

**AWM52**  
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**Commonwealth Military Forces unit war**  
**diaries, 1939-45 War**

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**61 Infantry Battalion**  
**November - December 1943**

# WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Army Form C.2118  
(adapted.)

Unit 61 AUST. INF. BN.

Date and Time.—From 1 NOV 43 To 6 NOV 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, etc.
	NOV 1		Various working parties still continuing at different depots as on previous Saturday.	<i>[Signature]</i> Adj. 61 Aust. Inf. Bn
	NOV 2		LIEUT. R.U.P. PLUMMER and 10 O.R.s moved to 9 Mile Base Supply Depot ref 975408. Bn Coy. Comds' conference was held to discuss new Bn area ref 887578. Adj. and Int. Sgt. made recce of proposed new Bn. Area.	<i>[Signature]</i>
	NOV 3		Int. Sgt. and Int. Cpl. left to map new area. C.O., 2 i/c., Adj., and Coy. Comds visited new area. Coy. Comds. planned their respective areas and marked out sites for kitchens, mess huts and showers. During the afternoon the A/Bde. Comd. Lt.Col. MILES visited area.	<i>[Signature]</i>
	NOV 4		Adj., and Int. Sgt. visited new Bn. area. Int. Cpl. lectured N.C.O.s school on map reading. Tk/A Pl moved out to BOERA for practice shoot at BOERA Tk/A Range.	<i>[Signature]</i>
	NOV 5		Brig. J. FIELD, A/G.O.C. 3 AUST. DIV. visited area. Sig. Offr. and Pnr Offr recce new area for building sites. C.O. 2i/c and R.S.M. visited Tk/A shoot at BOERA. N.C.O's school visited BOOTLESS INLET for the day where they were instructed in map reading and fieldcraft.	<i>[Signature]</i>
	NOV 6		Tk/A Pl. returned from shoot. Capt. J. T. GRAHAM marched in from hospital.	<i>[Signature]</i>

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Unit.....61 AUST INF BN...... Date and Time.—From.....NOV 7 43.....To.....NOV 15 43.....

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	<u>Nov 7 43</u>		Day of rest and Sports - Coy Cricket Matches at Bn H.Q.	
	<u>Nov 8 43</u>		Working parties continued as usual. Section Leaders School continuing at Bn H.Q.	
	<u>Nov 9 43</u> <del>XXXXXXXX</del>		Working parties continued as usual. In afternoon a telephone battle exercise was held - The Officers of the Bn. taking part. (for narrative see att. screed.) <i>Appendix "A"</i>	
	<u>Nov 10 43</u>		Working parties continued as usual.	
	<u>Nov 11 43</u>		Working parties continued as usual.	
	<u>Nov 12 43</u>		Lieut H.D. Robinson marched in from 47 AUST Camp Hosp. Working parties continued as usual.	
			Maj Bicks, WOii Hooper and personnel on sec Leaders Course moved out to BOOTLESS BAY Area, for two days exercise.	
	<u>Nov 13 43</u>		Working parties continued as usual. Maj Bicks, WOii Hooper, and personnel on Sec Leaders Course arrive back in area from BOOTLESS BAY, on conclusion of their two day exercise. This concluded school.	
	<u>Nov 14 43</u>		Those Working Parties on shift work continued with their work while remainder had a day of rest. Leave personnel from Coys arrived in area. Together, with leave personnel from Bn H.Q., they were addressed by the C.O., and then marched out to MURRAY BARRACKS, Capt Gowland and Lieut Morley were in charge of the party. During the afternoon, a football match Q'ld V N.S.W. was held at DAGGIES Oval. The Bn was well represented with 6 players in the Q'ld team, and 1 in the N.S.W. team, N.S.W. won the match 17 Nil.	
	<u>Nov 15 43</u>		Working parties continued as usual. A Section Leaders School under WOii Hooper was begun at Bn HQ each Coy supplying two personnel. C.O., 21/c, Adjnt, & I Sgt visited new area.	

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Unit 61 AUST INF BN

Date and Time.—From 15 NOV 43 To 30 NOV 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	NOV 16	43	Working parties continued as usual.	}
	NOV 17	43	Working parties continued as usual. In the morning the 2i/c and Coy Comds visited the new Bn. Area.	
	NOV 18	43	Working parties continued as usual. Maj Weppner and Adj 25 Bn. visited Bn Hq in the afternoon.	
	NOV 19	43	Working parties continued as usual. Bn HQ and attached personnel from H.Q. Coy left Biv area at Ref. 915365 and moved to new Biv Area, in JUNE VALLEY Ref 887378. Move was completed by 191000 L. In the afternoon Maj Weppner A/C.O. 25 Bn. visited Bn HQ.	
	<del>NOV 20</del>	<del>43</del>	Working parties continued as usual.	
	NOV 20	43	Bn H.Q. and portion of H.Q. Coy plus sec from each Coy developing new camp site in preparation for Bn's occupation. Mess huts and kitchens being built; latrines and sumps being dug. Working parties finished three weeks work 201630L.	
	NOV 21	43	Shift work finished at BSD 210100 L. REMAINDER of Bn having been relieved of their respective working parties by 25 Aust Inf Bn they moved to new Bn. Area. Bn used relieving Bn's trucks. HQ personnel arrived in New Area 0930 A " " " " " 1010 All Coys estab. in area by 1145 hrs. Afternoon was spent settling into area. Maj Weppner visited the area in the afternoon.	
	NOV 22	43	Bn spent the day settling into the new area. This consisted of clearing grass, clearing digging sumps and straightening tents. Pnrs were engaged in the building of Mess Huts and Kitchens.	


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Unit 61 AUST INF BN.

Date and Time.—From NOVEMBER 22 43. NOVEMBER 26th43.

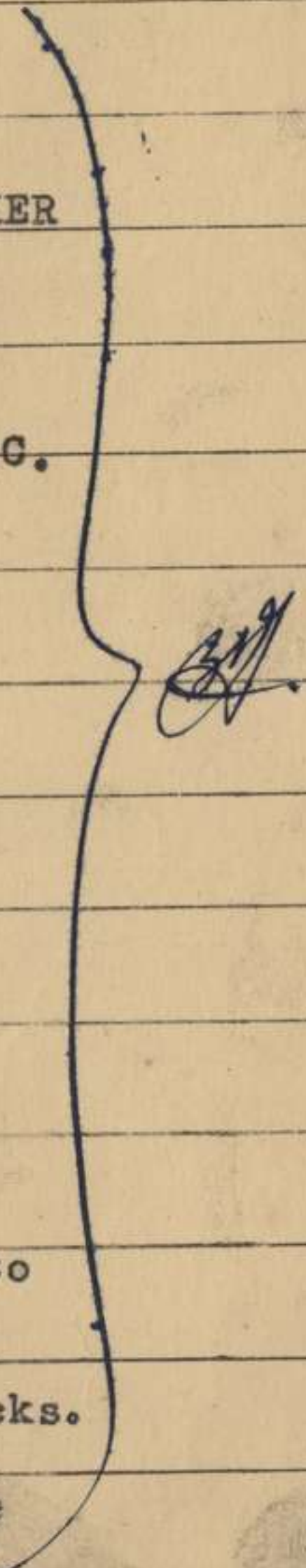
Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	NOVEMBER	22nd. 43	In the afternoon, Capt Mason, L.O. att. to Allied Geographical Studies visited the Bn INT Sect re Terrain Studies. N.C.O. under WOii Hooper Continuing.	
	"	23rd 43	Bn again spent the day settling in. The INT Sect commenced enlarging a map of JUNE VALLEY area adding extra detail from traverses and field sketches. In the afternoon, the officers of the Bn played the Officers of Bde HQ Cricket. The match resulted in a win for 61 Bn by	
	"	24th 43	Bn commenced training. In the morning C Coy with Dets Mortars, Tk/A & M.M.G. conducted plane loading exercises at Wards Drome. In the afternoon A Coy also conducted the same exercises. The remainder of the Bn Trg'nd as per syllabus. B.C.D. Coys carried out night trg. W.E. of No 3 increased by 16 ORs.	
	"	25th 43	In the morning B Coy with Dets Mortars & M.M.G. conducted plane loading exercises on Wards Drome. Brig Field & Maj Mahoney visited B Coy at Wards Drome to watch exercise. In the afternoon D Coy carried out the same exercise. The remainder of the Bn Trg in their respective areas as per syllabus. Int Sgt lectured N.C.O. school on practical map reading in the afternoon.	
	"	26th 43	A Coy carried out night trg. A & B Coys moved out at 260730 L for a route march. Their respective routes were (ref Map MORESBY 12) A Coy - Biv area to Pari to Quod to Biv Area. B Coy - Biv area to Oyster Bay to Road Junc 956343. Remainder of Coy trg in Own area as per syllabus. At 261310 L Brig Field visited area. In the afternoon, a mobile bath unit visited the Bn and all men enjoyed a hot shower.	

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Unit 61 AUST INF BN

Date and Time.—From Nov 26th 43 To Nov 30th 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c
	November 27	43	A & B Coys trained in area as per syllabus. HQ, C, D, Coys moved out at 0730 hrs for a route march. The respective routes were. (ref Map Moresby 1") H.Q. Coy - Biv area to WABUKORI to JOYCE BAY to QUOD to MT WALKER to Biv area. C Coy - Biv area to PARI to QUOD to Biv area. D Coy - Biv Area to OYSTER BAY to RD JUNG 956343 to Biv area.	
	November 28th	43	At 1445 hrs Lieut Rogers 241 L.A.D. visited Bn HQ. Church Parades were held as follows - 0900hrs O.P.D. 1000hrs R.C. The day being set aside as a rest day. 1515 hrs Lieut Mulcahy visited Bn H.Q.	
	November 29	43	0930 to 1700 Bn Cricket Team played the 2/117 Bde Workshops The result being a win for 2/117 Bde Wk/Shops by 56 runs. 0930 hrs RSM conducted Bn Parade. Concluding this HQ, A.B.C. D Coys trained in area as per syllabus. B Coy duty Coy. At 1330 hrs A Coy moved out on 3 hr route march. Route being JUNE VALLEY - WARDS DROME area. The undermentioned schools commenced at 1000 hrs. Elementary Mtr 3" - 2 Weeks duration " Sig - 2 " " " Map Reading -1 " " "	
	November 30th	43.	Each Coy submitting two personnel for each of these schools. At 1330 hrs Capt Craig lectured C Coy on situation in S.W.P. area. All Coys trained in areas as per syllabus. At 1115 hrs. 23 ORs from "X" List & 9 ORs (Hospital) returned to Bn. At 1210 hrs. <del>xxxx</del> A Coy moved out as advance party & sailed on Canberra. Party consisted of 5 Offrs 142 ORs under Comd Maj Bicks. Capt Craig lectured D Coy at 1330hrs on situation in S.W.P. area. AT 1335 hrs H.Q. Coy moved out on 3 hr route March. Route being JUNE VALLEY- WARDS DROME area.	



NARRATIVE:

Enemy forces in strength have affected a landing on coast East of TAURAMA PEN from IDUMAVA to QUE. 9 and 25 Bns are giving battle but have been forced to withdraw to general areas vicinity BR 020343 and MERIGEDA MISSION respectively. 61 Bn has moved to area vicinity RD JUNG 023364 with the task of counteracting enemy infiltration and denying him access to 17 mile area by way of RICO RD. At 2030 hrs 17 Aug disposals of coys of 61 Bn are :-  
BnHQ at FLYING FOX TERMINUS 029363; HQ Coy in re-entrant 032365;  
A Coy vicinity TWIN PEAKS 031353; B Coy vicinity CK JUNG 019356;  
C Coy vicinity KATH'S CREST 037365; D Coy vicinity FORD 024365;  
HQ Coy is at present entire.

7 Bde HQ is at CK JUNG 029352.

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SYLLABUS - MAP READING.

29 NOV. TO 4 DEC.

TIMES	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	REMARKS
<u>0900-1000</u>	BN. PARADE	Compass & Protractor	Relief & its Representations	closed traverse (WRITTEN)	Map Reading & Line Plans	BN. PARADE.	
<u>1000-1100</u>	Introductions to M.R. Types & Purposes C.I.	Scales	"	closed traverse (PLOTTED)	Track Going Maps	Panorama Drawing	
<u>1100-1200</u>	Nine Points	Scales	Scales (R.C.)	Method of Transmitting Id. Sketch over Phone	Instruction in Id. Sketching	Aerial Photography	
		L	U	N	C	H	
<u>1330-1430</u>	Concens. Signs	Definitions (P.10) (Notes on M.R.)	Setting map & finding Posn.	Recognition of Ground	Id. Sketch	<u>TEST.</u>	
<u>1430-1530</u>	Grid Lines (Refs.)	finding North	Intervisibility	"	"	"	
<u>1530-1630</u>	Concens. of Bearings	Right Marching (Theory)	R.C.	"	"	"	
			D	I	N	N	E
							R.
<u>1930-2030</u>		Compass March (Practical)					

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES  
ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

by

Lt-Col H.J. Wiles, DSO

Comd 61 Aust Inf Bn

3 Nov 43

Serial No 115/43

530. DISTRICT COURT-MARTIAL : MINUTE OF PUBLICATION.

A District Court-Martial convened by Adm Comd 3 AUST DIV was held in the Field on 25th October 1943 for the trial of QX55396 (formerly Q28160) PTE (A/OPL) S.D. FARRAH - 61 AUST INF BN.

The accused was charged with :-

A.A. 15 (1) WHEN ON ACTIVE SERVICE ABSENTING HIMSELF WITHOUT LEAVE in that he at SELLHEIM on 8 Mar 43 absented himself from 0645 hrs on 8 Mar 43 until 0900 hrs on 19 Apr 43.

FINDING:- GUILTY

SENTENCE:- The Court sentenced the accused to suffer field punishment for sixty days and to forfeit all ordinary pay for a period of sixty days. The accused was not in close arrest awaiting trial.

The finding and sentence were duly confirmed on 27 October 1943 and promulgated to the accused in the Field on 29 October 1943.

531. DRESS.

1. No further issues of shorts will be made to personnel in NEW GUINEA.
2. (a) In the Moresby Base Sub-Area (excluding the L of C from TERAPO TO SUNSHINE) between 0630 hrs and 1800 hrs the following will be worn:-

Slacks and shirt or safari jacket, boots and socks with -

- (i) anklets web; or
- (ii) gaiters SD; or
- (iii) puttees short

PROVIDED THAT -

- (A) personnel who are now in possession of shorts may wear them until worn out, in lieu of slacks.
- (B) at the option of Officers only, shoes may be worn.
- (C) members of organised working parties may, when specifically permitted by their OOs to do so, work with the upper portion of the body bare. (No general permission however will be given by OOs to dispense with articles of uniform. Definite orders must be given by OOs on each occasion).

(b) During the abovementioned hours only, sleeves may be worn rolled up or shortened.

3. In the area mentioned in para 2, between 1800 hrs and 0630 hrs, in all other areas at all times, the following will be worn :-

- (a) slacks and shirt or safari jacket. Shirts or safari jacket will be worn with long sleeves fastened at the wrists and buttoned in all respects except at the collar where the button may be left undone.
- (b) boots and socks, with anklets web or gaiters SD or puttees short.

4. During periods in which daylight saving time is in operation, paras 1 and 2 shall be read as if for "0630 hrs" there were substituted "0730 hrs"
5. (i) Officers and WOs Class I may wear Sam Browne belts (without shoulder straps) or belts web;  
 (ii) WOs Class II may wear belts, waist, brown, leather or belts web;  
 (iii) All other ranks may wear belts web.
6. Hats will be worn by all ranks except that Officers and drivers MT, at their option, may wear, in lieu, caps Officers pattern or SD respectively.
7. Safari jackets may be worn only by those ranks who :-  
 (a) have returned from service with the AIF out of Australia or now serving in New Guinea as members of the AIF; or  
 (b) have had such articles issued to them by Ordnance.
8. Pers will wear Right arm colour patch of their unit on the RIGHT hand side of and in the centre of, the hat band.
9. In the area mentioned in para 2 above, the practice of pers engaging in sport with the upper portion of the body bare will cease and a singlet or other article of clothing will be worn over that portion of the body.
10. Notwithstanding that pers wear other types of Identity discs, all ranks will wear the Identity discs issued them.
11. COs will be responsible for ensuring that members of their coys are made fully conversant with the requirements of this order and will take all necessary measures to bring about strict compliance therewith. Disciplinary action will be taken by COs in respect of breaches of this order.

### 552. TIME FOR REVEILLE.

1. To minimize the danger of malarial infection from the activities of the Anopheline mosquito prior to sunrise, it will be ensured that except for special reasons, reveille is not sounded earlier than one quarter hour prior to sunrise.
2. Particular attention will be given to this order in view of the introduction of daylight saving time.
3. Where for special reasons reveille is sounded before sunrise, troops will not be permitted to perform their ablutions until sunrise and Coy Comds will ensure that, in the meantime, the provisions of the above order No 551 is strictly complied with.

### 553. LOSSES AND THEFTS

1. As a large number of losses are occurring, all ranks are directed to exercise the highest possible standard of care of stores and equipment.
2. Officers and NCOs in particular, will ensure that adequate steps are taken in regard to stores in their care or the equipment of parties under their charge.
3. The active co-operation of all ranks in the safeguarding of unit stores and the suppression of theft is sought. It should be pointed out that it is the duty of anyone having any information or suspicion concerning a theft or the fact that anyone is in improper possession of property, to report it immediately to his superior officer. Failure to do so can and should be punished as a military offence.
4. As a check on stealing as well as a means of revealing losses, kit and stores inspections will be held at frequent though irregular intervals. A minimum of warning will be given of such inspections.
5. Members found in possession of any article suspected to have been stolen will be called on for an explanation and, in the absence of a satisfactory explanation, will be charged either with stealing or improper possession.
6. Active measures will be taken to prevent the purchasing or acquiring

from unauthorised sources of articles of Australian or American Government property. Personnel found hawking or otherwise disposing of Government property should be detained and handed over to the proper authorities. Members should be warned that by so acquiring articles, they render themselves liable to a criminal charge.

534. DRIVING AND USE OF MOTOR VEHICLES

1. No member shall drive any vehicle unless in possession of a properly issued work ticket authorising him to drive that vehicle on that occasion.
2. No member shall use or ride in any United States vehicle unless the vehicle is driven by a United States Serviceman duly authorised in that regard and his permission has been first obtained.

534. TRAFFIC IN CIGARETTES, TOBACCO, AND CIGARETTE PAPERS

1. A member will not except to the extent that his duty requires him to do so sell, exchange, or part with the possession of, any cigarettes, tobacco, or cigarette papers, for money or alcoholic liquor, or for any goods, articles, or things whatsoever.
2. A member will not, except in the course of his duty or where he has been given specific authority by his C.O. personally, be aboard any ship, vessel, or water craft of any kind, between 1700 hrs and 0800 hrs.
3. The above provisions have been introduced in an endeavour to check the practice of members trafficking in cigarettes, tobacco, and cigarette papers, and disciplinary action will be taken in respect of all breaches.

535. USE OF GRENADES, HAND, JAPANESE, TYPE 91

1. This grenade is in common use by the Japanese and quantities have been captured and used by our troops. Tests indicate that the grenade has certain characteristics which may lead to injury in the hands of inexperienced personnel. These characteristics are :-
  - (a) The delay fuse, marked 4/5 seconds, has been known to burn in much less time. Some tested fuses burned in 3 seconds.
  - (b) While the delay fuse is burning, a considerable quantity of black smoke is emitted through the escape hole at the base of the fuse tube, and small fragments of the delay fuse are sometimes forced out. At night or even at dusk or dawn, a definite glow from this hole can be seen.
2. The following precautions will be taken if the grenade is used :-
  - (a) It will be thrown immediately after the head has been struck;
  - (b) when striking the grenade, the hand will be kept well clear of the escape hole at the side of the fuse tube.

536. GRENADES, No 36M - DESTRUCTION OF BLINDS.

1. Due to the possible occurrence of hangfires, as a result of slow burning fuses, it is essential that an interval of fifteen minutes and not five minutes, as previously published, be allowed to elapse before action is taken to destroy blind 36M grenades.

  
Lieut  
Adj't 61 Aust Inf Bn

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9 Nov 43

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VISIT OF G.O.C. in C., N. G. F.

Lieut-Gen Sir Leslie Morshead, KCB KBE CMG DSO ED.  
to 7 Aust Inf Bde - DONADABU.  
11 Nov 43.

61 AUST INF BDE  
RECEIVED  
11 NOV 1943

PROPOSED ITINERARY FOR INSPECTION OF TRG  
(ref Map UBERI one inch to 1 mile)

Time	Event
0930	G.O.C. in C leaves MORESBY
1045	L.O. H.Q. 7 Aust Inf Bde (veh sign '88') awaits G.O.C. in C's car at junc SUBITANA Rd and UBERI Rd (142414)
1100	Lieut.-Col E.S.MILES, Adm Comd 7 Aust Inf Bde, meets G.O.C. in C at junc EILOGO RD and DONADABU CAMP RD (173409)
1115	B Coy, 25 Aust Inf Bn: Attack through jungle on prepared 'JAP' posns (180411)
1200	D Coy 25 Aust Inf Bn: River crossing exercise (173405)
1235	Inspection of 11 Aust Fd Amb: (C.O.Lieut.-Col J.M.BLAIR)
1255	Offrs of H.Q. 7 Aust Inf Bde introduced to G.O.C. in C.
1300	Luncheon : H.Q. 7 Aust Inf Bde Offrs' Mess.
1345	C.O. 9 Aust Inf Bn (Lieut.-Col G.R.MATTHEWS) at H.Q. 7 Aust Inf Bde to conduct G.O.C. in C on inspection of 9 Bn trg.
1400	Sec battle practice, LONG HILL range (A Coy 9 Aust Inf Bn)
1430	Sec fd firing exercise (D Coy 9 Aust Inf Bn)
1500	Mortar shoot ; area ref 184388
1530	G.O.C. in C leaves DONADABU

2. OFFRS OF 7 AUST INF BDE

Bde Comd	Brigadier John FIELD DSO ED (Adm Comd 3 Aust Div)
Adm Comd	Lieut.-Col E.S. MILES DSO (25 Aust Inf Bn)
Bde Maj	Maj J.C. MAHONEY
A/S.C.	Capt J.E.DUGGAN

9 Bn	25 Bn	61 Bn (in MORESBY area)
C.O. Lieut.-Col G.R.MATTHEWS	(Lieut.-Col E.S.MILES DSO)	Lieut.-Col H.J.WILES DSO.
Adjt Capt G.A.COCHRANE	Adm Comd Maj R. WEPPNER Capt E.G. WHITE	Lieut J.J.S.HOBBS

3. DRESS FOR 11 NOV

Dress for all ranks 7 Aust Inf Bde will be:-  
boots, gaiters or puttees short (uniform within units), trousers and shirts green, helmets steel, battle order (haversack on back).

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

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537. COURTS OF INQUIRY ON ILLEGAL ABSENTEES.

1. By Statutory rule 245, dated 29 Sep 43, Australian Military Regulation 278A was made providing for an alternative method of investigation into illegal absence for 21 days or more, to that of holding courts of inquiry under A M R 276.

2. As dependents' allowance and allotment payable in respect of a member absent without leave can only be suspended under War Financial (Military Forces) Regulation 54 after a Court of Inquiry has declared him an illegal absentee, Courts of Inquiry will continue notwithstanding the making of A M R 278A, to be held until further notice under A M R 276 in all cases in respect of members absent without leave for 21 days or more.

538. VEHICLE THEFTS

Owing to the increasing theft of vehicles, due in almost every instance to vehicles left unattended, the following action will now be taken by all Coy Comds.

1. No vehicle will be permitted to leave Coy lines from the hours of 1800 to daylight, without sanction of C.O.

2. Vehicles absent from lines during this period will NOT be left unattended at any time.

3. One driver will be allotted to each vehicle and will be held responsible for its security and maintenance. Where more vehicles are held than drivers available, immediate steps should be taken to train additional drivers to enable compliance with foregoing para. Where this cannot be accomplished, consideration will be given to withdrawal of vehicles.

Coy Comds are requested to ensure prevention of theft by strict adherence to this order.

539 AA EDUCATION SERVICE : PUBLIC EXAMINATIONS

1. Attention is drawn to the fact that members of the A.M.F. who are pursuing Courses of study by correspondence may wish to present themselves for public examinations, the majority of which are held in November and December each year.

2. Such members should be instructed to consult a full time education Officer, who will assist in arranging examinations and supervision.

3. Commanding Officers and Officers in charge of Units will facilitate the holding of examinations as far as conditions of service permits.

540. REMITTANCES OF UNDRAWN PAY AND CASH

1. It is anticipated that there will be a heavy demand by members to avail themselves of the opportunity of sending Remittances to residents.

540. ( Contd.)

in Australia, as Xmas gifts, and members are therefore requested to remit early.

2. Remittances forwarded through Paymasters and received by District Accounts Office, NEW GUINEA on or before 12 December 1943 will be paid by 25 December 1943.

541. REMITTANCES FROM MEMBERS.

1. The attention of all ranks is drawn to the arrangements which exist for a member to send a remittance of cash or undrawn pay to any person resident in Australia or to another member ( wherever serving.)
2. These arrangements provide that remittances may be made through Army channels by members who are serving in localities where money order or banking facilities for remittances are not available with reasonable convenience.
3. Remittances through Army channels are effected by the member completing a remittance form ( WF 131 or W.F. 131a ) and handing the form to the pay sergeant, together with the cash ( in the case of a remittance of cash ) or the member's pay book ( for entry of the debit in the case of a remittance of undrawn pay).
4. A member sending a remittance should take particular care to see that full details are clearly and legibly set out on the remittance form. This applies especially to the name and address of the person to whom the remittance is to be sent.

542. DISPOSAL OF UNIT CANTEEN PROFITS= - OCTOBER.

Herewith statement of profits in unit canteen as at 31 Oct '43.

