4)	3 (5)	1 (6)	2 (7)								
1	Q27602	Lt. Col. MELDUM, Alexander							No						
2	Q27615	Capt. CAMPBELL, Kenneth Carlisle							No						
3	Q27616	Capt. NIXON-SMITH, George Alexander	14/10/39	21/10/39	25/10/40	25/10/40	25/11/40	25/10/40	No						
4	Q27622	Lieut. MOORE, Harold Graham	4.10.39	10/39	16/40	16/40	28/11/40	25.10.40	Yes						
5	Q27624	Capt. BICKS, Charles Henry	October, 1939					25.10.40	Yes						
6	Q27650	Capt. DAVIDSON, Leigh Foster							No						
7	Q27655	Lieut. LAWSON, Angus Neil							No						
8	Q27656	Lieut. MUIR, William Layton							23.10.40	Yes					
9	Q27662	Lieut. STABLEY, Leslie William	October 16/10	6/11	25/11	10/10	41/25	25/10	21.10.40	Yes					

Time	Place	Event	Notes for Umpires
6 Jun 43 1830	61 Bn Offrs Mess	Issue of orders	Do Coy Comds use graph method. Are orders clear. Do coy comds have orders checked by Adjts.
7 Jun 43 0800	Area WESTY RIFLE RANGE 179401	Assembly of Bn	A/A Protection - Dispersion, Ground Protection.
1015	Kit Store 142422		Protection on move.
1130	Feature 1900 124427	Leading tps fired on	Action of fwd tps. Is enemy tested for strength, and frontage. Infm. to coy HQ. & through to Bn.
1200	do	Adv Continues	Reorganization of Sec & pls.
1235	ABIDARI Area 119433	Strong opposition met	Action of fwd Coy. Are enemy posns located and flanks felt. Infm to BnH.O.
1315	do	Comd. R coce	Composition of R Gp. Protection of Gp. Battle procedure.
1350		Issue of Outline plan	Concise & clear. Are Coy. Comds. oriented.
1440		Final Orders	Use of graph method. Sequence of orders.
1545		Commencement of Attack	Control, infm, communication with fwd tps.
1615		Re-organization & Exploitation. Fwd Coy exploits to FEATURE 2000 ref 105439	Is contact with enemy maintained. Is limit of exploitation observed.
1700	Area 105439- 114434 ABIDARI 123434	Bn Perimeter	Note reserve. Contact between coys?
8 Jun 43. 0300	do.	Enemy penetrates Bn perimeter	Action of reserve tps. Action of fwd tps.
0500	do.	C.O. receives orders as per Opening sit. D-2	Issue of warning order
0530	do..	O Gp conference	Orders clear & concise. Are orders checked by adjts.
0800	ABIDARI 123434	Leading Coy moves off	Protection. Thoroughness of scouts. Rate of movement
0925	Area 147444	Leading tps ambushed.	Action of fwd tps. Infm to Coy and Bn
0935	do.	Leading coy into attack	Orders, control, intercom. infm, method of attack.
1010	do.	Attack successful Reorganization	Speed of reorganization, control
1025	do.	Advance continues	
1100	Area rd junc. 150443	Stiff opposition met by leading coy.	Is enemy tested for strength. Are weak spots and flanks sought for. Is this infm passed back to Bn
1110	do.	Coy comd requests further assistance.	

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

EMBARKATION NOMINAL ROLL OFFICERS
OTHER RANKS

EMBARKED PER _____ FROM TOWNSVILLE

DATE _____ UNIT 25 AUST INF BN

Army No. Rank and Name

Army No.	Rank	Name
1.	Sgt	CUNNINGHAM Maurice
2.	Cpl	GARIAND Herbert Eustace William
3.	Pte	KREIS Kelvin Frederick
4.	"	ASHMORE Lewis William
5.	"	CAMPBELL John Alexander Maxwell Hugh
6.	"	McALPINE Keith
7.	"	DEGAN John Edward
8.	Cpl	MORGAN Wilbur Ernest
9.	Pte	EHRlich Christian
10.	"	GRAMBOWER Douglas Mervyn
11.	"	WILLIAMSON Sidney William
12.	"	GIBSON Harry Phillip
13.	"	STILL Arthur
14.	"	KREIS Massey Ivan
15.	"	STOWER Gordon Robert
16.	"	ELSLEY Jack
17.	"	OLIVER Frederick Norman

Place _____

SIGNED M. Cunningham (Rank) Sgt

Date _____

Unit 25 Aust Inf Bn (Unit)

61 Aust. Inf. Bn. Exercise No. 2.

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Time	Place	Event	Notes for Umpires.
8 Jun 45. 1120	Area Rd June 150443	Comds. recce	Protection of R Gp. Is recce planned. Battle Pro- cedure
1215	do.	Final orders	Is graph system used . Orders clear and in good sequence. Is posn selected for final orders satisfact- ory.
1250	do.	Attack commences	Control. Rate of adv ob- served.
1325	Area 170445	Lunch	
1430		Return to camp.	Report on march discipline.

GENERAL.

Are rear elements of unit informed of action taking
part at head of column.

Are protective measures taken throughout column at all
times.

401	Q28926	Pte FERGUSON, Vivian George	17.4
402	Q28929	Pte HORN, Francis Henry	17.4.
403	Q28931	Pte McDONNELL, Kevin Aubrey	17.4.4
404	Q28939	A/Gpl WEBB, Albert Edgar	17.4.4
405	Q28940	Pte WOLFE, Stanley Archibald	5.5.41
406	Q28943	Pte BATTEN, Norman	5.5.4
407	Q28945	Pte BLACKMAN, William Charles	5.5.4
408	Q28946	Pte BRAUN, Edward Lancelot	5.5.4
409	Q28947	Pte BROWN, Alfred William	5.5.41
410	Q28949	Pte COLLINGS, Raymond Henry	5.5.41
411	Q28954	Pte ELLISON, James Audred	5.5.41
412	Q28962	Pte HINZE, Edwin Ronald	5.5.41
413	Q28964	Pte HOLMES, Reginald Cecil	5.5.41
414	Q28965	Pte LEVINGE, John	5.5.41

PLACE _____

DATE _____

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61 AUST. INF. BN. EXERCISE NO. 2.

OPENING SITUATION.

During May 43, JAPANESE forces effected a landing in BUNA area. Strong forces moved south over OWEN STANLEY RANGE and on a force of approx Bn strength, were in area KOITAKI LCOMOUT. area ^{D-5} 2147.

D-4 Reports are received that this force are moving EAST towards ABIDARI 114434. Later information indicated recce parties in area EVANS HOUSE 071419.

D-3 At 0700 hrs -- SUBITANA ROAD came under enemy Bn Gun & M.G. in area BASE HOSPITAL, cutting off communication, and blocking road.

Comd 11 AUST DIV (MILNE BAY) received orders to emplane 7 Aust. Inf Bde with one bty 2/5 Fd Regt for KARAKATANA, with the object of cutting enemy line.

D-1 7 Aust Inf Bde disposed as follows :-

9 Aust Inf Bn area 1644.

25 Aust Inf. Bn area 1441.

61 Aust Inf Bn area 175395.

Bde HQ situated area 142414.

At 2:00 hrs Comd 7 Aust Inf Bde confers with C.O. 61 Aust. Inf. Bn. and says, "About a Bn of JAPS are in the area ABIDARI on HOMBROME BLUFF, and are straffing SUBITANA RD, with Hy M.G.s and Bn Gun. 9 Bn is holding area sq 1644, and 25 Bn is sitting around rd junc sq 1441.

You will push in to ABIDARI and clear him out. An F.O.O. 114 Bty will be with you, and the full bty is at your call."

As C.O. 61 Aust. Inf. Bn Carry on."

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY

EMBARKATION NOMINAL ROLL

EMBARKED PER _____ From _____

DATE _____

	Personal or Army No. (1)	Rank and Name in full (Surname in block letters) (2)	Day and month of		
			T.A.B.		
			1 (3)	2 (4)	3 (5)
116	Q28064	Pte. NORDON, Edward	16.10.40	6/11.40	28.11.
117	Q28065	Pte. MULCAHY, James Francis	16.10.40	6.11.40	28.11.
118	Q 28067	Cpl. McGRATH, William Leonard	16.10.40	4.11.40	25.11.
119	Q28077	Pte. STACEY, Sidney	15.10.40	4.11.40	28.11.
120	Q28086	Pte. KAY, James Graham	14.10.40	4.11.40	27.3.
121	Q28089n	Pte. SMALL, Richard Henry	14.10.40	4.11.40	28.11.
122	Q28091	Pte. GOODWIN, Reginald Norman	16.10.40	6.11.40	28.11.
123	Q28102	A/Cpl. BALLARD, Colin Fletcher	14.10.40	4.11.40	27.3.
124	Q28106	L/Sgt. HARVEY, Melville Neil James	14.10.40	4.11.40	28.11.

OPENING SITUATION - DAY 2.

Enemy JAP force of unknown strength landed NTH COAST and seized KOKODA airfield, driving back our garrison. Fighting continued over the OWEN STANLEYS and on D-1, Japs were in possession of feature 1800 ref 162445.

7 Aust Inf Bde in b'w MORESBY area, has been pushed forward, and on D-1, were disposed as follows :-

9 Aust. Inf. Bn	area 159416
25 Aust. Inf. Bn	area 159414
61 Aust. Inf. Bn	ABIBARI Village 114434

During night D-1/D e nemy patrols had penetrated 61 Bn perimeter causing casualties, but leaving behind one prisoner and a number of dead. Identification and information gained from prisoner disclosed force of approx strength, 3 Coys, with Hy M.G. & 4 Bn Guns, holding feature 1800, and Rd junc 153443. Prisoner stated his coy had just arrived and were comparatively fresh.

Comd. 7 Aust. Inf. Bde informed C.O. 61 Aust. Inf. Bn, he must attack enemy and regain ground, as far east as Rd Junc 170445. A Bty 2/5 Fd. Regt. would support the attack.

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OFFICERS
OTHER RANKS

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UNIT 61 AUST. INF. BN

Tetanus Toxoid		Day and month of Vaccination (8)	Are necessary medical entries in Pay Book (9)	Medical Fitness (10)	Swab Meningo (11)	Dental Fitness (12)	Initials	
1 (6)	2 (7)						M.O. (13)	D.O. (14)
16.10.40								
40		28.11.40						
6.10.40		23.10.40	Yes	Fit 1				
40		28.11.40						
6.10.40		23.10.40	Yes	Fit 1				
40		20.1.42						
40		14.11.40	Yes	Fit 1				
4.10.40		28.11.40						
40		21.10.40	Yes	Fit 1				
7.5.41		14.10.40						
41		21.10.40	Yes	Fit 1				
14.10.40		28.11.40						
40		21.10.40	Yes	Fit 1				
16.10.40		28.11.40						
40		23.10.40	Yes	Fit 1				
14.10.40		27.5.41						
41		27.3.41	Yes	Fit 1				
14.10.40		28.11.40						
40		21.10.40	Yes	Fit 1				
14.10.40		28.11.40						

Instructions to C/O Enemy:

1. Tps under your command will consist of HQ Coy details.
Lieut's Emmett and Hough will act as your sub-unit comds.
2. Assembly: Tps will assemble HQ Coy area at 0700 hrs.
3. Your actions will be governed by Forecast of Events
As it is possible action will move ahead of Forecast no time will
be wasted, in setting up new def. posns.
4. Remember your forces represent a far greater force and dispose them
in accordance therewith but in such a manner that as those 'defeat-
ed' move back, the resistance to the Bn will become greater.
5. n Whilst Bn is in perimeter defence, your forces will endeavour to
penetrate Bn defences.
6. You will require to move your forces to area set down for D 2,
at an early hour and breakfast after taking up your posns.
7. Exercise Ends. 1430 hrs / 6 Jun 43/

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309	Q28705	Pte YOUNG, Henry Alfred	27.3.41	25.4.42	27.3.41	27.3.41 Yes Fit 1
310	Q28706	Pte YOUNG, Vincent James	27.3.41	8.5.41	27.3.41	27.3.41 Yes Fit 1
311	Q28707	Pte YOUNG, William Arthur	27.3.41	8.5.41	27.3.41	27.3.41 Yes Fit 1
312	Q28709	Pte RUDDICK, Frederick James	27.3.41	8.5.41	27.3.41	27.3.41 Yes Fit 1
313	Q28714	Pte SCOTT, William	27.3.41	8.5.41	27.3.41	27.3.41 Yes Fit 1
314	Q28719	L/Cpl SMITH, William John	27.3.41	8.5.41	27.3.41	27.3.41 Yes Fit 1
315	Q28720	A/Sgt. SODEN, Ronald Arthur	27.3.41	8.5.41	27.3.41	27.3.41 Yes Fit 1
316	Q28722	L/Cpl STANDRING, James Graham	27.3.40	20.1.42	4.9.40	27.3.41 Yes Fit 1
317	Q28724	Sgt. SYDES, Kevin James	27.3.41	17.9.40	4.9.40	27.3.41 Yes Fit 1
318	Q28732	Pte WHITTON, Walter Clark	27.3.41	17.4.41	8.5.41	27.3.41 Yes Fit 1
319	Q28737	Pte BARTON, Joseph Athol	27.3.41	17.4.41	8.5.41	27.3.41 Yes Fit 1
320	Q28741	Pte CARISON, Joseph Gabriel	27.3.41	17.4.41	8.5.41	27.3.41 Yes Fit 1
321	Q28742	Pte CRABB, Mervyn Walter	27.3.41	17.4.41	8.5.41	27.3.41 Yes Fit 1
322	Q28749	Pte EVANS, Neville John	27.3.41	17.4.41	8.5.41	27.3.41 Yes Fit 1

PLACE _____

SIGNED _____ (Rank)

DATE _____

COMMANDING 61 Aust. Inf. Bn. (Unit)

61 Aust. Inf. Bn. - Comd & Sig Exercise.

Ref. Map UBERRI - 1" to 1 ml.

1. General. 61 Aust Inf Bn Comd & Sig Exercise No. 1 will be held on 26 Jun 1943, under direction of Maj. H.J. Wiles.
2. Object. To train all comds down to Pl Comds in correct sequence of orders, message writing, passage of information R/T & W/T procedure.
3. Lessons.
 1. An order must contain only what the recipient requires to know in order to carry out his task. F.S.P.B. Pam. 2
 2. Signal communications are an essential element of command in which they fulfil a three fold function namely -
 - (1) To enable a comd to control and administer the different and often widely separated parts of his command.
 - (2) To keep him in touch with the sit on his own front.
 - (3) To keep him in touch with other commanders with whom he is co-operating by land, air and sea. F.S.P.B. Pam. 2
4. Offrs. taking Part.

