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31 Infantry Battalion & 31/51
Infantry Battalion

June - August 1942

31ST. BATTALION

W A R D I A R Y.

Army Form C 2118.
(Adapted)

Unit. 31 AUST INF BN

Date and Time -- From. 1 Jun 42 To. 2 Jun 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of events and information	Remarks and References to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
LITTLE BOHLE AREA IN BIV.	1 Jun 42	1830	<p>Clear cold morning. The troops are finding it very cold with only two blankets and no greatcoats. An extra blanket and greatcoats will be issued soon.</p> <p>Training recommences after the period of shifting. Zeroing of rifles under W.O. (1) Looper commences.</p> <p>C.O. call conference of Coy. Comdrs, and lays down new training programme. "C" Coy, now acting as a working party at STUART, are excluded from the scheme. Each day one Coy does training, one coy does duty, and one Coy route march and Field formations to the ALICE RIVER.</p> <p>On the 3 Jun at 0900 hrs Brig. J.W. CRAWFORD will inspect the BN, and a Bn parade will be held for that purpose. The C.O. also discussed a DIV Instruction on Training. Arrangements were made to release Sugar Workers - about 104 in all.</p> <p>C.O. attends Bde and meets General Comd. American Ack-Ack.</p>	
	2 Jun 42	1000	<p>"C" Coy still at STUART.</p> <p>Appeal for enlistments in the A.I.F. is not a success in this unit. Main reasons appear to be</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Applications for exemption for seasonal work and hardship amount to about 400 in the unit; (2) Men do not like the weak policy adopted by the Government and prefer to see conscription introduced. <p>Nearly all officers have enlisted.</p> <p>Arrangements made to march out all sugar workers. The sooner they go the better for the unit. If their attitude is an example, the country war effort is poor. All they think of is money while someone else protects their homes.</p> <p>Orders from Bde to release all sugar workers, causes the Q.M. and Pay Sergeant to work feverishly all day. Approx. 120 released. Some went at 2200 hrs to</p>	

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Unit..... 31 AUSTRALIAN INF BN

Date and Time - From..... 2 Jun 42

To.....

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of events and information	Remarks and References to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
LITTLE BOHLE AREA IN BIV	2 Jun 42	1830	<p>BOWEN and PROSERPINE. Notice from Bde was far too short, and the method of handling the release of these men crude compared with prior releases.</p> <p>Usual Coy Comdrs conference.</p> <p>Arrangements made for parade for Brigadiers inspection at 0900 hrs tomorrow.</p> <p>During the day training continues.</p>	
	3 Jun 42	0900	<p>Brigadier inspected Bn on full Bn parade which was the first for many moons. He addressed the whole unit impressing on them the seriousness of the situation, and the necessity for enlistment in the A.I.F. Later during the morning the Brigadier with his officers, inspected the unit. The Brigadier and B.M. stay for lunch and speak of the luxury of the city houses, and later give a hint that units may have tents withdrawn.</p> <p>March of the sugar workers out of camp continues all day.</p> <p>Training continues. "C" Coy still at STUART - they are digging Amn dumps at BROOKHILL for engineers.</p> <p>Intelligence Report No. 16.</p> <p>Working parties 2 N.C.O.s and 20 O/Rs to be supplied to Bde on 3, 5, 6, 8, 9, 11, 12, and 14 Jun.</p> <p>Remainder of sugar workers march out.</p>	Appendix A.
	4 Jun 42	1500 1500	<p>Cold snap continues, but days are warm and dry, and to-day the extra blanket was issued.</p> <p>The engineers now have the water well under control, and there is ample for the unit from a well sunk in the bed of the LITTLE BOHLE.</p> <p>Training continues.</p>	
		1830	<p>Bde requires party of 10 M.M.G. personnel to man guns on boats in harbour for 1 day.</p> <p>Usual Adm. conference.</p>	

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WAR DIARY.

Army Form C 2118.
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Unit..... 31 AUST INF BN

Date and Time - From..... 4 Jun 42 To..... 7 Jun 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of events and information	Remarks and References to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
LITTLE BOHLE AREA IN BIV AREA	4 Jun 42	1830 1845	"C" Coy returns from STUART.	
	5 Jun 42	1030	<p>Training continues. Pay Day. Brig. confers with Bn Comds. at fwd Bde H.Q. on BOHLE RIV. Main discussion is on reinforcements to units. These men will be A.M.F. and A.I.F. from from HUGHENDEN, and will be here early in the next week. We will have to send 4 Offrs and 9 Corporals to Hughenden to train our own Coy for reinforcements in the near future. Also that patrols must continue in BN defensive areas.</p> <p>Further supplementary lists of sugar workers furnished to Bde also list of skilled artisans.</p> <p>Conference of Coy Comds. Discussion of Adm matters particularly range practices.</p>	
	6 Jun 42	1830	<p>Training continues. Orders from Bde to march out all sugar workers, who are unpaid specialists or L/Cpls. Conference of Coy Comds to finalize arrangements for range practices. Bde H.Q. moves into the field for four days Bivouac.</p>	
	7 Jun 42		<p>Sunday. Zeroing of rifles complete. C.O., 2 i/c and I.O. go on Recce for Coy and Bn exercises on upper ALICE RIVER. BN defeats FIXED DEFENCE at RUGBY LEAGUE 37 - 3. Our team has lost 3 sugar workers. Band concert in the evening at ROXY THEATRE highly successful.</p>	

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Unit.....31. AUST. INF. BN.....

Date and Time -- From..8. Jun. 42..... To.....

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of events and information	Remarks and References to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
LITTLE BOHLE AREA IN BIV	8 Jun 42	1830	<p>Range practices and training all day. Sugar workers still being marched out. Coy. Comd. conference on adm.</p>	
	9 Jun 42	1900	<p>Training and Range Practices continue. Sugar workers still being marched out. C.O. and I.O. meet Bty Comd 53 Bty of 2/3 Arty Regt and spend full day on Recce of D.F. tasks on BOHLE FRONT of this BN. C.O. and I.O. attend Brigadiers conference at Bde where when C.O. of all Inf Bns and Bty Comds and Lt/Col DYKE, Regt Comd of 2/3 Arty Regt are present. Arty tasks are discussed at length. The 3 Btys are placed roughly between MT ST JOHN and WINDMILL on TOWN COMMON nearest to JIMMYS LOOKOUT, so that they can all give fire on 31 Bn, 26 Bn and 51 Bn fronts if necessary. D.F. tasks are placed on Bde Map. At this conference the Brigadier said that the Bde would be getting 450 reinforcements shortly, 300 of them before the end of the week. 11 Inf Bde return from BIVOUAC to their palatial residences in Baxter ST WEST END TOWNSVILLE. March out of sugar workers is complete.</p>	
	10 Jun 42	1400 to 1700	<p>Training continues. Two miniature rifle ranges have been completed in the LITTLE BOHLE RIVER, also a BAYONET ASSAULT COURSE. Shooting will for some time be an every day occurrence. C.O. and I.O. join BRIGADIERS RECCE onto STUART SPUR near NEW WEIR where SITING BOARD as BRIGADIER terms them have marched out two coy positions. Lieut BARRELL has been in charge of our part of the job. The party, which included the C.O.s of 51 Bn and 26 Bn inspected the areas, and discussed the new tactics.</p>	

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Unit..... 31 AUSTRALIAN INF BN

Date and Time - From..... 10 Jun 42..... To..... 12 Jun 42.....

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of events and information	Remarks and References to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
LITTLE BOHLE AREA IN BIV	10 Jun 42		The object is to place a BN on STUART SPUR and a BN on LOUISA RANGE to hold the gap between the two positions which is flat and lightly timbered. The timber will be cleared in the gap to a width of about 500 yards. This is really a most interesting tactical defensive position, but we hope the Japs never get into the country much as we would like to try the position.	
		1830	Usual Adm conference.	
	11 Jun 42	1100	40 reinforcements arrive. They have travelled from GOONDIWINDI.	
		1400	We all got a shock to-day when we heard that there was a half holiday for the KINGS BIRTHDAY which which was to be devoted to sport entirely. Tableau sports were held, each Coy supplying two teams. A rifle competition was held on the Miniature Range with 1 N.C.O. and 4 O/Rs in each team. "C" Coy won the Rifle shoot.	
		1830	Usual Adm conference - training Syllabus for new reinforcements issued.	
12 Jun 42			C.O. spends day with MAJ GEN MILFORD 5 DIV COMD showing him the Coy Areas on STUART SPUR. I.O. makes Recce for water in STUART Range. Recce shows water available in small quantities some distance from positions. 100 reinforcements arrive; they seem to be a good type. Q is busy issuing them. 1830 Conference of Coy Comds. Allotment of new personnel discussed, particularly as regards M.T. drivers in respect to whom the unit is 15 short. Other training matters discussed.	

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Unit..... 31 AUSTRALIAN INF BN

Date and Time - From..... 12 Jun 42 To..... 14 Jun 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of events and information	Remarks and References to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
LITTLE BOHLE AREA IN BIV	12 Jun 42		Training continues. Two sections are being run, one for the trained soldier, and the other for reinforcements. Tomorrow, trained soldiers will start on sections training. Reinforcements are receiving individual training.	
LITTLE BOHLE AREA DISPERSED.	13 Jun 42	1830 2000	Training continues. Reinforcements begin individual training. Short conference of Coy Comds - adm matters discussed. About 8 oftrs of the unit attend a talk on the German Army given by Col. Paton of the American Army. Col. Paton was an American Military Attache in BERLIN for 2 years prior to America entering the war. Officers for all units in the DIVISION were present, and they listened with great interest to the short talk.	
	14 Jun 42		Sunday. C.O. and 2 i/c go on Recce of THORNTONS GAP AREA or HARVEY RANGE. BN Football team defeated No. 4 Arty 42 - 5. Next Sunday it is rumoured we play 51. BN, it should be a great game. The band is very depleted owing to sugar workers marching out. Padre THOMPSON has managed a Recreation Tent from the A.C.F. It will be a great boon to the troops. Unit funds will buy another one soon. Our padre will have two tents, and his popularity now great, will be greater than before. Pte K.G.A. BISSERT from DIVISIONAL F.S.S. has compiled a report on the attitude of the men of this unit re the transfer from A.M.F. to A.I.F. The report coincides with the opinion of the SECURITY OFFICER of this unit.	Appendix B.

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Unit..... 31 AUST INF BN

Date and Time - From..... 15 Jun 42

To.....

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of events and information	Remarks and References to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
LITTLE BOHLE AREA DISPERSED.	15 Jun 42	1830	<p>Section and individual training continues. C.O., 2 i/c and I.O. make Recce of Pl. posns in defensive area on BOHLE RIV, all day task.</p> <p>Usual conference of Coy. Comds, when adm matters were discussed and training too.</p>	
		1930	<p>Brigadier speaks to all senior officers of 31 BN, 51 BN, 26 BN on work done in defensive areas of 3 BNs. He requires the following in future:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Wiring to be done immediately, section pits are sited - cattle fences only to be built; (ii) Fields of fire to be cleared; (iii) Weapon pits to be dug in accordance with diagram in Inf. Minor Tactics; (iv) No communication trenches, sleeping bags etc, to be dug in future, <p>The Brig stressed the excellent work done by the 7th Bde near ROLLINGSTONE, and he ordered a FIELD DAY for tomorrow for all 3 units, and set out the order of priority of work. He asked that all units do a solid days work to see if the areas could be completed.</p>	
		2000	<p>B.M. speaks to Pl. Comds of 3 BNs, outlining Brigadiers requirements as set out above.</p>	
		2000	<p>Conference of Coy Comds when orders were given for adm of tomorrow's work. All hands except the cooks were to be on the job. Arrangements were later made for the distribution of engineers tools.</p>	
	16 Jun 42		<p>Working party of 10 men to Bde. The whole BN with the exception of a few specialists were on the task of wiring and completing the defensive posn of the BOHLE RIV. TOOLS were obtained from Engineers stores, and the men worked hard and fast all day. The work consisted mainly of wiring and thinning out of timber. In the evening we all retired very early, very weary.</p>	

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Unit..... 31 AUST INF BN

Date and Time - From..... 16 Jun 42 To.....

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of events and information	Remarks and References to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
LITTLE BOHLE AREA DISPERSED.	16 Jun 42	2000	<p>C.O. attends Brigadiers conference, where he is told that BNs will be going on a 10 days BIVOUAC, and that this unit will go to MANY PEAKS RANGE. Detailed written instructions will be issued later.</p> <p>Water in this area is condemned for drinking purposes. This unit is the only one which has yet obtained suitable supplies of drinking water in the LITTLE BOHLE.</p>	
	17 Jun 42	1830	<p>Training continues.</p> <p>C.O. and I.O. meet MAJ GEN MILFORD and BRIG CRAWFORD and proceed on Recce of Bn defensive posn on the BOHLE. "D" and "A" Coy area are inspected, and MAJ GEN MILFORD gives much useful advice, and orders that several Pl posns be shifted. Much of the work done in these coy areas was quite unnecessary, and was done when this unit occupied the area. MAJ GEN MILFORD was concerned at lack of defences around Battle H.Q. on B.H.Q. hill, and he moved two Pls onto the lower forward slopes of the spur. He told BRIG CRAWFORD that we could inspect expect the assistance of another Bde if an attack came from the North. "B" Coy Area, on the left flank, is to be regarded as an outpost posn, which will annoy the enemy and disorganise him. This Coy must be prepared to hold out for at least 24 hrs. This Bn will not go back to this area, but will exchange areas with the 26 BN. We must however tell the 26 BN of all alterations suggested by MAJ GEN MILFORD. The unit will now occupy the 26 Bn area in MANY PEAKS RANGE AREA.</p> <p>Conference on adm matters. Governor General, LORD BINK GOVRIE'S visit tomorrow discussed. Arrangements made for bayonet and grenade throwing courses to take place. C.O. advises of BIVOUAC PERIOD of 10 days in MANY PEAKS RANGE area - further instructions are required in this matter.</p>	

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Unit..... 31 AUSTRALIAN INF BN

Date and Time - From..... 17 Jun 42

To..... 19 Jun 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of events and information	Remarks and References to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
LITTLE BOHLE AREA DISPERSED.	17 Jun 42	1830	<p>A special toughing up process will take place, and there will be plenty of mountain climbing.</p> <p>Travelling Picture show, organised by DIV, gives us an excellent show. We hope to see it frequently.</p> <p>Lieut PIRIE leaves unit to take up position as Amenities Offr at Bde.</p>	
	18 Jun 42	0830	<p>C.O. attends Brigadiers conference, and 10 days BIVOUAC IS DISCUSSED.</p> <p>120 new recruits arrive, and adm arrangements are made for their reception and settling in to "C" and "B" Coys.</p> <p>Gov. Gen. LORD GOWRIE V.C. pays us a brief visit, and watches the bayonet and grenade throwing course. Section and individual training continues.</p> <p>C.O. and Adjt draw up new training syllabus.</p> <p>Intelligence Report for to-day is NIL.</p> <p>C.O. and I.O. on Brigadiers Recce of Battle H.Q. in LOUISA AREA. BRIGADIER points out Pl. Posn in defence of B.H.Q. and orders Unit to have it completed by Fwd Pl of "D" Coy.</p>	
		1830	Coy Comds conference.	
	19 Jun 42	1000) 1530) 1000 1830	<p>C.O. and MAJ PENNEY make Recce of new area on SHELLY BEACH for Bivouac site.</p> <p>Orders come from Bde for move to new posns. No movement before 0900 hrs tomorrow.</p> <p>Operation Order for movement drawn up.</p> <p>Orders delivered at Coy Comd conference. We are to leave our tents and all conveniences behind us, and enjoy the fresh air for 10 days.</p>	<p><i>Appendix C</i> <i>Appendix G</i> <i>WR</i></p> <p><i>WR.</i></p>

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Unit..... 31 AUSTRALIAN INF BN

Date and Time - From..... 20 Jun 42

To..... 21 Jun 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of events and information	Remarks and References to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
LITTLE BOHLE AREA DISPERSED.	20 Jun 42	0600 to 0900 1230	<p>Preparation for the move.</p> <p>Movement is successful although there are small details which could be improved on. B.H.Q. is established in SHELLEY BEACH AREA by 1015 hrs, and the remainder of troops arrive by 1230 hrs. The ferrying method was used for marching troops. The rest of the day is spent settling in, and everyone retires to their gunyahs for a good nights rest.</p> <p>We change areas with 26 BN, and they now look after our area on the BOHLE RIV, and we look after their MANY PEAKS AREA. It is a huge locality and all coys are miles apart.</p> <p>Our Bivouac period is for the purpose of HILL CLIMBING and kindred exercises. Syllabus is drawn up for all coys as laid down by Bde.</p>	<p>Appended Appendix <i>UP</i></p>
	21 Jun 42		<p>Sunday.</p> <p>C.O. and Adjt attend Brigs conference at Bde. Training is discussed. Brig says we will be moving soon to the 29 Bde area in SOUTHERN DEFENSIVE SECTOR.</p> <p>Training in the morning, recreation the afternoon.</p> <p>In the afternoon we defeated the 51 Bn 13-6 in a league match at the SPORTS RESERVE. There was an excellent crowd and the game was fast and furious. All matches in the afternoon were of high standard. MAJ GEN MILFORD and BRIG CRAWFORD were present.</p> <p>In the evening our BAND gave one of their popular concerts at the ROXY THEATRE which again helped to swell unit funds.</p> <p>We take over guard on minefield, and the manning of O.P. on MANY PEAKS RANGE from 26 BN.</p>	

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31ST. BATTALION

W A R D I A R Y.

Army Form C 2118.
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Unit..... 31ST AUSTRALIAN INF BN

Date and Time - From... 22 Jun 42 To... 24 Jun 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of events and information	Remarks and References to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
SHELLEY BEACH AREA IN BIV	22 Jun 42	0730	<p>Training continues. Lieut Allan goes out with BRIG CRAWFORD in connection with siting of posns on MT STUART SPUR. All troops have now settled down well in the area. It seems paradise after our last area for there is plenty of swimming and now plenty of fishing. The tps will certainly feel the benefit of salt water bathing.</p>	
		0930	<p>C.O. and I.O. make Recce with MAJ BLESSY COMD 6 BTY of Arty D.F. tasks on SHELLEY BEACH and BOHLE AREA.</p>	
		1400	<p>C.O., Maj Penney and I.O. make recce of Coy posns on BOHLE RIV about 2 miles below Xing of Main INGHAM TOWNSVILLE RD. Brig. Crawford goes to SYDNEY for a week.</p>	
	23 Jun 42	1930	<p>20 O/Rs over the age of 35 years march out. Training continues. C.O., Maj Penney and I.O. make recce of "free for all area" in the morning. Capt Honeycombe returns from Coy Comd Course. Lt/Col CAHILL of A.Tk Regt delivers a lecture on the A.Tk gun to Offrs and N.C.O.s of this unit. The evening is overcast and it looks as though we may get some rain soon.</p>	
	24 Jun 42		<p>Training continues. Call is made for persons in the unit not fit for infantry work to be transferred into a Labour Corps. Further preparations for "free for all" training culminating in a conference of all offrs in the evening to discuss same. Capt S.O. Strange, our Adjt, leaves for Coy Comd Course, and is relieved by Capt F.J. Wilson.</p>	<p><i>AM</i></p>

31ST. BATTALION

W A R D I A R Y.

Army Form C 2118.
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Unit... 31. AUST. IN. BN.

Date and Time - From... 25. Jun. 42 To... 26. Jun. 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of events and information	Remarks and References to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
SHELLEY BEACH AREA IN BIV	25 Jun 42		<p>Training continues. C.O. & I.O. travel to ROLLINGSTONE and meet LIEUT.) Col MELDRUM & MAJ. WILDE, C.O. & 2 I.C. respectively of the 61 BN. LIEUT.-COL MURRAY & MAJ. HARRIS are also members of the party. The 61 BN. have the show defensive position of the DIV. & that is why we are invited to have a good look at it. They have certainly d done an excellent job although in this case their task has been easier because they only have a front of about 1500 yds. It was a most interesting day. In the afternoon the C.O. took the opportunity of running up towards MT. SPEC along the PALUMA RD. During the afternoon there was a heavy shower of rain at ROLLINGSTONE, But none on arrival back at CAMP. The day had been very overcast.</p>	
		1830	<p>C.O. conference where "Free for all exercise was dis- cussed" and B.M. of Div Arty. delivered a lecture of Field Arty.</p>	
	26 Jun 42	1830	<p>Training continues. Free for all exercise continues with 5 teams; one from A.&B. Coys and 3 from H.Q. Coy. The teams are weary by nightfall and just beginning to get the idea of it all. Usual Coy. Comd's Conference.</p>	

31ST. BATTALION WAR DIARY.

Army Form C 2118.
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Unit.....31. AUST. INT. BN.....

Date and Time - From....27 June 42.....

To...28 Jun 42.....

