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31 Infantry Battalion & 31/51
Infantry Battalion

April - June 1943

13 MAY 1943

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

Army Form C.2118
(adapted)

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Unit 51 AUST. INF. BN.

Date and Time.—From 1 Apr. 43

To

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
EDMONTON AREA	1 Apr. 43.	0600	<p>The weather during the month promises to be quite pleasant. There are signs of approaching winter with cool nights.</p> <p>Training in various companies is continuing satisfactorily. 6 Offrs and 8 N.C.Os. left for DANBULLA to attend the third Jungle Cadre convened by H.Q. YORK FORCE. It was requested that the officers sent be senior men and those sent were the acting C.O. Major B.J. Douglas, Capt. S.O.S. Strange, Major R. Penny, Capt. R. Honeycombe, Lieut. R.D.B. Smith and Lieut. J.W. Wilkinson.</p>	
	2 Apr. 43.	0900	<p>We are to lose a further 13 Ford 15 cwt F.W.D. trucks. These vehicles are being transferred to 9 W. Arb.</p>	
	3 Apr. 43.	0900	<p>Acting C.O. Major B.J. Douglas returned from Jungle School to attend to duties and expects to return on Monday.</p>	
	4 Apr. 43.	0830	<p>Sunday Rest Day. Usual Church Parade. The Bn. cricket team had an easy victory over a team from the Hambleton Mill winning by 165 runs.</p>	

B. J. Douglas

B. E. R.

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Unit 31 Aust. Inf. Bn.

Date and Time.—From 4 Apr. 53. To _____

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
EDMONTON	4 Apr. 43.		on the first innings.	
	5 Apr. 43.	0900	The weather is overcast and it is just possible that another wet period will be experienced.	
	6 Apr. 43.	0900	Col. Wood, C.O. 2/2 A.G.H. visited the camp and conferred with C.O. Major B. I. Douglas and M.O. Capt. P. Black. It appears two more cases of typhus have been reported and an investigation is being made to ascertain the area where the infection has been contacted. Both patients participated in the search for the missing plane.	
	7 Apr. 43.	0830	2 Offrs. 25 N.COs. and 2 duties left to attend mobile wingg First Aust. Army Weapon Trng. School to be held at Kuranda. The course is to last one month.	
	8 Apr. 43.	1000	Warning Order received from 11 Aust. Inf. Bde. H.Q. to the effect that the unit will move not before 0700 9 Apr. 43. to an area not more than 8 miles distant. The Bn. will move in 4 grs. Coy. Comdr. conference	

B.I. Douglas Mgr

B.E.A.

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Unit 31 Aust. Inf. Bn.

Date and Time.—From 8 Apr. 43.

To

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
EDMONTON	8 Apr. 43.	1100	<p>and a representative from each Coy inspected the new area. Bn. H. Q. and H. Q. Coy area is at YATTE Siding ref map GORDONVALE 722549 and A.B.C.D. Coys at map ref. 734548. A and D. Coys and B and C Coys will combine.</p> <p>Preparations to move proceeding.</p>	
	9 Apr. 43.	0800	<p>Movement is commenced Bn. H. Q. closing at old area at 1015 reopening at the same time in the new area. By 1800 hrs. whole unit except Q.M. Stores installed in new area.</p> <p>Officers conference is called by C.O. Major. B.J. Douglas at which the move was discussed.</p>	
	10 Apr. 43.		<p>The day was spent improving new area and building bunks off the ground.</p> <p>31 Bn. Band journeyed to Innisfail and conducted a dance which proved to be very successful. A concert at the same time on the next night was equally as successful.</p>	

B.J. Douglas Major

B.E.C.

MAY 19 1943

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Unit 31/51 Aust. Inf. Bn. Date and Time.—From 12 Apr. 43. To

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
YATEE AREA	12 Apr. 43.		<p>A new Unit is formed.</p> <p>The C.O. of 51 Aust Inf. Bn. Lt. Col. G.H. Brock D.S.O. and the acting C.O. of 31 Aust. Inf. Bn. Maj. B.J. Douglas, received instructions from Comd. 11 Aust. Inf. Bde., Brigadier J. R. Stevenson that the 31 Aust. Inf. Bn. and the 51. Aust. Inf. Bn. were to be amalgamated to form the 31/51 Aust. Inf. Bn. with Lt. Col. G. H. Brock D.S.O. as Comd.</p> <p>The amalgamation was to take place immediately, and one Coy was warned for movement within 5 hours.</p> <p>Reorganisation and adjustment of stores and equipment continued throughout the day.</p>	
	13 Apr. 43.	0905	<p>Brigadier gave C.O. instructions in relation to the preparation of a special party to be ready to move at 1000 hrs., and the remainder of the group to stand down from 2 hrs. notice.</p>	
		0955	<p>C.O. advised of the formation of the above group in nos. and equipment.</p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
YATEE AREA	13 Apr. 43	1100	Parade of all personnel on Bn. Parade Ground, where coys were sorted out and deficiencies of personnel ascertained. C.O. Col. G.H. Brock D.S.O. then announced particulars of the amalgamation of the two units to form 31/51 Bn.	
		1230	Capt. H.V. Harper arrived from 11 Aust Inf. Bde. with message C.P. 2029.	
		1234	Bd. Comd. telephoned C.O. advising that special party would embark at 1315 hrs.	
		1320	Embarkation of special party commenced.	
		1400	Special party departed by two flying boats.	
		1545	C.O. attends conference with Bd. Comd. at Command Post.	
	14 Apr. 43.	0815	Camouflage course commenced this morning	
			C.O. Col. G.H. Brock D.S.O. made a track recce of the area south of WRIGHT'S CK.	
			Dying of clothing and equipment to Jungle green proceed throughout the	

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Unit 31/51 Aust. Inf. Bn.

Date and Time.—From 14 April 43. To _____

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
YATTEE AREA	14 Apr. 43		<p>day and night.</p> <p>All personnel not engaged in special work now engaged in training.</p> <p>A number of personnel were transferred to 26 Aust. Inf/ Bn. and moved off at 1915 hrs.</p> <p>2 i/c Maj. W.H. Harris M.M. and adjt Capt. B.W. Girard spent most of the night finalising the nominal rolls of the new unit.</p>	
	15 Apr. 43		<p>Lt. Col Hannam Comd. of Dental Unit had a discussion with C.O. Col. G.H. Brock D.S.O.</p> <p>Capt. Foxton F.S. Sec. 17 sub-area L of C. discussed security matters with Col. G.H. Brock D.S.O.</p>	
	18 Apr. 43		<p>R.C. Church parade held at EDMONTON</p> <p>0815 Bn Church parade conducted by Padre R. Campbell followed by Bn parade and address by C.O. Lt. Co. G.H. Brock D.S.O.</p>	

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Unit..... 31/51 Aust. Inf. Bn. Date and Time.—From 18 Apr. 43. To

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
YATTEE AREA	18 Apr 43.	1000	This unit's cricket team met and defeated a team from 26 Aust. Inf. Bn. on the unit's oval.	
	23 Apr. 43		50% of unit were granted day's leave on 21 Apr. 43 the remaining 50% proceeding on leave today.	
	24 Apr. 43		During the past three days six wheels 750x16 have disappeared from trucks parked in unit transport area. 1 wheel for 2 pdr. A/Tk. gun and two oil compasses have also disappeared.	
			Bn. carried out a systematic search of the area, but no trace was found of the missing objects, though signs were observed where wheels had been taken from the trucks. F.S.S. and C.I.B. are assisting in the search.	
	25 Apr. 43	0700	140 Reinforcements arrived from N.G.R.D. at SELLHEIM. 2 Oil compasses reported missing have now been received. C.O. Lt. Col. G.H. Brock and 2 i/c Maj. W.H. Harris M.M. placed wreaths on Cenotaph in CAIRNS at ANZAC DAY Celebrations.	

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Unit 31/51 Aust. Inf. Bn. Date and Time.—From 26 Apr. 43. To _____

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
YATTEE AREA	26 Apr/43	0600	Unit Strength 40 Offrs. 790 o/rs.	
		0900	Lt. Col. G.H. Brock left unit.	
	28 April 43		Unit has been preparing during last few days to get down to Scale 1511 and all surplus gear has been stored.	
			The intense heat experienced during the last week has given way to cooler days with light showers at night and early morning.	/
			<p><i>William B Harris Major</i> Adjutant For Comd 31/51 Aust Inf Bn</p>	

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

Routine Orders Part 1

By

Maj. B.J. DOUGLAS

Adm. Comd.

31 AUST. INF. BN.

2 April 43

No. 125

1. DUTIES:-

DUTY OFFICER:-

1/2 Apr. 43	Lieut. C.W. BUSBY.
2/3 Apr. 43	Lieut. D.M. GOULD.
3/4 Apr. 43	Lieut. O.C. RUDDICK.
4/5 Apr. 43	Lieut. H.M. WOOSTER.

DUTY COY:-

1/2 Apr. 43.	'HQ' Coy
2/3 Apr. 43	'C' Coy
3/4 Apr. 43	'D' Coy
4/5 Apr. 43	'HQ' Coy

2. GUARD - HQ 11 Aust Inf Bde:- 'A' Coy will supply the above Guard consisting of 2 N.C.O's and 12 O/R's and will mount guard at 1800 hrs Sunday 4 April 43.

NOTE:- Guards should have had their evening meal before reporting for duty.

3. CENSOR STAMP:- Censor Stamp No. 762 is transferred to Lieut. H.M. WOOSTER from Capt. S.O. STRANGE, during the period 1-15 Apr. 43.

4. SENTRIES:- The discipline of Sentries posted as guards by Coys of 31 Bn is slack. Coy Comds will see that steps are taken to improve this discipline, otherwise severe disciplinary action will be taken against the offending Coys.

(R.J. RICKARD) CAPT.
ADJT. 31 AUST INF BN.

NOTICE

A Badminton Court is now open to all ranks below M.T. Lines.

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BIBLE STUDY GROUP:- Padre's Tent at 1930 hrs. tonight.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

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By

Maj. B.J. DOUGLAS

Adm. Comd.

31 AUST. INF. BN.

2 April 43

No.126

1. DUTIES:-

DUTY OFFICER:-

2/3 Apr. 43	Lieut. D.M. COOPER
3/4 Apr. 43	Lieut. O.C. RUMDICK.
4/5 Apr. 43	Lieut. H.M. WOOSTER.
5/6 Apr. 43	Lieut. J.R. HARROCK.

DUTY COY:-

2/3 Apr. 43	'C' Coy
3/4 Apr. 43	'D' Coy
4/5 Apr. 43	'HQ' Coy
5/6 Apr. 43	'A' Coy

COMD. POST:- Lieut. J.H. AUMULLER will report for duty at Comd. Post at 1730 hrs 5 April 43.

2. SALE OF LIQUOR OUTSIDE MESSSES:-

On no circumstances is liquor purchases in an Offrs/Sgts Mess to be sold/ disposed of to any person other than a member of a mess. Strict disciplinary action will be taken against any offenders disobeying this order.

Rickard
for.

(R.J. RICKARD) CAPT.
ADJUT. 31 AUST. INF. BN.

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By

Maj. B.J. DOUGLAS

Adm. Comd.

31 AUST. INF. BN.

3 April 43

No. 127.

1. DUTIES:-

DUTY OFFICER:-

3/4 Apr. 43	Lieut. O.C. RUMNEY.
4/5 Apr. 43	Lieut. H.M. WOODGER.
5/6 Apr. 43	Lieut. J.R. HAWCOCK.
6/7 Apr. 43	Lieut. L. RIGBY.

DUTY COY:-

3/4 Apr. 43	'D' Coy
4/5 Apr. 43	'HQ' Coy
5/6 Apr. 43	'A' Coy
6/7 Apr. 43	'B' Coy

3. CHURCH PARADE:-

A Church Parade will be held below M.T. Lines at 0830 hrs tomorrow morning for C.of E. and D.P.Ds.

R. J. Rickard

(R.J. RICKARD) CAPT.
ADJT. 31 AUST INF BN.

NOTICE.

The following Cricket team has been selected to represent this Bn in a match against Hambledon Mill to be played at Hambledon Oval, tomorrow. Players will assemble at M.T. PARK at 0930 hrs, bringing OUT LUNCHES.

Rickard (Capt.), Dickson, Philp, Kerby, Inglis, Bunnay, Leeds, Rigby, Keast, Soilleux, Ryan.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORMS.

Routine orders Part 1

By

MAJ. B.J. DOUGLAS

31 AUSTR. INF. BN.

Adm. Comd.

5 April 43

No. 128.

1. DUTIES:-

DUTY OFFICER:-

5/6 Apr. 43	Lieut. J.R. HANCOCK.
6/7 Apr. 43	Lieut. L. RICKARD.
7/8 Apr. 43	Lieut. C.W. JAMES.
8/9 Apr. 43	Lieut. J.H. AUBILLER.

DUTY COY:-

5/6 Apr. 43	'A' Coy
6/7 Apr. 43	'B' Coy
7/8 Apr. 43	'HQ' Coy
8/9 Apr. 43	'C' Coy

2. MEDICAL Inspection:-

ALL RANKS will report to the R.A.P at 0830 hrs in the following order:-
Tuesday - A & D Coys. Wednesday - B & C Coys. Thursday - BnHQ & HQ Coy.

3. LOSS OF ARMS:-

All ranks must realise the necessity for the utmost care being taken to safeguard arms on issue to them.

Arms will NOT under any circumstances be left in cloakrooms other than official A.M.F. Cloakrooms.

In the event of loss of arms, the soldier concerned must notify this HQ immediately.

4. COURT OF INQUIRY:-

A Court of Inquiry will assemble immediately to inquire into the Absence without leave of Q.111686 Pte. UMR. G.A.S. The Court will comprise:-

President	-	Capt. G.A. THEODORE.
Member	-	Lieut. A.R. FEATHER.

Proceedings to reach this HQ by 1200 hrs 10 April 43.

5. ORDERLY - OFFRS. MESS:-

Duty Coy. is reminded that an Orderly is to be supplied to the Offrs Mess. Orderly is to report at 0830 hrs.

NOTICE

A rodeo will be held in Parramatta Park, Cairns, on 24 Apr 43. Entries close 15 Apr 43 and personnel desirous of entering can obtain particulars of events at Bn HQ.

LOST

Brown leather wallet containing money, Driver's licence and Ration Coupon Book. Name is clearly visible inside wallet. Finder please return to Bn HQ.

R. J. Rickard
for

(R.J. RICKARD) CAPT.
LJT. 31 AUSTR INF BN.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

Routine Orders Part 1

By

MAJ. B.J. DOUGLAS

31 AUST INF BN.

Adm. Comd.

6 April 43

No.129.

1. DUTIES:-

DUTY OFFICER:-

6/7 Apr. 43	Lieut. L. RIGBY.
7/8 Apr. 43	Lieut. D.M. GOULD.
8/9 Apr. 43	Lieut. C.S. RUDDICK.
9/10 Apr. 43	Lieut. M.M. WOOSTER.

DUTY COY:-

6/7 Apr. 43	'B' Coy
7/8 Apr. 43	'HQ' Coy
8/9 Apr. 43	'C' Coy
9/10 Apr. 43	'D' Coy

2. ARMY EDUCATIONAL SERVICES:-

A Lecture will be delivered by Mr. Whitlay on "Evolution of the Aeroplane propeller" at 1930 hrs tomorrow night, 7 Apr. 43.

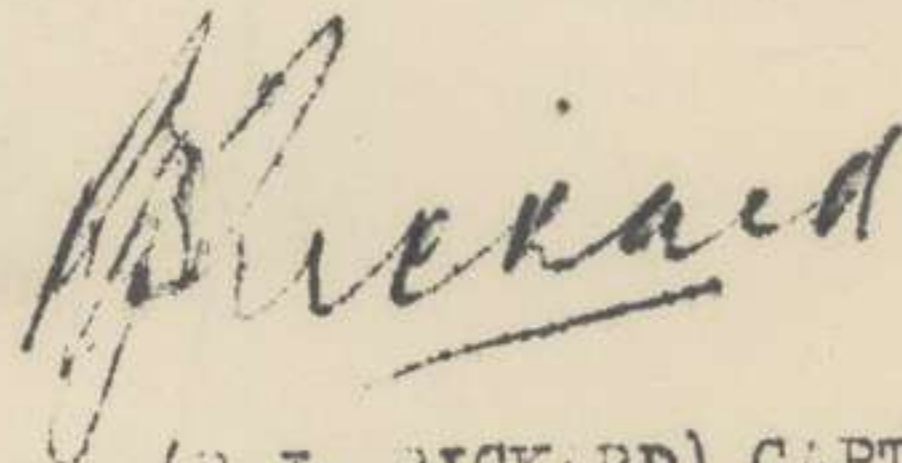
3. COURT OF INQUIRY:-

R/O.128 Para. 4 of 5 April 43 is now cancelled and the following substituted.

A Court of Inquiry will assemble immediately to inquire into the Absence without Leave of Q.111686 Pte. UHR. G...S. The Court will comprise:-

President - Capt. G.A. THEODORIS.
Member - Lieut. D.M. GOULD.

Proceedings will reach this HQ by 1200 hrs 10 Apr 43.



(R.J. RICKARD) CAPT.
ADJUT. 31 AUST INF BN.