All Unit Offrs, Sig Pl & BnHq less SBs
5. General Instns.
 - (a) Sig Offr will arrange for L/T conn. to be established with all coys. Telephones DV to be installed under direction of coy comds.
 - (b) LOKO will be plugged through direct to Bde as from 1330 K/26. No domestic calls will be sent by coys from that hour - runners will be used.
 - (c) Each Coy Comd will have LOS set with pers. to operate. Control station will be at Bn HQ. Tie up will be complete by 1300 K/26.
 - (d) Coys will supply 1 runner each to report to RSM at 1330 hrs for use during ex.
 - (e) An additional runner per coy will report to BORS at 1330 hrs for ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ internal use.
 - (f) "I" Sec will establish office in Guard tent by 1330 K/26.

Distribution-

Director	1
C.O.	1
Adjt.	1
Coy Comds	4
I.O.	1
Sig. O.	1
RSM	1
7 Aust. Inf. Bde	2
Spares	2

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Opening Situation - 61 Aust Inf Bn Comd & Sig Ex No 1.

The following Sitreps were received at HQ 61 Aust Inf Bn situated BOOTLESS BAY area during period D- to D-

No 1 D- 8
Sitrep (.) Jap force previously reported GONA area, heavily reinforced (.) Information graded A2 indicate enemy intention capture KOKODA (.) est strength GONA 3000.

No 2 D- 8
Sitrep (.) KOKODA (.) our tps contact enemy fwd elements 5 mls east airfield (.) engaged enemy withdrew (.) casualties NIL

No 3 D- 4
Sitrep KOKODA. 1000 D- 5 Fwd tps ambush JAP party approx 30 strong (.) Known casualties (.) enemy 10 killed many wounded (.) Ours one killed 3 wounded (.) Our tps withdrew along track under by mortar fire.

No 4 D- 3
Sitrep (.) KOKODA 0530 D- 4 (.) Strong enemy force attack 116 Bn (.) Our tps forced back to def posn on ridge 3 mls east airfield (.) 1200 D- 4 fierce fighting reported vicinity KOKODA airfield (.) 1400 D- 4 (.) Tac R reports JAPS occupying airfield (.) Tps believed ours moving west along track to NAORO Village.

No 5 D- 2
Sitrep (.) Information graded A state 116 Bn. Overrun (.) Rear elements still engaging enemy (.) heavily pressed (.) AIR (.) Patrol A/C encountered strong force enemy fighters.

No 6 D- 2
Sitrep (.) Natives report strong enemy patrols 50 mls east NAORO.

No 7 D- 1
Sitrep (.) 0600 D-1 Native police boy reports JAPS moving IORIBAIWA est strength 400.

Narrative 1

At 1000 hrs D-2 GOC sent for Comd 7 Aust Inf Bde and said "It looks as if the JAPS will move on MORESBY via OWERS CORNER rd. You will move your Bde to occupy def posns sq 1544 -. sq 1644 & KOITAKI-BILOGO rd junc. 160416. I'll give you one bty 2/5 Fd Regt. two tps to Lt A/A Regt and one coy 7 MG Bn.

You will be in posn by 1600 D-1."

At 1600 D-1 7 Aust Inf Bde was disposed as follows.

9 Bn rd junc 153442 to rd junc 170445.

25 Bn. sq 1641 61 Bn sq 1441 North to ref 143422.

At 0300D 9 Bn standing patrol at cr 195470 encountered 1t enemy patrol inflicting 2 casualties (.) At first light they were attacked by stronger force and were forced to withdraw. Tac R reported strong force est 400 on IORIBAIWA ridge.

At 0650D Comd 7 Aust Inf Bde sent for CO 61 Aust Inf Bn and said "Jap is moving strong force in direction OWERS CORNER. 9 Bn patrols have encountered 1t opposition. You will move to def posn area McDONALDS and hold him there.

Be in posn by 1500 hrs.

You will have one bty 2/5 Fd Regt at your call.

One Pl 7 MG Bn and one tp to Lt A/A Regt under comd.

You will probably have to fight to get there but that is your show."

Operation Order - Time of Issue 1315 hrs.

Information- Enemy force identified as part of special landing tps used at MILNE BAY Aug. 42
MMG posns have been located at 175460 & 175462. Hy Mortar/has fired from 180460.

No other inf to add

Own Tps. 2 dets Mortars and det. Pioneers under Comd A Coy revert at 1350 hrs. 9 Bn less 1 Pl in posns 169445, 154444, 146453, 145437.

A Coy 61 as per warning order.

Intention. 61 Bn will destroy enemy on McDONALD RIDGE.

Method. Right B Coy, Left C Coy, D Coy 200^x in rear C with under Comd 1 NCO & 6 Pte Pioneers with demolitions.

Objective. B Coy Rubber plantation 500^x East McDONALDS
C Coy Re-entrant approx. 550^x " "
D Coy spur 178460.
On Success Signal from C Coy - D Coy will pass through.

Boundaries. OWERS CORNER RD incl to B Coy.
Ck 300^x North Rd incl to C Coy.

Start Line. Rd 1645 prolonged 300^x North to BURNT PATCH.

Rate of Adv. 100 in 2 mts.

Zero - 1415 hrs.

Assembly area. Coy guides will lead coys to assembly areas. approx. 200^x West McDONALDS.

Action on Reaching Object^{ive} - Reorganize & consolidate.

D Coy will (a) est Rd Block at 177458.
(b) destroy br at 186460.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES-NEW GUINEA FORCE

Fire Plan.

ARTY=	Serial	Bty Tp	Task	From	To	Type	Rate	Remarks.
	1	A	M 175462 MMG.175460	Z	Z x 3	HE	Intence	
	2	A	" 165462	Z x 3	Z x 6	Smoke	Normal	IF WIND SUIT- ABLE OTHERWISE
	3	A	"	Z x 6	Z x 9	HE	Rapid	HE THEN BY OBS.
	4	A	186460	Z x 9	Z x 15	HE	Normal	THEN BY OBS.

From Z x 9 B. Tp on call special tasks.

MMG= Z - 5 to success signal
 1 sec each flank defence and appl. targets.
 No. 4 Pl 7 MG Bn counter penetration & opp targets.
 On success Signal Bn guns will move fwd to area 170460
 and dig in & take up def. posn. Limit 10 belts per gun.

<u>MORTAR=</u>	Serial	Det.	Task	From	To	Type	Rate	Remarks.
	1	4	(enemy posn. XX 172460	Z	Z x 3	HE	Rapid	
	2	4	"	Z x 3	Z x 8	HE	Normal	
	3	4	"	Z x 8	Z x 9	HE	Rapid	THEN NORMAL UNTIL SILENCE
	4	2	Mort. Posn. 183463	Z = 3	Z	HE	"	THENCE OPP. TARGETS.
	5	2	183463	Z x 9	Z x 12	HE	Normal	
	6	2	"	Z x 12	Z x 24	HE	=	OBSERVATION.

Limit 90 rds per gun.

A/A Def. BnHQ. area.

Security= A Coy will protect S.L. and Left Flank on Ck.

Adm. A.C.D.S. Rd bend 166445 - RAP 166454 until success signal then
 McDONALDS.

Amn. Reserve amn. near BnHQ. 165456, 10000 rds SAA. 12 boxes
 36 Grenades and 80 rds 2" Mortar will be held on GBs.
 vicinity B.H.Q. for fwd coys. if required. 40 bombs HE Mortar
 3" per weapon will be made available FROM res.

Tools, Wire. O/C HQ Coy will detail carrying parties from carrier personnel
 P.O.W. to Provost rear ~~at~~ B.H.Q. thence 9 Bn will conduct
 to rear.
 Burials.
 W.W. along Rd. to R.A.P.

Intercomm. BHQ. 165456 on Success Sig. move to 169458.
Wireless. Before Zero - normal.
 After Z - No restrictions. L/T to ~~XXXX~~ Coys &
 Mortar O.P.

Success Sig. B 2 Greens, C 1 Red, D Green over 2 Reds.

Syn. Watches.
 Questions.

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

A.I.F.

W.E. Reference

A.M.F. 11/12/2

Date 12 June 43.

W.E. 36 X 374

Attached

Allowed by W.E. 1 6

61 Aust Inf Bn. Unit

PART A. — STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED

1	2	3	4
Ranks and W.E.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached)	Surplus to Establishment	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment)
*			
Lieut.-Colonels ..	1	N11	0
Majors	3	N11	1
Captains	10	N11	5
Lieutenants ..	22	N11	2
2nd Lieutenants ..			
Quartermasters ..			
Totals ..	36	N11	8

* Insert detail of higher rank as necessary

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

Officers JOINED during week

Rank	Name	Unit or Corps	Date	Cause
Capt	CAMPBELL K.C.	61 Bn.	11/6/43	Return from X 1st.
Lieut	MCCOY J.C.	"	11/6/43	Return from Hospital
Lieut	ROBINSON H.D.	"	6/6/43	Return from Hospital

Officers QUITTED during week

Rank	Name	Unit or Corps	Date	Cause
Lieut	BROWN A.R.	61 Bn.	6/6/43	To attend M.M.G. Course
	TOMLINSON U.B.	"	5/6/43	Evacuated to Hospital.

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

Rank	Name and Initials	Unit or Corps	(Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known))
Capt.	GRANAM J.T.	61 Bn.	2/14 A.G.H.
Lieut	HOBBS J.J.S.	"	School of M.I.
"	WATTS A.A.	"	O.C.T.U. Woodside
"	JAMES W.C.	"	O.C.T.U. Woodside
"	WHITE J.	"	O.C.T.U. Woodside
"	PULLARTON A.W.J.	"	7 A.I.T.B.
"	BROWN A.R.	"	M.M.G. Course Bonegilla.

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	Personal Number	Name and Initials	Appointment	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed
Lt Col	Q27602	MELDRUM A.	O.C.	Yes	
Major	Q27603	WILES H.J.	2 1/8	*	
Major	QX47482	BICKS C.H.O.	O.B.Coy	*	
Capt	QX36033	CAMPBELL A.C.O.	O.C.Coy	*	
Capt	QX22982	DAVIDSON L.F.	O.C.D Coy	*	
Capt	QX36035	TWALOW E.M.	O.C.Hq Coy	*	
Capt	QX36031	LAWSON A.N.	Adjts.	*	
T/Capt.	QX36034	NIXON-SMITH G.E.	O.C.A.Coy	*	
Lieut.	QX48861	MORLEY H.G.	Sig Offr.	*	
Lieut.	QX36029	RUDDER W.L.	21/8 B Coy	*	
Lieut.	Q27638	MCCOY J.C.	21/8 A Coy	*	
Lieut.	QX35749	BROWN A.R.	PI Comd	No.	Attending Course
Lieut.	Q27642	STANLEY L.W.	21/8 C Coy	Yes	
Lieut.	QX43165	COTTER N.I.D.	PI Comd	*	
Lieut.	QX36030	SMITH H.B.	T.O.	*	
Lieut.	Q107532	TODHUNTER R.V.F.	PI Comd	*	
Lieut.	QX48362	COWLAND R.R.	*	*	
Lieut.	Q27698	TOMLINSON C.B.	*	No	Evacuated to Hosp.
Lieut.	QX36366	O'CALLAGHAN C.I.	*	Yes	
Lieut	Q27663	PATRICK E.A.	*	*	
Lieut	Q28330	STANLEY T.J.	*	*	
Lieut	Q27632	McINTYRE D.C.O.	*	*	
Lieut	Q18468	BRIDGEMAN F.R.	O.M.	*	
Lieut	Q27732	CLARISON A.O.	PI Comd	*	
Lieut	Q28346	MOON C.L.	*	*	
Lieut	QX35526	HENDERSON J.W.	*	*	
Lieut	NX115928	FLUMMER R.T.V.	*	*	
Lieut	XQ18819	ROBINSON H.D.	*	*	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	Personal Number	Name and Initials	Unit or Corps	Date of Attachment	Nature of Attachment	Allowed by W.E. (Insert Yes or No)
Capt.	NX123310	SHIREBY A.D.	A.A.M.C.	6/8/43	R.M.O.	Yes.
Capt	NX142882	McCULLOUGH M.	A.A.Ch Dg	8/6/43	Padre	No.

61 Aust Inf Bn. (Unit)

[Signature]
Lt Col. Comd 61 Aust Inf Bn. (Commander)

12 June 43. (Date of Despatch)

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

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

A.I.F.

W.E. Reference

A.M.F. 11/12/2

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W.E. X

Date 19 June 43

Attached
Allowed by W.E. 1 X 6

61 Aust Inf Bn. Unit

PART A. — STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED

1	2	3	4
Ranks and W.E.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached)	Surplus to Establishment	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment)
*			
Lieut.-Colonels . . .	<u>1</u>	<u>Nil</u>	<u>0</u>
Majors . . .	<u>3</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>1</u>
Captains . . .	<u>10</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>5</u>
Lieutenants . . .	<u>22</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>4</u>
2nd Lieutenants . . .			
Quartermasters . . .			
Totals . . .	<u>38</u>	<u>Nil</u>	<u>10</u>

* Insert detail of higher rank as necessary

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

Officers JOINED during week

Rank	Name	Unit or Corps	Date	Cause

Officers QUITTED during week

Rank	Name	Unit or Corps	Date	Cause

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

Rank	Name and Initials	Unit or Corps	(Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known))
Capt	GRAHAM J.T.	61 Bn	2/14 A.S.F.
Lieut	HOBBS J.J.S.	"	School M.I. (at present on leave)
Lieut	WATTS A.A.	"	O.C.T.U. Woodside
"	JAMES H.C.	"	O.C.T.U. do
"	WHITE J.	"	O.C.T.U. do
"	FULLARTON A.W.J.	"	7 A.I.T.S.
"	BROWN A.R.	"	M.M.G. Course. Bonegilla

PART D. — NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	Personal Number	Name and Initials	Appointment	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed
Lt Col	427002	NEEDHAM	A. O.C.	Yes	
Major	427402	WILCOX	H.S. 2/1/43		
Major	447402	BICKS	C.H. O.C. B Coy		
Capt	435003	CATFELL	H.C. O.C. A		
"	432902	DAVIDSON	L.P. O.C. B		
"	435003	TRENLOW	H.H. O.C. H.C.		
"	435031	LANSON	A.H. Adj.		
2/Capt	435034	BLANK-SMITH	O.S. 2/1.0 B		
Lieut	414002	HONEY	H.O. 2/1.0 B		
"	435029	RODDER	H.L. 2/1.0 B Coy	No.	A.S.P. school of Hyg.
"	427430	MCCOY	J.C. 2/1.0 A	Yes	(5 days)
"	427048	STANLEY	L.W. O.C. C		
"	4143100	COOPER	H.L.D. Pl Comd		
"	435033	ROBERT	H.S. Pl Comd		
"	4147502	FOURASTER	H.S. Pl Comd		
"	4143302	GOWLAND	H.S.		
"	4143300	O'CALLAGHAN	O.I.		
"	427562	BARBICK	H.A.	No.	Evacuated to Hosp
"	428500	O'NEILL	L.V.	Yes	(ex A.S.P. Hyg. School)
"	427832	McINNES	D.C.C.		
"	4151710	BRINKLEY	P.R.		
"	4151700	CLARKSON	A.C. Pl Comd		
"	428510	HOUGH	O.I.		
"	435000	WILSON	O.S.		
"	4114300	BLUNTER	H.P.V.	No.	Attending Course
"	415110	ROBINSON	H.D.	Yes	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	Personal Number	Name and Initials	Unit or Corps	Date of Attachment	Nature of Attachment	Allowed by W.E. (Insert Yes or No)
Capt.	HX123310	SHIRLEY	A.D. A.A.H.O.	6/6/43	R.H.O.	Yes
Capt	HX142882	McCULLOUGH	H. A.A.Ch.D.	9/6/43	Padre	No.