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of events and information	Remarks and References to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
TOWNSVILLE COMMON IN BIV.	27 Jun 42		<p>2 Pls of E. Coy. go to STUART to work on amn. dump. They stay there until Monday next. The BN. got a good wetting from about 0700 - 1600 hrs. There were 5 Pls. on "Free for all Exercise" between the BOHLE & BLACK RIVS. & these Pls got drenched. Quick arrangements were made to move the BN from SHELLY BEACH to TOWN COMMON WINDMILL at 869925. The move began at 1400 hrs. & was complete by 1800 hrs. The move was carried out for fear the unit would be cut off from communications by wet roads. The "Free for all exercises" were terminated at 1200 hrs and all returned to Camp. It is a pity the exercises were not continued. The tps. had a bad night for many had no dry clothing.</p>	
	28 Jun 42		<p>Sunday. BN settle down in new position on Sand ridge and dry out wet clothing and equipment after the rain. The day breaks overcast but by 1100 hrs the sun shone brightly and so ended a perfect day. BN football team defeats RECCE BN 40-Nil at Sports ground.</p>	

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31ST. BATTALION

W A R D I A R Y.

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Unit. 31. Aust. Inf. Bn.....

Date and Time - From... 29 Jun 42..... To... 30 Jun 42.....

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of events and information	Remarks and References to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
TOWNSVILLE COMMON IN BIV	29 Jun 42	0900	C.O. & Adj. attend Brigadier's Conference when orders for the Move outlined. B.M. read through DIV order. BRIG. stated it was a tactical Move with the 51 Bn as Protective force on 1st. day & 26 BN on second day. Training Continues.	BRIG
		1430	Conference of Coy. Comd's where C.O. outlined those matters concerning Coys. C.O. ordered 1 Offr. per Coy & 1N.C.O. & 1 O.R. per Pl to be as an Recce. party from each Coy.	<i>W</i>
		1300	Recce party moves to 42 BN area East of STUART on main Rly. line.	
		1830	Coy. Comd's conference when all adm matters discussed. C.O. ordered a trial loading of Coy. gear in the morning.	
		2130	Bde. operation order received.	
	30 Jun 42		Maj. PENNEY, CAPT. LOVE, CAPT MCCABE & LIEUT ROBERTS engaged all day on the COURTMARTIAL of PTE. PAT LEES of 51 BN on charge of desertion.	
		1400)	Trial loading of vehicles continues.	
		1700)	C.O. makes recce. of routes to new area and also area <i>self</i> .	
		1400	Operation orders for move issued.	vide appendix A of Month of July
		1830	Coy Comd's Conference when C.O. ran through orders and made certain it was perfectly understood.	

P. J. Cardan M.B. M.D.
Co. 31 Bn.

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

319 of Bn. (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
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Lieut.-Colonels	1		
Majors	2		1
Captains	9		2
Lieutenants	24	3	
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
TOTALS	36	3	3

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
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Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
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PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).
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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lt-Col	NX483	Bardale P.H.G.	31 Bn	yes	
Capt-Maj	Q32751	Bubb H.V.	✓	no	course
Lieut-Maj	Q32752	Pennery R.H.G.	✓	yes	
Lieut-Capt	Q32755	Honeycombe R.H.	✓	no	course
✓	Q32759	Tittle J.H.A.	✓	yes	
✓	Q32756	Mobate G.R.	✓	✓	
✓	Q32760	Richard R.G.	✓	✓	
✓	Q32757	Strange S.D.	✓	✓	
✓	Q32758	Theodore G.A.	✓	✓	
✓	Q32765	Love G.J.	✓	✓	
✓	Q32766	Wilson G.J.	✓	✓	
✓	VT1539	Oliver G.A.	✓	✓	
Lieut	Q32767	Prior G.H.D.	✓	✓	
✓	Q32774	Bannan G.B.	✓	✓	
✓	Q32776	Rigby G.L.	✓	✓	
✓	Q32780	Ainskiller G.A.	✓	✓	
✓	Q32923	Layne G.L.	✓	no	B.D.H.
✓	Q33756	Roberts G.L.	✓	yes	
✓	Q110002	Woster H.A.	✓	✓	
✓	Q32812	Riley H.M.	✓	✓	
✓	Q32838	Le Feuvre V.Z.	✓	no	course
✓	Q32795	Evans G.B.B.	✓	yes	
✓	Q32873	Morrison W.	✓	✓	
✓	Q32917	Feather A.B.	✓	no	course
✓	Q33039	Allan S.H.	✓	yes	
✓	Q32935	Hoffensetz V.E.	✓	✓	
✓	Q32925	Bary G.B.	✓	✓	
✓	Q33069	Williams G.B.	✓	no	course
✓	Q32851	Lobegues W.G.	✓	yes	
✓	Q32877	Garlick A.B.	✓	✓	
✓	Q33698	Smith G.	✓	✓	
✓	Q32809	Hutchinson H.B.	✓	✓	
✓	Q32996	Riddick O.B.	✓	✓	
✓	Q34043	Gould D.H.	✓	✓	
✓	Q34116	Barrell F.F.	✓	✓	
✓	Q3491	Wilkinson J.W.	✓	✓	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.

31 Inf Bn
(Unit.)
8 Jun. 42
(Date of Despatch.)

P.H.G. Bardale
Lt. Col.
Comdg. Officer 31. Bn.
(Signature of Commander.)
Area 11 Aust Inf Bde
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

319 Inf Bn (Unit) 8 Jan. 1947 (Date).

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1 Detail.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	2	1	
W.Os. Class II.	8		
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	6		
Staff Serjeants	1		
Serjeants	40		1
Corporals	80		6
Troopers, Privates, &c.	545		1885
TOTALS	682	1	192

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
3 A.I.C.	1 R.S.M.		
	1 R.Q.M.S.		
	1 C.S.M.		

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

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

31 Inf Bw Unit.

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.							REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.							REMARKS.	
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.		TOTAL.
Bricklayers														2	2	
Butchers																
Carpenters and Joiners																
Clerks																
Blacksmiths														1	1	
Despatch Riders																
Draughtsmen (topo)																
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.																
Electricians																
Farriers																
Fitters																
Masons																
Painters and Decorators																
Plumbers and Gasfitters																
Saddlers and Harness Makers																
Signallers																
Storemen technical																
Vickers Machine Gunners																
Cooks																
Range Takers														1	1	
L.M.G. Deckers Guards								1				1	6	153	160	
Dr. Mechanics														2	2	
Mechanics M.I.														1	1	
General duty personnel																
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)	1							1				1	6	185	192	

31 Inf Bw

Unit.

Date of Despatch

8 Jun 44

[Signature]

Comdg. Officer Lt. Col.

Area 21

11 Aust Inf Bde

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

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

Army Form W. 3009
(page 1)
(Adapted)

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

31 Inf Bn (Unit) 13 June 1942 (Date).

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	2	1	
W.Os. Class II.	7		1
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	6		
Staff Serjeants	1		
Serjeants	41		
Corporals	87	1	
Troopers, Privates, &c.	567		164
TOTALS	711	2	165

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
2 A.I.C	1 R.S.M.		
	1 O.S.M.		

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

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

31 Inf Bn.

Unit.

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(page 2)

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.							REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.							REMARKS.	
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.		TOTAL.
Bricklayers														2	2	
Butchers																
Carpenters and Joiners														1	1	Personnel not yet qualified held in unit to fill vacancies
Clerks														1	1	
Blacksmiths														1	1	
Despatch Riders																
Draughtsmen (topo)																
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.																
Electricians																
Farriers																
Fitters																
Masons																
Painters and Decorators																
Plumbers and Gasfitters																
Saddlers and Harness Makers																
Signallers														3	3	Personnel not yet qualified held in unit to fill vacancies
Storemen technical																
Vickers Machine Gunners																
Cooks														6	6	to fill vacancies
Mechanics M.T.														2	2	
Drivers M.T. 1st class														21	21	
Rangefinders														4	4	
Riflemen														123	122	
R.Q.M.S.																
General duty personnel																
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)	1							2	1					161	165	

31 Inf Bn

Unit.

14 JUN 1942

Date of Despatch

P. J. Cardan

Lt. Col.

Comdg. Off. Signature of Commander.

Area 31

11 Aust Inf Bde

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

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

31 Inf Bn. (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels ...	1		
Majors ...	2		1
Captains ...	9		2
Lieutenants ...	265	54	
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...			
TOTALS ...	387	54	3

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
<p><i>NOTE - PART A. 7 Reinforcement Officers allowed on Estab. Lieut R.D. B. Smith & Lieut K. Shuster held on unit strength att. to 11 Aust Inf Bde H.Q. as B.M. Leamer & L.O.1 respectively. A.R.P. submitted for 1 H.O.I + 4 Sgts in unit making unit up to Estab in officers.</i></p>				

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
/				

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

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).
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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lt-col	NX 483	Bardale P.H.G.	31 Bn	yes	
Capt-Maj	Q32751	Bubb H.	✓	no	course
Lieut-Maj	Q32752	Penny R.H.G.	✓	yes	
Lieut-Capt	Q32755	Honeycombe R.H.	✓	no	course
✓	Q32759	Tilly J.H.A.	✓	yes	
✓	Q32756	McBabe J.R.	✓	✓	
✓	Q32760	Richard R.G.	✓	✓	
✓	Q32757	Strange S.D.	✓	✓	
✓	Q32758	Theodore G.A.	✓	✓	
✓	Q32765	Love J.	✓	✓	
✓	Q32766	Wilson J.F.	✓	✓	
✓	YT 1539	Oliver J.B.	✓	✓	
Lieut	Q32767	Pine J.H.D.	✓	✓	
✓	Q32774	Bannan J.B.	✓	✓	
✓	Q32776	Rigby L.	✓	✓	
✓	Q32780	Ashbiller J.A.	✓	✓	
✓	Q32923	Squire J.G.	✓	no	B.D.H.
✓	Q33756	Roberts G.W.	✓	yes	
✓	Q110002	Woooster H.M.	✓	✓	
✓	Q32812	Riley H.M.	✓	✓	
✓	Q32838	LeFevre V.F.	✓	no	course
✓	Q32795	Evans G.B.B.	✓	yes	
✓	Q32873	Morrison W.	✓	✓	
✓	Q32917	Feather A.M.	✓	no	course
✓	Q33039	Allan J.H.	✓	yes	
✓	Q32935	Hoffensetz D.E.	✓	✓	
✓	Q32925	Barry J.B.	✓	✓	
✓	Q33069	Williams G.B.	✓	no	course
✓	Q32851	Lobeguy W.G.	✓	yes	
✓	Q32877	Garlick A.B.	✓	✓	
✓	Q33698	Smith G.	✓	✓	
✓	Q32809	Hutchinson H.B.	✓	✓	
✓	Q32996	Ruddick O.B.	✓	✓	
✓	Q34043	Gould D.M.	✓	✓	
✓	Q34116	Barrell F.J.	✓	no	course
✓	Q32791	Wilkinson J.W.	✓	yes	
✓	Q33763	Smith R.D.B.	✓	no	B.A. learner
✓	Q32762	Christie K.M.N.	✓	no	L.O.I.

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.

31 Inf Bn

(Unit.)

14 JUN 1942

(Date of Despatch.)

P.H.G. Bardale

Lt. Col.

Comdg. Officer

Area 51 11 Aust Inf Bde

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

31 Aust Inf Bn

Unit.

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.							REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.							REMARKS.	
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.		TOTAL.
Bricklayers														2	2	
Butchers																
Carpenters and Joiners														1	1	+
Clerks														1	1	+
Blacksmiths														1	1	+
Despatch Riders																
Draughtsmen (topo)																
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.																
Electricians																
Farriers																
Fitters																
Masons																
Painters and Decorators																
Plumbers and Gasfitters																
Saddlers and Harness Makers																
Signallers														3	3	+
Storemen technical																
Vickers Machine Gunners																
Cooks														6	6	+
Mechanics M.F.														2	2	+
Drivers M.F. 1st class														16	16	+
Rangefinders														4	4	+
Riflemen														14	15	
R.Q. M.F.																
General duty personnel																
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)	1					1			2	1				50	51	

+ Personnel not yet qualified held in unit to fill vacancies

31 Aust Inf Bn.

Unit.

22 JUN 1942

Date of Despatch

Area 31
11 Aust Inf Bde

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

Signature of Commander.

60nd 31 Aust Inf Bn

Lt/Col

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

31 Aust Inf Bn (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels ...	1		
Majors ...	2		1
Captains ...	9		2
Lieutenants ...	26	5	
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...			
TOTALS ...	38	5	3

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
<p>NOTE - PART A. 7 Reinforcement officers allowed on Est. Lieuts R.D.B. Smith, K.M.N. Ghosh and J.M. Perie held on unit strength att to 11 Aust Inf Bde H.Q. as B.M. learned L.O. and Ammunition offrs. respectively A.R.'s submitted for 1 R.O.I. and 4 sqts in unit making unit up to Est. in Officers</p>				

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
 				

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lt/Col	NX 483	Bardale P.H.G.	31 Bn.	yes	
Capt-Maj	Q 32751	Bubb H	✓	no	course
Lieut-Maj	Q 32752	Penney R.H.G.	✓	yes	
Lieut-Capt	Q 32755	Honeycombe R.F.	✓	no	course
✓	Q 32759	Titley J.N.A.	✓	yes	
✓	Q 32756	McBain G.R.	✓	✓	
✓	Q 32760	Richard R.J.	✓	✓	
✓	Q 32757	Strange S.D.	✓	✓	
✓	Q 32758	Theodore G.A.	✓	✓	
✓	Q 32765	Love J.	✓	✓	
✓	Q 32766	Wilson F.J.	✓	✓	
✓	Y 17539	Oliver G.W.	✓	✓	
Lieut	Q 32767	Pruce J.R.D.	✓	no	Amenities Off 11 Aust Inf Bde
✓	Q 32774	Bannan G.B.	✓	yes	
✓	Q 32776	Rigby L.	✓	✓	
✓	Q 32780	Ainsduller G.A.	✓	✓	
✓	Q 32923	Squire G.J.	✓	no	B.D.H
✓	Q 33756	Roberts G.W.	✓	yes	
✓	Q 110002	Wooster H.M.	✓	✓	
✓	Q 32812	Riley H.M.	✓	✓	
✓	Q 33765	Smith R.D.B.	✓	no	B.M. Learner
✓	Q 32838	LeFevre D.F.	✓	yes	
✓	Q 32795	Evans G.B.B.	✓	✓	
✓	Q 32873	Morrison W.	✓	✓	
✓	Q 32762	Christie K.M.H.	✓	no	L.O.S 11 Aust Inf Bde
✓	Q 32917	Feather A.A.	✓	yes	
✓	Q 32935	Hoffmsetz V.E.	✓	✓	
✓	Q 33039	Allan A.H.	✓	✓	
✓	Q 32925	Barey G.B.	✓	✓	
✓	Q 33069	Williams H.B.	✓	no	course
✓	Q 32851	Lobeguer W.G.	✓	yes	
✓	Q 32877	Garlick A.B.	✓	✓	
✓	Q 33698	Smith G.	✓	✓	
✓	Q 32809	Hutchinson H.B.	✓	✓	
✓	Q 32996	Ruddick O.B.	✓	✓	
✓	Q 34043	Gould D.M.	✓	✓	
✓	Q 34116	Barrell F.F.	✓	✓	
✓	Q 32791	Wilkinson J.W.	✓	✓	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.

31 Aust. Inf. Bn.
(Unit.)

22 JUN 1942

(Date of Despatch.)

G. Bardale Lt/Col.
Commandant (Signature of Commandant)
Area 31 11 Aust Inf Bde
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

31 Aust Inf Bn (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels ...	1		
Majors ...	2		1
Captains ...	9		2
Lieutenants ...	26	5	
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...			
TOTALS ...	38	5	3

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
<p><i>NOTE - PART A - 7 Reinforcement offrs. allowed on Estab. Lieuts R. D. B. Smith, K. M. N. Shrestha and J. D. Price held on unit strength att. to 11 Aust Inf Bde. H. Q. as B.M. learned L.O.1 and Amenities Off respectively. A. B. G.'s submitted for 1 H.O.1. and 4 ppts in unit making unit up to unit strength in officers.</i></p>				

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
 				

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lt/Col	NX483	Bardale P.H.G.	31 Bn	Yes	
Capt-Maj	Q32751	Bubb H.V.	✓	✓	
Lieut-Maj	Q32752	Penney R.S.G.	✓	✓	
Lieut-Capt	Q32755	Honeycombe R.F.	✓	✓	
✓	Q32759	Titley J.N.A.	✓	✓	
✓	Q32756	McBride J.R.	✓	✓	
✓	Q32760	Richard J.G.	✓	✓	
✓	Q32757	Strange J.B.	✓	no	course
✓	Q32758	Theodore G.A.	✓	yes	
✓	Q32765	Love J.J.	✓	✓	
✓	Q32766	Wilson J.D.	✓	✓	
✓	V. 7539	Owens J.A.	✓	✓	
Lieut	Q. 32767	Peris J.G.D.	✓	no	Amenities Off-Base
✓	Q. 32774	Bannan J.B.	✓	yes	
✓	Q32776	Rigby J.L.	✓	✓	
✓	Q32780	Aumuller J.A.	✓	✓	
✓	Q32923	Squire J.J.	✓	no	B.D.N.
✓	Q33756	Roberts J.H.	✓	yes	
✓	Q. 110002	Wooster H.M.	✓	✓	
✓	Q32812	Riley H.M.	✓	✓	
✓	Q33765	Smith R.D.B.	✓	no	B.M. Learner
✓	Q32838	LeSeure W.F.	✓	yes	
✓	Q32795	Evans G.B.B.	✓	✓	
✓	Q32873	Morrison W.	✓	✓	
✓	Q32762	Christie K.M.D.	✓	no	L.O. 11 Aust Inf Bde
✓	Q32917	Feather A.R.	✓	yes	
✓	Q32935	Hoffensetz U.E.	✓	✓	
✓	Q33039	Allan J.H.	✓	✓	
✓	Q32925	Barry J.B.	✓	✓	
✓	Q33069	Williams L.B.	no	no	course
✓	Q32851	Lobegues W.G.	yes	yes	
✓	Q34877	Garlick J.B.	✓	✓	
✓	Q33698	Smith J.C.	✓	✓	
✓	Q32809	Hulchinson H.B.	✓	✓	
✓	Q32996	Riddick O.B.	✓	✓	
✓	Q34043	Goold J.M.	✓	✓	
✓	Q32116	Barrell J.J.	✓	✓	
✓	Q32791	Wilkinson J.N.	✓	✓	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.

31 Aust Inf Bn.
(Unit.)

27 JUN 1942

(Date of Despatch.)

P.H. Bardale Lt/Col.
(Signature of Commander.)
Area 31 11 Aust Inf Bde.
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

31 Aust Inf Bn (Unit) 27 June 42 (Date).

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	2	1	
W.Os. Class II.	7		1
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	6		
Staff Serjeants	1		
Serjeants	41		
Corporals	87	1	
Troopers, Privates, &c.	661		70
TOTALS	805	2	71

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
2 A.I.C.	1 R.S.M.		
	1 C.S.M.		

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

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

31 Aust Inf Bn. Unit.

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.							REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.							REMARKS.	
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.		TOTAL.
Bricklayers														2	2	
Butchers																
Carpenters and Joiners														1	1	+
Clerks														1	1	+
Despatch Riders														1	1	+
Draughtsmen (topo)																
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.																
Electricians																
Farriers																
Fitters																
Masons																
Painters and Decorators																
Plumbers and Gasfitters																
Saddlers and Harness Makers																
Signallers														3	3	+
Storemen technical																
Vickers Machine Gunners																
Cooks														6	6	+
Mechanics M.T.														2	2	+
Drivers M.T. 1st Class														16	16	+
Rangefinders														4	4	+
Riflemen								1		1				24	35	
R.Q.M.S.								1						1		
General duty personnel																
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)	1					1		2		1				10	71	

+ personnel not yet qualified held in unit to fill vacancies.

Unit.

B.H. Cardol

Signature of Commander.

Lt. Col.,

Comd. 31 Aust Inf Bn.

Date of Despatch 27 June 42.

Area 31

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

MESSAGE FORM

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Originator's Number

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Date

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KIFO	Intelligence	Report	Number	16	1000
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Appendix B

SUBJECT: ATTITUDE OF MEN IN 31 BN TOWARDS TRANSFERRING TO A.I.F.
TO: O.C. F. S. S. "Q" Sec.
FROM: PTE. BISSET K. G. A. 14 Jun 42.

In this Bn. there has been a poor response to the appeal for men to transfer to A.I.F. Up to the present only about 60 men have indicated their willingness to transfer.