NOTICE

BIBLE STUDY GROUP:- Padre's Tent at 1930 hrs tonight.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

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By

Maj. B.J. DOUGLAS

Adm. Comd.

31 AUST INF BN.

8 April 43

No. 130.

1. DUTIES:-

DUTY OFFICER:-

8/9 Apr. 43 Lieut. O.C. RUDDICK.
9/10 Apr. 43 Lieut. H.M. WOOSTER.
10/11 Apr. 43 Lieut. J.R. HANCOCK.
11/12 Apr. 43 Lieut. D.M. GOULD.

DUTY COY:-

8/9 Apr. 43 'G' Coy
9/10 Apr. 43 'D' Coy
10/11 Apr. 43 'HQ' Coy
11/12 Apr. 43 'A' Coy

2. LEAVE:-

All LEAVE INCLUDING NIGHT LEAVE is cancelled until further notice

NOTICE

A Camp Library is now in operation and is open to ALL RANKS. Donations of books will be greatly appreciated, and it is suggested that if each soldier should donate a book, dilapidated or otherwise, the gift would be welcome. For further details refer to Welfare Officer PRUSSING.

R.J. Rickard Lieut
for.

(R.J. RICKARD) C.P.F.
ADUT. 31 AUST INF BN.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

Routine Orders Part 1.

By

Maj. B.J. DOUGLAS

Adm. Comd.

10 April 43

31 AUSTR INF BN.

No. 131

1. DUTIES:-

INTELLIGENCE:

10/11 Apr. 43 Lieut. J.R. HANCOCK.
11/12 Apr. 43 Lieut. D.M. GOULD.
12/13 Apr. 43 Lieut. L. RIGBY.
13/14 Apr. 43 Lieut. O.C. RUDDICK.

DUTY COY:-

10/11 Apr. 43 'HQ' Coy
11/12 Apr. 43 'A' Coy
12/13 Apr. 43 'B' Coy
13/14 Apr. 43 'HQ' Coy.

COMD. POST:-

Lieut. L. RIGBY will report for duty at Comd. Post at 1730 hrs 10 Apr. 43.

2. GUARD - HQ 31 AUSTR INF BN BDE:-

HQ Coy will supply the above Guard consisting of 2 N.C.O's and 12 O/R's and will mount guard at 1800 hrs tonight 10 Apr. 43

NOTE:- Guards should have had their evening meal before reporting for duty.

3. TOWN PICQUET:-

'B' Coy will supply a picquet tonight, 10 Apr. 43, consisting of 1 Offr and 10 O/Rs. to report to Capt. PRIOR, D.A.P.M. at 133 Abbott St. Cairns, at 1800 hrs.

4. TRANSPORT:- GRC 70/43 Mechanical Vehicles Tng. Pam. No.1 will be carried in all Wheeled Vehicles, Carriers (Aust) and with all motor cycles and will be accounted for on handing over or taking over vehicles as if included in the Vehicle Outfit List.

5. SICK PARADE:-

Sick Parade will be held at RAP daily at the following hours:

Bn HQ and HQ Coy -- 0630 hrs

A.B.C.&D. Coys -- 0645 hrs

6. WATER:-

The water in the well in the North Eastern corner of HQ Coy Area will NOT be used for any purpose other than washing.

7. OUT OF BOUNDS:-

All Bivouac Areas of 31 Aust Inf Bn are out of bounds unless accompanied by a member of the 31 Aust Inf Bn. Similarly the Area occupied by 242 LAD is also out of bounds.

8. CHURCH PARADE:-

Church Parade for C of Es and OPDs will be held at 0800 hrs tomorrow morning in Rifle Coys' Area.

Holy Communion will be celebrated at 0800 hrs in HQ Coy's Recreation Hut.

NOTICE

A Sports Meeting will be called of all personnel interested in football, hockey and tennis, in the Welfare Tent at 1830 hrs Monday, night.

Rickard

(R.J. RICKARD) CAPT.
Adj. 31 AUSTR INF BN.

3 Apr. 43.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

W.R. 1/12/3
C.M.F. 34 X 861
Att. 1 X 14

No. 35

51 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
Captains ...	9		1
Lieutenants ...	30		
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...			
TOTALS ...	52		2

* 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.
XXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX		30/3/43	XXXXXXXXXXXX

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
VX104042	KEANE, W.J.		31/3/43	11 A.I.T.Bn. Waewick,

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 Capt. Maj.	KX495 QX39000	CARDALE, P.H.C. DOUGLAS, B.J.	C.C. 2 1/c	No. No.	5 A.G.H. (Adm/Cond.)
Lieut. Maj.	QX40802	PENNY, R. St. J.	O.C. "C" Coy.	No.	11 Bde. Jungle trg Schol. (Actg. 2 1/c)
" Capt.	Q. 33755	EDWYCOMBE, R. F. J.	O.C. "B" Coy.	No.	11 Bde jungle trg Sch.
" "	QX35699	TITLEY, T. H. A.	Q.M.	Yes	11 Bde. jungle trg Sch.
" "	QX33996	McCABE, J. R.	O.C. "D" COY.	Yes.	
" "	QX33700	RICKARD, R. J.	Adjt.	"	
" "	QX40801	STRANGE, S. O.	O.C. "4" Pl.	No.	11 Bde. jungle Sch.
" "	QX33701	THEODORE, G. A.	O.C. "A" Coy.	Yes	
" "	QX33707	WILSON, F. J.	2 1/c "C" Coy.	Yes	
" "	NX32452	WALKER, M. J.	O.C. "H" Coy.	No.	Tact. Wing S/Port.
" "	VX3370	SHILTON, A. L.	2 1/c "B" Coy.	"	L.H.Q. Tact. Beaulieu.
Lieut.	QX34609	RICHY, I.	" " " "	Yes	
"	QX33696	AMULLER, J. H.	T.O.	"	
"	QX34508	SQUIRE, J. J.	-	No	Det. Yorkforce.
"	Q. 110002	WOOSTER, R. M.	No. 1 Pl. Cond.	Yes.	
"	QX34603	RINKY, H. M.	" 23 " "	No.	585. Jungle School.
"	QX35810	SMITH, R. D. B.	2 1/c "A" Coy.	No.	Bde. " "
"	QX33703	LEFEBVRE, V. F.	No. 2 Pl. Cond.	No.	BRAVE
"	QX33707	KVANS, G. C. B.	I.O.	No.	Intel. Sch. Redcliffe.
"	QX34004	MORRISON, W.	No. 6 Pl. Cond.	Yes.	
"	QX40803	FEATHER, A. R.	" 10 " "	"	
"	QX33706	ALLAN, S. H.	" 15 " "	No.	Staging Camp.
"	QX33697	WILLIAMS, L. C.	2 1/c No. 4 Pl.	"	Det. Unit Cond.
"	QX43119	HANBURY, R.	Adjt. Learner	No.	Det. 11 Bde.
"	QX33305	BUSBY, C. W.	No. 9 Pl. Cond.	Yes.	
"	QX33705	HIDDICK, O. C.	" 12 " "	"	
"	QX44059	WILKINSON, J. K.	" 16 " "	No.	11 Bde. Jungle Trg. Sch.
"	QX45093	COULD, D. M.	" 5 " "	Yes	
"	VX3205	KNIGHT, R. C.	" 5 " "	No.	Carr. Coo. Seymour.
"	VX208215	BROWN, S. P.	" 17 " "	No.	Leave.
"	VX104043	HANCOCK, J. R.	" 14 " "	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.
Capt.	QX45095	BLACK, P.	A.A.H.C.	2 May. 43	H.O.
Chap.	Q69061	TEMPSON, E. I.	A.A. Chap.	Dept. 15 Apr. 42	Chap.

31 Aust Inf Bn.

(Unit.)

5 Apr. 45.

(Date of Despatch.)

Richard
Adm. Cond. 31 Aust Inf Bn. (Signature of Commander.)

11 Aust Inf Bde. GP.

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

Serial No. 38

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

W.E. Reference A.I.F. 11/12/3.
A.M.F. _____

31 Aust Inf Bn.

(Unit)

3/4/43

19

(Date).

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

W.E. 34 X 861

Attached Allowed by W.E. 1 X 14

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail and W.E.	Posted Strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	1		
W.Os. Class II.	7	1 (Back Para)	
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	5		2
Staff Serjeants		1 (Para 6)	
Serjeants	36	2	8
Corporals	77	2	19
Troopers, Privates, &c.	755	4	309
TOTALS	861	10	338

* 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.

Personnel Attached Against W.E. Back of Form Para 2 - 8

Other Attachments Not Allowed by W.E.

Detail and W.E.	Unit or Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit or Corps to which they belong.
Sgt. Challen	A.A.P.C.		
" Allan	P.O. Postal.		
" Wheeler	A.A.M.C.		
" Hall	Wg. Sgt.		
Pte. Parker	A.E.M.E.		
" Hinds	A.A.M.C.		
" Ralph	A.A.V.C.		
Cpl. Friend	A.E.M.E.		
" Howarth	A.A.C.C.		

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

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit or Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts if known).
Q. 35460	Cpl.	Sellers. B.		X list
Q. 35246	Pte.	Jackson. W.K.		" "
QX29507	"	Atkinson.		" "

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.	W.E.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	W.E.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	W.E.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)
Ammunition Examiners				B/F		3	15	B/F		3	17
Armament, Artificers				Fitters, Railway Signal				Riggers			
Armourers				Fitters, Signal				Riveters			
Artificers, Artillery				Grinders				Saddlers			
Axemen				Gun Layers				Saddle Tree Makers			
Bakers				G.P.O. Assistants				Saw Doctors			
Battery Surveyors				Gun Operators				Sawyers			
Battery Comdrs. Asst.				Hammermen				Shoemakers			
Blacksmiths	1	-	-	Height Takers				Signallers <i>Para 5</i>	23		3
Boilermakers				Helio Operators				Signwriters			
Bricklayers				Instrument Mechanics				Stokers, Stationery Engine			
Butchers				Instrument Mechanics, Surgical				Storemen, Technical			1
Camouflage Modeller				Instrument Operators				Surveyors			
Carpenter and Joiner	6			Intelligence Duties <i>Para 4</i>	10		3	Surveyors, Engineering			
Clerks <i>Para 1</i>	10		8	Joiners				Tailors <i>Para 6</i>	2	1	2
Clerks, Engineering				Leather Stitchers				Telescope Identification Numbers			
Clerks, Supply				Linesmen				Textile Refitters			
Clerks, Technical				Linesmen, Signals				Tinsmiths			
Coachmakers				Lithographers				Toolmakers			
Computers				Machinists				Turners			
Concretors				Masons				Vulcanizers			
Cooks <i>Para 2</i>	24	4	11	Masseurs				Wagon Erectors			
Cooks, Hospital				Mechanics, Dental <i>Para 3</i>				Watchmakers			
Coppersmiths				Mechanics, <i>M.V.</i>	3		1	Watermen			
Dental Clerk Orderlies				Mechanics, Typewriter				Welders			
Despatch Riders				Mechanics, Wireless				Well Borers			
Dispensers				Millwrights				Wheelers			
Draughtsmen				Miners				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen, Architectural				Moulders				Wiremen			
Draughtsmen, Mechanical				Nursing Orderlies				Woodturners			
Draughtsmen, Signal				Nursing Orderlies (Mental)				(b)			
Draughtsmen, Topographical				Nurses, Trained							
Driver Mechanics <i>Para 3</i>	27	2		Observation Post Assistants							
Driver Operators				Operating Room Assistants							
Drivers, Transportation Plant				Operators, Signal							
Electrical Fitters				Opticians				(c) Non-Specialists			
Electricians				Painters				W.O.1		2	
Electricians, Eng. Units				Panel Beaters				W.O.11 <i>Para 9</i>	7	1	
Electricians, Signal				Pattern Makers				C.O.	5		3
Engine Artificers				Pharmacists				Sgt. Cpl.			7
Engine Hands I/C				Photographers, dry plate				Cpl.			16
Equipment Repairers	2			Photographers, wet plate							
Farriers				Photo-Writers							
Fire Control Operators				Plate Layers							
Fitters <i>Genl.</i>	1			Plumbers				Totals to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.	10		338
Fitters and Turners				Predictor Numbers				Deficiency in ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.			
Fitters, Cycle				Printers							
Fitters, Drivers				Radiator Mechanics				<i>SEE BACK.</i>			
Fitter's Mates				Radiographers							
Fitters, M.V.				Range Takers	2	3					
C/F		6	13	C/F		9	17	TOTAL			

Notes--- (a) If rank other than Private is involved give details in back.
(b) Authorized Trades or Specialists not included in list above will be added as required in spaces provided.
(c) Non-Specialists required to be shown in their respective trades or duties in accordance with W.E.

31 Aust. Inf. Bn.

Unit.

Richardson
Maj. Comd. 31 Aust. Inf. Bn. Signature of Commander.
11 Aust. Inf. Bn. Sp.

Date of Despatch 3 Apr. 45.

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

A.I.F. PERSONNEL SERVING IN A.N.F. UNIT.

31 Augt Inf Bn. 3/4/43.

	A.I.F.	C.M.F.
W.O's	6	5
Sgts	29	5
Cpls.	46	12
Ptes.	168	262
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	251	289

10 Apr. 43

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

W.E. 1/12/2

No. 33

31 Aust Inf Bn

(Unit)

G.H.F. 34 X 861

ATT. 1 X 14

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 ...	3		1
Captains ...	9		1
Lieutenants ...	20		
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...			
TOTALS ...	32		2

* 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.
VX104012	KEANE, E.J.		31/3/43	11 A.L.T.Bn. Warwick.

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/Capt.	HX483	GARDALE. P.H.C.	C.O.	No	5 A.C.H.
Capt. Maj.	QX34000	DOUGLAS. B.J.	2 1/e	Yes	(Adm. Cond)
Lieut. Maj.	QX40802	FENWY. R.St.J.	O.C. C Coy	No.	(Actg. 2 1/e)
L. Capt.	Q. 32755	HONEYCOMBE. R.F.J.	O.C. "B" Coy.	No.	11 Bde Jungle Tng. Schl.
" "	QX32709	FELBY. F.H.A.	Q.M.	Yes	" " " "
" "	QX33096	McCABE. J.R.	O.C. "D" Coy.	Yes	
" "	QX33700	RICKARD. R.J.	Adjt.	"	
" "	QX40001	STRANGE. S.O.	O.C. "4" Pl.	No.	11 Bde. Jungle Schl.
" "	QX33701	THEODORE. G.A.	O.C. "A" Coy.	Yes	
EX "	QX33707	WILSON. F.J.	2 1/e "C" Coy.	"	
" "	HX12452	WALKER. H.J.	O.C. "HJ" Coy.	No	Tact Wing S/Port.
" "	VX3379	SHILTON. A.L.	2 1/e "B" Coy	"	L.H.Q. Tact Beaulieu
Lieut	QX34609	REMY. L.	" " "D" "	Yes	
"	QX33098	ABULLER. J.H.	T.O.	No.	Wpn. Tng. Sch. Kuranda.
"	QX34508	SCIRE. J.J.	"	"	Det. Yorkforce.
"	Q. 110002	WOOSTER. H.M.	No. 1 Pl. Cond	Yes	
"	QX34608	RILEY. H.M.	" 15 " "	No.	Bde Jungle School
"	QX35210	SMITH. R.D.B.	2 1/e "A" Coy	"	" " "
"	QX33705	LEFEVRE. V.F.	No. 2 Pl. Cond	No.	Leave
"	Q X33707	EVANS. G.C.B.	I.O.	"	Intel. Schl. Redcliffe.
"	QX34004	MORRISON. W.	No. 6 Pl. Cond	Yes	
"	QX40803	FEATHER. A.R.	" 19 " "	No.	W.T. Schl. Kuranda.
"	QX33706	ALLAN. S.H.	" 15 " "	"	Staging Camp.
"	QX33097	WILLIAMS. L.G.	2 1/e. No. 4 Pl.	"	Det. Unit Cond.
"	QX43150	HAMMETT. E.	Adj. Learner	No.	Det. 11 Bde.
"	QX33305	BUSHY. C.V.	No. 9 Pl. Cond.	No.	W.T. Schl. Kuranda
"	QX33705	HEDDICK. O.C.	" 12 " "	Yes	
"	QX44050	WILKINSON. J.W.	" 16 " "	No.	11 Bde. Jungle Tng. Schl.
"	QX45093	COULD. D.M.	" 5 " "	Yes	
"	VX3205	Knight. E.C.	" 3 " "	No.	Cartr. Cse. Seymour.
"	VX103215	BROWN. S.P.	" 17 " "	"	Leave
"	VX104043	HANCOCK. J.R.	" 14 Pl. Cond.	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.
Capt.	QX45095	BLACK. P.	A.A.M.C.	2 May. 42	N.O.
Chap.	Q. 69061	THOMPSON. E.L.	A.A. Chap.	Det.	
				15. May. 42	Chap.

31 Aust Inf Bn.

(Unit.)

10/4/43

(Date of Despatch.)

W. Douglas

Adm. Cond. 31 Aust Inf Bn. (Signature of Commander.)

Maj.

11 Aust Inf Bde. GP.

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

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1.

BY.

LT. COL. G.H. BROCK D.S.O. - COMD. 31/51 AUST. INF. BN.