61 Aust Inf Bn. (Unit)

McInnes
Lt Col.
Comd 61 Aust Inf Bn.
(Signature of Commander)

19 June 43. (Date of Despatch)

7 Aust Inf Bn.
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving)

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

(Adapted)

A.M.F.
W.E. 11/12/2.
874 O/R's 6 Att

61 Aust Inf Bn. (Unit) 19 June 19... (Date.)

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

Table with 4 columns: 1. Detail, 2. Posted Strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached), 3. Surplus to Establishment, 4. Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments). Rows include W.O's Class I, W.O's Class II, Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants, Staff Serjeants, Serjeants, Corporals, Troopers, Privates, &c., and a TOTALS row.

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Table with 4 main columns: Over W.E., Detail, Unit Posting, Unit and Corps to which they belong. Rows list various ranks and specialties like 18sgt Hygiene detail, 18sgt Postman, 1Cpl Bootmaker, etc., and their respective units and corps.

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

Table with 5 columns: Army No., Rank, Name and Initials, Corps, (Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts if known)). The table contains several empty rows for data entry.

Unit.

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT							REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED						REMARKS.	
	W.O's. Class I.	W.O's. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Staff-Serjeants	Serjeants	Corporals	Troopers, Privates, &c.	TOTAL	W.O's. Class I.	W.O's. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Serjeants	Corporals		Troopers, Privates, &c.
Bricklayers															
Butchers															
Carpenters and Joiners															
Clerks															
Despatch Riders															
Draughtsmen (topo)															
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.															
Electricians															
Farriers															
Fitters															
Masons															
Painters and Decorators															
Plumbers and Gasfitters															
Saddlers and Harness Makers															
Signallers															
Storemen, Technical															
Vickers Machine Gunners															
Cooks															
Intelligence Dut.															
Range Takers															
Tailors															
Driver Mech															
Driver Op.															
Equip Repairers															
General Duty Personnel														212	212
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A)															212

Unit.

[Signature]
Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch..... 19 June 43.

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

A. I. P. SERVING WITH ME.

Sgts	7
Cpls	10
O/r's	39
Sigs T.O.	3
Cooks T.O.	1
	<hr/>
Total	60
	<hr/>

Serial No.....

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

A.I.F.....

W.E. Reference

A.M.F. 11/120/8

Date 26 June 43.

W.E. 32 X 745

Attached

Allowed by W.E. 1 X 10

61 Aust Inf Bn.

Unit

PART A. — STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED

1 Ranks and W.E.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached)	3 Surplus to Establishment	4 Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment)
* *			
Lieut.-Colonels .. 1	1	-	-
Majors .. 3	2	-	1
Captains .. 9	5	-	4
Lieutenants .. 19	19	-	-
2nd Lieutenants ..			
Quartermasters ..			
Totals . . . 32	27	-	5

* Insert detail of higher rank as necessary

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

Last 2 wks.

Officers JOINED during week

Rank	Name	Unit or Corps	Date	Cause
Lieut	MURPHY	P.M.	23/6/43	own reinforcements
"	JOHN	P.M.		"

Officers QUITTED during week

Last 2 wks.

Rank	Name	Unit or Corps	Date	Cause
Lieut	BRIDGES	P.M.	24/6/43	evacuated to hospital
"	MURPHY	P.M.	24/6/43	do

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

Rank	Name and Initials	Unit or Corps	(Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known))
Capt	ORRAN	S.I.	2/14 A.C.B.
Lieut	HOBBS	J.I.S.	School of M.I. (at present)
"	HATES	J.S.	C.C.T.V. Woodside. leave
"	JAMES	W.C.	do
"	WHITE	J.	"
"	PULLARON	A.M.	"
"	BROWN	A.M.	M.M.G. Course Bonegilla.

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	Personal Number	Name and Initials	Appointment	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed
Lt Col.	027609	WHEATON	C.O.	Yes	
Major	07803	WILSON	B 1/3	"	
Major	0147409	STICKS	C.O. Coy	"	
Capt	0135053	CAMPBELL	C.O. Coy	"	
"	0128982	DAVIDSON	C.O. Coy	"	
"	0138035	BENSON	C.O. Coy	"	
"	0138131	LINSON	C.O. Coy	"	
T/Capt	0138034	NIXON-WILSON	C.O. Coy	"	
Lieut	0148861	MOBLEY	Sig Coy	"	
"	0135029	NUDDER	Sig Coy	"	
"	027638	McGOY	Sig Coy	"	
"	027642	STANLEY	Sig Coy	"	
"	0143165	COTTER	Pl Comd	"	
"	0135030	EMMETT	T.O.	"	
"	0107532	RODMAN	Pl Comd	"	
"	0148362	COWLAND	"	"	
"	0135366	O'CALLAGHAN	"	"	
"	0119119	ROBINSON	"	"	
"	028530	O'NEILL	"	"	
"	027832	McINLYN	D.O.C.	No	Evacuated to Hosp
"	0151719	FRINKLEY	C.O.	No	" " "
"	0151720	CLANKSON	Pl Comd	Yes	
"	028516	MOYH	"	"	
"	0135128	HENDERSON	"	"	
"	NX115828	FLINCHER	R.T.V.	No	Course NCF
"	NX116117	McKILLAR	"	Yes	
"	VX102615	ADAMS	"	"	
"	027955	WILSON	"	No	On leave ex OCTU
"	0148864	ROBB	J.I.S. I.O.	"	leave(ex Sch M.I.)
"	0102090	WATTS	A.A. Pl Comd	"	leave(ex O.C.I.U.)
"	028873	JAMES	"	"	leave(ex O.C.I.U.)
"	027645	LANSON	"	"	leave(ex Sect Sch)
"	0135742	BROWN	"	"	leave(ex Sect Sch)

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	Personal Number	Name and Initials	Unit or Corps	Date of Attachment	Nature of Attachment	Allowed by W.E. (Insert Yes or No)
Capt	NX123310	SHIRLEY	A.A. Coy	6/5/45	B.M.C.	Yes
Capt	NX142892	McGILLICUDDY	A.A. Coy	9/6/43	Pl Comd	No

61 Aust Inf Bn

(Unit)

H. J. White, Major for Lt Col.
(Signature of Commander)

61 Aust Inf Bn

25 June 45 (Date of Despatch)

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

TABLE F

SECONDED OFFICERS

1	2	3	4	5	6
Sub. Rank & Higher T/ Rank if held	Army No.	Surname	Initials	Posting to which seconded	Date of Secondment.
Lieut T/Capt	Q28406	KRESS A.A.		S.O. 7.A.I. Bde	
Lieut	QX36365	PATERSON	J.S.	B.O.S "	
Lieut	Q302991	PACKMAN	T.	Movt Contrl. Aust	22.8.42.

TABLE G

OFFICERS IN TRANSIT

1	2	3	4	5	6
Sub. Rank & Higher T/ Rank if held.	Army No.	Surname	Initials	Unit or posting to which officer is proceeding	Date of leaving Unit. evac.
A/Lieut	QX36047	FULLARTON	A.W.J.	61 A.I.B.	Dec 42
A/Lieut	Q27955	WHITE	J.	61 A.I.B.	20.4.43
Lieut	QX48864	HOBBS	J.J.S.	"	21.4.43
A/Lieut	Q103090	WATTS	A.A.	"	25.4.43
A/Lieut	Q23973	JAMES	W.C.	"	27.5.43
Lieut	Q27645	LAWSON	J.	"	7.4.43
Lieut	QX35749	BROWN	A.R.	"	30.5.43

TABLE H

OFFICERS EVACUATED TO HOSPITAL

1	2	3	4	5	6
Sub. Rank & Higher T/ Rank if held.	Army No.	Surname	Initials	Medical Establishment to which evacuated.	Date of Evacuation from Unit.
Capt.	QX49800	GRAMAM	J.T.	2/14 A.G.H.	
Lieut.	QX36367	SHAW (MCS.L.)	H.O.	112 A.G.H.	12.10.42
T/Lieut	Q28191	IRVINE	W.C.	2/2 A.G.H.	10.5.43
Lieut	QX40651	BLACKBURN	S.T.	2/9 A.G.H.	
Lieut	QX51719	BRINKLEY	F.R.	2/2 A.G.H.	21.6.43
Lieut	QX51738	TOMLINSON	C.B.	2/9 A.G.H.	5.6.43
Lieut	Q27502	PATRICK	E.A.		10.6.43
Lieut.	QX50182	McJTYRE	D.C.C.	2/2 A.G.H.	21.6.43

TABLE J

OFFICERS NOT ON POSTED STRENGTH

NIL

2-10-43

AMENDMENT TO TABLE G. 3008. dated 26 Jun 43.

TABLE G

OFFICERS IN TRANSIT.

1	2	3	4	5	6
Sub. rank & Higher T/ Rank if held.	Army No.	Surname	Initials	Unit or post- ing to which officer is proceeding.	Date of Leaving Unit.

N I L.

JW Collier *Lieut.*
for. Adjt., 62. Mnt. Inf. Bn.
/8/43.

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

(Adapted)

W.E.
2/12c/2
745 O/R Att 9

61 Aust Inf Bn. (Unit) 26 June 1943 (Date.)

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1 Detail.	2 Posted Strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment	4 Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments).
W.O's. Class I.	-	-	1
W.O's. Class II.	5	-	2
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	5	-	-
Staff Serjeants			
Serjeants	22	-	10
Corporals	72	5	-
Troopers, Privates, &c.	558	-	70
TOTALS	662	* 5	* 83

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Over W.E.	Detail. Unit W.E. Posting	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
	1 Sgt Hygiene Insp.	11 Rd Hygiene Sec		
	1 Cpl Shoemaker	A.A.O.C.		
	1 Cpl Armourer	A.E.M.E.		
	1 Sgt Postman	N.G.F.P.U.		
	1 Sgt Pay Duties	A.A.P.C.		
Pte	Padres	7 Aust Inf Bde.		
	Batman			

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

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

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT							REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED							REMARKS.	
	W.O's. Class I.	W.O's. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Staff-Serjeants	Serjeants	Corporals	Troopers, Privates, &c.	TOTAL	W.O's. Class I.	W.O's. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Serjeants	Corporals	Troopers, Privates, &c.		TOTAL
Bricklayers																
Butchers																
Carpenters and Joiners																
Clerks																
Despatch Riders																
Draughtsmen (topo)																
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.																
Electricians																
Farriers																
Fitters																
Masons																
Painters and Decorators																
Plumbers and Gasfitters																
Saddlers and Harness Makers																
Signallers																
Storemen, Technical																
Vickers Machine Gunners																
Cooks																
Blacksmith													1		1	
Fitter Gun																
Equipment Repairer																
Tailor																
Range Takers																
General Duty Personnel													82		82	
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A)																82

61 Aust Inf Bn. Unit.

Date of Despatch 28 June 43.

H. J. ... Lt. Col.
Signature of Commander.
Comd 61 Aust Inf Bn.

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

A.I.F. with Unit

Sgts	7
Cpls	10
C/R's	30
Sign F.O.	0

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Serial No.....

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

A.I.F.....

W.E. Reference

A.M.F. 32 / 130 / 2

Date 3 Jul 43.

W.E. 32 X 745

Attached Allowed by W.E. 1 X 10

62 ADVT INF BTL. Unit

PART A. — STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED

1	2	3	4
Ranks and W.E.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached)	Surplus to Establishment	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment)
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Lieut.-Colonels . .	3	3	3
Majors	3	3	3
Captains	3	3	3
Lieutenants . . .			
2nd Lieutenants .			
Quartermasters . .			
Totals	32	29	4

* Insert detail of higher rank as necessary

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

Officers JOINED during week

Rank	Name	Unit or Corps	Date	Cause
Lieut	Irving	62 In	20/6/43	In Coy Depot.
Capt.	Crofton	"	2/7/43	In HQ The School Beaulieu
Lieut	Hebrick	"	25/6/43	In HQ Hygiene School Hosp.
Lieut	McIntyre	"	27/6/43	In Hospital
Lieut	Inson	"	2/7/43	In HQ The School Beaulieu

Officers QUITTED during week

Rank	Name	Unit or Corps	Date	Cause
Lieut	O'Callaghan	62 In	2/7/43	In 1st Unit Corp Regt Co Camp. for movement to mainland
Lieut	Ryder	"	2/7/43	Went to hospital

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

Rank	Name and Initials	Unit or Corps	(Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known))
Lieut	Hobbs J.J.	62 In	School of M.I. at present on leave
"	Watts J.A.	"	O.C.S.U. Woodside
"	Stuart J.C.	"	do.
"	Wainwright J.	"	do.
"	Fullerton J.	"	7.1.43
"	Dean J.	"	H.M.C. Couron Bonville.