1 Oct	:	31 Oct	.....	£71	:	13	:	5
Debit carried forward from								
		previous month	.....	12	:	18	:	0
				<hr/>				
Total Profits				£58	:	15	:	5
<u>Supplementary Rations purchased period 1 - 31 Oct :-</u>								
56	pckts	Cornflour	....	7d		1	:	12 : 8
3	doz	Custard Pdr	....	8/-		1	:	4 : 0
8	"	Cornflakes	....	10/-		4	:	0 : 0
18	only	Pie Apple	....	3/9		3	:	7 : 6
12	doz	Peaches	....	13/-		7	:	16 : 0
8	doz	Milk	....	9/-		3	:	12 : -
9	only	Baking Powder	...	1/6			:	13 : 6
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Less 5% discount allowed by Canteen				<hr/>				
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Amount Payable				<hr/>				
						21	:	3 : 5
Credit to be carried forward to November				<hr/>				
				£37	:	12	:	0

*[Signature]*  
Lieut  
Adjt 61 Aust Inf Bn.

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61 AUST. INF. BN.

CAMP STANDING ORDERS.

JUNE VALLEY

21 NOV 43.

1. TIMETABLE

Reveille	----	0700 hrs.	0730	
P.T. Pde	----	0705 hrs.		
Breakfast	----	0745 hrs.	0815	
Sick Pde	----	0810 hrs.	0840	
1st Trg Period	----	0830 - 1200 hrs.		Bugle will be sounded from Bn.H.Q. Ridge.
Midday Meal	---	1230 hrs.		
2nd Trg Period	----	1400 - 1630 hrs.		1330 - 1630
Evening Meal	----	1800 hrs.		
Retreat	----	1830 hrs.		
Last Post	---	2215 hrs.		
Lights Out	----	2230 hrs.		

2. TENTAGE

All tents will be pitched, as far as possible, in line from east to west. Bunks and eqpt. will be uniform within coy. Tents will be rolled (unless wet) by 0815 hrs (excl. store-tents). All grass will be cleared within 20 yds of tent.

3. MESSING.

Coys will insist on punctuality at meal parades. Hats K.F. will be worn for midday meal and correct anti-malarial dress for evening meal. Coy. Ord. Offr. or Ord. Sgt. will be present at each meal.

4. LEAVE.

Leave will be granted at night (other than nights set aside for trg) and on Sunday to personnel not on duty. Coys will maintain leave rolls and personnel on returning from leave will report back to orderly room. Coy. Ord. Offr. will inspect all pers. before permission is granted to proceed on leave. Whenever possible, two three-ton vehicles will be available fortpt at night and seats in vehicles will be allotted by the R.S.M.

5. DRESS

Anti-malarial regulations must be fully observed. Shorts may NOT be worn before 0730 hrs. Pers. on manual work (incl. cooks) may remove shirts, but shirts will be replaced on completion of job. During meals, cooks will wear shirts or singlets.

6. GUARDS & DUTIES.

Duty Coy will supply Bde Guard (if required), Bn. Quarter Guard, Bn. Ord. Sgt & Bn. Runner. All duties will be dressed in Hats K.F. turned up, "greens", gaiters and Bn. Ord. Sgt. and Bn. Runner will wear side-arms. Provost section will take over duty from Bn Quarter Guard from 0700 hrs - 1830 hrs. Coys will arrange to picquet own lines and telephone at all times.

7. TRANSPORT

Bn.H.Q. will control tpt and requirements for each day will be submitted to the Adj. by 1800 hrs the previous day. All work tickets will be endorsed by the Adj.

8. WATER

The wastage of water will not be tolerated. As the camp develops, better facilities for the storage and supply of water will be available. At present, sufficient water is available for normal uses, but strict supervision of the use of water must be exercised by Coys.



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61 A.I.B. CAMP STANDING ORDERS - JUNE VALLEY (ctd)

9. HYGIENE

The present camp site has been in constant use and much foul ground exists. Coys will take immediate steps to fill in or bury old latrines, rubbish dumps, refuse pits etc.

10. GENERAL DEVELOPMENT OF CAMP SITE.

Coys will exercise thought and care in the development of Coy Lines. Coy. Edge grounds will be prepared and track discipline will be enforced. Coy and Pl Areas will be clearly marked with signs two feet six inches above the ground.

Adj't., 61 Aust. Inf. Bn.      Lieut.,

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES  
ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

by

Lt-Col H.J. Wiles, DSO

Comd 61 Aust Inf Bn

25 Nov 43

Serial No 117/43


543. DRESS (NGF Order A407/43).

1. No further issues of shorts will be made to personnel in NEW GUINEA
2. (a) In the Moresby Base Sub-Area (excluding the L of C from TERRAPO to SUNSHINE) between 0730 hrs and 1800 hrs the following will be worn:-  
Slacks and shirt or safari jacket, boots and socks with -
  - (i) anklets web; or
  - (ii) gaiters SD ; or
  - (iii) putties short.PROVIDED THAT -
  - (A) Personnel who are now in possession of shorts may wear them until worn out, in lieu of slacks.
  - (B) At the option of Officers only, shoes may be worn.
  - (C) Members of organised working parties may, when specifically permitted by their O.Cs to do so, work with the upper portion of the body bare. ( No general permission however will be given by O Cs to dispense with articles of uniform. Definate orders must be given by OCs on each occasion.)(b) During the abovementioned hours only, sleeves may be worn rolled up or shortened.
3. In the Area mentioned in para 2., between 1800hrs and 0730 hrs, & in all other areas at all times, the following will be worn :-
  - (a) Slacks and Shirt or Safari Jacket. Shirts or Safari Jackets will be worn with long sleeves fastened at the wrists and buttoned in all respects except at the collar where the button may be left undone.
  - (b) Boots and Socks, with anklets web or gaiters SD or putties short.
4. A member issued with American Gaiters may wear same in lieu gaiters.
5. (i) Officers and WOs Class I may wear Sam Browne belts ( without shoulder straps) or belts web;  
(ii) W.Os Class II may wear belts, waist, brown, leather or belts web;  
(iii) All other ranks may wear belts web.
6. Hats will worn by all ranks except that Officers and drivers M T, at their option, may wear, in lieu, caps Officers pattern or SD respectively.
7. Safari jackets may be worn by those who:-
  - (a) have returned from service with the AIF out of Australia or now serving in New Guinea as members of the A.I.F.; or
  - (b) have had such articles issued to them by Ordnance.
8. Pers will wear Right arm colour patch of their unit on the RIGHT hand side of and in the centre of, the hat band.
9. In the area mentioned in para 2 above, the practice of pers/in sport with the upper portion of the body bare will cease and a singlet or other article of clothing will be worn over that portion of the body. engaging
10. Notwithstanding that pers wear other types of Identity discs, all ranks will wear identity discs issued to them.

545. (DRESS) Contd.

11. OCs will be responsible for ensuring that members of their coys are made fully conversant with the requirements of this order and will take all necessary measures to ~~bring~~ about strict compliance therewith.

Disciplinary action will be taken by OCs in respect of breaches of this order.

  
Lieut  
Adit 61 Aust Inf Bn

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Every man I meet is my superior in some way. In that I learn of him.

- Emerson.

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61 AUST. INF. BN. TRG. INSTNS. (Week ending 27 Nov 43.)  
( Ref. 7 Aust. Inf. Bde. Trg. Instn. No. 53.)

1. TRG. PERIOD. Trg. will commence 24 Nov. 43 in the new Bn bivouac area in 890372.
2. DRILL. Particular attention will be given to close order drill, with and without arms. Coys will practice Bde and Bn guard drill. The correct paying of compliments will be insisted upon. All faults in drill movements will be immediately checked and the movement repeated until perfected.
3. WEAPON TRG. This will be carried out mainly by the " Bull-ring " system, and rifle Coys will include rifle, bayonet, L.M.G., S.M.G., and Grenades. Grenade throwing from all postures and from pit to pit will be practiced.
4. NIGHT TRG. Trg. will include silent movement ( with arms & tools) manning listening posts, night patrols, night vision, night signals, keeping touch and direction, moving to F.U.P. & <sup>L</sup> start line.
5. LECTURETTES & DISCUSSIONS. Included in the time set apart for lecturettes & discussions will be a talk by Capt. D.P. Craig on operations in the NADZAB - RAMU VALLEY AREA. Talks will be given as follows:-
 

H Q Coy	-	1330 hrs.	24 Nov.
A Coy	-	1030 hrs.	27 Nov.
B Coy	-	1330 hrs.	27 Nov.
C Coy	-	1330 hrs.	25 Nov.
D Coy	-	1030 hrs.	24 Nov.
All Offrs.	-	1830 hrs.	28 Nov.
6. ROUTE MARCHES. Instns. attached as Appx "B"
7. PLANE LOADING. Instns. attached as appx "A"
8. MAP READING. Int. Section will co-operate with Coys in instn. in map reading. Pers. will be taught recognition of ground rather <sup>than</sup> "straight out " lectures about a map.
9. MESSAGES AND MESSAGE WRITING. Pers will be trained in the passing of verbal and written messages, telephone procedure and recognized abbreviations. Where required, Sig. Pers. will assist with the instn.
10. SEC. LEADERS SCHOOL. This <sup>C</sup>ourse will continue at Bn. HQ.
11. COY TRG AREAS. As per attached sketch as appx "C"
12. PREPARATION OF INSTRUCTION. The importance of thorough preparation of lessons and demonstrations cannot be stressed too frequently. The current trg. covers a phase which is mainly revision and recapitulation. To prevent boredom, new methods of instn must be introduced and no end of initiative must be used to invent new ways of pre-nting ~~of~~ lessons & novel types of demonstration. Above all text -books must be studied thoroughly and greater attention will be given to detail in the carrying out of lessons learnt.

  
Lieut,  
Adjt.

Distribution List "B"

PLANE LOADING

1. The Bn will practice by Coys the assembling of plane loads according to Staff tables & rapid emplaning & deplaning. Practice transport planes will be available at 917395 ( ref map. Port Moresby 1/63, 560 ). Three U.S. instructors will be available.
2. Coys will carry out the practice as follows:-
 

24 Nov	0800hrs - 1130hrs	B Coy + 2 Dets. Mortars & 1 Sec M.M.G.
	1200hrs - 1600hrs	A Coy + 2 Dets. Mortars & Tk Pl less 2prs.
25 Nov	0800hrs - 1130hrs	C Coy + 2 Dets Mortars & 1 Sec M.M.G.
	1200hrs - 1600hrs	D Coy + M.M.G. Pl. H.Q. + Ntr Pl IH.Q. + Tk A Pl H.Q. & 1 TkA2pr.
3. Tpt. requirements will reach this H.Q. by 1800 hrs 22 Nov 43.  
Tps. will march to practice area.
4. Each Coy will submit Adm. Instn. & Emplaning Tables to this H.Q. 24 hrs before practice.
5. For the purpose of exercise, each Coy will move without accomodation stores.
6. Coys will move with Sigs, stretcher bearers, & Int Pers. attached.
7. Coy Comds when planning the practice should consider the following points:-
  - (a) The pay-load of a D.C. 3 is 5,000lbs. The plane load should be kept about 100lbs below the pay-load.
  - (b) First decide the order in which your Coy is to move.
  - (c) Not more than one Offr in each Aircraft & at least one Sgt. in each.
  - (d) Specialist loads - pers & gear - must be evenly distributed over plane-loads.
  - (e) There must be no deviation for <sup>over</sup> emplaning tables laid down.
  - (f) The weight of one man with gear & weapon will be reckoned as 250lbs.
  - (g) Trucks should be loaded, so that each truck plus personnel constitutes an individual plane load. This will not be possible for this exercise.
  - (h) Loading & Unloading of planes will be carried out by passengers. Offr or N.C.O. in charge of plane is responsible for the loading & unloading, under direction of the pilot.
  - (i) Offr or N.C.O. i/c aircraft will deplane first, followed by Bren gunner ready for action.
  - (j) There must be no congestion about plane.
  - (k) Speed in emplaning & Deplaning is essential.

ROUTE MARCHES

Ref : Moresby 1/63.360

1. Route Marches in battle order with Hats K.F. will be carried out. All pers will take part.
2. Strict march discipline will be maintained.
3. Out lunches will be carried and water discipline will be ensured.
4. Marches will be made as interesting as possible, with map reading exercises and compass work en route. If practicable, bathing will be carried out during march.
5. Routes:

Biv area to PARI to QUOD to Biv Area : A Coy 26 Nov  
C " 27 "

Biv Area to OYSTER BAY to RD JUNG 956343  
to Biv area. : B Coy 26 Nov  
D " 27 "

Biv Area to VABUKORI to JOYCE BAY  
to QUOD to MT WALKER to Biv Area. : HQ Coy 27 Nov.

6. On day of route march, coys will arrange early breakfast and march will commence at 0715 hrs.

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61 AUST INF BN ) RIFLE COY SYLLABUS ( Week-ending 27 Nov 45.)

Day	A COY	B COY	C COY	D COY
Wed 24 Nov 45	0830			
	1030	Squad Drill	Plane Loading	Squad Drill
	1230	Weapon Trg.		Messages & Message Writing.
	1330			Lectures & Discussions
	1600	Plane Loading	Weapon Trg.	Weapon Trg.
	2000			Weapon Trg.
	2100	-	Night Trg.	Night Trg.
Thurs. 25 Nov 45	0830	Squad Drill	Squad Drill	Plane Loading
	1030			Squad Drill
	1230	Weapon Trg.	Weapon Trg.	Weapon Trg.
	1330	Messages & Message Writing.	Messages & Message Writing.	Plane Loading.
	1600	Map Reading	Map Reading	Lectures & Discussions.
	2000			
	2100	Night Trg.	"	"
Fri. 26 Nov 45	0830			Squad Drill.
	1030			Squad Drill.
	1230	Route March	Route March	Map Reading.
	1330			Weapon Trg.
	1600			Map Reading.
	2000			Weapon Trg.
	2100	-	-	Night Trg.
Sat. 27 Nov 45	0830			
	1030	Squad Drill	Squad Drill	
	1230	Lectures & Discussions	Weapon Trg.	Route March
	1330		Lectures & Discussions.	Route March
	1600	Weapon Trg.		
	2000			
	2100	Night Trg.	Night Trg.	-

# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Army Form W.3008  
(Adapted) Page 1  
(Revised Jan., 1943)  
62 43 / (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 6 / 10 / 1943. 61 Aust Inf Bn (Unit)

W.E.I. / 120 / 2. OFFRS. O.R's. + OFFRS. O.R's. ATT. BY W.E.

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

W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.							
1	2	3	4		5	6	7	8	9	10		
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.			
	-	-	1	*								
	-	-	1	*								
W/R	2	-	1	Lieut.-Colonels								
"	3	-	8	Majors								
"	6	2	15	Captains	A.A.M.C.	1	-	-	-			
		2		Lieutenants								
		2		Quarter-masters								
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.								
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.								
"	11	4	25			1	-	-	-			
		DETAIL	A.I.P.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.P.	**	TOTAL.
		A.	"A"	"B"	"A"	"B"						
		E.(1)	26	-	-	-						
		E.(2)										

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

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

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

### OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

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

### OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

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

## PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO 61 Aust Inf Bn (Unit) IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED. 6 / 10 / 1943.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).
QX51780	Lieut	CLARKSON A.G.	Attending OCTU WOODSIDE S.A.
QX35054	"	WATTS A.A.	" " " "
Q28775	"	JAMES W.C.	" " " "
Q27955	"	WHITE J.J.	" " " "
QX56530	"	IRVINE W.G.	" " " "
QX36047	"	PULLARTON A.W.J.	Attending RAAF Army Air Co-operation
QX36029	"	RUDDER W.L.	Sch. Canberra.

*H. Glade*



61 ASST INF BN

Unit

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 6 / 11 / 1943 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Lt-Col	QX54945	WILES	H.J.	C.O.	Yes		
Maj	QX47482	BICKS	C.H.	2 1/c	"		
Capt	QX36033	CAMPBELL	K.C.	OC HQ	"		
"	QX36035	TRENLOW	E. McK	OC B	"		
"	QX36031	LANSON	A.N.	OC A	"		
"	VX29956	CAIRNS	H.	OC C	"		
"	QX48362	STANLEY	L.W.	2 1/c	C		
"	QX54075	TODHUNTER	R.U.P.	OC D	"		
"	QX43865	GOWLAND	R.E.	2 1/c	A		
"	NX116814	CRAIG	D.P.	"	D		
Lieut	QX48861	MORLEY	H.G.	Sig O	"		
"	Q27645	LAWSON 2.	J.	B Coy	"		
"	QX36030	EMMETT	H.E.	Par Coy	"		
"	QX43163	COTTER	N.I.D.	D Coy	"		
"	QX48863	HOBBS	J.J.S.	Adjt	"		
"	QX51718	TOMLINSON	C.D.	A Coy	"		
"	QX56514	O'KEEFE	T.J.	"	"		
"	QX58203	PATRICK	E.A.	C	"		
"	QX51719	BRINLEY	P.R.	QM	"		
"	QX35526	HENDERSON	P.W.	A Coy	"		
"	Q28546	HOUGH	C.L.	HQ	"		
"	NX113828	PLUMMER	R.T.V.	C	"		
"	NX116117	McKELLAR	D.H.	C	"		
"	NX102615	ADAM	D.R.	D	"		
"	QX52581	GREGORY	L.H.C.	HQ	"		
Capt	NX200122	CLIFTON-SMYTH	H.C.	RMO	"	Date of attachment 23/10/43	

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
Capt	NX142382	McCULLOUGH	N.A.	61 AIB 9/6/43	PADRE.

Date of Despatch

*H. J. Wiles*  
Commander 61 ASST INF BN Lt Col  
Signature of Commander



**PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 6 / 11 / 1943.**

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, E.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitches			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangetakers	4	4	0
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Rivetters			
Armament Artificer Wire								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths	1	1	0					Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevadores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical	3	3	0
Coppersmiths				Armourers	2	1	1	Signallers	26	26	0	Tailors	1	1	0
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters	6	6	0	Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics											
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)											
Fitters	1	1	0	Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Instrument)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (M.V.)				Fire Control Operators											
Fitters, Railway Signal				Gun Operator											
Fitters, Signals				Hatchman											
Grinder, Precision				Height Taker											
Mechanics, Instrument				Helio Operator											
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Instrument Operator											
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Intelligence Duties	9	9	0								
Mechanics, Radio				Joiners											
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman											
Mechanics, Wireless				Lineman, Signals											
Millwrights				Lithographers											
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Metal											
Pattern Maker				Machinists, Wood											
Pharmacist				Masons											
Photographer, Wet Plate				Masseurs											
Photewriter				Mechanics, M.T.											
Plumber				Miners											
Saw Doctors				Moulders											
Surveyors				Nurses, Trained											
				Observation Post Assts.											
CARRIED FORWARD	2	2	0	CARRIED FORWARD	17	16	1	CARRIED FORWARD	37	36	1	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	77	76	5

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

6 Nov 43

Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

Comd 61 Aust Inf Bn

Lt-Col



# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Army Form W.3008  
(Adapted) (Page 1)  
(Revised Jan., 1943)  
**63** / **45** (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 12/11/1943 61 A.I. BN. (Unit)

W.E. 11/12 OFFRS. 2 O.R's. + OFFRS. O.R's. ATT. BY W.E.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10								
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.												
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.								
	-	-	1	Lieut.-Colonels													
N/R	2	-	1	Majors													
"	2	2	9	Captains	A.A.M.C.	1	-	-	-								
"	5	2	16	Lieutenants													
				Quarter-masters													
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.													
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.													
"	9	4	27			1	-	-	-								
				DETAIL	A.I.P.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.			
Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in pars. 10 of instructions for completion of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).				A.	28	-	-	-						28			
				E.(1)													
				E.(2)													

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

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

### OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.
19918	Lieut.	ROBINSON H.D.	From Hosp	11/12/43	Malaria.
QX48860	Capt.	GRAHAM J.T.	" "	6/11/43	P.U.O.

### OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

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

## PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO 61 AUST. INF. BN. (Unit) IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED. 12/11/1943

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).
QX51720	Lieut.	CLARKSON A.G.	Attending OCTU WOODSIDE S.A.
QX35054	"	WATTS A.A.	" " " "
Q 28775	"	JAMES H.C.	" " " "
Q 27955	"	WHITE J.J.	" " " "
QX58380	"	IRVINE W.G.	" " " "
QX38047	"	FULLARTON A.W.J.	" " " "
QX38029	"	RUDDER W.L.	RAAF-ARMY CO-OP. SCHOOL CANBERRA.

Unit  
61 AUST. INF. BN.

85 / 45 (Serial No.)

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 12/11/1943 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Lt. Col	OE 54945	WILES	H. J.	C.O.	YES		
Maj	QX47842	BICKS	C. H.	2 1/c	"		
Capt.	QX36033	CAMPBELL	K. C.	OC HQ	"		
"	QX36035	TWEMLOW	E. Mc.	OC B	"		
"	QX36031	LAWSON	A. N.	OC A	"		
"	QX48860	GRAHAM	J. T.		"	Supernumary.	
"	VX29956	CAIRNS	N.	OC C	"		
"	QX48862	STANLEY	L. W.	2 1/c	"		
"	SX381	FORWARD	G. O.	2 1/c	No	Evac. Hosp	23/10/43
"	QX54075	TODHUNTER	R. U. P.	OC D	Yes		
"	QX45885	GOWLAND	R. E.	2 1/c	"		
"	NX116814	GRAIG	D. P.	"	"		
Lieut.	QX48861	MORSEY	H. G.	Sig O	"		
"	Q 27645	LAWSON	J.	B Coy	"		
"	QX36029	RUDDER	W. L.	T.O.	No	RAAF-Army Air Co-op. School	27/10/43
"	QX36030	EMMETT	H. E.	Pnr O.	Yes		
"	QX45165	COTTEE	N. I. D.	D Coy	"		
"	QX48863	HOBBS	J. J. S.	Adjt	"		
"	QX51718	TOMLINSON	C. B.	A Coy	"		
"	QX56514	O'KEEFE	T. J.	B	"		
"	QX56380	IRVINE	V. G.	I.O.	No	O.C.T.U. No.7	13/10/43
"	QX58203	PATRICK	E. A.	C Coy	Yes		
"	QX51719	BRINKLEY	F. R.	Q.M.	"		
"	QX51720	CLARKSON	A. G.	D Coy	No	O.C.T.U. Woodside	8/8/43
"	QX55526	HENDERSON	P. W.	A	Yes		
"	Q 28546	HOUGH	G. L.	HQ	"		
"	QX36047	FULLARTON	A. W. J.	B	No	O.C.T.U. Woodside	9/9/43
"	NX115328	PLUMMER	R. T. W.	C	Yes		
"	NX116117	McKELLAR	D. H.	C	"		
"	VX102615	ADAM	D. R.	D	"		
"	QX52561	GREGORY	L. R. G.	HQ	"		
"	QX19918	ROBINSON	H. D.	A	"		

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
Capt.	NX142832	McCULLOUGH	N. A. 61 Bn	9/6/43	Padre
Capt.	NX200122	GLIFTON-SMITH H. C.	"	23/10/43	R.M.O.

Date of Despatch  
12/11/43

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



**PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 12/11/1943.**

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, E.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangefakers	4	4	-
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Operator, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths	1	1	-					Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Sievedores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical	5	5	-
Coppersmiths				Armourers	2	1	1	Signallers	26	26	-	Tailors	1	1	-
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters	6	6	-	Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics											
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)											
Fitters	1	1	-	Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitter (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors							
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers	1	1	-				
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	9	9	-				
Grinder, Precision				Hello Operator				Clerks, Supply							
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical							
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	9	9	-	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.	25	25	-
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				A.A.M.C.	4	3	1
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics				A.A.P.C.	22	2	-
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant				A.E.M.S.	2	3	-
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.	1	1	-	A.A.O.C.	1	1	-
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers	1	1	-	H.C.P.P.U.	1	1	-
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				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.	772	762	11

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.

12/11/43.

Date of Despatch

Comd of Aust Inf Bn Lt-Col  
Signature of Commander





# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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

64/43 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 20/11/1943. 61 A.I.B. (Unit)

W.E. II 120/2 OFFRS. O.R's. + OFFRS. O.R's. ATT. BY W.E.

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

W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.
-	-	-	1	Lieut.-Colonels					
N/R	2	-	1	Majors					
"	2	2	9	Captains	A.A.M.C.	1	-	-	-
"	5	2	16	Lieutenants					
				Quarter-masters					
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.					
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.					
"	9	4	27						

	DETAIL	A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 10 of instructions for completion of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).	A.	28	-	-	-						28
	E.(1)										
	E.(2)										

\* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

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

### OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

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

### OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
QX43865	Capt	GOWLAND R.E.		14/11/43	24 Days Home Leave
QX48861	Lieut	MORLEY H.G.		"	"

## PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO 61 A.I.B. (Unit) IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED. /1943.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).
QX51780	Lieut	CLARKSON A.G.	Attending OCTO WOODSIDE S.A.
QX35054	"	WATTS A.A.	" " " "
Q28775	"	JAMES W.C.	" " " "
Q27955	"	WHITE J.J.	" " " "
QX56580	"	IRVINE W.C.	" " " "
QX36047	"	FULLANTON A.W.J.	" " " "
QX36022	"	RUDDER W.L.	"RAAF-ARMY CO-OP. SCHOOL CANBERRA.

61 Aust Inf Bn Unit

64 43 (Serial No.)