Serial No. 1.

17 April, 1943.

DUTIES.Duty Coy.

17/18	Apr. 43.	C	Coy.
18/19	" "	D	"
19/20	" "	HQ	"
20/21	" "	A	"
21/22	" "	B	"
22/23	" "	C	"
23/24	" "	D	"
24/25	" "	HQ	"
25/26	" "	A	"

Duty Coy. to supply Bn. Ord. Cpl., one (1) Runner, two (2) N.C.Os. & six (6) O/Rs for Bn. Guard.

Duty Officer Bde. Comd. Post.

19/Apr.	HQ Coy.	Lieut. Pont.
20/Apr.	A "	Capt. Harris
24/Apr.	B "	Capt. Strange
25/Apr.	C "	Lieut. Gillman

Town Picquet.

		1 Officer & 10 O/Rs.
18/19	D Coy.	
24/25	H.Q. "	

COMD. POST GUARD.

		2 N.C.Os & 12 O/Rs.
19/20	A Coy.	
21/22	B "	
24/25	C "	

Elections.

Personnel who are entitled to vote at the following elections and By-elections may record an absent vote at the office of the State Electoral Registrar CAIRNS, not later than 1800 hrs. on the undermentioned dates.

Election for Brisbane City Council	Fri. 30 Apr. 43
By-Election for Oxley	Fri. 16 Apr. 43
By-Election for Barcoo	Fri. 30 Apr. 43

Personnel on Leave.

Military personnel on leave in the City area during air-raids will NOT occupy shelters intended for civilians. All Aust. Army Personnel will report to Council Chambers or Abbott & Aplin Sts., or their Unit, whichever is the closer. Movement will be in quick-time and in small groups. If directly attacked, during movement personnel will lie low preferably in the gutters. DAFM will arrange attendance of AMP who will disperse personnel along Aplin St.

OBSERVANCE OF JEWISH PASSOVER.

First Aust. Army Memo AV 393 of 11 Apr. 43 advises that:-
Leave may be granted under para 9 of G.R.O. A 559/42 to Hebrew members for the observance of the Jewish Passover. Where practicable the leave will be of a duration which will enable the members to spend the time from sunset on 19 Apr. 43 to 2400 hrs. on 20 Apr. 43 at his home, or at the nearest Synagogue, if the home is too far distant.

Signed

B.W. Girard Capt.
Adj. 31/51 Bn.NOTICES.

1. Church Parade (voluntary) on Battalion Parade Ground at 0830 hrs. 18 Apr. 43
Dress: Green shirts, trousers, gaiters (American).
2. Battalion Parade on Battalion Parade Ground at 0930 hrs. 18 Apr. 43.
Dress: Green shirts, trousers, gaiters (American), Rifles and Equipment.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Serial No. 1/1943.

W.R. 32 & 745

Att. 1 & 4

Date: 24 Apr. 43.

31/31 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	3		
Captains	8		
Lieutenants	19		
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters	1		
Totals	32		

*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).

Serial No. 1/1943.

24 Apr. 43.

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.
Maj (T/Lt. Col)	VX22	BLACK G.H.	Cond. 37500	Yes	
Capt. (T/Maj)	VX34000	DUGLAS B.J.	O/C HQ Coy	"	
Capt. (T/Maj)	VX40002	FRANK R.St.S.	O/C B Coy	"	
Lieut. (T/Maj)	VX33027	HEWITT M.H.	2 1/2	"	
Lieut. (T/Capt)	VX40001	FRANK S.O.	2 1/2 B Coy	"	
Lieut. (T/Capt)	VX33028 35700	RICHARD R.J.	2 1/2 B Coy	"	
Capt.	VX2220	FRANK A.R. Del.	O/C C Coy.	"	
Lieut. (T/Capt)	VX33038	FRANK H.C.	O/C A Coy.	"	
Lieut. (T/Capt)	VX33039	FRANK T.H.A.	O/C B Coy	"	
Lieut. (T/Capt)	VX34011	GIRARD B.W.	Adj.	"	
Lieut. (T/Capt)	VX33078	SHILTON A.H.	2 1/2 C Coy	"	
Lieut. (T/Capt)	VX5000	FARRIS M.H.J.	2 1/2 A Coy	"	
Lieut.	VX34014	KELLY B.R.	O.C.	"	
Lieut.	VX34009	FRANK L.	O/C 12 Fl.	"	
Lieut.	VX33002	SMILLER J.H.	S.O.	"	
Lieut.	VX34010	MARJAN P.J.C.	O/C 15 Fl.	"	
Lieut.	VX33010	SMITH R.P.B.	O/C 11 Fl.	"	
Lieut.	VX34008	FRANK H.M.	O/C 16 Fl.	"	
Lieut.	VX34004	MORRISON W.	O/C 18 Fl.	"	
Lieut.	VX33706	ALLAN S.H.	O/C 10 Fl.	"	
Lieut.	VX34012	GILMAN H.J.	O/C 13 Fl.	"	
Lieut.	VX40798	FRANK A.	O/C 14 Fl.	No.	R.A.A.F. Mobile wing
Lieut.	VX34018	FRANK H.	O/C 8 Fl.	Yes	
Lieut.	VX34019	FRANK A.R.	O/C 7 Fl.	"	
Lieut.	VX34015	KIRBY J.P.	O/C 9 Fl.	No.	R.A.A.F. Mobile wing
Lieut.	VX33012	H. VINE L.R.	O/C 5 Fl.	Yes	
Lieut.	VX33015	FRANK B.R.	O/C 1 Fl.	"	
Lieut.	VX33057	FRANK J.C.	L.C.	"	
Lieut.	VX33005	FRANK B.M.	O/C 4 Fl.	"	
Lieut.	VX104013	FRANK J.R.	O/C 17 Fl.	"	
Lieut.	VX3306	FRANK E.C.	O/C 3 Fl.	"	
Lieut.	VX4004	FRANK R.A.	O/C 9 Fl.	"	

(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.	VX45005	BLACK W.	A.A.M.C.	12.4.43	R.M.O.
Captain	VX33066	CAMPBELL R.S.	A.A.M.C.	12.4.43	Chaplain.

8/51 Aust. Inf. Bn.

(Unit.)

William H. Harris
Lt. Col. (Signature of Commander.)

24 Apr. 43.

(Date of Despatch.)

11 Aust. Inf. Bn.

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

ON HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE

MOST SECRET.

appendices to 31/57 BN War Diary
April 1943.

Not to be opened until after
the war.

Brook Lt Col
Comd, 31/57 BN.

~~Act. Diary~~

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY,

IF NOT DELIVERED WITHIN 7 DAYS, RETURN TO

DON'T PASS ON RUMOURS

See you

SECRET.

EXTRACT FROM 5 AUST DIV OP INSTN NO 33
DEFENCE AGAINST LANDING THE GULF OF CARPENTARIA
DATED 6 NOV 42.

TASK

The task of this force will be : -

- (a) To attack^a and destroy any enemy force landing in the GULF OF CARPENTARIA between incl MITCHELL RIVER and QUEENSLAND - NT border.
- (b) Should the size and strength of the enemy force be such as to render this impracticable, to delay his advance on the NORTHERN AERODROMES in the area CAIRNS-MAREEBA, installations in the CLONCURRAY area, or our L of C on the line CHARTERS TOWERS - HUGHEN DEN.

First Aust Army have indicated that sufficient warning will be available of the distant approach of an enemy convoy to permit movement of this striking force from the EAST COAST, to the threatened area before a landing could be effected. The force will therefore remain in the TOWNSVILLE area until such time as ordered to proceed to the GULF either for ops or trg.

MESSAGE FORM

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS.	IN	<u>COPY</u>	No. of Groups GR.	Serial No. OFFICE DATE STAMP
	OUT	<u>CIPHER SECRET</u>		

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To 11 Aust Inf. Bde rpts **FIRST AUST ARMY II Aust Corps**

FROM YORKFORCE.	Originator's Number 0. 870	Date 12	In Reply to Number
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<i>(Write horizontally)</i>								
NODECO	(.)	Part 2	of	2 parts				5
(.)	Amplifies	conversation	BRIG	DE LOW				10
BRIG	STEVENSON	(.)	Following	sub units				15
may	be	required	to	move				20
by	air	NORMANTON	after	1200				25
rept	1200	hrs	12	Apr				30
one	coy	31/51	Inf	Bn				35
2	mor	det	MO	and				40
orderlies	1	offr	and	2				45
ORs	ASC	2	ORs	cipher				50
sec	2	number 11	sets	with				55
necessary	signal	operators	4 day	ration				60
1 st	and	2 nd	line	amm				65
(.)	Role	attack	and	destroy				70
enemy		NORMANTON	as	firm				75
base	(.)	Notify	this	HQ				80
total	strengths	pers	weight	pers				85
and	stores	earliest	(.)	NO				90
move	unless	instructed	this	HQ				95
								100
								105
								110
								115
								120
								125
								130

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T.H.I.											
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TO LOCAIRNS for 11 Aust Inf bde rptd FIRST AUST ARMY II Aust Corps

FROM YORKFORCE.

Originator's Number
0. 870

Date
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In Reply to Number

(Write horizontally) NODECO	(.)	Part 1	of	2 parts	5
(.)	At	0.355	hrs	Apr	10
12	AOC	N.E	Area	reported	15
NADU	message	12	Apr	from	20
CLONCURRY	stating	JAP	landing	NASSAU	25
RIVER	8	Apr	confirmed	by	30
VDC	11	Apr	strength	unknown	35
(.)	VDC	based	at	STIRLING	40
STA	NOT	expected			45
endeavouring	make	contact	(.)	Reported	50
INKERMAN	DOWN	evacuated	and	projected	55
evacuation	GALBRAITH	12	Apr	toward	60
NORMANTON	(.)	MURRAY	Comd	VDC	65
at	CHARTERS	TOWERS	NOT	in	70
Comd n	VDC	fwd	consider	maximum	75
enemy	action	raid	only	and	80
VDC	forces	GULF	area	sufficient	85
this	opinion	NOT	based	on	90
knowledge	enemy	strength			95
					100
					105
					110
					115
					120
					125
					130

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FROM *YORKFORCE.*

Originator's Number

0868

Date

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<i>BTY</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>AUST</i>	<i>FD</i>	25
<i>A</i>	<i>TROOP</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>BTY</i>	30
<i>AUST</i>	<i>TANK</i>	<i>ATTACK</i>	<i>REGT</i>	35
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<i>and</i>	<i>2nd</i>	<i>line</i>	<i>AMN</i>	55
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<i>to</i>	<i>replenish</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>further</i>	85
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parts	(0868)	MURRAY	Despatched	force	5
40	mounted	men	armed	with	10
rifles	from	STIRLING	STA	message	15
chds.	⊙	RAAF	and	NAVAL	20
INTELL	TOWNSVILLE	have	been	informed	25
and	air	force	are	investigating	30
⊙	as	yet	NIN	report	35
⊙	following	units	placed	on	40
2	has	notice	as	from	45
1000	has	APR	12	to	50
move	on	road	to	WORMANTON	55
via	FORSYTH	comd	Lt. Col	H C BROOK	60
3/51	AUST	INF	BN	strength	65
to	be	made	up	from	70
26	AUST	INF	BN	one	75
see	16	AUST	FD	COY	80
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Date

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In Reply to Number

(Write horizontally)	Following	message	received	from	5
St. Bol	MURRAY	cond	VDC	INDEP	10
GULF	COY	based	on	urgent	15
telegram	originated	1120 hrs	APR	"	20
from	MISTERI	RANDALL	manager	STIRLING	25
STA	whom	he	considers	reliable	30
○	message	begins	telegram	begins	35
JAP	have	landed	at	GALBRAITH	40
and	are	head	toward	NORMANTON	45
telegram	ends	1st	of (?)	3	50
parts	○	part	no	and	55
3	follow	○	no	inf	60
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Phone from Blue bonds
OC ship. Capt Japp.

Buth 8
at 1715 hrs.

Recd. 1234 hrs
[Signature]

MOST SECRET.

CP 2029
(4 Copies)
Copy No

HQ 11 Aust Inf. Bde

RECCE PATROL

DESTINATION : INKERMAN may have to disembark KARUMBA, ascertain from Captain of boat.

COMPOSITION. :
One Capt
One Lieut
One Sgt
One Cpl
Four ORs
Two Sig operators W/T
Two Cipher Personnel
One Medical Orderly

EQUIPMENT :
Two No 11 Wireless Sets Complete
Two Charging Sets
Two ground to air signal lamps
Ground Strip
Medical Pannier
Two Bren LMGs
Four SMGs
Seven rifles

SUPPLIES. :
4 days reserve rations
1st and 2 nd line amm.

TASK :
(a) Investigate reported enemy activity vicinity GALBRAITH. - INKERMAN.
(b) Report on alleged demolition and evacuations KURUMBA - NORMANTON areas. Do not delay on this account.

INTERCOMN :
Report every four hours - essential - ~~more often~~ ^{more often} after if warranted. W/T using cipher with HQ YORKFORCE
Map, ref use aeronautical map (approx 16 miles to one inch).

GENERAL INSTRUCTION :
(a) Two recce parties to be organized.
(b) Take collapsible boat.
(c) If possible subject to boats Captain approval make landings on shore or in rivers view to minimising difficulties land travel.
(d) If necessary impress vehs at KURUMBA for land movement.
(e) When forwarding reported sightings state whether SOURCE white or black.

RETURN. Time return NOT later than than 17 Apr. Earlier if possible as plane required other purposes.

Distribution Copy No
31/51 Bn 1
Flying Boat Capt ✓

Recd 1230 hrs
[Signature]

[Signature]
1151

Flying Post Code
21/21 BR
Disruption

Gold No

RETURN

- (a) It possible as plane redired other purposes. Time return NOT later than than 14 Apr. Earlier white or black.
- (e) When forwarding reported sightings state whether movement.
- (d) If necessary address area at KUHUMBA for land diffculties land travel.
- (c) Landings on shore or in rivers view to maintaining if possible subject to posts Captain approved make take self-sufficient post.
- (b) Two rescue parties to be organized.
- (a) (They).

INSTRUCTIONS

IN RECORD

- (a) Map, ref use aeronautical map (approx 16 miles to one kilometre). W/T using cipher with HQ KOKILCHUR Report every four hours - essential - KOKILCHUR if account.
- (b) Report on alleged gamofition and evasions CELEBRATION - WATERWAYS.
- (c) Intelligence reported enemy activity vicinity Jas and S rd line and 4 gals reserve rations

SUPPLIES

PERSONNEL

- Four SNOCs
- Two Gran IMGs
- Medical Officer
- Ground crew
- Two known to air signal jams
- Two Guarding Sets
- Two No 11 Wireless Sets (condense)
- One Medical Officer
- Two Cipher Personnel
- Two SIG operators
- Four GAs
- One GDI
- One Sgt
- One Pilot
- One Gapt

COMPOSITION

DESTRUCTION

One copy of report
Information will have to disseminate KUHUMBA, as per plan

RECORD SYSTEM

CAMILLA
CAST OFF 1405 hrs
Airborne 1412

HQ 11 WING TRG. PGC

Gold No
(4 Copies)
CP SOSC

SECRET

SECRET.

16 Apr 43.

RECCE REPORT BY 31/51 BN.

REPORT ON JAP LANDING GULF OF CARPENTARIA
BY LIEUTS. L. HIBBY and A. ROODAKOFF.

- OBJECT :
- (a) " Investigate reported enemy activity vicinity INKERMANN-GALBRAITH".
 - (b) " Report on alleged demolitions and evacuations KARUMBA-NORMANTON areas. Do not delay on this account".

PART 1.

- (1) There were NO enemy sighted in INKERMANN-GALBRAITH area and NO signs of enemy movement or landings STAATEN RIVER-NASSAU RIVER and NO sign of enemy movement from STAATEN RIVER to INKERMANN or along the TRACK INKERMANN-GALBRAITH.
- (2) There were NO demolitions carried out at KARUMBA and NO evacuations from NORMANTON-KARUMBA areas. The only evacuations were from INKERMANN-GALBRAITH MACARONI and DELTA DOWNS STA. All women and children evacuated to STIRLING OUTSTATION. All are now returning.

PART 2.

- (1) (a) Aerial recce of coastline from KARUMBA to NASSAU RIVER, STAATEN RIVER, GALBRAITH, INKERMANN area was conducted on 14 Apr. NO suspicious sign or sign of enemy were observed. (See Appx C att).
- (b) Recce of STAATEN RIVER-INKERMANN STA area was carried out on foot 14/16 Apr. NO signs of any recent landings or enemy movement observed. (See Appx D att.)
- (2) (a) Landed KARUMBA. Flying Boat Base still intact and civil aviation authorities stationed there dispelling rumours.
- (3) (a) Interview with civil authorities NORMANTON show NO evacuation commenced and civil morale high. (See Appx E att).
- (b) Message from REEBALL to MOUNTYRE and interviews at NORMANTON. Evacuations of women and children from NORTHERN STAS commenced but all now returning. (See Appx B and E att).
- (4) Timetable of activities att as Appx A .
- (5) Co-operated with WDC throughout whole of the recce. Complete co-operation impossible due to lack of comms.
- (6) Interview with KARUMBA pilot-master re repair possibility of landing along the WEST coast show -
 - (a) only one tide every 24 hours.