PART D.— NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	Personal Number	Name and Initials	Appointment	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed
Lt Col.	027602	MELDRUM A.	C.O.	Yes	
Major	027603	WILES H.J.	2i/c	"	
Major	0X47482	BICKS C.H.	O.C.B. Coy	"	
Capt	0X36033	CAMPBELL A.C.	O.C.A.	"	
"	0X32982	DAVIDSON L.P.	O.C.D.	"	
"	0X36035	TWELOW H. McK.	O.C. Ho	"	
"	0X36031	LAWSON A.N.	ajt	"	
"	0X48860	GRAHAM J.I.		"	
T/Capt.	0X36034	NIXON-SMITH G.E.	2i/c D. Coy	"	
Lieut	0X48861	MORLEY H.G.	3ig O.	"	
"	0X36029	RUDDER S.L.	2i/c B Coy	No.	Hospital
"	027638	McCOY J.C.	2i/c A	Yes	
"	027642	STANLEY L.V.	O.C.C	"	
"	0X43165	GOTTES N.I.D.	Pl Comd	"	
"	0X36030	EMMETT H.M.	"	"	
"	0107538	TODHUNTER R.J.P.	"	"	
"	0X46362	GOVLAND H.N.	"	"	
"	0X19119	ROBINSON H.D.	"	"	
"	028191	IRVINE W. G.	"	"	
"	027802	PATRICK E.A.	"	"	
"	028330	O'KEEFE T.J.	"	"	
"	0X50122	McINTYRE D.C.C.	"	"	
"	0X51726	CLARKSON A.G.	"	"	
"	028516	ROUGH G.L.	"	"	
"	0X35526	HENDERSON P.V.	"	"	
"	0X115823	PLUMMER R.T.V.	"	No.	Course M.C.P.
"	0X116117	McKELLAR D.H.	"	Yes	
"	0X102015	ADAMS D.R.	"	"	
"	027645	LAWSON J.	"	"	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	Personal Number	Name and Initials	Unit or Corps	Date of Attachment	Nature of Attachment	Allowed by W.E. (Insert Yes or No)
Capt	0X223310	SHIRLEY A.D.	A.A.H.C.	6/6/43	R.M.O.	Yes
"	0X142882	McCULLOUGH M.	A.A.C.H.D	9/6/43	Padre	No.

61 Aust Inf Bn. (Unit)

3 July 43. (Date of Despatch)

H. G. Miles Major for Lt
Comd (Signature of Commander)

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

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

(Adapted)

32 Off. 719 O.R.s
Att. 34.

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted Strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments).
W.O's. Class I.	5	-	1
W.O's. Class II.	5	-	1
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	7	2	-
Staff Serjeants	-	-	-
Serjeants	32	1	-
Corporals	68	6	-
Troopers, Privates, &c.	617	9	-
719 TOTALS	719	15	2

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
1 Sgt Hygiene Insp	11 Rd Hygiene Sec	2 O.R.	Tpt
1 Cpl Shoemaker	A.A.C.C.	2 O.R.	COOKS
1 Cpl Armourer	A.A.C.C.		
2 Sgt. Footman	H.C.P.P.U.		
1 Sgt. Bay Duties	A.A.C.C.		
21 W.O. Caterers	A.A.C.C.		
1 Pte			

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

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

Unit.

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT							REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED							REMARKS.	
	W.O's. Class I.	W.O's. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Staff-Serjeants	Serjeants	Corporals	Troopers, Privates, &c.	TOTAL	W.O's. Class I.	W.O's. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Serjeants	Corporals	Troopers, Privates, &c.		TOTAL
Bricklayers							2	2								
Butchers	2															
Carpenters and Joiners	6															
Clerks																
Despatch Riders																
Draughtsmen (topo)																
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.																
Electricians																
Farriers																
Fitters																
Masons																
Painters and Decorators																
Plumbers and Gasfitters																
Saddlers and Harness Makers																
Signallers				1	1			2						2	2	
Storemen, Technical							1	1								
Vickers Machine Gunners							5	5								
Cooks																
Blacksmith													2			2
Cooks												3				3
Miller	1														2	2
Intelligence															4	4
Driver Mech							1	1								
Gen Duties			2					2	1							1
do.							4	4								
General Duty Personnel																
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A)								23								12

61 Aust Inf. Bn.

Unit.

3/7/43

Date of Despatch.....

H. Gordon Major for

Comd. 61 Aust Inf. Bn. Signature of Commander.

7 Aust Inf. Bn.

Bde., Divn., Area, &c., with which unit is serving.

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

A.I.F.

W.E. Reference
A.M.F. **11/12/2**

Date **12 June 43.**

W.E. **36** X **874**

Attached
Allowed by W.E. **1X 6** **61 Aust Inf Bn.** Unit

PART A. — STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED

1 Ranks and W.E.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached)	3 Surplus to Establishment	4 Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment)
* *			
Lieut.-Colonels ..	1	Nil	1
Majors ..	3	Nil	5
Captains ..	10	Nil	2
Lieutenants ..	22	Nil	
2nd Lieutenants ..			
Quartermasters ..			
Totals . . .	36	Nil	8

* Insert detail of higher rank as necessary

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

Officers JOINED during week

Rank	Name	Unit or Corps	Date	Cause
Capt	CAMPBELL K.C.	61 Bn.	11/8/43	Return from I st Dist.
Lieut	ROMGON H.J.C.	"	12/6/43	Return from Hospital
			6/8/43	Return from Hospital

Officers QUITTED during week

Rank	Name	Unit or Corps	Date	Cause
Lieut	BROWN A.R.	61 Bn.	6/6/43	To Attend M.M.G. Course
	TOMLINSON G.B.	"	5/6/43	Bonegilla. Evacuated to Hospital.

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

Rank	Name and Initials	Unit or Corps	(Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known))
Capt.	GRAHAM J.T.	61 Bn.	2/14 A.G.H.
Lieut	HOBBS J.J.S.	"	School of M.I.
"	WATTS A.A.	"	O.C.T.U. Woodside
"	JAMES W.C.	"	O.C.T.U. Woodside
"	WHITE J.	"	O.C.T.U. Woodside
"	FULLARTON A.W.J.	"	7 A.I.T.B.
"	BROWN A.R.	"	M.M.G. Course Bonegilla.

PART D. — NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	Personal Number	Name and Initials	Appointment	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed
Lt Col	Q27602	MELDRUM A.	C.O.	Yes	
Major	Q27608	WILES H.J.	S.I/c	"	
Major	QX47482	BICKS C.H.	C.O. B Coy	"	
Capt	QX36033	CAMPBELL K.C.	C.O. Coy	"	
Capt	QX22982	DAVIDSON L.F.	C.O. D Coy	"	
Capt	QX36035	TWENLOW E.M.	C.O. HQ Coy	"	
Capt	QX36031	LAWSON A.R.	Adj.	"	
T/Capt.	QX36034	NIXON-SMITH G.E.	C.O. A Coy	"	
Lieut.	QX48861	MORLEY H.G.	Sig Offr.	"	
Lieut.	QX36029	RUDDER W.L.	S.I/c B Coy	"	
Lieut.	Q27638	MCCOY J.O.	S.I/c A Coy	"	
Lieut.	QX35749	BROWN A.R.	Pl Comd	No	Attending Course
Lieut.	Q27642	STANLEY E.W.	S.I/c C Coy	Yes	
Lieut.	QX43165	COFFEY N.I.	Pl Comd	"	
Lieut.	QX36030	EMMETT H.E.	H.O.	"	
Lieut.	Q107532	FODDUNTER R.H.	Pl Comd	"	
Lieut.	QX48362	GOWLAND R.E.	"	"	
Lieut.	Q27696	TOMLINSON G.B.	"	No	Evacuated to Hosp.
Lieut.	QX36366	O'CALLAGHAN G.I.	"	Yes	
x Lieut	Q27563	PATRICK E.A.	"	"	
Lieut	Q28330	O'KEEFE T.J.	"	"	
Lieut	Q27632	McINTYRE D.C.	"	"	
Lieut	Q15463	BRINKLEY E.R.	C.M.	"	
Lieut	Q27732	CLARKSON A.G.	Pl Comd	"	
Lieut	Q28546	HOUGH G.I.	"	"	
Lieut	QX35526	HENDERSON T.M.	"	"	
Lieut	NX115323	PLUMMER R.T.	V.	"	
x Lieut	XQ18819	ROBINSON H.D.	"	"	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	Personal Number	Name and Initials	Unit or Corps	Date of Attachment	Nature of Attachment	Allowed by W.E. (Insert Yes or No)
Capt.	NX123310	SHIRLEY A.D.	A.A.M.C.	6/6/43	R.M.O.	Yes.
Capt	NX142882	McCULLOUGH M	A.A.Ch.D.	9/6/43	Padre	No

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(Unit)

Comd 61 Aust Inf Bn.

Lt Col

12 June 43.

(Date of Despatch)

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Unit 61 Aust. Inf. Bn.

Date and Time.—From 2 Jul 43

To 6 Jul 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	2 Jul 43		A Coy do exercise vicinity BISIATABU all day. D " " " " " MARIANE " "	<i>[Signature]</i> Adj. 61 Aust. Inf. Bn
			Remainder of Bn trg. as per syllabus. American Negro Padre and War correspondent visit Unit and remain the night.	
	3 Jul 43		Lieut. G.I. O'Callaghan marched out to 1 Aust. Corps Reception Camp. Lieut. W.L. Rudder evacuated to A.D.S. Bn Parade was held in the morning. Mortars still at BOERA doing shoot in "Tank - Infantry co-operation" exercise.	<i>[Signature]</i>
			Pioneers continue on their Bridge Building, Map Ref. 173402. Portion of Bn have sports at Bde Sports Ground, remainder trg. as per syllabus. Capt. J.T. Graham marched in from "X" List.	
	4 Jul 43		Church Parades held in morning. Afternoon taken up by football. Results.— Australian Rules Tk/A. 88 v 25 Bn 9, Australian Rules 61 Bn 44 v 9 Bn 25, Rugby League 7 Bde 13 v Tk/A. 3. Major Wiles and Umpires Reece GRIMINUMU Area in preparation for following days exercise. C.O., Major Bicks and Mortar Pl return from BOERA.	<i>[Signature]</i>
			Discussion held at officers Mess in preparation for following days exercise at GRIMINUMU. Bn.H.Q., 1,2,3 Pls, B,C Coys do exercise with Arty. support in GRIMINUMU Area.	
	5 Jul 43		'Dry Run' was held in the morning with the actual Battle Practice in the afternoon. It proved to be quite a good exercise with excellent support from the Arty. D Coy were Duty Coy and A Coy trained as per syllabus. A discussion was held at night by all officers on the days exercise at GRIMINUMU.	<i>[Signature]</i>
			Lieut. J. Lawson and Lieut. G.L. Hough evacuated to A.D.S. Bn.H.Q. 1,2,3 pls, A, D Coy do same GRIMINUMU exercise as previous day with Arty. support, 'Dry Run' was again held in the morning with actual Battle Practice in afternoon.	
	6 Jul 43		Pioneers are still working on Bridge and B & C Coys trained all day as per syllabus.	<i>[Signature]</i>

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Unit 61 Aust. Inf. Bn.

Date and Time.—From 7 Jul 43 To 12 Jul 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	7 Jul 43		Whole Bn have sports in morning and training as per syllabus in afternoon. Pioneers still engaged in Bridge Building. "Just Verse" by Lieut. J.J.S. Hobbs is on sale within the Bn. proceeds to aid the Legacy Club.	J.
	8 Jul 43		HQ Coy, A Coy, C Coy trg. as per syllabus all day. B Coy Duty Coy and D Coy did firing on Rifle Range. Pte Gorsch, A Coy fell and fractured Left Wrist whilst training on Obstacle Course. Lieut. Tomlinson marched in to Unit from 113 Con. Depot. Lieut. Rice (P.I.B.) an ex. member of the 61 Bn paid visit to Unit. Capt. Walker 14/32 Bn and Lieut. Needham 19 Bn reported to Bn to study methods of trg. C.O. gave lecture to all officers re Bn Parade formation.	J.
	9 Jul 43		Bn Parade at Bde Sports Ground. Address by Brig. J. Field on CRIMINUMU Exercise. All Coys do trg. in afternoon as per syllabus. C Coy do firing on Rifle Range in afternoon.	J.
	10 Jul 43		All coys had organised sports all day. Lieut. D.C.C. McIntyre marched out to Murray Barracks (seconded to I.T.B.) with Lieut. A.R. Brown. Offrs. Tutorial Discussion led by Maj. Wiles.	J.
	11 Jul 43		Church Parades in morning. Bde conference of all offrs. Lt. Col. A. Meldrum lunched with Brigade Comd. Working parties, 1. KOITAKI - Lieut. E.A. Patrick, 3 N.C.Os, 30 O.Rs from C Coy relieved Lieut. Robinson, and party.	J.
	12 Jul 43		2. KIT STORE, BISIATUBU - 1 Offr. 1 Sgt. 3 Cpl's and 25 O.Rs from B Coy relieved Lieut. O'Keefe and party. "I" Sec. started on 6 day Snipers Course, 2 men being selected from each coy. Capt. A.N. Lawson took up appointment as O/C D Coy. Capt. E.McK. Twemlow took up appointment as Adjt.	J.
			Capt. J.T. Graham took up appointment as O/C H.Q. Coy. All coys trg. in respective areas except A Coy which supplied Working Party to Bde Theatre site. 2 Offrs. from 9 Div. (2/19 and 2/24 Bns) visited the Bn Area to inspect obstacle,	J.

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Unit 61 Aust. Inf. Bn.