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 20/11/1943 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Lt/Col	QX54945	WILES	H.J.	G.O.	Yes		
Maj	QX47842	BICKS	G.H.	2 1/2	"		
Capt	QX36033	CAMPBELL	K.C.	OC HQ	"		
"	QX36035	TWENLOW	E.MCK.	" B	"		
"	QX36031	LAWSON	A.H.	" A	"		
"	QX48860	GRAHAM	J.T.	"	"	Supernumary.	
"	VX29956	CAIRNS	N.	" C	"		
"	QX48862	STANLEY	L.W.	2 1/2	C."		
"	SX381	FORWARD	G.O.	" B	No	Hosp : 2/9 Aust Gen Hosp	23/10/43
"	QX54075	TODHUNTER	R.U.P.	OC D	Yes		
"	QX43865	COWLAND	R.E.	2 1/2	A.No	Leave-Australia	14/11/43.
"	NX116614	CRAIG	D.P.	" D.	Yes		
Lieut	QX48861	MORLEY	H.G.	Sig O	No	Leave-Australia	14/11/43.
"	QX36029	RUDDER	W.L.	T.O.	"	RAAF Army Co-op Sch Canberra	
"	QX58996	LAWSON	J.	B Coy	Yes		
"	QX36030	EMMETT	H.E.	Phr.O.	"		
"	QX43163	COTTEE	N.I.D.	D Coy	"		
"	QX48863	HOBBS	J.J.S.	Adjt	"		
"	QX51718	TOMLINSON	C.E.	A Coy	"		
"	QX56514	O'KEEFE	T.J.	B "	"		
"	QX51720	CLARKSON	A.G.	D "	No	Attending OCTU WOODSIDE	8/5/43
"	QX56580	IRVINE	W.G.	I.O.	"	Do	
"	QX19918	ROBINSON	H.D.	A Coy	Yes		
"	QX58203	PATRICK	E.A.	C "	"		
"	QX51719	BRINKLEY	F.R.	Q.M.	"		
"	QX35526	HENDERSON	P.W.	A Coy	"		
"	QX36047	FULLARTON	A.W.J.	B "	No	OCTU WOODSIDE	9/9/43
"	Q28546	HOUGH	G.L.	HQ "	Yes		
"	NX113823	PLUMMER	R.T.V.	C "	"		
"	NX116117	McKELLAR	D.H.	C "	"		
"	VX102615	ADAM	D.R.	D "	"		
"	QX52581	GREGORY	L.E.G.	HQ "	"		
"	QX35054	WATTS	A.A.	HQ "	No	OCTU WOODSIDE	22/4/43 ?
"	Q28775	JAMES	W.C.	HQ "	"	Do.	
"	Q27955	WHITE	J.J.	"	"	Do.	3/43/

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
Capt	NX200122	CLIFTON-SMITH	H.C.	61 Bn. 23/10/43.	R.M.C.
"	NX142882	McCULLOUGH	M.A.	61 Bn. 9/6/43.	Padre.

Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

Lt-Col

Comd. 61 Aust Inf Bn.



**PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 20 / 11 / 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 Assts.			G.P.O. Assistants			
			Surveyors, B.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			
	1	1				Radiographers			Stevedores			
						Riggers			Stokers, Staty. Engine			
			GROUP II.			Sawyers			Storemen, Technical			
			Armourers	2	1	1	Signallers	26	26	Tailors	1	1
			Axemen				Signwriters		Textile Refitters			
			Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers		Tinsmiths			
			Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers		Vulcanizers			
			Boilermakers				Wheelers		Wagon Erectors			
			Carpenters	6	6		Winchman		Whitesmiths			
			Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman					
			Cooks				Woodturners					
			Dental Mechanics									
			Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)									
	1	1	Driver-Operator									
			Drainers									
			Electricians									
			Electricians (Engineers)									
			Fire Control Operators			GROUP III.			DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
			Gun Operator			Battery Surveyors			Gen Duties			
			Hatchman			Butchers	1	1				
			Height Taker			Clerks	9	9				
			Hello Operator			Clerks, Supply						
			Instrument Operator			Clerks, Technical						
			Intelligence Duties	9	9	Coach Trimmers						
			Joiners			Concretors						
			Lineman			Cooks						
			Lineman, Signals			Dental Clerk Orderlies						
			Lithographers			Despatch Riders			ATTACHED BY W.E.			
			Machinists, Metal			Draughtsmen, Signals			AACC	23	24	
			Machinists, Wood			Drivers, H.T.			AAMC	4	3	
			Masons			Driver Mechanics			AAPC	2	2	
			Masseurs			Driver Tptn. Plant			AEME	2	3	
			Mechanics, M.T.			Engine Hands, I.C.			AAOC	1	1	
			Miners			Equipment Repairers	1	1	NGFPU	1	1	
			Moulders			Farriers						
			Nurses, Trained			Fitters' Mates						
			Observation Post Assts.			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.	77	63

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.  
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20/11/43  
Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander  
Lt-Col



# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

55/43... (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 27 / 11 / 1943 61 Aust Inf Bn (Unit)

W.E.II 120 / 2 . OFFRS. O.R's. + OFFRS. O.R's. ATT. BY W.E.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Rein'fts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'fts Required.
-	-	-	1	Lieut.-Colonels					
-	2	-	1	Majors					
-	2	2	9	Captains					
-	3	2	16	Lieutenants	A.A.M.C.	1	-	-	-
				Quarter-masters					
				A.A.N.S and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.					
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.					

DETAIL.	A.I.P.	C.M.P.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.P.	..	TOTAL.
A.	A	B	A	B						
E.(1)	28	-	-	-						28
E.(2)										

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

\* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.  
\*\* Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col. Particulars will be shown, e.g., 30 U.K. Forces; 10 N.Z. Forces

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

### OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK.

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

### OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

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

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

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).
QX51720	Lieut	CLARKSON A.G.	Attending OCTU WOODSIDE S.A.
QX35054	"	WATTS A.A.	" " " "
Q28775	"	JAMES W.G.	" " " "
Q27955	"	WHITE J.J.	" " " "
QX56580	"	IRVINE W.G.	" " " "
QX36047	"	FULLARTON A.W.J.	" " " "
QX36029	"	RUDDER W.L.	RAAF Army co-op Sch Canberra.

Unit

61 Aust Inf Bn.

65 / 43 (Serial No.)

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 27 / 11 / 1943 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
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"	VX28956	CAIRNS	N.	" C	"		
"	VX48862	STANLEY	L.W.	21/co	"		
"	SX381	FORWARD	G.O.	" B	No	Hosp. Aust.	
"	QX54075	TODMUNTER	R.U.P.	OC D	Yes.		
"	QX43865	GOWLAND	R.E.	21/ca	No	Leave-Aust.	
"	NX116814	CRAIG	D.P.	" D	Yes		
Lieut	QX48861	MORLEY	H.G.	sigO	No	Leave-Aust.	
"	QX36029	RUDDER	W.L.	T.O.	"	RAAF Army Co-op Sch Canber	
"	QX58996	LAWSON	J.	B Coy	Yes.		
"	QX36030	EMMETT	H.E.	Pr. O.	"		
"	QX43163	COTTEE	N.I.D.	D Coy	"		
"	QX48863	HOBBS	J.J.B	Adjt	"		
"	QX51718	TOMLINSON	C.B.	A Coy	"		
"	QX56514	O'KEEFE	T.J.	B "	"		
"	QX51720	CLARKSON	A.C.	D "	No	Attending OCTU Woodside 8/3/43	
"	QX56580	IRVINE	W.G.	I.O.	"	Do.	
"	QX19918	ROBINSON	H.D.	A Coy	Yes.		
"	QX58203	PATRICK	E.A.	C "	"		
"	QX51719	BRINKLEY	F.R.	Q.M.	"		
"	QX35526	HENDERSON	P.W.	A Coy	"		
"	QX36047	FULLARTON	A.W.J.	B "	No	OCTU Woodside 9/9/43.	
"	QX28546	HOUGH	G.L.	HQ	Yes		
"	NX113828	PLUMMER	R.T.V.C	"	"		
"	NX116117	McKELLAR	D.H.	C "	"		
"	VX102615	ADAM	D.R.	D "	"		
"	QX52581	GREGORY	L.E.G.	HQ	"		
"	QX35054	WATT S	A.A.	HQ	No	OCTU Woodside 22/4/43?	
"	Q28775	JAMES	W.C.	HQ	"	Do.	
"	Q27955	WHITE	J.J.	"	"	Do.	3/43.

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
Capt	NX200122	CLIFTON SMITH	H.G.	61 Bn. 23/10/43	R.M.O.
"	NX142832	McCULLOUGH	M.A.	61 Bn. 9/6/43/	Padre.

Date of Despatch 27 / 11 / 43.

Truth—7/43.

*H. Wiles* Lt-Col,  
Signature of Commander  
Comd. 61 Aust. Inf Bn.





**PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 26 / 11 / 1943.**

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, R.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangefakers			
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths	1	-	-					Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevedores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical	3	3	-
Coppersmiths				Armourers	2	1	1	Signallers	26	26	-	Tailors			
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters	6	6	-	Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics											
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)											
Fitters	1	1	-	Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators											
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator											
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman											
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker											
Grinder, Precision				Hello Operator											
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator											
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	9	9	-								
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners											
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman											
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals											
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers											
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal											
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood											
Pattern Maker				Masons											
Pharmacist				Masseurs											
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.											
Photewriter				Miners											
Plumber				Moulders											
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained											
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.											
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.	788	789	5

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.

27 Nov 43  
Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

Lt Col  
61 Aust Inf Bn

Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 11/1945  
 Part E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in

Group	Details of Trade	Present Strength	Reinforcements Required	Remarks
GROUP I (cont.)	Operator, Radio	1	1	
	Operator, Signal	1	1	
	Operator, Switchboard	1	1	
	Operator, Wireless	1	1	
	Operator, Wireless	1	1	
	Operator, Wireless	1	1	
	Operator, Wireless	1	1	
	Operator, Wireless	1	1	
	Operator, Wireless	1	1	
	Operator, Wireless	1	1	
	Operator, Wireless	1	1	
	Operator, Wireless	1	1	
	Operator, Wireless	1	1	
	Operator, Wireless	1	1	
	Operator, Wireless	1	1	
GROUP II (cont.)	Operator, Radio	1	1	
	Operator, Signal	1	1	
	Operator, Switchboard	1	1	
	Operator, Wireless	1	1	
	Operator, Wireless	1	1	
	Operator, Wireless	1	1	
	Operator, Wireless	1	1	
	Operator, Wireless	1	1	
	Operator, Wireless	1	1	
	Operator, Wireless	1	1	
	Operator, Wireless	1	1	
	Operator, Wireless	1	1	
	Operator, Wireless	1	1	
	Operator, Wireless	1	1	
	GROUP III (cont.)	Operator, Radio	1	1
Operator, Signal		1	1	
Operator, Switchboard		1	1	
Operator, Wireless		1	1	
Operator, Wireless		1	1	
Operator, Wireless		1	1	
Operator, Wireless		1	1	
Operator, Wireless		1	1	
Operator, Wireless		1	1	
Operator, Wireless		1	1	
Operator, Wireless		1	1	
Operator, Wireless		1	1	
Operator, Wireless		1	1	
Operator, Wireless		1	1	

a. WOII deficient : one boarded D Class.

b. 19 cpls surplus

c. 1 sgt surplus : Sgt awaiting tfr.

Att allowed by WE

1 Sgt deficient : 1 sgt trans to HQ Coast Arty

2 cpls surplus to WE : AACC - 1 deficient : 1 AAMC deficient

Surplus to WE

AEME : 2

2 AACC carried surplus : cpls.

Reinfts required by trade

AAMC Chiropidist : 1 Cpl

AEME Armourer craftsman 1

Tradesmen drawing specialists pay & carried surplus

Bricklayers : 2

Tradesmen drawing specialist pay on WE

Gun fitter	:	1	
Carpenters		6	
Rangetakers		4	
Sigs TG II		26	
Clerks		3	
Tailors TG III		1	
Tech Storemen		3	
Int Duties		7	(9 posted strength : 2 not TG)

Details of columns marked \* to cross with columns 4 and 5 and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.

NOTE - (a) If rank other than private is involved the details on back.  
 (b) Authorized trades or specialties not included in list will be added as required in spaces provided.  
 (c) Where A.W.S. and/or A.A.M.W.S. personnel are detailed show details on back.  
 (d) Where reinforcement not detailed note accordingly on letters of instruction of W.E. in col. "Reinfts Required".  
 (e) Where reinforcement not detailed note accordingly on letters of instruction of W.E. in col. "Reinfts Required".  
 (f) 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.

Signature of Commander

Date of Despatch

# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

..... (Serial No.)  
**56 43**

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday **4 / 12 / 1943**... **61 Aust** (Unit)  
**Inf Bn.**

W.E. **11 / 129 2** OFFRS. O.R.'s. + OFFRS. O.R.'s. ATT. BY W.E.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.
-	-	-	1	Lieut.-Colonels					
-	2	-	1	Majors					
-	2	2	9	Captains	A.A.M.C.	1	-	-	-
-	2	2	17	Lieutenants					
				Quarter-masters					
				A.A.N.S and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.					
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.					
-	6	4	30			1	-	-	-

DETAIL.	A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	..	TOTAL.
	'A'	'B'	'A'	'B'						
A.	31	-	-	-						31
E.(1)										
E.(2)										

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

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

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

### OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.
Q28775	Lieut	JAMES W.C.	OCTU Woodside	27/11/43	From Course.
QX35054	"	WATTS A.A.	" "	4/12/43	" "
Q27955	"	WHITE J.J.	" "	" "	" " " "

### OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
QX54075	Capt	TODHUNTER R.U.P.	Evac Hosp	28/11/43	P.U.O.
QX56055	"	TWENLOW E.MoK	" "	30/11/43	"

## PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO **61 Aust Inf Bn** (Unit) IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED. **4 / 12 / 194 3.**

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).
QX51720	Lieut	CLARKSON A.G.	Attending OCTU Woodside S.A.
QX56580	"	IRVINE W.G.	" " " "
QX56047	"	PULLARTON A.W.J.	" " " "
QX56029	"	RUDDER W.L.	R.A.A.F. Co-Op Sch Canberra.

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

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 6 / 12 / 1943 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
t-Col	QX54945	WILBS	H.J.	G.O.	Yes	"X"	
AJ	QX47842	BICKS	G.H.	2 i/c	No	Det for Duty	30/11/43
apt	QX36033	CAMPBELL	K.C.	O.C. HQ	Yes		
"	QX36035	TWENLOV	E.McK.	O.C. B	No.	Evac Hosp	30/11/43
"	QX36031	LAWSON	A.N.	" A	"	Det for Duty	"
"	QX48860	GRHAM	J.T.	A/OC B	Yes		
"	VX29956	CAIRNS	N.	OC C	"		
"	QX48862	STANLEY	L.W.	21/e C	"		
"	SX381	FORWARD	G.O.	" B	No	Hosp Aust ?	
"	QX54075	TODHUNTER	R.U.P.	OC D	"	Evac Hosp	28/11/43
"	QX43865	GOWLAND	R.E.	21/e A	"	Leave- Aust.	14/11/43
"	NX116814	CRAIG	D.P.	" D	Yes		
Lieut	QX48861	MORLEY	H.G.	Sig C	No	Leave Aust	24/11/43
"	QX56029	RUDDER	W.L.	T.O.	"	RAAF Co-OP Sch. Canberra	
"	QX58996	LAWSON	J.	B Coy	Yes		
"	QX56030	EMMETT	H.E.	Par C	"		
"	QX41563	GOTTE	H.I.D.	D Coy	"		
"	QX48863	HOBBES	J.J.S.	Adjt	"		
"	QX51718	TOMLINSON	G.B.	A Coy	No	Det for Duty	30/11/43
"	QX56514	O'KEEFE	T.J.	B "	Yes		
"	QX51720	CLARKSON	A.G.	D "	No	Attending OCTU Woodside	
"	QX36580	IRVINE	W.G.	I.O.	"	" " "8/5/43	
"	QX19918	ROBINSON	H.D.	A Coy	No	Det for Duty	30/11/43.
"	QX58203	PATRICK	E.A.	C "	Yes		
"	QX51719	BRINKLEY	F.R.	Q.M.	"		
"	QX35526	HENDERSON	P.W.	A Coy	No	Det for Duty	30/11/43.
"	QX36047	FULLARTON	A.W.J.	B "	"	OCTU Woodside	9/9/43.
"	QX28546	HOUGH	G.L.	HQ Coy	Yes		
"	NX113828	PLUMMER	R.T.V.	C Coy	"		
"	NX116117	McKELLAR	B.H.	" "	"		
"	VX102615	ADAM	D.R.	D "	"		
"	QX52381	GREGORY	L.E.G.	HQ	"		
"	QX35054	WATTS	A.A.	" "	"		
"	Q28775	JAMES	W.C.	" "	"		
"	Q27955	WHITE	J.J.	" "	"		

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
Capt	NX200122	GLIPTON-SMITH	H.O. 61 Bn.	25/10/43.	R.M.O.
"	NX142882	McCULLOUGH	M.A. 61 Bn.	9/6/43.	PADRE.

4/12/43.

*H. J. Wilbs*  
Comd 61 Aust. Inf. Bn. Lt-Col

Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

## FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 4 / 12 / 1943 . 61 Aust Inf (Unit)

W.E. II / 120 2. OFFRS. O.R's. + OFFRS. O.R's. ATT. BY W.E.

### Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1				2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.				ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.					Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.
-	-	-	1	W.Os. Class I.								
-	1	-	5	W.Os. Class II.					1	-	-	-
-	-	-	5	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.				Part B	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	Staff Sergeants					-	-	-	-
-	1	-	30	Sergeants					9	-	1	-
-	-	26	90	Corporals					8	2	2	-
-	2	-	646	Troopers, Privates, etc.					17	4	2	-
				Civilians counting as O.R.								
4 *	4	26	777	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2					35 *	6	2	4 *

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 7 of instructions for compilation of this return will complete analysis of Part B(1) and B(2).  
 \*\* Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col. Particulars will be shown, e.g., 20 U.K. Forces, 10 N.Z. Forces.

Detail	A.I.F.	C.M.F.		A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL
		Under 19 Years.	19 Years and over.							
A	248	"B"	"A"	"B"						
B(1)	248	-	564	-						812
B(2)										

### Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong
1	7 Aust Inf Bde		
5	A.E.N.E.		
26	A.A.C.C.		
5	A.A.M.C.		
1	A.A.O.C.		
2	A.A.P.C.		
1	N.C.F.P.U.		
1	A.A. Amenities.		

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

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.

### 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 4 / 12 / 1943**

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assis.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, R.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.Y.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangefinders	4	4	-
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths	1	-	-					Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevedores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical	3	3	-
Coppersmiths				Armourers	2	1	1	Signallers	26	26	-	Tailors			
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters	6	6	-	Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics											
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)											
Fitters				Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gun)	1	1	-	Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.							
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				Gen Duties	691	714	4
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers	1	1	-				
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	9	9	-				
Grinder, Precision				Hello Operator				Clerks, Supply							
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical							
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	9	9	-	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.	23	26	1
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				A.A.M.C.	4	3	1
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics				A.A.P.C.	2	2	
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant				A.E.M.E.	3	3	1
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.				A.A.O.C.	1	1	-
Photewriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers	1	1	-	H.C.F.P.V.	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.	738	812	8

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4/12/43.  
Date of Despatch

*N. J. Park*  
Comd 61 Aust Inf Bn Lt-Col  
Signature of Commander

**PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in**

**Part A of Army Form W.3009 as boarded on 11 Oct 1917**

Detail of Reinforcement	Group I	Group II	Group III	Group IV	Group V	Group VI	Group VII	Group VIII	Group IX	Group X	Group XI	Group XII	Group XIII	Group XIV	Group XV	Group XVI	Group XVII	Group XVIII	Group XIX	Group XX	Group XXI	Group XXII	Group XXIII	Group XXIV	Group XXV	Group XXVI	Group XXVII	Group XXVIII	Group XXIX	Group XXX							
Carried Forward																																					
CARRIED FORWARD	17	18	1	27	27																																
Gun Fitters																																					
Int Futies																																					
Tech Storemen																																					
Tailors TG III																																					
Clerks																																					
Sigs TG II																																					
Rangetakers																																					
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 (b) Authorized ranks or specialties not included in list will be added on required strength provided.  
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*H. J. ...*  
 Signature of Commander

Date of Dispatch



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Unit 61 AUST INF BN

Date and Time.—From 4 December 43 To 8 DECEMBER 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	December	4th	At 0930 hrs. R.S.M. conducted a Battalion Parade. Concluding this all Coys moved to assembly area at 1015 hrs, to watch participants in the finals of the Hill Climbing and Tree Climbing Contests. Results were as follows.— D Coy hill climbing & C Coy tree climbing. In the afternoon HQ & B Coys moved out at 1400 hrs on 2 hour Route March JUNE VALLEY - WARDS DROME area. C & D Coys held Coy Sports in the afternoon. Visitor to Bn. H.Q. in the afternoon was Brig. Field 7 Aust Inf Bde. A.I.F. Map Reading School terminated other two Schools continuing.	D.H.P.
	December	5th	The day being set aside for a rest day (make and mend). As usual Church Parades were held at 0900 hrs. Trucks were allotted to Coys & conveyed personnel to KILA BEACH where they spent the day swimming. At 1025 hrs 36 personnel returned to the Bn. from Hospital & Con. Camp. AIR RAID RED warning sounded at 2050 hrs but no enemy Air-Craft visited the area and the <u>all</u> clear came through at 2125hrs.	D.H.S.
	December	6th	H.Q. & C Coys moved out at 0930 on respective Route Marches to KILA BEACH where they spent the day swimming returning to Camp Area at 1630hrs. B & D Coys carried out individual trg. in the area. In the afternoon Capt Craig lectured D Coy on situation in the S.W.P.A.	D.H.S.
	December	7th	D & B Coys with 49 attached personnel of H.Q. Coy moved out at 0930hrs on respective Route March to KILA BEACH where they spent the day swimming. Remainder HQ Coy & C Coy trained in the Area. Three personnel from Hosp. returned to the Bn. Visitor to the Bn. H.Q. Was Lieut Carroll from 81 Depot Cash Office.	D.H.S.
	December	8th	Commencing at 0930 hrs Coys conducted individual Tabloid Sports in own areas. 1400hrs a Cross Country Race for all personnel was held in the vicinity of the Camp. The circular Route taking in all features West of the Biv Area. Bn. Fastest time recorded was 24 Minutes for the complete Course.	D.H.S.

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Unit 61 AUST. IFN BN.

Date and Time.—From DECEMBER '8 43. To DECEMBER 13th 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	December 8th 43.		Between the hrs of 2000 and 0630 the Bn carried out an all Night Exercise. ref Trg Syllabus. 8-9 December.	JHS
	December 9th 43.		All Coys reported back in area 0645 hrs from all night Exercise The day being devoted to resting. At 0830 hrs. 29 personnel, after being given a short address by the C.O. moved out per truck to MERRAY BARRACKS to await Tpt. to Australia on leave. At 1055 hrs. 15 personnel returned to Bn. from Hospital. Visitor to Bn. H.Q. during the day was Capt Foster.	JHS
	December 10th 43.		After the morning Inspection Parade Coys carried out Close Order Drill ( with and without arms). Then moved out at 1000 hrs to features West of biv area for " Hill top" Trg. ( ref Trg Syllabus 10-11 Dec). In the afternoon the Mobile Bath Unit again visited the Bn. and all personnel enjoyed a Hot Bath. Bde. Education W.O.II lectured B & D Coys, subject being " Lease Lend." A Cricket Match between the Bn. Team and visiting Team from the 9th Bn. resulted in a win for the Bn. by 140, runs.	JHS
	December 11th 43.		0900 hours Bn. Parade. Concluding, this Bn. moved out in Battle Order at 0935 on Route March to KILA BEACH. Strict march & water discipline was enforced throughout and tps enjoyed time spent swimming. Hot lunch was conveyed to the beach per truck and the Bn. returned to the Biv Area by 1530hrs. On the march Home times were recorded in individual Platoons. The best time for the distance being S.B. carriers in 64 Mins.	JHS
	December 12th 43.		The day being set aside for a rest day ( make and mend). Usual Church Parades were held at 0900 hrs. Trucks were allotted to Coys and conveyed personnel to MORESBY where the time was spent swimming. At 1035 hrs. 15 personnel returned to Bn. from Hospital.	JHS
	December 13th 43.		Coys carried out elimination contests in preparation for the Bn. Military Sports Day 14th December. (Ref Trg programme 13/14 December) At 1600 hrs. Mobile Canteen and Amplifier visited the Bn. Area serving Hot Coffee and biscuits and entertaining the troops with musical numbers.	JHS

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Unit 61 AUST. INF. BN. Date and Time.—From 14th December 43 To 20<sup>th</sup> December 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	December	14th 43.	A working party consisting of 1 N.C.O. and 14 OR's commenced work at 11 Mile D.I.D. travelling back and forth each day. Remainder of the Bn. participated in a Military Sports Day as above. Results. <i>See attached appendix "A"</i>	<i>J.H.S.</i>
	December	15th 43.	Coys trained in respective areas Each Coy Carrying out individual Rifle T.O.E.T. for all personnel.	<i>J.H.S.</i>
	December	16th 43	All Coys continued with individual Rifle T.O.E.T.s in morning and in the afternoon troops carried out Gas Training and Drill with individual tests. All personnel were issued with A.C.F. Xmas Hampers. Three personnel returned to Unit from hospital through MURRAY BARRACKS.	<i>J.H.S.</i>
	December	17 th 43.	Coys completed Gas T.O.E.T.s and continued on with general Grenade T.O.E.T.S. At 1400 hrs. Mobile Bath Unit again visited Bn. & all enjoyed a Hot Shower.	<i>J.H.S.</i>
	December	18th 43.	Rifle Coys B, C, & D prepared & conducted Bren T.O.E.T. H.Q. Coy continued with M.M.G. and MTR'S 3" T.O.E.T. Visitor to Bn. H.Q. during the day was Lieut Rogers 241 L.A.D., In the afternoon at 1600hrs a Muster Parade was called & the C.O. addressed the Bn. re personal dress & leave to Moresby.	<i>J.H.S.</i>
	December	19th 43.	The day being set aside as a rest day (sake and mond) usual Church Parades were held at 0900hrs. Trucks were allotted to Coys & conveyed personnel to Moresby where the time was spent swimming.	<i>J.H.S.</i>
	December	20th 43.	All coys completed individual Ts.O.E.T. B Coy being duty Coy, supplied 1 N.C.O. & 14 OR's as a working party to 11 Mile D.I.D. At 0900 hrs. "Int" man left area on reeve of a possible Cross Country Route to ELA BEACH so as to avoid congestion in marching the Bn. along the main Moresby Rd. Five personnel returned to Bn. from Hospital.	<i>J.H.S.</i>

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24 Dec.