6(Condt)

- (b) Water along the coastline from excl NORMAN RIVER to incl NAS AU RIVER very shallow and unless tides suitable doubtful for any large vessel to approach within 10/15 miles of shore.

7. COMMS.

- (a) A great deal of trouble occurred with both No 11 Sets due probably to the batteries and sets being continually handled and at no time were both sets functioning at the one time.
- (b) Cipher series for MAY was given to the patrol and caused delay while matter adjusted.
- (c) Time taken in cipher room and continual moving greatly increased difficulties. One message from YORKFORCE (O.930) took 45 hrs.
- (d) Impossible to land set at STAATEN RIVER therefore, Lieut. RIGBY'S party could not comm with remainder of the patrol.
- (e) Telephone comms between KARUMBA and NORMANTON functioned only once during whole of activities
- (f) Wireless. Apart from own sets, civil aviation could comm with NORMANTON via LONGREACH who, telegraphed messages - minimum of 4 hrs.

NAOU could comm with NORMANTON but were not continually on the air and all messages went in NAOU cipher.

8. ROADS.

The rd KARUMBA-NORMANTON very rough, hard to find, several bad crossings - punt at NORMANTON the only means of crossing NORMAN RIVER-has been unused for the last three months due to weather. Minimum day travel 3½ hrs. (by person acquainted with rd).

9.

At 0100 hrs 14 Apr Sgt HELLMUTH of KARUMBA VDC reported light seen approx 8 miles WEST of mouth of NORMAN RIVER. Enquiries by Lieut RIGBY at Pilot Sta showed light seen by four reliable people. Aerial recon the following day revealed nothing.

10. GENERAL.

- (a) All reports re Jap landing appear to have ^{originated} ~~been~~ from initial report made by an aboriginal to HENRY of GALBRAITH STA. Impossible during three days to check back reports owing lack of comms.
- (b) Cause of rumours could possibly be traced to large number of pedal wireless sets in area and number of people connected by "party line". The one message may be relayed by several people and quite frequently the origin is unknown. Undoubtedly through repetition messages have been exaggerated.
- (c) Telephones out of order and absence of station staffs made checking, by any means except by personal visit, impossible. Travel by road would have taken 6 days minimum.
- (d) Most of the reports of alleged enemy movements and activities of VDC and kindred patrols have been passed by pedal wireless. As all comms is in clear it appears feasible that an enemy receiving set could easily intercept.

10(General)

(e)

In order to obtain veh for trip KARUMBA-NORMANTON and return(90 to 100 miles) it was found necessary to obtain 8 gals petrol. Veh was 1 ton utility owned by Mr George PAYNE of KARUMBA and petrol was drawn from VDC det at NORMANTON.

Highly
..... Lieut

Woodhouse
..... Lieut

Appendix ^A
 To Report YORKFORCE Rescue Patrol
 Reported Jap Landing - GULF OF
 CARPENTARIA.

TIME TABLE

	<u>Time</u>	
Apr 13	1430	Departed CAIRNS
	1700	Arrived KARUMBA
	1800	Interview with NAOU det KARUMBA Pt to question and arrange interview with local VDC
14	0800	Investigated report lights at KARUMBA pt
	0830	Lieut ROODAKOFF departed for JENNY LIND to interview VDC
	0900	Lieut RIGBY departed on patrol
	1200	Lieut RIGBY landed STAATEN RIVER
	1330	Lieut ROODAKOFF returned KARUMBA
15	0730	Lieut ROODAKOFF departed KARUMBA for NORMANTON
	1850	Lieut ROODAKOFF arrived NORMANTON
	1530	Lieut RIGBY patrol reached INHERMAN SEA
	1630	Lieut RIGBY patrol departed INHERMAN SEA
	2100	Lieut ROODAKOFF departed NORMANTON
16	0850	Lieut ROODAKOFF arrived KARUMBA
	1050	Lieut RIGBY patrol arrived STAATEN RIVER
	1103	Flying Boat departed KARUMBA
	1145	Landed STAATEN RIVER picked up Lieut RIGBY patrol
	1305	Departed STAATEN RIVER
	1530	Arrived CAIRNS
	1545	Arrive CDR

APPX B to REPORT
YORKFORCE RESCUE PATROL - JAP
LANDING GULF OF CARPENTARIA.

INTERVIEW WITH MCINTYRE VDC COMD AND LIEUT
NEUMANN COMD KARUMBA VDC DET - BY LIEUT ROODAKOFF
AT JENNY LIND (Map ref 405805) 14 APR.

1. MCINTYRE states -

- (a) Received first info of landing from NAOU who reported, " landing at the mouth of NASSAU RIVER". Message received from HQ VDC states that " Jap landing was reported STAATEN RIVER".
- (b) MCINTYRE has party at RUTLAND PLAINS STA. This party carried out patrol to NASSAU RIVER (BOWMANS LANDING AREA). Unconfirmed report from GALERAITH stated patrol found nothing.
- (c) He also has a party of 20 men at VANROOK STA in charge of a man named RENDALL who is employed on GALERAITH STA.
- (d) MCINTYRE and Lieut NEUMANN proceeding today per FWD to VANROOK STA. Here he will contact RENDALLS party, HENRY (Manager of GALERAITH STA) and other people who have knowledge of the matter and will check reports. ETA VANROOK STA - morning 15 Apr.
- (e) He then splits party in two. One to recon per horse and foot through GALERAITH to NASSAU RIVER. Remainder by FWD per inland route to NASSAU RIVER. Expects patrol will occupy at least two weeks.
- (f) MCINTYRE will send all reports direct to Col MURRAY at CHARTERS TOWERS. He will arrange reports to be sent to this party but, comms will be difficult and regularity is not expected.

2. Infm received by MCINTYRE from RENDALL states -

- (a) NO landing was reported STAATEN RIVER by HENRY (Manager of GALERAITH STA). The actual message was that a blackfellow reported party landing from vessel at NASSAU RIVER. (NB. HENRY has pedal set and often his messages are relayed by MCLEOD to MITCHELL).
- (b) A/c of WIRRAWAY type with RAAF markings fired 3 bursts at GALERAITH Homestead on (?) (possibly 13 Apr, but as signals were weak were unable to state definitely).
- (c) On advice from RENDALL all women and children evacuated from INKERMAN, GALERAITH, MACARONI and DELTA DOWNS to STIRLING STA.

3. Report received by MCINTYRE today from INVERLEIGH states that AIF att to CCC at MORNING INLET (140°18' EAST 17°42 SOUTH) saw a searchlight between 2130 hrs and 2200 hrs 13 Apr. MCINTYRE enlisted the aid of CCC men who will patrol the area and report to Col MURRAY by telegram, possibly on night 15 Apr.

FLYING BOAT COMD'S REPORT OF AERIAL PATROL 14 APR 43

1. Departed KARUMBA 0900 hrs with Lieut Rigby and 9 O/Rs incl 2 sigs and 1 No 11 Set.
2. Route - KARUMBA - Pt $139^{\circ} 59'$ EAST $17^{\circ} 15'$ SOUTH - Pt $140^{\circ} 40'$ EAST $16^{\circ} 36'$ SOUTH - GILBERT RIVER - STAATEN RIVER - GALBRAITH STA - INKERMANN STA - NASSAU RIVER - STAATEN RIVER - along coast to KARUMBA.
3. (a) Nothing which could have caused lights observed KARUMBA night 13/14 Apr was observed on route.
(b) Circled area STAATEN RIVER - no suspicious signs
(c) Circled GALBRAITH STA area - no signs of humans or livestock
(d) Circled INKERMANN STA area - livestock observed but no signs of humans.
(e) Circled area NASSAU RIVER - no suspicious signs.
(f) i Landed STAATEN RIVER (map ref 435934) 1200 hrs.
ii Approx 1210 hrs two a/c of BOOMERANG or GRUMMAN type with belly tanks flew low and inspected our craft.
iii Disembarked Lieut Rigby and 7 O/Rs by collapsible boat. Boat would not carry bty charging plant so sigs and eqpt were left aboard. *aboard*
4. Lieut Rigby will recce INKERMANN STA area and will return to same spot 1200 hrs 16 Apr 43.
5. a Took off 1400 hrs
b Nothing suspicious observed on return journey
6. Arrived KARUMBA 1315 hrs.

RECON OF STANTON RIVER - INKERMANN ON FOOT

APP D

BY LIEUT RIGBY - 14 TO 16 APR 43

1. Landed in STANTON RIVER with 7 G/Rs at 1300 hrs on 14 Apr 43. Unable to take No 11 Set due to danger of same damaging rubber boat, so sent same back to KARUMBA.
2. Proceeded to INKERMANN STA by foot. Party hampered by lack of water. Left bulk of party at Lagoon about 3 miles from INKERMANN and proceeded with 1 G/R. to investigate INKERMANN STA.
3. No enemy activity or movement of any kind seen, so carried out thorough search of homestead and outbuildings. Inhabitants appeared to have left in a hurry, but no signs of disorder or tracks round buildings. Could find no apparent reason for evacuation as no indications left behind. Telephone line down and no Pedal Wireless, so was unable to contact Lieut HOODAKOFF at NORMANTON or KARUMBA. Found 2 letters written on 4 Apr 43 unsealed, brought back same and handed them to Bde I.C. on arrival at Bde, who reports nothing of Military importance in either. Also brought one water bag to help in carrying sufficient water for trip, and this will also be handed to Bde.
4. Searched the INKERMANN - CALVERTH track for about half a mile but could see no suspicious tracks.
5. Moved back to STANTON RIVER and carried out search along bank of river. No signs of any enemy landing.
6. Picked up by Flying Boat ¹²⁰⁰ ~~1200~~ hrs 16 Apr 43 and returned to CAIRNS.
7. No suspicious signs or humans of any kind were seen throughout the whole Patrol.

REPORT OF LIUT HOODAKOFF'S INTERVIEWS IN NORMANTON 15 APR 45

1. SGT OF POLICE

- (a) NO orders were issued for evacuation in this area
- (b) NO people have so far left NORMANTON area
- (c) NO people from Northern stations have evacuated to NORMANTON
- (d) Women and children who had without orders evacuated to STIRLING STA were now returning home.
- (e) Person in charge of local evacuation plans is SKINNER, local C.P.S. Skinner had taken some precautionary measures but had not issued orders to prepare for evacuation.
- (f) Rumours re evacuation were probably started as a result of wireless message from CLONCURRY WIRELESS STA on night of 11/12 Apr 45. Message commenced with various call signs and text was to effect --

" Prepare your sec immediate action (.) Have non combatants ready evacuate short notice. "

Sgt of Police had personally heard message.

2. SKINNER, C.P.S.

- (a) Confirms 1 (a) and 1 (b) above.
- (b) Several aborigines from BELMA DOWNS STA area arrived NORMANTON today with apparent intention of evacuating. Were sent back.
- (c) On hearing of message 1 (f), asked owners of vehicles to check vchs as precautionary measure in event of being required.
- (d) Telegraphed State Public Service Commissioner of action taken and enquired re future action. Received reply that NO action was to be taken.

3. POSTMASTER

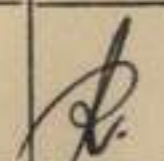
- (a) Confirms 2 (a)
- (b) There are approx 18 Fedal Wireless sets functioning within easy range of NORMANTON. Messages passed by one set are often passed by another with the common result that messages are often mutilated.

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Army Form C. 2.18.
(adapted.)

Unit..... 31/51 Aust. Inf. Bn...... Date and Time.—From 1 May 43..... To.....

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
YATEE AREA	1 May 43.	0600	Unit Strength 30 Offrs. 686 O/rs. ✓	
			W. 3008 and W. 3009 subitted. copies attached	Appx. 1 & 2.
	2 May 43	0645	R.C. Church Parade on Bn. Parade Ground. Fr. T. Devington from Cairns officiating.	
			0830	Army Church Parade on Bn Parade Ground, conducted by Mr. Prussing. of Salvation Army.
		0930	Bn. Parade, tps addressed by Maj. W. H. Harris M.M. Bn. drill followed after which 25% of personnel were granted leave for the day	
	4 May 43.	0600	Unit Strength 30 Offrs. 687 O/rs.	
			The construction of crates for Bn. Stores and equipment is now practically completed, and branded in sub-unit serials.	
			Equipment and stores are down to Tropical scale and unit vehicles with the exception of about six have been withdrawn	
	6 May 43	0600	Unit Strength 30 Offrs. 704 O/rs.	

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Unit.....51/51 Aust. Inf. Bn...... Date and Time.—From.....6 May 43.....To.....15 May 43.....

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
<u>YATTEE AREA</u>	<u>0830</u>	<u>0930</u>	<u>Bn now at full strength and awaiting movement</u>	
	<u>8 May 43</u>	<u>0600</u>	<u>Unit Strength 30 Offrs. 704 O/rs.</u>	
			<u>W. 3008 and W. 3009 attached.</u>	<u>Appx. 3&4.</u>
			<u>Routine Order 4/43 issued copy attached.</u>	<u>Appx. 5.</u>
	<u>9 May 43.</u>	<u>0645</u>	<u>R. C. Church Parade conducted by Fr. Hooper from Cairns.</u>	
		<u>0830</u>	<u>Army Church Service conducted by Mr. Prussing Salvation Army.</u>	
		<u>0930</u>	<u>Bn. Parade and ins. addressed by Maj. W.H.Harris M.N..</u>	
	<u>10 May 43</u>	<u>0900</u>	<u>Bn. received 4 new type 400 gall water tanks mounted on F.W.D. vehicles.</u>	
	<u>12 May 43</u>	<u>0300</u>	<u>Heavy rain fell during night of 11/12 May 43 which was a change after recent hot weather.</u>	
	<u>15 May 43</u>	<u>0600</u>	<u>Unit Strength 32 Offrs. 715 O/rs.</u>	
			<u>Unit Routine Order No 5/43 issued - copy attached</u>	<u>Appx. No 6.</u>
			<u>W. 3008 and W. 3009 submitted copies attached</u>	<u>Appx. Nos. 7&8</u>

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Army Form C. 2118.
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Unit..... 31/51 Aust. Inf. Bn. Date and Time.—From 16 May 43. To.....

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
<u>YATEE AREA</u>	<u>16 May 43.</u>	<u>0645</u>	<u>R. C. Church Parade on Bn. Parade Ground</u>	
		<u>0830</u>	<u>Army Church Service conducted by Mr. Prussing Salvation Army.</u>	
		<u>0900</u>	<u>Orders issued for move of Bn. to Yorkey's Knob for the purpose of participating in amphibious training in Landing craft Vehicles.</u>	
	<u>17 Mar 43.</u>	<u>0630</u>	<u>Bn. under Maj. B.J. Douglas O.C. H. Q. Coy moved from Bn. Parade Ground for Yorkey's Knob.</u>	
			<u>Embarkations and Landings practised during morning and in afternoon</u>	
			<u>Bn. was moved per L.C.Vs. to Palm Beach, landing at 1640 hrs.</u>	
			<u>Embarked again and landed at Yorkey's Knob at 2100 hrs. wheretps.</u>	
			<u>embussed and returned to Camp.</u>	
			<u>Maj. W. H. Harris M.M. Admin. Comd. of unit confined to bed with influenza.</u>	
	<u>18 Mar. 43</u>	<u>0730</u>	<u>Bn. embussed for Yorkey's Knob. Embarked in L.C.vs. at 0930 and arrived at Palm Beach at 1100 hrs. Remainder of day spent in unarmed combat, swimming and resting etc.</u>	



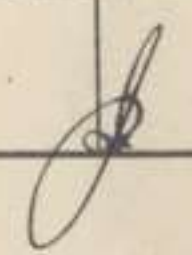
WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Army Form C. 2118.
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Unit..... 31/51 Aust. Inf. Bn...... Date and Time.—From 18 May. 45..... To 20 May. 45.....