Date and Time.—From 12 Jul 43 To 18 Jul 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	12 Jul 43		assault and water courses. "I" Sec. began daily distribution of news to all coys at 1900 hrs.	J
	13 Jul 43		During morning H.Q. Coy and A and D Coys participated in sports. B and C Coys were working parties around the Brigade Area. Pioneers still working on Bridge. During afternoon whole Bn. participated in Brigade Rehearsal Parade held on the Brigade Sports Ground. Snipers still on snipes course taken by "I" Sec.	J
	14 Jul 43		The whole Bn. took part in the Brigade Inspection by Lt.Gen. Herring, G.O.C. New Guinea Force, held at the Brigade Sports Ground. H.Q. Coy took part in sports during afternoon. Remainder of Bn. trained as per syllabus. Second Leave Party of 8 personnel leave Bn. Snipers Course proceeding.	J
	15 Jul 43		Pioneers still working on Bridge. "pictures" were held at night. Sports all day for whole Bn. Snipers Course proceeding. Pioneers still working on Bridge. 2 i/c and Umpires Recce Battle Practice Area WYRAROWA. S.C., Capt. Krebs and L.O.11	J
	16 Jul 43		Lieut. Paterson dined with Bn. Coy Exercises. B Coy plus att. tps. exercise WYRAROWA Area - 'Dry Run' in preparation for exercise next week. D Coy exercise GRIMUNUMU Area 'Dry Run' in preparation for exercise next week. Remainder of coys general trg.	J
	17 Jul 43		Training of Snipers continued. Coy Exercises, A Coy exercise WYRAROWA Area - 'Dry Run' in preparation for exercise next week. C Coy exercise GRIMUNUMU Area 'Dry Run' in preparation for exercise next week. Remainder of coys general trg.	J
	18 Jul 43		0300 - Bn Exercise WYRAROWA Area - Bn moved from Bn Area at 0400 and returned to Bn Area at 0630. To exercise Bn in swift organisation during night and in speed to get out into the field. Being Sunday the day was a "Rest Day" for the	J

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Unit 61 Aust. Inf. Bn

Date and Time.—From 18 Jul 43

To 24 Jul 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	18 Jul 43		whole Bn. Church services were held in the morning. Bde Lecture and discussion on 3" Mortar for senior Unit officers by C.O. 2/1 Fd. Regt.	A.
	19 Jul 43		All Coys trg. as per syllabus - pioneers working on Bridge construction. Lieut. J.J.S. Hobbs marched in from M.I. course Q'ld. L. of C. Area.	A.
	20 Jul 43		1 Offr. 30 O.Rs of H.Q. Coy working party on road DONADABU Area. Sports all day for remainder of Bn. - Football in morning - Organised swimming in afternoon.	A.
	21 Jul 43		0900 - C.O., 6 Offrs. and 6 N.C.Os - group tactics and section exercises GRIMUNUMU Tk. Coys on section exercises and general trg. A Coy firing on WESTY RANGE and C Coy firing on LONG HILL Range.	A.
	22 Jul 43		Organised Sports and general trg. Courses commenced for Snipers and Coy "I" men.	A.
	23 Jul 43		B Coy and 1 det. M.M.G. and 1 Det. Mortars do Battle Practice vicinity WYRAROWA. This was a "wet run" the dry run being held a week previously. D Coy plus 1 det. MMG, plus 1 det. Mortars do Battle Practice vicinity OCYNUMU - this was also a "wet run" the dry run being held a week earlier. The other Coys C and A did trg. all day as per syllabus. Maj. Barker and Capt. Allen of 5 Div. visited Bn. Area.	A.
	24 Jul 43		A Coy plus 1 det. Mortars do Battle Practice "wet run" at WYRAROWA. B Coy fired on WESTY Rifle Range. C Coy plus 1 det. Mortars do Battle Practice "wet run" at OCYNUMU and D Coy carried out trg. Bn. area. - EILOGO Road. H.Q. Coy less 2 dets. of Mortars and Pnr. Pl carried out general trg. Pnr. Pl on Bridge Building. Capt. Love, Amenities Offr. 2/9 A.G.H. ex member of Bn. visited the Bn area later leaving with Adj. (Capt. Twemlow) and Lieut. Hobbs to visit BISIATABU.	A.

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Date and Time.—From 24 Jul 43

To 30 Jul 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	24 Jul 43		15 Thunderbolts (P.47) were observed flying in this area for first time.	<i>JH</i>
	25 Jul 43		Rest Day. Church Parades in morning. (9 Pl A Coy) left to relieve (14 Pl C Coy) who were a working party at BISIATABU. A bulldozer arrived in the camp area to assist in construction of roads. In the afternoon 7 Bde played 2/5 Arty. Regt. Rugby League - 7 Bde won 26 - nil.	<i>JH</i>
	26 Jul 43		All coys trained as per syllabus all day excl. D Coy which fired on WESTY Range in morning and trg. in afternoon. 5 Pl Bridge Building and repair. All "I" personnel from the Bde Gp. commenced an "I" course at Bde.H.Q. (Course on mornings only).	<i>JH</i>
	27 Jul 43		Bn Parade was held at 0830 hrs on the Bde Sports Ground, remainder of the day being devoted to cricket, football and organised sport.	<i>JH</i>
	28 Jul 43		Capt. Graham and 4 O.Rs on adv. Mortar Course with 2/1 Aust. Fd. Regt. H.Q. Coy trained in area all day excl. Pioneers who are bridge building. A Coy range practice all day on WESTY Rifle Range. B Coy was shooting on LONG HILL classification range all day, the butt party being supplied by C Coy. Remainder of C Coy trained as per syllabus. D Coy carried out Sec. and Pl exercises in the EILOGO Rd - KOITAKI Rd. Area (Ref. sq. 1641).	<i>JH</i>
	29 Jul 43		Lieut. P.W. Henderson evacuated to Hospital. H.Q. Coy - 5 Pl Bridge building, remainder had organised sports in morning and carried out general trg. in afternoon. C Coy carried out Range Practice on WESTY Rifle Range all day. Remainder of the Bn. had sports in morning and carried out trg. in afternoon.	<i>JH</i>
	30 Jul 43		H.Q. Coy, 5 Pl on Bridge Building. Sigs. trained in area. Mortar Pl on shoot at EILOGO Mortar Range. Nos. 2 & 4 Pls carrying and working parties. A Coy Sec. & Pl Trg. exercise	<i>JH</i>

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Unit 61 Aust. Inf. Bn.

Date and Time.—From 30 Jul 43 To 31 Jul 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	30 Jul 43		<p>KOITAKI and EILOGO Rd area. B Coy Trg. as per syllabus. C Coy on PI competitive Battle Practice vicinity EILOGO Mortar Range. D Coy on Sec. exercises MARIANE Area. Adj. I.O. plus 1 "I" man recce. MARIANE Area. Pioneers and working party dismantling 9 Bn Mess Hut on Island. Snipers and Coy "I" men doing field sketching exercise vicinity KOITAKI - EILOGO Rd.</p>	<i>[Handwritten mark]</i>
	31 Jul 43		<p>Morning 3 hr. Telephone Battle Exercise. All Bde "I" personnel taking part. Afternoon I.O's conference re same. Points brought out were, overcrowding of Sit. Maps, poor co-ordination of fire plans, faulty office procedure, incorrect telephone procedure and faulty message writing.</p>	<i>[Handwritten mark]</i>
<p><i>[Signature]</i> <u>Comd. 61 Aust. Inf. Bn.</u> Lt.-Col.</p>				

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C. J. ...
Headquarters.
61 Aust. Inf. Bn.

"The Rugby League Match of the Season"

HO! HO! 1400 hrs 27 Jul.

61 Bn Officers V 61 Bn N.C.Os.

OFFERS.

Capt. Twemlow

Lieut. Emmett
" Clarkson

" ~~Clarkson~~
Capt. Graham
" Lawson

Lieut. Robinson

Lieut. O'Keefe

'Full Back'

'Wing'

'Centres'

'Five Eighth'

'Half Back'

'Forwards'

Lieut. Todhunter,
Lieut. Gowland,
Lieut. Patrick,
Lieut. Adam,
Lieut. McCoy,
Lieut. Hobbs

N.C.Os.

Cpl Watt.

Cpl Bott.
Cpl Hazel

Cpl Cahill
Cpl Hirst

Sgt. McGrath.

Cpl Tracey

Cpl Williams
Cpl Pain
Sgt. Pilbeam
Cpl Arcus
Cpl Johnson
Cpl Williams

RESERVES.

Lieut. Cottee
Lieut. Henderson
Lieut. Morley
Lieut. Irvine

Sgt. Spinaze
Cpl McCullough
Sgt. Low.

G. H. Twemlow Capt.,
Adjt., 61 Aust. Inf. Bn.

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Lt. Col. A. Meldrum

Comd., 61 Aust. Inf. Bn.

9 Jul 43

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464. RETURN OF EMPTY INSECT REPELLENT LOTION BOTTLES.

1. Attention of Coy Commanders is drawn to GRO A.404/1943 para 12C which states that empty insect repellent lotion bottles are to be returned to AASC.
2. Action will be taken by Coy Commanders to ensure that such bottles are returned to salvage depots.

465. DISPOSAL OF PROFITS - UNIT CANTEEN

It is desired to draw to your attention that the profits in Unit canteen are as follows. "

Profits from 1 Jun to 30 Jun	£45- 6- 10
Profits carried forward	11- 3- 0

Total Profits	£56- 9- 10
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Amount spent in the purchase of Supplementary Rations	£47-10- 11
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Profits to be carried forward to Month of July	£ 8-18- 11
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466. CHURCH PARADES

Church Parades on Sun. 11 Jul will be as under. -

C.E.	0900 hrs	9 Bn Area.
R.C.	0815 hrs	11 Fd Amb Mess Hut
	0900 hrs	25 Bn Area.
O.P.D.	0900 hrs	61 Bn area near YMCA Tent
	1000 hrs	Communion Service Chaplain's tent, 61 Bn.

G. A. Lawrence
 Adj., 61 Aust. Inf. Bn. Capt.

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| 5. War Diary | 10. D Coy | |

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"Courage is resistance to fear - mastery of fear - not absence of fear."

15 Jul 43. ²⁹

COY EXERCISE AREA X

Ref. Map. UBERI 1" - 1 ml.

Ref. 7 Aust. Inf. Bde. Trg. Instn.No.22 4 (e),(f)

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GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS.

1. GENERAL. (a) Coys will exercise in WYRAROWA Area 16,17 - ²⁴23 Jul 43, under direction of Lt.Col. A. Meldrum, Comd., 61 Aust. Inf. Bn.
 (b) 16 - 17 Jul. "Dry Run"
 23 - 24 Jul. "Wet Run" in which live amm. will be used.
2. OBJECT. To conduct a Coy Battle Practice and to exercise Coys in approach march, action on first contact, attack and exploitation on a lightly held posn.
3. LESSONS. (a) The advantage of acting more quickly than the enemy is so great that the actions of secs. and pls. on meeting the enemy should at first be a form of battle drill. This is a matter of team work within the pl. IMT Sec. 122. (b) When the point for final assault has been decided it must be combined with holding tactics & feints on other parts of the def. IMT Sec. 122
4. TFS TAKING PART. (a) B Coy plus att. tps - one det. 3" Mortars, one Sec MMG. on 16 - 23 Jul.
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DATE	TIME	PLACE	PURPORT	TO ATTEND
15 Jul	1330 hrs	BnHQ	Recce Area	All Umpires
15 Jul	1830 hrs	Coy HQs	Discuss Ex.	Coy Offrs.

6. ADM. (a) Amn. (i) For each "wet run" following scale of amm is available to each Coy.

.303 S.A.A.	4000	(for rifle, LMG, MMG.)
9 m.m.	400	
2" Mortar H.E.	10	
Smoke	10	
3" Mortar H.E.	25	per sec.
Smoke	10	" "

 Grenades as issued to Coys.
 (ii) All unexpended amm. will be returned to RSM within 3 hrs of completion of exercise.
 (iii) Coy Comds will render certificate to these HQ stating that all weapons were examined on conclusion of exercise and that all unexpended amm was withdrawn from all tps.
- (b) Tpt. QM will allct jungle carts to Coys for carrying amm.
- (c) Safety Precautions.
 1. General cease fire ~ Flares Red/Red/Red
 2. Local cease fire ~ (Pls etc.) Three long blasts on whistle.
 3. Strict fire control will be observed by all Offrs & NCOs.
 4. Safety angles MMG and LMG ~ 80°
Mortar - proportionate with range.
 5. (a) O/O HQ Coy will supply party 1 NCO, 4 O.R. on 23-24 Jul. to stop any movement along OONYUMU and KARAKATANA Tks.
 (b) These gds. will be stationed at 205383 and 205353 by 0900 hrs 23 - 24 Jul.

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7. There will be no firing of any kind at any point South of WARRA WAIU during the exercise.

- (d) Dress- Battle Order as per Bn Standing Order of Dress.
- (e) Rations-Haversack lunch will be carried.
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467. LOSS OR DAMAGE EXCEEDING FIVE POUNDS CAUSED BY AN OFFENCE

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

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

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

468. CLEANLINESS OF BDE SPORTS GROUND

To prevent littering the Sports Ground with bottles and papers, boxes or drums placed at vantage points will be utilised for collection of this refuse.

Coys will take action to ensure troops are informed of necessity for keeping the ground clean and will appoint an offr or NCO to see that cleaning up is done on the days that the Sports Ground is allotted to them.

469. WATER STERILIZATION TABLETS

Coys will ensure that all outfits not consumed within six months of manufacture are returned to relative C. Qs.

470. ENLISTMENT IN RAAF

By direction of the Commander-in-Chief, no AMF personnel serving in NEW GUINEA will be released for enlistment in the RAAF.

All previous orders and instructions relating to this subject matter are cancelled and all outstanding correspondence concerning the release of members of the AMF for enlistment in RAAF will not be proceeded with.

471. VEHICLE TRAFFIC-WARD'S DROME

1. No vehicle will enter WARD'S DROME or use the drome as a highway, unless on duty specifically requiring it so to do.

472. MOSQUITO NETS.

Every care must be taken to preserve the above. Damaged nets will be attended to immediately.

E. M. Tumbrow Capt
Adit., 61 Aust. Inf. Bn.

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Distribution List :-

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NOTICES

RESULTS OF BDE INTER-COY SPORTS COMPETITION

Event	Bde HQ	9 Bn	25 Bn	61 Bn
Throwing Cricket Ball	-	10	6	3
Medicine Ball Race	3	-	6	10
Medicine Ball Badminton	-	-	6	10
Soccer	8	-	8	-
Tug-O-War	6	-	10	-
Rugby League	-	-	6	10
Tabloid Sports	3	-	6	10
River Crossing	10	-	-	6
Head of the River	10	-	-	6
Total Points	40	10	48	55

Points allotted 1st Place 10 : 2nd Place 6 : 3rd Place 3.

Final placings	61 Bn	1st
	25 Bn	2nd
	Bde HQ	3rd
	9 Bn	4th

LOST.

A Chromium wristlet watch has been lost between 9 Bn HQ and Island kitchen. Finder please return to this HQ.

"Happy the man who finds a peculiar joy in undertaking a difficult and disagreeable task and achieving it."

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473. AIRGRAPH SERVICE.

1. This service is an arrangement under which letters written by senders in Australia upon special forms are photographed in miniature in this country and the negatives thus obtained forwarded by air to the overseas country of address, where enlarged prints are taken, enveloped and delivered by post to the addressees.