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Date and Time.—From... 20 DECEMBER 43 To... DECEMBER 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	20 DEC. 43. 21 DEC. 43.		The day being set aside as a Sports Day. In the morning the R.S.M. conducted Tabloid Sports running off events by Platoons. Winning Platoon was No.3 scoring 104½ points. Then for the afternoon a Cricket Match between H.Q. Coy & a team comprising the remainder of the Bn. was played on the Bn. Cricket Ground. Resulting in a win for H.Q. Coy by 230 runs. Commencing at 0930 hrs. under the direction of the C.O. & the Adj. an all day exercise for all Officers was held on the features West of Bn. Biv. Area. Ref. attached screed TACTICAL EXERCISE - WITHOUT TROOPS.	JMS
	22 DEC. 43.		At 0915hrs. All Coys moved out in Battle Order on Respective Route Marches. The Routes being.- H.Q. & B Coys Via road to KILA BEACH. C & D Coys. Cross Country to ELA BEACH. H.Q. being duty Coy supplied working party to 11 Mile D.I.D. Hot lunch was conveyed to the beaches per truck and all enjoyed the time spent swimming. Commencing at 0900hrs under direction of Adj. & R.S.M. a T.E.W.T. for all Sgts & Senior N.C.O's was held on the features West of Bn. Biv Area. Four personnel returned to the Bn. from Hospital.	JMS
	23 DEC. 43.		All Coys carried out Sec & Pl Trg. on the features West of their respective Areas. A T.O.E.T for the remainder of the Bn. H.Q. personnel was held between the hrs. 1000 & 1500. At 1600hrs. an Officer's conference was held in the Officers Mess. Those concerned returned to the Area early. "Co-Operation with Tanks." in preparation for the exercises of the 27, 28, 29, 30, was discussed.	JMS
	24 DEC. 43.		Demonstration - "Co-Operation with Tanks." All Coys assembled on Sports Oval 0935 hrs. reporting in to R.S.M. R.S.M. handed over to Adj. who in turn handed over to the C.O. The C.O. explained the Exercise to the Troops. The demonstration was then carried out by a Section from B Coy.	JMS

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26th.

Unit 61 AUST. INF. BN.

Date and Time.—From DECEMBER 24th To DECEMBER th

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries &c
	DECEMBER 24th		<p>The Jeep was used as the Tank and the section advanced behind it. At a given signal from the Adj. the I men acting as enemy, opened fire with rattles at which time the attacking section proceeded to employ correct Battle Drill. The fire from the tank, in a hull down position, was directed at the enemy bunker while troops carried out an encircling movement. When the troops came near the danger range from the tanks fire the latter ceased fire and the former went in. The demonstration was carried out to the satisfaction of all concerned and the Coys moved back to their respective training areas at 1005 hrs. The remainder of the morning the Coys did close <del>order</del> Order Drill. During the afternoon the Coys in turn (HQ, B, C, &amp; D) visited the Mobile Bath Units the rest of the time being taken up by Lecturettes and Discussions. - C.A.B. etc. In the afternoon the Officers team was at Cricket Practice in preparation for the match Officer's V N.C.O's on Sunday.</p>	
	DECEMBER 25th		<p>XMAS DAY. The day being set aside as a rest day. Church Parades were held C of E Communion Service 0730hrs. 30 Club, 0830 hrs 61 Bn, 0930 Hrs 9 Bn. &amp; Communion 0900 hrs 61 Bn. R.C. Xmas Mass &amp; Communion was held at 1000 hrs 9 Bn. An R.C. Midnight Mass was held at the Stadium PORT MORESBY and those who went were transported by Bn. Tpt. at 2300hrs. Some Companies held their Xmas dinner at mid-day others in the evening. The meal consisted of Turkey, Stuffing, Baked Potatoes, Cabbage, Xmas Pudding and Custard. On the tables was a bottle of Soft Drink for each man as well as sweets, dried grapes, &amp; buns,. In the afternoon trucks were allotted to those wishing to go to the Baths for a swim. During the afternoon the N.C.O's team was at practice in preparation for the match on Sunday.</p>	S.H.S.
	DECEMBER 26th		<p>Brig. Field visited the Area during the Day. The day was set aside as rest day. The usual Church Parades being held at 0900 hrs. Unit Transport took personnel desiring a swim, to the Moresby Bath's in the morning.</p>	S.H.S.

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Date and Time.—From 26 DECEMBER 43 To 28 DECEMBER 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	26 DEC. 43.		<p>The Officer's V the N.C.O's Cricket Match commenced at 1030hrs. &amp; at lunch interval the scores were N.C.O's 9 wkts. for 189 runs. In the afternoon trucks again took personnel swimming, &amp; the Cricket Match was resumed. The Scores were 1st Innings N.C.O's all our for 204 runs. Offrs all our for 162 runs. After each team had had one innings the remainder of the time was divided, &amp; each team batted for that period. The Scores for this 2<sup>nd</sup> Innings were N.C.O's 7 wkts. declared 122 runs. Offrs. 5 wkts. declared 171 runs. Thus Offrs. won by 11 runs 2 wkts.</p> <p>Capt. Davidson from the Moresby Base Sub Area visited the Area during the day.</p>	JH
	27 DEC. 43.		<p>Training as usual resumed.. B Coy to the 2/8 Armd Regt. to take part in Exercise with Tanks. C Coy Sports Day which took the form of a Cricket Match. D Coy on a Route March to KILA BEACH. and H.Q. Coy Specialists Training while the M.M.G's, Tk/A &amp; Phrs. were engaged in Section Trg.</p>	JH
	28 DEC. 43.		<p>Coys continued Training as per Syllabus 24/31 DEC. H.Q. Coy moved out at 0915 hrs. on a Route March Via road to KILA BEACH. B Coy spent the day playing sport, arranging a Coy Cricket Match. C Coy moved out per truck for all-day EXERCISE in co-operation with 2/8 Aust Armd Regt. D carried out Section Training in the Area. At 1125hrs. Capt Hornibrook ( Bde T.O.) visited Bn. H.Q. Commencing 2000hrs an Organised Bn. Concert namely " Tropical Troupadours" was held in the area.</p> <p>The Salvation Army Unit Mobile assisted greatly in supplying Music, Microphone, and amplifier system. Taking into consideration the short time of preparation, the efforts of all concerned were highly appreciated and all agreed on the show being good entertainment.</p> <p>Visitor to this H.Q. was also Major Flannigan ( Moresby Base Sub-Area.).</p>	JH

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Date and Time.—From 28 DECEMBER 43 To 30th DECEMBER 43.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c
	29 DEC. 43.		Training continued as above Syllabus C Coy moved out at 0915 hrs. on Route March via road to KILA BEACH. H.Q. Coy spent the day playing sport arranging Cricket Matches and various other games. B Coy engaged in Section Training in the Area. D Coy moved out at 0800 hrs. by trucks for all day EXERCISE in co-operation with the 2/8 Aust. Armd. Regt.	<i>JMS</i>
	30th DEC. 43.		Coys resumed Training HQ Coy all day EXERCISE in co-operation with the 2/8 Aust Armd. Regt. B Coy Route March to KILA BEACH. C Coy engaged in Section Trg. in the area. D Coy Organised a Sports Day. This concluded the individual Coy route Marches and Tanks Exercises as per Syllabus.	<i>JMS</i>
	31 st DEC. 43.		All Coys, ( Excl. D Coy who participated in a cricket Match for the morning) engaged in Close Order Drill for approx Two Periods. During the afternoon Lectures and Discussions were given to each Coy. <del>XXXX</del> The Mobile Bath Unit again visited the Area and all Ranks enjoyed a Hot Shower.	<i>JMS</i>
			<p><i>H. J. Williams</i></p> <p>Lt.-Col.</p> <p>Comd. 61 Aust. Inf. Bn.</p>	

61 AUST. INF. BN. TRG. INSTNS (WEEK ENDING 4 DEC 43)  
(REF. 7 AUST. INF. BDE. TRG INSTN NO. 33)

1. Trg for this period will be mainly individual - the preparation of a sound basis for further trg.
2. DRILL. After Coy. inspection pde on 29 NOV 43, C.S.M's will move Coys to Bn. Sports Gd and hand over to the R.S.M. at 0920 hrs for a special R.S.M's pde. On periods set apart for drill, coys will aim at smart and precise close order drill, with and without arms., and particular attention will be given to guard mounting.
3. WEAPON TRG. Rifle coys will concentrate on the rifle, S.M.G., L.M.G., 2" Mortar, bayonet and grenades. Included in trg. will be advanced handling, crawling into firing posns, crawling with amn., fire control, recognition of targets.
4. MAP READING. Int. Sec. will co-operate with Coys in instn in map-reading. Pers will be taught recognition of ground rather than "straight-out" lectures about a map.
5. ROUTE MARCHES. These will be of three hour's duration and proposed route will be submitted to Adjnt., 24 hrs before start time. Strict march discipline must be maintained, including water-discipline. Feet will be inspected before and after march, and foot-baths provided on returning to biv. area.
6. HILL CLIMBING & TREE CLIMBING CONTESTS. Pls will carry out their own contests and one man from each pl. in each event will compete in finals on 4 Dec. All climbing will be carried out in Battle Order with rifle.
7. BATTALION PARADE. R.S.M. will hand over to Adjnt on Bn. Sports Gd at 0905 hrs 4 DEC 43.
8. "KEY-HOLE" DIGGING. Pits will be developed to a depth of 2 ft 6 inches as per sketch attached as Appx "A" to this instn.
9. FIELD CRAFT. This will include such subjects as crawling, pers. camflg, use of ground, background and shadow, crossing of obstacles, ambush, judging distance, observation, trg. tk-cutting etc.
10. NIGHT TRG. Attention will be given to recognition of ground in daylight in preparation for use in future night exercises. Trg will include manning of listening posts, night signals and observation, keeping touch and direction, night digging etc.
11. MESSAGES. Pers will be trained in the passing of verbal and written messages, telephone procedure, and recognized abbreviations. When required sig. pers will assist in trg.
12. SPORT. Bn. Sports Offr. (Lieut. J. Lawson) will confer with Coy. Comds and arrange programmes of organized sport. Cross country running and paper chases will be included.
13. SCHOOLS & COURSES. The following schools will commence on 29 Nov and each rifle coy will send two pers. Coy Comds will be personally responsible that care is taken in the selection of students.

<u>School</u>	<u>Duration</u>	<u>Chief Instructor.</u>
Elementary Mortar 3"	2 weeks.	Sgt. Wright C.
Elementary Sig.	2 weeks.	Sgt. Midway D.
Map Reading.	1 week	Sgt. ... rs D.

Students will report to R.S.M. on completion of R.S.M's pde.  
Bn. Sec. Leader's School will continue.



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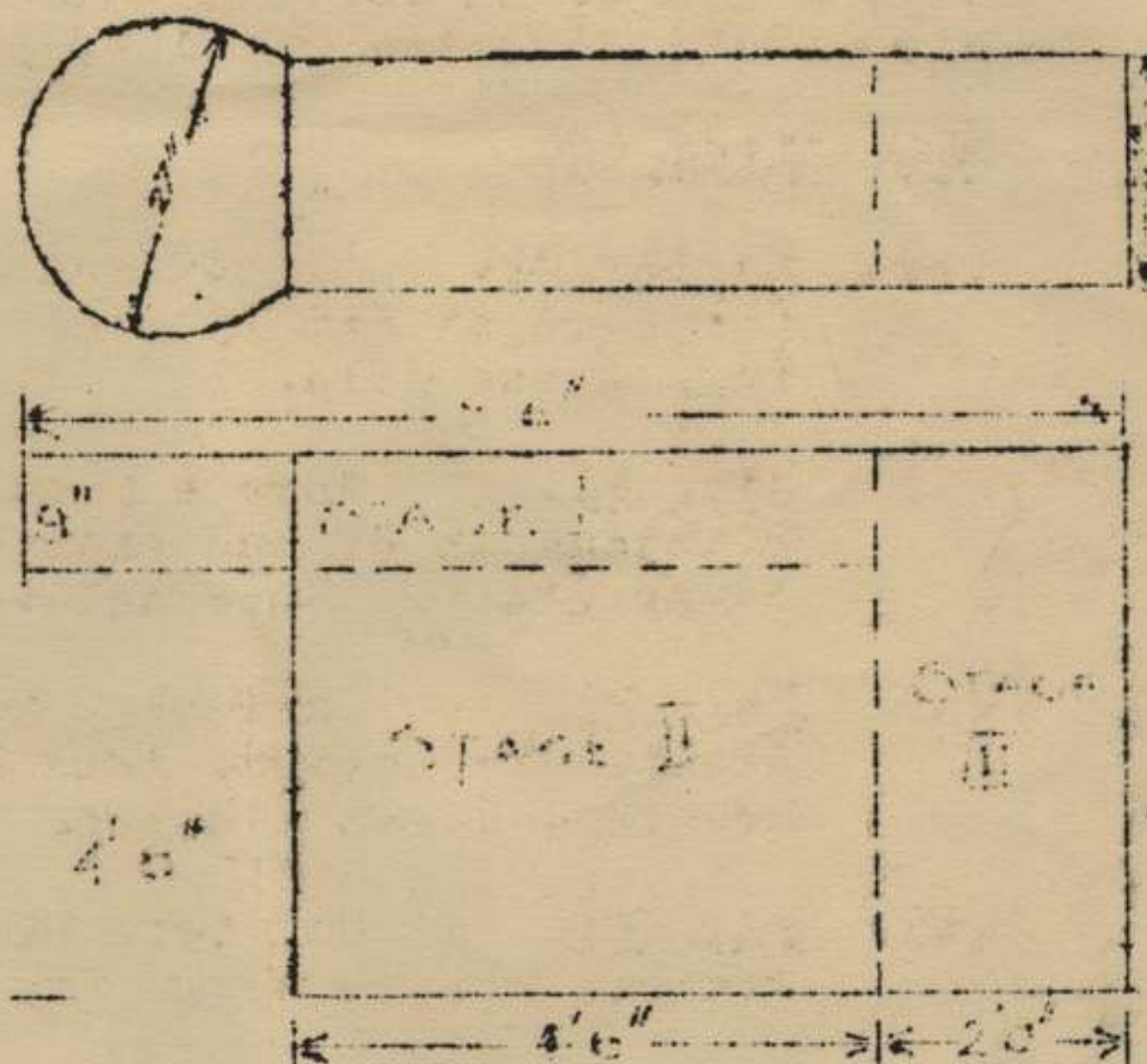
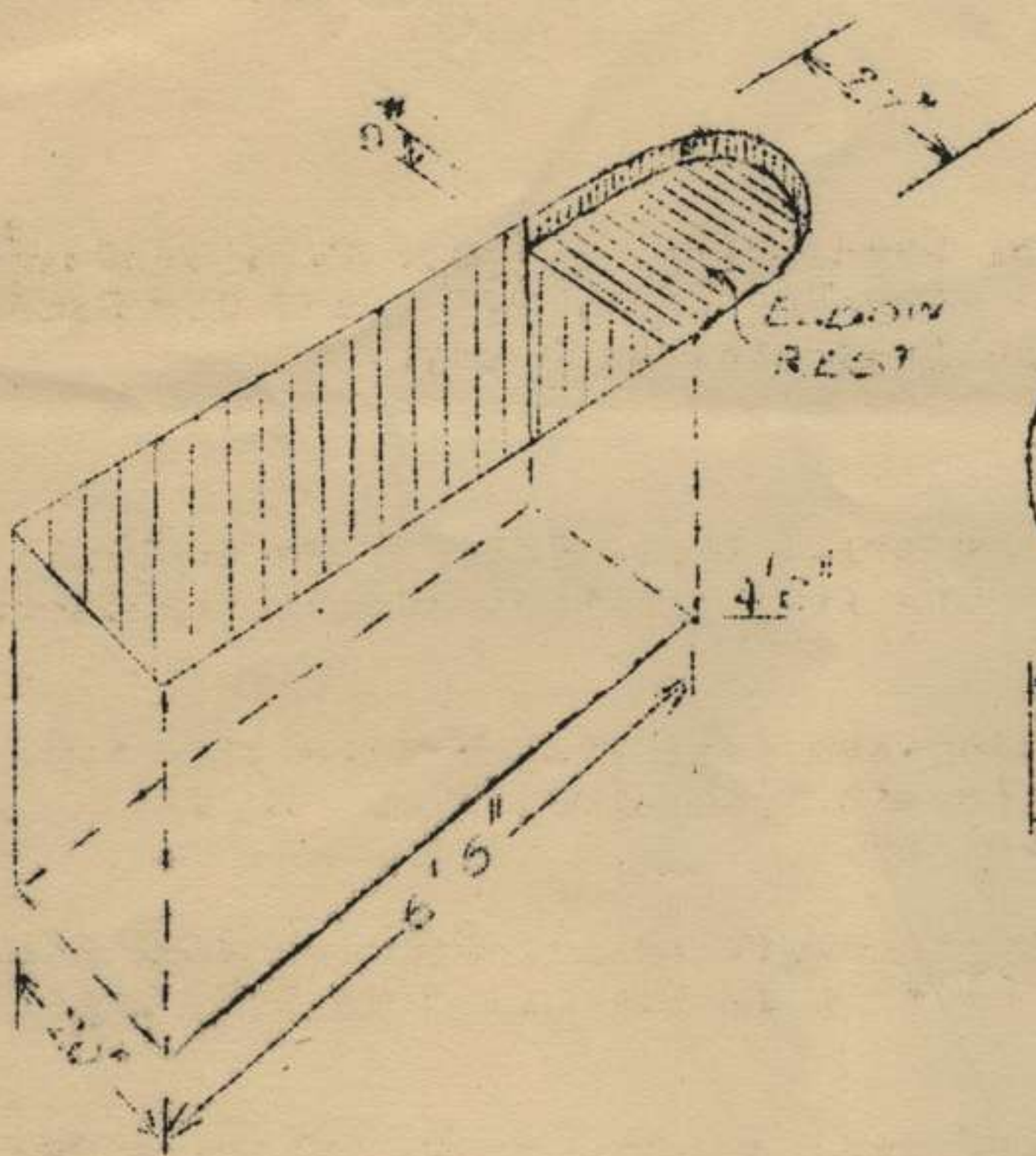
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14. LECTURES AND DISCUSSIONS. Bn. Educ. Offr. (Lieut. P.W. Henderson) will arrange, in collaboration with Bde Educ. Offr. and Coy Comds. a schedule of talks on educ. subjects for each coy.
15. SPECIALIST TRG.
- (a) Mortar Pl. Direct and indirect fire. Orders. Phone Drill (experiment new 'phone) Dry firing. Sand table exercises. Trg. extra pers.
  - (b) Sig. Pl. More e sending and receiving - intensive trg. Maintenance of and experiments with .108 sets. Close order drill. More active trg.
  - (c) Tk/A Pl/ Intensive close order drill. Concentrated gun drill. Mechanism. Assembling gun. Immediate action. Map reading. First Aid trg.
  - (d) Pnr. Pl. Complete biv. area constn. work. Close order drill. Weapon trg. Trg for special tasks. Night trg.
  - (e) Int. Sec. Map of area. Assist in map reading trg. Close order drill. Trg. of extra pers.
  - (f) Stretcher Bearers. Close order drill. Weapon trg. Improvisation. Establishment of C.A.P.s etc.
  - (g) M.M.G. PL. Gun Drill. Selection of fire posns. Close order drill. Weapon trg other than MMG. Map reading.
16. EMPLANING EXERCISE. Detailed instns will be issued separately, and a conference will be held at a time to be decided.

  
Lieut.  
Adjt., 61 Aust. Inf. Bn.

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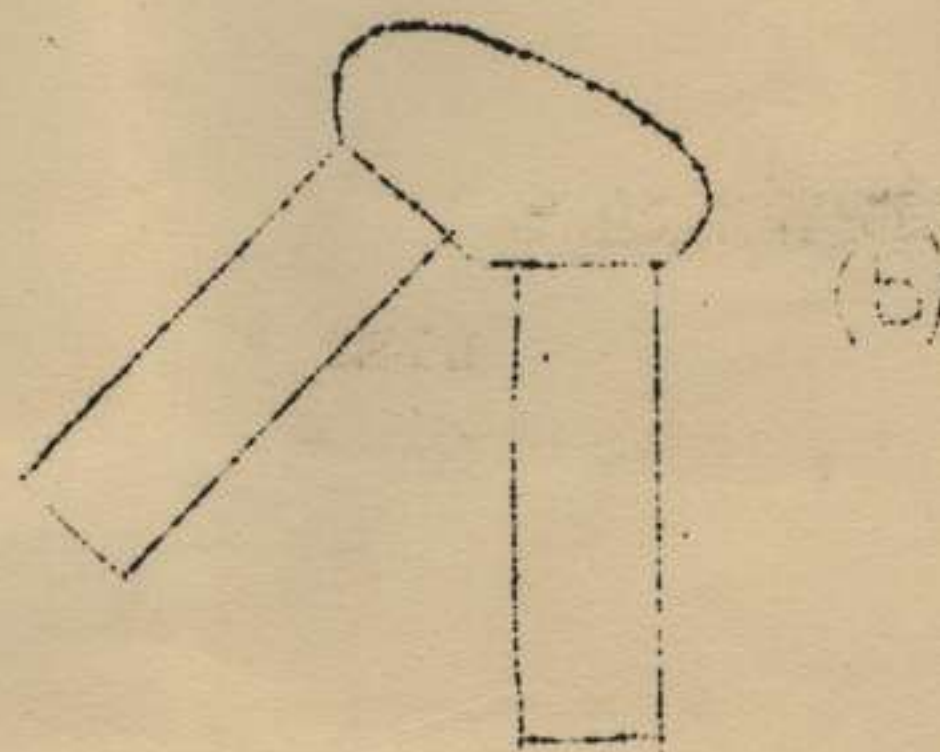
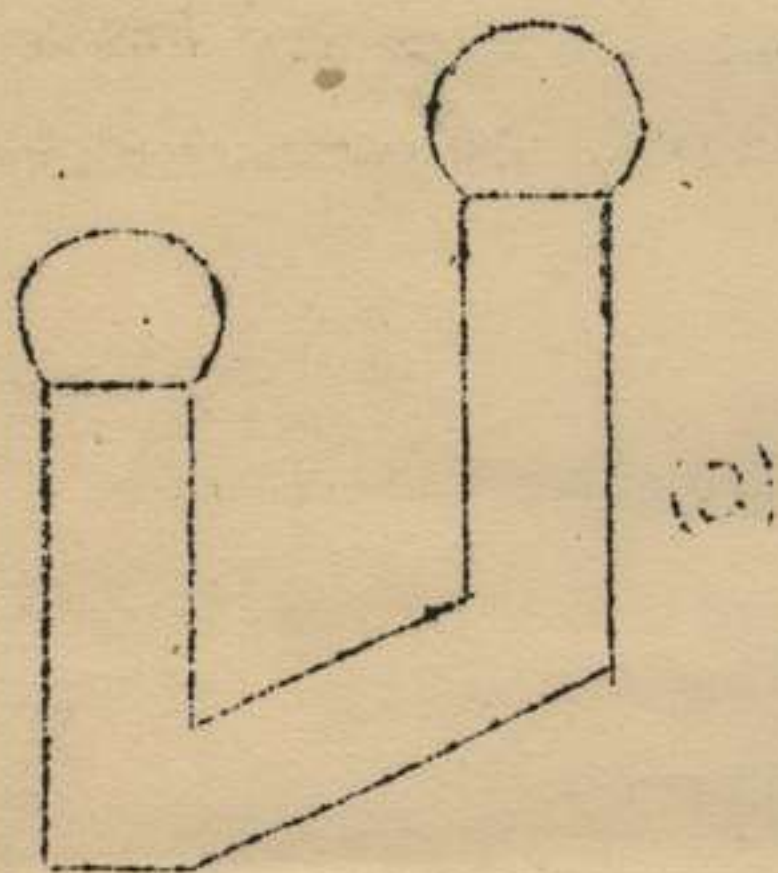


KEYHOLE WEAPON PIT.

Designed for hasty occupation of a defensive posn. yet capable of further elaboration to a mere permanent locality. Weapons are sited individually to bring most effective fire to bear, posts are small and easily concealed and give greater protection to the individual soldier than larger types.

Elaborate overhead cover must be avoided for LMG and rifles which must be free to engage attacking aircraft through some light cover over the rear half of the pit may be added as protection against observation, "air-burst" shelling etc., and weather.

All spoil should be removed and/or concealed.



Figures (a) and (b) show two methods of coupling keyholes for use with gun or mortar numbers of the LMG or 2" mortar.

RIFLE COY.. SYLLABUS ( Week Ending 4 Dec 43.)