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
<u>YATEE AREA</u>	<u>18 May 45.</u>	<u>1500,</u>	<u>O.O. No. 2 issued copy attached</u>	<u>Appx. No. 9.</u>
		<u>1900</u>	<u>Bn. embarked per. L. C. Vs. for Ellis Beach. Landing was effected Ellis Beach</u>	
			<u>and march towards Kuranda was commenced. x</u>	
	<u>19 May. 45.</u>	<u>0520</u>	<u>Lorry carrying rations for breakfast overturned on Kuranda Range.</u>	
			<u>Sufficient rations were obtained for meal.</u>	
			<u>Bn. breakfasted at Kuranda at 0800 hrs after all night march and clim over</u>	
			<u>range 1600 ft. v</u>	
		<u>0800</u>	<u>Movement order issued copy attached</u>	<u>Appx. No 1a</u>
		<u>0900</u>	<u>Bn. commenced move to return to Camp at Yatee. x</u>	
		<u>1300</u>	<u>Bivouaced at Kamerunga Crossing Warren River for mid-day meal.</u>	
		<u>1500</u>	<u>Moved off again for Smith's Dairy which was reached at at 1800 hrs and</u>	
			<u>Bn. bivouaced for evening meal.</u>	
		<u>2000</u>	<u>Final Stage of march commenced.</u>	



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Unit 31/51 Aust. Inf. Bn. Date and Time.—From 20 May 43 To _____

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
YATEE AREA	19 May 43	2200	<p>Mr. Prussing of Salvation Army had his truck with a supply of hot tea and coffe and biscuits at WHITE ROCK.</p> <p>This cup of tea was much appreciated by the tps, and it was probably this 'reviver' that gave the tps the energy to sing away the remaining six miles of the march.</p>	
	20 May 43	0100	<p>Bn reached camp at YATEE. Many personnel dropped out on the march with foot trouble and the average who finished the march was in the vicinity of 70%. Total distance 35 miles with full battle order and included a climb of 2000 ft.</p> <p>Bn rested for the remainder of the day.</p> <p>2 i/c Maj. W. H. Harris M.M. out of bed and condition improved.</p>	
	21 May 43	0600	<p>Unit Strength 32 Offrs. 712 O/rs.</p> <p>Routine Ordder No 6/43 issued copy attached</p>	Appx. 11

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Unit 31/51 Aust. Inf. Bn. Date and Time.—From 21 May 43. To _____

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
<u>YATEE AREA</u>	<u>22 May 43</u>	<u>0900</u>	<u>Weekly W. 3008 and W. 3009 submitted copies attached</u>	<u>Appx. 12 & 13</u>
	<u>23 May 43</u>	<u>0645</u>	<u>R. C. Church Parade</u>	
		<u>0830</u>	<u>Army Church Service, after which 25% were granted day leave.</u>	
	<u>24 May 43</u>	<u>0810</u>	<u>Bn. recommenced training - weapon training in the morning and 9 miles route marches in the afternoon, with night work Monday - Wednesday - Friday.</u>	
	<u>26 May 43</u>	<u>0600</u>	<u>Unit Strength 32 Offrs. 710 O/rs.</u>	
		<u>1900</u>	<u>Unit's Band provided concert on Bn. Oval.</u>	
	<u>28 May 43</u>	<u>1400</u>	<u>Inter Coy football played on Bn. Oval. Bn. H. Q. v H. Q. Coy; A Coy v D Coy; C. Coy v B Coy. Winners H.Q. A, and C. Coys.</u>	
	<u>29 May 43</u>	<u>0600</u>	<u>Unit Strength 32 Offrs. 714 O/rs.</u>	
		<u>0900</u>	<u>Unit Weekly Routine Order No 7/43 issued - Copy attached</u>	<u>Appx No 14</u>
		<u>1000</u>	<u>W. 3008 and W. 3009 submitted copies attached</u>	<u>Appx. 15 & 16</u>
		<u>1400</u>	<u>Aust. Rules football played between two scratch teams. This was an innovation to the northern elements of the unit who had not seen this</u>	

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Unit 31/51 Aust. Inf. Bn.

Date and Time—From 29 May 43. To

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
YATEE AREA	29 May 43	1400	phase of football played before.	
		1500	Coy. drill competitions held for remainder of the afternoon	
	30 May 43	0645	R. C. Church parade on Bn. Oval	
			C. of E. Communion Service conducted by Padre R. S. Campbell.	
		0830	Amy Church Service conducted by Padre R. S. Campbell.	
			25% Recreation leave granted for the day.	
	31 May 43	0600	Unit Strength 32 Offrs. 730 O/rs.	
			<i>William J. Harris</i> Maj. for Lt. Col.	
			Cond. 31/51 Aust. Inf. Bn.	

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Serial No. 2 /1943

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31/51 ABST. INF. BN (Unit)

Date 2 May. 41 **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	3		
Captains	8		
Lieutenants	19		
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters	1		
Totals	52		

*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).

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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).

Appendix 1
War Diary
May 10

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.
Maj(S/Lt/Cpl)	VX22	ROCKE, C. H.	Coast.	Yes.	Special Duty.
Capt(S/Maj)	VX34800	DUGLAS, B. J.	C. I. Coy	Yes.	
Capt(S/Maj)	VX40882	SMITH, R. G. J.	" " "	"	
Lieut(S/Maj)	VX33337	LABUS, W. H.	2 1/2 Coy	"	
Lieut(S/Capt)	VX40301	STRANGE, S. O.	2 1/2 Coy	"	
Lieut(S/Capt)	VX35700	RICKARD, R. J.	" " "	"	
Capt.	VX6220	WILKINSON, A. D. J.	C. I. Coy	"	
Lieut(S/Capt)	VX33333	DOUGLAS, H. G.	" " "	"	
Lieut(S/Capt)	VX33000	SMITH, H. J.	" " "	"	
Lieut(S/Capt)	VX34011	CRAND, H. W.	Adjut.	"	
Lieut(S/Capt)	VX33779	SMITH, A. J.	2 1/2 Coy	"	
Lieut(S/Capt)	VX5200	HARRIS, H. M. J.	" " "	"	
Lieut.	VX34014	BARKER, R. E.	" " "	"	
"	VX34009	SMITH, G. L.	C. I. Pl.	"	
"	VX34016	MARJASSEN, F. J. G.	" 15 "	"	
"	VX33000	MULLER, J. H.	C. I.	"	
"	VX35010	SMITH, R. D. B.	C. I. Pl.	"	
"	VX34008	SMITH, H. M.	" 16 "	"	
"	VX34004	MORRISON, W.	" 18 "	"	
"	VX33706	ALLAN, S. H.	" 10 "	"	
"	VX34012	CHAMBERLAIN, W. J.	" 13 "	"	
"	VX40790	RODWEISS, A.	" 14 "	NA.	PAWTS Mobile Wing.
"	VX34010	LOTT, H.	" 2 "	Yes.	
"	VX34010	SMITH, A. B.	" 7 "	"	
"	VX34015	SMITH, J. P.	" 8 "	NA.	PAWTS Mobile Wing.
"	VX33042	SMITH, L. E.	" 5 "	Yes.	
"	VX33245	SMITH, B. E.	" 1 "	"	
"	VX40257	SMITH, J. C.	I. O.	"	
"	VX35005	SMITH, D. H.	C. I. Pl.	"	
"	VX40043	SMITH, J. R.	" 17 "	"	
"	VX 3000	SMITH, K. G.	" 3 "	"	
"	VX 4024	SMITH, F. A.	" 9 "	"	

(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.	VX45095	BLACK, B.	A. A. C.	10/1/43	A. A. C.
Chaplain.	60066	CANNELL, R. S.	A. A. Ch. B.	10/4/43	Chaplain. In Hospital

31/51 INF. BR. 11.
(Unit.)
2 May.43.
(Date of Despatch.)

William J. Harris
for Comd. 31/51 Aust. Inf. Bde.
(Signature of Commander.)
11 INF. BR. 11.
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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81/51 Aust. Inf. Bn. (Unit)

8 May 43.

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).
*			
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Lieut.-Colonels	1		
Majors	3		
Captains	8		
Lieutenants	19		
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters	1		
Totals	33		

*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).

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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.
Major (T/Maj Col)	43200	BRICK	G.H.	Comd.	No.
Capt (T/Maj)	43200	DUGLAS	B.J.	9/c 1st Coy	Yes
Lieut (T/Maj)	43202	FINNEY	R.H.J.	9/c 3 Coy	
Lieut. (T/Maj)	43337	HARRIS	G.H.	2/c	
Lieut. (T/Capt)	43001	STREANE	S.O.	2 1/2 c 3 Coy	
Lieut. (T/Capt)	43370	HICKS	B.J.	2 1/2 c 3 Coy	
Lieut.	43310	FRY	A.H.	9/c 6 Coy	
Lieut. (T/Capt)	43358	TOONS	H.C.	9/c 2 Coy.	
Lieut. (T/Capt)	43302	TRELLY	T.H.A.	9/c 3 Coy	
Lieut. (T/Capt)	43301	CLARKE	B.W.	2/c	
Lieut. (T/Capt)	43379	SHIRON	A.L.	2 1/2 c 6 Coy	
Lieut. (T/Capt)	43300	HARRIS	H.H.J.	2 1/2 c 1 Coy	
Lieut.	433014	KELLER	B.A.	2/c	
"	433009	REY	L.	9/c 12 Pl.	
"	433016	H. JASON	H.J.C.	9/c 15 Pl.	
"	433033	WILLER	J.H.	T.O.	
"	433010	SMITH	H.B.B.	9/c 11 Pl.	
"	433008	WILEY	H.A.	9/c 10 Pl.	
"	433004	MORISON	V.	18 Pl.	
"	433708	MALIN	S.H.	10 Pl.	
"	433012	CLIFTON	H.J.	13 Pl.	
"	430758	WOODROFF	A.	12 Pl.	No
"	433018	FOOT	H.	2 Pl.	Yes
"	433019	SMITH	A.L.	7 Pl.	
"	433015	KNY	J.P.	6 Pl.	No
"	433019	HARRIS	L.B.	5 Pl.	Yes
"	433013	HIDE	B.L.	1 Pl.	
"	433057	WILSON	J.C.	S.O.	
"	433003	COUD	H.H.	9/c 8 Pl.	
"	4330013	HOCK	J.L.	17 Pl.	
"	43300	HARRIS	H.C.	3 Pl.	
"	433014	HARRIS	H.A.	3 Pl.	

(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.	435005	BLACK	T.	12.4.43	L.S.O.

3/51 Aust. Inf. Bde.

(Unit.)

8 May 43.

(Date of Despatch.)

William J. Harris Major.

for Comd. 3/51 Bn. (Signature of Commander.)

11 Aust. Inf. Bde.

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

Serial No. 4/1943.
R.E. 32 & 745
Att. 1 & 9

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

15 May 45. 31/51 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			
Majors	1		
Captains	3		
Lieutenants	6		
2nd Lieutenants	15		
Quartermasters	1		
Totals	32		

*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).

*Appendix 7
War Diary
May 43*

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.
(1) 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.
Maj (T/Lt. Col)	VX 22	BLACK	G.P. Coy.	No	Special Duty
Capt. (T/Maj)	VX34000	BODDLES	B.J. Coy	Yes	
Lieut. (T/Maj)	VX40392	BERRY	B.S.J.C. Coy		
Lieut. (T/Maj)	VX35657	BURNS	B.S. Coy		
Lieut. (T/Capt)	VX40391	BURNS	B.S. Coy		
Lieut. (T/Capt)	VX35700	BURNS	B.S. Coy		
Capt.	VX3200	BURK	B.S. Coy		
Lieut. (T/Capt)	VX33858	BURK	B.S. Coy		
Lieut. (T/Capt)	VX33899	BURK	B.S. Coy		
Lieut. (T/Capt)	VX34011	BURK	B.S. Coy		
Lieut. (T/Capt)	VX33779	BURK	B.S. Coy		
Lieut. (T/Capt)	VX33300	BURK	B.S. Coy		
Lieut.	VX34014	BURK	B.S. Coy		
"	VX34000	BURK	B.S. Coy		
"	VX34016	BURK	B.S. Coy		
"	VX33898	BURK	B.S. Coy		
"	VX33840	BURK	B.S. Coy		
"	VX34000	BURK	B.S. Coy		
"	VX34004	BURK	B.S. Coy		
"	VX33798	BURK	B.S. Coy		
"	VX34012	BURK	B.S. Coy		
"	VX34078	BURK	B.S. Coy		
"	VX34018	BURK	B.S. Coy		
"	VX34019	BURK	B.S. Coy		
"	VX34015	BURK	B.S. Coy		
"	VX33842	BURK	B.S. Coy		
"	VX33845	BURK	B.S. Coy		
"	VX34007	BURK	B.S. Coy		
"	VX33855	BURK	B.S. Coy		
"	VX194045	BURK	B.S. Coy		
"	VX33898	BURK	B.S. Coy		
"	VX4024	BURK	B.S. Coy		

(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.	VX45005	BLACK	B.S. Coy	12.4.43	B.S. Coy

31/51 Aust. Inf. Bn. (Unit.)

William J. Mans
(Signature of Commander.)

for Comd. 31/51 Bn.

15 May 43. (Date of Despatch.)

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

Serial No. 5/1943
W.E. 32 X 745
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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

22 May. 43.

51/51 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			
Majors	1		
Captains	8		
Lieutenants	8		
2nd Lieutenants	19		
Quartermasters	1		
Totals	32		

*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).

SERIAL 5/1943. 22 May. 43.

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

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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.
Maj(T/Lt/Col)	VI 22	Brock. G.H.	Comd.	No.	Special Duty.
Capt(T/Maj)	QX35000	Douglas. B.J.	O.C. "B" Coy	Yes.	
Lieut(T/Maj)	QX20302	FRANK. A.St.J.	" "B" "	"	
" (T/Maj)	QX33337	HARRIS. W.H.	2 1/2 c/	"	
" (T/Capt)	QX20801	Strange S.O.	2 1/2 c "B" Coy.	"	
" (T/Capt)	QX34700	Richard. R.J.	" "D" "	"	
Capt.	QX3220	Peck. A.E. Del	O/C. "C" Coy.	"	
Lieut(T/Capt)	QX33338	Downs. H.C.	" "A" "	"	
" (S/Capt)	QX35009	Titley. T.H.A.	" "D" "	"	
" (T/Capt)	QX34011	Girard B.W.	Adj.	"	
" (T/Capt)	VI3379	Shilton. A.L.	2 1/2 c "C" "	"	
" (T/Capt)	VI3200	Harris. H.H.J.	" "A" "	"	
Lieut.	QX34014	Kahler B.E.	G.H.	"	
"	QX34009	Rigby. E.	O.C. 12 Pl.	"	
"	QX34016	Marjason. F.J.C.	" 15 "	"	
"	QX33398	Avallier J.H.	" T.O.	"	
"	QX35510	Smith. R.D.B.	" 11 Pl.	"	
"	QX34008	Riley H.H.	" 16 "	"	
"	QX34004	Harrison. W.	" 18 "	"	
"	QX33706	Allan. S.H.	" 10 "	"	
"	QX34012	Gillman. H.J.	" 13 "	"	
"	QX20798	Roodakoff A.	" 14 "	"	
"	QX34018	Pont H.	" 2 "	"	
"	QX34019	Smith. A.E.	" 7 "	"	
"	QX34015	Kenny. J.P.	" 8 "	"	
"	QX33812	Hayne. L.E.	" 5 "	"	
"	QX33815	Hyde. B.E.	" 1. "	"	
"	QX33837	Roche. J.C.	L.O.	"	
"	QX33893	Gould. D.M.	" 2 Pl.	"	
"	VI104043	Hancock. J.R.	" 17 "	"	
"	VI3298	Knight. R.C.	" 3 "	"	
"	VI1094	Reiter E.A.	" 9 "	"	

(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.	QX15095	Black. P.	A.A.M.C.	12.4.43	R.M.C.

31/51 Aust. Inf. Bn.

(Unit.)

William J. Harris
(Signature of Commander.)
for Comd. 31/51 Aust. Inf. Bn.

22 May. 43. (Date of Despatch.)

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

31/51 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 (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)
Ammunition Examiners			Fire Control Operators			Panel Beaters		
Armament Artificers			Fitters			Pattern Makers		
Armourers			Fitters and Turners			Pharmacists		
Artificers, Artillery			Fitters, Cycle			Photographers, dry plate		
Axemen			Fitters, Drivers			Photographers, wet plate		
Bakers			Fitter's Mates			Photo-Writers		
Battery Surveyors			Fitters, M.V.			Plate Layers		
Battery Comdrs. Asst.			Fitters, Railway Signal			Plumbers		
Blacksmiths			Fitters, Signal			Predictor Numbers		
Bollermakers			Grinders			Printers		
Bricklayers			Gun Layers			Radiator Mechanics		
Butchers			G.P.O. Assistants			Radiographers		
Camouflage Modeller			Gun Operators			Range Takers		
Carpenter and Joiner			Hammermen			Riggers		
Clerks			Height Takers			Rivettors		
Clerks, Engineering			Helio Operators			Saddlers		
Clerks, Supply			Instrument Mechanics			Saddle Tree Makers		
Clerks, Technical			Instrument Mechanics, Surgical			Saw Doctors		
Coachmakers			Instrument Operators			Sawyers		
Computers			Intelligence Duties			Shoemakers		
Concretors			Joiners			Signallers		
Cooks			Leather Stitchers			Signwriters		
Cooks, Hospital			Linesmen			Stokers, Stationary Engine		
Coppersmiths			Linesmen, Signals			Storemen, Technical		
Dental Clerk Orderlies			Lithographers			Surveyors		
Despatch Riders			Machinists			Surveyors, Engineering		
Dispensers			Masons			Tailors		
Draughtsmen			Masseurs			Telescope Identification Numbers		
Draughtsmen, Architectural			Mechanics, Dental			Textile Refitters		
Draughtsmen, Mechanical			Mechanics, M.T.			Tinsmiths		
Draughtsmen, Signal			Mechanics, Typewriter			Toolmakers		
Draughtsmen, Topographical			Mechanics, Wireless			Turners		
Driver Mechanics			Millwrights			Vulcanizers		
Driver Operators			Miners			Wagon Erectors		
Drivers, Transportation Plant			Moulders			Watchmakers		
Electrical Fitters			Nursing Orderlies			Watermen		
Electricians			Nursing Orderlies (Mental)			Welders		
Electricians, Eng. Units			Nurses, Trained			Well Borers		
Electricians, Signal			Observation Post Assistants			Wheelers		
Engine Artificers			Operating Room Assistants			Whitesmiths		
Engine Hands I/C			Operators, Signal			Wiremen		
Equipment Repairers			Opticians			Woodturners		
Farriers			Painters			Non-Specialists		9
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)								9

Notes—(a) If rank other than Private is involved give details on back.