2. The service now functioning from Australia is available only for communications:-

(a) To civilians in -

Aden	Eire	Palestine
Anglo-Egyptian Sudan	India	Seychelles
Bahrein	Iraq	South Africa
British Somaliland	Kenya	Southern Rhodesia
Canada	Uganda	Tanganyika
Ceylon	Mauritius	Transjordan
Cyprus	Northern Rhodesia	United Kingdom
Egypt	Nyasaland	Zanzibar

(b) To members of the forces of the Empire serving in -

The countries included in the above list, and

Syria

Persian Iraq Force

Ethiopia (Abyssinia)

Iran (Persia)

Madagascar

Somalia (Italian Somaliland)

Occupied Territory of Eritrea;

and the charges payable are as follows:-

(i) For airgraph letters to members of the forces of the British Empire	3d
(ii) For airgraph letters to civilians	10d

3. Forms upon which airgraph letters may be written by senders are available from Army Postal Orderlies serving with units from whom further details of the service can be secured by personnel.

4. Normal unit censorship arrangements will apply to airgraph letters lodged by personnel. The franking Officer's signature will appear in the lower left hand corner of the form (above the direction "This space should not be used"). Censorable matter will be obliterated and not exised. The unit censor stamp will be affixed in the space between the address panel and the single printed line directly thereunder; it will be placed as far to the left as practicable.

5. Detailed instructions covering preparation of the letters by senders are set out on the backs of the forms, which will, however, in every case following censorship be passed through unit channels by postal orderlies for onward transmission.

6. If one form be insufficient for the whole of a letter, two or more separate forms may be used, but in such case each form will be treated as a separate letter and a separate fee must be paid for each. Writing must be plain and preferably in black ink to secure satisfactory photographic reproduction. Use of pencil is not recommended but, if used, it will be a soft black lead pencil; indelible pencil will not be used.

7. Names and addresses of addressees of airgraph letters will be written by hand in prominent block lettering (as large as practicable) and will be

AIRGRAPH SERVICE (CONT)

kept wholly within the panel provided on the form. The full address of the sender and the date of writing will be written at the top of the "Letter" portion of the form and at the foot of the letter the sender's full name will be written in block lettering followed by his signature.

8. The airgraph letter as delivered to the addressee overseas will be less than one quarter the size of the original lodged by the sender. The need for block lettering as above described and clear writing generally will therefore be readily understood.

AERATED WATER FACTORY-EMPTY BOTTLES.

1. Considerable difficulty is being experienced in obtaining sufficient empty bottles for bottling aerated waters, thus retarding production.

2. Coys will advise personnel that all empty bottles suitable for this purpose will be collected and handed in to Ganteen.

3. Coys are advised that unless empty bottles are returned at the time of drawing fresh supplies, it may not be possible to meet Unit requirements.

4. EMERGENCY RATION.

This ration is designed for use solely in an emergency when no other rations are available. It will not be issued as a daily ration.

4. TINEA CONTROL.

1. The incidence of tinea in the Bn is still very high.

2. Certain rules for the prevention of this disease have been promulgated from time to time, but these instructions are not being carried out to their entirety.

3. The liberal use of tinea powder, which is on issue from the Q. Store is conspicuous by its absence. A tin of this powder must be placed in each tent.

4. A report will be made to BnHQ on the 1st and 15th day of each month indicating that the above instructions are being carried out.

"He who conquers himself conquers an enemy."

G. M. Swainson Capt.
Adjt., 61 Aust. Inf. Bn.

NOTICE- COMFORTS FUND DISTRIBUTION. The following list of comforts have been received by this Bn from Australian Comforts Fund.

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|---------------------------|------------------------|
| 719 Pkts Cigarettes | 719 Cakes Laundry Soap |
| 719 ozs Tobacco | 719 Writing Pads |
| 719 Pkts Cigarette Papers | 719 Envelopes |
| 719 Cakes Toilet Soap | 719 Tins Boot Polish |
| 719 Tins Sweets | 719 Tubes Tooth Paste |
| 719 Pkts Biscuits. | |

CHURCH NOTICES

Church Parades on Sun. 1 Aug. will be as under:-

- O of E - 0900 hrs : 9 Bn Area.
- R.C. - 0815 hrs : Bde Sports Ground
0900 hrs : 25 Bn Area
- O.P.D. - 0900 hrs : 61 Bn Area, near Y.M.C.A. Tent.
1000 hrs : Communion Service, Y.M.C.A. Tent, 61 Bn area.

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COY EXERCISE AREA MARIANE.

Ref Map MORESBY PORT 1" to 1 MI. 1/63360
Ref Map UBERI 1" to 1 MI.
Ref Map UBERI enlargements 4" to 1 MI.

Ref 7 Aust. Inf. Bde Trg Instn No. 25 4 (e), (f).

PART I

1. General. Coys will exercise in MARIANE. area 2, 4, 6 & 7 Aug 43. under direction of Lt. Col. A. MELDRUM, Comd. 61 Aust. Inf. Bn.
2. Object. (a) To exercise Coys in approach march, action on first contact, attack, consolidation and the sighting and digging of fd defs.
(b) To exercise in preparation of the above defs, together with clearing fds of fire at night.
3. Lessons. (a) To take advantage of hours of darkness to make posn secure against counter-attack.
(b) Secure posn by pushing out covering parties, while consolidation is in progress.
(c) Speed in bringing up tools and wire.
(d) Alternative posns for occupation by day and by night.
4. Tps Taking Part.

2 Aug 43	'A' Coy + 1 det 3" Mortars + 1 sec MMG.
4 " "	'C' " " " "
6 " "	'B' " " " "
7 " "	'D' " " " "
5. Enemy. (a) 'H.Q.' Coy pers.
(b) Enemy will act according to separate instns issued to O.C. Enemy.
(c) Enemy will wear hats KF.
6. Umpires. (a) 'A' Coy Lieuts. COTTEE & ADAM.
'B' " " MORLEY, Sgt Harvey & Lieut. TOMLINSON.
'C' " " McCOY & Sgt. Gregory.
'D' " Capt. GRAHAM, WOII NEWCOMB, Lieut. MORLEY.
(b) Umpires will wear hats KF, with white hatband & white band on left arm.
7. Conferences. A, B, C, & D Coys.

Time	Place	Purport	To attend.
1830	D-1 Coy H.Q.	Discuss Ex.	Coy Offrs & Pl. sgts
0830	1 Aug Offrs Mess	"	All umpires
8. Representation of fire. (a) Rifle - Blank.
(b) OSMG - Tin tapped with wood.
(c) LNG - Rattle - short bursts.
(d) MMG - Rattle - Long bursts.
(e) Mortar 2" - Aldershot Grenades.
9. Adm. (a) Amn. I. Blank amn will be issued as under :-
(i) Rifle Coys 120 rds per Coy
(ii) Enemy 4 rds per man.
II. Aldershot grenades will be carried by umpires & used in accordance with instns.
III. All unexpended amn will be returned to R.S.M. within 5 hrs of completion of ex.
IV. Coy Comds will render a certificate to BHQ stating that the above order has been carried out.
(b) Tools. I. 4 picks & 8 shovels per pl.
II. Carrying party of 10 men from HQ Coy. will be used for A & C Coys.
III. B & D Coy reserve pl. will act as carrying party for their own Coy.

9. Adm. (ctd)

- (c) Dress. Battle Order as per Bn Standing Orders for Dress.
- (d) Rations. Rations for 1 meal will be carried on the man. Breakfast will be eaten in DONADABU camp.

10. Special Instns.
1. There will be no firing within 400^x of MARIANE VILLAGE
 2. Only light and NO duty men will be left in Coy area as security guards.
 3. Ball Amn will be carried in haversack. Coy Comds will impress on all troops that weapons must NOT be loaded with Ball Amn, and inspect weapons before and during ex.
 4. Anti-Malarial precautions will be fully observed.

PART II

Narrative.

After considerable air fighting, enemy est air supremacy, and succeeded in landing strong forces at TAURAMA, QUE, COPPER & TUPUSELEI HD.

104 Aust. Inf. Div. put up a strong resistance, est a line MARAUDER HILL, OLD RAILWAY KNOLL, HOOK, MAATA.

D-4 A further Jap landing took place 20 mls east of TUPUSELEI HD. unopposed. This force immediately pushed patrols North. 57 Aust. Inf. Bde Gp. covering approaches from North Coast. Disposns as follows

66 Bn McDONALDS. 67 Bn Sq 1441. 68 Bn DONADABU.
Bde H.Q. ref 145414

PART III

Opening Situation.

Day-1 P.I.B. patrol engaged enemy force in area POLICE VILLAGE 080348 inflicting 7 casualties. Own casualties 3 wounded.

1100 hrs Day Bn Comd 68 Bn send for O.C. X 'Coy and said, "P.I.B. "Sgt. reports party of enemy about 60 strong, with LMG "and Mortars moving towards UPTANNOON.

" I want you to take your Coy out, and destroy the "enemy. You can 1 sec of MMGs and 1 det of Mortars.

" You'll probably have a fight before dark. Keep "a sharp look-out during the night, and be ready for "him should he counter attack at first light.

" By the way, you can draw on H.Q Coy for carrying "party.

" Get going by 1330 hrs."

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A.M.F.
W.E. 11/12/2.
874 O/R's 6 Att.

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

(Adapted)

61 Aust Inf Bn. (Unit) 12 June 1943. (Date.)

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

W.E.	1 Detail.	2 Posted Strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment	4 Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments).
1	W.O's. Class I.	-	-	1
8	W.O's. Class II.	1	-	1
6	Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	6	-	-
1	Staff Serjeants	-	-	1
41	Serjeants	27	-	14
86	Corporals	79	-	7
731	Troopers, Privates, &c.	521	-	168
874	TOTALS	677	*	197

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Over W.E.	Detail.	Unit Posting	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Over W.E.	Detail.	Unit Posting	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
1	Sgt.	Hygiene 11 Bn	Hygiene Sec.	4	O/R's	Tpt.	A.E.M.E.
1	Sgt	Postman	M.G.P.P.U.				
1	Cpl	Shoemaker	A.A.O.C.				
1	Cpl.	Armourer	A.E.M.E.				
1	Cpl	M.I. Fitter	A.E.M.E.				
1	Sgt	Pay clerk	A.A.F.O.				
1	Sgt	Tpt.	A.E.M.E.				
2	O/R's	Fitters	A.E.M.E.				
1	O/R.	M.V.	A.E.M.E.				
		Padres					
		Helman	7 Aust Inf Bn.				

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

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

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT							REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED						REMARKS.	
	W.O's. Class I.	W.O's. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Staff-Serjeants	Serjeants	Corporals	Troopers, Privates, &c.	TOTAL	W.O's. Class I.	W.O's. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Serjeants	Corporals		Troopers, Privates, &c.
Bricklayers	1														
Butchers	1														
Carpenters and Joiners	6														
Clerks	10														
Despatch Riders															
Draughtsmen (topo)															
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.															
Electricians															
Farriers															
Fitters															
Masons															
Painters and Decorators															
Plumbers and Gasfitters															
Saddlers and Harness Makers															
Signallers															
Storemen, Technical	3														
Vickers Machine Gunners															
Cooks	23														
Intelligence Dut	6														
Range Takers	7														
Tailors	3														
Driver Mech	23														
Driver Op.	26														
Equip. Repairers	1														
General Duty Personnel													197	197	
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A)														197	

61 Aust Inf Bn.

Unit.

Date of Despatch... 12 June 43.

McCormick
Signature of Commander. Lt Col.

61 Aust Inf Bn.
Bde., Divn., Area, &c., with which unit is serving.

A. I. F. SERVING WITH BN.

Sgts	7
Cpls	10
O.R's	39
Sigs T.O.	3

Total

59

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

(Adapted)

A.M.P.
W.S. 11/12/3.
374 O/R's 6 att

61 Aust Inf Bn. (Unit) 13 June 19... (Date.)

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted Strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments).
1 W.O's. Class I.	-	-	1
8 W.O's. Class II.	5	-	3
6 Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	6	-	-
1 Staff Serjeants	-	-	-
41 Serjeants	27	-	14
36 Corporals	79	-	9
731 Troopers, Privates, &c.	545	-	185
374 TOTALS	662	* -	* 212

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Over W.S.	Detail.	Unit	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Over W.S.	Detail.	Unit	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
1 Sgt	Hygiene	11 Rd Hygiene Sec.		1 O.R.	Padres	7 Aust Inf Bn.	
1 Sgt	Postman	A.A.C.C.		4 O.R.	Satman		
1 Sgt	Postman	A.A.C.C.					
1 Sgt	Postman	A.A.C.C.					
1 Sgt	Postman	A.A.C.C.					
1 Sgt	Postman	A.A.C.C.					
1 Sgt	Postman	A.A.C.C.					

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

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

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT							REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED						REMARKS.	
	W.O's. Class I.	W.O's. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Staff-Serjeants	Serjeants	Corporals	Troopers, Privates, &c.	TOTAL	W.O's. Class I.	W.O's. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Serjeants	Corporals		Troopers, Privates, &c.
Bricklayers															
Butchers	1														
Carpenters and Joiners	1														
Clerks	6														
	10														
Despatch Riders															
Draughtsmen (topo)															
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.															
Electricians															
Farriers															
Fitters															
Masons															
Painters and Decorators															
Plumbers and Gasfitters															
Saddlers and Harness Makers															
Signallers															
Storemen, Technical															
Vickers Machine Gunners	3														
Cooks															
	23														
Intelligence Dut.	6														
Range Takers	7														
Tailors	3														
Driver Mech	28														
Driver Op.	86														
Equip Repairers	1														
General Duty Personnel														212	212
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A)															212

61 Aust Inf Bn. Unit.

[Signature]
Comd 61 Aust Inf Bn. To Col

Date of Despatch.....19 June 43.

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

A.I.F. SERVING WITH BN.

Sgts	7
Cpls	10
O/R's	39
Sigs T.G.	3
Cooks T.G.	1

Total	60
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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

(Adapted)

W.E. 2/12c/2

51 Aust Inf Bn. (Unit) 26 June 1943 (Date.)

745 O/R Att 9

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

Table with 4 columns: 1. Detail, 2. Posted Strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached), 3. Surplus to Establishment, 4. Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments). Rows include W.O's Class I, W.O's Class II, Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants, Staff Serjeants, Serjeants, Corporals, Troopers, Privates, &c., and a TOTALS row.

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Table with 4 columns: Over W.E., Detail, Unit, Unit and Corps to which they belong. Details include 1Sgt Hygiene Insp., 1Col Shoemaker, 1Cpl Armourer, 1Sgt Postman, 1Sgt Pay Duties, Pte Padre, and Pte Batman.