DAY	Hours	A COY	B COY	C COY	D COY
MON 29 NOV 13.	0900 1200 1330 1630	Inspection Pde. Close Order Drill Weapon Trg.	Inspection Pde. Close Order Drill Weapon Trg.	Inspection Pde. Close Order Drill Weapon Trg.	Inspection Pde. Close Order Drill Weapon Trg.
		Route March	Field-craft, Hill-climbing Contest. Tree-Climbing Contest.	Talk by Capt. Craig. " Keyhole" Digging.	Field- Craft. Hill-Climbing Contest. Tree-Climbing Contest.
TUES 30 NOV. 43.	0900 1200 1330 1630 1930 2230	Inspection Pde. Weapon Trg. Tree-Climbing Contest Field-Craft Hill-Climbing Contest Map-Reading	Inspection Pde. Weapon Trg. Close-Drill-Order Drill Route March	Inspection Pde. Weapon Trg. Map Reading Weapon Trg. Hill-Climbing Contest. Tree-Climbing Contest.	Inspection Pde. Weapon Trg. Map Reading. Talk by Capt. Craig. Close Order Drill. Weapon Trg.
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WED 1 DEC 43.	0900 1200 1330 1630	Inspection Pde. "Key-Hole" Digging Close Order Drill Field-Craft Messages	Inspection Pde. "Key-hole" Digging Map Reading Field-Craft Messages	Inspection Pde. Close Order Drill Map Reading Route March.	Inspection Pde. "Key-Hole" Digging. Messages. Map Reading Field-Craft
THURS 2 DEC 43.	0900 1200 1330 1630 1930 2230	Plane Loading Practice Lecturette & Discussions Weapon Trg. Close Order Drill	Lecturettes & Discussions Plane Loading Practice Weapon Trg. Close Order Drill	Inspection Pde. Weapon Trg. Close Order Drill Plane Loading Practice Lecturettes & Discussions	Inspection Pde. Weapon Trg. Close Order Drill Lecturettes & Discussions Plane Loading Practice.
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FRI 3 DEC 43.	0900 1200 1330 1630	Inspection Pde. Sport Mobile Bath Unit	Inspection Pde. Sport Mobile Bath Unit	Inspection Pde. Field Craft Messages. Mobile Bath Unit	Route March Mobile Bath Unit
SAT DEC 4 43.	0900 1200 1330 1630	Battalion Pde. Finals of Hill Climbing & Tree Climbing Contests. Weapon Trg. Map Reading. Messages.	Battalion Pde. Finals of Hill Climbing & Tree-Climbing Contests Weapon Trg. Map Reading. Messages.	Battalion Pde. Finals of Hill-Climbing & Tree Climbing Contests Sport.	Battalion Pde. Finals of Hill-Climbing & Tree-Climbing Contests. Sport.

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61 AUST. INF. BN.

61 AUST. INF. BN. TRG. PROGRAMME 13-14 DEC 43.

A Battalion Military Sports Day will be held on the Cricket Ground on 14 Dec. commencing 0930 hrs. The following events will be held.-

<u>Hrs.</u>		<u>Event.</u>
0930	1.	Pl. Competition - Inspection & Drill.
1030	2.	Tk.A 2pr. Competition.
1100	3.	Competition between Mortar 3" Crews.
1130	4.	Stretcher Bearers - Stretcher & First Aid Race.
1400	5.	Bren Competition.
1430	6.	M.M.G. Competition. (Crew)
1500	7.	Field Cooking Competition.
1530	8.	Grenade Throwing.

GENERAL.- Rifle Coys, H.Q.Coy, will select one Pl. to represent Coy in Event 1. Stretcher Bearers will also compete. Pls will consist of normal number of personnel and will not be strengthened by the adding or deleting personnel. Pl Comds. will be in charge & will produce Pl rolls on demand. DRESS - Drill order (without waterbottles), long trousers, hats K.F. Pls will carry out rifle exercise and drill movements as directed by judges. Pls will assemble in the vicinity of Bn. Cricket Ground at 0915 hrs. 14 Dec.

Specialist Offr's (in conference with Adjnt.) will decide form & type of competition for Tk/A 2pr, Mortar 3", Stretcher Bearers, M.M.G. Each rifle Coy & H.Q.Coy will enter one Bren Crew, who will act as required by the judges.

FIELD COOKING.- Two cooks from each Coy will compete as a team. Emergency and improvised field ovens will be constructed from biscuit tins etc -

Each cooking team will produce its tastiest meal from 1 tin bully beef & 1 packet biscuits.


GRENADE THROWING.- One entrant from each Coy - H.Q. Coy will supply two dummy Grenades.

Coys will carry out elimination contests for events 1, 5, & 8 on 13 th Dec.

OFFICIALS FOR THE DAY

Judges ( ~~U-Officers~~ ) C.O., Adjnt., R.S.M.

Other Judges - Capt. Campbell, Capt. Graham, Capt Cairns, Lieut J. Lawson, Capt Clifton-Smith,.

  
.....Lieut,  
Adjnt. 61 Aust. Inf. Bn.  
12/12/43.

Appendix  
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BATTALION      MILITARY      SPORTS

RESULTS OF EVENTS

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>PLACING</u>	<u>WINNERS</u>	<u>NO. OF POINTS</u>
Pl Drill Competition	1st	12Pl B Coy	75
	2nd	2Pl M.M.G	
	3rd	H.Q.Coy S.B'rs. BHQ.	73½ 72
T/KA. 2 PR. Competition	1st	No 1 Det. Cpl. Clark	
Mortar 3" Competition	1st	Sgt. Chapman's Detachment Time of 2mins 45 Secs.	
M.M.G. Competition	1st	No 1 Sub Section Time of 3mins and 25Secs.	
Stretcher and First Aid Race.	1st	Private's Moran, Russell, Ryan, Kearney.	
Bren Race.	1st	Private. Nichol's & Peach 16 Pl D Coy.	
	2nd	" Evans & Falkenberg 12Pl B Coy.	
Bren Crawl Race.	1st	H.Q. Coy Mortars.	
	2nd	B Coy 12 Pl.	
	3rd	D Coy 16 Pl.	
Grenade Throwing. Accurate Throw.	1st	Pte Cotton C Coy	
Grenade Throwing Longest t Throw.	1st	Pte Rayner D Coy 48 yards.	
Field Cooking Competition	1st	D Coy	
	2nd	B Coy	
H.Q. Coy awarded special Merit for initiative in construction of oven.			

The above will be read to all troops on Evening Mess Parade.

.....Lieut  
Adj. 61 Aust Inf. Bn.  
/12/43.


Headquarters,  
61 Aust. Inf. Bn.

memo to all Coys. RSM Int/Sec.

PROGRAMME - SATURDAY 4 DEC.

0900 hrs	Coy Parade		
0930 "	R.S.M's Parade		
1015 "	Hill-climbing & Tree-Climbing Finals.		
1400 "	C & D Coys Sport		
to	B COY Route March	}	2 hrs.
1600 "	HQ COY " " " " " "		

Immediately after R.S.M's parade, Coys will be marched to road north of B n.H.Q. to Coy posns for watching Climbing Finals.

  
Lieut.  
Adj. 61 Aust. Inf. Bn.


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TRAINING PROGRAMME 16 - 21 DEC. 43.

- 16 DEC. Completion of Ts. O.E.T. Rifle.  
Gas Instruction & T.O.E.T.  
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- 17 DEC. Completion of Gas T.O.E.T.  
Grenade T.O.E.T.  
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- 18 DEC. Preparation of T.O.E.T. Bren  
T.O.E.T. Bren.  
H.Q. Coy ( T.O.E.T., M.M.G., Mortar 3").  
  
All tests for Rifle, Bren, Grenade & Gas must be  
completed by this date.  
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- 19 DEC. Free Day  
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- 20 DEC. Bn. Sports' Day. Under direction of the R.S.M.  
T.E.W.T. for all Officers. ( separate instns.).  
  
Bn. Parade and Route March to KILA BEACH.
- 21 DEC. A return is required daily by 2000 hrs for 16, 17, & 18DEC.  
giving figures of personnel tested, passed and failed, each  
of the Ts.O.E.T.

  
Lieut.

Adj. 61 Aust. Inf. Bn.

15/12/43.

To all Coys H.Q., H. C. B.

TRAINING SYLLABUS

61 AUST. INF. BN. 10-11 DEC 43.

10 Dec

0900 - 1000 hrs. Coy Inspection Parades. Close Order Drill with and without arms by Platoons.

1000 - 1200 \* "Hill-top" Trg. (Map Reading, Indication of Targets, J.D., Manning of C.Ps.)

1400 - 1630 \* Mobile Bath Unit.  
Lectures & Discussions. See Educ.  
W.O.11 will talk to B Coy at 1400 hrs & D Coy at 1500 hrs.

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11 Dec.

0930 Battalion Route March. R.S.W. will hand over to Adj. on Bn. Sports Cd. at 0930 hrs. Route to KILA BEACH.  
Lunch(as for previous marches) by Coy arrangement.

T.O. will arrange for water-cart to be at KILA BEACH from 1200 - 1400hrs.

DRESS for March.- Battle Order, Long Trousers, Hats K.P.

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.....Lieut,  
Adj. 61 Aust. Inf. Bn.  
9/12/43.



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**AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES  
ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1**

by

**Lt.Col. E.J. Viles DSO  
15 DEC 45**


**Comd. 61 Aust. Inf. Bn.  
Serial No 118/45**

**544. DRESS FOR LOCAL LEAVE.** To ensure uniformity throughout the Bn, personnel proceeding on leave will wear Belts web. Offrs. & WOs may wear S.B. belts and belts, leather, respectively. Orders re dress as promulgated in Bn./ROs 117/45 will be strictly carried out. The "walking out" dress is laid down as follows:-

Hats K.P., "Greens" with long trousers, American gaiters, or anklets web, shirts with sleeves down and necks buttoned to second top button. Belts web. Safari jackets will be worn inside trousers. Belts will pass through trouser loops. All personnel proceeding on leave will be assembled in the vicinity of the tpt lines by the Bn. Ord. Sgt. at 1840 hrs and will be inspected by the Bn.Ord.Offr. Coys will carry out private inspections of leave personnel prior to Bn. Ord. Offr's inspection.

**545. ORDERLY ROOMS &c.** C.S.M's will make application to R.S.M. for a C.O's Orderly Room immediately they have knowledge of a charge requiring jurisdiction by the C.O. All Charge Reports will be submitted to the R.S.M. at least two hours before the Orderly Room. R.S.M. will check wording of charge and notify the C.S.M. as to the time for C.O's Orderly Room.

**546. MESS.** As from the ~~midday~~<sup>evening</sup> meal 14 DEC, an Offrs' Mess will function. Evening meal for tps will be at 1745 hrs and for Offrs 1800 hrs.

  
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Licut.  
Adjt., 61 Aust. Inf. Bn.

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**Many persons call for a doctor, when all they want is an audience.**

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17 Dec. 43. Serial No 119/43.

547. USE OF CENSORED COVERS (NGF O G474)

LHQ Field Censorship Instruction No 7 is published for general information.

"1. A censored cover is an envelope, a green envelope or a wrapping showing any censorship markings including all or any of the following- Unit Censor Stamp, "Opened by Censor" Label or "Passed by Censor" stamp.

2. Censored covers may only be used again for transmission through the post if the previous censorship markings are NOT discernible.

3. If a censored cover is, or appears to be used by any member of the AMF in breach of this instruction -

- (a) the Unit Censor will forward the censored cover to the OC unit for action; or
- (b) if the censored cover is not intercepted in the unit, any censorship authorities signing it will arrange to forward the censored cover to the appropriate Formation or L of C Area for action."

548. RECORD OF SERVICE BOOK (AAB 83).

The loss, destruction or defacement of an AAB 83 by a Wilful act or by negligence or the unauthorized alteration of any information contained therein is an offence in respect of which a charge will lie under AA 40.

549. STERILISING OUTFITS FOR USE WITH WATER BOTTLES (NGFRO Q479)

1. (a) The sterilising tablets in outfits for use with water bottles are subject to deterioration and loss of strength on prolonged storage.

Provision has been made for replacement of outfits by AASC on the elapse of six months from the date of manufacture or if they are found to unserviceable.

(b) The Medical Officer will inspect samples from each batch on issue to the unit and supervise a test for free chlorine with local water supply. This test will be repeated if any outfits remain unopened one month after issue. If outfits are found to be unserviceable they will, on the recommendation of the Medical Officer, be returned to AASC for replacement.

(c) Tablets will be protected from deterioration by keeping the bottles tightly corked. One outfit will be used completely before the next is opened in order to avoid deterioration by exposure to the air. For the same reason no bottle of sterilizing tablets will be kept for more than seven days after it has been opened, as the efficiency of its contents cannot be guaranteed for a longer period after the first opening.

2. It is believed that the problem of crumbling has been overcome in tablets of recent manufacture. Certain tablets manufactured by Tromax Ltd. in Aug, Sep and Oct of 1943 will show signs of crumbling but not sufficient to warrant return of unused stocks without test.

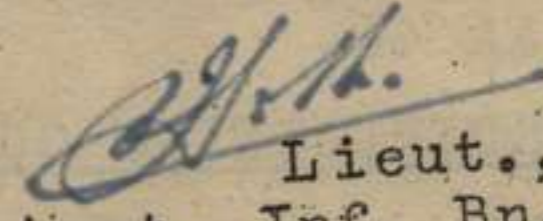
3. Progress reports as to the suitability of tablets of the latest manufacture are desired. These will be forwarded through the usual channels.

549. DRESS.

1. N.G.F. R.O. A456/43 is cancelled.
2. The following dress will be worn:-  
Slacks and shirt with sleeves rolled up; boots, socks with anklets web or American gaiters.
3. Authorised working parties may be granted permission by C.O. to work without shirts, but shirts must be worn whilst proceeding to and returning from actual place of work.
4. Unless worn by Offrs and W.O's with a belt, safari jackets will be worn inside trousers as shirts.
5. Anti-malarial precautions re dress will be carried out as previously.

550. WITHDRAWAL OF SHORTS.

- (a) Shorts will not be issued to personnel in New Guinea.
- (b) Shorts on issue will be withdrawn immediately. Shorts, which are personal property will be sent to Kit Stores.
- (c) Coy Comds will render a certificate to the effect that this order has been carried out by 1200 hrs, 24 Dec.
- (d) The wearing of shorts will be treated as an offence.

  
 Lieut.,  
 Adj., 61 Aust. Inf. Bn.

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61 AUST. INF. BN. ADM. ORDER NO. 3.

HQ 61 Aust. Inf. Bn.,  
Australia.  
28 Dec 43.

1. 61 Aust. Inf. Bn. less Adv. and Rear Parties will move by sea from PORT MORESBY with fourth flight of 7 Aust. Inf. Bde. Gp.

2. MOVEMENT.  
Details when available.

3. SERIALS TO EMBARK.

	Offrs.	O.R's	Total
1. Bn.H.Q.	3	26	29
2. HQ Coy	4	173	177
3. B Coy	4	128	132
4. D Coy	5	99	104
	<u>16</u>	<u>426</u>	<u>442</u>

4. SHIP'S STAFF.

O.C. Troops	Capt. K.C. CAMBELL
Ship's Adjnt.	Capt. D.P. CRAIG.
Ship's Q.M.	Capt. J.T. GRAHAM.
Ship's Sgt. Major	WOI N.E. BALDWIN.

5. TPT. 3-ton vehicles will be allotted as follows:-

Serial	Sub-Unit	Vehicles.		
		Pers.	Gear.	Total.
1.	Bn.H.Q.	2	1	3
2.	HQ Coy	10	10	20
3.	B Coy	9	1	10
4.	D Coy	6	1	7
		<u>27</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>40</u>

T.O. will arrange embussing pts with Coy. Comds and movement will be in order of serials.

6. DRESS.

Full Marching Order, as per Instns dated 2 Dec 43.

7. TENTAGE. Tents and beds will be left standing and will be dismantled by Rear Party under direction of Q.M.

8. CERTIFICATES. Coy Comds will render certificates to Bn.H.Q. as follows:-

1. That Coy area has been left in a hygienic and tidy condition.
2. As required by N.G.F. R/O G 265.
3. As required by N.G.F. R/O 392.

These certificates will be forwarded to superior bodies by

O.C. Rear Party.

9. Each Coy will carry out at least one practice move before 1800 hrs 30 Dec 43.

10. REAR PARTY.

O.C. Capt. N. CAIRNS.

Strength:-

	Offrs.	O.R's	Total.
Bn.H.Q.	1	1	2
HQ Coy	2	7	9
B Coy	1	2	3
C Coy	4	114	118
	<u>8</u>	<u>124</u>	<u>131</u>

Any personnel rejoining Unit on or after 28 Dec 43 will be attached to Rear Party.

Signed at 1605 hrs.

Issued by ORDERLY.

*[Signature]*  
Capt.  
Adjnt., 61 Aust. Inf. Bn.

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- 1. HQ COY
- 2. B "
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- 8. Q.M.
- 9. R.M.O.
- 10. PADRE.

- 11. R.S.M.
- 12. INT. SEC.
- 13. Lieut. EMMETT.
- 14. Capt. CAMPBELL.
- 15. Capt. CRAIG.
- 16. Capt. GRAHAM.
- 17. Capt. CAIRNS.
- 18-19 WAR DIARY.
- 20. File.

ORDER OF THE DAY  
 1. The following personnel are to be distributed as follows:

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Memo to All Coys (HQ, B, C, D.)  
R.S.M.  
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61 AUST INF BN.

TRAINING SYLLABUS FOR S-2 DEC 45.

Wednesday 8 Dec. 45.

0900 - 0930 Coy Inspection Pdes. & Smartening-up Drill.

0930 - 1200 Tableid Sports under Coy arrangement in Coy areas  
on immediately east of Camp Rd. All Coy pers. to take part.

1405hrs Cross Country Race. Coys will assemble all  
personnel except light and no duty men on Bn Sports Cd. at 1400 hrs.  
DRESS. Shorts & Footwear - Hat optional.

2000 hrs Night Exercise.

For the purpose of exercise, H. Coy will be divided as follows  
( support weapons will not be carried)

- Tk/A Pl & M.H.G. Pl      C Coy.      Mortar Pl.      B Coy.
- Par. Pl      D Coy.

Coys will establish perimeter defences on features as follows:-

- B Coy - Feature immediately WEST of Coy area.
- D Coy - Feature immediately WEST of Coy Area.
- C Coy - Feature between & WEST of these B Coy & D Coy features.

Each Coy will prepare 12 flags on which will be marked numbers  
of Coy HQ, Pl. HQ, and Sec. Posts.  
These will be placed in ground at corresponding posts. in Coy  
perimeter.

Throughout the night Coys will engage in active patrolling &  
endeavour to capture flags, equipment and personnel from other Coys.

DRESS for exercise- Battle Order with face veils & Hats K.P,  
long trousers. Flares will NOT be fired.  
Exercise ends 0830 hrs. 9 Dec 45.

Lessons to be Learnt:-

- Silent Movement by night.
- Use of Alternative posts.
- "Keyhole" Digging.- Silent Use of Tools.
- Night Signals etc.,
- Patrolling at night.
- Occupation & ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ of perimeter Defence.
- Maintenance

Sigs will be attached to each Coy, Sig personnel and equipt.  
will be neutral.

Thursday, 9 Dec 45. will be a "Rest Day."

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*[Signature]*  
.....Lieut,  
Adjy 61 Aust. Inf. Bn.  
7/12/45.

Int. Sec.

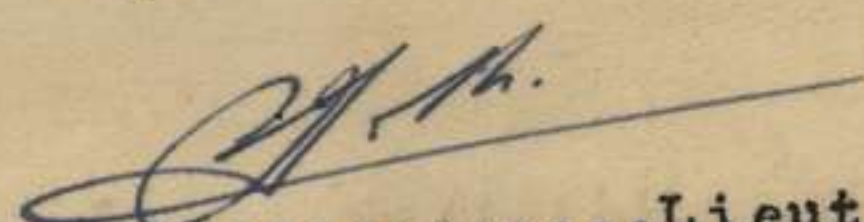
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TRAINING

INSTRUCTION

24 Dec.	0900 - 0930	Inspection Parades.
	0945 - 1115	Demonstration of Co-operation with Tanks. (Coys will assemble about edge of Sports Ground reporting to R.S.M. at 0935hrs.)
	1115 - 1200	Close Order Drill.
	1400 - 1630	Mobile Bath Unit. ( In Order HQ, B, C, D Coys.) Lecturettes & Discussions - C.A.B.etc.
25 Dec & 26 Dec.	Free.	Sports etc.
27 Dec.	B. Coy C. Coy D. Coy H.Q. Coy	Exercise with Tanks. Sports Day. Route March to KILA BEACH. Specialist Trg. Sec. Trg. for M.M.G. & Tk/A & Pnrs.
28 Dec.	B. Coy C. Coy D. Coy H.Q. Coy	Sports Day. Exercise with Tanks. Section Trg. Route March to KILA BEACH.
29 Dec.	B. Coy C. Coy D. Coy H.Q. Coy	Section Trg. Route March to KILA BEACH. Exercise with Tanks. Sports Day.
30 Dec.	B. Coy C. Coy D. Coy H.Q. Coy	Route March to KILA BEACH. Sec. Trg. Sports Day. Exercise with Tanks.
31 Dec.	0900 - 1200	Inspection Parades. Close Order Drill - Rifle Exercises.
	1400 - 1630	Mobile Bath Unit ( HQ, B, C, D, ) Lecturettes & Discussions.

**NOTE:** Cut lunches will be taken by Coys co-operating with tanks,  
also on Route Marches to KILA BEACH. Water-cart will call at  
KILA BEACH from 1230 -1530 each day.

  
.....Lieut,  
Adjt. 61 Aust Inf Bn.  
23/12/43.

Headquarters,  
61 Aust. Inf. Bn.

TANK EXERCISE -- With 2/8 ARMD. REGT.

1. Daily from 27 - 30 Dec, a coy from 61 Aust. Inf. Bn. will take part in sec. exercises with 2/8 Armd. Regt.
2. Object. To exercise secs in an attack on enemy defended localities supported by tanks.
3. Each Coy will report to 2/8 Armd Regt at 0830 hrs, leaving Bn Area at 0800 hrs by M.T.

Rough Timetable.

	0830 hrs	Coy arrives.
0900 -	0920 "	Talk by Tk. Officer.
0920 -	1100 "	1st Pl ex. with 1 Tk.
0920 -	1100 "	2nd & 3rd Pls inspect tks studying system of intercomn. signals etc.
1330 -	1600 "	2nd & 3rd Pls ex. Tks. 1st Pl inspects Tk intercomn, Signals etc.
1600 -	1615 "	Discussion.
	1615 "	Return to Camp.

Sec. Drill with Tank.

Each sec. will be sp by a tank, which moves fwd with sec.

Formation.

Sec. may be in line, arrowhead, or any way sec comd considers necessary to suit the ground to be passed over.

Action on contact.

On first contact, tank remains in hull down posn., and open fires, when target is located. (sec.comd. orders T.C. - Half right or left as the case may be) The sec. comd either signals to T.C. indicating direction of target or instructs him by means of phone located on right rear of tank.

If enemy occupying bunkers or pill box. T.C. opens with Browning to brush away any camouflage, thus allowing inf to see. He then engages with Tk/A gun. Immediately sec. comd. has formed his plan he passes it on to T.C. and goes into action, the whole only taking a minute or so.

The general idea is - T.C. is given direction (left or right flanks) and told to continue firing until first inf. are seen approaching target, or until he considers the margin is no longer safe. He then switches to any other targets in the area.

The inf. mop up bunker, search the surrounding ground, wiping out odd riflemen etc. and adv. continues.

Liason.

Bren No.2 is used as I.C. between sec. comd and Tank.

He can move in vicinity of tank (not too close) and supply protection against the odd Jap climbing on etc.

He must always keep an eye on sec. comd.

Sec. comd must at all times convey to T.C. his intention as his field of vision is restricted and Tk must not be stationary for any time in an exposed posn.

To ensure that a thorough understanding between tk. crew and inf., the latter must understand the signals previously prearranged.

At each Sec. ex. a sec. comd from sec not engaged will ride in the tk.

During each ex. Pl Comd not engaged will watch and men will be encouraged to suggest improvements in tactics, movement etc.

To make a success of this ex. all ranks must be keen to profit by the mistakes made by preceding secs.



HQ 61 Aust Inf Bn

Subject:- RESULTS OF PL TABLOID SPORTS

Results of the above are as follows:-

1st.	3 pl (Mortars)	HQ Coy;	104½ pts.	Possible	200
2nd	2 & 4 pls (MMG & Tk A)	" "	100½ "	"	200
3rd	14 pl	C Coy	100 "	"	200
4th	16 pl	D "	86½ "	"	200
5th	10 pl	B "	<del>85</del> <sup>83</sup> "	"	200
6th	5 pl (pnrs)	HQ Coy	80 "	"	200
7th	15 pl	C "	76½ "	"	200
8th	17 pl	D "	74½ "	"	200
9th	(11 pl (12 "	B "	72½ "	"	200
11th	13 pl	C "	52 "	"	200

Cricket Match : HQ Coy V B;C;D Coys

Won by HQ Coy by 230 runs.

The above will be read to all tps on morning mess pde.

.....*W Baldwin* W.O.1

R.S.M., 61 Aust Inf Bn

21/12/43.

TACTICAL EXERCISE WITHOUT TPS.

Ref. Map. Int. Sec's Enlargement  
MORESBY 1/63.500.

1. 61 Aust. Inf. Bn. Tactical Exercise without tps will be conducted on 20 Dec 43 in the JUNE VALLEY AREA.
2. Directing Staff :- C. O. Adjnt.
3. Object of Exercise.

To exercise offr's in :-

- (a) Rapid appreciation and intelligent recce.
- (b) Clear, concise and comprehensive orders.
- (c) Rapid layout and siting of defensive posns.

4. Syndicates:-

No. 1.

Capt. Campbell (Leader)  
" Craig  
Lieut. Cottee  
Capt. Clifton-Smith  
Lieut. Patrick.

No. 2.

Capt. Cairns (Leader)  
Lieut. O'Keefe  
" Brinkley  
" Lawson.

No. 3.

Capt. Todhunter (Leader)  
Lieut. Hough  
" Watts  
" McKellar  
" Gregory

No. 4.