The following are contributing factors:

1. Until something definite is known as to how the transfer is to be effected and what it involves, no definite action can be expected from a large number of the troops.
2. There are a lot of minors who have not obtained consent and in a number of cases this consent will not be forthcoming until the whole transfer position is clarified.
3. Chaps say that the Government has not the courage to make overseas service compulsory, and is trying to evade its duty by asking chaps to transfer over to A.I.F. As Militia they have often been ridiculed and they feel reluctant to give in. They would like to show what they can do as Militia.
4. Many chaps feel that there is practically no difference between A.I.F. and Militia and so why transfer? They say that if ever the Government wants the Militia to go overseas they would soon send it. They do not want to risk being separated from their old coppers, having their jobs changed and (in the case of N.C.O's.) of losing their stripes.
5. Chaps who joined the A.I.F. just to precipitate their call up for compulsory service became known as "Rainbows" (i.e. after the storm), and some of the men have said that they prefer "Choco" to "Rainbow."
6. The newspaper announcement that future volunteers for A.I.F. will not be allowed to wear "AUSTRALIA" is causing unfavourable comment.
7. In this Bn. approx. 234 cancutters were released and about 20 are still likely to go. This has a disturbing effect. It makes the War position seem less serious to some and others get ideas about wanting to get out of the Army themselves. Not that they can do much about it but they do appear to look at the whole situation in a less important light.
8. There are a few A.I.F. men with the Unit and they are not too pleased with the prospects of remaining with a Militia Unit because they feel that it may be a long time before they see action. Also this has the effect of giving present Militiamen the impression that if they do transfer they may still remain in the same Bn. and there wouldn't be any sense in going to the trouble of transferring.

D Coy Royal PL
M G Lee into Army
What to hand out
in Centre
thinning out
Close to war
Place Posts in right
angle
Tactical was M G
Trick + Aubrey/Helen
killing with rifle
Was and was
Cover sleeping
Pete took by
Mobile see on
top of Bole

What Coy 140 into Army
M G Lee into Army

D
Coy 140 to be covered
with lines
R. Sista. Pl. L. Sgt. lead
cover in Progress
R M G Lee cover with
L M G Lee Chap. get
left side of road
at Right
Pete. Point
Pl. Locality
to Left

B140
2 PL localities
B140 Hill
on left and Right
PL localities
D Coy. This PL
M G Lee B140
as alternative

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Ref Map TOWNSVILLE (Special) 1" = 1 mile.

INFORMATION

- (1) No change in posn.

INTENTION

- (2) 31 Aust Inf Bn will move ~~from~~ MANY PEAKS RANGE area 8994.

METHOD.

- (3) ROUTE: HERVEYS RANGE ROAD, BALLS LANE, FRENCH ST, KINGS RD, LEIGH ST, STAGPOLE ST, BUNDOCK ST, HEATLEYS PARADE, to new area.

(4) 20 M.I.H.

(5) 10 V.T.M.

(6) START LINE: BOHLE RIV BRIDGE 807787.

(7) START TIME 0900 hrs.

(8) Movement of M.T. and tps in accordance with Appx "A".

(9) Guides will meet convoy on rd at 840924.

ADM.

- (10) TENTS: (i) One tent per rifle coy and two for H.Q. coy and "B" Coy will be carried for Q. Store. Minimum tentage/as required by Q.M. Store, R.A.P. 1 tent (tarpaulins may be taken in lieu of tents).

(ii) All remaining tents (except those for storage) will be struck by 1800 hrs. 19 June 42 and dumped in areas as already allotted in present area.

- (11) Scale "C" will be carried less items as arranged at C.O.'s Conference 18 June 42. Surplus kits will be stored in tents in Coy dumps. *attended at conference 18.20 19 June*

- (12) Three days reserve rations will be carried.

- (13) Water: (i) Water bottles will be filled with town water before LEAVING.

(ii) Coy. water tanks will be taken and filled by water carts in new posn. (1½ gals. per man will be allowed daily).

(iii) Water carts will pull out of convoy, fill vehicles from town supply, then move to new area.

- (14) Camp Guard. 1 N.C.O. and 3 men (as detailed at Conference) will remain in present area. Caterer W.O. to arrange to leave supply of rations for Guard.

(Guard detailed at Conference - Sgt. ?'Donnell H.Q. Coy.
Pte. Ellems H.Q. Coy.
Pte. Reardon, H. "A" "
Pte. Gillman "B" "

- (15) Training stores as already specified will be taken.

- (16) Bicycles will be dumped.

- (17) R.A.P. will move with first serial. Major Penney will guide them to new posn.

- (18) All Motor Cyclists to report to *Lead* Mr. Carey at 0800 hrs. at H.Q. Coy.

INTERCOMMUNICATION.

- (19) Bn.H.Q. will close at present posn. at 1015 hrs. and reopen at new posn. at same time.

- (20) Coys. will be responsible for marking of routes into new areas.

- (21) Sigs. will connect up Coys. with Bn.H.Q. in new posn.

- (22) Traffic from new area to new posn. Bde. H.Qs. 842828 will be via GAREUTT to junction 861854 thence SOUTH skirting Eastern slopes of MT. LOUISA thence along DAIRYMPLE RD. to bde. H.Q.s.

DISTRIBUTION.

		Q.M.	10
C.O.	1	T.O.	11
2 i/c	2	Lt. Carey	12
Adjnt.	3	11 A.Inf.Bde.	13 - 14.
Coys.	4 - 9	War Diary	15 - 16.

Phangy Capt.,
ADJT. 31 AUST. INF. BN.
Signed at 2400 Hrs.

MOVEMENT ORDER.

Serial.	No. of Vehs.	Details of Vehicles.	Depart		=Arrive		Details of Load	O/C.	Remarks.
			Time	Place	Time	Place			
1.	74 +	Bn.H.Q.Van, K.Sec.Sigs. Van 14 lorries, 56 vans, 2 W/Cts.	0900	Bohle River Bridge	1015	New Area.	Stores & tps. 32 "C" Coy. 18 "B" Coy.	Lieut. J.C.Carey	To be met by Guards = 840924 & trucks to = imed. un loaded & =
2.	45	6 lorries, 39 Vans.	1040	New Area	1120	Junc.Fulham Rd. French St.	470 tps.	Lieut. J.C.Carey	R/V Junc. of Fulham & French St. First + arrive waits (i.e. M. or tps) successive + bussing moving vehs. round block.
	45	Ditto.	1125	Junc.Fulham Rd. French St.	1150	Cape Palleranda.			
3.	39 ±	3 lorries, 36 Vans.	1155	Cape Palleranda.	1220	Acacia Grove	380 tps.	Lieut. J.C.Carey	M.T. to slow down if marching tps. not II
	39	Ditto.	1240	Acacia Grove	1310	New Area.			
	6	Carriers.	1000	Bohle River Bridge	1115	New Area.	Sgt. L.J. Skinner.		

Appendix C

MARCHING TPS.

Depart 0900. 0900 Bohle River Bridge picked up by M.T. in accordance with above. Tps. will find it necessary to move to windward of Herveys Range Rd. to avoid dust from passing convoy.

+ ORDER OF MARCH :- O/C Convoy's Van, Bn.H.Q. Van, "I" Sec., 2 Vans (Bn.H.Q.), R.A.P., H.Q., E Coy., C, B, D, A, Q.M.

± Remaining 3 lorries and 3 Vans will be required to return to old area for tanks, Officers Mess etc.

SPECIAL TRAINING

Code letter "S"

DETAIL

A. Anderson

War Diary

Shary

<u>SERIAL</u>	<u>NO OF PERIODS</u>	<u>DETAIL</u>
S 1	12	Free for all : by coys
S 2	3	Blazing and preparing tracks through hills
S 3	3	Recce Patrols
S 4	4	" " (night)
S 5	3	Fighting Patrols
S 6	4	" " (night)
S 7	3	Hill climbing
S 8	2	" " (night)
S 9	3	Tree climbing and firing from behind trees.
S10	2	Tree climbing (night)
S11	2	Unarmed Combat
S12	1	Disarming
S13	2	River Crossings
S14	3	Pl. attack including River Crossings
S15	3	Pl. attack (hilly country)
S16	3	Tank hunting
S17	9	Preparation of defence
S18	6	Recreation and Interior Economy
S19	4	Assault Course.

I.O.

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Appendix D
SPECIAL TRAINING - 31 AUST INF BN.

War diary

21 JUN - 1 JULY 1942.

DAY	H.Q. Coy	"A" Coy	"B" Coy	"C" Coy	"D" Coy	"E" Coy
Sunday	S19(1) S13(2) S14(3)	S19(1) S13(2) S14(3)	S19(1) S13(2) S14(3)	S19(1) S13(2) S14(3)	S19(1) S13(2) S14(3)	Leave (T.S.) S19(1) S12(1) S16(3) S11(1) S 4(4)
Monday	S19(1) S12(1) S16(3) S11(1) S8 & 10 (4)	Leave (T.S.)	S 2(3) S 3(3) S 8 & 10(4)	S19(1) S12(1) S16(3) S11(1) S 8 & 10(4)	S 2(3) S 3(3) S 8 & 10 (4)	S 2(3) S 3(3)
Tuesday	Leave (T.S.)	S17(6) S 8 & 10(4)	S17(6)	S17(6)	S17(6)	S13(2) S14(3) S19(1) S8 & 10(4)
Wednes	S 2(3) S 3(3) S 4(4)	S18	Leave (T.S.)	S18	S19(1) S12(1) S16(3) S11(1)	S18
Thurs	S18	S 2(3) S 4(4) S 3(3)	S18	S 2(3) S 4(4) S 3(3)	S18	Leave (T.S.) S19(1) S12(1) S16(3) S11(1) S 4(4)
Friday	S 1(6)	S 1(6)	S 1(6)	Leave (T.S.)	S19(1) S15(3) S11(1) S19(1) S 4(4)	S 1(6)
Satur	Leave (Recruits) S 1(6)	S 1(6)	S 1(6)	S 9(3) S17(3)	S 9(3) S17(3)	S 1(6)
Sunday	S15(3) S19(1) S11(1) S19(1) S 6(4)	S19(1) S12(1) S16(3) S11(1) S6(4)	S19(1) S12(1) S16(3) S11(1) S 6(4)	S 1(6) S 6(4)	Leave (Recruits) S 1(6) S 6(4)	S17(6) S 6(4)
Monday	S17(3) S 9(3)	Leave (Recruits) S17(3) S 9(3)	S17(3) S 9(3) S 4(4)	(S 1(6))	S 1(6)	S17(3) S 9(3)
Tuesday	S 5(3) S 7(3)	S 5(3) S 7(3)	S 5(3) S 7(3)	S 5(3) S 7(3)	S 5(3) S 7(3)	Leave (T.S.) S 5(3) S 7(3)
Wednes	S17(6)	S19(1) S15(3) S11(1) S19(1)	Leave (Recruits) S15(3) S19(1) S11(1) S19(1)	S15(3) S19(1) S11(1) S19(1)	To be arranged	S15(3) S19(1) S11(1) S19(1)

N.B. Figures in brackets denote no. of hours spent in training.

31ST. BATTALION WAR DIARY.

Army Form C 2118.
(Adapted)

Unit..... 51. Aust. Inf. Bn.....

Date and Time - From: 1 Jul 42..... To: 2 Jul 42.....

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of events and information	Remarks and References to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
TOWNSVILLE AREA on the Move.	1 Jul 42	1830	<p>Move is carried out in accordance with operation order. There were Many stragglers in the morning but in the afternoon Most managed to keep up the result of this the result of this. BN reached PITTS RIDGE at 1615 hrs. C.O's Conference where orders for move on the following day were issued. Move commences at 0830 hrs. D.Coy is Adv/Gd. with 1 Pl. M.M.G. 1 Sec. Carriers & PIONEERS VAN. Four Bounds are set down for the distance estimated at approximately 11 miles.</p>	<p><i>Operation see Appendix A</i> <i>W</i></p>
	2 Jul 42		<p>Move continues but is held up shortly after commencement by Bde. because our unit is too far forward. We reach the new area at 1745 hrs. and begin to settle in. We are in a large valley on a black soil flat which only gives moderate cover. The position on TOWNSVILLE SPECIAL MAP is 075725. By nightfall it begins to look like a Camp as our tents and flies have found us again. The Area is waist high in spear grass but a few tracks soon rid us of this worry. Considering the fact that most of the unit now comprises of a large number of men who have only recently been recruited the move was a great success because the numbers dropping out were few. Most of the new recruits are also very young but they stood up well.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>MD</i></p>	

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W A R D I A R Y.

Army Form C 218.
(Adapted)

Unit... 31. Aust. Inf. Bn.....

Date and Time - From... 3 Jul 42..... To.....

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of events and information	Remarks and References to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
NOME area in BIV.	3 Jul 42	0900	C.O. attends BRIGADIERS Conference at Bde. when the BRIGADIER outlined training syllabus for next four weeks as laid down by DIV. It includes General, Pl, Coy & BN Training and also preparation of defences. After the coming weekend football will, when possible, be played here rather than in TOWNSVILLE. Arrangements are made for Tpt of Tps. by rail to CITY each BN to send one Coy a day limited to a day a fortnight for each man. The 42 BN from whom we take over defensive position will not be moving as yet.	
		1400	C.O. conference with Coy Comd. where he outlined BRIGS orders. Discussion took place as to Pl exercises and it was decided to run it under BN supervision. Pl lecture by Capt. Oliver on Battle procedure was fixed for 1830 hrs on the sand table. Men worked all day getting the Camp in order making tracks etc. The day was hot and sultry and it looks like more rain. If it comes we shall have some fun on these black soil flats.	
		1830	Capt. Oliver gives most instructive lecture on Battle procedure to all Offrs. and Sgts. Five horsemen are sent to SELLEHEIM to a course there. It is intended to give each Inf Bn 6 horses for Tpt. purposes in difficult country.	

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W A R D I A R Y.

Army Form C 2118.
(Adapted)

Unit.....51. Aust. Inf. Bn.....

Date and Time - From.....4 Jul 42..... To.....5 Jul 42.....

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of events and information	Remarks and References to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
NOME area in BIV	4 Jul 42		<p>American day of Independence, but being in the bush it seems like any other day. It is again hot and sultry. Individual training today until the new syllabus begins on Monday. Tomorrow we play the 42 BN football on the TOWNSVILLE SPORTS GROUND. It should be a good match. C.O. and Capt. Oliver make recce of area for Pl in Attack exercise. We are to get a YMCA hut through the Bde. Amenities Offr. Lieut PIRIE. Light rain towards the end of the day.</p>	
	5 Jul 42	1830	<p>Capt. Oliver delivers a lecture to Offrs. and Sgts. on Pl in attack. He makes use of sand table.</p> <p>Sunday. Recreation day is wet. There is no leave for the tps to see Football Match against the BN because trains could not be arranged. Bde ask for working parties of 2 N.C.O's and 20 O/R for dump at Roseneath for 5 days from Monday. Offrs and N.C.O's attend demonstration on the ground on Pl in attack. Light continuous rain sets in during the afternoon. 42 BN defeat our unit 15-nil. The game was spoilt by rain.</p>	

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W A R D I A R Y.

Army Form C 2118.
(Adapted)

Unit..... 31. Aust. Inf. Bn.....

Date and Time - From... 6. Jul. 42..... To.....

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of events and information	Remarks and References to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
NOME Area in BIV	6 Jul 42		<p>Rain continued last night and again all day. It is making the area very greasy and if it continues we will have trouble. It is cool with a biting southerly wind.</p> <p>The Brigadier spends the morning with us.</p> <p>Y.M.C.A. hut which has been delivered is now to be shifted to 26 NW. There is no doubt that Padre Thompson is doing an excellent job. His tent is filled every night until there is no further seating accomodation. Arrangements are being made for a practice bombing raid on units of the Bde. The R.A.A.F. are to do the dive bombing.</p> <p>Training is restricted to tents.</p> <p>Leave may now be accumulated for 2 days and personnel may go home.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>M</i></p>	

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31ST. BATTALION

W A R D I A R Y.

Army Form C 2118.
(Adapted)

Unit.....31. Aust. Inf. Bde.....

Date and Time - From.....7 Jul 42..... To.....8 Jul 42.....

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of events and information	Remarks and References to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
NOME Area in BIV	7 Jul 42		<p>The day dawns fine and clear. There are 8 bogged vehicles in a distance of 200 yds. Training continues. All M.T. are grounded for the day.</p>	
	8 Jul 42	1430	<p>C.O. & I.O. see Maj. DAVIDSON of 42 BN at his HQ in "KYBER PASS" which is between STUART and SMYTHS SIDING. The 42 BN have not changed with the rest of the 29 Bde. They still supply a road party of 100 per day to a road the Engineers are building between PARTINGTON & ALLIGATOR CK and beyond. The road is a great improvement on the old one between these points, and has stood up well to the rain. The 42 defensive position is in KYBER PASS and MAJ DAVIDSON pointed out the approximate positions of the Coys from his BATTLE HQ. He explained his fear of the enemy coming around the flanks and over the hills. We made enquiries about the units first position SOUTH OF ALLIGATOR CK MEATWORKS. He said that all that work had not been completed and that there was still an O.P. manned on the most Eastern point of MUNTALUNGA SPUR. The day was fine and training continued.</p>	<p>All Offrs attend Bde for a lecture on Airforce organization and Airforce and Army Liaison delivered by an A.L.O. with the 24 Squadron of Wirraway, now situated on ROSS RIV DROME and a Flying Officer who was a member of the Unit. While waiting for the Airforce lectures the Brigadier spoke to all officers for about 30 mins. on personnel A.W.L. in their units. He ordered all Officers to lecture to their men on similar lines. He stressed the seriousness of the present situation and outlined the method the men were to be spoken to. At the present time there are 32 men A.W.L. in this Unit and it is by far the Best in the Bde.</p>

MR

31ST. BATTALION

W A R D I A R Y.

Army Form C 2118.
(Adapted)

Unit..... 31. Aust. Inf. Bn.....

Date and Time - From..... 9 Jul 42..... To..... 10 Jul 42.....

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of events and information	Remarks and References to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
NOME Area in BIV	Jul 9 '42		<p>C.O. & MAJ. HUBB make recce of "free for all area" between NOME & ANTILL PLAINS. Training continues. A working party we sent to ROSENEATH for the engineers returned again without doing any work. This is the 4th time they have had to return. 1630 Lecture at Bde to all Offrs in the Bde on Air Liaison was attended by all Offrs of this unit. 2200 Rain commences again after an overcast day and light rain falls all night. Mosquitoes arrive in thousands. C.O. has evening meal with Brigadier at Bde. Afterwards there was a talk on the A.W.L. position and the severity of fines etc.</p>	
	10 Jul 42	<p>1830 2100</p>	<p>Rain in the early part of the morning until about 1100 hrs forced training to be carried out in tents. There are about 70 entrants for the Cross Country Race on Sunday, but on elimination test over a mile reduces them to 30. News is received that the 7th Bde move to MORESBY or thereabouts. No such luck for this unit thanks to sugarworkers. 1830 Coy Comd's conference. C.O. outlines latest working party which we take over from 42 BN. We have to supply party of 50 men for 6 hrs in morning and 50 men for working party in afternoon. Work begins at 0600 hrs. Work will last until further advised by Bde. 2100 Insts. from Bde to allot 18 men for special duty to be transferred out of unit. It is almost certain they went to MORESBY. These were later returned. All men except one were A.I.F. men.</p>	<p>trans-</p>

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31ST. BATTALION

W A R D I A R Y.

Army Form C 2118.
(Adapted)

Unit. 31. Aust. Inf. Bn.

Date and Time - From 11 Jul 42 To 12 Jul 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of events and information	Remarks and References to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
NOME. Area in BIV	11 Jul 42	0800	<p>18 men went off to Bde as per order of previous night. Training continues arrangements are made for "free for all training" for D & C Corp.</p> <p>Road job commences. Engineers are building a road from PARTINGTON SIDING TO ALLIGATOR CK. It is a defence road. At present it has been constructed to about 1 mile on the PARTINGTON side of NOME. Our men are working on the ALLIGATOR CK end. The road provides quick movement over an area which previously took a long period to traverse. It is hoped we do not get a long stretch on this road gang because we have so many untrained men. Yesterday rifle range practices began on a range near WHITES CK prepared by BDE. All Coys will shoot in the next week.</p> <p>Rain during the afternoon.</p>	
	12 Jul 42	1600	<p>Sunday. The day dawns beautifully fine and clear. We receive 15 duds from 61 BN who have gone to MORESEY. Most of the men are medically unfit. Why they were not sent to a training BN awaiting boarding we shall never know.</p> <p>Bn has 50 entrants for big Allied Cross Country Race in City. Our team did well coming third and this without any training at all. The race created great interest and there were over 240 entrants. Our Unit had the largest number of entries. Our football teams needs reviving. They were beaten 15-6 by the Engineers. Our team seemed lifeless. In the evening the BN gave one of its popular concerts at the ROXY THEATRE.</p> <p>We take over O.P. on WHITE'S HILL, Map Ref TOWNSVILLE SPECIAL MAP 090730. from 42 BN. O.P. manned by a section of Cpl. & S O/R. They report movement of ships aircraft, enemy troops & lights & flares at night. A line is being laid to the O.P.</p>	

31ST BATTALION

W A R D I A R Y.