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

Table with 5 columns: Army No., Rank, Name and Initials, Corps, (Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts if known)).

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC. W. E.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT							REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED						REMARKS.	
	W.O's. Class I.	W.O's. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Staff-Serjeants	Serjeants	Corporals	Troopers, Privates, &c.	TOTAL	W.O's. Class I.	W.O's. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Serjeants	Corporals		Troopers, Privates, &c.
Bricklayers															
Butchers	1														
Carpenters and Joiners	6														
Clerks	9														
Despatch Riders															
Draughtsmen (topo)															
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.															
Electricians															
Farriers															
Fitters															
Masons															
Painters and Decorators															
Plumbers and Gasfitters															
Saddlers and Harness Makers															
Signallers															
Storemen, Technical															
Vickers Machine Gunners	5														
Cooks	25														
Blacksmith	1											1	1		
Fitter Gun	1														
Equipment Repairer	1														
Tailor	1														
Range Takers	4														
General Duty Personnel												82	82		
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A)														85	

61 Aust Inf Bn. Unit.

Date of Despatch..... 26 June 43.

H. J. ...
Signature of Commander.
Comd 61 Aust Inf Bn.

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

A.I.P. with Unit

W.O.

1

Sgts

7

Cpls

10

C/R's

30

Sigs T.O.

3

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Serial No.....

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

A.I.F.....

W.E. Reference

A.M.F. 11/120/2

Date 10 Jul 43

W.E. 32 X 745

Attached

61 AUST INF BN

Unit

Allowed by W.E. 1 X 10

PART A. — STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED

1 Ranks and W.E.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached)	3 Surplus to Establishment	4 Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment)
* ..			
* ..			
Lieut.-Colonels ..	1	-	-
Majors ..	3	-	1
Captains ..	9	-	3
Lieutenants ..	10	2*	-
2nd Lieutenants ..	21		
Quartermasters ..			
Totals ..	32	2	4

* Insert detail of higher rank as necessary

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

Officers JOINED during week

Rank	Name	Unit or Corps	Date	Cause
Lieut	TOMLINSON C.B.	61 Bn	8.7.43	Ex Con Depot

Officers QUITTED during week

Rank	Name	Unit or Corps	Date	Cause
Lieut	Q 23516 HOUGH G.L.	61 Bn	5.8.43	To hospital
"	LAWSON J.	61 Bn	5.7.43	To Hospital

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

Rank	Name and Initials	Unit or Corps	(Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known))
Lieut	HOBBES J.J.S.	61 Bn	Sch.M.I. present on leave
"	WATTS A.A.	"	O.C.T.U. WOODSIDE
"	JAMES W.C.	"	"
"	WHITE J.J.	"	"
"	PULLARTON A.W.J.	"	A.I.T.B.
"	BROWN A.R.	"	M.M.S. COURSE ROSSVILLE.

PART D. — NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	Personal Number	Name and Initials	Appointment	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed
Lt. Col	27302	WILSON	
Major	27304	WILSON	
Major	27307	WILSON	
Capt.	27308	WILSON	
	27309	WILSON	
	27310	WILSON	
	27311	WILSON	
	27312	WILSON	
	27313	WILSON	
	27314	WILSON	
	27315	WILSON	
	27316	WILSON	
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	27396	WILSON	
	27397	WILSON	
	27398	WILSON	
	27399	WILSON	
	27400	WILSON	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	Personal Number	Name and Initials	Unit or Corps	Date of Attachment	Nature of Attachment	Allowed by W.E. (Insert Yes or No)
Capt.	28520	WILSON	...	8/8/43	...	YES
	28521	WILSON	...	9/9/43	Padre	NO.

10
Cond Lt Aust. Inf. Bde. (Unit)

[Signature]
Lt. Col. (Signature of Commander)

10
10 10 (Date of Despatch)

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

W.R. 11/120/2.

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

(Adapted)

32 Off 719 O/R.
Att 34

61 Aust Inf Bn. (Unit) 10 Jul 1943 (Date.)

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

U.S.	1 Detail.	2 Posted Strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment	4 Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments).
1	W.O's. Class I.	-	-	-
6	W.O's. Class II.	(1 A/R.S.L.)	-	-
5	Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	8	1	-
	Staff Serjeants	-	-	-
37	Serjeants	32 ³	1 ^x	3 ⁴
62	Corporals	62	1 ^x	-
614 719	Troopers, Privates, &c.	612 ⁶⁰⁵	20 ^{Comm.}	14
	TOTALS	716 710	* 13 "	* 7 ²⁰

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Over W.R.	U.S.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
1 Sgt		Hygiene	A.A.S.C.		
1 Cpl		Shoemaker	A.A.S.C.		
1 Cpl		Ammunition	A.P.H.S.		
1 Sgt		Postman	H.C.P.P.U.		
1 Sgt		Paymaster	A.A.S.C.		
1 W.Off		Caterer	A.A.S.C.		
1 Pte		Cook	A.A.S.C.		
1 Pte		Bedroom	7 Aust Inf Bn		
1 Pte		Batman			
1 2 O/R.		Tpt.	A.A.S.C.		
1 2 O/R.		Cook	A.A.S.C.		
1 Cpl			A.A.S.C.		

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

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

A.I.F. Serving with Bn.

W.O.	1	
Sgts	10	
Cpls	16	
O/R.	55	
Trade Gp.	4	(1 Cook 3 Sigs.)

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT							REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED							REMARKS.		
	W.O's. Class I.	W.O's. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Staff-Serjeants	Serjeants	Corporals	Troopers, Privates, &c.	TOTAL	W.O's. Class I.	W.O's. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Serjeants	Corporals	Troopers, Privates, &c.		TOTAL	
Bricklayers							2	2									
Butchers																	
Carpenters and Joiners																	
Clerks																	
Despatch Riders																	
Draughtsmen (topo)																	
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.																	
Electricians																	
Farriers																	
Fitters																	
Masons																	
Painters and Decorators																	
Plumbers and Gasfitters																	
Saddlers and Harness Makers																	
Signallers				1	1			2 ^x					2			2	
Storemen, Technical						1		1									
Vickers Machine Gunners																	
Cooks <i>AACC</i>						2	6	8 ²				3				3	
Blacksmith													1			1 ^x	
Tailor																	
Intelligence													3			3 ^x	
Driver Mech <i>(AEME)</i>						1		1									
General Duties Co.		1						1								1	will be being train-
Carrier Pers.						2	8	10								13	
General Duty Personnel																	
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A)								17								20	
								23								7 plus 3 A.A.C.C. pers.	

Tradesmen & Specialists

(a) Tradesmen Drawing Specialists Pay on W.E.

Gun Fitter	1
Carpenters	6
R/Takers	4
Sigs T.G.11	26
Butchers	1
Clerks	2
Equip Rprs.	1
Tailor T.G.111	1
Tech Storemen	3
<i>B SMITH</i>	1

(b) Tradesmen Drawing Specialists pay and carried surplus to W.E.

Bricklayers	2
Tech Storemen	1

(c) Personnel Trade Tested but not drawing specialists pay.

Nil

Serial No.....

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

A.I.F.....

W.E. Reference

A.M.F.....

11/12c/2

Date 17 1943

W.E. X

Attached

Allowed by W.E. X

51 AVST. INF. BR. Unit

PART A. — STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED

1 Ranks and W.E.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached)	3 Surplus to Establishment	4 Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment)
* ..			
* ..			
Lieut.-Colonels ..			
Majors ..	1		1
Captains ..	3		3
Lieutenants ..	9		9
2nd Lieutenants ..	8		8
Quartermasters ..			
Totals . . .	32	0	0

* Insert detail of higher rank as necessary

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

Officers JOINED during week

Rank	Name	Unit or Corps	Date	Cause

Officers QUITTED during week

Rank	Name	Unit or Corps	Date	Cause
Lieut	McL...	51 Avst. Inf. Br.	11.3.43	to 1.1.43

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

Rank	Name and Initials	Unit or Corps	(Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known))
Lieut.	McL...	51 Avst. Inf. Br.	sch. 1.1. present on leave. O.C. 1.1. 1943.

PART D. — NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	Personal Number	Name and Initials	Appointment	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed
	037608	WILSON		Yes	
	037609	WILSON		Yes	
	037610	WILSON		Yes	
	037611	WILSON		Yes	
	037612	WILSON		Yes	
	037613	WILSON		Yes	
	037614	WILSON		Yes	
	037615	WILSON		Yes	
	037616	WILSON		Yes	
	037617	WILSON		Yes	
	037618	WILSON		Yes	
	037619	WILSON		Yes	
	037620	WILSON		Yes	
	037621	WILSON		Yes	
	037622	WILSON		Yes	
	037623	WILSON		Yes	
	037624	WILSON		Yes	
	037625	WILSON		Yes	
	037626	WILSON		Yes	
	037627	WILSON		Yes	
	037628	WILSON		Yes	
	037629	WILSON		Yes	
	037630	WILSON		Yes	
	037631	WILSON		Yes	
	037632	WILSON		Yes	
	037633	WILSON		Yes	
	037634	WILSON		Yes	
	037635	WILSON		Yes	
	037636	WILSON		Yes	
	037637	WILSON		Yes	
	037638	WILSON		Yes	
	037639	WILSON		Yes	
	037640	WILSON		Yes	
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	037642	WILSON		Yes	
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	037671	WILSON		Yes	
	037672	WILSON		Yes	
	037673	WILSON		Yes	
	037674	WILSON		Yes	
	037675	WILSON		Yes	
	037676	WILSON		Yes	
	037677	WILSON		Yes	
	037678	WILSON		Yes	
	037679	WILSON		Yes	
	037680	WILSON		Yes	
	037681	WILSON		Yes	
	037682	WILSON		Yes	
	037683	WILSON		Yes	
	037684	WILSON		Yes	
	037685	WILSON		Yes	
	037686	WILSON		Yes	
	037687	WILSON		Yes	
	037688	WILSON		Yes	
	037689	WILSON		Yes	
	037690	WILSON		Yes	
	037691	WILSON		Yes	
	037692	WILSON		Yes	
	037693	WILSON		Yes	
	037694	WILSON		Yes	
	037695	WILSON		Yes	
	037696	WILSON		Yes	
	037697	WILSON		Yes	
	037698	WILSON		Yes	
	037699	WILSON		Yes	
	037700	WILSON		Yes	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	Personal Number	Name and Initials	Unit or Corps	Date of Attachment	Nature of Attachment	Allowed by W.E. (Insert Yes or No)
Capt.	W1125310	SHIRLEY A.D.	01 Bn	8/8/43	Padre	Yes
	W1142882	McCOLLOUGH B.		8/8/43	Padre	No

01 Aust. Inf. Bn.
(Unit)

W. H. ...
Comd. 01 Aust. (Signature of Commander)

17 Jul 43
(Date of Despatch)

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

W.E. 11/12c/2

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

(Adapted)

51 AUST INF BN. (Unit) 17 JUL 1953 (Date.)

52 Oftrs 719 O.R.s
Att 34

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1 Detail.	2 Posted Strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment	4 Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments).
W.O's. Class I.	-	-	-
W.O's. Class II.	4 (3 N/B/S/M)	-	3
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	5	2	-
Staff Serjeants		70	
Serjeants	55	-	4
Corporals	62	-	-
Troopers, Privates, &c.	605	10 Carriers	14
TOTALS	719	* 11	* 20

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
10sgt Hygiene	A.A.S.C.		
10pl Shoemaker	A.A.S.C.		
10pl Armourer	A.A.S.C.		
10pl Postman	A.A.S.C.		
10pl Paymaster	A.A.S.C.		
10pl Caterer	A.A.S.C.		
20 Cocks	A.A.S.C.		
10pl Padre's			
10pl Batman	7 Aust. Inf. Bde.		
10pl Tpt	A.A.S.C.		
10pl Cocks	A.A.S.C.		
10pl S.A.O.C.	A.A.S.C.		

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

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

A.I.F. SERVING WITH BN.

W.O.s	1.	2.
Sgté.	10.	11.
Cpls.	16	10
O.R.s	55	76
Trade Cp	4	(1 Cook 3 Sigs)
A.E.M.E. att.	1	Cfn.

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT							REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED							REMARKS.	
	W.O's. Class I.	W.O's. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Staff-Serjeants	Serjeants	Corporals	Troopers, Privates, &c.	TOTAL	W.O's. Class I.	W.O's. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Serjeants	Corporals	Troopers, Privates, &c.		TOTAL
Bricklayers																
Butchers																
Carpenters and Joiners																
Clerks																
Despatch Riders																
Draughtsmen (topo)																
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.																
Electricians																
Farriers																
Fitters																
Masons																
Painters and Decorators																
Plumbers and Gasfitters																
Saddlers and Harness Makers																
Signallers																
Storemen, Technical														2	2	
Vickers Machine Gunners							1	1								
Cooks							1	1					3		3	
Driver Mech A.S.M.S.								1							1	
General Duties			1					1						4	5	will be trained
Carrier Pers							2	8							10	
General Duty Personnel																
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A)								17							20 plus 3 A.S.M.S. pers.	

[Signature]
 Cond. 61 Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch..... 17 JUL 45

Bde., Divn., Area, &c., with which unit is serving.

APPENDIX A.A.F. W. 3009.

Tradesman and Specialists.

(a) Tradesmen Drawing Specialists Pay on W.E.

Gun Fitter	1.
Carpenters	6.
R/Takers	4.
Sigs T.G.II	26.
Butchers	1.
Clerks	2.
Eqpt. Rprs	1.
Tailor T.G.III	1.
Tech Storemen	3.
Blacksmith	1.

(b) Tradesmen drawing Specialists pay and carried surplus to W.E.

Bricklayers	2.
Tech Storeman	1.

(c) Personnel Trade Tested but not drawing specialists pay.

Nil.

Serial No.....

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

A.I.F.....

W.E. Reference
A.M.F. **11/120/2**

Date **24 Jul 43.**

W.E. **52** X **745**

Attached
Allowed by W.E. **1 X 10**

61 AUSTR. INF. BN. Unit

PART A. — STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED

1	2	3	4
Ranks and W.E.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached)	Surplus to Establishment	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment)
* ..			
* ..			
Lieut.-Colonels ..	1	-	-
Majors ..	0	-	1
Captains ..	9	-	3
Lieutenants ..	19	-	1
2nd Lieutenants ..			
Quartermasters ..			
Totals ..	32	-	5

* Insert detail of higher rank as necessary

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

Officers JOINED during week

Rank	Name	Unit or Corps	Date	Cause
Lieut.	Hebbs. J.J.S.	61 Bn	20/7/43	Returned from Course

Officers QUITTED during week

Rank	Name	Unit or Corps	Date	Cause
Capt.	Campbell R.C.	61 Bn	23/7/43	Trans. to Hosp.