(b) Authorised Trades or Specialists not included in list above will be added as required in spaces provided.

31/51 Aust. Inf. Bn.

Unit.

Wilhelm J. Davis

Major for Comd. 31/51Bn.

Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch 22 May 43.

11 Aust. Inf. Bde.

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

Serial No. 6/1913.
R.N. 33 & 715.
Att. 1 & 9.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

29 May 45. 31/51 Post. Int. No. (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	3		
Captains	9		
Lieutenants	19		
2nd Lieutenants	1		
Quartermasters	1		
Totals	36		

*Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Capt.	CANNON	R.N.	27.5.45	From 1/3 1945

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).

20 May 43.

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

*Approved
Mandary
May 43*

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.
Adj. (2/Lt. Col)	7332	ROCK	S.I.	Comd.	Special Duty
Capt. (2/Lt. Col)	234000	WILLIAMS	R.I.	1/C B Coy	"
Lieut. (2/Lt. Col)	234002	SMITH	S.I.	1/C B Coy	"
Lieut. (2/Lt. Col)	234003	LARSEN	S.I.	2 1/2	"
Vic. (2/Lt. Col)	234001	THOMAS	S.O.	2 1/2 B Coy	"
1st. (2/Lt. Col)	234070	THOMAS	S.I.	1/C B Coy	"
1st. (2/Lt. Col)	234020	ROCK	S.I.	1/C B Coy	"
1st. (2/Lt. Col)	234021	ROCK	S.I.	1/C B Coy	"
1st. (2/Lt. Col)	234009	WELBY	S.I.	1/C B Coy	"
1st. (2/Lt. Col)	234011	THOMAS	S.I.	1st.	"
1st. (2/Lt. Col)	234070	THOMAS	S.I.	2 1/2 B Coy	"
1st. (2/Lt. Col)	234000	WILLIAMS	S.I.	2 1/2 B Coy	"
1st. (2/Lt. Col)	234014	WELBY	S.I.	S.I.	"
1st. (2/Lt. Col)	234000	WILLIAMS	S.I.	1/C 12 Pl.	"
1st. (2/Lt. Col)	234016	WILLIAMS	S.I.	1/C 15 Pl.	"
1st. (2/Lt. Col)	234003	SMITH	S.I.	S.O.	"
1st. (2/Lt. Col)	234010	WELBY	S.I.	1/C 11 Pl.	"
1st. (2/Lt. Col)	234013	WELBY	S.I.	1/C 16 Pl.	"
1st. (2/Lt. Col)	234004	WILLIAMS	S.I.	1/C 10 Pl.	"
1st. (2/Lt. Col)	234012	WELBY	S.I.	1/C 15 Pl.	"
1st. (2/Lt. Col)	234008	WILLIAMS	S.I.	1/C 14 Pl.	"
1st. (2/Lt. Col)	234019	WELBY	S.I.	1/C 2 Pl.	"
1st. (2/Lt. Col)	234019	WELBY	S.I.	1/C 7 Pl.	"
1st. (2/Lt. Col)	234015	WELBY	S.I.	1/C 8 Pl.	"
1st. (2/Lt. Col)	234012	WELBY	S.I.	1/C 5 Pl.	"
1st. (2/Lt. Col)	234015	WELBY	S.I.	1/C 1 Pl.	"
1st. (2/Lt. Col)	234003	SMITH	S.I.	S.O.	"
1st. (2/Lt. Col)	234003	SMITH	S.I.	1/C 4 Pl.	"
1st. (2/Lt. Col)	234013	WELBY	S.I.	1/C 17 Pl.	"
1st. (2/Lt. Col)	234002	SMITH	S.I.	1/C 3 Pl.	"
1st. (2/Lt. Col)	234001	THOMAS	S.I.	1/C 9 Pl.	"

(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.	235005	ROCK	S.I.	12.4.43	1st. Col.
Capt.	234006	WILLIAMS	S.I.	12.4.43	Captain

31/51 Aust. Inf. Bn.

(Unit.)

20 May 43.

(Date of Despatch.)

William J. Harris Major

(Signature of Commander.)

11 Aust. Inf. Bn.

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

Appendix No. 5
War Diary
May 43

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I.

BY

LT. COL. G. H. BROCK, D.S.O., COMD. 31/51 AUSTR. INF. BN.

No. 4.

8 May, 43.

1. DUTIES.

8/9 May, 43	C. Coy.
9/10 " "	D. "
10/11 " "	A. "
11/12 " "	B. "
12/13 " "	C. "
13/14 " "	D. "
14/15 " "	A. "
15/16 " "	B. "

Duty Coy. to supply Bn. Ord. Cpl., Runner, 2 N.C.O's., and 9 O.R's. for Bn. Guard.

Duty Officer (Bde. Comd. Post).

14 May, 43

Capt. M. W. J. HARRIS.

Town Picquet (1 Offr. 10 O.Rs).

14/15 May, '43.
16/17 May, '43.

B. Coy.
A. Coy.

Guard Comd. Post. (2 N.C.O's and 12 O'Rs.)

9/10 May, '43.
11/12 May '43
14/15 May, '43.

A. Coy.
B. Coy.
C. Coy.

2. PHOTOGRAPHY - APPROVED PHOTOGRAPHERS.

Names of photographers approved by H. J. Queensland L of C Area, in accordance with G.O. 645/42, are shown under the heading of Notices included with these orders.

Personnel wishing to send films for processing outside of the L of C Area in which their unit is stationed, may enquire through their respective units, from division or higher formation the names of approved photographers in any other L of C Area.

Capt.
Adj. 31/51 Aust. Inf. Bn.

NOTICES.

1. Bn. Parade on Bn. Parade Ground at 0930 hrs. 9 May, '43.
2. Church parades.
R. C. MASS - Bn. Parade Ground 0645 hrs 9 May, '43.
Bn. Church Parade on Bn. Parade Ground 0830 hrs 9 May '43.
3. Approved Photographers.

Names of approved photographers referred to in First Aust. Army Order G.93 areas follows,-

BRISBANE

S. A. BEST Pty. Ltd.
GRAMMOND RADIO Mfg. Coy

Gipps St., VALLEY
8 Queen St.

E. F. DOYLE, Camera Trading Coy. Adelaide St.

<u>BRISBANE.</u>	H. B. GREEN & Co. T. B. HARTE Kodak (Aust) Pty. Ltd Thiel Studio Pty. Ltd. P. VICTORSEN Auto Studios	130 Queen St. McGrath St., TOOWONG. 250-252 Queen St. 234 Queen St. Central Bldg, Edward St. 219 Adelaide St.
<u>WARWICK.</u>	J. ARMITSTEAD N. L. TOPPING	Chemist. Chemist, PALMERIN St.
<u>MILEY</u>	D. J. BARKER	Chemist.
<u>ROCKHAMPTON.</u>	Mrs. A. M. BYRIEL Kodak (Aust) Pty/ Ltd. Studios Pty. Ltd.	15 Fitzroy St. East St. Cnr. East & Fitzroy Sts.
<u>IPSWICH.</u>	CRIBB & FOOFE Ltd JOCK THOMSON Studio	Merchants. ELLENBOROUGH St.
<u>KILOOY.</u>	J. CHIPMAN	Newsagent, Box 86
<u>MUNDABERG.</u>	Cunningham Studios Chippindall Pharmacy	126 Bourbong St. Bourbong St.
<u>MURCON</u>	L. P. F. COLLET V. G. TICKLE T. E. WHITTON	McAlister St. Chemist Newsagent.
<u>REDCLEIFE</u>	Darragh's Pharmacies	Esplanade
<u>SOUTHFORT</u>	Allan ELLIS	Chemist, Nerang St.
<u>TOOWOOMBA.</u>	K. W. GRAMM R. W. HARMER (Chronicle Arcade) Kodak (Aust) Pty/ Ltd	304 Ruthven St. Margaret St. Ruthven St.
<u>EMERALD</u>	J. F. GOGGIN	Chemist.
<u>MACKAY</u>	Edward T. GRANT Holyoakes Pharmacies.	71 Sydney St.
<u>KINGAROY</u>	J. G. JOHNSON.	
<u>TOWNSVILLE.</u>	Kodak (Aust) Pty. Ltd.	Flinders St.
<u>GLIENS.</u>	Kodak (Aust). Pty. Ltd.	Abbott St.
<u>GLADSTONE.</u>	H. D. KNUDSEN	Box 106.
<u>GLBOCLTURE.</u>	J. E. H. MILLER	Chemist, King St.
<u>MILINGO.</u>	E. C. H. MEEFORD.	

and all Kodak agents.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

BY

LT. COL. G.H. BROCK

COMD 31/51 AUST. INF. BN.

Serial No. 5

15 May.43.

1. DUTIES.

16/17	May	C	Coy.
17/19	May	D	"
18/19	May	A	"
19/20	May	B	"
20/21	May	C	"
21/22	May	D	"

Duty Coy. to supply Bn. Orderly Cpl., Runner, 2 N.C.O's and 9 O/R's for Bn. Guard.

DUTY OFFICER (Bde Comd. Post)

17 May.43	Capt. A.L. Shilton.
19 May.43	Capt M.N.J. Harris

TOWN PICQUET (1. Offr. & 10 O/R's)

16/17	May.43	"A" Coy.
22/23	May 43	"H.Q." "

GUARD (Comd Post)

17 May.43	H.Q. Coy.
19 May 43	"A" "
21 May.43	"B" "

2. LEAVE WITHOUT PAY. (Ref. G.R.O. 7 May 43 para 367)

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

2. When leave without pay is granted, the following will not be payable during the period of such leave -

- (a) Pay (including deferred pay)
- (b) Field Allowance
- (c) Command Allowance
- (d) Special Allowance
- (e) Exchange Allowance
- (f) Dependents Allowance
- (g) Travelling Allowance
- (h) Subsistence Allowance
- (i) Any allowance payable under regulation 9 of the above mentioned regulations.

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

B.W. GIRARD Capt.
Adj. 31/51 Aust. Inf. Bn.

Approved
Wan May
May 43

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

BY

LT. COL. G. H. BROCK DSO - CMD. 31/51 AUST. INF. BN.

Serial No. 6.

20 May 43.

1. DUTIES.

20/21 May 43.	D. Coy.
21/22 "	A. "
22/23 "	B. "
23/24 "	C. "
24/25 "	D. "
25/26 "	A. "
26/27 "	B. "

DUTY OFFICER (De. Comd. Post)

22/23 May 43.	Capt. R. J. RICKARD
24/25 "	Capt. H. N. J. HARRIS
26/27 "	Capt. S. O. STRANGE

TOWN PICQUET. (1 Offr. 10 O.Rs.)

28/29 May 43. "C" Coy.

2. TROOPS ATTEMPTING TO TRAVEL IN GUARDS' VANS OF TRAINS.

1. Complaints have been received that members of the forces have endeavoured to travel in the Guards' Vans of trains.
2. This constitutes a breach of the Queensland Government Railways By-laws (to which members of the forces remain subject) and will cease.
3. Officers and NCO's will report any instances of this nature coming to their knowledge and will take particulars of any personnel involved.
4. Disciplinary action will be taken against offenders.

Capt.
31/51 Bn.

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War Diary
May 43

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1.

BY

LT. COL. G. H. BROCK DSO - COMD. 51/51 AUST. INF. BN.

Serial No. 7.

29 May 43.

1. DUTIES.

27/28 May 43	C Coy.
28/29 "	D "
29/30 "	A "
30/31 "	E "
31/ 1 Jun. 43.	C "
1/ 2 "	D "
2/ 3 "	A "
3/ 4 "	B "
4/ 5 "	C "
5/ 6 "	D "

DUTY OFFICER (Bde. Comd. Post)

29 May 43.
31 "

Capt. A. L. SHILTON
Capt. R. J. RICKARD.

Adj. 51/51 Bn. Capt.

NOTICES.

1. Bn. Church Parade at 0830 hrs. 30 May 43.
Bn. Parade at 0930 hrs. 30 May 43.
2. R. C. Mass at 0645 hrs. 30 May 43 on Bn. Parade Ground.
C. of E. Holy Communion at 0645 hrs. 30 May 43.

Operation Order No 2

Appendix 9
War Diary
May 13.

(Information)

31/51 Bn. has been located at
PALM BEACH which is 50 miles north
of Ellis Beach.

Strong enemy force has been reported
in position between Palm Beach + Ellis
Beach.

(Intention), 31/51 Bn. has been ordered to
move to KURANDA to cut the railway,
the road from the Tableland, and
the road from Cairns.

(Method) 31/51 Bn. will ^{bypass enemy opposition by} embark in L.C.Vs
at Palm Beach at 1900hrs and land
at Ellis Beach at 2100hrs, 18 May.

Order of embarking will be -

- A Coy + B Coy (4 boats each
constituting the first wave)
- C + D Coys (4 boats each - second wave)
- BHQ, R.A.P. & ~~honours~~, M.C. 5/also
- Motor. Pioneer, Sigs

② 2030

"H" hour will be 2100 hrs 18 May

Waves will land following times -

- 1st wave - 2100 hrs 2030
- 2nd wave - 2103 hrs 2033
- 3rd wave - 2108 hrs 2038
- 4th wave - 2113 hrs 2043
- 5th wave - 2123 hrs 2053
- 6th wave - 2135 hrs 2105

3 tips with 108 ft will be attached to A B C + D Coy + 5 tip with 108 ft with Bn HQ.

A Coy will land on right of beach + B Coy on left.

A Coy will cut the Cook's Highway north of Ellis Beach vicinity map ref

~~582397~~ 582937.

B Coy will cut road Cook's Highway south of Ellis Beach vicinity map ref.

~~627503~~ 590926

(3)

D Coy will land on right of Beach

C Coy will land on left of Beach

C Coy will move in advance guard formation & will take up a position on the south in vicinity map ref 623863.

To protect the move of D Coy up the road from map ref. 623868 to 615865. To

Forgan Smith's lookout.

D Coy will move as an advance guard from Forgan Smith's lookout along Black Mountain Road to Collins Bridge where they will take up a defensive position covering bridge.

BMO & balance HQ Coy will follow D Coy & move forward to Forgan Smith's Lookout where HQ Coy will take up defensive position for protection BMO & troops coming up track to Forgan Smith's lookout

(4)

B Coy as soon as B HQ + HQ Coy. have
moved through them will advance
along the road + picket to
Forgan Smith's lookout using the
track from map ref. 613882 to 610811
to Forgan Smith's lookout. + on reaching
the top will move through HQ Coy along
Black Mountain road + cut the Kinner
Highway near fallen bridges.

B HQ + HQ Coy. will then follow
behind B Coy.

B Coy Comd. will notify A Coy
Comd. by wireless when he is
moving from his position on Cook Highway
& A Coy Comd. will then follow B Coy
along the same route to Forgan
Smith's lookout from which point
they will form up behind B HQ +
be responsible for rear protection of
the Battalion.

(5)

BHQ will call C Coy forward
 when BHO have commenced the
 ascent to Forgan Smith's Lookout.
 The order of the coys along
 Mountain Road will be D Coy, B Coy,
 BHO, HQ Coy, C Coy, A Coy.

Admin:

RAP will move with BHO.

Notes: Breakfast truck will arrive
 at picnic area at Collins Bump
 at 0500 hrs 19 May 43

Coy will move to this area on
~~receipt signal from BHO. BHO will be at~~
~~completion of exercise.~~
 577818

Inter-form:

By 108 Sgt.

Code names for Coy -

D Coy - Arthur.

BHO - Bruce
 HQ Coy - Harry
 A Coy - Clyde
 B Coy - Ken
 C Coy - Ted

T.H.I.

T.O.R.

Movement Order

Appointed to
war diary
May 13

31/51 Bn has successfully completed
its mission in the Kuranda Area.

Intention: 31/51 Bn will return to camp
by route march.

Method: Coyts will move by route march
at 10 min. intervals in following order

- | | | |
|----|----------|------|
| 6 | D Coy | 0945 |
| 7 | C B Coy | 0955 |
| | { B HQ | 0905 |
| 12 | { HQ Coy | |
| 5 | B C Coy | 0915 |
| | A Coy | 1925 |

Route - Kuranda Highway ^{map ref} 639774 to
Caravonica school to Kamerunga
Crossing to Redlynch to Freshwater to
Luke Wood to Leivooer to Enmore:
Estate to Smith's Dairy to McCambe
St, Cardonvale Road to Camp

This route will be rigidly adhered
to.

Admin: RAP will move with BMO
Nature's midday meal at Kamerunga
Crossing.

Evening meal to leave camp under
WO Sheppell at 1600 hrs 19 May who will
take the truck along the route laid
down from Kamerunga Crossing to
camp and will feed the boys where
they are met.

Inter-Comm:

108 set 4 runners
Main artery comm. of route.

OR
20
DATE
OBJECT DATE STAMP

Date
In Reply to Stamp

T.H.I.
T.O.R.

15 JUL 1943

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Unit 31/51 Aust Inf Bn.