Army Form C 2118.
(Adapted)

Unit..... 31 Aust. Inf. Bn.....

Date and Time - From... 13 Jul 42..... To... 15 Jul 42.....

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of events and information	Remarks and References to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
NOME Area in BIV	13 Jul 42		<p>Training continues include D & C Coys "Free for All". Number of A.W.L's has decreased and is now down to 13. There were 32 last week. This may be the result of the promise to grant 2 days a month Home Leave or "The Book" which the unit has recently been built in the area to deal with offenders. The discipline of the "CABOSE" has today been taken over by W.O.II FITZPATRICK of E Coy. for a week.</p> <p>Troops allege that mosquitoes look at their blood grouping before biting.- any way they do rush in with furious ferocity.</p> <p>Roads are trafficable today without much fear of bogging</p> <p>PADRE THOMPSON receives another tent for RECREATION purposes. This is paid for from UNIT FUNDS.</p>	
	14 ¹ / ₂ Jul 42	1630	<p>Dull overcast day with likelihood of rain. We have been able to hand over the Road job to the 26 BN.</p> <p>Lecture at BDE on Air Liaison to all Offrs. in the Bde.</p>	
	15 Jul 42	1830	<p>The sun wins through today and the afternoon is clear and warm. Roads in the area are almost dry though occasionally drivers try to disembowel mother earth.</p> <p>A & B Coys begin "Free for all".</p> <p>Coy Comd's conference. C.O. outlines training for the fortnight beginning next MONDAY.</p> <p>The "BOOB" has proved its worth. There are only 6 A.W.L's in the unit today.</p>	

31ST. BATTALION

W A R D I A R Y.

Army Form C 2118.
(Adapted)

Unit.....51. Aust. Inf. Bn.....

Date and Time - From...16 Jul 42..... To...17 Jul 42.....

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of events and information	Remarks and References to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
NOME AREA IN BIV	16 Jul	1630	<p>Training continues. Call made for men wishing to join COMMANDO units is answered by 2 Offrs & 3 O/Rs. They are medically examined at DIV. Fine clear day. Mosquitoes are still bad at night. Bde NOISE EXERCISE takes place near RIFLE RANGE. This unit was the first to take part. Noise consisted of Mortars, M.M.G's, Mines, Grenades, Aircraft & Carriers. For a first attempt it was an excellent job. The Land Mines in particular were impressive. The Land Mines other Bns. go through on Saturday & Monday and they will have additional Noise.</p>	<p><i>AM</i> Cutting from Townsville Daily Bulletin 7 20 July "AA" makes good reading Appendix AA</p>
	17 Jul 42	1930	<p>Lecture at Bde by an Army Air Liaison Offr to all Offrs of the Bde. It concerned communication between Bomber and Recce Aircraft with the ground.</p>	<p>Appendix B</p>
		1830	<p>Training Continues. New Syllabus for Coy. and Bn Trg. beginning next MONDAY is issued. Clear Fine day of beautiful winter weather. C.O. is advised that he is to attend an Air Coop School at CANNIERA for one week from 23 July. SALVATION ARMY UNIT arrive in charge of PADRE STRONG. He will live with unit although he is a Bde -Offr. We have about 47 men to go to the LABOUR COY. Nothing definite can be obtained from Bde as to when these men leave. It should clear the unit of many of its undesirables. R.A.A.F. recruiting unit arrives and calls for recruits. Lecture by Capt. OLIVER on Coy exercises in the coming week; particulars on BATTLE PROCEDURE & TACTICS. SANDTABLE USED.</p>	<p><i>AM</i></p>

31ST. BATTALION

W A R D I A R Y.

Army Form C 2118.
(Adapted)

Unit.....31. Aust. Inf. Bn.....

Date and Time -- From.....22 Jul 42..... To.....24 Jul 42.....

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of events and information	Remarks and References to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
NOME AREA IN BIV	22 Jul 42	1800	<p>C.O. goes by air to an Air Liaison Course at CANBERRA. Brigadier makes Recce with I.O. of 42 BN Area in KEYBER PASS. All BNS are now to look after this area for it is to be their sole defensive area. B & C Coys finish Coy Trg and A. & B Coys commence exercises. Exercises show that men still have a lot to learn before they are completely trained. Air Raid yellow; later white signal came through.</p>	
	23 Jul 42		<p>Training continues. D & A Coys Coy Trg. Clear fine day. Mosquitoes are easing up. Lecture to all officers in the Bde by MAJ. GAMBLE. L.S.O at DIV on "Group Psychology!" The lecture was full of interest and earned wrapped attention from all. After explaining how to win mens confidence MAJ GAMBLE explained the dangers of complacency. Its all too true. News of Japanese Landing at Buna in New Guinea 150 mls North-East of PORT MORESBY.</p>	
	24 Jul 42	1830 1830 2000	<p>D & E Coy returns from Coy Trg. Individual training continues. Last day for present A.I.F. Boarding. Lecture and discussion by Capt. T. Love on "Night Attack and movement by Night!" Sand table used. Coy Comd's conference - discussion of Trg. for Saturday Monday and Tuesday.</p>	


31ST. BATTALION

W A R D I A R Y.

Army Form C 2118.
(Adapted)

Unit.....31 Aust Inf Bn.....

Date and Time - From.....27 Jul 42..... To.....28 Jul 42.....

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of events and information	Remarks and References to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
NOME AREA IN BIV	27 Jul 42		<p>Precautions taken in case of air Raids. Orders from Bde on action to be taken in case of Air Raid signal. 1 N.C.O. & 20 O/Rs for working party at Symths Siding with Engineers building caches for food in the hills.</p>	Appendix E
	28 Jul 42	0045 0125 0220 1030 1100 1600	<p>Air Raid Yellow " " Red " " Green. Bde advise that it is estimated there were 3 enemy planes over TOWNSVILLE last night and that ACK ACK Batteries went into action. No bombs were dropped. Planes were flying high. Air Raid yellow " " White Training proceeds in accordance with Bde memo Special camouflage of tents, Equipment and M.T. in the area carried out. 1 N.C.O. & 20 O/Rs for working party for 11 Fd. Engineers who are building caches in the hills around SMYTHS SIDING. We will have rifle Range for Friday & Saturday next. Bde instruct that work in defensive position will be carried out in C & D Coy areas only. Party 2 N.C.O.'s and 7 men of leave unit for DIV party which will be away for about 2 months. Party will proceed to CAIRNS and thence up the Cap YORK Peninsula and return down the peninsula along the telegraph line.</p>	

31ST. BATTALION

W A R D I A R Y.

Army Form C 2118.
(Adapted)

Unit..... 51. Aust. Inf. Bn.....

Date and Time - From... 29. Jul. 42..... To.....

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of events and information	Remarks and References to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
NOME AREA IN BIV.	29 Jul 42	0010	Beautiful moonlit night. Air Raid Red (executive) All alarms sounded and we stood and watched the search-lights near the city pick up a Japanese Flying boat. Ack Ack opened xxxx fire and then fighters joined in, spurted their red tracer in the sky.	
		0100	Air Raid green. Working party of 1 N.C.O. & 20 O/Rs to Engineers at Smyths Siding.	
		0800	Further alleged sugarworkers from KIXSE KIXX released on orders from FIRST ARMY. Some of the men Manpowered have never worked in the sugar industry in their lives. There is no doubt the Manpower Officer makes very scanty enquiries before using his powers. Bde is taking the matter up with DIV. When will we realize there is a war on?	
		0930	Bde advised that during raid last night 6 bombs landed in sea near Townsville; one on foreshore and one at experimental Station. No damage done.	
		1200	The unit take over the road job from STUART to ALLIGATOR CR. again. It is to be hoped our term does not last too long. The road is progressing well but the wet weather held it up considerably.	
		1330	C.O. & Adjt called to Bde Conference at Bde. Brigadier orders that Coys be built up to full strength by amalgamation of Coys, that surplus Offrs & N.C.O.'s form a Training Cadre for which cadre Bde would set syllabus. HQ Coy must be kept up to strength. M.G. Coy can be called on for men for their is a likelihood of it being tfrd. to an M.G. Bn. Capt. J.A. Oliver outlines Coy scheme for tomorrow. This scheme was prepared by him and amended by Bde. Later in afternoon umpires are shown over the area.	
		1900	Lecture by Brig. to all Offrs. of Bde at Bde on Preparation of Tactical Exercises with Tps and Umpiring. It is a beautiful moonlit night but the Japs disappoint us for there is no raid. Night is cold.	


31ST. BATTALION

WAR DIARY.

Army Form C 2118.
(Adapted)

Unit..... 31. Aust. Inf. Bn.....

Date and Time - From... 29 Jul 42..... To... 31 Jul 42.....

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of events and information	Remarks and References to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
NOME AREA IN BIV	29 Jul 42	2100	C.O. Conference with Coy. Comds when Amalgamation of Coys is discussed. A.&D. Coys amalgamate under Capt. G.A. Theodore. B.&C. Coys under Capt. R.J. Honeycombe. D. Coy area is to be used for the Cadre.	
	30 Jul 42		Coy exercise takes place during the morning, C. Coy defending, A. Coy attacking. Exercise is watched by BRIG. CRAWFORD & MAJ. GEN MILFORD. D. Coy is on the road party in the morning & E. Coy in the afternoon. During the afternoon steps are taken to amalgamate Coys - amalgamation is complete. This is only for purpose of training.	
	31 Jul 42	0230 0231 0315 0316	Air Raid yellow Air Raid Red. Air Raid Green Air Raid White. No raid took place ON TOWNSVILLE. E. Coy will look after duties for next 3 days exclusive of road job. Inoculations for T.A.B. & T.E.T. during the afternoon.	
		2200	The O.P. at WHITES HILL had some excitement when they thought they saw someone flashing a torch within 100ft of the post. Further investigation found nothing.	 <i>Handwritten signature</i> <i>Handwritten signature</i> Co. 31 Bn 11/8/42

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

31 Aust Inf Bn (Unit) 6 June 1944 (Date).

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1 Detail.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	2	1	
W.Os. Class II.	7		1
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	6		
Staff Serjeants	1		
Serjeants	111		
Corporals	85		1
Troopers, Privates, &c.	111 657		74
TOTALS	199	1	76

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
2 A.I.C.	1 R.S.M.		
	1 C.S.M.		

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

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

31 Aust Inf Bn Unit.

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.							REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.							REMARKS.	
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.		TOTAL.
Bricklayers														2	2	
Butchers																
Carpenters and Joiners														1	1	+
Clerks														1	1	+
Blacksmiths														1	1	+
Despatch Riders																
Draughtsmen (topo)																
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.																
Electricians																
Farriers																
Fitters																
Masons																
Painters and Decorators																
Plumbers and Gasfitters																
Saddlers and Harness Makers																
Signallers														2	5	+
Storemen technical																
Vickers Machine Gunners																
Cooks														6	6	+
Mechanics (H.J.)														2	2	+
Dr. Mech. 1st Class														16	16	+
Range Takers														4	4	+
Riflemen	1							1	1				1	36	38	
R																
General duty personnel																
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)								1	1				1	76	76	

+ Personnel not yet qualified held in unit to fill vacancies
21 Aust Inf Bn.

Unit.

P.H. Cardus

Signature of Commander.
Comdg. Officer 31. Bn.

Date of Despatch 6 JUL 1942

Area 31 11 Aust Inf Bde

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

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

31 Aust Inf Bn. (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels ...	1		
Majors ...	2		1
Captains ...	9		2
Lieutenants ...	26	5	
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...			
TOTALS ...	38	5	3

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
 				
 				
 				
 				
 				

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
 				
 				
 				
 				
 				

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lt/Col.	483	Bardale P.H.G.	31 Bn	yes	
Capt-Maj	Q.32751	Bubb H.	✓	✓	
Lieut-Maj	Q.32752	Penney R.A.I.	✓	✓	
Lieut-Capt	Q.32755	Honeycombe R.A.	✓	✓	
✓	Q.32759	Titley J.N.A.	✓	✓	
✓	Q.32756	McCabe J.R.	✓	✓	
✓	Q.32760	Rickard R.J.	✓	✓	
✓	Q.32757	Strange J.O.	✓	no	Course
✓	Q.32758	Theodore G.A.	✓	yes	
✓	Q.32765	Love J.	✓	✓	
✓	Q.32766	Wilson J.J.	✓	✓	
✓	17539	Oliver J.C.	✓	✓	
Lieut.	Q.32767	Pirie J.M.D.	✓	no	Amenities Off. - 11 Aust Inf Bde
✓	Q.32774	Bannan J.B.	✓	yes	
✓	Q.32776	Reiby L.	✓	✓	
✓	Q.32780	Ashmiller J.A.	✓	✓	
✓	Q.32923	Squire J.G.	✓	no	B.D.H.
✓	Q.33756	Roberts G.V.	✓	yes	
✓	Q.110002	Wooster H.M.	✓	no	Course
✓	Q.32812	Riley H.M.	✓	yes	
✓	Q.33765	Smith R.D.B.	✓	no	B.M. Learner
✓	Q.32838	LeFevre O.F.	✓	yes	
✓	Q.32795	Evans G.B.B.	✓	✓	
✓	Q.32873	Morrison W.	✓	✓	
✓	Q.32762	Christie K.M.D.	✓	no	L.O. - 11 Aust Inf Bde
✓	Q.32917	Feather A.R.	✓	yes	
✓	Q.32935	Hoffensetz J.E.	✓	✓	
✓	Q.33039	Allan J.H.	✓	✓	
✓	Q.32925	Barey J.B.	✓	✓	
✓	Q.33069	Williams G.B.	✓	no	Course
✓	Q.32851	Lobeguer W.G.	✓	no	Course
✓	Q.32877	Garlick A.G.	✓	yes	
✓	Q.33698	Smith G.	✓	✓	
✓	Q.32869	Hutchinson H.B.	✓	✓	
✓	Q.32996	Ruddoch O.B.	✓	✓	
✓	Q.34043	Gould J.M.	✓	✓	
✓	Q.34116	Barrell J.J.	✓	✓	
✓	Q.32791	Wilkinson J.W.	✓	✓	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.

31 Aust Inf Bn.

(Unit.)

6 JUL 1942

(Date of Despatch.)

P.H.G. Bardale Lt. Col.

(Signature of Commander.)
Comdg. Officer 31. Bn.

Area 21 11 Aust. Inf Bde.

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

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

31 Aust Inf Bde (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels	1		
Majors	2		1
Captains	9		2
Lieutenants	24	3	
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
Totals	36	3	3

*Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
	<i>Smith</i>	<i>31st Bde</i>		<i>Seconded 11 Aust Inf Bde</i>
	<i>Smith</i>	<i>R.D.B.</i>		

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

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

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

31 Aust. Inf. Bn. (Unit) 11 Feb. 1942 (Date).

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	2	1	
W.Os. Class II.	1		1
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	6		
Staff Serjeants	1		
Serjeants	10		1
Corporals	85		1
Troopers, Privates, &c.	635		96
TOTALS	776	* 1	* 99

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
2 A.I.C.	1 R.S.M.		
	1 C.S.M.		

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

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

11 Aust. Inf Bde

Unit.

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.							REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.							REMARKS.	
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.		TOTAL.
Bricklayers														2	2	
Butchers																
Carpenters and Joiners														1	1	+
Clerks														1	1	+
Blacksmiths														1	1	+
Despatch Riders																
Draughtsmen (topo)																
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.																
Electricians																
Farriers																
Fitters																
Masons																
Painters and Decorators																
Plumbers and Gasfitters																
Saddlers and Harness Makers																
Signallers														5	5	+
Storemen technical																
Vickers Machine Gunners																
Cooks														5	5	+
Mechanics M.T.														1	1	+
Dr. Mech. 1st. Class														18	18	+
Rangefinders														4	4	+
Reflexes	1							1	1	1	1	1	1	58	61	
General duty personnel																
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)	1							1	1	1	1	1	1	98	99	

* Personnel not yet qualified held in unit to fill vacancies

11 Aust. Inf Bde
Unit.

B. Cardale Lt. Col.
Comdg. (Signature of Commander)

Date of Despatch 11 JUL 1942

Area 2 11 Aust. Inf Bde.

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

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

31 Aust Inf Bn (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels	1		
Majors	2		1
Captains	9		2
Lieutenants	24	3	
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
Totals	36	3	3

*Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
1st Lt	22751	Handley, J.H.	31 Bn	Yes	
1st Lt	22752	Handley, J.H.	"	Yes	
1st Lt	22753	Handley, J.H.	"	Yes	
1st Lt	22754	Handley, J.H.	"	Yes	
1st Lt	22755	Handley, J.H.	"	Yes	
1st Lt	22756	Handley, J.H.	"	Yes	
1st Lt	22757	Handley, J.H.	"	Yes	
1st Lt	22758	Handley, J.H.	"	Yes	
1st Lt	22759	Handley, J.H.	"	Yes	
1st Lt	22760	Handley, J.H.	"	Yes	
1st Lt	22761	Handley, J.H.	"	Yes	
1st Lt	22762	Handley, J.H.	"	Yes	
1st Lt	22763	Handley, J.H.	"	Yes	
1st Lt	22764	Handley, J.H.	"	Yes	
1st Lt	22765	Handley, J.H.	"	Yes	
1st Lt	22766	Handley, J.H.	"	Yes	
1st Lt	22767	Handley, J.H.	"	Yes	
1st Lt	22768	Handley, J.H.	"	Yes	
1st Lt	22769	Handley, J.H.	"	Yes	
1st Lt	22770	Handley, J.H.	"	Yes	
1st Lt	22771	Handley, J.H.	"	Yes	
1st Lt	22772	Handley, J.H.	"	Yes	
1st Lt	22773	Handley, J.H.	"	Yes	
1st Lt	22774	Handley, J.H.	"	Yes	
1st Lt	22775	Handley, J.H.	"	Yes	
1st Lt	22776	Handley, J.H.	"	Yes	
1st Lt	22777	Handley, J.H.	"	Yes	
1st Lt	22778	Handley, J.H.	"	Yes	
1st Lt	22779	Handley, J.H.	"	Yes	
1st Lt	22780	Handley, J.H.	"	Yes	
1st Lt	22781	Handley, J.H.	"	Yes	
1st Lt	22782	Handley, J.H.	"	Yes	
1st Lt	22783	Handley, J.H.	"	Yes	
1st Lt	22784	Handley, J.H.	"	Yes	
1st Lt	22785	Handley, J.H.	"	Yes	
1st Lt	22786	Handley, J.H.	"	Yes	
1st Lt	22787	Handley, J.H.	"	Yes	
1st Lt	22788	Handley, J.H.	"	Yes	
1st Lt	22789	Handley, J.H.	"	Yes	
1st Lt	22790	Handley, J.H.	"	Yes	
1st Lt	22791	Handley, J.H.	"	Yes	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.

31 Aust Inf Bn
(Unit.)
18 July 42
(Date of Despatch.)

P.A. Carrol Hbe
(Signature of Commander.)
11 Aust Inf Bde
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

31 Aust Inf Bn

Unit.

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.							REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.							REMARKS.	
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.		TOTAL.
Bricklayers														2	2	
Butchers																
Carpenters and Joiners														1	1	x
Clerks														1	1	x
Blacksmiths														1	1	x
Despatch Riders																
Draughtsmen (topo)																
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.																
Electricians																
Farriers																
Fitters																
Masons																
Painters and Decorators																
Plumbers and Gasfitters																
Saddlers and Harness Makers																
Signallers														5	5	x
Storemen technical																
Vickers Machine Gunners																
Cooks																
Mech M T														1	1	x
W/O M T 1st class														17	17	x
Rangefinders														4	4	x
Riflemen	1							1	1	1	3	57		94		
General duty personnel																
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)	1							1	1	1	3	119		125		

* Personnel not yet qualified hold in unit a few vacancies
31 Aust Inf Bn

Unit.

Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch

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

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

(Adapted)

31 Aust. Inf Bn (Unit) 25 July 1942 (Date).

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1 Detail.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	21		
W.Os. Class II.	7		1
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	5		1
Staff Serjeants	1		
Serjeants	39		2
Corporals	84		21
Troopers, Privates, &c.	605		126
TOTALS	743	* 1	* 132

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
2 AIC	1 RSM 1 RSM		

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

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

31 Aust. Inf Bde Unit.

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(page 2)

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.							REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.							REMARKS.	
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.		TOTAL.
Bricklayers														2	2	
Butchers																
Carpenters and Joiners														1	1	X
Clerks																
Blacksmith														1	1	X
Despatch Riders																
Draughtsmen (topo)																
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.																
Electricians																
Farriers																
Fitters																
Masons																
Painters and Decorators																
Plumbers and Gasfitters																
Saddlers and Harness Makers																
Signallers														5	5	X
Storemen technical																
Vickers Machine Gunners																
Cooks														5	5	X
mech. m.d.														1	1	X
Asst. m.d. 1st class														17	17	X
Rampetakers														4	4	X
Riflemen	1		(A 20/10 submitted)				1	1	1	2	2	9		96		
General duty personnel																
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)										1	1	2	2	90	96	

X Personnel held in Unit to fill vacancies, but not yet qualified.