Capt. Graham (Leader)  
Lieut. Adam  
" White  
" Plummer

5. Time Table.

<u>Time</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Event.</u>
0930	Top of feature WEST of Offrs' Mess	R.V. all Offrs. (except. Ord Offr)
0945	Rifle Range Ridge	Opening Situation & Problem
1000	" " "	Discussion of prob.1 & D.S. Solution.
1015	" " "	Problem 2.
1055	Barbed Wire Knoll	Discussion of Prob.2 & D.S. Solution.
1135	" " "	Problem 3.
1155	Jeep Tk Hill	Discussion of Prob 3 & D.S. Solution.
1210	" "	Problem 4.
	" "	LUNCH.
1400	Mt. Pullen	Discussion of Prob 4 & D.S. Solution.
1515	" "	Problem 5.
1540	" "	Discussion of Prob 5 & D.S. Solution.
1600	" "	Exercise ends.

6. Adm. Mess Secretary will arrange for lunch to be transported by Jeep to JEEP TRACK HILL.

*[Signature]*  
Lieut.  
Adjnt., 61 Aust. Inf. Bn.

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| 1. H.Q Coy | 4. D COY  | 7. Q.M.      | 10. File. |
| 2. B "     | 5. C.O.   | 8/ Mess Sec. |           |
| 3. C "     | 6/ Adjnt. | 9. War Diary |           |

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Date 29 Dec. 43.

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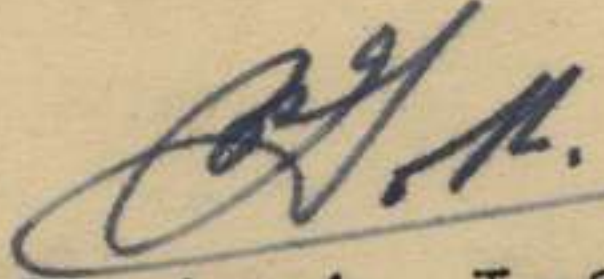
**Lt-Col H.J. WILES D.S.O., COMD. 61 AUST INF BN.**

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551. SEASONAL GREETINGS.

1. The Commanding Officer, in wishing the Battalion the Compliments of the Season, expresses his appreciation of the loyalty and efficiency of the Officers and men during the past year and looks forward with confidence to 1944.

2. Greetings to the Battalion have been received from Lt-Col. A. Meldrum, D.S.O., Padre S.E. Mackay, Capt E.C.G. Robson, Lieut A.G. Clarkson, Lieut. D.W. Hook, 9 Aust. Inf. Bn, Padre G. James, Capt. G.K. Hawkins, Capt. J.S. Paterson, Sgt. L. Francis.

 Capt,  
Adj. 61 Aust. Inf. Bn.

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I. Section.

The following will represent the Bn. on NEW YEAR'S DAY at ELA BEACH Sport's Ground.

100 Yards	Muir A (B)	
220 Yards	Pugbley (C)	Bott H.Q.)
440 Yards	Isaacs (D)	Schmaal (D)
880 Yards	Rayner (D)	Holmes (D)
High Jump	Allen (D)	Watts (B)
Broad Jump	Ricardson (HQ)	Edwards (HQ)
Relay Race	No 1 Team	Dombrain (HQ)
		Nyland (C)
		Pugsley (C)
		Muir A. (B)
	No 2 Team	Bott. K.A. (HQ)
		Isaacs (D)
		Bertram (HQ)
		Crossley (B)
Putting Shot	Rayner (D)	Richardson (HQ)
Mile Walk	Edwards (HQ)	Pauch (D)
Woodchop (underhand)	Kennedy (D)	
Woodchop (Standing)	Muir (B)	
Tug-o-war Team	Rayner (D), Kennedy (D), Allen (D), Fraser (HQ), Baldwin (BHQ) Duck (c), Brennan (HQ), Betts (HQ), Douglas (B).	

J. Lawson.....Lieut,

Sports Officer.

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Memo to All Coys,  
R. S. M.,  
Int. Sec.,  
T. O.,

61 AUST. INF. BN.

TRG. 6.7. DEC. 45.

6 DEC.

H.Q. Coy	:	Route March
C. Coy	:	Route March
B. Coy	:	Trg.
D. Coy	:	Trg.

7 DEC.

B Coy	:	Route March
D Coy	:	Route March
H.Q. Coy	:	Trg.
C. Coy	:	Trg.

ROUTE MARCH.

Leave Coy Area HQ & B Coys 0930 hrs, C & D Coys 0930 hrs, proceed direct route to KILA BEACH. Swimming (in togs, shorts, etc.); and lunch at beach.

Leave beach to arrive back at Camp Area by 1700hrs.

Lunch will be sent to beach in hot-boxes, (under Coy arrangements - One vehicle will take lunches of both Coys each day.)

T.O. will arrange for water-cart to be at beach from 1500-1530 hrs each day. Strict march discipline will be maintained.

DRESS - battle order, long trousers, hats K.P. Maximum number of personnel will take part in the march.

TRG. Coys will concentrate on periods missed in syllabus over the last week. Syllabus for the day will reach Adj. by 2000hrs previous day.

Duty Coy will be called upon for only the minimum of working parties, to enable the maximum number of personnel to train.

*[Signature]*

.....Lieut,  
Adj. 61 Aust Inf Bn.  
5/12/45.

# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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

(Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday...../...../194..... (Unit) **68 43**

W.E. **11 12c 2** OFFRS. **1812** O.N's + OFFRS. **3** OR's **61 Aust. Inf Bn.** ATT. BY W.E.

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

W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.										
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.						
-	-	-	1	Lieut.-Colonels *											
-	2	-	1	Majors											
	3	2	8	Captains											
	2	2	19	Lieutenants	A.A.M.C.	1	-	-	-						
	2	2		Quarter-masters											
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.											
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.											
			29	DETAIL											
				A.I.P.	C.M.P.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	B.A.N.	R.A.A.P.	**	TOTAL.		
Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in pars. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).				A.											
				E(1)	29										29
				E(2)											

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

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

### OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.
Qx54075	CAPT	TODHUNTER R.U.P.	Ex Hosp. - NG Details Bepot	15/12/43	P.U.O.

### OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
136060	Lieut	EMMETT H.E.	Evac to Hosp	11/12/43	Possible Fracture Patella
148862	Capt	STANLEY L.W.		13/12/43	P.U.O.

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

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).
QX51720	Lieut	CLARKSON A.G.	18 12 3 Attending OCTU Woodside S.A.
QX56560	"	IRVINE W.G.	" " " "
QX36047	"	FULLARTON A.W.J.	" " " "
QX36029	"	RUDDER W.L.	" " " "

Unit  
61 AUST. INF. BN.

90 / 43 (Serial No.)

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 10 / 12 / 1943 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Lt. Col.	QX54945	WILES H.J.	H.J.	C.O.	YES	"X"	
Maj.	QX47842	BICKS	C.H.	2 1/e	NO	Det. for Duty	30/11/43
Capt.	QX36033	CAMPBELL	K.C.	OC HQ	YES		
"	QX36035	TWENLOW	E.M.	OC B	NO	Hosp	30/11/43
"	QX36031	LAWSON	A.H.	OC A	NO	Det for Duty	" " "
"	QX48860	GRAHAM	J.T.	OC B	YES		
"	VX28866	CAIRNS	M.	OC C	YES		
"	QX48862	STANLEY	L.W.	21/c C	NO	Evac. to Hosp.	13.12.43
"	SX381	FORWARD	G.O.	21/c B	NO	2/1 Aust. Con Depot	
"	QX54075	TODHUNTER	R.U.P.	OC D	YES		
"	QX43865	GOWLAND	R.E.	21/c A	NO	Leave Aust.	14/11/43
"	NX116814	CRAIG	D.P.	" D	YES		
Lieut.	QX48861	MORLEY	H.C.	Sig O	NO	Leave Aust.	14/11/43
"	QX36029	RUDDER	W.L.	T.O.	"	RAAF-Co-opsch CANBERRA.	
"	QX58896	LAWSON	J.	A/OC B	YES		
"	QX36030	EMMETT	H.E.	Par O	NO	Hosp	11/12/43
"	QX41363	GOTTER	N.I.D.	D Coy	YES		
"	QX48863	HOBBS	J.J.S.	Adj.	"		
"	QX51718	TOMLINSON	C.B.	A Coy	NO	Det. for duty	30/11/43
"	Q X56514	O'KERFE	T.J.	B "	YES		
"	QX51720	CLARKSON	A.G.	D "	NO	OCTU WOODSIDE S.A.	8/5/43
"	QX56580	IRVINE	W.G.	L.O.	"	" " " "	8/5/43
"	QX19918	ROBINSON	H.D.	A Coy	"	Det for Duty	30/11/43
"	QX58803	PATRICK	E.A.	D "	YES		
"	QX51719	BRINKLEY	E.R.	QM	"		
"	QX35526	HENDERSON	F.W.	A Coy	NO	Det. for Duty	30/11/43
"	QX36047	FULLARTON	A.W.J.	B "	"	OCTU WOODSIDE S.A.	9/9/43
"	Q 28546	HOUGH	G.L.	HQ "	YES		
"	NX113828	PLUMMER	R.T.V.	C "	"		
"	NX116117	McKELLAR	D.H.	C "	"		
"	VX102615	ADAM	D.R.	D "	"		
"	QX52381	GREGORY	L.F.C.	HQ "	"		
"	QX35054	WATTS	A.A.	B "	"		
"	Q 28775	JAMES	W.C.	HQ "	"		
"	Q 27855	WHITE	J.J.C.	" "	"		

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
CAPT.	NX200122	CLIFTON) SMITH H.G.	61 BN	25/10/43	R.M.O.
CAPT.	NX142882	McCULLOUGH M.A.	"	9/6/43	Padre.

10/12/43  
Date of Despatch

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





Unit

61 AUST. INF. BN.

69 43 Serial No.

**PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 18/12/1943 .**

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, R.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangetakers	4	4	-
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths	1	-	1					Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevedores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical	3	3	-
Coppersmiths				Armourers	2	1	1	Signallers	26	26	-	Tailors			
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters				Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners	6	6	-	Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics											
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)											
Fitters				Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)	1	1	-	Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				Gen Duties	692	734	-
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers	1	1	-				
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	9	9	-				
Grinder, Precision				Hello Operator				Clerks, Supply							
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical							
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	9	9	-	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				AAGC	23	28	3
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				AAMC	4	5	1
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics				AAPC	2	2	-
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant				AEME	3	3	-
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.				AAOC	1	1	-
Photewriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers	1	1	-	NGFPU	1	1	-
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD	2	1	1	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.	789	833	6

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

Date of Despatch

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



# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

67.../43... (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 11/12/1943 61 AUST INF BN. (Unit)

W.E. 11/12e/2 OFFRS. O.R's. + OFFRS. O.R's. ATT. BY W.E.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.
-	-	-	1	Lieut.-Colonels					
-	2	-	1	Majors					
-	4	2	7	Captains	A.A.M.C.	1	-	-	-
	2	2	19	Lieutenants					
				Quarter-masters					
				A.A.N.S and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.					
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.					
-	8	4	28			1			

DETAIL.	A.I.P.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	..	TOTAL.
A.										29
E.(1)										
E.(2)										

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

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

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

### OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK.

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

### OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

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

## PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO 61 AUST INF BN. (Unit) IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED. 10/18/43

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).
QX51720	Lieut	CLARKSON A.G.	Attending OCTU WOODSIDE S.A.
QX56560	"	IRVINE W.G.	" " " "
QX36047	"	PULLARTON A.W.J.	" " " "
QX36029	"	RUDDER W.L.	R.A.A.F. Sch Co-op Canberra.

61 AUST INF BN. Unit

67./43 (Serial No.)

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 10/12/1943 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Lt-Col	QX54945	WILES	H.J.	C.O.	Yes	"X"	
Maj	QX47842	BICKS	G.H.	21/c	No	Det for Duty	30/11/43
Capt	QX36033	CAMPBELL	K.O.	O.C. HQ	Yes		
"	Qx36035	TWENLOW	E. McK	OC B	No	Hosp	30/11/43
"	QX36031	LAWSON	A.N.	OC A	"	Det for Duty	" "
"	QX48860	GRAHAM	J.T.	A/OC D	Yes		
"	VX29956	CAIRNS	N.	OC C	Yes		
"	QX48862	STANLEY	L.W.	21/CO	"		
"	SX381	FORWARD	O.O.	" B	No	Hosp 2/2 Aust Gen Hosp/ Evac Hosp 28/11/43.	
"	QX54075	TODHUNTER	R.U.P.	OC D	"	Leave Aust. 14/11/43.	
"	QX43865	GOWLAND	R.E.	21/c A	"		
"	NX116814	CRAIG	D.P.	" D	Yes		
Lieut	Qx48861	MORLEY	H.G.	Sig O	No	Leave Aust. 14/11/43.	
"	QX36029	RUDDER	W.L.	T.O.	"	R.A.A.F. Co-op Sch CAN.	
"	QX58996	LAWSON	J.	A/OC B	Yes		BERRA
"	QX36030	EMMETT	H.E.	Pnr O.	"		
"	QX41363	COTTEE	N.I.D.	D Coy	"		
"	Qx48863	HOBS	J.J.S.	Adjt	"		
"	QX51718	TOMLINSON	C.B.	A Coy	No	Det for Duty 30/11/43.	
"	QX56514	O'KEEFE	T.J.	B "	Yes		
"	QX51720	CLARKSON	A.G.	D "	No	OCTU Woodside S.A.S/5/43.	
"	QX56580	IRVINE	W.G.	I.B.	No		
"	QX19918	ROBINSON	H.D.	A Coy	"	Det for Duty 30/11/43.	
"	QX58203	PATRICK	E.A.	D "	Yes		
"	QX51719	BRINKLEY	P.R.	Q.M.	"		
"	QX35526	HENDERSON	P.W.	A Coy	No	Det for Duty 30/1/43	
"	QX36047	FULLARTON	A.W.J.	B "	"	OCTU Woodside 9/9/43.	
"	Q28346	HOUGH	G.L.	HQ "	Yes		
"	NX113828	PLUMMER	R.T.V.	C "	"		
"	NX116117	McKELLAR	D.H.	C "	"		
"	VX102615	ADAM	D.R.	D "	"		
"	QX52381	GREGORY	L.E.G.	HQ "	"		
"	QX35054	WATTS	A.A.	B "	"		
"	Q28775	JAMES	W.C.	HQ "	"		
"	Q27955	WHITE	J.J.	C "	"		

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
Capt	NX200122	CLIPTON-SMITH	H.C. 61 Bn.	23/10/43	R.N.O.
"	NX142882	McCULLOUGH	H.A. 61 Bn.	9/6/43.	PADRE.

11/12/43

Date of Despatch

*H. J. Wiles* Lt-Col,  
Signature of Commander  
Comd 61 Aust Inf Bn.



1 AUSTR. INF. BN.

Unit

Army Form W.3009 (Adapted) (Page 2) (Revised Jan., 1943)

67/45 Serial No.

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 11/12/1943

Table with columns for Details of Tradesmen (GROUP I, II, III), W.E., Posted Strength, and Reints. Required. Includes rows for various trades like Ammunition Examiners, Surveyors, Engineers, etc.

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

Date of Despatch

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

Form W.3009  
(Revised Jan. 1943)  
General No.

Unit  
1. AUGUST, 1943

**PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 11 12 1943**

Category	Present Strength	Reinforcements Required	Remarks
Boarded D Class	1	1	
Hosp "X" List N.G.	1	1	
Sgt. 1 Deficient	1	1	Sgt. marched out to Course Aust During Week.
<b>PART. B.</b>			
Sgt. 1 Deficient	1	1	Transferred.
4 Ptes A.A.C.C.	4	2	Surplus - 2 deficient, 1 Cpl Chiropodist, 1 Pte Armourer.
1 Blacksmith required	1	1	Trans on Com Gds.
<u>Tradesman drawing specialists pay &amp; carried surplus.</u>			
Bricklayers	2	2	
<u>Tradesmen drawing specialist pay on WE</u>			
Gun fitter	1	1	
Carpenters	6	6	
Rangetakers	4	4	
Sigs TG II	26	26	
Clerks	3	3	
Tailors TG III	1	1	
Tech Storemen	3	3	
Int Duties	7	7	( 9 Posted strength ..2 not TG.)

NOTES: (a) If the detail shows a deficiency in any category, the deficiency should be stated in the remarks column. (b) Reinforcements should be stated in the remarks column. (c) Where A.W.S. and/or A.A.W.S. personnel are detailed, their details are given. (d) Where replacement is required, the category and number of personnel required should be stated in the remarks column. (e) Where any request or notation is made on this form, the words "see back" should be written in one of the blank spaces on this form.

Signature of Commanding Officer: *[Signature]*  
Date of Report: \_\_\_\_\_





61 Aust. Inf. Bn. Unit

70 / 43 (Serial No.)

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 25/12/194. 3 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Lt-Col	QX54945	WILES	H.J.	C.O.	Yes	"X"	
Major	QX47842	BICKS	C.H.	2i/c	No	Det for Duty	30/11/43.
Capt.	QX36033	CAMPBELL	K.C.	OC HQ	Yes		
"	QX36035	TWEMLOW	E. McK	" B	"		
"	QX36031	LAWSON	A.N.	" A	No	Det for Duty	30/11/43.
"	QX48860	GRAHAM	J.T.	2i/cB	Yes		
"	VX29956	CAIRNS	N.	OC C	"		
"	QX48862	STANLEY	L.W.	2 i/cC	No	Evac to Hosp	13/12/43.
"	SX381	FORWARD	G.O.	" B	"	2/1 Aust. Con. Depot.	
"	QX54075	TODHUNTER	R. P.	OC D	Yes		
"	QX43965	GOWLAND	R.E.	2 i/cA	No	Leave Aust	14/11/43.
"	NX116814	CRAIG	D.P.	" D	Yes		
Lieut.	QX48861	MORLEY	H.G.	Sig O.	No.	Leave Aust.	14/11/43.
"	QX36029	RUDDER	W.L.	T.O.	"	RAAF Co-Op Sch	CANBERRA.
"	QX58996	LAWSON	J.	B Coy	Yes		
"	QX36030	EMMETT	H.E.	Pnr O	Yes	<del>None.</del>	<del>11/12/43</del>
"	Qx41363	COTTEE	N.I.D.	D Coy	Yes		
"	QX48863	HOBBS	J.J.S.	Adjt.	"		
"	QX51718	TOMLINSON	C.B.	A. Coy	No	Det for Duty	30/11/43.
"	Q <sup>A</sup> 56514	O'KEEFE	T.J.	B "	Yes		
"	QX51720	CLARKSON	A.G.	D "	No	OCTU Woodside S.A.	8/5/43.
"	QX56580	IRVINE	W.G.	I.O.	"		
"	QX19918	ROBINSON	H.D.	A Coy	"	Det for Duty	30/11/43.
"	QX58203	PATRICK	E.A.	D "	Yes		
"	QX51719	BRINKLEY	F.R.	QM	"		
"	QX35526	HENDERSON	P.W.	A Coy	No	Det for Duty	30/11/43.
"	QX36047	FULLARTON	A.W.J.	B "	"	OCTU Woodside S.A.	9/9/43.
"	Q28546	HOUGH	G.L.	HQ	Yes		
"	NX113828	PLUMMER	R.T.V.	C Coy	"		
"	NX116117	McKELLAR	D.H.	C "	"		
"	VX102615	ADAM	D.R.	D "	"		
"	QX 52381	GREGORY	L.E.G.	HQ	"		
"	QX35054	WATTS	A.A.	B "	"		
"	Q28775	JAMES	W.C.	HQ	"		
"	Q27955	WHITE	J.J.	C "	"		

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
	NX200122	CAPT CLIFTON-SMITH H.C.	61 Bn.	23/10/43	R.M.O.
	NX142882	" McCULLOUGH M.	"	9/6/43	PADRE.

Date of Despatch

25/12/43.

*H. Miles* Lt-Col  
Signature of Commander  
Comd. 61 Aust. Inf. Bn.





**PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 25 / 12 / 1943.**

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, R.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitches			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangetakers	4	4	-
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths	1	-	1					Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevadores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical	3	3	-
Coppersmiths				Armourers	2	1	1	Signallers	26	26	-	Tailors			
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters				Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners	6	6	-	Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics											
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)											
Fitters				Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gun)	1	1	-	Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators											
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator											
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman											
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker											
Grinder, Precision				Hello Operator											
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator											
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	9	9	-								
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners											
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman											
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals											
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers											
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal											
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood											
Pattern Maker				Masons											
Pharmacist				Masseurs											
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.											
Photewriter				Miners											
Plumber				Moulders											
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained											
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.											
CARRIED FORWARD	2	1	1	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.	7898	31	7

DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.  
Gen Duties 692 733

ATTACHED BY W.E.  
A.A.C.C. 23 27 4  
A.A.M.C. 4 3 1  
A.A.P.C. 2 2 -  
A.E.M.E. 3 3 -  
A.A.O.C. 1 1 -  
N.G.F.P.U. 1 1 -

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25 Dec. '43.  
Date of Despatch

*N. Hills*  
Signature of Commander Lt-C 01

# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Army Form W.3008  
(Adapted) (Page 1)  
(Revised Jan., 1943)  
71 / 45 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 1 / 1 / 1944 61 A.I.B. (Unit)

W.E. 11 / 130 / 2 OFFRS. O.R's. + OFFRS. O.R's. ATT. BY W.E.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10				
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.								
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.				
-	-	-	1	Lieut.-Colonels									
-	2	-	1	Majors									
-	1	2	10	Captains	A.A.N.C.	1	-	-	-				
-	2	1	18	Lieutenants									
				Quarter-masters									
				A.A.N.S and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.									
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.									
	3	3	30			1	-	-	-				
		DETAIL.		A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	..	TOTAL.
		A.		31	-	-							31
		E.(1)											
		E.(2)											

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

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

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

### OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.
QX48862	Capt	Stanley L.V.	H.C. Details Depot	29/12/43.	F.V.O.

### OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

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

## PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO 61 A.I.B. (Unit) IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED. 1 / 1 / 1945.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).
QX51720	Lieut	CLARKSON A.G.	Attending OCTU Woodside S.A.
QX56560	"	IRVINE W.G.	" " " "
QX36047	"	FULLARTON A.W.J.	" " " "
X36029	"	RUDDER W.L.	" " " "

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

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 1 / 1 / 1944 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Lt Col	QX54945	WILES	H.J.	C.O.	Yes	"X"	
Major	QX47842	BICKS	C.H.	21/c	No	Det for Duty	30/11/43
Capt	QX36033	CAMPBELL	K.C.	OC HQ	Yes		
"	QX36035	TWEMLOW	E. McK.	" B	Yes		
"	QX36031	LAWSON	A.H.	" A	No	Det for Duty	30/11/43
"	QX48860	GRAHAM	J.T.	21/cB	Yes		
"	VX29956	CAIRNS	N.	OC C	Yes		
"	QX48862	STANLEY	L.W.	21/cC	Yes		
"	SX351	FORWARD	G.O.	D Coy	No	2/1 Aust Con Depot	
"	QX54075	TODHUNTER	R.U.P.	OC D	Yes	Leave Aust	
"	QX43865	GOWLAND	R.E.	2 1/cA	No	Det-for-Duty Aust	30/11/43
"	NX116814	CRAIG	D.P.	" D	Yes		
"	QX48863	HOBBS	J.J.S.	Adjt.	Yes		
Lieut	QX48861	MORLEY	H.G.	Sig O	No	Leave Aust	14/11/43
"	QX36029	RUDDER	W.L.	T.O.	No	RAAF Co-Op Sch CANBERRA.	
"	QX58996	LAWSON	J.	B Coy	Yes		
"	QX36030	EMMET T	H.R.	Par O	Yes		
"	QX41363	COTTEE	N.I.D.	D Coy	Yes		
"	QX51718	TOMLINSON	C.B.	A "	No	Det for Duty	30/11/43.
"	QX58514	OSKEEFE	T.J.	B "	Yes		
"	QX51720	CLARKSON	A.G.	D "	No	OCTU Woodside S.A.	8/5/43.
"	QX56580	IRVINE	W.G.	I.O.	No	" " " "	
"	QX19918	ROBINSON	H.D.	A Coy	No	Det for Duty	30/11/43.
"	QX58203	PATRICK	E.A.	D "	Yes		
"	QX51719	BRINKLEY	P.R.	Q.M.	Yes		
"	QX35526	HENDERSON	P.W.	A Coy	No	Det for Duty	30/11/43.
"	QX36047	PULLARTON	A.W.J.	B Coy	No	OCTU Woodside S.A.	9/9/43/
"	Q28548	HOUGH	G.L.	HQ Coy	Yes		
"	NX113828	PLUMMER	R.T.V.	C "	"		
"	NX116117	McKELLAR	D.H.	C "	"		
"	VX102613	ADAM	D.R.	B "	"		
"	QX52581	GREGORY	L.E.G.	HQ	"		
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CAPT	NX200122	CLIPTON-SMITH H.C.	61 Bn.	23/10/43	R.H.O.
"	NX142882	McCULLOUGH M.A.	" "	6/6/43.	PADRE.

Date of Despatch

Truth—7/43.

*H. Wiles* Lt-Col.  
Signature of Commander  
Comd 61 Aust Inf Bn.



**PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 1/ 1/1944 .**

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			Surveyors, Engineering			Operating Room Assts.			G.P.O. Assistants			
			Surveyors, E.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			
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						Riggers			Stokers, Staty. Engine			
			<b>GROUP II.</b>			Sawyers			Storemen, Technical			
			Armourers	2	2	1	Signallers	26	26	Tailors	3	3
			Axemen			Signwriters			Textile Refitters			
			Bakers			Telescope Identfn. Numbers			Tinsmiths			
			Bty. Comd's Asst.			Well Borers			Vulcanizers			
			Bollermakers			Wheelers			Wagon Erectors			
			Carpenters			Winchman			Whitesmiths			
			Carpenters and Joiners	6	6	Wireman						
			Cooks			Woodturners						
			Dental Mechanics									
			Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)									
			Driver-Operator									
1	1	-	Drainers									
			Electricians									
			Electricians (Engineers)									
			Fire Control Operators			<b>GROUP III.</b>			<b>DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.</b>			
			Gun Operator			Battery Surveyors			Gen Duties 632 735			
			Hatchman			Butchers	1	1	<del>xxxxxx.</del>			
			Height Taker			Clerks	9	9				
			Helio Operator			Clerks, Supply						
			Instrument Operator			Clerks, Technical						
			Intelligence Duties	9	9	Coach Trimmers						
			Joiners			Concretors						
			Lineman			Cooks						
			Lineman, Signals			Dental Clerk Orderlies						
			Lithographers			Despatch Riders			ATTACHED BY W.E.			
			Machinists, Metal			Draughtsmen, Signals			A.A.C.C.	25	27	3
			Machinists, Wood			Drivers, H.T.			A.A.H.C.	4	3	1
			Masons			Driver Mechanics			A.A.R.C.	2	2	
			Masseurs			Driver Tptn. Plant			A.E.V.E.	3	3	
			Mechanics, M.T.			Engine Hands, I.C.			A.A.O.C.	1	1	
			Miners			Equipment Repairers	1	1	H.C.P.P.U.	1	1	
			Moulders			Farriers						
			Nurses, Trained			Fitters' Mates						
			Observation Post Assts.			Gun Layers						
CARRIED FORWARD			CARRIED FORWARD			CARRIED FORWARD	37	37	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	789	833	6
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1/1/44/  
Date of Despatch

H. Miles  
Signature of Commander Lt-Col.



**Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 11/1/44**  
**Part E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in**

Group I	Group II	Group III	Group IV	Group V	Group VI	Group VII	Group VIII	Group IX	Group X	Group XI	Group XII	Group XIII	Group XIV	Group XV	Group XVI	Group XVII	Group XVIII	Group XIX	Group XX	Group XXI	Group XXII	Group XXIII	Group XXIV	Group XXV	Group XXVI	Group XXVII	Group XXVIII	Group XXIX	Group XXX																		
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Signature of Commander \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Dispatch \_\_\_\_\_

# WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

(Erase heading not required).

15 DEC 1943

Unit 61AUST INF BN=

Date and Time.—From DEC 1st 43 To DEC 3rd. 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c
	Dec 1st 43.		<p>All Coys (Excl) A Coy trained in areas as per syllabus.                      At 1000hrs Adjt &amp; RSM conducted special parade for "X" List personnel.                      C Coy moved out at 1330 hrs on 3hr Route March. Route being JUNE VALLEY - WARDS DROME Area.                      1330-1700 hrs Cricket Match between Bn HQ and S Bearers was played. Resulting in a win for S. Bs. by 7 wickets &amp; 3 runs. Above Schools continuing.</p>	<p><i>[Signature]</i>                      Adj. 61 Aust. Inf. Bn</p>
	Dec 2nd 43.		<p>All Coys trained in area as per syllabus.                      B &amp; C Coys carrying out <del>XXXXXXXX</del> personal kit inspections HQ Duty Coy.                      From 1930hrs to 2230hrs. all coys excepting HQ Coy carried out night training as per syllabus. At 1000hrs 7 personnel returned to Unit from Hospital.                      Visitor to Bn HQ during the day was Lieut Rogers of L.A.D. Elementary Sig, 3" Mortar and Map Reading courses continuing. Training as per syllabus for all Coys with B duty Coy having morning inter-platoon Cricket.</p>	<p><i>[Signature]</i></p>
	Dec 3rd 43.		<p>At 0900 hrs D Coy moved out for a 3hr route march round JUNE VALLEY - WARD'S DROME area.                      At 1330 hrs 29 personnel for home leave paraded before the C.O.                      At 1345 hrs Mobile Bath Unit Unit arrived in area.                      Visitor to Bn HQ in morning was Capt. Loundes of Bde. at 0920hrs. Capt again visited the Bn HqTrs. 1510hrs.                      Preparations are underway throughout the area to allow for a speedy move.                      All tents vacated by leave personnel etc, dismantled and bunks stacked.</p>	<p><i>[Signature]</i></p>
				<p><i>N. Loundes</i>                      Lt.-Col.                      Comd. 61 Aust. Inf. Bn.</p>

ORIGINAL

29 JAN 1944

Army Form C. 21/8  
(adapted,)

## WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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H. 100M

Unit 61 AUST INF BN (ADV. PARTY) Date and Time.—From 30 November 43 To 5 December 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c
MORESEY	30 Nov 43	1145	The advance party consisting of 5 offrs and 142 orgs assembled in A coy's area	<i>REG</i> <i>adm Comd. 61 Aust. Inf. Bn.</i>
		1150	A convoy of 6 trucks arrived and personnel in adv. party immediately commenced embussing. The convoy left the coy lines and moved to Assembly Area on PYRAMID POINT RD.	<i>REG</i>
		1300	The convoy moved from Assembly Area for wharves.	<i>REG</i>
		1330	The convoy arrived at the wharf, where personnel debussed and formed up in numerical order.	<i>REG</i>
		1400	Embarkation commenced	<i>REG</i>
		1500	Embarkation complete. Visits were paid to the ship by Lt. Col. Miles C.O.9 A.I.B. Maj. Wepner 21/c 9A.I.B. and Chaplain McCullough 61 A.I.B.. The whole move and organization were orderly and well carried out	<i>REG</i>
At SEA	1 Dec 43	1600	The ship S.S. CANBERRA departed.	<i>REG</i>
		1000	Boat drill was conducted and Ships Standing Orders were read to all troops. The day passed uneventful and the troops spent the time in reading and resting.	<i>REG</i>
		1530	Maj. Bicks 21/c gave a short lecture on the procedure for dis. embarking on the following morning.	<i>REG</i>
CAIRNS	2 Dec 43	0700	The ship dropped anchor outside CAIRNS awaiting the tide	<i>REG</i>
		1130	Anchor was weighed and the ship proceeded to Cairns	<i>REG</i>
		1245	Disembarkation commenced	<i>REG</i>
		1400	The troops entrained for TOLGA where they were taken by trucks to the present camp area KAIRI	<i>REG</i>
KAIRI		2245	The troops arrived in Bn Area	<i>REG</i>
	3 Dec 43		Troops spent the day clearing area. Int. Sec. engaged in mapping Bn area. Map is attached (Appx. 1).	<i>REG</i> Appendix 1
	4 Dec 43		Troops spent the day clearing area filling in old latrines and demolishing old grass huts. The canteen was opened in the evening and was very popular with the men.	<i>REG</i>
	5 Dec 43		This day was set aside as a day of rest.	<i>REG</i>

# WAR DIARY of INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

Army Form C. 2118  
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Unit 61 AUST INF BN (ADV. PARTY) Date and Time.—From 6 December 43 To 19 December 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
KAIRI	6 Dec 43		Troops spent day erecting tents in coy ares, cutting timber for mess huts etc. During the day A coy moved into their new coy area. Int. Sec made copies of plans for mess huts. Offrs. surveyed and marked sites for coy lines.	REG
	7 Dec 43		H.Q. coy shifted to coy area, whilst remainder cut timber for mess huts etc. Maj. Bicks made recce of new trg area	REG
	8 Dec 43		Work continued as on previous day	REG
	9 Dec 43		Work continued as on previous day	REG
	10 Dec 43		Work continued as usual. Maj Bicks and Capt Lawson visited trg area N.C.O. school under direction WOii commenced	REG
	11 Dec 43		Work continued as usual	REG
	12 Dec 43		Day of rest. Maj C.H. Bicks and Capt A.N. Lawson and 20 ors made trip to LAKE EACHAM for the day On the way back MALANDA and ATHERTON were visited to enable personnel to see new and interesting country.	REG
	13 Dec 43		Int personnel made recce of tracks in area immediately north of camp area. Lieut P.W. Henderson WOii Hooper and Sgt Grant marched out to 3Aust Div Jungle School.	REG
	14 Dec 43		Int personnel continued traverse of tracks north of camp area Maj C.H. Bicks accompanied Maj J.C. Mahoney on recce of trg area vic. Mt. Haig ref 540480 GORDONVALE lin to 1st	REG
	15 Dec 43		Work continued as usual	REG
	16 Dec 43		Maj C.H. Bicks left for BRISBANE to attend as a witness the Atrocities Commission at the Supreme Court on 20 Dec 43	REG
	17 Dec 43		Int Sec continued on traverse of tracks Work continued as usual Int Sec traversed tracks in trg area and gathered topographical information in trg area	REG
	18 Dec 43		Work as usual	REG
	18 Dec 43		Rest day Party of 20 pers visited LAKE EACHAM and made the return trip through MALANDA and ATHERTON.	REG

# WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE-SUMMARY

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Unit 61 AUST INF BN (ADV. PARTY) Date and Time.—From 20 December 43 To 28 December 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.	
KAIRI	20 Dec 43		Work continued as usual. Int. personnel engaged on recce of tracks in trg area.	REG	
	21 Dec 43		Work as on previous day.	REG	
	22 Dec 43	1900	Capt R.E.Gowland, Lieut. H.G. Morley and 45 ors marched in from 24 days recreational leave.	REG	
		1915	Maj C.H. Bicks marched in from Atrocities Commission, BRISBANE	REG	
	23 Dec 43		Int Sec commenced on a map of the trg area.	REG	
		1930	12 ors marched in from 24 days recreational leave	REG	
	24 Dec 43		Lieut P.W. Henderson WO1 Hooper and Sgt Grant marched in from 3 Aust Div Jungle School. 14 ors marched in from NEW GUINEA.	REG	
		2400	R.C. and C.O.F.E. Services were held	REG	
	25 Dec 43		Xmas Day. The day being set aside as a day of rest, Church Parades were held in the morning.	REG	
		1300	A very pleasant Xmas dinner was spent by all ranks. It was held in the recreation hut, which was ably decorated by the men themselves. Everything was done to create a friendly and jovial atmosphere. Offrs and Sgts acted as mess orderlies and afterwards during the sitting intermingled with the men. The dinner consisted of turkey chicken meat baked potatoes and cabbage, plum pudding and jelly, soft drink.	REG	
				REG	
		26 Dec 43		Day of rest	REG
		27 Dec 43		Trg commenced for personnel who had returned from leave while remainder continued on mess huts etc. Int Sec continued mapping of trg area. N.C.O School under direction of WO1 Hooper commenced. 2 Sgts and 1 Cpl marched out to 3 Aust Div Jungle School, while 16 ors marched in from 24 days leave.	REG
		28 Dec 43		Work and trg as on previous day. Capt G.O. Forward marched in from hospital	REG



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Ref Map. PORT MORESBY 1 : 63,360.

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## INFM

1. 25 Aust Inf Bn is supplying working parties in the MORESBY area as follows :-

<u>Serial</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Number Approx</u>	<u>Nature of Task</u>
1.	901356	2 offrs 41 ORs	2/1 Ry Constn No 4 Sec Road drainage, constn of latrines, road work.
2.	853421	1 " 29 "	2/1 Ry Constn Coy No 2 Sec. Road work.
3.	943331	1 " 28 ") 1 " 33 ")	8 Army Tps 2/1 AGH
4.	037448	4 " 52 "	10 A O D
5.	002446	1 " 32 "	8 AAD. Cleaning, loading, stacking and unloading amn.
6.	917387	4 " 82 "	BSD. On and off loading; sorting & stacking sups; guarding security shed; manning control posts.
7.	955429	- " 15 "	34 Aust Supply Depot Coy Cutting & milling timber.
8.	875356	2 " 50 "	Port Comd, LAWES GAP. Road Constn; hut building; loading & unloading canteen goods
9.	864354	- " 18 "	Power House.
10.	904359	- " 28	MFO. loading and unloading Military packages.
11.	013444	3 " 108 "	2/1 Ry Constn Coy (ANEC) Breaking metal; loading trucks; road work; traffic control.

## INTENTION

2. (a) 9 Bn will relieve 25 Bn by 1200 hrs 4 Dec and take over all tasks enumerated in para (1), less serials where change already effected.

(b) 9 Bn HQ and rear details, if any, will remain at present HQ site.

## METHOD

3. Tpt (a) Tpt requirements to be submitted by 9 Bn to Bde T.O. who will arrange for vehs to report to 9 Bn by 0600 hrs 4 Dec. 9 Bn will arrange for breakfast to be provided for drivers on arrival.

(b) 9 Bn will embuss under unit arrangements and move to locations as shown in para 1.

(c) On arrival at locations vehs will be taken over by 25 Bn and will return with personnel and stores to E. camp site. 25 Bn will provide lunch for drivers before they return to tpt coys.

## MOVT

4. Convoy will be divided into secs to meet requirements of serials in para (1). Sec will move direct to locations as shown.

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START PT

5. 9 Bn HQ lines.

START TIME

6. 0745 hrs 4 Dec

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7. Unit Provost will be used to assist with traffic control  
Bde T.O. will assist unit TO where-ever possible.

RATIONS

8. Rations will be arranged by BASCO and Units.

ACCOMMODATION STORES

9. Each Bn will take its own accommodation stores.

TENTAGE

10. Tentage requirements adjusted by mutual arrangement,  
Adjts 9 and 25 Bns.

REPORTS ON AREAS

11. CO 25 Bn will submit to HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde certificate  
that area vacated have been left in a clean and hygienic condition.

12. Attention is drawn to 7 Aust Inf Bde memo 43/All/117 and  
requirements therein.

COMD

13. Upon arrival at locations as set out in para (1), 9 Bn  
will come under direction of Moresby Base Sub-Area but all returns  
and correspondence will be fwd direct to HQ 7 Bde.

9 and 25 Bns will advise 7 Aust Inf Bde, Moresby Base  
Sub-Area upon completion of move.

*John E. Duggan*  
Capt  
A/Staff Capt 7 Aust Inf Bde

Signed at 114504 hrs

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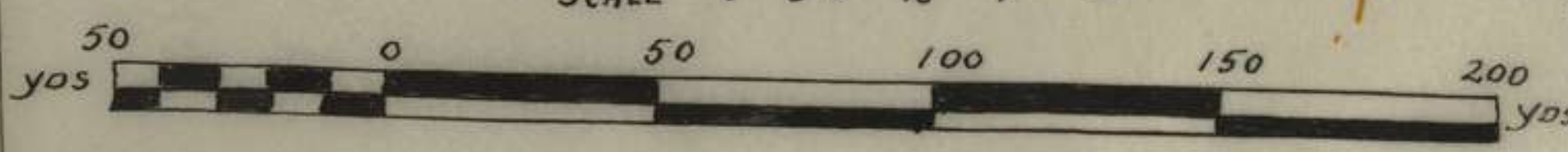
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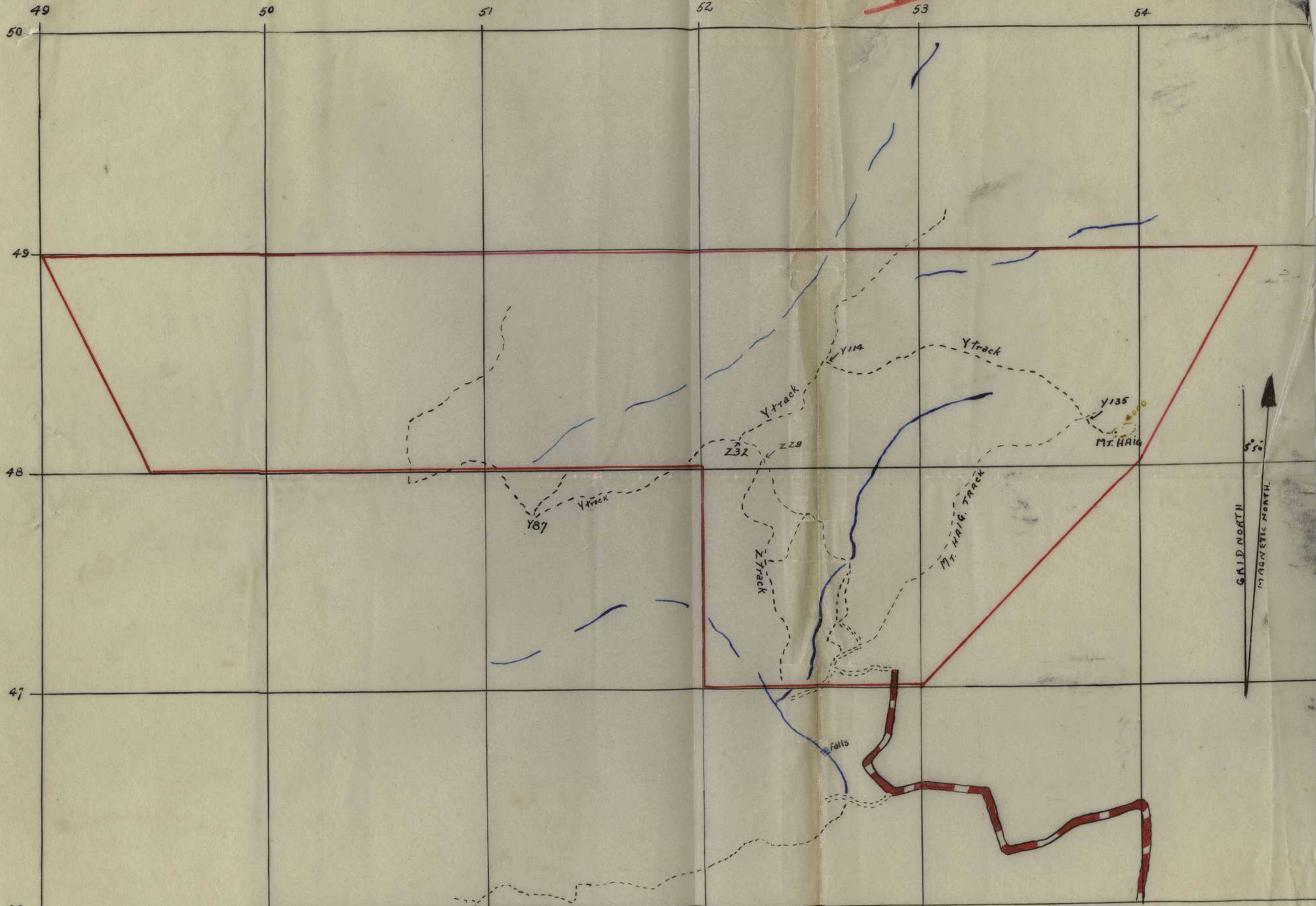
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---	APPROX BOUNDARY.
K	KITCHEN.
L	LATRINE.
S	SHOWERS.
- - -	DRAINS
30' ←	RANGES 30'

Int Sec 61 Aust Int Bn  
4 Dec 43  
Sketch By Compass & Pacing

61 BN TAG AREA

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— LEGEND —  
 TRACKS -----  
 BOUNDARY ————

SCALE 4" to 1 MI  
 250 0 250 500 750 1000 1250 1500 1750 2000 yds

61 Int Sec.  
 30 Dec 43.

*1. Dec*  
Memo to All Coys (HQ, B, C, D,  
R.S.M.  
Q.M.  
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61 AUST INF BN.

TRAINING SYLLABUS FOR 8-9 DEC 43.

Wednesday 8 Dec. 43.

0800 - 0930 Coy Inspection Pdes. & Smartening-up Drill.

0930 - 1200 Yabloid Sports under Coy arrangement in Coy areas  
or immediately east of Camp Rd. All Coy pers. to take part.

1400hrs Cross Country Race. Coys will assemble all  
personnel except light and no duty men on Bn Sports Cd. at 1400 hrs.  
DRESS. Shorts & Footwear - Hat optional.

2000 hrs Night Exercise.

For the purpose of exercise, H.Q. Coy will be divided as follows  
( support weapons will not be carried)

Tk/A Pl & Mortar Pl. B Coy.  
M.H.G. Pl

Pr. Pl B Coy.

Coys will establish perimeter defences on features as follows:-

B Coy - Feature immediately WEST of Coy area.

D Coy - Feature immediately WEST of Coy Area.

C Coy - Feature between & WEST of these B Coy & D Coy  
features.

Each Coy will prepare 12 flags on which will be marked numbers  
of Coy HQ, Pl. HQ, and Sec. Posts.  
These will be placed in ground at corresponding posns. in Coy  
perimeter.

Throughout the night Coys will engage in active patrolling &  
endeavour to capture flags, equipment and personnel from other Coys.  
DRESS for exercise- Battle Order with face veils & Hats K.P.,  
long trousers. Flares will NOT be fired.

Exercise ends 0530 hrs. 9 Dec 43.

Lessons to be Learnt:-

Silent Movement by night.

Use of Alternative posns.

"Keyhole" Digging.- Silent Use of Tools.

Night Signals etc.,

Patrolling at night.

Occupation & Maintenance of perimeter Defence.  
Maintenance

Sigs will be attached to each Coy, Sig personnel and equipt.  
will be neutral.

Thursday, 9 Dec 43. will be a "Rest Day."

*[Signature]*  
.....Lieut,  
Adjt 61 Aust. Inf. Bn.  
7/12/43.

Inf. Sec.

H.Q.  
61 AUST. INF. BN.

61 AUST. INF. BN. TRG. PROGRAMME 13-14 DEC 43.

A Battalion Military Sports Day will be held on the Cricket Ground on 14 Dec. commencing 0930 hrs. The following events will be held.-

<u>Hrs.</u>		<u>Event.</u>
0930	1.	Pl. Competition - Inspection & Drill.
1030	2.	Tk.A 2pr. Competition.
1100	3.	Competition between Mortar 3" Crews.
1130	4.	Stretcher Bearers - Stretcher & First Aid Race.
1400	5.	Bren Competition.
1430	6.	M.M.G. Competition. (Crew)
1500	7.	Field Cooking Competition.
1530	8.	Grenade Throwing.

GENERAL.- Rifle Coys, H.Q.Coy, will select one Pl. to represent Coy in Event 1. Stretcher Bearers will also compete. Pls will consist of normal number of personnel and will not be strengthened by the adding or deleting personnel. Pl Comds. will be in charge & will produce Pl rolls on demand. DRESS - Drill order (without waterbottles), long trousers, hats K.F. Pls will carry out rifle exercise and drill movements as directed by judges. Pls will assemble in the vicinity of Bn. Cricket Ground at 0915 hrs. 14 Dec.

Specialist Offr's (in conference with Adjnt.) will decide form & type of competition for Tk/A 2pr, Mortar 3", Stretcher Bearers, M.M.G. Each rifle Coy & H.Q.Coy will enter one Bren Crew, who will act as required by the judges.

FIELD COOKING.- Two cooks from each Coy will compete as a team. Emergency and improvised field ovens will be constructed from biscuit tins etc -

Each cooking team will produce its tastiest meal from 1 tin bully beef & 1 packet biscuits.

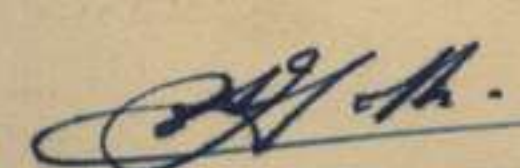
GRENADA THROWING.- One entrant from each Coy - H.Q. Coy will supply two dummy Grenades.

Coys will carry out elimination contests for events 1, 5, & 8 on 13 th Dec.

OFFICIALS FOR THE DAY

Judges ( ~~U-Officers~~ ) C.O., Adjnt., R.S.M.

Other Judges - Capt. Campbell, Capt. Graham, Capt Cairns, Lieut J. Lawson, Capt Clifton-Smith,.

  
.....Lieut,  
Adjnt. 61 Aust. Inf. Bn.  
12/12/43.

BATTALIONMILITARYSPORTSRESULTS OF EVENTS

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>PLACING</u>	<u>WINNERS</u>	<u>NO. OF POINTS</u>
Pl Drill Competition	1st	12Pl B Coy	75
	2nd	2Pl M.M.G	
		H.Q.Coy	73½
	3rd	S.B'rs. BHQ.	72
T/KA. 2 PR. Competition	1st	No 1 Det. Cpl. Clark	
Mortar 3" Competition	1st	Sgt. Chapman's Detachment Time of 2mins 45 Secs.	
M.M.G. Competition	1st	No 1 Sub Section Time of 3mins and 25secs.	
Stretcher and First Aid Race.	1st	Private's Moran, Russell, Ryan, Kearney.	
Bren Race.	1st	Private. Nichol's & Peach 16 Pl D Coy.	
	2nd	" Evans & Falkenberg 12Pl B Coy.	
Bren Crawl Race.	1st	H.Q. Coy Mortars.	
	2nd	B Coy 12 Pl.	
	3rd	D Coy 16 Pl.	
Grenade Throwing. Accurate Throw.	1st	Pte Gotton C Coy	
Grenade Throwing Longest Throw.	1st	Pte Rayner D Coy 48 yards.	
Field Cooking Competition	1st	D Coy	
	2nd	B Coy	

H.Q. Coy awarded special Merit for initiative in construction of oven.

The above will be read to all troops on Evening Mess Parade.

.....Lieut  
Adj. 61 Aust Inf. Bn.  
14/12/43.

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TRAINING

INSTRUCTION

24 Dec.	0900 - 0930	Inspection Parades.
	0945 - 1115	Demonstration of Cooperation with Tanks. (Coys will assemble about edge of Sports Ground reporting to R.S.M. at 0935hrs.)
	1115 - 1200	Cpl. Lambert ( B Coy) will report with one Close Order Drill. ( Section at 0900 hrs).
	1400 - 1630	Mobile Bath Unit. ( In Order HQ, B, C, D Coys.) Lecturettes & Discussions - C.A.B.etc.
25 Dec & 26 Dec.	Free	Sports etc.
27 Dec.	B. Coy C. Coy D. Coy H.Q. Coy	Exercise with Tanks. Sports Day. Route March to KILA BEACH. Specialist Trg. Sec. Trgs. for M.M.G. & Tk/A & Pnrs.
28 Dec.	B. Coy C. Coy D. Coy H.Q. Coy	Sports Day. Exercise with Tanks. Section Trg. Route March to KILA BEACH.
29 Dec.	B. Coy C. Coy D. Coy H.Q. Coy	Section Trg. Route March to KILA BEACH. Exercise with Tanks. Sports Day.
30 Dec.	B. Coy C. Coy D. Coy H.Q. Coy	Route March to KILA BEACH. Sec. Trg. Sports Day. Exercise with Tanks.
31 Dec.	0900 - 1200 1400 - 1630	Inspection Parades. Close Order Drill - Rifle Exercises. Mobile Bath Unit ( HQ, B, C, D, ) Lecturettes & Discussions.