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

Rank	Name and Initials	Unit or Corps	(Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known))
Lieut.	Watts A.A.	61 Bn	O.C.F.U. Woodside
"	James W.C.	"	do.
"	White J.J.	"	do.
"	Fullarton R.W.J.	"	do.

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	Personal Number	Name and Initials	Appointment	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed
Lt. Col.	927602	Meldrum A.	C.O.	Yes	
Major	927608	Viles H.D.	S.A./C	Yes	
Major	927610	Pickens G.	C.O. Coy	Yes	
Capt.	928055	Campbell H.C.	" "	No	Hospital.
Capt.	928058	Parsons H.C.	S/A Coy	Yes	
Capt.	928063	Pennington H.C.	Adj.	Yes	
Capt.	928064	Wasson A.C.	C.O. Coy	Yes	
Capt.	928065	Graham J.C.	" "	Yes	
T/Capt.	928066	Wasson H.C.	" "	Yes	
Lieut.	928067	Worley H.C.	" "	Yes	
Lieut.	928068	Worley H.C.	" "	Yes	
Lieut.	928069	Worley H.C.	" "	Yes	
Lieut.	928070	Worley H.C.	" "	Yes	
Lieut.	928071	Worley H.C.	" "	Yes	
Lieut.	928072	Worley H.C.	" "	Yes	
Lieut.	928073	Worley H.C.	" "	Yes	
Lieut.	928074	Worley H.C.	" "	Yes	
Lieut.	928075	Worley H.C.	" "	Yes	
Lieut.	928076	Worley H.C.	" "	Yes	
Lieut.	928077	Worley H.C.	" "	Yes	
Lieut.	928078	Worley H.C.	" "	Yes	
Lieut.	928079	Worley H.C.	" "	Yes	
Lieut.	928080	Worley H.C.	" "	Yes	
Lieut.	928081	Worley H.C.	" "	Yes	
Lieut.	928082	Worley H.C.	" "	Yes	
Lieut.	928083	Worley H.C.	" "	Yes	
Lieut.	928084	Worley H.C.	" "	Yes	
Lieut.	928085	Worley H.C.	" "	Yes	
Lieut.	928086	Worley H.C.	" "	Yes	
Lieut.	928087	Worley H.C.	" "	Yes	
Lieut.	928088	Worley H.C.	" "	Yes	
Lieut.	928089	Worley H.C.	" "	Yes	
Lieut.	928090	Worley H.C.	" "	Yes	
Lieut.	928091	Worley H.C.	" "	Yes	
Lieut.	928092	Worley H.C.	" "	Yes	
Lieut.	928093	Worley H.C.	" "	Yes	
Lieut.	928094	Worley H.C.	" "	Yes	
Lieut.	928095	Worley H.C.	" "	Yes	
Lieut.	928096	Worley H.C.	" "	Yes	
Lieut.	928097	Worley H.C.	" "	Yes	
Lieut.	928098	Worley H.C.	" "	Yes	
Lieut.	928099	Worley H.C.	" "	Yes	
Lieut.	928100	Worley H.C.	" "	Yes	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	Personal Number	Name and Initials	Unit or Corps	Date of Attachment	Nature of Attachment	Allowed by W.E. (Insert Yes or No)
Capt.	92125310	Shirley A.D.	61 Bn	5/3/43	R.H.O.	Yes.
	92125311	McCurrough H.	61 Bn	1/3/43	Adj.	No.

61 Aust. Inf. Bn. (Unit)
 Lt. Col. [Signature] (Signature of Commander)
 7 Aust. Inf. Bde. (Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving)
 24 JUL 43. (Date of Despatch)

N.G.F.P.

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

(Adapted)

S. No. 11/13c/2
S2 Off 730 O/R.
Attached 34 O/R.

61 Aust Inf Bn. (Unit) 24 July 1943 (Date.)

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted Strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments).
W.O's. Class I.	-	-	-
W.O's. Class II.	1 (1 1/1000)	-	2
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	5	1	-
Staff Serjeants	-	-	-
Serjeants	35 (12 S2 16)	1	3
Corporals	60 (63)	1	4
Troopers, Privates, &c.	617	14	15
TOTALS	714	* 17	* 22

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Over W.O.	Detail.	Unit Postinf	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
	1 Sgt.	H.O. Ord	A.A.H.C.		
	1 Sgt	Hygiene	A.A.H.C.		
	1 Cpl.	Shoemaker	A.A.C.C.		
	1 Cpl.	Armourer	A.A.H.C.		
	1 Sgt	Postman	H.Q. P.D. H.		
	1 Sgt	Paymaster	A.A.P.C.		
	1 W.O	Caterer	A.A.C.C.		
	21	Cooks	A.A.C.C.		
1 Pte		Padres	7 Aust Inf Bde.		
		Batman			
1 Cpl.		Cook	A.A.C.C.		
1 Pte		Spt.	A.A.H.C.		

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

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

Unit.

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT							REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED						REMARKS.		
	W.O's. Class I.	W.O's. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Staff-Serjeants	Serjeants	Corporals	Troopers, Privates, &c.	TOTAL	W.O's. Class I.	W.O's. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Serjeants	Corporals		Troopers, Privates, &c.	TOTAL
Bricklayers																
Butchers							2	2								
Carpenters and Joiners																
Clerks																
Despatch Riders																
Draughtsmen (topo)																
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.																
Electricians																
Farriers																
Fitters																
Masons																
Painters and Decorators																
Plumbers and Gasfitters																
Saddlers and Harness Makers																
Signallers																
Storemen, Technical				1				1								
Vickers Machine Gunners																
Cooks					1			1		5				5		
A.A.C.C.																
Drivers H.T. A.A.H.C.					1			1								
Carrier Personnel					2	10		12								
Gen Duties									1	5	12			17	1 W.O. being	
A.A.H.C. Att												1		1	trained	
Intelligence												1		1		
General Duty Personnel																
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A)								17						22		

Unit.

Date of Despatch..... 04/9/40

Signature of Commander.

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

A. I. F. SERVING WITH UNIT.

V.O.s	8	
Sgts.	11	
Opis	20	
O.R.s	76	
Trade Sp	4	
A.E.H.E.	1	Gfn.
	<u>6</u>	
	114	

APPENDIX A. A. P. W. 3009.

Tradesmen and Specialists.

(a) Tradesmen drawing specialists pay on W.E.

Gun Fitter	1.
Carpenters	6.
R/Takers	4
Sigs TGII	26
Butchers	1.
Clerks	2
Eqpt Rprs	1
Tailor TGIII	1.
Tech Store-	
men	3.
Blacksmith	1.

(b) Tradesmen drawing specialists pay and carried surplus to W.E.

Bricklayers	2.
Tech Storemen	1.
Driver Mech.	1.

(c) Personnel Trade Tested but not drawing specialists pay.

nil.

Serial No.....

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

A.I.F.....

W.E. Reference

A.M.F.....

Date..... 31 Jul 43

W.E..... X.....

Attached

Allowed by W.E..... X.....

730
1 34
61 ABST. INF. BN. Unit

PART A. — STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED

1 Ranks and W.E.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached)	3 Surplus to Establishment	4 Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment)
Lieut.-Colonels ..	1	-	-
Majors ..	5	-	1
Captains ..	9	-	4
Lieutenants ..	30	-	2
2nd Lieutenants ..			
Quartermasters ..			
Totals . . .	32	-	7

* Insert detail of higher rank as necessary

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

Officers JOINED during week

Rank	Name	Unit or Corps	Date	Cause

Officers QUITTED during week

Rank	Name	Unit or Corps	Date	Cause
Lieut.	HENDERSON, P. W.	61 Bn	30/7/43	Went to Hosp.

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

Rank	Name and Initials	Unit or Corps	(Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known))
Lieut.	A.A. WATTS	61 Bn	D.C. T. H. Woodside
"	E.C. JAMES	"	Do.
"	H.J. WHITE	"	Do.
"	A.W. HILLANTON	"	Do.

PART D. — NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	Personal Number	Name and Initials	Appointment	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed
Lt. Col.	427602	Meldrum A.	C.O.	Yes	
Major	427603	Wiles H.C.	2 1/2		
Major	427402	Dicks G.H.	C.O. B Coy		
Capt.	422982	Davidson L.P.	2 1/2 B		
Capt.	426035	Fleming H.M.C.	Adj.		
Capt.	426031	Lawson H.H.	C.O. B Coy		
Capt.	426030	Graham S.V.	C.O. HQ		
1/Capt.	426034	Sixon-Smith C.A.			
Lieut.	426031	Horley H.C.	Sig Offr		
	427633	McGoy J.C.			
	426862	Stanley L.V.	C.O. B Coy		
	4243163	Cottee H.I.D.	Staff Comd		
	426864	Hobbs J.S.S.	I.O.		
	4251710	Tomlinson C.D.	PI Comd.		
	426050	Emmett H.A.			
	4251073	Foranther H.C.P.			
	426865	Gowland H.A.	C.O. A Coy		
	4219519	Robinson H.D.	PI Comd.		
	426191	Irvine V.C.			
	427602	Patrick S.A.			
	426330	O'Keefe H.S.			
	4251720	Clarkson H.C.			
	426326	Henderson H.D.		No	Hospital.
	4116117	Frankie McNeill H.H.		Yes	
	42102018	Adam D.H.			

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	Personal Number	Name and Initials	Unit or Corps	Date of Attachment	Nature of Attachment	Allowed by W.E. (Insert Yes or No)
Capt.	42123310	Shirley A.D.	61 Bn	8/8/45	B.N.C.	Yes
	42123322	McQuillough H.	"	8/8/45	Padre	No

61 Aust. Inf. Bn. (Unit)

Meldrum Lt. Col. Comd. 61 Aust. (Signature of Commander)

31 Jul 45 (Date of Despatch)

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

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 31 / 7 / 1945 .. 61 Aust Inf Bde (Unit)

W.E. 11 12a 2 OFFRS. 32 O.R's. 730 + OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 34 ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

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.	-	-	-	-	-
	2	-	-	W.Os. Class II.	Part B.	1	-	-	-
			5	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.	-	-	-	-	-
				Staff Sergeants	-	-	-	-	-
	13	-	24	Sergeants	-	6	-	-	-
	1	-	63	Corporals	-	7	-	-	-
11	-	-	606	Troopers, Privates, etc.	-	15	-	-	1
-	-	-	-	Civilians counting as O.R.					
11 *	17	-	702 *	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.		20 *			1 *

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	123		579							702
B(1)										
B(2)										

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.

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	A.A.H.C.						
1	A.A.O.C.						
4	A.E.H.E.						
1	H.C.F.P.U.						
1	A.A.P.C.						
1	7 Aust Inf Bde						
23	A.A.C.C.						
8	Carrier pers.						

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 31/7/1943

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.			Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)			Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)			Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)		
W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
			Surveyors, Engineering			Operating Room Assis.			G.P.O. Assistants		
			Surveyors, R.A.A.			Operator, Keyboard			Hammermen		
			Surveyors, Topographical			Operator, Line			Leather Stitchers		
			Surveyors, Trigonometrical			Operator, Signal			Orderlies, Nursing		
			Toolmakers			Operator, Switchboard			Orderlies, Nursing Mental		
			Turners			Operator, Wireless			Plate Layers		
			Watchmakers			Opticians			Rangetakers		
			Welders			Painters			Riveters		
						Panel Beaters			Roughriders		
						Photographer, Dry Plate			Saddlers		
						Predictor Numbers			Saddletree makers		
						Printers			Shoemaker and Boot Repairer		
Blacksmiths	1	1				Radiographers			Stevedores		
Bricklayers						Riggers			Stokers, Staty. Engine		
Computers						Sawyers			Storemen, Technical	3	3
Cooks, Hospital			GROUP II.			Signallers	26	26	Tailors	1	1
Coppersmiths			Armourers	1	1	Signwriters			Textile Refitters		
Dispensers			Axemen			Telescope Identfn. Numbers			Tinsmiths		
Draughtsmen			Bakers			Well Borers			Vulcanizers		
Draughtsmen (Architectural)			By. Comd's. Asst.			Wheelers			Wagon Erectors		
Draughtsmen (Engineering)			Boilermakers			Winchman			Whitesmiths		
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)			Carpenters	6	6	Wireman					
Draughtsmen (Topographical)			Carpenters and Joiners			Woodturners					
Electricians			Cooks								
Electricians (M.V.)			Dental Mechanics								
Electricians (Signals)			Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)								
Fitters			Driver-Operator								
Fitters (Cycle)			Drainers								
Fitters (Electrical)			Electricians								
Fitters (Gun)	1	1	Electricians (Engineers)								
Fitters (Instrument)			Fire Control Operators			GROUP III.			DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.		
Fitters (M.V.)			Gun Operator			Battery Surveyors			Gen Dat.	670	645 10
Fitters, Railway Signal			Hatchman			Butchers	1	1			
Fitters, Signals			Height Taker			Clerks	9	9			
Grinder, Precision			Helio Operator			Clerks, Supply					
Mechanics, Instrument			Instrument Operator			Clerks, Technical					
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)			Intelligence Duties	10	9 1	Coach Trimmers					
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)			Joiners			Concretors					
Mechanics, Radio			Lineman			Cooks					
Mechanics, Typewriter			Lineman, Signals			Dental Clerk Orderlies					
Mechanics, Wireless			Lithographers			Despatch Riders			ATTACHED BY W.E.		
Millwrights			Machinists, Metal			Draughtsmen, Signals			A.A.C.C.	28	28
Operators, Excavator			Machinists, Wood			Drivers, H.T.			A.A.H.C.	4	3 1
Pattern Maker			Masons			Driver Mechanics			A.R.H.E.	3	3
Pharmacist			Masseurs			Driver Tptn. Plant			A.A.P.C.	2	1 H.R.
Photographer, Wet Plate			Mechanics, M.T.			Engine Hands, I.C.			H.C.P.P.U.	1	1
Photowriter			Miners			Equipment Repairers	1	1	A.A.O.C.	1	1
Plumber			Moulders			Farriers					
Saw Doctors			Nurses, Trained			Fitters' Mates					
Surveyors			Observation Post Assis.			Gun Layers					
CARRIED FORWARD	2	2	CARRIED FORWARD	17	16 1	CARRIED FORWARD	37	37	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	764731	* 12

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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