31 Aust. Inf Bde Unit.

Signature of Commander: *ABuff* for Lt. Col
Area 31 11 Aust. Inf Bde
Bde., Divn., Area, &c., with which unit is serving.

Date of Despatch: 24/8/42

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

31 Aust. Inf Bn. (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels	1		
Majors	21		1
Captains	9		21
Lieutenants	25	4	
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			1
Totals	37	4	3

*Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
<i>(This section is crossed out with a diagonal line)</i>				

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
<i>Q 32774</i>	<i>Lieut J.B. Barrman</i>	<i>31 Bn</i>	<i>20 July 42</i>	<i>Transferred to 1st Bn 4. of 16 Area.</i>

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

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).
<i>(This section is crossed out with a diagonal line)</i>			

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
lt-capt.	AX 483	Cardale P.H.G.	31 Bw	no	course
capt-maj	Q 32751	Bubb H.	✓	yes	
lieut-maj	QXM 32752	Penney R.H.	✓	✓	
lieut-capt	Q 32755	Honeycombe R.H.	✓	✓	
"	AXM 32759	Smith J.H.A.	✓	✓	
✓	AXM 32756	McGabe J.R.	✓	✓	
✓	QXM 32760	Richard R.	✓	✓	
✓	Q 32757	Strange J.P.	✓	no	course
✓	AXM 32758	Shoemaker J.A.	✓	yes	
✓	QXM 32765	Low J.	✓	✓	
✓	AXM 32766	Nelson J.	✓	✓	
lieut	VXP 2539	Oliver J.A.	✓	✓	
✓	Q 32767	Paine J.M.A.	✓	no	seconded to 11 Aust Inf Bde.
✓	QXM 32776	Rigby J.	✓	yes	
✓	QXM 32780	Austin J.A.	✓	✓	
✓	AXM 32783	Squire J.G.	✓	no	B.R.H.
✓	AXM 32756	Roberts J.H.	✓	yes	
✓	Q 1100021	Wootley H.M.	✓	no	course
✓	QXM 32812	Riley H.M.	✓	yes	
✓	QXM 32765	Smith R.B.	✓	no	seconded to 11 Aust Inf Bde.
✓	QXM 32838	Stewart J.	✓	yes	
✓	QXM 32795	Evans G.B.	✓	✓	
✓	QXM 32873	Morrison J.W.	✓	no	sub. 11 Aust Inf Bde.
✓	QXM 32868	Leitch K.M.M.	✓	no	A.O.
✓	AXM 32917	Feather A.R.	✓	yes	
✓	QXM 32935	Hopfenstey J.V.	✓	✓	
✓	QXM 33039	Allen J.H.	✓	✓	
✓	QXM 32925	Bailey J.B.	✓	✓	
✓	QXM 33069	Williams J.B.	✓	✓	
✓	Q 32851	Solager J.W.	✓	no	course
✓	AXM 32877	Gallach A.B.	✓	no	
✓	Q 33695	Smith J.	✓	no	B.B.H.
✓	AXM 32809	Hutchinson J.B.	✓	yes	
✓	QXM 32996	Mudoch J.B.	✓	✓	
✓	Q 34043	Gould J.M.	✓	✓	
✓	AXM 34116	Barrell J.J.	✓	✓	
✓	Q 32791	Wilkinson J.W.	✓	no	course

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.

31 Aust. Inf. Bw
(Unit.)
24/8/42
(Date of Despatch.)

J.B. May Adair
(Signature of Commander.)
Area 31 11 Aust. Inf. Bde.
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

Appendix A
War Diary

SECRET
COPY NO. 15.
30 Jun. 42.

31 AUST. INF. BN.
OPERATION ORDER NO. 2.

Ref. Map :- TOWNSVILLE 1 in. to 1 mile.

INFORMATION. (for purpose of the exercise only)

1. A message received from 5 Aust. Div. at 0430 hrs. 1 Jul. 42 reads as follows:- No reliable information yet to hand but report graded C.3 indicates landing of small enemy force under cover rainstorm night Jun. 30-1 Jul. 42. vicinity AYR. All Comm. with AYR severed and W/T jammed. 11 Aust. Inf. Bde. will move commencing first light 1 Jul. 42 to posn. of readiness astride main road. BDE. GROUP. to be prepared to undertake operational role from first light 3 Jul. 42.
2. Air report timed 0601 hrs 1 Jul. 42 (recd. at 0645 hrs) reads as follows:- "Reliable report GIRU area indicate present a party A.F.Vs. believed enemy moving WEST from AYR in vicinity PIONEER."
3. Two tps. recce. sqn. 2 recce. Bn. come under comd. 11 Aust. Inf. Bde. 0700 hrs. 1 Jul. 42.
4. 51 Aust. Inf. Bn. is providing front and right flank protection on first day and 26 Aust. Inf. Bn. on second day.

INTENTION.

5. 31 Aust. Inf. Bn. will move to Area 0772 vicinity WHITES CREEK by a march route.

METHOD.

6. Route. - Rd. Junc. 907868-Rly. Xing. 901849-Xroads 879812-Weir Xing. 859788-Xrds. CLUDEN 947787-NORTH OF MUNTALUNGA to area 0772.
7. Order of March. - Carrier Pl. less two secs.
"A" Coy.
One Pl. "E" Coy.
Pioneer Pl.
R Gp.
"B" Coy.
H.Q. Coy.
"D" Coy.
"C" Coy. less one Pl.
A Ech. tpt.
one Sec. carrier Pl.
T Gp.
one pl. "C" Coy.
one sec. carrier pl.
8. Bounds. (First day)
(A) Swamp 8987.
(b) NORTHERN HIGHWAY 8985.
(c) HERVEYS RANGE ROAD. 8781.
(d) WEIR CROSSING.
(e) Creek 9078.
(f) STUART CREEK. 9678.
9. Start Time.
Main body 0740 hrs. 1 Jul. 42.
10. Start line.
Telephone line 8691.
11. Objectives.
First day bound (F).
Second day area 0772.
12. Advance gd. (under comd. Capt. G.A. Theodore)
"A" Coy.
One pl. "E" Coy.
carrier pl. less two secs.
pioneer pl.
report bounds as under clear or otherwise of enemy tps.
bound (a) by 0740 hrs.
bound (b) by 0850 hrs.
bound (c) by 0950 hrs.
bound (d) by 1030 hrs.
bound (e) by 1150 hrs.
bound (f) by 1430 hrs.

13. A.A. - A.A.pl. will provide det. as under.
R Gp. one det.
A Ech. one det.
T Gp. two det.
all A.A. L.M.Gs. will be mounted during halts. Correct intervals between vehicles and tps. will be kept. Dispersal and cover to be availed of during all halts.

ADMINISTRATION.

14. Dress - Battle order.
15. Repair and recovery. - Carried out by 242 L.A.D. moving with Bde. B Ech.
16. Supplies.- 3 days rations and two days water will be carried.
17. P.O.L. - P.O.L. for 100 miles will be carried.
18. Medical - Casualties during move will be evacuated by R.M.O. as follows;
(a) whilst on NORTH SIDE of ROSS RIVER to A.D.S. 11 Aust. Fd. Amb. FULHAM ROAD.
(b) whilst on SOUTH side of ROSS RIVER to A.D.S. 7 Aust. Fd. Amb. ROSENEATH or C.L.P. in vicinity ALLIGATOR CREEK whichever is the closer.
19. Water points.- on arrival at new area W.P. will be at 104713. NO other W.P. will be used.
20. Stores. - Scale B clothing and equipment will be loaded on Coy. vehicles. Scale C will be carried under Bn. arrangements. all other excess baggage will be stacked in Coy. dumps in present Bn. H.Q. area by 0630 hrs. 1 Jul. 42. A loading party consisting of 3 men per Coy. will remain with these dumps.

INTERCOMM.

21. Sigs. - One 108 set per coy. and R Gp.
22. Reports - To R Gp. along mainartery.

ACK.

Issued by
Signed at

F. J. Wilson
(F.J. WILSON) CAPT.
ADJT. 31 AUST. INF. BN.

DISTRIBUTION.

1. "A" Coy.
2. "B" Coy.
3. "C" Coy.
4. "D" Coy.
5. "E" Coy.
6. H.Q. Coy.
7. Q.M.
8. C.O.
9. 2 i/c.
10. Adj. Gen.
- 11-12. 11 Aust. Inf. Bde.
13. L.O. 31 Bn.
- 14-15. War Diary.
16. File.
17. Spare.

"NOISE COURSE" FOR TROOPS

Appendix AB

ACCUSTOMS MEN TO DIN OF ACTION

(From an Advanced Operational Base.)

Japanese attempts to confuse and terrify troops by creating unnecessary din with screaming bombs and noisy grenades are unlikely to be successful against Australians.

War correspondents in this area recently saw militiamen passing through a novel device known as "The noise course," which should make the troops proof against anything.

The course is devised to accustom troops to the din of action with modern weapons. Officers also learn to give orders and control troops in battle conditions, identifying objects through smoke screens, and steadying men under dive-bombing.

The exercise scores full marks for realism. Troops in battle dress move with fixed bayonets on a twisting course, through barbed wire entanglements, hidden gullies, dense spear-grass and scrub, while land mines explode a few yards away. Machine-guns and rifles fire point blank. Smoke bombs are scattered among them, universal carriers charge through their ranks, and Wirraways dive-bomb both sides of the course with 100 pound demolition bombs.

As the men pushed forward, hidden landmines tossed whole trees in the air and showered them with earth and debris. Wirraways swooped low over their heads, as if strafing,

and then peeled off one by one, and dropped their bombs in a thrilling display.

A steep range of hills running beside the course threw all the noise back. Dust covered infantrymen pushed through smoke and crawled under fire, while earth thrown up by explosions showered on their tin hats.

A.I.F men and correspondents who have been through actions are enthusiastic about the value of the course. "It was a lot more concentrated than anything I saw the Japs give us on Bataan," said one correspondent.

There were no mishaps, although one carrier crew which had track trouble, only escaped from the bombing area by a few minutes.

After the display a bomb disposal squad went into action to deal with a single bomb which failed to explode.

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Appendix B.

31 Bn. Coy. Exercises (S12) 21-24 Jul 42

TIME TABLE.

REF. MAP. "TOWNSVILLE SPECIAL 1"

Date Times.	EXERCISE	PLACE	REF.	REMARKS	EXERCISE	PLACE	REF.	REMARKS	FINAL
	<u>COY. B/A</u>				<u>COY. C/D</u>				
20/22 0900	Route March	Defile	0271		Approach March	Defile	0271		All patrols to make contact with other Coy
1200	Defence	"	"		Attack	"	"		
1500	Withdrawal	Ck.xing.	994698		Occupation	"	"		
1800	Patrols				"	"	"		
2100	Night Withdrawal	Saddle	9972	Recce. parties move	"	"	"		
2400	Occupation	"	"	1600	Night Approach	Saddle	9972		
21/23 0300	"	"	"		"	"	"		
0600	Defence	"	"		Dawn Attack	"	"		Move to KNOLL after Attack.
0900	Rest	CREEK	985718	Move to CK at 0700 hrs	Rest	KNOLL	003743		
1200	"				"	"	"		
1500	Patrols				Patrols	"	"		
1800	"				"	"	"		
2100	"				Night withdrawal	DEFILE	0271	Recce. parties to move 1600 hrs.	
2400	Night Approach	DEFILE	0271		Occupation	DEFILE	0271		
22/24 0300	Night Approach	DEFILE	0271		Occupation	DEFILE	0271		
0600	Dawn Attack	"	"		DEFence	"	"		
0900	Approach March	RD.JUNC.	986720		Withdraw & Occupy	RD.JUNC.	986720	Withdraw immediately after dawn attack.	
1200	Attack	RD.JUNC.	986720		Defence	Rd.JUNC.	986720		
1500									
1800									
2100	<u>RETURN TO CAMP</u>			<u>REST</u>	<u>RETURN TO CAMP</u>			<u>REST.</u>	
2400									

Lt./Col.

Comd. 31 Aust Inf Bn.

1. INFORMATION:-

31 Bn has been ordered to carry out Coy. exercises from 20-24 July. Both dates inclusive.

2. INTENTION:-

Coys. will be trained in ATTACK- DEFENCE - NIGHT WITHDRAWAL & PATROLLING in ROCKY SPRINGS AREA - Re MAP TOWNSVILLE SPECIAL.

3. METHOD:-

Coys. will move out of Camp in the following order:-

"B" Coy. with under Comd.

19 Pl "E" Coy.

1 Sec 4 Pl

No. 1 Det. 3 Pl

"A", Party Sigs

4 Stretcher Bearers

On I Pte. (Int. Sec)

"C" Coy. with under Comd.

20 Pl E. Coy.

No. 2 Sec. 4 Pl

No. 2 Det 3 Pl

"B" Party Sigs.

4 Stretcher Bearers

One I Pte (Int Sec)

UMPIRES:-

Capt. J. Oliver - Chief Umpire

Lieut. L. Williams - Asst.

" J. Carey - "

Above Coys will move out from Camp at 0800 and 0930 hrs respectively in 20 Jul 42 in the above order.

"A" Coy. with under Comd.

21 Pl. "E" Coy; less No. 6 Sec.

No. 3 Sec 4 Pl.

No. 3 & 4 Dets. 3 Pl.

"C" Party Sigs.

4 stretcher Bearers

One I Pte. (Int Sec)

"D" Coy with under Comd.

No. 6 Sec 21 M.M.G. Pl "E" Coy.

No. 4 Sec. 4 Pl

No. 5 & 6 Dets. 3 Pl

"D" Party Sigs.

4 Stretcher Bearers

One I Pte. (Int Sec)

UMPIRES:-

Major R. Penney - Chief Umpire

Lieut. Gould - Asst.

Capt. Rickard - Asst.

The above Coys will move out form Camp at 0800 & 0930 hrs respectively on 22 Jul 42 in the above order.

4. MEDICAL:-

M.O. will establish R.A.P at ROCKY SPRINGS for duration of the exercises.

5. ADMINISTRATION:-

a. Battle dress will be worn.

b. Scale B carried on Coy Vehicles.

c. No. ball Ann will be carried.

d. Coy. Comds. will ensure that men obtain sufficient supplies of tobacco etc for the period. No canteen service will be available.

e. Tow L.D. men per Coy. will ~~be~~ be detailed as Camp Guard.

f. Movement of "B" Ech and messing will be carried out tactically throughout.

Q.M. will arrange for one (1) W.C. and the ration lorry to report to Chief Umpire at ROCKY SPRINGS, at 1700 hrs daily during exercises.

T.O. will make sufficient P.O.L. available to Coys. to cover 3 days.

T.O. will also provide transport to bring two Coys. back to Camp on Wed 22nd and Friday 24 Jul 42 at 1200 hrs.

6. REPRESENTATION OF FIRE.

M.M.G's -, Hitting of suitable tin (Sec Comds to provide)

L.M.G's - Rattles.

Rifle Fire - Red Flag waved by Sec. Comd.

REP. OF WIRE.

Cord if available.

Capt.

Adj. 31 Aust Inf Bn.

Major N. Wemy - Chief Umpire
Lieut. Comd. - Sec.
Capt. - Sec.

Austrian Military MINOR TACTICS Command

MONDAY

The whole of this day is to be devoted to Cross Country marching. During the march, Coy. Comds must ensure that wherever possible the company moves on a wide front and does not "snake" along in dispersed formation on one route. It must be realised that this is the second stage in "hardening". Where the going is good a pace in excess of 2½ m.p.h. will be adopted. It will be left to the discretion of Coy Comds as to whether movement is by bounds or with clock hour halts. Every care must be taken that sub-units do not straggle and their comds must move frequently beside them rather than in front of their commands, watching and nursing the men. The march can be planned on a series of legs and compass compass shots taken to give the axis of the advance. On roads, one pl has recently marched 42.8 miles in 14 hrs. Unless we can move fast, we will be outmanoeuvred and out-fought and the weapon of surprise wielded against us.

The following points should receive attention:

- (a) Foot inspection on early morning parade - no other work.
- (b) Men to soap feet before start.
- (c) Battle order (water bottle in haversack) to be well fitted and inspected before start. Felt hats may be worn.
- (d) Fitting of equipment to be checked at first halt.
- (e) Strict march discipline to be enforced.
- (f) Foot baths to be available at end of day and foot inspections be carried out immediately on return to lines.

Monday Night:

Coy Comds are to ensure that all N.C.O's are available to study under Coy arrangements, Infantry Minor Tactics 1941, Chaps 4 and 9. This involves the reading aloud of 15½ pages - each para should be read and later discussed. Allowing 4 Mins per page, one hour will be required for reading. This should be done by the Coy Comd himself and a further 30 mins devoted to reading through the headings with a view to discussion and answering questions. Two hours will be requisite for the whole lecture. All N.C.O's should then be capable of understanding and carrying out the following simple exercises, which will be carried out on Tuesday afternoon.

1. DEMONSTRATIONS.

The pl is seated with its back to the selected piece of ground. One section is taken away and concealed well behind the remainder of the pl. The pl is then turned about, its front indicated, and it is told to watch for movement. Each time movement is observed, the observed will shout "Hoy". This must be kept under control however, and men challenged to indicate where movement was seen. Movement should be stopped periodically, a whistle being blown and a handkerchief waved as a signal. A simple code for "halt" and "Advance" should be arranged. When one section has completed its advance, the remainder of the pl would be put through the exercise over the same piece of ground. - Watch the following.

- (a) The observers must lie down, in a locality suitable for defence.
 - (b) Garnishing should wherever possible, be placed on helmets.
 - (c) Don't hurry the exercise.
 - (d) While a section is getting into position read and explain I.T.M. paras 41, 42 and 47 to each waiting group and precede the first demonstration by reading them to the whole pl.
- Note: Observation of exercise during the past week shows a complete lack of fieldcraft throughout the Bde.)- men are moving in the open in preference to using covered routes. Explain to them that this will cost many lives during their first actions, and that they must learn now to conceal themselves.)

2. INDIVIDUAL STALK:-

Read I.T. Vol. 37 Chap. 7, Section 34 para 10.

TUESDAY.

0830 - 1000 - Camouflage of all tents in accordance with 5 Aust Div Cam Instn No.1. Coy vehicles should be used to bring in loads of saplings etc. from areas well clear of bivouac area.

1000 - 1030 - March to dispersal areas.

1030 - 1130 - Bren L.M.G. advanced handling.

1130 - 1215 - Marathon march by section with two minutes difference in starting time.

Afternoon:

Carry out fieldcraft exercises in accordance with night's discussion.

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Please quote this number when replying.

Date

Address

Australian Military Forces.

TELEPHONES

Appendix B

AIR RAID WARNINGS.

Degree of Warning	Nature of Signal	Action to be Taken.
YELLOW	Nil	Duty Offr informs Senior Offr in lines who moves to Coml Post; Air sentries mount at Unit HQ; Pressure in siren to be checked; inform O.P.'s.
WHITE	Nil	Cancel YELLOW.
RED (Cautionary)	A Continuous blast on Civil siren or long blast on Unit siren.	Stretcher Bearers report to Coy HQ or R.A.P.; Personnel check helmets, respirators, 1st Fd Dressings available, A.A.L.M.G.'s to be manned, all lights extinguished or blacked out completely, O.P.' report fall of bombs, <u>SECRET</u> documents placed in locked containers
RED (Executive) <i>Given by Senior officer on spot</i>	Series short blasts on siren relayed by whistle	Men slit trenches with all speed, rifles (L.M.G.'s) where available magazines charged rifles not loaded.
GREEN	Two long blasts on siren pause repeated for one minute.	ALL CLEAR. <i>Section lead inspects arms & rpt completion of action to Pl lead</i>
<i>10 rds per man</i>		<i>1st Fd Dressings</i>
		<i>J. A. Keane</i> Major, P.M. 11 Aust Inf Bde.

31ST. BATTALION

W A R D I A R Y.

Army Form C 2118.
(Adapted)

Unit..... 31 Aust. Inf Bn.....

Date and Time From... 1 Aug 42..... To..... 5 Aug 42.....