NOTE: - Cut lunches will be taken by Coys co-operating with tanks,  
also on Route Marches to KILA BEACH. Water-cart will call at  
KILA BEACH from 1230 -1330 each day.

.....Lieut,  
Adj. 61 Aust Inf Bn.  
23/12/43.

TACTICAL EXERCISE WITHOUT TPS.

Ref. Map. Int. Sec's Enlargement  
MORESBY 1/63. 300.

1. 61 Aust. Inf. Bn. Tactical Exercise without tps will be conducted on 20 Dec 43 in the JUNE VALLEY AREA.
2. Directing Staff :- C. O. Adjt.
3. Object of Exercise.

To exercise offrs in :-  
 (a) Rapid appreciation and intelligent recce.  
 (b) Clear, concise and comprehensive orders.  
 (c) Rapid layout and siting of defensive posns.

4. Syndicates:-

<p><u>No. 1.</u></p> <p>Capt. Campbell (Leader)              " Craig              Lieut. Cottee              Capt. Clifton-Smith              Lieut. Patrick.</p>	<p><u>No. 2.</u></p> <p>Capt. Cairns (Leader)              Lieut. O'Keefe              " Brinkley              " Lawson.</p>
<p><u>No. 3.</u></p> <p>Capt. Todhunter (Leader)              Lieut. Hough              " Watts              " McKellar              " Gregory</p>	<p><u>No. 4.</u></p> <p>Capt. Graham (Leader)              Lieut. Adam              " White              " Plummer</p>

5. Time Table.

<u>Time</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Event.</u>
0930	Top of feature WEST of Offrs' Mess	R.V. all Offrs. (except. Ord Offr)
0945	Rifle Range Ridge	Opening Situation & Problem
1000	" " "	Discussion of prob.1 & D.S. Solution.
1015	" " "	Problem 2.
1055	Barbed Wire Knoll	Discussion of Prob.2 & D.S. Solution.
1135	" " "	Problem 3.
1155	Jeep Tk Hill	Discussion of Prob 3 & D.S. Solution.
1210	" "	Problem 4.
	" "	LUNCH.
1400	Mt. Pullen	Discussion of Prob 4 & D.S. Solution.
1515	" "	Problem 5.
1540	" "	Discussion of Prob 5 & D.S. Solution.
1600	" "	Exercise ends.

6. Adm. Mess Secretary will arrange for lunch to be transported by Jeep to JEEP TRACK HILL.

*[Signature]*  
 Lieut.  
 Adjt., 61 Aust. Inf. Bn.

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61 AUST. INF. BN. TRG. INSTNS (WEEK ENDING 4 DEC 43)  
(REF. 7 AUST. INF. BDE. TRG INSTN NO. 33)

1. Trg for this period will be mainly individual - the preparation of a sound basis for further trg.
2. DRILL. After Coy. inspection pde on 29 NOV 43, C.S.M's will move Coys to Bn. Sports Gd and hand over to the R.S.M. at 0920 hrs for a special R.S.M's pde. On periods set apart for drill, coys will aim at smart and precise close order drill, with and without arms., and particular attention will be given to guard mounting.
3. WEAPON TRG. Rifle coys will concentrate on the rifle, S.M.G., L.M.G., 2" Mortar, bayonet and grenades. Included in trg. will be advanced handling, crawling into firing posns, crawling with amm., fire control, recognition of targets.
4. MAP READING. Int. Sec. will co-operate with Coys in instn in map-reading. Pers will be taught recognition of ground rather than "straight-out" lectures about a map.
5. ROUTE MARCHES. These will be of three hour's duration and proposed route will be submitted to Adjnt., 24 hrs before start time. Strict march discipline must be maintained, including water-discipline. Feet will be inspected before and after march, and foot-baths provided on returning to biv. area.
6. HILL CLIMBING & TREE CLIMBING CONTESTS. Pls will carry out their own contests and one man from each pl. in each event will compete in finals on 4 Dec. All climbing will be carried out in Battle Order with rifle.
7. BATTALION PARADE. R.S.M. will hand over to Adjnt on Bn. Sports Gd at 0905 hrs 4 DEC 43.
8. "KEY-HOLE" DIGGING. Pits will be developed to a depth of 2 ft 6 inches as per sketch attached as Appx "A" to this instn.
9. FIELD CRAFT. This will include such subjects as crawling, pers. camflg, use of ground, background and shadow, crossing of obstacles, ambush, judging distance, observation trg. tk-cutting etc.
10. NIGHT TRG. Attention will be given to recognition of ground in daylight in preparation for use in future night exercises. Trg will include manning of listening posts, night signals and observation, keeping touch and direction, night digging etc.
11. MESSAGES. Pers will be trained in the passing of verbal and written messages, telephone procedure, and recognized abbreviations. When required sig. pers will assist in trg.
12. SPORT. Bn. Sports Offr. (Lieut. J. Lawson) will confer with Coy. Comds and arrange programmes of organized sport. Cross country running and paper chases will be included.
13. SCHOOLS & COURSES. The following schools will commence on 29 Nov and each rifle coy will send two pers. Coy Comds will be personally responsible that care is taken in the selection of students.


<u>School</u>	<u>Duration</u>	<u>Chief Instructor.</u>
Elementary Mortar 3"	2 weeks.	Sgt. Wright C.
Elementary Sig.	2 weeks.	Sgt. Midway D.
Map Reading.	1 week	Sgt. ... rs D.

Students will report to R.S.M. on completion of R.S.M's pde.  
Bn. Sec. Leader's School will continue.

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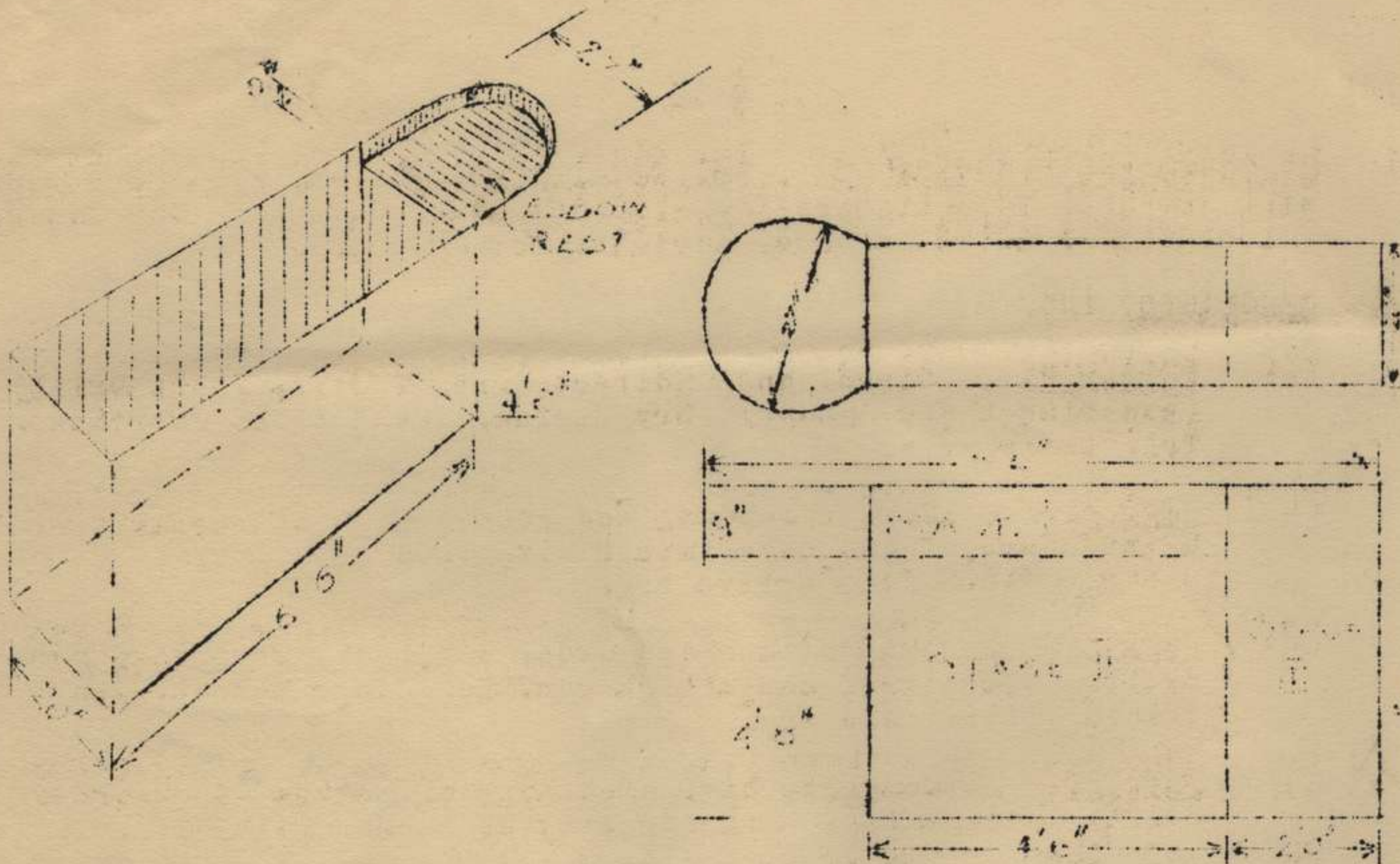
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14. LECTURES AND DISCUSSIONS. Bn. Educ. Offr. (Lieut. P.W. Henderson) will arrange, in collaboration with Bde Educ. Offr. and Coy Comds. a schedule of talks on educ. subjects for each coy.
15. SPECIALIST TRG.
- (a) Mortar Pl. Direct and indirect fire. Orders. Phone Drill (experiment new 'phone) Dry firing. Sand table exercises. Trg. extra pers.
  - (b) Sig. Pl. More e sending and receiving - intensive trg. Maintenance of and experiments with .108 sets. Close order drill. More active trg.
  - (c) Tk/A Pl/ Intensive close order drill. Concentrated gun drill. Mechanism. Assembling gun. Immediate action. Map reading. First Aid trg.
  - (d) Pnr. Pl. Complete biv. area constn. work. Close order drill. Weapon trg. Trg for special tasks. Night trg.
  - (e) Int. Sec. Map of area. Assist in map reading trg. Close order drill. Trg. of extra pers.
  - (f) Stretcher Bearers. Close order drill. Weapon trg. Improvisation. Establishment of C.A.P.s etc.
  - (g) M.M.G. PL. Gun Drill. Selection of fire posns. Close order drill. Weapon trg other than MMG. Map reading.
16. EMPLANING EXERCISE. Detailed instns will be issued separately, and a conference will be held at a time to be decided.

  
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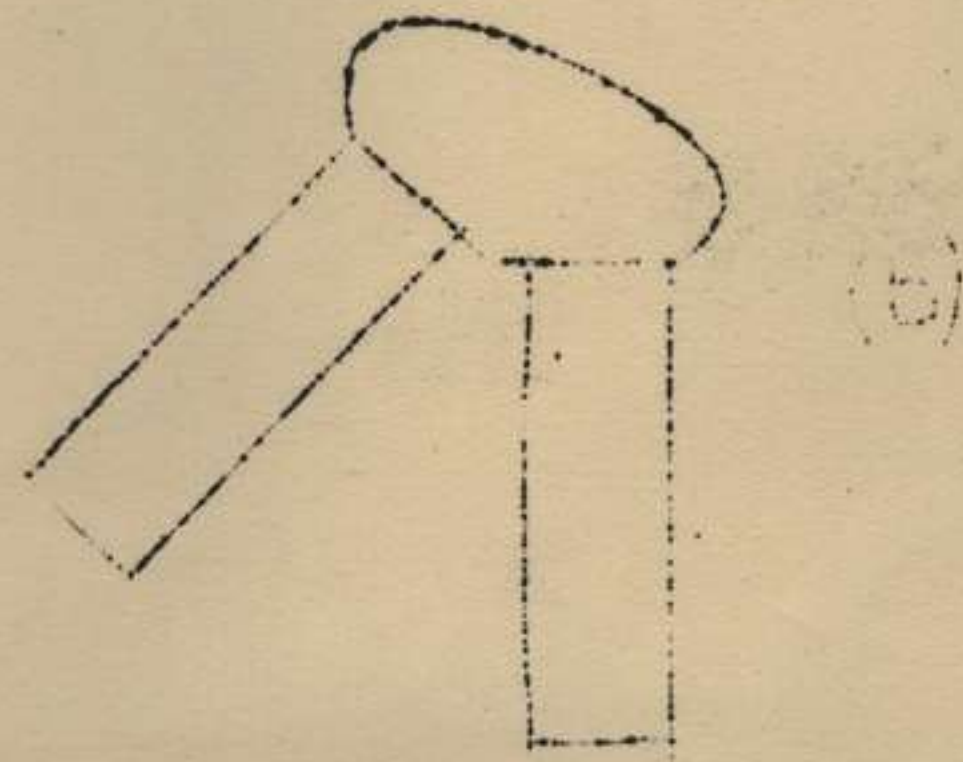
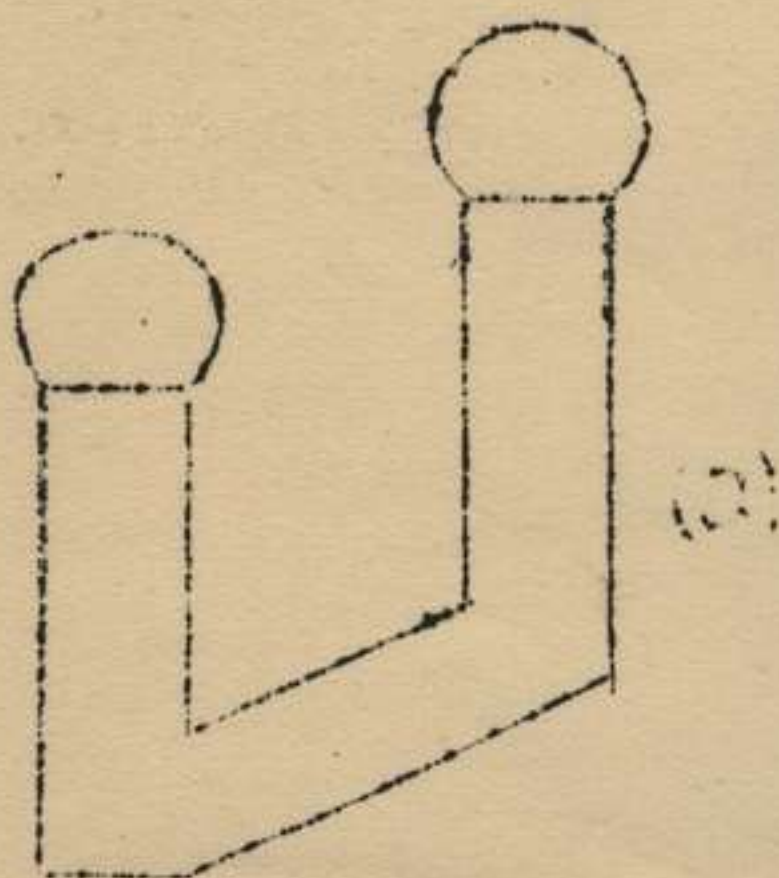


KEYHOLE WEAPON PIT.

Designed for hasty occupation of a defensive posn. yet capable of further elaboration to a mere permanent locality. Weapons are sited individually to bring most effective fire to bear, posts are small and easily concealed and give greater protection to the individual soldier than larger types.

Elaborate overhead cover must be avoided for LMG and rifles which must be free to engage attacking aircraft through some light cover over the rear half of the pit may be added as protection against observation, "air-burst" shelling etc., and weather.

All spoil should be removed and/or concealed.



Figures (a) and (b) show two methods of coupling keyholes for use with gun or mortar numbers of the LMG or 2" mortar.

REFUGEE COY. SYLLABUS (Week Ending 4 Dec 43.)

DAY		A COY	B COY	C COY	D COY
<u>MON</u>	0900	Inspection Pde.	Inspection Pde.	Inspection Pde.	Inspection Pde.
<u>29</u>	1200	Close Order Drill	Close Order Drill	Close Order Drill	Close Order Drill
<u>NOV</u>		Weapon Trg.	Weapon Trg.	Weapon Trg.	Weapon Trg.
<u>43.</u>	1330		Fieldcraft, Hill climbing	Talk by Capt. Craig.	Fieldcraft.
	1630	Route March	Contest.. Tree Climbing	"Key-hole" Digging.	Hill-climbing Contest, Tree-climbing Contest.
			Contest.		
<u>TUES.</u>	0900	Inspection Pde.	Inspection Pde.	Inspection Pde.	Inspection Pde.
<u>30</u>	1200	Weapon Trg.	Weapon Trg.	Weapon Trg.	Weapon Trg.
<u>NOV.</u>		Tree-Climbing Contest	Close Order Drill	Map Reading. ✓	Map Reading. ✓
<u>43.</u>	1330	Field Craft		Weapon Trg.	Talk by Capt. Craig.
	1630	Hill-climbing Contest	Route March	Hill-climbing Contest.	Close Order Drill
		Map Reading ✓		Tree-climbing Contest.	Weapon Trg.
	1930	Listening Exercise	Listening Exercise	Listening Exercise	Listening Exercise
	2230	Silent Movement	Silent Movement	Silent Movement	Silent Movement
		Observation by night	Observation by night	Observation by night	Observation by night.
<u>WED</u>	0900	Inspection Pde.	Inspection Pde.	Inspection Pde.	Inspection Pde.
<u>1 DEC</u>	1200	"Key-hole" Digging	"Key-hole" Digging	Close Order Drill	"Key-hole" Digging.
<u>43.</u>		Close Order Drill	Map Reading ✓	Map Reading ✓	Messages.
	1330	Field-craft..Messages.	Field-craft..Messages	Route March	Map Reading...Field-craft.
	1630				
<u>THUR</u>	0900	Plane Loading Practice	Lectures & Discussions	Inspection Pde.	Inspection Pde.
<u>2 DEC</u>	1200	Lectures & Discussions	Plane Loading Practice	Weapon Trg.	Weapon Trg.
<u>43.</u>				Close Order Drill	Close Order Drill.
	1330	Weapon Trg.	Weapon Trg.	Plane Loading Practice	Lectures & Discussions
	1630	Close Order Drill	Close Order Drill	Lectures & Discussions	Plane Loading Exercise.
	1930	Keeping Touch & Direction	Keeping Touch & Direction	Keeping Touch & Direction	Keeping Touch & Direction
	2230	Moving to P.U.P. & Start Line	Moving to P.U.P. & Start Line.	Moving to P.U.P. & Start Line	Moving to P.U.P. & Start Line.
<u>FRI 3</u>	0900	Inspection Pde.	Inspection Pde.	Inspection Pde.	
<u>DEC</u>	1200	Sport	Sport	Field Craft	Route March.
<u>43.</u>				Messages.	
	1330				
	1630	MOBILE	BATH	UNIT	MOBILE BATH UNIT
<u>SAT</u>	0900	Battalion Pde.	Battalion Pde.	Battalion Pde.	Battalion Pde.
<u>DEC</u>	1200	Finals of Hill-climbing &	Tree Climbing Contests	Finals of Hill-climbing and	Tree-climbing Contests.
<u>43.</u>					
	1330	Weapon Trg.	Weapon Trg.	Sport	Sport.
	1630	Map Reading ✓	Map Reading. ✓		
		Messages.	Messages.		

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61 AUST. INF. BN. ADM. ORDER NO. 3.

HQ 61 Aust. Inf. Bn.,  
Australia.  
28 Dec 43.

1. 61 Aust. Inf. Bn. less Adv. and Rear Parties will move by sea from PORT MORESBY with fourth flight of 7 Aust. Inf. Bde. Gp.

2. MOVEMENT.  
Details when available.

3. SERIALS TO EMBARK.

	Offrs.	O.R's	Total
1. Bn.H.Q.	3	26	29
2. HQ Coy	4	173	177
3. B Coy	4	128	132
4. D Coy	5	99	104
	<u>16</u>	<u>426</u>	<u>442</u>

4. SHIP'S STAFF.

O.C. Troops	Capt. K.C. CAMBELL
Ship's Adjt.	Capt. D.P. CRAIG.
Ship's Q.M.	Capt. J.T. GRAHAM.
Ship's Sgt.Major	WOI N.E. BALDWIN.

5. TPT. 3-ton vehicles will be allotted as follows:-

Serial	Sub-Unit	Vehicles.		Total.
		Pers.	Gear.	
1.	Bn.H.Q.	2	1	3
2.	HQ Coy	10	10	20
3.	B Coy	9	1	10
4.	D Coy	6	1	7
		<u>27</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>40</u>

T.O. will arrange embussing pts with Coy. Comds and movement will be in order of serials.

6. DRESS.  
Full Marching Order, as per Instns dated 2 Dec 43.

7. TENTAGE. Tents and beds will be left standing and will be dismantled by Rear Party under direction of Q.M.

8. CERTIFICATES. Coy Comds will render certificates to Bn.H.Q. as follows:-

1. That Coy area has been left in a hygienic and tidy condition.
2. As required by N.G.F. R/O G 265.
3. As required by N.G.F. R/O 392.

These certificates will be forwarded to superior bodies by O.C. Rear Party.

9. Each Coy will carry out at least one practice move before 1800 hrs 30 Dec 43.

10. REAR PARTY.  
O.C. Capt. N. CAIRNS.

Strength:-	Offrs.	O.R's	Total.
Bn.H.Q.	1	1	2
HQ Coy	2	7	9
B Coy	1	2	3
C Coy	4	114	118
	<u>8</u>	<u>124</u>	<u>131</u>

Any personnel rejoining Unit on or after 28 Dec 43 will be attached to Rear Party.

Signed at 1605 hrs.

Issued by ORDERLY.

*[Signature]*  
Capt.  
Adjt., 61 Aust. Inf. Bn.

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**ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1.**

Date 29 Dec. 43.

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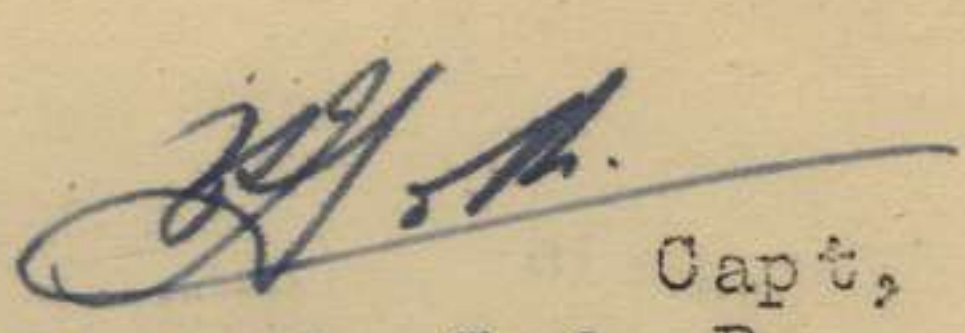
**Lt-Col H.J. WILES D.S.O., COMD. 61 AUST INF BN.**

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551. SEASONAL GREETINGS.

1. The Commanding Officer, in wishing the Battalion the Compliments of the Season, expresses his appreciation of the loyalty and efficiency of the Officers and men during the past year and looks forward with confidence to 1944.

Greetings to the Battalion have been received from Lt-Col. Meldrum, D.S.O., Padre S.E. Mackay, Capt E.C.G. Robson, Lieut A.G. Clarkson, Lieut. D.W. Hook, 9 Aust. Inf. Bn, Padre G. James, Capt. G.K. Hawkins, Capt. J.S. Paterson, Sgt. L. Francis.

  
Capt,  
Adj. 61 Aust. Inf. Bn.

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# WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

Army Form C.2118  
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Unit 61AUST INF BN

Date and Time.—From DEC 1st 43

To DEC 3rd 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c
	Dec 1st	43.	All Coys (Excl) A Coy trained in areas as per syllabus. At 1000hrs Adjt & RSM conducted special parade for "X" List personnel.	<i>[Signature]</i> Adj. 61 Aust. Inf. Bn
			C Coy moved out at 1330 hrs on 3hr Route March. Route being JUNE VALLEY - WARDS DROME Area.	
			1330-1700 hrs Cricket Match between Bn HQ and S Bearers was played. Resulting in a win for S. Bs. by 7 wickets & 3 runs. Above Schools continuing.	<i>[Signature]</i>
	Dec 2nd	43.	All Coys trained in area as per syllabus. B & C Coys carrying out <del>xxxxxxx</del> personal kit inspections HQ Duty Coy.	
			From 1930hrs to 2230hrs. all coys excepting HQ Coy carried out night training as per syllabus. At 1000hrs 7 personnel returned to Unit from Hospital.	
			Visitor to Bn HQ during the day was Lieut Rogers of L.A.D. Elementry Sig, 3" Mortar and Map Reading courses continuing.	<i>[Signature]</i>
	Dec 3rd	43.	Training as per syllabus for all Coys with B duty Coy having morning inter-platoon Cricket.	
			At 0900 hrs D Coy moved out for a 3hr route march round JUNE VALLEY - WARD'S DROME area.	
			At 1330 hrs 29 personnel for home leave paraded before the C.O.	
			At 1345 hrs Mobile Bath Unit arrived in area.	
			Visitor to Bn HQ in morning was Capt. Loundes of Bde. at 0920hrs. Capt again visited the Bn HqTrs. 1510hrs.	
			Preparations are underway throughout the area to allow for a speedy move.	
			All tents vacated by leave personnel etc, dismantled and bunks stacked.	<i>[Signature]</i>