Date and Time.—From 0600hrs 1 Jun 43 To 2359 5 Jun 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Yattie	1 Jun 43	0600	Unit Strengths Officers O/Ranks	
	2 Jun 43		No engaged on weapon training during morning. Inter-boy football in afternoon.	
			At night unit Band provided concert.	
	4 Jun 43		No engaged on Route marches during afternoons this week - distances of 9 miles being walked.	
	5 Jun 43	0600	Unit Strengths Officers O/Ranks	Appda N° 1
			Training syllabus for coming week attached	" 2 and 3
			W.3008 and W.3009 submitted - Copies att.	" 4.
			Ro. 8/43 published - copy attached.	
			Australian Rules football played during afternoon between two teams in the Bn.	

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Unit 31/51 Aust. Inf. Bn.

Date and Time.—From 0645 hrs 6 Jun 43 To 2359 hrs 11 Jun 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
<i>Yattee</i>	<i>6 Jun 43</i>	<i>0645</i>	<i>R.C. Church Parade.</i>	
			<i>Holy Communion service 6. of 6. Padre Campbell officiating.</i>	
		<i>0830</i>	<i>Army Church service conducted by Padre Campbell.</i>	
			<i>25% of Unit granted recreation leave today.</i>	
	<i>8 Jun 43</i>		<i>Inter. boy football played during afternoon.</i>	
	<i>9 Jun 43</i>		<i>concert by Bn. Band at night.</i>	
	<i>11 Jun 43</i>		<i>Bn representative team played and defeated at football a representative team from the Depot Strip N.M.S. Playpus by 11-3.</i>	

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

Army Form C.2118
(adapted 1.)

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Unit 2 1/2 Bn.

Date and Time.—From 0600 hrs 12 Jun 43 To 2359 hrs 18 Jun 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Yatter Area	12 Jun 43	0600	Unit Strength Officers — O/Rs	
			Ro. 9/43 issued. Copy attached	Appda N ^o 5.
			W3008 and W3009 submitted - copy attached	6
	13 Jun 43	0800	R.C. Church Parade held at Edmonton	
		0830	Army Church service conducted by Padre Campbell.	
	16 Jun 43		25% of Bn. granted recreation leave today	
			Inter - Coy football during afternoon	
			concert at night - each Coy providing artists	
	18 Jun 43	1830	boy Comds Conference. Maj. W. H. Harris m.m.	
			2 1/2 advised Oco that preparations to be commenced following morning for Embarkation.	

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

(Erase heading not required).

Unit 3/51 Aust Inf Bn.

Date and Time.—From 0001-19 Jun 43 To 1200 hrs 20 Jun 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Yatter Area	19 Jun 43		<p>Bn limited to 60 Tons Cargo on voyage and loading commenced this morning.</p> <p>Bn with exception of Rear Party, under Command of Maj. R. St. J. Kenny of B Coy, will embark on later notice.</p> <p>Material and stores not going on pt trip being Crated and placed in B Coy area to come later with Rear Party. By evening nearly everything crated and tents pulled down. Troops slept in open at night. All leave cancelled. 03008 + 03009 sub.</p>	<p>Appda 7 + 8</p>
	20 Jun 43	0645	<p>R Church Parade Bn oral.</p> <p>Loading completed in morning as well as crating of items to be left until later.</p>	<p>J</p>

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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(Erase heading not required).

Unit 3/51 Aust Inf Bn

Date and Time.—From 1700 20 Jun 43 To 1000 21 Jun 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Yatter Area	20 Jun 43	1700	Troops fallen in on Bn Parade Ground in with full scale 1511	
		1800	Bn moved from Parade Ground by M7 for Cairns Wharf.	
		1900	Arrived Cairns Wharf and embarked per U.S. Canberra.	
		2000	All Tps on Board and checked. Total 26 officers 620 620 O/Rs 620	
On Board U.S.S. Canberra	21 Jun 43		Troops settled down during night. Majority have cabins - a few have hammocks and remainder are sleeping on mattresses on B Deck.	
		1000	Vessel pulled out from CAIRNS Wharf and headed out to sea.	Jk

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

Army Form C.2118
(adapted.)

(Erase heading not required).

Unit 3/51 Aust. Inf. Bn

Date and Time.—From 1100 21 Jun 43 To 0900 22 Jun 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
On Board I.S.S. Canberra at sea	21 Jun 43	1100	boy. Parades. Troops advised of orders and instructions to be adhered to during voyage.	
		1230	Vessel proceeding in northerly direction now opposite White Cliffs 30 miles N. of Cairns.	
		1800	Vessel passed Cooktown.	
		1900	One lad suspected malaria removed to Ship's Hospital	
	22 Jun 43	0900	Vessel now passed PORTLAND ROADS leaving approx 150 miles to go to THURSDAY IS. No untoward incidents so far. Physical training weapon training swimming and sun basking being indulged in during voyage.	

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

Army Form C.2118
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Unit 2/51 Aust. Inf. Bn.

Date and Time.—From 1000 22 Jun 43 To 0300 hrs 25 Jun 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
On Board USS	22 Jun 43	1000	Lifeboat drill carried out.	
Canberra at sea	23 Jun 43	0800	After checking in at GOODE Is. Naval Stn vessel anchored in the channel off	
			THURSDAY IS.	
		1500	M.C.O. and officer from fostering unit boarded vessel and arrangements made for disembarkation of unit.	
			Ship remained anchored all day.	
	24 Jun 43	0830	Vessel berthed at THURSDAY IS wharf and disembarkation commenced into smaller vessels to proceed to HORN IS.	
HORN ISLAND		1300	All troops disembarked at HORN IS	
	25 Jun 43	0300	Unit stores and equipment unloaded on	J.

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

(Erase heading not required).

Unit 3rd Aust Inf Bn

Date and Time.—From 0300 25 Jun 43 To 28 Jun 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
HORN ISLAND	25 Jun		Horn Is and stacked in Unit area	
	26 Jun 43		Digging of slit trenches and necessary camouflage proceeded with	
			W3008 and W3009 submitted. Copy attached.	Appda 84946
	27 Jun 43	0600	Unit Strength Officers O/Rs	
		0645	C. of C. Communion Service.	
		0830	Brn Church Parade. Padre Campbell officiating	
		0845	Rllchurch Parade. Padre Bryll of 6 Bn officiated	
			Members of 4 filled in the day fishing but results were not very encouraging.	
	28 Jun 43		Erection of tents completed during morning	

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

(Erase heading not required).

Unit 31/51 Aust Inf Bn.

Date and Time.—From 29 Jun 43 To _____

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
HORN IS.	28 Jun 43		and training commenced	
	29 Jun 43		R.O. issued. Copy att.	Alpha 11.
			<p>For once more stationary. When moving from CATANS it was thought that our final destination of MERAUKE would be reached in a few days. However it was not known that we would have to stage on HORN IS. and now here we are again with an unknown period of waiting ahead.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">William H Harris Maj. for Lt. Col. Comd 31/51 Aust Inf Bn.</p>	J.

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SYLLABUS & PROGRAMME

WEEK ENDING 13 JUN. 43.

<u>DAY.</u>	a.m.	3 Periods Weapon Trg - Bren- Owen- Rifle Firing Positions- Snap shooting.			
		1 Period Pl & Coy. Drill.			
	p.m.	Route March-	A & Bn.HQ.-	Route 3 ;	for patrols Area 3
			B	" 4 ;	" 4
			C	" 5 ;	" 5
			D & S Coy	" 1 ;	" 1
			HQ.	" 2 ;	" 2.
	Night.	Night Patrols.			
<u>TUESDAY.</u>	a.m.	3 periods - Weapon Trg as per Monday. 1 period Pl. & Coy. Drill.			
	p.m.	Football Matches-	1400-1445.	BHQ	v. C Coy.
			1450-1435.	HQ.	v. A.
			1540-1625	D.	v. B.
		Referees to be arranged by mutual consent of teams.			
<u>WEDNESDAY.</u>	a.m.	3 periods Weapon Trg as per Monday. 1 period Pl. & Coy. Drill.			
	p.m.	Route March-	A & BHQ.	Route 4.	Patrol Area for night - Area 4.
			B.	" 5.	" 5.
			C.	" 1.	" 1.
			D & S Coy.	" 2.	" 2.
			HQ.	" 3.	" 3.
	Night.	Guards & Sentries in patrol areas. Make bivouac area with 2 Pls. and 1 Pl. to get past sentries into centre of area.			
<u>THURSDAY.</u>	a.m.	3 Periods Weapon Trg as per Monday. 1 period- Discussion "Soldiering in the Tropics"			
	p.m.	O/C to have Coys. at Bn. Parade Ground ready to march on to Bn. Parade at 1400 hrs. Completion of competitions. Coy. Drill- 4 movements by each Coy. O/C. Band to be in attendance.			
<u>FRIDAY.</u>	a.m.	3 periods Weapon Training. 1 period Bayonet Trg and Unarmed Combat.			
	p.m.	Route March-	A & BHQ	Route 5.	Patrol Area- Area 5.
			B.	" 1.	" 1.
			C	" 2.	" 2.
			D & S Coy	" 3.	" 3.
			HQ.	" 4.	" 4.
	Night.	Guard and Sentries taken practically.			
<u>SATURDAY.</u>	a.m.	3 periods- Weapon Trg. 1 period - Gas.			
	p.m.	Bn. Parade 1400 hrs.- Band in attendance Bn. Drill. Lecture- Malaria & precautions. Aust. Rules Game- Combined teams- A.D. BHQ. v. B. C. HQ. Umpire- Lieut. Hancock Ball brought by A & HQ Coys.			
<u>SUNDAY.</u>		Bn. Church Parade	0830 hrs.		
		Bn. Parade.	0915 hrs.		

S. Coy. will be organised into 2 platoons and will carry out the above programme.
 For football, S Coy will provide players for BHQ. team.

First Rocks

THE AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

5 Jun. 43.

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

*Appendix 2
War Diary
Jun 6 43*

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.
lieut. (T/Lt Col)	VX22	BRUCE C.H.	Comd.	No.	Special Duty.
apt. (T/Maj)	OX34000	DOUGLAS B.J.	O/C HQ Coy	Yes	
lieut. (T/Maj)	OX40802	PENNY R.St.J.	O/C B Coy	"	
lieut. (T/Maj)	OX33837	HARRIS W.H.	2 i/c	"	
lieut. (T/Capt)	OX40801	STRANGE S.O.	2 i/c B Coy	"	
lieut. (T/Capt)	OX34700	RICKARD R.J.	2 i/c D Coy	"	
lieut. (T/Capt)					
apt.	OX6220	BECK A.E.	O/C C Coy	"	
lieut. (T/Capt)	OX33858	DOUGLAS H.C.	O/C A Coy	"	
lieut. (T/Capt)	OX33809	TITLEY T.H.A.	O/C D Coy	"	
lieut. (T/Capt)	OX34011	STRAID B.W.	Asst.	"	
lieut. (T/Capt)	VX3379	HILLON A.L.	2 i/c C Coy	"	
lieut. (T/Capt)	VX5200	HARRIS M.H.J.	2 i/c A Coy	"	
lieut.	OX34014	KAEHLER B.E.	S.H.	"	
"	OX34009	RIGBY L.	O/C 12 Pl.	"	
"	OX34016	MARLSON F.J.C.	O/C 15 Pl.	"	
"	OX33698	MULLER J.H.	T.O.	"	
"	OX35810	SMITH R.D.B.	O/C 11 Pl.	"	
"	OX34002	RILEY H.M.	O/C 16 Pl.	"	
"	OX34004	MORRISON W.	O/C 18 Pl.	"	
"	OX33706	ALLAN S.H.	O/C 10 Pl.	"	
"	OX34012	GILLMAN H.J.	O/C 13 Pl.	"	
"	OX40798	RO DAKOFF A.	O/C 14 Pl.	"	
"	OX34018	FONT H.	O/C 2 Pl.	"	
"	OX34019	SMITH A.E.	O/C 7 Pl.	"	
"	OX34015	FLEMY J.P.	O/C 8 Pl.	"	
"	OX33842	WAYNE L.E.	O/C 5 Pl.	"	
"	OX33845	WYDE B.E.	O/C 1 Pl.	"	
"	OX48957	ROCHE J.G.	L.O.	"	
"	OX45093	GOULD D.M.	O/C 4 Pl.	"	
"	VX104043	HANCOCK J.R.	O/C 17 Pl.	"	
"	VX3298	HIGHT K.C.	O/C 3 Pl.	"	
"	VX4024	REPPER F.A.	O/C 9 Pl.	"	

(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.	OX45005	BLACK R.	A.A.M.C.	12.4.43	R.M.O.
Capt.	OX 69066	CAMPBELL R.S.	A.A.G.D.	12.4.43	Chaplain

31/51 Aust. Inf. Bn.

(Unit.)

5 Jun. 43.

(Date of Despatch.)

Deban H. Harris

(Signature of Commander.)

11 Aust. Inf. Bde.

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

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WEEK ENDING 19 Jun 45.

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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51/51 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).
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Lieut.-Colonels	1		
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Captains	8		
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2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters	1		
Totals	32		

*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).

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Jun 43

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

BY

LT. COL. G. H. BROCK DSO -- COMD. 31/51 AUSTR. INF. BN.

Serial No. 3.

5 Jun. 43.

1. DUTIES.

6/7	June	43.	A	Coy.
7/8	"		B	"
8/9	"		C	"
9/10	"		D	"
10/11	"		A	"
11/12	"		B	"
12/13	"		C	"

Duty Coy. will supply Bn. Orderly Opl., Runner and Bn. Guard of
1 Sgt. 1 Cpl. 9 O.Rs.

2. WATCHES, BINOCULARS, COMPASSES AND PISTOLS.

The above items, whether already issued or to be issued hereafter, are Unit equipment and not a personal issue, and will be returned to the Unit immediately on transfer of the holder.

If the above items are not returned by the holder on transfer, suitable action will be taken by the Unit to ensure that the equipment is recovered.

Adj. 31/51 Bn. Capt.

NOTICES.

1. C. of E. Holy Communion at 0645 hrs. 6 Jun. 43.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

BY

LT. COL. G. H. BROCK - COMD. 31/51 AUST. INF. BN.

Serial No. 9.

12 Jun. 43.

1. DUTIES.

13/14 Jun. 43.	D. Coy.
14/15 "	A. "
15/16 "	B. "
16/17 "	C. "
17/18 "	D. "
18/19 "	A. "
19/20 "	B. "

Duty Coy. will supply Bn. Orderly Cpl., Runner and Bn. Guard of
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2. F.A.A. A.120. PILFERING DURING MOVEMENT BY RAIL.

- (i) Reports indicate that pilfering has occurred from goods trains, railway stations and sidings by troops travelling in First Aust. Army Area.
- (ii) Such "pilfering" is in fact theft and as such is to be treated as a serious offence.
- (iii) Appropriate action will be taken to ensure that the contents of this order are brought to the notice of all ranks.

3. SHOOTING FROM TRAINS.

Grave dislocations of communications have been caused by troops shooting from trains and breaking telegraph insulators.

Strong disciplinary action will be taken against soldiers committing this offence.

Adj. 31/51 Bn. Cpt.

NOTICES.

CHURCH PARADES: R.C. Mass on Bn. Parade Ground at 0645 hrs. 13 Jun. 43.
C. of E. Holy Communion at Bn.HQ. at 0645 hrs. 13 Jun. 43.
Bn. Church Parade at 0830 hrs. 13 Jun. 43.

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C. of E. Holy Communion at Bn.HQ. at 0645 hrs. 13 Jun. 43.
Bn. Church Parade at 0830 hrs. 13 Jun. 43.

Week ending 1 Jun 43.