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of events and information	Remarks and References to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
NOME AREA IN BIV.	1 Aug 42		All personnel who were inoculated are feeling seedy today. Individual Trg.	
	2 Aug 42	0800	Exercise on BATTLE PROCEEDURE on ALLIGATOR CK conducted by BDE. Battle procedure applied to Coys only and 3 teams of 22 offrs each went through the exercise Our BN team played Engineers No.3 at SPORTS RES and defeated them 7-3. Band concert in the ROXY THEATRE was again successful.	
	3 Aug 42		Tendency to rain during the day but cleared to a perfect training day. Routine training continues (individual trg) C.O. Lt/Col CARDALE returns from Air Coop School at CANBERRA. The unit received two carriers for the Mortar Pl. They are of English Manufacture.	
	4 Aug 42	1400	Bn advises conference for C.O.'s at Bde where Brig outlines Coy exercise to take place between BNS on Thur & Fri. of this week. One Coy of this Unit will be opposed to 2 Coys of 26 BNS in MUNTALUNGA AREA. Working party on road continues. <i>anttime</i>	<i>M</i>
		1830	Coy Comds conference when C.O. attends Coy Manouvres for two days. B Coy will be Coy on the job.	
	5 Aug 42		Individual Trg. Preparations made for Hill Trg. exercise. Working party for road job on ALLIGATOR CR RD.	<i>M</i>

31ST. BATTALION

W A R D I A R Y.

Army Form C 2118.
(Adapted)

Unit... 31 Aust Inf Bn

Date and Time -- From... 6 Aug 42 To... 8 Aug 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of events and information	Remarks and References to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
NOME AREA IN BIV	6 Aug 42	0630	Hill training exercise commences. B.Coy and BHQ of this unit are opposed to 2 Coys & BHQ of 26 BN. Much valuable Trg was obtained from this exercise. MAJ-GEN MILFORD inspected this exercise accompanied by LIEUT/ COL. DALY G.S.O. I. Working party on Road all day.	Bde instruction appendix 4
		7 Aug 42	Working party for road all day. Issue of Leather leggings commences. Unit has 600 pairs for issue.	
	1400	Exercise against 26 BN in MUNTALUNGA concludes. Many mistakes were made on both sides but good use should be made of the Trg received in future exercises in similar country. Too much food was carried. There was always a lack of information and communication was bad. Smaphone and battle code must be used. Exercises of this nature should have better control. The troops stood up to the conditions well.		
	1830	Conference of Coy Comds discussed the lessons gained from this exercise.		
	2059	Air Raid Yellow.		
	2135	" " White.		
	8 Aug 42	0830	Conference at Bde for C.O's and Adjts on next months Trg. Bde lays down broad outlines of a Syllabus for the period. Contemplated change over to A.I.F. Establishment discussed. Names of four officers are given for a party to be sent to the 7 DIV for training purposes. There is nothing definite as to when this party is to go. Light rain during the day. Trg continues.	
	1830	1830	Working party to Engineers at Roseneath of 1 NCO & 8 O/Rs Normal Coy Comds conference where new Trg discussed.	

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31ST. BATTALION

W A R D I A R Y.

Army Form C 2118.
(Adapted)

Unit... 31. Aust. Inf. Bn.

Date and Time - From... 9. Aug. 42. To... 12. Aug. 42.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of events and information	Remarks and References to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
NOME AREA IN BIV	9 Aug 42		<p>Sunday clear fine day.</p> <p>Working party for Engineers of 1 N.C.O. & 8 O/Rs.</p> <p>We have at present men A.W.L. in this unit.</p> <p>BN team defeated A.A.S.C. team 20-9 at SPORTS RES. The team regained some of its old form.</p> <p>A soccer team defeated Garrisons Engineers.</p> <p>A Hockey team played 5 Div.</p> <p>C.O. & Adjt draw out syllabus for months trg from 8 Aug 42 to 12 Sept 42.</p> <p>C.O. 2 I/C & Adjt have tea at Bde.</p>	Appendix B
NOME AREA DISPERSED	10 Aug 42		<p>Coy Tng Adjt. prepares exercises for further Coy Trg.</p> <p>Capt. J.A. GILVER goes to Div to prepare exercises for umpiring exercise for senior Offrs in Div.</p> <p>Working party of 1 N.C.O. & 8 O/Rs to Engineers at ROSENEATH.</p>	
		1900	<p>C.O. reads extracts from A.T.M. No. 11 on Jap Tactics to Offrs & N.C.O's of all Coys except A</p> <p>New Black out regulations for vehicles.</p>	
	11 Aug 42		<p>Coy Tng continues.</p> <p>Unit receives 42 T.S.M.G. & 5 Owen & 5 Austin guns for Trg purposes.</p> <p>Conference of Amenity Offrs at Bde to settle sports programmes for Sunday. Arrangements are made to run a train out from the city. Sports will be held in the morning and football in the afternoon.</p>	
		1900	<p>Intelligence Offrs in Div are called to Div to receive instructions on Rd Recce. Reports to be furnished in the next 3 days.</p> <p>Reports show there are 49 Japanese vessels inclusive of Warships in RABAUL HAR.</p>	
	12 Aug 42		<p>Coy trg continues.</p> <p>Signallers leave for 3 days divisional exercise on Visual Commn.</p>	
		1830	<p>C.O. reads A.T.M No. 11 to Offrs and N.C.O's.</p>	



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W A R D I A R Y.

Army Form C 2118.
(Adapted)

Unit..... 31 Aust Inf Bn

Date and Time - From... 13 Aug 42 To... 15 Aug 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of events and information	Remarks and References to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
NOME AREA IN BIV	13 Aug 42	0800-1300	<p>A.I.F. boardings about 25 from this unit. Coy training today includes River xings, an exercise prepared by Capt S.O. STRANGE and carried out by A. Coy. C.O. reads A.T.M. No.11 to Offrs & N.C.O's. Umpires Course at Bde on 19, 20, 21 Aug 42 for Bn 2 I/C and Coy Comds.</p>	
		1830	<p>Coy tng continues. C.O. meets MAJ-GEN MILFORD who has with him Lt/Col WOLFENDEN, they are making a recce for an exercise to be completed by a Bn of this Bde. All units may have to join to get 1 full BN and provide an enemy. It may commence next week. It will bring out some of the suggestions made by MAJ-GEN BENNETT after his return from SINGAPORE. Pay Day. C.O. talks to all Offrs & N.C.O's in matters of Adm arising in the unit particularly the need for conservation of petrol. He then reads further extracts from A.T.M. No.12.</p>	
	14 Aug 42	1200	<p>Coy Trg continues. Overcast day but no rain. C.O. Conference of Offrs & N.C.O's. C.O. reads further extracts from A.T.M's. Later Adj. issues list of Trade Groups to be tested by Trade Group Unit which will commence its work on Monday. Coys are to give a list of personnel falling under Trade Groups. The object of the tests is to discover personnel belonging to different trades who would be better employed elsewhere belonging and also to test those personnel who belong to the various unit trade Groups. Coy Comds Conference to discuss schemes directed by the Lt/Col Wolfenden. Copies of screeds distributed to Coy Comds. Conference at 51 BN at 0800 hrs tomorrow.</p>	
	15 Aug 42	1830	<p>Coy Trg continues. Overcast day but no rain. C.O. Conference of Offrs & N.C.O's. C.O. reads further extracts from A.T.M's. Later Adj. issues list of Trade Groups to be tested by Trade Group Unit which will commence its work on Monday. Coys are to give a list of personnel falling under Trade Groups. The object of the tests is to discover personnel belonging to different trades who would be better employed elsewhere belonging and also to test those personnel who belong to the various unit trade Groups. Coy Comds Conference to discuss schemes directed by the Lt/Col Wolfenden. Copies of screeds distributed to Coy Comds. Conference at 51 BN at 0800 hrs tomorrow.</p>	
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31ST. BATTALION

W A R D I A R Y.

Army Form C 2118.
(Adapted)

Unit..... 31 Aust Inf Bn

Date and Time - From..... 16 Aug 42..... To.....

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of events and information	Remarks and References to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
NOME AREA IN BIV	16 Aug 42	all day	Bde sports meeting is an excellent performance. About 400 people took the opportunity of the special train. The sports were evenly contested and the 26 BN defeated this unit by one point. In the main football match we defeated 26 BN 17-5 after a hard and rugged game. The day was warm with brilliant sunshine.	<i>Extract from T.D. Bulletin of 17 Aug 1942 Appendix C</i>
	17 Aug 42	0800	We supply working party for the rd of 2 N.C.O's & 300/Rs. All offr's & acting pl Comds attend Sand Table at 51 BN for the purpose of hearing a talk by Lt/Col Wolfenden detached from 3 Corps. He talked to all offr's in the Bde on speed tactics to constrain ^{control} & outwit Japanese Methods. The tactics outlined are not new but they do away with flank and rear gd protection and emphasise speed of movement, the value of surprise and the necessity of breaking down the enemy morale by encircling him and giving him the "I am alone" feeling. Troops when moving must jog not walk and if they can use M.T. it must be used to move speedily. He outlined the principle of encircling minor opposition and of occupying a mobile defensive position.	<i>MM</i>
		0900	All Offrs proceeded towards KILLYMOON where Lt/Col Wolfenden outlined the exercise this unit is to carry out. It is an attack against minor opposition. We are to practice it on Tuesday and Wednesday and on Thursday carry out a Demonstration for all Offrs in the Div and General Sir Thomas BLAMEY. We are to work with 1 Tp Arty; 1 Tp A/Tk guns; 1 party Engineers; 1 Flight of Wirraways. Our own unit is so depleted that we can only raise 2 Coys and a Skeleton Coy and skeleton enemy.	
		1200	C.O. and all Offrs make Recce of the area. A Coy are acting as Adv Gd B.Coy as head of the encircling force. D Coy a skeleton Coy; C Coy a skeleton enemy.	
		1400	Conference of all BN and supporting arms and acting Pl Sgts where verbal orders given for the move in the morning. Reveille was fixed at 0500 hrs. Conference lasted about	<i>EMD</i>
		1830		

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W A R D I A R Y.

Army Form C 2118.
(Adapted)

Unit... 51. Aust. Inf. Bn.....

Date and Time - From... 17. August. 42..... To... 20. Aug. 42.....

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of events and information	Remarks and References to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
NOME AREA IN BIV	17 Aug 42	1830	about 1½ hrs. C.O. pointed out that this was a set demonstration and therefore all matters should be worked out beforehand instead of deciding them on the spot during the exercise.	
	18 Aug 42	0800	The early reveille was not needed for all troops had plenty of time to spare before the exercise commenced. Alterations were made as the result of exercise in the time table and the method of commencement. The exercise was watched by Lt/Col Wolfenden who gave his comments at the end. The encircling unit took approximately 60 minutes to do the job. A.S. was not with us today.	
		1830	C.O. has conference of all BN Offrs and support Comds and acting Pl Comds where he issues amended orders. Lengthy discussion on the whole scheme.	
	19 Aug 42	0800	Scheme went off to schedule. Conference with Lt/Col Wolfenden discussing alteration necessary - much argument about the success signals.	
		1830	C.O. conference discussing exercise for the morning. Camp concert in HQ. Coy.	
20 Aug 42	0800	Everyone was keyed for the show exercise before all Offrs of the Div. General Sir Thomas Blamey was not present. After the two practices of the two previous days the exercise went off without a hitch. MAJ-GENERAL MILFORD and Lt/Col WOLFENDEN express satisfaction with the speed at which the exercise is carried out. The speed with which the demonstration was carried out could never be maintained in actual warfare although with better wireless sets it may be possible. The vagaries of wireless must always be remembered when carrying out these speed exercises.		

31ST. BATTALION

W A R D I A R Y.

Army Form C 2118.
(Adapted)

Unit.....31 Aust Inf Bn.....

Date and Time - From...20 Aug 42..... To...23 Aug 42.....

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of events and information	Remarks and References to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
NOME AREA IN BIV	20 Aug 42	20 Aug 42	One matter which raised much comment was the fwd position of the A.S. Tender which was with the fwd Coy. Capt. G.A. THEODORE made history when he spoke to the bombing craft above him.	
		1400		
		1600	All our Offrs, XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX form part of a Div party to watch the 51 and 26 BN exercise of defence and attack in the STANLEY ANPIL plains Area. The exercise was well conducted and the speed of the troops amazing. It was most instructive. Capt. J.A. Oliver leaves for 29 Bde where he will take up position as B/M.	
		1830	Conference of Offrs and N.C.O's to discuss exercise. Brigadier J.W. CRAWFORD leaves for Air Coop School at CANBERRA and during his absence of 10 days Lt/Col CARDALE Adm Comd of the Brigade from this area. Coy Trg continues. Syllabus has been interfered with by recent exercises and will have to be cut to this extent. It will probably finish at the end of the present month - further instructions in this respect are awaited from Div. Nine pack horses arrive.	
	22 Aug 42		Coy Comds. Conference where training matters are dealt with.	
	22 Aug 42		Umpires course for Bn 2 I/C and Coy Comds commences. Coy Trg. continues. B Coy does River Crossing exercise. Further directions as to A.I.F. numbers. This is the third change in 6 weeks. Lieut. V.F. LeFeuvre is married in Bowen. Lieut. H.M. Riley acts as best man. Cloudy and windy day.	
	23 Aug 42		Bn football team plays Engineers, wins 10 - nil. Bn hockey team plays Essential servises. Band concert at Roxy theatre is a great success.	

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31ST. BATTALION

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Army Form C 2118.
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Unit..... 31 Aust. Inf. Bn.....

Date and Time - From... 27 August 42..... To.....

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of events and information	Remarks and References to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
NOME AREA IN BIV	27 Aug 42		Coy Trg. Instructions issued in Routine orders for the completion of personnel particular cards which are for the purpose of enabling Man power to be exercised to the utmost and to assist post war <u>planning</u> .	
	28 Aug 42		Whole Bn moves out to do exercise against 51 Bn in STANLEY ANTILL PLAINS area. Speed tactics are to be employed on the lines laid down by Lt/Col Wolfenden. In this case this Unit which is the attacking force as soon as the fwd Coy meets opposition branches off the main Charters Towers TOWNSVILLE RD, each of the 3 Coys taking different routes. It is the task task of the <u>defending</u> unit to select certain "Killing" or ambush areas to their suiting and when we move up they should move quickly to the area which best suits their task and meet us on ground favourable to themselves. It is suggested that this is the best means of countering Japanese encircling tactics.	
		1430-1700	Recce by Offrs and Acting Pl Comds for their tasks for tomorrow.	
29 Aug 42	1800	Conference where C.O. issues his orders, making use of a sand table constructed on the spot. Padres Thompson and Strong conduct a most enjoyable concert party in the field		
	0830	Exercise commences and goes off to schedule. We have only A/Tk and Engineers with us from supporting arms.		
	1200	During the afternoon Bn route marches back to Camp. Conference of all Offrs and Acting Pl Comds where C.O. explained mistakes made particularly in regard to faulty wireless procedure.	<i>MD</i>	

31ST. BATTALION

W A R D I A R Y.

Army Form C 2118.
(Adapted)

Unit.....31 Aust Inf Bn.....

Date and Time - From.....30 August 42..... To.....31 August 42.....

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of events and information	Remarks and References to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
NOME AREA IN BIV	30 Aug 42	1030- 1300	<p>Sunday usual church parade.</p> <p>Conference at Bde of Coy 2 I/C's Adjts and Q.M's of each BN where Lt/Col Vidgen A.D.O.S. spoke on "Stores accountancy within units!" He gave interesting directions to all present and issued a screed combining instructions issued from all sources on this subject.</p> <p>News to hand that Australian soldiers may now buy cigarettes from the American Canteens provided they produce special cards signed by their Comd Offr. This card will allow them to purchase 30 30 packets a month with a limit of 10 packets at one time. It will be a great boon to our boys to be able to buy 20 American cigarettes for 6d. instead of 10 for Australian cigarettes for 8d.</p> <p>3 football matches at the Sports Reserve North v Souths South won the 3 matches. Twelve members of our team took part, four of them in the first team. All matches were fast and interesting and the match against the two first teams was excellent. Souths won 15-8.</p> <p>Our Band concert at the ROXY was again packed to overflowing. There is a general exodus for courses in the South. Cpts. Titley and Rickard go to a Coy Comds Course at Southport. Capt. Wilson goes to a Camouflaging course.</p>	
	31 Aug 42	1815	<p>Coy trg continues.</p> <p>News to hand that the Japanese attack on MILNE BAY has been repulsed. This is a good tonic after the ill-omened reports of the last few days.</p> <p>C.O. has conference of all Offrs & N.C.O's and advises them of Tng syllabus for next fortnight. He reads extract from A.T.M. No.12.</p> <p>Lieut. G.V. Roberts gives a lecture on camouflage to all Offrs & N.C.O's.</p>	

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*AK Pardonable Lt Col
CO 31 Bn
3/9/42.*

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

31 Aust. Inf Bn. (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
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Lieut.-Colonels	1		
Majors	4		
Captains	9		
Lieutenants	25	4	
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
Totals	37	4	3

*Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
At-Lt	21 1453	Kendrick R.H.G.	31 Div	no	course
At-Lt	21 2751	Bull H.P.	31 "	yes	
At-Lt	21 3292	Roney H.P.	" "	"	
At-Lt	21 3295	Hindcomb R.P.	" "	"	
"	21 3293	Sitting H.P.	" "	"	
"	21 3294	Widgale H.P.	" "	"	
"	21 3296	McNair H.P.	" "	"	
"	21 3297	Orange H.P.	" "	no	course
"	21 3298	Shedden H.P.	" "	yes	
"	21 3299	Wicks H.P.	" "	"	
"	21 3300	Wicks H.P.	" "	"	
At-Lt	21 3301	Pirie H.P.	" "	no	presented + Aust Inf Bde
"	21 3302	High H.P.	" "	yes	
"	21 3303	Cushell H.P.	" "	"	
"	21 3304	Wain H.P.	" "	no	C.D.H.
"	21 3305	Wain H.P.	" "	yes	
"	21 3306	Wain H.P.	" "	"	
"	21 3307	Wain H.P.	" "	no	Hospital
"	21 3308	Wain H.P.	" "	"	presented + Aust Inf Bde
"	21 3309	Wain H.P.	" "	yes	
"	21 3310	Wain H.P.	" "	no	
"	21 3311	Wain H.P.	" "	yes	
"	21 3312	Wain H.P.	" "	no	
"	21 3313	Wain H.P.	" "	yes	
"	21 3314	Wain H.P.	" "	no	
"	21 3315	Wain H.P.	" "	yes	
"	21 3316	Wain H.P.	" "	no	
"	21 3317	Wain H.P.	" "	yes	
"	21 3318	Wain H.P.	" "	no	
"	21 3319	Wain H.P.	" "	yes	
"	21 3320	Wain H.P.	" "	no	
"	21 3321	Wain H.P.	" "	yes	
"	21 3322	Wain H.P.	" "	no	
"	21 3323	Wain H.P.	" "	yes	
"	21 3324	Wain H.P.	" "	no	
"	21 3325	Wain H.P.	" "	yes	
"	21 3326	Wain H.P.	" "	no	
"	21 3327	Wain H.P.	" "	yes	
"	21 3328	Wain H.P.	" "	no	
"	21 3329	Wain H.P.	" "	yes	
"	21 3330	Wain H.P.	" "	no	
"	21 3331	Wain H.P.	" "	yes	
"	21 3332	Wain H.P.	" "	no	
"	21 3333	Wain H.P.	" "	yes	
"	21 3334	Wain H.P.	" "	no	
"	21 3335	Wain H.P.	" "	yes	
"	21 3336	Wain H.P.	" "	no	
"	21 3337	Wain H.P.	" "	yes	
"	21 3338	Wain H.P.	" "	no	
"	21 3339	Wain H.P.	" "	yes	
"	21 3340	Wain H.P.	" "	no	
"	21 3341	Wain H.P.	" "	yes	
"	21 3342	Wain H.P.	" "	no	
"	21 3343	Wain H.P.	" "	yes	
"	21 3344	Wain H.P.	" "	no	
"	21 3345	Wain H.P.	" "	yes	
"	21 3346	Wain H.P.	" "	no	
"	21 3347	Wain H.P.	" "	yes	
"	21 3348	Wain H.P.	" "	no	
"	21 3349	Wain H.P.	" "	yes	
"	21 3350	Wain H.P.	" "	no	
"	21 3351	Wain H.P.	" "	yes	
"	21 3352	Wain H.P.	" "	no	
"	21 3353	Wain H.P.	" "	yes	
"	21 3354	Wain H.P.	" "	no	
"	21 3355	Wain H.P.	" "	yes	
"	21 3356	Wain H.P.	" "	no	
"	21 3357	Wain H.P.	" "	yes	
"	21 3358	Wain H.P.	" "	no	
"	21 3359	Wain H.P.	" "	yes	
"	21 3360	Wain H.P.	" "	no	
"	21 3361	Wain H.P.	" "	yes	
"	21 3362	Wain H.P.	" "	no	
"	21 3363	Wain H.P.	" "	yes	
"	21 3364	Wain H.P.	" "	no	
"	21 3365	Wain H.P.	" "	yes	
"	21 3366	Wain H.P.	" "	no	
"	21 3367	Wain H.P.	" "	yes	
"	21 3368	Wain H.P.	" "	no	
"	21 3369	Wain H.P.	" "	yes	
"	21 3370	Wain H.P.	" "	no	
"	21 3371	Wain H.P.	" "	yes	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.

31 Aust. Inf Bde.
(Unit.)

1/8/42
(Date of Despatch.)

A.B. Webb Maj for Lt-Col
(Signature of Commander.)

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

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

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

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.

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

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

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

31 Aust. Inf. Bn. (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels	1		
Majors	21		1
Captains	9		21
Lieutenants	25	4	
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
Totals	37	4	3

*Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
lt-col	NX 483	Cardale P.H.G.	31 Bn	yes	
capt-maj	R 32751	Bubb H.	✓	yes	
lieut-maj	RX 1032752	Pennycuik R.H.G.	✓	no	Hospital
lieut-capt	R 32755	Honeycombe R.H.G.	✓	yes	
✓	RX 1032759	Titterton J.H.A.	✓	✓	
✓	RX 1032756	Melbale J.A.	✓	✓	
✓	RX 1032760	Richardson R.H.G.	✓	✓	
✓	R 32757	Stange H.	✓	✓	
✓	RX 1032758	Shepherd G.A.	✓	✓	
✓	RX 1032765	Law R.H.G.	✓	✓	
✓	RX 1032766	Wilson J.H.G.	✓	✓	
✓	VX 1007039	Oliver J.H.A.	✓	✓	
lieut	R 32757	Pirie J.H.G.	✓	no	Seconded to 11 Aust. Inf. Bde.
✓	RX 1032766	Eighty J.H.G.	✓	yes	
✓	RX 1032780	Butcher J.H.G.	✓	✓	
✓	R 32923	Quinn J.H.G.	✓	no	A.H.
✓	R 32756	Roberts J.H.G.	✓	yes	
✓	R 1100021	Yeo J.H.G.	✓	✓	
✓	R 1032751	Pike H.M.	✓	no	Hospital
✓	RX 1032765	Smith G.O.B.	✓	✓	Seconded to 11 Aust. Inf. Bde.
✓	RX 1032738	Wright J.H.G.	✓	yes	
✓	RX 1032795	Wright G.O.B.	✓	✓	
✓	RX 1032772	Wright J.H.G.	✓	no	10 Aust. Inf. Bn
✓	RX 1032868	Wright H.M.	✓	✓	A.H.
✓	RX 1032917	Wright G.O.B.	✓	yes	
✓	RX 1032935	Wright J.H.G.	✓	✓	
✓	RX 1032839	Wright J.H.G.	✓	✓	
✓	RX 1032925	Wright J.H.G.	✓	✓	
✓	RX 1032869	Wright J.H.G.	✓	✓	
✓	R 32851	Wright J.H.G.	✓	no	Lawson
✓	RX 1032877	Wright J.H.G.	✓	yes	
✓	R 33688	Wright J.H.G.	✓	✓	
✓	RX 1032809	Wright J.H.G.	✓	✓	
✓	RX 1032911	Wright J.H.G.	✓	✓	
✓	R 34043	Wright J.H.G.	✓	no	ATK Party
✓	RX 1034116	Wright J.H.G.	✓	yes	
✓	R 32791	Wright J.H.G.	✓	no	Course

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.

31 Aust. Inf. Bn.
(Unit.)

P.H.G. Cardale
(Signature of Commander.)

8 Aug. 42.
(Date of Despatch.)

Area 31 11 Aust. Inf. Bde.
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.							REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.							REMARKS.	
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.		TOTAL.
Bricklayers																
Butchers													2		2	x
Carpenters and Joiners													1		1	x
Clerks																
Blacksmiths.													1		1	x
Despatch Riders																
Draughtsmen (topo)																
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.																
Electricians																
Farriers																
Fitters																
Masons																
Painters and Decorators																
Plumbers and Gasfitters																
Saddlers and Harness Makers																
Signallers													6		6	x
Storemen technical																
Vickers Machine Gunners																
Cooks													5		5	x
Mech.M.F.													1		1	x
Dr.Mech. 1st Class													17		17	x
Rangefinders													4		4	x
Rifleman									1	2	3	2	92		100	
General duty personnel																
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)									1	2	3	2	129		137	

x Personnel held in Unit to fill vacancies, not yet qualified.

31 Aust. Inf. Bn. Unit.

Comd. 31 Aust. Inf. Bn. Lt/Col
Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch 12 Aug. 42.

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

Sgt. Dwyer

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

W.E.
A.M.F. 36 X 874
Att. 1 x 6

NO. 2.

31 AUST. INF. BN. (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels	1		
Majors	2		1 x
Captains	9		2 x
Lieutenants	23	2	
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
Totals	35	2	3

x Vacancies may be filled from officers of this Unit.
~~1 Lieut. R.D.B Smith to return to unit on 20 Aug. 42 not included.~~

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps. or Units	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3		4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.		Corps. XXXX Appointment	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lt.Col.	MX 483	Cardale	P.H.G.	C.O.	Yes.	
Capt-Maj.	Q32751	Bubb	H.	2 i/c	"	
Lieut-Maj	QX1032752	Penney	R.St.J.	O.C.M.G.Coy	No.	Reg.Comds.Course -
Lieut-Capt.	Q32755	Honeycombe	R.F.	O.C."B"Coy	yes.	Narellan.
"	QX1032759	Titley	T.H.A.	Q.M.	"	
"	QX1032756	McCabe	J.R.	O.C."D"Coy	"	
"	QX1032760	Rickard	R.J.	2 i/c M.G.Coy	"	
"	Q32757	Strange	S.O.	Adjt.	"	
"	QX1032758	Theodore	G.A.	O.C."A"Coy	"	
"	QX1032765	Love	T.	O.C."C"Coy.	"	
"	QX1032766	Wilson.	F.J.	2 i/c D Coy	"	
"	VX1007539	Oliver	J.A.	O/C.HQ Coy	"	
Lieut.	Q32774	Baman	J.B.	Pl.Comd.	No.	Granted Leave.
"	QX1032776	Rigby.	L.	2 i/c D Coy	yes.	
"	QX1032780	Aumuller	J.A.	T.O.	"	
"	QX1032923	Squire	J.J.	Pl.Comd.	no.	Det.for Duty 5 Aust
"	Q33756	Roberts	G.V.	I.O.	yes	Div
"	Q110002	Wooster	H.M.	2 i/c C Coy	"	
"	QX1032812	Riley	H.M.	Pl.Comd.	no	Hospital.
"	QX1032838	Le Feuvre	V.F.	2 i/c B Coy.	yes.	
"	QX1032795	Evans	G.C.B.	Pl.Comd.	"	
"	QX1032868	Christie	K.McN	"	NO	Det.for Duty 5 AustDi
"	QX1032917	Feather	A.R.	"	yes	
"	QX1032935	Hoffensetz.	V.E.	"	"	
"	QX1033039	Allan	S.H.	"	"	
"	QX1032925	Carey	J.C.	"	"	
"	QX1033069	Williams	L.C.	"	"	
"	QX1032851	Lobegeier	W.G.	"	No.	D&M.Wheeled Course
"	QX1032877	Garlick	A.G.	"	yes	Cabarlah.
"	Q33698	Smith.	G.	"	"	
"	QX1032809	Hutchinson.	H.C.	"	"	
"	QX1034116	Barrell	F.T.	Adjt Learner	"	
"	QX1032996	Ruddick	O.C.	Pl.Comd.	"	
"	Q34043	Gould	D.M	"	"	A/Tk Course-101 A/Tk.
"	Q32791	Wilkinson.	J.W.	"	no.	Offrs Inf.Wing-Cowra
Lieut.	Q32767	Pirie	J.McD		no	Seconded in 31 Aust. Inf
"	QX1033765	Smith	R.D.B.		"	Bde
"	QX1032873	Morrison.	W.		"	Post.to 11 Aust. Inf Bde.

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt.	Q113853	Black P.	A.A.M.C.	2 May 42	M.O.

31 AUST. INF. BN.

(Unit.)

Comd. 31 Aust. Inf. Bn.

Lt/Col.

(Signature of Commander.)

12 Aug. 42.

(Date of Despatch.)

11 AUST. INF. BDE.

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

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

NO. 3.

31 AUST. INF. BN.

(Unit)

W.E.

A.M.F.

Att.

36 x 874
1 x 6

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
*			
Lieut.-Colonels	1		
Majors	2		1 x
Captains	9		2 x
Lieutenants	23	2 Ø	
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
Totals	35	2	3

X vacancies may be filled from Officers of this Unit.

Ø Lieut. R.D.B. Smith to return to Unit on 20 Aug.42. not included.
*Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps. OR Units,	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3		4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.		Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lt. Col.	483	Cardale	P.H.G.	C.O.	yes.	
Capt-Maj.	32751	Subb	H.	2 1/2	"	
Lieut-Maj.	32752	Penney	H.St.J.	C.O. MG Coy	No.	Reg. Conds. Course -
Lieut-Capt.	32755	Honeycombe	H.F.	CC "B" "	yes.	Parrellan.
"	1032759	Titley.	T.H.A.	C.M.	"	
"	1032756	McCabe.	J.R.	CC "D" Coy.	"	
"	1032760	Rickard	R.J.	2 1/2 MG Coy	"	
"	1032757	Strange	S.O.	Adjnt.	"	
"	1032758	Theodore	G.A.	CC "A" Coy.	"	
"	1032765	Love	T.	CC "B" Coy.	"	
"	1032766	Wilson	F.J.	2 1/2 D Coy.	"	
"	1007539	Oliver	J.A.	CC H.Q. Coy	No	Det. Det. Course
Lieut.	32774	Bannan	J.B.	Pl. Comd.	No.	Granted Leave.
"	1032776	Rigby	L.	Pl. Comd.	yes.	
"	1032780	Aumuller	J.A.	T.O.	"	
"	1032923	Squire	J.J.	Pl. Comd.	No.	Det. for Duty 5 Aust Div.
"	33756	Roberts	G.V.	I.O.	yes	
"	110002	Wooster	H.H.	2 1/2 C Coy	"	
"	1032812	Riley	H.H.	2 1/2 B Coy	No.	Hospital.
"	1032838	Le Feuvre	V.F.	Pl. Comd.	yes	
"	1032795	Evans	G.C.B.	" "	"	
"	1032868	Christie	K.McH	" "	No.	Det. for Duty 5 Aust Div
"	1032917	Feather	A.R.	" "	yes.	
"	1032935	Hoffensetz.	V.E.	" "	"	
"	1033039	Allan	G.H.	" "	"	
"	1032925	Carey	J.G.	" "	"	
"	1033069	Williams.	L.C.	" "	"	
"	1032851	Lobegeier	W.G.	" "	"	
"	1032877	Garlick	A.G.	" "	"	
"	1033698	Smith	G.	" "	"	
"	1032809	Hutchinson.	H.G.	" "	"	
"	1034116	Barrell	F.T.	Adjnt. Learner	"	
"	1032996	Ruddick	G.C.	Pl. Comd.	"	
"	34043	Gould	D.M.	" "	No.	A/Tk Course-1st A/Tk.
"	32791	Wilkinson.	J.W.	" "	"	Offrs. Inf. Wing Cowra
Lieut.	32767	Pirie	J.McD		No.	Seconded to 31 Aust Inf Bde.
"	1033765	Smith	R.D.B.		"	Post to 11 Aust. Inf Bde
"	1032873	Morrison	W.		"	" " " " " "

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt.	113853	Black.	A.A.M.C.	2 May. 42	M.O.

31 Aust. Inf. Bn.

(Unit.)

P.H. Cardale

Comd. 31 Aust. Inf. Bn.

(Signature of Commander.)

15 Aug. 42.

(Date of Despatch.)

11 Aust. Inf. Bde.

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

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

No. 4.

51 AUSTRALIAN INF. BN. (Unit)

V.E.

A.M.F.
Att

36 x 374
1 x 6

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
*			
Lieut.-Colonels	1		
Majors	2		1 x
Captains	9		2 x
Lieutenants	23	2	
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
Totals	35	2	3

X Vacancies may be filled for officers of this Unit.
 Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.
 Lieut. R.D.B. Smith to return to this unit not included.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3		4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.		Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lt. Col.	KK. 483	Cardale.	P.H.C.	C.O.	Yes.	
Capt-Maj.	Q32751	Dobb.	H.	2 1/c	"	
Lieut-Maj.	QX1032752	Fenney	R.St.J.	O.C. "E" Coy.	No.	Reg. Comds. Course-Narellan.
Lieut-Capt.	Q32755	Honeycombe.	R.F.	O.C. "B" Coy.	yes.	
"	QX1032759	Titley.	T.H.A.	Q.M.	"	
"	QX1032756	McCabe	J.R.	O.C. "D" Coy.	"	
"	QX1032760	Richard.	R.J.	2 1/c "E" Coy.	"	
"	QX1032757	Strange	S.O.	Adjt.	"	
"	QX1032758	Theodore	G.A.	O.C. "A" Coy.	"	
"	QX1032765	Love.	T.	O.C. "C" "	"	
"	QX1032766	Wilson.	F.J.	2 1/c "D" Coy	"	Now act. O.C. "H. Q. Coy
"	VX1007539	Oliver	J.A.	O.C. "H. Q. "	No.	Det. for duty 29 Inf. Bde
Lieut!	Q32774	Bennan	J.B.	-	No.	Granted Leave-L of C.
"	QX1032766	Rigby.	L.	2 1/c "D" Coy.	yes.	
"	QX1032780	Annaler	J.A.	T.O.	"	
"	QX1032923	Squire	J.J.	No. 19 Pl. Comd.	No.	Det. for Duty 5 Aust. Div.
"	Q33756	Roberts	G.V.	L.O.	yes.	
"	Q110002	Wooster	H.H.	2 1/c "C" Coy.	"	
"	QX1032612	Riley	H.H.	2 1/c "B" "	"	
"	QX1032838	Le Favre	V.F.	No. 2 Pl. Comd	"	
"	QX1032795	Evans.	G.C.B.	No. 16 Pl. Comd	"	
"	QX1032968	Christie.	K.McN.	-	No.	Det. for Duty 5 Aust. Div.
"	QX1032917	Feather	A.R.	No. 20 Pl. Comd.	yes.	
"	QX1032935	Hoffensetz.	V.E.	No. 13 Pl. Comd.	"	
"	QX1033039	Allen.	S.H.	No. 14 Pl. Comd.	"	
"	QX1032925	Caray	J.C.	No. 3 Pl. Comd.	"	
"	QX1033069	Williams.	L.C.	No. 4 Pl. Comd.	"	
"	QX1032351	Loegeier	W.G.	Act 2 1/c "A" Coy.	"	
"	QX1032977	Garlick.	A.C.	No. 11 Pl. Comd.	"	
"	QX1033698	Smith.	G.	No. 12 Pl. Comd.	"	
"	QX1032809	Hutchinson.	H.C.	No. 10 Pl. Comd.	"	
"	QX1034116	Barrell	F.T.	Adjt. Learner	"	
"	QX1032996	Riddick.	O.C.	No. 7 Pl. Comd.	"	
"	Q54045	Coold.	D.M.	No. 21 Pl. Comd.	No.	A/Tk. Course -101 A/Tk.
"	Q32791.	Wilkinson.	J.W.	No. 15 Pl. Comd	No.	Offrs. Inf. Wings Course.
Lieut.	Q32767	Pirie.	J.McD.	MAJ	No.	Seconded in 31 Aust. Inf. Bn
"	QX1033765	Smith.	R.D.B.		"	Post. toll Aust. Inf. Bde.
"	QX1033373	Marrison.	W.		"	" " " " " "

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt.	Q113855	Black.	P.	A.A.M.C. 2 May.	M.O.

31 AUST. INF. BN.

(Unit.)

Comd. 31 Aust. Inf. Bn.

(Signature of Commanding Officer.)

22 Aug. 42

(Date of Despatch.)

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

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.							REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.							REMARKS.						
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.		TOTAL.					
Bricklayers													2	2	x						
Butchers																					
Carpenters and Joiners													1	1	x						
Clerks																					
Blacksmiths.													1	1	x						
Despatch Riders																					
Draughtsmen (topo)																					
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.																					
Electricians																					
Farriers																					
Fitters																					
Masons	Potential Tradesmen being tested by 1 Mob. Trade Test Sec. at present in 31 Bn. These will be shown as soon as results come to hand.																				
Painters and Decorators																					
Plumbers and Gasfitters																					
Saddlers and Harness Makers																					
Signallers													7	7	x						
Storemen technical																					
Vickers Machine Gunners																					
Cooks													5	5	x						
Mech. M.T.													1	1	x						
Dr. Mech. 1st. Class													17	17	x						
Riflemen.								1	2	3	2	117		125							
General duty personnel																					
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)									1	2	3	2	151	159							

x Personnel held in this Unit to fill vacancies not yet qualified.

31 AUST. INF. BN. Unit.

J. Cardale
Lt. Col.
Signature of Commander.
Comd. 31 Aust. Inf. Bn.

Date of Despatch 29 Aug. 42.

11 AUST. INF. BDE.
Bde., Divn., Area, &c., with which unit is serving.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

W.E. (Prov.) Ref. 11/12/2.

No. 5

51 AJST. INF. BN.

(Unit)

A.M.F. 36 x 374
Att. 1 x 6

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
*
*
Lieut.-Colonels .....	.....	.....	.....
Majors	1	.....	.....
Captains	3	.....	.....
Lieutenants.....	9	.....	2x
2nd Lieutenants	225	11	.....
Quartermasters .....	.....	.....	.....
Totals	35	1	2

*Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

~~1~~ Lieut. R.D.B. Smith to return to this unit not included.
Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Q 6453 Maj.	Hoare	M.B.	23 Aug. 48
.....

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
.....
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PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).
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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3		4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.		Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
				Appointment		
Lt. Col.	NK 483	Cardale	P.H.G.	C.O.	yes.	
Capt-Maj.	Q32751	Rubb	H.	2 1/c	"	
Lieut-Maj.	Q32752	Penny	R.St.J.	O.C. "E" Coy.	No.	Reg. Conds. Course Marellan.
Maj.	Q6453	Hoare	H.B.	"	yes	
Lieut-Capt.	Q32755	Honeycombe	R.P.	O.C. "B" Coy.	yes.	
"	Q32759	Titley	T.H.A.	Q.M.	"	
"	Q32756	McCabe	J.R.	O.C. "D" Coy.	"	
"	Q32760	Richard	R.J.	2 1/c "E" Coy	"	
"	Q32757	Strange	S.O.	Adj.	"	
"	Q32758	Theodore	G.A.	O.C. "A" Coy.	"	
"	Q32765	Love	T.	O.C. "C" Coy.	"	
"	Q32766	Wilson.	F.J.	2 1/c "D" Coy.	"	
"	Q 7539	Oliver	J.A.	O.C. "H. Q" Coy.	"	
Lieut."	Q32774	Bannan.	J.B.	"	No.	Granted Leave 1 of C.
"	Q32776	Rigby.	L.	No. 16 Pl. Cond.	yes.	
"	Q32780	Amuller	J.A.	T.O.	"	
"	Q32925	Squire	J.J.	No. 19 Pl. Cond.	No.	Det. for Duty 5 Aust Div.
"	Q33756	Roberts	G.V.	I.O.	yes	No 5 Dtd Campfy course
"	Q110002	Wooster	H.M.	2 1/c "C" Coy.	yes	
"	Q32812	Riley	H.M.	2 1/c "B" Coy.	"	
"	Q32858	Le Favre	V.F.	No. 2 Pl. Cond.	"	
"	Q32795	Evans.	G.C.B.	No. 16 Pl. Cond.	"	
"	Q32917	Feather	A.R.	No. 20 Pl. Cond.	"	
"	Q32935	Hoffensetz.	V.E.	No. 13 Pl. Cond.	"	
"	Q33039	Allen.	S.H.	No. 14 Pl. Cond.	"	
"	Q32925	Carey	J.C.	No. 3 Pl. Cond.	"	
"	Q33069	Williams.	L.C.	No. 4 Pl. Cond.	"	
"	Q32851.	Lobegier	W.G.	Act. 2 1/c "A" Coy	"	
"	Q32877	Garlick.	A.C.	No. 11 Pl. Cond.	mb	SRS Bonegilla
"	Q33698	Smith	G.	No. 12 Pl. Cond.	yes	
"	Q32809	Hitchinson.	H.C.	No. 10 Pl. Cond.	"	
"	Q34116	Berrell	F.T	Adj. Learner	"	
"	Q32996	Ruddick.	O.C.	No. 7 Pl. Cond.	"	
"	Q34043	Could	D.M.	No. 11 Pl. Cond.	No.	1/Tk Course-Puckapunyal.
"	Q32791.	Wilkinson.	J.W.	No. 15 Pl. Cond.	yes	
Lieut.	Q32767	Pirie	J.McD		No.	Seconded in 31 Aust. Inf Bn
"	Q32765	Smith	R.D.B.		No.	Postal to 11 Aust. Inf. Bde
"	Q32873	Morrison	W.		No.	" " " " "
"	Q32862	Christie	K.McN.		No.	Seconded in 31 Aust Inf. Bn det. to 5 Aust. Div.