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

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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.
Major (T/LtCpl)	VX 22	BROCK. G.H.	Comd.	No	Special Duty.
Major.	QX. 34000.	DOUGLAS. B.J.	O/C HQ Coy.	Yes	
Major.	QX. 40802.	PERRY. R.St.J.	O/C B.Coy.	Yes.	
Major.	QX. 55857.	HARRIS. W.H.	2 i/c	Yes.	
Capt.	QX. 33889.	RICKARD. R.J.	2 i/c D.Coy.	Yes.	
Capt.	QX. 6220.	PEEK. A.Edel.	O/C C.Coy.	Yes.	
Capt.	QX. 33838.	DOWNS. H.C.	O/C A.Coy.	Yes.	
Capt.	QX. 55699.	TITLEY. T.H.A.	O/C D.Coy.	Yes.	
Capt.	QX. 40801.	STRANGER. S.O.	2 i/c B.Coy.	Yes.	
Capt.	QX. 34011.	GERARD. B.W.	Majt.	Yes.	
Lieut (T/Capt)	VX 3379.	SHILTON. A.L.	2 i/c C.Coy.	Yes.	
Lieut (T/Capt)	VX 3200.	HARRIS. H.M.J.	2 i/c A.Coy.	No.	HQ School, Beenleigh.
Lieut.	QX. 34014.	KAPLER. B.E.	O.M.	Yes.	
Lieut.	QX. 34689.	RIGBY. L.	O/C 12 Pl.	Yes.	
Lieut.	QX. 33853.	SMULLER. J.H.	I.C.	Yes.	
Lieut.	QX. 34016.	HANJASON. F.J.C.	O/C 15 Pl.	Yes.	
Lieut.	QX. 34603.	KILBY. H.M.	O/C 16 Pl.	Yes.	
Lieut.	QX. 55810.	SMITH. R.D.D.	O/C 11 Pl.	Yes.	
Lieut.	QX. 34004.	MORRISON. W.	O/C 18 Pl.	Yes.	
Lieut.	QX. 33706.	ALLAN. S.H.	O/C 10 Pl.	Yes.	
Lieut.	QX. 34012.	GILLMAN. H.J.	O/C 8 Pl.	Yes.	
Lieut.	QX. 40798.	RODAKOFF. A.	O/C 14 Pl.	Yes.	
Lieut.	QX. 34018.	POPE. H.	O/C 2 Pl.	Yes.	
Lieut.	QX. 34019.	SMITH. A.E.	O/C 7 Pl.	Yes.	
Lieut.	QX. 34015.	KIRBY. J.P.	O/C 13 Pl.	Yes.	
Lieut.	QX. 33842.	HAYNE. L.E.	O/C 5 Pl.	Yes.	
Lieut.	QX. 33845.	HIDE. B.E.	Sig Offr.	Yes.	
Lieut.	QX. 48857.	ROGHE. J.C.	I. O.	Yes.	
Lieut.	QX. 45093.	GOULD. D.M.	O/C 4 Pl.	Yes.	
Lieut.	VX. 104043.	HANCOCK. J.E.	O/C 17 Pl.	Yes.	
Lieut.	VX. 3805.	KNIGHT. K.C.	O/C 3 Pl.	Yes.	
Lieut.	VX. 4024.	REITER. F.A.	O/C 9 Pl.	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.
Capt.	QX. 45095.	BLACK. P.	A.A.M.C.	12/4/43.	R.M.O.
Chaplain.	Q. 69066.	CAMPBELL. R.S.	A.A.Ch.D.	do.	Padre.

31/51 Aust Inf Bn.
(Unit.)

19 June 43.
(Date of Despatch.)

William H. Stans Major.
Maj Comd 31/51 Aust Inf Bn.
(Signature of Commander.)

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

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WEEK ENDING 26 JUN 45.

WE def. 11/120/2.

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

31/51 Aust Inf Bn (Unit) 26 JUN 45

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		
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Totals	32		

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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).

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of 1003*

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.
Maj (T/ltCol)	VX 22.	BROCK. G.H.	Cond.	No	Special Duty.
Major.	OX. 34000.	DOUGLAS. B.J.	O/C HQ Coy.	Yes.	
Major.	OX. 40802.	PENNY. R. StJ.	O/C B. Coy.	Yes. No	Special Duty.
Major.	OX. 58837.	HARRIS. W.H.	1/c	Yes.	
Capt.	OX. 33399.	RICKARD. R.J.	2 1/c D Coy.	Yes.	
Capt.	OX. 6220.	PEEK. A.E. Del.	O/C C Coy.	Yes.	
Capt.	OX. 33858.	OWENS. H.C.	O/C A Coy.	Yes.	
Capt.	OX. 33698.	TITLEY. T.H.A.	O/C D Coy.	Yes.	
Capt.	OX. 40601.	STRANGE. S.O.	2 1/c B Coy.	Yes. No	Special Duty.
Capt.	OX. 54011.	GIRARD. B.W.	Adj.	Yes.	
Lieut (T/Capt)	VX 3379.	SHILTON. A.L.	2 1/c C Coy.	Yes	
Lieut (T/Capt)	VX 5200	HARRIS. N.M.J.	2 1/c A Coy.	No	HQ School BRISBANE.
Lieut.	OX 34014.	KAILER. B.E.	O.M.	Yes.	
Lieut.	OX. 34699.	HIGBY. L.	O/C 12 Pl.	No	Special Duty.
Lieut.	OX. 35836.	ARMULLER. J.H.	I.C.	No	Special Duty.
Lieut.	OX. 34016.	MARJASON. F.J.C.	O/C 15 Pl.	Yes.	
Lieut.	OX. 34808.	RILEY. H.H.	O/C 16 Pl.	No	Special Duty.
Lieut.	OX. 35510.	SMITH. R.D.B.	O/C 11 Pl.	No.	Special Duty.
Lieut.	OX. 34004.	MORRISON. W.	O/C 18 Pl.	Yes.	
Lieut.	OX. 35706.	ALLAN. S.H.	O/C 10 Pl.	Yes.	
Lieut.	OX. 34012.	GILMAN. H.J.	O/C 8 Pl.	Yes.	
Lieut.	OX. 40798.	RODAKOFF. A.	O/C 14 Pl.	Yes.	
Lieut.	O.X. 34018.	PONT. E.	O/C 2 Pl.	Yes.	
Lieut.	OX. 34019.	SMITH. A.E.	O/C 7 Pl.	Yes.	
Lieut.	OX. 34015.	KENNY. J.PF	O/C 13 Pl.	Yes.	
Lieut.	OX. 38842.	HAYNE. L.E.	O/C 5 Pl.	Yes.	
Lieut.	OX. 35843.	HYDE. B.E.	Sig Offr.	Yes.	
Lieut.	OX. 48857.	ROCHE. J.C.	I.C.	Yes.	
Lieut.	OX. 4055.	COUD. D.M.	O/C 4 Pl.	Yes.	
Lieut.	VX. 104043.	HANCOCK. J.H.	O/C 17 Pl.	Yes.	
Lieut.	VX. 3805.	KNIIGHT. K.C.	O/C 3 Pl.	Yes.	
Lieut.	VX. 4024.	REITER. F.A.	O/C 9 Pl.	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.
Capt.	OX. 45095.	BLACK. P.	A.A.M.C.	12/4/45.	R.M.O.
Chaplain.	O. 69066.	CAMPBELL. R.S.	A.A.Ch.D.	"	Padre.

51/51 Aust Inf Bn

(Unit.)

26 Jun 45.

(Date of Despatch.)

William J. Stanger Major.

Adj Cond 51/51 Aust Inf Bn
(Signature of Commander.)

11 Aust Inf Bde.

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

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

ROUTINE ORDERS.

PART I.

BY

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29 Jun. 43.

Appendix 10
War Diary
Jun 43

I. DUTIES.

<u>Duty Coy.</u> 29/30 Jun. 43	C. Coy.
30/ Jun./ 1 Jul. 43	D. Coy
1 Jul/ 2 Jul. 43.	H.Q. Coy.
2/3 Jul. 43	A. Coy.
3/4 Jul. 43	C. Coy
4/5 Jul. 43	D. Coy.
5/6 Jul. 43	H.Q. Coy.

<u>Duty Officer.</u> 29/30 Jun. 43	Lieut. N. J. Gillman.
30 Jun./1 Jul. 43	Lieut. W. Morrison.
1/2 Jul. 43	Lieut. K. Knight.
2/3 Jul. 43	Lieut. J. P. Kenny.
3/4 Jul. 43	Lieut. A. Rodiakoff.
4/5 Jul. 43	Lieut. J. R. Hancock.
5/6 Jul. 43	Lieut. H. Pent.

Duty Coy will supply Bn. Guard of 1 Sgt. 1 Cpl. and 9 O.R's.

Each Coy will supply a runner to Bn. H.Q. daily.

2. UNAUTHORISED PERSONS ON AERODROMES.

R.A.A.F. Standing Orders prohibit all military personnel from entering into or moving within the aerodrome area, and at night time all unauthorised persons are liable to be fired on.

All personnel whose duties necessitate them entering or moving within the aerodrome area will first contact Bn. H.Q. for permission, with the exception of those who are moving through the area along the recognised roadways.

All personnel before using the roadway which crosses the SE end of the strip will make sure the white flag is NOT hoisted on the control tower. If such is flying, vehicles and personnel will halt and will clear the strip until such time as the flag is lowered.

At night time a red light replaces the white flag; the same procedure as for daylight stands; also drivers of M.T. will ensure that their driving lights are extinguished.

This order will be strictly observed, and it is pointed out any negligence endangers aircraft taking off or landing.

3. CENSORSHIP.

Many instances of reference to air raid YELLOW and RED alarms have been noted in troops correspondence. Such references are forbidden under Army Censorship Instructions. FSPB No.5, para. 19 states,-

"Allusions to any of the following matters are forbidden at all times in private correspondence during a war, whether relating to naval, military, or air forces or operations:-

Effect of any action by the enemy. Any remark which might tend if published, to encourage the enemy, or to cause despondency in our own forces or people.

Troops are advised this practice must cease.

NOT only are troops liable to disciplinary action but their letters are either stopped and then returned to the unit for necessary action or for the offending page cut out of the letter. Thus uncensorable remarks on the reverse side of the sheet may be mutilated and become unintelligible to the recipient.

4. LOSS OF ARMS.

A serious view is taken of the increasing number of cases of rifles, pistols, and other small arms being lost or stolen. All ranks are informed that a high degree of care is demanded from all who have these small arms on charge to them, or in their care, and that even a slight degree of carelessness or negligence resulting in loss or theft will constitute a breach of their duty to safeguard their arms and will entail severe disciplinary action, including the deduction from their pay of the cost of the lost article.

No loss will be overlooked and will be immediately reported to this HQ.

Troops are obliged to carry their arms at all times; any loss occurring through failure to have their arms in their physical possession is a breach of discipline and punishable.

If, for any reason, it is necessary for troops to relinquish the personal custody of their arms, e.g., in the case of a working party they will not part with physical possession of their arms until a piquet or other person is appointed and specifically entrusted with the care of such arms and made liable for the safety thereof.

Losses have occurred through small arms falling into the water on transfer of troops, stores, and equipment to and from boats and wharves. Such extreme care will be exercised in future by troops that no risk of loss in cases of this nature can result.

5. ISSUE OF RAZOR BLADES.

It is noted that a number of personnel have lately allowed the growth of beard.

Razor blades are a regular weekly issue and Coy. Comds. will ensure that all ranks of their cmd. are clean shaven daily.

6. PILFERING OF SERVICE AMMUNITION.

Severe disciplinary action will be taken against personnel stealing ammunition from any dumps whether Army or Air Force.

7. HYGIENE DISCIPLINE.

The incidence in the Army of preventable diseases, such as Dysentery, indicates that training in field hygiene is being neglected.

The importance of sound training and strict discipline in this phase of Army activities must be realised by all ranks, as sickness can destroy an army far more quickly and completely than enemy action.

Careful and constant attention to hygiene will be paid by all ranks.

8. FISHING.

Fishing from the WHARF or SHIPS berthed thereat during the period of berthing is STRICTLY FORBIDDEN and disciplinary action will be taken against offenders.

9. ILLLEGAL SHOOTING.

Illegal shooting is strictly forbidden at ALL TIMES. A code of small arms fire is in force as AIR RAID ALARM and any unauthorised shooting may lead to confusion.

Disciplinary action will be taken against offenders.

10. PERSONNEL TO BE ARMED AT ALL TIMES.

Small arms on charge will be carried at ALL TIMES. Personnel proceeding to THURSDAY ISLAND will carry rifle or pistol (whichever is on issue), ammunition - 50 rounds rifle, 12 rounds pistol - equipment, haversack, and waterbottle. If remaining over a meal period a cut lunch will be carried. During training ten (10) rounds rifle ammunition only will be carried. ALL AMMUNITION WILL BE CARRIED IN AMMUNITION POUCHES. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES WILL AMMUNITION BE CARRIED IN BANDOLIERS AS CONSTANT WEAR OF SUCH WILL RESULT IN LOSSES.

D. J. [Signature] Capt.
Adjutant 51st Aust. Inf. Bn.

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OFFICERS

SECOND LD.

Army No.	Sub Rank.	Temp Rank.	NAME.	Date of Sec.	Present Appt.
	Major.		HEARN, J.R.D.		B.M. Area 31.
Q. 32753.	Major.		FRASER, F.A.		CSO 11 Q'Land L of C Area.
Q. 185421.	Lieut.	Major.	NICOLSON, J.S.		D.A.A.G. HQ. Q'Land L of C Area.
Q. 32761.	Lieut. Capt.	Major. Capt.	SUTHERS, D.A.	25/8/42.	DAQMG .No 1 Sub-Area Q'Land L of C Area.
Q. 38971.	Lieut.	Capt.	FRASER, A.M.	/4/42.	SC. NGFARD.
QX. 48814.	Lieut.	Capt.	HAMMOND, P.L.	3/10/40.	16 Staging Camp, CAIRNS.
	Lieut.	Capt.	COMPTON, J. G.C.	3/10/40,	Staging Camp. NG Force.
Q. 32767.	Lieut.		PIVIE, J.M.	6/11/42.	Amenities Officer. 116 AGH.
QX. 45094.	Lieut.		ROBERTS, G.V.	15/1/43.	5 Div Trg Bde.
QX. 33095.	Lieut.		HOFFENSETZ, V.E.	15/1/43.	5 Div Trg Bde.
Q. 58808.	Lieut.		BAK, C.J.	4/12/42.	Instructor. AWO Camungra.
QX. 34011.	Lieut.		EVANS, W.F.P.	15/1/43.	Instructor 11 Trg Bn.
QX. 35702.	Lieut.		HITCHINSON, H.C.	15/1/43.	5 Div Trg Bde.
	Lieut.		MILNER, K.T.	21/4/42.	Instructor 11 Trg Bn.
Q. 58753.	Lieut.		HINSCH, A.A.	12/6/42.	LHQ Movements. 3 Aust MC Gp.

Army No.	Sub Rank.	Temp Rank.	Name.	Date.	Present Appt.
OP. 2563.	Lieut.		MAHON. J.I.	22/9/43.	I.O.T.S. "A" Wing. Instructor.

William W. Stans

Major.
Adm Comd. 51/51 Aust Inf Bn.

26 Jun 43.

OFFICERS ON 'X' LIST.

Army No.	Sub Rank.	Temp Rank.	NAME.	Date of Posting.	Present Whereabouts.
OX. 34009.	Lieut.		EVANS. G.B.		112 AGH.

William J. Davis

Major.
Adm. Comd. 51/51 Aust Inf Bn.

26 Jun 45.

OFFICERS DETACHED FROM UNIT.

Army No.	Sub Rank.	Temp Rank.	NAME.	Date of Posting.	Present Appt.
OX. 34020.	Lieut	MAJOR.	WRIGHTS S.		YORKFORCE.
OX. 33701.	Capt.		THEODORE. G.A.		12 Bde.
OX. 34013.	Capt.		HARDGRAVE. P.B.C.		O/C 51 Carrier Pl. att. 15 Grn Bn.
NX. 12452.	Lieut.	Capt.	WALKER. N.J.		Instructor. FAA Weapon Tng School.
OX. 33836.	Lieut.		FULLY. J.J.F.		C.D.H. TOWNSVILLE.
OX. 34508.	Lieut.		SQUIRE. J.J.		YORKFORCE.
OX. 33697.	Lieut.		WILLIAMS. L.C.		O/C 31 Carrier Pl att. 15 Grn Bn.
OX. 47096.	Lieut.		WEBB. C.B.		I.O. 11 Inf Bde.

Army No.	Sub Rank.	Temp Rank.	NAME.	Date of Posting.	Present Appt.
OX. 34007.	Lieut.		CHAPLAIN. D.F.		51 Carrier Pl att 13 Grn Bn.
OX. 34008.	Lieut.		CONNORS. J.P.		12 BDE.
Q. 110003.	Lieut.		WOOSTER. H.M.		FAA. AFD.
Q. 39032.	Capt.		SHANNON. R.N.		FAA. AFD.
Q. 39086.	Lieut.		RAWLINS. A.A.C.		FAA. AFD.
	Lieut.		WYLIE. A.		12 Inf BDE.
	Lieut.		BUCHANAN. H.K.		12 Inf BDE.
	Lieut.		McLENNAN. N.L.		16 Aust Pers. Staging Camp CAIRNS.
	Lieut.		WEBB. F.G.		26 Inf BN.
	Lieut.		MURPHY. G.J.		26 Inf BN.
OX. 34067.	Lieut.		LOBGIER. W.C.		YORKFORCE MT POOL.
	Lieut.		FEATHER. A.R.		AASC MT POOL.
	Lieut.		BROWN. S.F.		11 INF BDE.

William H. Evans

Major.
Aim. Comd. 31/51 Aust Inf Bn.

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OFFICERS.

UNALLOTTED.

Army No.	Sub Rank.	Temp Rank.	NAME.	Present Whereabouts.
SX.10314.	Capt.	Major.	TUCKER. R.L.	51/51 Bn POOL. (under 6 Aust Inf Bde)
	Capt.		HONEYCOMBE. R.J.F.	do.
	Capt.		WILSON. F.J.	do.
	Lieut.		BUSBY. H.	do.
	Lieut.		GREGORY. W.C.	do.
	Lieut.		TIERNAN. J.	do. (at present on leave after finishing Gas Course at PAA Gas School, CABERLAN.
VX.5122.	Lieut.		PATTERSON. G.J.	51/51 Bn POOL.
QX.33703.	Lieut.		Le FEUVRE. V.F.	do.
QX.33707.	Lieut.		EVANS. G.C.B.	do.

William H. Evans

Major.

Adm. Comd. 51/51 Aust Inf Bn.

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

5 Jun. 45.

31/51 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			
Majors	1		
Captains	3		
Lieutenants	8		
2nd Lieutenants	19		
Quartermasters	1		
Totals	32		

*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).