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt.	Q113953	Black. P.	A.A.M.C.	2 May 42	H.O.

31 AUST INF. BN.

(Unit.)

29 Aug. 42.

(Date of Despatch.)

P.F. Gardan

Lt. Col.

Comd. 31 Aust. Inf. Bn (Signature of Commander.)

11 AUST. INF. BDE.

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

31 Bm

11 AUST INF BDE.

TACTICAL EXERCISE WITH TPS.

Ref Map TOWNSVILLE SPECIAL 1" - 1 mile.

OBJECT OF EXERCISE:

- (a) Training and movement in hill country.
- (b) Movement by bounds on a wide front.
- (c) Employment of patrols by night to locate enemy centres.
- (d) Use of reserve coy in making tracks for use by night.
- (e) (i) Observation by day.
(ii) Location of posns.
- (f) Solution of difficulties regarding:
 - (i) Location of water supply.
 - (ii) Distribution of water and rations.
- (g) Tactical solution of alternative posn for one coy N.E. of the present prepared defences astride rd TOWNSVILLE AYR vicinity "KHYBER PASS."
- (h) Recording and transmission of information by Unit "I" Secs.

GENERAL IDEA:

A force of the REDLAND ARMIES comprising one Bde Cp is moving astride the road GIRU - TOWNSVILLE with the role of securing and holding the exits from TOWNSVILLE to the East and South. Contact has been established in the vicinity of KILLYMOON CK at last light 5 Aug when the delaying BLUELAND forces had endeavoured to hold the general line WOODSTOCK HILL - KILLYMOON STN - THE PIMPLES square 1167. During the night 5/6 Aug, 26 BN REDLAND forces moving immediately South of WOODSTOCK HILL secured the line of ALLIGATOR CK from inclusive PUMPING STATION (105713) to inclusive WATER HOLE (1127039). By first light A and B COYS 26 BN REDLAND forces had crossed WHITES CK and secured ROUND KNOLL (077731) and immediately after first light continued their advance North of the road AYR - TOWNSVILLE with the following roles:

- (a) Obtaining the dispositions of BLUELAND forces in MUNTALUNGA RA.
- (b) Establishing the general lines inclusive LONE TREE HIL (013742) to inclusive THE BOTTLE NECK (043783), thereby closing the main arteries from TOWNSVILLE to the East. By last light 6 Aug 42 26 BN REDLAND forces had reached the general line inclusive RING CONTOUR 500 (033745), 800 FT SPUR (032762) to inclusive ROCKY SPUR (042765). At first light 7 Aug., O.C. 26 BN REDLAND forces decided to push forward his left flank with the successive role of securing:
 - (i) THE SUGAR LOAF (025747)
 - (ii) LONE TREE HILL (013742)

By 1630 hrs both these objectives had been reached and general line of ALLIGATOR RD East and North of MUNTALUNGA from inclusive RAILWAY CROSSING (001748) to inclusive THE BOTTLE NECK (043783) had been established. REDLAND movement South of the road TOWNSVILLE - AYR had not however succeeded during 6/7 Aug and 26 BN REDLAND forces was ordered to consolidate and hold its position pending an outflanking movement South of ROCKY SPRINGS (002712) to RING CONTOUR 500 (0978733)

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NOTES TO D.S.

Movement within MUNTALUNGA RA must be greatly restricted for all ops by the rough terrain. If it is proposed to employ M.M.G., movement will suffer. Commanders will find difficulty in selecting their lines of approach and in seizing vital ground and in identifying the exact location of enemy Units. In these circumstances determined handling of their forward secs by pl Comd will be of primary importance as will be the rapid transmission of information to Unit H.Q. Speed in attack will be of primary importance for the REDLAND force and movement from obstacle to obstacle for the BLUELAND force. Contact between opposing forces will probably be first established on the general line North - South through the T of MUNTALUNGA RA. i.e. in the general square easting 04. The main objective of the exercise is to test the ability of the sub-leaders of each unit to close with the enemy and drive him back, at the same time consolidating the ground won and allowing parties which may penetrate astride the defended locality to be dealt with by parties in rear. A strong offensive spirit must be suilt up in each unit and physical exhaustion, shortage of water and supplies, and lack of orders must not be allowed to limit the powers of quick decision and movement by Junior Comds. During hours of darkness protection whilst at rest must be so organised as to:

- (a) Effectively cover the posn.
- (b) Allow individuals time for rest by the carrying out of proper reliefs.
- (c) Teach the hunting of an enemy with the bayonet instead of his pursuit by fure during hours of darkness.

Patrols approaching known enemy localities should practice the use of noise as an irritant and for inducing the enemy locality to disclose its posn.

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ADM. INSTRUCTIONS.

AREA. MUNTALUNGA.

DATE. 6/7 Aug 42.

TIME. First light 6 Aug to 1630 hrs 7 Aug 42.

TROOPS PARTICIPATING.

BLUELAND. 1 Coy and Bn H.Q. 31 Bn.

REDLAND. 2 Coys and Bn H.Q. 26 Bn.

REP. OF FIRE.

L.M.G. - RATTLE.

RIFLE - BLANK (if available).

DRESS.

BLUELANDS - BATTLE ORDER FELT HATS.

REDLAND - BATTLE ORDER STEEL HELMET.

EQUIPMENT.

Light equipment is essential but one blanket per man may be carried at the discretion of Unit Comds. Water must be husbanded, located, obtained and distributed. Items of ration should include light weight commodities such as dried fruit, oatmeal, rice, and ration biscuits.

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Appendix B

TRAINING PROGRAMME 8 Aug./12 Sep. 42.

9 Aug. 42.

CODE.

SPECIALISTS TRAINING.

Code letters S.T.

- S.T. 1. Anti Tank Fighting; Tank hunting; Let tanks through soft spots to be dealt with by Infantry. (Carriers to be used.)
- S.T. 2. (Day and night.) Ambushes by coys. and Bn. and consequent quick movement by M.T. and marching troops. (A.T.M.11).
- S.T. 3. River crossing with Eng. assistance.
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- S.T. 8. Organized set exercise. Free for all by Coy. involving attack, counter-attack, infiltration, tank hunting. (Quick decision.)
- S.T. 9. Noise Warfare.
- S.T.10. River crossing without Eng. assistance.
- S.T.11. Use of pack animals and improvization of packs for various loading.
- S.T.12. (Day and Night.) Fighting patrols as outpost. 3 are enemy.
- S.T.13. To be advised later.

PLATOON AND COMPANY TRAINING.

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- P.C. 1. (Day and night.) Pl. orthodox attack and defence. Local - immediate counterattack.
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- P.C. 3. (Day and night.) Orthodox attack and defence; local and immediate counterattack.
- P.C. 4. (Day and night.) Coy. meeting unexpected opposition. Quick decision and action to overcome defence against unexpected attack.

INDIVIDUAL TRAINING.

Code letters IND.

60 hours will be used for individual training; time being allotted to subjects as under:-

Gas	15 hrs.	Grenade	6 hrs.
Rifle Range	6 "	Fd. Craft	15 "
A/Tk. Rifle	4 "	T.S.M.G.	2 "
Laying A/Tk. Mines	3 "	Recapitulation	6 "
Bren	3 "		

<u>SYLLABUS.-AUGUST.</u>	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	
"A" Coy.	S.T.1	R	S.T.2	P.C.1	IND.	S.T.3	P.C.2	
"B" Coy.	-	R	S.T.1	S.T.2	L.	IND.	P.C.1	
<u>AUGUST.15</u>		16	17	18	19	20	21	
"A. Coy.	IND.	R	S.T.4	IND.	L.	S.T.5	S.T.6	
"B" Coy.	IND.	R	S.T.3	P.C.2	IND.	S.T.4	S.T.5	
<u>AUGUST.22</u>		23	24	25	26	27	28	
"A" Coy.	IND.	R	P.C.3	S.T.7	S.T.8	IND.	S.T.9	
"B" Coy.	IND.	R	S.T.6	IND.	L.	P.C.5	S.T.7	
<u>AUGUST.29</u>		30	31	SEP. 1	2	3	4	
"A" Coy.	IND.	R	S.T.10	P.C.4	L	IND.	S.T.11	
"B" Coy.	IND.	R	S.T.8	S.T.9	S.T.10	P.C.4	IND.	
<u>SEP.</u>	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
"A" Coy.	IND.	R	S.T.12	IND.	S.T.13	IND.	-	-
"B" Coy.	S.T.11	R	IND.	S.T.12	L	IND.	S.T.13	IND.

DISTRIBUTION.

"A" Coy.	1-2	C.O.	9	File	13
"B" Coy.	3-4	2 i/c.	10	War Diary 14-15	
"C" Coy.	5-6	Adjt.	11	L.O.	16
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"A. Coy.	IND.	R	S.T.4	IND.	L.	S.T.5	S.T.6	
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	AUGUST.22	23	24	25	26	27	28	
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"A" Coy.	IND.	R	S.T.10	P.C.4	L	IND.	S.T.11	
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	SEP. 5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
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MILITARY SPORTS

Troops stationed in the Townsville area enjoyed a gala day on Sunday. A Picnic Sports meeting was staged to provide a break in their intensive training, and a train from town brought over a thousand visitors to the area for the occasion. The varied uniforms of the Army, Air Force and other troops mingled with bright frocks, and enthusiasm ran high as inter-unit athletics were contested.

A committee of sports officers and chaplains, headed by Lieutenant J. Pirie (Amenities Officer), were responsible for arranging and smoothly conducting a splendid programme of athletics and novelty events. These were fought out by a goodly array of talent, so that the times recorded were of a high standard.

With perfect mild sunny weather and three military bands dispensing lively music, troops and civilians alike were in happy mood, making the day a complete success. Service canteens and a refreshment booth provided for the inner man.

Most of the troops competing were North Queenslanders, who were obviously in splendid fettle. Keen rivalry marked all events, and interest centred on the points scoreboard after each event to note the progress of the competition.

The 100 yards championship resulted in a win for Pte. K. Kershaw in 10 2/5 secs., very fast time for a bare-footed runner. This was followed by the broad jump which attracted many entries, and was won by Sergeant J. A. Robertson with 19ft. 6in.

The 880 yards championship—the nine runners including Spr. R. Postle, nephew of a famous pedestrian—developed into a duel between Pte. Brennan and Sgt. L. Horn, and Sgt. Horn put in a good sprint to win from Brennan and Postle in 2.29 2/5.

A height of 5ft. 3in. was achieved in the High Jump, Pte. J. Agnew and Sgt. J. A. Robertson dead-heating at that height.

The one mile championship created a lot of interest, and a fast pace was maintained throughout. Cpl. Caspar made the running, and looked a winner, but Driver J. W. Horton came through with a fast sprint, to beat Caspar by 20 yards. Next event, the hop, step and jump, went to Pte. E. C. Lade, with a distance of 39ft. 6in. The shot put was won by Spr. J. E. Matthews, with a put of 31 feet.

Fast running was again noticed in the 440 yards championship, won by Cpl. C. A. Ramage. The pole vault went to Pte. J. Agney at 9ft. 6in. and the relay race to Infantry No. 1.

The Wood Chop provided a wonderful exhibition of axemanship, not surprising, in view of the winner, Cpl. L. Tagg, being ex-Queensland champion. His time was 30 4/5 secs.

Winner of the 220 yards championship was Sergeant J. A. Robertson, who was the most consistent performer of the day.

A Greasy Pig event provided a wild scramble, from which Pte. C. Melchert emerged greasy, but triumphant.

Most of the afternoon was devoted to a football match between Infantry No. 1 and Infantry No. 2 teams which have provided several keen games for Townsville football supporters in recent months. The game resulted in a win for Infantry No. 1 after a hard tussle, the scores being 16-5. Tries for No. 1 were scored by L. Kayrooz, who played a splendid game, and Yates and Fenoglio. Kayrooz kicked goals for his two tries. Bennet scored for No. 2. Members of a reconnaissance unit added to the entertainment with a Gretna Green Race, their lively mounts introducing unexpected incidents.

Results are as follows:

100 yards: First Heat: Pte. K. Kershaw, 1 Cpl. C. A. Ramage 2, Pte. C. A. Bulsey 3. Time 10 4/5 secs; second heat Pte. B. J. Mitchell 1, Dvr. C. F. Dyer 2, Pte. K. P. Brennan 3. Time 10 3/5 secs.; third heat: Spr. J. E. Matthews 1, Pte. K. Bagley 2, W. D. Smith 3. Time 11 secs; final: Pte. K. Kershaw 1, Pte. B. J. Mitchell 2, Pte. C. F. Dyer 3. Time 10 2/5 secs.

Broad Jump: Sgt. J. A. Robertson 19ft. 6in. 1, Dvr. H. P. Nolan 18ft. 4in. 2; Cpl. C. Ramage 17ft. 11in. 3

880 yards Championship: Sgt. L. Horn 1, Pte. K. P. Brennan 2, Spr. R. Postle 3. Time 2.29 2/5 secs.

220 yards championship, First heat: Cpl. C. Ramage 1, Sgt. J. A. Robertson 2, Pte. E. Leyarns 3. Time 26 1/5 secs; second heat: Pte. J. K. Brennan 1, Pte. C. A. Bulsey 2, Pte. L. Cooke 3. Time 26 3/5 secs; final: Sgt. J. A. Robertson 1, Pte. J. K. Brennan 2, Pte. E. Leyarns 3. Time 25 4/5 secs.

High Jump: Pte. J. Agnew and Sgt. J. A. Robertson 5ft. 3in. 1, Pte. E. C. Lade and Pte. W. F. James 5ft. 2.

One mile championship: Dvr. J. W. Horton 1, Cpl. V. Caspar 2, Sgt. C. Hustwick 3. Time 5.26 3/5.

Hop-Step-Jump: Pte. E. C. Lade. 39ft. 6in. 1; Sgt. J. A. Robertson, 38ft. 9in. 2; and Pte. Thompson, 38ft. 11in. 3rd.

Shot Put: Spr. J. E. Matthews, 31ft., Pte. Lewis 30ft. 6in., Cpl. L. H. Tagg 28ft. 2in.

440 yards championship: Cpl. C. A. Ramage 1, Sgt. G. C. Carcary 2, Pte. R. O. Walsh 3.

Pole Vault: Pte. J. Agnew 1, Ptes. Millard and Garland 2. Height 9ft. 6in.

Relay Race: Infantry No. 1 1, Infantry No. 2 2, Infantry No. 5 3.

Wood Chop: Cpl. L. Tagg 1, Spr. J. Doran 2, Spr. G. Surman 3. Time 30 4/5 secs.

Greasy Pig: Pte. C. Melchert.

Sergeant Moriarty are as follows: Three racehorses, Emerald to Comet, H. Hayman; 19 fat cattle, Estate J. Marshall Emerald to Cannon Hill; 15 mixed cattle, Messrs R. Donaldson and Sons, Medway to Cannon Hill; 21 fat cattle, D. C. Day, "Rutland" Bogantungan to Cannon Hill; 21 fat cattle, G. W. Kirby, Lockington, Bogantungan to Cannon Hill; 180 sheep, A. K. Western, The Firs, Withersfield to Cannon Hill; also 66 fat cattle on account of Morris Hawkins, Mowbray, Bogantungan; 65 steers, G. H. Beasley, Red Hill, Dingo to Emerald; 100 steers and 25 plant horses, L. M. Diamond, Stanthorpe, from Blackwater to Duaringa, also 135 steers, Comet to Duaringa, and 170 steers from Kulla to Duaringa. All in charge of H. Giesler. 12 mixed cattle, G. Bell, Kingower from Emerald; 135 mixed cattle, W. S. and P. F. Gill, Karella, from Lochmead in charge of N. Donovan; 55 mixed cattle, M. L. McLaughlin, Burnside, Springsure, from Lochmead; 100 mixed cattle, J. Staunton, Kamel, from Mosquito Creek to Gindie; 140 cattle, A. Baker, from Baker's paddock to Council's dip and return; 22 fat cattle, Donaldson and Sons, Medway, Bogantungan to Cannon Hill; also 66 fat cattle, from Monk's Creek Pastoral Coy., Alpha, and 44 fat cattle, from W. Kenny, Bogantungan, and 30 fat cattle on account of C. and O. H. Everingham, Gadwell, Alpha; 2000 sheep, Bookin Siding to Cannon Hill, passed through during the week-end.

GORDONVALE NOTES

GORDONVALE, August 14.—The funeral of the late L.A.C. Jack Hamilton, R.A.A.F., who was killed in a motor accident at Maryborough recently, took place in Gordonvale, moving from St. Paul's Presbyterian Church for the Gordonvale Cemetery. A large crowd of people attended to pay their last respects to a young man who was held in the highest esteem by all who knew him. The late Jack Hamilton was born in Cairns, and spent his boyhood days in Gordonvale. The late Jack Hamilton was the youngest son of Mr and Mrs W. Hamilton, Meringa Experimental Station and was 20 years of age at the time of his death. He was a typical Australian, whose passing was honored by the R.A.A.F. Formation Salute at his funeral.

Mr J. M. Hefferan, headmaster of the Rural School, left by plane on a visit to his family at Toowoomba.

Miss McCaffrey, of the Gordonvale Rural School, left by Friday's train on a visit to Townsville.

Miss Williams, of the Gordonvale Rural School, left by Friday's train on a visit to friends in Townsville.

Advice has been received from Mrs Shepards that her grandson, Norman McKee-man, who was at one time a pupil of the Gordonvale Rural school, has successfully passed all subjects in the R.A.A.F. Training Camp and has left for a flying school in New South Wales.

Private W. Smart returns by mail train on Tuesday, to rejoin his unit, after spending leave with his family in Gordonvale.

At the Ladies' Benefit committee meeting members present were Mrs W. Sorenson (chair), Mesdames Cleary, Jamieson, senr., O'Laughlan, Wilsher, Jamieson, Jr., Ebrington, Mudge, Coutts, Roberts, Sondergard, Briggs, Miss Olsen and the secretary. Mrs Sorenson thanked the ladies for their generous support in regard to the cake stall which was an outstanding success, and the final arrangements were made for the bazaar to be held on August 15th, 1942.

At the monthly Ambulance committee meeting, members present were Mr E. R. Walk (chair), Messrs A. Clarke, W. C. Griffin, G. K. Alley, C. Campbell, and apologies were received from W. N. Thomas, and E. A. McCloy. Accounts amounting to £76/15/3 were confirmed and passed for payment. The Treasurer's report showed a credit balance of £80/14/2, while the superintendent's report showed that the cases for that month were 213 less than last year and that the mileage was 54 miles more. Both these reports were received and adopted. The plant was reported to be in good running order but some necessary repairs and overhauls are to be attended to immediately after the arrangements for the bazaar are finalised. The chairman's action re instructions to secretary to pay basic wage increase as from the 1st August was confirmed. One life governor, Mr C. V. White was appointed. It was decided that a small lathe, drill, emery wheel and motor be purchased.

On Monday, August 11, the Gordonvale Farewell and Welcome Home Committee held a meeting in the mill manager's office. Mr Whitaker, chairman, presided, others present being Messrs W. C. Griffin, W. Panton, R. Simmonds, M. Hoare and the hon. secretary, Mr C. Harris. Apologies were received from Messrs Anderson, Baumgartner, Hefferan and Matthews.

The matter of attending to two discharged men now back home was dealt with. The treasurer reported that the credit balance was £1350, and after a general discussion on the probable number of men who would be returning from the 212 men who have enlisted from this district in the three services it was decided to grant to both Donald Brown and Ken Alley £10 each to assist them in their return to civil life. This grant, it was decided, is not to be taken as a minimum or maximum amount, as the final distribution of the fund would be governed by the number of men returning and also the amount of money available. It was also decided that, in view of the fact that both men have been welcomed home, that the cheques be posted to each man, with a suitable letter expressing their country's gratitude for their wonderful part played in this war.

During last week-end three of our local girls, Miss K. Lauridsen, secretary to the Gordonvale Fire Brigade, and Harris Motor Service, Miss Una Lauridsen, of Taxation Office, Brisbane, and Mrs Leat, whose husband, Sergeant Leat, is with the Allied Forces, assisted to work a cutter planter, which is also a local product, being made in Gordonvale by Harris and Sons, the principals of which are local born. The three girls assisted in a working bee arranged by Messrs V. Gadaloff and R. Hanson to help plant the ground their father had prepared on his farm for planting next year's cane crop, and, owing to shortage of labor, could not secure any help. Kate assisted Mr H. Owens to feed the planter and the other two girls stacked the cane and cleaned the trash away, all working without a break. In add, a great job was done, and after only 2½ days over 18 acres of cane was planted. This achievement is made by an all round North Queensland born group and shows the world our northerners can, and always will find a way to do the job no matter how hard and difficult.

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